

# Ke 'Alemanaka

## The Parish Postings

THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT  
An Inclusive and Caring Christian Community

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### From Pastor Heather



Did you know that most people attend a new church when they are invited by a friend?

Holy Week and Easter provide a perfect time to bring a friend or family member. Our Episcopal services during that week are some of the best of the whole year and provide times of quiet reflection and joyous singing!

Many people who have been away from church for a while miss these services the most.

Postcards are located in the back of the church to help you invite (some focus solely on Easter services and others list all the Holy Week services.) Please take some with you to hand out to friends and family that you see in the coming weeks or to remind yourself to join us!

#### **Holy Week: Sunday, April 14-Sunday, April 21**

**Palm Sunday Services 7:30 am and 10:15 am**

**Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner at 6 pm and Service at 7 pm**

**Good Friday Services 12 noon and 6 pm**

**Easter Services 7:30 am and 10:15 am**

(Note: 10:15 am Easter service will include a special children's message and an Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service.)

Together let's help people to know God loves them, no exceptions this Easter! Everyone is welcome at the Parish of St. Clement!

### Meet the New (old) Nursery Attendant



Jessica Stack (goes by Jess) is our new nursery attendant. Jess Stack, or Aunty Jess, is the daughter of Jill and Mark Haworth and a member of the Parish of St. Clement since she was a child. She has been teaching in early and elementary education for the last 15 years. One of her first teaching positions, was here at the St. Clement's Sunday School. She has two young boys and enjoys books and crafts.



### Ke 'Alemanaka - Last Printed Issue

In order to be better environmental and fiscal stewards of God's resources, we will be switching to the electronic, emailed-only version of the newsletter with **next month's** issue. If you still wish to receive the hard copy of *Ke 'Alemanaka*, please notify the office at [parishadmin@stclem.org](mailto:parishadmin@stclem.org) or 955-7745 no later than **April 15, 2019**. We will be happy to mail a hard copy to those of you who prefer that format.

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## Attendance and Offerings for February, 2019

February Attendance	421
February SCS Chapel Attendance	1,165
February Offerings	\$31,725
YTD Income as of 2/28/19	\$120,258
YTD Expenses as of 2/28/19	\$102,152

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the  
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## DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE

Wednesday, April 17, 2019



*Hau'oli la hanau to all those born in April!*

April 2	Yoon Kim Hazel Milnor Viv Woo
April 3	Marilyn Kali
April 6	Jose Henao
April 7	Tamahere Alo
April 9	Dylan Fraser
April 11	Arthur Buto Ken Morikami
April 19	Barbara Pleadwell
April 20	Maxine Bray Jayson Harper
April 21	Nancy McDonald
April 23	Susan Quimby
April 27	Kai Waters
April 30	Jill Haworth

*If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!*

## One Last Chance

There's still time to donate to  
the Capital Improvement Fund  
that provided new paint and a new roof  
for our sanctuary last summer.  
The vestry will be providing a plaque  
with the names of the donors.  
To be included, make your contribution by  
April 15th.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## How2charist

On **April 14** from 9am-10am while we prepare food for outreach, we will be viewing *How2charist* in the Parish Hall. This video walks through the Episcopal service and shares why we do what we do during our services and what different parts of the service mean. Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church or were born Episcopalian, you will learn new aspects of our common worship and traditions.

## Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception

On Sunday, May 5, Bishop Fitzpatrick will be visiting St. Clement's. If you or a family member are interested in being baptized, confirmed, or received (or reaffirmed) into the Episcopal Church, please speak with Pastor Heather by **April 14** to be included in May's celebration.

## Episcopal Church 101

Do you want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Pastor Heather's discussion about what our church believes, how we make decisions, and why we do what we do, continues in PH1 every Sunday through **April 7th** from 9am to 10am, and will continue through Lent. After this class, those interested in confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church will be welcomed when our Bishop visits St. Clement's on Sunday, May 5th. Please speak to or email Pastor Heather if you wish to join us.

## Adult Discussion

During Lent our Adult Discussion Group will be watching and discussing movies about the criminal justice system. By popular demand, the discussion will continue for 2 additional weeks to view and discuss the film *13th*. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**April 7** *Out of State*

**April 28** *13th*

**May 5** *13th*

*13th* is a 2016 American documentary nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary feature. Its title comes from the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude "except as a punishment for crime."

