

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of Epiphany

January 5, 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 community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

(Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)

Welcome

Hymn

As with gladness men of old

Hymnal 1982 #119

The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Gloria

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The First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Read responsively by whole verse. Congregation reads the verses in bold.

1 Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

**12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung before the Gospel we sing:

Hymn

We three kings of orient are (vs 1-2-3)

Hymnal 1982, #128

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have

come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sung after the Gospel

Hymn

We three kings of orient are (vs 4-5)

Hymnal 1982, #128

The Sermon

The Rev. Ruth Peterson

Music Meditation

(7:30am)

Manny Dayao

(10:00am)

Dr. Joseph Eppink

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

Form I, BCP, pg. 383

After each petition, the response is “Lord, have mercy.”

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, pg. 360

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord 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

Epiphany Carol

See pg. 13

Offertory Response Melody: *What star is this*

**To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.**

**The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Angels we have heard on high (vs 1)* **Hymnal 1982, #93**

The presider continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command,

Presider and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

**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

BCP pg. 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

Communion Music

Star-child, earth-child
Chancel Choir

Murray

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Forth Hymn

Arise and shine

See pg. 14

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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., Helena W., Ediza T., Dennis C., Rosie C., Colleen C. Brian D., Peter D., Erin E., Ron E., Catherine F., Iris, Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Suzanne K., Hilary K., Gary K., Gerald K., Gerald L., Judy M., Gilbert M., Dara N., Kelly N., Keith O., Ralph P., Franklin P., Monica P., Sherri P-H., Janet P., Cynthia R., Patricia S., Jim T., Stuart U., David, Charity & Jackson V., Ian W., Roland W., Tim Y. and those impacted by the Maui wildfires.

We pray for the soul of Barbara Vlachos and her family. Barbara passed away on December 31. We also pray for those who were killed or injured in the terrorist attack in New Orleans on January 1.

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 or the church office.

TODAY

Welcome Pastor Ruth Peterson - this morning is her first official Sunday as Priest-in-Charge of St.Peter's! Coffee Hour after each service: 7:30am in the Parish Hall; 10:00am in the church foyer. Please stay so you can get to know each another!

Children's Christian Adventure on hiatus. The adventure resumes on Sun. Jan. 12!

Help Pastor Ruth get to know you – wear a name tag! If you don't have a nametag yet, please add your name to the clipboard on the table at the back door, and we will create one for you. If you are visiting, please make a temporary one for yourself. Name tags are on the standing board in the Ewa Makai corner, alphabetized by first name.

Assistive Listening Devices are available to assist those who would like a boost in the volume of sound. These are small, over the ear devices with individual volume controls. Please see one of the ushers if you would like to use one of these devices.

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

Planning ahead to Sun., Feb. 2, 2025: Please plan on joining us at 4:00 p.m. for the Installation of Pastor Ruth as the Priest-in-Charge for St. Peter's Church. We are also having an Evensong and a celebration of the Chinese New Year, honoring the Year of the Snake. More details are forthcoming. If you'd like to assist us in planning this occasion, please reach out to Joseph at josepheppink@gmail.com, or Velma at vklee2014@gmail.com!

Windows Book Revision! We are thrilled to announce that the book "Windows of Light, Windows of Hope" will soon undergo a revision! This is an exciting opportunity for you to enhance the book by adding new pictures or helping to refine the content through identifying typos or necessary corrections. If you have ideas or contributions, we encourage you to reach out to Joseph at josepheppink@gmail.com by mid-January. Your participation will not only improve the quality of the book but also ensure that future readers enjoy the best possible experience. Don't miss your chance to make a meaningful impact on this wonderful publication!

Stewardship Pledge Cards - If you haven't already done so, please turn in your 2025 pledge cards. This information will help the budget committee plan for 2025. You may mail it or drop it into a collection bowl. Thank you! If you have misplaced your card or did not receive one, please find one on the table at the back of the church.

Healing chicken jook is available in the Parish Hall freezer. The Soul Food Ministry replenished a supply of nourishing chicken jook for those in need of healing and comfort food. Check with the church office.

For those experiencing grief, Dr. Joseph Eppink offers his counseling services to the St. Peter's family. You can contact him at josepheppink@gmail.com.

The ministry at Wallyhouse is always in need of travel-sized toiletries for those in need. Donations will be delivered to St. Elizabeth's Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Jan. 8, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Konstantinos Karampakakis at cost-kar@hotmail.com for the link

Thurs. Jan. 9, 6:00pm, Jazz Vespers – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website

Sun. Jan. 12, 11:30am – Vestry meeting, Parish Hall

Sun. Jan. 19, 8:45-9:45am, Discussion of the Budget 2025 in the Sanctuary

Sun. Jan. 26, 8:45-9:45am, Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) can be found online at www.bcponline.org

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Barton & Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Ron Kim
		Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Greeters	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang
		Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Ushers	(7:30am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
Altar Guild		Rae Gorman, Lynda Hino
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

STAFF

Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
Office Manager	Susan Sugiyama
Bookkeeper	Richert Au Hoy
Sexton	Oriel Agcaoili
Custodians	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

Thank you this week's Coffee Hour hosts:
7:30am , Lori Yee, Janet Kim
10:00am Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Margaret Chun
Haroldwyn Chang

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EPIPHANY CAROL

Words: Francis Patrick O'Brien

Tune: BEACH SPRING

The Sacred Harp, 1844



1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry of a
2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es of his
3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er in the



star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
flesh sent from a - bove In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
bright-ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



sto - ry we are bathed in ra - dian - t light. Star sent
a - ges; he is Christ, our God's de - light. He pro -
broth - er, in the lone - ly and un - loved. May we
ev - er; help us walk the ho - ly way. May your



forth from high - est heav - en, danc - ing light of God's de -
claims with - in his be - ing all our hopes, our great de -
touch him, may we hold him, may we cra - dle him with
jus - tice rule the na - tions; may all peo - ple live as



sign, Shine up - on the gift that's giv - en: Word made
sires. He shall die to rise re - deem - ing all who
care As we learn to love each oth - er, bring - ing
one. Now we see our true sal - va - tion in the



flesh now born in time.
fol - low with their lives.
hope from out de - spair.
glo - ry of your Son.

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
 3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
 as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
 nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
 God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
 in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
 will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

- 1 Arise and shine, the prophet sang;
 your light has come, the message rang.
 The shroud of darkness stripped away,
 God's glory brings a bright new day.
- 2 God's rising sun will light the way,
 as people stream to dawning's ray.
 Your open gates will never close,
 in bus'ling day or night's repose.
- 3 You will not need the sun by day
 nor moon by night, to light your way;
 God's glory and eternal might
 will be your everlasting light.

