The Fourth Sunday



The Holy Eucharist – Penitential Order Rite I, Prayer I



# E komo mai!



The Episcopal PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT

1515 Wilder Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822 Sunday, March 30, 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!

## Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent is in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. The term is derived from the opening words of the Latin Mass, "Rejoice (Laetare) Jerusalem" (Isaiah 66:10). The church is called to the joyful anticipation of the victory to be won. This joyful theme provides lightening from the penitential emphasis of Lent. Since the thirteenth century, the celebrant of the Eucharist has been permitted to wear rose-colored vestments, which express the change of tone in the Lenten observance. Laetare Sunday, therefore, may be called "Rose Sunday." This custom is not required in the Episcopal Church, but it is observed by some parishes with a traditional Anglo-Catholic piety.

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

Please enter the church in silent prayer.

## Voluntary

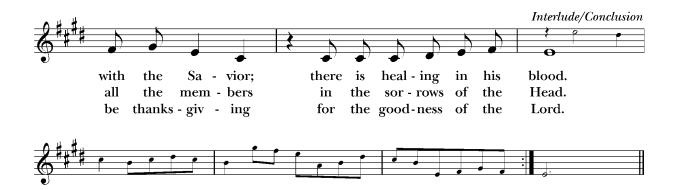
Prelude in C minor, BWV 871 Music by J.S. Bach

The ministers of worship enter during the processional hymn. **Procession into the hale pule (church)** 

There's a wideness in God's mercy The Hymnal 1982, # 469



The hymn continues on the following page.



#### **Confession of Sins**

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

All

Most merciful God,

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. **Kyrie**

Russel McKinney



#### 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* Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Joshua.

*Lector* The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*People* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm

The Psalm is prayed responsively by the half verse.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \* because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \* Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32

Joshua 5:9-12

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \* when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \* you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

#### Please remain seated.

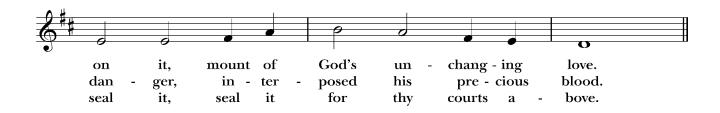
#### A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Lector From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn Come, thou font of every blessing The Hymnal 1982, # 686 Come, thou fount of bless ing, tune my 1 ev - ery -2 Here I find trea sure; hith - er, my great - est -3 Oh, to how debt dai - ly grace great or а 0 heart sing thy grace! Streams of to mer су nev - er by thy help, I've come; and Ι hope, by thy good I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like а ρ Ø  $\hat{}$ songs ceas ing, call for of loud - est praise. safe - ly rive home. plea sure, to ar at bind fet \_ ter, my wan dering heart to thee: lo - dious Teach me some sung by me son net, wan - dering Je - sus sought me when stran a ger prone to wan der, Lord, Ι feel it, prone to Oh, flam tongues bove. Praise the fix ing а mount! me from the fold of God; he, cue me from to res \_ leave the God I here's my love; heart, oh, take and



Please continue to stand as you are able. Ka 'Euanelio Hemolele (The Holy Gospel)

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*All* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise be to thee, O Christ.

Please wait to be seated as you are directed. Ha'i'ōlelo (The Sermon)

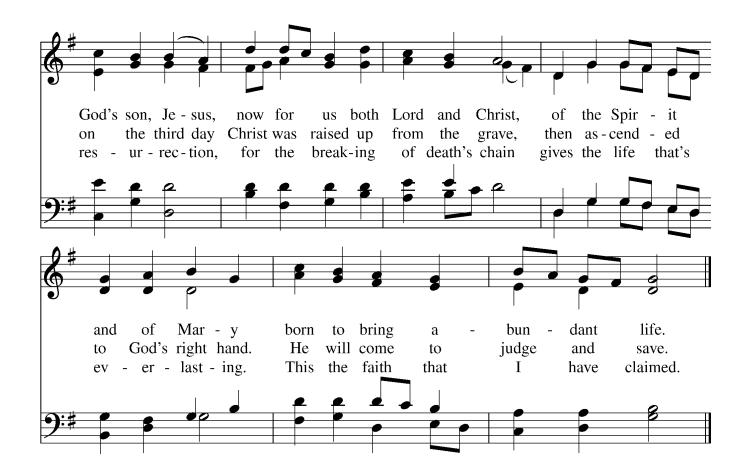
The Reverend Brian G. Rallison

#### Please stand when you are invited as you are able. A Sung Paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God almighty Wonder Love and Praise # 769



The hymn continues on the following page.



