

Evening Prayer: Rite Two

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Opening Sentence (BCP 116)

Officiant: If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Confession of Sin (BCP 116)

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: **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.

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter (BCP 117)

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron* (BCP 118)

All: **O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalm Appointed (Psalm 57:7-11, BCP 663)

- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
 I will sing and make melody.
- 8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; *
 I myself will waken the dawn.
- 9 I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; *
 I will sing praise to you among the nations.
- 10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
 and your glory over all the earth.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians. (3:12-15)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (BCP 119)

All: **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. (5:38-45)

‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that

you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

Homily The Rev. Dr. Mark W. Frazier

The Apostles' Creed (BCP 120)

All: **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 to the dead.
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 (BCP 121)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages B (BCP 122)

Officiant: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

All: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

All: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

All: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

All: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before
the great judgment seat of Christ,

All: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your
saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

All: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

The Collects

The Collect for Lili'uokalani

Officiant: Almighty God, who called your daughter Lili'uokalani to an earthly throne that
she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and endowed her with gift of song
and love for her people: Grant that we may imitate her perseverance in adversity,
her commitment to peace, and her capacity for forgiveness. All this we ask in the
name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ (BCP 124)

Officiant: Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our
companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know
you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the
sake of your love.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission (BCP 124)

Officiant: O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

General Thanksgiving (BCP 125)

All: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP 126)

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Grace (BCP 126)

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

All: **Amen.**

Hagiography

Lili'uokalani of Hawaii, Queen and Hymnographer *satucket.com*

Lili'uokalani; September 2, 1838 – November 11, 1917) was the first queen regnant and last sovereign monarch of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, ruling from January 29, 1891, until the overthrow of the Kingdom on January 17, 1893. She was the composer of "Aloha 'Oe" and numerous other works.

Lili'uokalani was born on September 2, 1838, in Honolulu, on the island of O'ahu. She was married to American-born John Owen Dominis, who later became the Governor of Oahu. In 1877, after her younger brother Leleiohoku II's death, she was proclaimed as heir apparent to the throne.

Lili'uokalani ascended to the throne on January 29, 1891, nine days after her brother's death. During her reign, she attempted to draft a new constitution which would have restored the power of the monarchy and the voting rights of the economically disenfranchised. This threatened pro-American elements in Hawaii, who overthrew the monarchy on January 17, 1893. The overthrow was bolstered by the landing of US Marines under John L. Stevens to protect American interests, which rendered the monarchy unable to protect itself.

The coup d'état established the Republic of Hawaii, but the ultimate goal was the annexation of the islands to the United States. After an unsuccessful uprising to restore the

monarchy, the oligarchical government placed the former queen under house arrest at the 'Iolani Palace. On January 24, 1895, Lili'uokalani was forced to abdicate the Hawaiian throne, officially ending the monarchy.

Educated by American Protestant missionaries from a young age, Lili'uokalani became a devout Christian and considered herself a "regular attendant on the Presbyterian worship". She was the first member of the royal family to consistently and regularly attend service at Kawaiaha'o Church since King Kamehameha IV converted to Anglicanism.

During the overthrow and her imprisonment, [Anglican] Bishop Alfred Willis of St. Andrew's Cathedral had openly supported the Queen. Bishop Willis visited and wrote to her during her imprisonment and sent her a copy of the Book of Common Prayer. Shortly after her release on parole, the former queen was baptized and confirmed by Bishop Willis on May 18, 1896, in a private ceremony in the presence of the sisters of St. Andrew's Priory. In her memoir, Lili'uokalani stated:

That first night of my imprisonment was the longest night I have ever passed in my life; it seemed as though the dawn of day would never come. I found in my bag a small Book of Common Prayer according to the ritual of the Episcopal Church. It was a great comfort to me, and before retiring to rest Mrs. Clark and I spent a few minutes in the devotions appropriate to the evening. Here, perhaps, I may say, that although I had been a regular attendant on the Presbyterian worship since my childhood, a constant contributor to all the missionary societies, and had helped to build their churches and ornament the walls, giving my time and my musical ability freely to make their meetings attractive to my people, yet none of these pious church members or clergymen remembered me in my prison. To this (Christian?) conduct I contrast that of the Anglican bishop, Rt. Rev. Alfred Willis, who visited me from time to time in my house, and in whose church I have since been confirmed as a communicant. But he was not allowed to see me at the palace.

- more at Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lili%CA%BBuokalani>