

"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



**June
2009**

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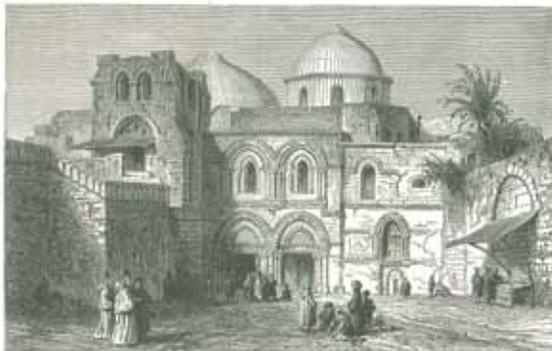
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From Mother Jodene

Aloha, beloved in Christ

Life and God sometimes surprise us. As I studied in Jerusalem on my pilgrimage, I re-read the historic account of the Spanish nun Egeria's Holy Land and Mt. Sinai pilgrimage. Egeria was one of the first pilgrims to make the long and difficult journey around 380 AD. My surprise showed up in a short notation about pilgrimage in another text. This text referred to "The Anonymous Piacenza Pilgrim, c. 570 AD." Piacenza, Italy. Piacenza, my grandmother and grandfather's homeland of small mountain villages. Very possibly my ancestors were related to this anonymous pilgrim. Fortunately, St. George's library has a wealth of references and I found an English translation of the original account. Did it give me a definitive answer? No. For the answers we seek are often hard to come by. But answers do come from the whispers of God and the whispers of the heart and soul. I now felt that I was not just walking the Way of Jesus, Mary, St. Elizabeth, Moses and Miriam and Christians throughout the ages, I was walking in the footsteps of one of my ancestors.

Excerpt from the Piacenza Pilgrim's 570 AD writings, "After we kissed the ground, we entered the Holy City and venerated the Lord's Tomb. The Tomb is hewn out of living rock.... The Tomb stands an altar."



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1886.

"My house shall be a house of prayer for all people." Russian pilgrims and Mother Jodene on their way to prayer at the Empty Tomb in the Holy Sepulchre.



Note on the pillars the ancient pilgrim crosses etched into stone.



Pilgrims come and go, but fisher folk still fish at dawn on the Sea of Galilee.



Pilgrims' Journey Continues



By the sea of Galilee walking the footsteps of Jesus from the Church of the loaves and fishes to St. Peter's house and the synagogue at Capernaum.



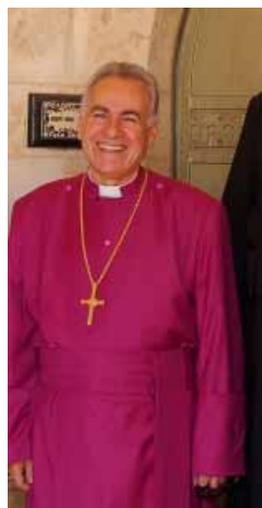
Mary's visit to Elizabeth in the hills of Judea. Mary's Song, *The Magnificat* adorns the St. Elizabeth's church courtyard with languages from every nation.

"God of the nomad and the pilgrim, may we find our security in you and not our possessions. May our homes be open to guests and our hearts to one another so that all our traveling lighter and together we reach the goal." Mary Batchelor, editor of *The Lion Prayer Collection* (1992, p. 139)



Visitation Church Ein Kerem

Our friend, Bishop of Jerusalem, The Right Rev. Suheil Dawani.



Our dear friends, Iyad, Rami, Sami and Simone Qumri, Anglican-Arab Christians living, working and worshipping in Jerusalem.

Rag Dolls Sunday, May 24th



Young women from St. Andrew's Priory Interact Club, their president, Emerald Sujjoka and adviser, Chad Uyehara, were honored on May 24th for their work in making Rag Dolls.



LTC Tom Mackey, his wife Lisa, and two daughters were among honored guests at RagDolls Sunday. LTC Mackey's soldiers have brought smiles and joy to children in the Al Arwa Ibna al Ward school in Iraq through these handmade ambassadors of peace.

Confirmation and Reaffirmation Sunday, June 14

5:30 pm St. Peter's Episcopal Church with Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick

Who may be confirmed?

