ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

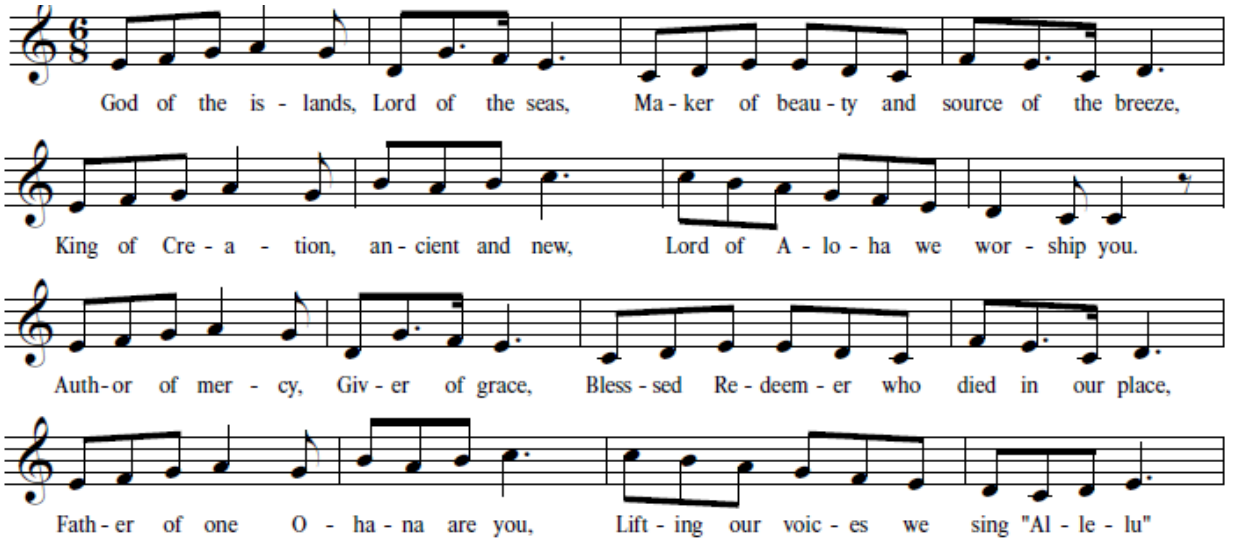
Processional Hymn *To God be the Glory* **See page 14**

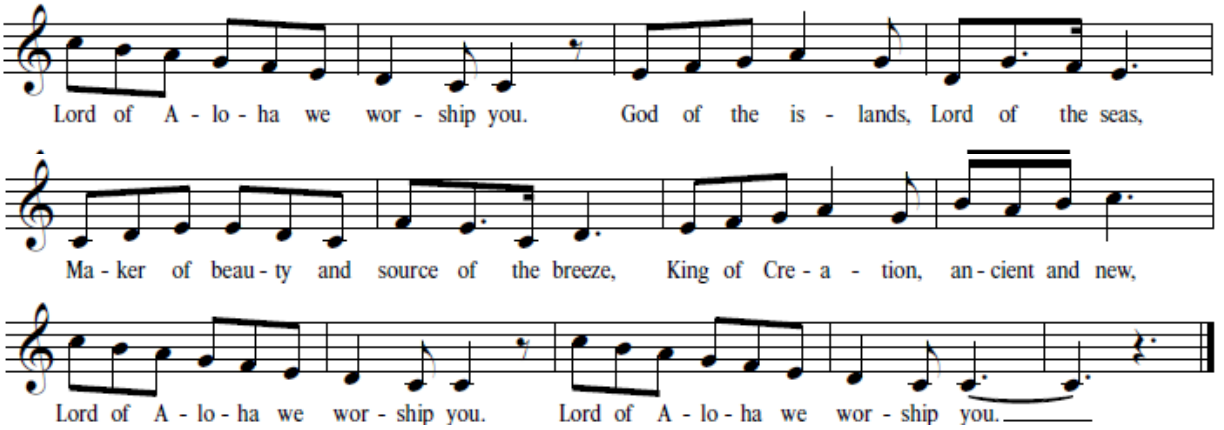
The Word of God

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.
O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.
Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 25:1-8**

[1] To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

[2] Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

[3] Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

[4] Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

[5] Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

[6] Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

[7] Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

[8] He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Second Reading **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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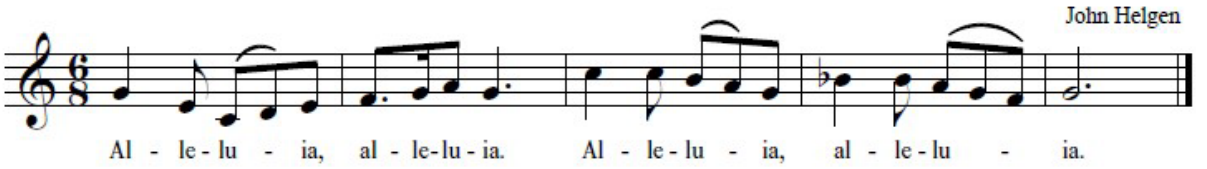
(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:23-32**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**

(10:00am) *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* - Temple **Chancel Choir**

<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 "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.

