KA Buke
O KA
Pule ana a me ka hooko ana
i na
Kauoha iemolele,
like me ka mea i kauohaia no ka haipule ana ma ka
Pae aina Hawaii.
Ua hula ho me na
 Halelu a David,
I hookawalkia i mea ke himeni al a heluhelu al
Para sloko o na
Halepule.

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PREFACE

TO THE

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NOTE

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Nettleship Staley, having been consecrated at Lambeth Chapel on December 15, 1861, as the first Bishop of Honolulu, arrived at his new see on October 11, 1862, to establish the Anglican Church in the Hawaiian Islands. In his first meeting with King Kamehameha IV, Bishop Staley learned that the king was even then engaged in translating the Book of Common Prayer into Hawaiian and "that the Hawaiian Liturgy, to the end of the Morning and Evening Prayer, would be completed and ready for use in a few days." This material appears to have been distributed on November 9, 1862, when "The King's Morning Prayer was used for the first time at a purely native service." What may be a unique copy of this first completed portion of the Prayer Book is preserved in the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society library. It is a sidesewn pamphlet of 36 pages; and its first page, with the date "1862," is the title page exactly as it appears in the bound copies of the first printing of the Prayer Book issued in late August of 1863.

An extraordinary feature of this Prayer Book in Hawaiian was the addition of a preface or explanation of the new teaching. The text of this preface is here presented in Hawaiian and English, both being from original sources attributed to the king himself. The Hawaiian text is from the original 1862–3 edition of the Prayer Book where it appears at the very end, occupying pages 391 to 397. The English text is reproduced from Pamphlet No. 1357 issued, apparently in 1864, by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

An introductory note to Pamphlet No. 1357 says in part, "To this Hawaiian Prayer Book, the king prefixed [sic] a Preface, also in Hawaiian, to introduce and explain the Prayer Book to his people. This Preface he himself translated into English that his English friends might see what he had written; and it is this Preface which is contained in the following pages. It may be necessary to assure the reader that the Preface is entirely the king's own work. It was seen by no one until it was submitted to the Bishop, already completed and in type; and he declined to make or suggest any alterations whatever (notwithstanding some minor inaccuracies which may perhaps be observed in it), thinking it better that so remarkable a production should go forth as the unprompted and untouched work of the king."
HE OLELO HOAKAKA
THE TEACHING EXPLAINED

KEIA BUKE, he Buke Hoomana i kauohia e ka Ekalesia o Kristo, i mea e pono ai ka hoomana ana. Pela no ka hana a ka Ekalesia mai kinohi mai, a no ka hoomana ana na mea a pau iloko o keia buke. O kana hana hoi, o ke ao aku i kanaka i ke ano o ka pule pololei ana i ke Akua; o ke kuhikuhi ana hoi i na oihana a pau i kauohia e kona Ekalesia; ke ano o ka hana ana ia mau oihana me ia mau loina; ka wehewehie aku hoi i na manawa kapu, a pau me na wa noa i malamaia e ka Ekalesia, a me ke ao aku hoi i na Kahuna o ke Akua i ka lakou mau hana e hana ponoi ai, a e hana pu ai hoi me na kanaka imua o ke Akua; o ka hoohalikelike ana i na pule, na noi ana, me ka hana ana i na oihana i pili i ka hoomana, i pau ole ai ka hana ana’ku a kanaka i ko lakou wa e akoakoa’i e hoomana’ku i ko lakou Akua. Aole keia hoohalikelike ana he mea hou, aka, he meakahiko loa, aole hoi i kue i ka olelo a ke Akua; no ka mea, nolaila mai no na kumu hoohalike o keia hana i hoopiia’ku ai. E nana kakou ia Mose me Miriam, a me na kaikamahine o ka Israeela; ia Aaron me kana mau meiki ia lakou i hoomaikai aku ai i kanaka, a me Debora hoi me Baraka; a nawai hoi e hoole ka haku maoli ia ana o na Halelu o Davida, i mau