▶ Any youth over 14 or any adult wanting to make an affirmation of faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. If you have not been baptized, then baptism is part of confirmation.

▶ Anyone who worships at St. Elizabeth's Church at least 3 times per year and prays, works and gives for the spread of God's Kingdom here on earth.

▶ Anyone who wants to become a member of the Episcopal/Anglican Church.

▶ Anyone who has not already been confirmed and wants their confirmation recorded in St. Elizabeth's Church records.

▶ Anyone who is in doubt about their Confirmation, please consult Kathy in the church office and records will be researched.

Please see Mother Jodene, Mother Imelda, Fr. Fan or Fr. Saimone if you have questions or wish to be part of this joyous event.

Pilgrim Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city, that is at unity with itself.

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

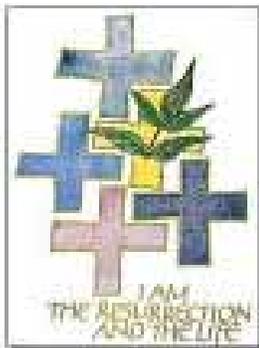
For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.



Born to Eternal Life

Harold Ching

April 13. Brother to the late Kenneth Ching and brother-in-law to Patsy Ching.

Flora Chang, May 6. Mother to Bishop Richard Chang and Charlotte, and mother-in-law to Dee Chang.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Gecko Reports

Hawaiian birthday local style for **Mason Starkman!** The **Yap Ohana** gathered to celebrate Mason's 1st birthday. **Sister and brother Mia and Max** had fun at the fish pond and making treasure



boxes. Shave ice made by **GungGung Frank** and daddy **Jeff** was a big hit for cousin **Ethan** and other friends, including the adults. **Max** never budged when the Lion made an appearance, even when the lion shook its head at him. He obviously felt safe in his mom **Sharlene's** arms. We are delighted that the **Starkmans** came all the way from Florida to Hawaii for this special occasion, as was **PoPo Sue** who enjoyed all the fun.



Congratulations to **Ed Fitzpatrick** on his graduation from Macalester College with a degree in Political Science. Way to Go, Ed! Ed's summer plans are to work in Minnesota.

James Fitzpatrick has been selected by Wabash College for an internship at Iolani Palace to work in the curatorial department. His internship is subsidized by his college, and his focus will be Hawaiian history. James' internship supervisor will be **Stuart Ching**, curator of Iolani palace.

St. E's is enjoying our 'college crowd' back from their studies this summer, **Sarah Kleinschmidt, James Fitzpatrick, Ed Fitzpatrick, Roxana Siu and Chase Pacupac.**

Keith Ho's oldest daughter, **Lauren Ho Goldsmith** graduated on 5/23/2009 from Chapman University with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. His middle daughter, **Lynnsey Ho**



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Puahala graduated on 5/13/2009 from Hawaii Pacific University with a Degree of Bachelor of Arts with a Major in English. Congratulations!

Rachel Siu graduated from Mid Pacific this May. She has been accepted to University of California, Davis. Congratulations, but we will miss you!

The Superhawk Award was presented to **Joshua Lino**, son of **Fr. Saimone and Fane Lino** for his outstanding studies and leadership at Heiea Elementary School. This is the second time Joshua has received this award—well done, Joshua.



Leyna and Troy Esaki will be confirmed by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick on Sunday, June 14. **Leyna** was the recipient of the 'Iolani Dramatic Players Watajeen Cano award for theater. Leyna graduates this June from Iolani and will attend Chapman University in Orange, CA.

Charlie and Judy Kokubun just got back from Hilo where they celebrated son Dwight's 41st birthday.

Kathy Crosier is now on YouTube! Look for her performance playing the organ at www.lchwelcome.org/music/instruments.html.

Welcome back, **Calvin Nakaishi**, from medical treatment in California (Judy Kokubun's brother)

North to Alaska

Millie and Jerry Goo, their son **Alan** and daughter in law **Helen, Patsy Ching** and **Stuart Ching** voyaged into the cool air and waters of Alaska. A stopover in Seattle and visit to Pike Place Market was another highlight of their trip. Don't we all wish we had Alaska temperatures while Honolulu is baking in summer heat.



