

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Renewal of Ministry with the
Welcoming of a New Rector**



**The Church of the Holy Nativity
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Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 9am

Prelude (“If Thou Art Near”) and Procession of the Crosses

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist, J.S. Bach, Composer, arr. L. N. Porter;
Alexander Domecki, Senior Acolyte

Gathering of the Community

The congregation may join in singing the Hymn of Praise in Hawaiian, “‘O ‘Oe ‘Io”
Music by Luke Morgan; played and sung by Aime Lawyer

‘O ‘OE ‘IO, E MAKUA LANI
(You are ‘IO, Heavenly Father)

‘O ‘OE ‘IO, KA WAIOLA
(You are ‘IO, the Living Water)

‘O ‘OE ‘IO, E KUMU OLA
(You are ‘IO, The Source of Life)

KA MEA HANA I NA MEA A PAU
(The One who has made all things)

E KU’U HAKU,
(My Lord)

KA MAUNA KI’E KI’E. ‘O ‘OE ‘IO.
(Who is the Highest Mountain)

The people standing, the Bishop says

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God’s call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God, Creator of all.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated. The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes

People of the Church of the Holy Nativity, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Senior Warden We have chosen and called Libby Berman to be our Rector, and she has accepted.

Junior Warden She began her ministry with us in January of 2020 and we look forward to our work and ministry together in all the days ahead.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution.

The Bishop continues

Are you, the people of the Church of the Holy Nativity, ready to continue in your ministry, with Libby as your priest?

People We are.

The Word of God

A Lector holds up the Bible and says

Libby, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

The Lessons

The people sit. The first Reader says

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 2, verses 2 -4.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

*After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.*

The psalmist says

A Reading from Psalm 96

- 1** O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- 4** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
- 5** For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

The second Reader says

A Reading from Ephesians, Chapter 2, verses 13-22.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

After the Reading, the second Reader says The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Then, all rising in body or in spirit, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 10: 1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop People of the Church of the Holy Nativity: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Rector

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

The Rector leads the renewal of baptismal vows.

Rector Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Rector Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Rector Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The congregation may join in the singing of "I've got Peace like a River." (traditional; played and sung by Amie Lawyer).

I've got Peace like a River,
I've got Peace like a River,
I've got Peace like a River in my Soul...
I've got Peace like a River,
I've got Peace like a River,
I've got Peace like a River in my Soul...

Verse 2:

I've got Love like an Ocean...

Verse 3:

I've got Joy like a Fountain...

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

The intercessor lifts up a copy of The Book of Common Prayer.

Libby, with this Book of Common Prayer, we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Rector Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Robert, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. 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, and Michael. We also pray also for those who have the Corona virus, for caregivers, and for those who are working toward a vaccine. We pray for those experiencing unemployment or underemployment.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially, today, Richard Christian Jones. We also continue to pray for those who have died from COVID-19 and those who have died from senseless violence around the world.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

A prayer in thanksgiving for all grandparents on this Grandparents Day, Sept 13.

Offered by Daniel, Lucas, and Noel Donahue.

Daniel: Grandma, Grandpa,
When we look at you, we see very special persons who we love.
And who have so many stories to tell us.
We know that the times we spend together are always happy times.
We find it awesome that you are the parents of our mom and dad.
That goes back so many years; that is why you have so much to tell us,
So many interesting things we don't know.
We want to listen; we want to learn. We want to be with you.

Lucas: Grandpa, Grandma,
When we think of you, we are thankful.
When we are with you, we learn to be loving and patient,
Helpful, kind and caring.
We feel your gentle wisdom; we learn so much.
Our times spent with you are fun times, learning times,
And most of all, loving times.

Noel: Dear Jesus, please bless our grandparents every day.

All: "WE LOVE YOU, GRANDMAS AND GRANDPAS! AMEN!"

The Bishop offers a concluding collect.

A member of the Thursday Contemplative Prayer group holds up a stole.

Libby, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

The Peace

All stand. The new Rector says to the people

Rector The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop, Rector, and people greet one another online, in the name of the Lord, with a wave, a bow, or a shaka.

Recognition of the Special Relationship between Holy Nativity Church and Holy Nativity School

The Interim Head of Holy Nativity School lifts up a symbol of the partnership.

Interim Head: Holy Nativity Church and Holy Nativity School share a precious ministry together in this place. We have taught Christian formation, prayed, and played together on this campus for many decades. May we embark, today, on our work and ministry together for the next several decades to come!

Rector: Amen! With energy and joy, I join you and the people of our church and school as we continue this journey and ministry together.

The Offertory

The Eucharistic minister lifts up the chalice and paten. Addressing the Rector, she says
Libby, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector Amen. Together, when we are able to meet again in person, let us keep the feast.

The usher lifts up the alms basin as the Bishop says these or similar words

We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.

People Amen.

The choir will offer Hymn 325. The congregation is welcome to join in.

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

During this time of 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 bishop requests that any undesignated financial offerings this week be designated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which provide financial assistance to people who need it, both within and outside the parish.

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

The choir will lead this hymn. The congregation is welcome to join in.

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

Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Bishop and People

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

Bishop We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Libby, I commend to your love and care the people of the Church of the Holy Nativity. My brothers and

sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, Libby Berman.

The Rector blesses the assembly, using these or similar words.

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always! Amen.

Closing 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!*

Dismissal

Deacon let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People Thanks be to God!

Postlude ("Prelude in Classic Style")

Gordon Young, Composer; Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to join us for our weekly "virtual coffee hour"
as we greet the bishop and one another.



Join us again next week, on Sunday, September 20, at 9am, online!
Evening compline service will be online on Wednesday, September 16 at 7pm.

Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!

Officiant and Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii

Deacon : The Rev. Bob Steele

Renewal of Baptismal Vows: The Rev. Libby Berman, Rector

Responses from "The People": Lila Johson

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto, Amie Lawyer, Chris Suzuki and the HNC Choir

Readers: Frank Condello, Student in Formation for Ordination & Barbara Abe

Intercessor: Wyn Aubrey-Childs and the Donahue family

Presenters of Additional Symbols of Ministry: Jeanne Wilks, Interim Head of Holy Nativity School,

Austin Nakoa & Joe Kindrich (wardens, representing the vestry)

Kathy Otani (representing the contemplative prayer group),

Sandra Braham (representing Altar Guild and Eucharistic Ministers),

Rich Miller (representing ushers)

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In September, the Flowers are Dedicated as follows:

Mary Fong, in thanksgiving

Jan & Kip Jones, in loving memory of their son, Richard Christian Jones

Please continue your prayers 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, when we are able to return to them.