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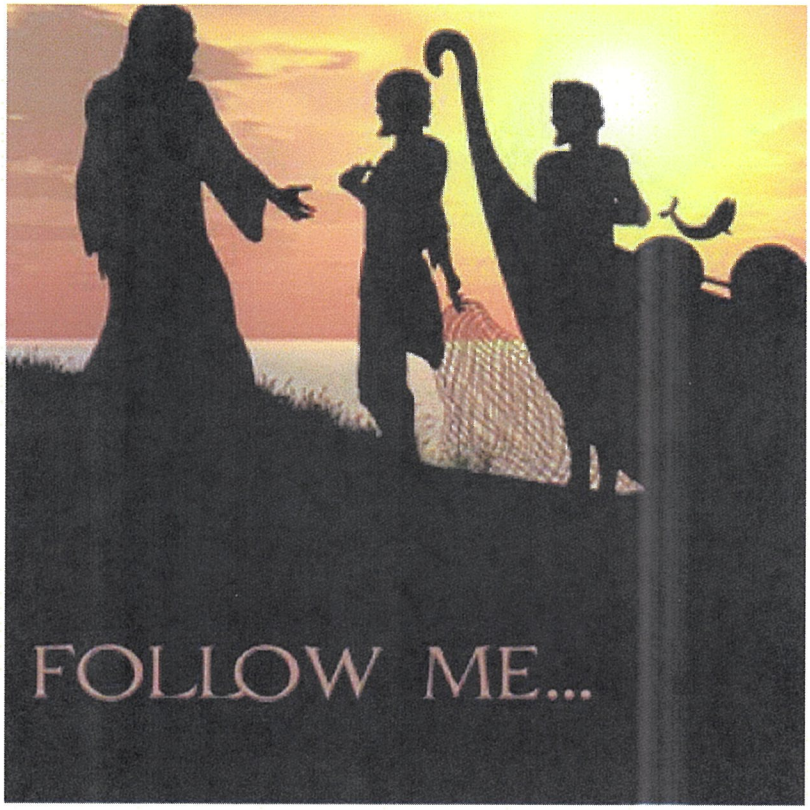

The Lihue Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawaii

Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .
Church Of All Peoples . . .
. . . Hele Pu Makou me Iesu Kristo
. . .Walking Together With Christ

January 22, 2023

Announcements and Weekly Events!

Welcome, Check-In, and Announcements

In the Facebook chatbox share who you are and where you're joining from!!

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today, after service

Weekly Events

- ◊ **Ghetto Sweet Tarts**– Monday, Evenings 5:30pm-8:00pm
- ◊ **Mobile Munchies**—Every Thursday Morning in the fellowship hall, 7:30am
- ◊ **Men's Bible Study -** Fridays @ 12:00pm in the fellowship hall
- ◊ **Centering Prayer**—Saturday, 9-11am, Zoom
  https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456

Worship Theme for Today

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

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Welcome to Our Guests

It is always a joy to share our faith and worship with people visiting from around the world. Please know your presence and participation in our service is most appreciated. At Lihue Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion at every service. You are certainly welcome in joining us as our Lord comes to us in this holy meal.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these people in your prayers during the week: Sharon & Berndt Kammer (Karen Kinoshita's cousin), Dave Hamry, Ken Garrett, Beverly Robertson (Shannon Lorenzo's Mother), Sandra Yatsuoka, Kurt Medeiros, Bob & Joann Clash, Sally Rasay, Stan Weeks, Ronnie Pacheco, David Gragg, Joe Morgan, Zosimo and Virginia Austria, Karen Kinoshita, Jake Whisenhunt, Rick Rentz, Norman Dibble, Kazue Zaima, John Mattek, Robert Girald II (Bobby Girald's son), Kristie Schmid (Tony's sister), Lolli Hagen, Abraham Torres, Sr., Kristy Kahananui, Sonny Koerte, Uncle Joe, Mallory Rodriguez, Peter Alisna, Tirzah Pope, Pastor Matthew Weber, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formely Mandell), Karen & Patrick Pavao, Edward Rasay, Marcos Larson (Liedeke's son), Dora Jane Rowell, Penny Parraga, Leticia Ancog (Kurt Javinar's sister), Yvonne Shinseki, Al Dressler (Larry's Father), Shirley Hallman (Denese Alcott's Mother), Mercy Ballesteros, Mike LaBerge, Anna Marie & Phil Croghan, Judy Carlson, Sheila Belarmino, Ray Roderick, Sayla Hachey, Julie Sweeny, Jena Wallace, The Church Council, and leaders in the ELCA. If you have additional prayer requests, please let the church office know.

"Ask it in my name . . ." Mahalo for your love.

