

The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

Sunday March 1, 2026, at 9am



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

Prelude “Healing Music” by Jason Tonioli

The Opening Hymn #401 (verses 1, 3, 5) “The God of Abraham Praise”

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 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

1st Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 21 *The reader will begin, and the congregation will read in **Bold***

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

2nd Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Gradual: Instrumental

Offered by Amie

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

Found on the front flap of the **Book of Common Prayer**

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.

Offertory Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

Offered by the HNC Choir

Lenten Doxology



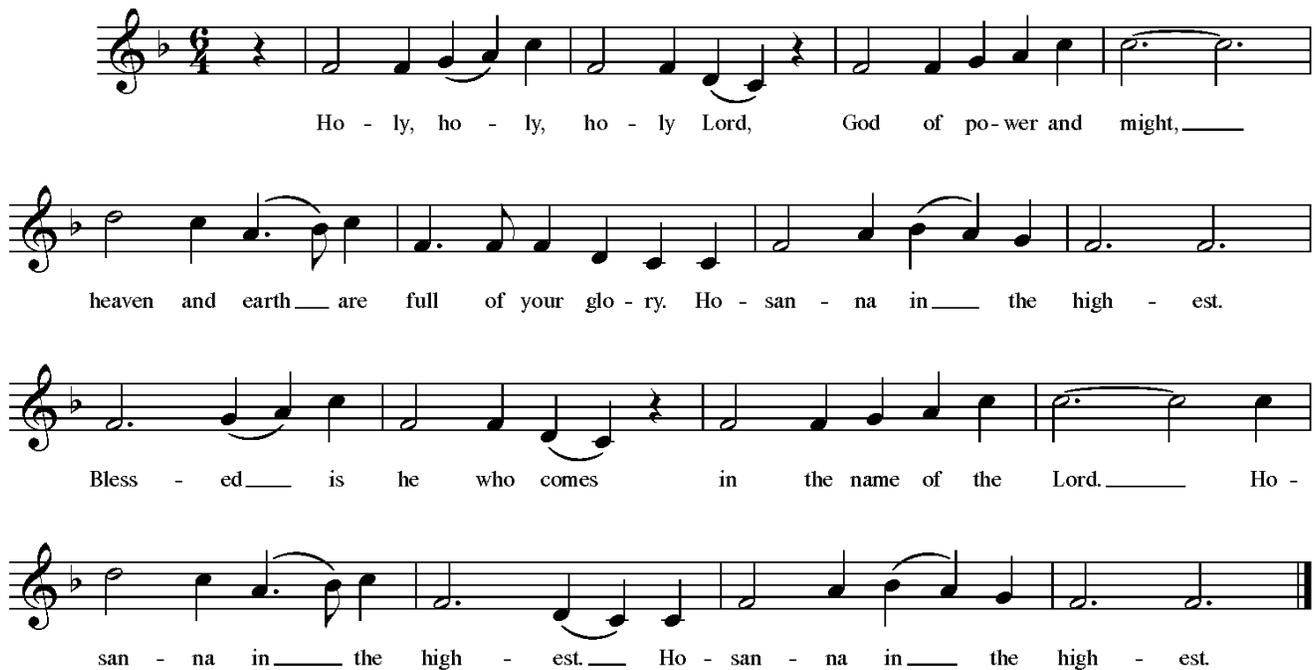
O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!
Praise to our God, and
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir - it, our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

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.

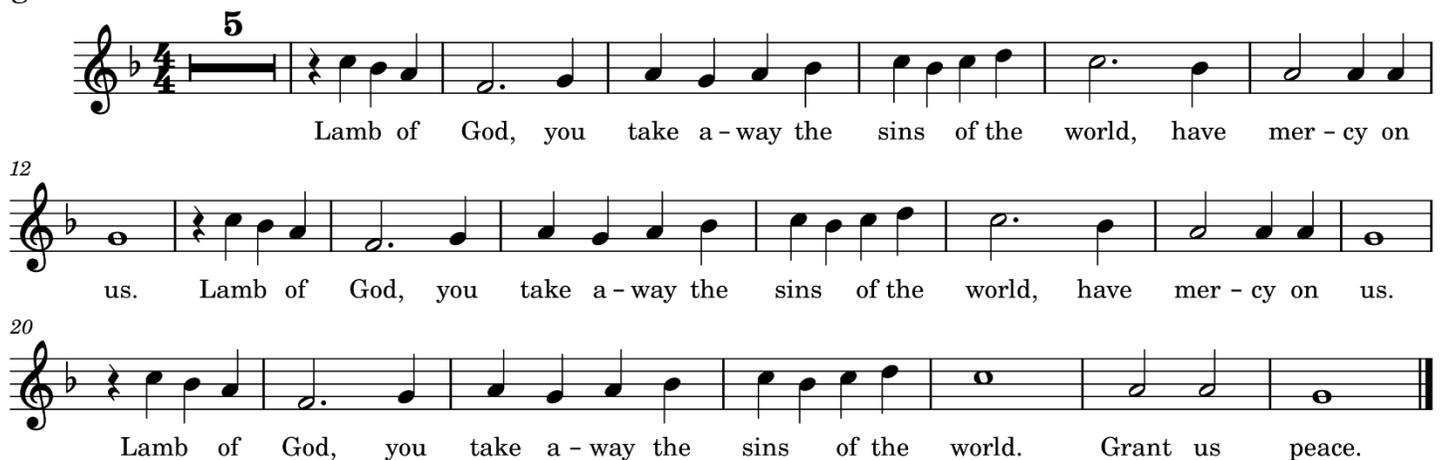
The Breaking of the Bread

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

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us. 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 "Eat This Bread"

Offered by Amie

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 Libby Berman

Closing Hymn #691 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

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

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

*Rev. Jenn will be at St Matthen’s in Waimanalo, this Sunday.*

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rick Fung

**Readers:** Olesya Noerper & Stephen Noerper

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki    **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

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

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

**The Holy Nativity Choir**

**Join us next Sunday for the 3rd Sunday in LENT, Sunday March 8, 2026 at 9AM**

**Family Sunday**

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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 Donna.