

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 19, 2023 at 9am



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The Opening Hymn #143 “The Glory of These Forty Days”

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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.

1st Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 *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 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **[Antiphon]**
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **[Antiphon]**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **[Antiphon]**

2nd Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?”

And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon or Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Doctor Robert Steele

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

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 “A Flower Remembered” (John Rutter)

Lorraine Yamamoto, organist

“In Memory of the victims of the Tohoku area earthquake & tsunami, March 2011.”

*The birds still fly in other valleys;
The snows have turned to flowing streams;
All things must pass, but memories are lasting:
We will remember, we will remember, we will remember.*

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.holynativityhawaii.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:

Led by a member of the Choir; please join in singing quietly.



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.

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 #533 “How Wonderous and Great Are Thy Works”

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 “Flourish on ‘Lobe den Herren’” (Douglas E. Wager)

Lorraine Yamamoto, organist

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!

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

Eucharistic minister: Rick Fung **Readers:** David Callies & Justin Donahue

Usher: Jack Tonaki **Intercessor:** Stephen Noerper

Technical team: Alex Picken and Thomas Campello

Altar Guild: Braham Team

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

Join us next Sunday for THE FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT

Sunday March 26th at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)

and for

Palm Sunday (family Sunday) -- April 2 at 9am

Maundy Thursday -- April 6 at 6pm

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

Easter Day -- April 9 at 9am