Remembering Our Military

As we gather for worship, please remember those serving us in the military, and the families of our Hawai'i National Guard. These names have been given by loved ones and family members: Navy – TJ, Javinar, Kristian Matsumoto, Coast Guard - Brian Rodriguez, Navy - Kiana Alisna, Coast Guard - Ke'ale Renta Army - Jason Lumacad, Levi Fajardo: Air Force - Steven Javinar, Ikaika Fajardo, Army - Brandon Perkinson, Drew Cox, Tony Garton: National Guard - Benji MacKenzie, Eddie Resinto, Fred Casticimo, Philip Kamakea, Anthony Y. Torres, Master Sgt. If you know of someone you would like added to our prayer list, please advise the church office.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Laurie Hutchinson (01.27)

In Loving Memory of Sioux Mackenzie (01.26)

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Order for Worship

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

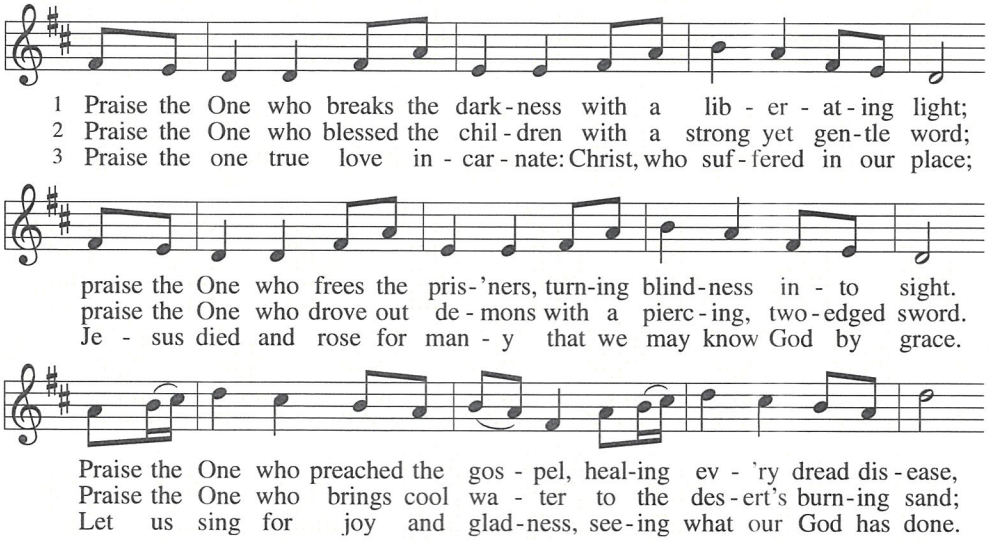
P Holy One, source of our renewal,

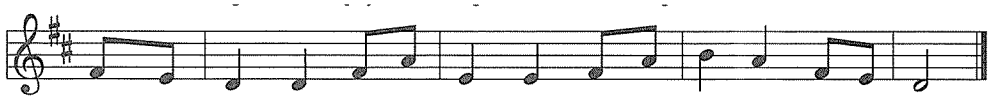
C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be rec onciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

**Gathering Song Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness*





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.

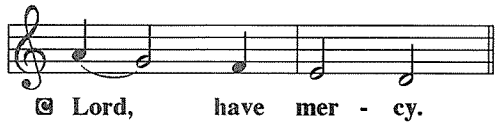
*The Apostolic Greeting

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

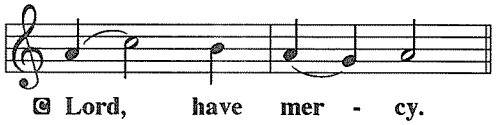
C And also with you.

*Kyrie

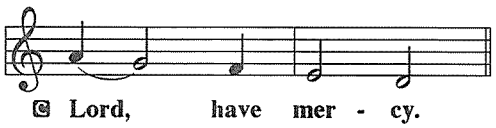
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



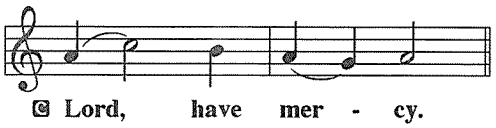
P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



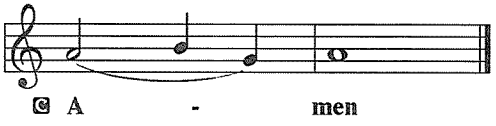
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



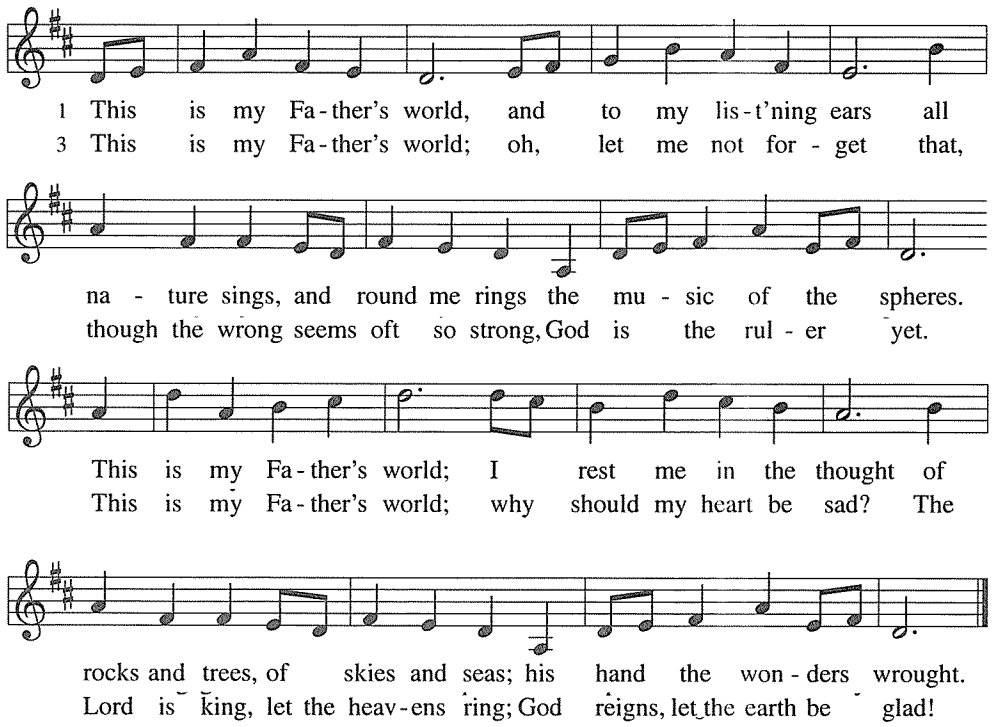
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.