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Thank You from Princess Ka'iulani School

On the day of the the district-wide Math Olympics, two students on the Kaiulani math team arrived without wearing a yellow shirt. They were out-of-uniform, but your generous donation came to the rescue. Both boys were able to get a Kaiulani School yellow T-Shirt and attend the Math Olympics dressed and ready for the competition. Your donation paid for both T-Shirts. Mahalo!

At the Math Olympics, one of the students placed first in her division and another, a fourth grader, came in second losing only in the final round after competing against the entire group of fourth and fifth graders. It proved to be a worthy experience for all studnets.

Thank you for being part of the successful experience.

Sincerely yours,
 Mrs. Janet Jim, Teacher
 Princess Ka'iulani School

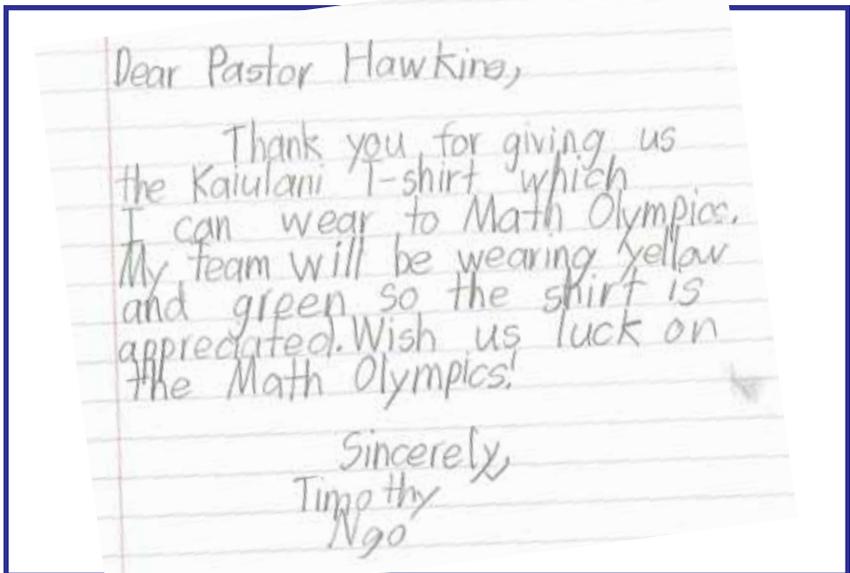
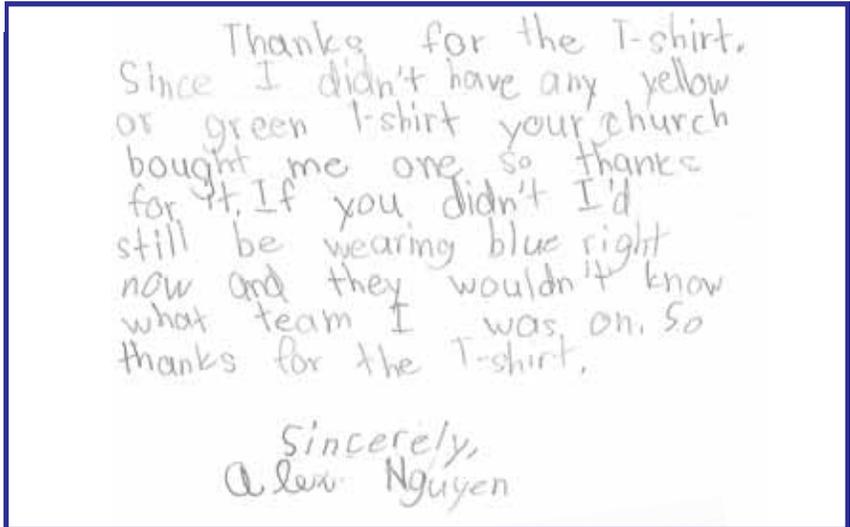
New Website Design!

Check out www.stelizabeth720.org for a completely redesigned home page for St. Elizabeth's. All the *Vine & Branches* newsletters for the last 5 years have been archived, as well as several slideshows of St. E events. Who knows, you may see yourself on the internet!



