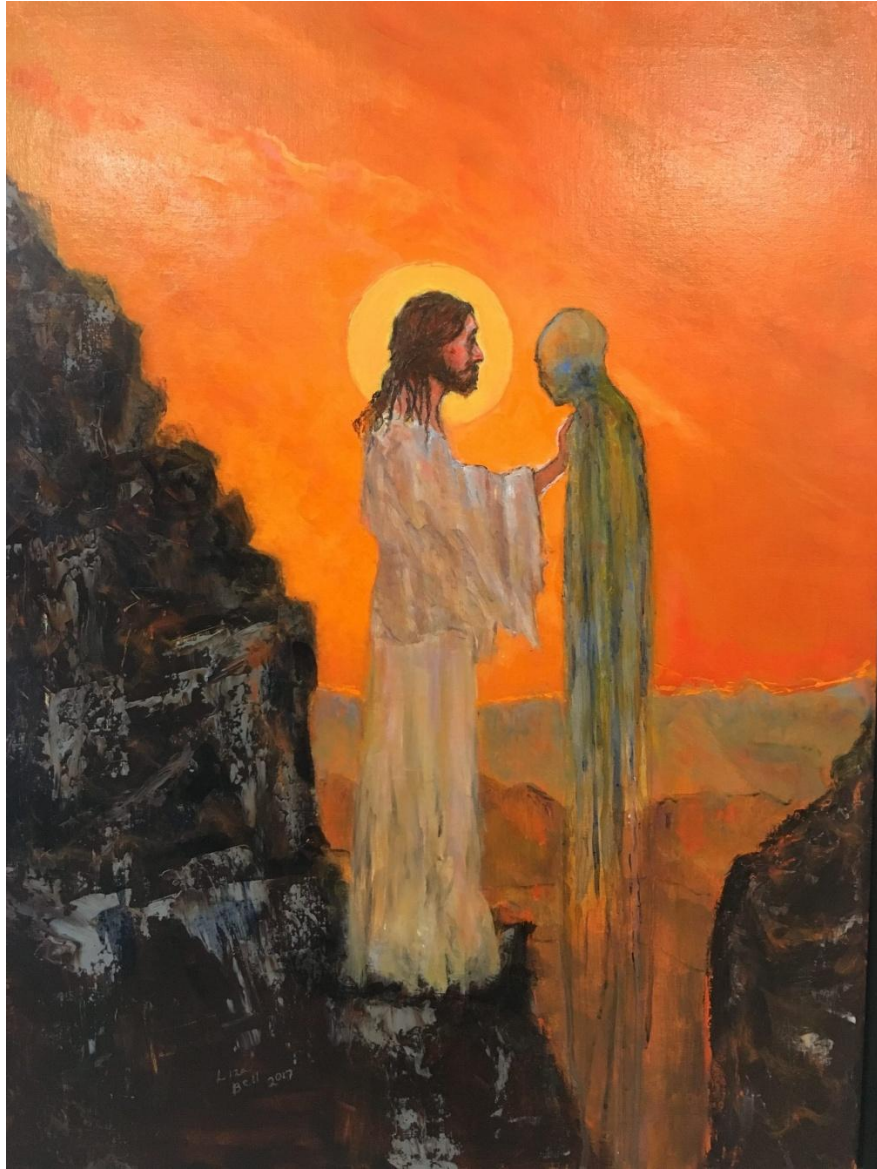


First Sunday in Lent
Sunday March 9, 2025 at 9am
Family Sunday



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

The Opening Hymn #18 “His Banner Over Me is Love”

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

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*

The Kyrie *Please sing through this short piece three times.*

Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

The Collect

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

A Reading Genesis 26:1-11

When you finally get to the place God has given you and settle down there, harvest some grain, put it in a basket and take it to God's house. Give it to the priest there and tell him that God has brought you to your ancestor's land. The priest will set it before the altar.

Then tell him your story, "My great-grandfather was a wanderer. He went to Egypt as an immigrant and stayed there for generations. His family grew and grew and the Egyptians treated them like slaves. When we cried out for help, God brought us out of Egypt, into this place, which is beautiful and flowing with milk and honey. So now, I offer to God the best of what God has given me."

Then throw a party in honor of God and invite your neighbors who are immigrants to your land and the priests as well. Be thankful and mindful of all the God has given you.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *We will read responsively; the congregation will speak the verses in **bold**.*

God is a shelter where we can hide from the storm, The shadow where we can be safe from the hot sun. Here's what I say: "God, I know I can always trust you. I run to you and grab on to you when I need you."

When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I am in trouble.

If you make God the house you live in, nothing bad can happen to you. God will assign angels to you, to follow you, to keep you close. They will hold you in their arms and watch you back.

