

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 11, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this unity.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!



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Holy Eucharist

Prelude *(Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Welcome

The Word of God

Presider: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Processional Hymn *As with gladness men of old* **Hymnal 1982, #119**

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. *Silence)*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

1 Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

**12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see

what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

We three kings of orient are (vs 1,2,3)

Hymnal 1982, #128

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn

We three kings of orient are (vs 4,5)

Hymnal 1982, #128

The Sermon

The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson

Music Meditation

(7:30am)

Manny Dayao

(10:00am)

Dr. Joseph Eppink

Nicene Creed

**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:

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Each petition will end with “God of grace” and the response is “Hear our prayer”.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

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.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

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

Offertory Hymn *Epiphany Carol* **See pg. 13**

Offertory Response *What star is this* – Melody

**To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Angels we have heard on high. Singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

Glo—ria, in excelsis Deo. Glo—ria, in excelsis Deo.

The Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Presider The Word became flesh and lived among us,
 and we have seen his glory.

People **Make yourself known to us, O Christ,
 in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over one's chest.

** Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.*

** Gluten free wafers are available upon request of the server.*

** You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).*

** If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.*

For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer *(Standing or kneeling)*

Presider: Let us pray.

**God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

The Blessing

May God who comes among us,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Arise your light has come*

See page 14

The Dismissal

Presider: Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com 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 be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month.

Joe & Kathleen C., Sim K., Natalia P., Valerie Y. B., A & N., Eduardo C., Rosie C., Peter D., Susan D., LaVerne D., Cathlen D., Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Bert & Cheryl F., Cal G., E.&S. H., M. H., Iris, Francis I., Ken I., Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Jonathan, Elise K., Hilary K., Roland K., Gerald K., Mel K., A.&S.K., Cynthia L., Loretta L., Charles L., Pauline L., Bill McK., Lea M., M.&T., D.N., Dara N., Ralph P., Franklin P., Rodney P., Sherri P-H., Sharon P., Janet P., Peter, Patricia S., Ho-Min S., Ediza T., Dan T., Stan T., S.T., D.T.,

Terrence, Bertha U., Stuart U., Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roy W. & family, Al W., Ian W., Roland W., Tim Y., Lynette Y.

Also, we pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, and all those affected by gun violence. 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, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

Help needed after 2nd service today – Three men are needed to take the magi from the sanctuary to the Aloha Room. Please contact Velma Lee or stay to assist. Other helpers are needed to dismantle the Advent wreath and creche and store them in the sacristy. Most of the other decorations are already tucked away thanks to volunteers this week!!!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS MORNING!

Adult Forum resumes - Meet in the Parish Hall between the 7:30am and 10:00am services. Pr. Ruth leads this study using the book “Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices”. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89419687677?pwd=M00yc3pPRDNqN1FpY3U0MjdCeS9RUT09>. Meeting ID: 894 1968 7677. Passcode: 011681

Children’s Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting - The 2025 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. The Vestry will present the budget for 2026, and we will be electing new Vestry members as well as those who will represent us at the 2026 Diocesan Convention (there are actually two this year: one in May to elect the Bishop and the 2nd at our normal time in October). Questions? Talk to Pastor Ruth or any member of the Vestry

Travel to Europe to Explore Reformation Moments, May 24 - June 5, 2026

You are invited to join with others from Hawaii who will be travelling to Germany and Prague to explore the roots of an important part of Reformation history. The tour will be shaped by Christian Tours Europe and led by a local Lutheran Pastor and Church Organist with deep roots in Germany, the focus will be on the theology of Martin Luther and the rich musical history of the Reformation time. For more information contact Phllshrmnn7@gmail.com.

Worship assistants wanted-We are always grateful to our great team of volunteers who serve as Lectors, Intercessors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Guild each week. Unfortunately, we have had a few volunteers who have had to step away from their roles in the last few months and are looking for others who might be willing to be serve in this way. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please speak to Pastor Ruth

January 18 Vespers Service Postponed-Due to a conflict in schedules, the worship service that was to be at the Cathedral next week has had to be postponed. Watch the bulletin for updates!

Alms Fund – Did you know St. Peter’s Priest-in-Charge has access to funds that can be used to support people in need? (e.g. help someone who is in danger of electricity being shut off) Due to extraordinary needs over the last few months, the balance is low. If you can help refill the coffers, please make a donation and mark the check “Alms Fund”

It’s not too late - Mahalo Nui Loa to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards for 2026. According to the budget team, we are still waiting for some of our Ohana to let us know their intentions for the coming year. We realize that with inflation on the rise and economic uncertainty this is a difficult time for many. However, we are asking for your kokua: if you have not filled out and turned in your pledge for 2026 yet, please do so. The vestry cannot plan for ministry for 2026 until the budget is prepared.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service- The week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been observed for more than 100 years, working toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper “that they all may be one”. Each year, an international group working through the World Council of Churches prepares text material for the week based upon a theme. This

year's theme is "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your Calling" (Ephesians 4:4).

