

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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

**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**

*The God of Abraham praise*

**Hymnal 1982, # 401**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God be with you

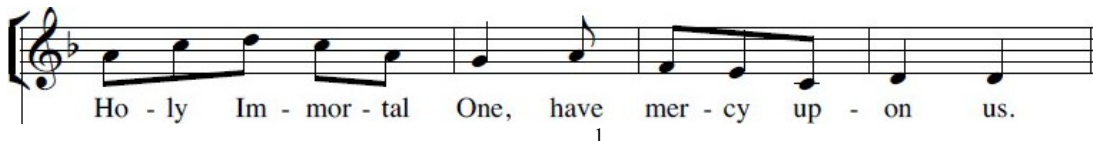
*People:* **And also with you**

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

Powell

*Sung three times*



## **The First Reading**

**Genesis 15:1-12,17-18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 27**

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

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**4 And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.**

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

**8 Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.**

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.**

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**12 Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the Lord will sustain me.**

15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

**16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.**

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
wait patiently for the Lord.**

**The Second Reading**

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds

are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13:31-35**

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

**Music Meditation**

(7:30am)  
 (10:00am)

**Manny Dayao**  
**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**

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our Life and labor to the Lord.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*When peace like a river*

**See pg. 13**

## **Offertory Response**

*In the cross of Christ I glory, vs 2*

**Hymnal 1982, #441**

*All stand*

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

## **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. Therefore, joining with Angels and

Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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**

### 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.

### 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.



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

### **The Dismissal**

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

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

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

Today's reflective meditation features *Bist du bei mir* (If Thou Art Near), originally an aria from Stölzel's opera, *Diomedes*, and best known in the 1725 *Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach*. The piece begins with: *If you are with me, then I will go gladly unto [my] death and to my rest. Ah, how pleasing were my end, if your dear hands then shut my faithful eyes!* Let us reflect on our Lenten journey as we listen to this subdued melody.

## 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, Richard S., Patricia S., Jim T., Bertha U., David, Charity & Jackson V., Al W., Ian 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.*

*This morning, we pray for the repose of the soul of Cedric Ching.*

*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

**Lenten Project: Help is needed with the polishing of the koa pews, wainscoting and brass on Sat., March 22 from 8:30-11:30 am. "Many hands make the work more efficient and shiny!"**

**It's time to prepare for Palm Sunday!** Thank you to Cheryl Saito who will once again lead us in learning to fold coconut fronds into Palm Crosses on Saturday, April 12 from 9am to 11am in the Aloha Room. Join us for a time of fellowship in anticipation of Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

**Join our Easter Choir!** Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:30 AM. Contact Joseph at 808.397.8932 or 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”.

**Summer opportunities for the youth of St. Peter’s!** Is someone in your household, grades 6 -12, interested in going to Camp Mokuleia this summer? Or the Diocesan Youth Retreat April 11 – 13? The Vestry voted to support this important ministry by offering FULL SCHOLARSHIPS for any youth interested in growing their faith and connecting with other congregations. For schedule information, go to <https://www.campmokuleia.org>. If you are interested in the scholarships, please speak to Pr. Ruth or any Vestry member.

**Help us get the word out!!** Did you know you can help St Peters simply by posting a “Google Review”? The more folks that post reviews means our website will “bump up” in the search ratings and more people will be able to find us when they are searching for a church in Honolulu. It’s easy, and if you don’t know just ask us and we’ll help you!

**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 will go to Episcopal Migration Ministry and the other half to St John the Baptist in Maili for their building project.

**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.

**Join Episcopal Relief & Development in exploring “A Commonplace Lent”.** During the 2025 Lenten season, we will explore what we share in common: spiritual practices, worship, service and faith. 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.

**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>.

**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).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wed. Mar. 19, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com) for the link

**Thurs. Mar. 20, 6:00pm, Lenten Jazz Vespers** – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

**Sat. Mar. 22, 9:30am, K2P2 Knitting Ministry** – Sun /Son Room

**Sat. Mar. 29, Doreen Yuen’s Celebration of Life.** Visitation – 10:00am; Service – 11:00am; Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Please join with this link: [bit.ly/dyuencelebrationof life](https://bit.ly/dyuencelebrationoflife).

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

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) can be found online at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org).*

## 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)	Hal Halvorson, Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Justin Deloss
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Beth Co
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
<b>Intercessor</b>	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight
	(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>		Dorothy Grimm, Jan Yap, Nani Ho, Janet Kim
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		Barton & Beth Cox

## STAFF

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## 428 When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -  
 3 My sin—O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

*Refrain*  
 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is  
 scend: "E - ven so"—it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 well with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.