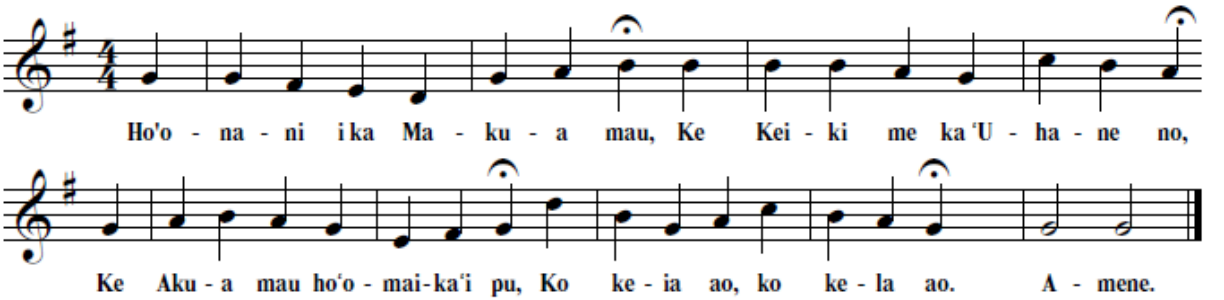
Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **Hymnal 1982, #686**

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

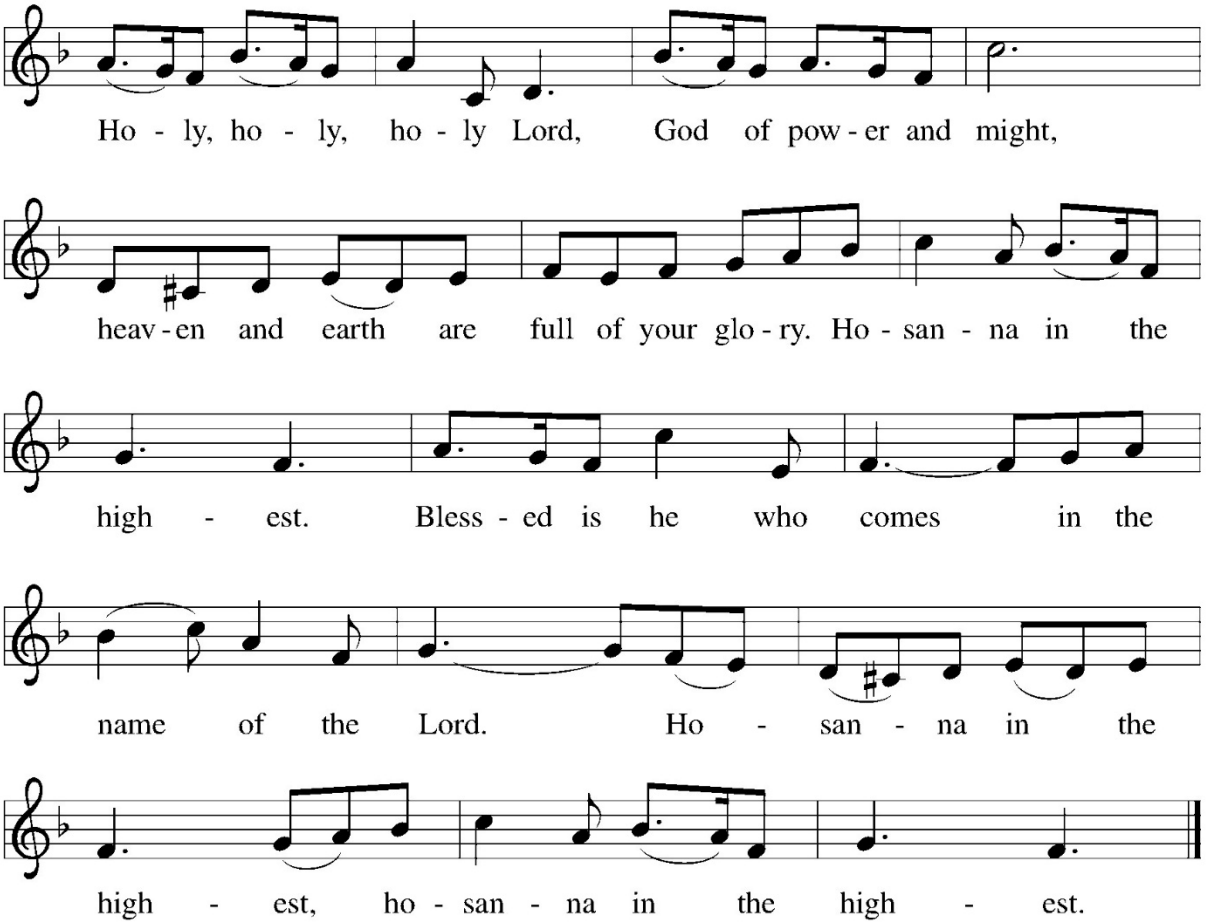


The Great Thanksgiving

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 *Ye Holy Angels Bright* **Hymnal 1982, #625**

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., Sean C, and Joshua & Avril Z.

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

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.

HELP NEEDED! Please stay after the service today and help us make a special surprise for Bishop Bob!

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 Gift of Gratitude."** Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at **@dreppink**.

The **October Newsletter** is out! Please pick up a copy today!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 30, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Oct.1, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Next week's Coffee Hour Hosts:
7:30am: Susan Dang and Michele Baldovi
10:00am: Gail Haruki and Leila Diamond

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 and Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Rachel Naai
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Haroldwyn Chang
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		Cheryl Bochentin, Ann Ho, Suzanne Kagawa, Haroldwyn Chang
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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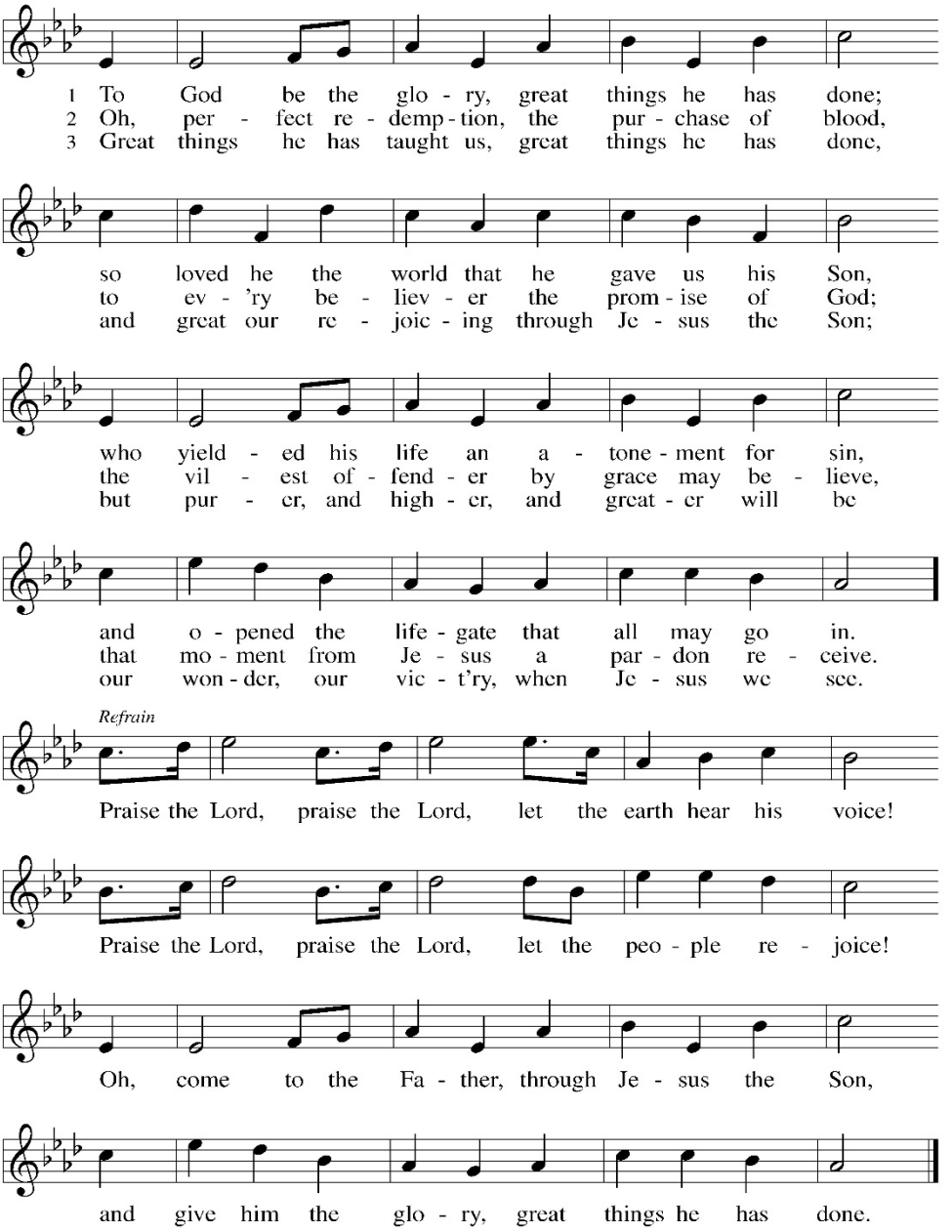
To God Be the Glory

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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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Now through September 30

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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.
Here's how to donate at any Foodland, Sack N Save,
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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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