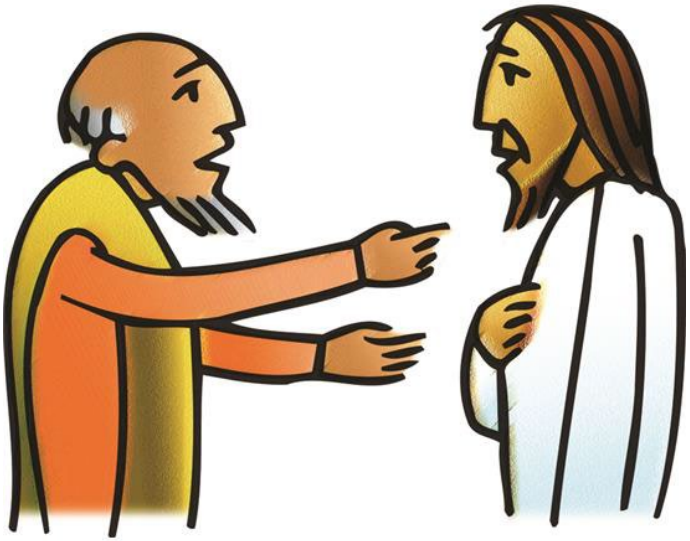
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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

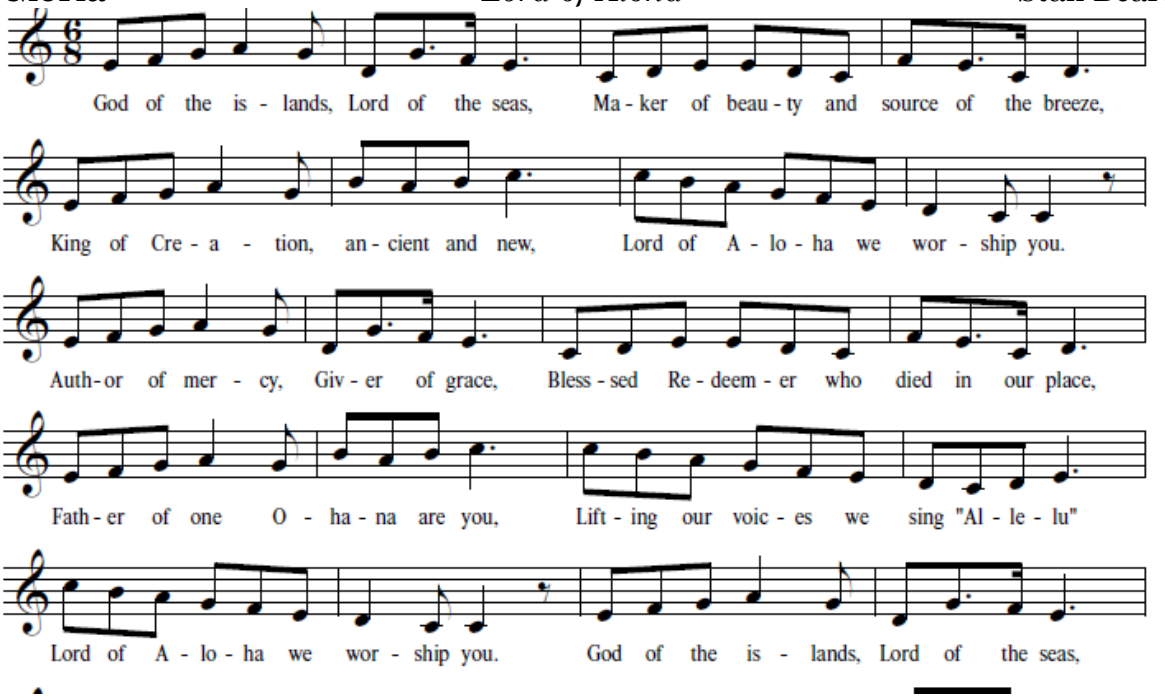
Processional Hymn *When morning gilds the skies* **Hymnal 1982, #427**

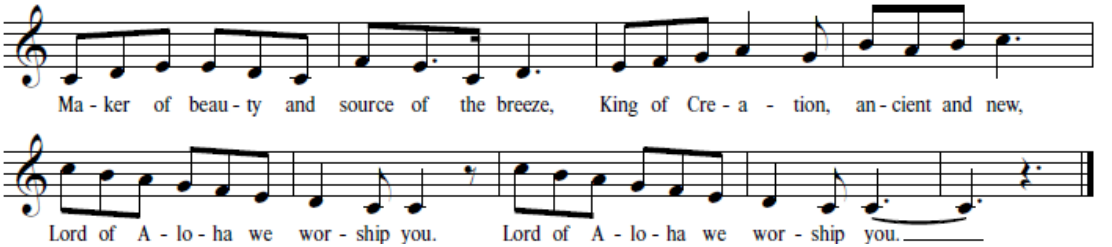
The Word of God

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.
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria *Lord of Aloha* Stan Beard





