



# St. Columba's Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM

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*Aloha! Welcome to St. Columba's. We are glad you are here. We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This service is based on the Order for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and much of the service music. Hymn numbers refer to the Hymnal 1982. Lessons and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, following the Revised Common Lectionary.*

***Please remember** to silence electronic devices. We do however welcome the sound of children in worship. Children are always welcome in worship at St. Columba's. In fact, they are active participants in the liturgy here. A great place for children to see, hear and participate in St. Columba's rich liturgy is right up front. Mahalo.*

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Welcome

Call to Worship *(Bell is rung)*

Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*All who are able, please stand  
see pages 12 & 13*

Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed is the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

**The Decalogue:**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*The Celebrant continues:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your 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 commandment

greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Celebrant continues:*

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 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.*

**Kyrie**

*Please kneel, as you are able*

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* E pule kakou (*Let us pray*): O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**A Reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4a)**

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*The Reader says, The Word of the Lord. All Reply, Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
**the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

## A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (2:15-17; 3:1-7)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

4 *The Reader says, The Word of the Lord. All Reply, **Thanks be to God.***

Hymn “Blessed Be Your Name” see pages 14 & 15

*All who are able, please stand  
verses 1 & 2 before,  
verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel*

*Please remain standing. It is our custom to face the reader*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:1-17)

*At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

*Please be seated*

Sermon

The Reverend Marnie Keator

*All who are able, please stand*

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the 'Ohana For Lent

*Intercessor:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

*Intercessor:* We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

***People:* And cleanse us from our sin.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for our state and island of Hawaii, our nation, and for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

***People:* And we shall be pure.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

***People:* That those who are broken may rejoice.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, please offer your prayers out loud. Give them the joy of your saving help,

***People:* And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. please offer your prayers out loud. Cast them not away from your presence,

***People:* And take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

*Intercessor:* In this season of Lent we pray we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

***People:* And renew a right spirit within us.**

**And finally we pray for ourselves, o Lord Jesus Christ - stay beside me to defend me, within me to guide me - before me to lead me, behind me to guard me - and above me to bless me; that with you and in you, I may live and move and have my being, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Peace: Ke Aloha

*Leader:* 'O ke aloha o ka Haku e mau ana me'oukou.

*All:* A me 'oe pu

*Leader:* Ti Cappia ti Apo adda coma cadacayo

*All:* Ken casta met kenca



*Presider:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Please greet each other in Christ's name.*

## Offertory Sentence

*Please remain seated during the offertory hymn*

Hymn "Draw Me Close"

*see pages 16 & 17*

## At the Offertory

*We believe in a generous God who has gifted us in many ways. As a response to that generous love, we are generous in supporting our church and those in need.*

*If you use Venmo, you are welcome to donate via Venmo, our username is @stjameshawaiiisland.*

*If you use Zelle, you are welcome to donate through the app. The church email address is office@stjameshawaii.org*

*If you prefer to give online, you may visit our safe, secure online site at stjameshawaiiorg.givingfire.com or via the QR code Bless you for your gift!*



*All who are able, please stand and join in singing*

## The Doxology

**Ho'onani i ka Makua mau, ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no,  
Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pu, ko keia ao, ko kela ao. (Hawaiian)**

**Ti Ama ken Anac coma, Ken Espiritu ti liwliwa  
Dayawen nga ipangrona, Ti langit ken ditoy daga. (Ilocano)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (English)**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (sing 2x)**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest (sing 2x)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (sing 2x)**

*The Presider continues* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

*Presider and People* **You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

*Presider* Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Presider and People* **Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed James, Columba, our patrons King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, Queen Lili'uokalani, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Gregorio Aglipay and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*\*During the season of Lent the alleluias are omitted.*

The Invitation

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The bread is received with open palm. The wine, if desired, is received by dipping the wafer in the wine. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like a blessing, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask a priest.*

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.  
It is made ready for those who love God  
and those who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time or never before,  
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.  
These are the gifts of God for the People of God.  
Come, not because the Church invites you;  
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.  
*Adapted from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book,  
(Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.*

