

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 9 at 9am**

**Family Service on Mother's Day**



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**Gathering Music**

Lorraine Yamamoto

**Prelude**

“Voluntary on Gelobt Sei Gott”

**Opening Song: “Lord of the Dance”**

19th century Shaker tune

*Please join Dr. Cat and our friends from Holy Nativity School's 2G class in singing the opening hymn!*

I danced in the morning, when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon--and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

REFRAIN: Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John  
They came with me and the Dance went on. REFRAIN

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a Cross to die. REFRAIN

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. REFRAIN

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. REFRAIN

## **Opening Acclamation**

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*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, 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 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 98** *Please join in saying the psalm in union*

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel: John 15:9-17**

*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.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

Rev. Libby Berman

Song after the Homily: "The More we Share Aloha"

Amie Lawyer, ukulele and voice

*Please sing along with Amie (sung to the traditional tune, "The More we get Together")!*

The more we share aloha, aloha, aloha,

The more we share aloha, the happier we'll be.

Makua, Kupuna, Ho aloha, Ohana (parents, grandparents, friends, and family!)

The more we share aloha, the happier we'll be!

The more we share aloha, aloha, aloha,

The more we share aloha, the happier we'll be.

Makua Kupuna, Ho Aloha, Ohana

The more we share aloha, the happier we'll be!

## **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** (adapted from the Church of England's "Times and Seasons")  
*The Intercessor will begin; the congregation is invited to join in the responses printed in bold.*

*Intercessor* We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.  
We pray for those on our parish prayer list. We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers, for swift distribution of the vaccine, and for those facing unemployment. We pray for the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of the undocumented children in detention centers.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Please offer greetings to one another from a distance; wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting--to folks in church and to folks on camera at home!*

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



### **The Offertory Sentence**

*Yours, O God, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O God, and you are exalted as head above all.*  
*(1 Chron 29:11)*

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 to Holy Nativity. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during the pandemic!

**The Offertory Hymn: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul!”** Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

*Please join our Holy Nativity School musicians in the singing of this hymn.*

REFRAIN: Bless the Lord oh my soul--Oh my soul. Worship His Holy name!

Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass--and whatever lies before me--

Let me be singing...when the evening comes. REFRAIN

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find... REFRAIN

Bless You Lord. And on that day--when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore, forevermore. REFRAIN 2X

## **The Hawaiian Doxology**

*We welcome you to join in:*

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

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

## The Holy

## Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2 *From “Enriching our Worship 1”*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

                                  The Lord be with you.  
*People*                          And also with you.  
*Celebrant*                  Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                          We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*                  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                          It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars: Earth, winds, and waters: and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels, in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*The people stand, sit, or kneel, as is most comfortable for each, in continuing prayer. The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself. Yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross, the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, To you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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*

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.

*The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the station at the bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. When you have received the sacrament, please return to your seat to consume it. (If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.)*

**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 Blessing**

The Rev. Libby Berman

### **Closing Hymn and Recessional: "Magic Penny"**

by Malvina Reynolds

*Please join our Holy Nativity School musicians in singing this closing hymn!*

REFRAIN: Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.

Love is something if you give it away--you end up having more!

It's just like a magic penny--Hold it tight and you won't have any.

Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many...they'll roll all over the floor. For...

REFRAIN

Money's dandy and we like to use it, but love is better if you don't refuse it.

It's a treasure and you'll never lose it unless you lock up your door. For...

REFRAIN

So let's go dancing till the break of day, and if there's a piper, we can pay.

For love is something if you give it away--you end up having more!

REFRAIN

## 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

“Festive Postlude on ‘St. Theodulph’”  
Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist



**Please join us for a few moments outside the church on the lanai, to greet one another.  
(As you do so, please be mindful of social distancing guidelines.)**

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Libby Berman Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi

Eucharistic Minister: Kim Garner Usher: Rich Miller

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Adrienne Fung

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SUNDAY, MAY 16 at 9AM**



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