



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m. Online and in the Sanctuary

Opening Hymn • 509 • Spirit divine •

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

*Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

A Reading from the second Book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as

Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalms 50:1-6

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Gradual Hymn • 488 • Be thou my vision •

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp

The Nicene Creed *(Stand as you are able)*

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 People

Presider: God of eternal light and everlasting glory, send the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ upon us that we may be

transfigured by the dazzling vision of his goodness, as we bring our prayers to you, saying: Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Litanist: You have caused your Church to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ: Inspire our witness to him that all the earth may be raised to a new vision of your abiding presence and love.

Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Before you there is a consuming flame and round about you a raging storm, O God: Humble our leaders and all who exercise authority among the nations of the world, that they may keep before them the vision of your peace.

Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

You see the suffering of people throughout the world struggling in the midst of poverty, violence, injustice, and illness; you know those desperate ones who have no hope or vision for themselves or their loved ones: Let your transfiguring grace bring light and hope to all who yearn for something new.

Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Shine your light into the hearts of this community and overshadow us with the cloud of your presence, that this may be a place of illumination and grace.

Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

in the face of Jesus Christ.

You call the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting:
Hear our prayers for all who need your light, especially Bev, Liam, Jeanne and family, Marie, Tom, Mike, Lei, Julia, Jane, Cynthia, Wayne, Sheila, Elise and family, Becca, Sara, Steve, Art, Paul, Charlyn, Erin, Niles, Robbie, Jane, Dale, Webb, Linda, David, Helen, Tony, Penny, Tommy, Matthew, Pam, and Rich. For the residents of Lahaina and greater Maui who have lost their loved ones, homes, worship spaces, and businesses from the fires. We pray for resilience of the land and fortitude of the people, for all that is Maui. We pray also for the people and leadership of Ukraine and the people of Russia who wish for peace and an end to the war. We pray also for people who live in a perpetual state of danger in the Middle East, Central America, and in conflicts around the world; that all who suffer danger and violence would know hope in their troubles and courage in their hearts.

We give you thanks for the light of your blessing, especially for The Helen Mitsui Shared Blessings Thrift Shop.

Hear our prayers for those who have ascended with Elijah and Jesus into your eternal light, especially Bob.

Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

in the face of Jesus Christ.

Presider: Holy and eternal God, grant us grace to ascend unto your holy mountain and to see the dazzling vision of your transfigured reality in our worship and prayer this day; strengthen us to listen to your voice and to follow you in faithful service, even

when you are hidden from us, until at last we see you face to face in your eternal and everlasting glory, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Prayer of Confession

**`O kou aloha no
Aia i ka lani
A `o kou `oia `i`o
He hemolele ho`i.**

**Ko`u noho mihi `ana
A pa`ahao `ia
`O `oe ku`u lama
Kou nani ko`u ko`o.**

**Mai nana `ino`ino
Na hewa o kanaka
Aka e huikala
A ma`ema`e no.**

**No laila e ka Haku
Ma lalo o kou `eheu
Ko makou maluhia
A mau loa aku no.
`Amene**

The Queen's prayer

**Your loving mercy
Is as high as heaven
And your truth
So perfect.**

**I live in sorrow
Imprisoned
You are my light
Your glory, my support.**

**Behold not with malevolence
The sins of man
But forgive
And cleanse.**

**And so, o Lord
Protect us beneath your wings
And let peace be our portion
Now and forever more.
Amen**

Absolution: 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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn • Music •

Doxology (*Hawaiian*)

**Ho'o-na-ni I ka Ma-ku-a mau,
Ke kei-ki me ka U-ha-ne no,
Ke Aku-a mau Ho'o-mai-ka'I pu,
Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. `Amene.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in	E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka
heaven, hallowed be thy	lani, E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa, E
Name, thy kingdom	hiki mai Kou aupuni, E
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.

mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma
ka honua nei.

E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka
lani lā. E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i
kā mākou lawehala 'ana, Me
mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i
lawehala i kā mākou.

Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i
ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai, E
ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka
'ino. No ka mea,
No uke apuni, a me ka mana, a me
ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku.

AMENE.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion:

Laudate Dominum, Omnes Gentes, Alleluia

Laudate Dominum, Omnes Gentes, Alleluia

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **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 into 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.**

The Blessing

•Closing Hymn • 494 • Crown him with many thorns •

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Aloha! Welcome!

If you are visiting our beautiful island, ALOHA.

We are blessed by your visit and pray that God's beauty greets you at every scenic turn and in the eyes of every person you meet. If you're thinking and praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, to serve God, and to make a difference in this world, be our guest! There's a special place at Christ Memorial just for you.

We're so glad you're here.

Many wonderful lay ministers lead our congregation with the support of our priest, vicar, and pastor,

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