Please plan to join Pastor Ruth at the Hawaii observance on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm. We will worship in the Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish at the University of Hawaii (UH), Manoa, 1941 East West Road, Honolulu. There is free parking available at the former St Francis School, 2707 Pamoia Road, Honolulu.

Men's Group Bible Study has been postponed until next month. Stay tuned!

Non-perishable food still needed! Please bring canned goods to the church on Sundays, and they'll be delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank.

A Moment with Music: Immerse yourself in scripture readings and hymns. This week focuses on *The Light of Christ*. Available by 6 AM, you can enjoy this 7-minute meditation at your convenience on our Facebook page or website. You can also find it on YouTube at @dreppink.

Delicious St. Peter's chicken soup for the soul available for those in need of nourishment. The Soul Food Ministry group made a large batch of chicken jook and is in the Parish Hall kitchen freezer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Jan. 14, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Jan. 15, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) can be found online at www.bcponline.org

EPIPHANY CAROL

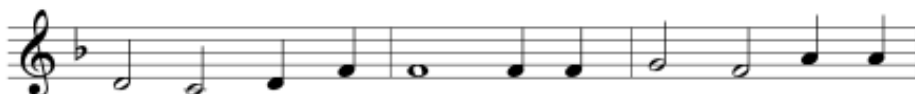
Words: Francis Patrick O'Brien

Tune: BEACH SPRING

The Sacred Harp, 1844



1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry of a
2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es of his
3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er in the



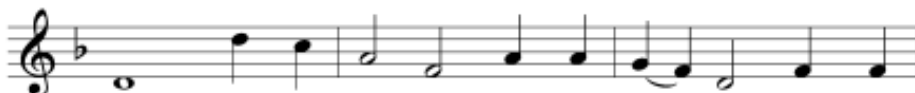
star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
flesh sent from a - bove In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
bright-ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



sto - ry we are bathed in ra - dian't light. Star sent
a - ges; he is Christ, our God's de - light. He pro -
broth - er, in the lone - ly and un - loved. May we
ev - er; help us walk the ho - ly way. May your



forth from high - est heav - en, danc - ing light of God's de -
claims with - in his be - ing all our hopes, our great de -
touch him, may we hold him, may we cra - dle him with
jus - tice rule the na - tions; may all peo - ple live as

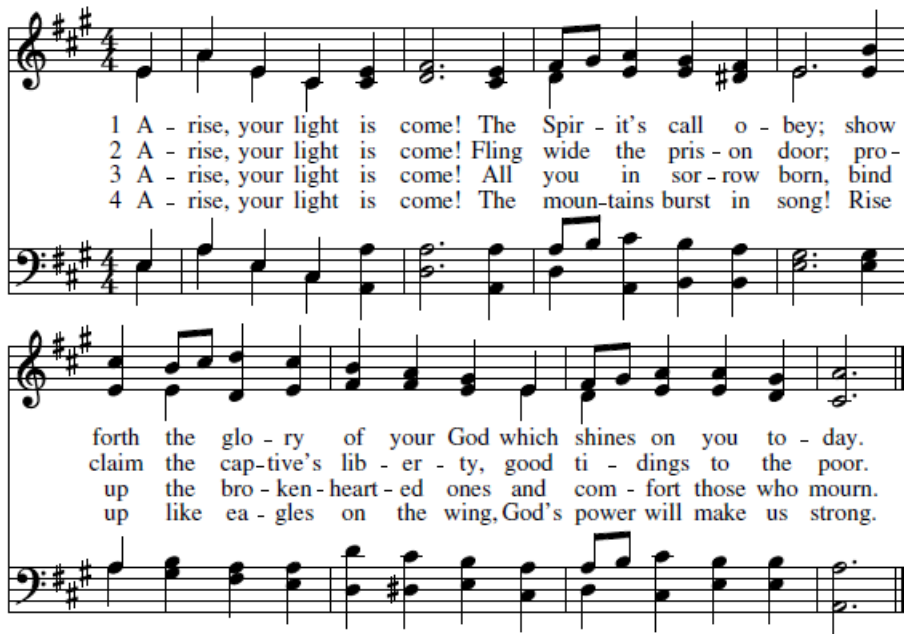


sign, Shine up - on the gift that's giv - en: Word made
sires. He shall die to rise re - deem - ing all who
care As we learn to love each oth - er, bring - ing
one. Now we see our true sal - va - tion in the



flesh now born in time.
fol - low with their lives.
hope from out de - spair.
glo - ry of your Son.

Arise, Your Light Is Come! 231



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken-heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Jan Yap, Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight
	(10:00am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Haroldwyn Chang
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Randall Chun
Ushers/Greeters	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Cheryl Saito Haroldwyn Chang, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Altar Guild		Cheryl Saito, Sim Kau, Rosa Dayao
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox
Cashiers		Robert Wight, Susan Dang

STAFF

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Assisting Priest	The Rev. Dr. Bill Heran
Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
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