

The 13th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9am

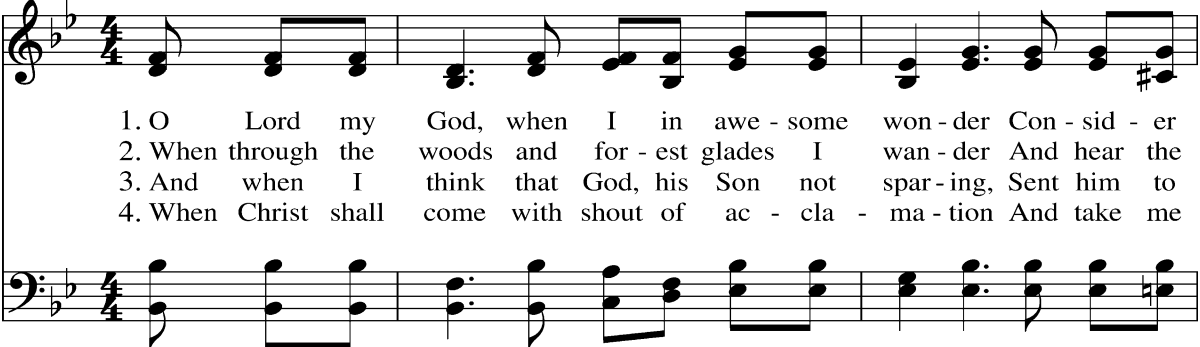


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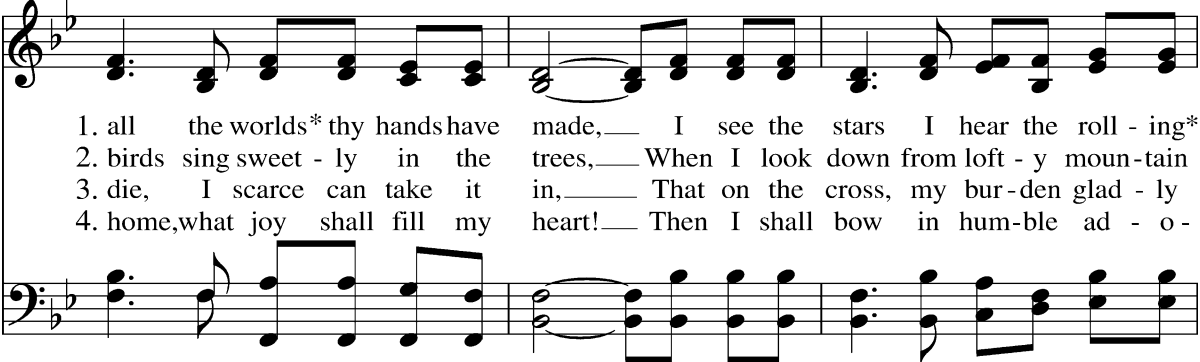
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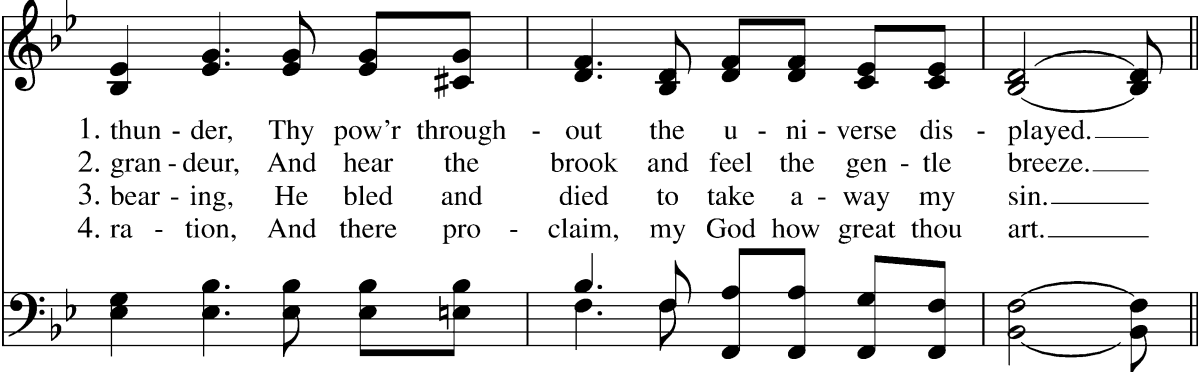
Opening Hymn “How Great Thou Art”



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

* The translator's original words are “works” and “mighty.”

