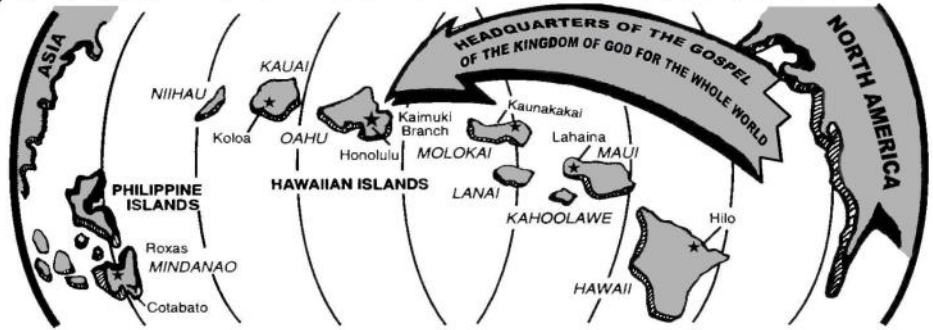


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Honolulu Children's Easter Program

## OUR GREAT REDEEMER LIVES!

By Sis. Edith Matsuki



L-R: Youth Announcer Sis. Abigayle Asano and Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.

The glory of the Lord shone down on His little lambs as the Honolulu Apostolic Faith Church Sunday School Department presented their Easter Program, "Our Great Redeemer Lives," on Sunday, April 20, 2025.

The congregation was treated to a musical prelude by several members of the Church Band: Sis. Sierra-Lynn Han (flute), Sis. Shayla Spotkaeff (trumpet), Sis. Alicia Spotkaeff (trombone), Sis. Cherise Spotkaeff (violin), Sis. Hannah Asano (cello), and Sis. Senneca-Rose Kalilikane (guitar). Under the direction of Sis. Kristie Han, this group provided a taste of the exciting things to come.

Soon the program was under way. Easter Program Announcer Sis. Abigayle Asano, did a fantastic job of introducing all the selections. Each number proclaimed the wondrous love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Musical numbers included a vocal solo by Sis. Anika-Jem Nelson "Risen For Me," a cello solo by Bro. Isaiah Asano "Were You There?" a song by the Beginner and Primary classes "Because He Lives," and a song and recitation by the Nursery classes, "Jesus Lives."

The Gospel Skit, "One Day Sale," written and directed by Associate Pastor Makana Asano, Sr., featured Sis. Alexa and Sis. Amerie Nelson, and Sis. Kalima Hakuole.

The Easter Story, "Our Great Redeemer Lives!" was written by Sis. Punahale Kapuni. The story opened with a selection by the Sunday School, "Jesus, Light of the World," under the direction of Sis. Senneca-Rose Kalili-

kane. The first scene featured John the Baptist (Bro. Isaac), and the Beginner and Primary classes singing, "Prepared Ye The Way." The story continued with Jesus, Bro Noah Riemer, calling his disciples, featuring a cello instrumental by Bro. Isaiah Asano, "Follow On." Next was Jesus performing miracles, featuring a song by the Youth Choir, "Come To The Healer." Sis. Hokulani Carter presented a vocal solo, "What A Beautiful Name," accompanied by her sisters and sisters in the Lord, Hiwalani and Halialani, who signed the words. As Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Young Crusaders presented their vocal number, "Here He Comes." The skit went on to portray the betrayal of Jesus, the trial of the innocent, and Jesus paying the ultimate sacrifice, as the Youth Choir sang, "How Can It Be?" The skit concluded with Jesus' victorious resurrection, as the Sunday School presented their final number, "My Redeemer Lives," under the direction of Sis. Sierra-Lynn Han.

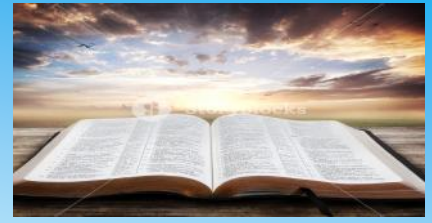
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L-R: Prelude instrumentalists: Sis. Sierra-Lynn Han, Sis. Senneca-Rose Kalilikane, Sis. Shayla Spotkaeff, Sis. Alicia Spotkaeff, Sis. Cherise Spotkaeff, Sis. Kristie Han and Sis. Hannah Asano.

