

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 9am**



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## Gathering Music & Prelude “Come , Come, Ye Saints” (Franklin D. Ashdown)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

### Opening Hymn #423 “Immortal Invisible”

### 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**

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

(C) Glo - ri - a, Glo-ry to God, (D) glo - ri - a, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994. © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé. GIA Publications, Inc., agent

### 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

### The 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

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

**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 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.

### **The Sermon**

Dr. Stephen Noerper

**The Prayers of the People: Form I**

**The Book of Common Prayer p. 383**

**Parish Prayer List:**

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

**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. (1 Chronicles 29:11)*

## Offertory Hymn #665 “All My Hope on God is Founded”

### The Hawaiian Doxology

Found on the BACK over of The Book of Common Prayer.

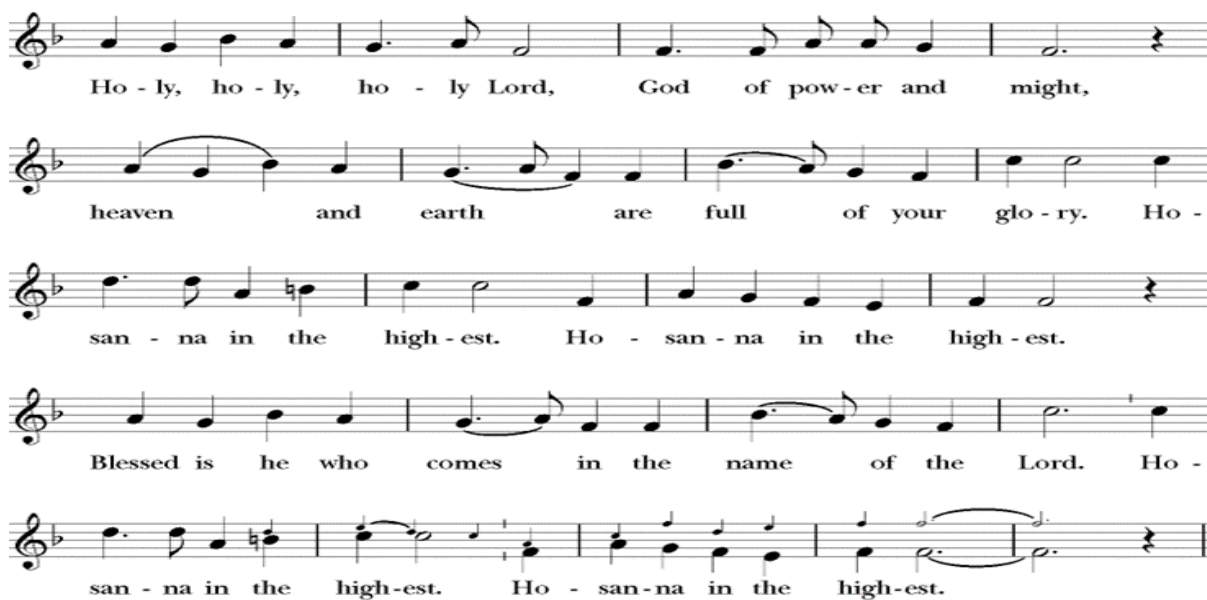
### The Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

*The people remain standing.*

#### S-125 The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

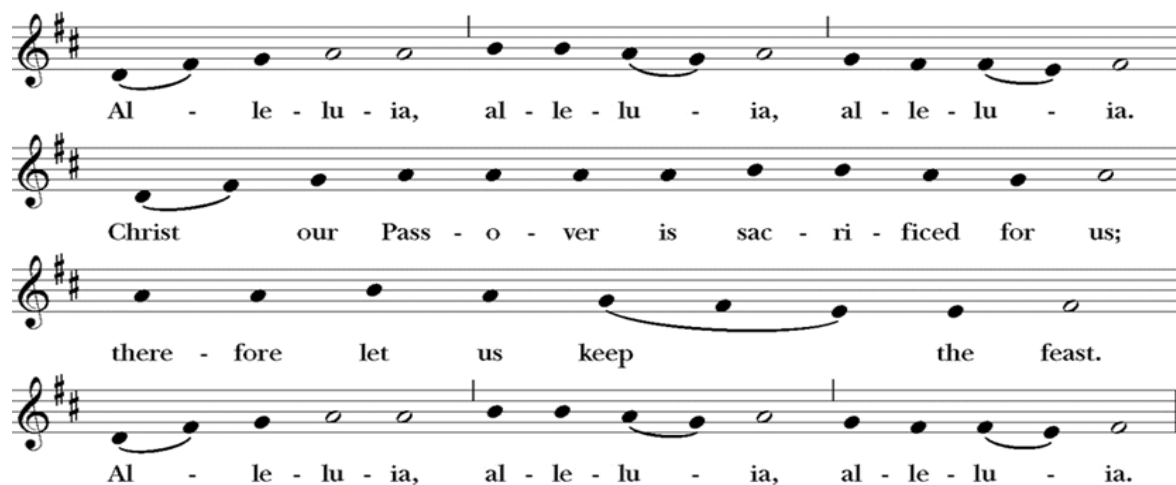


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Breaking of Bread

*You may receive the sacrament in one (bread) or both (bread and wine) kinds. Please come forward to receive the bread first. Then turn toward the Eucharistic Minister if you wish to receive wine from the chalice. (Please take a sip, but do not “intinct” or “dip.”). Receiving the bread only is considered a full communion in our church. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your hands over 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

Offered by Lorraine Yamamoto

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

The Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn WLP #743 “God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

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 “Trumpet Tune” (Steve Godowns)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

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**Thank you for joining us today!**

Ministry Team for Today’s Service

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

*Mahalo to today’s Preacher, Dr. Stephen Noerper*

**Reader:** Justin Donahue

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kim Garner **Intercessor:** Kim Garner

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki **Altar Guild:** Braham Team

**Technical team:** Alex Picken and Thomas Campello

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

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday July 30th at 9am  
(in person & on Zoom).