

REFLECTION, DISCERNMENT, ACTION & PROMISE

By Scott Suzuki-Jones

Lent. The fourth season of the Christian year. Like much of Christianity, it is often understood and observed in ways which miss the point of the original Lent over two millennia ago, as well as now.

Whether conservative, liberal, fundamentalist, or progressive, our temptation is to “literally interpret” the Bible in ways that conform to our religious, social, political, and personal agendas. In the process, ironically, we are given to “literally misinterpreting” the Bible. The problem grows when different books of the Bible provide different renditions of the same event and we become tempted to choose between them. We have two stories of Creation, two versions of the Lord’s Prayer, and three accounts of Lent, just to name a few. Whether the Jewish Bible for Jewish congregations or the Christian Bible for Christian ones, Biblical apologists often argue different writers composed different Biblical portrayals for the different needs of different congregations. However, it makes one wonder if the original writers of the Bible, and the translators since, were sometimes promoting their own agendas instead of God’s.

What is Lent? The term appears nowhere in the Bible. From old Western Germanic, Lent means “long days” referring to Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness after being baptized by John the Baptist. According to Matthew, Jesus fasted in the “desert” 40 days and was then “pressured” by the “Slanderer.” According to Mark, Jesus was in the “desert” 40 days being “pressured” by the “Adversary” but not fasting. Luke says Jesus was in the “desert” 40 days being “pressured” by the “Slanderer” and “eating nothing.” John skips Lent. Its two against one. Mark and Luke agree Jesus was tempted by Satan for 40 days but differ on fasting. Matthew says after 40 days of fasting, Jesus was then tempted by Satan.

After 40 days of fasting and the resultant weakening of mind, body, and soul, we could argue Satan saw Jesus as an easy target for temptation. Inversely, after 40 days of being tempted, fasting or not, we could argue Satan believed Jesus would submit to temptation. While Mark makes no mention of Jesus overcoming temptation let alone how he did it, Matthew and Luke do. Both describe how, when weakest in one way or another, instead of relying on his physical, mental, and spiritual strength, or asking God for more, Jesus turns to the Creative Word of God in opposition to the Destructive Word of Satan and overcomes evil. Wealth, power, and idol worship were the perverted devices of Satan’s temptations. The evil, however, was Satan trying mightily to subvert Jesus’ future ministry of laying the stones for the Path of Salvation and leading us onto and into the Way of Eternal Life.

Lent is not about self-deprivation for its own sake or self-improvement. It is about, in our weakest moments, choosing between temptation and what we might desire, and our greatest potential and what we really need, the Creative Word of God.

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9AM to 3PM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Clement's is turning 125 in 2023! If you would like to join brainstorming discussions for the celebratory event please let us know!

Please note that Stitched Together with Love will NOT be meeting during the month of April. The knitting/crocheting sessions will resume next month (5/14).

Our food distribution program is still open to receiving donations of canned soup, corn beef, pork and beans, chili with meat, corn and vienna sausage.

Mahalo to this month's Food Distribution bagging crew:
Heloise Richardson and Beth Fincke.

Thank you to Scott Suzuki-Jones for serving as the guest contributor for this month's newsletter!

ZOOM SERVICE OUTLINE

SUNDAY

Worship at 8AM & 10:15AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Adult Discussion at 9AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM

ID#: 661 508 747

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TUESDAY

Compline at 9PM

ID#: 823 5666 8373

Passcode: 1515

You can join any service with your phone! Just call this number: 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Join Us in Remembering the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Please note that all services are hybrid, i.e. they're taking place both in-person and via Zoom.

Palm Sunday - April 10

Two worship services at **8AM & 10:15AM**

Maundy Thursday - April 14

One worship service at **6PM**

We are also having an overnight vigil in the Chapel of Peace. This will begin after the Maundy Thursday service and end before the Good Friday service. Vigil shift sign-ups have been sent out via email, or you can sign up on the paper at the back of the church.

Good Friday - April 15

One worship service at **12PM**

Easter Sunday - April 17

Two worship services at **8AM & 10:15AM**

SUNDAYS IN EASTER

Reviewing Our Worship Set-up during Sundays in Easter

As you may have noticed in this past month, we have made the switch back to paper service leaflets! Although our slideshows will be making a brief return during our Holy Week services, we plan to continue the use of hard-copy service leaflets this Easter season.

We'll have the same system as we did during Lent: everyone attending services in-person will receive a service leaflet and an insert with the readings on it for that Sunday. Everyone attending services via Zoom will be mailed a copy of the same leaflet, except they will have the readings for the entire Easter season. Digital copies of the service leaflets will also be available.

