

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 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 *O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling* **Hymnal 1982, #539**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the

square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

"The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 19

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

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous Lord.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet

one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung before the Gospel we sing:

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #632

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise thee for the radiance
That from the scripture's page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good

news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sung after the Gospel

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #632

**O make thy Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see thee face to face.**

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 *Let us talents and tongues employ*

See pg. 14

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.**

Presider Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Spirit Song
Chancel Choir

Wimber

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

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! **Hymnal 1982, #533**

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., Iris, Francis I., Sue J., Judy & Maurice, 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.

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

This morning, 8:45-9:45am, Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary

No Children's Christian Adventure today. Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held normally held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services.

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

Please let the church office know if you'd like the Annual Report mailed or emailed to you.

Prison Ministry – the BACPAC prison ministry is preparing to assemble 5 backpacks this quarter and asking for donations of the following items:

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| antiseptic cream | Cup of Noodles |
| nail clippers | trail mix snacks |
| hair comb | instant coffee |
| pens | t-shirts and shorts, sizes L, XL |
| rubber slippers, size 13/14 | |

Please leave donated items in the marked box on the table in the back of the church. If you prefer to write a check, please make the check payable to “St. Peter’s” and note “BACPAC “on the memo line. We will accept collections through Feb. 9. MAHALO to all for your donations and continued support.

It’s not too late to join us next Sun. Feb. 2 at 4:00pm for the installation of Pr. Ruth! An Evensong and a celebration of the Lunar New Year will also be observed including a Chinese lion dance. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Email the church office at stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com if you can make it.

A Moment with Music: We invite you to delve into our stained glass windows through reflection and music. This week's spotlight will be on the chancel windows, featuring: Eucharist: Emmaus as an Event, Jesus Light of the World, The Saints of God, St. Peter's Symbols, and Trinity. Join us on our parish Facebook page, website, or at <https://www.youtube.com/@dreppink>. Videos are posted by 6AM for you to enjoy when you get a moment.

Beware of scam email! Pr. Ruth would never ask you to send money, gift cards etc. If you receive a message and it feels “off” or unusual from Pr. Ruth, contact the church or call the office at 808-533-1943 for verification.

St. Peter’s needs delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Oct. 24-25, 2025, at ʻIolani School. Please speak with Pr. Ruth or a member of the vestry if you can represent St. Peter’s.

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.

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. 29, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Jan. 30, 6:00pm, Jazz Vespers – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 84; Luke 2:22-40

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)	Stephanie Wight, Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Ron Kim
	(10:00am)	Gail Haruki
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Janet & Ron Kim 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 Bochentini, Ann Ho
Bread for Communion		Haroldwyn Chang, Suzanne Kagawa Barton & Beth Cox

STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
Office Manager	Susan Sugiyama
Bookkeeper	Richert Au Hoy
Sexton	Oriel Agcaoili
Custodians	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Hosts:

<i>7:30am</i>	<i>Ann Ho, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa</i>
<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Gail Haruki, Leila Diamond</i>

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Verses



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out, bear - ing fruit in a



1. shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
2. sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
3. world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Refrain

1. Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,
2. love in word and in deed ex - press.
3. God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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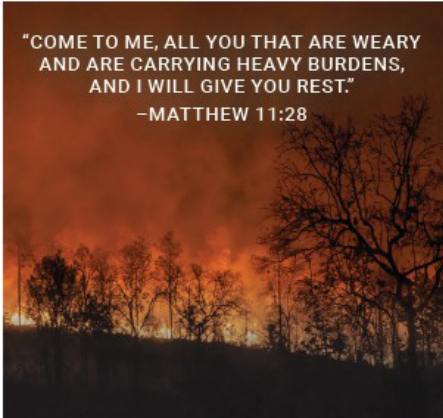
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Please Support Southern California Wildfire Response

High winds and drought conditions combined to accelerate the growth of wildfires that have devastated communities in California. Places of worship, businesses and homes have been heavily damaged. Mass evacuations and widespread power outages have affected hundreds of thousands of people. Episcopal Relief & Development is offering technical support to partners in California who are being affected by the devastating and fast-growing California wildfires.

Supporting the Wildfire Response Fund will help people affected by the impact of wildfires. To make a donation, please scan the QR code or fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information.

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