

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 9am



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

## Opening Hymn "Oh Christ We Trust Your Promise" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. O Christ, we trust your pro - mise that we are not a - lone,  
 2. We find a real as - sur - ance with - in the peace you give;  
 3. Your love is your com - mand - ment—both old and al - so new.  
 4. So when we seek di - rec - tion, re - mind us what is true;

for God still dwells a - mong us to make in us a home.  
 the Ad - vo - cate God sends us now shows us how to live.  
 In this world's pain, it's ur - gent that we live love for you.  
 the Ad - vo - cate is with us to help us fol - low you.

God gives the Ho - ly Spi - rit to teach us how to be  
 When we're a - fraid or an - xious, when sin is all we see,  
 We're called to love and wel - come the poor, the re - fu - gee—  
 Christ, guid - ed by the Spi - rit, may we your peo - ple be

a lov - ing, faith - ful peo - ple, a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
 the Spi - rit builds a - mong us a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
 to serve with them, cre - a - ting a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
 a lov - ing, faith - ful wit - ness in this com - mu - ni - ty.

## 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*

#### First Reading Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 67** *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in **bold**.*

- 1 May God be merciful to | us and bless us, \* **show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.**  
2 Let your ways be known u- | pon the earth, \* **your saving health a- | mong all nations.**  
3 Let the peoples praise | you, O God; \* **let all the | peoples praise you.**  
4 Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, \* **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the  
nations u- | pon the earth.**  
5 Let the peoples praise | you, O God; \* **let all the | peoples praise you.**  
6 The earth has brought | forth her increase; \* **may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.**  
7 May God give | us his blessing, \* **and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.**

### **Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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### **The Gospel: John 14:23-29**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,

and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Sermon

Dr. Stephen Noerper

## The Nicene Creed

Found on the inside cover of your **Book of Common Prayer**

## The Prayers of the People (Form III)

**The Book of Common Prayer**, p. 387

## 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.*

## The Offertory Anthem “How Great Thou Art” by Margaret Goldston (piano).

## 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 D

Book of Common Prayer, p. 372

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says.*

#### 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 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.

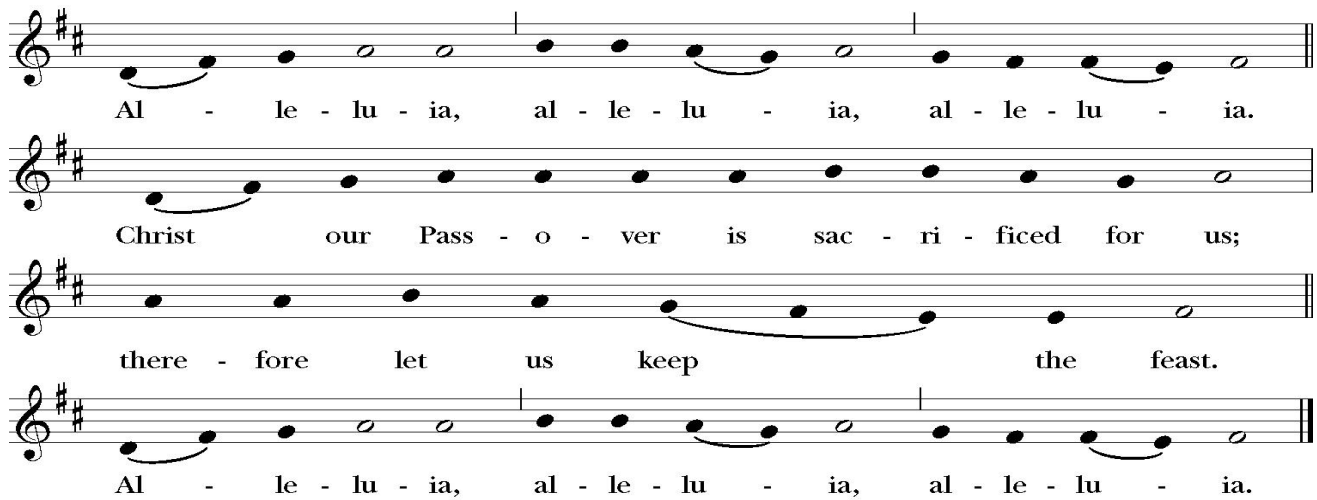
### The Breaking of the Bread

*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



*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.*

### Communion Anthem “Song of Hope”

Ina Young

### 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 & Blessing

The Reverend Alison Dingley

### Closing Hymn #490 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### The Postlude

Offered by guest organist Cathy Harruff

***We thank you for joining us today!***

**Ministry Team for Today's Service**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, Robert Steele, Bill Heran, and Alison Dingley

**Eucharistic minister:** Lila Johnson   **Readers:** Olesya Noerper & Juliet Cuadra

**Usher:** Ed Stikeleather   **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani   **Acolyte:** Isaiah Zitz

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

**Music Director** Ina Young

***Mahalo to our guest organist, Cathy Harruff***

**Join us next SUNDAY for the 7<sup>th</sup> (and last) Sunday of Easter, June 1st at 9AM**

***The Sunday after the Ascension***

**(in person & on Zoom)**

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**Our Parish Prayer list:** Lisa, Barbara, David, Luci, Sheri, Brian, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Ann, Sandee, Doris, Linda, Esther, Antone, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, David, Eliane, Lorraine, Margot, Bill, Madeleine, Steven, Kristi, Katherine, Adele, and Kim.