

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI  
August 16, 2020

*We welcome everyone to our 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 September. We are glad to see you!*

### **The Prelude (“Choral Prelude on ‘Hanover’”) and Procession of Crosses**

Arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders; 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: Hymn 410 "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven"

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, ever more his praises sing  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress  
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness

Father like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 45:1-15**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 133**

*The congregation will join the reader in unison.*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,  
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Officiant will read the Gospel*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

*People* 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.)

*Intervessor:* Holy God, enliven the Church for its mission, that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world. 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, that we may respect one another in freedom and truth. 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.

*Intersessor:* We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect others,

*People:* that all may act with integrity and courage.

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

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

*Intersessor:* We pray for those in need: 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, Jolene, June, Michael, 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. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

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

*Intersessor:* Make us willing agents of your compassion.

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

*Intersessor:* 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 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.

*Intersessor:* Give comfort to those who mourn.

*People:* Bring them peace in their time of loss.

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

*People:* May their example inspire and encourage us.

*Intersessor:* Lord, you have called us to serve. 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.

*People:* Amen.

## **The Confession 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 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: “Panis Angelicus”**

Music by Andrea Bocelli; Voice and accompaniment: Jan and Kip Jones; Lorraine Yamamoto

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: Hymn 539 “O Zion, Haste”**

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

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is Light;  
That he who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should fail to know his love and might.

CHORUS: Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in whom they live and move, is Love  
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
And died on earth that all might live above.

CHORUS

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
Till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.

CHORUS

He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
Make known to every heart his saving grace;  
Let none whome he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
Through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

CHORUS

## **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:**

Arr. Michael V. Hill; Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

## **“Festival Procession on Psalm 100”**

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**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 16<sup>th</sup>: from Rev. Libby & Mark, in celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> 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.)

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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, Chris Suzuki and the HNC Choir  
Reader: Alison Kittle & Ed Moore  
Intercessor: Kathy Otani  
Usher: Austin Nakoa  
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 23 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.)