

The Night Before Pentecost



The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawai'i

Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .

Church Of All Peoples . . .

. . . Hele Pu Maʻou me Iesu Kristo

. . . Walking Together With Christ

Saturday, June 4, 2022

7:00pm

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Order of Worship



Prelude

Victoria Oana

*Gathering

P We gather with hope-filled expectation! Holy Spirit, come!

C Our hearts wait upon you, O God!

P Jesus has said, "It is better that I go so that I may send you a helper"

C We need the Holy Spirit to charge, energize, and reform our lives.

P Come Holy Spirit!

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P The Holy Spirit indeed changes everything for it is the power and presence of God given to us, present among us, and active within us. It teaches us what is right, shows us what is wrong, and helps straighten us out when we have gone astray. It is God's way to prepare and propel us to faith and good deeds.

Again I say, come Holy Spirit!

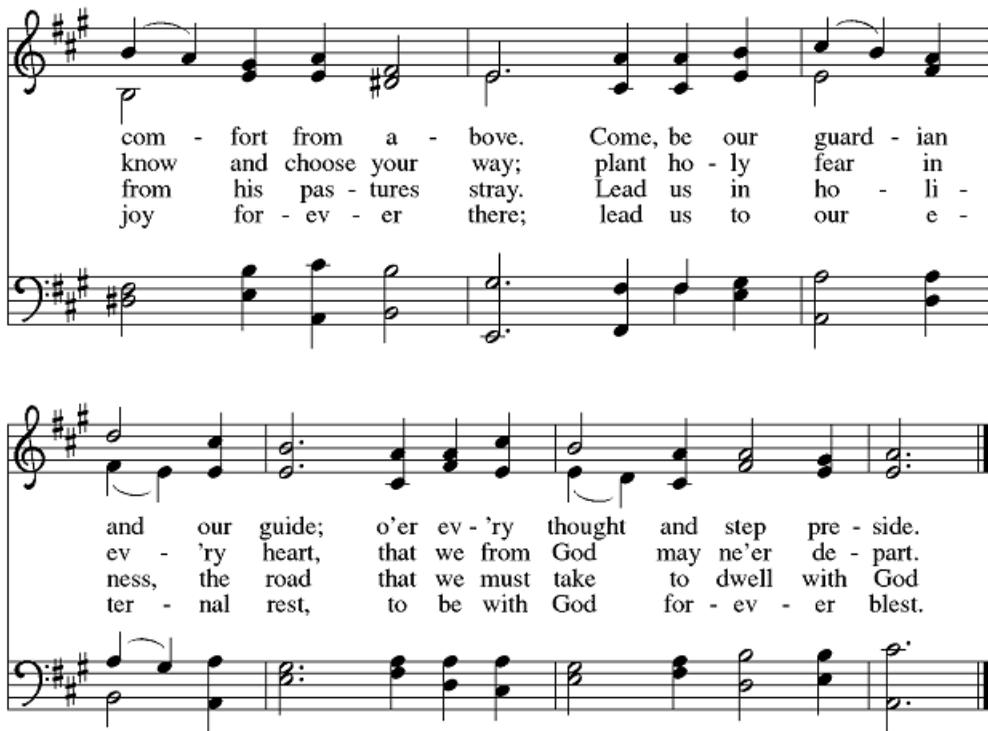
C Yes! Come, Holy Spirit. You are welcome here!

P God sends the Holy Spirit so that we might learn and grow to walk in step with the Spirit, sharing the love of Christ in, with, and through our lives. Come Holy Spirit!

*Song of Invitation

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly

1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -

and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

First Reading

Luke 11:5-13

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be

given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Word of Response

P Dear children, take heart and believe. It is God's good pleasure to give you the Holy Spirit. No good thing will God withhold from those who love Him. Therefore, come boldly and receive the Holy Spirit!

C We thank and praise you Lord as we wait for the Holy Spirit to come!

Second Reading

Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evil-doers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing I asked of the LORD that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of

joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

*A Proclamation of the People

C Your love is great, O Lord. You will not leave us. You have not forsaken us. Though Christ depart, the Spirit will come. On you our soul waits day and night. Do not delay, O God. Send your Spirit in the midst of your people. Strengthen and empower us, comfort and guide us, teach us and lead us. This changes everything! Come Holy Spirit.

*A Service of Waiting

(At this time, we will wait for the Holy Spirit to come. In preparation, the cross will receive a red linen cloth as a sign and symbol of the Holy Spirit.)

Light from the Christ candle will come forth and ignite our collective fire as a sign of our unity in the Spirit

P We light this fire as a sign and symbol of the Holy Spirit. We wait patiently for the Spirit to come.

C **We open our hearts. We open our lives. We open our minds. Fill us with your Spirit, O Lord! Come, Holy Spirit!**

Vow Renewal

P The Spirit moves in our lives and leads us to renew and refresh our love for God and for one another. By the Spirit's work, Ross and Vicky have chosen to renew their vows before God and all of you. We praise God for this work of the Spirit and invite them forward so we may celebrate and support them in the community of God!

