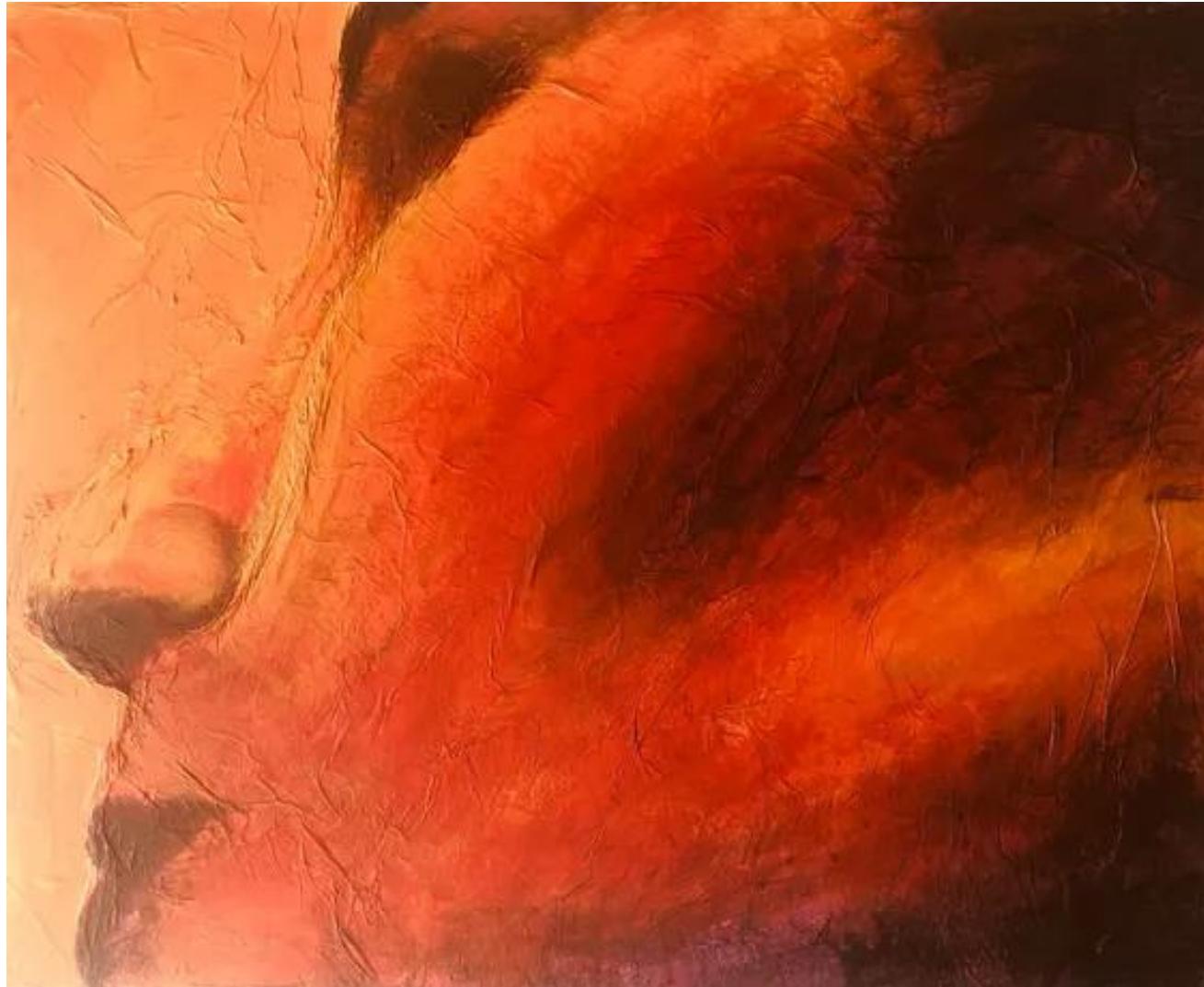


## The 7th Sunday *after* the Epiphany

Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 9am



“The Other Cheek” Phil Randles, artist

Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI  
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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

## Opening Hymn #671 “Amazing Grace”

## Opening Acclamation

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

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

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

**The Gloria.** Please join in singing three times through, In English, then Latin, then English.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

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

### The First Reading Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

### Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in bold.*

1 Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers; \*  
**do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.**

2 For they shall soon wither | like the grass, \*  
**and like the green grass | fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord | and do good; \*  
**dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.**

4 Take delight | in the Lord, \*  
**and he shall give you your | heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your | trust in him, \*  
**and he will bring | it to pass.**

6 He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light \*  
**and your just dealing | as the noonday.**

7 Be still be- | fore the Lord \*  
**and wait patient- | ly for him.**

8 Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers, \*  
**the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.**

9 Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone; \*  
**do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

10 For evildoers shall | be cut off, \*  
**but those who wait upon the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.**

11 In a little while the wicked shall | be no more; \*  
**you shall search out their place, but they will | not be there.**

12 But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land; \*  
**they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.**

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes | from the Lord; \*  
**he is their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

42 The Lord will help them and | rescue them; \*  
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,**  
because they seek re- | fuge in him.

