



April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Hymns

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| Processional Hymn | <i>Hymnal 304 (v.1-3)</i> |
| Sequence Hymn | <i>Hymnal 193 (v.1-2)</i> |
| Offertory Hymn | <i>Hymnal 344 (v.1-2)</i> |

The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Psalm

Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before
him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for
ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment,

because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



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

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: Jack Morrison, The family of Robert Marshall, The family of Vernon Miyake, Carl Sato, Matthew Kohashi, Sumi Mizushima, Ralph & Sally Hartman, Carole Hagihara, John & Rei Hamano, Elaine Young, Thelma Lee, Elsie Ching, Bill Harada, Debbie Sekine, Lori Maunalanga, Nancy & Blaise Napu'unoa, Janine LeGrande, Trenton Omuro and Adeline Sing and for the birthday of Reyn Shimabukuro.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthew's, Waimanalo: The Rev. Mahi Beimes (Vicar) & Mr. William Beimes; St. Timothy's, Aiea.

Our Bishop's Committee: Deb Nishihira, Les Hata, Connie Kaneshiro, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Lori Chun, Rich Marshall, Jan Motoshige, Chris Omuro, and Melissa Morinishi.

Our Altar Guild: Pat Lum (Coordinator), Myrtle Kaneshiro, Faye Hee, Jessica Lum, Jan Motoshige, Taylor Omuro, Chris Omuro, Melissa Morinishi, Deb Nishihira and Betsy Hata.

Announcements



Thank you to everyone that helped with our Spring Fundraiser Sale!

Empty Bowls 2018:

Join the #PrayFastAct Hunger Campaign* by attending the biennial Empty Bowls event to raise awareness about hunger in Hawai'i. The event will take place on Thursday, May 3rd, at 5:00 PM, 'Iolani School. The keynote speaker is Sara Miles, whose books include *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*; *Jesus Freak: Feeding Healing Raising the Dead*; and *City of God: Faith in the Streets*. She is the founder and director of [The Food Pantry](#), and served for ten years as Director of Ministry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church. Following her address will be a simple dinner of soup and bread, student musical performances and student presentations on serving the hungry in our community. The event is free although donations of food for [Aloha Harvest](#) are being requested that might include fresh vegetables, fruit and packaged foods. For more information on Empty Bowls and the #PrayFastAct Hunger Campaign, visit the event webpage where you can also register to attend.

Godly Play Door Person Training & Gathering:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Kailua will be hosting a Door Person Training and Gathering on Sunday, May 6th, from noon to 2:00 PM. It will be a great introduction to Godly Play and also the last Godly Play opportunity in 2018. There is no cost to attend and a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP by April 30 by [e-mail to Jane Tonokawa](#).

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

May 20th, after refreshments.

IHS:

May 24th, 9 am – 12 pm, St. Mary's Church
 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.

Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors
 training session, Cathedral of St. Andrew's Von Holt
 Room, Saturday June 23rd. The session will be led by
 the Rev. Giovan King, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM for
 Eucharistic Minister. Those intending to be
 Eucharistic Ministers only may then leave. 12:30 pm
 – 3:00 pm, Eucharistic Visitor training, lunch
 provided. Register by Monday, June 18th. For more
 information and to register, visit the Diocese website.

Good Samaritan Cookbook:

Please send in your favorite recipes to Gail Lee, Ariel
 Lee or Jan Motoshige or email
goodsamhawaii@yahoo.com so they can create a
 GSC cookbook.

Canned Goods Collection:

Donations for our outreach to Palolo Housing families
 continue to be accepted! Containers are in the back of
 the church and in the Parish Hall.

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.

Tri-church Bible Study:

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

| Thank You to Our Worship Team! APRIL 29, 2018 | |
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| Supply Clergy: | Rev. Alex Geston |
| Organist | Ben Trusnovec |
| Altar Guild: | Myrtle Kaneshiro |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Chris Omuro |
| Acolytes: | Gavin Nishihira Aurora Sing |
| Lector: | Gavin Nishihira |
| Alms Bearer: | Youth |
| Counters: | Chris Omuro Pat Lum |
| Ministries | |
| Flowers: | Church |
| Watering: | Cy Nishihira |
| Refreshments: | Lori |

| Looking Ahead Next Week Sunday – MAY 6, 2018 | |
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| Supply Clergy: | Rev. Kate Cullinane |
| Organist | Ben Trusnovec |
| Altar Guild: | Betsy Hata |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Faye Hee |
| Acolytes: | Gavin Nishihira Aurora Sing |
| Lector: | Paul Kaneshiro |
| Alms Bearer: | Youth |
| Counters: | Jessica Lum Melissa Morinishi |
| Ministries | |
| Flowers: | TBA |
| Watering: | Cy Nishihira |
| Refreshments: | Lee |