



November 15, 2020

The Twenty-fourth 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. Single file down the aisle and exit to the left or right to walk back to your seat.
- 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**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;

in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## The Gospel

### Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

### **Prayers of the People - Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop(s) Bishop Curry & Bishop Fitzpatrick; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on our prayer list.

**For the healing and care of: Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Amy Fiandach, Steve Kai, Blaise Napu'unoa, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitagi, David Lee, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.**

**For the birthdays of: Grant Marshall, Jonathan Lee and Edean Goya**

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*



## **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 also hold the following people in your prayers***

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:*** Retired Clergy: The Rev. Dcn. Patricia Reynolds (Deacon) & Mr. Donald Reynolds; The Rev. Lynette G. Schaefer (Priest); The Rev. Timothy Sexton (Priest) & Mrs. Barbara Sexton; The Rev. Richard Shields (Priest) & Mr. Kaipo Saisan; The Rev. Dcn. Robert Steele (Deacon) & Mrs. Jean Steele; The Rev. Walter Stevens (Priest) & Mrs. Kathy Stevens.

***Announcements (new)***

**Veggie/Fruit bags:**

The program took a break last week but will resume tomorrow. Our next door neighbor, Michelle Gorham, will deliver a few pre-packed packages of veggies and fruits (items vary) to our church on Monday evenings and it can be distributed that same night or on Tuesday. If you would like to get a bag for someone, let Deb know and it will be set aside for pick up or delivery. The program will go on until Christmas.

**Update on Jan Motoshige: Moving Towards Surgery**

Journal Entry by Joni Kohama — November 10, 2020

Last Friday, November 6, we met with mom's surgeon, Dr. Nancy Furumoto. At this meeting we reviewed mom's progress and discussed next steps.

In this next phase we will be focusing on 3 things.

1. Further imaging and testing of the tumor post-chemotherapy
2. Help mom gain back some strength
3. Getting mom evaluated and cleared for surgery

The testing will provide more information if there is any additional spread of the cancer and to help us to decide if mom should get a lumpectomy or a mastectomy. When evaluating the tumor last Friday, the surgeon said the tumor did shrink however it is still sizeable and it might require a mastectomy.

Although we thought mom's surgery would be scheduled in November, the surgeon said that she would like to give mom a month (at least) to gain back her strength. There is some concern that the cancer can begin to grow back if we wait too long before the surgery however, the surgeon emphasized the need to take the time to build back her strength so she can tolerate the surgery and expected post-surgery recovery.

At this time mom is weak. She is tired most of the day and has difficulty walking and does not have much arm strength to use her cane. We will start using a wheelchair this week for doctor's appointments and medical tests.

Having said that, we are hopeful as we are seeing improvement every day. Just yesterday she started having more of an appetite. Starting next week, we hope to start her on exercises she can do while sitting in a chair. She does have some aches and pains but mom remains in good spirits. I think this mental positive attitude is what keeps her fighting.

In addition to gaining back her strength, mom will also be going to many doctor appointments in November to clear her for surgery. Assuming she passes all her tests and is cleared, her surgery is scheduled for the week of December 7.

I will keep you posted and updated on her progress. Thank you all for your continued care and concern.

### **Announcements (repeat)**

#### **Pavilion refrigerator:**

The refrigerator no longer works and has been unplugged. We will need to replace it in the future but that will be on hold for now.

#### **Kadomatsu Day - Mark your calendars:**

This year's kadomatsu making will be the day after Christmas on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>! We will be cutting bamboo at a new location on a private residence that Chris is in contact with and will bring it back to church to cut and decorate. Pre-order flyers will go out sometime after Thanksgiving. A kadomatsu and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

**A Reminder on Phishing Scams:** Online scams are here to stay and we need to remain vigilant. The Diocesan Support Center continues to receive messages about questionable emails from the Bishop, and also from their own clergy. It's always good to double-check if you are not sure after taking some precautionary steps. Here are a few reminders to help identify whether an email is legit:

- Check the return email address. If the address doesn't match the name of the sender, that's a red flag. (Some emails may use similar addresses to legit ones - check closely.)
- Look for grammatical or spelling errors in the text of the email.

- Never open attachments from unknown sources, especially those with an ".exe" extension that could launch an unwelcome virus or malware onto your device
- Check the address at the bottom of the email. If it says "Pastor Tom" and Tom never goes by "Pastor," it's fake.

Finally, if the email appears safe and the sender is asking for money, goods or personal data, contact the person directly to verify.

**The Rev. Annalise Pasalo to Moderate Webinars:** The Presiding Bishop's delegation to the 64th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW 64) invites all to join the online study group Beijing +25: Celebrating the Blessing, Realizing the Dream, which will offer a series of webinars, blogs and conversations facilitated by the delegates from July through November 2020. The Rev. Annalise Pasalo from Emmanuel in Kailua will be moderating. Check the Diocese website for schedule, more information and to register.

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**Two By Two Crafts** - Gail and Ariel Lee have many other craft products available online. You can check out their website at <https://twobytwocrafts.com> if you're interested!

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

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>*

<b>Thank You to Our Worship Team!</b>	
<b>November 15, 2020</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb (for Jan)
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Chris Omuro & Pat Lum

<b><i>Looking Ahead</i></b>	
<b><i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22, 2020</i></b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Taylor Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Melissa Morinishi