*Song of Praise — *This Is My Father's World*



*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen

The First Reading — *Isaiah 9:1-4*

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

The Second Reading — *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

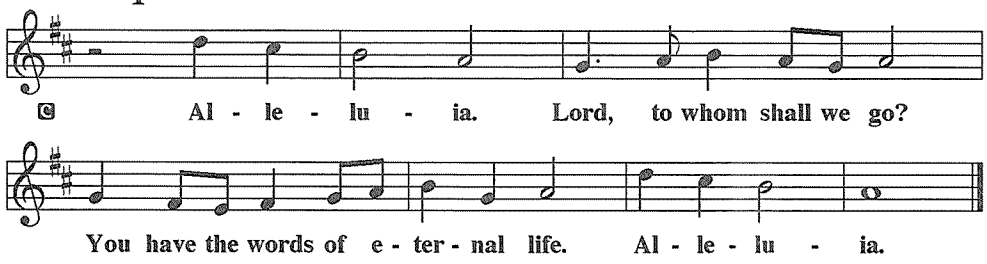
Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, [15]so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

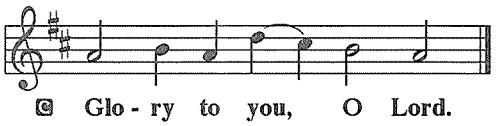
**Verse Response*



*Holy Gospel — Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fourth chapter.



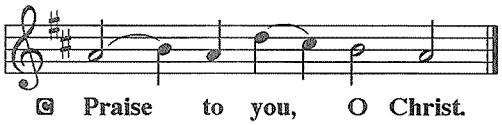
Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

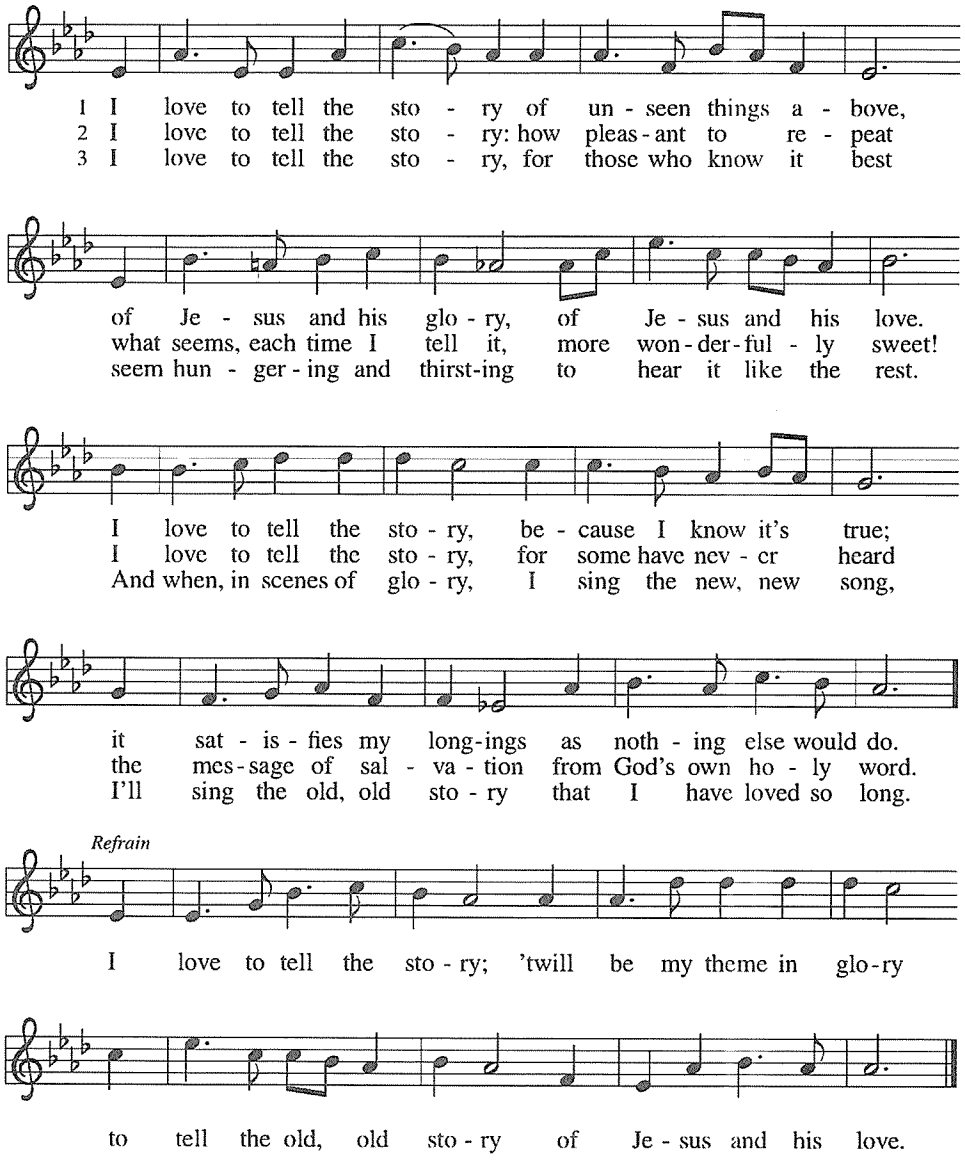
P The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Sermon

