

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday April 6, 2025 at 9am



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

**The Opening Hymn #439 “What Wondrous Love is This”**

**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 Deacon or Priest 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 Deacon or Priest 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 Kyrie** Please join in repeating this refrain three times.

Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

**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** *The people are seated for the readings of the day.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare  
my praise.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm 126 *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in bold.*

1 When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion, \* **then were we like | those who dream.**

2 Then was our mouth | filled with laughter, \* **and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said a- | mong the nations, \* **"The Lord has done great | things for them."**

4 The Lord has done great | things for us, \* **and we are | glad indeed.**

5 Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord, \* **like the watercourses | of the Negev.**

6 Those who | sowed with tears \* **will reap with | songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed, \* **will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend William Heran

## The Nicene Creed

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

*The Celebrant begins. The people join in.*

## Prayers of the People

**(adapted from the Church of England's "Times and Seasons")**

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. May Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray, especially, for those in war-torn areas of our world, including Ukraine and the Holy Land. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. We pray for peace in our United States. May the presence of the risen Jesus bring peace and direction as we live with one another. Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray, especially, for those on our parish prayer list and those whose names we speak aloud now:

*(The Celebrant will be happy to call on you to offer aloud the names of people you are praying for.)*

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their pain, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Lord, meet us in the silence,  
**give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.**

*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!)*

### The Offertory Sentence

*I appeal to you, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God.*

*(Romans 12:1)*

### Offertory Anthem “Celtic Communion” arr. by Mark Hayes

Kathy Otani, flute

### 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

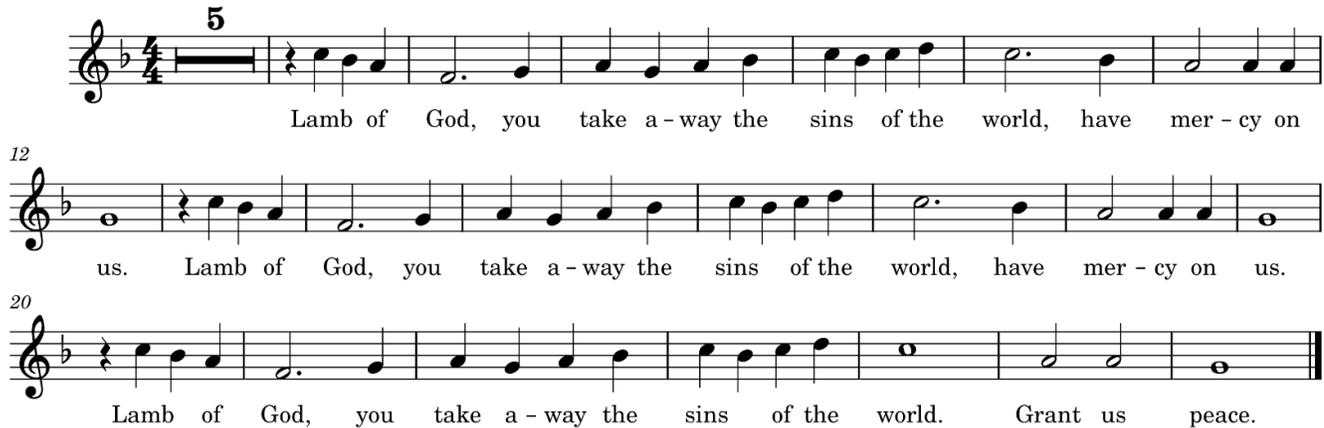
## The Breaking of the Bread

*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.

## The Fraction



5  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

12  
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 heart as you approach.*

**Communion Anthem “Lenten Meditation”** by Franklin Ashdown

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 & Lenten Prayer**

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

**Closing Hymn #480 “When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne”**

## The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Just as I Am” by Harold Rutz

Ina Young

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**Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, Robert Steele, and William Heran

**Eucharistic minister:** Rick Fung    **Reader:** Stephen Noerper & Beverly Toomey

**Usher:** Rich Miller    **Intercessor:** Juliet Cuadra

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

**Music Director:** Ina Young    **Flautist:** Kathy Otani

**Holy Week**

**Palm-cross making workshop on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, children & adults welcome!**

**Join us next Sunday for PALM SUNDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM**

(in person & on Zoom)

**Maundy Thursday 4/17** at Wesley United Methodist Church, Kahala, 7:00pm

**Good Friday, Children’s Stations of the Cross 4/18** at Holy Nativity Church, 11:00am

**Good Friday, Traditional Service 4/18** at Holy Nativity Church, 6:00pm

**Easter Vigil Saturday 4/19** at The Cathedral of St. Andrew, 6:00pm

**We encourage everyone in the congregation to bring cut flowers and greens to add to the decorated cross on Easter Sunday!**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/20** at Holy Nativity Church, 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~*

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