

Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 9am



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

Opening Acclamation and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The people stand in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Paschal Candle and altar candles are lit, as the Celebrant offerings the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Light of Christ!

The people respond: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn #207 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Hymn of Praise #208 “The Strife is O'er” (verses 1 & 2)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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.

First Reading-Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *We will sing responsively; the congregation will sing the verses in bold.*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good; * **his mercy en- | dures for ever.**

2 Let Israel | now proclaim, * **"His mercy en- | dures for ever."**

14 The Lord is my strength | and my song, * **and he has become | my salvation.**

15 There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory * **in the tents | of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the | Lord has triumphed! * **the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**
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17 I shall not | die, but live, * **and declare the works | of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has pun- | ished me sorely, * **but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.**

19 Open for me the | gates of righteousness; * **I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate | of the Lord; * **he who is right- | eous may enter."**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me * **and have become | my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the buil- | ders rejected * **has become the chief | cornerstone.**

23 This is | the Lord's doing, * **and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

24 On this day the | Lord has acted; * **we will rejoice and be | glad in it.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming

those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Re-affirmation of our Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 387

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 *Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.*

The Offertory Anthem “How Firm a Foundation” by Pau E. Koch

HNC Choir

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Ho-o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke A -

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ku - a mau Ho - 'o - mai ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao ko ke - la ao. 'Ā - me - ne.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Book of Common Prayer, p. 372

Sursum Corda S 120

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus S-128

Music score for 'Holy, Holy, Lord' featuring four staves of music with corresponding lyrics.

Staff 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," with musical notation including eighth and sixteenth notes, and two melodic arches.

Staff 2: Treble clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "God of power— and might, heaven and earth are full— of your glo - ry." The music includes eighth and sixteenth notes, and a melodic line with a sharp key signature.

Staff 3: Treble clef, 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The music features eighth and sixteenth notes, and a melodic line with a sharp key signature.

Staff 4: Treble clef, 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music includes eighth and sixteenth notes, and a melodic line with a sharp key signature.

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.

Fraction S-154

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 "Now the Green Blade Rises" arr. by George Lachenauer

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 & The Easter Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn #205 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” (verses 1 & 2)

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude “Wer Nut Den Lieben Gott Laesst Walten” by J. S. Bach BWV 642

Ina Young

Lilies for Easter Dedications

Beverly Toomey *To all my deceased family, and to all my living family.*

Sandra Braham *In memory of Roann, James Ednie, and Betty Jo Torres*

Lila Johnson *In loving memory: Dr. Elmer Johnson, and Gail Peterson*

Jack & Sharon Tonaki *In Thanksgiving*

Jean Yee *In loving memory of Melvin Yee (husband) & Laurie Yee (daughter)*

Ann McCrary *Happy Easter to my Friends and Family*

Kathy Otani *In thanksgiving for all of God's blessings*

Doug & Alison Kittle *For our Friends and Family*

Bill & Gabe *In memory of Rev. John Spencer S.J.*

Anne Lawyer *Dedicated to Anela Barrett*

Amie & Anne Lawyer *In memory of Grandpa Paul Lawyer*

Becky Howard *In loving memory of Rita, Sumner & Sumner Han Howard – forever in our hearts.*

Cynthia Rosebrough *Dedicated to my parents Jean & John Rosebrough*

Please join us after service for fellowship, treats, and an egg hunt for the children!

We thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Eucharistic minister: Christine Donnelly **Readers:** Alison Kittle & Lila Johnson
Usher: Rich Miller **Intercessor:** Olesya Noerper **Acolytes:** Ethan & Andrew Miyasaka
Technical team: Alex Pickens & Georgia St. Germain

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

We also offer much mahalo to our **Music Director** Ina Young and members of the HNC Choir
who have graced us with their gifts throughout Holy Week!

Warm thanks to the Altar Guild for their work throughout Lent, Holy Week, Easter Day,
and all year!

Join us next SUNDAY for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 27th at 9AM (in person & on Zoom).



Andi Metz, artist