

*Thursday, December 25, 2025*  
*Christmas Day*



*HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN*  
*EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

**In Communion with the  
Philippine Independent Church (PIC)  
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# *The Order of Worship*

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### **Entrance**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

**People:** And blessed be God, now and forever.

### **Informal Introduction**

### **Purity Prayer**

**Celebrant: Let us pray.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Gloria**

Glory to God  
Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
We adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One;  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God, the Father. **Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **The first reading is from the book of Isaiah**

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.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
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.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 96**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

**The second reading is from the Letter to Titus**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

***The Holy Gospel according to Luke***

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this

child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

**Deacon:**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**People:**

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon:**

**Fr. Jureck Fernandez**

**Nicene Creed**

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We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**  
**Form IV**

**Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.**

**Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.**  
**Lord, in your mercy**

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.**

**Lord, in your mercy**

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.**

**Lord, in your mercy**

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.**

**Lord, in your mercy**

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.**

**Lord, in your mercy**

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.**

**Lord, in your mercy**

**People:** Hear our prayer

### ***We Ask Your Prayer***

For the ministry of our Bishop's Committee, our Eucharistic Ministers, the Altar Guild; Lectors and Acolytes, Food Distribution Volunteers

### ***We continue to pray***

For the blessings our congregation has received and for the continued financial support from the diocese and our givers. For God's blessings on those who celebrate their birthdays this week

We pray for the health of the church members and friends.

**Celebrant:** Collect Prayer

*Silence*

**Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

Most merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and what we have left undone

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us and forgive us;

That we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

To the glory of your Name. **Amen**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins



through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant:** In all things that I have shown you that by so toiling, one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and work to the Lord.' **Acts 20:35**

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory song:**

**The Doxology**

**(Sung to the tune of Old 100th)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise God, all creatures here below,**

**Praise God above the Heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People:** *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

**Celebrant:** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

**Celebrant:** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:** *By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

**Celebrant:** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***Celebrant and People:***

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.

**Celebrant:** And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***Celebrant and People:*** *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming*

**Celebrant:** Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread*

**Celebrant:** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**People and Celebrant:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast



## **Lamb of God: Sung**

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion Song**

**Post Communion Prayer:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, we thank you because you have accepted us as living members of the Body of your Son Jesus Christ and have nourished us with the Sacrament of his victorious life. May your words on our lips speak peace to all people. Send us with vision and courage to love and serve your Son Jesus Christ and your people. So will your name be praised and glorified, now and in time to come, until all be fulfilled in you kingdom. **Amen**

## **The Blessing**

**Celebrant:** And may the Peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Summary of donations/pledges/plate collection for the month of November**  
**\$2992.00**

**Thanks to all our pledgers, givers and Church and her mission**

**You may mail you pledges to our church at:**

**777 Southgate Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015**

**Thanks also to all our Church volunteers**

**For their dedication and services to the Church and community**

Please submit names for prayer requests (Travels, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Deaths)  
to

Fr. Jureck (650-636-5654) no later than **Wednesday at 6PM**. Prayer requests received  
after that

day and time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Thank you.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

***We give thanks to God for the ministries of:***

Our Bishop's Committee, Liturgy and Worship, Music and Livestream, Lectors and  
Acolytes, Art and Decorations, Altar Guild, Bread for the World Ministry and Volunteers;  
Church

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To all the faithful who join us always in our online worship service.

*'To God be the Glory'*

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**Dismissal.**

**Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God**



### **HCSM VISION**

***"A diverse, welcoming church, embracing all to live and grow in faith, guiding our community to the healing presence of Christ."***



### Christmas Message 2025

Beloved siblings in Christ,

At Christmas, we celebrate the wondrous mystery of “Emmanuel- God with us.” In the humble birth of Jesus Christ, God reminds us that every person, every story, and every voice matters. The Holy Child came not to the powerful and privileged but to an ordinary family among ordinary people, showing that every life is sacred and beloved.

In our richly diverse community here at Holy Child and St. Martin, we catch a glimpse of the beauty of God’s own creativity. We come from many countries, speak many languages, and carry many experiences, yet, in Christ, we are one body. This unity does not erase our differences; it celebrates them. Our diversity is not something to manage, but a gift to treasure.

Before God, we all matter. It means that each one of us is seen, known, and valued by God and one another. When we recognize that everyone’s problems matter, we begin to build a world that reflects God’s kingdom: a world where compassion overcomes division, and love drives out fear.

Thus, this Christmas, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration that was born that holy night– the shepherds and angels, the magi, Joseph, and a young mother Mary, all together gather in wonder and worship. Together, we can be bearers of Christ’s light in our homes, neighborhoods, and in the world.

May the peace, joy, and hope of the Holy Child fill your hearts this Christmas and throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!!!

With blessings and love,  
The Rev. Jureck Z. Fernandez



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## **Bishop's Visitation**

### **Eucharist, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception**

*Dear HCSM Family and Friends,*

*We are delighted to welcome The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios, Bishop of California, for his visitation to Holy Child and St. Martin Church on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 10 am.*

*During this special Eucharist, Bishop Rios will administer confirmation, reaffirm our faith commitment, and receive new members into the Episcopal Church. On this day, we will also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Manaoag.*

*Please join us for this joyous worship occasion and for a fellowship lunch following the service in the church hall.*

*"We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread."  
(1 Corinthians 10.17)*

*Blessings and Love,*

*The Rev. Jureck L. Fernandez*





## *Calendar of Events*

*December 25, 2025*

*Christmas Day Mass  
10:30 AM*

*January 10, 2026*

*Bishop's Committee Meeting*

*January 18, 2026*

*Feast of Sto Nino*

*January 24, 2026*

*Cache Creek Bus Trip*

*January 25, 2026*

*Annual Meeting*

*February 18, 2026*

*Ash Wednesday*

*February 22, 2026*

*Feast of Our Lady of Manaoag  
Bishop's Visit*

