

Fourth Sunday in Easter

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Prelude: "Christ is Alive!"

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist
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Procession of Crosses

Alexander Domecki, Senior Acolyte

Opening Acclamation

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

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Officiant says

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.*

The following hymn of praise is sung, all standing "Morning has Broken," Amie Lawyer, ukulele and voice

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's dewfall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning!
God's recreation of the new day!

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

First reading: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The leader begins this reading; the congregation joins in.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 10:1-10

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 Text

The Officiant begins; the congregation joins in

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Lora V., Frank, Dorie, Rita, Wayne, Victoria, Sandee, Ronny, Donna, Sylvia, Blake, Bruce, Helen, Wes, Terri, Kendall, Bob, Yoko, Lola, Robert Y., Bobby Y., Lois C., The King Family, June A., Diane M., Pamela F., Heather, Richard P., Guthrie, and Teri. We pray also for all those who have contracted the Corona virus., those who are caregivers during this time, and for those who are working toward a vaccine or other measures of relief.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those who have died because of COVID-19; we also remember their families and dear friends.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.



The Offertory Sentence

offered by the officiant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

Announcements

The Offertory Hymn (*the congregation joins in the singing of Hymn #711*)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and his righteousness
and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu; Alleluia!
Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu; Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be added unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu; Alleluia!
Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu; Alleluia!

The Hawaiian Doxology *(the congregation joins in the singing of Hymn #380)*

Ho'o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a,
Ke Kei-ki me ka 'U-ha-ne no,
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-'o-mai-ka-'i pu
Ko kei-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.

Please note that, during this time of worship at home, we are not able to present our offerings as we ordinarily would during our Sunday service. If you are able, please support Holy Nativity with your pledges and financial gifts, particularly during this time, as our worship and many ministries continue! Please send checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821.



Communion Under Special Circumstances

For those who are unable to partake of the Sacrament due to sickness, disability, natural disaster, quarantine, or emergencies. Communicants may kneel, stand, or sit, as they prefer, or are able.

Officiant

“Behold, I stand at the door of your heart, and knock. Open, so I may come in and break bread with you.” (Revelation 3:20)

You prepare a table for us. You anoint our lives with goodness and mercy, that we may dwell in your loving presence forever. (John 15:5)

Christ is the vine. We are the branches. Christ abides in us, and we find peace and joy in him; that we may bear fruit on earth as in heaven.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray *(together)*,

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 Officiant sets out the chalice and paten. The congregation keeps a moment of silence.

The Officiant leads the following prayer; the people join in

We thank you, blessed Jesus, for the bread of heaven, and the cup of salvation; and for your body made flesh in us. Amen.

Officiant and People together:

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

The Easter Blessing

The Dismissal

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

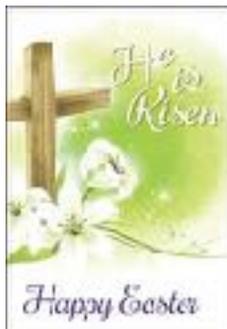
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

The Postlude: "This Joyful Eastertide!"

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele
Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto. Special Music: Amie Lawyer
Readers: Ed Moore & Barbara Abe Intercessor: Wyn Aubrey-Child
Frank Condello, Student in formation for Ordination
Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Mark & Samantha Berman



At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to take a moment to get a cup of coffee, return to your screen, and join us in a few moments for our “virtual coffee hour”! (If you are ready to leave, simply click the red button that says, “Leave Meeting” anytime.)

We thank you for joining us and we hope you have a good week!

Please continue to join us online for our Sunday services during the Easter Season at 9am.
