

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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 *Great is thy faithfulness*

See pg. 14

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you

People: **And also with you**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 126

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

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**4 The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of

all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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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 whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3.

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The Holy Gospel

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was

put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 *When I survey the wondrous cross* **Hymnal 1982, #474**

Offertory Response *In the cross of Christ I glory, (vs 5)* **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. 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.

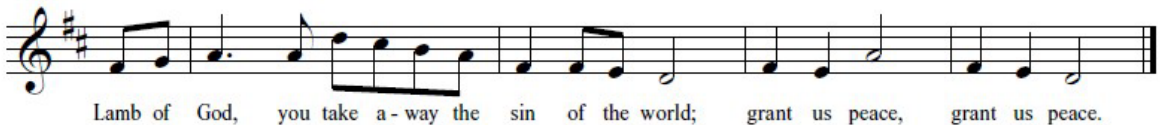
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

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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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

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 1982, #473

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Meditation

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Bizet

Today's reflective meditation features the Agnus Dei attributed to Georges Bizet, which is derived from the Intermezzo of the L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2, a composition originally created in 1872 for Alphonse Daudet's play. Following a solemn introduction, the text Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world is invoked, recalling its profound message.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request.

Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month. Joe & Kathleen C., Sim K., Natalia P., Helena W., Ediza T., Cosmo A., Joann B., Rev. David B.; Dennis C., Rosie C., Colleen C., Dan, Brian D., Peter D., Erin E., Ron E., James & Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Tanya F., Catherine F., Francis I., Sue J., Gerald K., Cynthia L., Gerald L., Judy M., John 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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Dan, and also for Helena Won.

If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

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

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Week! On Sunday, we will gather in the Parish Hall at 7:30am for the procession with Palms. At 10:00am, we will gather with other Square congregations in Queen Emma Park for the procession of palms.

Between services, the Sunday school students will join Pastor Ruth for a special prayer service as the Holy Oils from the last few years are disposed of in the columbarium. All are welcome to join us.

Many thanks to Rosa and Manny Dayao for laundering ALL of the acolyte robes during their spring break!! It was a wonderful Lenten Project for them to complete so quickly and efficiently!

Please return the form by today if you'd like to make an Easter Flower Dedications. Your dedication will be noted in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Either place it in the offering bowl or email it to the church office.

Palm cross folding this Saturday, April 12! 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 josephepink@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 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 with a daily video featuring a reading, hymn, and prayer. Available on our parish Facebook page, website, or at <https://www.youtube.com/@dreppink>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Apr. 9, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Apr. 10, 6:00pm, Lenten Jazz Vespers – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

The Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) can be found online at www.bcponline.org.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Barton & Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Beez Zane
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Ron Kim
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentin
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang
		Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Greeters	(7:30am)	Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang
		Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood Bryan Matsumoto
Ushers	(7:30am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
Altar Guild		Rae Gorman, Lynda Hino
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox
Cashiers		Cheryl Bochentin, Cheryl Saito

STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
Office Manager	Susan Sugiyama
Bookkeeper	Richert Au Hoy
Sexton	Oriel Agcaoili
Custodians	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

This week's Coffee Hour hosts:

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

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D
G
A⁷
D

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

G
D
E
A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

A⁷
D
D⁷
G⁶

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

G^{#dim7}
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A⁷
D

as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

A
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Em

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

A⁷
D
Dm⁷
A
E
A

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

A⁷
D
G⁶

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

G^{#dim7}
D
A
D

great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Verses 1 and 2 may be sung in the gathering, and verse 3 for the closing hymn. The refrain may be sung following memorials and prayers.

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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)* _____

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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