



December 13, 2020  
The Third Sunday of Advent

***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

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.*

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

**John 1:6-8,19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**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: Robert Nishimoto and Leighton Ige**

*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:*** Our Chancellors: Mr. Wayne Yoshigai (Chancellor); Mr. Kevin Herring (Vice Chancellor)

***Announcements (new)***

**Update on Jan Motoshige:** *Journal entry by Joni Kohama — 12/5/2020*

Mom broke a bone in her left foot while standing up.

She is on Kuakini campus but, as of yesterday, is in Hale Pulama Mau (HPM) building of the Kuakini Geriatric Care facility

Due to mom's depression, mild cognitive impairment and some "chemo brain", she does have some short-term memory issues and in addition, due to being in the hospital, is experiencing some confusion. As Mom's reality is often "inaccurate", please feel free to contact me if what Mom tells you may need clarification or is concerning. I can be reached at this email or at 265-0945. Again, if you would like to receive updates on Mom directly from me, please email me.

Due to COVID, no visitors are allowed at HPM. HPM also does not accept any flowers, plant or balloon deliveries.

She does not have a phone in her room however she does have her cell phone. If you have difficulty reaching her on the cell phone, you can email her and cc me and I will make sure she calls you.

As soon as she gets settled, I will be letting people know additional ways to contact Mom. It'll probably be a schedule of best times to call, technology you can use to send her messages and where to send get-well cards etc.

### **Mom's First Few Days at Hale Pulama Mau** *Journal Entry by Joni Kohama — 12/09/2020*

On the afternoon of Friday, December 4, Mom was discharged from Kuakini Hospital and admitted to the skilled nursing floor of Hale Pulama Mau (HPM). The physical transfer was seamless. The hospital staff and HPM staff simply wheeled her on a gurney from her hospital room to her HPM room. Due to COVID, she does not have a roommate. Within 2 hours after being admitted she was assessed by a team of physical and occupational therapists. The plan is for her to have OT and PT every weekday for an hour each, and see her specialists as needed to monitor her Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) and cancer.

Unfortunately, this transition has exacerbated Mom's confusion. There are times she is lucid however, for the majority of time that she has been at HPM, Mom thinks she is in a hotel and often with no recollection of her stay in the hospital. Every day she calls to discuss arrangements for "checking out" the next day and taking a bus home. After she accidentally slid off the bed on Sunday night (we think she was trying to get out of bed on her own) she was moved to a room closer to the nurse's station for closer supervision. To make things more challenging, she doesn't remember that she needs assistance to stand and walk. We are working with the nurses and doctors to setup memory aids in her room.

Due to COVID, HPM does not allow any visitors in the building so we rely heavily on the nursing staff. I call the nursing staff daily for updates and their open communication is a blessing. When Mom has called confused or agitated, I only need to call the nurses' station and they check on her.

Due to COVID, the activities for the patients are limited to small groups or individual activities such as coloring books or 1-person games. Mom participated in a game of bingo yesterday with about 8 other patients (all physically-distanced). She told me, "I had to help some of the patients because, you know, they are old." I am grateful for the HPM Activities team as they are doing their best despite COVID and it was a happy moment for Mom – she got to connect and help a fellow human and she was also excited about getting BINGO in one round and winning a pair of socks.

The good (and bad news) is that Mom now has her laptop with her. It is good news because the laptop gives her easier access to her emails. It is bad news because it gives her easier access to send emails with inaccurate information or emails consistent with her delusions of being at a hotel. If you received an email from her recently and if she cc'd me, you should have received an email from me explaining the situation. If she emailed you but did not cc me, I apologize for any confusion, worry or concern this may have caused you. If you receive an email from her that is concerning, please feel free to call or text me at 808-265-0945 or email me at [joni@gigaisland.com](mailto:joni@gigaisland.com).

We greatly appreciate the kindness and offers of assistance extended to us by many family and friends. Due to COVID however, visitors are not allowed in the building, deliveries of flowers, plants or balloons are not accepted and only family members are allowed to deliver personal items to the checkpoint outside the front doors of HPM. As many have expressed feeling helpless due to the many restrictions standing in the way to connect with Mom, I have come up with a list of ways that work-around these restrictions.

