

# The 11th Sunday *after* Pentecost

*We welcome The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick*

**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 9am**



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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

## Opening Hymn

## Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725–1807)

A - ma - zing\_ grace how sweet the  
 Twas grace that\_ taught my heart to  
 Thro' ma - ny\_ dan - gers, toils, and  
 When we've been\_ there ten thou - sand

sound that saved a\_ wretch like me.  
 And grace my\_ fears re - lieved;  
 snares, I have al - rea - dy come;  
 years, Bright shi - ning\_ as the sun,

— I once was\_ lost but now am\_  
 How pre - ci - ous did that grace ap -  
 'Tis grace hath\_ bro't me safe thus  
 We've no less\_ days to sing God's

found. Was blind but\_ now I see.  
 pear The hour I\_ first be - lieved.  
 far, And grace will\_ lead me home.  
 praise Than when we\_ first be - gun.

## Opening Acclamation

*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.*

**Gloria** *The congregation will sing through the Gloria three times -- 1<sup>st</sup> English, 2<sup>nd</sup> Latin, 3<sup>rd</sup> English.*

Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!  
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

5 Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## 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

### The First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 71:1-6** *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

**2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

**6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Hymn #654 "Day by Day"**

*Please join in the singing!*

### **The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel*

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

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## The Re-affirmation of our Baptismal Vows

***Celebrant*** Do you believe in God the Father?

***People*** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

***Celebrant*** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People*** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

***Celebrant*** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People*** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

***Celebrant*** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

***Celebrant*** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

***Celebrant*** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

***Celebrant*** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

***Celebrant*** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

## **The Prayers of the People** *(Written by members of our Sunday School)*

We ask your prayers for the church, that the fire of Pentecost sparks in us meaningful worship and brings warmth in our hearts for spreading peace among ourselves and to others in the world.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for leaders and those with any kind of authority. Enlighten them as they remember their responsibility to care for others as they care for themselves. Please protect and bring safety and unity to people who are living in fear or brokenness.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for our world. We give thanks for the sun, the rain, and the valleys of our island home. May your Holy Spirit light our way to feed the hungry, bring peace in places of war, and increase understanding between people who disagree.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for the people of our island. Thank you for the variety of cultures and languages that make us who we are. We ask for Wisdom to keep the environment clean. We ask you to bless the homeless and for affordable and safe homes where people can live. We remember those who are graduating. Bless them as they take the next steps on their journey.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for people who suffer. Give them happy, safe, and peaceful lives. Now we invite you to say the names of people you love silently in your hearts or out loud so we all can hear.

*Silence*

We ask your prayers for our saints who have died; for those who know you and for those whose faith only you know. Grant them rest and peace where there is no pain or sadness.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Celebrant 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.*

**ʻO ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me ʻoukou.**

*(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)*

*The People respond.*

**A me ʻoe pū nō hoʻi.**

*(And also with you!)*

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

**Offertory Music “Peaceful River”** (arr. Mary Donnelly and George Strid)

Offered by the Choir and Youths

## **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: Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2**

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

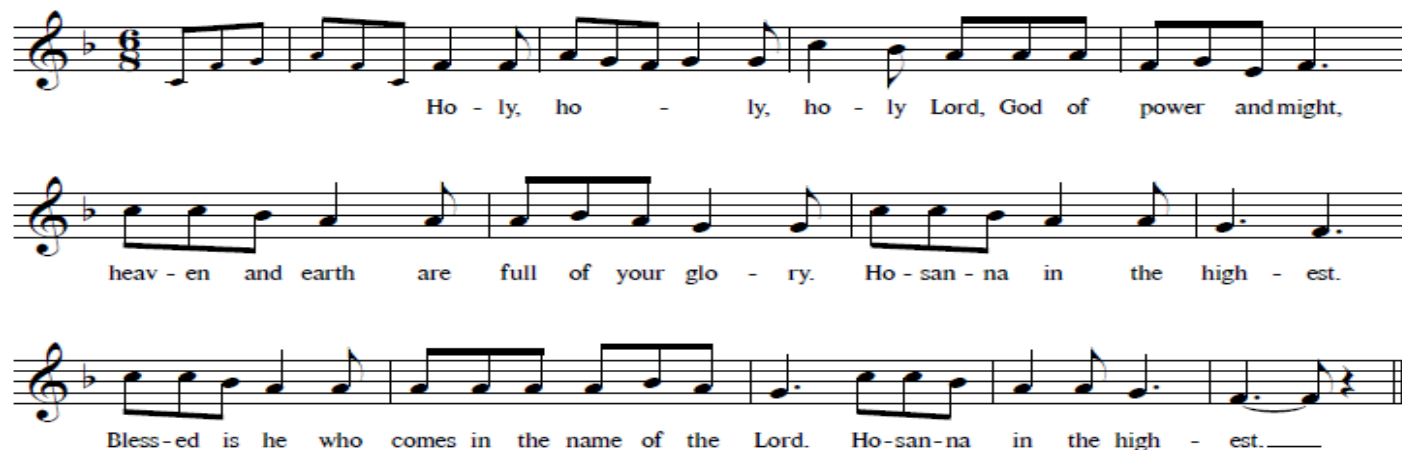
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus WLP #857



