May 2019

Let us this month

• Support the Search Committee
• Thank you supply priest
• Think and practice safety in the church.
• Remember, the more you give the more you receive
• Bring your grandchild to church
• Volunteer to help with the homeless ministry—last Thursday of each month

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In Spirit and in Truth
Easter Reflections

by Bill Mok
Senior Warden

I have to confess. Prior to this past Friday, I don’t remember the last time I attended Good Friday Service. When I became Senior Warden, I knew I would have to be “more involved”. When I found out Bishop Bob would be conducting the service, it became “I better show up“. But why? Why does our Church find it so important to hold so many services in Holy Week?

The historical events celebrated from Palm to Easter Sundays are simply the fundamental tenet of our faith. Our Church, here at St. Mary’s in Moiliili, the Episcopal Church of Hawaii and of the United States, and the even broader Anglican Communion, is best known for our love and acceptance of all people, for caring of the needy, feeding of the homeless, and extending our helping hand to crisis throughout the world. But Easter is more special than that. Easter refocuses our attention to the person Jesus Christ, to His redemptive love and His glorious power to conquer sin and death. For without Jesus, our good works are worthy but temporal. With Christ, our work is part the grand plan to bring the love of God to all his creation, from here to eternity.

It was back at the 70’s when Andrew Lloyd Weber’s musical Jesus Christ Superstar was first made into a movie and shown in Hong Kong. I was at that time attending the Diocesan Boy’s School. Trying to take advantage of our Christian heritage, we asked permission to organize a field trip to watch the movie as a class (we go to movies frequently enough, but thought we can skip a few classes by turning this into an official school function). Our request was denied. We were simply told the school could not endorse the movie. Interesting, why? Was it because we were too conservative and cringed at the notion of turning our religion into popular entertainment? Was it sacrilege to use rock music to portray the core of our belief? Or was it the depiction of Jesus as “just a man”, and the uncomfortable “love” between Jesus and Mary Magdelene? May be, but there is something even more fundamental that all the above. A church counselor once told me: think about the ending of story.

Since then, I have attended quite a few showings of different versions of Jesus Christ Superstar, and I always pay close attention to the ending. There are variations to how the story ends. Last year, NBC put on a major revival of the show, and heavily promoted it for a live broadcast on Easter Sunday 2018. I watched the ending, and I was sorely disappointed, and frankly appalled. Once again, this popularized version of the Christian story ended with the crucifixion of Jesus. NBC has done disservice to millions of Christian faithful, for telling an incomplete Good Friday story on Easter Sunday!

For our story does not end with the death of Christ, our story begin anew on Easter with the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia, Christ has risen!
An enthusiastic group of 30+ people gathered in the Fellowship Hall for Aloha Hour and the 1-1/2 hour meeting. Rev. Cn. Graham facilitated the gathering of information that the Search Committee will use to develop the church profile for St. Mary’s. Top three responses to the three questions asked:

Who is St. Mary’s?
- Long history of presence in the neighborhood;
- Traditionally centered church.
- Spirit of aloha.

Who are we called to be?
- More effective execution of St. Mary’s mission.
- Further development of Bible Study opportunities/ scheduling.
- Connecting to current demographic (Micronesians and transient residents).

What kind of priest do we want?
- Pastoral heart.
- Priest and family that gets involved with parish.
- Cooperates with others and leads nicely.
- Desires to equip laity and delegate authority.
Thank you to our April Visiting Priest

April 7
Rev. Phil Paradine

April 14
Rev. Benjamin Newland

April 21
Rev. Imelda Padasdao

April 28
Rev. Cannon Sandy Graham
Palm Sunday

Reader: Pablo Cortez
Bill Mok
Frank Condello
Don Hardaway

Good Friday

4th Reader not pictured: Bill Mok

Reader: Pablo Cortez
Reader: Don Hardaway
The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Reader: Ruth Yoshioka
Easter

He is Risen!

Sunday
Worship

Second Sunday
of Easter

April 28

Let us worship the Lord together! Sundays at 9:00am

May Supply:
Fr. Franklin Chun, Fr. Philip Paradine, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick, and Rev. Imelda Padasdao

May

3-Kyle Ushijima
A New Priest

The Rev. Neil Preston Lentz

Ordained
April 6, 2019
at St. Christopher, Kailua

From left: Elizabeth Lentz-Hill, daughter (Honolulu); Alexander Lentz, son (Decatur, Georgia); Mary Ann Lentz wife (Honolulu); Fr. Neil Preston Lentz: (Honolulu); and Christopher Lentz son (San Francisco).

Photos pages 8 & 9 by Karin Kimura
Congratulations
are given by
St. Mary's
members:

Larke Golaski
May - Past Editions of The Journey

Check out the past May editions of The Journey - and enjoy, simply by first clicking on each of the represented photos of the front page of the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 St. Mary’s Newsletters.
The program is free, Every Friday 7-8:30pm. Everyone is invited.
There is plenty of room at St. Mary’s Gathering Room

The Teaching of Anthony de Mello

The Art of INNER PEACE

Experience - Radiate - Integrate

~ Participatory Sound Meditation & Chakra Balancing ~
Teaches how to sense Inner Peace while we think, feel emotions and use our body ... essentially, how to sense Inner Peace while we deal with the ups and downs of daily life.

The Art of Inner Peace video
https://youtu.be/GrwVe75neFY

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00pm
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church of Moili’ili
2062 S.King St, Honolulu, HI

Sessions are FREE of charge

This training is not affiliated with any religious, spiritual or political organizations or teachings.

808-425-3348
Mo‘ili‘ili Homeless Outreach Service
May 30th - 10am
In Gathering Room
Volunteers report at 9am

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am
Mother's Day
Holy Eucharist
9:00am May 12th

Bishop Visitation
9:00am Service
May 19th

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In Gathering Room
Volunteers report at 9am

Office Closed
Memorial Day, May 27th

Free Health Classes

WARRIORS AT EASE CLASS
Saturdays 11:00am
Gathering Room

YOGA CLASS
Tuesdays 10:00am
Gathering Room

MEDITATION CLASS
Saturdays 3:00pm
Gathering Room

ZUMBA CLASS
Saturdays 8:30am
Gathering Room

In Memorial
3-Rev. Teresa Bowden
4-Ellen Corrie
15-Rev. John Park
21-Albert Oki
23-Dorothy Koike
23-Harry Ushijima

Holy Eucharist
9:00am May 12th

Prayer Ministry
8:15am
Sundays in Soldier Chapel

Kyle and Kimery Ushijima
May 31st

3-Rev. Teresa Bowden
4-Ellen Corrie
15-Rev. John Park
21-Albert Oki
23-Dorothy Koike
23-Harry Ushijima