

**Evensong Honoring the Founders
of St. Peter's Episcopal Church
&
Celebration of a New Ministry**

February 2, 2025



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
1317 Queen Emma Street
Honolulu, HI 96813**

There are alms bowls by both entrances to the sanctuary. If you wish to make an offering, please place it inside the red envelope provided. All donations will be given to St Peter's Alms Fund to help the poor and needy.

Prelude

Be Strong in the Lord - Johnson
St. Peter's Choir & Friends

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
And be of good courage for He is our guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.*

Welcome

Beginning Our Journey of Faith

The Reverend Canon Frank Chun



Woo Set Am
(1830-1889)



Woo Yee Bew
(1864-1930)

Processional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Hymnal, 525

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

The Institution

The Wardens, standing before the Celebrant with the new minister, say these or similar words.

Canon Alexander, we have come together today to welcome Ruth Marie Peterson who has been chosen to serve as Priest in Charge of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Celebrant states the purpose of the new ministry.

Excerpts from the Letter of Agreement

Read by The Reverend Canon Alexander Graham

**A Letter from The Rev. David Nagler, Bishop,
Pacifica Synod of the Evangelica Lutheran Church in America**

Read by The Reverend J.P. Sabbithi, Assistant to the Bishop,
Pacifica Synod of the Evangelica Lutheran Church in America

The Celebrant then says

Ruth, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Minister I do.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold *Ruth* in this ministry?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant, standing, says

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a map to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Progressing Our Journey of Faith

Myra Kong, Granddaughter



The Rev. Cn. Yin Tet Kong
(1872-1927)


Music Meditation

My Favor Rests on You - Lori True

Please join in singing the refrain

Inspired by the writings of Henri Nouwen

Words and Music by
Lori True



As my be - lov - ed, ho - ly ones,
cho - sen and claimed from your birth, em -
brace a life that's true, yield the good-ness of my grace.
My fa - vor rests on you, with
you I am well pleased.

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1. Come to me in prayer,
Seek me deep within your heart,
In that place where you and I alone can dwell.
Be still and pray, hear the message of my Word,
Become who you are meant to be.
2. Seek my ways of peace,
Walk as faithful, kindred friends,
In that place where all can share a common home.
Uphold the small, be a blessing to the least,
As imitators of my love.
3. Live as you are called,
Offer all your heart can bear,
In that place where ardent action finds a voice.
Console the weak with a tender, warm embrace;
Come, love me in the least of these.

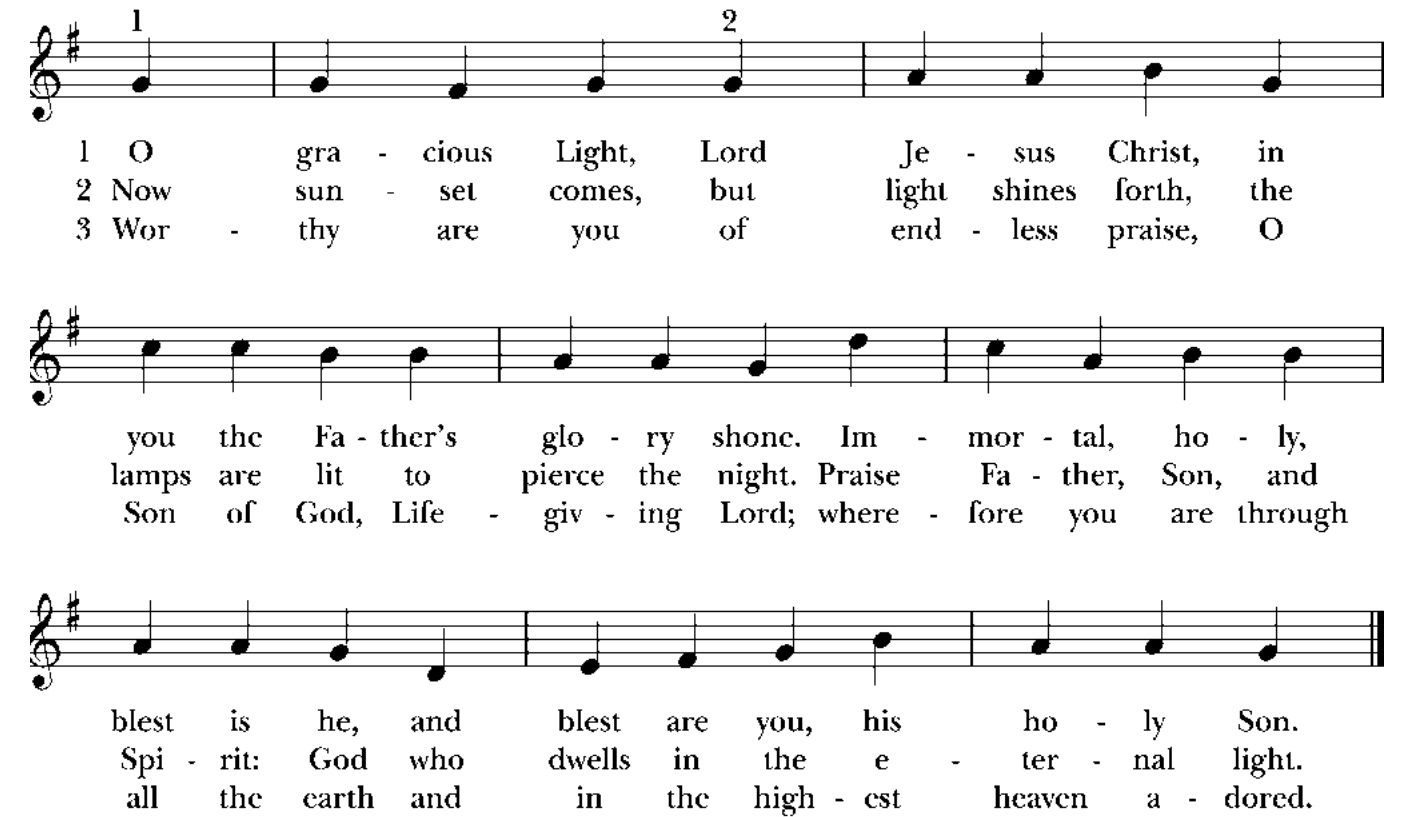
The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.
People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People

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.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O
you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through
blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal* 1982.

