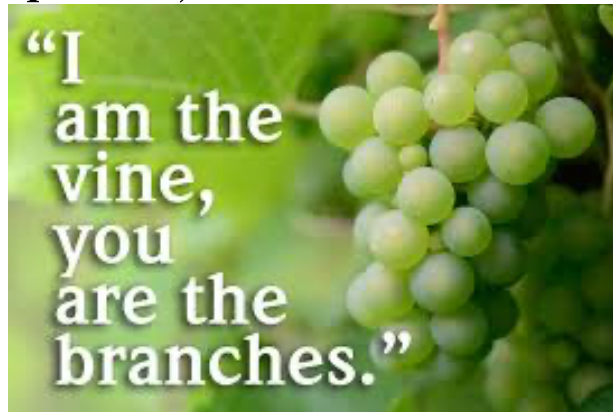


# Fifth Sunday in Easter

April 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.



**Celebrant** The Rev. Canon Dwight Brown

**LEM** George Kikuchi  
**Lector** Martha Morrissey

**Bishop's Warden** Dennis Costa  
**People's Warden** Jeanne West

**Organist** Cyndi Parks

**Altar Flowers:**

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If standing is uncomfortable for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

**Prelude**

Cyndi Parks

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*Processional Hymn:** *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

*Blue Hymnal 379*

**\*Opening Acclamation**

*Red Prayer Book pg. 355*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**\*Gloria in excelsis:** *Glory to God in the highest*

*Blue Hymnal #S-280*

**Together:** 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.

**\*Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Please Be Seated.*

### **First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some

water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* Ōlelo a ka Haku

***People:*** E ho'omaika'i i ke Akua

**Psalm 22:24-30**

***Red Prayer Book Pg. 610***

***Deus, Deus meus***

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live forever!"

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done

### **The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader:* Ōlelo a ka Haku

***People:*** E ho'omaika'i i ke Akua

### **\*The Gospel: John 15:1-8**

**Gradual** *Jesus is All the World to Me*

[See Handout](#)

*V. 1-2 prior to Gospel; v. 3-4 after Gospel*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Homily**

**The Rev. Canon Dwight Brown**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**Red Prayer Book pg. 358**

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 worshiped 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.**

***You may be seated.***

**LET US, GOD'S PEOPLE, PRAY**

*Leader:* God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and the world. Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, prepare our souls as the fertile soil that will bring forth the harvest of Your love and peace. Teach us to see, know, and nourish all people as our brothers and sisters, companion branches in God's Holy Vineyard.

*Infinite, Abiding Lord*

**People: Guide us to perfect love.**

*Leader:* Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. As we celebrate Earth Day, help us to remember that we

ALL live together on this small planet and we must ALL work together to protect the lands and waters which provide life. .... *Infinite, Abiding Lord*  
**People: Guide us to perfect love.**

*Leader:* Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster, especially on our neighboring Island of Maui which was devastated by a fire in Lāhaina. Help Governor Green and other elected officials find an equitable solution to the dire housing needs of the people in Lahaina who lost their homes and possessions. We pray especially for: President Biden, Governor Green, and Mayor Roth. *Infinite, Abiding Lord*

**People: Guide us to perfect love.**

*Leader:* Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, transform our complacency into compassion and ignite desire and courage within us, to stand in faith and act together for environmental justice, and for all who are denied economic, racial, and every justice issue for basic human need and respect that is refused, across this world and at national and local levels. Today, we pray that the Supreme Court will be filled with your compassion as they review the Oregon law fining people who sleep outdoors. We pray especially for Charlotte O'Brien, Kela Luczon, C J Kimberly, Peter Lester, Jean Samuelson, Jackie Baldwin, Scarlett and Pat Eskildsen, Aloha Reeves, Martha Morrissey, Billie Howard, and Jeff Silva, ... *please add your own petitions*

