ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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

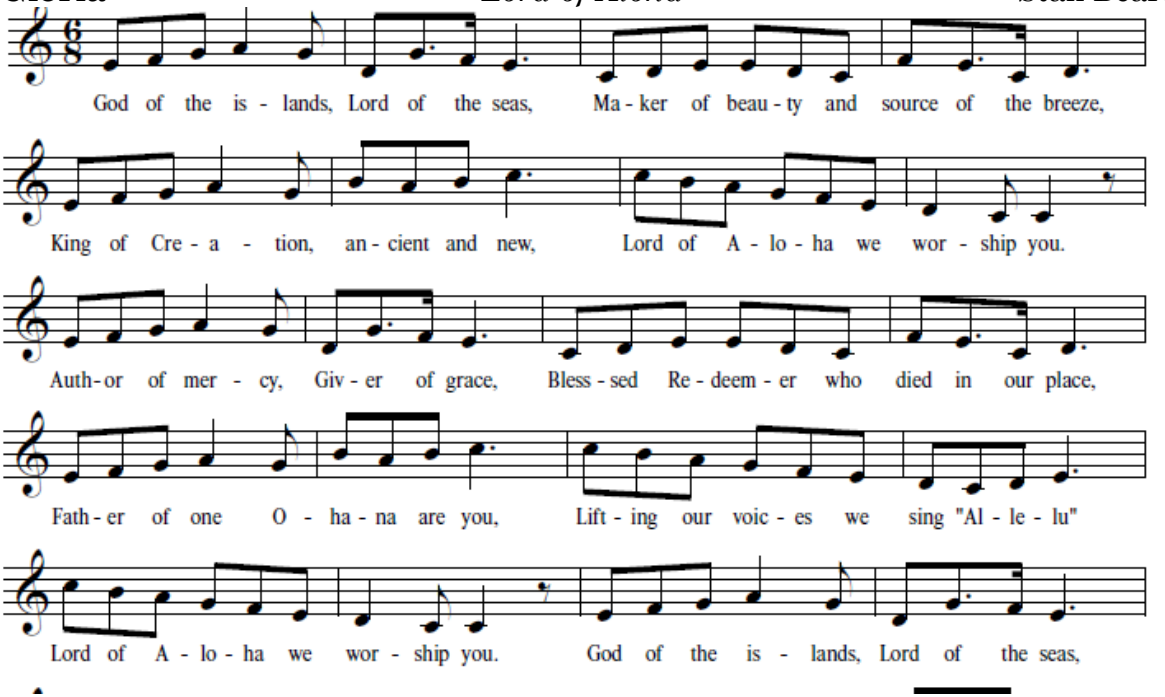
Processional Hymn *All are welcome* See pg. 14

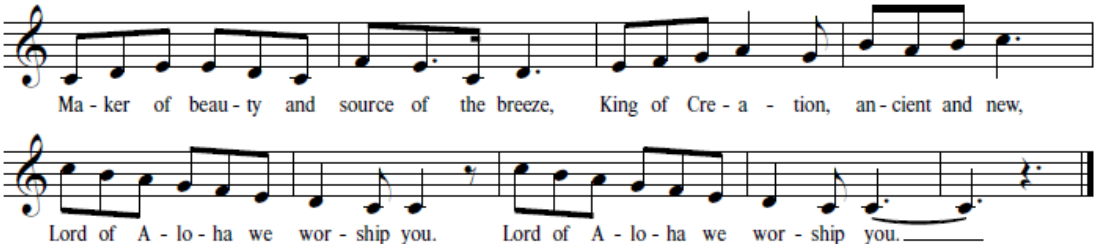
The Word of God

Presider Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria *Lord of Aloha* Stan Beard





The Lessons

The First Reading **Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 67**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

**2 Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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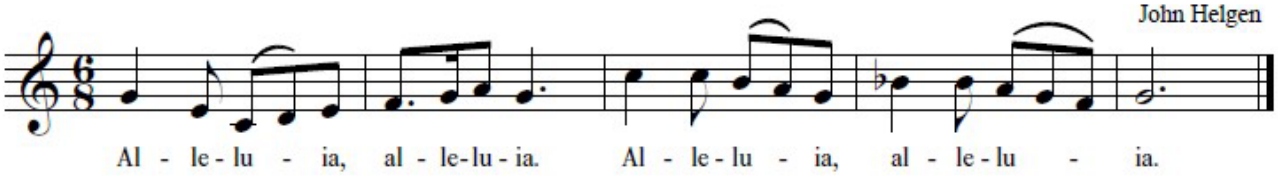
(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 15:21-28**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of our 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:
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."

