

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Holy Eucharist*

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

**Opening Hymn #460 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

**Opening Acclamation**

*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 Celebrant may say*

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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

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

**First Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus,

and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36** *We will read responsively; the congregation will say the verses printed in bold.*

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

**2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in Dry places.**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**10 Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Sequence Hymn #654 "Day by Day" (1st time)**

#### **The Gospel: John 17:1-11**

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

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Sequence Hymn #654 "Day by Day" (repeat)**

#### **The Sermon**

The Right Reverend Robert Fitzpatrick

#### **The Nicene Creed**

*The Celebrant begins. The people join in.*

Found on the front flap of the **Book of Common Prayer**

The Celebrant adds a concluding 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

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 Music “A Listening Heart” sung by the Choir

Kathy Otani, flute

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 B

The people remain standing.

### 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.

### 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 “Courage, Dear Hearts”** by Ina Young

**Refrain** Courage, dear hearts, our God is near,  
Love's gentle voice clears all our fear.  
Through death to life the grace imparts—  
Have hope, be strong, courage, dear hearts.

**1** The day is long and hope feels thin,  
And doubt and sorrow will stir within,  
In lonely dawns, uneasy nights,  
when burdens press and dim the light.

**2** In acts of love, in mercy shown,  
In deeds of peace that you have sown,  
your vision comes, unseen, yet sure,  
your promise stands, forever pure.

**3** And when at last our journey ends,  
And death gives way to life again,  
We'll sing with saints in radiant light,  
surround what's lost, bring hope in sight.

### **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 Blessing**

The Right Reverend Robert Fitzpatrick

### **Closing Hymn #420 “When in Our Music God is Glorified”**

## The Dismissal

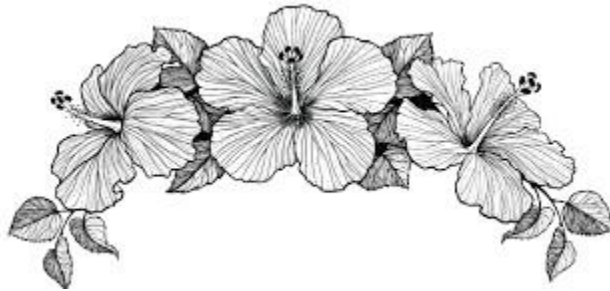
*Priest or Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

The Postlude “Ascension” by Andreas Willscher

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

Please join us on the lanai for coffee and refreshments.



### **Ministry Team for Today's Service**

*Mahalo Nui Loa to Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick for being with us!*

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kim Garner

**Acolyte:** Juliet Cuadra

**Readers:** Dan Muenzer & Zoe Muenzer

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki    **Intercessor:** Ed Stikeleather

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

**Music Director** Ina Young    **Instrumentalist** Amie Lawyer

**The Holy Nativity Choir**

*Our beautiful altar flowers are in loving memory of Joern Hinrichs on his birthday.*

**Join us next SUNDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**The Day of Pentecost** with Special Readings in many languages!

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

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Aidan, Nobuko, Carolyn, Chris, Mildred, Tom, Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, MIT, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, and Catherine.