

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 18, 2020



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*We welcome everyone to our on-line worship together today! We are glad to see you!*

**The Prelude and Procession of Crosses**

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organ; Alexander Domecki, Senior Acolyte  
*“Mit Sanften Stimmen” by Leberecht Baumert*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Opening Acclamation

*The people stand in body or in spirit as the Officiant says*

*Officiant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

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 Hymn of Praise: Hymn #362 "Holy Holy Holy"

*The congregation is welcome to join the choir in singing this hymn from home.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

*The people are seated for the readings of the day.*

### **First Reading: Exodus 19:1-8**

Then God spoke all these words:

At the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: ‘Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.’ Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 15**

*The congregation will join the reader in unison.*

A Psalm of David.

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honour those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon will read the Gospel*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Matthew 16:24-27**

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Libby Berman

## **The Nicene Creed**

ICET 1988 Text

*The Officiant 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 VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Robert, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. We pray especially, today, for the delegates to our Diocesan Convention, which convenes online on this coming Saturday, October 24, and for our whole Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii.

*For all who serve God in the Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Chris, Guthrie, Heather, Lola, Sylvia, Rico, Vivian, Wayne, Stephanie, Lora V., David, Anna Marie, Lorraine N., Brian, Jolene, June, Jim, Michael, and Doady. We also pray also for those who have the Corona virus, for caregivers, and for those who are working toward a vaccine. We pray for those experiencing unemployment or underemployment. We pray for those experiencing wildfires on the west coast.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We continue to pray for those who have died from senseless violence around the world.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

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As we come into election season in our nation, state, and city, we offer prayers “for an election” from our “Book of Common Prayer”:

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The officiant continues:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*Officiant and People together*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,  
In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
Known and known,  
Things done and left undone;  
And so uphold us by your Spirit  
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
To the honor and glory of your Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest 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 Officiant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Members of the congregation are welcome to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting!*

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!



## **The Offertory Sentence**

*Officiant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

## **Stewardship Message**

Rosemary Domecki

## **The Offertory Hymn #423: “Immortal, Invisible, God only wise”**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## **The Hawaiian Doxology** (*Hymn #380 in the 1982 Hymnal*)

*The choir will lead this hymn. The congregation may join in quietly.*

Ho'o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a,  
Ke Kei-ki me ka 'U-ha-ne no,  
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-'o-mai-ka-'i pu  
Ko kei-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.



## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Officiant*

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 Announcements**

## **The Dismissal**

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

## The Postlude

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organ

“Trumpet Tune” by Steve Godowns

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At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to join us for our “virtual coffee hour.”

**JOIN US AGAIN ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 9AM**

(Our prayers continue for our tech team and consultants, as we hope and pray to return to concurrent in-person + online worship sometime in November.)

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### **Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!**

Officiant and preacher: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and the HNC Choir

Readers: Lila Johnson & Kim Garner

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