Confession and Absolution,

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,

Minister and People **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.

Presider stands and says
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.**

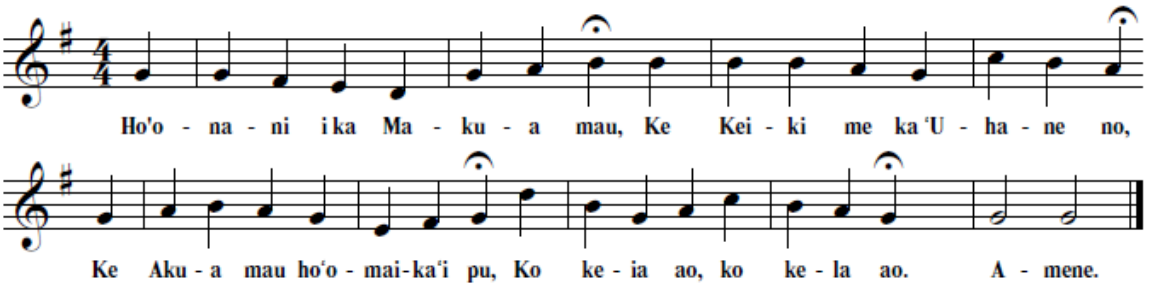
The Peace
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which 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 *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *In your mercy, Lord, you called me* **Hymnal 1982#706**

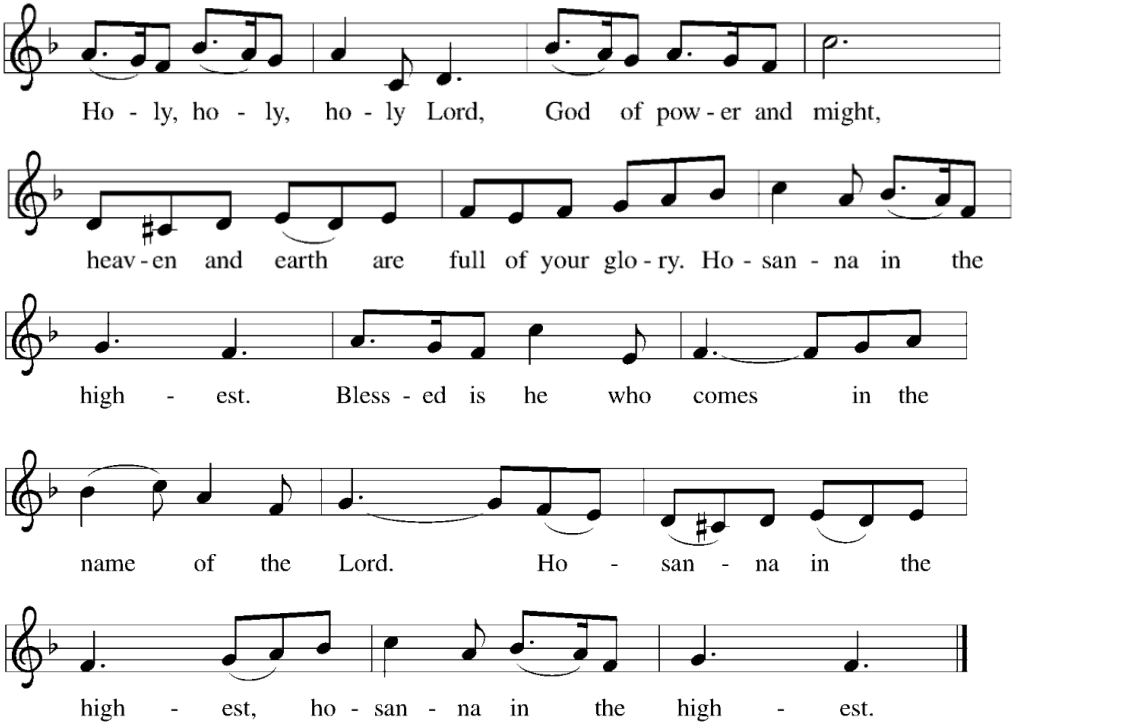
Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*



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 sing…

Holy, Holy, Holy *Harling*



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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

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**

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.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Christ is the world's true Light* **Hymnal 1982, # 542**

