

something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old?

Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



Weekly Announcements

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

March 8, 2020

The Second Sunday in Lent

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: Anne Comcowich, Elvie Ho, Hau'oli Tomoso, Wayne Olivieri, Steve Kai, 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.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Molokai. The Rev. John Lunn (Vicar).

Announcements

Reminder - Our service time from now on is at 9:30am.

Bishop's Committee Meeting: March 22nd after refreshments.

Refreshments/Flowers - Sign-up sheets are up in the back! Please fill in the blanks if you can!

Children's Corner - available during the first half of the service from 9:00am-9:40am. 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!

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.

Episcopal Lenten Resources: February 26 was Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. The Episcopal Church has a number of resources to help you observe Lent that can be found at <https://episcopalchurch.org/lenten-resources>.

Storm & Disaster Preparedness Info Day: Saturday, March 14th, 9am – 2pm, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 316. Learn about the products and services available to help you prepare in advance of intense storms. The info day has 2 components: a speaker series and an exhibit area. Homeowners are encouraged to bring information about their building (e.g. year built, single or double wall) so experts can help them. For more info, visit primohui.org. Registration encouraged at stormdisasterprep.eventbrite.com

The Reverend Naim Ateek, Palestinian priest will be in Hawaii from March 12-23. He is the founder of SABEEL, a Palestinian organization built on the theology of liberation. He presents his unique perspective as a Palestinian Christian living under harsh conditions in the Holy Land, while working towards building a just peace for all people in the Holy Land- Muslims, Jews, and Christians.

Public events are from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on:

- March 14 at the Von Holt Room at St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Naim's topic will be: PALESTINE: The US Role Past and Present
- March 21 at St. Clements Church, Naim will speak on: CHRISTIAN ZIONISM: A Palestinian Perspective.

On March 22, his last evening in Honolulu, The Rev. Ateek will be made Honorary Canon of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii.

SPRING TRAINING 2020: Chrism Mass & Diocesan Education Day, Saturday, March 28, The Cathedral of St. Andrew: Registration opens at 8:00 AM, Chrism Mass at 9:00 AM, Workshops & Lunch through 3:30 PM. This event will include a Chrism Mass (with renewal of vows for clergy and lay) and workshops for clergy, wardens, treasurers (stewardship leaders), children and youth workers, but all interested in learning more in these areas are welcome to attend.

Workshop Descriptions

- **Clergy Track:** (Coming Soon)
- **Warden Track:** (Coming Soon)
- **Treasurer Track:** (Coming Soon)
- **Youth/Family Ministries Track:**

Stories of God at Home: A Godly Play

Approach: This is a new offering designed to help stimulate family storytelling alongside the stories of God. The important benefits of sharing both the beloved and difficult stories of your family with children have been widely documented. It is for educators, leaders, parents and grandparents. While participants do not receive full training as storytellers, they will be equipped to tell stories in their homes and to consider offering the resource in their church communities.

Full descriptions of all workshops will be posted soon, but you don't have to wait to register... sign up now to reserve your spot!

Cost for the day is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Visit the diocese website to register now. Deadline is Friday, March 21st.

Diocesan Scholarship Funds: now available to students for the 2020-2021 school year are the:

- Bishop's Scholarship Fund
- The Chang Clergy Children's Scholarship Fund

Visit the Diocese website for detailed information and note: application packets are due in the Office of the Bishop by **Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 4:00pm.**

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! March 8, 2020	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Jar Pasalo
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Melissa Morinishi
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Nishihira
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Ariel Lee
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
Ministries	
Flowers:	Lent-greens by Hee's
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Kaneshiro

<i>Looking Ahead</i> NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – MARCH 15, 2020	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Alex Geston
Music	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Russell Nishimoto
Alms Bearer:	Pat Lum
Counters:	Jessica Lum Melissa Morinishi
Ministries	
Flowers:	Lent-greens by Hee's
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Hata

Feel free to take the readings and announcements home with you today.

It can also be viewed on our church website at:
<http://www.goodsamaritanhawaii.org/weekly-announcements.html>

Please leave the service booklet at the back of the church for reuse on Sundays.