ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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

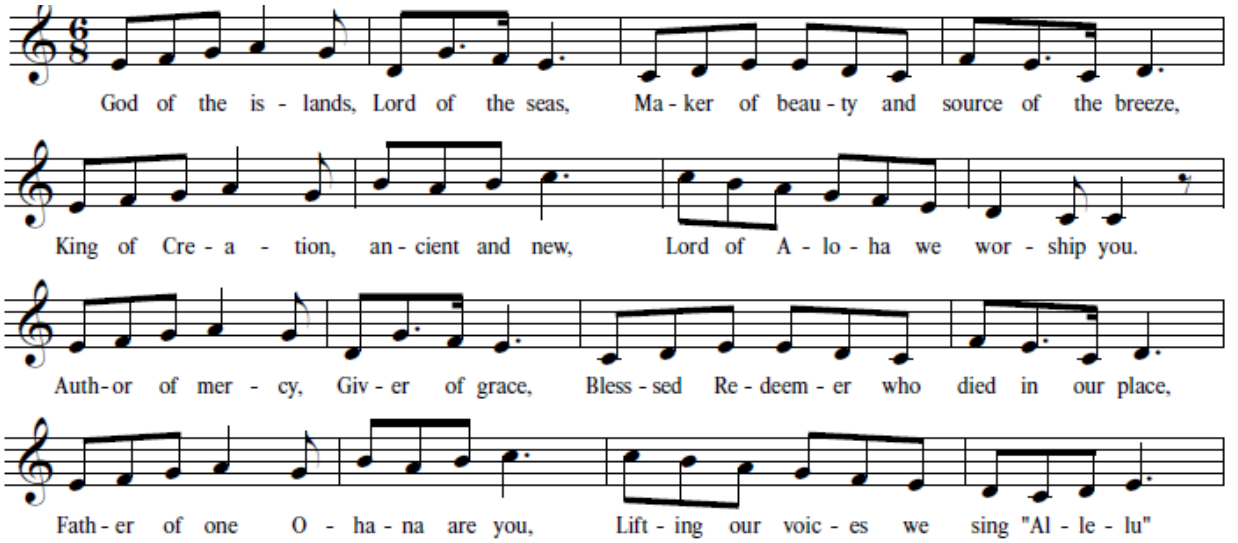
Processional Hymn *Not Here for High and Holy Things* **Hymnal 1982, #9**

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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 145:1-8**

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Reading **Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.
Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**
(10:00am) *Table of Plenty* - Schutte **Chancel Choir**
(Please join in singing the refrain on page 14)

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 "Your mercy is great."

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.**

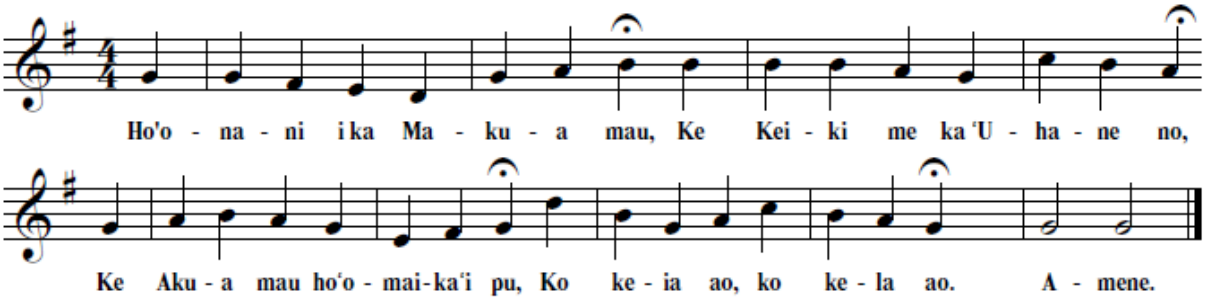
The Peace
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which 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 *I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead* **Hymnal 1982, #647**

