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Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia Sunday:

**Suggested Hymns**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” “Fair Hawaii, Land of Rainbows”

“For the Islands and Their People” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova”

**Scripture**

Acts 27:25 up to and including Acts 28:2 (As Paul, the apostle, was “cast upon an island,” so was ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia “cast upon” New England.)

Isaiah 11:1-9; 6:1-8; 30:18-22; 40:18-31; 41:1-10. 1 Kings 19:9-12. 1 Timothy 12-16. 11 Timothy 4:1-7.

**Memory Verses**

“I will bring the blind by a way that they know not: I will lead them in paths that they have not known.” (Text from which Rev. Samuel Mills preached on April 9. 1815 in Torringford, Connecticut, when Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia, then aged 23, was received into the Church.)

“The Lord was not in the wind, neither in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the still small voice.” 1 Kings 19:12 (Words written by ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia just before his decision to become a Christian.)

A Litany of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Leader: Almighty God, who in old time and our time dost guide the ships of men across stormy seas to safe harbor, we bless thee that in thy divine Providence thou didst lead the little ship, *Triumph,* from the islands of Hawaii to the distant shores of New England, where ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia found a new haven, a new home and a new hope.

People: Lead us, Lord; lead us in thy righteousness.

Leader: O Thou who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea, cast, we pray thee, a gracious eye upon us who are still in our dangerous voyage of life; strengthen us in our time of storm and trial; help us to endure patiently the troubles that come to us and, by thy grace, enable us to win some victory here; guard us against carelessness, cowardice and fear; give us confident and courageous hearts, as all true saints have had in thee; and grant that, in the end, we may bring our vessels triumphantly to our desired haven, under thy heavenly guidance and protection.

People: Make thy way plain before our face.

Leader: We give thanks unto thee, O Lord, for the people of New England, who welcomed this boy, cast adrift among them, not as a stranger, but as a son, a brother, and a friend; we bless thee for those who taught him what they knew of good and God and prayed that he might come to know it too; for those in that cold country who had the warm spirit of aloha in their lives, though they knew not the word;

People: Let our love be genuine; help us to hate what is evil, to hold fast to what is good; to love one another with brotherly affection, to outdo one another in showing honor.

Leader: For all that we see of brotherliness and kindness in our common life today; for the hand of welcome held out to stranger and to neighbor; for the good word spoken, the truth taught and the Good News preached; for ordinary men and women who have served thee with extraordinary devotion; for all those who have entertained angels or served thy purposes unaware; we praise thy name and bless thee, O Lord, our God.

People: Teach us to rejoice in hope, to be patient in tribulation, constant in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints; given to hospitality.

Leader: For the quick mind and the sensitive spirit of this young island boy; for his devotion to his country and his countrymen; for his steadfast love of learning and his sense of purpose; for his hope to take the Gospel to Hawaii, and for his eagerness to be about his Father’s business, we give thee thanks, O Lord.

People: If possible, so far as it depends on us, help us to live peaceably with all men; grant that we be not overcome by evil but that we might overcome evil with good.

Leader: For the mission that arose from the life and death of Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia; for the gallant company of men and women who cared enough for others and for thee to go to Hawaii because he could not go; and for those who cared enough to give though they could not go; for the people of the islands who received with gladness the tidings of great joy, and with aloha the ones who brought the light of the Gospel and of learning to them; for the great consequences which no man could have foreseen or foretold which came from that mission; and for the blessings which the Gospel of Christ has brought, not only to Hawaii, but to all mankind:

People: Honor and glory and majesty and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord, our God. Amen.

Readings: *Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*

“Do You Wish to Learn?” page 13

“Obookiah’s First Prayer” pages 22-23

“Eagerness to Preach” pages 34-35

“His Decision for Christ” pages 37-38