

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 27, 2020



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*We welcome everyone to our on-line worship together today! We are glad to see you!*

**The Prelude and Procession of Crosses**

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organ; Alexander Domecki, Senior Acolyte

*“Andante (in De Major with Variations)” by Felix Mendelssohn*

# 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 #740 "Wade in the Water"

*The congregation is welcome to join the choir in singing this hymn from home.*

Wade in the water, wade in the water children,  
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.  
Wade in the water, wade in the water children,  
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a gonna trouble the water. The  
Leader looks like the Israelite, God's a gonna trouble the water.

CHORUS

See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water. Looks  
Like the band that Moses led, God's gonna trouble the water.

CHORUS

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's gonna trouble the water. Just  
Follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a gonna trouble the water.

CHORUS

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

*The congregation will join the reader in unison.*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

### **The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **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 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you,

the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Frank Condello, Student in Formation for Ordination

## **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: Form VI**

*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, Jolene, June, Jim, 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. We pray for those enduring wildfires in the Pacific Northwest.

*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 continue to pray for 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.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,  
In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
Known and known,  
Things done and left undone;  
And so uphold us by your Spirit  
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
To the honor and glory of your Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Anthem: “Go Down, Moses”**

Go down Moses, way down in  
Egypt’s land. Tell ol’ Pharaoh to let my people go.

When Israel was in Egypt’s land, let my people go.  
Oppress’d so hard they could not stand, let my people go.  
CHORUS

Thus spoke the Lord, bold Moses said, let my people go.  
If not I’ll smite your first born dead, let my people go.  
CHORUS

No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go.  
Let them come out with Egypt’s spoil, let my people go.  
CHORUS

### **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 Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

The Rev. Libby Berman

### **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, Organ

*“Lobe Den Herren” by August Reinhard*

**At the conclusion of the service, we welcome you to join us for our “virtual coffee hour.”**

**JOIN US AGAIN ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 9AM**

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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

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 r: The Rev. Bob Steele  
Preacher: Frank Condello  
Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and the HNC Choir  
Readers: Alison Kittle & Jean Steele  
Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi  
Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Adrienne Fung

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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.)