The Dismissal

Presider: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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. Ron B., Val B., Joe & Kathleen C., Rosie C., Eduardo C., Peter D., Jean D., Dallis F.N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Debbie H., Iris, Sue J., Jonathan, Judy & Maurice, Sim K., Elise K., Gerald K., Hilary K., Roland K., Pauline K., Aggy K.,Charles L., Erin L., Colin L., Bill McK., Lea M., Harry M., Dara N., Lloyd N., Carolyn N., Natalia P., Ralph P., Franklin P., Rodney P., Janet P., Sheri P-H., Rev. Mary P., Patricia S., Ediza T., Terrence, Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roland W., Ian W., Roy W., Suzie W., Lynette Y., Jan Y., Tim Y..

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the tornado and wildfire victims on the mainland, earthquake victims in Venezuela and survivors of Super Typhoon Bavi. 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

Vestry Meeting, 11:30am, Parish Hall

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.

Office Transitions - Good news! Thanks to all your prayers we have found our new Office Administrator. Jean will be starting Tuesday, September 1st. As you know Susan's last day was Friday, so for the next few weeks the office will be staffed with volunteers so thank you in advance for your patience during this time of transition.

Mahalo and Aloha St. Peter's! It is with bittersweet emotions that I bid you aloha, or rather ahui hou, dear friends and family of St. Peter's. Mahalo for your aloha, guidance, patience and humor since Nov. 2020. Your support of St. Peter's, and its impact throughout Honolulu and the wider reach of the world is inspiring and living God's love. May you always be filled with peace, grace and love. Aloha, Susan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Peter's is once again participating in Foodland's Give Aloha program this year. Watch for more details!

Many hands are needed to polish the koa pews, wainscoting, as well as the paschal candle, and brass crosses, on Sat., Aug. 29. Let's work from 8:30-11:30am. There will be enough gloves, polishes, and old socks for everyone to use.

Mark Your Calendars - On October 11th in the evening, St. Peters is hosting a presentation about the first missionaries in Hawaii to work with Chinese immigrants in the 1800's, followed by a discussion about immigration issues today (and some ono food!). It promises to be an engaging and enlightening event and we hope to have a good turnout. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ruth

Next Saturday, all are welcome – Bishop Bob's Last Farewell Potluck on Oahu. Sat. Aug. 22 is the last opportunity to gather and fellowship with the Bishop on Oahu as he expresses how much you mean to him in a casual setting at St. Christopher's in Kailua. Click on the QR code to make your reservation. Go to www.episcopalhawaii.org/bishop-transition.html for details.

Message from Bishop Bob - *My dear Siblings in Christ Jesus, news about the fires in Washington, so close to the anniversary of the Lahaina fire, stirs memories and a sense of solidarity. We know what the Diocese of Spokane is going through right now. I urge you to give as you are able to support relief efforts. Donations can be made online at https://theepiscopaldioceseofspokane.churchcenter.com/giving/to/disaster-relief. Checks can be mailed and made payable to Diocese of Spokane with "disaster relief" in memo line: Diocese of Spokane / 245 E 13th Ave. / Spokane, WA 99202. God's people and congregations in the Diocese of Hawai'i are urged to pray for the Diocese of Spokane and for those affected by these devastating fires.*

A Moment with Music: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn opens the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is **"Women Who Witness, Lead and Inspire."** Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at @dreppink.

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.

Nourishing chicken jook is available in the Parish Hall kitchen freezer, for those who are in need of comfort and sustenance. Prepared with loving hands by the Soul Food Ministry.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Aug. 19, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Aug. 20, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist		Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Kia Williams
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Fr. Frank & Norma Chun
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Live-Streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang Brandon Hayashi, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa Hal Halvorson
Altar Guild		Rae Gorman, Nani Ho, Janet Kim, Maiesha Nakoa-Stovall, Cheryl Saito
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

STAFF

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Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
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Prayer for the Bishop-Elect

As you know, our new Bishop is being ordained on Sat. Nov. 14, 2026. Bishop-Elect Libby Berman will officially become the 6th Bishop of our Diocese. Berman was born and raised in Huron, South Dakota; however, her connections to Hawaii are longstanding: three generations of her maternal family live on O`ahu and she first visited Hawai`i when she was 10 years old.

