

# The 7th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 9am



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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

## Opening Hymn WLP #752 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place”

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### *Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria** *The congregation will sing through the Gloria three times -- 1<sup>st</sup> English, 2<sup>nd</sup> Latin, 3<sup>rd</sup> English.*

Dm\* Gm C F Dm\* Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!  
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

5 Dm\* Gm C F Dm\* Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The First Reading Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 85** *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

3 You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.**

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**6 Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

**8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

**10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other**

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.**

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**The Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)**

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn #529 "In Christ there is no East or West"**

**The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel*

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

## **The Nicene Creed**

Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

## **The Prayers of the People** (*Written by members of our Sunday School*)

We ask your prayers for the church, that the fire of Pentecost sparks in us meaningful worship and brings warmth in our hearts for spreading peace among ourselves and to others in the world.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for leaders and those with any kind of authority, enlighten them as they remember their responsibility to care for others as they care for themselves. Please protect and bring safety and unity to people who are living in fear or brokenness.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for our world. We give thanks for the sun, the rain, and the valleys of our island home. May your Holy Spirit light our way to feed the hungry, bring peace in places of war, and increase understanding between people who disagree.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for the people of our island. Thank you for the variety of cultures and languages that make us who we are. We ask for Wisdom to keep the environment clean. We ask you to bless the homeless and for affordable and safe homes where people can live. We remember those who are graduating. Bless them as they take the next steps on their journey.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for people who suffer. Give them happy, safe, and peaceful lives. Now we invite you to say the names of people you love silently in your hearts or out loud so we all can hear.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for our saints who have died; for those who know you and for those whose faith only you know. Grant them rest and peace where there is no pain or sadness.

*Silence*

*Priest offers a concluding collect.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.*

**‘O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me ‘oukou.**

*(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)*

*The People respond.*

**A me ‘oe pū nō ho‘i.**

*(And also with you!)*

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

## **Offertory Music “Rejoice in the Lord Always” by Evelyn Turner**

## **The Hawaiian Doxology**

*Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.*

Found on the BACK cover of [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

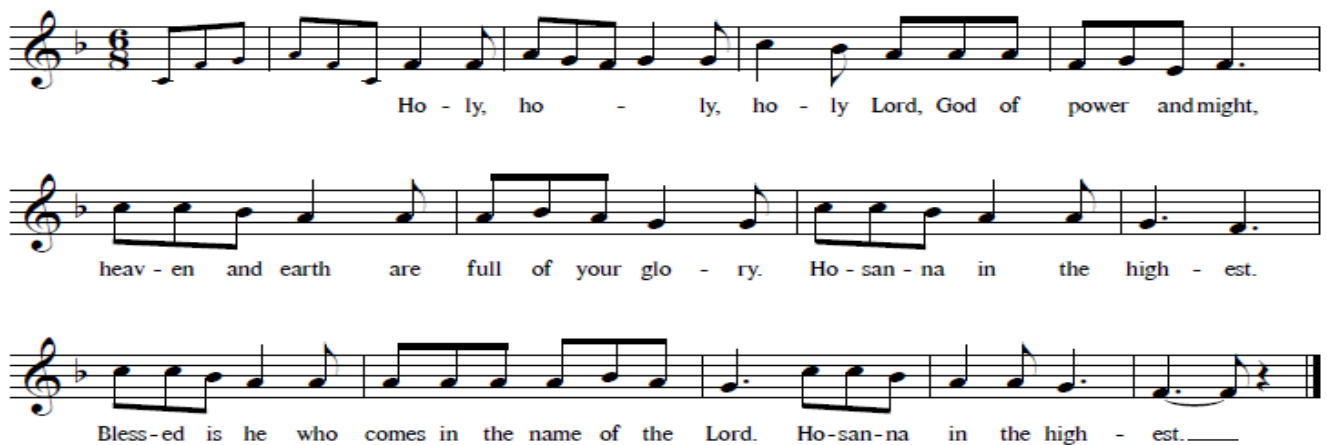
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### Sanctus WLP #857



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heav - en 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 in the high - est. \_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

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 for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

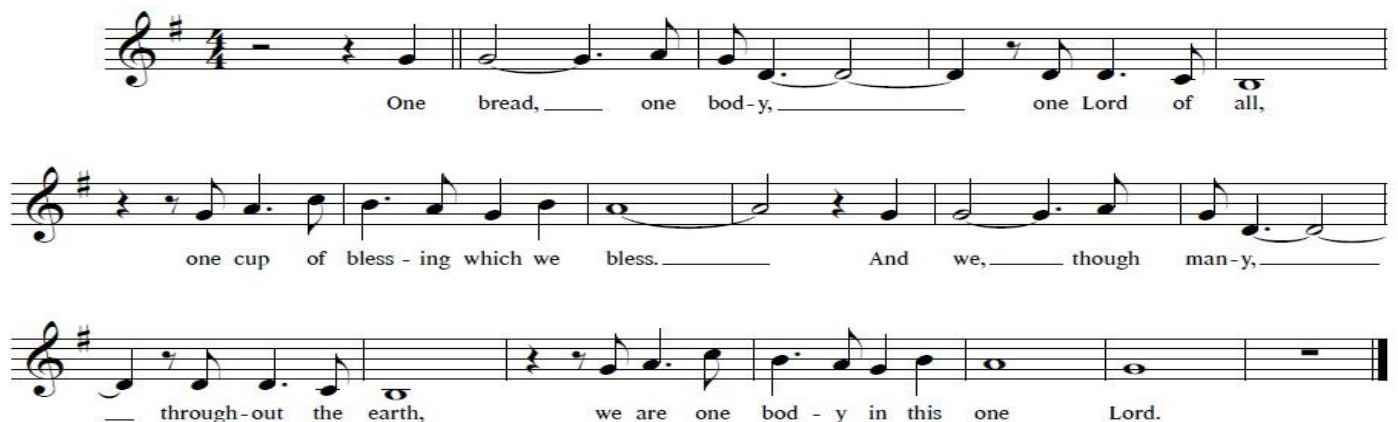
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction "One Bread, One Body"





*The Celebrant says*

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only **or** both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your heart as you approach.*

### **Communion Anthem WLP #826 “Stay With Me”**

#### **The Post-Communion Prayer** *(in unison)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Announcements & The Blessing**

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

### **Closing Hymn “This Little Light of Mine”**

**Verse 1** This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Verse 2** Come put your hand in mine, I'm gonna let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Verse 3** Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna to let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

**Verse 4** Don't let anyone [blow] it out! I'm gonna to let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

**Verse 5** Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Verse 6** Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Verse 7** All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Verse 8** Deep inside my heart, I'm gonna let it shine... (Sing 3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon or Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*People* Thanks be to God!

## **The Postlude “O Happy Day”**

Ina Young & Friends

**Thank you for joining us today!**

***We send Rev. Bob & Jean Steele with all our love, thanks, and support!***

### **Ministry Team for Today's Service**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader & Psalm:** Zoe Muenzer    **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Dan Muenzer

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rick Fung    **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki

**Technical team:** Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Ina Young

**Please join us *next* Sunday for the 8th Sunday *after* Pentecost**

***w/ Guest Preacher Reverend David Gierlach***

**August 3, 2025 at 9am**

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### **Our Parish Prayer list:**

Adele, Lisa May, Walter, Gerry, Bill, Madeline, Eric, Kati, Raj, Renu, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Doris, Linda, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, Lorraine, Kristi, Steven, Katherine, Kim, Luci, Dave, Gail, Nik, Sandee, Patricia, MTT, and the Harris/Bellows Family.