



December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn *Hymn 66 (all)*
Sequence Hymn *Hymnal 58 (v.1 before Gospel)*
(v.4 after Gospel)
Offertory Hymn *Hymnal 76 (v.1-2)*

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Psalm

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The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus*
Dominus Deus

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them
free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father
Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare
his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon
us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



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: Irene Nakamoto, Edna Kano, The Blanchett family in Alaska, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, Raine Akutagawa, Courtney Sato, Joni Kohama, Jack Morrison, Carl Sato, Matthew Kohashi, Carole Hagihara, John & Rei Hamano, Mel & Aki Shitagai, Elaine Young, Thelma Lee, Elsie Ching, Bill Harada, Lori Maunalanga, Janine LeGrande, Trenton Omuro and the birthdays of Robert Nishimoto and Atsuko Kato.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our Chancellors:

Mr. Wayne Yoshigai (Chancellor); **Mr. Kevin Herring** (Vice Chancellor); **Mr. Douglas Smith** (Deputy Vice Chancellor).

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

Wreath making:

Today at 10:30am led by our neighbors Michelle and Missy.

Sponsor a poinsettia plant!

Please donate \$15 if you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant that will be used as part of our church decoration. You can take the plant home that week after the Christmas service. Thank you so much to Pat Lum who diligently looks for the best plants to buy and takes care of them until they are ready to be used!

50th Anniversary Diocesan Shirts: Final chance to purchase (Plus New Women's Style):

It was a sea of red Palaka at this year's Education Day and Annual Meeting on the Big Island of Hawai'i, and those special 50th Anniversary shirts are being made available for purchase one last time before the Presiding Bishop's visit in March 2019. We will be offering the same men's style with pocket in sizes S-XXXL, but the women's style will be a looser fitting camp-style shirt. Deadline to order is Dec 10th and delivery will be the first week of March 2019.

St. Peter's Annual Art of Narcissus Carving Classes: Register by Dec 14th

Learn the Chinese art of carving a Narcissus bulb and create a traditional symbol to welcome in the Lunar New Year. Classes are available for Beginning, Returning and Advanced students, on Saturdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, with the exhibition on Feb. 9th and 10th. Register online or contact St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 533-1943 or e-mail stpetershonolulu@gmail.com.

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

Dec. 16th, after refreshments.

IHS:

Dec. 27th, 9 am – 12 pm, St. Mary's Church

Inquirer's Classes Coming to The Cathedral in 2019:

Wondering what the Episcopal Church is all about? Come to the Inquirer's Classes, led by Fr. Keleawe Hee, Mondays beginning Jan. 7, 2019, through Feb. 11, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Vesting Room. For more information, contact Fr. Hee [by e-mail](#).

Clergy Transitions: The Rev. Irene Tanabe:

The Rev. Irene Tanabe has been called to serve as a Missioner from the Diocese of Hawai'i to serve as Rector of All Soul's Anglican Episcopal Church in Okinawa, Japan. All Soul's was originally founded as a mission to Americans by our own Rt. Rev. Edmund Browning when he was a young priest, and is a church that has a long history with the Diocese of Hawai'i. We wish Rev. Tanabe well and thank her for her faithful service in the Diocese for the past five years.

St. Mary's Moili'ili Outreach Center:

Every Last Thursday of the Month - 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.

Kilauea Relief Fund:

The Church of the Holy Apostles in Hilo is coordinating relief efforts for the victims of the Big Island volcanic eruption. To assist with their relief efforts, checks can be mailed to: The Church of the Holy Apostles, Attn: Kilauea Relief Fund, 1407 Kapi'olani Street, Hilo, HI 96720

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! DECEMBER 9, 2018	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Annalise Pasalo
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Melissa Morinishi
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Les Hata Myrtle Kaneshiro
Ministries	
Flowers:	Church
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Say

Looking Ahead Next Week Sunday – DECEMBER 16, 2018	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. John Hau'oli Tomoso
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Betsy Hata
Eucharistic Minister:	Faye Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Ariel Lee
Alms Bearer:	Pat Lum
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
Ministries	
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How can you help to define the future of the Diocese?

