

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025 7:30am, 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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# Morning Prayer: Rite II

## The Gathering of the Faithful

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Processional Hymn**      *Mary, when the angel's voice*      **See pg. 13**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.  
*Isaiah 40:5*

**Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

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

**Light four candles to watch for Messiah:  
Let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.  
Let your lights be shining!**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**      **BCP p. 80**  
*Remain standing*

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Our King and Savior now draws near:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Venite**      **Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**For he is our God,  
And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand,  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Please be seated for the Readings*

**Psalm 80:**

**COME, ISRAEL'S SHEPHERD**  
*Psalm 80*

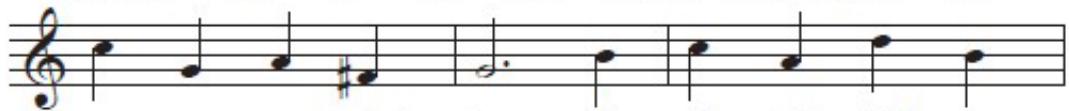
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Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

William Croft, 1678–1721



1. Come, Is - rael's Shep - herd, high en - throned up -  
2. From E - gypt's fields you brought a vine; for  
3. Why are the vine - yard's walls torn down that  
4. Your vine is cut and burned with flame, un -



on your an - gels' wings. A - wake with might, ex -  
it you cleared a land. This vine was plant - ed  
all can grasp its fruit? Re - turn, O God, to  
tend - ed and for - lorn. Re - store us with your



tend your arm and end our suf - fer - ings.  
in your hope and tend - ed by your hand.  
guard your vine, to heal its rav - aged root.  
heal - ing sun and we will be re - born.

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## The Proclamation of The Word

### The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

**Thanks be to God**

### Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### The Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David

according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including ourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah**

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,  
Holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be call the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

The dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**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 1:18-25**

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

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**Dr. Joseph Eppink**

*Lay Licensed, Preaching*

## **Music Meditation**

(7:30am)

(10:00am)

**Manny Dayao**

**Chancel Choir**

## **The Creed and the Prayers**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The People stand or kneel*

**BCP p. 97**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

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

### A Prayer for Mission

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Announcements and Birthdays

BCP. 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 are here!

### Offering

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our Life and labor to the Lord.*

### Offertory Hymn

*People Look East*

See pg. 14

### 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 General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Hymn**

*The angel Gabriel*

**Hymnal 1982, # 265**

**The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Go in peace. Keep awake.

*All sing:* **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., A & N., Eduardo C., Rosie C., Peter D., Susan D., LaVerne D., Cathlen D., Dallis F-N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Bert & Cheryl F., Cal G., E.&S. H., M. H., Iris, Francis I., Ken I., Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Jonathan, Elise K., Hilary K., Roland K., Gerald K., Mel K., A.&S.K., Cynthia L., Loretta L., Lincoln L., Charles L., Pauline L., Bill McK., Lea M., M.&T., D.N., Dara N., Kelly N., Carolyn N., Ralph P., Franklin P., Rodney P., Sherri P-H., Monica P., Sharon P., Janet P., Peter, Patricia S., Ho-Min S., Ediza T., Dan T., Stan T., Regina T., Toni, S.T., D.T., Bertha U., Stuart U., Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roy W. & family, Al W., Ian W., Roland W., Via W., Steve Y., Tim Y., Lynette Y.*


*We pray for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Cn. Haaheo Guanson.*

*Also, we pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, 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!**

**Adult Forum is on vacation until January 11.**

**Children's Christian Adventure will be on break** between now and January 4, 2026 and will resume on January 11.

**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**

**Today is the last day to tell us your favorite Christmas carols.** Please tell us your favorite Christmas carols, by emailing us or filling out the form on pg. 15 and returning it to the church office today. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas, our worship will be filled with as many of your favorite Christmas carols as possible.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE.....**Mahalo Nui Loa to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards for 2026. According to the budget team, we are still waiting for some of our Ohana to let us know their intentions for the coming year. We realize that with inflation on the rise and economic uncertainty this is a difficult time for many. However, we are asking for your kokua: if you have not filled out and

turned in your pledge for 2026 yet, please do so. The vestry cannot plan for ministry for 2026 until the budget is prepared.