*Note: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth." —The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 457*

**At the Communion "Refiner's Fire, I Love You Lord, Sweet Sweet Spirit Medley"**  
*offered by Miriam Wilson*

*Please stand or kneel as you are able  
After Communion, the Presider says, E pule kakou (Let us pray):*

**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 in to 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.**

### **Solemn Prayer**

*During the season of Lent a solemn prayer is said over the people in lieu of a blessing. The Presider offers the following or prayer of their choosing.*

May the God of reconciliation bless you, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** *see page 18*

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.\*  
*People* **Thanks be to God.\***

*\*During the season of Lent the alleluias are omitted.*

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## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

C G F G

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ,

5 Am Em G Am

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

9 C Em F G

God sent the stars to give light to the world, The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

13 C G D7 G

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

17 C F C Em

In Him there is no dark-ness at all. The

21 Am C Am G

night and the day are both a-like. The

25 Dm C F Gsus

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 25 through 28. Measure 25 starts with a treble clef and a Dm chord, with notes G4, A4, and B4. Measure 26 has a C chord with notes G4, A4, and B4. Measure 27 has an F chord with notes C5, D5, and E5. Measure 28 has a Gsus chord with a whole note G4. The lyrics are: "Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God." with a long line under "God." indicating a continuation.

29 G C G F G7 C

— Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 29 through 32. Measure 29 has a G chord with a whole note G4. Measure 30 has a C chord with notes G4, A4, and B4. Measure 31 has a G chord with a whole note G4. Measure 32 has an F chord with notes C5, D5, and E5. The lyrics are: "— Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." with a long line under "—" indicating a continuation.

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Gospel Hymn

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Blessed Be Your Name

Matt and Beth Redman

Capo 2 (G) (D)  
A E

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the  
 2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm  
 3. Bless - ed be Your name when the  
 4. Bless - ed be Your name on the

3 (Em<sup>7</sup>) (C)  
F#m<sup>7</sup> D

land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your  
 found in the des - ert place, though I  
 sun's shin - ing down on me, when the  
 road marked with suf - fer - ing, though there's

5 (G) (D)  
A E

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed  
 walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed  
 world's "all as it should be." bless - ed  
 pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed

7 (C) (D) (D<sup>7</sup>) (D) (D<sup>7</sup>)  
D E E<sup>7</sup> E E<sup>7</sup>

— be Your name...  
 — be Your name...  
 — be Your name...  
 — be Your name...

10 (G) (D) (Em<sup>7</sup>) (C)  
A E F#m<sup>7</sup> D

Ev -ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

14 (G) (D) (Em7) (C)  
A E F#m7 D

When the dark-ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say, "Bless - ed be the

18 (G) (D) (Em7) (C)  
A E F#m7 D

name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your name. Bless-ed be the

22 (G) (D) (Em7) (D)  
A E F#m7 E

name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous

25 (C) 1. D.C. 2.  
D  
*Last time Fine*

name." You

28 (G) (D) (Em7)  
A E F#m7

give and take a - way, You give and take a -

31 (C) (G) (D)  
D A E

way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord,

34 (Em7) 1. (C) 2. (C) D.S.  
F#m7 D D

Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless-ed be the

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# Offertory Hymn

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## Draw Me Close

Kelly Carpenter

Capo 3

(G) (C/G) (D/G) (G)  
B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> F/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

Draw me close to You... Nev-er let me go...

5 (D/F<sup>#</sup>) (C/E) (Em) (Em/D)  
F/A E<sup>b</sup>/G Gm Gm/F

I lay it all down a - gain to hear You say that I'm

8 (Cmaj<sup>7</sup>) (D/F<sup>#</sup>) (G) (C/G)  
E<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup>

— Your friend. You are my de - sire.

