



ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Episcopal Church in Kapa'au, Hawai'i

A place to BE the love of God and to FEEL the love of God.

HOLY EUCHARIST

in person & livestreamed

September 14, 2025 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating the Season of Creation

Prelude

Kirk Corey, organ

Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn *Judge eternal, throned in splendor*

1982 Hymnal #596



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning. Amen.**

Gloria (Autumn)

by Mila Polevia

D G D A7 G D
Glo-ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah! Lord, we praise your ho - ly name!

5 D G D A7 G D
Glo-ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah! Lord, we praise your ho - ly name!

9 G C G G D
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

13 Dm G F G A A7
Bless-ed is _____ he who comes in the name of the Lord!

17 D G D A7 G D
Glo-ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah! Lord, we praise your ho - ly name!

21 D G D A7 G D
Glo-ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah! Lord, we praise your ho - ly name! _____

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The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of the dirtied hands, the wandering feet; you seek out the lost before ever they turn to you: take us with you into the abandoned places to find a new community outside our fortress walls; through Jesus Christ, the Searching One. **Amen.**

Source: *The Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.*

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading — Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

The Psalm — Psalm 14 *Dixit insipiens*

Reader We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

The Epistle — 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

Gospel Acclamation

Light and Peace

by Mila Polevia

Musical score for "Gospel Acclamation: Light and Peace" by Mila Polevia. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Al - migh - ty God on high, your word to us now give a - mid the dark - ness". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "nigh for light and peace to live." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, G, A7, D, Bm, E7, A7, D, G, D for the first line, and A7, G, A7, D for the second line.

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Gospel — Luke 15:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Masada

Music for reflection and gathering of prayers. You may hand prayers to our Deacon.

Please stand as you are able.

The Affirmation

All We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Source: The Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Let us pray for the revealing of the realm of God in the world,
now and always.

Deacon In the beginning,
People **God was.**

Deacon Here and now,
People **God is.**

Deacon In the future,
People **God will be.**

Deacon Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially _____].

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____].

[Silence]

God, giver of life,

People Hear our prayer.

Closing Collect for the Prayers of the People

Presider Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We give thanks to you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Christ, **Amen.**

Source for Prayers of the People: The Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

**All Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Source: The Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

The Queen's Prayer

by Queen Lili'uokalani

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,
2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,
3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,
4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.
A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

Translation of The Queen's Prayer: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow, imprisoned. You are my light. Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O God, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

Presider 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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Announcements of birthdays, anniversaries, and church events for the upcoming week.

The Peace

Presider Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer

All O God, your wisdom is woven into all that we eat and drink,
Free us from mindless consumption that destroys the roots of life.
Teach us to eat the living bread that satisfies all hunger,
and help us become one with your creation
through Christ, who calls us into unity. Amen.

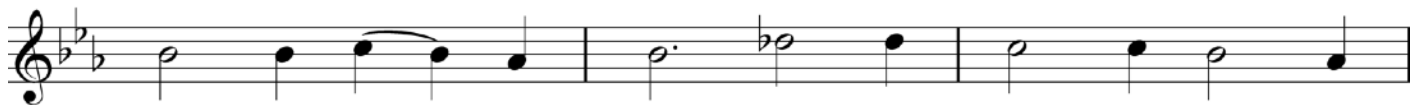
Source: Adapted from Steven Shakespeare's *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*.

Offertory hymn Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

1982 Hymnal #487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues,

We praise you, O God, the one who is with us and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, and beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation: our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and valleys, deserts and jungles.

You have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed this land of intense wildness, mystery, and beauty. Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we shout with joy:

Sanctus Pentecost

by Mila Polevia

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
5 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
9 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
13 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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The Presider continues

We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth on which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You.

We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a parent loves their child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you. Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

All Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through his incarnation, you taught us that you are always with us and all of the world. Christ showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered us and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about your reign that he opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.

The Presider continues

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me."

Therefore, let us pray:

All Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.

The Presider continues

Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body.

Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

All Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

The Presider continues

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the entire universe, all glory and honor to our God and Creator, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Source: Eucharistic Prayer from the Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Source: New Zealand Prayer Book.

The Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me

Wonder, Love & Praise #878

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

Instructions for receiving the sacraments

You are invited to come up, row by row, to receive the sacraments of bread and wine.

The usher will guide you. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please tell the usher; the priest and deacon will come to you.

At the font

The waters of our font remind us of the waters that flow mauka to makai through this ahupua'a – a place we enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted us permission to care for this 'āina.

Through this water, we are connected to the 'āina, God, and one another. We pause at the font to remember our baptismal vows that recall us to our Creator and remind us to care for all people in this community, in our diocese, and all creation. In remembrance of the sacrament of baptism, we anoint one another.

At the font, you are invited to anoint the person behind you by dipping a finger in the water and making a small cross on their forehead. Anointing is voluntary. If you prefer not to do this, simply cross your arms and the priest will anoint the person behind you.

Receiving the bread and wine

To receive the bread (also called the host), extend your hands with palms flat, one on top of the other. The priest will place the host on your palm with the words "The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven." Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free.

To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the chalice. The deacon will say "the Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation."

If you prefer, you may dip a small part the host in the wine. This is called intinction. Please dip carefully so that your fingers do not touch the wine. The deacon will say "the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life."

Receiving Bread only

If you do not wish to partake in the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Consuming the host is considered the full sacrament of Holy Communion.

Receiving a blessing

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine but would like a blessing, you are invited to come forward, arms crossed, to receive the blessing.

1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirs - ty?
 3 "When you gave bread to the earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways,

said Je - sus Christ to the right - eous a - bove.
 When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?
 when you gave shel - ter to war's ref - u - gees.
 look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,

"When I was hun - gry, thirs - ty and home - less,
 When did we see you sick or in pris - on?
 When you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
 then may we know you, wel - come and show you

sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
 What have we done that you call us your own?
 you cared for me in the small - est of these."
 love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

All Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Source: The Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

The Blessing

Presider May God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order: lead us to transform our lives and the Church to listen to the voice of all creatures who reflect God's glory in creation.

The blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Source: The Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Closing Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above

1982 Hymnal #388



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - mighty, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Andante Maestoso, Hermann Küster (1817-1878)

Kirk Corey, organ



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