## Vigil in the Chapel of Peace

Come stay with Jesus...

The body and blood of our Christ, the consecrated bread and wine, from the Maundy Thursday service will be kept in the Chapel of Peace until the noon service on Good Friday. Hot water will be available for coffee or tea.

Sign up for an hour or more. The sign up sheets will be in the church by the back table until April 14th. More than one person is welcome for each hour to read, meditate, pray or just be quiet with Jesus.

## Quiet Day Retreat (Episcopal Church Women)

St. Anthony Retreat Center — Father Damien House  
3351 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819  
Call 845-4353; or Email: sarc3351@gmail.com

Includes worship, quiet time, and guided meditation  
Cost is \$22 per person, lunch included

**RSVP by April 19th**

Call Louise at 264-9830 or Email: louisealoy63@gmail.com  
Or call Laurie Lee at 779-7968 or Email: lrsleeO@gmail.com

## Camp Mokule'ia - St. Clement's has 4 \$250 scholarships for Summer Camp

Aloha from Camp Mokule'ia...we are gearing up to welcome your children to Summer Camp (please ask me about scholarship offers if you have not already heard!). We are also excited to announce two special events:

+ **1st Inaugural Youth Day - April 27th**, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (\$10 registration fee):

All students in grades 6-12 are invited for a full day experience at camp that includes: worship, lunch, games, zipline, paddle boarding, swimming and fun in the ocean! Our special guest speaker and worship leader will be Easton Davis, a cradle Episcopalian, and the Missioner of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Atlanta. Cost is \$10.00 per student. Bring friends! Please register today at [www.campmokuleia.org](http://www.campmokuleia.org). (See **page 8** for more information)

+ **Open House - April 28th**, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (no fee, no registration):

Open House is free and open to the public. This is a great time for families to visit the property, tour the camp, meet some of the staff, and learn about summer camps. Refreshments will be served! Please let your friends and neighbors know! For more information call the Camp office at (808) 637-6241.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Mokule'ia!



## Ha'aheo Guanson's Ordination



Photos provided by  
Rev. Ha'aheo Guanson,  
Liz Baldwin, and  
Pastor Heather.



## St. Clement's School Imagination Fundraiser

March 8, 2019



Photos provided by Pastor Heather. More photos online at : <http://stclem.com/na-ohana>



Residential Youth Services & Empowerment

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March 15, 2019

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Aloha,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of RYSE, we want to thank you for your generous donation. Because of your commitment to ending youth homelessness on Oahu, RYSE has been able to further our mission to provide an access center where Hawaii's street-youth have a safe haven and are empowered to make positive change. Beyond simply housing, with your help we are working to ensure our youth are supported through a successful transition to independence and self-sufficiency.

We are very grateful for your in-kind donation of 4 loaves of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on March 12, 2019. Attached is the in-kind donation form for these items. Your support is vital to our efforts and we sincerely extend our deepest thanks.

Sincerely,

Martha Balkin, President  
RYSE Board of Directors

*Thank you for all the many things you do for RYSE!*

RYSE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (EIN 81-2102826). Your Contribution is tax deductible as allowable by law and your tax situation. No goods or services were provided in consideration of your contribution.

♥ Big, Big Mahalo & Aloha: My deepest gratitude to the community of St. Clement for all the support, hard work and inspiration at the ordination on March 9. The service, flowers, and the choir were wonderful. The food at the reception was awesome and so ono. Friends and family had amazing comments about the friendly and warm atmosphere here at St. Clement's. They said that the people of St. Clement's were so kind and nice. They truly felt God's presence. So true. This was a memorable and touching experience for me. I am transformed. Thank you all for your love and care. With aloha and appreciation...

**Ha'aheo**

♥ The Shrove "Fat" Sunday Pancake Breakfast was a success! Pancakes, Portuguese Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, and fresh Pineapple galore was enjoyed by all. And the donations in the calabash covered the costs. Wow! Mahalo to the Pancake Teams for their great flipping: Team #1: **Jack Frank, Danny Comeau-Schoen and Matt Chapman**; Team #2: **Thomas and Charles Carter**; and, Team #3: **Faith and Kate Maddaloni**. Also, a special thanks to **Kailani Berg and Beth Fincke** for arriving very early to help set-up the dining room and flip pancakes, and to **Keli'i de Francia** for staying very late to help clean-up. And special thank yous to **Mary Carpenter and Susan Palmore** for Acolyting during the 10:15 am service so that all of the Acolytes could flip pancakes!! Now, on to the Agape Supper ...

