

Sunday, August 31, 2025

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Hymn



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure-ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel__ it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

The Collect Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered

you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 81:1, 10-16 in unison

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *

"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *

and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *

to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *

that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *

and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *

and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *

and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 14:7-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory Hymn



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Communion Hymn

Unison




1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide




I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

Recessional Hymn

1. Out in the high-ways and by-ways of life,
2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love,
3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need,

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad;
2. Tell of His power to for - give;
3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you;

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife,
2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove
3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed,

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad.
2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live,
3. Un - to your mis - sion be true.

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,

Out of my life May Je - sus shine;

Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray,

Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day.

CHURCH OHANA PRAYER LIST

Our church 'ohana prays for those in need: Jerri, Patti, Judy & Lou, Beth, the Simmons family, Patty, Rose, John, Lisa, Kate, Donald, George, Craig, Sonny, Lauryn, Justine, Lyle, Roy & Marge, Kealoha's, Tasaka's, Pohaku, Pebbles, Jenn, Tishana, Jonah, Taryance, Spike & Windy, fire victims, Russ, Gordon, Mitch, Steve, Ava, John, Kaleo, Sandy, Julie, Annette, Ted, Bill, Stacy and Sunia, Sanchez 'ohana, Marion, Loke, and Kamaka.

Our church 'ohana prays for those who are traveling: Dottie & Leilani, Justine, Aliana, Kelina, and Isaia.

Our church 'ohana prays for those who are celebrating birthdays: Nic Emerson, and Derek Gregory.

Our church 'ohana prays for those who are celebrating anniversaries: Carolyn & James Remedios.

Our church 'ohana prays for those who have died: Lori, and Hapaki.

Our church 'ohana prays for peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 31, 2025

Give Aloha 2025 begins September 1! Support your favorite Hawai'i nonprofits (including Emmanuel) with a donation to Give Aloha and Foodland will match a percentage of your donation. Stay tuned for more details.

The September combined service and potluck on September 7, will be held at Emmanuel at 9am. Rev. Annalise will present about her sabbatical experiences at the potluck. There will be no services at Calvary or St. Matthew's 9/7.

Kailua Mini Swap returns Saturday, September 13 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at Emmanuel!

<p>New service times begin on September 14! Calvary remains at 8am through November, St. Matthew's moves to 8:30 am, and Emmanuel moves to 10:30 am.</p>

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