# JERUSALEM, EVE, AND MARY

By Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr.



What is life? Jesus asked, “Who is my mother (*Matthew 12:48, Mark 3:33, Luke 8:19-21*)”? In the beginning God breathed the breath of life into Adam, causing Adam to become a living soul (*Genesis 2:7*). In turn, God says “all souls are mine (*Ezekiel 18:4*),” thus having the power to save and to punish (*Romans 9:15*). Here, Jesus demonstrates inclusion, saying “and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out (*John 6:37*)” where-

by defining God’s love for all of mankind. Jesus emphasized that “whosoever will (*Revelation 22:17*)” do the Will of the Father (*John 6:40*) are saved by grace through faith, are closer and dearer to Him than His biological mother and siblings. The saved have a relationship with God that will last for an eternity. In His suffering and death, He assured mankind of His humanity. By His resurrection, of His divinity. Jesus was not crucified for His own sin, but as the unblemished Lamb of God (*John 1:29*) bore and took upon Himself the sins of many (*Isaiah 53:10*).

Jesus breathed absolute life into Adam. Eternal life is a gift of God as a reward for believing who Jesus is (*Ephesians 2:8-10*). Eternal life is not mere endless existence, but an endless continuance of a communion (*I Corinthians 10:16*) with God, the self-existent and absolute source of all life. Natural life has a beginning but no end because for the unsaved it involves eternal separation from God. For the saved, having faith, hope, and charity (*I Corinthians 13:13*) envisions an endless communion and fellowship with God now and in His kingdom. We have these icons that coincides with life and motherhood. **Jerusalem**, the Mother of us all (*Galatians 4:26*)! **Eve**, the Mother of all of Living (*Genesis 3:20*). **Mary**, a woman highly favored, blessed among women, to be a handmaiden of God to bring into this world Jesus, the Son of Man and the Son of God, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, prophesied by the Word of God (*Luke 1:28-35*)! Each is an allegory that defines divine continuity of life that God alone can provide and sustain.

Life is the common denominator between the three entities! Jerusalem is the allegory of the ultimate source of both the natural life and eternal life. Physically renowned, but the spiritual Jerusalem is greater! Spiritual Jerusalem gives life without the pangs and travails that accompany birth, “Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she with hath an husband (*Galatians 4:27*)”! Inclusion, embraces the woman that fears God, though having a barren womb. She is received into the loving arms of God because her spirit will foster and sustain life in the fear of God. The consequences of Eve’s disobedience, brings life into this world, through the pangs and travails of birth. Yet, prophecy by the Spirit, predestinates that her seed will bruise the head of the seed of the serpent that deceived her (*Genesis 3:15*). Mary, the birth mother of Jesus, conceived a child at the spoken Word of God, fulfilling prophecy, accomplishing Divine Will, and revealing the name of

God Jesus! Emmanuel: God with us (*Matthew 1:21-23*)!

In the “Fulness of the time God sent forth His Son,” that culminated to the Birth of Christ, the revelation of God’s name (Jesus) and the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. God is self-existent and has revealed Himself to mankind perfectly by revealing His name; Jesus! Thusly, “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved (*Acts 4:12*).” A flaming sword prevented access to the Tree of Life (*Genesis 3:22-24*). The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (*Ephesians 6:17*). When the Word was made flesh (*John 1:14*), Grace and Truth came to earth. The Word and Jesus are one in the same. Inseparable! Revelation tells us His “new name!” In the hallowed halls of His Word formal names of the bible attempt to perfect our ability to embrace His holiness, yet when compared to His name Jesus, they remain minimal titles and fall short of His identity. God’s name is Jesus. Three bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost and these three are one (*I John 5:7*)!

Peter was given the keys that opened the doors of salvation for the day at hand, and for future generations of mankind. This is the mystery revealed to all of mankind, Jesus said, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (*John 3:5*).” What of those that served God before the revelation of the Gospel? Jesus was nailed to the cross, Jesus shed His blood and died for the sins of all of mankind. Jesus conquered death, hell, and the grave when He resurrected on His power and His Will (*I Peter 3:18-20*). Jesus did not physically descend into hell to preach and baptize the spirits of those in prison i.e. who are imprisoned by bondage of death and confined to the grave before the fulness of the times. Instead, Jesus died for all mankind, thus allegorically “preaching to all of the dead,” reaching back to the first man Adam. Jesus died and resurrected from the grave for all men. Jesus and the Gospel of Jesus Christ makes the impossible possible (*Hebrews 11:39-40*).

