

# SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

9:00 a.m.



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The celebrant gives a few announcements, followed by a period of silent reflection. At the appropriate time, the people are invited to stand for the sounding of the pū 'ohe.

## THE PROCESSION

HYMN - #432, "O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height"

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*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.**

*Celebrant* Please be seated for the readings.

#### FIRST READING

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One standing at God's right side!" At this, they shrieked and covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died.

*(Acts 7:55-60 CEB)*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### CANTICLE J – A Song of Judith (*Judith 16:13-16; chanted, alternating by half-verse*)

I will sing a new song | to my God, \*

**for you are great and glorious, wonderful in | strength, in-vincible.**

Let the whole cre- | ation serve you, \*

**for you spoke and all things came | in-to being.**

You sent your breath and | it formed them, \*

**no one is able to re- | sist your voice.**

Mountains and seas are stirred | to their depths, \*

**rocks melt like wax | at your pre-sence.**

But to | those who fear you, \*

**you continue | to show mercy**

No sacrifice, however fragrant, | can please you, \*

**but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your | sight for ever.**

#### SECOND LESSON

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Saint Peter

Like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Thus it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed. So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*(1 Peter 2:2-10 CEB)*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands for the gospel procession.*

HYMN - #178, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks" (verses 1&2)

## GOSPEL

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

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

Jesus said, "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going."

Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of

the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

*(John 14:1-14 CEB)*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*\*Repeat the chorus of Hymn 178*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles A Browning II

*After the sermon is a period for quiet reflection as instrumental music plays. At the appropriate time, the celebrant invites the people to stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant* 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:  
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

*Celebrant* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People may audibly name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;  
***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, addicted, suffering from mental illness, or disabled, that they may be made whole;  
***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;  
***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;  
***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Bless all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;  
***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved, as we remember the Rev. Teresa Bowden and Ellen Corrie;  
***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

You are the Lord who does wonders:  
***You have declared your power among the peoples.***

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

**And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:

**Heal us, and make us whole.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Celebrant* O God, our times are in your hand: we give you thanks for the birthdays celebrated in our community: Kyle Ushijima and May Tamura. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and love and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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 I 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.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The people are invited to stand.*

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 sing,

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

Franz Schubert

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly,  
ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. 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. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*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.

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,

## Lord's Prayer

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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. The bread will be placed in the hand. Wine is to be received by sipping the chalice, or by allowing the chalice-bearer to dip the bread and return it to the communicant's hand.

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

## COMMUNION HYMN - #457, "Thou art the Way, to thee alone"

### The Queen's Prayer

Lili'wokalani



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 mauoa 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.***

THE RECESSION

HYMN - #484, "Praise the Lord, through every nation"

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

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



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