# The Third Sunday of Lent

The Holy Eucharist – Rite I, Prayer I – with an Exhortation



# E komo mai!



1515 Wilder Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822 Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:30 a.m.











E komo mai (Welcome). We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. To help us keep a respectful atmosphere, would you kindly not use flash photography (you are welcome to take pictures), keep conversations to a minimum so that people may pray in silence and most importantly, please turn off or silence your cell phones.



#### Mahalo

#### Lent

Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (Book of Common Prayer 1979, pp. 264-265). This season, now known as Lent (derived from an Old English word meaning "spring," which refers to the time of lengthening days), has a rich history. Initially, in areas where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast lasting up to two days. In the third century, this fast was extended to six days. Eventually, this fast became associated with another fast lasting forty days, imitating Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was particularly significant for converts to the faith preparing for baptism and for those guilty of notorious sins being restored to the Christian assembly. In the Western church, the forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays. The final three days of Lent encompass the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, Lent has regained its significance as the final preparation for adult candidates for baptism. Alongside them, all Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (Book of Common Prayer 1979, page 265).

# The Gathering of God's 'Ohana (Family)

Please enter the church in silent prayer. There is no voluntary prelude during Lent.

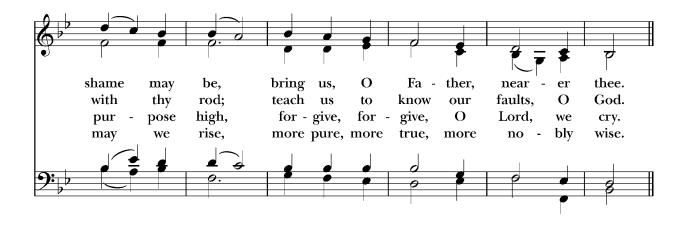
The ministers of worship enter during the processional hymn.

#### Procession into the hale pule (church)

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel The Hymnal 1982, # 574



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#### An Exhortation

Please be seated as you are invited.

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

#### **Confession of Sins**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

#### **Absolution**

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Please stand as you are able.



Please remain standing as you are able.

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

# Ka 'Ōlelo A Ke Akua (The Word of God)

Please be seated as directed.

#### The Readings

#### A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Exodus 3:1-15

Lector

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Here endeth the Reading.

There is no response to the readings during Lent.

Psalm 63:1-8

The Psalm is prayed responsively by the half verse.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \* that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \* my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \* and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \* and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \* and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \* and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \* your right hand holds me fast.

Please remain seated.

#### A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Lector

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

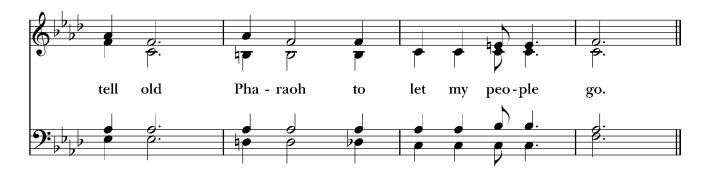
#### Here endeth the Reading.

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Please stand as you are able.



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Please continue to stand as you are able.

#### Ka 'Euanelio Hemolele (The Holy Gospel)

Luke 13:1-9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please wait to be seated as you are directed.

Ha'i'ōlelo (The Sermon)

The Reverend Brian G. Rallison

#### The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

The Book of Common Prayer 1979

Celebrant

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Intercessor

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

#### The Collects of the Prayers

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,

our only Mediator and Advocate.

People Amen.

Please pray for those who are listed on our parish prayer list.

The petitions can be found on page 27.

#### **Words of Comfort**

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Please stand as you are able.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Please be seated as you are directed.

# Ho`okipa I Ka Malihini (Welcome to our guests) Please see

# page 30 for announcements.

If you want your ministry's announcements in the bulletin and weekly emails, please email the office the information before Wednesday at 9 AM.

<u>announcements@StClem.org</u> - Mahalo!

