

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Presentation of our Lord

February 2, 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 *Sing we of the blessed Mother* **Hymnal 1982, #278**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Gloria **S236**

The First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

All the people Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

"The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 84**

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

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**6 They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

The Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters

in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sung before the Gospel we sing:

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #25

**O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
In you the father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
And blest are you, his holy Son.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that

will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sung after the Gospel

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #25

**Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth
And in the highest heaven adored.**

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 all mortal flesh keep silence (vs 1-3)* **Hymnal 1982, 324**

Offertory Response *Let all mortal flesh keep silence (vs 4)* **Hymnal 1982, 324**
All stand

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

The Lord is My Light
Chancel Choir

Walker

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

Christ be our light!

See page 14

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., Bertha U., 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Wei Mei Fo.

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

Tonight – Pr. Ruth’s Celebration of New Ministry at 4:00pm! Join us 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.

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 or have forgotten yours, please make a temporary one. Name tags are on the standing board in the Ewa Makai corner, alphabetized by last 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

Do you still have last year's crosses from Palm Sunday? Bring them to us! As in years past, we will be making the ashes for Ash Wednesday by burning last year's palm crosses. If you still have your cross from 2024, please bring it to church before March 2nd. Father Frank Chun has agreed to do a ceremony of "Burning of the Crosses" between services in the parking lot on Sunday morning, March 2.

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:

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.

A Moment with Music: Beginning this week, we invite you to delve into our stained glass windows through reflection and music. This week's spotlight will be on the altar windows, featuring: Abraham & Melchizedek, Angels and Archangels, Five Devoted Clergy, Ancestors in Faith, and Baptism-the Water of Life. Join us on our parish Facebook page, website, or at <https://www.youtube.com/@dreppink>.

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.

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. Feb. 5, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11;

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)	Barton & Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Haroldwyn Chang
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Jan Yap
	(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, Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Ushers	(7:30am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
Altar Guild		Rae Gorman, Lynda Hino
Bread for Communion		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

Thank you this morning's Coffee Hour Hosts:

7:30am

Ann Ho, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa

10:00am

Gail Haruki, Leila Diamond

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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