Although we do recognize that the State's mask mandate ended on March 25, **the Vestry has asked that we all continue to wear our masks during church services.**

MONTHLY VESTRY BRIEF

An Outline of Vestry Actions in the Month of February

- It was moved, seconded and passed (M/S/P) to approve the request by the School to install a new slide and climbing unit on the playground with funds from their fundraiser.
- The Vestry (M/S/P) the Safeguarding God's People resolution.
- We met with our Morgan Stanley portfolio manager, Richanne Lam, for an update of our parish investments.
 - With these factors in mind (economy, interest rates, covid, Ukraine, etc.) the Vestry by consensus decided to leave our portfolio as is. We can adjust the portfolio in the future if we wish.
- The Property Committee completed the following projects during the school's spring break:
 - Two trees were removed and one trimmed in the yard of the apartments.
 - A small roof was fabricated and installed on the patio area of the school's B-building (second floor).

April 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Parish Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM RBTL 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM Tongan Church <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARILYN KALI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 9:00 PM Compline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 9:00 AM Easter Food Drive 5:00 PM Na 'Ohana Meeting 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 6:00 PM EFM <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOSE HENAO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Farmers Market 	<p>Parish Retreat</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>April Fools' Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<p>Beginning of Ramadan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 4:00 PM SCS Open House
<p>Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM RBTL 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Prayer Chain Mtg. 2:30 PM Tongan Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARTHUR BUTO KEN MORIKAMI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Property Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM Sabeel Mtg 9:00 PM Compline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 5:30 PM Makiki Bel Aire Mtg 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 6:00 PM EFM 	<p>Chapel of Peace Vigil - 7PM to 12PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Svc 	<p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Passover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Good Friday Svc 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 10:30 AM Food Distribution 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal
<p>Easter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM Tongan Church 	<p>Tax Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM NAMI WOW 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM SCS Board Mtg. 9:00 PM Compline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Cross Flowering 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 6:00 PM EFM <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAXINE BRAY JAYSON HARPER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Farmers Market <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY NANCY MCDONALD</p>	<p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUE QUIMBY</p>
<p>Orthodox Easter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM RBTL 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM Tongan Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 9:00 PM Compline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 11:00 AM Yo! House Cooking 5:30 PM Tae Kwan Do 6:00 PM EFM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM Lei Day 4:30 PM Farmers Market 	<p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal

SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS

A school day at St. Clement's



A student in C3 works on creating a lucky shamrock headband to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



On Wacky Wednesday, student in C1 found something "wacky" in their classroom.



A student in B3 works on her empress puppet in celebration of Girls Day.



The C2 Curious Dreamers created Leprechaun Traps with their families in hopes to catch that trickster!

January 31, 2022

The Parish of St. Clement
Attn: Rev. Heather Hill
1515 Wilder Ave
Honolulu, HI 96822-4614

Rev. Hill - thank you and
the congregation for all
your long-standing support
of ywca oahu and our
Fernhurst women.

Dear Rev. Heather Hill,

We are so grateful for The Parish of St. Clement's gift of **\$1,000.00** to YWCA O'ahu received on **January 31, 2022**.

Whether it's a business owner struggling to provide for her family, a teenage girl building her self-confidence, or a woman transitioning out of incarceration, YWCA O'ahu helps women and girls from all types of backgrounds and ages, by giving them a hand up, not a hand out. Together, we can empower and uplift these women, bettering their families and our community.

This gift supports Ka Hale Ho'āla Hou No Nā Wāhine, the state's only community-based work furlough program for women transitioning out of incarceration. At our Fernhurst facility, women are provided a safe and healing setting for the to learn, set and accomplish attainable goals, build resiliency, manage emotions, and make positive changes. **YWCA O'ahu is the place where those women rebuild their lives and we couldn't do it without the generous support from organizations like The Parish of St. Clement.**

Thank you,



Cara Mazzei
Director of Development & Community Relations

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DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>Holy Eucharist 8AM and 10:15AM</p> <p>Adult Discussion 9AM</p> <p>Bible Study 9AM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p>
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Assistance Available 10AM to 12PM</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Farmers Market 4:30PM to 7PM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Kūpuna Box (4/8) 12PM to 1PM</p>
SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
<p>Third Sat. (4/16) Food Distribution 10:00AM to 12:00PM</p>	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14 Service at 6PM</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY April 15 Service at 12PM</p>

