



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 29, 2024 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Kirk Corey, organ

Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Hymnary.org

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my

heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
treas - u - ry filled with bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God the Creator, the Light, and the Spirit of Truth.

People **And blessed be all of God's creation, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria (*E na lāhui kānaka*)

Wonder, Love & Praise #830

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system begins with a treble staff containing a 3/4 time signature, a key signature of two flats, and a melodic line. Below it, the lyrics are: *E nā lā - hui - ka - na - ka ho - o - na - ni i ka Haku! E*. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line and the word *Fine* above the treble staff. The lyrics for the second system are: *nā lā - hui - ka - na - ka ho - o - na ni i ka Haku! E*.

Words: adapt. From the psalms, tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Translation - All nations, all the people - all praise be to the Lord! All nations, all the people - all praise be to the Lord!

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God of welcome, your people are called to be distinct not by width of separation but depth of hospitality and peace within our lives: root out our resentment and free us to welcome all who work for life and liberation, whatever path they tread; through Jesus Christ, the companion of many ways. **Amen.**

Source: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* Steven Shakespeare

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Reader A reading from the Book of Esther

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."

Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader Here ends the reading.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

Reader We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

If the Lord had not been on our side, *

let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, *

when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *

in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *

and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *

have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

The Epistle

James 5:13-20

Reader A reading from the letter of St. James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader Here ends the reading.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Light and Peace

by Mila Polevia

Al - migh - ty God on high, your word to us now give a - mid the dark - ness
nigh for light and peace to live.

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Gospel

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

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

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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. Please hand them to the deacon or priest.

Please stand as you are able.

The Affirmation *from the Episcopal Litany for the Season of Creation*

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.

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

Deacon 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

Deacon 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

Deacon 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

Deacon 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

Deacon 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: Prayers from the Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Queen's Prayer

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 winds and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.*

Please be seated.

Announcements

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

The Peace

Presider The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

***People* Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Presider In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

***People* We see God around us.**

We see God within us.

We give thanks to our Creator.

Presider Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

***People* And also with you.**

All share peace with one another.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All **We come with offerings of our time, our money, our strength, our pleasure in one another's company. All these we bring to God in dedication and for use in the glory of the realm of God.**

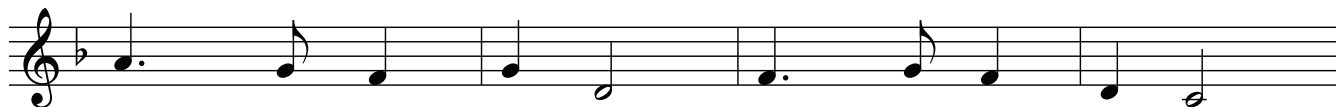
The oblationers bring the bread and wine to the deacon at the altar.



1. Touch the earth light - ly, Use the earth gen - tly,
 2. We who en - dan - ger, Who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3. Let there be green - ing, Birth from the burn - ing,
 4. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



Nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 A - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 Wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



Gift of great won - der, Ours to sur - ren - der,
 We who would fos - ter Clouds of dis - as - ter—
 Health in God's gar - den, Hope in God's chil - dren,
 Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



Trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 Re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 Us - ing us gen - tly, and mak - ing us one.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Source: Prayers from the Episcopal Liturgy for the Season of Creation.

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 for the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues,

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Autumn tide)

by Mila Polevia

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

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He took the wine and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

*From the New Zealand Prayer Book
The Anglican Church of the Province of New Zealand*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction hymn *Whoever Comes to Me*

Wonder, Love and Praise #878

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst." and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

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 we enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted permission. Through water, we are connected with '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.

As you approach the front of the church, you are invited to dip a finger in the font water, turn to the person behind you, and anoint them with water, making a small cross on their forehead. If you prefer not to be anointed, simply cross your arms and the vicar 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. 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. After receiving the sacraments, you may make the sign of the cross ✠.

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.

Communion Hymn

Come now, you blessed

My Heart Sings Out #155



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.**

The Blessing

Presider May God who established the dance of creation—who marvels 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 that reflect God’s glory in creation.

And the blessing of God the Creator, the Light, and the Spirit of Truth be with you now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
 day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
 blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude *Voluntary in C*, William Boyce (1711-1779) Kirk Corey, organ



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