♥ To the Holy Folders who have faithfully folded, stickered, and labeled this newsletter in preparation of mailing over 350 copies every month. With this being the last issue to be sent out by bulk mail (see note on page 1), we say mahalo nui loa to **Beth Fincke, Pam Fern, Linda Teruya, Adrienne Lau, Sandy Souza, Juliet Tong and daughter, and Susan Palmore**, and to former Holy Folders **Mazeppa Costa, Sandra Kagesa, Mary Carpenter, and Star Williams**, and an extra special mahalo to **Vana Lee** who has been doing this for many, many years, dating back to the days of manual folding and stapling. Well done thou good and faithful servants!

**Conversations Around the Table Schedule**

**Sunday, April 7**      10 am    # of Guests - 8  
Location - Helena Ishida's home (Manoa)  
Hosted by Helena Ishida and Adrienne Lau

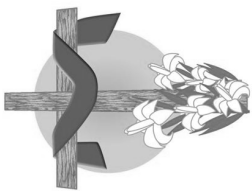
You are invited to join us for good food and conversation at the Vestry-sponsored "Conversations Around the Table." We hope to have the entire parish attend one of these events.

Please sign up at the back of the church or contact the office to reserve your spot.

*Questions?? Email us!*

- Helena Ishida: hhhh@hawaii.rr.com
- Beth Fincke: sefincke@yahoo.com
- Pam Fern: pfern68@gmail.com
- Adrienne Lau: adriennelau@hawaii.rr.com

# 2019



# April

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<b>1 No School</b> 7:30-3 SCS Parent/Teacher Conf. 11:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:00 Hula Class-PH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AI-Anon-PH	<b>2 No School</b> 7:30-3 SCS Parent/Teacher Conf. 5:00 Labyrinth Open-PKG
<b>7 Family Sunday</b> 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2 8:45 Adult Discussion-PH 9:00 Episcopal 101-PH1 10:00 Sunday School-PH/C.Bldg 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 11:30 Prayer Chain Mtg-PH1 11:30 I.H.S. Cooking-KIT 5:00 Hui Lāpule La‘i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>8</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 11:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:00 Hula Class-PH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AI-Anon-PH	<b>9</b> 5:00 Property Comm. Mtg.-PH1 6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH2
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> <b>Outreach Sunday</b> 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2 9:00 How 2charist -PH 10:00 Sunday School-PH/C.Bldg 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 11:30 Prayer Chain Mtg-PH1 5:00 Hui Lāpule La‘i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>15 Holy Monday</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 11:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AI-Anon-PH	<b>16 Holy Tuesday</b> 5:00 SCS Board Meeting-PH
<b>21 Easter Sunday</b> 7:30 Festive Easter Eucharist-CH 8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2 10:00 Sunday School-PH/C.Bldg 10:15 Festive Easter Eucharist-CH 11:30 Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 Hui Lāpule La‘i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>22 Easter Monday</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AI-Anon-PH	<b>23</b>
<b>28</b> 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2 8:45 Adult Discussion-PH 10:00 Sunday School-PH/C.Bldg 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 5:00 Hui Lāpule La‘i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>29</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 11:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AI-Anon-PH	<b>30</b> 11:30 Tourist Wedding-CH

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>3 School Resumes</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 SCS Dance Class-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 3:00 SCS Staff Mtg-PH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH	<b>4</b> 9:00 I.H.S. Cooking-KIT 10:00 Holy Eucharist-Arcadia 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>5 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 5:45 Hui Po'alima 'Alaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>6</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB 9:30 RYSE-PH
<b>10 SCS Food Drive</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 SCS Dance Class-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH	<b>11</b> 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>12 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 5:45 Hui Po'alima 'Alaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>13</b> 9:00 Parish Clean Up Day-CH 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB
<b>17 Holy Wednesday</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:15 SCS Bunny Hop-CH 8:00 SCS Dance Class-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH  <b>Ke`Alemanaka Deadline</b>	<b>18 Maundy Thursday</b> 8:45 Uncle Wayne Spring Concert-PH 6:00 Agape Dinner-PH 7:00 Service-CH 8:00 Choir Rehearsal-MB 8:00 to Noon Friday-Vigil w/ Reserved Sacrament-COP	<b>19 Good Friday</b> <b>No School</b> 12:00 Service-CH 6:00 Service-CH 5:45 Hui Po'alima 'Alaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>20</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB 10:30 Food Dist. Prep-PH/KIT 11:30 Food Distribution-PH/KIT
<b>24</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel w/ Flowering of the Cross-CH 8:00 SCS Dance Class-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH	<b>25</b> 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>26 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 10:00 SCS swap meet-PG/PH 5:45 Hui Po'alima 'Alaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>27</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB
			<b>Key</b> CH - Church PH - Parish House, main hall PH1 - Mtg room 1 in PH PH2 - Mtg room 2 in PH MB - Music Building SL - Staff Lounge KIT - Kitchen PG - Playground PKG - Parking Lot