The Lessons

The First Reading **Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 138**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Reading **Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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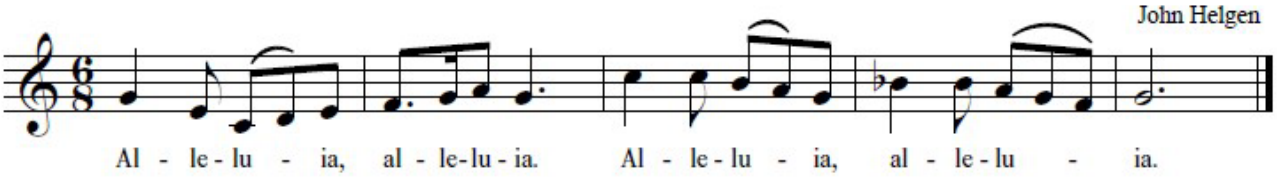
(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**

<u>Nicene Creed</u>

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.

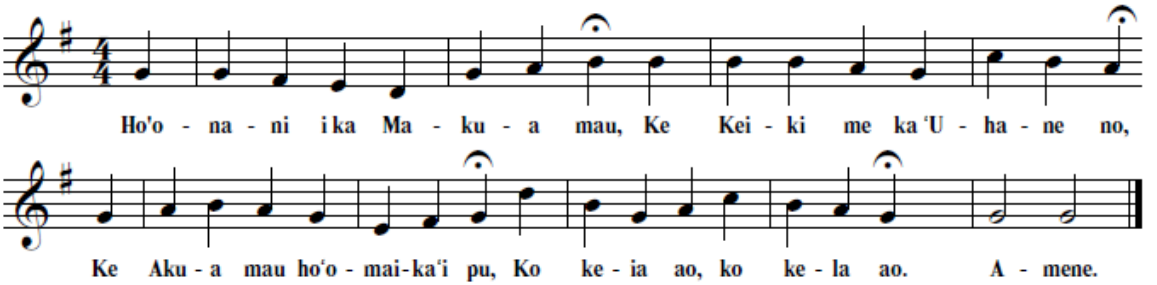
Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

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 *My hope is built on nothing less* See pg.14

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

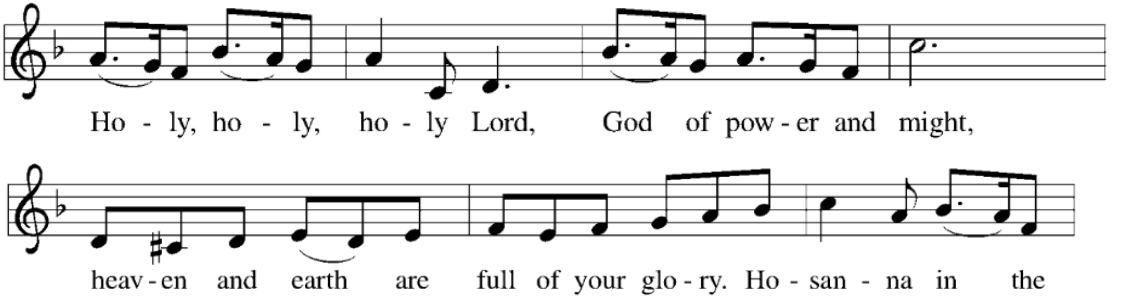


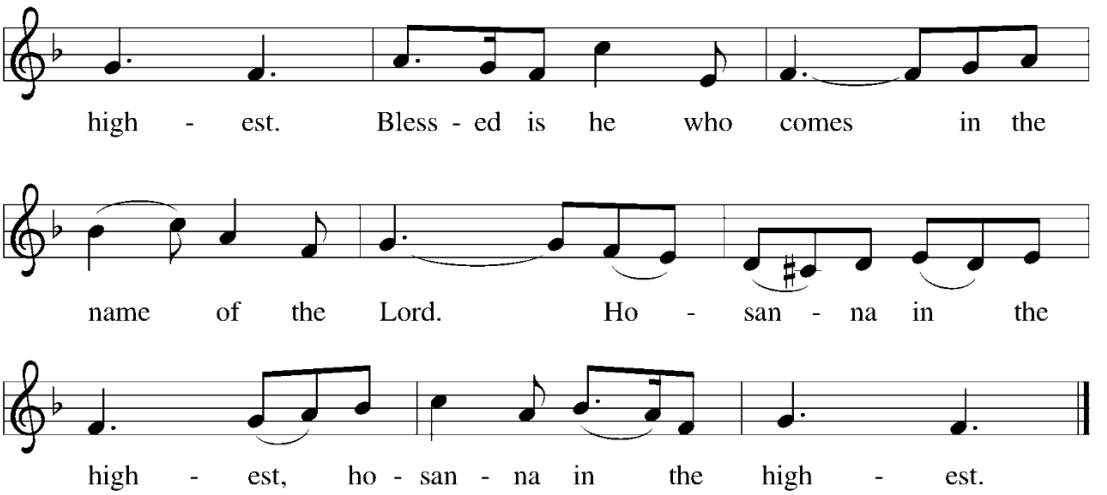
The Great Thanksgiving

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 *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds* **Hymnal 1982, #644**

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

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

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

Office Transitions - Good news! Thanks to all your prayers we have found our new Office Administrator. Jean will be starting Tuesday, September 1st. Until then, the office will be staffed with volunteers, so thank you in advance for your patience during this time of transition.

