

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches." ... John 15:5



# Vine and Branches

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## From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ Jesus,

A blessed Eastertide to you, your families and your friends. How glorious a celebration St. Elizabeth's had on Easter with 210 worshippers, 3 baptisms, and the bell choir, organ, trumpet and hula all offering praises to our God. Our altar was graced with Easter lilies and handmade candles from Latvia. The beautiful new paschal (baptismal) candle burned brightly as our candidates were presented for the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Eastertide is a season of renewal of our life in Christ and a season of celebration for the Church. Around us the earth is celebrating a renewal of life after the cooling rains of winter. Rainbows surprise us almost daily. Plumeria sprout leaves and prepare for pink and yellow flowering. Birds sing us awake. The creation sings it's songs of joy and celebrates growth. Buds are fragile, requiring tender care. Things are changing.

We're not sure exactly how it's all going to look as this new growth takes form around us, but we know that the earth will be filled with the Glory of God.

So it is in our own lives. So it is in the life of St. Elizabeth's. We see the budding of new creation and change. Youth acolytes are becoming well trained and offer their talents to God. More worshippers are joining us for Healing Prayers and Eucharist on Wednesday mornings. Attendance in March averaged 98 not including our 210 Easter attendance. Our chapel has both a new sanctuary lamp and a votive candle stand, offering space for quiet reflection, prayers and the lighting of candles for loved ones and special prayer intentions. When we enter the church we may remember our own baptisms with waters from the new Holy Water Font. We can more easily

remember peoples names for those 'senior moments' and be introduced to our newer members, because we have new name tags to wear. Our facilities are being improved and spiffed up. Esther's Kitchen is used LOTS. In fact the vestry is working on how we can expand our 'sit down' space for Sundays and special events.

The budding of new creation and change is happening in many people's lives. I will continue to be with you as your Priest for a minimum of 2 ½ more years, however Kit and I are moving (actually have moved as you read this) to Hawaii Kai where we now have a single level condo for Kit's benefit. My new address and phone number made it into the new directory and my cell phone remains the same. My pastoral commitment to you and your family for emergencies remains 24 hours a day. This is the right time in our life for us to make this move, though it's not the easiest task to accomplish. Every move and transition buds changes. But the reality is new growth and changes were beginning long before they could be seen. So it is with life. So it is we can give thanks to God.

Another change at St. Elizabeth's is happening. Rev. Karl Bachman, Choir Director, Bell Choir Director and Organist has tendered his resignation effective April 17<sup>th</sup>. Karl's decision has come from the place of much thought and prayer as he begins to move into his future. For him this is the right time to make this transition. I know many will wish to 'keep him here,' however we do need to be graceful and respectful of his decision.



## Mother Jodene, cont.

We will celebrate the ministry of musical growth which Karl so ably brought to St. Elizabeth's. We will celebrate and hopefully grow more because of the many talents and gifts he provided all of us. The best way we can honor what we have learned from Karl is to be open and willing to try new things *in* music and *with* music in the future. That was Karl's challenge to St. Elizabeth's and St. Elizabeth's grew from his challenge to us. Again, new growth and changes begin long before they can be seen. Growth is life, change is life. So it is we can give thanks to God for Karl's ministry among us the past three years.

May the budding of God's love flower fully in each of our lives this Eastertide.

Mahalo nui loa for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter offering from Mother Jodene:

To our Altar Guild for their many hours of loving labors on our behalf to make our Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter so lovely for all of us. Special thanks go to Altar Guild Directress Laura Iwami who kept everyone on track and in good spirits.

To our acolytes Reece Buffington, Sarah and Rebecca Kleinschmidt, Chase Pacupac, Caressa Matsumoto, Colby Pacupac

To our Lectors and Eucharistic ministers for assisting with many services.

To our Organist and Choir Director Karl Bachman for offering his talents.

To our youngest lector Troy Esaki

To all who made the Palm Sunday Parade possible, especially Yvonne Kaiahua as Palama community coordinator for the event.

To the Esther's Kitchen team who kept us sustained with yummy delights.

To all who pitched in to clean, repair and maintain our beautiful church.

To all who invited friends and family to join us for worship.

To 'secret angels' who always showed up at the right time, with the right talents to make everything turn out 'just right!'



Lynette Shim and Juanita Chun danced the hula on Easter Day.

