

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 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

All who hunger

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

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

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**4 Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

**6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

**8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**10 For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**12 But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**42 The Lord will help them and rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung before the Gospel, we sing:

**What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul!
 What wondrous love is that
 That caused the Lord bliss
 To lay aside his crown for my soul,
 For my soul,
 To lay aside his crown for my soul.**

The Holy Gospel**Luke 6:27-38**

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sung after the Gospel

Hymn**Hymnal 1982, #439**

**And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,**

**And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on**

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 *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult* **Hymnal 1982, #550**

Offertory Response **Hymnal 1982, #124**
All stand

**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

With Grateful Heart
Chancel Choir

Schweizer

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 *Love divine, all loves excelling* **Hymnal 1982, #657**

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., Joann B., Dennis C., Rosie C., Colleen C. Brian D., Peter D., Erin E., Ron E., James & Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Iris, Francis I., Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Hilary K., Gary K., Gerald K., Cynthia L., Gerald L., Judy M., Dara N., Kelly N., Keith O., Ralph P., Franklin P., Monica P., Sherri P-H., Janet P., Sharon P., Cynthia R., Patricia S., Richard S., Jim T., Bertha U., Stuart U., David, Charity & Jackson V., Ian W., Al W., R.S. W., Ricky, 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

11:30am Vestry meeting – 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

This is the last Sunday to bring past years' palm crosses to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Place them in the lauhala basket on the back table. Next week Sunday, between services, Father Frank Chun and Sexton Oriel Agcaoili will do a ceremony of "Burning of the Crosses services in the parking lot.

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

A Moment with Music: We invite you to delve into our stained-glass windows through reflection and music. This week's features the mauka side windows. Join us on our parish Facebook page, website, or at <https://www.youtube.com/@dreppink>.

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. 26, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonoluluapastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Feb. 27, 6:00pm, Jazz Vespers – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

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, Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Ron Kim
	(10:00am)	Gail Haruki
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang
		Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Greeters	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Willis & Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang
		Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood
Ushers	(7:30am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
Altar Guild		Cheryl Bochentin, Ann Ho
		Haroldwyn Chang, Suzanne Kagawa
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox
Cashiers		Beth Cox, Sim Kau

Next week's Coffee Hour hosts:

7:30am Dennis Pang, Joanne Shibuya, Nancy Rowe
10:00am Sim Kau, Cheryl Bochentin

STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
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All who hunger



All who hun - ger gath - er__ glad - ly;__ ho - ly__ man - na
All who hun - ger, nev - er__ stran - gers, seek - er,__ be a
All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er,__ Je - sus__ Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and__ wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and__ roam - ing.__
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and__ long - ing.__



Here in__ truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in__ joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in__ peace we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of__ full - ness, all a - round us is our__ food.
lost and__ scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this__ ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and__ see the grace e - ter - nal.__
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Taste and__ see that God is good.
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