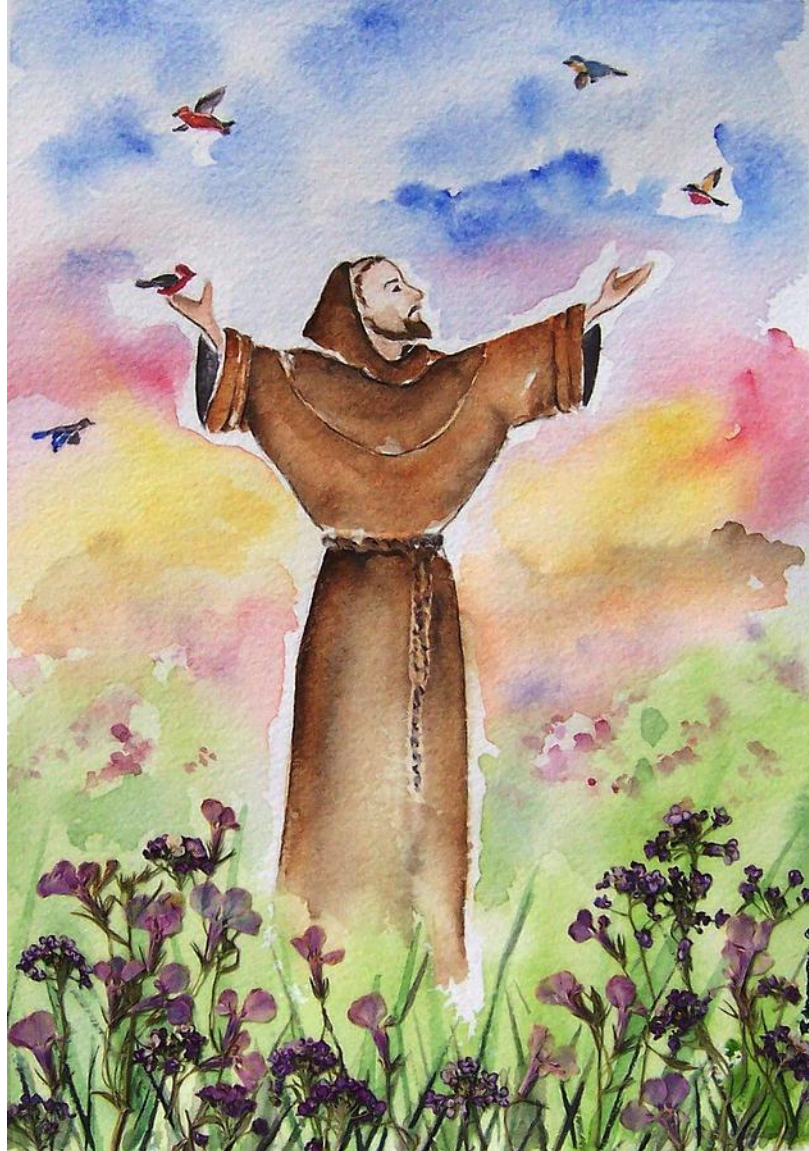


The 17th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 9am

Celebration of St. Francis Day & Blessing of the Animals



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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

The Service begins on the lanai with the blessing of the animals.

Opening Hymn LEVAS II #102 “He’s Got the Whole World (in His Hand)”

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the words "whole world" and "in His hand".

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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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.*

Blessing of the Animals

Procession into the Church

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,
Amen.

The Lessons

Psalms 137 *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD's song upon an alien soil.

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem Above my highest joy.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #412 "Earth and All Stars"

The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done.'"

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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

The Prayers of the People: *Honoring God in Creation: Form 2*

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.
In the beginning, **God was**.

Here and now, **God is**.

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

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, **Hear our prayer**.

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, **Hear our prayer**.

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, **Hear our prayer**.

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, **Hear our prayer**.

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, **Hear our prayer**.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

The Priest concludes with a closing 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 “All God’s Critters Have a Place in the Choir”

HNC Choir & Ina Young

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 B

The people remain standing.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

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.

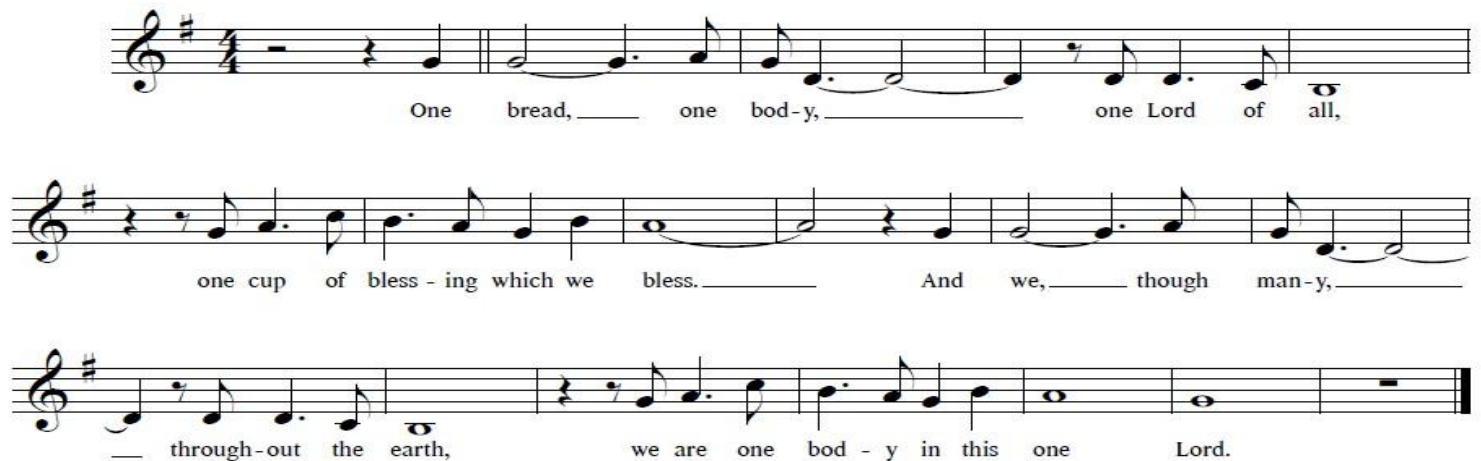
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 Hymn #8 “Morning has Broken”

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Hymn #405 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Many and Great”

Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley

Readers: Stephen Noerper & Olesya Noerper

Eucharistic Minister: Lila Johnson **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Usher: Jack Tonaki

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young with the HNC Choir and Amie.

**Please join us *next* Sunday, the 18th Sunday *after* Pentecost
October 12, 2025 at 9am**

White Sunday/ Family Sunday

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**Our Parish Prayer list:**

Adele, Lisa May, Walter, Gerry, Madeline, Eric, Kati, Raj, Renu, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Doris, Linda, Esther,  
Betty, Bobby, Gregg, Lorraine, Kristi, Steven, Katherine, Kim, Luci, Dave, Nik, Sandee, Patricia, MTT, Julie, Eric,  
Dorothy, Michael, and Peter.

*A New Prayer List will begin Sunday, Oct 12. Please contact the HNC office with names.*