

The Last Sunday *after* Pentecost

Celebrating Queen Emma & King Kamehameha IV

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 9am



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

Opening Hymn “Pili Pa’a” – Found on the back of this bulletin
together.

Please join in singing

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.*

Gloria *The congregation will sing through the Gloria three times -- 1st English, 2nd Latin, 3rd English.*

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Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who called your servants Kamehameha and Emma to an earthly throne that they might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave them zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; 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 First Reading Micah 4:1-4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Reading Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself

gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor* he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God* and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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Gradual Hymn WLP #831 “Ubi caritas (Aia no e loa'a)” English, Hawaiian, English

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-29

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Prayers of the People (From The Church of England's "Times and Seasons")

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader: The risen Christ is here in the midst of us. We bring our prayers to Christ as Head of the Church.

Reader: For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

People: **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this congregation, as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom in the sacrament of the eucharist,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for grace to persevere like them,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

The Priest concludes with a closing Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

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!)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

The Hawaiian Doxology

Found on the inside BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

The people remain standing.

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.

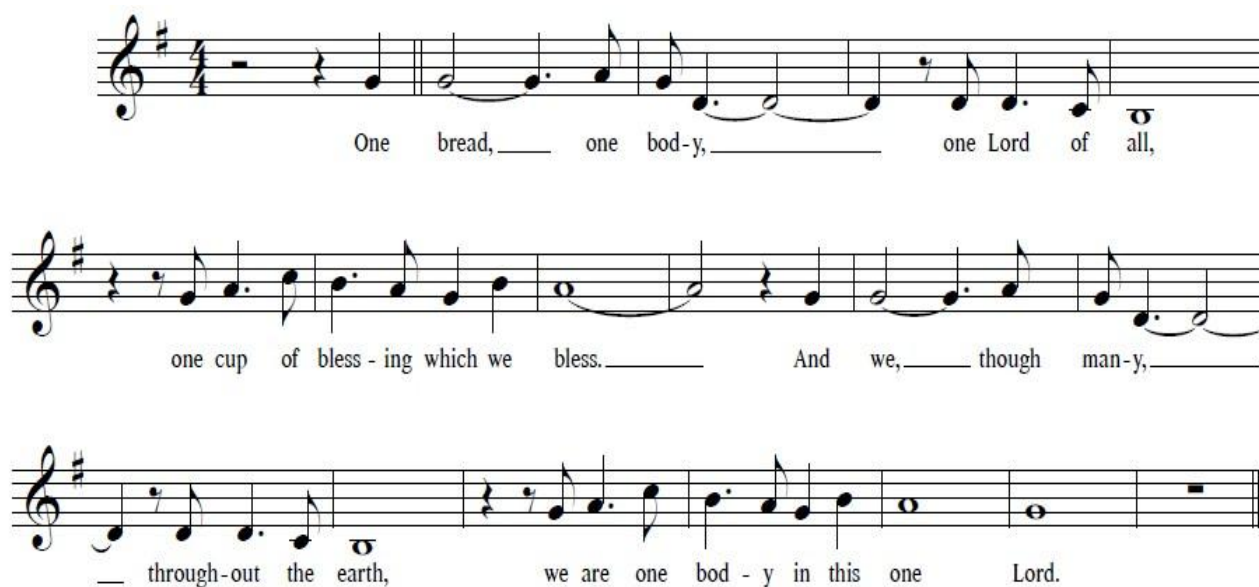
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction “One Bread, One Body”



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: “He Mele Lahui Hawai’i” by Queen Lili’uokalani

Offered by Amie

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn LEVAS #14 “Soon and Very Soon” -- *Found on the back of this bulletin*

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude “In Christ Alone” by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Offered by Ina Young & Amie

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

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

Mahalo, Stephen Noerper for being our Preacher today.

Readers: Mike Latham & Olesya Noerper

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Fung **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Usher: Justin Donahue

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young with Amie

Please join us *next* Sunday, the *First Sunday of ADVENT*

November 30, 2025 at 9am

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**Our Parish Prayer list:**

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Peter, Gia, Kevin, and Michael

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Tonight Pizza Church at 5pm

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**This Tuesday is the  
**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service,**  
*with food and fellowship to follow.***

We will again partner with our East Honolulu friends from Calvary-by-the-Sea Lutheran, Kilohana Methodist, the U.C.C. Congregation in Hawaii Kai, and Wesley Methodist in Kahala.

**Tuesday, November 25th at 6pm  
Church of the Holy Nativity**



# "Pili Pa'a"

Guitar

♩ = 100

G B7

Pi - li pa' - a. no kn - u - a.

C A7

me kea - In ha a mau lo - - - a. we come to -

G D7 G To Vers

go - ther in love and hope. we stand as One.

G7 C D7 G B7

And in our one-ness we are called to be the chil - dren of the lord.

Em A7 A7 Am D.C.

one in our hopes. one in our faith. one in our Love.

G7 C D7 G B7

And in our walk we are called to be the ser - vants of the lord.

Em A7 A7 Am D.C.

to vi-sit the sick, to clo - the poor to feed the lost.

G C D7 G B7

We share this pray'r prayer of thanks to bless this Bread and cup of Wine.

Em A7 A7 Am D.C.

fruit of the Vine, grain of the fields. work of our hands.

G7 C D7 G B7

And as we go forth from this place, we go as signs of a liv - ing God.

Em A7 A7 Am D.C.

Signs of new hope, signs of new life, of a new Day.

# “Soon and Very Soon”

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon

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 soon and ver - y soon

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 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4  
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.