

Sixth Sunday in Easter
Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI
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Prelude: “Caprice on ‘This Joyful Eastertide’” Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist
John Barr, arranger

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 spoken hymn of praise is led by the officiant, all standing; the congregation joins in

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66: 7-18

The leader reads the verses; the congregation joins in.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order

to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Alison Dingley

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

Intervenor: 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. We also 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 Anthem (Hymn #204)

Kathy Otani, flute

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: “On Saint Thomas”

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist
Arr. Jason D. Payne

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!

We give thanks for our preacher this morning, the Rev. Alison Dingley

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and Kathy Otani

Readers: Alison Kittle & Ed Moore

Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi

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!

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