

# 4th Sunday *after* the Epiphany

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 9am



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

## Opening Hymn # 388 “O Worship the King”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says,*

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** *Please join in the singing three times in English, then in Latin, then in English*

**System 1:**

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!

**System 2:**

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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.*

## The First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 15

*Please read responsively. The reader will begin with the odd-numbered verses. The congregation will read verses in **bold**.*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

## **The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual “Blessed and Beloved”**

Found on page 10 of this bulletin.

## **The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

*All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

## The Nicene Creed

Found on the inside cover 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 priest adds a concluding collect..*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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 Priest 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 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.*

**The Offertory Anthem “‘A e Kau Tau ‘a e ‘Otua” (Christians, join the cause of Jesus)**

HNC Choir

**The Hawaiian Doxology**

Found on the back cover of **The Book of Common Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

**The Book of Common Prayer** p. 369

## Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

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hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

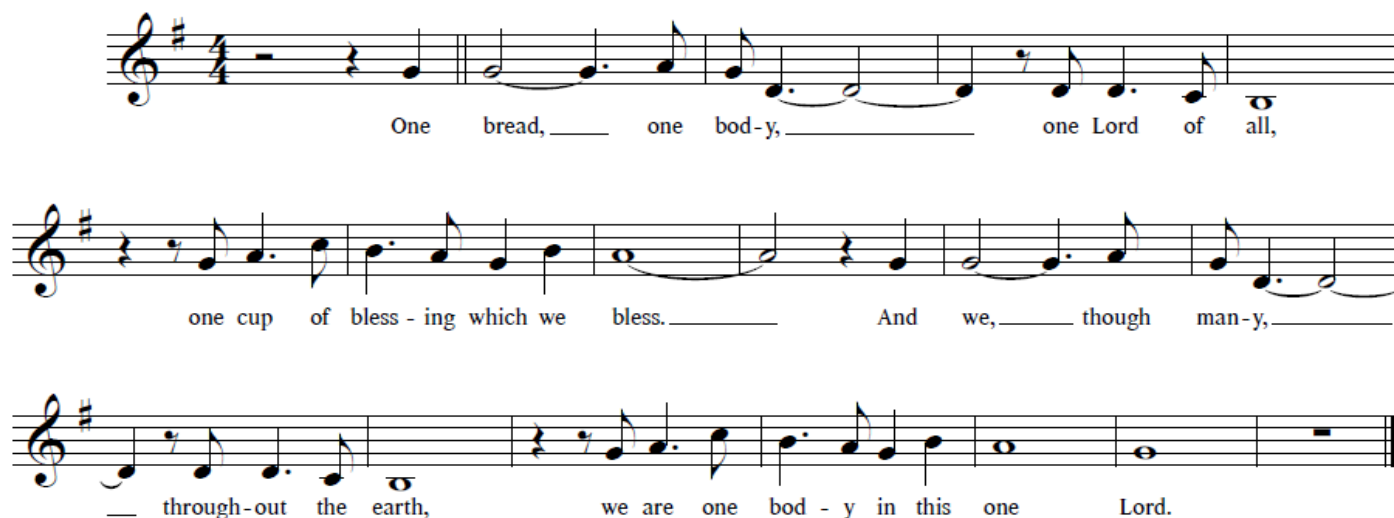
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## 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 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 Anthem #325 “Let’s Break Bread Together”

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* **E pule kākou. Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and People* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Announcements & Blessing

The Reverend Libby Berman

## Closing Hymn “#473 “Lift High the Cross”

### The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” arr. Marianne Kim

Ina Young



**Ministry Team for Today's Service: Thank you, all!**  
**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley

Rev. Jenn will be guest preacher and celebrant at St. Matthew's, Waimanalo today, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lila Johnson  
**Readers:** David Callies & Ed Stikeleather  
**Usher:** Ed Stikeleather **Intercessor:** Kim Garner  
**Technical team:** Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain  
**Music Director:** Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie  
**The HNC Choir**

Please join us next Sunday, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* the Epiphany, February 8, 2026, at 9am

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**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 and Isamu.

# BLESSED AND BELOVED/BIENAVENTURADOS

Lourdes C. Montgomery



1. Bless-ed and be-lov - ed, you, the poor and low - ly,
2. Bless-ed and be-lov - ed, you, the lost and hope - less,
3. Bless-ed and be-lov - ed, you who work for jus - tice,
1. *Bie - na - ven - tu - ra - dos, po - bres de la tie - rra,*
2. *Bie - na - ven - tu - ra - dos los de - ses - pe - ra - dos,*
3. *Bie - na - ven - tu - ra - dos los sa - cri - fi - ca - dos;*



1. you are blessed and ho - ly in the sight of our God.
2. Christ will be your so - lace and your light in the dark.
3. stand - ing as a wit - ness to the mer - cy of God.
1. *por - que de us - te - des es el rei - no de Dios.*
2. *se - rán con - so - la - dos por Je - sús, el Rey.*
3. *los de - sam - pa - ra - dos se - rán gran - des an - te Dios.*



1. Bless - ed and be - lov - ed, you who mourn in sor - row.
2. Walk be - side your neigh - bor, wel - come in the strang - er,
3. Shine your light for oth - ers, sis - ters, friends and broth - ers,
1. *Bie - na - ven - tu - ra - dos los que pa - san ham - bre,*
2. *Si - e - res buen a - mí - go, si - e - res buen ve - ci - no,*
3. *Tien - de más tu ma - no, haz a to - dos her - ma - nos*



1. You shall dance to - mor - row in the joy of the Lord.
2. then you'll find your broth - er, Je - sus Christ the Lord.
3. so your deeds may glo - ri - fy the Lord, our God.
1. *los que llo - ran san - gre por a - mor a Dios.*
2. *es - ta - rá con - ti - go nues - tro her - ma - no, Je - sús.*
3. *con tu cris - tia - nis - mo y a - mor a Dios.*



- Re-joice and be glad for you are not for - got - ten.  
A - lé - gren-se y llé - nen - se de go - zo,



- Great will be the trea - sure that a - waits you now in heav - en. Re-joice and be  
*por - que les es - pe - ran ma - ra - vi - llas en el cie - lo. A - lé - gren -*



- glad for you are not for - got - ten. Bless-ed and be-lov-ed are you.  
*se y llé - nen - se de go - zo, bie - na - ven - tu - ra - dos se - rán.*