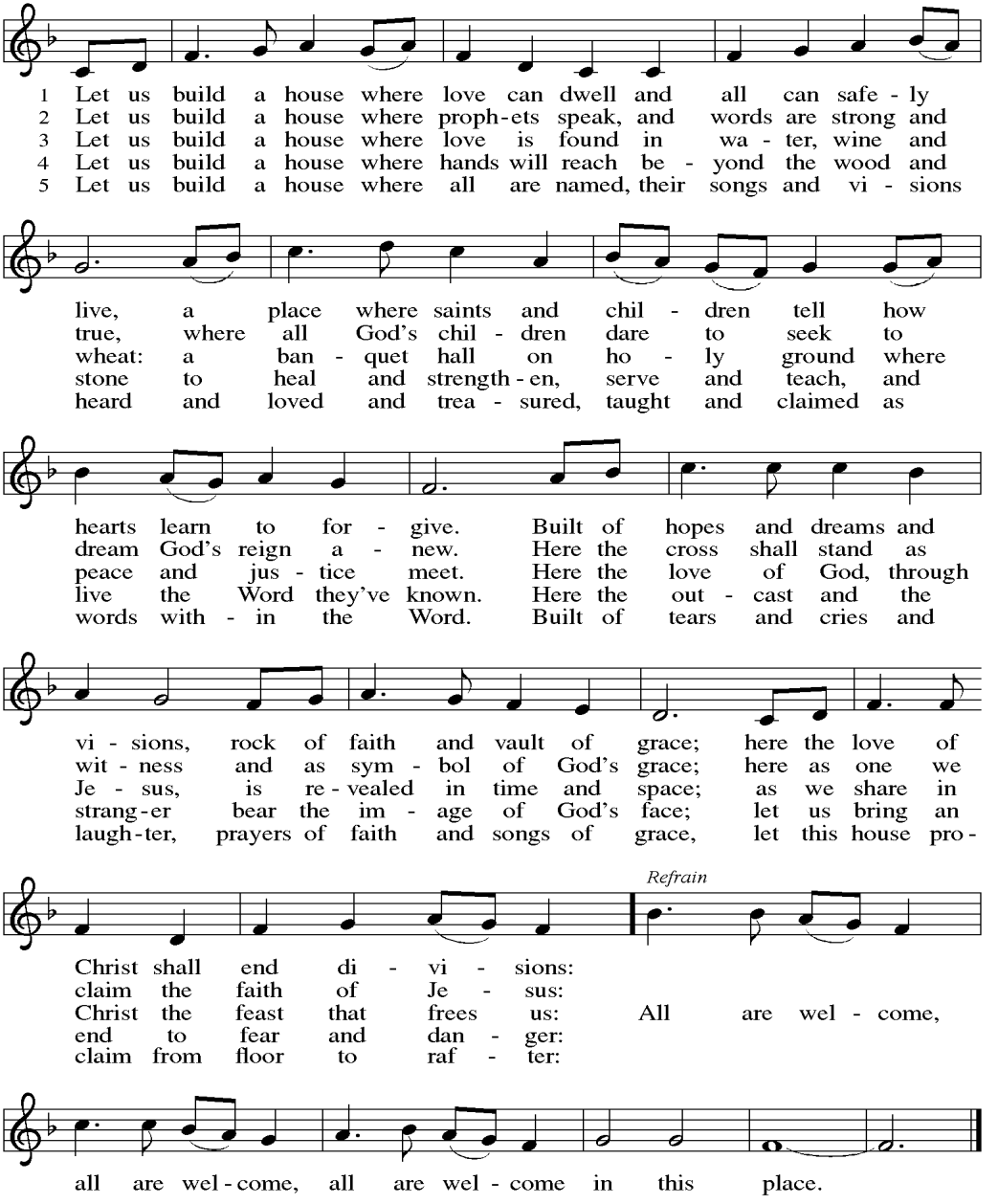
Berman earned a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has spent more than 20 years working in congregational ministry, including seven years as canon for congregations in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In 2020, she was called to serve at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Honolulu where she has been their rector for the past six years. Berman and her husband, Mark, have two daughters, one of whom is a teacher on O'ahu.

Bishop Fitzpatrick asks the entire Diocese to be in prayer as Bishop-Elect Libby prepares to take on this new role. The prayer that Bishop Fitzpatrick has written is below:

Almighty God, you call your Church in every age to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Jesus: look with mercy upon your servant Libby, and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need, as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament, and once our bishop, guard the faith and build up the body of Christ in holiness.

Give her wisdom and kindness that as our bishop, she may promote unity, seek truth, and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Merciful God, hear our prayer.

All are welcome



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