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# Easter Message from the Presiding Bishop



The Rt. Reverend Barbara Harris was the first woman ordained and consecrated a bishop in The Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion. In her memoir, entitled *Hallelujah, Anyhow!* [she] quotes an old Gospel hymn that says it this way:

Hallelujah anyhow Never let your troubles get you down When your troubles come your way Hold your hands up high and say Hallelujah anyhow!

When I get to Heaven, I want to meet one person, and her name is Mary Magdalene. Because if ever there was another Hallelujah, Anyhow sister, it was Mary Magdalene. And her life, and her example, tells us what it means to follow in the way of Jesus, in the Way of Love.

Mary Magdalene showed up when others would not. Mary Magdalene spoke up when others remained silent. Mary Magdalene stood up when others sat down.

John's Gospel tells us that when many of the disciples fled and abandoned Jesus, Mary Magdalene stood by him at the cross. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

Against the odds, swimming against the current, Mary Magdalene was there.

John's Gospel says in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

They went to the tomb when it didn't make any sense. They went to the tomb when the evidence was against them. Jesus was dead. They knew that. The power of the Empire had crushed the hope of love. They knew that. And they got up in the morning and went to the tomb anyhow. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

But more than that, John's Gospel says it was dark. It was dark. That's not just the time of day in John's Gospel. The darkness in John is the domain of evil. In John's Gospel when Judas leaves the Last Supper to betray Jesus, John inserts a parenthetical remark. When Judas leaves to betray him, John says, "And it was night." The darkness is the domain of wrong, of hatred, of bigotry, of violence, the domain of sin and death and horror.

And early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, Hallelujah, Anyhow.

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# Congratulations, Miss Biehn

Earlier this year, the grandma and dad of SCS student Stella McGaughy nominated C-3 teacher **Andrea** (**Cricket**) **Biehn** for the Locations Foundation 2019 Teacher Award. This program helps to recognize exceptional teachers who use personal funds throughout the year to support



classroom activities. The Teacher Award Selection committee scored and awarded nominees based on these 5 criteria.

- 1) Reinforces learning inside and outside the classroom.
- 2) Engages students to participate in classroom activities.
- 3) Demonstrates care for his/her students, their well-being and overall development.
- 4) Communicates effectively with parents.
- 5) Participate in co-curricular activities and/or community service.

Miss Biehn was selected as an honoree and winner of The Teacher Award 2019. Her award included a \$200 gift certificate!

The entire school honored her during chapel on Friday, April 26. The photos below are from that celebration. (Since Miss Biehn's class is known as the Fantabulous Zookeepers, her class dressed up as animals.)



L-R: Miss Biehn received congratulations from Stella's mom and dad, Tricia Ching and Travis McGaughy, and from her mom, B-4 teacher, Irene Biehn. *Photos by SCS staff* 



# Ke 'Alemanaka

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# **Attendance and Offerings** for March, 2019

March Attendance	872
March SCS Chapel Attendance	874
March Offerings	\$23,255
YTD Income as of 3/31/19	\$172,782
YTD Expenses as of 3/31/19	\$151,255

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Arthur Buto

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## **DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE**

## Friday, May 17, 2019



## Hau oli la hanau to all those born in April!

May 1	Tahmi Brodhead
	Portia Fukuoka
May 2	Vana Lee
May 3	Karen Borg
	Elise Nakatsuji
May 5	Samantha Chapman
	Zoe Chapman
May 8	Eva Rogers
May 11	Rudie Schaefer V
	Brad Siefkes
May 12	Jane Anderson
May 15	Walton Shim
May 17	Phoenix Lee Tuttle
May 18	Christina Markevitch
	Jessica Stack
	Dorothy Seki
May 20	Helen Gary
	Helena Ishida
May 21	Manny Wong
May 22	Lisa Buto
	Soane Lino, Jr•
May 23	Bella Grace Harper
May 24	Dana Anderson
	Tyler Wong
May 28	Leslie Isaki
May 29	Kanani Cruz
May 30	Jean Overstreet

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

# Mark your calendars!

Sunday, May 5, 2019 **Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick** 

will be visiting St. Clement's and leading both services. Join us as we celebrate confirmations and baptisms!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Adult Discussion

During Lent our Adult Discussion Group will be watching and discussing movies about the criminal justice system. Everyone is welcome to join us!

