

**17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 9am**



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Please bear with us, as we keep our community safe during the current COVID surge. Everyone must be masked during our entire service and we must limit live music. If you choose to receive the Sacrament, please return to your seat before consuming it. After the service, please greet friends quietly and then depart. We will return to coffee hour and other, more relaxed practices as soon as we are safely able to do so! Mahalo for your kokua!

**Gathering Music**

**Prelude:** Willis Moore, Guest Organist

**Opening Hymn: WLP #830 “Laudate Omnes Gentes”**

*Offered by the HNC Video Choir*

## Opening Acclamation

*The people rise in body or in spirit as the Celebrant says*

*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

Opening section of the Hymnal, S-280

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 people are seated for the readings of the day.*

### Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,  
    she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
    and provides food for her household  
    and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
    with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
    and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
    Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
    and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
    and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
    for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
    her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
    taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
    she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
    and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
    and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
    and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
    her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
    but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
    but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
    and let her works praise her in the city gates.

## Psalm 1

*The lector will read the odd-numbered verses; the congregation will respond with the even-numbered verses*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

*All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

The Reverend Dr. Robert Steele

## The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 text

*The Celebrant begins. The people join in.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People: Form III** *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 387

*The Intercessor will begin; the congregation is invited to join in the responses printed in italics.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. We pray,  
especially, for the people in our Diocese of Hawaii.  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Olga & Yuri. We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers and for those facing unemployment. We pray for those experiencing strife in Afghanistan. We pray for those in Haiti and the Gulf Coast.

*That they all may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant 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 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**

*The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People* And also with you!



## **The Offertory Anthem: “September Morning” by David Kanter**

*Offered by a national collective Video Choir*

Verse 1:

I was there on September morning  
In a world that was tranquil and bright  
When the terror was delivered without warning  
And the day was transformed into night  
And I looked on the scene unbelieving  
How could man to man be so unkind?  
Yet I live  
Still I live  
For a new September morning

Verse 2:

In the hours that followed there were stories  
Of the heroes who gave up their lives  
For as hundreds were fleeing from the buildings  
There were some who would rush back inside  
As the smoke and the dust overcame them  
We would witness their noble sacrifice  
Yet they live  
Still they live  
In a legacy of glory

Verse 3:

In the skyline of our imagination  
lay the spirits of those who have died  
And what building shall rise will enshrine them  
And the beauty bestowed with their lives  
On the plot which is known as ground zero  
We will always reverently walk  
For we live  
Still we live  
For a new September morning

Verse 4:

In the history of our beloved nation  
whose ideals we are called to defend  
We have granted our debt to the Almighty  
on Whose help we will always depend  
By the wisdom of our Founding Fathers  
who our greatest blessings did avail  
We may live  
And be free  
As one nation under God  
As one nation under God  
Our nation will not fail

*“Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.”*

Please place your offerings in the koa bowl at the rear of the church. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks made out to Holy Nativity. *Thank you!*

## **The Hawaiian Doxology**

Led by our HouseHold Choir [video]

Ho’o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau,  
Ke Kei-ki me ka ‘U-ha-ne no,  
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-’o-mai-ka-’i pu  
Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 369

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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!

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Announcements & Blessing

The Rev. Libby Berman

## Closing Hymn & Recessional WLP # 831 Ubi Caritas

*Offered by the HNC Video Choir*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*People* Thanks be to God!

## The Postlude: Willis Moore, Guest Organist

### **Ministry Team for Today's Service: Thank you, all!**

Celebrant: The Rev. Libby Berman Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Steele

Eucharistic minister: Rick Fung Readers: Ed Moore and Justin Donahue

Intercessor: Jean Steele

Usher: Austin Nakoa

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung

Altar Guild: Braham Team

### **Staff:**

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Willis Moore

Parish Administrator: Athena DeRasmo Bookkeeper: Wil Ching

Thrift Shop: Peggy Budlong & Cheri Keefer

**JOIN US FOR THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th at 9AM (in person & online)**



If you are not or cannot be vaccinated, or if your immunity is compromised, please join our Zoom gatherings on Sunday mornings. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to do so.

Our bishop has shared this prayer, in light of the current COVID surge: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.