

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI  
August 23, 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 (“Postlude Variations on ‘Come, Come, Ye Saints’”) and Procession of Crosses**

Arr. Franklin D. Ashdown; 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 Gloria**

*This 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 124**

*The congregation will join the reader in unison.*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

### **Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

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

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Libby Berman

### **Hymn 524: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**

*The choir will offer this hymn; the congregation is welcome to sing along from home*

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine, our Savior and our King,  
Thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

## **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.)

*Intervenor:* 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.

*Intervenor:* 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.

*Intercessor:* 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.

*Intercessor:* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. We pray especially, this month for our school, Holy Nativity, and for all schools and universities as they begin their academic year.

*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, 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, for caregivers, and for those who are working toward a vaccine. We pray for those experiencing unemployment or underemployment. 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 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:* 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 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 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: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Tune by John B. Dykes; Arr. John Purifoy; Lorraine Yamamoto, Piano

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 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: “Selections from ‘Celebration in D’”**

Stephen L. Aber, Composer; Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

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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 and the HNC Choir  
Readers: Frank Condello & Kim Garner  
Intercessor: Wyn Aubrey-Child  
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 30 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.)