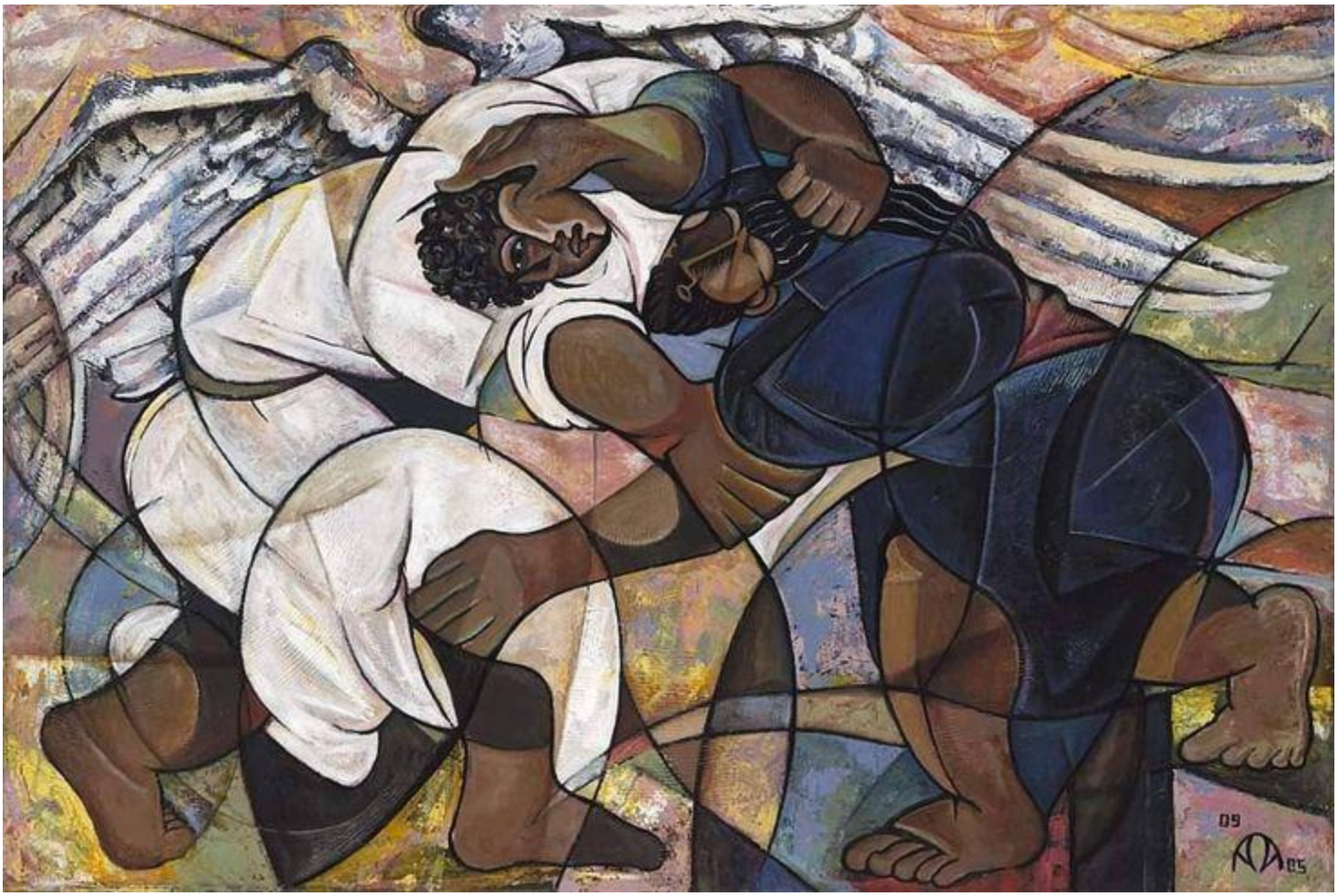
The 8th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 9am



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

Prelude Offered by Ina Young

Opening Hymn #390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Opening Acclamation

