

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

April 21, 2024 at 9am



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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

Opening Hymn #199 "Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain"

*Led by the choir; please join in!*

Opening Acclamation

*The people rise in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Nani Ke 'Lii Kiekie – Glory to God in the Highest (William B. Bradbury)

*The Choir will lead us; the congregation is welcome to join in.*

Na - ni ke 'Li-i ki-e - ki - e! Na - ni ke Li-il Na - ni ke Li-il Na - ni ke Li-i ki-e-

6 ki - e! O - ia ke me - le nei Na - ni, na - ni, na - ni, na - ni, Na - ni ke Li - i ke -

13 Li - i Na - ni, na - ni, na - ni, na - ni, Na - ni e ke Li - i mau.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*The people are seated for the readings of the day.*

### First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** *The reader will read each set of verses. The Choir will lead us all in the **Antiphon**, where it is appointed. The congregation will please join in the singing.*



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **Antiphon**
- 3 He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; **Antiphon**  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **Antiphon**

## Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel: John 10:11-18

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

## The Nicene Creed

Found front cover of Book of Common Prayer

## **The Prayers of the People** (adapted from the Church of England's "Times and Seasons")

*The Intercessor will begin; the congregation is invited to join in the responses printed in bold.*

*Intercessor* We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Eric & Katy, Leandra, Karen, Renu & Raj, Luci, Dave, David, Sheri, Wayne, Heather, Todd, Tom, Kate, MichaelAnn, Joyce, Sandee, Doris, Olav, Linda, Sue, Robert, Esther, and Agenhart.

And we pray for all those suffering illnesses or hardship. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with a collect.*

## **The Peace**

*All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.*

**`O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me `oukou.**

*(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)*

*The People respond.*

**A me `oe pū nō ho`i.**

*(And also with you!)*

## **The Offertory Sentence**

*To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread,  
Amen.*

## The Offertory Hymn #645 “The King of Love My Shepherd”

*This hymn is led by the choir; please join in!*

*For those worshipping with us today, we encourage you to place your financial offerings in the koa bowls being passed. For those worshipping at home (via zoom), please continue to support Holy Nativity with your pledges and financial gifts by sending checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!*

## The Hawaiian Doxology

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Ho-'o - na-ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke kei-ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke A -  
7  
ku-a mau Ho-'o-mai ka -'i pu, Ko ke-ia ao ko ke - la ao. 'Ā - me-ne.

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

### Sursum Corda S 120

*Celebrant* *People*  
The\_\_\_ Lord be\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ you. And\_\_\_ al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift\_\_\_\_\_ up your hearts.\_\_\_\_ We lift\_\_\_\_\_ them to\_\_\_ the Lord.\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord\_\_\_ our God.

*People*  
It is right\_\_\_\_\_ to give him thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

## Sanctus S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

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.

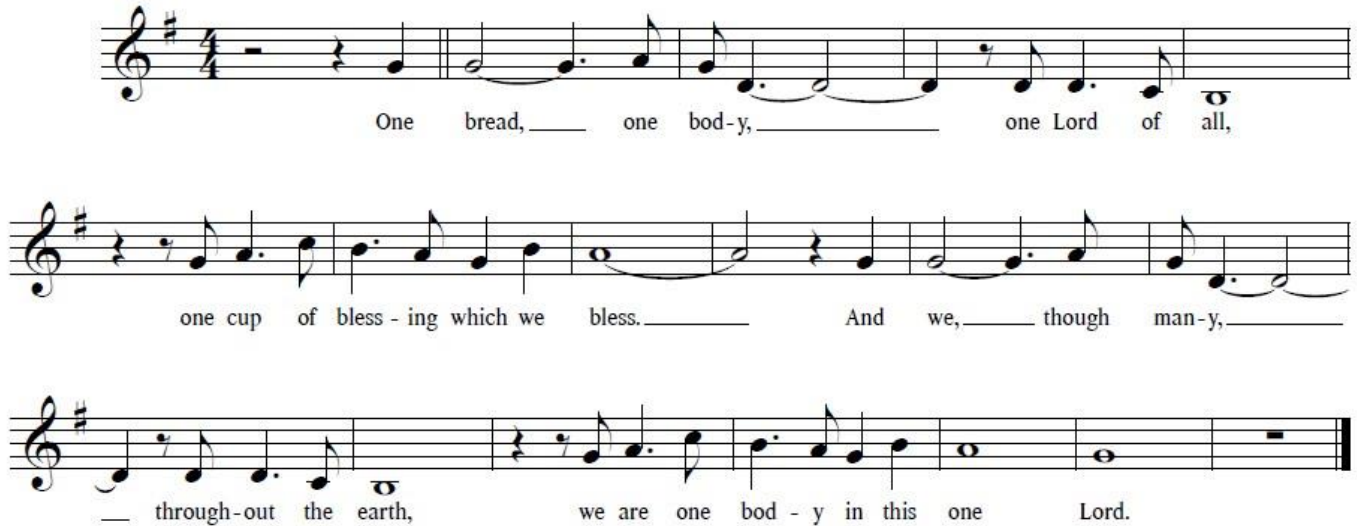
### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though man-y,  
through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

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

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in TWO lines. The person at the head of the line on each side should take the "Makai position" at the altar rail, nearest to the pulpit and the altar rail on either side, respectively.*

*Four or five can fit comfortably on each side of the rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament, as is most comfortable.*

*You are welcome to receive the bread only or both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you choose to receive the wine, please drink from the chalice, rather than dip or "intinct." If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your chest as you approach.*

**Communion Anthem "Christ is Now Arisen"** (arr. K. Lee Scott)

Offered by the HNC Choir.

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Announcements**

Ginnie Long, Vestry

**The Blessing**

The Reverend Libby Berman



**Closing Hymn #304 “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”**

*Led by the Choir; please join in!*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon or Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Postlude “What a Wonderful World”** by G. D. Weiss & B. Thiele

Marlene Patton, Keyboardist

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***We thank you for joining us today!***

**Ministry Team for Today’s Service**

**Eucharistic minister:** Rick Fung   **Readers:** Alison Kittle & David Callies

**Usher:** Ed Stikeleather   **Intercessor:** Kim Garner

**Technical team:** Alex Pickens & Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Chris Suzuki   **Keyboardist:** Marlene Patton

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele

**Ministry Intern:** Bill Heran

Please join Mark and Libby, after the service, as we celebrate Rev. Libby’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in the Rectory, on Nenu Street, next to the gym parking lot.

**Join us next Sunday for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024  
(in person & on Zoom)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Newcomers’ Brunch Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a, on the church lanai  
*All newcomers to HNC are welcome! Please let Rev. Jenn or Rev. Libby know if you would like to join us!*
- All School Chapel (led by kindergarten class) on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:10am in the Nave.