

Celebration of Easter Day



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI
April 12, 2020

Prelude: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Opening Acclamation and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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 then lights the Paschal and altar candles and offers this prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant: The Light of Christ

The people respond: Thanks be to God!

If members of the congregation have candles ready, they “light their lamps” at home at this time.

The Song of Praise

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Sung by the Choir (Hymn #207)

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

First reading: Acts 10:34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-16, 18-24

The leader reads the verses; the congregation is invited to join in the refrain.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever!

Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous.

All: On this day the Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

All: On this day the Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: On this day the Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been

lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

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 II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for the other parishes of our Diocese of Hawaii, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the wellbeing of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. 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

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. We pray especially for those who have died because of COVID-19; we also remember their families and dear friends.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

Communion Under Special Circumstances

For those who are unable to partake of the Blessed Sacrament due to sickness, disability, natural disaster, quarantine, or family 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,

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At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to take a moment to get a cup of coffee or a snack, 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 on your screen that says, “Leave Meeting” at any time.)

We thank you for joining us and we hope you have a good week. Happy Easter!!

Please continue to join us online for our Sunday services during the Easter Season at 9am.

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Readers: Barbara Abe, Alison Kittle

Intercessor: Frank Condello, Student in formation for Ordination

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

Thank you, all!

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