The Prayers of the PeopleThe Book of Common Prayer 1979, page 328CelebrantLet us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the<br/>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 25.

#### Words of Comfort

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

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Please continue to stand as you are able.

#### The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.

#### Please be seated as you are directed.

Ho`okipa I Ka Malihini (Welcome to our guests) Please see the announcements beginning on page 26.

If you want your ministry's announcements in the bulletin and weekly emails, Please email the information to the office before Wednesday at 9 a.m. <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.

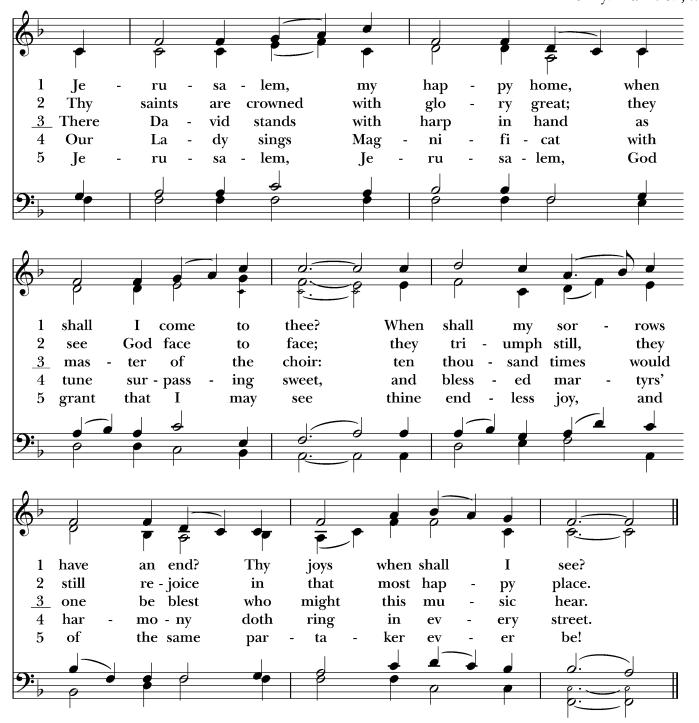
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Your financial contribution allows us to promote God's message of love and hope for everyone in our neighborhood and beyond. There is a calabash at the back of the church where you may place your donations. Find our easy QR code below for online giving.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



#### Please stand as you are able. Offertory Hymn

#### Jerusalem, my happy home The Hymnal 1982, # 620



## The Holy Eucharist - Rite I, Prayer I

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.

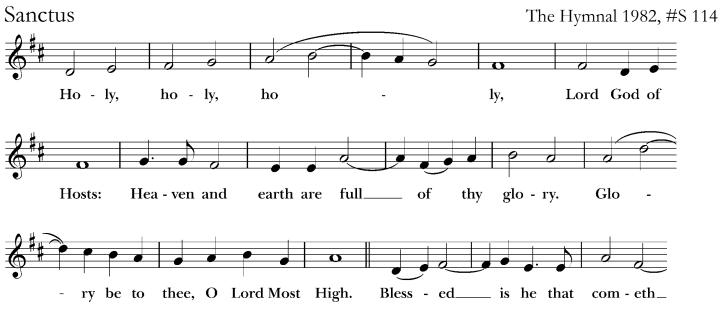
CelebrantLet us give thanks unto our Lord God.PeopleIt is meet and right so to do.

*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 or kneeling as you are able.

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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 thing is the kingdom

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**

CelebrantChrist, our Passover is sacrificed for us;AllTherefore let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei

CelebrantO Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,Allhave mercy upon us.O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,Allhave mercy upon us.O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,Allgrant 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.

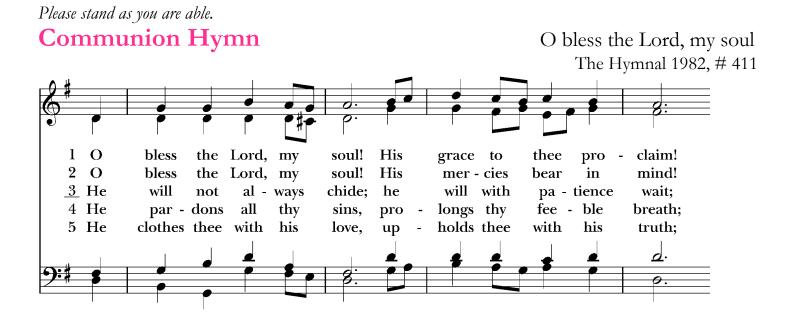
If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion or the chalice but receive a blessing, please go to the Altar rail, cross your arms, and allow the priest to bless you.

