



October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

(The following message will be at the beginning of the bulletin for the month of October)

A Message from the Bishop

As your Bishop, I deeply appreciate all those medically eligible who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and all those who continue to wear their masks in public and practice social distancing when gathering. Thank you! As Episcopalians, I am convinced this is the very minimum we, as God's people, can do to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) during this difficult time of a worldwide Pandemic: "Jesus replied, 'The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these.'" You, God's people, are truly loving your neighbor through these righteous deeds.

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick

REMINDERS FOR THE SERVICE:

- There is still no congregational 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 Celebrant.
- 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

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle

Wisdom 3:1-6

The souls of those who do what is right are in God's hand. They won't feel the pain of torment. To those who don't know any better, it seems as if they have died. Their departure from this life was considered their misfortune. Their leaving us seemed to be their destruction, but in reality they are at peace. It may look to others as if they have been punished, but they have the hope of living forever. They were disciplined a little, but they will be rewarded with abundant good things, because God tested them and found that they deserve to be with him. He tested them like gold in the furnace; he accepted them like an entirely burned offering. Then, when the time comes for judgment, the godly will burst forth and run about like fiery sparks among dry straw. The godly will judge nations and hold power over peoples, even as the Lord will rule over them forever. Those who trust in the Lord will know the truth. Those who are faithful will always be with him in love. Favor and mercy belong to the holy ones. God watches over God's chosen ones.

The Gospel

John 5:19-30

Jesus responded to the Jewish leaders, “I assure you that the Son can’t do anything by himself except what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he does. He will show him greater works than these so that you will marvel. As the Father raises the dead and gives life, so too does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. The Father doesn’t judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever doesn’t honor the Son doesn’t honor the Father who sent him. I assure you that whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and won’t come under judgment but has passed from death into life. I assure you that the time is coming—and is here!—when the dead will hear the voice of God’s Son, and those who hear it will live. Just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. He gives the Son authority to judge, because he is the Human One. Don’t be surprised by this, because the time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice. Those who did good things will come out into the resurrection of life, and those who did wicked things into the resurrection of judgment. I can’t do anything by myself. Whatever I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just. I don’t seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me.”

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: Lori Kiyuna

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 17, 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: Clergy Widows: Mrs. Patti Browning, Mrs. Delia "Dee" Chang, Mrs. Eloise Conley, Mrs. Margaret Cromwell, Mrs. Marcia Detweiler, Mrs. Ululani Duncan, Mrs. Claude Du Teil, Mrs. Charlotte Holmes, Mrs. Myrtle Kaneshiro, Mrs. Rebeca Kennedy, Mrs. Belquis Laun, Mrs. Fane Lino, Mrs. Barbara Longo, Mrs. Priscilla Millen, Mrs. Nancy Minuth, Mrs. Dottie Moore, Mrs. Kathleen Owings, Mrs. Mary Katherine "Kay" Paisley, Mrs. Eugenia Park, Mrs. Jo Piltz, Mrs. Louisa Quintero, Mrs. Paula Rudinoff, Mrs. Florence Sasaki, Mrs. Roxanne Shoemaker, Mrs. Charlesta Snyder, Ms. Marilyn Snyder, Mrs. Clarita Tabili; Mrs. Teena Urban, Mrs. Ernestina Williams-Van Culin.

Announcements (new)

Good Samaritan Service via Zoom:

We continue to offer our service via Zoom.

Time: October 17, 2021 09:30 AM Hawaii

Join our service with this same weekly link:

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

Meeting ID: 812 9902 7949

Passcode: goodsam

Flowers in bloom:



The planters have been empty for years and now thanks to our Vicar Malcolm Keleawe (& Faye), we now have beautiful flowers planted in them to bring a splash of color on the deck by the church office.



Pet Blessing:

Our paws in the pews: Kip, Oreo, Daisy, & Kimi received their pet blessing “in person” on October 3rd.



