

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI
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*We welcome everyone to in-person and on-line worship today! For safety reasons, those worshipping in person at the church please sing and make spoken responses **quietly**. One or two representatives of the congregation will be appointed to speak the responses aloud. (If you are worshipping at home, please feel free to sing and speak out loud.)*

We have repeated these directions throughout this service booklet as a reminder. We look forward to “making a joyful noise unto the Lord” together whenever it is deemed safe for us to do so!

The Prelude

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

arr. Anthony Giomanco

Opening Acclamation

The people stand in body or in spirit as the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Officiant says

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 Hymn of Praise (#178)

The choir sings this hymn; the in-person congregation is welcome to sing along quietly. Those worshipping at home may sing aloud.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the king of creation.
Refrain

Spread the Good News through all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live forever.
Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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.

First reading: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

The leader reads the verses; others will join in. .

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

After the Gospel, the Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Robert Steele

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 Text

The Officiant 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

(from "A New Zealand Prayer Book: He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa," Harper Collins, 1989, 1997.)

Intercessor: Holy God, enliven the Church for its mission,
People: that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Intercessor: Breathe fresh life into your people.

People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Intercessor: We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace,

People: that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Intercessor: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Intercessor: We pray for the community: In this time of public health crisis, O God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect others,

People: that all may act with integrity and courage.

Intercessor: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Intercessor: We pray for those in need: We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Chris J., Guthrie, Heather, Lola, Sylvia, and Wayne, and others whose names we offer to you silently now. We also pray also for all those who have contracted the Corona virus, those who are caregivers during this time, and for those who are working toward a vaccine or other measures of relief. In Hawaii, we pray for those currently facing unemployment or under-employment.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Intercessor: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People: Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

Intercessor: We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We continue to pray, especially, for those who have died because of COVID-19, and we remember their families and friends. We also remember George Floyd, and all who have died by violence around the world. We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People: Gracious God, into your hands we commend them.

Intercessor: Give comfort to those who mourn.

People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Intercessor: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

People: May their example inspire and encourage us.

Intercessor: We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

(The people may offer intercessions silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, you have called us to serve.

People: Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Confession, Queen's Prayer, and Absolution

The Officiant begins. The people will join in.

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 neighbor 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.

Hymn #574 *Sung by the choir; the congregation may join in*

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel; give us a conscience quick to feel,
A ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand;
Whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer to Thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold,
Wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambitious to succeed,
For crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware,
For lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our inmost spirits purify:
Consume the ill; purge out the shame; O God be with us in the flame;
A newborn people may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

The organist will play this tune through; the congregation may join in.

‘O kou a-lo-ha no, A-i-a i ka la-ni, A
‘o kou’oi-a-i-‘o, he he-mo-le-le ho-‘I ‘A-me-ne.

(“Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. Amen.”)

The Priest 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 Officiant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Those worshipping at the church please offer greetings to one another from a distance; feel free to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting. Those worshipping in person and at home, please remember one another, as we are one!

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!



The Offertory Sentence

offered by the officiant

*Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But let us not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
(Hebrews 13: 15, 16)*

The Offertory Music

Lorraine Yamamoto, Piano

For those worshipping in person in the church, please note that there is a koa bowl at the rear of the church into which you are encouraged to place your offerings. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your pledges and financial gifts by sending checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during this challenging time!

The Hawaiian Doxology *(Hymn #380 in the 1982 Hymnal)*

The choir has recorded this hymn from their homes. Please join in the singing, either in person or from home

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



Communion Under Special Circumstances

For those who are unable to partake of the Sacrament due to sickness, disability, natural disaster, quarantine, or emergencies. Communicants may kneel, stand, or sit, as they prefer, or are able.

Officiant

“Behold, I stand at the door of your heart, and knock. Open, so I may come in and break bread with you.” (Revelation 3:20)

You prepare a table for us. You anoint our lives with goodness and mercy, that we may dwell in your loving presence forever. (John 15:5)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray *(together)*,

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 Officiant sets out the chalice and paten. The congregation keeps a moment of silence.

The Officiant leads the following prayer

We thank you, blessed Jesus, for the bread of heaven, and the cup of salvation; and for your body made flesh in us. Amen.

People Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

The Blessing

The Rev. Libby Berman

The Announcements

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Sobaje

Lorraine Yamamoto, organ

Arr. Martha

Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman
Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. Bob Steele
Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto, Chris Suzuk and the HNC Choir
Reader: Wyn Aubrey-Child & Kathy Otani
Intercessor: Ed Moore
Acolyte: Lila Johnson
The people's responses: Delia and Ed Moore
Frank Condello, Student for formation for Ordination
Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Mark & Samantha Berman

We are grateful for our second Sunday of in-person AND online worship. As we did last week, the planning team will review this Sunday's experience and make adjustments we feel will make our worship experiences safer and more meaningful for all. Please offer your feedback to Rev. Libby (hncrector@gmail.com) or to a member of our vestry or staff.

**IF YOU WISH, JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON NEXT
SUNDAY, JUNE 28 AT 9AM!**

Please know that we will continue to use "Zoom" for those who wish to be with us online on Sundays at 9am. We want to hold our whole community together as we continue to make this significant transition!



Altar Flower Dedication

Please place this card and your financial gift in the collection plate or deliver it to church office.

Name(s) of person(s) dedicating flowers: _____

Date of dedication: _____

Dedication: _____

(Our flowers cost approximately \$40 per week. Your gift of any amount is appreciated. Suggested dedications include birthdays, weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, memorials of those who have died, and other special occasions.)