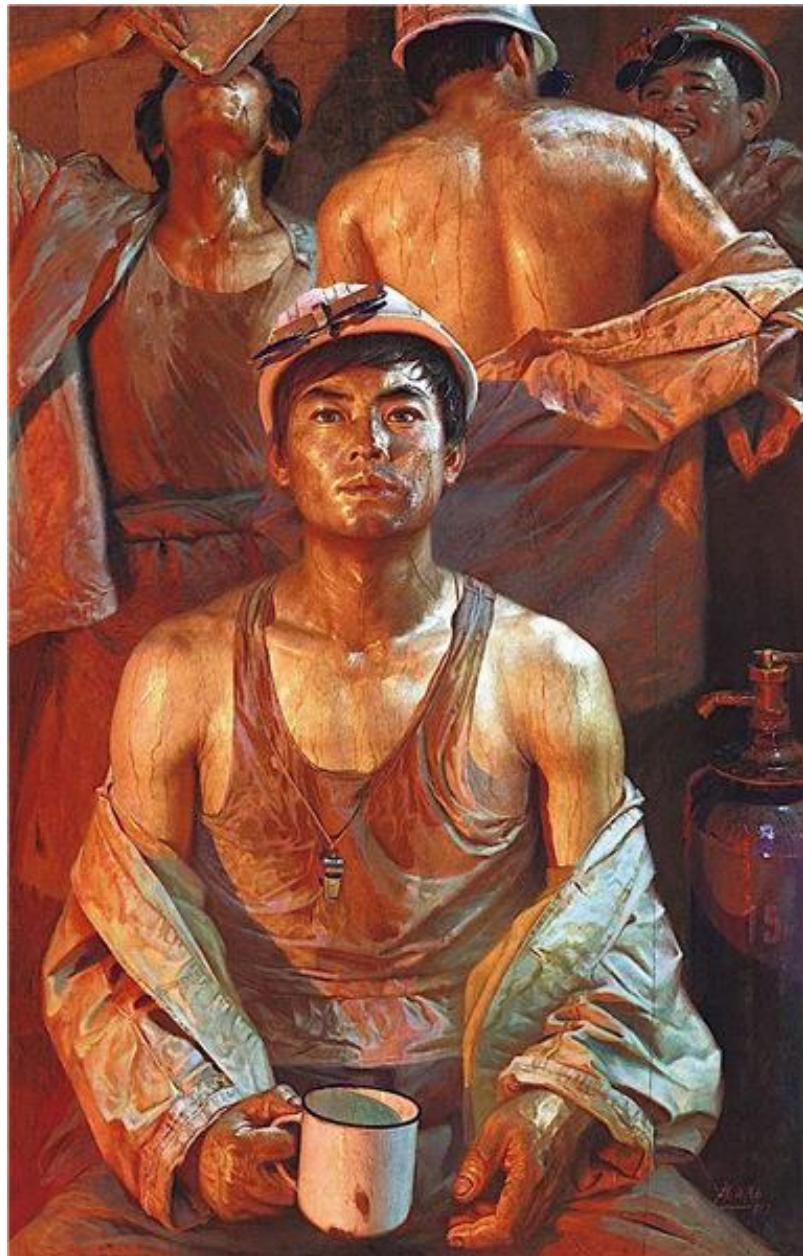


The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023 9:00am

Labor Day Weekend



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Opening Hymn #439 “What Wonderous Love is This”

Please join in!

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.

The Gloria

Repeated three times.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant E noho pū ka Haku me 'oukou 'The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant E pule kākou Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-5, 23-26, 45c

*We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the verses 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.**

23 Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

**26 He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

45 Hallelujah!

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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 began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Prayers of the People: For the Season of Creation.

Loving God, you have made the heavens and earth to be your cathedral. Help your church know the sanctity of your creation, and give us strength to care for and love it as you love us.

God, who made heaven and earth, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made.

God, who listens to every living thing, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made.

God, in whom all creation subsists, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, help those who govern seek justice and peace for the most vulnerable creatures around us.

God, who cares for the meek, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you.

God, to whom all creation responds, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation recognize your glorious beauty.

God, to whom all creation responds, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener.

God, who is present with your creation, help us be present too.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you.

God, who is present with your creation, **Hear our prayer. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule.**

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,

Hear our prayer. Amen. E ho‘olohe i kā makou pule. ‘Āmene.

We also pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Agenhart, Wayne, Heather, John, Todd, Tom, Kate, Michael, Peggy, Lucille, Lance, Ann, Cynthia, Joyce, Sandee, Doris, Sheri, Raj & Renu, Eric & Kathy, Dieter, Katharine, Arthur, Juditha, and Brown.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant then 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 Celebrant 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!)