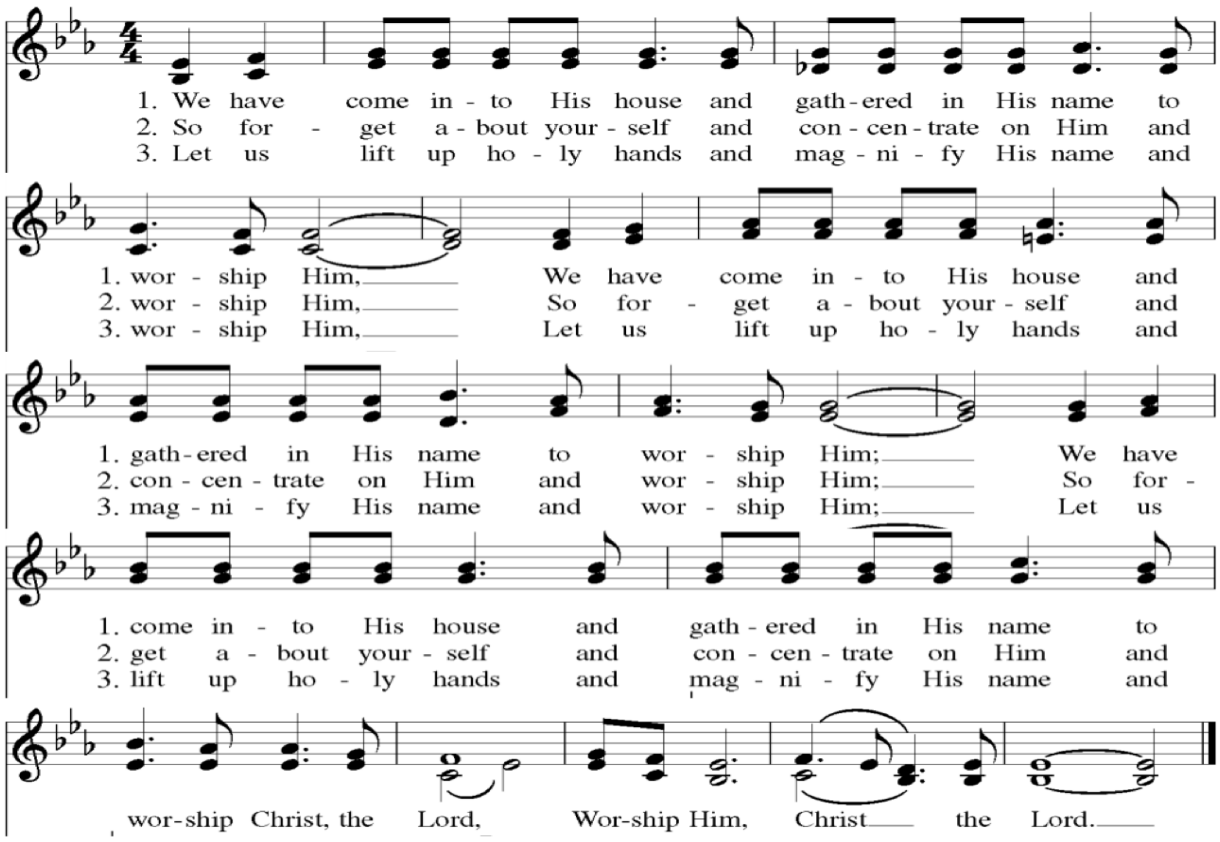
Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's 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 (LEVAS #245) ***FIRST verse, only.***



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Reading responsively every other line 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.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Sequence Hymn "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (All) *Found on page 10 of this bulletin*

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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 put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw

them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (All) *Found on page 10 of this bulletin.*

The Sermon The Reverend Libby Berman

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

The Prayers of the People Written by the members of the Holy Nativity School 3G class.
Please respond to the words "Lord in your mercy" with "Hear our prayer."

Lord of love, we pray for our church, that we are safe from trouble. Let people be happy and not sad.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of our Episcopal church in Hawai'i. We pray, especially, for Rev Libby, as she makes her transition to be our bishop. Grant that, as a deacon, she may care for those in need, as a priest, sustain us with word and sacrament, and once our bishop, guard the faith and build up the body of Christ. Give her wisdom and courage, that she may promote unity, seek truth, and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace**.***
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people in the world. May they all stay safe and happy. May God help us in the hard times and may God's love stay with us and may we always stay in God's heart.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Emmanuel, we pray for those who need help, please bring peace. We pray for the homeless that are suffering and we pray we may help them. We pray for the people that are around floods, hurricanes, and tsunamis. Heavenly Father, let everyone feel loved and blessed. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people who have died. May God take good care of our loved ones and may they always stay in our hearts. We pray for the people who were in the military, who have died in war and also for people who died in fires, floods, tsunamis. May God bring them safe and happy up to heaven.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Priest offers a concluding collect.

***Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick sent and encouraged use of this prayer across the Diocese.*

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
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 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 "Lord, I lift Your Name on High" Offered by the Praise Team

The Hawaiian Doxology Found on the BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.
Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.

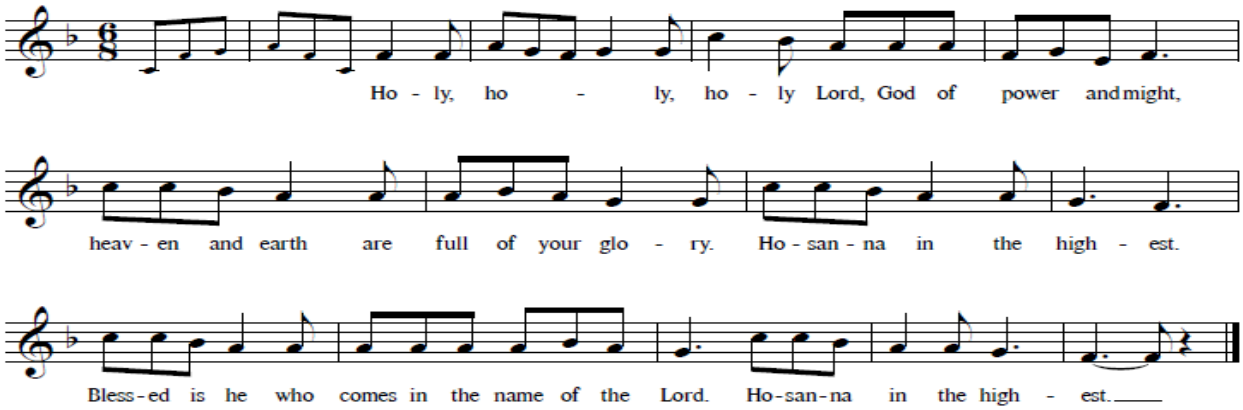
The Holy Communion
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3 *from Enriching our Worship I*

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.

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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!

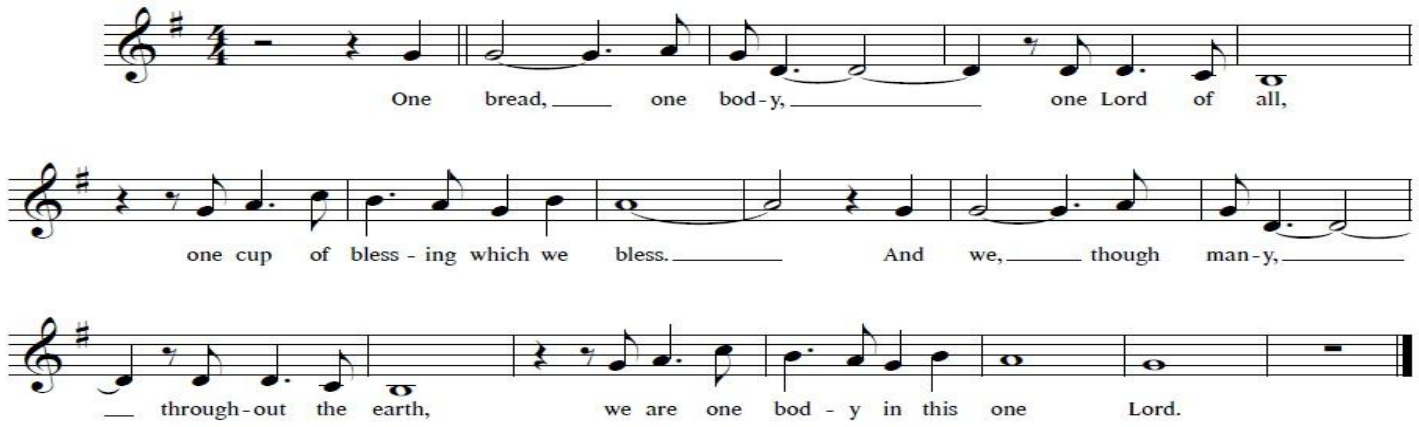
The Lord's Prayer
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

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.

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 "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 Song "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 Blessing The Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Hymn #690 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Dismissal
Deacon or Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude Offered by Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service
Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

1st Reading: David Callies
2nd Reading: Lila Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Kim Garner **Acolyte**: Bella Reeuwijk
Intercessor: Kathy Otani **Usher**: Rich Miller
Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain
Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie
And our Praise Team!

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 6th Sunday *after* Pentecost

July 26, 2026 at 9:00am

~The Baptism of Elena Jackson~
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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

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

