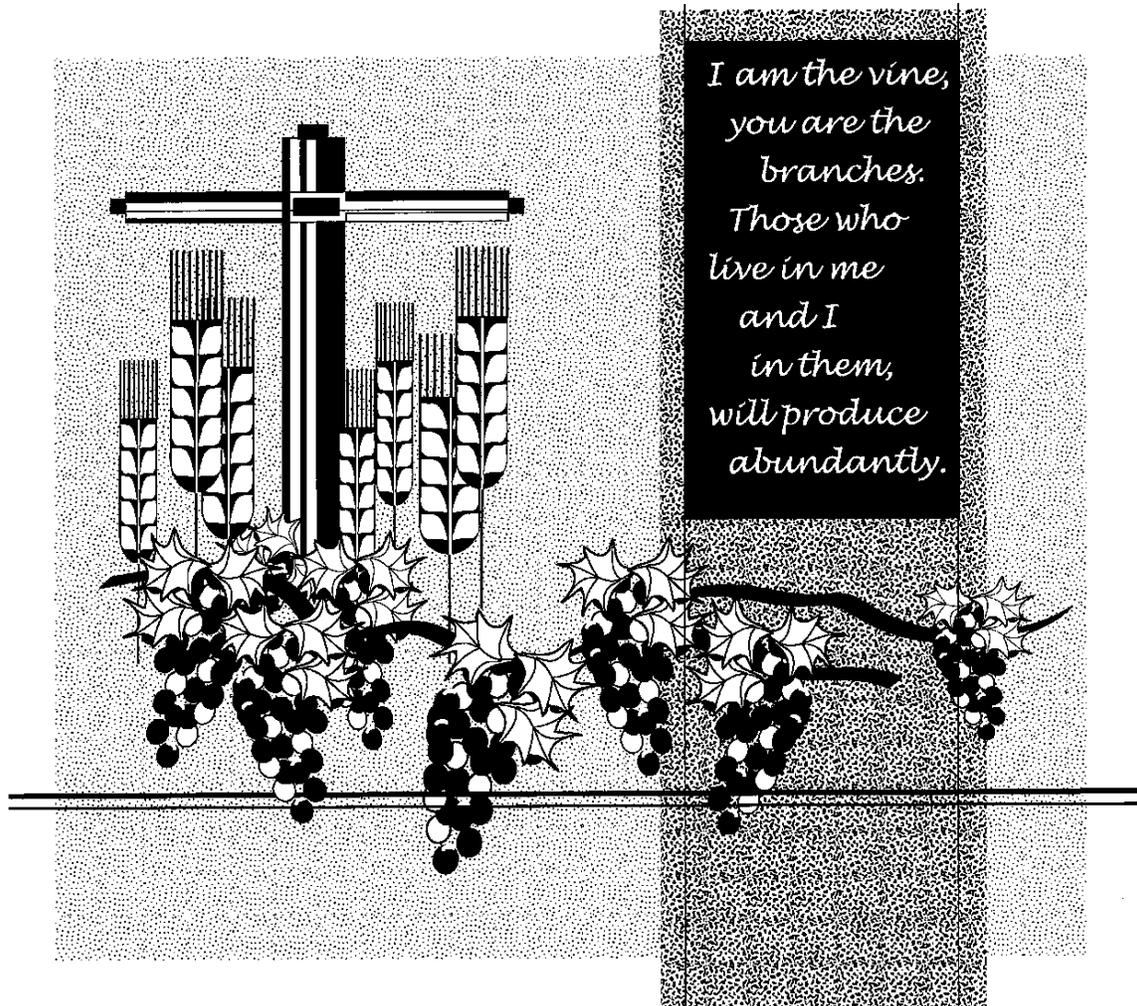


St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



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HOLY EUCHARIST
IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAM
9:00 a.m.

Social distancing and facial masks required

The Celebrant stands and says to the people, who remain seated:

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant will give a few announcements and overview of the service, after which the congregation will be invited into a time of silence for prayer and reflection.

At the appropriate time, the Celebrant will ring a bell and everyone will stand.

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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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.**

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 following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

GLORIA

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 people are seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from Acts

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.**

The following is sung by soloists, the people invited to hum the words.

PSALM 22

- 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 forever!"
- 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 o- | ver 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 descend- | ants shall serve him;*
they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn*
the saving deeds that | he has done.

SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from 1 John

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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

The following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

HYMN – Love divine, all loves excelling

The congregation stands for the gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

After the sermon, the Celebrant sits for a period of silence. At the appropriate time, the Celebrant then invites the congregation to stand.

Let us reaffirm our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed. Christians, what do we believe?

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our bishop, Robert, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for our President Joe; our Vice President Kamala, Our Governor David; our Mayor Rick; and for the Congress and Courts of the United States;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Kyle Ushijima.
That they may know your blessing and joy in the year to come.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Ellen Corrie & Rev. Teresa Bowden.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

People are invited to offer their own prayers and thanksgivings.

The Celebrant then offers the closing Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Wonderful Counselor and the Prince of Peace: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, in this time of plague and loneliness, divided and enslaved by sin, may be healed, liberated,

and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Please share with one another a socially-distanced sign of peace.

In sharing a sign of peace, it is important at this time that we refrain from hugging or shaking hands. A bow (with or without the hands clasped together) is appropriate, as is the giving of the shaka to one another.

The offering plate is brought to the altar, the Celebrant placing it on the mauka side.

The following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

HAWAIIAN DOXOLOGY

Prior to the Eucharistic Prayer, the Celebrant's hands are sanitized by the acolyte.

Celebrant 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

***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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Robert our bishop, David, Hugh, Richert, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have suffered in this time of pandemic.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary our matron, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Mary the Magdalene the first proclaimer of the resurrection, with the Holy Sovereigns Kamehameha IV and Emma, with Lili'uokalani and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant breaks the bread, places it back on the plate, and says

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

The Celebrant sanitizes the hands of the acolyte. The acolyte receives communion and then moves, with the Celebrant, to their places on the makai side of the altar.

*The congregation is invited, when the Celebrant and acolyte are facing their section, to come forward—row-by-row—to receive the Holy Communion. Each person will need to sanitize their hands prior to approaching the ministers. Once each communicant has approached the ministers, they may remove their mask in order to receive. The bread will be placed in the hand (we ask that you refrain from attempting to touch the minister’s hand). Wine is to be received by sipping the chalice. There is to be **no dipping the bread into the wine** and we ask that each communicant refrains from touching the base of the chalice.*

In this time of pandemic, it is important that each member of the congregation takes care to examine themselves and their readiness to receive. If anyone feels they are not comfortable with receiving the Holy Eucharist, they are asked to remain in their seats and can use the prayer for a Spiritual Communion (see below). As the Book of Common Prayer teaches: “if a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, that person [is assured] that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth” (BCP p. 457). If one is comfortable with receiving the bread alone and not the cup, they are asked to approach the Celebrant for the bread and to give a reverential pause to the cup as they pass it on their way back to their seats.

All baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

The following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

THE QUEEN’S PRAYER

After the congregation and the Celebrant have received, the congregation is invited to stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 into 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.

The Celebrant blesses the people with these words:

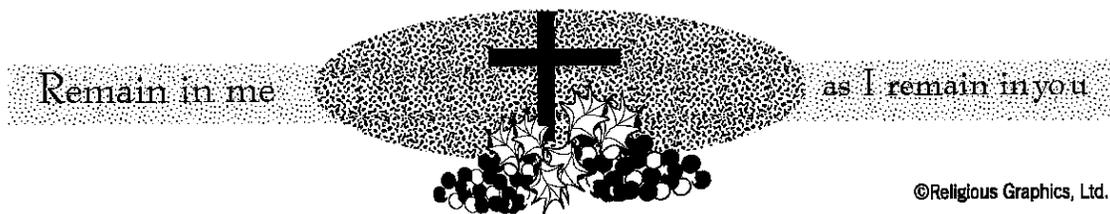
In your prayers this week, remember the poor, remember the oppressed, remember those in prison—whatever their prison walls might look like. And never fail to invite someone to know Jesus Christ as Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, who is Makua, Keiki, and ‘Uhana Hemolele, be with you and remain with you mau loa. **Amene.**

Celebrant
The Rev. Charles A. Browning II

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Soloists
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Prayers for Spiritual Communion

These prayers are to be used by anyone who is unable to receive Holy Communion (for reasons of caution, illness, or participating in the service via live-stream).

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, remembering especially the parish of Saint Mary's in Honolulu, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

In thanksgiving for all the blessings given to me, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting