

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our

ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



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.

December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

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 Shitagi, Elaine Young, Thelma Lee, Elsie Ching, Bill Harada, Lori Maunalanga, Janine LeGrande, Trenton Omuro** and the birthdays of **Leighton Ige, Debbie Nishihira, Edlyn Hayashida, and Margaret Kitamura.**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **Our Historiographer:** Mr. Stuart Ching; **Our Registrar:** Ms. Rae Costa; **Secretary of Convention:** The Rev. Cn. Moki Hino.

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

Pledge Forms:

Please turn in your pledge forms by the end of this month so we can budget for 2019 and keep this church going!

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 after the December 30th 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!

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

Today, 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](mailto:fr.kee@episcopalchurch.org).

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 16, 2018	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. John Hau'oli Tomoso
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Betsy Hata
Eucharistic Minister:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Ariel Lee
Alms Bearer:	Pat Lum
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
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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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