

**12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 9am**



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During this current COVID surge, our bishop directs that everyone (including readers and preachers) be masked during our entire service. If you receive the Sacrament, please return to your seat before consuming it. We must limit music, at present, to instrumental and recorded music, and suspend coffee hour. We will return to more relaxed practices as soon as we are safely able to do so!!

Mahalo for your kokua and prayers for the safety of our communities during this time!

**Gathering Music & Prelude**

Mr. Willis Moore, Guest Organist

**Opening Hymn 362 “Holy Holy Holy”**

## 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 Gloria

from the Opening section of the Hymnal, S-280

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a

thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

*People* Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 111**

*The lector will read the odd-numbered verses; the congregation will respond with the even-numbered verses.*

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in  
them.

- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

### **The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Gospel**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel: John 6:51-58**

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

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Robert Steele



## **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: Kelly, Hanohano, Chris, Lola, Sylvia, Heidi, Wayne, Coco,

Ronny, Heather, Lora V., June, Susan, Lorraine M., David, Sofia, Erwin, and Beverly.  
We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers and for those facing  
unemployment. We pray for the well-being of children in detention centers.  
*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 #325 “Let us Break Bread Together”**

*“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**

*All are welcome to join in the singing.*

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 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - ning  
 3. God of our wea - ry God of our si - lent

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1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 2. rod, Felt in the days when — hope thus far un - born — had  
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us — thus far on — the

1. y', Let our re - joice - ing rise High as the list - ning —  
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y — the —  
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the —

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea, —  
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? —  
 3. high, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, — we pray, —

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song come, full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
 2. We have come, drunk with the blood of the  
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for

1. brought - us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun  
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past,  
 3. get - thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand,  
 Of our new  
 Till now we  
 May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 2. stand at - last Where the white gleam of our bright star - is cast  
 3. ev - er - stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God!

## The Postlude

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During this COVID surge, we must refrain from having coffee hour on our lanai. We will return to this important fellowship practice just as soon as we are able to do so safely!

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. Bob Steele

Eucharistic minister: Lila Johnson

Readers: Alison Kittle & Kim Garner

Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi Usher: Ed Moore

Technical team: Gretchen and Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung & those in training

### **Staff:**

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 at 9AM (in person & online)**