THIS BOOK is a Book of Prayer, sanctioned by the Church of Christ as an assistant to devotion. Thus has the Church done from the earliest days, and what this book contains has reference to worship only. Its purpose is to teach men the way to pray truly to God; to point out all the rites sanctioned by His Church; the way in which those rites and the sacramental offices are to be observed and performed; to explain the fasts and holydays ordained by the Church, and to teach the priests of God their own particular functions and those things which they have together with the congregation to perform in the sight of God; to make one voice of prayer and supplication common to all, and so to establish the method and the words even of adoration that men need not only then worship in common when they

worship in one congregation. This unison in adoration is no new thing, indeed it is very old; nor does it conflict in any way with the Word of God, because therein lie the prototypes of what this Church system is. Let us look to Moses and Miriam and the daughters of Israel; to Aaron with his sons, when they blessed the people; to Deborah also and to Barak; and who will deny the purposed composition of the Psalms of David

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as so many prayers and songs of praise to be offered, in reading or from memory, to Jehovah his God? The thanksgivings and the prayers of the Israelites down to the time of the Jews in Jerusalem, and even to the advent of our Saviour Jesus Christ, were designedly composed, not left to the inspiration of the occasion; the sentiment and the words in which the sentiment was conveyed were prepared beforehand and selected as being most seeming to the effort made by man to pay homage to his Maker; and the ceremonials before the altar, as well as those others outside of the temple and within, were all performed according to a pre-ordained rule and understanding. Our Lord Himself was not indifferent to these things while sojourning here on earth, but rather when He saw that the Jews neglected to observe some of these ancient rites He was troubled and “rebuked them.” Yet He, the Teacher Divine, from whom we date as from a new beginning of the world, did not merely follow the mode of worship as established before His day of humiliation here on earth; He, on the other hand, Himself ordained a new form of worship to be used in the place of the old, and which recognized Him. At that time, when He was finally about to soar higher than the law which He came to fulfil and to supplant, He taught His disciples saying, “When ye pray, say, ‘Our Father which is in Heaven,’” &c. The prayer which He taught was very similar to the prayer then in use among the Jews—a prayer that was rather modified than originated at that time. At the time, also, when He proclaimed Himself the Head of the New Church of which He also was the foundation-stone—while He was establishing and organizing it, the Church, be-
fore His return to Heaven whence He came, He ordained the Apostles selected to be the guardians of that Church, and after they had received from Him the power to bind and to loose; He told them "to agree beforehand" as to what they should ask. (Matt. xviii. 19.) In many places in the Word of God we are shown how established a thing it is that the Lord is to be worshipped in this way, that is to say, by offering our praise in one voice, by singing hymns in common, by saying prayers already prepared that all may pray in concert. At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang Psalms unto God within the prison, and the prisoners heard them. (Acts xvi. 25.) And how should they have heard had those two not prayed together and in an audible voice? And how could their prayer have been otherwise than confused had it not been prepared beforehand and got by heart, so that their prayers and their praises were as one? This also coincides with what the Apostle Paul taught the Corinthians in more places than a few in his Epistles to them. The fourteenth chapter of his first Epistle to that people is full of his teachings on this particular subject and of the way in which worship ought to be offered, and how he was astounded at the multiplicity of their prayers and confusion of their worship: "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a Psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying." Furthermore at the end of the chapter he gives this particular injunction: "Let all things be done decently and in order." Not only are praises and thanksgivings to God to be dutifully prepared beforehand,
but prayers also. SS. John and Peter were let go (Acts iv. 23, 24.) and “went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord, and said, Lord, Thou are God, which hast made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is,” and so they proceeded together until their outpouring of praise and prayer was finished. But how could they have prayed in such sweet sympathy, and how could discordance of voice and matter have been prevented, had not the prayer they used been one already familiar to them? It can hardly be asserted that this concordance was miraculous, because miracles only came in to illustrate a superior Power when the limits of the power of man had been reached; and if the prayer of that assembly could have been previously arranged and could have been ready, at any moment, on their lips, why should a miracle have been forthcoming on that occasion? Their friends were greatly rejoiced when Peter and his brother Apostle returned to them, and “they lifted up their voice to God with one accord” in prayer. The prayer they had by heart; they raised their voices in concert because they were accustomed so to do; and these people here praying together and with the same aspirations, expressed in the same words, were the first-folded of the Christian flock. It will be evident perhaps from the instances here given that we are not without many precedents in this matter; nor is it likely to be denied that we are often commanded to worship with one mind, to offer up our praises with one mind, and to pray in concert, that “all things may be done unto
edifying.” However, these are not the only reasons which recommend a form of worship previously arranged; the intrinsic correctness and propriety of the method in question must also be considered.

