

**14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 9am**



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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:** “Valet will ich dir Geben” G. F. Kauffman; Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

**Opening Hymn #423** sung by Kip & Jan Jones (in the St. Francis Garden)

**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**

Opening section of the Hymnal, S-280

*Sung by Kip & Jan Jones (in the St. Francis Garden)*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 people are seated for the readings of the day.*

### **The First reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

*People* Thanks be to God

### **Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10**

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

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## **The Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*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.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

*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: Kelly, Hanohano, Chris, Lola, Sylvia, Heidi, Wayne, Coco, Ronny, Heather, Lora V., June, Susan, Lorraine M., David, Sofia, Erwin, Olga, Yuri, 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.*

### **Presentation of the Cross to a new Member: Beverly Toomey**

--Holy Nativity Chapter of Daughters of the King and Rev. Libby

### **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: #660**

Sung by Kip & Jan Jones (in the St. Francis Garden)

*“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**

sung by Kip & Jan Jones (in the garden)

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 Sanctus will be sung by Kip & Jan Jones (in the Garden)*

#### **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 #778 (Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal)**  
sung by Kip & Jan Jones in the St. Francis Garden

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
*People* Thanks be to God!

**The Postlude: “A Joyous Acclamation”**  
Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Gerald Peterson

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Libby Berman    Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele  
Eucharistic minister: Kim Garner    Readers: Kathy Otani & Daniel Donahue  
Intercessor: Justin Donahue    Usher: Austin Nakoa  
Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Adrienne Fung

**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 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 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.