CAMP *Mokule'ia*

1st inaugural!

# YOUTH DAY

SATURDAY  
APRIL 27, 2019

10 AM - 5 PM

registration/check in 9am -10am

**For Students in Grades 6-12**

\$10 includes: worship, lunch, zipline, games, kayaking, paddle boarding, and swimming in the pool!

Register today! [cammokuleia.org](http://cammokuleia.org)



## EASTON DAVIS

Special Guest Speaker  
& Worship Leader

Easton Davis, a cradle Episcopalian, began his call in youth ministry in 2012 as a parish Youth Minister for St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Suwanee, GA. In 2014, Easton was called to serve as the Missioner of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Atlanta as a member of the Bishop's Staff. As direct oversight of both Diocesan Youth Ministry and Diocesan Campus Ministry, the programs have grown significantly under his leadership.

Easton serves as the producer for the podcast Episcopal Youth Ministry in Atlanta—a podcast for Professional Youth Workers. In November 2018, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was a special guest for an episode. In 2018, the Diocese of Atlanta released a curriculum, Dismantling Racism Youth Curriculum, and Easton is featured in the publication as a collaborator.

During his free time, Easton enjoys time with his family, playing guitar, surfing, and doing freelance videography.



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*He Lanakila Ma Ke Ke'a — Victory Through The Cross*



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# Farmers Market Ministry Teams

Volunteer to help with this ministry by contacting Pam Fern (943-8987 or 561-1070) or Tim Hurd (372-9563)

Task	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Point Person for/Set Up & Parking 3:00-5:30pm	Keith Kalway	Keith Kalway	Maundy Thursday No Market	Pam Fern
Parking 3:30-5:30 pm	Ben Douglas	Ben Douglas		Ben Douglas
Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm	Bridget Dung	Dana Anderson		Steve Marcuccilli
Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm	Pam Fern - 561-1070			
Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm	Martha Morgan	Susan Palmore		Michele Morikami
Take down/Closing* 7:20-8pm	Jim Mattingly Deborah Candace Love John Marlowe*	Soane or Nicholas Lino Sandy Souza Arthur Buto*		Steve Marcuccilli Pam Fern*



## Parish Snap Shots



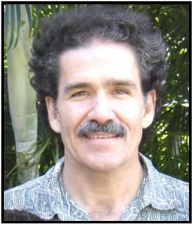
From the Diocesan *Renewal 2019* event featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Clockwise from bottom left: Volunteers posing with the cutout of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry are (l to r): Sandy Souza, Beth Fincke, Pam Fern, and Rev. Ha`aheo Guanson (the speech bubble says "Thank You Volunteers!"); Sandy Souza, Cathy Overstreet, Beth Fincke, Pam Fern, and Jill Haworth "man" the retail sales table; Soane and Tau`eva Lino got a hug from the man himself; Everyone got a face of the PB including St. Clement's participants Pam McCoy, Pam Fern, Dorri Goodrich, Beth Fincke, Helena Ishida, and Cecilia Fordham; Cathy Overstreet also got a hug from the PB (he is all about love); and Mark Haworth and Mila Polevia were part of the entertainment. *Photos by Ha`aheo Guanson, Sandy Souza, Cathy Overstreet, and others.*



## Seeking Housing

Housing needed. St. Clement's family of four searching for a new home to rent near Manoa for \$2,000-\$2,500 per month. Needed as soon as possible. Please contact Jessica at (808) 344-1102 with any suggestions. Thank you!