HELP NEEDED. On Thursdays we serve a light supper to those who attend Jazz Vespers. We are in need of someone (or someones) who can help with cooking and serving the meal. You can volunteer for just one time a month, or every week. If you can help, please contact Pastor Ruth.

Many hands are needed to polish the koa pews, wainscoting, as well as the paschal candle, and brass crosses, next 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.

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 **"You are the Christ."** 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.

As we continue the recovery from Lala, we are aware of the great needs that have impacted our island home. Some of our Ohana lost power for many days, others have had difficulty navigating the last week. If you are in need, please reach out to Pastor Ruth (stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com) or call the church office (808-533-1943).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CANCELLED: Wed. Aug. 26, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom - Pastor Ruth will be attending the Annual Clergy Conference on Kauai from Monday to Thursday. The Bible study on Wednesday has been **cancelled.**

Thurs. Aug. 27, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8 ; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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)	Stephanie Wight, Beez Zane
	(10:00am)	Bob Swanson
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Kandie George
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Ron Kim
	(10:00am)	Haroldwyn Chang
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Myron & Beth Chang
	(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		Cheryl Bochentin, Ann Ho, Suzanne Kagawa, Haroldwyn Chang
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox
Cashiers		Cheryl Bochentin, Cheryl Saito

STAFF

Priest in Charge	The Reverend Ruth Peterson
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Dr. William Heran
Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
Bookkeeper	Richert Au Hoy
Sexton	Oriel Agcaoili
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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.

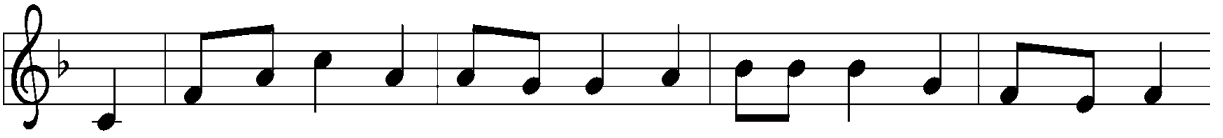
Berman earned a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has spent more than 20 years working in congregational ministry, including seven years as canon for congregations in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In 2020, she was called to serve at the Church of 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:

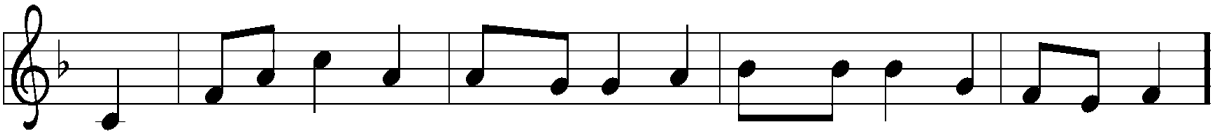
Almighty God, you call your Church in every age to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Jesus: look with mercy upon your servant Libby, and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need, as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament, and once our bishop, guard the faith and build up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

My hope is built on nothing less

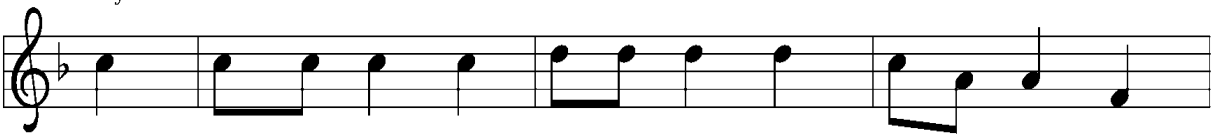


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag-ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

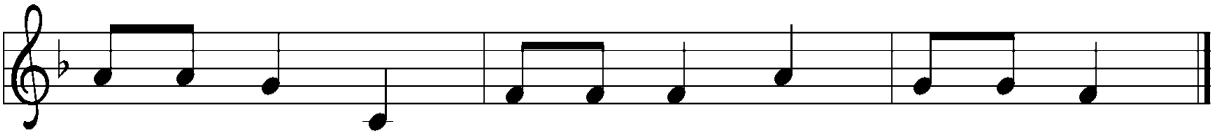


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm-y gale my an-chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be-fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; all oth-er ground is



sink-ing sand, all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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