*Affirmation of Vows

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray, God of love and grace, pour out upon your servants and fill their cup with gladness so that they would eternally overflow and all might experience the love and kindness they share with one another. On this day, grant them your blessing anew that their love might be renewed in you.

C Amen

Third Reading

1 Corinthians 13:3-8a

³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist

on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

P God has given us the gift of marriage as a tangible sign of God's grace. In and through marriage we can put on display God's love for us and God's love for the world. Through love for one another, especially in marriage, one can come to see God's great love for all of humanity and God's commitment and faithfulness to the covenant.

Love isn't easy. As Ross says, "It requires a deep understanding." God is great in understanding and knows our frame. God knows that we are human and made of flesh. Our love, therefore, is limited and finite, imperfect and flawed. The great news of God's grace, however, is that is it new every moment of every day. It is here, for us.

Ross and Victoria come to renew their love in the ocean of God's great love so that they can continue to grow in love for one another, God, and the world.

V *(exchange vows)*

R *(exchange vows)*

Pastor Stands

P Victoria and Ross, your love is a light that burns eternally within the eternal light and life of Christ. You both are witnesses of Christ and shine the light of Christ through your marriage to the world. Having been renewed in the covenant of marriage, may the Lord bless this day and continually make your love for one another new. Continue to carry the light of God's love and share it with one another and the world.

A Amen

Both stand

P Let us pray. Lord God, constant in mercy, we give you thanks for bestowing you blessing on your servants, Ross and Victoria. Grant them continued life together er. Awaken them each day to new signs of your presence as they grow in love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen

P Gracious God, you bless Ohana and renew your people. Enrich spouses, parents and children more and more with your grace, that, strengthening and supporting one another, they may serve those in need and be a sign of the fulfillment of your perfect kingdom, where, with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God through all ages of ages.

A Amen

P Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray. Gracious God, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

P Almighty God, Makua, ✠ Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele, keep you in God's light and truth and love now and forever.

A Amen*Fourth Reading**Galatians 5:16-26*

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

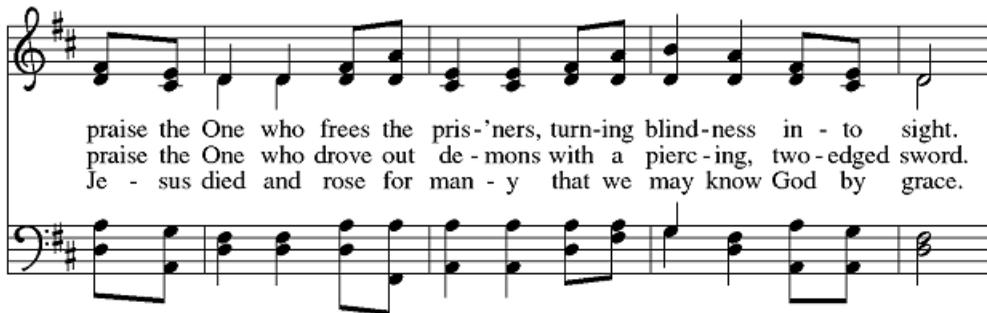
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**Song of Response Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*



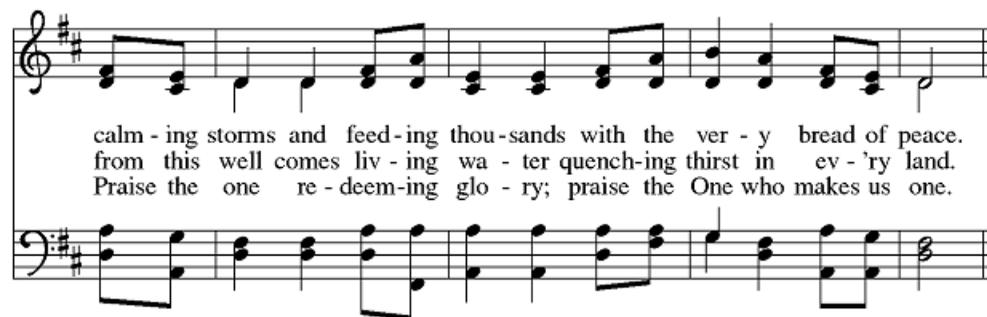
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

**Communal Response*

P O Come, Holy Spirit!

C O Come, Holy Spirit! On you we wait, day and night and seek strength and power for our lives!

P We are commanded to live by the Spirit and walk by the Spirit, allowing the Holy Spirit to teach, lead, and guide our lives!

C We will walk in step with Spirit! We will humble our hearts and minds and lives. We will open our ways to God's ways and surrender to the will and way of the Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit!

P The Holy Spirit will come to us and is give to us and made alive in us. Let us surrender our ways to her ways and live in ways that do not quench God's Spirit in us.

C Let us be transformed by the Holy Spirit! Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

**The Benediction and Blessing*

P The Lord bless you and keep you as you wait for the Spirit to come into your hearts, minds, and lives. The Lord give you the peace, power, perseverance, and presence of the Spirit in the name of Makua, ✚ Keiki Kane, and Uthane Hemolele.

C Amen.

P Go, children of God. Wait on the Spirit and walk in step with the Spirit, and let the Spirit control and guide your lives!

C Amen. Come Holy Spirit!