To connect with Mom, please feel free to:

**Call her on her cell phone** – She does not have a phone in her room. She does not answer her cell phone regularly and she does not check her voicemail, however, if she is near her phone, has the ringer on or is paying attention to her phone, there is a chance she might answer.

**Email her and cc me** – She may not respond to your email however, if I am cc'd, I can print out your email and include it in our next delivery to HPM.

**Write her a letter or card and send it to me**– All cards and letters addressed to her will be included in our deliveries to HPM. This also applies to kids (or adults) who want to send her handmade “get-well” drawings. We are told that she can tape pictures in her room and because she has no roommate, I expect there is a lot of space available to fill with joyous pictures and cards. Here's my address:

Janice Motoshige  
c/o Joni Kohama  
2165 Aha Niu Place  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

**Email her a video message and cc me** – If I am cc'd, the next time I talk to her I can help her find the video in her inbox.

You are welcome to email, text or call me anytime if you are having trouble getting in touch with her. I am keeping a list of folks for her to call that will be included in our deliveries to HPM.

I would **not** recommend sending her a text message. She doesn't check her text messages often because she does not remember that texting is possible, and she has forgotten what app to use to open the text messages.

Feel free to contact me if there are other ways you would like to connect with her and I can ask the nursing staff what might be possible.

Despite the challenges we are facing with Mom, Dad and I remain hopeful and positive. Mom is getting the help she needs and is surrounded by kind, caring and understanding nurses and doctors. We too feel a little helpless as we are unable to visit or provide Mom any additional support other than answering her when she calls and trying our best to calm her down when she is confused and agitated. We thank you all for your care and concern. Mahalo! - Joni

### **Veggie/Fruit bags day change to this Thursday (update):**

Our neighbor Michelle Gorham will be moving this week so the bags will now be delivered by Nicky, another program coordinator from the Farm to Family program with the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center. For this week she will be dropping it off late on Thursday night.

### **Announcements (repeat)**

#### **Kadomatsu Day – Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please let Deb know if you will be joining us that day. We need a headcount for ordering bentos. We will be cutting bamboo early in the morning in Kaneohe then bringing it back for cutting and decorating. Pre-order flyers can be emailed out or given out. Flyers are in the back of the church. A kadomatsu and bento lunch will be provided for volunteers.

#### **Church Front Door Repaired**

The church front door was repaired and re-painted a few weeks ago. The door was misaligned with the latch and the doorknob was overdue for a change. Gavin installed the new doorknob and we hired a handyman that replaced the wood trimming, created a new latch hole, and repainted the door.

#### **Rock Wall Repair Needed:**

The rock wall next to the church is in need of repair. Is there anyone that has done masonry work or have recommendations? We need to get it fixed before the problem gets worse.

#### **City and County Grant Received:**

We were fortunate to recently receive \$8,720.58 from a grant through the City and County during their 2<sup>nd</sup> round of applications. Last Spring we also got the Program Protection Program grant.

**Bishop’s Committee Meeting:**

We will try to schedule a zoom meeting soon. If you have church related items you want the committee to discuss, please let Deb know.

**Phishers and spoofers are moving from bogus emails to bogus text messages:**

Bishop Bob will never send any communication (text, email, letter, fax, etc) requesting gift cards. Report these communications to the appropriate authorities and block the sender(s). A couple members of our Diocese recently received a BOGUS text message asking them to purchase gift cards for a cancer patient because he was in a meeting and couldn’t do it. One of the phone numbers being used is (808) 401-2192. Most likely what is happening is someone is trolling websites looking for cell phone numbers. When they find one, they impersonate the “boss” by signing up for an email addresses using the “boss’s” name (like REV. ROBERT FITZPATRICK or Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick) and then send text messages to the cell phone numbers that are on the “company’s” website (for example, a church’s contact us page or leadership page or any page that has cell phone numbers on it).

**Two By Two Crafts** - Looking for stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts? 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>December 13, 2020</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Melissa Morinishi

<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20, 2020</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Betsy Hata
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Les Hata & Myrtle Kaneshiro