



October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REMINDERS FOR THE SERVICE:

- There is still no congregational singing but (quiet) responses are now allowed.
- Please wear your masks.
- 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of

God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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, Bill Harada, Wayne Olivieri, Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Jonathan Lee, David Lee, Rei Hamano, Aki Shitagi & Janine LeGrande.

For the birthday of: Faye Hee, Mallory Hee, Lori Chun and Audrey Chinen

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 October 03, 2021

Welcome to Good Samaritan Church!

We want to thank all of 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 continued return!

Please also hold the following people in your prayers

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired Clergy: The Rev. Brian F. Nurdning (Priest) & Mrs. Joe Ellen Nurdning; The Rev. Vincent O'Neill (Priest)

Announcements (new)

Good Samaritan Service via Zoom:

We continue to test viewing our service via Zoom.

Time: October 03, 2021 09:30 AM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81299027949?pwd=VkowWUFZRDFzRU9pbmRmbGwycmRFQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 9902 7949

Passcode: goodsam

The following is a message released on September 21, 2021, from the Bishop:

COVID-19 & Vaccination Policy

Aloha my dear Siblings in Christ Jesus,

The ongoing reality of COVID-19 has presented many challenges to the Church as we try to engage the governmental guidelines and the instruction from health care professionals. In the Episcopal Church, we have listened closely and tried to follow the direction of the best that medical science and civil authority can offer.

With the Delta Variant and other possible variants extant in the world today, what should we do? First and foremost, we must continue to encourage every member of the Episcopal Church who is medically eligible to be vaccinated. There is no reasonable reason whatsoever for someone in the Episcopal Church to seek a

religious exemption from being vaccinated based on the teaching, practice, or spirituality of the Episcopal Church. An individual may claim such an exemption for a personal reason, but we need to be clear that this is not because one is a member of the Episcopal Church.

I know all clergy and most lay members of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i and the Episcopal Church in Micronesia who are medically able have already been vaccinated. We continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. I deeply appreciate that. Thank you. You are living the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31).

I have decided after talking with Diocesan Council and Standing Committee that we need a specific Diocesan policy regarding vaccinations. The Chancellor is finalizing a policy for non-clergy employees for approval by Diocesan Council. It should be posted by the end of this week. I have also decided that we need to be clear about clergy and volunteer lay members who serve in the Church. The statement is not so much for the clergy and the vast majority of Episcopalians, but for the broader community and our affirmation of being vaccinated – if medically eligible – as the Episcopal Church.

The following policy statement is for all canonically resident and licensed clergy, and volunteer laity serving in churches or Church-related ministries in the Diocese of Hawai‘i or in Micronesia:

Effective today, Tuesday, September 21, 2021, all canonically resident and licensed clergy in the Diocese of Hawai‘i and the Episcopal Church in Micronesia must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to engage in sacerdotal and pastoral ministrations that bring personal contact with God’s people. This includes, but is not limited to, presiding at the Holy Eucharist, administering Holy Baptism, preaching, providing in-person pastoral care, helping with outreach ministries, and attending in-person church related functions. Further, all non-employee lay members of the Episcopal Church serving, or other non-Church members volunteering in ministries of the Episcopal Church, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to engage in ministries of worship, service, or care. This includes, but is not limited to serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, serving on the altar guild, helping with a feeding ministry or thrift shop, and engaging in fundraising activities. This policy includes any ministry or service on behalf of the Episcopal Church that interacts with the public even on a limited basis. Should you have any questions, please contact the Bishop.

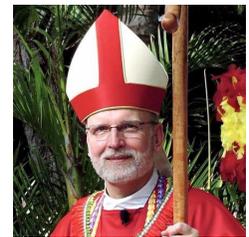
I hope this sends a statement that being vaccinated is the norm and expectation in the Episcopal Church.

I am not prepared at this time to insist that only the fully vaccinated can attend in-person public worship or other public gatherings (such as County-authorized fundraisers, feeding ministries or thrift shops) on Church property. I'm not sure that local congregations have the wherewithal for that level of monitoring. We must continue to be masked and practice social distancing when gathering. Again, worshipping and gathering is best done outside. If indoors, there must be adequate physical space for good air flow and social distancing. The leaders of smaller worship spaces (such as Christ Memorial Church and Good Samaritan Church, just as examples) must be particularly aware of the number of worshippers and the size limitations. In such situations, it is important that everyone eligible is vaccinated. As contact tracing takes place, it would be prudent to ask if the person is vaccinated (one can always decline to answer).

With this, I pray we can teach and witness to the world.

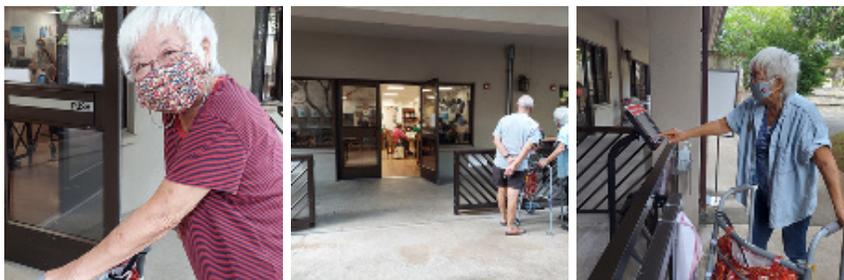
Yours faithfully
+Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick



Update & Communication with Jan Motoshige: Day Care and Turning 80

Journal Entry by Joni Kohama — September 26, 2021



September has been a good month for Mom.