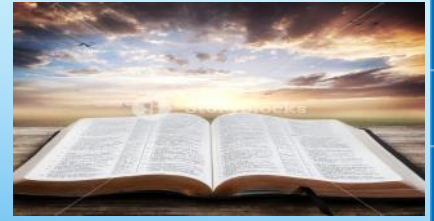
On the morn of the Feast of Pentecost, God manifested Himself (the promised Comforter). It was a miraculous operation of God that manifested Himself through His own Spirit (*John 14:18*). The 120 curiously and willfully assembled in the Upper Chamber and were filled with the His Spirit. Luke was an eye witness and documents how they experienced the powerful Presence that was likened to a sound of a mighty wind, saw tongues of fire resting upon each of them, and heard them shout with “joy unspeakable and full of glory (*I Peter 1:8*)” the presence and power of His Spirit (*Acts 2:1-4*). That same peculiar and unique sound was heard when they witnessed Jesus transformed and translated into heaven (*Luke 24:49-50, Acts 1:8*).

What followed the revelation of the “wonderful works of God (*Acts 2:11*)” was Peter’s enthusiastic expounding of the Word of God. Emboldened with the power and conviction Peter proclaimed, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (*Acts 2:38*).”

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# LET US REMEMBER

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



A memorial is established to preserve the memory of a place or person. Three years after the end of the Civil War, the organization of Union Veterans, established Decoration Day, as a time for the nation to decorate the grave of the war dead with flowers. May 30, was designated to observe this solemn memory of fallen soldiers of the Civil War.

It was not until after World War I, that the day was expanded to honor those who lost their lives in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress. We are called to keep in remembrance the sacrifice made by all the men and women in our military service, who gave their lives to protect and preserve our democratic way of life and the freedoms we at times take for granted, as American citizens.

Every citizen of this great nation should be proud and grateful to be an American. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, has had a hand in the prosperity this country has experienced since its conception. It is the same Lord that has so brought or allowed the pain, suffering, and uncertainty with horrific acts of terrorism, due to man's total disregard for God's commandments, will and ways.

Our war dead protected our way of life with their lives. So did Jesus, Who gave His life that we might not continue in sin but rather come to Him with a repentant heart that we might have the hope of eternal life.

I humbly respect and honor our military men and women, whether they be resting peaceably in the grave or presently doing service. However, there is a greater memorial which has stood the test of time and will continue to do so until He comes again for His own. This memorial is the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a memorial as well as an ordinance, instituted by the Lord Himself. He went to the cross of Calvary, shedding His blood, for the sins of all mankind.

Jesus, in an upper room gathered His disciples to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. *"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom"* (Matthew 26:26-29).

The Apostle Paul, being converted, was spiritually enlightened by the Lord and propagated or publicized the

need to keep the Lord's ordinance, in remembrance of Him, Jesus Christ, *"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come"* (I Corinthians 11:26). As we remember our fallen soldiers who have fought valiantly in our stead, we have an obligation to obey and respect the laws of the land and uphold the freedoms which we, too, often take for granted. It would be a dishonor otherwise to those who gave of their lives so that we could reap the benefits they fought for.

More importantly, we must always remember what Jesus has done and what He continues to do for us. We must bear our cross for the Lord, each and every day, *"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body"* (II Corinthians 4:10).

## Souls Saved In Jesus' Name



Kenika Murray, Jr.  
4/20/25  
Oahu



Audrey Jules E. Villa  
4/20/25  
Balogo



Jacqueline D. Baylen  
5/04/25  
Balogo



Cheryl Lynn James  
5/11/25  
Oahu

## Monthly Update of Souls Save

Four souls were baptized  
in Jesus' Name in Water Baptism  
from April 21 to May 11, 2025



**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 26, 2025

A special thank you was extended to all who made this program an awesome success: Associate Pastor Timothy Han, Sr. (Easter Program Director), Sis. Roslyn Han (Sunday School Superintendent), Sis. Emilia Han (Assistant Sunday School Superintendent), Sis. Punahele Kapuni (Easter Story), Sunday School teachers, musical selection directors, musicians, those who helped with the theme poster, costumes, props, audio, the stage crew and most of all the beautiful children of the Sunday School Department.



