



May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**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**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Old Testament**

**Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now

there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## The Gospel

### **John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### **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: Florence Kuwashima, William Harada, Wayne Olivieri,  
Faye Hee, Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Jonathan Lee,  
David Lee, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitaghi & Janine LeGrande.**

**For the birthday of: Marcus Lui**

*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**

*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.**

### **Announcements for May 2, 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:*** St. Christopher's, Kailua: The Rev. Giovan King (Rector) & Mr. Thomas King; The Rev. Hollis Maxson (Priest Associate) & Mrs. Ethel Maxson; The Rev. Preston Lentz (Curate) & Mrs. Mary Ann Lentz.

#### **Announcements (new)**

#### **Highlights of Bishop's Committee Meeting:**

- Continuing food bag outreach to Kupuna in the valley. We will contact the Palolo Housing representative for names.
- Possibly assisting with meal program outreach at St. Elizabeth's.
- Myrtle talking with the new Palolo Rec Center director about her Mahjong class. She had 20+ attendees before the pandemic closed things. Due to renovations, the class is suspended for now as well as the summer fun program. We will look into how the mahjong class can temporarily resume at Good Samaritan.
- Looking at how the pavilion (and church) can be utilized during the week? Right now Tuesday and Wednesday evenings it is reserved for the Narcotics Anonymous support groups. There may be another support group that would like to use the space on other evenings. If there are other ideas, please let us know.

#### **Announcements (repeat)**

#### **FEMA Funeral Assistance for COVID-19 Starting April 12:**

If you know of anyone that has lost a family member due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a federal program to register for potential financial reimbursements. Clients will have to call 844-684-6333 beginning Monday, April 12. FEMA's website (<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>) is available in

multiple languages. See below for more information. There is also a video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgvN\\_9m58Z0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgvN_9m58Z0)

COVID-19 relief for funeral expenses: FEMA will provide financial assistance for funeral costs specifically related to COVID-19 for funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020, at a 100% federal cost share. Funeral expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$9,000 per decedent and \$35,500 per registrant (e.g., in cases of multiple funerals in a family).

- Registration paperwork requires proof of funeral expenses and a death certificate that indicates the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely a result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.
- Funeral assistance through this program may not duplicate benefits received from burial/funeral insurance, or other funeral-specific financial assistance.
- Assistance is retroactive to January 20, 2020.

**Communication with Jan Motoshige:**

Per Jan’s daughter, Joni, to connect with her Mom, please feel free to:

**Call her cell phone at (808)349-6435 (no text please)**

**Email her at [moto1990@me.com](mailto:moto1990@me.com) and/or cc Joni at [joni@gigaisland.com](mailto:joni@gigaisland.com)**

**Email her a video message and cc Joni**

**Write her a letter or card and send it to:**

Janice Motoshige

c/o Lan Chen

237 East Hind Drive

Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

**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. If you are interested in participating, please register on the Diocese website to get on the list and receive online instructions.

**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!

<b>Thank You to Our Worship Team!</b> <b>MAY 2, 2021</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Philip Paradine
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Flowers:	Church
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Deb Nishihira

<i>Looking Ahead</i> <i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – MAY 9, 2021</i>	
<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Imelda Padasdao</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Ben Trusnovec</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Betsy Hata</i>
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Les Hata &amp; Myrtle Kaneshiro</i>