

The 20th Sunday *after* Pentecost

~Holy Eucharist~

Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 9am

Diversity of God's Children/ Family Sunday



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Prelude

Opening Hymn Songbook #15 “God of Wonders”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

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*

The Gloria

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.

*Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God’s unchanging love.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated for the lessons of the day.*

The First Reading Exodus 32:1-14

Moses was spending a long, long time on the mountain talking with God. The people went to Aaron and asked him to make a god for them to help them get out of the desert, because they didn’t think they would ever see Moses again. So Aaron said, “Okay take off all your gold jewelry and I will make a statue that looks like a cow, and we can ask it to help us.” The people were delighted with their new god and brought it offerings and danced around it and sang praises to it.

God saw this and sent Moses down the mountain at once. “Wow. They were sure quick to turn the other way once you were gone. They’re worshipping a golden cow already! I won’t tolerate this. They’re a bunch of whiners. After all I’ve done for them... Move aside so I can be done with them. You’re the one I want to deal with, and I will have you start a new people for me.” Moses begged God to spare these people. “Don’t let the Egyptians see how angry you are. Change your mind. Calm down. Don’t bring disaster on your people. Remember the promise you gave Abraham and Isaac and Israel; you promised to give land to your people, and they would be in that land forever.” So because of what Moses said, God’s mind changed about the disaster that was going to take place.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 106: 1-6, 19-23 *Reading responsively the lines in bold.*

Hallelujah!

We give you thanks God, because you are good and you never run out of mercy.

Who can remember all of your mighty acts or praise you as they should?

Happy are you if you treat others with justice and always do what is right

Thanks, God for being good and never running out of mercy.

Include me when you are doing great things for your people.

Make sure I get a dose of this saving help.

I want some of the good things you've promised and will be glad to rejoice with your people, and inherit what you have planned for us.

Thanks, God for being good and never running out of mercy.

Just as our fathers and mothers sinned, we have sinned too.

We've made poor choices that have hurt you and other people.

The people of Israel decided to worship a golden statue instead of you, and they exchanged your glory for a statue of a cow that eats grass.

Thanks, God for being good and never running out of mercy.

They forgot that you were their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, and awesome things at the Red Sea.

You might have destroyed them if Moses hadn't stood up for them.

You changed your mind and turned away your anger.

Thanks, God for being good and never running out of mercy.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Here is another one of Jesus' stories:

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call on those who had received invitations to the party, but was told the people wouldn't come. He tried again to get the invited guest to come to the party, saying, "Tell them that I've prepared an awesome dinner for them. Everything is ready for them. Tell them to come and enjoy the banquet." But those who had been invited had other things on their minds and other things to do. And one even beat up the servant who was sent to invite him! The king was outraged. He sent his troops to destroy those hooligans! Then he turned to his servants and said, "Our wedding party is ready, but we need more guests. Go into the streets of the city and invite everyone you see to the banquet." So, the servants went out and gathered everyone they could find, good people and bad people both. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. The king arrived at the party and noticed a man there who wasn't dressed properly for the party. The king asked, "Hi, how did you get into the party dressed like that?" The man had nothing to say. The king said, "Throw him out." In the kingdom of heaven many are called, few are chosen.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

❀❀❀❀❀ THE DIVERSITY OF GOD’S CHILDREN ❀❀❀❀❀

Celebrating the beauty of God’s creation reflected in every culture, language, and child present today.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Today we celebrate the richness of God’s creation reflected in every child, every culture, every language, and every story present in our community. We give thanks for the beauty of diversity and the unity we share in Christ.

❀❀❀ READING 1 ❀❀❀

God did not create us in one color, one culture, or one language. Instead, He painted humanity with a breathtaking palette — a mosaic of peoples, traditions, and stories that reveal His creativity and His heart.

When Jesus welcomed the children, He did not ask where they came from, what language they spoke, or what customs they practiced. He simply opened His arms and blessed them.

Today, as we celebrate our children in their cultural attire, we remember that God delights in diversity — not as something that separates us, but as something that enriches us.

Our unity is not found in sameness. Our unity is found in Christ. And when we stand together — many cultures, one faith — we become a living testimony of God’s kingdom on earth.

❀❀❀ MUSIC & PRESENTATIONS ❀❀❀ *Find the song sheets on the last page of this bulletin*

Cultural Presentation Children present their ethnic dress and offer greetings in their native or ancestral language.

Song: “We Are the World” Children lead the singing and hand motions. The congregation joins in.

Song: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Everyone joins in singing!

❀❀❀ READING 2 ❀❀❀

We give thanks to our parents, grandparents, and all our family who love us, protect us, and make sure we are safe. We may not always say it or show it, but our hearts are full of gratitude for you and for the unconditional love you give so freely.

Thank you for sharing our culture and traditions with us, and for teaching us to be proud of who we are. We honor you by wearing the colors of our ethnicity with joy and dignity, knowing they carry the stories of our ancestors and the strength of our heritage.

Our prayer is that God will bless you abundantly and continually. May you find time to enjoy life, to rest, and to take breaks when you need to renew your strength — so you can continue to love, guide, and care for us with joy. We love you, always and forever.

