



The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



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Let us this month

- * Sign up as a Reader
- * Attend 53rd Convention online
- * Get Vaccinated and encourage our family members to do so also
- * Check and update our home disaster preparedness supplies
- * Don't drive through red lights
- * Remember you **can** be a blessing to others and your church - just do it

Censing at St. Mary's

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Bless the Lord



Photo by Graham White

Reflections

by Fr. Charles A. Browning II
Priest in Charge

On The Canticles

One of the hallmarks of the Christian faith is the ability to see opportunity in times of frustration and uncertainty. This way of thinking is behind the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. As the theologian Stanley Hauer was wrote somewhere, the Beatitudes are written in the Greek "indicative mood." Which means that when Jesus says, for example, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" what He's *not* saying is "be a peacemaker in order to receive a blessing." No, what Jesus is saying is that a peacemaker is *already* blessed by virtue of making peace.

So when Jesus says "Blessed are you who mourn," He's in fact saying that mourning itself is its own blessing. Why? "Because they will be comforted." Their mourning is a blessing because mourning leads to being comforted—one cannot be comforted unless they first go through the mourning.

In this spirit, I've tried to see the various restrictions of the seemingly endless COVID season as being occasions of blessing, as means of opportunity. To that end, with the restrictions on live singing, we've begun using something called "canticles" in place of the gradual hymn that is usually sung prior to the reading of the gospel lesson.

So, you may ask, what is a canticle? This fun little word is employed to refer to poetry and music from the Bible (or from the wider Christian tradition) that isn't from the book of Psalms (or, Psalter).

The Psalter is well-known and well-used throughout the Christian tradition. It is the hymnbook of our Bible. But the Bible as a whole is a very musical book, replete with Broadway-esque instances where our forebears break out in song.

The first words between two human beings ever recorded, according to the Bible? A song. Adam sees Eve and sings, "At last, flesh of my flesh and bone of my bones..." (see Genesis 2:23)

The Israelites witness the defeat of the Egyptians at the Red Sea and what happens? Both Moses and his sister Miriam bust out into singing: "I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea..." with Miriam on tambourine echoing this line as a refrain (see Exodus 15).

Isaiah composes songs of salvation. Jeremiah sings a lamenting dirge. Jonah recalls his descent into the depths of the sea in the words of a shanty. Upon conception, Mary magnifies the Lord in a spontaneous solo—echoing a similar song sung by Hannah after she learned she was pregnant with Samuel.

Both Saint Paul and Saint Peter use song lyrics to extol their theology to their readers, the former giving us the rich "Kenosis Hymn" in Philippians—so named because of the emptying (kenosis) performed by Jesus in becoming human (see Philippians 2:6-11).

These and more have long been deemed inspirational in the Church. They are found in the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Apocrypha, and in recorded liturgies for as long as the Church has had liturgies. In keeping with our own Anglican convictions around the maintaining of tradition, we have kept them as crucial parts of corporate worship, most especially at the daily office services of Morning and Evening Prayer.

The *Book of Common Prayer* contains 21 numbered canticles (found on pages 47-52 and 85-96). These are the same 11 canticles, in either traditional or contemporary language, spread between the two rites of Morning Prayer. In addition to these are canticles like the *Pasca nostrum* (which is a composite hymn made from references in Saint Paul's letters and included in Morning Prayer for use during Easter) and the *Phos hilaron*, used as part of evening prayers (we use it every Wednesday as part of our mid-week class and is maybe the oldest known hymn in Christianity). The canticles in the Prayer Book were supplemented by lettered canticles, introduced in *Enriching Our Worship* in 1997. These canticles (A-S) include hymn passages from the prophets, a few examples of songs sung by women as recorded in the Apocrypha, and lines of poetry written by Saint Anselm of Canterbury and Saint Julian of Norwich (see pages 30-41 in *Enriching Our Worship*).