We are commanded to join in public worship, and should we meet, each one of us to choose his own particular prayer, or some to sing Psalms, some to declare a doctrine, and some to prophesy, we should be very like those Corinthians satirized by Saint Paul. But again, if we meet together and leave it to one person to shape a prayer for us, what becomes of the simultaneous prayer? If we come together to praise God by singing Psalms to His glory, and the choir only, or the people set apart for the purpose only sing, what is our part in the service, and for what do we make a portion of the congregation? We meet to praise our God, but if the priest alone praises God and prays to Him, what have we to do there? It is well understood that some people say all these offerings can be made in silence and without a premeditated form of expression. But not so did those who first belonged to the Church teach us; nor does our own intelligence teach us so to-day. In a body we go to church to worship and to pray to God. No man’s prayer can avail much, while his attention is bent on following the line taken by the person praying. His thoughts digest the words which fall from the mouth of the minister, but his heart does not offer up those same words in supplication to God; no sooner has he made them his own and is about to discharge his heart of them understandingly, than, following all the time the voice of him who prays aloud, some new thought enters his
mind; or otherwise absorbed with what his mind has taken hold of, he misses the thread of the spoken prayer, and hurrying to find it again, he forgets God for the moment, and by the time his thoughts have once more settled upon Him, he hears the "Amen." And suppose some one to have been able to pray understandingly while following the minister till the minister's supplication failed to awake an echo in his heart, in what position does he find himself? Can he from his heart and in good conscience say "Amen," which means, "May it be so, my God," knowing at the same time that the prayer just offered did not recommend itself to his conscience—did not, it may be said, suit his views? Alas for this would-be supplicant who could not pray to God, because he did not know what turn the prayer would take! because his heart was not as the minister's heart, and his needs were not those which the man put up to pray expressed; because no use was made of prayers prepared beforehand by those who knew of old the common wants of man— of prayers bequeathed to us by those we rightly call the Fathers of the Church; and because prayers which satisfy every mind and find at every repetition a new birth in every heart were unemployed. The prayers having been prepared of old, the Psalms ordered, the hymns sanctioned, the rites and offices authoritatively established, then, indeed, we can worship with all our mind, and all our heart, and all our strength; none can get up and offer crude supplications for things of no common interest; but on the contrary, we go to church knowing what the prayers will be and that they will convey to Heaven all our desires, yet nothing more. But it must be remembered that what this book contains is not intended solely for the a ke Kahuna, a wikiwiki aku hoi e loaa koke, poina ke Akua, a hoi hou ka naau i ke Akua, ua "Amene" ke Kahuna. Ina ua pule kekahi ma kona naau me ka hahai i ke Kahuna, a ua like ole ka pule a ke Kahuna me kana i manao ai he pono, pehea la oia? Ua hiki anei ia ia ke olelo iho ma kona naau, Amene, oia hoi, E hooko ia pela, me ke kue o kona naau i ka pule a ke Kahuna? Auwe keia hoahanau i pule ole i ke Akua, no kona ike muu ole i ka ke Kahuna mau mea e pule anai no ka mea, aole o kona naau kahi me ka ke Kahuna e pule anai; no ka mea, aole he mau pule kekahi i hoomohanohohu muai ia, e ka poe ike, e ka poe kahiko o ka Ekalesia; no ka mea hoi, aole he mau pule i ikeia a i aoi a na mea a pau i hiki ole ai hoi ke hoole ka manao o kekahi. Ina ua hoomakaukau muia ia na pule, na halelu, na himeni, na oihana me na loina o ka hoomana ana, alaila, e hoomana auanei kakou me ka naauao; alaila, aole e noi hupo kekahi i ka mea kupono ole; ake, e lokahi auanei ka kakou hana ana. Aole wale no hoi no ka hoomana ana ma ke anaina ka pono o keia mau mea, aka, ua pono no i na wa a pau; i ka pule mehameha, a me ka pule ohana; i ke noi ana no na pomaikai o keia ao, a me ko ke ao e hiki mai ana; ka hoopakeleia mai na pono, mai na pahele, na kuko, me na pilikia o ke kino, me ka noi ana’ku hoi i ke kala ia
purposes of public worship. This is a book for every day and every hour of the day. It is for the solitary one and for the family group; it asks for blessings in this world as well as in the world to come; that we may be guarded from all manner of harm, from all kinds of temptations, from the power of lust, from bodily suffering, and also that we may find forgiveness of our sins. The Church has not left us to go by one step from darkness into the awful presence and brightness of God, but it has prepared for our use prayers to meet the necessities of every soul, whether they be used in public or in private.