*Infinite, Abiding Lord*

**People: Guide us to perfect love.**



*Leader:* Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared for us. Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, fill us with praise and gladness and hope as the souls of those we love and sent ahead, now live again sheltered in eternity by Your forever Heart. We pray especially for Don Ossenfort and Allen Kennedy ... *please add your own petitions.....*  
*Infinite, Abiding Lord*

***People: Guide us to perfect love.***

*Leader.* Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, bless all who give their lives in service to Your Church, and walk with us even through sometimes fallow fields and barren orchards, as we seek the joy in knowing You are with us now in this brief life and forever in the next. We ask your help in finding a new priest for the St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Beaverton, Oregon. We pray especially for: Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Bob, Vicar Dwight, and Martha Morrissey and George Kikuchi. In the Christ Church Cycle of Prayer, we remember Sandy and John Rees, Aloha, Kai Nani, Kamalei, Jacen and Alex Reeves. In the Hawaiian Diocese we pray for Epiphany Episcopal Church in Honolulu, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Church of Bangladesh. *Infinite, Abiding Lord*

***People: Guide us to perfect love.***

***Congregation: At this time, please add your special prayer requests for anything – thanksgivings, travel, friends in need, passings – whatever you feel moved to ask for.***

**The Celebrant adds:** Living God, Eternal Vine Grower, prune detachment and sin from our hearts to cultivate strong, dynamic, and fruitful branches that flourish, not wither, as we abide always in You. We ask this through Jesus, our True and Perfect Vine; and the Holy Spirit, our Wisdom Guide; who together with You, live and reign as One God forever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*Confession of Sin**

**Red Prayer Book pg. 360**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Together:*** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

**Amen.**

*\*Celebrant:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**\*The Peace**

Red Prayer Book pg. 360

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:*** And also with you.

## OFFERTORY

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Queen's Prayer—Ke Aloha O Ka Haku

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 'O kou aloha nō     | Your loving mercy           |
| Aia i ka lani       | Is as high as Heaven        |
| A 'o Kou 'oia 'i'o  | And your truth              |
| He hemolele ho'i    | So perfect                  |
| Ko'u noho mihi 'ana | I live in sorrow            |
| A pa'ahao 'ia       | Imprisoned                  |
| 'O 'oe ku'u lama    | You are my light            |
| Kou nani ko'u ko'o  | Your glory, my support      |
| Mai nānā 'ino'ino   | Behold not with malevolence |
| Nā hewa o kānaka    | The sins of man             |

Akā e huikala  
A ma'ema'e nō

No laila e ka Haku  
Ma lalo o kou 'ēheu  
Kō mākou maluhia  
A mau loa aku nō  
'Āmene

But forgive  
And cleanse

And so, O Lord  
Protect us beneath your wings  
And let peace be our portion  
Now and forever more.  
Amen

### Hawaiian Doxology

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau

Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō  
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū

Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao. 'Āmene

Let us give praise to the eternal  
Father,

To the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
To God everlasting, let there ring  
praise

Both in this world as well as the  
Kingdom

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) [Red Prayer Book p361](#)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant says a Proper Preface appropriate for the day.*

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: Together: Holy, holy, holy Lord*** [Blue Hymnal S-130](#)

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Together:* Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

Red Prayer Book pg. 364

**Together:** 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**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### **Jesus, Lamb of God**

**Blue Hymnal S164**

**Celebrant:** 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.

*The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then the people will come forward for communion. Please remember to keep social distancing and come first to the Vicar for communion bread then proceed to the LEM for an individual cup of wine. You may refrain from receiving communion, or choose to take bread only. If anyone would prefer communion delivered to them in place, please remain seated and communion will be offered after everyone else has received.*

*Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please let the Celebrant know if you require them.*

### **Music at Communion**

*Bread of Heaven on Thee We Feed  
Abide With Me*

*Blue Hymnal #323  
Blue Hymnal #662*

*\* After communion, all stand.*

*Red Prayer Book pg. 365*

*The Celebrant says: Let us pray.*

**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:**

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.