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Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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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 -- 1st English, 2nd Latin, 3rd English.*

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 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 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 First Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of The earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading: Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Gradual Hymn #535 'Ye Servants of God'

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my

disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Alison Dingley

The Nicene Creed

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

The Prayers of the People: *Honoring God in Creation: Form 2*

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.
In the beginning, **God was**.

Here and now, **God is**.

In the future, **God will be**.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. *Silence*.
God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those on our parish prayer list. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

The Priest concludes with a closing 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 the grace of 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!)

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

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 B

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

The people remain standing.

Sanctus S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

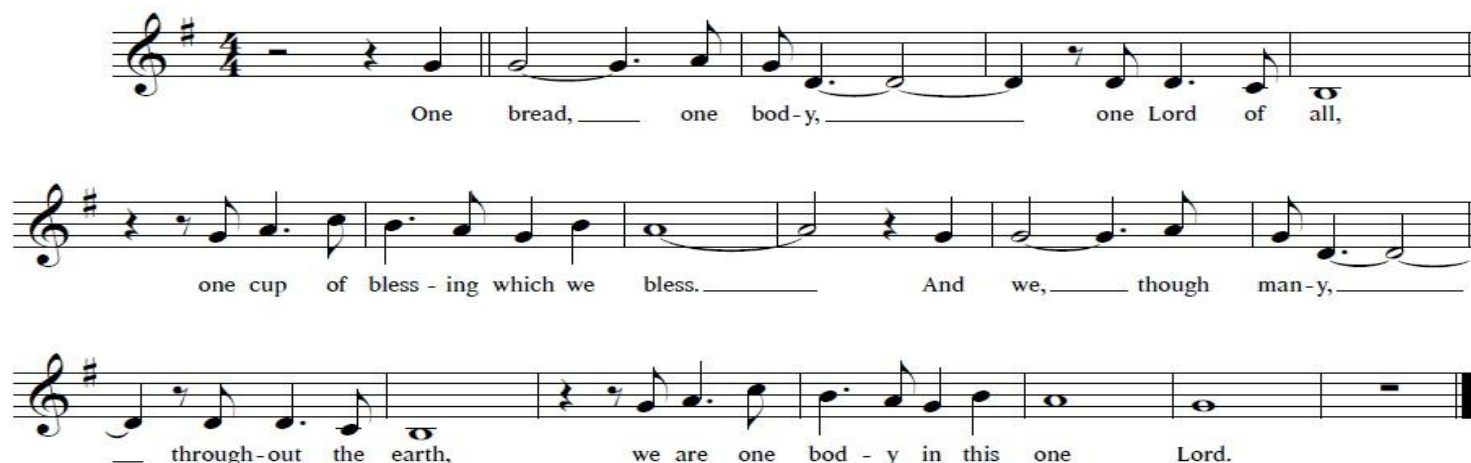
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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 “Leaves Traveling in the Wind ”

Offered by Ina Young

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk _____ with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

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The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Lush Mountainside”

Offered by Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

We welcome the Reverend Alison Dingley back to HNC today as our Preacher. *Mahalo!*

1st Reader & Psalm: Zoe Muenzer **2nd Reader:** Dan Muenzer

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Donnelly **Intercessor:** Olesya Noerper

Usher: Rich Miller **Acolyte:** Isaiah Zitz

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young **And also:** Amie

*The altar flowers for this Sunday's service are in loving memory of
our son Steven Davis Nurmi 9/ 5/ 2018
~The David Nurmi Family~*

**Please join us *next* Sunday, the 14th Sunday *after* Pentecost
September 14, 2025 at 9am**

~Family Sunday~

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, Nik, Sandee, Patricia, MTT, Julie,
and Dorothy.