Such is the general character of this Book of Common Prayer now offered to the people of Hawaii. And lest it should be asked, Whence comes this book? and whence its authority? it is here declared that it comes of the Church, of the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord, the First-born of His Father, the One Head of His One Church. And here, perhaps, it may be well to state in a few words what that Church is.

The Church is in fact an association or guild, founded and established on earth by our blessed Lord Himself, and therefore this society is called the Church of Christ, and all who enter and belong to this godly company are called by the high and honourable name of Christians. The Church was first organized by the Apostles, the Holy Spirit leading them, and she is the one only repository of God’s truth, and through her only may we look for the fulness of God’s love. And because she is one and alone, the Church of our Lord is called the Catholic Church (which means one and universal). How different is an unorganized mass of people from an assembly amenable to regulations; in the one there is nothing but disorder and confusion, the other
does every thing "decently and in order," under the control of one Head and of subordinate officers carefully selected and duly instructed. It has its rites and observances auxiliary to the purpose proposed, badges by which its members may be known, the privileges attaching to their position understood, and the duties they have undertaken declared; and it has its preliminary rules to be observed before the aspirant can be admitted.

Such is Christ's Holy Catholic Church. The Lord Christ is her Head and He was her founder—the rules that must be complied with by those who would enter and be of her, are the reception of Baptism—that invariable sign of admittance—and the partaking of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. What she demands of us, her children, are repentance, faith, obedience. The blessings in store for us are reconciliation with God through Christ the Head of the Church, and pardon of our sins, the love of God in this world and beatitudes everlasting in the world to come. Her officers are bishops, priests, and deacons. The chain of ordination has never been broken from the time of the Apostles to this day, which Apostles were the first when the Church was newly established to exercise those holy functions which by succession from them devolve upon the bishops and clergy of our own time.

Her Law Book is the Bible itself; her precedents are found in the writings of the Fathers, preserved by the Church for the solution of questions and controversies. Under these laws, and while not neglecting the appointed offices and observances of the Church administered by a priesthood chosen of God, we are incorporated and we

anaina maluhia, ma ka haunaele, me kahauloa o kekahi, a ma ka noho maluhia ana, malalo o ke Poo hookahi, me na luna i hoonoho pono ia o kekahi, a ma na oihana hoi i pono ai ka hana, na hoeina i ikeia'i ka poe o ia aha, na pomaikai i pili i a lakou, me ka lakou mau hana i loaa'i keia mau mea; na rula hoi e hooko ia mamua o ke komo ana'ku iloko o ia aha.

