



ST. JAMES' PARISH CONGREGATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII

The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM

Holy Eucharist at St. Columba's Church, Pa'auilo
with Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation
of Baptismal Promises

Aloha! Welcome. We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This service is based on the Order for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship. Lessons and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Ringing of the bell*)

Opening Mele

Penitential Order

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession and Absolution

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider E pule kakou (*Let us pray*): O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (4:13-25)

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be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (8:31-38)

At the Announcement, all say: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Right Reverend Robert L. “Keali‘ikoaokeakua” Fitzpatrick
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor We present N for Holy Baptism

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

The Bishop asks the parents and godparents

Bishop Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Bishop asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer **I do.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water (*responses said in your heart*)

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

The Bishop continues with the prayer over the water.

The Baptism

After the baptism the Bishop says, Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in God's eternal priesthood.

The Bishop says

The candidates for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation will now be presented.

Sponsor We present N for Confirmation.
We present N to be received into this Communion.
We present N for Reaffirmation

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

After each petition all reply, Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism, Confirmation, Receptions, and Reaffirmations

The Peace

Ke Aloha

Presider 'O ke aloha o ka Haku e mau ana me 'oukou. *(Hawaiian)*

People **A me 'oe pū.**

Presider Ti Cappia ti Apo adda coma cadacayo. *(Ilocano)*

People **Ken casta met kenca.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. *(English)*

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

All loose offering and/or that which is designated as such will be given to the Bishop's Pastoral Fund to help those in need.

The Doxology

**Ho'onani i ka Makua mau, ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō,
Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pū, ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao. 'Āmene.**

Literal Translation: Praise to the Eternal Father. The Son with the Spirit indeed. God eternal, bless together, of this day; of that day (everyday). Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Bishop proceeds 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.

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 blessed James, Columba, our patrons King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, Queen Lili'uokalani, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the 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:

Our Father, who art in heaven,	<i>E ko makou makua i loko o ka lani,</i>
hallowed be thy Name,	<i>E ho'ano 'ia kou inoa</i>
thy Kingdom come,	<i>E hiki mai kou aupuni;</i>
thy will be done on earth,	<i>E malama 'ia kou makemake ma ke honua nei</i>
as it is in heaven.	<i>E like me ia i malama 'ia ma ka lani la.</i>
Give us this day our daily bread.	<i>E ha'awi mai ia makou i keia la, i 'ai na makou no neia la.</i>
And forgive us our trespasses,	<i>E kala mai ho'I ia makou i ka makou lawehala 'ana,</i>
as we forgive those who	<i>Me makou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i ka makou.</i>
trespass against us.	<i>Mai ho'oku'u 'oe ia makou I ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai,</i>
And lead us not into temptation,	<i>E ho'opakele no na'e ia makou i ka 'ino;</i>
but deliver us from evil.	<i>No ka mea, nou ke aupuni,</i>
For thine is the kingdom,	<i>A me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku.</i>
the power, and the glory,	<i>'Amene.</i>
for ever and ever. Amen.	

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread as the following is said.

Bishop Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
People **have mercy on us.**
Bishop Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
People **have mercy on us.**
Bishop Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
People **grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Bishop The gifts of God for the people of God.

After Communion, the Bishop says, E pule kakou (Let us pray):

Bishop **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now in to the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer

(During the season of Lent a solemn prayer is said over the people in lieu of a blessing)

The Dismissal

Bishop Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*
People **Thanks be to God.***

**During the season of Lent the alleluias are omitted.*

Additional appointed readings for this day:

Psalm 22:22-30

Deus, Deus meus

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

Romans 4:13-25

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Wednesday Lenten Evening Prayer and Devotion

“The Sounds before the Cross”

A Hawai‘i Island Lenten offering of Evening Prayer and Devotion

Wednesdays @ 6 PM

February 24 – March 24, *Via ZOOM*

This year our parish’s Lenten Journey includes our sisters and brothers from our Hawai‘i Island Episcopal congregations! Each week, via ZOOM, Evening Prayer or Evensong will be offered, which will include a devotional talk. Our guest, devotional speaker is friend of our parish, the Right Rev. Bob Gillies*. He will be joining us once again live from his home in St. Andrew’s, Scotland (although it will be 5 AM for him!). The title of his talks is ‘Sounds before the Cross’. In these talks Bishop Gillies will be speaking about various sounds associated with Jesus’ approach to his final days in Jerusalem. The ZOOM Meeting ID is 883 0584 9898. Passcode is faith.