# The Liturgy of the Table The Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Sentences**

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

We are thankful for your support of the ministries of

#### The Episcopal Parish of St. Clement

Your financial contribution allows us to promote God's message of love and hope for everyone in our neighborhood and beyond. There is a calabash at the back of the church where you may place your donations. Find our easy QR code below for online giving. Open your smartphone camera to make an online donation.

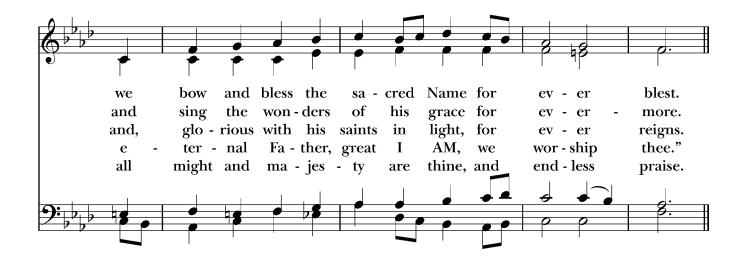


#### Offertory Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise



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#### The Holy Eucharist - Rite I, Prayer 1

Continue to stand as you are able.

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should

at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,

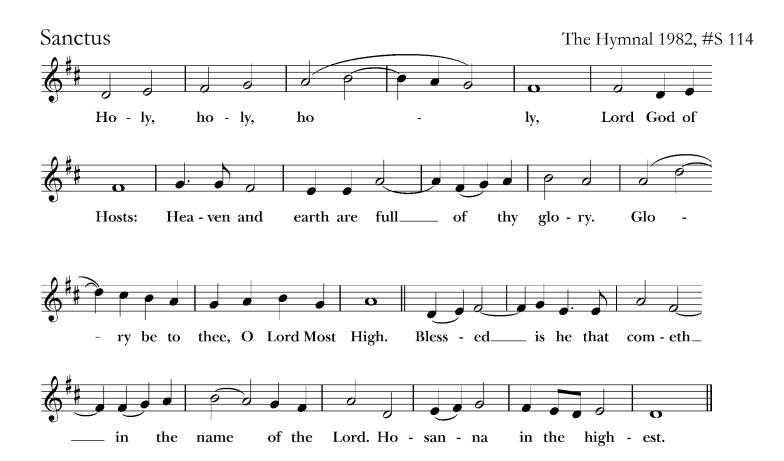
holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

#### Proper Preface

Celebrant

Who dost bid thy faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in words of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

There for with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,



Please continue to stand or kneel as you are able.

#### **Epiclesis**

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

#### Words of Institution

Celebrant

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### The Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

#### The Great Doxology

Celebrant

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The Great Amen

All AMEN!

Please remain standing as you are able.

#### Ka Pule A Ka Haku (The Lord's Prayer)

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Fraction

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

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### Agnus Dei

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All grant us thy peace.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant We do not presume to come to this thy Table,

O merciful Lord,

All trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,

and he in us.

Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant

[This is] The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

[This is] The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

# All are welcome to God's Holy meal. Please follow the instructions of the celebrant and ushers.

If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion or the chalice but receive a blessing, please go to the Altar rail, cross your arms, and allow the priest to bless you.

If you desire to receive communion from the chalice, please help the Eucharistic Minister by holding the chalice's base and guiding it to your mouth. If you desire to have the host intincted (the administration of the sacrament of Communion by dipping bread in wine and giving both together to the communicant), you are welcome to allow the Eucharistic Minister to take it from your hands and intinct it before placing it on your tongue.

If you desire self-intinction, you are welcome to do so by taking the host and dipping the bread into the chalice yourself.

The Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words...

The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The communicant responds by saying... Amen.

