



August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.
- There will still be 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 refreshments after the service until further notice.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

[Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the

house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Gospel

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where

he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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: Ellen Shimabuku, Ediza Tamura, Ralph Akutagawa,
Florence Kuwashima, William Harada, Wayne Olivieri, Celine Niau Nelson, Jan**

Motoshige, **Sumie** Mizushima, **Jonathan** Lee, **David** Lee, **Rei** Hamano, **Aki** Shitagi & **Janine** LeGrande.

For the birthday of: Chris Omuro, JoAnn Komata and Travis Ujimori

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 August 22, 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: Our Episcopal and affiliated schools: The St. Andrew's Schools; 'Iolani School; Seabury Hall; Holy Nativity School; their students, faculty, and staff.

Announcements (new)

Welcome to our new pianist:

Please welcome Eileen Uchima who will fill in as our church pianist. We hope to have her play for us regularly on Sundays when she's able to.

Mahalo to Rev. Hau'oli Tomoso:

Thank you Rev. Hau'oli and wife Susan for flying in from Maui for today's service! It's been over a year since we've last seen them at Good Samaritan!



Picture from June 28, 2020.

53rd Annual Meeting of the Convention will be Online:

See letter from the Bishop below. For more information and to stay informed, visit the Convention webpage. Our attendees will be: Vicar Rev. Malcolm Hee, and delegates Faye Hee, Deb Nishihira, and Faith Ichida.

All Virtual Online Education Day and Annual Meeting of Diocesan Convention October 22 and 23, 2021

My dear Siblings in Christ Jesus,

With the current surge in COVID-19 infections caused by the Delta variant of the virus and the uncertainty this causes for the next few weeks, I have decided that it is prudent for the 2021 Education Day (Friday, October 22) and this year's Annual Meeting of Diocesan Convention (Saturday, October 23) to be held entirely online (as we had to do last year).

This was certainly not my hope. The hall we were planning for the gatherings at 'Iolani School does not provide the space needed for six feet of social distancing. While the current surge might well – hopefully – have abated by mid-October, we cannot count on that reality. The Diocesan Support Center staff and Convention committees needed direction by mid-August for organization and logistics. So, all voting Clergy and lay Delegates need to be prepared for an online Annual Meeting of Convention (everyone is welcome to watch online as well). I also hope that an online Education Day can mean more people in the Diocese will take part.

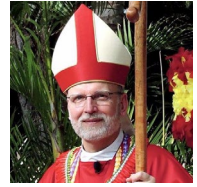
The Convention Theme this year is “Remembering those who have gone before.” As a Diocesan ‘Ohana, we need to take some time to remember those who have died, but are still our spiritual guides. This includes those who died in our congregations during the isolation of the Pandemic (of COVID-19 and otherwise), but also our spiritual ancestors as we face a “new” normal and changed reality. While we are in the midst of the Pandemic, we are actively grieving for those we have lost and we are still looking to the future as a people of the Resurrected Christ. We can celebrate the new ways we have learned to be God’s Church and care for God’s people. Grief, joy, and hope are not contradictions, but realities of the human condition. It is from our ancestors that we can gratefully learn how to face the challenges of our time. We are strengthened by their faith. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15:54-58: “*Death has been swallowed up by a victory. Where is your victory, Death? Where is your sting, Death?*” Death’s sting is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! As a result of all this, my loved brothers and sisters, you must stand firm, unshakable, excelling in the work of the Lord as always, because you know that your labor isn’t going to be for nothing in the Lord.”

As we did last year, I ask that all congregations celebrate the Convention Eucharist in all of our churches on the Sunday before Convention (October 17). Special lessons and prayers will be sent to all Clergy, Wardens, and Administrators. I will also provide a pre-recorded Convention sermon for the entire Diocese to be shared

as each congregation thinks best.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus
+Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i



REGISTER NOW! EDUCATION DAY: RECONCILIATION

The Diocese's Reconciliation Task Force will be hosting this year's Education Day being held on Friday, October 22. The theme is on Reconciliation, and will feature guest speakers, Jonathan Okamura, PhD., Professor Emeritus from the University of Hawai'i, and Akiemi Glenn, PhD., founder and executive director of the Pōpolo Project. The event is free and will be live-streamed, but all attendees, whether in-person or online, must register. For more information about Education Day and to register, visit the Diocese website.

Coming Up: Daughters of the King Retreat

All Episcopal women are invited to take part in the Daughters of the King (DOK) Retreat, taking place on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, at The Cathedral of St. Andrew.

While one of the goals of the retreat is to connect DOK members throughout the State of Hawai'i, this retreat will broaden the Episcopal community's view of the mission of the DOK organization in Hawai'i: Through prayer, service, and evangelism, we are Episcopal women dedicated to the spread of Christ's love and the strengthening of the spiritual life of our congregations.

For more information about DOK, visit the Diocesan website [HERE](#). Note: With increasing COVID-19 counts, organizers are preparing for an online version of the retreat if need be.

News from the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force

The Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force is currently working on worship plans for this year's Season of Creation, which takes place September through October. For information about this global and ecumenical work, see www.seasonofcreation.org. If you would like to help in planning this worship event, please contact either the Rev. Jenn Latham or Vicar Bree Lloyd.

The Task Force is also excited to learn what you are doing or what resources you have available for creation care and environmental justice! We have begun compiling an informational picture of the overall creation care and environmental justice work of each of the churches in the diocese and in other statewide conferences (i.e. asset-mapping). This includes advocates connected to our churches who are working at local and state

levels. The purpose for this asset-mapping is to strengthen our network, our awareness of each other's work, and our ability to match needs with resources. You are welcome to contact us and share your work with us. We will be calling you at each of our faith communities. Anyone who is interested in helping with these conversations and/or putting together this asset map, please contact Jenn or Bree.

