



July 5, 2020

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME BACK!

REMINDERS:

- Please wear your masks.
- Every other pew is being used to maintain social distancing. Only families of the same household can sit close to each other. Only two non-family members can sit on each pew (one on each end)
- No procession or recession by priest.
- No service booklet except for the priest, acolyte and/or appointed response person.
- The Offering collection plate will not be passed around during the service. It is in the back of church. Please try to place your offering there before the service or at the end if you missed it.
- Communion will be bread only. It will be given closer to the pews.
- No contact during the peace (just turn and acknowledge each other with a bow, wave, etc.)
- No coffee hour after the service.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

IMPORTANT: No singing or responses out loud. The congregation will prayerfully listen during the service and silently respond in their heads and hearts. One person will be appointed to say the people's responses for the congregation.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



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 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 family of: John Hamano and Paul Wysard

For the healing of: Sumie Mizushima, Anne Comcowich, Elvie Ho, Wayne Olivieri, Steve Kai, Jan Loo, Tessie Geston-Long, Blaise and Nancy Napu'unoa, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitagi, David Lee, Bill Harada, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.

For the birthdays of: Gail Lee, Alison Shimbukuro, Joni Kohama, Ernest Oshiro, Connie Kaneshiro and Cora Say

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* Trinity By-the-Sea, Kihei and Holy Innocents, Lahaina.**

Announcements

Card for Father David Ota's retirement - If you would like to sign the retirement card from the church, it is in the back table.

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

Annual Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i: Saturday, October 24, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plans for the Annual Meeting in October have been changed and are being carefully considered to comply with safety guidelines of the CDC, our State, and Counties. It will likely involve some use of online communication (Zoom) and limited gatherings. Latest updates will be posted on the Convention 52 webpage.

2020 ELECTIONS BY MAIL IN HAWAI'I: Hawai'i is switching to VOTE BY MAIL (VBM), starting this year. If you plan to exercise your right to vote in this extremely consequential year, check your voter registration at <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/> to register, confirm, or update your voter registration address.

Calvin Say: Calvin is running for Honolulu City Council which covers Manoa, Palolo, Kaimuki, St. Louis Heights, Moiliili and McCully. If you would like to fill out postcards to send to friends, the pre-written postcards are at the back of the church. Just fill in the address, return it and Calvin will mail it out. He'll also welcome those that want to volunteer to sign wave. Visit his website at <https://www.calvinsay.com>

Jackson Sayama: Jackson is running for House District 20 which covers our Palolo district. If you would like to help Jackson's campaign (Sign waving, make phone calls, etc.) let him know or go to his website and sign up as a volunteer <https://www.jacksonsayama.com>

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

Please 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>

Father David Ota's Retirement

The following letter is information regarding Father David Ota's retirement. Father Ota was the priest at Good Samaritan from 1983 - 1997. A card from the church will be available to sign. If you would like to send individual greetings, the information is in the letter. If you would like to send a video message, Deb can video you and it will be uploaded to the dropbox site given.



Dear Bishops, Members of the Clergy, Saint Ambrose Parishioners, Friends and Family

As many of you already know, the Rev. David Ota will retire as rector of Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church in Foster City at the end of July. After 23 years of incredible service to this community we are sad to see him go and, even under current pandemic circumstances, we want to thank and celebrate him in a big way. We will all miss his wise counsel, steadfast leadership and insightful sermons.

Fr. David's last service as rector will be on Sunday, July 26th, 2020, at 10 a.m. PDT. The service will be livestreamed from the Chapel as we have been doing for several months now. Although Fr. David will not be present in the Chapel for the worship service, the celebration will take place remotely immediately following the service. Here are the ways you can join the celebration:

- *'Flood' his inbox, both physical and electronic, with greetings, thank you's, ecards, congratulations and well-wishes. Mail should be sent to Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, 900 Edgewater Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404-3709, electronic greetings to dyota@mindspring.com*
- *Photos, letters and greetings will be gathered together in a memory book for David. This will be done after the celebration so we can include everyone's contributions. Please make your contribution on or before Friday, August 7th, 2020*
- *We would be honored if you could submit a video of your tribute to David to be incorporated into the livestream following the worship service. The final video tribute will be professionally produced by YourStoryVideos. The video should last approx. 30 seconds and we recommend you wear dark clothing against a lighter background and try to stabilize your recording device using a tripod or something similar to maximize the quality of the final product. Please let us know if you plan to submit a video and upload it as an mpeg4 file to the Dropbox link below by Friday, July 10th,*

2020 <https://www.dropbox.com/request/UKaPYcdh4FwAskcZiquo>

- *David will be presented with a gift from Saint Ambrose Church and Sea Breeze School. If you would like to contribute to a purse for David, you can do so either as an individual gift or submit your donation to Saint Ambrose, to the attention of the Rev. Karen Swanson and clearly marked as 'Fr. David's Retirement Purse' by Monday, July 20th, 2020, so we can prepare one check*
- *Join a Zoom celebration that David will attend. It will follow the livestream of the worship service and links will be sent out nearer the date*
- *Drive by Saint Ambrose after the celebration for a drive-through reception from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wave, smile, honk your horn, see David in the parking lot and pick up a 'celebration-to-go'. Please RSVP to frdavidsretirement@gmail.com if you will attend the drive-through.*

*****MOST IMPORTANTLY - BE SURE TO JOIN THE LIVESTREAM AND SUBSEQUENT ZOOM CELEBRATION ON THE DAY*****

As COVID-19 conditions allow, we hope to host a formal retirement event.

Please do not send questions about the event to David, they should be directed to the event planning committee at frdavidsretirement@gmail.com.

Thank you, please be with us as we celebrate David's ministry,

*April Cherrington, Senior Warden
Shelley Keefe, Junior Warden
on behalf of Saint Ambrose Vestry*

