

LIVING WATER

By Rev. George Clifford

A Brazilian river carried a group of people trapped on a raft without supplies out to sea. More than food, their desperate thirst surprised their rescuers. The river carrying the raft to sea was so large that the water offshore was actually potable a couple of miles from shore. Plentiful water was all around – if only those on the raft had known where to look. (Anthony de Mello, *Awareness* (New York: Doubleday, 1990), p. 26)

Water flowing from a faucet (or poured out of a bottle) “lives” through its movement. In this context, the phrase “living water” literally denotes biological life’s need for water to survive. This winter, fuel leaking from the Navy’s Red Hill storage facility into the local water supply, potentially contaminating groundwater aquifers that supply a major area of Honolulu, dramatically underscores our responsibility as God’s stewards to protect the fresh water supply on our fragile island home. This living water is a gift from God.

Jesus famously asked a Samaritan woman of questionable character for a drink of water (John 4:7-30). He, like us, needed water to live. Their conversation, however, highlighted water’s symbolic meaning, rooted in its liminal qualities to transform and demarcate boundaries.

In Judaism, water transformed the ritually unclean into clean:

The Bible is replete with ablutionary practices: objects (a tent, a sword) were sprinkled with water to dedicate them to the Lord; people (lepers, menstruating women) were fully immersed in water as an act of purification. The priests in the Temple of Jerusalem poured water on their hands before approaching the altar to make sacrifices. The high priest underwent one ritual immersion before entering the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, and another immediately after taking upon himself the sins of the nation. (Reza Aslan, *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth* (New York: Random House, 2013), Kindle Loc. 1485-90)

The Christian sacrament of Holy Baptism presumes the transformative power of water to change the profane into the holy. Christianity teaches that in Holy Baptism water is the outward and visible sign of the inner and spiritual grace upon which that spiritual transformation depends. Some Christians recall and renew their Baptism by dipping their fingers in a font of water and then signing themselves with the cross. They recognize water’s liminal qualities and trust in God’s love, hoping this act will nurture the life-giving, liberating and loving transformation associated with their baptism. Jesus referred to this spiritual transformation when he described himself as “living water.”

Lent begins March 2, Ash Wednesday. This Lent, consider adopting a two-part discipline.

First, every time you drink water (or use an ice cube!), cook using water or wash clothes, dishes, windows, etc., remember life’s dependence on clean water. Practice good stewardship of living water received daily through pipes or bottles.

Second, when you wash your body or help another person to wash, remember water’s liminal qualities. As you wash, intentionally open yourself to an interior transformation. This openness can include acts as varied as: a brief, silent prayer; letting go of a hurt to which one has clung; a positive thought directed at someone you don’t like; choosing to say a kind word to another person; judging oneself less harshly; remembering a verse of Scripture; or feeling as clean on the inside as one will be on the exterior.

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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!

Stitched Together With Love, St. Clement's newly-formed knitting and crochet group, is meeting every second Saturday (2/12) at 11AM under the church porte cochere.

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:
Susan Palmore and her Granddaughter.

Thank you to the Rev. George Clifford 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

Passcode: 1515

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.

AED TRAINING

Sunday, February 27 at 12PM

On Sunday, February 27 at noon, you are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for CPR/AED training. We will be getting new AEDs for both the Parish Hall and the Church and would like to ensure that those using our space will know how to use these important, life-saving tools, should the need arise.

If you're interested in joining us for this training session, please let the church office know at (808)955-7745 by Sunday, February 20.

FARMERS MARKET VOLUNTEERS

Help Out on Thursdays!

Our Makiki Farmers Market needs you! Are you up for the task? We ask that our volunteers perform one or more of the following duties at our Thursday markets:

- Open the Parish Hall at 3:30PM
- Lock up after all the vendors depart after 7PM
- Collect rent from vendors
- Serve as the point-person, should any issues arise.

You are welcome to come with friends and family when you're volunteering, and we're hoping to get enough volunteers so you'd only have to serve once a month. If you're interested, please contact the Church Office at (808)955-7745 so we can put you in contact with our Market Director, Pam Fern.

NEAR THE EXIT

Adult Discussion's Next Book

St. Clement's Adult Discussion group meets between worship services on Sunday mornings at 9AM. For the time being, they are only meeting via Zoom. In the coming weeks, Adult Discussion will begin a new book: *Near The Exit: Travels with the Not-So-Grim Reaper* by Lori Erickson. Below you'll find a description of the book:

After her brother died unexpectedly and her mother moved into a dementia-care facility, spiritual travel writer and Episcopal deacon Lori Erickson felt called to a new quest: to face death head on, with the eye of a tourist and the heart of a pastor.

