

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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**     *A mighty fortress is our God*     **Hymnal 1982, #688**

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider*     God be with you.

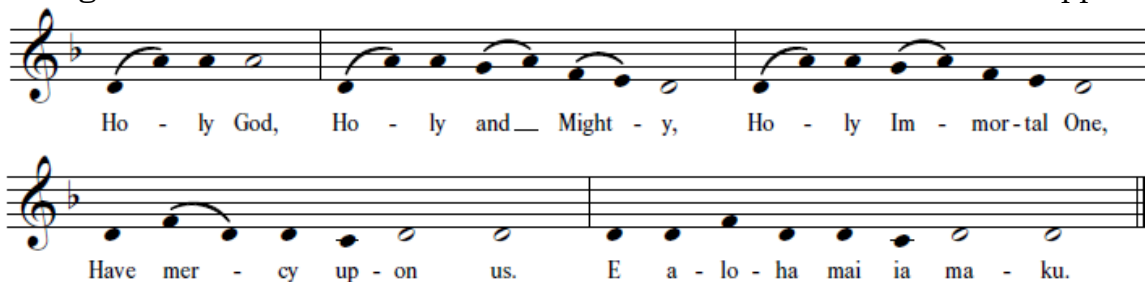
*People*     **And also with you.**

*Presider*     Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Trisagion

Eppink



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and — Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One,  
Have mer - cy up - on us. E a - lo - ha mai ia ma - ku.

### The First Reading

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the

woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 32**

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;**



Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**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 “Hear us, O God” and the response is “Your mercy is great”.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
 God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
 Through faith, the free gift of God,  
 you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
 The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
 dwells in you,  
 pours God's love into your hearts,  
 and gives you life and peace. **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** *When we are tested* **See page 15**

**Offertory Response** *Blessed be the Lord*

Refrain

Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of  
 mer - cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of  
 night, nor the ar - row that flies by day.

## 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:

**Sanctus**

*Land of Rest*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might:**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*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.*

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## **Lamb of God**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**Grant us peace.**

## **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 of our salvation,**

**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,**

reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**Hymn**                      *Lord who throughout these forty days*                      **Hymnal 1982, #142**

### The Dismissal

*Presider:* Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God**

### Organ Meditation

*Fantasia in C*

**Pachelbel**

Pachelbel's *Fantasia in C* opens with a searching, almost improvisational spirit, as though the music itself is feeling its way through shadow and light. Its unfolding lines wander, pause, and rise again—mirroring the inner terrain of Lent, where we name our need, confront our distractions, and listen for God's quiet invitations. As the fantasia moves between tension and release, it becomes a gentle companion for the season, reminding us that the Lenten path is not rushed but discovered step by step, with grace meeting us in every turn.

### 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., Ron B., Gretchen B., Eduardo C., Rosie C., Peter D., Susan D., LaVerne D., Cathlen D., Jean D., Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine 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., Erin 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.*

*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](https://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](http://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**

**Lenten "Mite" Offerings** - During this season of Lent, we invite you to collect coins and bills for deposit in the large Lenten jar that will be in the sanctuary each Sunday or to collect your offerings at home and return it by Easter Sunday. These Lenten offerings will be sent to Pacific Health Ministry. Through your support, hospital chaplains provide compassionate spiritual care to patients, families, and healthcare staff in moments of crisis, uncertainty, illness, and suffering. Chaplains inspire hope in hospitals and care settings on Oahu, Kauai, and Maui. Mahalo for embodying Aloha through your faithful giving and partnership in this healing ministry.

**Join our Easter Choir!** Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:30 AM. Contact Joseph at 808.397.8932 or [stpetersmusic@pm.me](mailto:stpetersmusic@pm.me) for details.

**Confirmation/Adult Baptism/Affirmation of Faith**-There will be an opportunity for anyone who is seeking to affirm their faith or be confirmed or baptized as an adult at the Regional service at the Cathedral of St. Andrew

during the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. If you would like more information, please speak to Pastor Ruth.