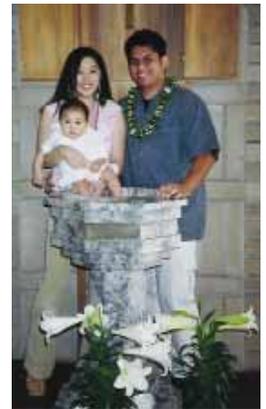
## Easter Baptisms

We welcomed into the Lord's family on Easter Day, through the gift of baptism:

Ryley Kealiiokamoku Puahala, born Sept. 5, 2004, parents Lynnsey and Robin Ho, grandparents Lily and Kenneth Ho, godparents Lauren Ho, Shane Puahala and Aaron Puahala.

Joshua Britton Lapaki Kauila-Volk, born Sept. 24, 2004, parents Mary Ann Kauila-Volk and Ronnie Volk, godparents Beatriz and Pedro Timonio, Diana Timonio and Vinney Manzano, Shane and Annie Arnold.

Chelsi Junelehua Timonio Manzano, born June 16, 1995, parents Diana Timonio and Benny Manzano, godparents Irma Manzano, Virgie Diaz, Pepang Labasan, Grace Bantay, Randy Manzano, Robert Kauila, Virgilio Uearl, Roy Manzano.



Joshua Puahala and his parents. Joshua's foot is in the baptismal font!



Joshua Kauila-Volk and Chelsi Manzano and family.

## *A Letter to the Parish of St. Elizabeth's . . .*

A new day is dawning at Saint Elizabeth's and I am very excited about the possibilities. I think this congregation has the potential to be a beacon of light in a sometimes overlooked corner of Hawaii. I think the process of strategic long-range planning is a great idea and I am so happy that someone has come forward to help in that process in the person of Mr. Glenn Woo. As is often the case when new things happen they involve new people.

Following several discussions with Mother Jodene and Stuart Ching it appears that the long-range process is going to be just that, a very long process to arrive at a strategic plan for the future of the church. As a staff member of the congregation, I should be able to give a one hundred ten percent commitment to this process and I am unable to do that. This is not a negative thing and should not be thought of that way. This is simply where I am as a non-Episcopalian. Therefore, I would like to step aside and let the congregation find a musician who is able to be fully committed during the planning process for the new things that are happening at Saint Elizabeth's.

I have been richly blessed by our relationship and you have shown me a great deal of love and support for which I shall always be thankful. Your love is certainly returned and I pray that God would richly bless the new work you seek to do for the sake of Jesus Christ. I will be with you through worship on April 17th and after that I will certainly remember you in my prayers.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to serve you these past three years.

Yours in Christ,  
Karl D. Bachman, Director of Music.



A reception of Thanksgiving for the ministry of Karl Bachman will take place in Shim Hall following the service, Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a main dish, fruit, vegetables, salads, or desserts to share as we rejoice in the many gifts Karl has brought to St. Elizabeth's over the past three years.



## **Women's Day Out with Mother Jodene**

What a wonderful 'talk-story', fill your tummy time was had by all who attended the Women's Luncheon at Buffet 100 on March 29<sup>th</sup>! (... did you know that 'red vine whips' were only 1 cent each - in the 'old days'!!!)

The secret's out... a special Field Trip is in the planning and soon there will be a sign-up sheet. On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> we will tour the newly renovated Lolani Palace and picnic on the grass with the Royal Hawaiian Band!

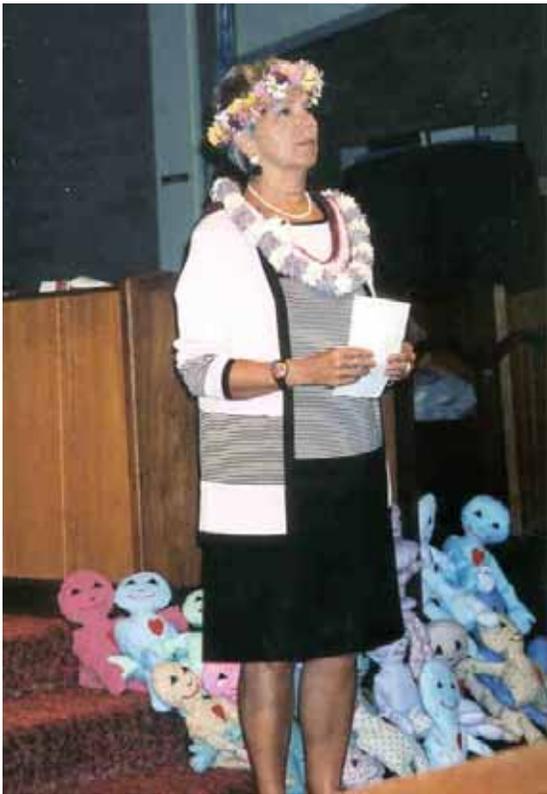
Here are the details:

**Friday, May 20.** Everyone must be at the Palace by 9:45 a.m., otherwise tour spaces will be given away to someone else. The tour consists of a video presentation for the entire group at 10:00 a.m.. After the video, the group will be split into two groups, with the second group entering the Palace 15 minutes after the first. Groups are restricted to 20 each (no exceptions due to insurance and liability requirements). Therefore, the maximum number for St. Elizabeth's/St. Mark's is 40 people. Tours will end in time for the Royal Hawaiian Band concert at 12:00 p.m. The local senior citizen group discount is \$7 per person. The kamaaina discount for adults who are not senior citizens (65 years) is \$15 — regular adult admission is \$20. No children under 5 permitted in the State Apartments and Private Living Quarters.

