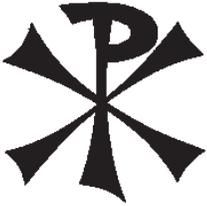


"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5



# Vine & Branches

News from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 720 N. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817



July  
2009

The Right Reverend  
Robert L. Fitzpatrick  
V Bishop of Hawaii

The Reverend  
Jodene S. Hawkins,  
Rector

The Reverend Imelda S.  
Padasdao, Priest Associate

The Reverend Saimone  
Lino, Diocesan Missioner

The Reverend Dr.  
Gerald G. Gifford,  
Rector Emeritus

The Reverend  
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Cantonese Language Priest

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Music Director

Marie Wang  
Organist

Katherine Crosier  
Parish Administrator  
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## From Mother Jodene

*Aloha, beloved in Christ,*

Many people treasure this verse from Holy Scripture... "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." How does a person know God's "season?" How does a person know God's "time?" Occasionally the season and the time are obvious. Many more times the season and the time don't announce themselves with sound and light. It is only God's very still, small voice we hear.

On Mt. Sinai Moses heard God's voice from a burning bush. Elijah climbed Mt. Sinai seeking God and God's wisdom. But, God was not in the wind, an earthquake or in a blazing fire. God spoke to Elijah in a still, small voice. God revealed unexpected directions and unexpected purposes for Elijah.

Five years ago on September 1st in 2004, I came to serve St. Elizabeth's as Priest in Charge during St. Elizabeth's transition. I was to serve temporarily. However I heard God's still small voice and along the way together we heard God's beckoning me to continue to serve as your rector. Our five years have been filled with immense joy for me. St. Elizabeth's has grown in spirit, mission and membership. We worked hard. By the grace of God we pulled together to heal, to restore and to rebuild St. Elizabeth's membership, properties and St. Elizabeth's mission to serve and include our neighbors (especially the children) in Palama. Our Sunday school, Music Academy, Outreach reading and RagDolls2Love reflect the hymn "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world." We have shared the Bread of Heaven and feasted on many happy occasions in Shim Hall. We have become friends as Jesus called his followers. Kit and I are deeply grateful for these many gifts of friendship from you and from God.

During these 5 years I have been asked, "how long will you stay?" I could not give a definitive answer, because I did not have one. My commitment as a priest

has always been to stay as long as I hear God calling me to stay. I expected to be with St. Elizabeth's much longer. However, during Lent this year God's still, small voice began to whisper, 'it's time.'

It was a surprising message to hear. God's still, small voice and the message 'it's time' continued to beckon on my pilgrimage in the Holy places of prayer in Jerusalem and in the desert and silence of Mt. Sinai. God's message remained the same.

Close spiritual friends and I and Bishop Fitzpatrick and I talked and prayed about God's wisdom. God's message continued, 'it's time.' Sr. Warden, Arleen Young and our vestry met on Sunday June 7th where I announced my retirement. My concluding Sunday will be August 30, with retirement to follow Sept. 1. Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick is now guiding our capable vestry through the transition and a search process for a new rector.

God's wisdom often precedes our knowledge. Just Friday prior to my meeting with the Vestry my step-father and my mom's caregiver fell, breaking his hip and becoming critically ill. My mother has advanced Alzheimer's. I needed to help with her 24 hour care in Seattle. My two weeks in Seattle helped my sisters and I find a care home for her for the time being. Kit and I had planned to retire on Maui. Because of mom and her husband we will at least be traveling to and from Seattle for awhile. God's wisdom in God's still small voice was revealed.

We still have time for sharing remembrances and loving aloha with each other.

May God sustain us with heavenly grace during both of our times of transition.

With my prayers and the peace of Christ,

*Mother Jodene +*





## Golf Humor

A hack golfer was struggling to get through a round, tearing up sod at every turn. Finally in a fit of frustration, after having shanked another worm burner into the woods, the golfer turned to his caddie and said, "I give up. What do you suggest for this shot?"

"How about a few Hail Marys?!"

*(Contributed by Charles Kokubun)*



Faith Chock	Mildred Kuniyoshi
Alan Esaki	Lisa-Anne Chan
Richard Okubo	Frank Yap
Ruby Chock	Tim Blaisdell
Carly Venenciano	Lynnsey Ho
Hermenegilda Sarceda	Richard Yee
Kody Hayashi	Barry Zane
Gertrude Tyau	Jerek Jong
Onlyone Helly	Jean Hirashiki
	Jordan Rico

*God's blessings to those with July birthdays.*

## Prayer of the Month

"I need thee every hour,  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine  
Can peace afford."

*Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918)*



## Wisdom from the Bible

Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? Matthew 6:27

## Summer Club



*St. Elizabeth's started a Summer Club on Wednesday afternoons at 5 pm where children are invited to sing, play, read, pray, work and make music together. Thanks to Fr. Saimone Lino for leading the Summer Club ministry. Volunteers are always welcomed to help.*

"Friends always answer when you call, Reach out and help you when you fall; They strengthen you in times of stress, And add much to your happiness." (William Arthur Ward)

## Attendance June 2009

8:15 am Eucharist average	112
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilokano - First Wednesday	26
Ilokano - First Sunday	18

Adam blamed Eve.  
Eve blamed the snake  
and the snake didn't  
have a leg to stand on.



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## Pentecost 2009

The Pentecost celebration began with a grand procession of flags of the nations representing members of the congregation. Naomi carries the flag of Taiwan and Kama has the Hawaiian flag.



The Sunday School children waved red streamers for the procession. Every child received a Certificate of Participation.

## Humor Pew

*Seen on Church signs in England*  
 "As you pass this little church,  
 Be sure to plan a visit,  
 So when at last you're carried in,  
 God won't ask 'Who is it?'"

Via Joyfulnoiseletter and Appleaseeds



"This is my grandmother. She's going to get a faith lift this week."

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Mother Imelda carries the flag of the Philippines.



Nora carries the flag of Japan behind Caren with the American flag.

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A little boy told his priest, "My mommy taught me three of the Ten Commandments: "Settle down." "Act your age." And "Take that out of your mouth." *Via Joyfulnoiseletter*



## *Save the Date!*

*for Mother Jodene and Kit Hawkins*  
**Retirement Luau**

Saturday, August 29 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
Cost \$15 per person

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