

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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 the God of our salvation:

*People:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**Hymn**

*Lord who throughout these forty days*

**Hymnal 1982, #142**

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God be with you

*People:* **And also with you**

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

*Sung three times*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## **The First Reading**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

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

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

**10 There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

**12 They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**16 With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.**

**The Second Reading**

**Romans 10:8b-13**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
**Thanks be to God**

*Sung before and after the Gospel:*

David Schack

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**

**Luke 4:1-13**

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

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

*After each petition, the response is “receive our prayer.”*

#### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Enriching our Worship*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Minister and People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

#### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

*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**            *For Lent we will say: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our Life and labor to the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn**                                    *Build a longer table*                                    **See pg. 14**

**Offertory Response**            *In the cross of Christ I glory*            **Hymnal 1982, #441**  
*All stand*

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching our Worship*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. In place of the preceding, Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**Sanctus** **S124**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Teach us to pray as our Lord taught:

**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**

We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Lamb of God**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, 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.*

## **Communion Music**

### **Post Communion Prayer** *(Standing or kneeling)*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

### **The Benediction**

Holy eternal Majesty,

Holy incarnate Word,

Holy abiding Spirit,

Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

**Sending Forth Hymn**     *Now let us all with one accord*     **Hymnal 1982, #147**

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude**     *Vater unser im Himmelreich*     J.S. Bach, BWV 683

During Lent, a reflective piece will be performed at the end of the service.

Today, we'll begin with Bach's chorale, *Vater unser im Himmelrieich (Our Father in Heaven)*. Use this moment to start your Lenten journey through the quietness and depth of this chorale.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please call or email Tiare Ono, [tiare.h.ono@gmail.com](mailto: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., Tanya F., Catherine F., Francis I., Sue J., Gary K., Gerald K., Cynthia L., Gerald L., Judy M., Dara N., Kelly N., Keith O., Ralph P., Franklin P., Sharon P., Ricky, Patricia S., Richard S., Jim T., Bertha U., David, Charity & Jackson V., Ian W., Al W., R.S. 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](mailto:tiare.h.ono@gmail.com) or the church office.*

## TODAY

**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](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

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

**Mid-week Lenten Services** will be each Thursday at 6:00 pm. Our theme this year will be "Prayers for the Healing of the World"

**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 divided and sent to two different places: one half with go to Episcopal Migration Ministry and the other half to St John the Baptist in Maili for their building project.

## **Join Episcopal Relief & Development in exploring “A Commonplace Lent”**

For more than 15 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been blessed by the opportunity to join readers on their spiritual journeys with thought-provoking Lenten Meditations. During the 2025 Lenten season, we will explore what we share in common: spiritual practices, worship, service and faith. Written by Jerusalem Jackson Greer, our 2025 Lenten Meditations also remind us of how to look for—and find—God in the ordinary, everyday aspects of life. Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to “Working Together for Lasting Change.” Each day, these meditations offer insight and inspiration for sharing in this bold mission and in our common path to be faithful disciples of Christ.

Copies are available at the back of the church or visit (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/lent-resources/>) to subscribe to daily emails, download a PDF, read the meditations and access a Group Study Guide to reflect on the meditations with others.

**Help wanted!** As many of you know Konstantinos Karampakakis and Keisha Webster are being transferred to a new duty station at the end of the summer. While we will greatly miss them for so many reasons, we will also miss Konstantinos for all that he has done to help our “Tech Team” do live-streaming for worship each week. We are looking for someone (or a “team” of “some-ones”) who is willing to step up and be trained on how to perform this important ministry. If we have enough volunteers, you would not need to volunteer each week, but rather share the opportunity to help. Interested? Talk to Manny, Konstantinos, Terry or Pastor Ruth.

**A Moment with Music:** Enhance your Lenten journey with a daily video featuring a reading, hymn, and prayer. Available 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](mailto: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. Mar. 12, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com) for the link

**Thurs. Mar. 13, 6:00pm, Lenten Jazz Vespers** – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

### **Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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## TODAY'S MINISTERS

<b>Presider</b>		The Rev. Ruth 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)	Beth Chang, Stephanie Wight
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentín
<b>Intercessor</b>	(7:30am)	Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
<b>Live-streaming</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang
		Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
<b>Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Willis & Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang
		Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood Bryan Matsumoto
<b>Ushers</b>	(7:30am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Cheryl Saito, Sim Kau, Suzanne Kagawa
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		Barton & Beth Cox
<b>Cashiers</b>		Robert Wight, Susan Dang

## STAFF

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Lay Associate for Worship and Music</b>	Manny Dayao
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# BUILD A LONGER TABLE

NOËL NOUVELET  
French carol

David Bjorlin, b.1984



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, stran - ger turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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