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| Jerry Goo | Bless Salvator |
| Kerty Esisok | Mother Jodene |
| Sanson Kom | Sharon Sunagawa |
| Caleb Ramelb | Lani Kealoha |
| Daniel Lai | Lani Kaaihue |
| Wallace Tyau | Alan Ramos |
| Noah Blaisdell | Kenneth Fujishige |
| Linda Venenciano | Eunice Hughes |
| William Blaisdell | Stephen Chun |
| Pearl Kau | Mason Starkman |
| Glenn Woo | Imenta Helly |
| Lori Ho | |
| Tracy Blaisdell | <i>God's blessings to</i> |
| Allen Chan | <i>those with June</i> |
| Charles Kokubun | <i>birthdays.</i> |

Holy Baptisms will next take place on June 14. See Mother Jodene.



Meet Father Simon

Aloha! My name is Saimone Lino, known as Fr. Simon. I am delighted to share my story after listening to the inspiring story of the transformation that took place in the life of this church which affirmed the presence of God. I am an ordained Tongan Anglican priest with experience in small and medium-sized parishes, mainly in Fiji since 1996. I did all my preliminary education in Tonga, where I became a teacher at St. Andrew's Anglican school for several years before joining the ministry. I graduated with a diploma in Biblical Studies and a bachelor's degree in Ecumenical Studies from the Pacific Theological College in Fiji. I've spent most of my career working with multi-ethnic congregations: Anglo, Fijian, Tongan, Indian, and other Polynesian, Melanesian, and Micronesian groups.



My area of specialty revolves around youth ministry and I have served as the youth coordinator for the Tongan Red Cross: Tongan Anglican Archdeaconry, and the Anglican Dioceses of Polynesia, approximately ten countries. I have also served as a youth counselor and trainer for the Veiqaravi Ecumenical Center for street children in Fiji.

I am married to a beautiful woman, **Fane**, and we have similar interests. She is a former bank teller with a diploma in Theology. She has been a vital person in the ministry especially when dealing with women and children. She continues to pursue her passion for the children by working at Calvary Pre-School. We are blessed with three wonderful children. The eldest is a girl, **Anaseini** (17), and two boys, **Viliami** (15) and **Joshua** (10). We are blessed to be here and I pray that God will use us as an instrument to continuously affirm his presence in this place. Mahalo!

Mayo Clinic Health News: October 2008 Embody Health publication "Humor Your Health"

"Laughter not only is fun—it promotes good health."

"Laughter reduces stress chemicals."

"Laughter helps your heart and lungs."

"Laughter improves your immune system."

"Laughter helps relieve pain. (A hearty laugh helps your body produce natural painkillers.)"

"Laughter improves your quality of life. (It has the power to help you relax.)"

Daily Morning Prayer

of Elizabeth Wong

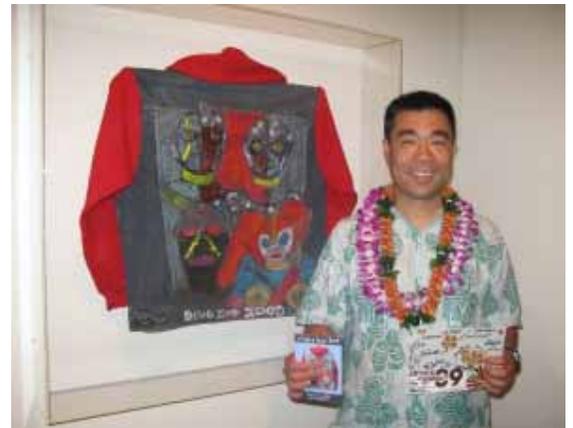
(via The Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim thy praise. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Amen.

Artists of Hawai'i

Doug Ing has some of his artwork displayed in a special exhibition at the Honolulu Academy of Arts which runs through August 16, 2009. His painted denim jacket is shown below along with 81 other artworks created by local artists.

Doug is a communications professor at Hawaii Pacific University and said he doesn't typically work on two-dimensional pieces. He considers himself a filmmaker, having made more than 70 short films in nearly two decades, working in animation, documentary and pixelvision video. His 2008 film "Taj Mahal Postcard" had its world premiere at the New York International Asian Film Festival last summer.



Attendance

May 2009

8:15 am Eucharist average	130
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilokano - First Wednesday	66
Ilokano - First Sunday	58

Pilgrims' Engage Deserts



As God provided bread in the wilderness of the Exodus for our ancestors, so we in Holy Eucharist receive the Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.