Pela keia mea o ka Ekalesia Katolika a Kristo. O ka Haku o Kristo kona poo, a nana hoi i kukulu—o na Rula e hookoa'i i komo iloko ona, o ka Bapekikoia'na, o kona hoailona mau, o ka Sakarema Hemolele, o ka Ahaaina a ka Haku. O na hana e hanaia, o ka Mihi, ka Manaio, me ka Hoolohe; o na pomaikai hoi e loaa mai ana, o ka launa me ke Akua ma o Kristo la ke Poo o ka Ekalesia, a malaila hoi ke kala ia ana o na hala, ke aloha ia mai ma keia ao, a me ka nani mau loa ma ke ao e hiki mai ana. O kona mau luna, he mau Biopea me na Kahuna, i kokuaia e na Diakona. Aole hoi i hai ka mookahuna o keia poe mai ka wa o na Aposekola mai, a o lakou hoi na luna mau i ke kukuluiana o ka Ekalesia.

O kona mua kanawai, o ka Baibula no ia; o na kumu hoohalike, o na mooolelo a na Luna Kahiko i hoopaaia e ka Ekalesia, i mea e akaka ai na mea hoopaaapa. Ma keia mau kanawai me na oihana o ka Ekalesia, i hooko pono ia e na luna i koho pono ia e ke Akua, i hoohuiia'i, a
dwell in peace with our unseen Redeemer, through whose mysterious body as we receive it believingly we converse with the Spirit which eye never saw. As the Apostle says in his Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter iv. verse 4, “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;”

launa pu ai hoi kakou me ka Hoola ike ole ia; ma kona kino ike maka ia hoi kakou e kamailio pu ai me ka Uhane ike ole ia; a e like me ka olelo a ka Apostetolo ma Epeso, Mokuna iv., “Hookahi no Kino, hookahi hoi Uhane, e like me ko oukou koho ia ana i ka manaoana hookahi o ko oukou kohoia ana;” pela no hoi ma Kor. 1., Mok. x., p. 17; “No ka mea, o kakou he lehulehu, ua berena hookahi no, a hookahi no kino.”

A ma ka mokuna mua o Kolosa, ua hai aku keia Apostetolo no ua kino hookahi nei, oia no ka Ekalesia. No keia mau mea, ina he poe Kristiano kakou mahope o ka Olelo Hemolele, aole e hiki ke hoole i ka manaoio ana i ka oiaio o ka Ekalesia Katolika Hookahi a Kristo Isu ka Haku i kukulu ai ma ka honua nei.

Ua lehulehu na lala o keia Ekalesia ma na aina a pau. O ka mooolelo o kona iho ana mai mai na Apostetolo a hiki mai i keia manawa, aole ia he mea ike ole ia e ka lehulehu. Nolaila, ua makehewa paha ka hai ana’ku i ke kukulu mua ia ana ona, ma na wahi a pau. Aia no ia ma Amerika, ma Asia, ma Europa, ma Aferika, a me na mokupuni hoi o ka moana, a ke ike nei kakou ua hiki mai nei i keia manawa ma keia mau paeaina.

O kona kukulu ia ana, ma Hawaii nei, ka kakou e noonoa ai. Ua luheleleia na akua kii, ua ai noa, ua hoohioioia na heiau, ua pau ka