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."

#### **Anglican Poets**

On Sundays, May 12, 19, and 26 Susanne Woods is going to lead our Adult Discussion group on a study of Anglican Poets. Everyone is welcome to join us from 8:45-10 am!

#### **Bible Study**

Every Sunday, 9am-10am, PH2 "Reading Between the Lines" All are Welcome!

#### **Feminine Hygiene Products Drive**

Help us honor the women in our lives, during the month of May, by donating feminine hygiene products to women who cannot afford them. A box to collect them will be in the back of the church starting **May 5th**. Checks to purchase supplies can be written to St. Clement's with "Feminine Products" listed in the memo.

# Mahalo Nui Loa...

- ♥ To Beth Fincke and Kiki Fordham who cut the dramatic Fan Palms for the Palm Sunday altar flowers – in the forest, no less.
- ♥ To Stan Ornellas, Mary Carpenter, Beth Fincke, The Rev. Ha'aheo Guanson, Mark Kennedy, Tau'eva Lino, and Sandy Souza for answering the call to spruce up the church for the Holy Week services. Pews were wiped down – the water was "black!" And all the glass was cleaned for the sun to shine through.
- ♥ To Sandy Souza who cut and washed the palms for Palm Sunday.
- ♥ To the following who 'sat with Jesus at the Vigil from after the service on Maundy Thursday until the noon service on Good Friday, (especially those who stayed an extra hour): Gayle Chang, Hank Chapin, Seena Clowser, Pam Fern, Beth Fincke, Cecilia Fordham, Chaz Hill, Annette Jim, Dora Kraul, Tau'eva Lino, Deborah Candace Love, Joy McElroy, Glenn Moir, Cathy Overstreet, Joni Wong, and Susanne Woods, and to Jackson Nakasone and Valerie Henderson who also signed up. And a special thanks to Sandy Souza who coordinated the volunteers.
- ♥ To Liz Baldwin, Michelle Comeau, Pam Fern, Beth Fincke, Chris Hacskaylo, Leslie Isaki, and Martha Morgan who provided and served breakfast for the choir on Easter Sunday when they sang for both services.

#### (Continued from page 1) Presiding Bishop's Easter Message, continued

The truth is, she didn't know that Jesus was alive. She was just doing what love does. Caring for her beloved, her Savior, her friend, in his time of death, to give him the last rites of burial. And when she got to the tomb, and the other women with her, they eventually discovered that Jesus was alive, and in the silence of the night, in the moments of despair, in the moments of the worst darkness, God had done something incredible. God had raised Jesus from the dead

The truth is, nobody saw Jesus rise from the dead, because God had done it secretly and quietly, when nobody was looking.

When I was in high school, I learned a poem composed by James Russell Lowell. He wrote it in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in one of the darkest periods in American history, when this country was torn as under by the existence of chattel slavery in our midst. In this great land of freedom, there were slaves being held in bondage. And this nation literally went to war, tearing itself apart, trying to find the way to do what was right. And James Russell Lowell wrote, in the midst of this darkness, in this dark hour:

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone and strong ... Though her portion be a scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own

Hallelujah, Anyhow.

Christ is risen The Lord is risen, indeed.

God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry



# Prison Ministry Makahiki

Makahiki, a season of harvest, thanksgiving, and new year is now recognized by the federal government as part of the spiritual tradition of native Hawaiians. All prisoners are provided access to their spiritual traditions. However, Hawaiians were not always able to do this. After a long legal battle, recognition was granted to native Hawaiians to celebrate Makahiki as a Hawaiian spiritual tradition in prison.

The closing ceremonies for the Makahiki were recently held in three prisons. First, in late February at Saguaro Correctional Facility located between Phoenix and Tucson in Arizona. This is a for-profit prison, built for Hawaiian prisoners. There are over 2,000 inmates from Hawai'i at Saguaro. Over one hundred inmates gathered in concrete basketball courts to participate and commemorate the closing of the Makahiki season. Inmates performed chants, dances, and rituals to celebrate the event.