When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I am in trouble.

Nothing can hurt you – not lions, not snakes. In fact, lions and snakes will be scared of you! God will say, "I will protect that one there, because I know she loves me. I will rescue her from trouble, because she knows my Name and knows how to use it. When she calls out my Name I will answer. I will be with her in trouble. I will bring her back to a place where she can be proud of herself and not frightened. I will reward her with a good long life, and show her what real living is all about."

When I call God's name, God answers. God is beside me when I am in trouble.

The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After he was baptized, Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led him out into the wilderness, where he spent forty days to learn some lessons before he began his ministry. He didn't eat anything during that time, and after forty days he was really, really hungry. The devil started talking to him, "You could turn this rock into some bread if you were really the son of God, you know." Jesus told him, "The scriptures tell me that bread is not the only thing that'll keep me going." That stumped the devil. Then the devil showed him all the kingdoms in the entire world. He said, "I'll give you all the riches and power in the world, if you worship me instead of God. Everything you see will be yours." Jesus thought about it, when suddenly the devil and Jesus were in Jerusalem at the temple. The devil dared Jesus to jump off the top of the temple, because scripture says, "God will send angels to protect you and catch you when you fall." Jesus had had enough. "Scripture also says, don't push God, Don't make God pass your test."

That was it for the Devil. He had no more tests in him. So he left Jesus alone, for now.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Nicene Creed

Found on the front flap 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 begin our journey toward, help us go deeper into the meaning of this season of Lent.

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 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.

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.

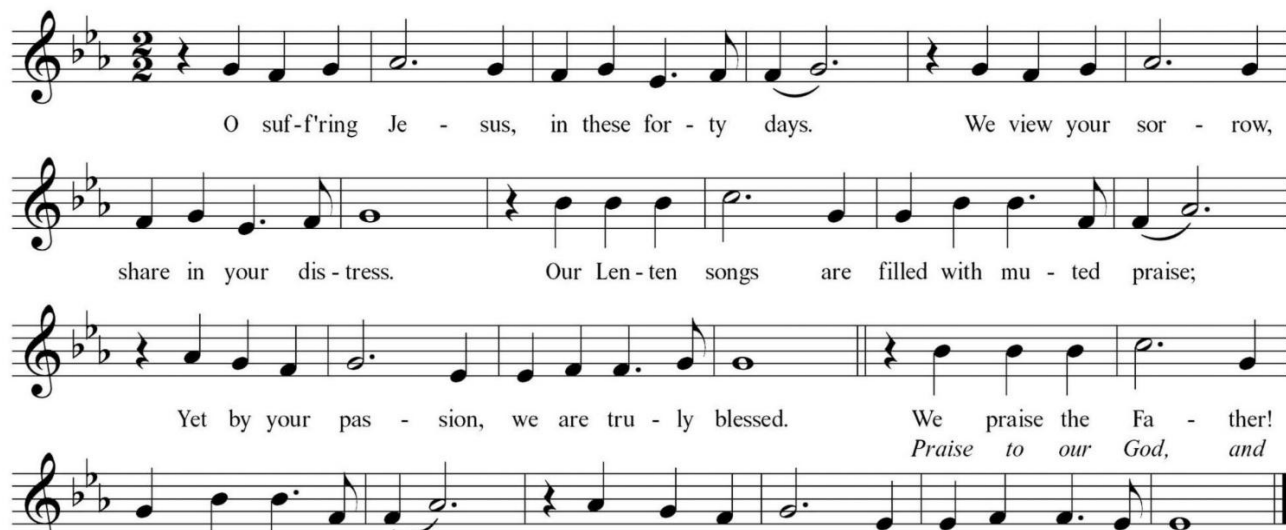
(And also with you!)

The Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God.
(Romans 12:1)

Offertory Hymn #17 “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Lenten Doxology



O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!
Praise to our God, and
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir - it, our God, Three in One.
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The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

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 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 Music

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 Reverend Libby Berman

Lenten Blessing

The Reverend Canon Sandy Graham

Closing Hymn #40 “This is the Day”

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace, to love and serve the lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Offered by Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Alexander (Sandy) Graham, Canon to the Ordinary.

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

Eucharistic minister: Lila Garner **Reader:** Noel Donahue

Usher: Justin Donahue **Intercessor:** Kim Garner

Technical team: Alex Pickens & Georgia St. Germain **Acolyte:** Ethan Miyasaka

Music Director: Ina Young **Today’s Music:** Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

Join us next Sunday for the 2nd Sunday in LENT, Sunday March 16 at 9AM
(in person & on Zoom)

~Coming Up~

Breaking Bread (Pizza Church)
Sunday, March 23 at 5:00pm

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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, Lorraine, and Pope Francis.