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

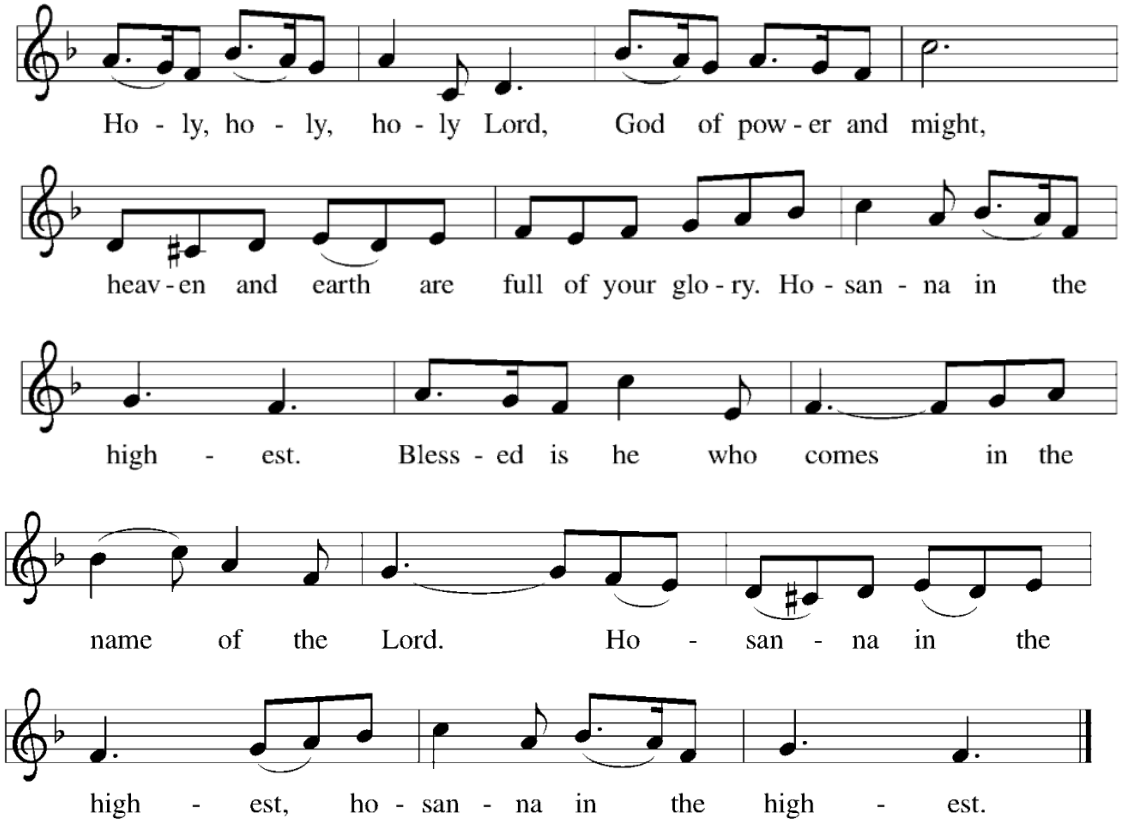


The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

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.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *God's Work, Our Hands* **See page 15**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
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., 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., and Sean C.

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the floodings in Nepal, wildfires and flooding on the continent. 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.

Faith in Action: Human Trafficking in Hawaii & Our Call to Respond. There will be a special presentation **TODAY** in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 service. You don't have to be an expert to make a difference. You can learn to recognize vulnerability, respond safely, and walk alongside people impacted by exploitation. We will gather in the Parish Hall after the presentation for a potluck. Please plan to be present for this important conversation.

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

CALLED TO THE ISLANDS: A Missionary's Life in Hawaii at the turn of the 20th Century. St. Peter's Episcopal, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal and St. Mary's Episcopal are partnering with Hawaiian Mission Houses Museum and are inviting you to attend an evening looking at the issues of immigration to our island home: what was, what is, and what is to be. The evening will begin at 4:00 pm on **Sun., October 11** at St. Peter's with an engaging presentation about the life and ministry of Jessie "Ah Po" Mackenzie, who along with her husband, Elijah, lived and worked with Chinese immigrants in Honolulu during the last years of 19th century and the earliest years of the 20th century. Following the dramatic presentation, all are invited to join in a time of food and fellowship in the Parish Hall where the discussion will continue. A free will offering will be collected, and all funds received will be given to We Are Oceania an organization that is dedicated to working with immigrants today.

Volunteers needed! The Blessing of the Animals will take place on **October 11**. Volunteers are needed for the 7:30am and 10am services to man the welcome table and to hand out supplies and goody bags for our furry family members. If you would like to help, please email stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com.