In Hawai'i, closing Makahiki ceremonies were held in March. Waiawa Correctional Facility held the Closing Makahiki with about 50 men in an open field in this minimum security facility.



At the Halawa Correctional Facility, Closing Makahiki was held within the walls of this medium security facility with



thirty men.

The inmates, referred to in Hawaiian as pa'ahao, find strength, identity, and transformation in this cultural spiritual practice.

As part of the prison ministry, St. Clement's Adult Discussion Group is praying for individual Pa'ahao from the Makahiki Program of the Halawa Correctional Facility. The pa'ahao are very grateful for the individual prayers offered by St. Clement's members. As a result of the prayers, the pa'ahao are touched. The men find their lives to be more peaceful and for some their relationships with their families have improved. The pa'ahao can feel the power of prayer in their lives.

> ~~ With aloha & appreciation Ha'aheo Guanson+

Backpack Project

## Reentry

When inmates leave the prison, they basically do not have anything. They leave with a trash bag with their things they entered prison. The *Backpack Project* provides backpacks filled with necessities when they leave prison. This gesture of providing backpacks gives the men a warm start to their reentry back into the community. We ask churches and the community to help provide backpacks as a service in participating in the prison ministry.

Communities and churches have provided backpacks, pillows and sheets.

We are grateful to the Parish of St. Clement and St Clement's School for providing toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap for the backpacks.

You can fill a backpack with these items

## **Body Care/Hygiene**

Bar Soap Towel/wash cloth Tooth Brush (limit 2) Tooth Paste (limit 1) Hair Brush/Comb Deodorant Shampoo Disposable Razors (1 pack) Shave Cream Nail Clippers Dental Floss Conditioner Body Lotion Band Aids Antiseptic Cream

## Miscellaneous

Bedding (sheets) Pillow Pillow Case Bath Towel Pen/Pencil (limit 3 ea.) Writing Tablet Toilet Tissue Facial Tissue Detergent Water Bottle

Most items above limited to 1 item count

For more information, please contact Ha'aheo.

~~ With aloha & appreciation Ha'aheo Guanson+





All photos provided by Rev. Ha 'aheo Guanson



# **Family Promise Updates**



*Family Promise of Hawaii* has begun coordinating with other charitable organizations in Hawaii — for fundraising activities, like the Charity Walk (see info on next column); and for sharing program information and developments with the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and other public, private, and faith-based programs.

*Family Promise* dinner hosts have grown (that's a good thing), but overnight host churches have shrunk. First Christian Church of Honolulu still serves as an overnight host one week per quarter. This past month, St. Clement's was called to assist First Christian with the Welcome to the families and to show them where the supplies, the bathrooms, etc. were. A group of female students from UH Manoa was responsible for dinner, and did a great job.

St. Clement's did not host a dinner week this quarter. Our next dinner hosting has not been scheduled yet, but will probably be in July. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.

> ~~ Submitted by Cecilia Fordham





#### Charity Walk '19

Oahu's next big community event is proof that publicprivate partnerships really can work to make a huge impact in our community. On **May 18th**, *Family Promise* of Hawaii will join hundreds of community members to raise money and awareness for Oahu's nonprofit organizations during this year's Charity Walk. The event is hosted by the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association and will feature plenty of stops along the five mile route where participants can enjoy food, fun and entertainment, including music, games and giveaways!

Funds raised from the Charity Walk will be donated to Oahu's nonprofit organizations, with a specific focus on those addressing homelessness on the island. Best of all, every dollar we help raise will be matched by both the Charity Walk fund and the State! That means all donations will be tripled! For every one dollar you give, three dollars will be donated, going directly to help families experiencing homelessness on Oahu. So triple your contribution and donate today to Family Promise of Hawaii's Charity Walk fund.

Go to <u>https://bit.ly/CharityWalkHI</u> to donate or register to walk with *Family Promise of Hawaii* on **May 18th**.