11 (D/G) (G) (D/F<sup>#</sup>)  
F/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F/A

No one else will do, 'cause noth-ing else could take

14 (C/E) (Em) (Em/D) (Cmaj<sup>7</sup>) (C/D)  
E<sup>b</sup>/G Gm Gm/F E<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/F

— Your place To feel the warmth of Your em - brace.

17 (G) (C/G) (D<sup>sus</sup>4) (D) (G) (C/D) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>sus</sup>4 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/F F

Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

21  $\text{♩}$  (G) (D/G) (C/G) (G) (D/G)  
 B $\flat$  F/B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F/B $\flat$

You're all\_\_\_ I want\_\_\_ You're all\_\_\_ I've ev -

24 (C/E) (D) (G) (D) (C) (G/B)  
 E $\flat$ /G F B $\flat$  F E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D

- er need - ed. You're all\_\_\_ I want\_\_\_

to Coda  $\text{⊕}$

27 (Am $^7$ ) (D $^7$ ) (G) (G) (C/D)  
 Cm $^7$  F $^7$  B $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /F

1. 2. **D.S. al Coda**

Help me know You are near. \_\_\_

30 (Am $^7$ )  $\text{⊕}$  Coda (D) (G)  
 Cm $^7$  F B $\flat$

Help me know You are near. \_\_\_

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# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Spiritual

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1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low  
 2. Though none go with me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will  
 3. The cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_ the world be -

3 C<sup>7</sup> F

Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low  
 fol - low. \_\_\_\_\_ Though none go with me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will  
 hind me. \_\_\_\_\_ The cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_ the world be -

7 F/C C

Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low  
 fol - low. \_\_\_\_\_ Though none go with me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will  
 hind me. \_\_\_\_\_ The cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_ the world be -

11 Am C/G G<sup>7</sup> C

Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
 fol - low. \_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aloha our beloved Parish ‘Ohana,

I write with a brief update following this week’s vestry meeting regarding the Gathering Place. After prayerful discernment, the vestry voted to direct the Gathering Place Construction Committee to forward the construction contract to the Bishop’s Office and our legal counsel for review. This is an important next step as we continue moving forward thoughtfully, responsibly, and with appropriate oversight. At last Sunday’s All-Parish Gathering Place meeting, the strong and joyful affirmation from the parish about moving toward groundbreaking was deeply meaningful. The vestry heard in that moment a shared readiness to take this next faithful step together — grounded in years of prayer, conversation, and generosity. This decision reflects discernment, not urgency, and a growing sense that the time is right to move forward in trust.

**Matching Challenge Grant Update!**

The response to Harry Morley’s \$300,000 matching challenge gift has been greatly encouraging! We continue making steady progress toward the final \$791,000 needed to fully fund the project. As of today, 11 people/ households have answered the challenge! **\$35,440** has been received in new gifts or pledges since the announcement of the challenge. With the match applied, **\$720,120** remains to reach our goal to fully fund the project. The matching challenge will remain open through Easter Sunday so that everyone who wishes may participate. Every new gift, pledge, or increase will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the \$300,000 challenge. To do so contact the Parish Office. Or give via the QR code.



**Preparing the Way – Getting ready for the groundbreaking**

God willing, we will to gather at the conclusion of the 9:30 AM Easter Sunday service at St. James’ (April 5) to process together for a groundbreaking blessing, with construction anticipated to begin the following day on Easter Monday (April 6). In the coming weeks, you will begin to see preparations around the property as items (swing sets, containers, etc.) are relocated and a new tent for the Community Meal ministry is installed beside the church near the Thrift Store. Like any building project, there will be adjustment and some inconvenience for a season, yet we move forward in hope, remembering Bishop Gillies’ Lenten reminder: “All shall be well.”

**Remembering Who We Are and Trusting**

The Gathering Place grows out of who we already are — a parish rooted in worship, hospitality, service, and aloha. This building does not define us; it supports the ministry God has already entrusted to us. We take these next steps together, trusting God with what lies ahead.

We will continue sharing brief Thursday updates as we move forward. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and trust.

In Christ’s aloha, David



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