"The further you go in the desert, the closer you come to God." Arabic proverb



Pilgrim attire seems not to change. In the Middle Ages pilgrims wore a broad brimmed hat, a long scarf, a pouch to carry food and blessings collected for family and friends, and a pilgrim's staff. Here is Mother Jodene in pilgrim attire.

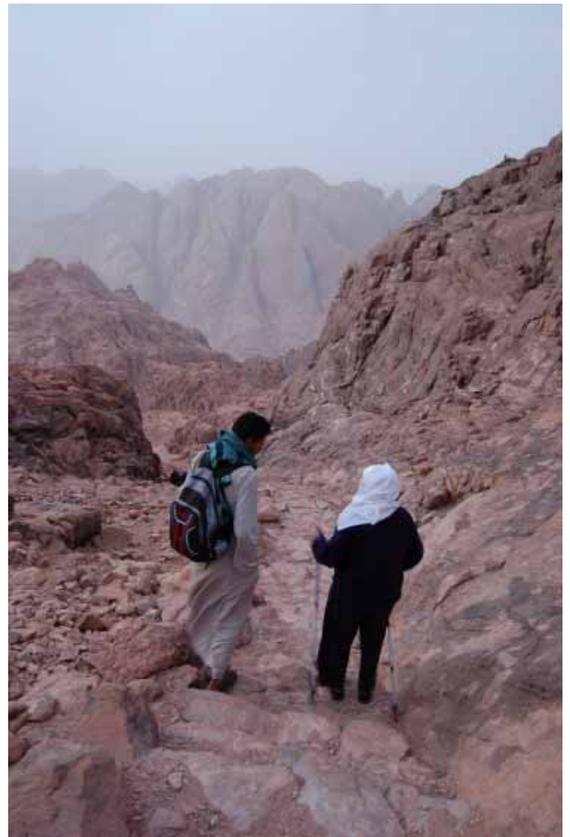


"Our camels carried our water, and each person was given a pint in the morning and a pint in the evening. When the water in the skins turned bitter like gall, we put sand in it and this made it sweet." Piacenza Pilgrim, 570 AD.

"Going on through the desert we arrived on the eighth day...in order to climb Mt. Sinai. At the foot of this mountain is the spring where Moses saw the miracle of the burning bush. We were suddenly met by a crowd of monks and hermits, singing and carrying a cross. They greeted us with great respect, falling on their faces to the ground, and we did the same, and wept. Climbing straight up the mountain...we came to...a cave in which Elijah hid himself." Piacenza Pilgrim 570 AD.



Kit (with a little help from his friends) climbs to the summit of Mt. Sinai.



As Moses led the people, the Lord went before them by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. (Exodus 13:22)



Coptic Christian desert guide, Dr. Rabia.



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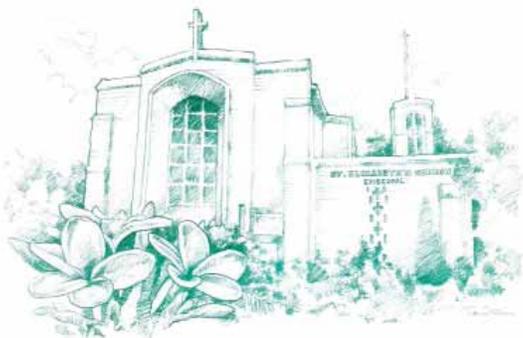
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Humor Pew

Laughter is like changing a diaper. It doesn't permanently solve anything, but it makes things a lot better for a while. *Via Joyfulnoiseletter*

Timely Church Bulletin Blooper: "The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession." *Via Joyfulnoiseletter*

A young woman had been dating her boyfriend for a long time without him ever mentioning anything about marriage. One day they were in a Chinatown restaurant and he asked her, "How do you like your rice? Steamed or fried?" She replied..."Thrown." *Via Joyfulnoiseletter and Do Vegetarians eat Animal Crackers.*

Is it true that a gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor?

Is there anyone with a *wet* sense of humor?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a *diet* Coke?

Why is the person who invests all your money called a broker?

How is that people seem to die in alphabetical order?

How many "First" Baptist churches are there?

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