

**Fourth 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**

*"Choral dans le style de J.S. Bach"*

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Arr. Alexander Guilmant

## **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 Gloria**

*The following spoken hymn of praise is led by the officiant; all standing, the congregation joins in*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 22:1-14**

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 13**

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

- 1 How long, O LORD?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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 10:40-42**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

The Rev. Libby Berman

*"It Is Well with My Soul"*

for Flute Duet with Piano Accompaniment  
Music by Philip P. Bliss

**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 serious public health concerns, 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, Guthrie, Heather, Lola, Sylvia, Rico, 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 all who have died by acts of senseless 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.

*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

*“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

Lorraine Yamamoto, Piano

Arr. John Turner

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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

*“Celebration on “Diademata””*

Lorraine Yamamoto, organ

Arr. James Pethel

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### **Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!**

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto & Kathy Otani

Readers: Alison Kittle & Jean Steele

Intercessor: Ed Moore

Acolyte: Kim Garner

Usher: Rich Miller

Frank Condello, Student for formation for Ordination

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Mark & Samantha Berman

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We are grateful for our fourth 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](mailto: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, JULY 5 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!



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### **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.)