

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and
poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from
oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his
sight.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in

whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Weekly Announcements

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Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany

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, **Jennie Lum, Irene Nakamoto, Daniel Oda, Edna Kano, 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 **Rene Lui and John Ogai.**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church: The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry (Presiding Bishop) & Mrs. Sharon Curry.

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!

New Refreshment and Flower Sign-up Sheets:

New sheets are posted on the back bulletin board. Please sign up!

Pledge Forms: Please turn in your pledge forms 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 at <frkeleawe@thecathedralofstandrew.org>

27th Annual Queen Lili'uokalani

Ho'okuikahi:

Thursday, Jan. 17th, 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. 24th, 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.)

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
JANUARY 6, 2019	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
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
Ministries	
Flowers:	Hee
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Nishihira

Looking Ahead	
Next Week Sunday – JANUARY 13, 2019	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Chun
Music	Ben Trusnovac
Altar Guild:	Jessica Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Nishihira
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Melissa Morinishi
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Les Hata Myrtle Kaneshiro
Ministries	
Flowers:	Kaneshiro
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.