❀❀❀ CLOSING BLESSING ❀❀❀

May the God who created every nation and every people fill us with love, unity, and joy as we celebrate the beauty of His children today.

❀❀❀ CLOSING HYMN ❀❀❀ *Find this music on the last page of this bulletin.*

Hawai’i Aloha Sung by everyone as one.

Prayers of the People Form IV

Deacon or Priest Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Priest offers a concluding collect.

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!)

The Offertory Sentence

“Offer to God a sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.” Psalm 50:14

Please place your offerings into the koa bowl as the ushers bring it by.

For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks to:

Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana‘ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!



Offertory Hymn Songbook #29 “Lord of the Dance”

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: Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship I

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy.

Sanctus “Hemolele”



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili’uokalani, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

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.

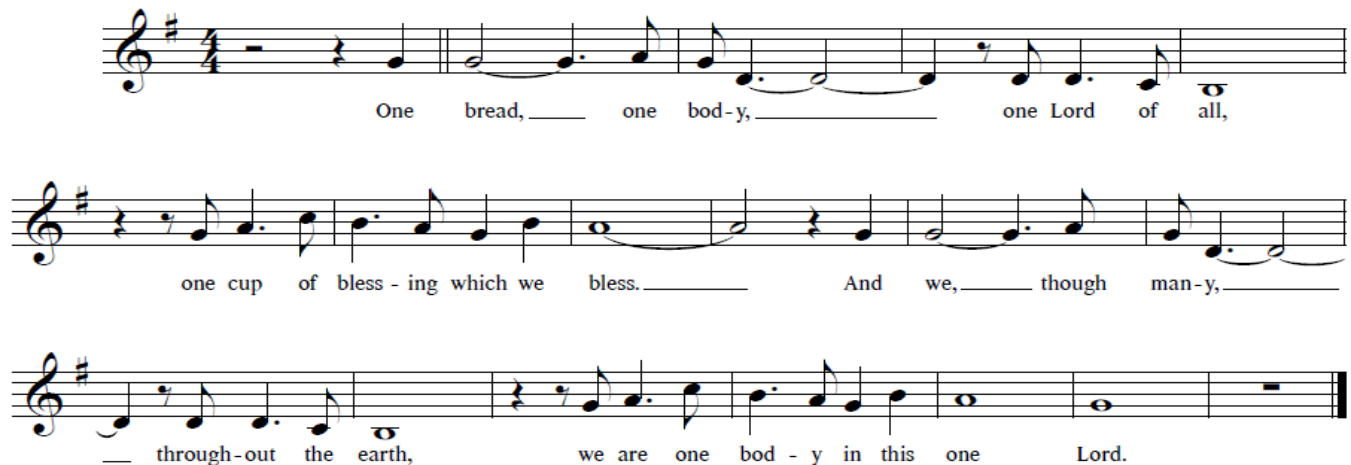
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction LEVAS #16 "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 Song

Offered by Ina Young

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

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.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn Songbook #2 “10,000 Reasons”

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Tend the earth, care for God’s good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today’s Service

Clergy: The Reverend Jennifer Latham

1st Reading: Andrew Miyasaka

Eucharistic Minister: Lila Johnson **Acolyte** Ethan Miyasaka

Intercessor: Juliet Cuadra **Usher:** Jack Tonaki

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

~The Praise Team~

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**Please join us *next* Sunday October 18th for the 21st Sunday *after* Pentecost**

*w/ Guest The Reverend Josiah Rengers, Punahou Intermediate School Chaplin*



**Service of Admission to the Daughters of the King**

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Our Parish Prayer list:

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Aidan, Nobuko, Chris, Mildred, Tom, Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, John, Chelsea, Lani & Roger, Diane, Mary, Bob, Kim & Tom, David, Nancy, Becca, Dave, Yolamas, Julian, Siaki, Neal, Grace, Jan, Mike, and Sam.

We are the World (We are the Children)

There comes a time
When we heed a certain call
When the world must come together as one
There are people dying
Oh, and it's time to lend a hand to life
The greatest gift of all
We can't go on
Pretending day by day
That someone, somewhere will soon make a change
We are all a part of God's great big family
And the truth, you know, love is all we need

**We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's
start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me**

Well, send them your heart
So they know that someone cares
And their lives will be stronger and free
As God has shown us by turning stone to bread
And so we all must lend a helping hand

**We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's
start giving
Oh, there's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me**

**We are the world
We are the children
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start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me**

He's Got the World in His Hands (Everyone sing!)

I
He's got the whole world in His hands 3x
He's got the whole world in His hands

II
He's got my brother and my sister in His hands 3x
He's got the whole world in his hands

III
He's got my mother and my father in His hands 3x
He's got the whole world in His hands

IV
He's got the little, tiny babies in His hands 3x
He's got the whole world in His hands

V
He's got everyone here in His hands 3x
He's got the whole world in His hands

Hawai'i Aloha

E Hawai'i e ku'u one hānau e
Ku'u home kula'iwi nei
'Oli nō au i nā pono lani ou
E Hawai'i, aloha ē

Refrain 2X

**E hau'oli nā 'ōpio o Hawai'i nei
'Oli ē! 'Oli ē!
Mai nā aheahe makani e pā mai nei
Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i**