Sermon

Song of the Day — *I Love to Tell the Story*



*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church

P Guided by the brilliant light of Christ, let us pray for the church and all who need the revealing love of God.

A For your holy church, that, turning from quarreling and division, we may find our purpose and mission in the unity in the cross of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations of the world, and for an end to oppression, hunger, and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all who care for water, soil, plants, and animals, and that we may live with greater simplicity and love for creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all living with disease, grief, conflict, poverty, depression, or despair that your healing may dawn on them. Listen to the names we bring before you . . Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

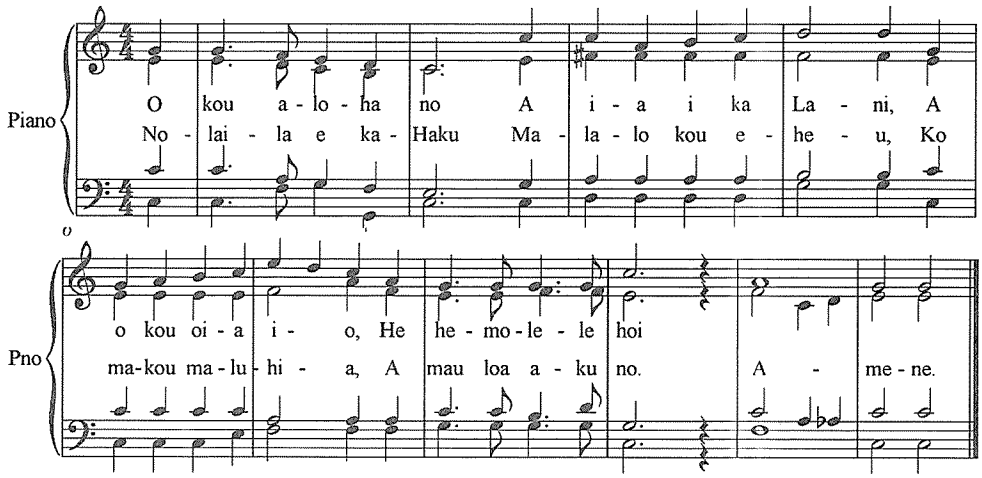
A Be with the guests of our Island. May their stays be restful and renewing, their travels safe, and their homecomings joyous. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear these prayers, O God, offered in the name of your Son, who has made your glory and graciousness known to us.

C Amen

The Queen's Prayer



English Translation

1. O Lord thy Loving Mercy,
   Is high as the Heavens.
   It tells us of thy truth.
   And 'tis filled with holiness
3. For thy grace I beseech thee.
   Bring us 'neath thy protection.
   And peace will be thy portion
   Now and forever more. Amen

The Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share the peace of the Lord.

Offertory Word

We invite you partner with us in ministry through the pandemic with a one-time gift, tithe, or offering. Ministry is never done alone, but in collaboration with the community gathered so that we can be the community sent. If God puts it on your heart to give, donations can be given here today, mailed in, or given online our website here or you can copy and paste the weblink @

