

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Family Sunday

*Holy Eucharist*

May 10, 2026 at 9:00am

**MOTHER'S DAY**



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

**Opening Song #19 in the Songbook “His Banner Over Me is Love”**

**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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

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

**First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of everyone and said:

As I was walking through your beautiful city of Athens, I noted how extremely religious you all are. I even found an altar with this written on it, “To an unknown God.” I have a God I know well. This is what I know about my God: My God made the world and everything that’s in it. My God doesn’t live in shrines we humans build. My God gives life itself to everything. My God made the first man and the first woman, and all the people of the earth are related to that one couple. My God made the boundaries of space and time and planted in each of us a space that only God can fill. We all search for God, even though God’s not very far at all from each of us. “In him we live and move and have our being”, someone once said. And “we too are his offspring.”

God is not something we can hold, like gold or silver or stone, and no one ever painted a picture of God. God wants us all to turn toward God, and know that we are right with God because of Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 66:7-18** *We will read responsively; the congregation will say the verses in bold.*

Shout it LOUD, people, Bless you God! You hold our souls in your hands and won't let us slip through your fingers. **Come and listen, friends, and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

You have tested us God, just as silver is tested. We've been in traps and had heavy burdens on our backs. We've had enemies ride their horses over our heads.

**Come and listen, friends, and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

We walked through fire and water, and you brought us through all of it, to a beautiful place of refreshment. I come to your house with gifts and make good the promises I made when I was in trouble and you helped me. I will bring you anything you want.

**Come and listen, friends, and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

I yelled to God for help and now I yell God's praises. Bless you God. You didn't find evil in my heart when you looked. You have heard my voice. Bless you for not throwing me and my prayers out.

**Come and listen, friends, and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

### **The Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples,

"If you love me, you will remember what I have said to you and the follow my commandments. When I leave I am going to ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth. The Spirit will be inside of you and stay with you. So you see, I'm not going to leave you alone. I will be with you. In a little while the world will not be able to see me, but you will be able to see me. And because I am alive, you will be more alive, too. You will know that I am one with the Father and that you are one with me. And if you love me and keep my commandments, the Father and I love you and know you as well."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Libby Berman

### **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 “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 Music “A Listening Heart“**

Offered by Ina Young & Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

**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 also 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 Hymn

Offered by Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

## 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 Jennifer Latham

**Closing Song #31 in the Songbook “Magic Penny”**

**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**

Offered by Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

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

**Ministry Team for Today’s Service**

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ed Stikeleather

**Readers:** Aviva Twigg-Smith, Jojo Peterson, Ava Ozawa, and Ava Twigg-Smith

**Acolyte:** Ethan Miyasaka

**Usher:** Justin Donahue **Intercessor:** Andrew Miyasaka

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

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

**Dr. Cat and the HN Singers!**

**Join us next SUNDAY for the 7th Sunday of Easter, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**With the Right Reverend Robert Fitzpatrick**

**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.