



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

Vine and Branches

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



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From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Richard S. O. Chang will be coming to St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, July 24th for our 8:15 am worship service. This is an important visit where we will not only host our Bishop and his wife Dee with St. Elizabeth's renowned hospitality—this is the time for all of us to renew our faith and witness to Jesus Christ our Lord. All are invited to a festive reception in honor of the Bishop and Mrs. Chang as well as those who have been baptized, confirmed and received into the Episcopal Church.



Bishop Chang's visit provides every family in St. Elizabeth's with the opportunity for Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception, and First Communion. **Important:** Please return signup sheet on page 2 before June 5th.

Baptism for infants and adults.

Baptism is one of the two great Sacraments of the Church. In baptism we profess Jesus as our Lord and Savior and we are united into his death and resurrection and adopted into Christ's family forever. In baptism we are baptized into Christ's whole family, not just St. Elizabeth's family. Certificates will be received. Baptismal preparation is taught by Mother Jodene.

Confirmation for youth, young adults and adults. This is the rite where we make a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to our baptismal promises. At Confirmation candidates receive from the Bishop the laying on of hands and prayers for strengthening of the Holy Spirit. All baptized persons are eligible. Certificates will be received. If you are unsure about being confirmed, please contact the church office. Classes are required for confirmation. They will be

held on Sunday mornings May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10 and July 17. Topics to be covered: Baptism, Holy Communion, The Prayer Book, The Bible, The Episcopal (Anglican) Church and Church History, Prayer and Service. Instruction is for ages 11 and older.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and prayers from our Bishop to reaffirm our faith and service to Christ our Lord. Instruction is highly recommended, i.e. a faith 'tune up.' You may join the confirmation class for this instruction.

Reception is the Bishop's official receiving of a person into the fellowship of the Anglican Communion (Episcopal), with the laying on of hands. Examples would be persons baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, and the Lutheran Church (ELCA) who now wish to identify their faith within the apostolic tradition of the Episcopal Church. Certificates will be received. Instruction or appointment with Mother Jodene is needed.

First Communion is for parents who wish their children to receive their first communion at the Bishop's Visitation. Certificates will be received. Please contact Mother Jodene.

Communicant: A communicant in good standing in the Episcopal Church is a person who received communion at least three times a year and offers time, treasure or talents to the mission and ministries of St. Elizabeth's Church. Any communicant may receive the rites described above.

I encourage each and everyone to prayerfully consider these faith commitments.

In the love of Christ,

Mother Jodene

THE BISHOP'S VISIT, July 24. Please let us know your desires for yourself or your children or grandchildren

Baptism	Name _____	Age _____
	Name _____	Age _____
Confirmation	Name _____	Age _____
	Name _____	Age _____
Reaffirmation	Name _____	
Reception	Name _____	From which denomination? _____
Your Name	_____	Phone _____ Cell _____
Address	_____	City _____ Zip _____
Email	_____	

Please return this form to the Church office as soon as possible, but not later than June 5th.



Danger! Men Cooking team

Raymond Siu, Glenn Woo, Donna Woo and the men of St. Elizabeth's did it again! On Pentecost Sunday our church overflowed with 140 folks, singing and ringing bells to the Glory of God. A grand procession with incense, bells, banners, cross and youth acolytes and balloons prepared us all for the Holy Baptism of Jayden Michael Tunstall, age 3, grandson of Sylvia Rowland.

Our final procession led to Shim Hall where the chef's team provided fresh baked artisan breads generously donated by Raymond Siu from Pahke's at 99 Ranch, a designer egg and ham dish was surrounded by fresh fruits and homemade jams! There was even a dobash cake made by Nancy Shim Au for all the chocoholics. Our thanks to Chef Raymond's generosity, Chef Glen Woo's expertise and for Lowell Ing and the Kealoha's donation of eggs and fruits.

One thing is for certain. Whenever you hear the words Danger Men Cooking-it's going to be a sure hit, so be sure not to miss one. Result of everyone's generosity? Over \$500.00 raised for Churchwomen's outreach and fair share.



The
gecko's
corner

St. Elizabeth's cultural outing to Iolani Palace was a grand success with St. Mark's church family joining us. We had an informative and fascinating behind the scenes tour of the Palace thanks to Curator Stuart Ching's arrangements. To cap everything off lunch under the shade trees on the lawn was accompanied by the Royal Hawaiian Band. Thirty-two folks enjoyed a day of learning, laughter and community spirit.

Thanks also to Patsy Ching for organizing everything for us.



Mahalo for Gifts

and ministries of time, talent and treasure to the Glory of God for St. Elizabeth's.

Have you noticed that all our pews are freshly cleaned, oiled, and polished? Thanks to Harold Ware, Kit Hawkins, Bill Eng, and Tom and Peggy Ishida for their devotion to this task.

St. Elizabeth's has many beautiful brass altar appointments. In preparation for our festival Pentecost service, those brass pieces were newly polished and shining thanks to Tom and Peggy Ishida, Eunice Hughes, Mother Jodene, and Lillian Tyau.

Isn't it always magical the way our Shim Hall is so beautifully decorated with tablecloths and flower arrangements? This labor of love for God and our church family is a gift from Nancy Shim Au and Dale Sato.

Our Danger Men Cooking group, Glenn Woo, Donna Woo and Chef Raymond Siu stirred up greatness and gourmet goodies, not dangerous trouble in Esther's kitchen to benefit the outreach of the Episcopal churchwomen.