Her first day at Central Union Adult Day Care and Day Health Center was September 3rd. Since then, she has been going every week on Tuesdays and Fridays. The program, on the beautiful campus of Central Union Church, takes care of approximately 40-50 kupuna every weekday. Vaccination and masks are not required but due to the age of the population, the vaccination rates are high and they have strict COVID protocols with no outbreaks to date. Every day they go for two walks around the campus and every Friday they eat ice cream. While on their walks, Mom likes to see and say “hi” to the kids at Central Union’s preschool. She eats breakfast and lunch while at the program and said the food is very tasty.

Depending on who you are, her thoughts on day care differs. She tells some that day care is boring but to others she raves about how much she loves it! Whichever story she tells however, she does express appreciation for the opportunity to get out of the house and socialize. Dad and I remind her that she’s lucky because due to COVID protocols, the rest of us aren’t allowed to socialize in large groups and she gets to do it twice a week!

While Mom is at day care, Dad appreciates the much-needed break. Dad is doing well. He still cooks, cleans, drives, and does all of their finances. On days that Mom goes to day care he either naps or goes out to lunch with friends.

For the most part, Mom has adjusted to living at home again although confined to only the top level of their two-level home. She has been caught downstairs a couple of times despite signs reminding her not to use the stairs. We are considering installing larger “reminders” to keep her safe (i.e. baby gates). Yes . . . Mom is very mischievous in her old age.

Speaking of age, on September 15, Mom turned 80! Due to COVID, we didn’t have any gathering for a party, but a couple of friends dropped by to wish her a happy birthday and bring her lunch and snacks. Laine, Lennon and I dropped by in the afternoon with cake and a candle so she could make a birthday wish, and as she requested, we ordered Korean food for her birthday dinner. It was a nice and simple day of celebrating this milestone.

The day after she turned 80, Mom got her COVID booster shot. As she was at Hale Pulama Mau nursing facility when the COVID vaccine came out in 2020, she was part of the first groups to receive the vaccine. Her neurologist recommended that she get the booster shot sooner than later due to her Guillain-Barre syndrome and as additional coverage since she started going to day care. She tolerated the shot well with no side effects.

Due to the high (although somewhat lower) COVID numbers, and because two times a week Mom is in an environment that includes unvaccinated folks, we do not schedule many visitors for Mom. If you would like to visit Mom, please contact me and I can assist with scheduling. Please know that regardless of vaccination status, all visitors are asked to wear masks when visiting Mom and most visits (if weather permits) are held outside on their deck. Mom and Dad both wear masks when with visitors.

The purpose of these regular updates were to keep everyone posted on how Mom was doing regarding her cancer as things were unstable and progressing quickly. The CaringBridge website and emails were the most efficient way to explain why Mom disappeared so abruptly from her normal life. Assuming everything stays stable, I will not be posting or emailing updates moving forward.

Having said that, feel free to contact me for updates on Mom or if you would like to visit her. Here is my contact information again:

Email: joni@gigaisland.com

Call/text: 808-265-0945

To talk to my mom directly, feel free to call her on her cell at 808-349-6435. Texting and video calls are “hit and miss” with her. When Mom’s fingers are not bothering her, she still writes emails. Feel free to email her at moto1990@me.com. You are also welcome to cc me on emails to her, especially, if you would like her to respond to your email.

We kindly ask that you do not schedule any visits with her directly. She does not manage her schedule and does not remember to communicate any arrangements she makes to Dad and/or me.

If you are having trouble getting in touch with Mom, feel free to contact me or leave a message at 808-737-0431 (their home)

Mahalo again for your care and concern for Mom. We truly appreciate the support and kindness throughout this past year and a half during her cancer treatments and recovery from the Guillain Barre.

Please continue to keep in touch. We hope you are all well.

With Aloha,

Joni

Announcements (repeat)

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray, protect, and advocate for God’s creation.

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1 September through 4 October, hundreds of thousands of Christians will be uniting around the theme, “A home for all? Renewing

the Oikos of God.” Join us! Visit the Season of Creation website
<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

New ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Classes

Free ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i classes are starting Tuesday, October 5, 2021, on Zoom, under the tutelage of Kumu Kū Souza (‘Iolani School).



We are continuing this endeavor to not only facilitate better knowledge and familiarity with the language, but also because, as the Bishop often mentions, “language bears culture.” Last year’s session was only open to clergy, and those interested can continue their studies with a “Session II”. This year’s “Session I” is open to all members of the Diocese of Hawai‘i (clergy and lay).

Tuesdays, starting October 5, 2021, planned ending March 29, 2022

- 5:00-5:45pm Session I (first-time students)
- 6:00-6:34pm Session II (continuing students)

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Cn. Sandy Graham. Space is limited (particularly for Session I).

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.

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

Thank You to Our Worship Team!
OCTOBER 3, 2021

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| Clergy: | Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee |
| Music: | Eileen Uchima |
| Altar Guild: | Myrtle Kaneshiro |
| Flowers: | Lori – Memory of Helen’s Birthday |
| Lector/Acolyte: | Gavin Nishihira |
| Counters: | Les Hata & Myrtle Kaneshiro |

Looking Ahead
NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – OCTOBER 10, 2021

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| <i>Clergy:</i> | <i>Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee</i> |
| <i>Music:</i> | <i>Eileen Uchima</i> |
| <i>Altar Guild:</i> | <i>Pat Lum</i> |
| <i>Flowers:</i> | <i>Say</i> |
| <i>Lector/Acolyte:</i> | <i>Gavin Nishihira</i> |
| <i>Counters:</i> | <i>Chris Omuro & Pat Lum</i> |