

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

## Aloha and Welcome!

*Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.*

**We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!**



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# Holy Eucharist

*(Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Prelude

Welcome

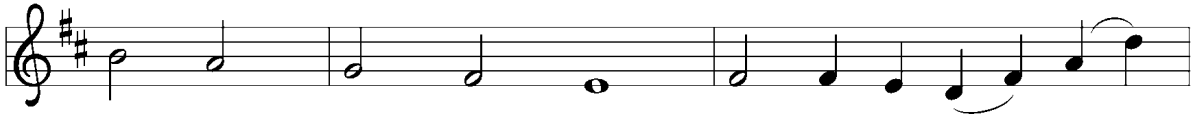
Processional Hymn

*I know that my Redeemer lives*

(Vs 1,2,3,6,7,8)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## The Word of God

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria

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*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

## **The Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*(Sung before and after the Gospel.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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## The Holy Gospel

**John 14:1-14**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of our 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

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

### 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**      *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

**Offertory Hymn**      *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*  
**Hymnal 1982, #178**

**Offertory Response**      *The Strife is O'er*      **Hymnal 1982, #208**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
The victory of life is won.  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

*Presider:*      The Lord be with you.

*People:*      **And also with you.**

*Presider:*      Lift up your hearts.

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

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

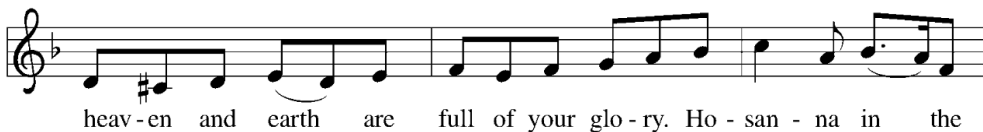
*People:*      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:*      We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source  
of life abundant.....lifting our voices to magnify you as we say...

## Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Harling*



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Presider continues.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.....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**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.

*All respond*

**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.  
Low gluten wafers are available upon request of the server.  
You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).  
If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.  
For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.*

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**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**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Praise to the Lord*

**Hymnal 1982, #390**

**The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Organ Postlude**

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**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., Ralph P., Ediza T., Ron B., Val B., Rosie C., Eduardo C., Melanie C., Jean D., Peter D., LaVerne D., Susan D., Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Cal G., Debbie H., Iris, Sue J., Jonathan, Hilary K., Roland K., Elise K., Taka, Karin & Kimura & family, Charles L., Erin L., Colin L., Judy & Maurice, Bill McK., Lea M., Dara N., Kawai O., Franklin P., Janet P., Sheri P-H., Rodney P., Rachel, Patricia S., Terrence, Bertha U., Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roland W., Ian W., Roy W., Tim Y. Lynette Y.

*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 or the church office.*

## **TODAY**

**Join us for fellowship at our First of the Month Coffee Hour!** Coffee, refreshments and fellowship are served in the Parish Hall following the 7:30am service. And after the 10:00am service, on the church lanai.

**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**

**A Moment with Music:** Begin your day with scripture, reflection, and a hymn of hope. This week's theme is **"Life that Flows from Christ."** Each 7-minute meditation is available by 6:00 AM on our Facebook page and website, and can also be viewed anytime on YouTube at **@dreppink**.

**Non-perishable food still needed!** Please bring canned goods to the church on Sundays, and they'll be delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank.

**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.

**Free Hawaii Quilt Guild Show** featuring our very own Estelle Inn and her four beautiful creations, April 30-May 10, 2026. Na Lama Kukui, 560 N. Nimitz Highway

**May 15 Clergy Dinner – Mahalo nui loa** to all those who graciously volunteered– we have enough people to assist from start to finish

**Update on Super Typhoon Sinlaku and impact on Saipan & Guam:** Read about the aftereffects and support given, and how to help [HERE](#). The Episcopal Relief Fund, coordinated by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick and Race A. Hodge of ERD, enabled the initial response. Prayers and donations are still needed as there is a shortage of food, fuel and clean water. You can donate directly to St. John’s Church via the church’s website [HERE](#) or through the QR code shown:



<https://www.stjohnepiscopalchurchguam.com>. Checks can be sent to:

The Church of St. John the Divine  
Attn: Saipan Relief  
911 North Marine Corps Drive  
Tamuning, Guam 96913

***See Newsletter or Website for More Information About.....!***

- ✓ **St. Peter’s seeking a volunteer representative to the Chinese Christian Association**, which meets quarterly and includes lunch.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sat. May 9, 9:30pm –Knitting Ministry K2P2**, Sun/Son Room

**Wed. May 6, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com) for the link

**Thurs. May 7, 6:00pm, - Jazz Vespers** - “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

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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>Lectors</b>	(7:30am)	Barton & Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Mary Ellen Johnson
<b>Intercessors</b>	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight
	(10:00am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentin
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Fr. Frank & Norma Chun
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
<b>Live-Streaming</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Brandon Hayashi Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Hal Halvorson Rae Gorman, Lynda Hino Barton & Beth Cox Haroldwyn Chang, Velma Lee
<b>Altar Guild</b>		
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		
<b>Cashiers</b>		

## STAFF

<b>Priest in Charge</b>	The Reverend Ruth Peterson
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	The Rev. Dr. William Heran
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
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<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Richert Au Hoy
<b>Sexton</b>	Oriel Agcaoili
<b>Custodians</b>	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili



### *This week's Coffee Hour Hosts:*

*7:30am Beth Chang, Lori & Clint Yee*  
*10:30am Haroldwyn Chang*  
*Margaret Chun*  
*Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa*