NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

5:30 pm

We gather early on this long Hawaiian winter evening to be taught by our children. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken and chaotic world we proclaim that the Prince of Peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

Please gather as the sounding of the conch shell calls us to worship.

GATHERING, horn, clarinet, ‘cello, bells, organ  “Good King Wenceslas”

RINGING OF THE BELL

During the Ringing of the Bell please center your thoughts on Makua–God the Creator, Keiki Kane–Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and ‘Uhane Hemolele–the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

GATHERING HYMN standing  “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

GREETING, Kahu Tim

KAHU:  Tonight Christ is born:
ALL:  Alleluia, alleluia!
KAHU: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
      the love of God,  
      and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel,  
      the Word made flesh,  
      the Power of the Most High,  
      + one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against  
      God and our neighbor by singing stanzas three and four of  
      “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

      Silence is kept for reflection.

ALL: How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
      So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.  
      No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,  
      Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

      O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
      Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
      We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
      Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:  
      To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.  
      Your sins are forgiven in + Jesus’ name.

ALL: Amen.
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE and
PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN standing

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Mo ro bi to ko zo ri te, mu ka e ma tsu re—
Hi sa-shi-ku- - ma chi-ni- shi- -
Shu wa ki ma se-ri, shu-wa ki ma se-ri, shu-wa-shu wa - - ki ma se ri.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

KAHU: May God’s aloha be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
THE STORY OF JESUS’ BIRTH

THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

Miliana: This is the story of the first Christmas—that night 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, when Jesus was born. We celebrate tonight the hope and joy that this tiny baby still brings to the world.

Cash: To prepare the world for the birth of Jesus, God asked different women and men to prophesy, or foretell, that Jesus was coming.

Skyler: These people were called “The Prophets.” This is what the prophet Isaiah said.

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2b, 6–7a

Carter: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Ferris: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Kalisa: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

CHRISTMAS CAROL seated

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS’ BIRTH

MEGAN:  When God was ready to give Jesus to the world, God chose Mary to be the mother. Mary, a good and gentle woman, lived in the little village of Nazareth and was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter, who lived nearby. One day, God sent his messenger, the angel Gabriel, to Mary.

ZOE:  Gabriel told Mary God had chosen her to be the mother of God’s son, Jesus. Jesus would not come as a King riding in a chariot, or even as a grown man living in a big, beautiful city.

SKYLER:  No crowds would cheer his coming because Jesus would come as a tiny baby.

Second Reading  
Luke 1: 26–35

MILIANA:  God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said,

GABRIEL:  “Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you.”

IZABELLA:  The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and God’s power
(IZABELLA) will rest upon you. The child will be called the Son of God. For with God, nothing is impossible!

MARY: “I am the Lord’s servant. May it happen to me as you have said.”

CHRISTMAS CAROL seated “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.

Christ, by highest heav’n adores, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heav’n born prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

(The Holy Family enters as the carol is sung.)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CARTER: While Mary was getting ready to have her baby, the Emperor (who was sort of like a king) decided to count everyone so he could be sure everyone was paying their taxes. He ordered everyone to go immediately to the town where their family had come from.
So Joseph and Mary left Nazareth to return to the small village of Bethlehem, about 90 miles away, where Joseph had been born. It was a difficult journey across the hot land, but after six long days and nights, they finally reached Bethlehem.

By then the town was already very crowded with other people who had come back to be registered, and all the inns were full. But one innkeeper looked at Mary, who was very tired and about to give birth, and felt sorry for her, and let them stay in the stable with the animals.

The stable was for the animals—for the donkeys, cows and sheep that people had brought with them.

That night the baby was born. As it had been predicted, the Messiah was born in Bethlehem, the town where David, the most famous king of Israel, had lived.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

(The shepherds enter as the carol is sung.)

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

MASON:  Everyone wants to visit a new baby. Don’t you? The first visitors to the baby Jesus were a group of shepherds. They had been taking care of sheep out in the fields outside Bethlehem all night.

OA:  They were pretty frightened when they heard angels singing in the sky and then, those angels invited them to go see the baby!

Fourth Reading

RYDER:  Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

ZOE:  And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

ANGEL:  “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”
ANSEL: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

ANGELS: “Glory to God in the highest

(KIANA) and on earth peace, goodwill to all.”

(MAKANA)

CASH: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

SHEPHERDS: “Let us go now to Bethlehem

(BLAKE) to see this thing that has taken place.”

(CHASE)

KALIA: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger.