### **The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50**

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

## Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2019

*Beach Spring*, attr. B. F. White;  
harm. Christopher Gage

1. Christ, your words of love con - found us, ev-en as we give you praise,  
2. Make us mind-ful: love is ac - tion, not a feel-ing that up - lifts.  
3. Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us con - fi - dent and free:  
4. If we love just those who love us, where's the giv-ing? Where's the grace?

for the les - sons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.  
In each dai - ly si - tu - a - tion, love's the great-est of all gifts.  
you don't call us to be help - less but to stand with dig - ni - ty.  
Ev - en sin - ners try to do this; they have friends that they em - brace.

How can we love those who hate us? How can we love en - em - ies?  
It's the wis - er, strong - er per - son who will break the chain of hate.  
Lord, when oth - ers are de - mand-ing, may we know they mat - ter more  
May we do, Lord, un - to oth - ers as we'd have them al - so do.

What of peo - ple who a - buse us? How can we love ev - en these?  
Love can ush - er in re - demp - tion; love can make a peo-ple great.  
than our mo - ney or pos - ses - sions. May we share, not keep - ing score.  
You have shown us: Love is ac - tion. May we love, and make things new.

## **Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

*All standing in body or in spirit, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. William Heran

### **The Nicene Creed.**

Found inside the front cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

*The Celebrant begins. The People join in.*

### **The Prayers of the People: Written by members of our Sunday School.**

*The congregation will please make the responses in **bold**.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Bob, ministers and all who serve the church. Please bring peace, love, and understanding among all churches that we all may be one.

**As we celebrate Jesus' coming, help us go deeper into the meaning of this season.**

We pray for kindness and love in the world. Please help our leaders in making wise and just decisions.

**Let the light of Christ guard and guide them.**

We pray for the victims of wars in the middle east, in Ukraine, in Southern Africa, and in areas of conflict or trouble. Please help us provide clean water and good health care for all people throughout the world.

**Pray for peace, love, and understanding.**

We pray for the safety of those around us and especially remember first responders. We pray for our kūpuna, that they feel loved and respected. Please help us care for the 'āina of our islands

**Let us be a light for others to care for each other and the earth.**

We pray that everyone has a home and a family. Please help those facing injustice, fear, and oppression. We pray for the people on our parish Prayer List, and those whose names we offer aloud, now.

*Please join us in offering the names of people you are praying for, one at a time; the Celebrant will be happy to call on you.*

Help people who face challenges at work and at home.

**May they be guided by the light of God.**

Give to those who have died eternal rest and joy in their forever home, where there is no pain or grief.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We thank you for not just all blessings but also all the ways we come closer to you. *The priest adds a concluding collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

### **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** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

### **The Offertory Anthem:**

**“Ma Na Lima Mau E Hilina’I”** (*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*) by Elisha A Hoffman, trans. by Hualalai  
Played by Amie Lawyer

## The Hawaiian Doxology

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*



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

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer C

*People remain standing in body or in spirit.*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

### Sanctus S-130



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

## 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-164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

Nā Makana e Ke Akua na ka po'e o Ke Akua / The gifts of God for the people of the 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 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Ina Young

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Announcements and Blessing**

The Reverend Libby Berman

## **The Closing Hymn #657 “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”**

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon or Priest*      Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!  
*People*                      Thanks be to God.

**The Postlude “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Margaret Goldston**

Ina Young

## **Ministry Team for Today’s Service: Thank you, all!**

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

**Deacon:** The Reverend Bill Heran

**Eucharistic minister:** Rick Fung      **Readers:** David Callies & Justin Donahue

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

**Technical team:** Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain      **Music Director:** Ina Young

**Join us next Sunday, for the last Sunday *after* the Epiphany**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025 / 9am**

(In person & on Zoom)

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**Our Parish Prayer list:** Lisa, Barbara, David, Luci, Ginnie, Sheri, Becky, Brian, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Ann, Sandee, Doris, Linda, Esther, Antone, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, David, John, Eliane, and Pope Francis.

## **Ash Wednesday Observance(s) at Holy Nativity, March 5, 2025**

7:30am-8:00am - In Monteiro Chapel, Rev. Jenn will offer "ashes to go" and a prayer for the school, staff, and parents. ALL others are most welcome!

11:00am-2:00pm Rev. Libby and other Clergy will make their way to the UH Manoa Campus and offer "ashes to go" and prayers, in shifts.

**12:00 noon A traditional Ash Wednesday service\* will be held in the HNC Nave.  
Rev Jenn. will lead this service.**

2:30pm - 3:15pm ash packets (with instructions) will be distributed to all HNS keiki at pick up time.

\*Note: There will be no 6:00pm Ash Wednesday service at HNC this year.

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### **Ash Wednesday Service times for other Episcopalian Churches in our area:**

#### **St. Mark's**

**539 Kapahulu Avenue Honolulu, HI 96815**

Midday Prayer 10:45 am

Low Mass 11:00 am

Confessions 5:00 pm

Vespers and Holy Rosary 5:30 pm

High Mass and the Imposition of Ashes 7:00 pm

#### **St. Clement's**

**1515 Wilder Ave.**

**Honolulu, HI 96822**

9 am

10 am – Ashes to go

12 pm

6 pm with music

#### **Epiphany Episcopal Church**

**1041 10th Avenue**

**Honolulu, HI 96816**

9:00 am

12 Noon

6:00 pm

#### **St. Mary's**

**2062 S King St, Honolulu, HI 96826**

12:00 noon

5:30 pm