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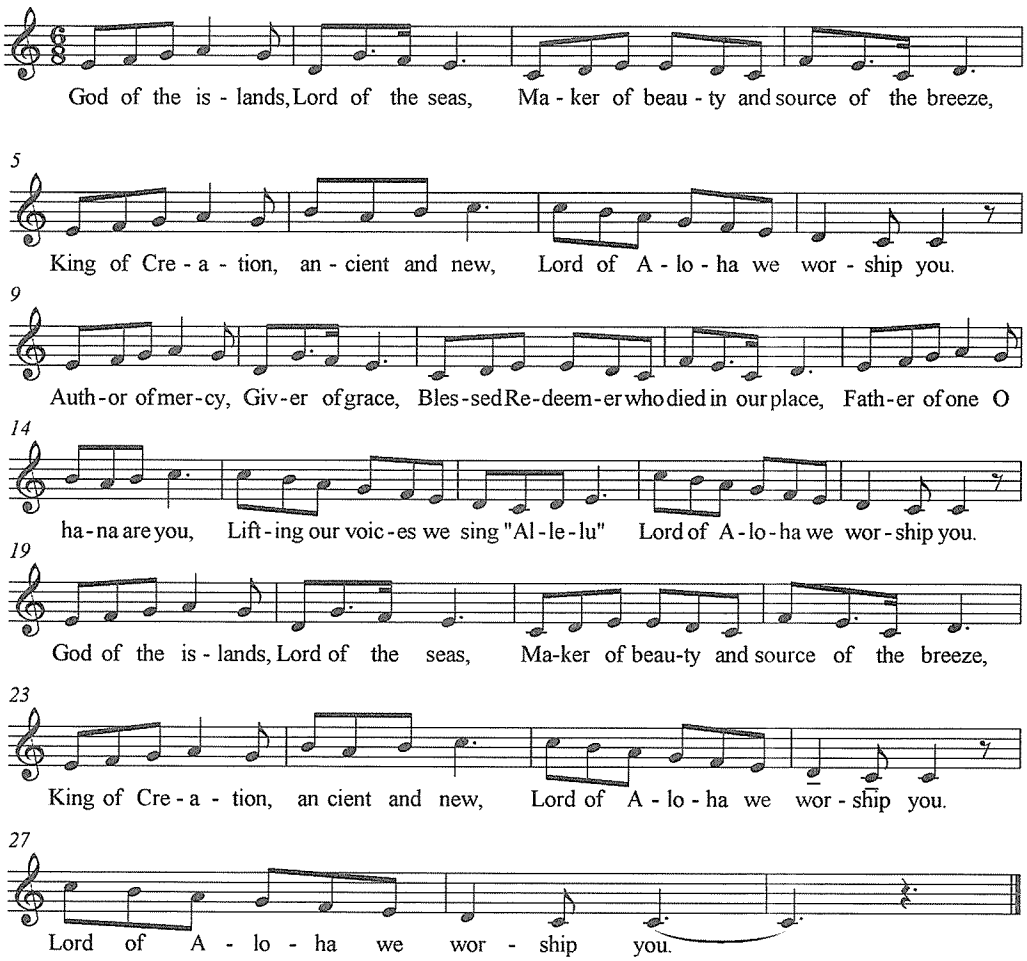
Offering

Offertory Response — *Lord of Aloha*

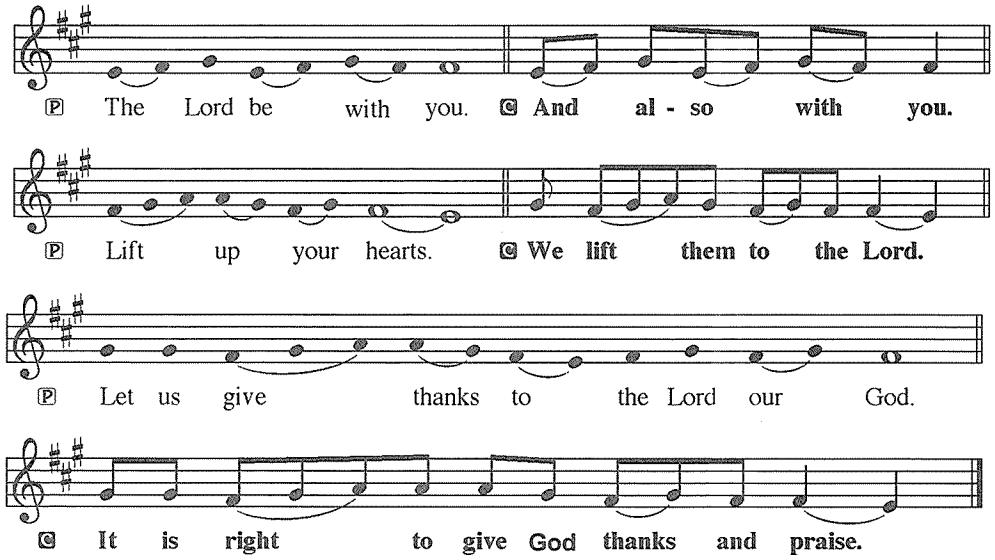


**Offertory Prayer*

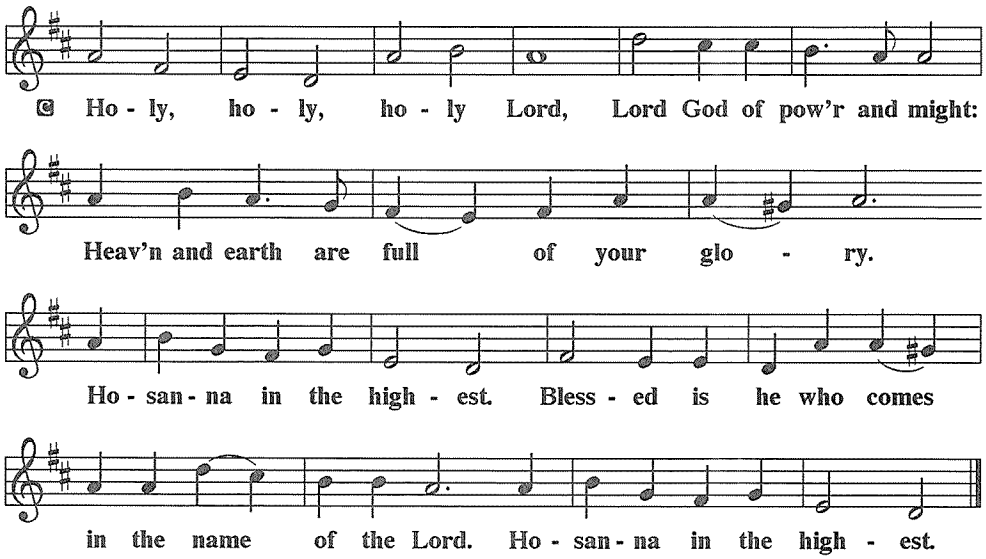
P Let us pray,
P Liberating God,

C you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And join their unending hymn:



*The Holy Preparation and Contemplation

P We are instructed by the Apostle Paul to examine our hearts before we receive God's Holy and gracious gift that we might not eat or drink in an unworthy manner and sin against the Body and Blood of Christ.