The canticles are music. And though we cannot sing them, we can say them together. The Psalmist asks us to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Not only music (and not necessarily harmonious!). It is my hope and prayer that we might be blessed by their use during this time, affording us a chance to pray these words that have meant much to the Church throughout the centuries, and helping us to see the music that is all over the Bible.

Convention 53 Delegates

Isaiah Horimoto, Laurie Lee and Carlton Pang

Meet Our New Congregants



Crystal Cortez-Dall



Seena Clowser

Walter Hebblethwaite

Cense

The Journey

To perfume with the smoke of aromatic incense. Censing may express honor, respect, blessing, and celebration in a liturgy. It may also express the lifting up of the prayers of the assembly, or the prayers of the saints. The thurifer or member of the clergy may dramatize the censing by swinging the thurible (censer) that contains burning incense. Puffs of incense smoke come from the thurible as it swings. People and symbolic objects may be censed. For example, it is customary for the deacon to cense the gospel book before proclaiming the gospel in some parishes with an Anglo-catholic piety. It is also customary for the celebrant to cense the altar and the elements of bread and wine on the altar before the Eucharistic prayer. The clergy, the choir, and the congregation may also be censed.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary>



Censing at Saint Mary's

Photo above:
Acolyte Isaiah Horimoto
is showing Vestry member
Carlton Pang the process of
preparing and lighting incense
in the thurible.



Incense

When burned or heated, usually over charcoal, certain woods and solidified resins give off a fragrant smoke. Both the materials and the smoke are called incense.

Gospel

Done at the Eucharist Liturgy:

at the entrance or during the song of praise, the altar is censed:

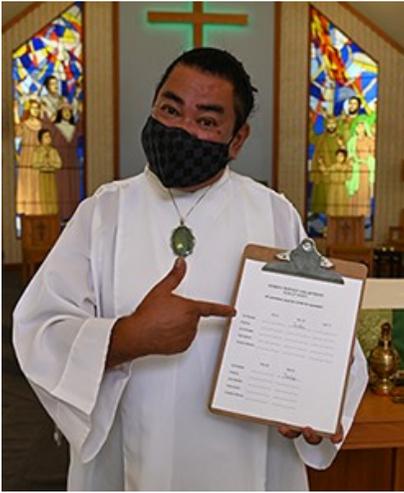
Censing may also take place:

- at the Gospel
- at the Offertory
- at the Great Thanksgiving



Great Thanksgiving

Service to the Church



Paramount is the parable of the Minas or Talents which teaches us that we are put on earth to work. The Bible emphasizes service to others as our Lord did. Parable of “The Good Samaritan”, makes apparent how the person who does good to his neighbor is one who loves, cares and provides service to him (Luke 10:25-37).

In these times of uncertainty, flux and change, our church is adjusting to maintain Sunday service and worship. This is a prayerful appeal to church members to prayerfully **consider becoming an “active” participant of our Sunday worship service**. As our numbers have diminished due to age, illness, pandemic, etc., it seems obvious that as one body of Christ, we become proactive within our Sunday worship.

From my dutiful experience, aside from having my Sunday’s sacrosanct, over the years, I have learned that service on Sundays has a deeper meaning than “just” going to or being in church. Servitude to the church is a silent and inward love of/for Him , a quiet humbleness and humility to our Lord, demonstrating an outward boldness of our baptism and confirmation.

“The purpose of service is so God can reach others through our hands. In II Cor. 9:12-13, the Bible says that the service we provide not only meets needs but expresses thanks to God and leads others to praise God. The Bible also says that service builds up the “body of Christ.” (Eph. 4:12.) In I Cor. 12, the Bible explains that there are different kinds of service (v. 4) and then identifies many ways to provide service to others.” <https://classroom.synonym.com/12084924.html>

E ho mai, sisters and brothers, be proactive in a Christ-centered life. **Cheer up, gear up, step up, and sign up.** SMC is here to help you to become an integral worship component of our Sunday service.

