

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

The Feast of the Holy Sovereigns

Kamehameha IV and Emma

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We welcome everyone to our on-line worship together today! We are glad to see you!

The Prelude and Procession of Crosses

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organ; Alexander Domecki, Senior Acolyte

“We Gather Together” by Mary McDonald

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Hymn of Praise: Hymn #227 “We Shall Overcome”

The congregation is welcome to join the choir in singing this hymn from home.

We shall overcome, We shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday;
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

God is on our side, God is on our side,
God is on our side today
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace, We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday.
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who called your servants Kamehameha and Emma to an earthly throne that they might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave them zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Then God spoke all these words:

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

The congregation will join the reader in unison.

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon will read the Gospel

Priest or Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did

it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

After the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 Text

The Officiant 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: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for our President, Donald Trump, our Vice President, Michael Pence, our President-elect, Joseph Biden, and our Vice President-elect, Kamala Harris.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Robert, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Chris, Guthrie, Heather, Lola, Sylvia, Rico, Vivian, Wayne, Stephanie, Lora V., David, Anna Marie, Lorraine N., Brian, Jolene, June, Jim, Michael, Doady and Kelly. We also pray also for those who have the Corona virus, for caregivers, and for those who are working toward a vaccine. We pray for those experiencing unemployment or underemployment.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In this thanksgiving week, we pray:

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, whose Feast Day the Episcopal Church observes today, and James Steele, brother of Bob Steele, who died last week, that they all may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The officiant continues:
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
Known and unknown,
Things done and left undone;
And so uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest 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 Queen'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 Peace

The Officiant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Members of the congregation are welcome to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting!

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!



The Offertory Sentence and Stewardship Ingathering of Pledges

Officiant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

We give thanks for those in our parish who have offered their monetary pledge for 2021. We welcome all others to join us; there are extra pledge cards in the office if you need one!

Members of the Stewardship Committee offer these prayers:

Holy God, as stewards, we acknowledge that all things come from you. All that we have is your own. Please accept our gifts of time, skill, money, and possessions. These are expressions of our love for you, a love like no other, as it has its origins in the love you first offered to us. Help us to do our work according to your will and pleasure, that all may know the wonder and magnificent abundance of life in your service. Accept this prayer in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust your gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and to love out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

The choir will lead this hymn; the congregation is welcome to sing along from home.

Lift Every Voice and Sing
'Til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land!

The Hawaiian Doxology (*Hymn #380 in the 1982 Hymnal*)

The choir will lead this hymn. The congregation may join in quietly.

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.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Officiant

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 Announcements

The Blessing

Rev. Libby Berman

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organ

“*St. George’s Windsor*” by Jason D. Payne

Flower Dedication(s) for November

In memory of John G. Long (His birthday would have been in August), dedicated by John & Ginnie Long

At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to join us for our “virtual coffee hour.”

**JOIN US AGAIN ONLINE OR IN PERSON ON
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT 9AM!**

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!

Officiant and preacher: The Rev. Libby Berman; Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Robert Steele

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Queen Emma Kalanikaumakaʻamano Kaleleonālani
(January 2, 1836 – April 25, 1885)

Kamehameha IV (February 9, 1834 – November 30, 1863)



**The Holy Sovereigns on stained-glass windows at St. Andrews, the church
Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma helped found**

Within a year of ascending the throne in 1855, the twenty-year-old King Kamehameha IV and his bride, Emma Rooke, embarked on the path of altruism and unassuming humility for which they have been revered by their people. The year before, Honolulu, and especially its native Hawaiians, had been horribly afflicted by smallpox. The people, accustomed to a royalty which ruled with pomp and power, were confronted instead by a king and queen who went about soliciting from rich and poor the funds to build a hospital. Queens Hospital, named for Emma, is now the largest civilian hospital in Hawaii.

In 1860, the king and queen petitioned the Bishop of Oxford to send missionaries to establish the Anglican Church in Hawaii. The first two priests arrived in October, 1862 and the king and queen were confirmed a month later. They then began preparations for a cathedral and school, and the king set about to translate the Book of Common Prayer and much of the Hymnal.

King Kamehameha IV died shortly after his young son, in 1863. Queen Ema declined to rule; instead, she committed her life to good works. She was responsible for schools, churches, and efforts on behalf of the poor and sick. She died in 1885. Among the Hawaiian people, Emma is still referred to as “our beloved Queen.”

(adapted from Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints)