Gather us here today by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amene.**

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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

The bread is received with open palm. The wine, if desired, is received by either drinking from the chalice or 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 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, (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.

Those worshiping from home may, if they wish, say the following prayer:
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn *offered by Steve Bess*

Post Communion Prayer *Said Together*

After Communion, the Presider says, E pule kakou (*Let us pray*):
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing & The Peace *Ke Aloha*

Presider: May the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God uphold you, and the Holy Spirit spark you with unquenchable fire as you wait and work for the kingdom to come. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amene.**

Presider 'O ke aloha o ka Haku e mau ana me 'oukou.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **A me 'oe pū** *And also with you.*
Please greet one another in Christ's name.

share the ALOHA

Additional suggested reading for this day:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Saturday, November 7, 2026
Twenty-fourth Saturday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist on the Beach at five o'clock

Call to Worship *(Sounding of the Pū)*

Hymn "O `Oe I`O" *(Opening Mele)* *Please remain seated*

'O 'Oe 'Io E Makua Lani	*You are God, Heavenly Father*
'O 'Oe 'Io , Ka Waiola	*You are God, The Living Water*
'O 'Oe 'Io , E Kumu Ola	*You are God, The great healer*
Ka Mea Hana I Na Mea A Pau	*The one who has created all things*
E Ku`u Haku,	*Oh, Lord my God*
Ka mauna ki` eki`e	*The Most High*
O `oe `Io	*You are God*
Ending	*Ending*
E ku`u Haku	*Oh, Lord my God*
Ka mauna ki` eki`e	*The Most High*
O `oe `Io	*You are God*

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**
Presider E pule kakou: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amene.**

A Reading from the Book of Joshua *(24:1-3a, 14-25)*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites

in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *(25:1-13)*

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord. *All reply,* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayer before sermon

Take our lips O Lord and speak through them; Take our minds and think through them. And, take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen.

Sermon

The Reverend David Stout

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the leader says, Gracious God, *All,* **Hear our prayer.**
At conclusion of the prayers, **Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

Holy and gracious God,
you are all light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness
and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Presider My brothers and sisters, hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! You are forgiven. **Amen.**

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.

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Hymn

offered by Steve Bess

The Doxology

All **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. 'Amene.
English version:
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise God above, Ye Heavenly Host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider O God, we thank you for the beauty of this place where the glorious revelation of your presence is all around us. From the depths of the ocean floor you lifted your massive islands and pointed them toward the heavens to sustain life. We marvel as we wander through stately palms and twisted lava along the shore, where the colorful fish swim among the rocks, crab scurry about the sand, dolphins and whales dance upon the waves; and we remember that you have given us these things to enjoy and care for. Our Spirits are refreshed and our strength renewed.

Presider & People **Our lives are lived between sunrise and sunset blessed with brilliant colors. But at night the darkness reveals the limitless stars that have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of heaven and your wonder.**

We come together in communities on the seashore, on the volcanoes, and in their shadows in the valleys, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil, and grown into a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ. And so we join with blessed James, Columba, our patrons Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, Queen Lili`uokalani, Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, the ever blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Sanctus

"Big Island Mass" by Michael Perdue

Hemolele, hemolele, hemolele, 'oe e ka Haku.

Ke Akua mana
a me ka ikaika.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Pōmaika'i ka mea,
e hele mai ana.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosana, hosana, hosana i ke ki'e ki'e loa. *(sung twice)*

English translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, your Son our Savior Jesus, reflected in each other's faces and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you.

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

So now loving God, we bring these gifts before you. Sanctify them by the power of the Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.