

The 16th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Season of Creation Sept 1-Oct 4

~Holy Eucharist~

Aloha, Mahalo nui, & Pōmaika'i!

Reverend Libby



Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 9am

Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI
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Opening Hymn “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

For music see slide on the TV screen

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

The Gloria

For the Beauty of each hour

Of the day and the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower,

sun and moon, and stars of light,

Christ our God, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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 Exodus 14:19-31

When the people of God were on the move in the desert, God sent an angel to push them from behind. And a pillar made of cloud moved behind them as well. In the dark the cloud lit up the night and kept the Egyptians and the people of God apart.

Moses raised his hand over the sea in front of them. God had separated the waters with a strong wind all night long, and it was like the sea had a dry pathway right through the middle of it with walls made of water to their left and to their right.

The Egyptians saw them walking through the sea and came after them, with their horses and chariots and those driving the chariots. The pillar of fire and cloud, which was separating them from the people of God, threw the Egyptians into a panic. The wheels of their chariots failed and got stuck in the mud. They looked at each other and said, “We’d better get out of here, because it looks like God is on their side.”

But the people of God kept on walking on dry ground, between the walls of water that God had made for them. On that day, God saved Israel from the Egyptians who were after them. All the people of Israel knew that God had rescued them. So the people believed in God and in God’s servant Moses.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s Creation.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 *Reading responsively the lines in bold.*

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, where they lived as strangers, Judah became the place where God lived and Israel became God's kingdom.

Even the sea could see it was in God's presence, and the waters ran away.

The Jordan River saw God coming and turned around and went the other way.

All the earth is in awe in God's presence.

The mountains were skipping and hopping like rams and the little hills were frolicking like lambs

What got into you, O seas, that you ran away from God?

And you Jordan, why did you turn around?

Why were you skipping and hopping like rams, you mountains? And lambs, what were you frolicking about?

All the earth is in awe in God's presence.

All the earth was shaking in the awe of God's power and at the presence of the God of Jacob.

It was God who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and stone into a spring of flowing water.

All the earth is in awe in God's presence.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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.

Peter had another question for Jesus, "If someone at my church hurts my feelings, how often do I have to forgive him? Is seven times enough?"

Jesus laughed at Peter, "Seven times? You've got to be kidding! More like seventy-seven times, I's say. Let me tell you a story about forgiveness."

Jesus continued: There once was a king whose slaves owed him some money. One who owed him \$10,000 came to the king and told him he had no money to pay him back. So, the king said the slave would have to be sold, along with his family and everything he owned, to make up for his debt. But the king was kind and forgave the debt.

That same slave whose debt had been forgiven ran into a fellow slave who owed him \$100. He grabbed him by the throat and said, "You pay me what you owe me or else!" His fellow slave fell down on the ground and pleaded with him, "Please have patience with me. I promise I will pay you. Give me some more time." But the first slave refused and threw his fellow into prison until he could pay the debt.

All the other slaves were very upset when they saw this because they knew that the first man had been unfair. The owner said, "When I knew you couldn't pay me what you owed, I listened to your story and forgave your debt to me. Shouldn't you have done the same when someone owed you money? You make me so angry, get out of my sight."

God, your heavenly Father, wants you to forgive from your heart, even as you have been forgiven.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

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

Prayers of the People for Season of Creation

(Adapted from Holy Nativity School 3G class prayers)

Please respond to the words "Let us pray to the Creator" with "Creator renew us."

Light of our world, you light the way for us. We pray that you keep our church safe and the people who pray there, too. Help us celebrate this season with gratitude for the earth you have created. Let us pray to the Creator.

Creator, renew us.

Good and loving God, we pray for our world. Bless all your creatures that inhabit it. Save any who have been lost, and take care of all who are suffering. Heal the animals and humans who are hurt by the mistreatment of the earth. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for our community, that we care for each other and the world around us with kindness and generosity. Give rest and comfort to those especially who are without houses or whose homes have been destroyed by floods and hurricanes. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Lord of love, help all creatures who are in need, especially those affected by changing climate, rising seas, and damage from pollution. We especially remember our friends on our parish prayer list. Grant all rest and care in your beautiful creation. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for all living beings who have died. Welcome them into your loving arms and bring them peace. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.** *Priest offers a concluding collect.*

"God, You Made Your Good Creation" By Carolyn W. Gillette

1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each
2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the
3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. "Here on
star - ry con - stel - la - tion to each for - est un - der - layer. Ti - ny
co - ral reefs are dy - ing, floods are rag - ing, droughts are long. Though the
earth as in your heav - en," God, we pray, "Your will be done." By your
crea - tures, moun - tain splen - dor, riv - ers, lakes and o - cean floors— You are
cir - cum - stan - ces dif - fer, when the earth is in di - stress, See! The
Spi - rit, may we lis - ten to the earth and to the poor; May we
lov - ing, kind and ten - der in your care for what is yours.
poor are first to suf - fer from our greed and sel - fish - ness.
care for all you've gi - ven till cre - a - tion is re - stored.

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 “Make a Joyful Noise” by Dr. Cat

Offered by Dr. Cat and the HN Singers & Choir

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: 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.

Sanctus “Hemolele”



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

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 LEVAS #16 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" VERSE 1

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

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 “A Listening Heart”

The Post-Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Song Chapel Songbook #31 “Magic Penny”

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Offered by Dr Cat

Thank you for joining us today!

Please join us on the lanai for food, music, and fellowship!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

Reading & Leading Psalm: Noel Donahue

Eucharistic Minister: Lila Johnson **Acolyte:** Ethan Miyasaka

Intercessor: Andrew Miyasaka **Usher:** Justin Donahue

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

Today we enjoyed Dr. Cat & the HN Singers AND the HN Choir

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**Please join us *next* Sunday for the 17th Sunday *after* Pentecost  
September 20, 2026 at 9:00am**

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Our Parish Prayer list:

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Nobuko, Chris, Mildred, Tom,
Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, John, Chelsea, Lani & Roger, Diane, Mary, Bob,
Kim & Tom, David, Nancy, Becca, Dave, Yolamas, Julian, Siaki and Neal.