**Confirmation on The Square**-Pastor Ruth is leading a 5-week Confirmation Class during Lent for anyone on the square who would like to deepen their faith or are considering becoming Confirmed. The classes are open to anyone who attends St Peter's, the Cathedral of St Andrews, or St. Paul's. The classes will be every Sunday evening, starting **March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm** on zoom. For more information please speak to Pastor Ruth.

**Property Security Update**-As you know, we have experienced several changes to our security situation here on our property, and the Vestry is seeking to find new solutions to the issues that surround us. If you have questions or would like more information, please plan to attend the meeting on **Sunday, March 15 at 9:00 am** in the Sanctuary.

**Eucharistic Ministers Training**- If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister or if it is time to renew your license, there will be a class on **Saturday, March 21 from 9am – 11am** in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please see Pastor Ruth

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**Parking Helpers needed** -If you are able to assist next Sat. Feb. 28 (at 2:30pm) and March 7 (at 9:30am) for a couple of hours, please contact Susan at the church office, [stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com). by Tue. Feb. 23. Mahalo!

**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

**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 *Our Lenten Journey*. 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.

**Chicken Jook for the Soul!** More delicious chicken soup is available in the Parish Hall freezer, for those in need of nourishment and the love that went into preparing this meal.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Tue. Feb. 24, 6:00pm –Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary**

**Wed. Feb. 25, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com) for the link

**Thurs. Feb. 26, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - “in person” and on church Facebook page and website**

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

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## TODAY'S MINISTERS

<b>Presider</b>		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
<b>Deacon</b>		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
<b>Organist</b>		Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Pianist</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
<b>Lectors</b>	(7:30am)	Beez Zane, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Justin Deloss
<b>Intercessor</b>	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Kia Williams
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Gail Haruki
<b>Live-streaming</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Brandon Hiyashi
		Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Hal Halvorson
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Willis & Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Cheryl Saito
		Haroldwyn Chang, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Ann Ho, Cheryl Bochentin, Suzanne Kagawa
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		Barton & Beth Cox
<b>Cashiers</b>		Cheryl Bochentin, Cheryl Saito

## STAFF

<b>Priest-in-Charge</b>	The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	The Rev. Dr. Bill Heran
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Lay Associate for Worship and Music</b>	Manny Dayao
<b>Office Manager</b>	Susan Sugiyama
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Richert Au Hoy
<b>Sexton</b>	Oriel Agcaoili
<b>Custodians</b>	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

### *Next week's Coffee Hour Hosts:*

*7:30am -- Dennis Pang, Joanne Shibuya, Lin Chun*  
*10:30am -- Sim Kau, Cheryl Bochentin*

# When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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## WORSHIP ON THE SQUARE FOR LENT



During the Season of Lent, there will be a variety of special worship and educational experiences for the members and friends of St. Peter's, St. Paul's and the Cathedral of St. Andrews.

On **Tuesdays** in Lent at 6pm St. Peter's will offer a special worship service, Holden Evening Prayer followed by a time of Contemplative Prayer. Holden Evening Prayer is a unique and meditative Vesper's service composed by Marty Haugen, perfect for the season of Lent. It emphasizes themes of peace, justice, and the presence of God in daily life, while featuring call-and-response, prayers for healing, and a focus on community.

On **Wednesdays**, St. Paul's will hold a special worship at 6:00pm for the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

On **Thursdays** in Lent, Dean Heather from the Cathedral will release a quick message and Thoughtful Thursday question to help guide participants in the Cathedral's Lent book group called: "Lewis in Lent: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". Pick up a copy of this classic, read along, read aloud, read among friends on the Square! A special in-person gathering or two may be planned along the way ~~ with this being a digital offering, you can participate whenever it works for you!

AND whether you have read through the book, plan on gathering in the Von Holt Room at the Cathedral on **Friday, April 9, 6:30pm for movie night** – Together we will watch the 2005 Disney version of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" – complete with popcorn and concession snacks! All are most welcome.

