

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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**

*Eternal Lord of Love, behold your church*

**Hymnal 1982, #149**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God be with you

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Trisagion**

Powell

*Sung three times*

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

## **The First Reading**

**Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 32**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

### **The Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of notes and rests corresponding to the lyrics 'Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is'. The second staff continues the melody with notes and rests for the lyrics 'gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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### **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father,

'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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.**

*Minister:* 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**              *Just as I am, without one plea*              **Hymnal 1982, #693**

**Offertory Response**      *In the cross of Christ I glory, (vs 4)*      **Hymnal 1982, #441**  
*All stand*

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

### **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:

**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

Bruhn

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**    *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*    **Hymnal 1982, #690**

### **The Dismissal**

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

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Organ Meditation**

*Wenn Wir in Höchsten Nöthen Sein*

J.S. Back

(When in the Hour of Utmost Need)

This morning's reflective meditation takes us to the end of Bach's life, when he composed this piece. The first part of the translation is "When we are in utmost need." Adding the hymn phrase, it becomes "When we are in utmost need, and are completely at a loss." Blind, Bach dictated this piece to his son-in-law. The ornamentation conveys uncertainty and restlessness within the hymn tune.

## 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 tornado and wildfire victims on the mainland. 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

**Vestry Meeting, today, 11:30am – Parish Hall**

**Easter Flower Dedications** –Remember a loved one, or show thanks for someone, by donating to St. Peter's flower fund. Your dedication will be noted in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Please return the form by next Sun., April. 6.

**Lenten Project: Volunteers needed to launder a dozen children acolyte robes before Palm Sunday.** They are made of polyester/cotton and easily laundered. If about four people volunteered, with each person washing three robes, we could have clean robes by April 13. Think about it and let Velma Lee if you can help. Thank you!

**It's time to prepare for Palm Sunday!** Cheryl Saito will lead us in learning to fold coconut fronds into Palm Crosses on Saturday, April 12, 9am-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.

**United Thank Offering.** If you're interested in supporting the United Thank Offering, please contact the church office.

**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 ministry by offering FULL SCHOLARSHIPS for any youth interested in growing their faith. If you are interested in the scholarships, please speak to Pr. Ruth or any Vestry member. For schedule information, go to <https://www.campmokuleia.org>.

**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: Episcopal Migration Ministry and St. John the Baptist in Maili for their building project.

**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. Copies are available at the back of the church or visit (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/lent-resources/>).

**A Moment with Music: Enhance** your Lenten journey as we continue *The Stations of the Cross* written by Dr. Joseph Eppink. Available on our parish Facebook page, website, or at <https://www.youtube.com/@dreppink>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wed. Apr. 2, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonoluluapastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonoluluapastor@gmail.com) for the link

**Thurs. Apr. 3, 6:00pm, Lenten Jazz Vespers** – "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

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

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

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

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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 Cox, Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Haroldwyn Chang
<b>Intercessor</b>	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
<b>Live-streaming</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang
		Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
<b>Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Michele Baldovi
	(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>		Haroldwyn Chang, Velma Lee, Rosa Dayao
		Haroldwyn Chang, Janet Kim
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		Barton & Beth Cox
<b>Cashiers</b>		Beth Cox, Sim Kau

## 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
<b>Office Manager</b>	Susan Sugiyama
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Richert Au Hoy
<b>Sexton</b>	Oriel Agcaoili
<b>Custodians</b>	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

### Next week's Coffee Hour hosts:

**7:30am Susan Dang, Michele Baldovi**  
**10:00am Nani Ho, Rae Gorman**

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## Easter Services

April 20, 2025

7:30 am, 10:00 am

# *Easter Dedications*

*Donations for altar flowers are placed in a special fund that helps keep our church decorated through the year.*

Name *(Please Print)* \_\_\_\_\_

Address *(Please Print)* \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of *(Please Print)* \_\_\_\_\_

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In thanksgiving for *(Please Print)* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this in the offering plate or mail to the office. If making a donation, please write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line of your check.*

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*For publication in the Easter Service bulletin the office must receive your request by  
Sunday, April 6, 2025*

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# Huli ka lima i lalo

Turning our minds, hearts, and hands  
to the 'āina

## Schedule:

- **Spring Training, April 5, 2025 \***

**Plenaries include:**

- Dr. Jonathan Osorio: Dean of Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, UH; on mālama 'āina
- Polynesian Voyaging Society; on the Hōkūle'a

- **Virtual Summer Speaker Series**

**July or August:**

**Zoom pre-recorded talk with live Q & A**

- Robin Wall Kimmerer: botanist, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, and member of the Potawatomi Nation



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**June: TBD**

- **Education Day Volunteer Event  
October 24, 2025**

- All attendees are invited to volunteer at different mālama 'āina sites around O'ahu. For those who are not comfortable standing for long periods or doing physical work in hot weather, there will be an alternative volunteer or educational event at 'Iolani. We will learn by doing, by turning our hearts, minds, and hands to the 'āina! Stay tuned for more information about these volunteer sites.

**\*To register for Spring Training and other events, and for more information about Huli, visit the Diocesan website at:  
[www.episcopalhawaii.org](http://www.episcopalhawaii.org)**

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