

# The 7th Sunday *after* Pentecost

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 9am



Jacob & Esau, artist unknown

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*Sunday School on the lanai, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for Family Sunday.*

Opening Hymn #371 “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

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.

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
 2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
 3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

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\_\_\_\_\_ wor - ship Christ, the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Wor - ship Him, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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 Genesis 25:19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 119:105-112**

*Reading responsively every other line in bold.*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

**106 I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

107 I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

**108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

109 My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.**

## **The Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn #632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" verses 1 & 2**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

*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 went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sequence Hymn #632 “O Christ, the Word Incarnate” *verse 3*

### The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

### 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 “Dona Nobis Pacem”**

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.

**Sanctus WLP #857**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heav - en 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 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"

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many,  
through-out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

*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 LEVAS II #152 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
 2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).  
 2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

**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 Jennifer Latham

**Closing Hymn #537 “Christ for the World We Sing”**

**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

*Rev. Libby will be in Waimanalo with the folks of St. Matthew’s this Sunday.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Justin Donahue

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Noel Donahue

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ed Stikeleather **Acolyte:** Noel Donahue

**Intercessor:** Mike Latham **Usher:** Justin Donahue

**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 19, 2026 at 9:00am**

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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.