# New Food Pantry Hours

Beginning May 20, the office food pantry will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am to Noon **ONLY**.

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May

Sun	Mon	Tue
St. Clement's School invites you to the Moving Up Ceremony on Tues. May 28 at 8:30 am and to the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony on Wed. May 29 at 9 am		
<ul> <li>5 Bishop's Visit/Youth Sun.</li> <li>7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH</li> <li>8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2</li> <li>8:45 Adult Discussion-PH</li> <li>10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH</li> <li>5:00 Hui Lāpule La'i Mtg-MB</li> <li>7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</li> </ul>	<b>6</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 7:00 RYSE Meeting-SL 7:30 Al-Anon-PH	<b>7</b> 8:30 SCS Fire Drill 5:00 Labyrinth open
<b>12 Outreach Sunday</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>13</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 SCS C2 Party-PH/PKG 11:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 Al-Anon-PH	<b>14</b> 5:00 Property Comm. MtgPH1 6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH
<b>19</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 11:30 Prayer Chain Mtg-PH2 5:00 Hui Lāpule La'i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	20 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 11:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 12:30 Tourist Wedding 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 Al-Anon-PH	<b>21</b> 8:15 Flag & Sing 8:45 C3 Honolulu Zoo bus-PKG 11:00 Kindergarten Luncheon -PH 5:00 SCS Board MtgPH
26 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	27 Memorial Day No School / Offices Closed 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 Al-Anon-PH	28 8:30 Preschool Moving Up Ceremony-CH/PKG 11:30 Tourist Wedding



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Lei Day Rehearsal-PG 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 3:00 SCS Prof. Dev/Staff Mtg- PH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH 6:00 EFM-PH2	<b>2</b> 8:15 Lei Day Rehearsal-PG 10:00 Holy Eucharist at Arcadia 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>3 Clergy Sabbath</b> 9:00 SCS Lei Day Program-PG 12:00 SCS Staff Luncheon-OC 6:30 Hui Pōʻalima ʻAlaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>4</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB 5:30 Caledonian Society-PH
<b>8</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 Bollywood Dance Class-PH 8:45 SCS Bus (HI Nature Ctr) 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM-PH2	9 8:45 SCS B1/3 Sea Life Pk-PKG 10:20 SCS Mother's Day Tea-PH 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>10 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 6:30 Hui Pōʻalima ʻAlaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>11</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB 9:00 iFoG-PH 9:00 Na 'Ohana Family Picnic- Shriners Beach Club Waimanalo
<b>15</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH SCS May/June Bday blessings 8:00 Bollywood Dance Class-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 3:00 SCS Prof. DevPH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH 6:00 EFM-PH2	<b>16</b> 10:00 End of Year Party C2-PH 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<ul> <li>17 Clergy Sabbath</li> <li>8:00 SCS Chapel-CH</li> <li>8:45 SCS Disco-PG</li> <li>10:00 End of Year Party B3-PH</li> <li>6:30 Hui Pō'alima 'Alaneo-MB</li> <li>8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</li> </ul> Ke'Alemanaka Deadline	<b>18</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
22 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH SCS July/Aug. Bday Blessings 8:00 Bollywood Dance Class-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM-PH2	23 9:00 SCS Year End Party C1-PH 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>24 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 12:30 Tourist Wedding-CH 6:30 Hui Pōʻalima ʻAlaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>25</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 Hui Pō'aono Wāhine-MB
29 9:00 SCS PS4 & Kindergarten Graduation-CH 11:00 YO! House Cooking-KIT 11:30 Staff Luncheon-PH 12:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 1:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM-PH2	<b>30 No School</b> 11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-MB	<b>31 Clergy Sabbath</b> <b>No School</b> 6:30 Hui Pōʻalima ʻAlaneo-MB 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<u>Key</u> CH - Church PH - Parish House, main hall PH1 - Mtg room 1 in Parish House PH2 - Mtg room 2 in Parish House MB - Music Building SL - Staff Lounge KIT - Kitchen PG - Playground PKG - Parking Lot



