

The Last Sunday *after* the Epiphany

Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 9am



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

Opening Hymn #135 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Opening Acclamation

The people rise in body or in spirit, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Gloria. Please join in singing three times through, In English, then Latin, then English.

Dm* Gm C F Dm* Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

5 Dm* Gm C F Dm* Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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.

The First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in **bold**.*

1 The Lord is King;
let the | people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

2 The Lord is | great in Zion; *
he is high a- | bove all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is | great and awesome; *
he is the | Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have es- | tablished equity; *
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down be- | fore his footstool; *
he is the | Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call u- | pon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he | answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that | he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their e- | vil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his | holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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The Gradual "Oh Lord, As You Were on Your Way" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Ina Young

1. O Lord, as you were on your way to
2. So soon, the three be - came a - ware of
3. The Law, the Pro - phets guid - ed you as
4. Why could you not re - main with them and
5. O Lord, how of - ten we pur - sue suc -
where you'd one day die, You want - ed time to
such a won - drous sight. Your face shone bright be -
you dis - cerned God's will. With Mo - ses and E -
there in glo - ry stay? God said, "This is my
cess at a - ny cost, And yet we hear God's
rest and pray, to hear God's word to you that day. You
yond com - pare, just like a glimpse of hea - ven there! Your
li - jah, too, you spoke of God's great plan for you, God's
own dear Son! Now lis - ten to him, ev - ery - one!" And
word a - new, that we are called to fol - low you, Who
climbed a moun - tain high with three good friends close by.
clothes were daz - zling white; your glo - ry came to light.
prom - ise to ful - fill one Fri - day on a hill.
so you turned to say you'd go the hard - er way.
served the poor and lost and jour - neyed to the cross.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

All standing in body or in spirit, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Dr. Stephen Noerper

The Nicene Creed.

Found inside the front cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Celebrant begins. The People join in.

The Prayers of the People: Written by members of our Sunday School.

*The congregation will please make the responses in **bold**.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Bob, ministers and all who serve the church. Please bring peace, love, and understanding among all churches that we all may be one.

As we celebrate Jesus' coming, help us go deeper into the meaning of this season.

We pray for kindness and love in the world. Please help our leaders in making wise and just decisions.

Let the light of Christ guard and guide them.

We pray for the victims of wars in the middle east, in Ukraine, in Southern Africa, and in areas of conflict or trouble. Please help us provide clean water and good health care for all people throughout the world.

Pray for peace, love, and understanding.

We pray for the safety of those around us and especially remember first responders. We pray for our kūpuna, that they feel loved and respected. Please help us care for the 'āina of our islands

Let us be a light for others to care for each other and the earth.

We pray that everyone has a home and a family. Please help those facing injustice, fear, and oppression. We pray for the people on our parish Prayer List, and those whose names we offer aloud, now.

Please join us in offering the names of people you are praying for, one at a time; the Celebrant will be happy to call on you.

Help people who face challenges at work and at home.

May they be guided by the light of God.

Give to those who have died eternal rest and joy in their forever home, where there is no pain or grief.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We thank you for not just all blessings but also all the ways we come closer to you.

The priest adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Deacon 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 Priest 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 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 Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
(Ephesians 5:2)

The Offertory Anthem “Break with the Hungry Your Own Bread” lyrics, Friedrich Karl Barth, music, Peter Janssens
Offered by the HN Choir & Ina Young

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit.



The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

People remain standing in body or in spirit.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

Sanctus S-130



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-164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana e Ke Akua na ka po'e o Ke Akua / The gifts of God for the people of the 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 “Meditation” by Lea Sanders

Ina Young

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements and Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Closing Hymn #691 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!
People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Postlude on DIX” arr. Carson Cooman

Ina Young

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: Thank you, all!

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

Deacon: The Reverend Bill Heran

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

Intercessor: Olesya Noerper **Usher:** Rich Miller

Technical team: Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain **Music Director:** Ina Young

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**Our Parish Prayer list:** Lisa, Barbara, David, Luci, Ginnie, Sheri, Becky, Brian, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Ann, Sandee, Doris, Linda, Esther, Antone, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, David, John, Eliane, and Pope Francis.

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## **Please Join us for Ash Wednesday Observance(s) at Holy Nativity, March 5, 2025**

7:30am-8:00am - In Monteiro Chapel, Rev. Jenn will offer "ashes to go" and a prayer for the school, staff, and parents. ALL others are most welcome!

11:00am-2:00pm Rev. Libby and other Clergy will make their way to the UH Manoa Campus and offer "ashes to go" and prayers, in shifts.

**12:00 noon A traditional Ash Wednesday service\* will be held in the HNC Nave.  
Rev Jenn. will lead this service.**

2:30pm - 3:15pm ash packets (with instructions) will be distributed to all HNS keiki at pick up time.

\*Note: There will be no 6:00pm Ash Wednesday service at HNC this year.

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### **Ash Wednesday Service times for *other* Episcopal Churches in our area:**

**St. Mark's**  
**539 Kapahulu Avenue Honolulu, HI 96815**  
Midday Prayer 10:45 am  
Low Mass 11:00 am  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Vespers and Holy Rosary 5:30 pm  
High Mass and the Imposition of Ashes 7:00 pm

**St. Clement's**  
**1515 Wilder Ave.**  
**Honolulu, HI 96822**  
9 am  
10 am – Ashes to go  
12 pm  
6 pm with music

**Epiphany Episcopal Church**  
**1041 10th Avenue**  
**Honolulu, HI 96816**  
9:00 am  
12 Noon  
6:00 pm

**St. Mary's**  
**2062 S King St, Honolulu, HI 96826**  
12:00 noon  
5:30 pm