

The 13th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 9am



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

Opening Hymn #525 "The Church's One Foundation"

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 (LEVAS #245) *FIRST* verse, only.

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
 2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
 3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

1. wor - ship Him, We have come in - to His house and
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 3. wor - ship Him, Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; We have
 2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; So for -
 3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; Let us

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, wor - ship Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 *Reading responsively every other line in **bold**.*

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #518 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" verses 1 & 2

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #518 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” verses 3 & 4

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

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

The Prayers of the People

Written by the members of the Holy Nativity School 3G class.

Please respond to the words “Lord in your mercy” with “Hear our prayer.”

Lord of love, we pray for our church, that we are safe from trouble. Let people be happy and not sad.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of our Episcopal church in Hawai‘i. We pray, especially, for Rev Libby, as she makes her transition to be our bishop. Grant that, as a deacon, she may care for those in need, as a priest, sustain us with word and sacrament, and once our bishop, guard the faith and build up the body of Christ. Give her wisdom and courage, that she may promote unity, seek truth, and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace.*

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people in the world. May they all stay safe and happy. May God help us in the hard times and may God’s love stay with us and may we always stay in God’s heart.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Emmanuel, we pray for those who need help, please bring peace. We pray for the homeless that are suffering and we pray we may help them. We pray for the people that are around floods, hurricanes, and tsunamis. Heavenly Father, let everyone feel loved and blessed. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people who have died. May God take good care of our loved ones and may they always stay in our hearts. We pray for the people who were in the military, who have died in war and also for people who died in fires, floods, tsunamis. May God bring them safe and happy up to heaven.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Priest offers a concluding collect.

**Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick sent and encouraged use of this prayer across the Diocese.*

The Confession and the Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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

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

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 Hymn “Glorify Thy Name”

Offered by The Praise Team

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.

Found on the BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

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.

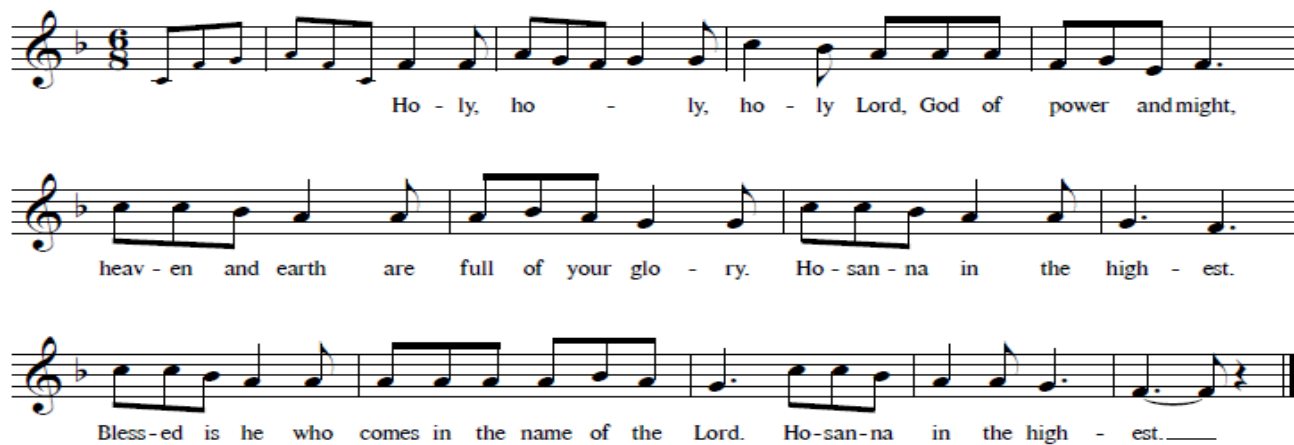
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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 WLP #857



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

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.

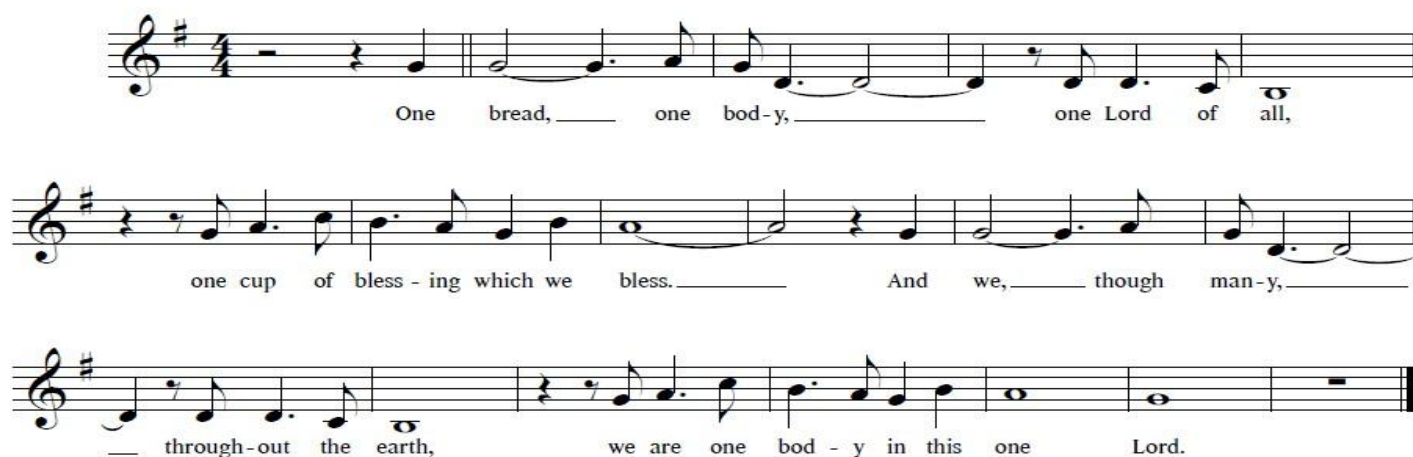
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 “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 Song “We are One in the Spirit”

Offered by Ina Young

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 Libby Berman

Closing Hymn #344 “Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude

Offered by Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today’s Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

1st Reading: Ed Stikeleather

2nd Reading: Stephen Noerper

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Fung

Intercessor: Kim Garner **Usher:** Rich Miller

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

~The Praise Team~

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 14th Sunday *after* Pentecost

August 30, 2026 at 9:00am

Pizza Church returns tonight at 5pm!

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**Our Parish Prayer list:**

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Aidan, Nobuko, Chris, Mildred, Tom, Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, John, Chelsea, Lani & Roger, Diane, Mary, Bob, Kim & Tom, David, Nancy, Becca, and David.