

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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

Christ whose glory fills the sky

Hymnal 1982, #7

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing

shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-10

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Holy, holy holy, Lord God Almighty

Hymnal 1982, #362

Sung before the Gospel

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning Our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn *Holy, holy holy, Lord God Almighty* **Hymnal 1982, #362**
Sung after the Gospel

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns, Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, And evermore shalt be.**

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 “Merciful God” and the response is “Receive 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 *In your mercy, Lord, you called me* **Hymnal 1982, #706**

Offertory Response *What star is this, (vs 5)* **Hymnal 1982, #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

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:

The Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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,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.**

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.

Post Communion Prayer (*Standing or kneeling*)

Presider: Let us pray.

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the triune God,

who has put a new song in your mouth

and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymnal 1982, #535

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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., Gretchen B., Eduardo C., Rosie C., Peter D., Susan D., LaVerne D., Cathlen D., Jean D., Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., 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., Colin L., Bill McK., Lea M., M.&T., D.N., Dara N., Carolyn N., Ralph P., Franklin

P., Rodney P., Sherri P-H., Sharon P., Janet P., Peter, Rachel & Lily, 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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Robin O.

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.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS MORNING

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

Adult Forum this morning between services! Pr. Ruth leads this study using the book "Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices". Zoom link: bit.ly/speczoom. Meeting ID: 894 1968 7677. Passcode: 011681

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

You are invited to bring last year's palm crosses to church next Sunday, Feb. 15 and place them in the lauhala basket on the back table. As in years past, we will have a "Burning of the Crosses" for Ash Wednesday, between services in the parking lot.

Parking Helpers needed – We have two large funerals in the next few weeks. If you are able to assist as a parking helper on Sat. Feb. 28 (approx. 2:30pm) and March 7 (approx. 9:30am) for a couple of hours, please contact Susan at the church office, stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com.

We have received word that Walton Shim passed away recently. There will be a funeral service for him at St. Clements Episcopal church on Saturday, February 14, 9:00 a.m.

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. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please speak to Pastor Ruth

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”

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 *Faithful Following*. 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.

Habitat for Humanity looking for volunteers - Fridays and Saturdays
Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Greatest Need: FRIDAYS. No experience required- just a willingness to work, learn, and make an impact. Visit their volunteer calendar to register for a build day <http://honoluluhabitat.galaxydigital.com/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Feb. 11, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Feb. 12, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Wed. Feb. 18 11:30am – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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

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)	Stephanie Wight, Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Peter Diamond
	(10:00am)	Rosa Dayao
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Chucky Nakoa
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Velma Lee
		Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Brandon Hiyashi
Ushers/Greeters	(7:30am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Nancy Rowe, Willis & Jan Yap
		Keith & Velma Lee, Cheryl Saito
Altar Guild		Haroldwyn Chang, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Bread for Communion		Sim Kau, Cheryl Saito, Rosa Dayao
Cashiers		Barton & Beth Cox
		Beth Cox, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa

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