



September 5, 2021  
Fifteenth 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.
- 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 refreshment gathering after the service until further notice.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

**READINGS FOR TODAY:**

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

## The Gospel

### Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

### 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: Ediza Tamura, Ralph Akutagawa, 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: Simeona Geston, Rania Hee, Sumie Mizushima and Trenton  
Omuro**

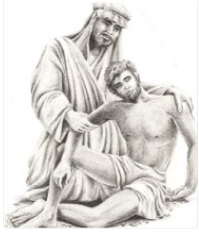
*Silence*

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 September 5, 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:** Retired Clergy: The Rev. Charles W. Cannon (Celebrant) & Mrs. Shirley H. Cannon; The Rev. Canon Franklin S.H. Chun (Celebrant) & Mrs. Norma Chun; The Rev. George Clifford (Celebrant) & Mrs. Susan Clifford; The Rev. John B. Connell (Celebrant) & Mrs. Carol Connell; The Rev. Cn. David P. Coon (Celebrant) & Mrs. Joanne Coon.

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

**In joyful celebration - we extend a Good Samaritan welcome to our new Vicar, Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee!**



(pictured are Malcolm and Faye taken in 2015 when Malcolm was first ordained)

### **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE DELTA SURGE, AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-05 (Statewide Limits for Social Gatherings, Restaurants, Bars, and Social Establishments):**

If each congregation is following the Diocesan Customary in the time of Pandemic, we should be in compliance and no major adjustments are needed (please review the Customary). I direct that Episcopal Churches should reasonably be considered under the category of "Restaurants, Bars, and Social Establishments" in the Executive Order (there are exceptions for churches and special events). In this Diocese of Hawai'i, we must ensure no more than 50% capacity in our worship spaces. With the six foot social

distancing requirement already in place that should not be a problem. Again, outdoor worship with masks and social distancing is the ideal.

**POSTPONED: Daughters of the King Retreat:**

Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, the Daughters of the King (DOK) Retreat scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021, has been postponed. The retreat will be rescheduled when it is deemed safe to gather.

If you would like to be contacted directly with information and updates about DOK, be sure to contact organizers to get on their mailing list. For more information, visit the DOK webpage on the Diocesan website.

**Zoomtopia Coming Up: September 13-14:**

With continuing pandemic restrictions and the use of online gatherings (including Convention 53 & Education Day), Zoom is holding Zoomtopia, on September 13-14, 2021. This complimentary two-day experience will showcase more than 75 insightful sessions, from panels with industry leaders to how-tos with our product experts. Be sure to register at the Diocese website to start building your Zoomtopia itinerary today!

**Update & Communication with Jan Motoshige:**

Jan sent a text last week that she's doing fine. She will start going to Central Union Daycare 2x a week. She is able to walk with a walker and counts her blessings. She thanks everyone for their support and love!

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](mailto:moto1990@me.com))
- Write to her (1990 Alaeloa Street; Honolulu, Hawaii 96821)

**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.

**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).

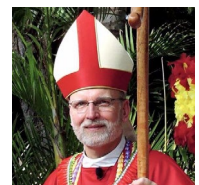
This was certainly not my hope. The hall we were planning for the gatherings at 'Iolani School does not provide the space needed for six feet of social distancing. While the current surge might well – hopefully – have abated by mid-October, we cannot count on that reality. The Diocesan Support Center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

## **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](http://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.

## **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.

**Thank You to Our Worship Team!**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee
Music:	Eileen Uchima
Altar Guild:	Taylor Omuro
Flowers:	Hee
Lector/Acolyte:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Deb Nishihira

***Looking Ahead***  
***NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021***

<i>Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Eileen Uchima</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Melissa Morinishi</i>
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Omuro – Trenton's Birthday</i>
<i>Lector/Acolyte:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Les Hata &amp; Myrtle Kaneshiro</i>