The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 9am



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

Opening Hymn #288 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

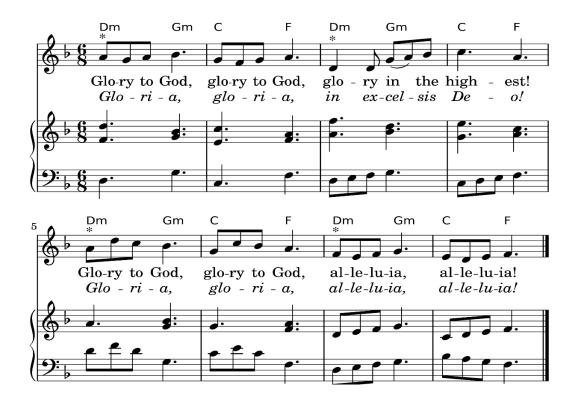
Opening Acclamation

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 -- 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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from The west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-9, 43 The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in BOLD.

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, `Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend David Gierlach

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 "Blessed Be Your Name" by Matt and Beth Redman.

Offered by Amie

The Hawaiian Doxology

Found on the BACK cover of <u>The Book of Common Prayer</u>.

Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.

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.

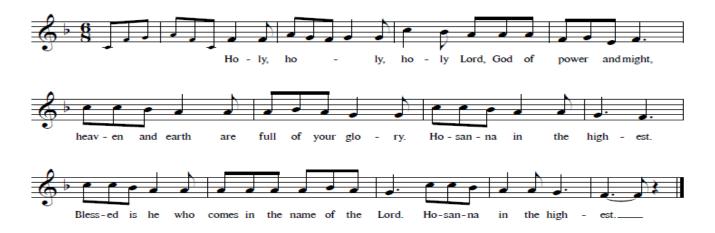
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

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:

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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.

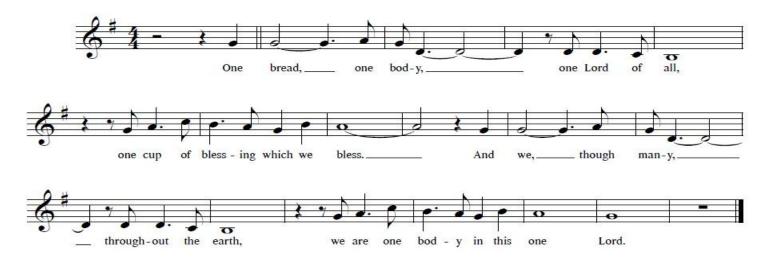
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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 <u>or</u> 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 "You who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" (instrumental)

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 WLP #810 "You who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

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 "Postlude" by C. Schlenker

Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

We wish Nicholas & Sean aloha as they go off to college. May God bless you on your way!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

Mahalo to Rev. David for joining us this morning!

1st Reader & Psalm: Noel Donahue 2nd Reader: Justin Donahue
Eucharistic Minister: Christine Donnelly Intercessor: Kathy Otani
Usher: Jack Tonaki Acolyte: Nicholas Livingston
Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain
Music Director: Ina Young

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 9th Sunday *after* Pentecost *Family Sunday*August 10th, 2025 at 9am

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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, Gail, Nik, Sandee, Patricia, MTT and the Harris/Bellows Family.