

**The 12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 9am**



artist unknown

Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI  
5286 Kalaniana'ole Highway Honolulu, HI 96821  
[www.holynativityhonolulu.org](http://www.holynativityhonolulu.org)

## Gathering Music & Prelude “Festival Prelude on Coronation” (Elizabeth A. Krouse)

Lorraine Yamamoto, organist

## Opening Hymn #410 “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

## 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.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 133

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

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.

## **The Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

*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 called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Robert Steele

## **The Nicene Creed**

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

## **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, 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. (I Chronicles 29:11)*

## Offertory Music

An offering from the HNC Choir

## The Hawaiian Doxology

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

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

*The people remain standing.*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

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 Out 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

An offering from the HNC Choir.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

## The Announcements & Blessing

**Closing Hymn #470 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

*Please join in!*

HNC Choir

## 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 “Arlington”** (Gilbert A. Martin)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

~~~~~

**Thank you for joining us today!**

### Ministry Team for Today’s Service

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

***We welcome back our wonderful HNC Choir!***

**Reader:** David Callies

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rick Fung **Intercessor:** Jean Steele

**Usher:** Steve Soresi **Altar Guild:** Garner Team

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

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

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday August 27 at 9am

(in person & on Zoom).