

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI
August 9, 2020

We welcome everyone to our return to on-line worship together today! Out of respect for those who are carefully watching the number of COVID cases and those who are helping make public health decisions, we return to online worship for the month of August. Welcome!

The Prelude (“Adagio”) and Procession of Crosses

Music by Raoul Grigi, Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist; Alexander Domecki, Senior Acolyte

The Liturgy of the Word

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: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Music by Graham Kendrick; played by Amie Lawyer, Electric Guitar and voice

The congregation is welcome to sing along to this hymn from home.

CHORUS:

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word; Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me! CHORUS

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me! CHORUS

Send forth your word; Lord, and let there be light!!

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come,

let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

The congregation will join the reader quietly in unison.

- 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.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Our prayers of the people for today were written by the children and youth in our parish,
including: ISAIAH, TAIREVA, KATELYN, NOEL, LUCAS, DANIEL, SOPHIA, and ALLISON. They were
collected by Chandi Hindrichs and they will be read by Julia Yamaguchi.

DEAR LORD,

PLEASE KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

PLEASE HELP US TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE,

PLEASE GUIDE US. PLEASE HELP US TO FIND PATIENCE.

USE MY EYES TO SEE NEW FRIENDS,
OPEN MY HEART TO NEW BEGINNINGS.
AND PROTECT MY LOVED ONES AND ME THROUGH THIS TOUGH TIME OF THIS
PANDEMIC.
HELP THOSE WHO ARE SICK TO HEAL AND SEE THE LIGHT AGAIN.

I PRAY THAT EVERYONE IN SCHOOL WILL BE HEALTHY AND SAFE.
I PRAY FOR LOTS OF FUN.

I PRAY FOR THIS WORLD THAT THE CORONA VIRUS WILL END.
I PRAY FOR MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO BE HEALTHY AND SAFE.
BLESS MY PETS.
BLESS ALL THE SICK PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM WELL.

BLESS MY FAMILY; BLESS MY DOG TIMBA; BLESS MY FRIENDS.

I PRAY TO KEEP WORKERS SAFE; I PRAY THAT THE SCHOOL IS SAFE.
I PRAY FOR THE SICK.

I PRAY FOR MY FAMILY, AND FOR MY FRIENDS THAT THEY ARE ALL WELL.
I PRAY THAT MY FAMILY WON'T GET SICK.
I PRAY FOR MY DOG.

I WISH FOR MY CLASSMATES TO BE SAFE .
I WISH FOR COVID TO STOP.
I WISH FOR MY FAMILY TO BE SAFE.

I PRAY THAT COVID IS DONE , SO THAT WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
AND I ALSO PRAY THAT KINDNESS IS SPREAD TO THE WORLD.

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER ,
WE **THANK YOU FOR**: ALL YOU'VE GIVEN US, AND FOR ALL OF OUR TEACHERS.
WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR OUR LIVES.
THANK YOU DEAR JESUS FOR YOUR BLESSINGS.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE AMAZING GIFTS YOU GIVE ME IN LIFE.
THANK YOU FOR MY FAMILY THAT LOVES ME AND TREATS ME WELL.
THANK YOU FOR BOTH NIGHT AND DAY.
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME FOOD AND WATER TO HELP ME GROW.

THANK YOU FOR OUR CHURCH, HOLY NATIVITY.

THANK YOU JESUS , FOR BRINGING DADDY HOME FROM WORK EVERY DAY SAFELY.
I THANK JESUS FOR WATCHING OVER US.

FINALLY, we pray for those on our parish prayer list: Chris, Guthrie, Heather, Lola, Sylvia, Rico, Vivian, Wayne, Stephanie, Lora V., David, Anna Marie, Lorraine N, Brian, Gerd, and Jolene.

LORD JESUS,
PLEASE GUIDE US IN MAKING SURE THAT WE SHARE YOUR LOVE EVERY DAY.
WHETHER IT IS ASKING THE NEW KID TO PLAY OR SIMPLY GIVING SOMEONE A SMILE,
HELP US TO BE KIND IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO.
IN YOUR HOLY NAME WE PRAY. **AMEN.**

The Confession, Queen Lili'uokalani's Prayer, and Absolution

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 choir will lead this hymn; 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.

Ko’u no-ho mi-hi ‘a-na a pa’-a-h-o ‘i-a, ‘O ‘o-e ku-’u la-ma, kou na-ni ko-’u ko-‘o.

Mai na-na ‘i-no-‘i-no. Na he-wa o ka-na-ka, A-ka, e hu-i-ka-la, A ma-‘e ma-’e no.

No lai-la e ka ha-ku, Ma la-lo kou e-he-u, Ko ma-kou ma-lu hi-a, A mauoa a-ku no. ‘A-me-ne.

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

*I live imprisoned in sorrow; you are my light; your glory, my support.
Behold not with malevolence the sins of mankind, but forgive and cleanse.
And so, O Lord, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion
now and forever more. 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 Officiant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Members of the congregation are welcome to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting!

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

People: And also with you!



The Offertory Sentence

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

The Offertory. “The Trees of the Field will Clap their Hands”

Music by Stuart Dauermann; Ukelele and vocals by Amie Lawyer

The congregation is welcome to sing along to this hymn TWICE THROUGH from home.

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy--and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (CLAP, CLAP)

The trees of the field will clap their hands (CLAP, CLAP)

The trees of the field will clap their hands (CLAP, CLAP)
As you go out with joy!

During this time of coming back to online worship, please continue to support our parish 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 those who have responded so generously during this time!

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

The choir will lead this hymn. The congregation may join in quietly.

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 Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Officiant

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 Blessing

The Rev. Libby Berman

The Final Hymn: “Lord, I lift your Name on High”

Music by Paul Baloche; played by Amie Lawyer, Electric Guitar and Voice

The congregation is welcome to sing along to this hymn TWICE THROUGH from home.

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high!

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:

“Ua Mau ki Ho'alu”

Amie Lawyer, Slack Key Guitar

In August, the Flowers are Dedicated as follows:

August 2nd: from Rev. Libby, with thanksgiving for Mark on his Birthday

August 9th: from Mary Fong, in thanksgiving

August 16th: from Rev. Libby & Mark, in celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary

August 23: from Ginny Long, in memory of Dorothy Long

For Sundays when we are unable to worship in person in the church, we will use any donated funds to pay for flowers on the Sundays after we return. (Thank you to everyone for your dedications, donations, and understanding.)

Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!

Officiant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon : The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto, Amie Lawyer

Reader: Owen Zitz

Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi

Acolyte: Louisa Le Roux

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

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At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to join us for our weekly “virtual coffee hour.” (When you are ready to leave, simply click the red button that says, “Leave Meeting,” anytime.)

JOIN US AGAIN ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 9AM

As we continue to hold our whole community together!

Please pray for the technical team this month, as they seek advice from professional consultant(s) who will assist us in making our in-person and online services even more user-friendly and accessible to all.



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If you would like to remember someone's birthday or anniversary, or dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate--or contact Puna in the office (hncparish@gmail.com or 808-373-2131). The cost for the flowers is approximately forty dollars each week, but any amount is welcome. No donation is required.

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, but any amount is welcome. No donation is required.)

Suggested dedications include birthdays, weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, memorials of those who have died and other special occasions)