Yours, O God, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O God, and you are exalted as head above all. (I Chronicles 29:11)

Offertory Music LEVAS #136 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The HNC Choir

The Hawaiian Doxology

Found on the BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

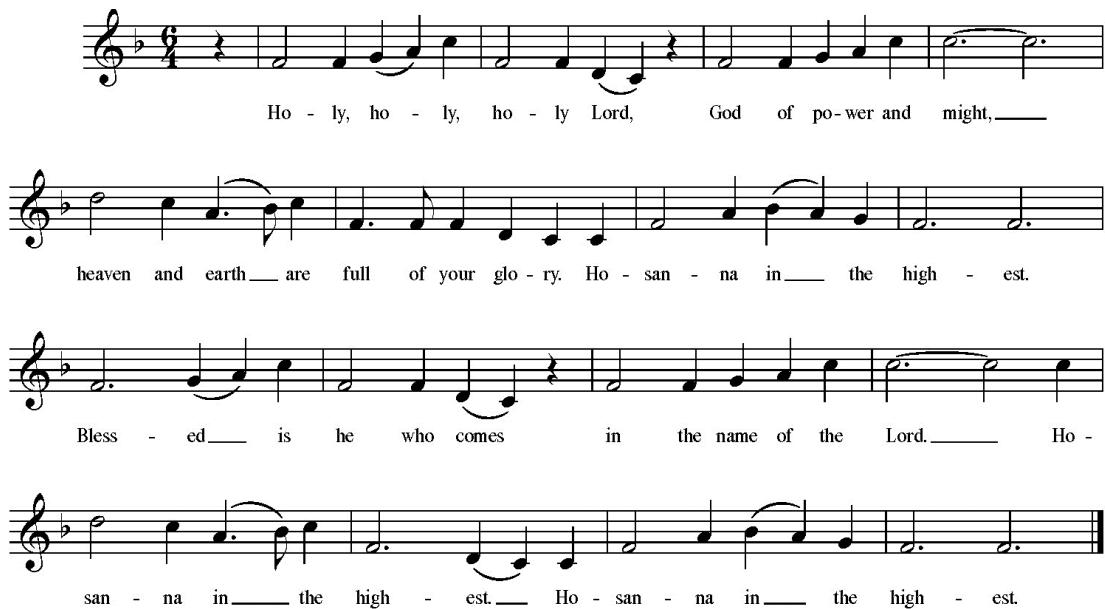
The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

S-858 The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy



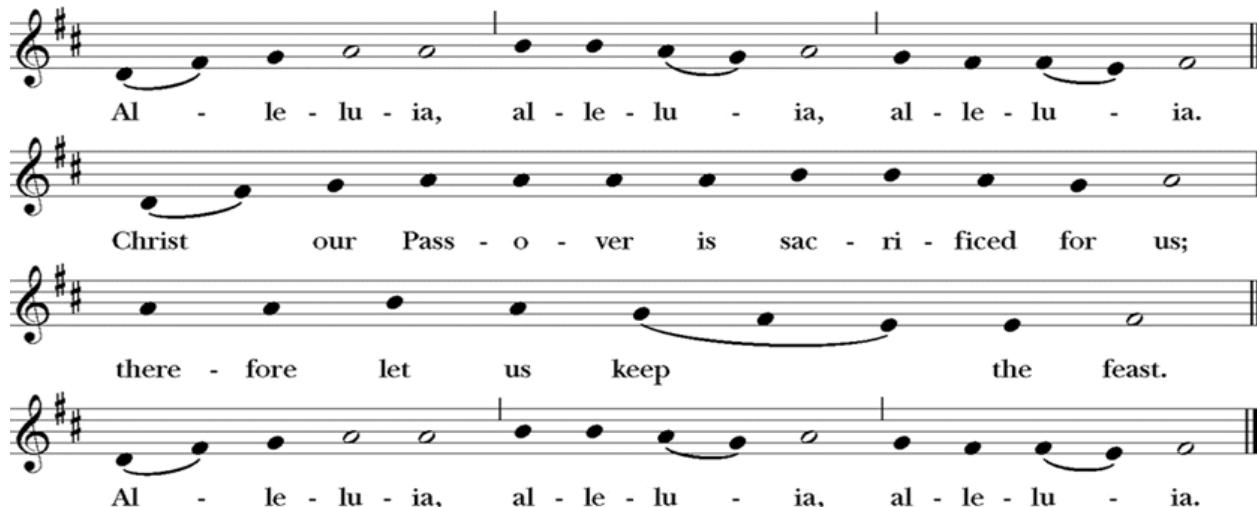
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, _____
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Breaking of Bread

At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in TWO lines. The person at the head of the line on each side should take the "far position" at the altar rail that is nearest to pulpit and lectern on either side, respectively. Other people will fill in; four or five can fit comfortably on each side of the rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament, as is most comfortable for you.

You are welcome to receive the bread only or both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you (on the inside of the rail). If you choose to receive the wine, please drink from the chalice, rather than dip or "intinct." If you wish to receive a blessing, please place your hands across your chest as you approach.

S-154 Fraction Anthem: Christ Out Passover



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Music “Lord of the Dance” (arr. Sydney Carter)

The HNC Choir.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

The Celebrant says **E pule kākou. Let us pray.**

The Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn #344 “Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing”

Please join in!

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 “Grand Choeur” (Cesar Franck)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele

Our beautiful altar flowers are an offering from David & Catherine Nurmi and Dr. Kelly Holden, in loving memory of their son/brother -- Steven B. Nurmi.

Reader: Alison Kittle

Eucharistic Minister: Sandra Braham **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Usher: Jack Tonaki **Altar Guild:** Braham Team **Acolyte:** Nicholas Livingston

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Chris Suzuki **Organist:** Lorraine Yamamoto

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday September 10th at 9am

Family Sunday

(in person & on Zoom).