A moment of silence is offered so we may examine our hearts before the Lord.

P Holy God,

C We have examined our hearts and see that we are unworthy. Yet, because of Your command and great invitation, we come boldly before Your throne to receive Your grace in our time of need.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

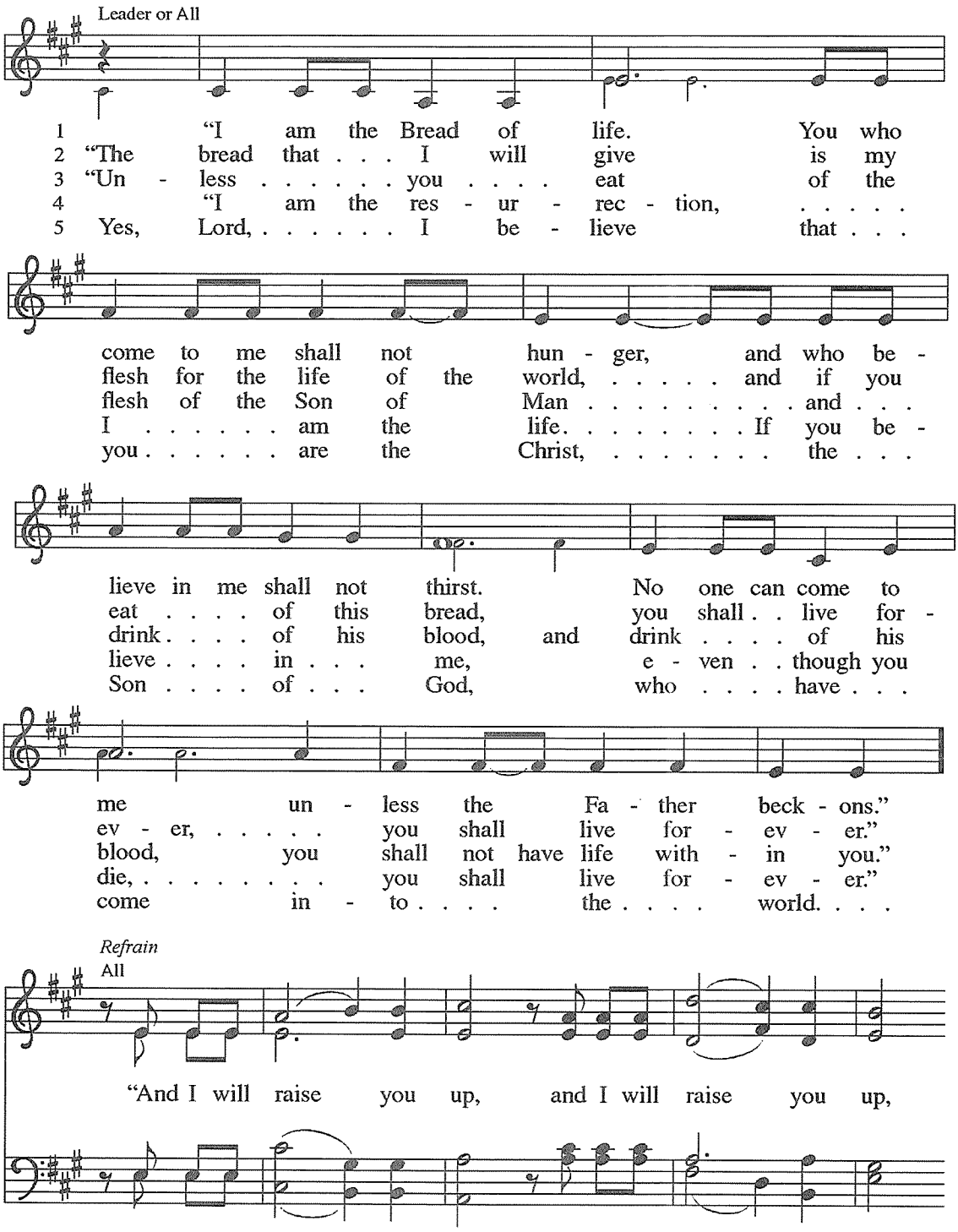
Invitation to Communion

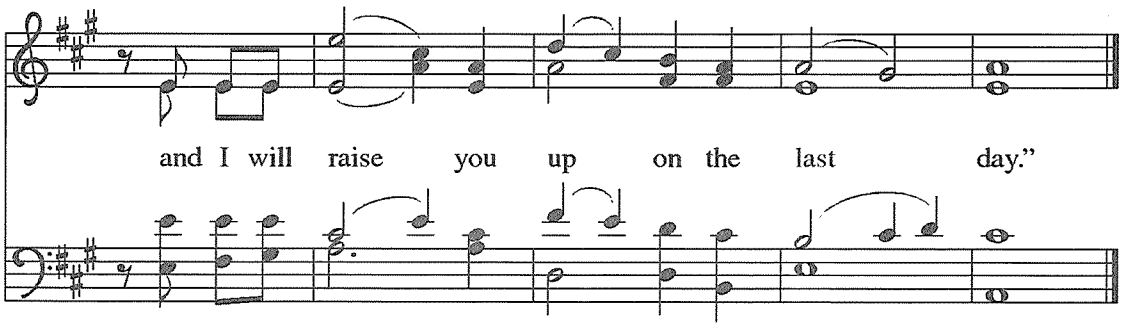
Come and taste the joy of God!