Aloha,

How can you help to define the future of the Diocese? By joining one of the Design Teams (Phase II) or Task Groups - there are a total of six to choose from. If you're ready to join, the form is live! Please nominate yourself or forward to someone who you think may be interested in helping define the future of the Diocese by using the following link:

https://episcopalhawaii.formstack.com/forms/design_team_and_task_group_nominations.

Learn More

There are six options for joining a Team or Group.

1-A. Spiritual Growth Design Team Phase II

This Design Team will identify, design, and implement opportunistic activities and programs that will enable significant spiritual growth in the lives of our clergy, lay leaders, and members of the congregations. This Design Team will consider questions like:

- How might we help our leaders and congregations find their connection with God?
- How might we encourage a Diocesan-wide spiritual revival that will draw people to joyful faith and the presence of Jesus in our churches?

1-B. 'Ohana Design Team Phase II

This Design Team work will address any operational issues such as clarifying and refining the roles and processes and practices we use to work together, to find ways to make the work both more efficient, and more importantly, more a form of worship in action. This Design Team will consider questions like:

- How might we increase cooperative efforts among clergy and lay leaders?
- What leads us to care about each other and work together?
- How might we invite people to take up key roles and give them the tools they need to be successful?
- How might we help people overcome their tendency to be separated by geographic, personal, ethnic, and sociological differences?

1-C. Communications Design Team Phase II

This Design Team will address the language of the Church that explains our relationship with God that establishes the basis of our relationship with each other and the world, and how our Story as Episcopalians can be best shared with the broader community. This Design Team will consider questions like:

- What is our shared identity?

- What is our unifying Story (this goal grew out of a realization that all the media tools in the world cannot compensate for a lack of common understanding of the meaning of the Story that defines us as Christians and Episcopalians in Hawai'i)?
- What informs our understanding of God and discipleship?

2-A. Worship Task Group

At the 2018 General Convention, Bishops were specifically urged [in Resolution A068] to engage "...worshiping communities in experimentation and the creation of alternative texts to offer to the wider church, and that each diocese be urged to create a liturgical commission to collect, reflect, teach and share these resources with the TFLPBR" (Task Group on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision). The same resolution, also, "memorialize[d] the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring its continued use" and affirmed that the Church would continue "to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Book."

The resolution is nuanced and calls the Church to well-ordered and communal liturgical renewal. It also instructs that any liturgical revision to "utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church's liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, class and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship."

This Worship Task Group will help the Bishop establish guidelines with limits of use for experimental liturgies and a means for their evaluation. Liturgical revision happens within a broader community rather than an isolated congregation alone or as designed by an individual. Such liturgical revision ought never be the work of individuals or a unique creation in an isolated congregation. This Task Group will have five to seven members and do most of the work electronically.

2-B. Reconciliation Task Group

There were several resolutions and presentations of reconciliation in the broadest terms at 2018 General Convention. There were three key areas for discussion and reflection: (a) Racial Reconciliation, (b) Sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, and (c) The Church's historic response and/or non-response to such issues. The intertwining of the three areas are about awareness, power, control, repentance, and amendment of life - as individuals, as a Church, and as a society.

Recognizing that these concerns are broad and deep, this Task Group will need to help develop a plan for the Diocese to seriously address the issues of reconciliation over the course of the next few years. This work will require sub-groups. This group will require five to seven members to get started and will do most of their initial work electronically.

2-C. Creation Care Task Group

In fulfillment of a resolution adopted at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Convention, this Task Group will "address the scientific, cultural, theological and ethical realities of climate change, and its impact on our Islands and the world." The Bishop has stated that "no single issue impacts us more immediately as human beings entrusted by God with the care of creation who have a responsibility to future generations." To address the reality, however, will require changes in behavior at both societal and individual levels.

This Task Group will begin with five to seven members and do most of their work electronically.

The submission due date is: Friday, December 14, 2018; 5:00 PM

Ready to nominate?

The link to join in helping to define the future of the Diocese is here:

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