**The deadline for end of year giving** needs to be received or postmarked by 12/31 in order to appear on your 2025 Giving Statement. We appreciate your support of St. Peter's throughout the year!

**New Men's Group forming!** Starting January 11<sup>th</sup>, a new men's group and bible study will commence at the home of Dr. Glenn Pang. See the January newsletter for more details.

**Delicious St. Peter's chicken soup for the soul is available** for those in need of nourishment. The Soul Food Ministry group made a large batch of chicken jook and is in the Parish Hall kitchen freezer.

**Special Youth Gathering, July 28-31, 2026.** Registration needed by Dec. 31. Speak with Pastor Ruth for information.

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

**A Moment with Music:** Immerse yourself in scripture readings and hymns. This week focuses on Advent 4 and Christmas. 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.

**Pastor Ruth is away and returns on Dec. 23.** For pastoral care, please contact the church office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wed. Dec. 24, 10:00am – No Bible Study. Weekly Bible Study by Zoom resumes on Jan. 7.** Contact Pr. Ruth at [stpetershonolulu@stpetershonolulu.org](mailto:stpetershonolulu@stpetershonolulu.org) for the link

**Thurs. Dec. 25 - Jazz Vespers on hiatus and resumes on Jan. 8, 2026**

**Sat. Dec. 27, 9:30am – Knitting Ministry/K2P2.** Sun/Son Room

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7; John 1:1-18; Psalm 147:1, 7-20

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

# Mary, when the angel's voice

1. Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,  
 2. Jo - seph, in your dark - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,  
 3. Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pat - ing,  
 4. God whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your child - ren mat - ter.

dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon - dered there and sa - vored.  
 you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing.  
 nur - tur - ing your cous - in's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing.  
 From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and might - y scat - ter.

May we learn to wel - come all that our life is bring - ing,  
 When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,  
 So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter  
 Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, 'tho all seems bar - ren.

e - ven when in pain we feel birth with - in us spring - ing.  
 dream - er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.  
 to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour - age al - ter.  
 Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Shar - on.

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 Music: Tempus adest floridum, melody from Piae Cantiones, 1582. harm. John Stainer (1841-1901)

# People Look East



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of \_\_\_ the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
3. Stars, keep the watch. What night is dim, one more light the bowl shall  
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life \_\_\_ to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the heart and set \_\_\_ the  
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun \_\_\_ and moon to -  
earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Guest is on \_\_\_ the way.  
flour - ish. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Rose, is on \_\_\_ the way.  
gether - er. Peo - ple look east, and sing to - day Love the Star, is on \_\_\_ the way.  
com - ing. Peo - ple look east, and sing to - day Love the Lord, is on \_\_\_ the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Music: French carol; arr. hymnal version

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List your favorite Christmas carols which will be sung on one of the Sundays of Christmas! Please return this to church office by Dec. 21.

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# **Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule**

## **St. Peter's**

### **Sunday, Dec. 21**

7:30am -- 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00am – 4th Sunday of Advent

### **Wednesday, Dec. 24**

5:00pm -- Lessons and Carols with a Pop up Pageant  
at the Cathedral of St. Andrew

7:30pm -- Christmas Music and Carols

8:00pm -- Candlelight Worship Service

### **Thursday, Dec. 25**

9:30am -- Christmas Day Service

### **Sunday, Dec. 28**

9:30am -- This will be a festival worship of lessons and  
carols as as we continue to celebrate!

### **Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026**

7:30am -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

10:00am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

## TODAY'S MINISTERS

<b>Presider</b>		Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Deacon</b>		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
<b>Organist</b>		Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Pianist</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
<b>Lector</b>	(7:30am)	Catie Wiecking, Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
<b>Intercessor</b>	(7:30am)	Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
<b>Live-streaming</b>	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Randall Chun
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Cheryl Saito
		Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Dorothy Grimm, Jan Yap, Rae Gorman
		Janet Kim, Nani Ho
<b>Bread for Communion</b>		Barton & Beth Cox

## STAFF

<b>Priest-in-Charge</b>	The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	The Rev. Dr. William Heran
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Lay Associate for Worship and Music</b>	Manny Dayao
<b>Office Manager</b>	Susan Sugiyama
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Richert Au Hoy
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<b>Custodians</b>	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

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