Announcements (repeat)

Bishop's Visit and the Installation of The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Keleawe Hee as our Vicar:

Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick, will be the Celebrant on October 31st for the installation. Please plan on joining us in-person or via Zoom. The Hee's will provide food for people to take after the service that day if current restrictions are still in place. The food will be catered by BADA'S BBQ owned by Blaise Napu'unoa (Nappy & Nancy's son).

Slipper Drive Outreach!



Kid's rubber slippers break all the time so extra pairs are always handy. If you want to support this ongoing drive there will be a basket at the back of the church. Whenever you are at the store and come across an inexpensive pair, any size will do. We will deliver to needy schools. Thank you!

The following message from the Bishop was emailed on September 24 to church leadership in the Diocese, and is related to the article further below from the Episcopal Church on "My Way of Love for Small Groups":

Presiding Bishop Curry's Invitation: A Church That Looks and Acts Like Jesus

My dear Siblings in Christ Jesus,

Please see the video message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/church-that-looks-and-acts-like-jesus/>. In it, the Presiding Bishop is setting a challenge for the Episcopal Church.



This continues his call to all Episcopalians to walk "My Way of Love" (the seven practices to grow into a Jesus-centered life: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest). I also call your attention to the small group resources for congregations now available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-announces-my-way-of-love-for-small-groups-resource-for-spiritual-growth/>.

It is very important for each leader – lay and ordained – to read the following (and the attached), to look at the material in the links (and watch the videos noted), to incorporate "My Way of Love" into our practice as individuals and as the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, and to accept the Presiding Bishop's invitation.

I think his call provides the theological and spiritual basis for our own Diocesan priorities and re-formation:

- The Diocese is committed to developing and sustaining spiritual growth, vitality, curiosity, and well-being within our churches.
- The Diocese seeks to strengthen our identity as one 'ohana and the relationships within our 'ohana among clergy, lay leaders and congregations.
- The Diocese is focused on improving the capacity for communication within our congregations, across the Diocese, and into our communities as we engage in evangelism.
- The Diocese is committed to the reconciliation of God's people within our Islands and our Church.
- The Diocese is committed to the care of God's creation and environmental justice for God's people.

The priorities grow out of the Strategic Initiatives work of the Diocese undertaken four years ago and the commitments of the Episcopal Church for racial and environmental justice as established by General Convention.

More will be coming on this in the near future, but as the leaders of the Diocese, it must begin with you.

Yours faithfully,

+Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick

(Pronouns: he, him, his)

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i takes place October 22-23, 2021, and will be held virtually. This year's theme is "Remembering those who have gone before." Both the Annual Meeting and Education Day (on Reconciliation) will be live-streamed. There is no fee to watch but online viewers must also register. For more information and to register, go to the Convention webpage. Along with our Vicar, The Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee, Good Samaritan's voted delegates are Faith Ichida, Deb Nishihira, and Faye Hee.

CONVENTION JOURNALS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

For those interested in viewing past journals of the Diocese's Annual Meetings, they have been digitized and posted on our website. Journals go back to 1956, and meeting coverage in the E-Chronicle from 2011.

Dial 808 To Make Local Calls

Just a reminder that beginning on October 24, 2021, all local calls, including those on the same island, will require you to dial area code 808 + telephone number. The change comes as the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) adopts 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline starting July 6, 2022. In order for it to work, all service providers must implement mandatory 10-digit local dialing. Be sure to update all your contacts with their area codes.

Coming Up: "Ask the Bishop" from the Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. Andrew will be hosting an "Ask the Bishop" talk story on Sunday, October 17, 2021. The livestream will take place between their 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. Folks are asked to submit their questions ahead of time via email through the Cathedral office. More information to come!

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. Everyone will be informed 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 17, 2021	
Clergy:	The Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee
Music:	Eileen Uchima
Altar Guild:	Faye Hee
Flowers:	Hata
Lector/Acolyte:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Deb Nishihira

<i>Looking Ahead</i> <i>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – OCTOBER 24, 2021</i>	
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<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Myrtle Kaneshiro & Les Hata</i>