



**St. Ann Church**  
Waihe'e Maui

**Mass Times:**

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Thursdays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

**CONFESSION**

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

**SACRAMENTS**

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at [stannwaihee@gmail.com](mailto:stannwaihee@gmail.com).

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

## Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.  
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will  
remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s  
commandments  
and remain in his love.

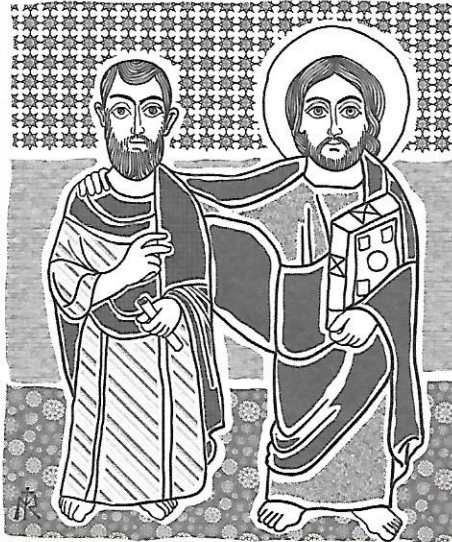
“I have told you this so that my joy may  
be in you  
and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one  
another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I  
command you.

I no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what his  
master is doing.



I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything I  
have heard from my Father.  
It was not you who chose me, but I who  
chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit  
that will remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in  
my name he may give you.  
This I command you: love one another.”

## Readings for the week:

### 6th Sunday

**of Easter**  
Acts 10:25-26,  
34-35, 44-48  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
1 John 4:7-10  
John 15:9-17

**Monday**  
Acts 16:11-15  
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4,  
5-6a and 9b  
John 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday**  
Acts 16:22-34  
Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 7c-8  
John 16:5-11

**Wednesday**  
Acts 17:15,  
22-18:1  
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,  
13, 14  
John 16:12-15

**Thursday**  
Acts 18:1-8  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,  
3cd-4  
John 16:16-20

**Friday**  
**St. Matthias**  
Acts 1:15-17,  
20-26  
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6, 7-8  
John 15:9-17

**Saturday**  
Acts 18:23-28  
Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10  
John 16:23b-28

**Sunday**  
**Ascension**  
Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Eph 1:17-23 or  
4:1-13 or  
4:1-7, 11-13  
Mark 16:15-20



## Opening Prayer

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Reflecting on Living the Gospel

One of the most priceless human gifts is friendship. Small wonder, then, that in today's gospel Jesus calls his disciples by this most precious of names: "my friends." Drawn into and abiding in the mutual love of the Father and the Son, disciples are no longer called servants but friends.

The Johannine community was to live as friends and so, throughout his gospel, John introduces us to various occasions of friendship: John the Baptist, the precursor and "the friend of the bridegroom" (John 3:29, NRSV) who, like a best man, hands over the Bride Israel to Jesus; the family at Bethany, especially Lazarus, the friend for whom he wept at his grave and for whom Jesus was the Tomb Breaker (John 11:35-44); Pilate, who at a critical moment preferred to be a friend of Caesar rather than Jesus (John 19:12); the disciple beloved of Jesus (John 13:23; 19:26; 21:7); and Peter, the forgiven friend who will lead and shepherd the community of the forgiven (John 21:44ff.). As we gather around the table of our eucharistic supper, we hear that we have been chosen by Jesus as his friends and commissioned to befriend the world in and with the love he has shown us.

The most startling, profound, yet simple naming of God is proclaimed in the reading from the First Letter of John: "God is love." The Letter is addressed to the "beloved," those with whom God has taken the initiative, who are parented by God's love, and this self-giving love is the source of human love. Like today's gospel whose heartbeat is love, so love beats strongly in this reading—named nine times in its four verses. It is love that is expansive and global, yet also intimate and personal, revealed most fully in Jesus, the Son of God and our brother.

## Closing Prayer

Divine Love, even in your very being as Father, Son, and Spirit, you are an active and loving God. Love bursts forth from who you are and fills the whole world. So, too, help us to *love one another*, that we may resonate on earth that which you are in all eternity. **Amen.**

## For Reflection:

- In the gospel, Jesus expresses his desire that "my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." Where do you find your greatest joy at this moment in your life?

## Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Announcements**  
**05/08/21 – 05/09/21**

**Financials: Last Week 04/28/21-05/04/21**

<b>Weekly Collection Goal \$2400</b>	<b>Total 1793.00 Short 607.00</b>	
<b>In Church</b>	<b>\$ 1142.00</b>	
<b>OnLine Giving</b>	<b>\$ 351.00</b>	
<b>Mail In</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	
<b>*Thrift Shop</b>	<b>\$ 130.00*</b>	<b>*Info Only</b>

**2nd Collection next weekend for Catholic Communication Campaign.** This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic Communities using the internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of the monies collected will stay right here in our Diocese to support local communications projects. The other 50% supports national communications efforts connecting people around the world to the Gospel message. Mahalo for your kokua!

**Bread Day is Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – get your orders ready!**

**Parish Council Meeting, next Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> -10 a.m.**

**Father Oliver will bless ALL MOTHERS at this time; please come forward. Tony Vertido has generously donated flowers to Mothers on Mother’s Day for many years and does again today. St. Ann Church will also want to present Mothers with a gift.**