

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

May 3, 2026 at 9am



The "Stoning of St. Stephen" is an 1896 fresco by the artist Zikmund Gustav Rudek, Prague.

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

Prelude “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Ina Young

Opening Hymn #518 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Please join the choir!

Opening Acclamation

The people stand in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Hymn of Praise #208 “The Strife is O’er” (verses 1 & 2)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *We will read responsively; the congregation will say the verses in **bold**.*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Sequence Hymn #529 “In Christ There is No East or West” Verses 1 & 2

The Gospel: Luke John 14:1-14

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #529 "In Christ There is No East or West" Verse 3

The Sermon

The Reverend Annalise Pasalo

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 (Form III)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 387

The Celebrant 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 "Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God."

Please place your offerings into the koa bowl as the ushers bring it by.
 For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by
 sending checks to:
 Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!

The Offertory Music “Hoe Amau!” (Pull for the Shore) by Lorenzo Lyons

Offered by the HN Choir

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit.

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3 from *Enriching our Worship I*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Sursum Corda S 120

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

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy.

Sanctus S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!

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-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of 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.

