

**Fifth Sunday in Easter  
Service of Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, May 2 at 9am**



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**Gathering Music**

Lorraine Yamamoto

**Prelude “Festival Prelude on Coronation”**

Elizabeth A. Krause, composer

**Opening Hymn 180 “He is risen, He is risen!”**

*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.

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 8:26-40**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to

stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 22: 25-31**

*Please join in saying the psalm in union*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

### **Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent

his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*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 true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Alison Dingley

## **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. Those worshipping at the church please offer greetings to one another from a distance; feel free to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting. Wave to the camera at the back, to greet those at home!*

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

*People* And also with you!



## The Offertory Hymn 831 (from “Wonder, Love, and Praise)

“Ubi Caritas”

*Led by the choir; the congregation is encouraged to join in*

*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.*

*(1 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

*All are welcome to join in the singing.*

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

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2 From "Enriching our Worship 1"

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

The Lord be with you.  
*People* 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 sing:

*Celebrant and People*

The Holy Eucharist II  
Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*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.*

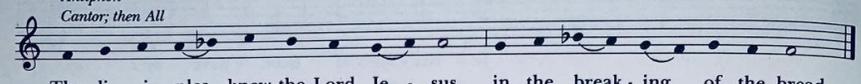
*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**S 167** **The Holy Eucharist**

**Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus**

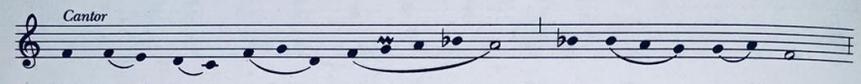
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*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

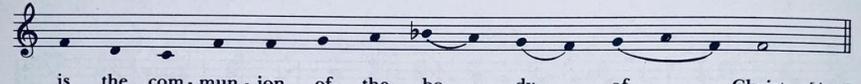


The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

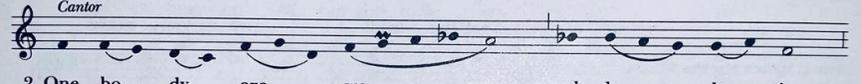


1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

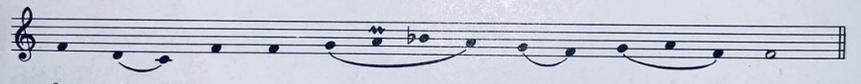


is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread.[Ant.]

Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again 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 #191 “Alleluia, Alleluia!”**

*Led by the Choir; the congregation is encouraged to join in*

### **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

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (by Lani Smith)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist



**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**

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

Preacher: The Rev. Alison Dingley

Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Eucharistic minister: Louisa LeRoux

Readers: Alison Kittle & Justin Donahue    Intercessor: Jean Steele

Usher: Ed Moore

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Adrienne Fung

**Thank you, all!**

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## **JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FAMILY SERVICE**

**With music from Amie Lawyer & Dr. Cat Kirtland from Holy Nativity School  
SUNDAY, MAY 9 at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)**



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