Let us see how she felt her way and reached us at last. Our ancient idols had been dethroned, the sexes ate together, and the prohibition upon certain articles of food was held in derision by the females to whom it had been a law; the temples were demolished, the kapu had become no more than a memory of something that was hateful before, and the priests had no longer any rites to perform—indeed, there were no priests, for their office had died out. These changes came no doubt by the inspiration
of the Holy Spirit, acting through blind, unsuspecting agents. These revolutions were
greatly furthered and helped along by those devout and devoted men who first
brought here and translated into our mother-tongue God's Holy Word; and we, whilst
these lines are being written, see the complete fulfilment of what the Bible enjoins in
the establishment here of Christ's Church complete
in all her functions. The Church is established here
in Hawaii through the
breathings of the Holy
Spirit and by the agency
of the chiefs. Vancouver,
long ago, was requested to
send us the True God; Io-
lani [Liholiho, the king
who, as Kamehameha II,
died in London in 1824]
then your King, went to a
distant and a powerful
country to hasten the ad-
vent of that which our eyes
now see and the spirit with-
in us acknowledges, the
very Church, here planted
in Hawaii—but how long
we had waited! It is true
that the representatives of
various forms of worship
had come here, and there
had been many controver-
sies, one side generally
deny ing what some other sect
laid most stress on. Now
we have grounds to rejoice,
and now we may hold fast
to the hope that the true
Church of God has verily
taken root here. In this
mana o na kapu, a ua nele na kahuna i ka hana
o ka lakou oihana, no ka mea, aole lakou. O keia
mau mea, no ka paipai ana no ia a ka Uhane
Hemolele. Ua kokua ia keia mau hana ana e
ekahi poe nana i lawe mai, a i unuhi i ka Olelo
Hemolele a ke Akua; a ke ike nei kakou i ka
hoo loa ia ana o na mea i kauoha ia iloko ona,
ma ke kukulu ia ana o ko Kristo Ekalesia me
kona mau oihana a pau. Ua kukulu ia ma Hawaii
nei ka Ekalesia mamuli o ka paipai ana a ka
Uhane, a mamuli o ka hana a na 'ili. Ua kauoha
ia aku o Vanekopa e hooua mai i ke Akua Oiaio;
uu kii aku o Iolani i ka aina e, e lawe ia mai,
a i keia manawa ke ike nei kakou ua hiki mai
ka Ekalesia, a ua kukuluia ma Hawaii nei, ma-
hope o ke kali ana no na manawa loiihi. He oiaio,
ua hiki mai no na hoomana he lehulehu, a ua
nui ko lakou hooapaa ana me ka hoole ana'ku
o kekahi i kekahi. Ke hoioi nei ka manaio; ke
hooapaa ia nei hoi ko kakou manaolina ma ka
nana ana iho; uu kukulu oiaio ia mai ka Ekalesia
o ka Haku iwaena o kakou. Ilolo o keia buke
i e ike ai kakou i na mea a pau an a kauoha ai,
e ike ai kakou i na rula me na kanawai i pili ia
ia, na mea kupono e hana ia ai, a e hoomanao ia
iloko ona, a ma keia kumu alakai a hoo lo pono
ai kakou i na mea a pau i kauoha ia mai e ko
kakou Haku, ke Poo Hooahi o ka Ekalesia
Hookahi a kakou e ike maka nei i keia wa. Ua

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This our Church is an off-shoot of that branch of the One true Church, established in Great Britain and called the Anglican Catholic Church, which is itself a branch of the One Apostolic and Holy Catholic Church founded for evermore by our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be all praise, power, glory and dominion for ever and ever.

lala mai keia Ekalesia Hookahi mai ka lala i hookumu ia ma Enelani, a i kapa ia hoi o ka Ekalesia Katolika Anglicana, oia hoi ka lala o ka Ekalesia Aposetolo Hookahi, a oia no hoi ka Ekalesia Katolika Hemoele i kukulu ia e ko kakou Haku o Iesu Kristo, a nona hoi ka nani, ka mana, me ka hoomaikai ia, a mau loa'ku. Amene.

HONOLULU, June, 1863.

The form of the present printing, wherein the English translation surrounds the original Hawaiian text, is adapted from manuscript models of the Middle Ages. The first printed book to follow this style was the 1460 edition of the "Clementines" printed by Peter Schoeffer, with the gloss surrounding the text.

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