Left to right: Sis. Abigayle Asano; Sis. Anikah-Jem Nelson; Bro. Isaiah Asano, the Sunday School Beginner and Primary classes; and The Gospel Skit characters; Sisters Alexa and Amerie Nelson and Kalima Hakuole.



Left: The nursery class. Right: The Sunday School children sang, "Jesus, Light of the World."



Left: "Prepare Ye The Way" by the Beginner and Primary classes with Bro. Isaac in the foreground. Center: "Water Baptism" by Bro. Isaac (John the Baptist) and Bro. Noah Riemer (Jesus). Right: "Jesus Performs three Miracles," scene #1 "The Woman with the Issue of Blood."



Left: scene #2 "The Blind Man, Bartimaeus" and right: scene #3 "Jesus Raises Lazarus from Death."

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Left to right: scene #3 A crowd witnessed Lazarus Death; a vocal and pantomime by the Carter sisters, Hiwalani, Hokulani and Halialani; Bro. Noah Riemer rides the donkey along with Tristen Kahakelii-Ligsay (Peter) and the Young Crusaders sang, "Here He Comes."



Left to right scenes: "The Trial of The Innocent," "Jesus Paid It All," and "Jesus Is Risen."

## HONOLULU EASTER EVENING SERVICE



Left to right: Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. and Sis. Kristie Han

Jr. presented his Spirit inspired sermon, "He Is Alive." The Lord's Glory shown down, and all rejoiced in the knowledge that "Our Great Redeemer Lives!"

The Easter Evening Service was just as awesome. Musical selections included a vocal solo by Sis. Kristie Han "Only This Morning," an instrumental selection by the trombones "Were You There?" and special selections by the Choir and Band. Head Pastor William M. Han,



The Church Choir sang the songs entitled, "The Victor" and "Only the Blood," directed by Sis. Emilia Han.



The Church Band played a song entitled, "For Me He Died," directed by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



An Orchestra selection entitled, "O I Want To See Him," directed by Associate Pastor/Trustee Edwin Sproat, Sr.



An Instrumental selection by the Trombone section entitled, "Were You There?"

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God will reward all who will believe that God the Father, God the Son (Word) and God the Holy Ghost are three manifestations of that One true God, Jesus Christ. Thus three in one!

Jesus said, "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Salvation is of the Jews (*John 4:22-24*)!" Pursue salvation and one will find Jesus! Paul compares the towering Mount Sinai and the spiritual Holy City Jerusalem, concluding that "Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all (*Galatians 4:26*)." The new Jerusalem (*Revelation 21:2*), The City of God, to whom we all will return into her bosom, a city whose foundation is of God, and the Holy City where God has placed His name (*Deuteronomy 12:5*).

Kauai Branch Church Easter  
**JESUS LIVES TODAY AND  
FOREVER!**

By Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr.



(Left to right) Nursery class:  
Kahoku and Kepola Asano.

## BABIES BLESSED



**SHEA JUNG-HOON KEANU CASTANARES**, was born on February 7, 2025 at Kapiolani Medical Center. Handsome little Shea weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 17 inches in length. His happy parents are Bro. Layne Castanares and Sis. Nicole Lee.

Paternal grandparents are the late Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Geraldine Castanares. Maternal grandparents are Han and Deborah Lee. Baby Shea was blessed on Sunday, April 20, 2025 by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. at the Mother Church.



**KANELU LIZAMA**, was born on March 14, 2024 at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Handsome Kanelu weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. His happy parents are Jose Lizama and Evie Tuisamatatele.

Paternal grandparents are Darcy Lizama and Myra Williams. Maternal grandparents are Bro. 'Tofi and Sis. Amethyst Tuisamatatele and great grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Mapuana Aquino. Kanelu was blessed on Sunday, May 4, 2025 by Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares at the Molokai Branch Church.

## Upcoming Events

### **120th YOUTH SERVICE**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

### **PENTECOST**

Sunday, June 8, 2025

### **FATHER'S DAY**

Sunday, June 15, 2025



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