

# Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 25 at 9am



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## Gathering Music

Lorraine Yamamoto

**Prelude** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Margaretha Christina de Jong

**Opening Hymn 199 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain of Triumphant Gladness!"**

*Please join our choir in singing the opening hymn!*

## Opening Acclamation

*The people rise in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Celebrant*

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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 23** *Please join in saying the psalm in union*

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; \*

for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies; \*

thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely 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 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*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.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

Mr. Frank Condello, Student in Formation for Ordination

## **The Nicene Creed**

ICET 1988 text

*The Celebrant begins. The people join 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** (adapted from the Church of England's "Times and Seasons")

*The Intercessor will begin; the congregation is invited to join in the responses printed in bold.*

*Intercessor* We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Kelly, Hanohano, Chris, Lola, Sylvia, Heidi, Wayne,

Coco, Ronny, Heather, Lora V., June, Susan, Lorraine M., David, Sofia, and Beverly. We pray for

those with COVID-19 and their caregivers, for swift distribution of the vaccine, and for those

facing unemployment. We pray for the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of the

undocumented children in detention centers.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Please offer greetings to one another from a distance; wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting--to folks in church and to folks on camera at home!*

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

*People* And also with you!



## **The Offertory Hymn #178: “Alleluia, Alleluia!”**

*Please join our musicians in the singing of this hymn.*

*Yours, O God, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O God, and you are exalted as head above all.*

*(I Chron 29:11)*

Please place your offerings in 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 Holy Nativity. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during the pandemic!

## **The Hawaiian Doxology**

*We welcome you to join in*

Ho’o nani ka Ma-ku-a  
Ke Keiki 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.



## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2 *From “Enriching our Worship 1”*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

*People*                   The Lord be with you.  
                              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.

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

We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars: Earth, winds, and waters: and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels, in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, Lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**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*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself. Yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross, the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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,

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

*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. (If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.) Receiving the sacrament "in one kind only," as we are doing today, 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

### **Closing Hymn and Recessional #210: "The Day of Resurrection"**

*Please join them in singing this closing hymn*

### **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**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist  
by Anna Laura Page



**Please join us for a few moments outside the church on the lanai, to greet one another.  
(As you do so, please be mindful of social distancing guidelines.)**

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**Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you, all!**

Celebrant: The Rev. Libby Berman Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Preacher: Frank Condello

Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Readers: Kathy Otani & Barbara Abe Intercessor: Jean Steele

Eucharistic Minister: Kim Garner Usher: Rich Miller

Music Director and today’s Zoom host: Chris Suzuki Technical team: Julia Yamaguchi

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