

# The 10th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 9am



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

## Opening Hymn #390 “Praise to the Lord , the Almighty”

### 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 -- 1<sup>st</sup> English, 2<sup>nd</sup> Latin, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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 First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18** *The Reader will begin, and the congregation will respond with verses in **BOLD**.*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

**9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.**

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

**11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.**

12 Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

**15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

**17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**The Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn #675 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"**

**The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

*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.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*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*

*Priest offers a concluding collect.*

## 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 Music

Offered by Ina Young

## 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: 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.

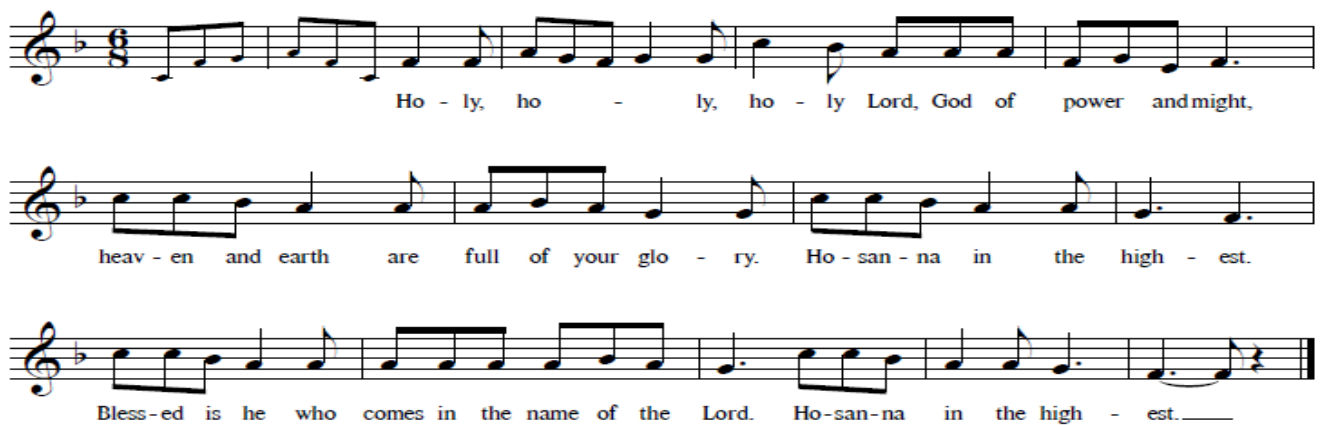
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

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



### *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.

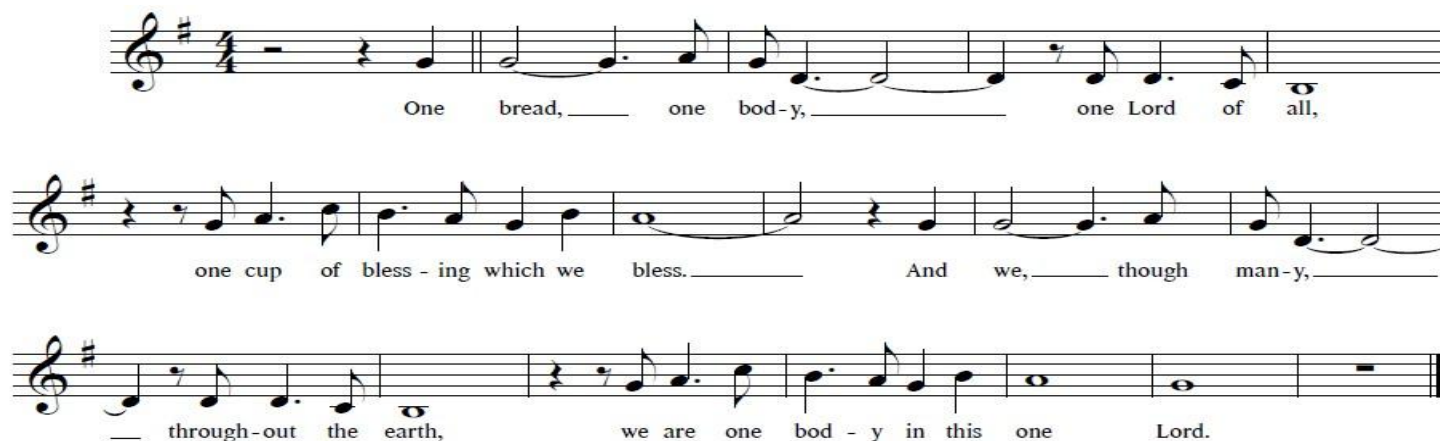
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### 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 Anthem WLP #827 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

### 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 #637 “How Firm a Foundation”

### 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

Offered by Ina Young

**Thank you for joining us today!**

### Ministry Team for Today's Service

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader & Psalm:** Dan Muenzer **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Zoe Muenzer

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lila Johnson **Intercessor:** Ed Stikleather

**Usher:** Ed Stikleather **Acolyte:** Ethan Miyasaka

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

**Music Director:** Ina Young

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 11th Sunday *after* Pentecost

*For a visit from The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick*

August 24, 2025 at 9am

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### Our Parish Prayer list:

Adele, Lisa May, Walter, Gerry, Madeline, Eric, Kati, Raj, Renu, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Doris, Linda, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, Lorraine, Kristi, Steven, Katherine, Kim, Luci, Dave, Gail, Nik, Sandee, Patricia, MT'T and the Harris/Bellows Family.