

St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2017 5:30 pm

May 21, 2017 7:30 am

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Annalise Castro
Pianist/Music Director: Alan Van Zee
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Clarita Medeiros (7:30 am)
Altar Guild: Marj Stanphill

WELCOMING YOU IN THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA!

We are honored and pleased to have you with us. St. Michael's is a community of faith based upon love, compassion, relationship and service of others. All are welcome here. We invite you to participate fully in our worship. Lift your voice in praise, respond to the prayers and readings, and come to the altar for communion or a blessing. Or, if you prefer, sit back quietly and allow God's Spirit to speak to you in the way that feels most comfortable. Although there are customary rituals in Episcopal worship (such as standing and kneeling), you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

While we worship in the Episcopal tradition, we are all guests at God's Table and all who have been baptized are invited to share in communion. Lift up both hands to receive the bread. You may indicate your preference for a gluten-free wafer by simply raising one hand. Guide the chalice to you to receive the wine. Crossing your arms at the altar rail indicates your desire to receive a blessing rather than communion. If you wish to have communion brought to you at your seat please notify an usher.

Wherever you may be on your journey, there is a place for you here. If you're interested in learning more about the St. Michael's community of faith, please feel free to talk to any of our members and visit our website at www.stmichaels-kauai.org.

*Aloha has many meanings: love, compassion, kindness, greeting, salutation, regards, to name a few. One author summarized Aloha... "is the divine breath that gives all of us a sense of humility, balance and grace". May you be so blessed this day.



Musical Prelude

Alan Van Zee

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Please read in unison.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm 66:7-18

**Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

**You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

**I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

**I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.**

**If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and

reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Annalise Castro

Musical Reflection

Alan Van Zee

The people stand and affirm their faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Michael and Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people may now greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as he/she/they begins/begin another year. Grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/hers/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Grant O God, in your compassion that these your servants having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again on their anniversary the covenant which they have made, that they may continue to grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Travelers' Prayer

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Representatives of the congregation receive the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices

with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people may remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who have been baptized may come forward for communion, and those among us who are not are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. You may stand or kneel. Please extend both your palms to receive the bread. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, simply extend one hand. The cup is filled with alcoholic wine. You may drink from the cup by guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the bread in the cup. If you desire to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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 Blessing

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Alan Van Zee