FREE Wisdom of Kalaupapa Series Project Now Being Offered

Quarantined for Life: More than 8,000 People Banished to the Kalaupapa Peninsula on the Island of Moloka'i

The Wisdom project is producing five video-supported workshops for churches, which take us beyond the pain of human suffering and injustice to the triumph of God's life-giving work in the Kalaupapa settlement. The purpose of the series is two-fold: 1) to draw upon the wisdom of kūpuna (elders) of Kalaupapa (those affected by Hansen's Disease, otherwise known as leprosy) as they overcame the challenges of exile, social isolation and separation from family, to become resilient people of purpose; and 2) to be inspired by their example as we face our challenges today.

The Wisdom of Kalaupapa is being offered to churches as a set of five workshops. They focus on God's redeeming work in the human conditions of:

Personal Response to Crisis: From Fear to Faith

Disruption to `Ohana: From Separation to Restoration

The Long Haul: From Despair to Hope

Speaking Your Truth: From Oppression to Freedom

The Path to God's Future: From Estrangement to Forgiveness

The video preview from the first workshop is ready for viewing. The first full 90-minute interactive workshop is available for scheduling with churches as well. Modules are offered in zoom and in-person formats by facilitators of the Wisdom team. As modules continue to be developed, the project welcomes family stories about everyday experiences of the people of Kalaupapa.

For more information, to schedule your church for a workshop, or to share a family story, please contact ReSource Director Phyllis Meighen at 808-647-4346. Mahalo nui loa for partial funding from the following foundations: G. N. Wilcox, Dora Isenberg, Elsie Wilcox, and Vidinha.

The Wisdom of Kalaupapa project is a collaboration of the Hawai'i Conference UCC Formation Team, ReSource for Christian Spirituality, and Episcopal churches on Kaua'i.

Announcements (repeat)

No refreshments after the service:

Due to the rise in COVID cases on Oahu, we are again being directed to suspend coffee hour/refreshments after the service. I will let everyone know when it can resume. We

expect that directive to continue when Rev. Malcolm Hee is installed as our Vicar on September 5th, so there will be no potluck gathering either. When the day comes that we are allowed to have refreshments again, we will coordinate a celebration potluck at that time.

Installation of Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee on Sunday, September 5th:

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Fitzpatrick will be here on Sunday, September 5th to do the service and the installation of Malcolm as our Vicar. We may need to set seating arrangements on that Sunday to accommodate some extra guests. We may also have a zoom link available for those to be able to view the service while possibly sitting in the pavilion with the tv on outside through a smartphone, ipad, or laptop although the sound quality may be poor.

Donation of a/c unit:

Thank you to Ariel Lee for the donation of a window a/c unit to replace one of the broken ones in the front house rental!

FREE Book Study: Godly Play: A Way of Religious Education

Join us for a seven week virtual book study of Godly Play: A Way of Religious Education beginning August 22, 2021. This year we celebrate 30 years since the publication of Dr. Berryman's book that is the seminal text, grounding the development of hundreds of Godly Play spaces around the world. There is so much to celebrate! We thought a global study of the book is the perfect way to kick-off that celebration. We hope you will join us! Check Diocese website for registration.

COVID-19 UPDATES: Church Vaccination Sites

The following church in the Diocese is now serving as a site for the public to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. To find a location near you, visit the State's COVID-19 website.

ST. ELIZABETH'S, HONOLULU (In Shim Hall)

Ongoing every Wednesday

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Reservations required: Call (808) 913-1364

Address: 720 North King Street, Honolulu

Church Office: (808) 845-2112

Note: In collaboration with We Are Oceania (WAO) and the Kalihi Palama Health Center

Hawai'i Department of Health: COVID-19 Info and Resource Page: Be sure to visit the State of Hawai'i COVID-19 website for the latest up-to-date information including vaccinations, travel, news, rules, and more, including links to each county's regulations. Click on the link below to go there now.

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program:

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program was established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) earlier this year to help households struggling to

pay for internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, eligible households can receive up to \$50 a month towards broadband service and up to \$75 for households on Hawaiian Home Lands. The program is limited to one monthly service discount. Eligible households may also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating Hawaii internet service providers if they contribute a minimum of \$10 towards the purchase price.

Communication with Jan Motoshige:

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

- Call her on her cell (808-349-6435)
- Email her (moto1990@me.com)
- Write to her (1990 Alaeloa Street; Honolulu, Hawaii 96821)

Thank You to Our Worship Team!

AUGUST 22, 2021

Supply Clergy:	Rev. John Hau'oli Tomoso
Music:	Eileen Uchima
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Flowers:	Omuro
Lector/Acolyte:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Les Hata & Myrtle Kaneshiro

Looking Ahead

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – AUGUST 29, 2021

<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Imelda Padasdao</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Eileen Uchima</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Taylor Omuro</i>
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Lector/Acolyte:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Chris Omuro & Pat Lum</i>

Supply Clergy Scheduled for August

<i>August 1</i>	<i>Rev. Philip Paradine</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>Rev. Imelda Padasdao</i>
<i>August 15</i>	<i>Rev. Philip Paradine</i>
<i>August 22</i>	<i>Rev. John Hau'oli Tomoso</i>
<i>August 29</i>	<i>Rev. Imelda Padasdao</i>