

The 4th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 9am



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

Prelude “America the Beautiful”

Jan Jones, vocal solo/ Kathy Otani, flute / Marlene Patton, keyboard

Opening Hymn #522 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” (verses 1, 2 & 4)

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.*

Gloria *The congregation will sing through the Gloria three times -- 1st English, 2nd Latin, 3rd English.*

Dm* Gm C F Dm* Gm C F

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

5 Dm* Gm C F Dm* Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Reading: Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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.

The Prayers of the People (*Written by members of our Sunday School*)

We ask your prayers for the church, that the fire of Pentecost sparks in us meaningful worship and brings warmth in our hearts for spreading peace among ourselves and to others in the world.

Silence

We ask your prayers for leaders and those with any kind of authority, enlighten them as they remember their responsibility to care for others as they care for themselves. Please protect and bring safety and unity to people who are living in fear or brokenness.

Silence

We ask your prayers for our world. We give thanks for the sun, the rain, and the valleys of our island home. May your Holy Spirit light our way to feed the hungry, bring peace in places of war, and increase understanding between people who disagree.

Silence

We ask your prayers for the people of our island. Thank you for the variety of cultures and languages that make us who we are. We ask for Wisdom to keep the environment clean. We ask you to bless the homeless and for affordable and safe homes where people can live. We remember those who are graduating. Bless them as they take the next steps on their journey.

Silence

We ask your prayers for people who suffer. Give them happy, safe, and peaceful lives. Now we invite you to say the names of people you love silently in your hearts or out loud so we all can hear.

Silence

We ask your prayers for our saints who have died; for those who know you and for those whose faith only you know. Grant them rest and peace where there is no pain or sadness.

Silence

Celebrant

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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!)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Offertory Hymn #722 LEVS “We Shall Overcome”

We shall o - ver - come,_____ We shall o - ver - come,_____

We shall o - ver - come some - day;_____ Oh,_____

deep in my heart,_____ I do be - lieve,_____ (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day._____ day.

2 We'll walk hand in hand, today.

3 God is on our side, today.

4 We are not afraid, today.

5 We shall live in peace, someday.

We Shall Overcome, #227 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*. Arr. Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood.

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: Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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 and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

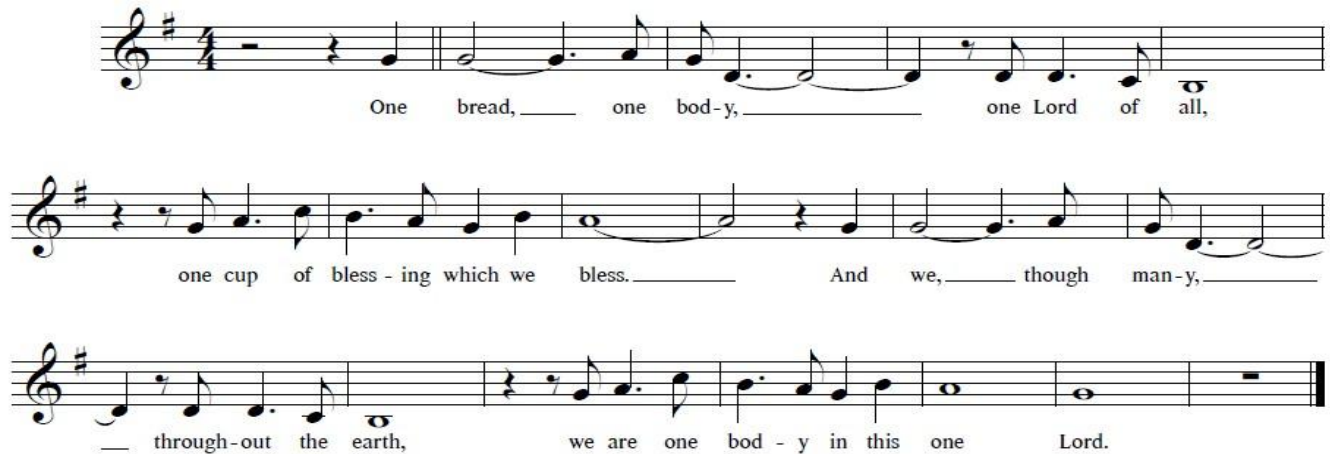
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

Fraction “One Bread, One Body”



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 Music “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” by John B. Dykes, arr. Rebecca Belliston

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 Libby Berman

Closing Hymn #780 WLP “Lord You Give the Great Commission”

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 “Hawai’i Aloha”

VERSE 1:

E Hawai’i e ku’u one hanau e
Ku’u home kulaiwi nei
‘Oli no au i na pono lani ou
E Hawai’i, aloha e

HUI:

E hau’oli na ‘opio o Hawai’i nei
‘Oli e! ‘Oli e!
Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei
Mau ke aloha, no Hawai’i

VERSE 2:

E ha’i mai kou mau kini lani e
Kou mau kupa aloha, e Hawai’i
Na mea ‘olino kamaha’o no luna mai
E Hawai’i, aloha e

(repeat hui)

VERSE 3:

Na ke Akua e malama mai ia ‘oe
Kou mau kualona aloha nei
Kou mau kahawai ‘olinolino mau
Kou mau mala pua nani e

(repeat hui)

VERSE 1:

O Hawaii, O sands of my birth
My native home
I rejoice in the blessings of heaven
O Hawaii, aloha.

CHORUS:

Happy youth of Hawaii
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Gentle breezes blow
Love always for Hawaii.

VERSE 2:

May your divine throngs speak
Your loving people, O Hawaii
The holy light from above
O Hawaii, aloha.

(repeat chorus)

VERSE 3:

God protects you
Your beloved ridges
Your ever glistening streams
Your beautiful flower gardens.

(repeat chorus)

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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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader & Psalm:** Stephen Noerper   **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Olesya Noerper

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lila Johnson   **Intercessor:** Ed Stikeleather   **Usher:** Rich Miller

**Technical team:** Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Ina Young   **Guest Keyboardist:** Marlene Patton

**Guest soloists:** Jan Jones & Kathy Otani

**Please join us *next* Sunday for the 5th Sunday *after* Pentecost**

**July 13th, 2025 at 9am**

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Our Parish Prayer list:

Adele, Lisa May, Walter, Gerry, Bill, Madeline, Eric, Kati, Raj, Renu, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Doris, Linda,
Esther, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, Lorraine, Kristi, Steven, Katherine, Kim, Luci, and Dave.