

JANUARY 1ST, 2023, 9:30 A.M.  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
COMMUNION SUNDAY

ORGAN PRELUDE

Roz Baker

BLOWING THE CONCH SHELL

RICK KIMBALL

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA Welcome to Visitors

LITURGIST

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60, Matthew 2)**

LITURGIST

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**People: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**People: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the baby born to save us,  
the light incarnate.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

**UMH 238**

1. Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;

come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

4. See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**PASTOR**

**THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTOR**

**LORD IN YOUR MERCY :**  
Hear our Prayers

**UNISON PRAYER**

**LITURGIST**

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning so that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts so we may believe that your promises of justice and righteousness were fulfilled in the baby born in Bethlehem, our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that we, like the magi, will be guided by your Spirit to Jesus. May this always be so, and may our worship today bring us closer to you. For you show us how to be children of the light. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE “Queen Liliuokalani’s Prayer”**

O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou 'oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i.  
Amene (*Your loving mercy is in heaven and your truth so perfect.  
Amen.*)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**#880**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again 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.

(\*\* universal)  
#70

GLORIA PATRI

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup>““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.’<sup>[b]</sup>”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**MEDITATION**

**Our Guiding Star**

**PASTOR**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**We Three Kings**

**UMH 254**

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3. Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;

sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5. Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

## **CHOIR OFFERING**

**Tongan Choir**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**#95**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**#12**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**(Pause/Silence)**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray,**

**free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing,  
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Before you formed the earth, the stars, and the wonders of our mysterious universe, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life. You formed us in your image. When our love failed, and we turned away from you to follow our own desires, your love for us remained. You are always ready to welcome us into your family, just as you delivered our spiritual ancestors from slavery and made a covenant with them to be our sovereign God. Even when your people turned away, again and again, you continued to reach out to them through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation, whom your Spirit emboldened with authority to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. In his divinity, he emptied himself as a humble servant, even to the point of death on a cross, that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your

church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**Jesus said, the body of Christ, given for you. Amen.**

**The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.**

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**PASTOR**

**\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

**\*CIRCLE OF OHANA "HAWAII ALOHA" (Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)**

E Hawai`i e ku`u one hanau e, Ku`u ho-me kulaiwi nei. Oli no au i na pono lani ou, E Hawai`i, aloha e. E hau'oli na `opio o Hawai`i nei. `Oli e! `Oli e! Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei. Mau ke aloha, no Hawai`i.

*(O Hawai'i, O sands of my birth, My native home. I rejoice in the blessings of heaven, O Hawai'i, aloha. Happy youth of Hawai'i, Rejoice! Rejoice! Gentle breezes blow. Love always for Hawai'i.)*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**Roz Baker**