***The people respond: Amen.***

**Recessional:** Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service [Blue Hymnal 610](#)

### **\*The Dismissal**

*Red Prayer Book pg. 366*

*Leader: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

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

**Postlude**

**Cyndi Parks**

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**God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him 379**

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1904)

**Gloria: Gloria in Excelsis S280**

Setting: Robert Powell, (b. 1932)

**Gradual: Jesus is all the World To Me LEVAS 77**

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909)

Music: Will L. Thompson

**Sanctus S130**

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828);  
arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

**Fraction: Jesus Lamb of God S-164**

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

**Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed 323**

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855), alt

Music: *Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*, melody Paul Heinlein (1626-1686);

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**Abide with Me 662**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

**Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service 610**

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt.

Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody



*The donations to the food basket in the Queen Emma Center are much appreciated. The food is then delivered to St. Benedict's Catholic Church AKA the Painted Church in Captain Cook. Food is given to families who ask. Please continue this ministry as food security is a difficult problem for many at this time. While you do your own shopping, add one more item to donate. Thank You!!*

*Another ministry we at Christ Church support is at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Every Saturday, showers are offered to people who are either homeless or do not have running water. Hot water is provided along with clean towels, washcloths, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner. After showering, a lunch is provided. The numbers average about thirty showers and eighty lunches. Please bring any supplies you can for showering as well as towels. Monetary donations may also be made for purchasing food. Thank you all again for your generosity!!*

## **Prayer for Ukraine and Russia and Israel and Gaza**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia and Israel Gaza.

We pray for the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.

Give us courage for the living of these days. **Amen.**

***We remember in our prayers:*** Jeannette Abraham and Search Committee, David Akana, Linda Atwell, Jackie Baldwin, Rhonda Bathe, Jane Bockus, Sharon Cannon, Rev. Amy Crowe+, Bill Eberhardt, Jim Elrod, Sam Gonzales, Kevin Greenwell, Noah Greenwell, Rob Greenwell, Mona Gurrobat, Momi Hall, Margaret Harper, Bob Hartsell, Jerry Hogan, Jennifer Hoagland, Billie Howard, Family of Allen Kennedy, C J Kimberly, Brenda and Kenneth Lee, Marty Lentz, Peter Lester, Mike Loges, Julio Loyola, Kela Luczon, Carolyn Machado, Juliette Magoon-Costa, Kiki and the Family of Fr. Kent McNair, Arata Nakamura, Charlotte O'Brien, Betty O'Brien and Family of Don Ossenfort, Jillynn Parker, Eileen Pinkerton, John Rees, Sandy Rees, Aloha Reeves, Helen Reeves, Jean Samuelson, Sandy Sandin, Bethyl and Vance Shepperson, Jeff Silva, Beryl Spalding, Mary Stuben+, John Hau'oli Tomoso, Ross Valdez, Esrich (Buddy) Walton, Jr., Kalei Wery, the victims of the fires in Lahaina and Up Country Maui, the war in Ukraine, and the war in Israel and Palestine.

***In the Military:*** Ryan Berndt, Dante Carter, Ed Fitzpatrick, Bri Gamiao, Michael Mindt, Devin Monroe, Jose Simpliciano

***Our Church Leaders:*** Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Bob, Vicar Dwight+, Martha Morrissey, George Kikuchi



***Those Traveling:*** Nathan and Eleanor Smith, Cyndi Parks, Betty O'Brien

***Those who have Died:*** Don Ossenfort, Allen Kennedy, the many who have died in the Ukrainian and the Israeli-Hamas Conflict, and in the Israeli-Palestine Conflict

***Christ Church Ohana:*** Sandy and John Rees, Aloha, Kai Nani, Kamalei, Jacen and Alex Reeves.

***Hawaii Diocese:*** Epiphany Episcopal Church in Honolulu

***Anglican Cycle:*** Church of Bangladesh

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