Distribution at the Altar

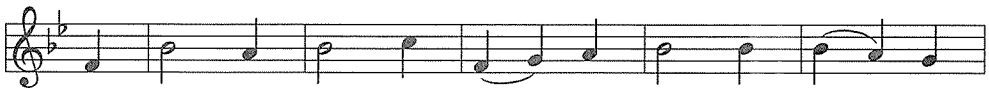
All are welcome to share in this meal with us. The wine will be distributed from a chalice with a pouring lip. After receiving the bread, the tray will be presented with empty glasses. Please pick up a glass and wait for the assistant to fill it with wine from the Common Cup. The center circle of cups is pre-filled with grape juice for those who would rather not receive wine.

Communion Songs — *I Am the Bread of Life*

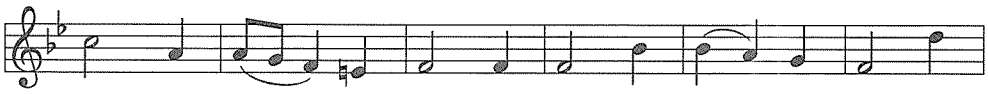




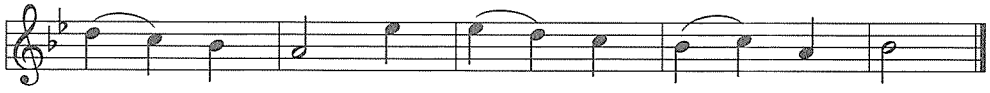
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with
3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

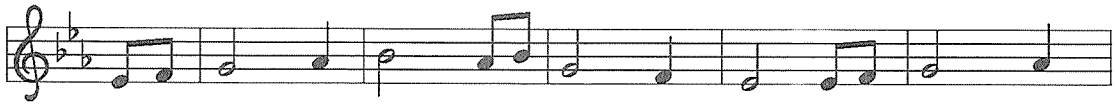


life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
all to call on you; to those who seek you, you are
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang-ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

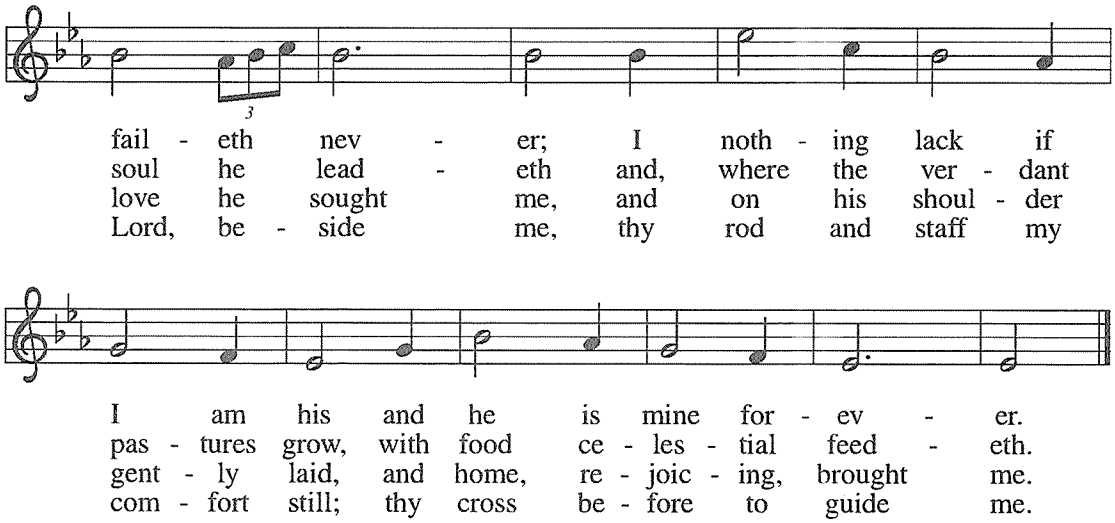


parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
good; to those who find you, life is new.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