Easter Sunday



conversations Around the Table March 29, 2019 Cheese Board Arugula Salad avecado, manchego cheese and pine nuts Baked Salman with Dill Sauce Wild Rice Wild Rice with leeks and mushrooms Asparagus Red Berry Shortcake



# Conversations Around the Table



**Top:** at Helena and Harrison Ishida's house on March 29, hosted by Helena and Adrienne Lau; seated around the table (clockwise from the rear) Heather McVay, Seena Clowser, Seena's friend Walter, Helena, Adrienne, Jane Anderson, Harrison, Pam McCoy, and Heather's brother, John Knox. *Photo provided by Helena Ishida*.

**Bottom:** at the Ishida house on April 7, in the group photo, clockwise from the rear, Helena, Susan Palmore, Paris Kim, Cathy Overstreet, Kathleen Norris, Valerie Henderson, Jim Quimby, and Henry Lau. *Photo by Adrienne Lau*.

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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	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Point Person for/Set Up & Parking 3:00-5:30pm	Keith Kalway	Keith Kalway	Pam Fern	Tim Hurd	Tim Hurd
Parking 3:30-5:30 pm	Ben Douglas	Ben Douglas	Ben Douglas	Ben Douglas	Ben Douglas
Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm	Pam Fern	Pam Fern	Steve Marcuccilli	Dana Anderson	Bridget Dung
Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm	Pam Fern - 561-1070				
Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm	Martha Morgan	Susan Palmore	Michele Morikami	Martha Morgan	Michele Morikami
Take down/ Closing* 7:20-8pm	Pam Fern John Marlowe*	Soane Lino or Nicholas Lino Sandy Souza Arthur Buto*	Steve Marcuccilli Pam Fern*	Ken Morikami Beth Fincke*	Jim Mattingly Beth Fincke*



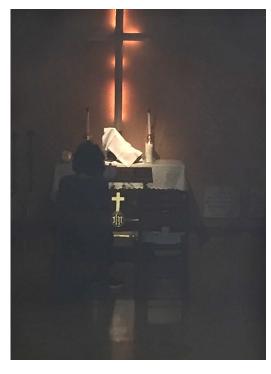
Parish Snap Shots





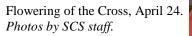






Annette Jim keeps the Vigil in the Chapel of Peace. *Photo provided by Sandy Souza*.











# A View from the Pew



The one thing I do not like about Lent is Palm Sunday. Actually, Palm Sunday is fine. In reality, I love Palm Sunday. Instead, it is the short-shrift Christians give Palm Sunday that is the problem. Like the confession of a prisoner on death row being cut-short by an impatient and insensitive confessor, we take little time to read, listen to, study, and discuss the events of Palm Sunday before leaping to the Passion which, no pun intended, but by no

means metaphorical, is indeed all about Jesus' execution. While I understand why we leap to the Passion, we are nevertheless being short-shrifted.

Part of the problem is context, meaning the way we typically read the Bible and the way it is typically read to us. Suddenly, after three long, arduous, and challenging years of ministering to the poor, the sick, the diseased, the physically impaired and disabled, the marginalized, the disenfranchised, the possessed, and even the dead, not to mention fighting the religious authorities all along the way and escaping more the a couple of attempts to murder Him, one of which was in His own hometown, out of nowhere Jesus makes a "Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem." It catches me completely offguard every time. I mean, "Say what, 'Triumphal'?!"

But, here's the deal: Palm Sunday was and remains big. Really big. For all practical purposes, it sets the stage not for the Crucifixion, nor for the Resurrection, nor even for the Ascension, but for the entire mission of Christianity and for Christians to come. No, this is not about Emperor Constantine the Great, the establishment of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and all of the Popes, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons to come. No, it is not about The Reverend Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation or Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and the Anglican Reformation. It has nothing to do with the religious crusades, civil wars, persecutions, discriminations, abuses and deceptions to follow in the next 2000-plus years. Instead, Palm Sunday is about the core faith of Christianity and the Christian mission foretold in the Beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It is, in one very little and much under-appreciated story, a revelation of what it means to be a Christian.