*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

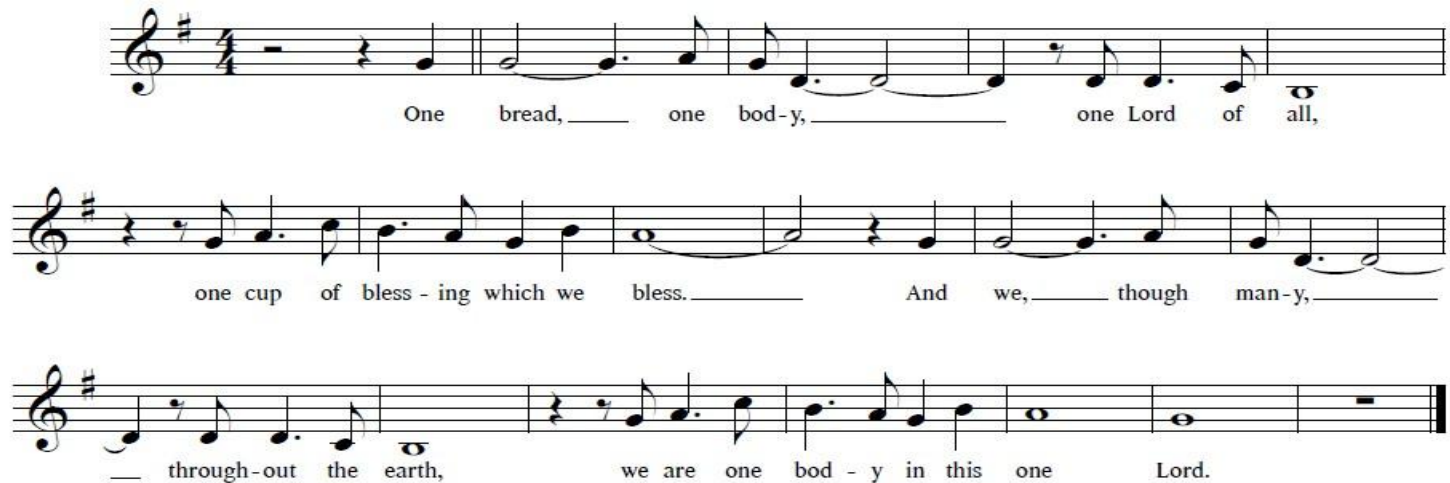
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

*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 Anthem “Healer of Our Every Ill”

### 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 Reverend Libby Berman

## The Blessing

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick

## Closing Hymn “Rejoice in the Lord”

Re - **joyce** in the Lord **al** - ways, and a - **gain** I say, Re -

5 **joyce!** Re - **joyce** in the Lord **al** - ways, and a - **gain** I say, Re -

9 **joyce!** Re - **joyce!** Re - **joyce!** And a - **gain** I say, Re -

13 **joyce!** Re - **joyce!** Re - **joyce!** And a - **gain** I say, Re - **joyce!**

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a repeat sign and a double bar line. Chords F, F, and C7 are indicated above the staff. The second line starts with a measure rest and a measure of a half note. Chords F, F, F, and C7 are indicated. The third line starts with a measure rest and a measure of a half note. Chords F, F, F, and C7 are indicated. The fourth line starts with a measure rest and a measure of a half note. Chords F, F, F, C7, and F are indicated. The lyrics are: "Re - joyce in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, Re - joyce! Re - joyce in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, Re - joyce! Re - joyce! And a - gain I say, Re - joyce! Re - joyce! And a - gain I say, Re - joyce!"

## The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God!

## The Postlude “Ua Mau”

Offered by Amie & Ina

**Thank you for joining us today!**

***Please join us on the lanai for refreshments and fellowship.***

**Ministry Team for Today's Service**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

*~Mahalo to Bishop Bob for joining us today! ~*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader & Psalm:** Stephen Noerper **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Noel Donahue

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lila Johnson **Intercessor:** Olesya Noerper

**Usher:** Justin Donahue **Acolyte:** Juliet Cuadra

**Technical team:** Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Ina Young & Amie

**Please join us *next* Sunday for the 12th Sunday *after* Pentecost**

**August 31, 2025 at 9am**

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**Our Parish Prayer list:**

Adele, Lisa May, Walter, Gerry, Madeline, Eric, Kati, Raj, Renu, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Doris, Linda, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, Lorraine, Kristi, Steven, Katherine, Kim, Luci, Dave, Gail, Nik, Sandee, Patricia, and MTT.

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**Keali'ikoa'okeakua Fund**

From June 1, 2025, until the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Hawai'i takes office (scheduled for November 14, 2026), Bishop Fitzpatrick has asked that all donations and special collections at visitations and Diocesan liturgies be designated for the "Keali'ikoa'okeakua Fund."

Checks may be made payable to: "The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i" with "Keali'ikoa'okeakua Fund" in the memo.

Donations may be online at: <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=c100fa8b-6864-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>

Or using the following QR code:

