



April 4, 2021

Easter Day

REMINDERS FOR THE SERVICE:

- There is still no singing but (quiet) responses are now allowed.
- 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.
- 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. **All are welcome to go up for communion or a blessing. Christians receive the Eucharist to fully embody the covenant relationship created in Baptism. If you are not yet baptized, cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a grace-filled blessing.*
- 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.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right

is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God

and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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: William Harada, Wayne Olivieri, Faye Hee, Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Jonathan Lee, David Lee, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitagi, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.

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

The Priest adds the concluding Collect:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Weekly Announcements

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

Announcements for April 4, 2021

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: Good Shepherd, Wailuku: The Rev. Robert K. "Moki: Hino (Priest-in-Charge)

Announcements (new)

Easter Egg Hunt:

There will be an Easter egg hunt for the little kids following the service.

Congratulations to Pat Lum:

Pat has officially retired! Here's a picture from her last day at work.



Update on Jan Motoshige:

Journal Entry by Joni Kohama — March 28, 2021



Attached please find pictures of Mom with her new caregiver, pictures of her new care home and a picture of Lennon and Mom when we moved her in (the first time they had seen each other since mid-November).

So much has happened since my last update and majority of it happened just last week.

Post-Surgery Update

Over the last few weeks, Mom healed nicely after her mastectomy and her post-surgery check-ups with the surgeon were good with no infection, pain or discomfort.

Since the surgery we have met with her doctors regarding post-surgery treatment to deter spread and recurrence of the cancer. In these post-surgery appointments, we found out that

- Mom actually had three tumors (not two) and the third “surprise” tumor was actually more cancerous than the other two
- The pathology report showed that one of the removed tumors did have hormone receptors.

These “surprises” mean . . .

- We were relieved that Mom got a mastectomy. If Mom had a lumpectomy, it would not have removed the third (more cancerous) tumor.
- The presence of hormone receptors in one of the tumors allowed an anti-estrogen hormone pill to become an option as a post-surgery treatment.

As Mom’s type of cancer has a high recurrence rate, we knew we needed to have some kind of post-surgery treatment to keep the cancer at bay however, many of the usual post-surgery treatments (chemotherapy, immunotherapy or radiation) were not an option for Mom as her body (weakened by the Guillain-Barre syndrome) would not be able to tolerate such treatments. The anti-estrogen pill option was a happy “surprise and we are extra happy because the anti-estrogen pill has little to no side-effects.

Mobility and Dementia Update

While at HPM the PT and OT therapy helped Mom regain some arm strength and returned to using a walker within 2 weeks after surgery. However, unable to remember what the therapists were teaching her, Mom quickly plateaued and we were notified that she would no longer qualify for physical therapy and would be discharged from the skilled nursing level of care at HPM.

As it seemed Mom's cognitive abilities were a major impediment to improving her physical mobility, we consulted with Mom's neurologist. The neurologist gave Mom a memory test and changed her diagnosis from MCI (mild cognitive impairment) to a moderate level of dementia. With this new diagnosis, the neurologist prescribed a medicine that would slow down the progression of the dementia, and ideally, help Mom improve her memory and awareness which would support her progress in physical therapy.

We also asked Mom's neurologist, how much more could Mom realistically recover from the Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS). Her neurologist said that Mom had not improved much in the past 2 months but patients with GBS tend to see meaningful improvement after 6 months of therapy.

After the consultation with the neurologist, we decided that Mom needed to be in a place where she could receive more physical therapy. We would have liked to bring Mom home however because she is still unable to walk up and down stairs, bringing her home, at this time, is not an option.

Mom Has Moved

For the last two weeks Dad and I have been working with CareSift to find a new place for mom. We are happy to report that this past Friday we moved Mom into a private room of a 5-patient care home in a quiet residential neighborhood in Aina Haina. Not only is the care home in town (only 15 minutes away) we are so lucky to have found a care home that will allow a physical therapist and acupuncturist to come into the home to treat Mom. (Due to COVID, many of the care homes are not allowing any at-home services)

Mom did experience some confusion with this transition and was sad to leave her friends at HPM however, as soon as Mom entered the care home in Aina Haina, she perked up. She remembered that she had visited the care home a few years ago when her friend was a patient there, and the caregiver, Lan, even recognized Mom and remembered meeting her back then. It was like a little reunion!

We suspect Mom will enjoy living in Aina Haina. She loves the food and her room has a view of a beautiful hibiscus bush outside her window. She is getting along with the other patients and has found "purpose" in visiting one of the bedridden patients every day to keep her company. The caregiver also has 3 children that Mom adores. On the first night

she read to the younger children (two boys ages 4 and 6) and the next morning she played Minecraft with the 6 year old. She is “tickled” that the caregiver’s daughter (age 10) is on the waitlist for Iolani. She said the kids visit her in her room or they hang out in the living room and she enjoys being with them because they talk to her about everything and anything.

Due to the recent increase in COVID cases, Mom is currently not allowed any visitors however, to connect with Mom, please feel free to:

Call her on her cell phone – She does not have a phone in her room however she has gotten better about answering her cell phone. She still does not remember to check her voicemails but feel free to leave a voicemail.

Email her - She still does not use her laptop too much as she is still experiencing numbness and tingling in her fingers as a result of the chemotherapy. She may not reply to your email however, she does tend to read her emails regularly. Her email is moto1990@me.com. Feel free to cc me as you see fit.

Write her a letter or card and send it to her at the care home– Kids (or adults) who want to send her handmade “get-well” drawings are also welcome. As she has a private room, she has a lot of space and is allowed to put things up on the wall. Her mailing address is:

Janice Motoshige
c/o Lan Chen
237 East Hind Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

As the caregiver takes care of everything and since no visitors are allowed, Dad and I will be taking a less active role in Mom’s care - needing only to drop off personal items as needed. Although taking this “back seat” in Mom’s care, we will however, be busy preparing for the next phase when we bring Mom home. Plans for a wheelchair ramp are already being drafted and the purchase of grab bars and safety equipment is in the works.

We will let everyone know when family and friends are allowed to visit and keep you updated on Mom.

We hope everyone is healthy and safe. Thank you for your care and concern.

Announcements (repeat)

Flower sign-up sheet: Our flower sign-up sheet is up on the back of the church. Please sign up for the remaining months.

Join the Conversation!

Monthly Communication Gatherings Coming! Beginning in March, the Diocese's Communications Design Team will be hosting monthly online gatherings that will be open to all in the Diocese. Called CHATS (Communicate, Help, Ask, Thank, Share), these gatherings will last about an hour beginning with a short presentation on different topics followed by conversation and time for Q&A. Topics being considered include website design, social media, livestreaming, online chat apps, graphic design, video editing, and whatever our community would like to learn more about! These gatherings are being designed to help all in the Diocese to keep moving forward (or catch up) in this rapidly changing world of media and technology. CHATS will take place on the last Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM. Our second gathering will be on Thursday, April 29. If you are interested in participating, please register on the Diocese website to get on the list and receive online instructions.

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
APRIL 4, 2021	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Philip Paradine
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb (for Jan)
Flowers:	Easter
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Chris Omuro & Pat Lum

<i>Looking Ahead</i>	
<i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – APRIL 11, 2021</i>	
<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Malcolm Hee</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Ben Trusnovec</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Taylor Omuro</i>
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Calvin Say</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Jessica Lum & Deb Nishihira</i>