

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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

### Prelude

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

### Welcome

**Processional Hymn** *All creatures of our God and King* **Hymnal 1982, #400**  
(Vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)

## 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

**S280**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed

he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 66:7-18**

7 Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**8 Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my  
prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.**

## The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**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 14:15-21

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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** *My God, how wonderful thou art*



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863. Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 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.

*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**     *All things bright and beautiful*     **Hymnal 1982, #405**

### **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., 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](mailto:tiare.h.ono@gmail.com) or the church office.*

## TODAY

**Happy Mother's Day!** Today, we celebrate the incredible women who have shaped our lives with love, patience, and faith. Whether you are a mother, grandmother, godmother, or a mother-figure in our community, we honor the beautiful reflection of God's love that you share with us every day. We thank God for the gift of your presence in our lives. May your day be filled with joy and peace!

**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 "**Mary - Model of Faith, Hope and Love.**" 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**.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CONVENTION TO ELECT THE 6<sup>TH</sup> BISHOP OF HAWAII:** Did you know that you can attend the Convention next **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at Iolani School as the new Bishop is elected? Visitors will have a special 'viewing galley'. You can register on site that morning between 7:30am and 9:00am.

For more information and the complete schedule, please visit the Diocese website.

**E Komo Mai: Find Your Place to Serve-** Please plan to be with us for worship on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will come together as a congregation to discern how we might all find new ways to serve.

**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.

**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. All financial contributions should be made to St. John the Divine through the QR code shown, or click [HERE](#) to go to the online donation link <https://www.stjohnepiscopalchurchguam.com>. Checks can mailed to St. John the Divine at the address shown. Be sure to note that donations are for Saipan relief.



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The Church of St. John the Divine  
Attn.: Saipan Relief  
911 North Marine Corps Drive  
Tamuning, GU 96913-4302

***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**

**Wed. May 13, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonoluluupastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershonoluluupastor@gmail.com) for the link

**Thurs. May 14, 6:00pm, - Jazz Vespers - “in person”** and on church Facebook page and website

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

*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>Lectors</b>	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight, Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
<b>Intercessors</b>	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Kandie George
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Ron Kim
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Myron & Beth Chang
	(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
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Cheryl Saito, Sim Kau
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		Barton & Beth Cox

## STAFF

<b>Priest in Charge</b>	The Reverend Ruth Peterson
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	The Rev. Dr. William Heran
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