

HOLY EUCHARIST

in person & livestreamed

November 24, 2024 7:00 am & 9:00 am

The Feast of the Holy Sovereigns
Queen Emma & King Kamehameha IV
& Blessing of the Kāhili



ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Episcopal Church in Kapa'au, Hawai'i

A place to BE the love of God and to FEEL the love of God.

Prelude

Kirk Corey, organ

Blowing of the Pū (9:00 am service only)

Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn Rain Down

Gather Third Edition #582

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
 love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain
 down, rain down your love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.
 2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God
 3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;

All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.
 live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.
 you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.

God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;
 God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;
 Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,

D.C.

full of God's love is the earth.
 God will not leave us to starve.
 all of our hope lies in you.

Text: Based on Psalm 33; Jaime Cortez, b. 1963 — -Tune: Jaime Cortez, b. 1963; acc. By Craig S. Kingsbury, b. 1952
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God the Creator, the Light, and the Spirit of Truth.

People **And blessed be all of God's creation, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria (E na lāhui kānaka)

Wonder, Love & Praise #830

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of vocal lines. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics: "E nā lā - hui - ka - na - ka ho - o - na - ni i ka Haku! E". The second system has lyrics: "nā lā - hui - ka - na - ka ho - o - na ni i ka Haku! E". The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the second system. The music is primarily composed of chords and simple melodic lines.

Words: adapt. From the psalms, tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Translation - All nations, all the people - all praise be to the Lord! All nations, all the people - all praise be to the Lord!

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who called your servants Kamehameha and Emma to an earthly throne that they might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave them zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Sovereigns

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Micah 4:1-4

Reader A reading from the prophet Micah

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations 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 many peoples,

and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into plough shares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;

for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

The Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22 *Exultate, justi*

Reader We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven,*

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze*

on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them*

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;; *

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *

for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,*

On those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death,*

And to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord;*

He is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,*

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *

as we have out our trust in you.

The Epistle

Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'"

"What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things."

"From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being;' as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'"

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” So it is to be. Amen.

Reader Here ends the reading.
 People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Light and Peace* by Mila Polevia

Al - migh - ty — God on high, your word to us now give a - mid the dark-ness
 nigh for light and peace to live.

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Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Matthew 25:14-29

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.”

His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”

But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Masada

Music for reflection and gathering of prayers. Please hand them to the deacon or priest.

Please stand as you are able.

The Affirmation *from the Episcopal Litany for the Season of Creation*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

Prayers of the People

Deacon Let us pray for the revealing of the realm of God in the world,
now and always.

Deacon In the beginning,

People **God was.**

Deacon Here and now,

People **God is.**

Deacon In the future,

People **God will be.**

Deacon Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially _____].

Silence

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____].

Silence

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Closing Collect for the Prayers of the People

Presider Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We give thanks to you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Christ Amen.

Source: Prayers from the Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All
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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Queen's Prayer

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,
 2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,
 3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,
 4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
 'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.
 A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
 Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

Translation of The Queen's Prayer: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow, imprisoned. You are my light. Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O God, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Announcements of birthdays, anniversaries, and church events for the upcoming week.

Blessing the Kāhili

Honoring Queen Emma and remembering Kim "Ki'i Nakamura and Mila Polevia.

Presider Today, we will share our holy meal together for the Feast of the Holy Sovereigns, King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma.

Presider As we thank our Divine Creator for this meal, we also give thanks for Queen Emma, who (with King Kamehameha IV) graciously invited the Anglican / Episcopal Church to these islands, and in memory of Kim “Ki’i” Nakamura and Mila Polevia, who shared their hearts with Kohala, we present a k̄ahili made for St. Augustine’s Church in their honor. Let us speak aloud the name of our kahili:

Presider Pūlama i nā pu’uwai o Emma,

People **To care for the hearts of Emma,**

Presider ke ali’i lokomaika’i o Honaula.

People **gracious royal of Honaula.**

Presider Mele e! Piha hau’oli!

People **Sing! Complete joy!**

Presider O ke kōkua, ka laulima, a me ka lōkahi.

People **Of support, working together, and unity.**

Hula *Na Pua O Kohala*

Music written and performed by Mila Polevia, choreography by Kumu Hula Leia Lawrence, performed by Kumu Hula Leia Lawrence, Erika Kuhr, Magaly Durlinger, and Jennifer Masada, members of Hula Hālau O Kukui Aloha O Kohala

The Peace

Presider The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Presider In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

People **We see God around us.**

We see God within us.

We give thanks to our Creator.

Presider Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

People **And also with you.**

All share peace with one another.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All **We come with offerings of our time, our money, our strength, our pleasure in one another’s company. All these we bring to God in dedication and for use in the glory of the realm of God.**

The oblationers bring the bread and wine to the deacon at the altar.

Unison or harmony

1 O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through -
 2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, thy works of old, the won - ders
 3 Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but

out the world to cease; the wrath of na - tions now re -
 that thy peo - ple told; re - mem - ber not our sin's dark
 on thy faith - ful word? None ev - er called on thee in

strain give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!
 stain, give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!
 vain, give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!

