# The 24th Sunday *after* Pentecost

## ~Holy Eucharist~

### Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 9am

*FAMILY SUNDAY*



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

**Prelude** Offered by Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

**Opening Song from songbook #37 "Seek Ye First"**

**Opening Acclamation**
*Celebrant*: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
*People:* And Blessed be God's 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**
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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 1st Reading Book of Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
Joshua got everybody together so he could talk with them before God. He said, "This is what God wants us to remember.: Long, long ago your people lived far away and served gods other than me. So I led Abraham to a new place and gave him many children."
Joshua went on, "We need to put away the gods that our fathers served and serve our God with all we have. Each of you needs to decide whom you will serve, our God or the god of the people of this land. I just know that my house and I will be serving our God."
The people answered, "We won't abandon the Lord our God to serve other gods. God led our people out of slavery and did great things for us, protecting us from other people along the way. Therefore, we will serve the Lord, for he is our God."
But Joshua said to the people, "You know the Lord our God is holy. God wants every part of you and requires you to follow him. This is a very big decision." The people said, "Yes, we know." "You can't change your mind and serve other gods from time to time," Joshua reminded them. And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the

Lord.!" He said, "Then put away the other gods, and turn your hearts to the God of Israel." The people committed themselves to God that day, and Joshua wrote it all down so they would remember.

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

**Psalm 78:1-7** *Reading responsively the lines in* ***bold****.*

Listen to me, people.
Move closer to me so you can hear what I'm saying. I will tell you stories and reveal the mysteries of times past.
**Tell us stories of God's power; all the great things God has done.**

Children need to hear about their fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers. Nothing is secret.
They need to hear stories about God's power and all the great things God did for them.
God set up laws for Jacob to teach the children of Israel how to live and trust each other and God.
**Tell us stories of God's power; all the great things God has done.**

Each generation needs to know these things and teach their children well. And people will put their trust in God when they hear these stories and keep God's commandments.
**Tell us stories of God's power; all the great things God has done.**

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

*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.

Jesus said:
God's kingdom is like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lambs and went to meet the bridegroom. There were five smart women and five foolish women. The foolish ones took their lamps, but no oil to put in them! The smart ones took their lamps and took oil so they could light their lamps. The night was long and the bridegroom wasn't showing up, so the women fell asleep. At midnight, he finally showed up.
The women without oil said to the ones who had oil, "Give us some of your oil, so we can see!" But the smart women replied, "No! There isn't enough for all of us. Go get some for yourselves from the market" While the foolish ones were buying the oil that they should have brought with them, the bridegroom came and took the smart ones into the wedding party and then shut the door. Finally, the foolish women got some oil and came back to the wedding party. They knocked on the door and said, "Let us in." But they heard in reply, "Sorry. Too late."
The point of the story is that you need to be prepared, and you need to be aware. Because you just don't know what will happen or when it's going to happen.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*
The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Reverend Jennifer Latham

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

**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 Music "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"** Offered by Dr. Cat and the HN Singers

**The Hawaiian Doxology** Found on the BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.
*Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.*

## 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.

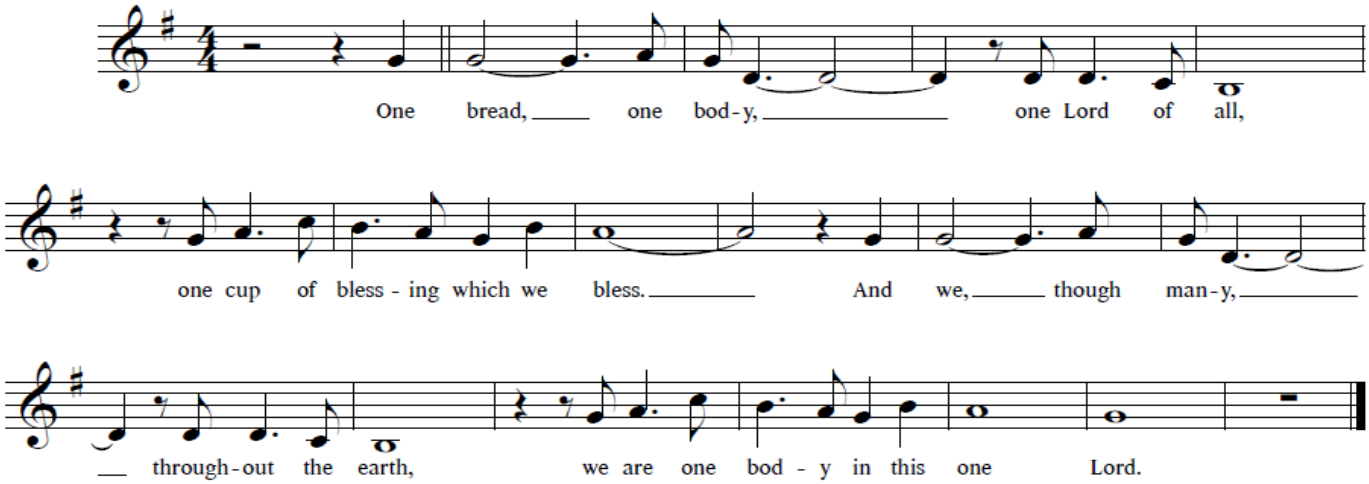
*Celebrant and People*
**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!**

**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 Music** Offered by Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

**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 Song #44 "We are One in the Spirit"**

**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** Offered by Dr Cat

## Thank you for joining us today!

**Ministry Team for Today's Service**
**Clergy**: The Reverend Jennifer Latham

**Reading**: Holy Nativity School Students
**Eucharistic Minister**: Ed Stikeleather **Acolyte** Noel Donahue
**Intercessor**: Zofia Verano **Usher**: Jack Tonaki
**Technical team**: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain
**Music Director**: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie
***Dr. Cat and the HN Singers***

## After service, please join us on the lanai for coffee, fellowship & *Loaves & Fishes* Family Sunday Picnic!

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## Please join us *next* Sunday at 9am, November 15th for the 25th Sunday *after* Pentecost

**Our Parish Prayer list**:
Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, 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.
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