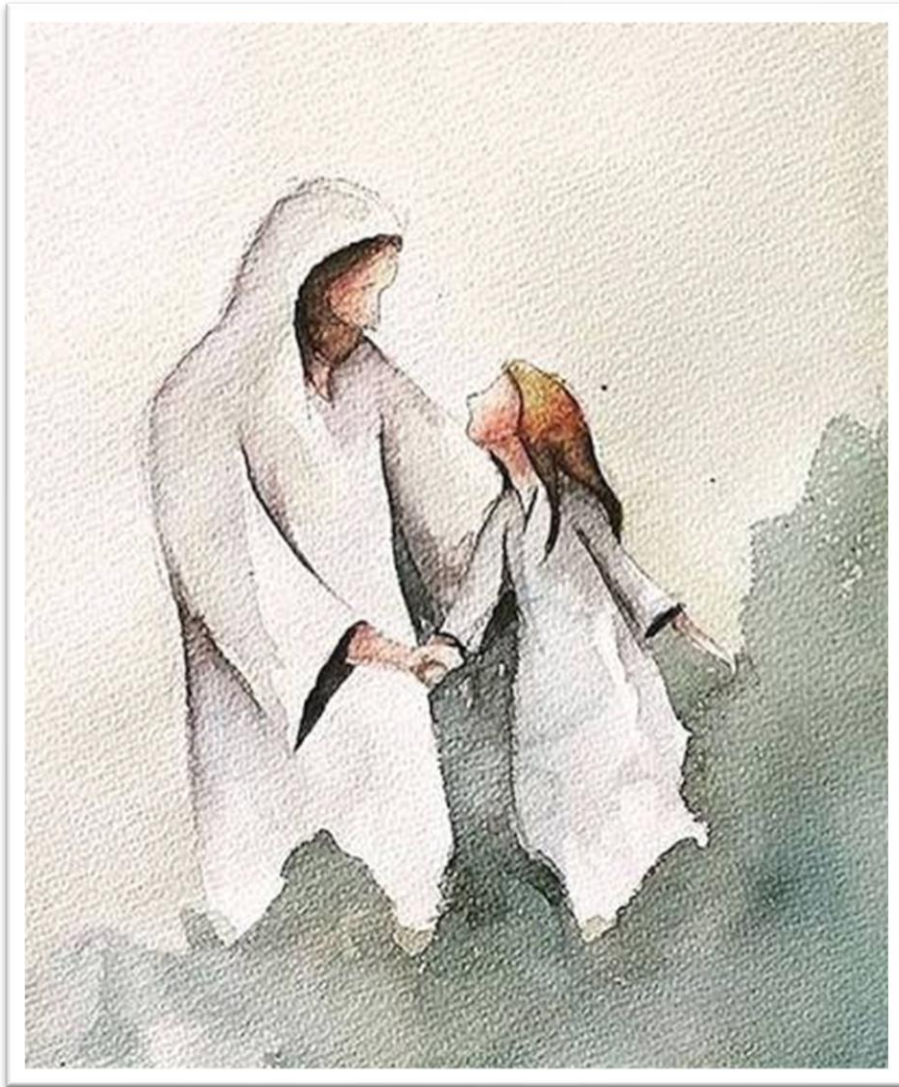


The 9th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 9am

~The Baptism of Elena 'Alaneo Richardson ~



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

Opening Hymn #525 "The Church's One Foundation"

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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 2. wor - ship Him, So for - get a - bout your - self 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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b *Reading responsively every other line in bold.*

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

Sequence Hymn #490 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” verses 1 & 2

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #490 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” verse 3

The Sermon

The Reverend Lizzie Robbins

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by her Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents.

I present Elena ‘Alaneo Richardson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents.

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents.

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents, godparents, and grandparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual force of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will!

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Rising now in body or spirit, let us join with Elena who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Open her hearts to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Send her into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

The candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Elena, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying,

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on her forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

Elena, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized, saying together the following words:

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 “Savior Like A Shepard Lead Us”

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.

