ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* **Hymnal 1982, #518**

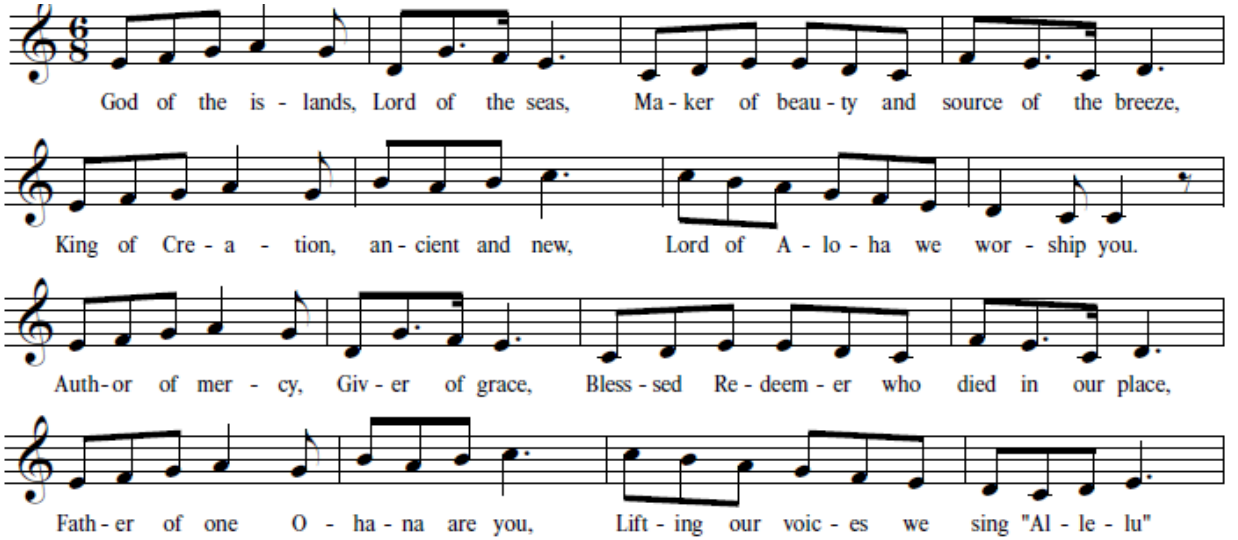
The Word of God

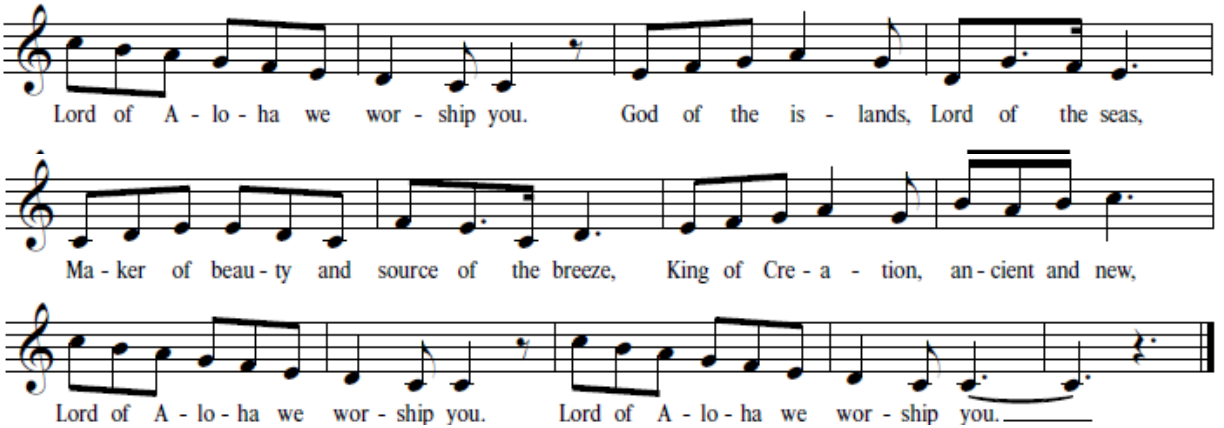
Presider Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 80:7-14**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Reading **Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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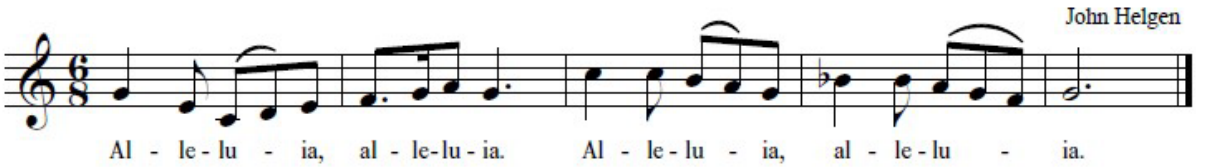
(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

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

<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.

