

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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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

"America" (Variation I)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist  
Arr. Anthony Giamanco

## 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.*

## Hymn of Praise

*To be announced.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take

a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 45:11-18**

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

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

### **Second Reading: 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has

a demon?; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Libby Berman

## **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, Vivian, and Wayne, Stephen, Lora V., 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 Lili'uokalani'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: “Where Feet may Fail”**

Amie Lawyer, Ukelele & Voice

Songwriters: Joel Houston / Matt Crocker / Salomon Lighthelm  
*Amie will play and sing this song; the congregation may join in if they wish.*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep My faith will stand.

Refrain: And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now.

Refrain

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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 Final Hymn**

To be announced.

## **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**

*“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”*

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Arr. Mary McDonald

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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 & Amie Lawyer

Readers: Frank Condello & Rebecca Verghese

Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi

Acolyte: Lila Johnson

Usher: Ed Moore

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We are grateful for our fifth Sunday of in-person AND online worship. We continue to make adjustments that 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.

**OUR NEXT IN-PERSON WORSHIP WILL BE ON NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12 AT 9AM**

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.)