Blending memoir, spirituality, and travel, *Near the Exit* examines how cultures confront and have confronted death, from Egypt's Valley of the Kings and Mayan temples, to a Colorado cremation pyre and Day of the Dead celebrations, to Maori settlements and tourist-destination graveyards. Erickson reflects on mortality—the ways we avoid it, the ways we cope with it, and the ways life is made more precious by accepting it—in places as far away as New Zealand and as close as the nursing home up the street. Throughout her personal journey and her travels, Erickson helps us to see that one of the most life-affirming things we can do is to invite death along for the ride.

Starting in mid-February, *Near the Exit* will be available for purchase from the church office for a \$10.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>Lunar New Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 9:00 PM Compline 	<p>2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Na 'Ohana Meeting 6:00 PM EfM 	<p>3</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>Carnival Parking</p> <p>No School</p> <p>8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERTHA LUM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Altar Guild</p>
<p>6</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>7</p> <p>1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Property Committee Mtg. 5:00 PM AOUO Mtg 9:00 PM Compline 	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM EfM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARL TOM</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM Knitting Group
<p>13</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 	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>1:00 PM Parish Staff Mtg.</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY LYNNE TOM</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM SCS Board Mtg. 6:00 PM Palo Alto Mtg 9:00 PM Compline 	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 PM EfM</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRAVIS BALDWIN DARLENE TAMURA NOZ YAMAUCHI</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sentricon Inspection 12:00 PM Kūpuna Box 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 10:30 AM Food Distribution <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY DORA KRAUL</p>
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SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS

A sneak peek into a school day at St. Clement's



A student in C1 practicing their fine motor skills by writing out "Happy New Year!"



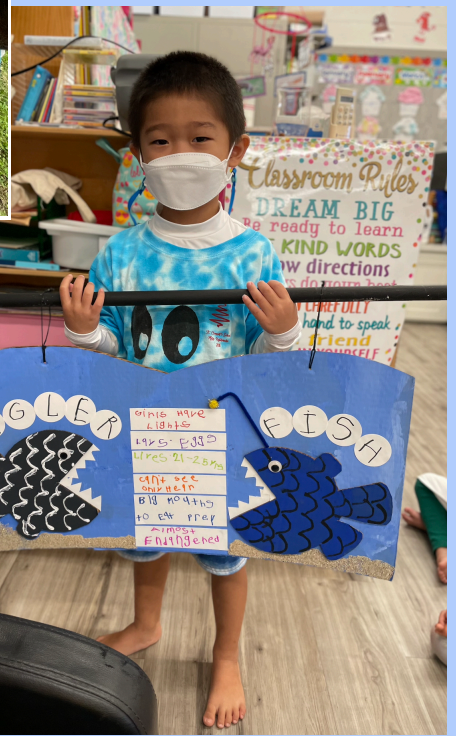
Students in C2 got to put on their own Chinese Lion dance in preparation for Chinese New Year.



The students in C3 created a tiger mask to celebrate the upcoming Year of the Tiger.



The students in B1 learned about the water cycle.



A student in B3 taught his fellow classmates all about angler fish.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

By Rev. Heather Hill

As we complete two full years of the pandemic, many can find it hard to see God. For those who have physical conditions that make Covid an ongoing scare this is particularly true. When others are living like there is not a pandemic and your health requires you to continue to isolate, it is easy to be discouraged and depressed.

I am praying for you all especially during this time. Everyone of you is fearfully and wonderfully made by God and is made in God's image. (Psalm 139:14 and Genesis 1:27) Even when it does not feel like it, you are still God's child.

"At what stage (of my health) was I fearfully and wonderfully made? At every stage I was fearfully and wonderfully made."

The Rev. Tim Goode Rector, St. Margaret's Church
Lee, Disability Advisor to the Southwark Diocese;
London, United Kingdom

Please know that you are loved as the child of God that you are. As a parish, we continue to lift you up in prayer and will continue to offer our worship services both online and in person, so that all of us can worship. Together we are the body of Christ. We are not whole as Christ's body without each and every member of our 'Ohana. (1 Corinthians 12:20-26)

Pastor Heather

Scripture references to reflect on:

Psalm 139:14

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Genesis 1:27

So God created humankind^o in God's image,
in the image of God God created them;^o
male and female God created them.

1 Corinthians 12:20-26

²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

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>Third Fri. (2/18) Kūpuna Box 12PM to 1PM</p>
SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
<p>Second Sat. (2/12) Knit/Crochet Group 11AM to 1PM</p> <p>Third Sat. (2/19) Food Distribution 10:00AM to 12:00PM</p>	<p>CARNIVAL PARKING Friday, Feb. 4 9AM-930PM</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED Monday, Feb. 21 <i>In Observance of Pres. Day</i></p>