Canticle 32: A Song of New Creation, Isaiah 43

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Enhancing Our Journey of Faith

Bryant Zane, Vestry Member



Ernest Tsyat En Kau
(1892-1955)



Wai On Shim
(1897-1979)

Music Meditation

Manny Dayao

The Gospel Matthew 10.1-16

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

All stand

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Furthering Our Journey of Faith

Velma Lee, Senior Warden



All stand

Hymn

Borning Cry

ELW Hymnal, 732

1. "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2. "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3. "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,
 I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
 I re-joiced to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.
 I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,
 in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."
 4. "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

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CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

The Induction

Representative of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the celebrant with the new minister.

Representatives of the congregation present a Bible and stole, saying

Ruth, accept this Bible and stole, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People: Amen

The Celebrant presents a vessel of water, saying

Ruth, take this water, and help the bishop baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People: Amen

Others present The Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal 1982, saying

Ruth, take these books, and be among us as a woman of prayer and sacred song.

People: Amen

Others present oil, saying

Ruth, take this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People: Amen

Others present the container of chicken jook, saying

Ruth, take this container of chicken jook, and be among us one who reaches out to those in need

People: Amen

The Junior Warden presents the keys to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, saying

Ruth, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People: Amen

Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons, saying,

Ruth, obey these Canon, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People: Amen

Other Representatives of the congregation present bread and wine saying,

Ruth, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People: Amen

The Celebrant then says

Ruth, let all these be signs of the ministry which is the Bishop's and yours in this place.

People: Amen

The new Minister, may then kneel in the midst of the church, and may say

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do.

Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Greet your new Priest-in-Charge

The Congregation expressed its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The new Minister then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: **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 needs, 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.

A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

We prayerfully sing this hymn from a songbook compiled by a former Chinese priest of St. Peter's. The Reverend Deacon Peter Wu will read each verse in Cantonese before we sing them.

My Heart Looks in Faith

Tru-chen Chao, 1931
tr. Frank W. Price, 1953

*St. Peter's Chinese Christian Songs, 1986
The New Chinese Hymnal, 101*

Chinese folk song
arr. Bliss Wiant, 1934

1. My heart looks in faith To the Lamb Di-vine; His pre-cious
2. My heart looks in hope To the Son of God; He saves me,
3. My heart looks in love, All to Christ I give; He does my
4. Faith and hope and love, All to Christ I give; His follow-er

blood flows down For these sins of mine.
He leads me On the road He trod.
soul strength-en And my life de-fend.
I will be So long as I live. A-men.

The General Thanksgiving

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.

A word about the reception

The Blessing

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal, 473

Descant
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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Postlude

Improvisation on "O Bless the Lord My Soul!"

Welcome to Our Celebration of a New Ministry!

Mahalo Nui Loa for joining us for this special worship service this evening. It is both right and meaningful that we have dedicated this time to honor our founders and the vision they established 138 years ago. Our church was formed on Palm Sunday in 1887, when a group of Chinese Christians who had immigrated to Hawaii gathered to express their gratitude to God. The church flourished rapidly, becoming a vital source of strength and support for the Chinese immigrant community. We are grateful for the gifts our ancestors have bestowed upon us, and many members of our congregation can trace their lineage back to those who first created this faith community. We are also a congregation that embraces the present: today we worship in English and represent a diverse "mixed plate" community of individuals in Hawaii.

As we celebrate our new Priest-in-Charge, it is appropriate that we also look forward with hope and anticipation toward our future. We aim to empower each person we meet to fulfill their baptismal vows by working towards justice and peace for all, honoring the dignity of every human being.

May this worship bless you, and may you depart from this place ready to serve the world.

A Note of Thanks from Pastor Ruth

It is with great joy that I have accepted this call to serve St Peter's Episcopal Church. I have witnessed the many gifts that are present on a daily basis among our Ohana, and am looking forward to serving alongside all those who have called this congregation home. I am also looking forward to what God has in store for all of us as we move forward.

I want to take this time to thank the members of the Search Committee, the Vestry, the staff, and all those who have welcomed me so warmly over the last month. And on this night, I am grateful for those colleagues and friends who have come to celebrate with St Peter's and me, especially Canon Sandy Graham who is representing Bishop Fitzpatrick and Rev. J. P. Sabbithi who is representing Bishop David Nagler (of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), as well as Rev. Richard Vevia and his wife who have flown from California to be here this day.

May God continue to bless us on our journey as
we seek to proclaim God's love to all!

Pastor Ruth

Mahalo to all!

The Reverend Canon Alexander Graham

The Reverend J. P. Sabbithi

The Reverend Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

The Reverend Deacon Peter Wu

Musicians: Manny Dayao, Dr. Joseph Eppink, Mike Lewis

The Choir (St. Peter's & Friends)

The Readers

The Altar Guild

The Streaming Team

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry, Search Committee, and Congregation

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All who planned and helped with the reception

Parking Attendants

The Photographers

All who will help with clean-up

All sharing in our celebration

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Lung Kong Physical Cultural Club, Lion Dance