

Easter Sunday

Service of Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist

April 5, 2026 at 9am



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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

Opening Acclamation and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The people stand in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Paschal Candle and altar candles are lit, as the Celebrant offerings the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Light of Christ!

The people respond: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn #207 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

The Celebrant says

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.*

Hymn of Praise #208 “The Strife is O’er” (verses 1 & 2)

The people standing, the Celebrant then says

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God’s call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

O God, who made this most holy morning to shine with the glory of the Lord’s resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *We will read responsively; the congregation will say the verses in bold.*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Holy Baptism

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present **Avery James Garwin** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will!**

The Celebrant then says these words

Let us join with **Avery**, who is committing herself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate *The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon her, saying

Avery James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly baptized, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on Avery's head, marking on her forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Avery, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Then Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 “*Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.*”

Please place your offerings into the koa bowl as the ushers bring it by.

For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks to:

Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!

The Offertory Anthem “Adoramus” by Matthew Gawronski

Sung by the HNC Choir

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 -
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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 3 from *Enriching our Worship I*

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. ___

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

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 Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN**

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.

Fraction S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only **or** both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your heart as you approach.*

Communion Anthem “Now the Green Blade Rises” arr. by George Lachenauer

Ina Young

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.

Announcements & The Easter Blessing

The Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Hymn #205 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” (verses 1, 2 & 4)

The Dismissal

Priest or Deacon 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 “Toccata” by Charles Marie Widor (excerpt)

Ina Young

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### **Our Parish Prayer List:**

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, and Donna.

~~Lilies for Easter Dedications~~

**Beverly Toomey** *For my deceased ohana; for my living ohana; for the celebration of Easter.*

**Jean Yee** *With Thanksgiving!*

**John Kimball** *In memory of Jacob & Margret Mayer and Lepue & Maima Ugaitafa*

**Chandi Hinrichs** *In memory of my dear husband Joern.*

**Jack & Sharon Tonaki** *In Thanksgiving*

**Lila Johnson** *In memory of Dr. Elmer Johnson and Gail Peterson*

**Soane & Eva Lino** *Fonuku & Sioeli Tevi, Viliami Sitoko Lino, Pamela Lino, Reverend Saimone Lino, Tomasi Lino, Tevita Leger, Fatai Leger, and Sione Leger.*

**Wyn Aubrey-Child** *In loving memory of the Reverend & Mrs. JT Aubrey*

**David Callies** *In memory of Aunt Gustav Callies and Phyllis & Norvin Garrett*

**Jan & Kip Jones** *In memory of Richard Christian Jones*

**Sandra Braham** *To the Glory of God*

**Doug & Alison Kittle** *In honor of friends and family*

**Amie and Anne Lawyer** *In loving memory of Grandpa Paul Lawyer*

**Kathy Otani** *In thanksgiving for my parents, Kazuo & Ethel Otani.*

*Please join us after service for fellowship, treats, and an egg hunt for the children!*

*We thank you for joining us today!*

**Ministry Team for Today's Service**

**Eucharistic minister:** Christine Donnelly    **Readers:** Dan Muenzer & Stephen Noerper

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki    **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

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

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley.

We also offer much mahalo to our **Music Director** Ina Young, **Instrumentalist** Amie Lawyer, and the members of the **HNC Choir**, who have graced us with their gifts throughout Holy Week!

Warm thanks to the **Altar Guild** for their work throughout Lent, Holy Week, Easter Day, and *all year!*

**Join us next SUNDAY for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 12th at 9AM  
Family Sunday & Kite Day (after service).**