

The 15th Sunday *after* Pentecost

~Holy Eucharist~

Sunday, September 6, 2026 at 9am

Season of Creation Sept 1-Oct 4



Edge of Creation by Andrew Shoemaker, photographer

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

Opening Hymn #400 “All Creatures of our God and King”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

The Gloria

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated for the lessons of the day.*

The First Reading Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149 *Reading responsively every other line in bold.*

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #602 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love" verses 1 & 2

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #602 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love" 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.

Prayers of the People for Season of Creation (Adapted from Holy Nativity School 3G class prayers)

Please respond to the words "Let us pray to the Creator" with "Creator renew us."

Light of our world, you light the way for us. We pray that you keep our church safe and the people who pray there, too. Help us celebrate this season with gratitude for the earth you have created. Let us pray to the Creator.

Creator, renew us.

Good and loving God, we pray for our world. Bless all your creatures that inhabit it. Save any who have been lost, and take care of all who are suffering. Heal the animals and humans who are hurt by the mistreatment of the earth. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for our community, that we care for each other and the world around us with kindness and generosity. Give rest and comfort to those especially who are without houses or whose homes have been destroyed by floods and hurricanes. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Lord of love, help all creatures who are in need, especially those affected by changing climate, rising seas, and damage from pollution. We especially remember our friends on our parish prayer list. Grant all rest and care in your beautiful creation. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for all living beings who have died. Welcome them into your loving arms and bring them peace. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Priest offers a concluding collect.

“God, You Made Your Good Creation” By Carolyn W. Gillette

1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each
2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the
3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. “Here on

star - ry con - stel - la - tion to each for - est un - der - layer. Ti - ny
co - ral reefs are dy - ing, floods are rag - ing, droughts are long. Though the
earth as in your heav - en,” God, we pray, “Your will be done.” By your

crea - tures, moun - tain splen - dor, riv - ers, lakes and o - cean floors— You are
cir - cum - stan - ces dif - fer, when the earth is in di - stress, See! The
Spi - rit, may we lis - ten to the earth and to the poor; May we

lov - ing, kind and ten - der in your care for what is yours.
poor are first to suf - fer from our greed and sel - fish - ness.
care for all you’ve gi - ven till cre - a - tion is re - stored.

The musical score is written for a choir or solo voice with piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing a harmonic foundation. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three lines of text corresponding to the three verses. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,

taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 “Song of the Living Water”

Offered by the HN Choir

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 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" VERSE 1

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

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 “Jellyfish” By Mark Hollinghaus

Ina Young

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 Hymn “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

1

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down
your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till pilgrim days are done.

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 "Chameleon" by Andreas Willschet

Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

1st Reading: Wyn Aubrey-Child

2nd Reading: Ed Stikeleather

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Donnelly **Acolyte:** Isaiah Zitz

Intercessor: Mike Latham **Usher:** Jack Tonaki

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

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

The Holy Nativity Choir RETURNS from summer break!

We wish to thank Ina and The Praise Team for all the beautiful music this summer!

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Please join us *next* Sunday for the 16th Sunday *after* Pentecost

September 13, 2026 at 9:00am

**FAMILY SUNDAY**

*Sept 13 will be Rev. Libby's last Sunday as the Rector of Holy Nativity.*

*Please join us for service & celebration to follow.*

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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, Dave, Yolamas, Julian, Siaki and Neal.