

The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 9am



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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

Opening Hymn #182 "Christ is Alive!"

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150 *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in **bold**.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his | holy temple; * **praise him in the firmament | of his power.**

2 Praise him for his | mighty acts; * **praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast | of the ram's-horn; * **praise him with | lyre and harp.**

4 Praise him with tim- | brel and dance; * **praise him with | strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with re- | sounding cymbals; * **praise him with loud- | clanging cymbals.**

6 Let everything | that has breath * **praise the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

Second Reading Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 20:19 - 31

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger

here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Dr. Stephen Noerper

The Nicene Creed

Found on the inside cover of your **Book of Common Prayer**

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 387

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.

The Offertory Anthem “Christ Has Arisen” (organ improvisation)

Ina Young

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Book of Common Prayer, p. 372

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.

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 “All Creatures of Our God and King” piano arr. by Margaret Goldston

Ina Young

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

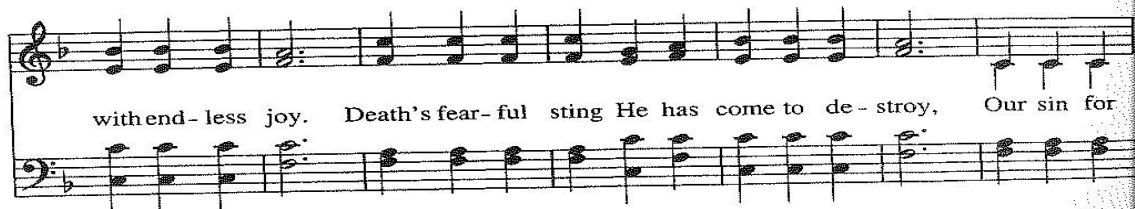
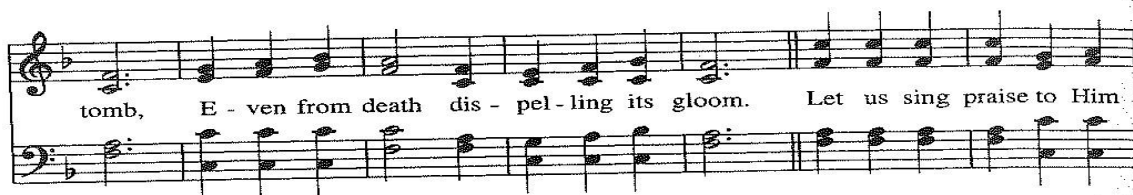
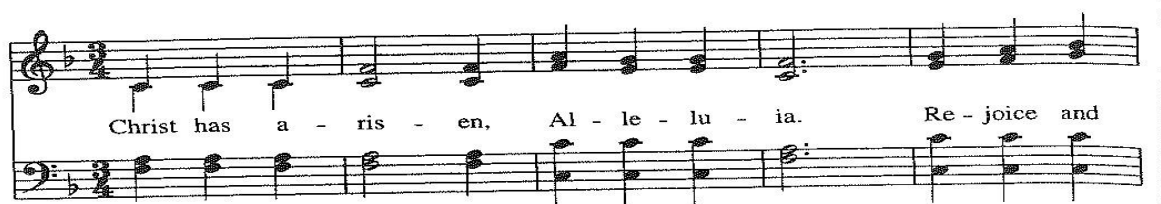
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

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 & Blessing

Rev. Libby & Rev. Alison

Closing Hymn LEVAS II #41 "Christ Has Risen"



The Dismissal

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 “Jesus Shall Reign” arr. by Itke Prins

Ina Young

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*We thank you for joining us today!*

### Ministry Team for Today's Service

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, Robert Steele, Bill Heran, and Alison Dingley.

**Eucharistic minister:** Rick Fung    **Readers:** Zoe Muenzer & Dan Muenzer

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki    **Intercessor:** Juliet Cuadra

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

**Music Director** Ina Young

**Join us next SUNDAY for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4th at 9AM (in person & on Zoom).**

**Our Parish Prayer list:** Lisa, Barbara, David, Luci, Sheri, Becky, Brian, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Ann, Sandee, Doris, Linda, Esther, Antone, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, David, John, Eliane, Lorraine, Margot, Peggy Ann, Bill, Madeleine, Steven, Kristi, and Katherine.

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, who died last week.*

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Upcoming Events:

Adult-Education Talk with Catherine Nurmi & Jean Steele

Sunday, May 4th, after coffee hour

Living with Dire Health Issues

Book Series w/ The Rev. Alison Dingley

"How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith"

by Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington D.C.

Meetings are: May 11, 18, 25 at 10:45am

Copies of Bishop Budde's book are available in the parish office.