Moving tons of dirt to improve drainage may sound like old fashioned WORK, but this has been a labor of love of God to beautify our landscape and our grounds by Jerry Goo, Nella and David Kleinschmidt, Dale Sato and Harold Ware.

Music Seventh grader Joey Fala from Iolani school inspired all of us with his expertise in playing a dramatic postlude with professional skills and smiling grace.

Thanks to **Thomas Woo**, who rang the tower bells with gusto on Pentecost morning.

Lina Doo, Music instructor at Kapiolani Community College joined us for Pentecost, offering an outstanding solo "Tis a Gift to be Simple" accompanied by Marie Wang, our supply organist.

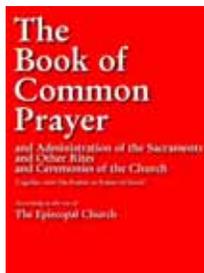
The Word of God. Troy Esaki is a wonderfully accomplished reader of the scripture. Troy is 11 and in the 5th grade.

The Episcopal (Anglican) Corner The Prayer Book

Why do Episcopalians use it?

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi

Episcopalians often refer to this Latin phrase which means "Praying shapes believing." Our Book of Common Prayer shapes our worship and shapes who we are and what we believe together as a people of God. Our prayers prayed over and over again come to dwell not just in our minds but in our spirit. Like water falling on a rock, the words of faith, scripture and sacraments we share over and over again come to wear a path and pattern of faith and faithfulness into our lives. Much of our Prayer Book's language of worship and our prayers come directly from the Holy Scriptures and include all the Psalms. So we Episcopalians are deeply shaped and formed by the Scriptures. Yes, the Episcopal Church has always been a Bible believing church!



Mother Jodene+



Sacred Space

Our brass Processional Gospel Book depicting Jesus and the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John was given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of **Mabel Chong Kau** by Robert Kau.

Our votive candle prayer stand was given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life Of Kenneth Ching, by the Ching Family.

Our new permanent baptismal candle with Alpha and Omega design was given to the glory of God in Thanksgiving for the life of Helen Liu Sato by Alan Scroggie. A new credence table for our altar in Mrs. Sato's name will soon be arriving

Our new permanent candles in the gospel torches and candles on the round votive stand and on the chapel altar were given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the mothers of Mother Jodene and Kit, the mothers of Sunao, Charles, Judy and Jane Kokubun and the mothers of Laureen and Barry (Chong) Zane.



Dear Friends:

I would like to say thank you to all who had a part in the "aloha celebration" on Sunday, April 17th.

Thank you so much for all of the beautiful leis. Thank you for the very kind comments, both spoken and written. Thank you for the very generous gift. Thank you for the delicious and overwhelmingly huge pot luck luncheon. Thank you for the beautiful flowers that graced the tables and the serving areas. Thank you for the delicious cake. Thank you for "Aloha Oe" and all of the music around the dinner table. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for three years. I pray that your future will be blessed with faithful ministry and spiritual growth in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mahalo nui loa,
Karl D. Bachman

Tintinnabulum

means "handbell" in Latin



The liturgical use of handbells

On Pentecost we used the handbells in a liturgical way, that is, a centuries-old tradition of using handbells to give pitches and to connect various parts of the worship service. In the medieval monasteries, handbells were used to maintain pitch for the psalm chants and to signal breathing points.

For the entrance procession, we rang the bells in an aleatory (random) pattern, which was both celebratory yet prayerful, during which the great Pentecost hymn, "Veni creator spiritus" (Come holy spirit) was played. For the Gospel procession, the Russian "Alleluia" acted as the sequence (Gradual), essentially traveling music. The bells were also used to enhance the accompaniment of the Sanctus and the recessional hymn, "Amazing Grace." The use of handbells was a prayerful offering, a gift of great joy, praise and doxology.



Ringers and singers are shown at their first rehearsal on April 25th where they learned Kathy Crosier's New Rule: Everyone Rings . . . Everyone Sings! Participants enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by Nancy Shim Au before rehearsal.



We give thanks for the recent gifts to the Handbell Fund: by Dorothy Lee in memory of her mother Edna C. Chang, her son Bruce Kim Lee, her husband Hong Y. Lee, and her father Ah Eu Chang; and by Francis and Pearl Kau to the glory of God. New handles were inscribed on bells D#7, D7, A#6, B6 and G#3.

Singers and ringers were: Lisa-Anne Mitsuka Chan, Faith Chock, Jamie Chock, Kit Hawkins, Eunice Hughes, Laura Iwami, Gretchen Jong, Pearl Kau, Sylvia Rowland, Arleen Young, and Larry Young.

New ringers and singers are always welcome! We rehearse on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come join the fun while beautifying our worship services.

Katherine Crosier

A Disappearing Breed . . .

Organists are fast becoming an endangered species and churches are increasingly having a difficult time filling positions with qualified applicants.

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (a professional organization with more than 20,000 members from all fifty states and seventeen foreign countries) has set up a scholarship program to train future church musicians. Young Joey Fala, who played the postlude on Mother's Day, has been a recipient of the program, as has Marie Wang, St. Elizabeth's supply organist.

Applications may be obtained by calling Karl Bachman, 550-2632. The deadline is May 31st, and auditions will be held on June 18th.

The Hawaii Chapter will pay half the cost of organ lessons for one year.

If you play the piano and would like to learn how to play the organ, here's your chance!