#### "Look, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey." (Matthew 21:5)

Long before it was a symbol of the Democratic Party, the donkey was a symbol peace, in stark contrast to the war horse, the camel, and the elephant as symbols of war. The donkey, as humble as it was strong and steady and enduring, was ridden by victorious kings, generals, and heroic warriors, returning home to their great cities after long, hard fought, and always bloody campaigns as a promise of the peace to come.

## "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him." (Mark 11:13)

The palm branch was a symbol of military victory in Greece, Rome, and the Middle East. In Israel, the palm branch was also symbol of shelter, protection, and salvation from the days of the Exodus, when the people of Israel escaped Egypt and journeyed across the Sinai back to the Promised Land. After the original Palm Sunday, in early Christianity the palm branch similarly became a symbol of victory, but instead of a military, one of the faithful being victorious over the Enemy of the soul.

## "As He rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)

In the harsh environments of Mediterranean Europe and the Middle East, in the time of Jesus, one's cloak literally shielded you from the elements. Often times, it was the only thing that stood between you and certain death from exposure. It was of such importance, in fact, that by universal custom and often law the cloak was the one possession tax collectors and creditors were prohibited from taking from someone when collecting a debt. As a result, laying down one's cloak before someone else became the ultimate act of homage, such as a subject to their king, or a disciple to a great teacher. In doing so, a statement was being made, you were making yourself entirely vulnerable, thus offering yourself for one reason or another in complete sacrifice "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your means." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

#### "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" (John 12:13)

"Hosanna," in classical Hebrew pronounced "Hoshana," is a liturgical term in Judaism specific to the week-long Jewish Festival of Sukkot, celebrating God sustaining the people of Israel in the wilderness during their escape from Egypt and trek back to the Promised Land. It is a cycle of prayers, a sequential part of which is sung each morning during the festival, and all of which is sung at its conclusion. Originally a plea, meaning to implore God to help, rescue or save, it evolved from a verb into a noun to mean *savior*. In addition to Sukkot, Hoshana was and remains reserved for usage during only one other Holy time, the week-long Festival of Unleavened Bread, during which Passover is celebrated.

I take issue with anyone and everyone who says Palm Sunday is a day for contemplation. Every day is a day for contemplation. Palm Sunday is a day to dedicate ourselves to Peace over war, to good over evil, to sacrifice over giving-up, to salvation over doom. It is a day, as should be every day, of Thanksgiving.

> ~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



# May 2019 Lay Ministers

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Year C Office Lect.: 2	3rd Sunday Easter	4th Sunday in Easter	5th Sunday in Easter	6th Sunday in Easter
Readings	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 Psalm 118:14-29 <i>or</i> Psalm 150	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 Psalm 23	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 Psalm 148	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22- 22:5 John 14:23-29 Psalm 67
Flowers	Beth Fincke	Kiki Fordham	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau

## 🕸 🕸 🕸 7:30 am Service 🕸 🕸 🕸

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

## 🕸 🕸 🕸 10:15 am Service 🕸 🕸 🕸

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

**Greeters:** 7:30 am - Leslie Isaki 10:15 am –Deborah Candace Love and Annette Jim



# Datebook

Friday, May 3 9 am SCS Lei Day program

Sunday, May 5 - **Bishop Fitzpatrick visits** Both services

Sunday, May 12 - **Outreach Sunday** Outreach activities following both services

> Tuesday, May 14 6 pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, May 17 **Ke`Alemanaka Deadline** 

Saturday, May 18 8 am Charity Walk at Magic Island 11:30 Food Distribution & Lunch ministry

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Offices and School Closed

Tuesday, May 28 8:30 am SCS Moving Up Ceremony

> Wednesday, May 29 9 am SCS Graduation

Thursday, May 30 & Friday, May 31 School Closed

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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

# New Food Pantry Hours

Beginning May 20, the office food pantry will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am to Noon **ONLY**. 1515 Wilder Avenue Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96822-4614 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Schedule of Worship Services Sundays: 7:30 am and 10:15 am Wednesdays: 10 am