For group tours the palace requires payment in advance to hold the space. Watch for the sign-up sheet, bring a friend for a day of fun and fellowship and a wonderful tour and picnic on the lawn with the Royal Hawaiian Band!

## Rag Dolls 2 Love...

On the first anniversary of the Blessing and Commissioning of the RagDolls 2 Love at St. Elizabeth's Church, on April 18, 2004 Bishop Bob Jones not only blessed but also commissioned the first 65 ragdolls produced by members of St. Elizabeth's Church! 'They went with God's blessing and a commission to bring comfort to the little people who receive them. The ragdolls also carried with them our prayers to the parents of the children and let them know the people at St. Elizabeth's Church and this country do not forget them.'



At the commissioning and blessing one year ago we recognized Sue Yap and the Sunday School who encouraged participation in the RagDolls 2 Love Project created and operated by Mary Page Jones... and the nimble fingers of those who cut the patterns, embroidered the faces, sewed and stuffed the dolls... Sarah Bush, Lisa Anne Chan, Patsy Ching, Akiu Chock, Jamie Chock, Millie Goo, Peggy Ishida, Etta Leong, Catherine Ramones, Pat Ramos, Lillian Tyau and Nancy Tyau. There were other dolls in progress and still others waiting to be created! Since that first shipment went to Palestine, peacemakers continue, the

project being on the ECW Specials in 2004, and peacemakers, some anonymously putting ragdolls on the table, others including Marion Chow, Thelma Chun (St. Andrew's Cathedral) and the women of St. Mary's Episcopal Church have created ragdolls, blessed at St. Elizabeth's and mailed to Mary Page in Wyoming. The latest boxes that were sent up in March are on its way to Iraq. Ida Harris in Wyoming is coordinating the ragdolls shipments and has sent 1,000 ragdolls to Iraq in March.

## And Mary Page emails from Geneva....

... "Rag Dolls 2 Love, Inc. has distributed over 5,000 dolls. 500 of these have been carried on missionary trips to Belarus, China, Honduras and Mexico. Others have shipped dolls to contacts in Afghanistan and to tsunami victims. Over 4,500 dolls have been shipped to Palestine - St John's Eye Hospital East Jerusalem, Ahli Arab Hospital Gaza, Middle East Non-Violence and Democracy M.E.N.D. Jerusalem, Wi'am Bethlehem and points around the West Bank; Israel school children; Durfar Sudan through the Episcopal Bishop; Haiti; South Africa - Nurturing Orphans of AIDS for Humanity N.O.A.H. Johannesburg and Ndwedwe District Child Survival Project Durban; Iraq - Women's Assistance Center Baghdad and Fallujah. The dolls are shipped thru the one room Post Office in Wapiti, Wyoming.

The dolls are loved by the volunteers who make them; thru church services where some have been blessed. The project has come a long way since it's inception in September 2003. My limited expectations were that I might receive a total of 300 to 400 dolls to ship. Since, we have been granted non-profit status, 501 (c) (3), by the US government Internal Revenue Service. The Project has been and continues to be in the hands of God.

The mission of Rag Dolls 2 Love was to put a rag doll in the hands of children turned all too quickly into an adult by the ravages of war. We have included in our distribution children who have been orphaned by and infected with HIV/AIDS; orphans in Belarus, China and Mexico; tsunami victims and children being sold for prostitution or to work in factories.

I just know you are out there creating dolls for children to hug. To each of you who has lovingly cut, painted on faces, stitched and stuffed the dolls. THANK YOU. Rag Dolls wouldn't exist with out you.

The future looks bright for Rag Dolls. We have been approached by the Zambia arm of a worldwide organization who wishes they could have a 40' container of dolls. They have many children who are hurting for whom a doll would make a difference. I was asked if I knew how many dolls we would need to fill a 40' container, my response was "Anything is possible, with God's help"

To each of you: Thank you for your prayers, your dolls, your financial support and being part of this project.



*Have a Blessed Easter*