



December 15, 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn	<i>Hymn 76 (v.1-3)</i>
Sequence Hymn	<i>Hymn 68 (v.1 before Gospel)</i> <i>(v.2 after Gospel)</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Hymnal 59 (v.1-2)</i>

The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!"

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no
traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

4 Happy are they who have the God of
Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are
oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before
you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”



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!

We want to thank you for being with us today. 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 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:

For the healing of: Atsuko Kato, Pastor Heather Hill, Jan Loo, Tessie Geston-Long, Blaise and Nancy Napu'unoa, Irene Nakamoto, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, John & Rei Hamano, Mel & Aki Shitagi, David Lee, Bill Harada, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.

For the Birthday of: Leighton Ige and Debbie Nishihira.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our Historiographer: Mr. Stuart Ching; Our Registrar: Ms. Rae Costa; Secretary of Convention: The Rev. Annalise Pasalo.

Announcements

Bishop's Committee Meeting: Today, after refreshments. We will be discussing next year's budget. Let the Bishop's Committee members know of any church related items you want discussed or join us at the meeting!

Stewardship/Pledge form: If you have your form filled out, you can turn it in during the offering collection. (form is also attached)

Kadomatsu making - Friday, December 27th
8am-9:45am: Bamboo cutting in the forest
10:00am: Assemble kadomatsu in the pavilion
12pm - lunch provided for volunteers by the Nishihira's
(order form attached)

Children's Corner - available during the first half of the service from 8:45am-9:45am. Connie/Paul and Chris Omuro (we are looking for more volunteers) will be taking care of any young children that come to church and will have them join the service before communion. Please encourage families with children to join us on Sundays!

E-Mail Website Scams: Diocesan Website Changes: In the ongoing battle against e-mail and online scams, the Diocesan website will be removing linked e-mail addresses from all pages, and replacing them with a contact form. This change will also affect the ministry pages (DOK, ECW, EfM, etc.) that contain e-mail addresses of contacts, although form inquiries will still be directed to those persons. It is a good idea for all churches to reconsider displaying e-mail addresses on their websites that could invite potential spoofer. If you receive any e-mails asking for personal information, be wary and take steps to verify that it is from a legitimate source.

Reminder about Eucharistic Minister & Eucharistic Visitor Trainings: They are a licensed lay position that must be renewed every three years, according to Diocesan Guidelines. Because of the greater level of responsibility for Eucharistic Visitors, there are additional requirements, including Safe Church training. To view the requirements and to download an application, visit the Diocese website.

United Thank Offering (UTO) 2020 Annual Grants: Informational Webinar: January 14:

These grants are awarded for projects in The Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion, each year with a different focus. For 2020, the focus is Bless: Share faith, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of God in Christ with hope and humility. The application process opened September 6th. The deadline for submitting a grant application is March 6, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS (ESC) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021 SERVICE YEAR:

The ESC is now accepting applications for their 2020-2021 service year. Visit their website to learn more and to apply. Episcopal Service Corps is a network of young adults ages 21-32 serving through locally organized intentional communities that are dedicated to:

- Serving others in solidarity
- Promoting justice in community
- Deepening spiritual awareness
- Discerning vocation
- Living simply

Everyone serving through ESC commits to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a household Rule of Life, regular spiritual direction, discernment and community practices. (Deadline to apply is January 10, 2020.)

28th Annual Queen Lili'uokalani Ho'okuikahi Service:

will be taking place on Friday, January 17, 2020, at Central Union Church in Honolulu, from 6:00-7:00 PM. This ecumenical event will feature the Cathedral Choir of St. Andrew, Hokuloa Singers of 'Iolani School, and others. 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) have 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 the Rev. Kaleo Patterson at (808) 330-3769.

Mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE!
DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT: "ONE BODY": For middle school and high school youth March 20-22, 2020, Camp Mokule'ia, Waialua. More information to come soon!

Piano Lessons: Anyone interested in learning to play the piano? See Ben for his business card, he'd love to receive referrals!

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
DECEMBER 15, 2019	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Alex Geston
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Chris Omuro
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Nishihira
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Pat Lum
Counters:	Les Hata Myrtle Kaneshiro
Ministries	
Flowers:	TBA
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Lori Chun

Looking Ahead	
NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – DECEMBER 22, 2019	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. John Hau'oli Tomoso
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Melissa Morinishi
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Ariel Lee
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
Ministries	
Flowers:	Pat Lum
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Kaneshiro



New Year 2020 Kadomatsu

Friday, December 27, 2019

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Good Samaritan Church

1801 10th Avenue

Members of Good Samaritan Church join in the Japanese tradition of *Kadomatsu* building - a traditional Japanese decoration made with bamboo.

Come and join us in learning how to make a *Kadomatsu*.

We will be making three sizes medium and large are for sale and smaller ones will be made to take to homebound church members and seniors.

We will also have *shimekazari* and *mizuhiki* (Japanese art of knotting, tying & braiding) decorations for sale.

Pick up is Friday, December 27th from 12 noon at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 10th Avenue.

If you plan on helping to build Kadomatsu, please let us know so we can put you in the count. Contact Information: Email: goodsamhawaii@yahoo.com Phone: (808) 735-5944

_____ Medium (12 inches) <i>Kadomatsu</i> @ \$15.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Large (18 inches) <i>Kadomatsu</i> @ \$25.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Large <i>Shimekazari</i> door decoration @ \$15.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Medium <i>Shimekazari</i> door decoration @ \$10.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Small <i>Mizuhiki</i> @ \$5.00 each (various designs)	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Total # of items	TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Phone or cell number: _____ email: _____



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Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

(An email address is important as we can use it to notify everyone quickly and inexpensively.)

In thanksgiving for God's gifts of life, love and community, I/we commit my/our time, talent and treasure for God's work in Good Samaritan Church of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO PLEDGE (one of the following)

\$ _____ per week.

\$ _____ per month

\$ _____ per year.

Total pledge for the year 2020: \$ _____

I/we understand that as circumstances change and a change in the pledge is needed; I/we will inform the church Treasurer or rector, so adjustments may be made to my pledge.

Offering envelopes: YES NO

Signature: _____

Please help us with your Time and Talent and Donation by checking your areas of interest:

Bishop's Committee/Vestry <input type="checkbox"/>	Episcopal Church Women <input type="checkbox"/>	Refreshments <input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/>	Lector <input type="checkbox"/>	Chalice Bearer <input type="checkbox"/>
Acolyte <input type="checkbox"/>	Bible Study <input type="checkbox"/>	Altar Guild <input type="checkbox"/>
Yard Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Flowers <input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Activities <input type="checkbox"/>	Home visitor <input type="checkbox"/>	Write in <input type="checkbox"/>

If you check any of the above, someone will contact you to help you get involved.

We are updating our data base, and need more information. If you are willing, please fill in the following:

Birthdate (s) MO ___ DAY ___ YR ____ . Name _____

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Birthdate (s) MO ___ DAY ___ YR ____ . Name _____

Wedding Anniversary MO ___ DAY ___ YR ____ .

Thank you for your commitment to keep Good Samaritan Church and all our ministries going!

Please return this by mail, during the offering, or to any Bishop's Committee member by December 31, 2019