The Great Thanksgiving

Source: Prayers from the Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

The Presider continues,

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders.

Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance.

In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus ('Ōlelo Hawai'i)

by Mila Polevia

He-mo - le - le, he - mo - le - le, he - mo - le - le ka Ha - ku,
ke A - ku - a o ka ma - na a me ka i - kai - ka, u - a pi - ha ka
la - ni a me ka ho - nu - a I kou na - ni. Ho - sa - na i ke ki - `e -
ki - `e. Pō - mai ka - `i ke ka - na - ka e he - le mai nei i ka i -
no - a o ka Ha - ku. Ho - sa - na i ke ki - `e - ki - `e.

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Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He took the wine and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

The Anglican Church of the Province of New Zealand

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction hymn *Whoever Comes to Me*

Wonder, Love and Praise #878



Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

Presider *The gifts of God for the People of God.*

Instructions for receiving the sacraments

You are invited to come up, row by row, to receive the sacraments of bread and wine.

The usher will guide you. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please tell the usher; the priest and deacon will come to you.

At the font

The waters of our font remind us of the waters that flow mauka to makai through this ahupua'a we enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted permission. Through water, we are connected with 'āina, God, and one another. We pause at the font to remember our baptismal vows that recall us to our Creator and remind us to care for all people in this community, in our diocese, and all creation. In remembrance of the sacrament of baptism, we anoint one another.

As you approach the front of the church, you are invited to dip a finger in the font water, turn to the person behind you, and anoint them with water, making a small cross on their forehead. If you prefer not to be anointed, simply cross your arms and the vicar will anoint the person behind you.

Receiving the bread and wine

To receive the bread (also called the host), extend your hands with palms flat. The priest will place the host on your palm with the words "The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven." Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free.

To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the chalice. The deacon will say "the Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation."

If you prefer, you may dip a small part the host in the wine. This is called intinction. Please dip carefully so that your fingers do not touch the wine. The deacon will say "the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life."

Receiving bread only

If you do not wish to partake in the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Consuming the host is considered the full sacrament of Holy Communion. After receiving the sacraments, you may make the sign of the cross ✠.

Receiving a blessing

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine but would like a blessing, you are invited to come forward, arms crossed, to receive the blessing.

Communion Hymn

Ho'omana'o (Remember Me)

by Mila Polevia

O ke - i - a O Ko' - u Ki - no. O ke - i - a
 O - A' - u no i - a o - e. O - o - e
 O - wa - u no ke a - lo - ha. O - wa - u

o Ko' - u ko - ko. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' u. Ho' - o - ma -
 no ia mai ia' - u. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u. Ho' - o - ma -
 no Ma - lu - hi - a. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u. I - a' - u. Ho' - o - ma -

na' - o I - a' - u. O
 na' - o I - a' - u. O
 na' - o I - a' - u.

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*Translation: This is my body. This is my blood. Remember me. Remember me.***Please stand as you are able.***Presider* Let us pray.

All Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May God who established the dance of creation—who marvels at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order—lead us to transform our lives and the Church, to listen to the voice of all creatures that reflect God's glory in creation.

And the blessing of God the Creator, the Light, and the Spirit of Truth be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Unison D Bm Asus A D Bm

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song, to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Asus A D G D E A D G

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from

Asus A D G A G A D

Harmony

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Unison

Em A Bm E A Bm Em A Em Asus A D

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

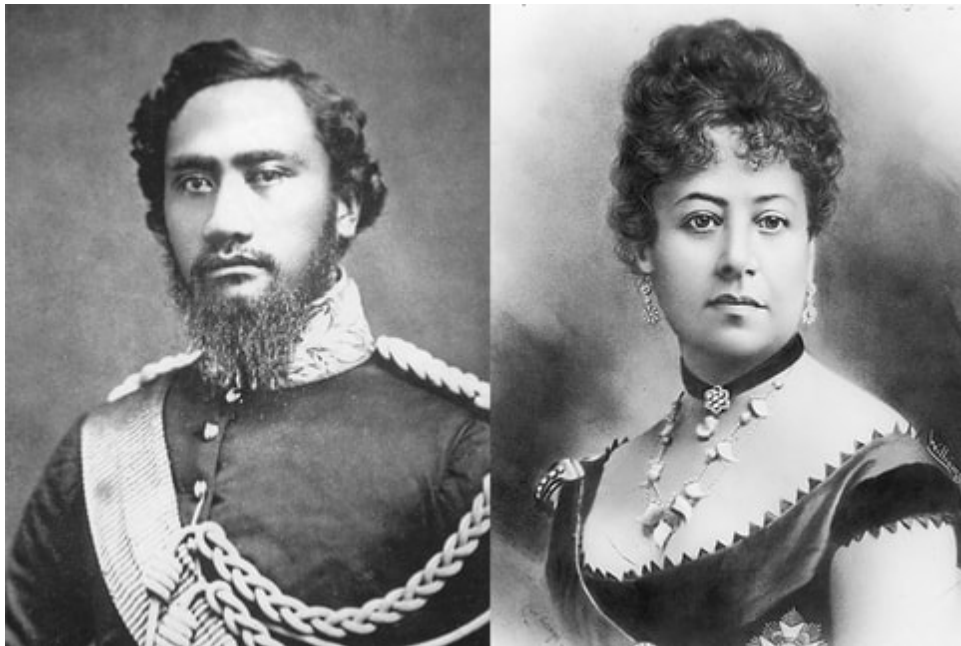
Postlude *Fuge*, Wilhelm Anacker (1818-1892)