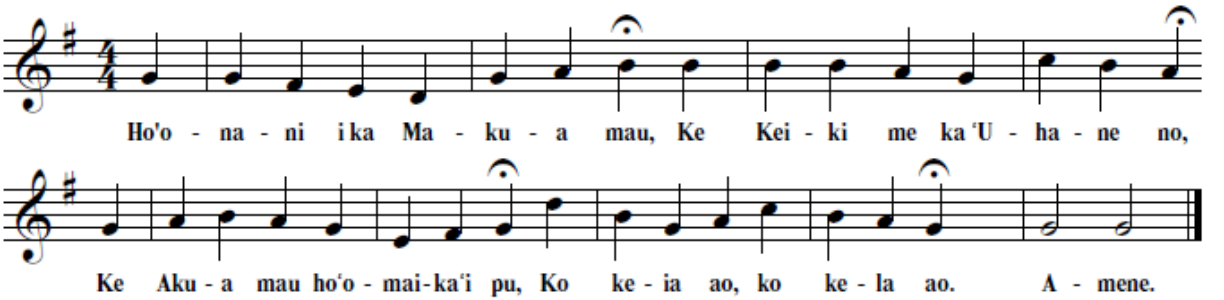
Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

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 *And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love* **Hymnal 1982, #337**

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

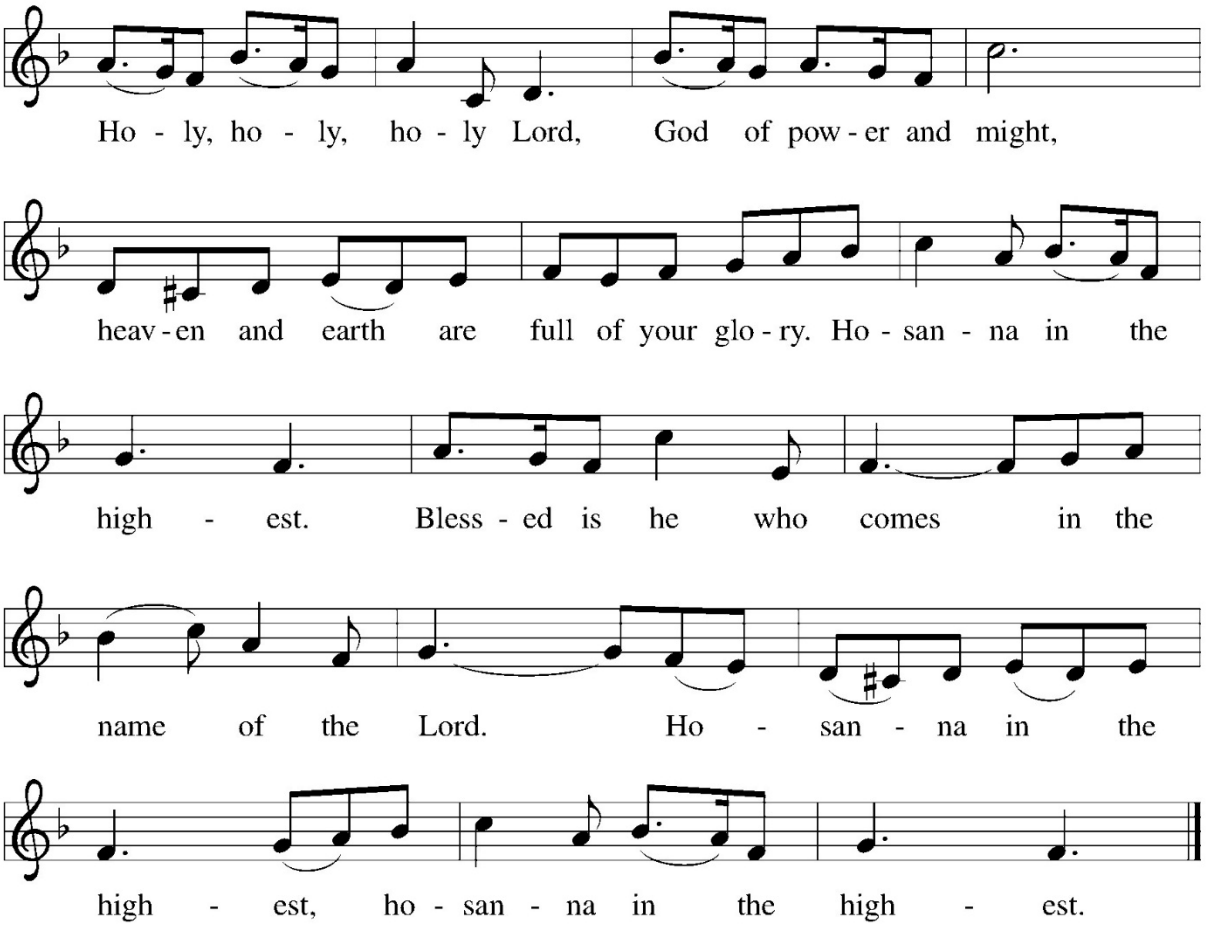


The Great Thanksgiving

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 *Fight the Good Fight* **Hymnal 1982, #55**

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, Joshua & Avril Z, Ralph P., Keith L., and Jan Y.

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.

TODAY IS GRUBBY SUNDAY #1! Come help us prepare for the events in November surrounding the Ordination of the next Bishop. Following worship services today, we will be cleaning, sorting, painting and making our Parish Hall sparkle! Can't make it today? Sign up to help for the next one on **October 18**!

Join us for fellowship at our First of the Month Coffee Hour! Coffee, refreshments and fellowship are served on the Parish Hall lanai following the 7:30am and 10:00am services. Today's 7:30am hosts are Susan Dang and Michele Baldovi and the 10:00am hosts are Gail Haruki and Leila Diamond.

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. October 11, 4pm. Actor Eden Lee Murray will be performing as Jessie "Ah Po" Mackenzie, a missionary who lived and worked with Chinese immigrants in Honolulu. Food and fellowship will continue in the Parish Hall after the performance. Please see the flyer and newsletter for more details.

Dive into history! In preparation for next week's presentation, there are some archival photos and documents related to the Chinese ministry at St. Peter's on the table in the bell tower. Please stop by and take a look!

Blessing of the Animals is next Sunday, October 11! Please bring your furry friends to receive a special blessing from Pastor Ruth.

Volunteers needed! There are several upcoming events that need help!

Sunday, October 11

- Blessing of the Animals, 7:30am and 10am: hand out supplies and goody bags.
- Called to the Islands, 4pm: parking and Parish Hall set-up.

Saturday, October 24: Funeral for Lee Ann Yuen: parking and Parish Hall set up.
Saturday, November 7: Funeral for Harley Clark: parking and Parish Hall set up.
Friday, November 13: Lunch for Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe: Parish Hall set up and servers for lunch (lunch is for Clergy only).