Help with Disaster Relief! The Kona Lows, Hurricane Lala, and Hurricane Lowell have brought great devastation to the Hawaiian Islands. If you would like to aid in the relief effort, monetary donations can be sent to the following address: **The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, ATTN: Disaster Response Fund, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813** or scan/click the QR code. Together, we can make a difference and help our friends and neighbors in need. Mahalo for your help!

CONVENTION 58 is fast approaching! The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii is holding its annual convention **October 16-17**. This year's theme is "Transitions". There are many events and activities to sign up for and **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Please see the newsletter or the Diocese website (www.episcopalhawaii.org/convention-58.html) for more information.

ST PETER'S IS HAVING A GRUBBY SUNDAY (or two...)! Come help us prepare for the events in November surrounding the Ordination of the next Bishop. We are asking everyone who is able to spend some time on **Sun., October 4 and Sun., October 18** following worship to clean, sort, paint and make our Parish Hall sparkle! Please see the newsletter for more information.

The Cathedral of St Andrew's is inviting all members of the Diocese that live on Oahu to help prepare for Bishop-Elect Libby's ordination and events surrounding it. Please see the newsletter for dates, times, sign-up information and details.

Have A MOMENT WITH MUSIC: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn open the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is "The Light of Hope." Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at @dreppink.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 23, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Sept. 24, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Sat. Sept.26, 9:30am – Knitting Ministry/K2P2, Sun/Son Room

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Ezekiel 8:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-8, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

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 Wright, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Rachel Naai
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Rachel Naai
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentin
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		Rae Gorman, Nani Ho, Janet Kim, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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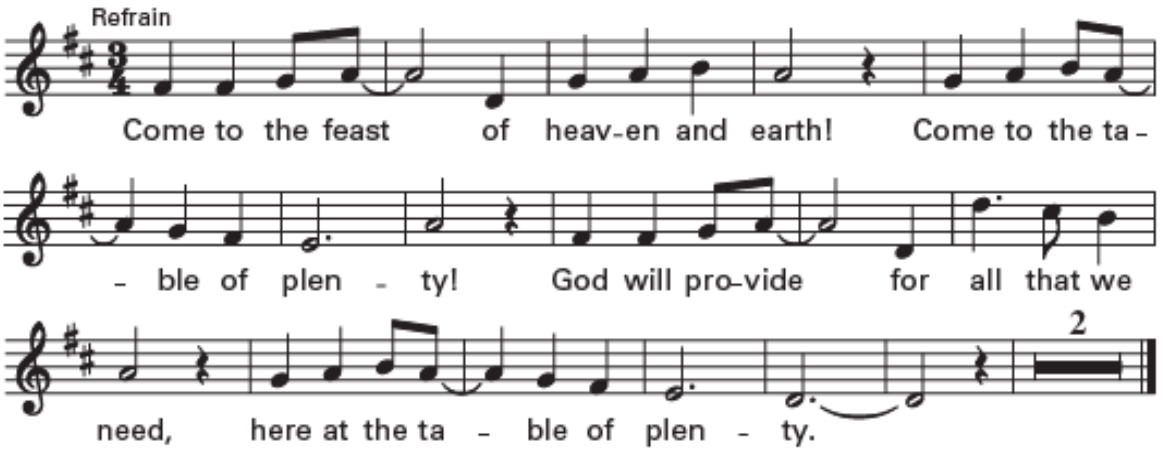
Refrain
Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
-ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.
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God's Work, Our Hands

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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 long-standing: 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. Amen

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For the month of September, Foodland Maika'i card holders can make donations up to $249 to each of their favorite participating organizations at checkout. And St Peter's is participating! You must use your Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland will partially match your donation. Matches in recent years have been close to 30%. Don't have a Maika'i card? No worries – you can ask for one at the register. It's easy! Just go to the Foodland checkout counter and tell them that you would like to make a donation to St. Peter's! Our code is: 79022

Last year our members contributed $5,488.
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1) Enter your Maikaʻi phone number on the keypad.
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   **Customers may donate any dollar amount up to $249.*
3) Review your receipt to confirm the organization's name, donation amount, and Maikaʻi number are correct.
4) Place a copy of the receipt (with your name added) into the Sunday offering plate or mail a copy to the church office. This will allow the amount to be added to your giving statement.

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