



19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

### Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## The Gospel

### John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



## 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 30, 2018**

*The First Sunday of Christmas*

**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:**

**Nancy** Napu'unoa, **Hillary** Hee & **Isaac** Enojardo, **Irene** Nakamoto, **Daniel** Oda, **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 **Lennon** Kohama, **Matthew** Lum, and **Beren** Lui.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Office of the Bishop staff:** **Mr. Peter** Pereira (Treasurer) & Mrs. Serene Pereira; **Ms. Irina** Martikainen (Executive Assistant to the Bishop) & Mr. Craig Larson; **Ms. Rae** Costa (Business Manager) & the Ven. Steve Costa; **The Rev. Cn. Sandy** Graham (Canon for Congregational Life and Leadership) & the Rev. Heather Patton-Graham; **Mr. Danny** Casey (Bookkeeper); **The Rev. Cn. Kate** Cullinane (Strategic Planning Manager); **Mr. Sonny** Liu (Office Assistant).

## Announcements

**Good Samaritan Annual Meeting & Potluck:**

Jan. 27th immediately following the service. Please join us as we review 2018 and present and vote on our 2019 budget. We are also looking for 2 new committee members to be on the committee as Lori Chun and Jan Motoshige has completed their terms. Deb will gratefully accept any nominations!

**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! The form is in the back table of the church.

**Bishop's Committee Meeting:** Jan. 20th, after refreshments. If you would like any church related items to be discussed, please let one of the Bishop's Committee members know or you are also welcome to join us at the meeting! Kilauea Relief Fund:

**Inquirer's Classes:**

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](#).

**27th Annual Queen Lili'uokalani**

**Ho'okuikahi:**

Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, The Cathedral of St. Andrew at 7:00 PM. The date of the event represents a dark time in Hawaiian history when Queen Lili'uokalani was overthrown, but is now being recognized as a day of reconciliation and hope that focuses on the Queen's courage and conviction for non-violence that has been an example and legacy to her people. The Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center (PJRC) has organized this annual event to "educate and

advocate for justice and mercy for Na Kanaka Maoli and all the people of Hawai'i in the spirit of reconciliation." For more information, contact Rev. Kaleo Patterson at (808) 330-3769.

**2019 United Thank Offering Grant Applications Now Being Accepted:**

The focus is "Go: Crossing boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus." More information and application is available on Diocese website. UTO wants to encourage projects that will continue the work of Jesus to heal divisions and grow the beautifully diverse kingdom of God. The deadline is March 1, 2019, at 12:00 PM Hawai'i.

**Diocesan Bible Study to Prepare for the Presiding Bishop's Visit to the Diocese in March 2019:**

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be with us in the Diocese of Hawai'i on March 22-24, 2019. More information about the visit will be forthcoming. To prepare for the Presiding Bishop's visit, please study and pray through the Gospel of Matthew from Monday, October 15, 2018, through Thursday, March 21, 2019. .

**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.

**Next date:** Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 pm

**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.)

<b>Thank You to Our Worship Team!</b>	
<b>DECEMBER 30, 2018</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Alex Geston
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Pat Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
<b>Ministries</b>	
Flowers:	Jan Motoshige (Lennon's Birthday) & Church Poinsettia's
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Hata

<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>Next Week Sunday – JANUARY 6, 2019</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev.
Music	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Faye Hee
Eucharistic Minister:	Faye Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Paul Kaneshiro
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Jessica Lum Melissa Morinishi
<b>Ministries</b>	
Flowers:	TBA
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	TBA

**Ministries:**

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

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