



August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REMINDERS FOR THE SERVICE:

- There is still no singing but (quiet) responses are now allowed.
- Please wear your masks. Masks will be provided for you if you forget to bring one.
- Every other pew is being used to maintain social distancing.
- 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.)
- Open air gatherings for refreshments are now allowed with limitations.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things

that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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: Susan Mitchell

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 29, 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: All Saints', Kapa'a: The Rev. David Jackson (Priest-in-Charge) & Mrs. Muriel Jackson.

Announcements (new)

Mahalo to Rev. Imelda Padasdao:

Thank you Rev. Imelda for being available as one of our supply priests for the past year! We look forward to seeing you again, especially whenever we need a supply priest!

Bishop's Committee Meeting After Today's Service:

BC members, please take a short break and come back into the church after the service. We will have our meeting in there.

September 5th - Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee's first service with us as Vicar:

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Fitzpatrick will be here next Sunday to do the service and the installation of Malcolm as our Vicar. Seating arrangements will be made to accommodate some extra guests. Members may be asked to view the service in the pavilion through devices we'll have set up. You can then come in during the communion. Deb will provide a zoom link for those that want to view the service outside of the church or from home although the sound quality may be poor.

Announcements (repeat)

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).

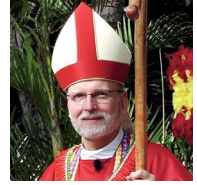
This was certainly not my hope. The hall we were planning for the gatherings at 'Iolani School does not provide the space needed for six feet of social distancing. While the current surge might well – hopefully – have abated by mid-October, we cannot count on that reality. The Diocesan Support Center 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.

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.

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 28, 2021	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Eileen Uchima
Altar Guild:	Taylor Omuro
Flowers:	Church
Lector/Acolyte:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Chris Omuro & Pat Lum

<i>Looking Ahead</i> <i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2021</i>	
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<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Jessica Lum & Melissa Morinishi</i>