

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2025 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 community.

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

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

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

Welcome

The Word of God

Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymnal 1982 #616

The Collect of the Day

Presider

The Lord be with you

People

And also with you

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

"The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 29

Read responsively by whole verse. Congregation reads the verses in bold.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung before the Gospel we sing:

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #76

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

"The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sung after the Gospel

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #76

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Who advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Ruth 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

Form I, BCP, pg. 383

After each petition, the response is “Lord, have mercy.”

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, pg. 360

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

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. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn

Baptized in Water

See pg. 13

Offertory Response

Taken from Hymn 124

**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

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to

give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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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,

Presider and People:

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

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 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 God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

Communion Music

Blessed are you
Chancel Choir

Schutte

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your

Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Forth Hymn *Songs of thankfulness and praise* **Hymnal 1982, #135**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **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., Helena W., Ediza T., Cosmo A., Dennis C., Rosie C., Colleen C. Brian D., Peter D., Erin E., Ron E., James & Dallis F-N., Catherine F., Hussey family, Iris, Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Suzanne K., Hilary K., Gary K., Gerald K., Gerald L., Judy M., Gilbert M., Dara N., Kelly N., Keith O., Ralph P., Franklin P., Monica P., Sherri P-H., Janet P., Cynthia R., Patricia S., Jim T., Stuart U., David, Charity & Jackson V., Ian W., Roland W., Steve Y., Tim Y. and those impacted by the New Year's Eve fireworks explosion. We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine and the wildfire victims in Southern California.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Tracy Hussey

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

Vestry Meeting, 11:30am – Parish Hall

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions. Coffee and cookies are served after the 7:30am service and parents are welcome to fellowship and to mingle while your children are learning about God's Word. During services, we have a bookcase with "worship kits" and books along the back mauka wall under the AED red "heart" for children to use. Children are welcome to exchange items throughout the service. The Bell Tower (the little room by the children's bookcase) is available for younger ones who need room to move around and play. Feel free to get up and move around throughout the service (likewise, those of you who have bad backs and need to stretch!)

Help Pastor Ruth get to know you – wear a name tag! If you don't have a nametag yet, please add your name to the clipboard on the table at the back door, and we will create one for you. If you are visiting, please make a temporary one for yourself. Name tags are on the standing board in the Ewa Makai corner, alphabetized by first name.

Assistive Listening Devices are available to assist those who would like a boost in the volume of sound. These are small, over the ear devices with individual volume controls. Please see one of the ushers if you would like to use one of these devices.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for two members of St Peters to step forward to volunteer to serve on the Vestry this coming year. The vestry at St. Peter's serves as both the fiduciary and visionary body of the church, and it is vital that we have all the positions full, especially as Pastor Ruth begins her new ministry with us. If you have questions, feel free to talk to any Vestry member or Pastor Ruth.

Pr. Ruth is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays, including Wednesdays, 10am – 2pm (or later!) She would love to get to know you so please stop by or give her a call and make an appointment. If you would welcome a visit in your home or someplace else please let her know. Email: stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com or call (808) 533-1943.

Sing for the Installation! Would you like to be part of the choir for this very special occasion? There will be opportunities to rehearse and even learn the song at home. Let Joseph know if you're willing to sing Feb 2! The service begins at 4:00 pm. Joseph may be contacted at josepheppink@gmail.com or (808) 397-8932.

Planning ahead to Sun., Feb. 2, 2025: Please plan on joining us at 4:00 p.m. for the Installation of Pastor Ruth as the Priest-in-Charge for St. Peter's Church. We are also having an Evensong and a celebration of the Chinese New Year, honoring the Year of the Snake. More details are forthcoming. If you'd like to assist us in planning this occasion, please reach out to Joseph at josepheppink@gmail.com, or Velma at vklee2014@gmail.com!

Windows Book Revision! We are thrilled to announce that the book "Windows of Light, Windows of Hope" will soon undergo a revision! This is an exciting opportunity for you to enhance the book by adding new pictures or helping to refine the content through identifying typos or necessary corrections. If you have ideas or contributions, we encourage you to reach out to Joseph at josepheppink@gmail.com by mid-January. Your participation will not only improve the quality of the book but also ensure that future readers enjoy the best possible experience. Don't miss your chance to make a meaningful impact on this wonderful publication!

Stewardship Pledge Cards - If you haven't already done so, please turn in your 2025 pledge cards. This information will help the budget committee plan for 2025. You may mail it or drop it into a collection bowl. Thank you! If you have misplaced your card or did not receive one, please find one on the table at the back of the church.

Healing chicken jook is available in the Parish Hall freezer. The Soul Food Ministry replenished a supply of nourishing chicken jook for those in need of healing and comfort food. Check with the church office.

For those experiencing grief, Dr. Joseph Eppink offers his counseling services to the St. Peter's family. You can contact him at josepheppink@gmail.com.

The ministry at Wallyhouse is always in need of travel-sized toiletries for those in need. Donations will be delivered to St. Elizabeth's Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Jan. 15, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Konstantinos Karampakakis at cost-kar@hotmail.com for the link

Thurs. Jan. 16, 6:00pm, Jazz Vespers – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Sun. Jan. 19, 8:45-9:45am, Discussion of the Budget 2025 in the Sanctuary

Sun. Jan. 26, 8:45-9:45am, Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Beth Chang, Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Gail Haruki
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang
		Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Greeters	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Willis & Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang
		Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Ushers	(7:30am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
Altar Guild		Cheryl Saito, Sim Kau, Rosa Dayao
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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Baptized in Water



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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