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.



The hymn continues on the following page.



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

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

Please stand as you are able.CelebrantLet us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God,

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

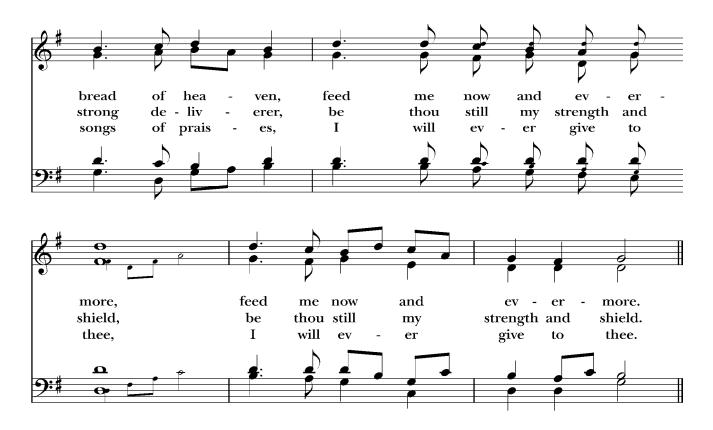
Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

#### Please continue to stand as you are able.

#### Processional Hymn into the World





#### The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Voluntary

Fugue in C minor, BWV 871 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 Christ Church, 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	

## April

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Tenebrae – The Service of Shadows – 6 p.m.

**Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> –** Maundy Thursday – Agape meal 5 p.m., Liturgy 6 p.m., Vigil at the Altar of Repose starts at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Liturgy – 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. with music

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Church and Parish House Clean-up – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter with confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations at St. Andrew – Time TBD

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 21st – Parish Office Closed

## 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 <u>admin@StClem.org</u>.

## 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 <u>http://www.stclem.org/support.html</u>. 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 <u>admin@StClem.org</u>

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**

he 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 misquided 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. We.org



#### 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.

> **NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP**



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.



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

	WOISHIP PERVICES
9:30 AM 6 PM	April 13   Palm Sunday-The Sunday of the Passion April 16   Tenebrae - The Service of Shadows
5 PM	April 17   Agape Meal in the Parish House
6 PM	April 17   Maundy Thursday with Feet Washing
BEGINNING A	T7PM April 17 - 18   The Vigil at the Altar of Repose
8 AM, 12 P	M, 6 PM April 18   Good Friday Liturgy
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#### HOPE - RENEWAL - JOY - NEW LIFE

## Join us for a joy-filled, renewing, and festive Easter Sunday Liturgy The service begins at 9:30 a.m.

An Easter egg hunt and a light reception will follow the service





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.



# Ministry Opportunities

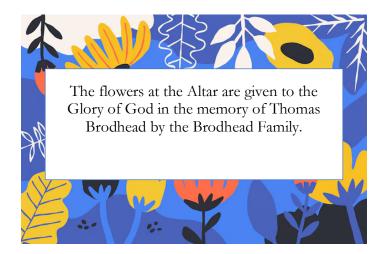
Altar Guild Flower Guild Lector and Intercessor Adult Acolytes Bell Ringer Tuesday Food Pick-up Lay Weeders

Contact the office if you wish to join any of these ministries at Info@StClem.org



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## **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 Ashley Maynard Holoua Stender Dana Anderson Martha Morgan 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 Organist Choir Director **Eucharistic Ministers** Bell Ringer Crucifer Lector 1 Psalmist Lector 2 Intercessor Ushers and Greeters **Oblation Bearers** Altar Guild Flower Guild Offering Counters Coffee Hour Host Technology/Streaming

The Reverend Brian G. Rallison Irwin Jiang Addison Omohundro Dana Anderson and Susan Palmore Martha Morgan Ashley Maynard Soane Lino, Jr. Holoua Stender Robert Nakatsuji Ruth Wooden Allenette Stender and Deborah "Candy" Love By Invitation – Please see the Greeters and Ushers Sandy Souza Adrienne Lau Sandy Souza and Open Ministry Opportunity Liz Baldwin **Tobias Fifield** 



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