

# First Sunday in Lent

Sunday February 22, 2026, at 9am



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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

**The Opening Hymn #142 “Lord, who Throughout These Forty Days”**

**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 Kyrie

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm 32 *The reader will begin, and the congregation will read in **Bold***

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## **2nd Reading Romans Romans 5:12-19**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual: Instrumental**

Ina Young

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel according to our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, ‘and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

Madisyn Sim, Project Dāna

### 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 I

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For this city Honolulu, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.  
**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.  
**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.  
**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
**E Ka Haku e aloha mai.**

*The congregation keeps a moment of silence.*

### **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!)*

*To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread, Amen.*

### **Offertory Hymn Psalm 46:1-3 “God is Our Refuge”**

Offered by the Choir

### **Lenten Doxology**

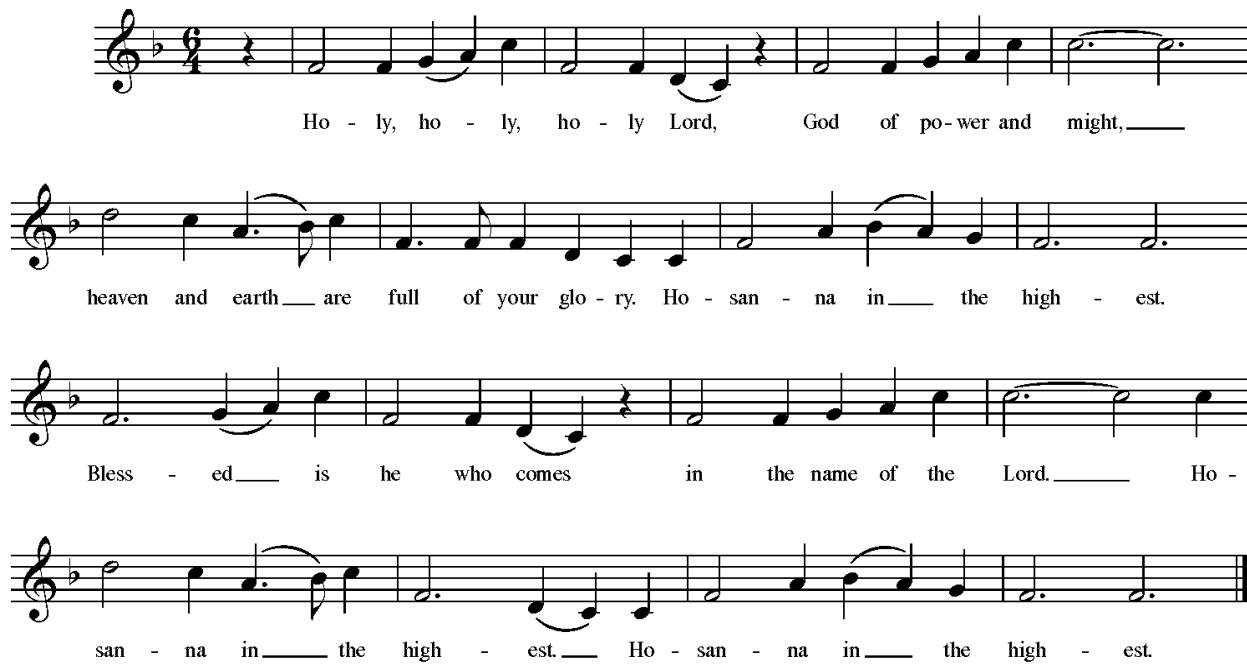
O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,  
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;  
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!  
Praise to our God, and  
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir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

### Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

#### Sanctus WLP #858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-er 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. Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_ the high - est. Ho -  
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### 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.

## Agnes Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

20

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says*

Nā Makana a 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 chest as you approach.*

**Communion Music “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”**

Offered by the HN 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**

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

## Closing Hymn “Just as I am, Without One Plea”

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But  
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With  
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight  
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt  
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has  
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,  
 2. ma ny-a con - flict, ma ny-a doubt;  
 3. rich es, heal - ing of the mind,  
 4. wel come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,  
 5. bro ken ev - ery bar - rier down;  
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O  
 2. Fight ings and fears with in, with out, O  
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O  
 4. Be cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O  
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O  
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

## The Dismissal & Lenten Prayer

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

## The Postlude “Just As I Am” by Dennis Janzer

Ina Young

## **Ministry Team for Today's Service: Thank you, all!**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley

*Mahalo to our guest Preacher, Madisyn Sim of Project Dāna*

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lila Johnson

**Acolyte:** Isaiah Zitz

**Readers:** Noel Donahue & Mike Latham

**Usher:** Justin Donahue **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

**Technical team:** Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

**The HNC Choir**

Join us next Sunday for the 2nd Sunday in LENT, Sunday March 1, 2026 at 9AM

### **Our Parish Prayer List:**

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Peter, Gia, Kevin, Michael, Carol, Lorraine,  
Cora, Malia, Patti, Tom, Doris, Heather, Esther,  
Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Beverly, Peter, Wenli, Val, Roy, and Chandi.