



CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS'

**December 24th
Christmas Eve**

3:30PM

“New” Keiki Eucharist

5:30PM

Festive Choral Eucharist

7:00PM – 10:00PM

Christmas Open House and
Potluck at the Rectory

*The 'Ohana are invited to bring a “family
favorite” Christmas dish or dessert.*

*Drop by anytime throughout
the open house.*

10:30PM

Choral Prelude & Festive
Choral Eucharist

**December 25th
Christmas Day**

9:30AM

Holy Eucharist

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Dear All Saints' 'Ohana,

Mele Kalikimaka! Ke Akua ho'omaika'i 'oukou!
Merry Christmas! May the blessing of God be with you!

A member of our All Saints' 'Ohana recently asked me, “*When is it appropriate to begin listening to Christmas music?*” This is a contentious and ongoing theological debate in our household.

I love Christmas music and the feeling of *hope* that Christmas music communicates. I want to listen to it all year long! In the Episcopal school world, our students begin rehearsing Christmas music early in the Fall, so I am familiar and enjoy the early sounds of the Christmas season. My wife, Erin, prefers a much more *patient* approach to deploying Christmas music—wait until after Thanksgiving to begin playing Christmas music.

There is no right or wrong answer to the question, but both approaches underscore the beauty of Advent leading up to Christmas. Advent is a season filled with both hope and patient expectation that collectively leads to the beauty and joy experienced in and through Christ our Lord.

In reality, hope and patient expectation leading to the glory of Jesus Christ is an accurate and succinct articulation of the Christian experience and the Church year. During Christmas, we not only celebrate the birth of our Lord, we rejoice in the beautiful union of hope and patience and pray for their continued presence in our lives, especially amid our spiritual journey.

In the spirit of hope and patience, Christmas is a wonderful time to invite a family member, friend, colleague, or even a stranger to All Saints'. Many of our brothers and sisters are seeking a love and spiritual experience that is both patient and filled with hope, but they may not know how or where to begin their spiritual journey. A simple invitation to experience Christmas Eve or Christmas Day at All Saints' could forever change someone's life—just as Christmas has already transformed our lives!

Mahalo for all the love, support, prayers, and time you offer to the All Saints' 'Ohana. It is through your generosity and dedication that All Saints' continues to thrive as a center of spiritual formation, family-centered ministries, early-childhood education, social activism, and community outreach.

May God in Christ richly bless you, all those whom you love, and all whom you are called to serve in God's name, in this holy season and always.

Faithfully in the name of our Great Emmanuel,

The Reverend Ryan D. Newman

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