Please let the priest know if you would like a gluten-free host.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **Communion Voluntary**

Sonata No. 18, K. 576. 2nd Movement: Adagio Music by W.A. Mozart

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

All we most heartily thank thee

for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### The Blessing

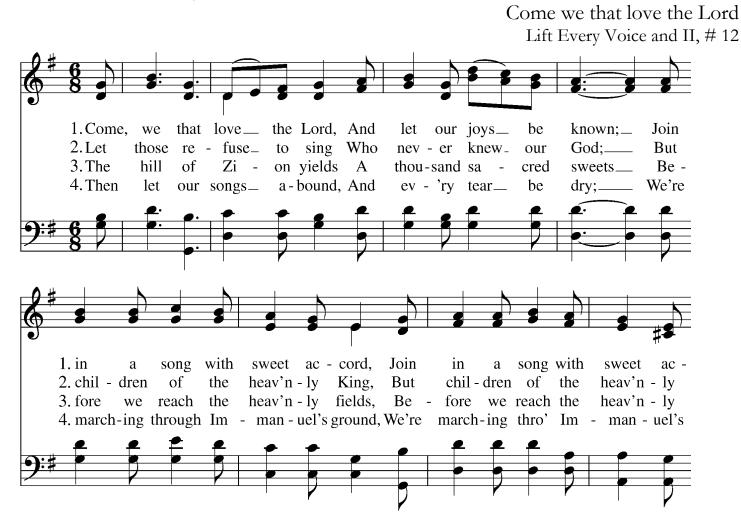
Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Please continue to stand as you are able.

#### Processional Hymn into the World



The hymn continues on the following page.



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B minor, WTC II Music by J.S. Bach

Mahalo for worshiping with us today!
Please join us at the Parish House for coffee hour and help us bag food for our Wednesday food pantry distribution.

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# Your prayers are requested...

#### For those that are sick or troubled...

For all people who are afraid, especially women, the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, refugees, and anyone who feels defenseless. May we strive to love as Jesus loves.

For school children and youth around the world that live in fear,
For all the people of God in Israel and Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, and Syria,
For the hundreds of people who are escaping violence, hunger, war, and oppression,
For the clergy, staff, congregation, families, and community of St. Paul's, Honolulu,
For the patrons of the Food Pantry of St. Clement and others who are hungry, underemployed,
homeless, and in need,

For the administration, staff, students, and families of St. Clement's School, For the ministries and Ministry Partners of the Episcopal Parish of St. Clement.

#### We pray that you will...

Grant us the wisdom to care for your creation, especially the earth, and motivate us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Assist the People of God of St. Clement in our relationships with each other so that our lives may be better filled with peace and harmony in connection with you, the Prince of Peace and Lover of All Souls.

#### For those who are traveling...

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawai'i

#### In thanksgiving for...

Those who are worshiping with us for the first time, those who are looking for a faith community, and those who have returned after being gone for a while,

#### For those that have died...

Elizabeth Suzuki, Marilyn "Nellie" Stassen-McLaughlin, Fred Harrison, Cecilia Fordham, and Francisco John Delos Reyes,

For all of those who have died in the conflict between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, and Haiti. For all those who have been killed in the numerous mass shootings in the world and

the United States.

If you would like to have persons added to our list, please email them to before 9 AM on Wednesday at:

#### prayerlist@StClem.org

Please ensure you have permission from the persons you want to be added to the list. A person's name will be added for a minimum of three weeks.

### Mark your Calendars

Weekly Services and Events

Saturdays Word & Table, 5 PM

Sundays Holy Eucharist with music, 9:30 AM

Family Ministry Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Mondays Children's Chapel with Kahu Brian, 8 AM

Wednesdays Children's Chapel with Kahu Brian, 8 AM

Healing Eucharist, 9 AM

March

Tuesdays, March 25<sup>th</sup> Hawaiian 'Ukulele and Mela (Intermediate Levels) – 6:30 p.m. to

7:30 p.m., Parish House

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> Office Closed in observance of Prince Kuhio Day

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> A Lenten Journey Through the Cinema - Movie night with Light

Dinner – 6 p.m., Parish House

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> LGBTQ+ Talk Story and Potluck – 5 p.m., Parish House

## Welcome to The Episcopal Parish of St. Clement!

If this is your first time at St. Clement, please check in with our ushers if you haven't done so already. If you'd like to join our member directory and e-mailing list, please provide your information in our Visitor Card at the church entrance. Thank you for choosing to worship at St. Clement today! Stick around after the service for a chat with our clergy and fellowship with other members.

