

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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 *The God of Abraham praise* **Hymnal 1982, #401**

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Trisagion

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 - kou.

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The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

**8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Return to the Lord

Sung before and after the Gospel



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci -



ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Donot be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 disdainning 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 *What wondrous love is this* **Hymnal 1982, # 439**

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 image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of'. The second staff continues with 'mer - cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of'. The third staff concludes with 'night, nor the ar - row that flies by day.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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

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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.**

Recessional Hymn *Take up your cross, the Savior said* **Hymnal 1982, #675**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God

Organ Meditation *Bist Du Bei Mir (If Thou Art Near)* **Bach, BWV 508**

Today's reflective meditation is shaped by *Bist du bei mir (If Thou Art Near)*, an aria from Stölzel's *Diomedes* later preserved in the 1725 Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach. Its opening lines speak with quiet courage: If you are with me, I can go gladly toward death and into rest; how gentle my ending would be if your dear hands closed my faithful eyes.

As this subdued and tender melody unfolds, let it guide us into our own Lenten journey—inviting trust, surrender, and the steadying nearness of Christ.

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.

Harrison and Melanie C., 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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Albert Wong and Gretchen Bray.

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.

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

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.

It is with great sorrow that we've learned that Albert Wong died on Mon. Feb. 23 after a brief illness. His funeral will be on Sat. Mar. 14 with visitation at 10:00am, funeral service at 11:00am followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

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

We have two large funerals in the next two weeks: Bert Fong on Mar. 7 and Albert Wong on Mar. 14. We are in need of volunteers to help with **PARKING, SET UP AND CLEAN UP** in the Parish Hall. If you can help with parking, please contact Chucky Nakoa or the church office. If you can help with set up and clean up, please contact Bryant "Beez" Zane or the church office.

CONFIRMATION/BAPTISM/ AND REAFFIRMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in preparing for Confirmation or Reception or Reaffirmation, or are you simply wanting to explore what it means to live out your Christian Faith? There will be a 5 week Inquirer's Class via Zoom on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 beginning Sunday, March 1. All those who complete this class will be encouraged to participate in the regional Adult Baptism / Confirmation / Reception / Reaffirmation on **Saturday, April 4th at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Easter Vigil**. If you would like to find out more about any of these or to participate, 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'd like to serve as an Eucharistic Minister or if it's time to renew your license, there's a class on **Sat. March 21, 9am – 11am** in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please see Pastor Ruth

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.

Next week's Church Office Hours- Mon, Tue, Thur: 12:30pm-4:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tue. Mar. 3, 6:00pm –Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary

Wed. Mar. 4, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonoluluapastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Mar. 5, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Sat. Mar. 7, Bert Fong Funeral – 10:00am Visitation; 11:00am Service; 12:00pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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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)	Barton & Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Kia Williams
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentin
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Brandon Hiyashi Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Hal Halvorson
Ushers/Greeters	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Cheryl Saito Haroldwyn Chang, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Altar Guild		Rae Gorman, Lynda Hino
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox
Cashiers		

STAFF

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Bookkeeper	Richert Au Hoy
Sexton	Oriel Agcaoili
Custodians	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

Mahalo to this week's Coffee Hour Hosts:

7:30am -- Dennis Pang, Joanne Shibuya, Lin Chun

10:30am -- Sim Kau, Cheryl Bochentin

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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.