*The Blessing

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

*The Prayer after Communion

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C **Amen.**

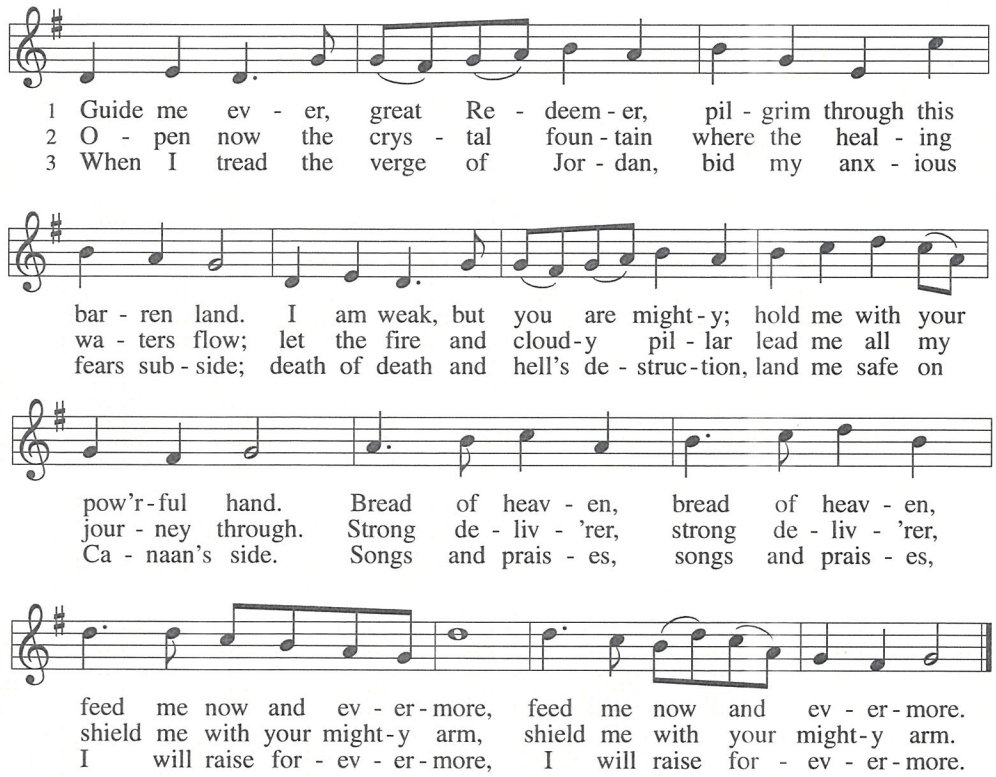
Announcements

*The Benediction

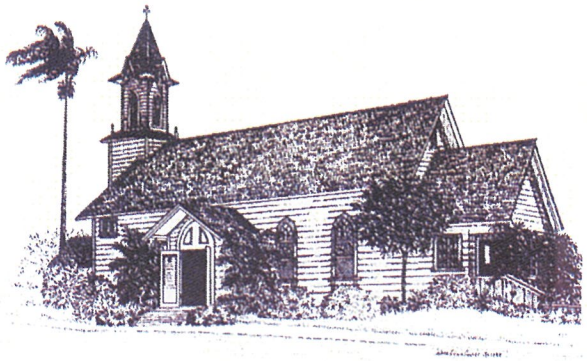
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in the name of Makua, ☩ Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele.

C **Amene.**

*Sending Song — *Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*



A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus **C Thanks be to God!**



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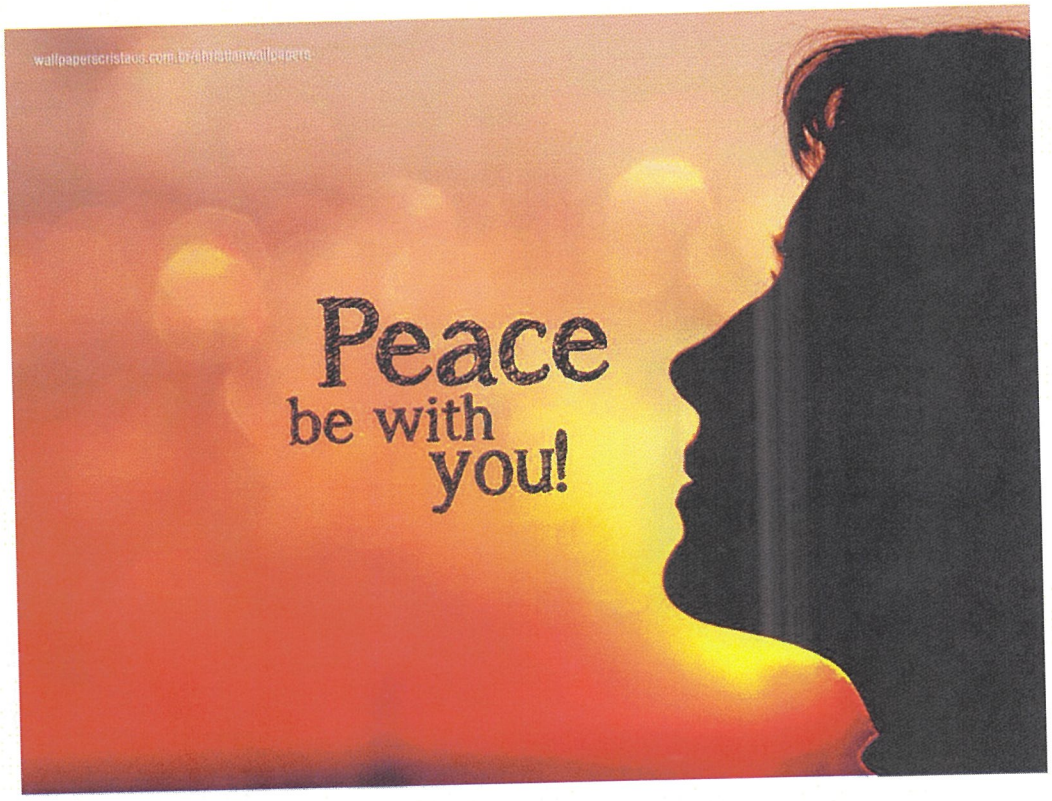

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