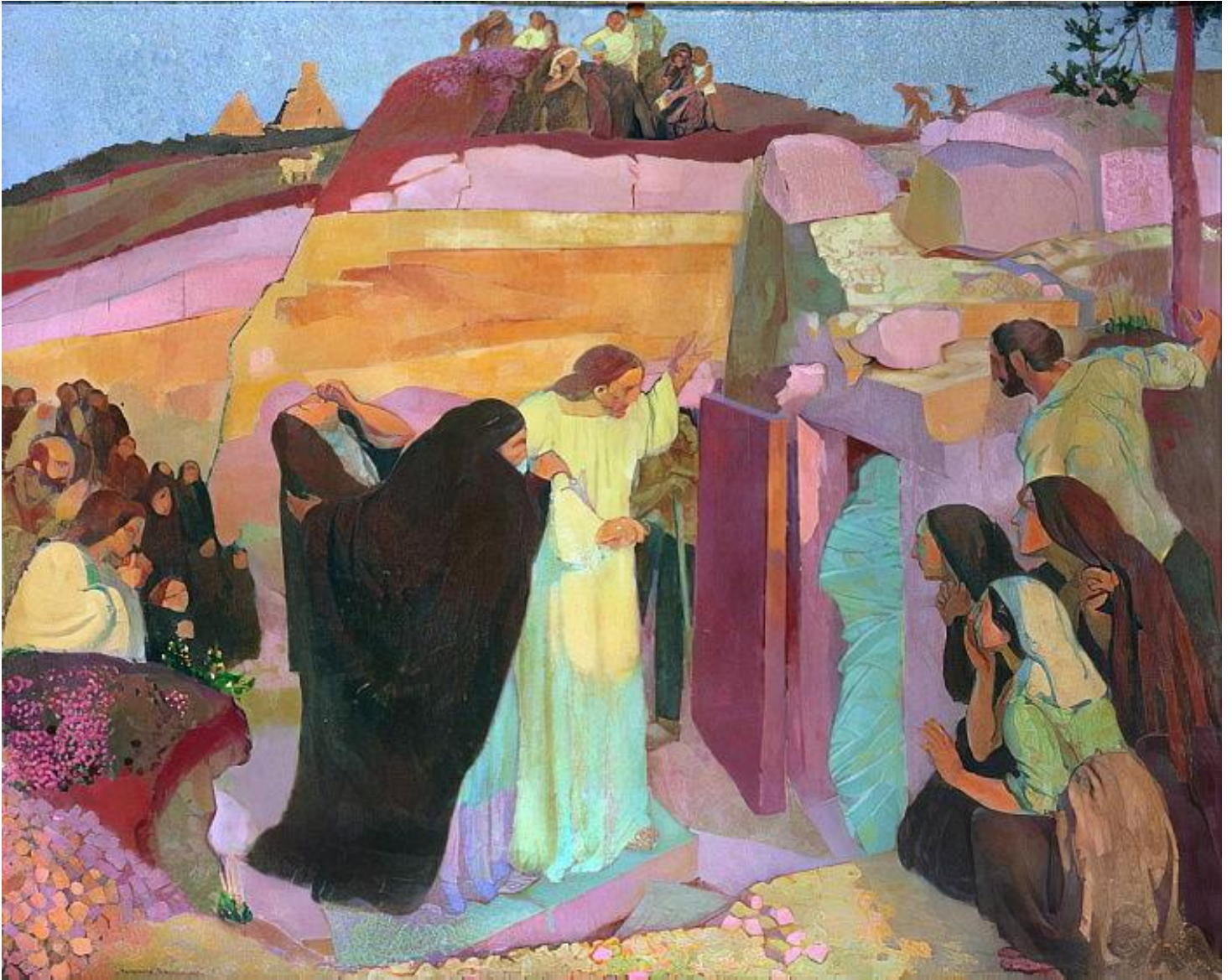


# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 26, 2023 at 9am



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**The Opening Hymn #149 “Eternal God of Love”**

*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 malevolence 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*

*Priest* Lord have mercy.  
*People* Christ have mercy.  
*Priest* Lord have mercy.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 130** *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 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared. **[Antiphon]**
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning. **[Antiphon]**

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD,  
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **[Antiphon]**

### **The Gospel: John 11:1-45**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the



house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Libby Berman

## **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, Eric & Katy, Dieter, Sofia, Dorie & Agenhart, Wayne, Heather, John, Todd, Tom, Kate, MTT, Larry, Peggy, Kitten, Lee & Lucille, Lance, Ann, Vai, Maxine, Lorraine (M), Dave, Cynthia, Joyce, Sandee.**

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!



*“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the most high (Psalm 50:14)*

## Offertory Music “Agnus Dei” (Mariano Garau)

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.bolynativityhawaii.org](http://www.bolynativityhawaii.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 S 156:

*Please join in singing.*



*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 “intinct” 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 “Lenten Song” (D. Williams)

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 #495 “O for a Thousand Songs to Sing”

*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 “Postlude” (F. Walczynski)

Lorraine Yamamoto, organist

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

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

**Eucharistic minister:** Kim Garner    **Reader:** Wanda Adams

**Usher:** Rich Miller    **Intercessor:** Rafael Lopez

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

**Altar Guild:** Garner Team

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

**Join us next Sunday for PALM SUNDAY**

***Family Sunday***

**Sunday April 2nd at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)**

**and for**

**Maundy Thursday -- April 6 at 6pm (In the HNC Community Center)**

**Good Friday -- April 7 at 7pm (at Calvary by the Sea, 5339 Kalaniana'ole Hwy)**

**Easter Day -- April 9 at 9am**

***With treats and an Egg Hunt after services (children should bring their own basket/bag for the hunt)***