## **Sunday Morning Formation Groups**

All are welcome to join either of our discussion groups that meet on Sundays!

On Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M., we offer our churchgoers two educational discussion groups: Adult Discussion and Reading Between the Lines.

**Adult Discussion** is open to anyone who wants to explore and expand their understanding of religion and spirituality by reading or watching selected non-Biblical sources and then discussing these in depth. We have been blessed to have participants with various backgrounds in literature, education, science, theology, and the arts who recommend books for the group and keep our conversations lively. Adult Discussion sessions are available via Zoom and in person in the Parish House.

Reading Between the Lines (formerly known as the Bible Workbench) is a weekly conversation built around scripture and a collection of short texts (a few pages of reading for each meeting). RBTL allows participants to engage with one of the week's lectionary readings, presents a central theme of that reading, and connects the biblical text to other writings on that theme. Participants take turns introducing the material and inviting responses, such as how the theme relates to events in the world and in participants' own lives. RBTL sessions are held in the Parish Hall.

Reading materials for these groups can be purchased from the church office for \$10. There is no membership fee.

# Youth Programs

Our Family Ministries team has returned with the beginning of a new program year. Please visit StClem.org/FamMin for more information and to register.



#### Need a nametag?

We have nametags, alphabetically arranged by last name, at the back of the church. If you need one, please email the church office at <a href="mailto:admin@StClem.org">admin@StClem.org</a>.

#### Pledging for the 2025 Stewardship Drive

We are still accepting your pledges for 2025. Please mail or bring your pledge cards for 2025 to the church office. We appreciate your time and generosity.

The link to our pledge form is online at <a href="http://www.stclem.org/support.html">http://www.stclem.org/support.html</a>. You can also see our pledge cards at the back of the church or pick one up at the office.

#### Donations Needed for the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry can use your generous protein donations, such as Spam, Vienna sausages, and tuna, but we welcome all contributions. We can always use more help in this ministry on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in joining the ministry, please reach out to the church office at <a href="mailto:admin@StClem.org">admin@StClem.org</a>

The deadline for submitting announcements to the office for the Sunday service bulletin is every Wednesday by 9 am. Send your announcements to <u>announcements@StClem.org</u>



# Farther Along: A Lenten Reflection

The parable of the Prodigal Son resonates with us because it is so relatable. It is such a human story of selfishness, greed, squander, loss, return, and love. In most families a version of this story, perhaps in less dramatic terms, plays out as children try to claim their place in the world. I never appreciated home as much as when I came back to it after having tried and failed in my first post-college experience.

The parable that we hear Jesus tell us about a misguided son, a doting father, and a jealous brother is most often understood from the perspective of the prodigal. Some focus might be on the father, but the jealous son gets almost no thought, save for his complaint. I think this is a shame, because all three characters in this story have a profound lesson for us. The prodigal teaches us about gratitude, the father models unconditional love even if we don't understand his motives, and the jealous brother shows us the face of steadfast loyalty and faith.

I grew up singing the hymn Farther Along. It's a story about one day knowing all the reasons why things happen to us even if they don't make sense in the present. It contains the line "Then do we wonder why others prosper, living so wicked year after year." I hear the jealous brother in this line. Some of the most hardworking members of our churches are the overlooked brother-type of member: loyal, faithful, honest, doing our portion of the work that is needed, no flash or hype needed. The hundreds of volunteer hours that we contribute, the countless ideas and talents that we share, the steadfast showing-up make us faithful stewards of the gifts we have been given, whether someone throws us a party, or not.



#### **Questions for Reflection:**

How do you feel about recognition for service or ministry? Does it inspire you or motivate you to serve? Or does it embarrass you?