He ali ‘i ka ‘āina; he kauwā ke kanaka.

The land is a chief; man is its servant.

(kaona: Land has no need for man, but man needs the land and works it for a livelihood.) MK Pukui

Ua lehulehu a manomano ka ‘ikena a ka Hawai‘i.

Imua ke Akua, Pablo Cortez III



Tellers of the Church

Bill and Jackie Mok, Richert Au Hoy, Laurie and Leland Lee



DUTIES:
 Secure
 &
 Collect
 Money
 -
 Count
 Make report
 &
 Deposit



Left and above photo: Leland Lee counting and reporting offering

Upcoming Change: Dial 808 To Make Local Calls



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline starting July 16, 2022. All telecommunications carriers and VoIP service providers are required to take part in the initiative. In order for 988 to work, all service providers must implement mandatory 10-digit local dialing. Therefore, **starting October 24, 2021 local calls**, including those on the same island, will **require that you dial area code 808 + telephone number**.

What will be the new dialing procedure?

To complete a local call, starting October 24, 2021 you will need to dial area code 808 + telephone number. This applies to all local calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

Who will be affected?

Anyone with an area code 808 telephone number will need to make a change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing.

When will the change begin?

Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 808 + telephone number for all local calls. On and after that date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial 808 + telephone number. Until July 16, 2022 customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline. Beginning July 16, 2022 dialing "988" will automatically route your call to the Lifeline.

What will you need to do?

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment and other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 808 + telephone number. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

What will remain the same?

Your telephone number, including current area code, will remain the same.

The price of a call, coverage area, and other rates and services will remain the same.

What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.

You will continue to dial 1 + area code + telephone number for all inter-island and long-distance calls. Hawaiian Telcom Business customers with SNS will not need to dial 1.

You can continue to dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).

Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611 or 811 services available in your community can still be reached by dialing its three-digit code.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Who can you contact with questions?

You can visit the FCC website at [fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline](https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline).

You Are Invited To Attend Christian Formation Classes

**Every Wednesday 6pm - live on YouTube
Saint Mary's Honolulu**

Saint Paul's Letter to the
Romans

A study of maybe the most important letter ever
written. Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm on YouTube

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Vestry Meeting

10:15am
October 17



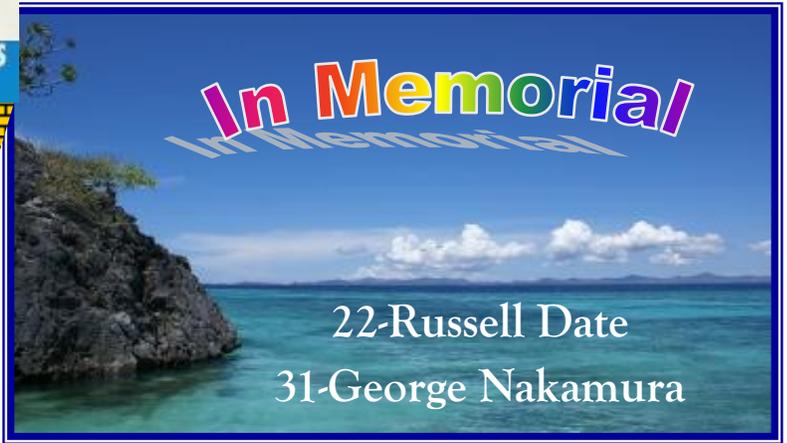
Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

In-Person and Live Streamed
on YouTube & FaceBook

Prayer Ministry

8:15am
Sundays in
Soldier Chapel

Convention 53 Annual Meeting
OCTOBER 23



22-Don & Betty Hardaway

October Birthdays

- 3-Charles Browning II
- 3-Pablo Cortez III
- 15-Young Mi Cohen
- 17-Ruth Yoshioka
- 22-Carlton Pang

Office Close October 11

Aloha Hour

Sign up to host.
You Pick which Sunday!

