

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9am
Family Service



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI

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Please bear with us, as we keep our community safe during the current COVID surge. Everyone must be masked during our entire service and we must limit live music. If you choose to receive the Sacrament, please return to your seat before consuming it. After the service, please greet friends quietly and then depart. We will return to coffee hour and other, more relaxed practices as soon as we are safely able to do so!

Mahalo for your kokua!

Gathering Music & Prelude:

Willis Moore, Organist

Opening Hymn: “I’ve got the Joy down in my Heart!”

Led by Dr. Cat Peterson of Holy Nativity School, Guitar and Voice

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy

Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!

REFRAIN: And I'm so happy, so very happy! I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

I'm so happy, so very happy! I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart...

REFRAIN

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus...down in my heart...

REFRAIN

If the devil doesn't like it, he can sit on a tack!

REFRAIN 2X

Opening Acclamation

The people rise in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says

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.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

The First reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

People Thanks be to God.

In place of the psalm, today, we read Wisdom 7:26-8:1 *in unison*

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets;

for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars.

Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

The Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a

spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 text

The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form III The Book of Common Prayer, p. 387

The Intercessor will begin; the congregation is invited to join in the responses printed in italics.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. We pray, especially, for the people in our Diocese of Hawaii.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Wayne, Heather, Erwin, Olga & Yuri. We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers and for those facing unemployment. We pray for those experiencing strife in Afghanistan. We pray for those in Haiti and those affected by Hurricane Ida.

That they all may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.

The Peace

The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People And also with you!



The Offertory Hymn: “His Banner over me is Love”

Led by Dr. Cat Peterson

1. The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!
2. He brought me to His banqueting table
His banner over me is love
He brought me to His banqueting table
His banner over me is love
He brought me to His banqueting table
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!
3. He is the vine and we are the branches
His banner over me is love
He is the vine and we are the branches
His banner over me is love
He is the vine and we are the branches
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!
4. Jesus is the rock of my salvation
His banner over me is love
Jesus is the rock of my salvation
His banner over me is love
Jesus is the rock of my salvation
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!

“Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.”

Please place your offerings in the koa bowl at the rear of the church. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks made out to Holy Nativity. Thank you!

The Hawaiian Doxology

Ho'o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau,
Ke Kei-ki me ka 'U-ha-ne no,
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-'o-mai-ka-'i pu
Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C The Book of Common Prayer, p. 369

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.

The Post-Communion Prayer *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements & Blessing

The Rev. Libby Berman

Closing Hymn & Recessional “Magic Penny”

Led by Dr. Cat Peterson

REFRAIN: Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.

Love is something if you give it away--you end up having more!

It's just like a magic penny--Hold it tight and you won't have any.

Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many...they'll roll all over the floor. For...

REFRAIN

Money's dandy and we like to use it, but love is better if you don't refuse it.

It's a treasure and you'll never lose it unless you lock up your door. For...

REFRAIN

So let's go dancing till the break of day, and if there's a piper, we can pay.

For love is something if you give it away--you end up having more!

REFRAIN

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God

Ministry Team for Today's Service: Thank you, all!

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Libby Berman Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele
Eucharistic minister: Lila Johnson
Usher: Rich Miller Acolyte: Wyatt Goheen
Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung
Altar Guild: Livingston Team Guest Organist: Willis Moore

Staff:

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto
Parish Administrator: Athena DeRasmo Bookkeeper: Wil Ching
Thrift Shop: Peggy Budlong & Cheri Keefer

**JOIN US FOR THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th at 9AM (in person & online)**



If you are not or cannot be vaccinated, or if your immunity is compromised, please join our Zoom gatherings on Sunday mornings. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to do so.

Our bishop has shared this prayer, in light of the current COVID surge: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.