

# The Fifth *(last)* Sunday in Lent

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 9am



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

## Prelude “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

## The Opening Hymn “God Whose Love”

1. God, whose love is al - ways strong - er Than our  
 2. Love is pa - tient, kind and car - ing, Nev - er  
 3. May our faith in you be nour - ished; May your

weak - ness, pride, and fear, In your world, we pray and  
 ar - ro - gant or rude, Nev - er boast - ful, all things  
 chur - ches hear your call. May our lives be filled with

won - der How to be more faith - ful here. Hate too  
 bear - ing; Love re - joic - es in the truth. When we're  
 cour - age As we speak your love for all. Now em -

of - ten grows in - side us; Fear rules what the na - tions  
 caught up in be - liev - ing; War will make the ter - ror  
 bold - ened by your Spir - it Who has giv - en us new

do. So we pray, when wars di -  
 cease, Show us Je - sus' way of  
 birth, Give us love, that we may

vide us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!  
 liv - ing; May our strength be in your peace.  
 share it Till your love re - news the earth!

*Chords:*  
 G B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>7</sup>/G C<sup>7</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> G B<sup>b</sup> D F G/D B<sup>b</sup>/F D  
 Bm Dm G B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>7</sup>/G C<sup>7</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> G B<sup>b</sup> D F  
 A C A/C<sup>#</sup> C/E Bm Dm F<sup>#</sup>m Am D/F<sup>#</sup> F/A  
 G B<sup>b</sup> A C Bm Dm Bm<sup>7</sup>/A Dm<sup>7</sup>/C  
 G B<sup>b</sup> D/F<sup>#</sup> F/A Em<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> F<sup>#</sup>m Am G B<sup>b</sup> D F

## 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

C G C D G7

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,

C D2 Dm F C G7 C F Fm C

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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm 130** *The reader will begin, and the congregation will then read the lines in **Bold***

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **2nd Reading Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel: John 11:1-45**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend

Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Dr. Stephen Noerper

## **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 of 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 Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## 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 Song "Will You come and Follow Me?"

### Lenten Doxology



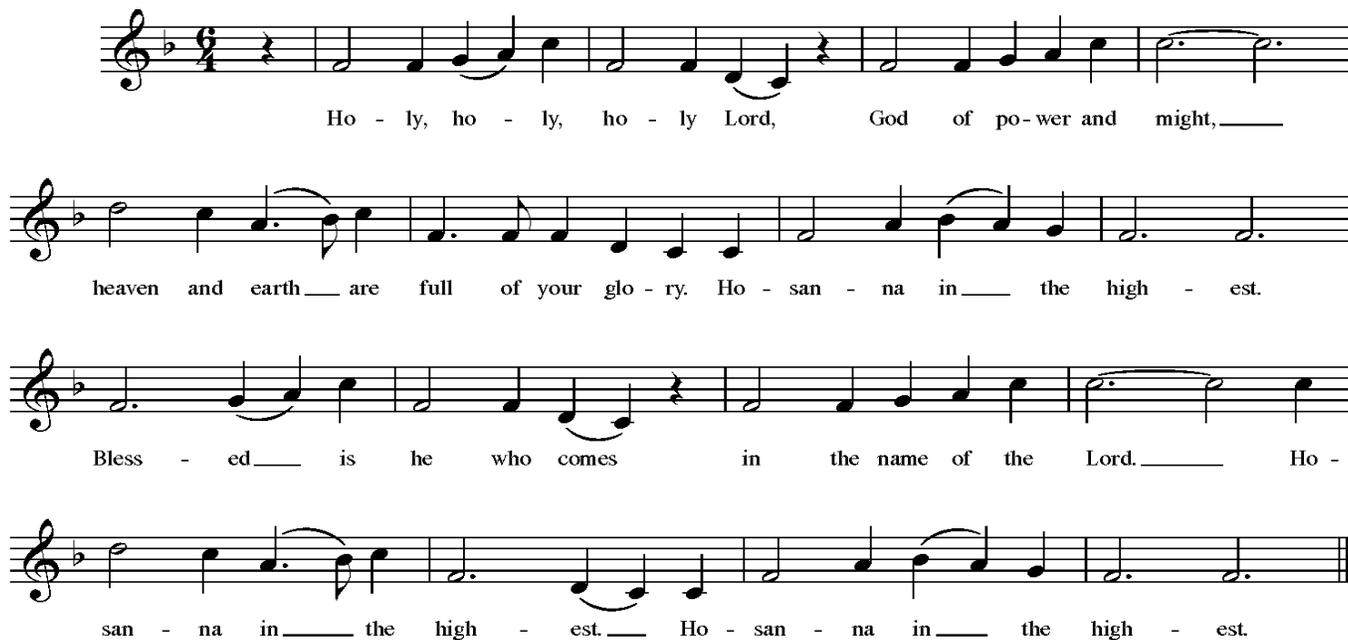
O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,  
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;  
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!  
*Praise to our God, and*  
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir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

### 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

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

## Communion Anthem LEVAS II #104 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Found on **Page 11** of this bulletin

## 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.

Closing Hymn #671 “Amazing Grace”

**The Dismissal**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Peace Like a River”

Amie

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

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

***Mahalo to our Preacher, Stephen Noerper!***

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rick Fung

**Readers:** David Callies & Ed Stikeleather

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki    **Intercessor:** Olesya Noerper

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

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

**Join us next Sunday for *PALM SUNDAY*, March 29, 2026 at 9am**

On Palm Sunday Rev. Libby will be serving at St. Matthew’s in Waimanalo at 9:00am.

*All are welcome to join here there.*

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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, Donna, Geoff, Sydney, and Tony.

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**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday** March 29 at 9:00am

**Maundy Thursday** April 2 at 6:00pm

(In the Nave, with our East Oahu ecumenical partners from the Lutheran and Methodist Churches)

**Good Friday Family Service Day** April 3 from 9 am - 12 pm

at **Hui o Ko’olaupoko. Kawainui Neighborhood Park** at

750 Kaha St. (the intersection of Kaha and Kihapai Street, off of Oneawa Street in Kailua).

**RSVP** at <https://forms.gle/TkFE4ztN7yv91ibPA> for more info contact Rev. Jenn.

**Good Friday Service** April 3 at 6:00pm in Niu Valley

Kilohana Methodist Church, 5829 Mahimahi St., Honolulu, HI 96821

**Easter Sunday** April 5 at 9:00am

On Easter Sunday, after service, there will be treats for the children and an egg hunt.

*~Please bring a basket for your child~*

*There is a Balm in Gilead.*

There\_ is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There\_ is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul. Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And\_ think my work's in vain, — But —  
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can  
 3. Don't\_ ev - er be dis - cour-aged For\_ Je - sus is your friend, — And —

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. \_\_\_\_\_

D.C.

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