

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.



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The service begins in silence as the altar candles are lit. Once lit, the pū 'ohe is sounded and bells are rung. The Celebrant then says

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant Haleluia! Haleluia! Ua ala mai Kristo!

People **Ua ala hou 'i'o ka Haku. Haleluia! Haleluia!**

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

THE PROCESSION

HYMN #207 - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to Cornelius and the other Gentiles, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed 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."

(Acts 10:34-43)

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE M (*chanted, alternating by half-verse*)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord | Je-sus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a | liv-ing hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ | from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is endur- | -ing in heaven.
The ransom that was | paid to free us *
was not paid in sil- | ver or gold,
But in the precious | blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without | spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and | gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and | hope in God.

(1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21)

SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth

If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until he puts all enemies under his feet. Death is the last enemy to be destroyed.

(1 Corinthians 15:19-26)

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands for the gospel procession.

HYMN #199 – Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

GOSPEL LESSON

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke

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

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the

Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn’t believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

(Luke 24:1-12)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles A. Browning II

After the sermon is a period for silent reflection. At the appropriate time, the celebrant invites the people to stand and says

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant Christ gives us living water!

People **He is the fountain of eternal life.**

Celebrant In baptism, we die to sin.

People **In Christ we are raised to life.**

Celebrant We now journey to the waters of baptism for the renewal of our Baptismal vows

SONG DURING THE PROCESSION – “As the deer”

***As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee***

The altar party processes to the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to gather close. Once arrived, the Celebrant says

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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.***

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

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of *wai*, water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are now sprinkled with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism. After this, the following is said

Celebrant *Ka po'e aloha 'ia e ke Akua* (Those who are loved by God), may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Please share with one another a sign of God's peace.

During this time, the shares signs of peace and returns to their seats as the offering plate is presented at the altar and the Eucharist is made ready.

DOXOLOGY

Ho'o – na – ni | ka Ma – ku – a mau,
Ke Kei – ki me ka 'U – ha – ne no,
Ke Aku – a mau ho'o – mai – ka'i pu,
Ko ke – ia ao, ko ke – la ao. A – mene.

ENGLISH:

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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.**

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 and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all those receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and are being received into the Church this day.

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

Remember Donald our president, Josh our governor, Rick our mayor, and all who govern in this and every land.

Remember all who suffer.

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,

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa- ther, which art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be thy
name. Thy king- dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heav- en. Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for- give us our
debts, as we for- give our debt- ors. And lead us not in- to temp-
ta- tion but de- liv- er us from e- vil: for thine is the king- dom, and the
pow- er, and the glo- ry, for- ev- er, A- men.
A- men..

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People **Happy are those who are called to His supper.**

The congregation is invited to receive the Holy Communion. All baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church.

COMMUNION HYMNS - #8 “Morning has broken,” followed by

The Queen’s Prayer

Liliʻuokalani

1 'O kou a - lo - ha nō, A - i - a i ka la - ni, A
4 No lai - la ē ka ha - ku, Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u, Kō

'o kou 'oi - a - 'i - 'o, he he - mo - le - le ho - 'i.
mā - kouma - lu - hi - a, Ā mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

1. Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.
4. And so, O Lord, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 the following words

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God, who is ka Makua, ke Keiki, and ka 'Uhane Hemolele, be with you now and mau loa. **Amene.**

HYMN #182 – “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.”

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Join us for our Easter potluck, in the gathering room.



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