If you would like to help with any of these events, 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 16-18**. Some of the events and activities are listed below:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 'Iolani School

- **Education Day** with plenary speakers Brother Clark Berge and Dr. Jenny Te Paa Daniel - Registration REQUIRED, Fee: $40 (includes lunch)
- **Convention Eucharist** with Bishop's Cross Presentation - Registration preferred, FREE!
- **Ka Haʻalele ʻAna Farewell Reception for Bishop Bob** - Registration REQUIRED, Fee: $30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 'Iolani School

- **58th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i**, Registration REQUIRED, Fee: $70 (Includes lunch)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, The Cathedral of St. Andrew

- **Convention Evensong for the Class of 2026 Honorary Canons**, Registration preferred, FREE!

Please see the Diocese website: www.episcopalhawaii.org/convention-58.html for more information.

Congratulations to Nancy Rowe! Nancy Rowe will be recognized and awarded the **Bishop's Cross** by Bishop Bob at the Opening Eucharist for the 58th Annual Meeting of Convention held at St. Alban's Chapel, ʻIolani School on **Friday, October 16, 2026 at 3:00pm**. The Bishop's Cross has been awarded since 2006 to those who have shown extraordinary service to the Church. Please come and celebrate this honor with her!

Donations are now being accepted to support the upcoming Ordination and Consecration of the Sixth Bishop of Hawai'i! Contributions assist with gifts, décor, and the reception (excess funds go to the Bishops' Vestment Fund). Please scan the QR code to donate. RSVPs are open through **October 9**. For more details, visit episcopalhawaii.org/ordination-sixth-bishop.html.

Have 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 **"The Vineyard of the Lord."** 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. Oct. 7, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link.

Thurs. Oct. 8, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Sat. Oct. 10, 9:30am – Knitting Ministry/K2P2, Sun/Son Room

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Job 39:1-18, Psalm 121, Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

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 Beez Zane
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Tiare Ono
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Myron and 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		Lynda Hino, Rae Gorman
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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