

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 21 at 9am**



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI  
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*We welcome everyone to worship today! For safety reasons, those worshipping in person at the church please make all spoken responses **quietly**. We look forward to “making a joyful noise unto the Lord” together whenever it is deemed safe for us to do so!*

**Gathering Music**

*“Our Father who art in Heaven,” Dietrich Buxtehude*

Lorraine Yamamoto

## **The Processional Hymn #401: “The God of Abraham Praise”**

*led by the choir*

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
We bow and bless the sacred Name forever blest.

He by himself hath sword: we on his oath depend:  
We shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.  
We shall be hold his face, we shall his power adore,  
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o’er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
On Zion’s sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light, forever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
And “Holy, holy, holy,” cry, “Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee.”

The whole triumphant host give to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” they every cry:  
Hail, Abraham’s Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Penitential Order**

*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 Celebrant reads the following sentence*

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 Celebrant 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 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.*

## The Kyrie

**S 91** **The Holy Eucharist I**

Lord, have mercy upon us *Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## Queen Lili'uokalani's Prayer

*The choir will lead this hymn; the congregation may join in.*

'O kou a-lo-ha no, A-i-a i ka la-ni, A 'o kou'oi-a-i-'o, he he-mo-le-le ho-'i.

Ko'u no-ho mi-hi 'a-na a pa'a-h-o 'i-a, 'O 'o-e ku-'u la-ma, kou na-ni ko-'u ko-'o.

Mai na-na 'i-no-'i-no. Na he-wa o ka-na-ka, A-ka, e hu-i-ka-la, A ma-'e ma-'e no.

No lai-la e ka ha-ku, Ma la-lo kou e-he-u, Ko ma-kou ma-lu hi-a, A mauoa a-ku no. 'A-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 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 First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm: 51:1-13**

*Reader* Please join me in praying portions of Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

### **The Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect,

he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel: John 12:20-33**

The Rev. Libby Berman

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

Steele

The Rev. Dr. Robert

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The Celebrant begins. The people join in.*

ICET 1988 Text

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who 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:**  
**(adapted from the Church of England's "Times and Seasons")**

*After each bidding, the People respond with the words, "in your mercy hear us" and offer their own prayers silently.*

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, let us pray to God.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth, let us pray to God.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for our students at Holy Nativity School,  
who are invited to come closer to you in chapel each week, and for their teachers and mentors,  
let us pray to God.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and  
peoples, let us pray to God.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all in  
danger; that they may be relieved and protected. We pray for those our parish prayer list:  
Kelly, Hanohano, Chris, Lola, Sylvia, Heidi, Wayne, Coco, Ronny, Heather, Deedie, June,  
Susan, and Beverly. We pray for all those who have the Corona virus and all caregivers. We

pray for the swift distribution of the vaccine; we pray for those facing unemployment during this time.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to God.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to God.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness in this life, let us pray to God. Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

Gracious God, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation keeps a moment of silence.*

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Those worshipping at the church please offer greetings to one another from a distance; feel free to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting. Those worshipping in person and at home, please remember one another, as we are one!*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you!  
*People* And also with you!



## **Offertory Hymn #142: “Lord, who throughout these Forty Days”**

*Led by the choir; please join in*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,

O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! With us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

For those worshipping in person in the church, please place your offerings into the koa bowl at the rear of the church. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during the pandemic!



## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in acts of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

*Celebrant and People, speaking together*

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.

*The people stand, sit, or kneel, as is most comfortable for each, in continuing prayer. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

*People and Celebrant*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the station at the bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. When you have received the sacrament, please return to your seat to consume it. Receiving the sacrament “in one kind only,” is considered by the Church to be a full communion.*

## **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 Blessing**

The Rev. Libby Berman

### **The Closing Hymn 495: “Hail thou once despised Jesus”**

*The hymn will be led by members of the choir; please join in.*

Hail thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit We find favor: life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on Thee were laid; by almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever To abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, Seated at thy Father’s side; There for sinners thou art Pleading; there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us Interceding, till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy

To receive; highest praises, without ceasing,  
Right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic  
Spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our  
Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Postlude

*"Chorale," by Anthony Giamanco*

Lorraine Yamamoto

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### **Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!**

Celebrant: The Rev. Libby Berman  
Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. Robert Steele  
Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and the HNC choir  
Readers: Barbara Abe & Justin Donahue  
Eucharistic Minister & Acolyte: Lila Johnson  
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## **JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR PALM SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28 at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)**

**The service will begin with the blessing of palms on the lanai and a procession into the church. When you arrive, please find your place in a socially-distanced circle. Those who do not wish to process may be seated in the church during the first part of the service.**



Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for our series, “Becoming the Beloved Community.” 6-7pm on Zoom; link is on the front of the website:  
[www.holynativityhawaii.org](http://www.holynativityhawaii.org)

**LILLIES FOR EASTER**



Please consider contributing to the Holy Nativity Flower Fund to decorate our nave on Easter Sunday. For \$10.00, you can purchase a potted Easter Lily. You may make a dedication to be noted with your name in the church bulletin. After Easter you can take the lily home to plant.

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I wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ a potted Easter Lily

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you from the Altar Guild