# SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024 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  $p\bar{u}$ .

## THE PROCESSION

HYMN - #180 "He is risen, he is risen"

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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

Seeing this, Peter addressed the people: "You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, even though he had already decided to release him. You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus' name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes.

"Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away."

(Acts 3:12-19)

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

People Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 4 (chanted, alternating by half-verse)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause; \*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor | my glory; \*
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after | fälse gods?"

Know that the Lord does wonders for | the faithful; \*

when I call upon the Lord, he | will hear me.

Tremble, then, and | do not sin; \*

speak to your heart in silence u- | pon your bed.

Offer the appointed | sacrifices \*

and put your trust | in the Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!" \*

Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.

You have put gladness | in my heart, \*

more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once | I fall asleep; \*

for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.

## SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Saint John's first letter to the churches

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

(I John 3:1-7)

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 Luke People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

(Luke 24:36b-48)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles Browning II

After the sermon is a period for silent reflection. 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,

<sup>\*</sup>Repeat the chorus of Hymn 178

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.

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

and his kingdom will have no end.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

The People 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;

#### 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 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**

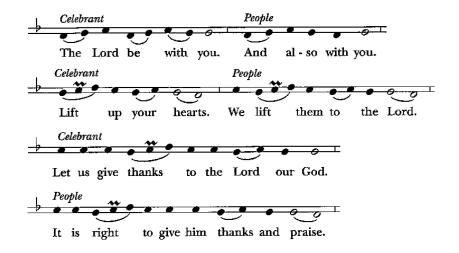
Ho'o - na - ni I ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke Aku - a mau ho'o - mai - ka'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke - la ao. A - mene.

#### **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.



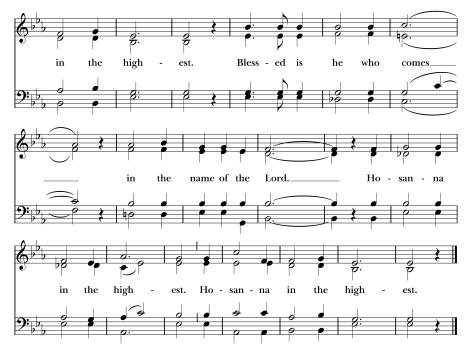
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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





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#### 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,



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

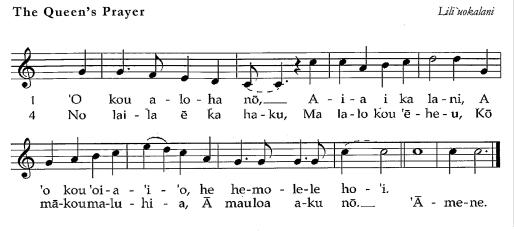
*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People Happy are those who are called to His supper.

The congregation is invited to receive the Holy Communion. 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 - #208 "We walk by faith and not by sight"



Translation:

1. Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect. 4. And so, Lord, beneath your wings be our peace 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 - #492 "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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