CHRISTMAS CAROL seated “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. *Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song? *Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

(The *angels* enter as the carol is sung.)

THE VISIT OF THE WISE ONES
Carter: When Jesus was born, God put a special star in the sky. Some Wise Ones who lived far away saw this star. They knew it was a sign from God that a new king had been born.

Mason: The Wise Ones followed the star. The star led them to Bethlehem.

Kalia: There they found Jesus. They worshiped him and gave him gifts fit for a king: gold and sweet-smelling spices.

Fifth Reading

Matthew 2: 1, 10–12

Ferris: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

Wise Men: “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

Tallula: When they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Megan: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then they departed for their own country another way.

Christmas Carol seated

“The First Noel”

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wisemen three, full rev’rently upon their knee, And offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

(The Wise Ones enter as the carol is sung.)

GOD’S GIFT TO THE WORLD

Ryder: What can we learn from all this? We can look at Jesus and learn from him:

Kiana & Makana: that God loves everyone,

Blake & Chase: that God wants us to follow Jesus,

Zoe: to love ourselves and each other, to care for our world, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, and always to do what is right and just and loving.

Following the service the Pageant characters will assemble in the sanctuary for pictures and conversation.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH standing “The Apostles’ Creed”

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH standing**

**KAHU:*** This night the eternal Word of God is born in us. We pray for Christ's light of life to take flesh in the church, the creation, and all people of God.

*A brief silence.*

*We bring to the manger*

**ALL:** our longing for the visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ, that undivided it proclaim the one whose birth brings good news of glad tidings to all people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Aloha ke Akua.* (God is love; love is God)

**KAHU:*** We bring to the manger

**ALL:** hope for the well-being of creation, that every valley be exalted and every rough place be made plain so that every living thing may flourish. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:*** We bring to the manger

**ALL:** a vision of the reign of the Prince of Peace, that the nations, tribes, and peoples of this world will see and cherish in each other the very image of Christ, whose scepter is mercy and whose judgment is love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:*** We bring to the manger

**ALL:** concern for those who have no place to lay their heads this night and for those who dwell in the shadow of loneliness, despair, illness, or death. We come begging that the child for whom there was no room will open
the doors of our hearts to the needs of our neighbors and ourselves. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:**  *We bring to the manger*

**ALL:**  all people who, like the holy family, gather with children in the splendor of this most holy night, that the gift of faith be lavished on another generation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:**  *We bring to the manger*

**ALL:**  the hopes and dreams of all the years, that with Mary and Joseph, angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, loved ones of every time and every place, our prayers and praises join in a common song uniting heaven and earth in a single peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:**  *Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY, clarinet, ‘cello, organ**  “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**DOXOLOGY standing**  “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


_Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen._

**OFFERING PRAYER standing**

**KAHU:**  God with us:

_You came as a baby to a manger._

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You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.
You come again in bread and wine.
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING standing

Kahu: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Kahu: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Kahu: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS standing

The Sanctus and Words of Institution are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”
THE LORD'S PRAYER in unison

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION, bells and organ

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Nocturno”

At Calvary by the Sea all those who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and those who are seeking such a relationship are invited to experience the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion. You are invited to follow the direction of the Kahu and come forward to encircle the altar area. There are kneelers for those who prefer to kneel. Dip the bread in either the red wine or the white grape juice and then eat the element.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

KAHU: On this night, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savor and Lord.

ALL: Amen.
WE ARE SENT

SENDING CAROL standing

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

During the singing of “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” and “Silent Night” the candles will be lit with flame from the Christ Candle. Light your candle from the candle of the person beside you. Then allow the person next to you to light her/his candle from your candle. At the conclusion of the hymns please extinguish your candle.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God…in…the…highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be…glory giv’n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Pō-la‘i e, Po-kamaha‘o, Ma-lu-hia, Ma-lama-lama,
Ka ma-kua a-hi-ne a-lo-ha e, Me ke keiki He-mo-lele e,
Moe me ka ma-lu-hia lani, Moe me ka ma-lu-hia lani.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven a far, heav’nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace
and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Glory to God in the highest!

ALL: Peace to God’s people on earth!

KAHU: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOING FORTH, horn, clarinets, organ

“The First Noel,” and
“Silent Night”
Tonight, December 24, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Jacob Fetterman, *horn*; Zoe Lewis and Tycho Lewis, *bells*; Paige Adelberger, Ferris Young, *clarinets*; Arwen Schultz, ‘*cello*
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