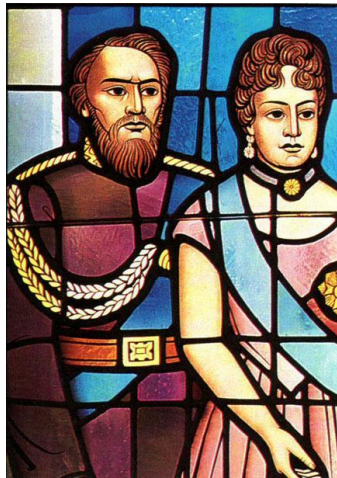


**26th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 9am**  
**A celebration of Kamehameha IV & Queen Emma**



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A Message from the Bishop

As your Bishop, I deeply appreciate all those medically eligible who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and all those who continue to wear their masks in public and practice social distancing when gathering. Thank you! As Episcopalians, I am convinced this is the very minimum we as God's people can do to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) during this difficult time of a worldwide Pandemic: "Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these." You, God's people, are truly loving your neighbor through these righteous deeds.

Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick

## Gathering Prelude: A Selection offered by Samuel Chen

**Opening: 'O Na Pomaika'i** by John Starr Alexander [*translated to Hawaiian by H.R.H Alexander 'Iolani Liholilo, King Kamehameha IV*] Video Choir

'O nā pomaika'i

'O nā pomaika'i ho'i e loa'a mai ana,  
O ka launa me ke Akua ma o Kristo la  
Ke Po'o o ka 'Ekalesia,  
A malaila ho'i  
Ke kala 'ia 'ana o nā hala,  
Ke aloha 'ia mai ma kēia ao,  
A me ka nani mau loa  
Ma ke ao e hiki mai ana.

*Translation:*  
*The blessings in store for us are*  
*Reconciliation with God through Christ The Head of the Church,*  
*And pardon of our sins,*  
*The love of God in this world*  
*And beatitudes everlasting in the world to come.*

## Opening Acclamation

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

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. *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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who didst call thy servants Kamehameha and Emma to an earthly throne that they might advance thy heavenly kingdom, and gave them zeal for thy church and love for thy people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works and attain to the glorious crown of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons:**

*The people are seated for the readings of the day. Lessons as appointed are read, the Reader first saying:*

## **The First Reading**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reader: “A Reading from 2 Samuel (23:1-7)”**

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 33**

**Reader:** "We will read **Psalm (33:12-22)**, *responsively*. I will read the even lines, please follow with the odd lines."

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!  
<sup>13</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.  
<sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.  
<sup>15</sup> He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.  
<sup>16</sup> There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.  
<sup>17</sup> The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.  
<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,  
<sup>19</sup> To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.  
<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

<sup>22</sup>Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

## **The Second Reading**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: “A Reading from Acts (17:22 -31)”**

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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, <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.”

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>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.’

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel: Matthew (25:14-29)**

*All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>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." <sup>24</sup>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; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>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? <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>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.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

**The Reverend Robert Steele**

## The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 text

*The Celebrant begins. The people join in.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People: Form III** *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 387

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. We pray, especially, for the people in our Diocese of Hawaii.

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: **The Townsend Family, Norma & Carlos, Godwin, Hanohano & Makena, Sylvia, Ryan, Blake, Bruce, Olga & Yuri, Taghi, Susan K., Erwin, Heather, Wayne, Jeff & Kristi, Eugene & Lois, and Lora V.**

We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers and for those facing employment or housing challenges.

*That they all may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Queen's Prayer *Ke Aloha O Ka Haku*** by Queen Lili'uokalani

O kou aloha nō  
Aia i ka lani  
A 'o Kou 'oia 'i'o  
He hemolele ho'i

Ko'u noho mihi 'ana  
A pa'ahao 'ia  
'O 'oe ku'u lama  
Kou nani ko'u ko'o

Mai nānā 'ino'ino  
Nā hewa o kānaka  
Akā e huikala  
A ma'ema'e nō

No laila e ka Haku  
Ma lalo o kou 'ēheu  
Kō mākou maluhia  
A mau loa aku nō

'Āmene

**The Peace** *The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People* And also with you!

**The Offertory: Ua Mau [Everlasting]** arranged by Donald L. Conover  
Video Choir

*"Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord."*

Ua Mau (Everlasting):

Ua mau mai e ka pono  
Mai ka Makua lani mai.  
Ke hui mei mākou,  
I kona loko maika'i.

Hosanna 'ia ke Akua  
Ma nā lani ki'eki'e  
Ka waiho 'ana mai  
I ko kākou ola.

Ke hui mai mākou  
Makua me keiki  
Lōkahi pū ka mana'o  
I ho'okahi pu'uwai

*Translation:*

*1. Everlasting is the righteousness of God our Father.  
We gather here now, with God's blessing.*

*Refrain:*

*Hosanna to God in the highest heavens ...  
who laid himself down that we might have life.  
2. We gather together, parents and children;  
let us unite our thoughts and be of one mind.*

Please place your offerings in the koa bowl at the rear of the church. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks made out to Holy Nativity OR by using the blue button on our website homepage to make your offering online [www.holynativityhawaii.org](http://www.holynativityhawaii.org)

*Thank you!*

## **The Hawaiian Doxology**

[video]

Ho'o - na-ni 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**

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 369

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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!

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. If you choose to receive the Sacrament, please return to your seat before consuming it.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.*

**Communion song:** A Selection offered by Samuel Chen

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

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 & Blessing**

The Reverend Libby Berman

**Closing: Ho'okanu I 'Lii Maika'i** by Oliver Holden/ Trans. Hiram Bingham

Video Choir

Ho'okani I ke Li'i Maika'i (All hail the power of Jesus name)

Ho'oka-ni i ke 'Lii mai ka'i  
E moe nā 'ānela;  
E la we mai i lei ali'i  
No Iesū ke 'Lii mau;  
E lawe mai i lei ali'i  
No Iesū ke 'Lii mau.

'Oukou na kanaka maika'i  
Maluna o ke ao;  
No Iesū 'oukou e ola-i  
E hā-pai i ke 'Li-i mau;  
No Iesū 'oukou e ola'i  
E hāpai i ke 'Lii mau.

'Oukou i no-ho na'aupo  
A puka mai ke ao;  
Ho mai i lei ho'ano no  
No Iesū ke 'Lii mau;  
Ho mai i lei ho'a-no no  
No Iesū ke 'Lii mau.

'Āmene.

## **The Dismissal**

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

*People* Thanks be to God!

**The Postlude:** A Selection offered by Samuel Chen

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

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

**Eucharistic minister:** Kim Garner

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** Alison Kittle

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Beverly Toomey

**Usher:** Ed Moore **Intercessor:** Jean Steele

**Technical team:** Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung

**Altar Guild:** Braham Team

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**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY**

**The FIRST day/Sunday of Advent**

**November 28th at 9AM (in person & online)**



We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our service today. **If you are attending in person, please fill out the welcome card in the pew and turn it in to the usher after the service.** If you are attending online, please feel free to join us for our virtual coffee hour following the service.