## A View from the Pew



***“The Kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground.”***  
(Jesus / Mark 4:26)

***“When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart.”***  
(Jesus / Matthew 13:19)

As “synoptic” as the first three Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are supposed to be, sometimes they are not nearly as “similar” as we think. In fact, when compared with one another, these Gospels can be as “parabolic” as the parables of Jesus themselves, meaning they are not to be taken at face value, not to mention literally, let alone for granted. In other words, if we are to really perceive and understand what is being shared by Jesus, we must listen to read, study, think about, discuss, meditate upon, and actually *pray the parables* with open and receptive minds, hearts and souls. To approach the parables in the Gospels otherwise, or any of the stories of the Gospels for that matter, meaning with preconceived notions or convictions of what we think or believe they are saying, might be saying, or should be saying, then regardless of how many times we have encountered them before, we not only invite our own misunderstanding, but risk misrepresenting the parables to others, especially those of us who are the most vulnerable spiritually, meaning we who are passionately exploring our relationship with God, desperately struggling to form a relationship with God, ardently searching for a relationship with God, or who are perilously lost and entirely out of relationship with God.

Some of these “dissimilarities” between the Synoptic Gospels are pretty harmless, and often not too dissimilar, really. Take for example the *Sermon on the Mount* in the Gospel According to Matthew, and the *Sermon on the Plain* in the Gospel According to Luke. Most translations of Matthew say Jesus went up the mountain and sat down, his disciples thereupon joined him, and then Jesus gave his sermon, apparently to them and only them. However, if we put it into context with the previous chapter, we know Jesus and his disciples were actually being followed by large crowds of people throughout Galilee, right up to the point when Jesus ascended the mountain. Further, “mount” and “mountain” are two distinctly different words in the Koine Greek in which Jesus’ sermon was originally recorded. While a mountain is a mountain in Koine Greek as in most other languages, in Koine Greek, a mount however is defined as a level place of prominence with just enough space on which to sit or stand. Inversely, most translations of Luke’s *Sermon on the Plain* say Jesus went out to a mountain to pray, chose his twelve apostles while he was there, came down with them, found a level place to stand, and then delivered his sermon to a great crowd of his disciples and a multitude of other people gathered there. No mention of a “plain” at all in the original Koine Greek texts, only in the section headings found in other languages such as English that were added later by translators and their publishers for reference purposes.

In reality, all we have in terms of differences are that: a) Matthew says Jesus went up the mountain and Luke says down, implying that, if there were two sermons, then one was given on the mountain or maybe even at the top, and the other at the bottom. Still, whether top, bottom, or somewhere in between, they all remain part of the mountain; b) admittedly, it is splitting hairs, but in Matthew Jesus sat on a mount, whereas in Luke he stood on a level place. All sitting and standing aside, in Koine Greek a “mount” and a “level place” mean effectively the same thing; c) while both Gospels agree Jesus’ disciples were present, Luke says the apostles were there, too. True, but the apostles were disciples, also; and d) Luke is a summary of Matthew or Matthew is an expansion on Luke. Either way, in one incredible sermon, the intrinsic as it is indispensable morality and ethos of Christianity is revealed and delivered to us by the Lord.

This being said, the subtle differences found between all three of the Synoptic Gospels in the memorable Parable of the Sower are more problematic. In my mind at least, it is prone to serious misunderstanding and, as a result, misrepresentation. Despite what Jesus actually says within, many if not most of us grew up with or learned as adults that the Sower in the parable is God, that we are the seeds being thrown, and that where we-the-seeds land are the earthly environments in which we find ourselves and must fatefully accept. Depending on where we-the-seeds land, meaning where we are thrown by the Sower, our spiritual destinies are consequently determined by whether God throws us on rocky ground, among encroaching thorns, or in fertile soil. In other words, for all practical purposes, we have nothing to say about, no part to play in, and that nothing can be done to change our spiritual destinies. It is entirely predetermined that we spend Eternity with or without God, and all this implies.

God is not the Sower. We are. We are not the Seeds. The Word of God is. The environments in which we live are not the rocky ground, encroaching thorns, or fertile soil. Our grasp of, ability with, and willingness to share the Word of God is. All of which means that it becomes vital we listen to, read, study, discuss, think about, meditate on, and pray all of the Holy Scriptures, not just the parables, so that we may truly perceive and have an understanding of what God is sharing with us, especially when we are sharing it with others. Our spiritual destinies are not predetermined, nor are they solely dependent on ourselves and our own decisions to believe in, accept, embrace, and have faith in God, or not. Instead, in no small part, our destinies are dependent on one another, too. We are the members of the mystical Body of Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. We are individually the Images of God and, I dare suggest, collectively we complete It. To shamelessly borrow from the American poet, song writer, and performer Leonard Cohen and his acclaimed song *Anthem*, by our words and deeds, we are the “crack” in this often dark and seemingly unforgiving human experience through which “light gets in.”

