

**The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
***Family Sunday***

**Sunday September 10, 2023 at 9am**



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## Gathering Music & Prelude “The Gift of Love” (arr. Hal Hopson)

Performed by Jan Jones, soprano, Kathy Otani, flutist & Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

## Opening Music

*Please join in!*

## Offering by Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

## 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.

## The Gloria

*Repeated three times.*

Gloria Taizé 16 Gloria 3

Canon—4 voices

Gloria 3 / Glory to God

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

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

### The 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 people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 149

*We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the verses 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 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.

### **The Homily**

The Reverend Libby Berman

### **The Nicene Creed ICET text (1988)**

*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: For the Season of Creation.**

Loving God, you have made the heavens and earth to be your cathedral. Help your church know the sanctity of your creation, and give us strength to care for and love it as you love us.

God, who made heaven and earth, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made.

God, who listens to every living thing, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made.

God, in whom all creation subsists, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, help those who govern seek justice and peace for the most vulnerable creatures around us.

God, who cares for the meek, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you.

God, to whom all creation responds, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation recognize your glorious beauty.

God, to whom all creation responds, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener.

God, who is present with your creation, help us be present too.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you.

God, who is present with your creation, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i ka‘makou pule.**

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect

the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,  
**Hear our prayer. Amen. E ho‘olohe i kā mākou pule. ‘Āmene.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant then 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 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.*

**‘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!)*



*Yours, O God, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O God, and you are exalted as head above all. (I Chronicles 29:11)*

**Offertory Music “Ubi Caritas”** (Mariano Garau, choir anthem)

HNC Choir

## The Hawaiian Doxology

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Ho-'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke A -  
7  
ku-a mau Ho-'o - mai ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao ko ke - la ao. 'Ā - me - ne.

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

*The people remain standing.*

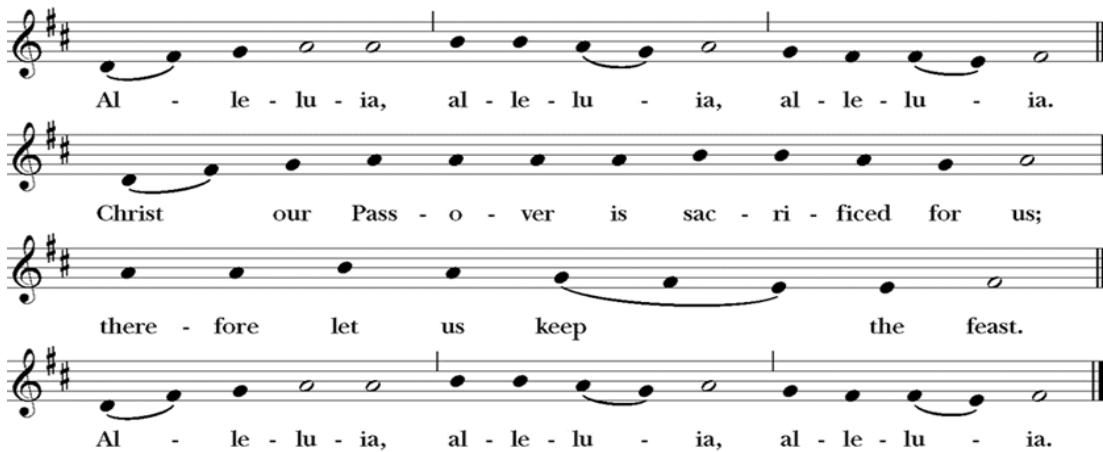
The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

### The Breaking of Bread

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in TWO lines. The person at the head of the line on each side should take the "far position" at the altar rail that is nearest to pulpit and lectern on either side, respectively. Other people will fill in; four or five can fit comfortably on each side of the rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament, as is most comfortable for you.*

*You are welcome to receive the bread only or both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you (on the inside of the rail). If you choose to receive the wine, please drink from the chalice, rather than dip or "intinct." If you wish to receive a blessing, please place your hands across your chest as you approach.*

### S-154 Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Communion Music

Offering by Dr. Cat and the HN Singers

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

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:**

#### **Closing Music**

*Please join in!*

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#### **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 “Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag” “The Glorious Day has Come at Last”** (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)  
Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

**Thank you for joining us today!**

**We wish to give special thanks and aloha to Lorraine Yamamoto on her last day as our organist.**

**Thank you for the many years of beautiful music!**

#### **Ministry Team for Today's Service**

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele

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

**Usher:** Rich Miller **Acolyte:** Juliet Cuadra **Altar Guild:** Garner Team

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

**Music Director:** Chris Suzuki **Organist:** Lorraine Yamamoto

**Guest Musicians:** Jan Jones, soprano & Kathy Otani, flutist

**Please join us *next* Sunday for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am (in person & on Zoom).**

#### **Parish Prayer List:**

Agenhart, Wayne, Heather, John, Todd, Tom, Kate, Michael, Lucille, Lance, Ann, Cynthia, Joyce, Sandee, Doris, Sheri, Raj & Renu, Eric & Kathy, Dieter, Arthur, Juditha, Brown, and Arthur.