

The 18th Sunday *after* Pentecost

~Holy Eucharist~

Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 9am

Season of Creation Sept 1 - Oct 4



Artist unknown

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

Opening Hymn “We Tend the Ground”

Lead by The Praise Team

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 74. The score begins with a 3-measure rest, followed by the first line of music. The lyrics are: "We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found. In self-less love God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground. With open hands our Lord has Where a hard-ened heart has turned to On rocky paths and trodden Let plows be forged from words that give his life for all that we might live. No greater love is there than Help us to tend to others' Give us the grace to follow and break the hard and stony this, needs, you. ground. no greater love, o - pen our eyes, Make straight the way, Lord, bring your peace, no greater love. o - pen our eyes. make straight the way. We till the ground. Lord, bring your peace." The score includes a 3-measure rest at the beginning, a repeat sign for the first line, and a section labeled "REFRAIN" starting at measure 7. The "VERSES" section begins at measure 11. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

REFRAIN

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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 Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
thy pure sacrifice of love,

*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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated for the lessons of the day.*

The First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Reading responsively every other line in bold.*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Sequence Hymn #593 "Lord, Make Us a Servant of Your Peace" verses 1, 2, & 3

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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.

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #593 “Lord, Make Us a Servant of Your Peace ” verses 4 & 5

The Sermon

The Reverend Alison Dingley

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

Found on Page 10 of this bulletin

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

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,

overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 “The Day God Gives Me” (ascr. St. Patrick)

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 “O God of All Creation” by Jered McKenna & Gustav Holst

Offered by Amie

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 Alison Dingley

Closing Hymn #535 “Ye Servants of God”

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 “Corals” by Markus Hollingshaus

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today’s Service

Clergy: The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Welcome back: The Reverend Alison Dingley

Pizza Church TONIGHT at 5pm

1st Reading: Juliet Cuadra

2nd Reading: Lila Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Kim Garner **Acolyte** Zofia Verano

Intercessor: Kathy Otani **Usher:** Ed Stikeleather

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

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

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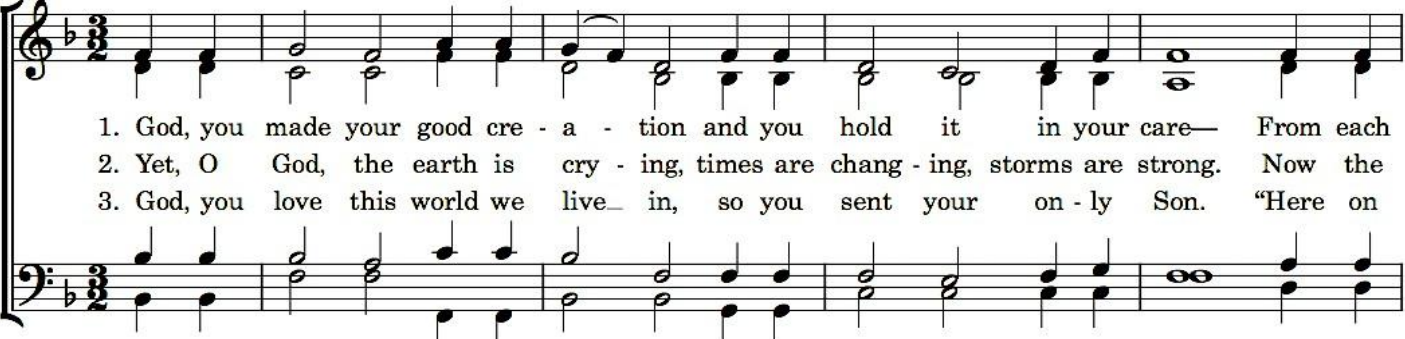
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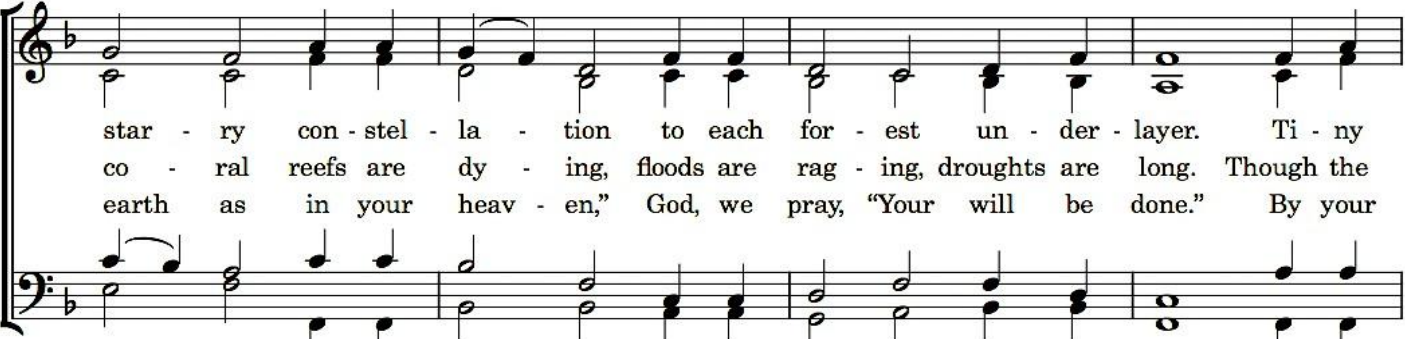
Our Parish Prayer list:

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, David, Nancy, Becca, Dave, Yolamas, Julian, Siaki, Neal, Grace, Jan, Mike, and Sam.

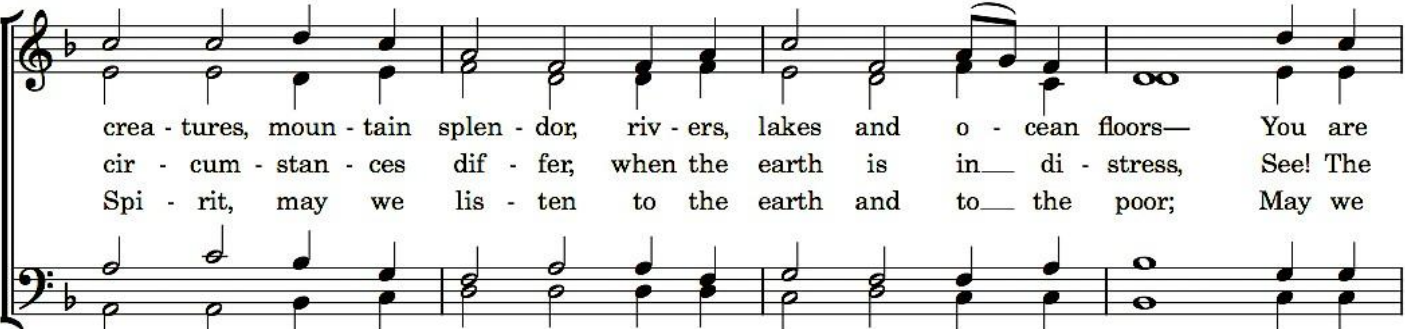
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1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each
 2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the
 3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. “Here 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.