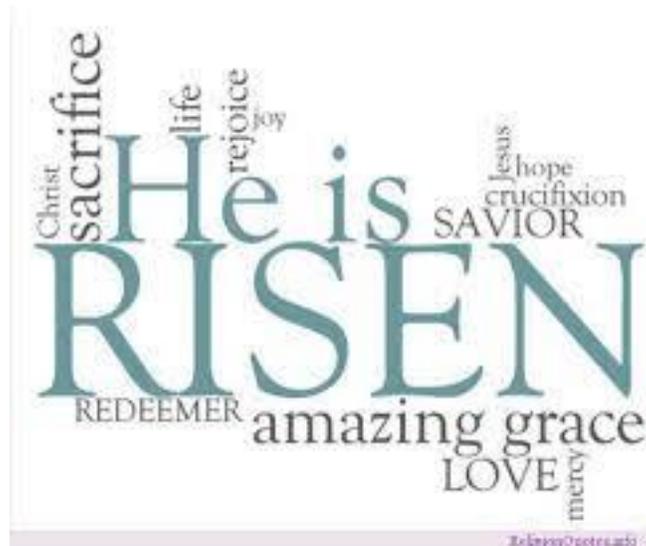


## Fifth Sunday in Easter

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**Prelude: "Llanfair"**

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist  
Daniel Burton, arranger

**Procession of Crosses**  
Acolyte

Alexander Domecki, Senior

## 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 is led by the choir, all standing; the congregation joins in*

“Come ye Faithful, Raise the Strain!” (Hymn #199)

Come, Ye Faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

“Tis the spring of sours today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus’ resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

*The people are seated for the readings of the day.*

### **First reading: Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*The leader reads the verses; the congregation joins in.*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*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 14:1-14**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the

Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick

## **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**

*Intervessor:* 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*

*Intervessor:* 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

*Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But let us not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
(Hebrews 13: 15, 16)*

**The Offertory Hymn #178** *sung by the choir; the congregation is welcome to join in*

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the king of salvation.

*Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

*Refrain*

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.

**Hawaiian Doxology** *please sing along to the tune of Hymn #380 in the 1982 Hymnal*

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.



### **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 Rev. Libby Berman

**The Announcements**

**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: “Fanfare: Rondeau on ‘Victory’”**

Lorraine Yamamoto,

Organist

Tune by Giovanni Perluiga da Palestrina

Arr. Brenda Portman

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**Happy Mother’s Day!**

May it be a bright and beautiful day for all mothers and those who care for others  
“as a mother watches over her children.”

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

We give thanks for our preacher this morning, the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick,  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii.

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Chris Suzuki, Director and members of the HNC Choir

Readers: Julia Yamaguchi & Rebecca Verghese

Intercessor: Frank Condello, Student in formation for Ordination

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Mark & Samantha Berman

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**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.**

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