~~ Submitted by  
Scott Suzuki-Jones



## April 2019 Lay Ministers

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Year C Office Lect.: 2</b>	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	Easter Day	Second Sunday of Easter
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 Psalm 126	Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 Psalm 31:9-16	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 Psalm 150
<b>Flowers</b>	Beth Fincke	Kiki Fordham	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau

✘ ✘ ✘ **7:30 am Service** ✘ ✘ ✘

<b>Lector</b>	Keith Kalway	Sandy Souza	Kathleen Norris	Hew Reynolds
<b>Lect/Euch. Min</b>	Scott Hauger	Martha Morgan	Susan Palmore	Dana Anderson
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	Susan Palmore	Dana Anderson	Pam Fern	Scott Hauger
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Pam Fern	Cecilia Fordham
<b>Ushers</b>	Harrison Ishida Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Wong Family	Sandy Souza
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tahmi Brodhead	Wong Family	Leslie Isaki	Cecilia Fordham

✘ ✘ ✘ **10:15 am Service** ✘ ✘ ✘

<b>Lector</b>	Youth	Meleanna Meyer	Annette Jim	Gayle Chang
<b>Lect/Euch. Min</b>	Jane Anderson	Paris Priore-Kim	Paris Priore-Kim	Brad Siefkes
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	Moria Amjadi	Bill Markevitch	Trey Frank	Moani Crowell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Ann Ogilvie	Beth Fincke Ann Ogilvie	Beth Fincke Ann Ogilvie
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz Baldwin Terry Ledford	Arthur Buto Trey Frank	Liz Baldwin Arthur Buto	Arthur Buto Terry Ledford
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Keli'i deFrancia	Tau'eva Lino	Martha Kaser Terry Ledford Nellie McLaughlin	Liz Baldwin
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Terry Ledford Brad Siefkes	Liz Baldwin Brian Crow	Joni & Kingsley Wong	Arthur & Lisa Buto

Service date/time	Lector	Lect/EM	EM	Ushers
<b>Maundy Thurs, 4/18 - 7 pm</b>	Gayle Chang	Dana Anderson	Martha Morgan	Trey Frank Sandy Souza
<b>Good Fri, 4/19 – noon</b>	TBD	Pam Fern	Trey Frank	Terry Ledford Sandy Souza
<b>Good Fri, 4/19 – 6 pm</b>	Kathleen Norris	Susan Palmore	Jane Anderson	Keli'i deFrancia

**Greeters:**

7:30 am - Volunteers are needed

10:15 am - Jane Anderson and Elizabeth McCutcheon



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Sundays: 7:30 am and 10:15 am  
Wednesdays: 10 am

## Datebook

Wednesday, April 3  
**SCS School Resumes**

Sunday, April 7  
10 am "Conversations" @ Helena Ishida's \*\*

Sunday, April 14 **Palm Sunday & Outreach Sunday**  
Outreach activities following both services

Wednesday, April 17  
**Ke`Alemanaka Deadline**

Thursday, April 18 - **Maundy Thursday**  
6 pm Agape meal  
7 pm Eucharist Service  
8 pm Vigil with the Reserved Sacrament in Chapel of Peace

Friday, April 19 - **Good Friday**  
**No School**  
Noon - Good Friday worship service  
6 pm - Good Friday worship service

Saturday, April 20  
11:30 Food Distribution & Lunch ministry

Sunday, April 21 - **Easter Sunday**  
7:30 am Festive Eucharist Service  
10:15 am Festive Family Eucharist Service  
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 22 - Easter Monday  
**Parish Office Closed**

\*\* **Conversations** (above) refers to  
Conversations Around the Table - see page 5

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Parish Office Hours:  
Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Tuesdays 8:30 am to 7:00 pm  
Staff meetings - Mondays, 11 am to 12 pm

Thursdays  
4:30 pm Farmers Market  
No Market Maundy Thursday, 4/18

**Note: Office hours during the Parish Administrator's vacation April 4-12 will be 8:30-1 pm with spotty afternoon hours M-Th; call first**

