

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025 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 unity.*

**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**

## The Word of God

*Presider:* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**Processional Hymn** *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* **Hymnal 1982, #58**

## Lighting of the First Advent Candle

**Hymn** “*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* “

**1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. (*silence*) Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Kyrie

*Lord have mercy*

Joseph A. Eppink

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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the world and peace with - in our lives.

Ha - ku, e a - lo - ha mai. Kri - sto, i a - lo - ha. Ha - ku, e a - lo - ha mai.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains three phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy.', 'Christ, have mer - cy.', and 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The second staff contains the phrase 'For the peace of the world and peace with - in our lives.'. The third staff contains the phrase 'Ha - ku, e a - lo - ha mai. Kri - sto, i a - lo - ha. Ha - ku, e a - lo - ha mai.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

## **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 122**

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**2 Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

## **The Second Reading**

**Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night

is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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**Hymn**

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

**Hymnal 1982, #66**

*Before the Gospel we sing:*

*After the Gospel we sing:*

**Verse 1:**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Verse 4:**

**By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson**

**Music Meditation**

(7:30am)

**Manny Dayao**

## 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

*Each petition will end with "God of grace" and the response is "Hear our prayer".*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,**

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.**

### 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.*

**Offertory Hymn** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* **Hymnal 1982, #66**

### Offertory Response

When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring.  
then a - new this song we'll sing: Al - le - lu - ia! What a Sav - ior!

# The Great Thanksgiving

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God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise O Lord, our God, Sustainer of the Universe.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** (front section of Hymnal 1982)

**S130**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

**Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**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.*

*\* Gluten free 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.

**God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

May God who comes among us,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

*The King Shall Come*

**Hymnal 1982, #73**

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel. shall come to you, O Israel.**

### **Organ 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. Joe & Kathleen C., Sim K., Natalia P.,, Valerie Y. B., Eduardo C., Rosie C., Peter D., Susan D., Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Bert & Cheryl F., Cal G., Iris, Francis I., Ken I., Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Jonathan, Elise K., Hilary K., Roland K., Gerald K., Mel K., Cynthia L., Loretta L., Lincoln L., Charles L., John*

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*Also, we pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, those suffering from Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean, the earthquake victims in the Philippines, and all those affected by gun violence. 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.*

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS MORNING!**

**Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for Directions**

**This morning's Adult Forum** - Meet in the Parish Hall between the 7:30am and 10:00am services. Pr. Ruth leads this morning's study using the book "Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices". Today we look at chapters 12 & 13. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89419687677?pwd=M00yc3pPRDNqN1FpY3U0MjdCeS9RUT09>. Meeting ID: 894 1968 7677. Passcode: 011681



**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](http://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**

**Did you forget to bring your pledge card last week?** Never fear – there is STILL time!! Simply place them in the offering plate or mail to the church office. \*\*Pledges are welcome at any time! Need a Pledge Packet?! They are available at the back of the church.

**MAHALO NUI LOA to everyone who contributed** to the Towers at Kuhio Park and Wounded Warriors outreach efforts!

**Non-perishable food still needed!** Please bring canned goods to the church on Sundays, and they'll be delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank.

**Old Cell Phones Wanted** -If you have a phone you're retiring and it's still in good shape with a decent battery, please consider donating it.

**A Moment with Music:** Immerse yourself in scripture readings and hymns. This week focuses on *Advent 1*. Available by 6 AM, you can enjoy this 7-minute meditation at your convenience on our Facebook page or website. You can also find it on YouTube at @dreppink.

**Check out Jazz Vespers!** And if you can come a little early to help set up refreshments or the light supper afterwards, your presence will be gratefully appreciated! Thanks to volunteers, we're able to offer a simple meal in the Parish Hall. Plan to join us for this great time of food for the body AND soul. Please contact Leila Diamond at LeilaD@me.com if you can lend a hand!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wed. Dec. 3, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom.** Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulu@pastor@gmail.com for the link

**Thurs. Dec. 4 - Jazz Vespers** - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

#### Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) can be found online at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

### TODAY'S MINISTERS

<b>Presider</b>		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
<b>Deacon</b>		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
<b>Organist</b>		Dr. Josiph Eppink
<b>Pianist</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
<b>Lector</b>	(7:30am)	Beez Zane, Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
<b>Intercessor</b>	(7:30am)	Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Kandie George
<b>Live-streaming</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang,
		Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Randall Chun
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Willis & Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Cheryl Saito
		Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto

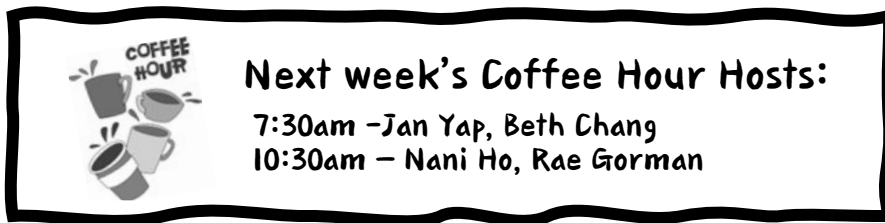
**Altar Guild**  
**Bread for Communion**  
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Cheryl Saito, Velma Lee, Janet Kim  
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