

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A beacon of hope, a call to serve

Annual Convention Worship

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CONVENTION 52



1 Peter 3:21

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* Hymnal 1982 #657

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us they humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all
your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as
yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” *(Mk. 12:29-31)*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by 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.**

Officiant 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.

Gloria in excelsis (*Sung together.*)

Hymnal 1982 #S280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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.**

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Exodus 19:1-8

At the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to a friend;
they do not heap contempt upon a neighbor.
- 4 **In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn to do no wrong and do not take back their word.**
- 5 They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading

I Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain:

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of His hand**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield** *Refrain*

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain***

**For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain***

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:24-27

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick

Music Meditation

Manny Dayao

Nicene Creed (*All together.*)

**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, though him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit 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

*Each prayer petition will conclude with, "Lord, in your mercy."
Please respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Announcements and Birthdays

Offering - *We thank you for your financial faithfulness to the church during this challenging time, enabling the ministry of St. Peter's to continue. Please mail your financial gifts to the church or you can donate online at www.stpetershonolulu.org.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*All together.*)

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending Forth Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymnal 1982 #490

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Diane if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will cycle off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month.

Gedell C., Cal C., Rosemary C., Claudia, Bill and Caity F., Nami Ann F., Sharon F., Kazuo K., Elaine L., Ivy M., Megan, John M., Dara N., Dan N., Ralph P., Pomai S., Bryan S., Elsie T., Landy W., Joe and Kathleen C., Micki H., Sim K., Bill M., Helena W., Nancy W., Carolyn C., Denis L., Robert S.

***The St. Peter's Prayer Circle.** If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono or the church office.*

TODAY

This year's annual Diocesan Convention scheduled for next Saturday, October 24th, will be a “cyber-Convention,” entirely online, a first in Diocesan history. Part of the tradition of this Diocese and a canonical expectation for the Annual Meeting of Convention is to include Diocesan worship. In lieu of a mass worship gathering, the Bishop has called for every congregation of this Diocese to celebrate this Sunday as the Diocesan Convention worship by including the Convention readings and a sermon by Bishop Bob for those of us offering virtual worship. We welcome Bishop Bob as our preacher today and thank **Dan Ching, Jr., Lin Chun, Ashlyn Kim, Ron Kim, and Glenn Pang**, elected at our Annual Meeting in January, who are serving as our voting delegates at Convention on Saturday along with Pastor Diane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Although we cannot gather in person this year, we still want to **recognize and honor our elders (90 years and above!)** by including them in our prayers next week. We will be recognizing and honoring three centenarians—Nora Fong, Miriam Everhart, and Violet Chew—and twelve nonagenarians—Lily Ing, Loretta Loo, Stanley Kau, Velma Kim, Rosie Ching, Helena Won, Joseph Chang, Ellen Jean Fo, Cedric Ching, Doreen Yuen, Albert Wong, and Margaret Chun.

On November 1st, All Saints Day, we will return to **limited “in person” worship at 7:30am and 10:00am in the sanctuary**. This means that our online worship will also shift back to **online streaming of the 7:30am service**. Therefore, if you want to join online, set your clock for two hours earlier! The service will, of course, continue to be available “on demand” anytime throughout the day and week.

For those of you who want to join us “in person,” please send an email to Pastor Diane, pastordianem@gmail.com, so we can prepare for your arrival. The same protocol applies as before—masks must be worn covering nose and mouth at all times and seating will be assigned. Hand sanitizer will be available at both doors. Please take a squirt when you arrive and when you leave. Eucharist—bread only—will be brought to you in the pews. The “in person” worship will be meditative only with no singing or speaking. For the safety of all, it is imperative that we participate in an abundance of caution. While we all long for the day when we can freely interact without concern for the virus, we are grateful for your support and participation in these safety measures.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites us to a live-streamed, ecumenical prayer service from Washington National Cathedral, “Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness,” on **All Saints Sunday, November 1, 11:00am Hawaii time (4-5:50pm EST)**. In addition to Bishop Curry’s sermon, an array of Episcopal Church and ecumenical leaders and musical groups will be participating. The service can be accessed at <https://episcopalchurch.org/holding-hope>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed., October 21, 10:00am – ZOOM Bible Study class. We discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome! Contact Pr. Diane for the link.

Wed., October 21, 6:00pm - Vestry Meeting (via ZOOM)

Thurs., October 22, 6:00pm – Jazz Vespers (posted on St. Peter's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org and on St. Peter's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stpetershonolulu

Sat., October 24 - Diocesan Convention (online) - If you are interested in participating as an online "Visitor," contact Pr. Diane.

Next Sunday: October 25

Celebration of our Elders (*90 years and above*)

9:30am - Online Sunday Worship at

www.stpetershonolulu.org, or

www.facebook.com/stpetershonolulu

Available on demand through the week.

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day

7:30am and 10:00am - Limited "in person" worship

Please send an email to Pr. Diane if you plan to attend.

7:30am - Live online broadcast

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www.facebook.com/stpetershonolulu

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, October 25:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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TODAY’S MINISTERS

Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Pianist	Manny Dayao
Lectors	Jenna Matsumoto Frank and Norma Chun Gail Haruki
Counters (Monday)	Cheryl Bochentin and Cheryl Saito

STAFF

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The Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (October 18th when not celebrated as Diocesan Convention Worship) is Matthew 22:15-22 where the Pharisees ask Jesus if it is lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. Jesus replies to give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s and to God the things that are God’s. Below is this week’s stewardship reflection on that reading.

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Give to God the things that are God's

BY THE RT. REV. DIANE M. JARDINE BRUCE

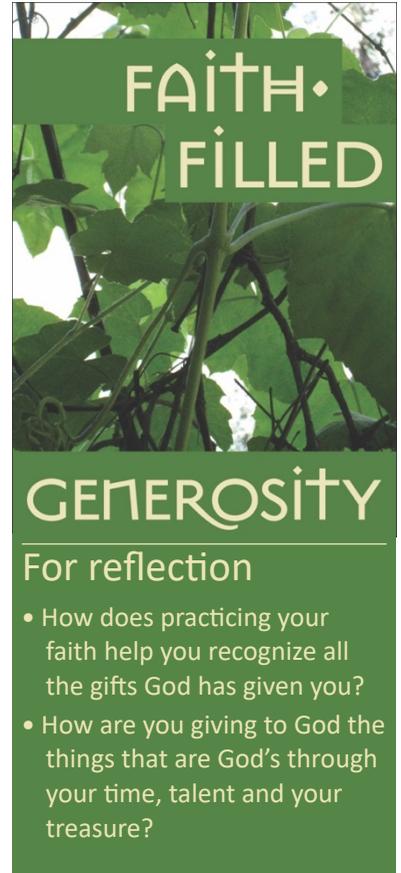


Once again in today's gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it's unlawful to pay the tax, he'll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax – meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — *give to God the things that are God's*.

What exactly IS God's? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to *give to God the things that are God's*: God gave us God's son, God's first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God's first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

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FAITH
FILLED

GENEROSITY

For reflection

- How does practicing your faith help you recognize all the gifts God has given you?
- How are you giving to God the things that are God's through your time, talent and your treasure?