

Sixth 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**. We look forward to “making a joyful noise unto the Lord” together whenever it is deemed safe for us to do so!*

The Prelude

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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

The Celebrant 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 celebrant, 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

First reading: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119: 105-112

The leader reads the verses; others will join in.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 Celebrant 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.)

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

Intervessor: Breathe fresh life into your people.
People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Intervessor: 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.

Intervessor: 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.

Intervessor: 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.

Intervessor: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Intervessor: 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, Stephanie, Lora V., David, Anna Marie, Lorraine N., Harvey, Annette, Brian, 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. 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 Celebrant 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."
--prayer and tune by Queen Lili'uokalani)*

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 Celebrant 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!

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

People: And also with you!



The Offertory

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

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.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People, speaking together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel, as is most comfortable for each, in continuing prayer. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
The People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the station at the bottom of the chancel area. Please follow the ushers and the verbal instructions given, so that the bread can be distributed as safely as possible. Receiving the sacrament “in one kind only,” as we are doing today, is considered by the Church to be a full communion. (Please note that the members of our online congregation are aware of the distribution of communion; we are making efforts to deliver the sacrament to the homes of those in our community who request it.)

When all have received the Bread, the Officiant speaks the words of distribution to the whole congregation at once, saying

This is the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *(The people respond: Amen.)*
This is the Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *(The people respond: Amen.)*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you
have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world
in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

Flower Dedications

We thank Lila Johnson for last week's dedication of flowers, in honor of her son, Christopher
Johnson's birthday on July 1st.

Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto

Readers: Barbara Abe & Alison Kittle
Intercessor: Frank Condello
Eucharistic Minister: Louisa LeRoux
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We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist today for the first time since mid-March! 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) or to a member of our vestry or staff.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 19 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 during this time!



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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.)