



September 17, 2017

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn	<i>Hymnal 396 (all)</i>
Sequence Hymn	<i>Hymnal 512</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Hymnal 410 (v.1&2)</i>

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Psalm

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

- 1 [Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy
Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-
kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an
eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our
sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our
wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the
earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who
fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear
him.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



Weekly Announcements

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 Tenth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816
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Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.

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Welcome to Good Samaritan Church!

If you are visiting today, we want to thank you for being with us. Your presence is a gift to our community, and your prayers enhance our worship. We look forward to your return!

Please hold the following people in your prayers

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our prayer list: The people of Texas, The family of Bishop Chang, Lennon Kohama, Alice Chinen, John & Rei Hamano, Elaine Young, Barbara Oyama, Peter Perreira, Martha Blanchett, Thelma Lee, Vernon Miyake, Elsie Ching, Helen Ezaki, Bruce & Laura Fink, Bill Harada, Bernice Hirai, Irene Nakamoto, Debbie Sekine, Lori Maunalanga, Nancy & Nappy Napu'unoa, Janine LeGrande, Trenton Omuro, Justin & Jordan Cazimero, and the birthday of Reyn Hata, Marcus Lum, Myrtle Kaneshiro and Darin Chun.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired Clergy: The Rt. Rev. Donald Hart (Bishop) & Mrs. Elizabeth Hart; The Rev. Dale Hathaway (Priest) & Mrs. Mary Pat Hathaway; The Rev. Jodene S. Hawkins (Priest) & Mr. Kit Hawkins; The Rev. Gaylord Hitchcock (Priest) & Mr. John Whitlock; The Rev. Dcn. Leonard Howard (Deacon) & Mrs. Marilyn Howard; The Rev. Frances Kay Johnson & Mr. Robert Johnson; The Rev. Russell M. Johnson (Priest) & Mrs. Margo Johnson; The Rev. Cn. David K. Kennedy (Priest) & Mrs. Anna Marie Kennedy.

Announcements

A Celebration of the Life of the Rt. Rev. Bishop S. O. Chang will be held today, September 17th at The Cathedral of St. Andrew, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu. Family Visitation is from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The service will begin at 4:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

The Chang family has requested that in lieu of flowers or monetary gifts, donations be made to The Chang Clergy Children's Scholarship Fund. Your donations can be made online through the Diocesan website or by check made out to: "The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i" with a notation for the "Chang Fund" on the memo line, and mailed to the Office of the Bishop (see below).

Notes of condolence may be sent to the Office of the Bishop, addressed to: Mrs. Dee Chang, The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813

Episcopal Relief & Development:

Bishop Fitzpatrick has made a plea for contributions to help the Hurricane Relief Fund. Forms are located at the back of the church for donations.

ECW Annual Meeting:

September 23rd, 8 am, Von Holt Room, St. Andrew's Cathedral. Registration & lunch \$20. If you would like to attend, let Deb or Jan know right away. The church will pay for your registration/lunch.

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

September 24th, after service refreshments. If anyone has church related items they want discussed at a meeting, please join us or let one of the members know. Past minutes are posted on the church website.

IHS:

September 28th, 9 am – 12 pm, St. Mary's Church

Fall Fair – date change!

October 14th 8am-2pm. Baked goods, plant sale, rummage items. If you know of vendors willing to rent a table to sell products, let them know to get in touch with Deb. Cost is \$20 for a vendor to get a table space.

Refreshments in Parish Hall:

Please join us for refreshments after church in the parish hall above pavilion.

Hikari Church Newsletter:

Have you been receiving it? If not, please update your email address or search church website at <http://www.goodsamaritanhawaii.org/> under the News & Events tab.

Good Samaritan T-shirt sale:

Need a shirt for our church events? We have them! If anyone would like to purchase one, please see Jan. Cost is \$15.

IHS:

Every Last Thursday of the Month— St. Mary's Moili'ili Outreach Center - Feeding those less fortunate - Cook and serve lunch, 9:00 am. Any help is welcome. Observe the difference this program is making in our community! Questions? Call Jan at 349-6435.

Tri-church Bible Study:

Every Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church—10:00 am to 11:30 am (Led by Michael Kim of St. Luke's.)

Prayer List:

Please submit names you would like included on our Sunday prayer list with forms located at the back of the church or email. They will stay on for the month and a new list will be generated at the beginning of each month.

Recycling:

Please continue to bring your aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles to church.

They must have the HI-5 label on them or the center will not accept it. If a label comes out, you can still place it in the bottle and they will accept it. Please also remember to remove all caps. If you have a lot, we can schedule a time to come and pick it up.

Thank You to Our Worship Team! SEPTEMBER 17, 2017	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Eucharistic Minister:	Faye Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Paul Kaneshiro
Alms Bearer:	Pat Lum
Counters:	Nappy Napu'unoa Jessica Lum
Ministries	
Flowers:	Lori – Darin's b-day
Watering:	Nappy Napu'unoa
Refreshments:	Kaneshiro

Priest-with-Oversight: The Rev. Irene Tanabe

732-6321; rector@epiphanyhi.org

Pastoral Care:

As our priest-with-oversight, **The Rev. Irene Tanabe**, is also available for pastoral care for anyone that needs it. She can be contacted by email: rector@epiphanyhi.org or by calling Epiphany at (808) 734-5706.

Looking Ahead	
Next Week Sunday – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Pat Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Nishihira
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Nappy Napu'unoa
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Les Hata Myrtle Kaneshiro
Ministries	
Flowers:	Lum
Watering:	Nappy Napu'unoa
Refreshments:	Nishihira