

# Second Sunday in Lent

## Sunday March 5, 2023 at 9am



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**The Opening Hymn #140 “God of Abraham Praise”**

*The Choir will lead, please join in.*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**The Penitential Order**

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions, the people stand in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant reads the following sentences*

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

**The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant then 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 Celebrant 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

*The choir will lead this hymn; the congregation may join in.*

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,  
 2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,  
 3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,  
 4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.  
 'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.  
 A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.  
 Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me-ne.

(“Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.  
 I live imprisoned in sorrow; you are my light; your glory, my support.  
 Behold not with malice the sins of mankind, but forgive and cleanse.  
 And so, O Lord, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion  
 now and forever more. Amen.”)  
 -prayer and tune by Queen Lili'uokalani

The Kyrie #S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; 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.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 121** *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 I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **[Antiphon]**

3 He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **[Antiphon]**

5 The LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night. **[Antiphon]**

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. **[Antiphon]**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**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.

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

*After each bidding, the People respond with the words, "in your mercy hear us" and offer their own prayers silently.*

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, let us pray to God. Lord of  
compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for our students at Holy  
Nativity School, who are invited to come closer to you in chapel each week, and for  
their teachers and mentors, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among  
nations and peoples, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. We pray for those on our parish prayer list:

**Raj & Renu , Susan, Eric & Katy, Dieter, Sofia, Dorie and Agenhart, Wayne, Heather, John, Todd, Tom, Kate, MTT, Larry T, Peggy, Kitten, Lee & Lucille D, Lance, Ann, and Vai .**

We pray for all those suffering illnesses or hardship.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness in this life, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

Gracious God, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation keeps a moment of silence.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People* And also with you!



**Offertory Music “Lenten Song” (David Williams)**

HNC Choir

*Please place your offerings in the koa bowl as the usher passes it within the congregation. 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) Mahalo!*

## The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

### 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:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

*Led by a member of the Choir; please join in singing quietly.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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.

*You may receive the sacrament in one (bread) or both (bread and wine) kinds. Please come forward to receive the bread first. Then turn toward the Eucharistic Minister if you wish to receive wine from the chalice. (Please take a sip, but do not “inct” or “dip.”). Receiving the bread only is considered a full communion in our church. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you approach.*

**Communion Music “Our Father”** (John McCreary)

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.

**Announcements & Lenten Prayer**

**Closing Hymn #637 “How Firm a Foundation”**

*The Choir will lead, please join in.*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go in peace, to love and serve the lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Postlude “Festive Postlude on ‘St. Theodulph’”** (Douglas E. Wagner)

Lorraine Yamamoto, organist

**Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!**

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

**Eucharistic minister:** Sandra Braham **Readers:** Lila Johnson & Barbara Abe

**Usher:** Rafael Lopez **Acolyte:** Nicholas Livingston **Intercessor:** Kim Garner

**Technical team:** Alex Picken and Thomas Campello

**Altar Guild:** Garner Team

**Music Director:** Chris Suzuki **Organist:** Lorraine Yamamoto

**Join us next Sunday for THE THIRD SUNDAY in LENT**

**Family Sunday**

**Sunday March 12th at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)**