There is no sign up required to attend, but please do download the devotional booklet that Bishop Gillies has created for us by visiting the newsletter link. Of course the Parish Office is glad to print out one for you to pick up or to be mailed to you.

Note that offering of Evening Prayer may vary from week to week, as we have invited our sister island congregations to join in taking turns officiating the service. Enjoy the blessing of hearing different Island folks lead us in prayer. We will try our best to display the congregational portions on the screen so you may join in. However, as always with such technology, if it doesn't go exactly as planned, our hope is that you will allow the liturgy to wash over you and enter into each offering with aloha.

About our Parish 'Ohana

Who we are

Like a beautiful Hawaiian quilt, we are a colorful tapestry of faith, weaving together believers and seekers; those who were born and raised in Hawai‘i and those of us who found ourselves drawn to the islands. We come from different backgrounds and cultures, gathering around one table. We believe this to be an important witness of the Kingdom of God on earth. We are ‘ohana. We hold to the fullness of the Christian faith as we have received it, but we seek to practice the openness that Jesus displayed in his own life. He rejected judgmental religion and believed everyone had a right to a relationship with God. He welcomed everyone. So do we.

Where we are and where we are going

Our parish ‘ohana joins with billions of Christians around the world in seeking the truth and loving justice of God’s reign in our own lives and in the life of the world around us. We move with the mainstream of the Christian movement throughout the ages. Our understanding of God and life is deeply rooted in the Episcopal tradition. We stand at the center of our town. We are called to do something with those intersecting facts. We are committed to growing in membership and in depth of spiritual commitment. We seek to expand the ways we offer to

people to explore and grow in faith, particularly with children and youth. As servants of Christ, we try to listen to the pain of those in need and to serve others. We seek an honest and powerful spirituality for ourselves and others. We practice a warm aloha. We let our worship be joyful.

What we believe

It is said that, "If you want to know what Episcopalians believe, worship with them." What you will hear and see is that we believe that God is the loving and purposeful Creator of the universe. We believe that in Jesus Christ, God gave a singularly lavish gift to humankind. That in Christ, God makes real the promise of reconciliation of all. That the Church is the reality of that reconciling love in the world, and therefore the Church is to welcome all persons. That the Holy Spirit of God is active and alive today. That the Church--God knows--is not perfect. That there are no easy answers. That getting the questions right takes time and help, and that the right questions are themselves a gift. That regular worship and prayer in community with others really changes lives. That, with God's help, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. That we are called to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. And that it is a joyful privilege to invite you to join us in the journey toward this faith.

Our worship

At the heart of our worship life is the Holy Eucharist (also called Communion, Mass, and the Lord's Supper). Our worship is grounded on the two pillars of Word and Sacrament. Through scripture and preaching, through prayer and proclamation, the offering of beautiful music, and through the sharing of holy food and drink, we respond thankfully to God's love for us in Christ.

Join us

We hope you will explore all that our parish has to offer, perhaps making St. James' Church, our Beach Mass, or St. Columba's Church your Hawaiian parish home. Our contact information is below. We welcome the chance to greet you and try to answer your questions. Please return often.

Staying Connected

Please be sure to visit our website: www.stjameshawaii.org and subscribe to our weekly newsletter which is full of information and happenings in and around our Parish.

Coffee & Clergy: We will always find time to talk with you. Contact the Rev. David Stout, Rev. Marnie Keator, or Rev. Linda Lundgren, Associate Rector, at St. Columba's. David (808) 238-4956, Marnie (808) 333-2247 or Linda (808) 323-2627.

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