Kirk Corey, organ

The History of the Anglican/Episcopal Church in Hawai'i

The King and Queen's Church:

Ka Hale Pule a Na Mo'i, 'o Kamehameha 'Aha Iama 'o Kaleleonalani



King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma were responsible for bringing the Anglican Church to Hawai'i. This invitation culminated in the consecration of Thomas Nettleship Staley at Lambeth Palace on December 15, 1861 as Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Honolulu. Initially the church was called the Hawaiian Reformed Catholic Church but the name would change in 1870 to the Anglican Church in Hawai'i.

The first services of the church were held on October 12, 1862, amidst a time of mourning for the young Prince of Hawai'i, the only son of the King and Queen who died shortly before the arrival of the Bishop. The arrival of the Bishop had been long anticipated and prepared for by the King, who had translated much of the Book of Common Prayer into the Hawaiian language and had written a Preface explaining this new Anglican Christianity to his people.

The King and Queen gave land, part of their royal garden, on which the Cathedral was to be built. While planning and fund-raising began, a small Pro-Cathedral was constructed of wood; this would remain in use for more than twenty years, the time it would take for the first phase of the cathedral to reach completion. The untimely death of King Kamehameha IV on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 1863, led his brother, King Kamehameha V, to dedicate the cathedral to St. Andrew as a fitting memorial to a King.



The first twenty years were a struggle for money, men, and materials, but with the aid of staunch supporters, the first phase of the Cathedral was completed in time for Christmas 1886, in great part because of the support for the Queen's vision of the Cathedral as a memorial to her husband. Queen Emma did not live to worship in the Cathedral. She had died the previous year on St. Mark's Day 1885.

The King and Queen dedicated their marriage to serving the health, educational, and spiritual needs of their people. To these ends they founded The Queen's Hospital (now The Queen's Medical Center), several schools, including The St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls (now The St. Andrew's Schools, with separate programs for boys and girls) and St. Alban's School (now 'Iolani School), and were instrumental in bringing the Anglican church to the islands to provide access to a form of Christian spirituality that the King felt was eminently suited to the character and temperament of his people.

In recognition and commemoration of these deeds the Episcopal Church of the United States honors King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma throughout the church on November 28, the anniversary of their Confirmation in 1862.

Source: St. Andrews Cathedral, Honolulu

St. Augustine's Kāhili

We are grateful to Mila Polevia for suggesting a kāhili for St. Augustine's to honor Queen Emma and remember his friend Kim "Ki'i" Nakamura. He brought the idea to then-vicar Diana Akiyama, who was enthusiastic about the project and worked with the lei hulu laulima in Waimea to begin the project.

When the pandemic broke out in 2020, the project was put on hold. Later that year, Diana was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Western Oregon. In 2021, St. Augustine's hired Jennifer Masada as its new vicar.

Because the kāhili project was of such high importance to Bishop Diana, she asked Vicar Jennifer to restart work on it. After initial conversations with Yonette Nakamura and Bill Randolph, the project began again with renewed vigor, love, and commitment, fueled by our collective desire to honor Mila, who died unexpectedly on October 18, 2022.

After over six years, countless volunteer hours, and thousands of feathers, the kāhili now stands tall in the St. Augustine’s sanctuary.

When we gather in this beautiful space, may we remember the ali’i who invited this church and served these islands. May we remember the founders, laborers, members, and clergy of St. Augustine’s who have served as a loving presence in North Kohala.

When we gaze upon this kāhili, may we honor all who envisioned and enacted joyful and loving unity among humankind and with all creation. May the joyful song of our souls echo from the past to live in us now and reverberate into a future of support, collaboration, and unity. May this kāhili remind us that we are called to **“be a place to BE the love of God and to FEEL the love of God.”**

A message from Bishop Diana

It is with much delight that I send my prayers and best wishes for the good and faithful people of St. Augustine’s Kapaau as you bless the beautiful kahili. May its presence reflect the royal history of this place, and may all who worship here know that Christ our Lord is the one and only king of kings. May his mercy and grace continue to guide us in these times. Blessings in Christ, +Diana

Mahalo

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Aunty Maile Spencer	Sue Dela Cruz	Mahalos in remembrance
Bill Randolph	Pam Richards	The Late Yoni Nakamura
Janet Randolph	Anna Akaka	The Late Ron Dela Cruz
D’Arcie and Bob Boyer	Edie Kawai	The Late Murial Ahuna
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