Cn. J. Davey Gerhard serves as Executive Director of TENS: The Episcopal Network for Stewardship and reminds us that planned giving is the perfect way to ensure that an inheritance is not squandered.





March 2- Robert Nakatsuji March 3 - Pam Fern

March 3 - Bruce McDonald

March 4 - Adrienne Lau

March 8 - Amanda Doty

March 9 - Will Schoen

March 12 - Kalpana Tata

March 12 - Kayla Morikami

March 14 - Gail Suzuki-Jones

March 14 - Linda Taber

March 15 - Monique Brosseau

March 16 - Janie Schaefer

March 17 - Martha Morgan

March 18 - Rhett Taber

March 20 - Keith Kalway

March 25 - Isa Yamauchi

March 28 - Wally Kojima

March 31- Liz Ho

#### Happy birthday to everyone!

If we missed your birthday, please get in touch with the office to update your membership records.

Happenings IN THE BHANA

More information is coming! Stay tuned! Check our weekly email for more details.

## THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT PRESENTS



MARCH 26 - MARIA FULL OF GRACE (2004)

APRIL 2 - GRAN TORINO (2008)

APRIL 9 - BABETTE'S FEAST (1987)

STARTING AT 6:00 PM EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

1515 WILDER AVENUE, HONOLULU





For more information, go to StClem.org



This is a wonderful opportunity to express love and gratitude through the beauty of flowers.

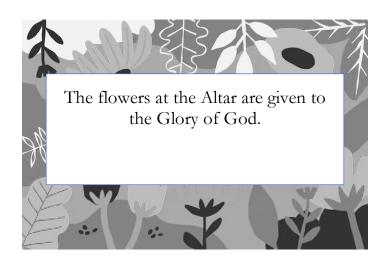
# EASTER FLOWERS

Please fill out a card with your Thanksgiving or Memorial dedication and place it in the envelope. The deadline for submission is Friday, April 11, by 11 a.m. to the office.



1515 Wilder Avenue, Honoluu HI. 96822

#### Flower Dedications



#### The Vestry of The Episcopal Parish of St. Clement

The Reverend Brian G. Rallison – Priest-in-Charge

Martha Morgan, Senior Warden – 2026 Robert Nakatsuji, Junior Warden – 2026 Elizabeth Baldwin, Treasurer - 2026 Maile Hatfield, Clerk - 2025 Dana Anderson – 2028 Bill Markevitch – 2028 Ashley Maynard – 2028 Sarah Palm – 2026 Adrienne Lau – 2026

#### **Diocese Convention Delegates for 2025**

Tau'eva Lino Dana Anderson Ashley Maynard Martha Morgan Holoua Stender Robert Nakatsuji

Sarah Palm, Alternate Stephen Reynolds, Alternate

#### St. Clement's School Board

The Reverend Brian G. Rallison, *Priest-in-Charge*Jodi Yoshioka, *Head of School*Ashley Kurisu, *President*Della Au Belatti

Marshall Soto
Gina Haverly
Alan Lum
Russell Yang

Parish Appointments are forthcoming.

If you are interested, please speak with Father Brian or Martha Morgan.

#### Ministers of Worship for This Service

Celebrant and Preacher The Reverend Brian G. Rallison

Organist Irwin Jiang

Choir Director Addison Omohundro

Eucharistic Ministers Dana Anderson and Bill Markevitch

Crucifer Martha Morgan
Lector 1 Carol Taylor Kim
Psalmist Ruth Wooden
Lector 2 Maile Hatfield
Intercessor By Invitation

Ushers and Greeters Ginger Howard and Terry Ledford

Oblation Bearers By Invitation – Please see the Greeters and Ushers

Altar Guild Susan Palmore Flower Guild Meleanna Meyer

Offering Counters Tau'eva Lino and Open Ministry Opportunity

Coffee Hour Host Liz Baldwin
Technology/Streaming Tobias Fifield



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