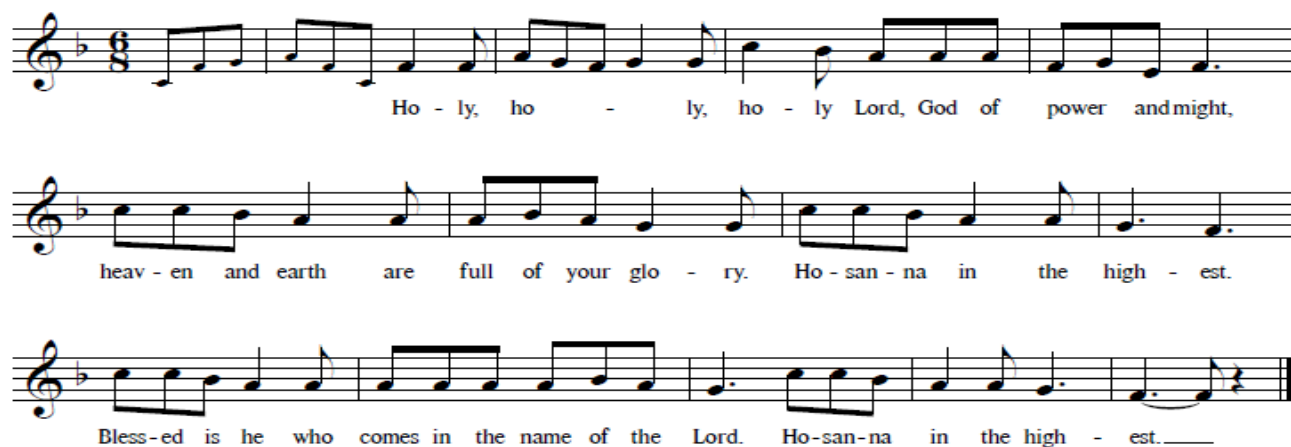
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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



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.

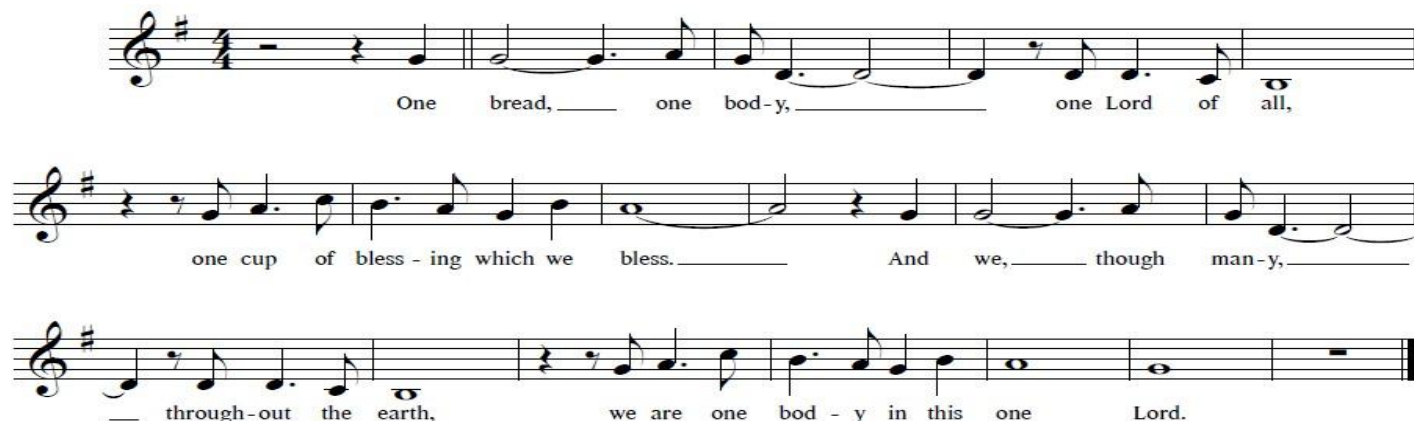
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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"



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 "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris

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 #376 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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 Amie

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman and Jennifer Latham

We thank Rev. Lizzie and the Jackson family for joining us on this special day!

1st Reading: Zoe Muenzer

2nd Reading: Dan Muenzer

Eucharistic Minister: Lila Johnson **Acolyte:** Juliet Cuadra

Intercessor: Kim Garner **Usher:** Jack Tonaki

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

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

The Praise Team!

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 10th Sunday *after* Pentecost

August 2, 2026 at 9:00am

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### **Our Parish Prayer list:**

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Nobuko, Chris, Mildred, Tom,  
Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, John, Chelsea, Lani & Roger, Diane, Mary, Bob,  
Kim & Tom.