

"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

**May
2009**

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Rector

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Padasdao, Priest Associate

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Lino, Diocesan Missioner

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Honoring St. Elizabeth's Early History 1904-1909

As St. Elizabeth's programs grew, it soon became evident that St. Elizabeth's Mission needed larger, more permanent headquarters. Informed of this need, in May 1904 William Procter donated \$5,000 to purchase a half block of land on King Street in Palama, and offered to fund the construction of a church and other necessary buildings. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on September 16, 1904, and the cornerstone was laid two days later. Architect for the Gothic-style church and the mission school house was Edgar Allen Poe Newcome, a member of Honolulu's St. Clement's Church.

The new Palama establishment was named St. Elizabeth's Mission in memory of William Procter's late wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Procter, and in honor of St. Elizabeth, mother of St. John the Baptist. Among the gifts later given by the Procter children was a beautiful Tiffany stained glass window that featured a rendering of Mrs. Procter's face as St. Elizabeth. The \$2,500 work of art used a newly discovered technique that allowed the stained glass to be seen from the interior of the church at night without any outside illumination.

Mother Jodene

*At the time of
publication,
Mother Jodene is
on study and
vacation leave in
the Holy Land.*

*She returns to St. Elizabeth's on
May 13th. We pray for her safety
during the time she is away.*



The interior of St. Elizabeth's Mission

Bishop Restarick named The Rev. William E. Potwine St. Elizabeth's first priest-in-charge upon the latter's arrival in Hawaii in May 1904. As St. Elizabeth's first vicar, the Rev. Mr. Potwine was responsible for establishing an initial course for the mission, and through his faith, constant devotion, and creativity, many ideas were brought to fruition.

Joining the Rev. and Mrs. Potwine in the new Hawaiian assignment were his father, sister, and brother, who all became enthusiastically involved in the work at St. Elizabeth's Mission by teaching, organizing, and assisting worship. In addition to assisting her husband with numerous other phases of mission work, Mrs. Potwine organized and directed a choir of men and boys who heartily lifted their voices in song each Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning, May 7, 1905, a year after the Rev. Potwine's arrival, the St. Elizabeth's church, rectory and mission house were consecrated. Beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery, the church was filled with people long before the 11 am service. After the ceremonial "three-fold knock" on the closed door, Bishop Restarick entered the church, followed by participating clergy. They included the Rev. William E. Potwine, Canon Mackintosh, Canon Ault, the Rev. D. Douglas Wallace, the Rev. W. H. Fenton-Smith, the Rev. A. L. Hall, the Rev. Kong Yin Tet, and the Rev. Woo Yee Bew.

Hosanna in the highest! Palm Sunday at St. Elizabeth's



Symbolic of the first Palm Sunday procession into Jerusalem, the people gather at the front door for the procession into the church.



The Children's Music Academy sang 'Hosanna' for the offertory.



The new Sunday School classrooms are blessed.



Little Cody leads the procession with the donkey.



Girls in the Sunday School practice the hula.



Everyone loves to color Easter eggs.

St. Elizabeth's Early History

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Throughout the service, English, Hawaiian and Chinese were used. Addresses were delivered in English by the Bishop, in Hawaiian by Canon Mackintosh, and in Chinese by the Rev. Kong Yin Tet. Perhaps the only regretful aspect of the affair was the absence of Deaconess Drant, who had been forced to resign due to ill health and overwork.

Deaconess Drant was replaced by Deaconess Sands, who had arrived in Honolulu the year before to work at Iolani School. Sands was affiliated with St. Elizabeth's Mission for four and a half years beginning in 1905; she both developed areas opened by Drant and initiated new ones. Among the latter was a day school for Chinese girls whose parents had not enrolled them in the public schools.

At St. Elizabeth's the girls studied English and other subjects, as well as skills such as sewing and cooking. In her work with Chinese women and girls, Sands sought to facilitate their transition into American life. Deaconess Sands also continued the outreach work in the night school for Chinese men, and within a year, 24 men from the school were baptized and confirmed. These early converts formed the core of St. Elizabeth's first congregation.

Excerpted from A Centennial History of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church by Diane Mei Lin Mark, published in 2002.

Copies of the Centennial Book are still available at \$10 postpaid. Call the church office or email us if you would like to purchase a copy.



Sandy Shuru volunteers his painting skills for St. Elizabeth's.

Mini-Concert

Sunday, May 3rd
9:30 am



Organist **Walter Kau** will give a short concert following the service.



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How about this mealtime grace?

Father, bless this bunch as we crunch this lunch!

(via Duane M. Zwiers, North St. Paul, MN; Joyful Noiseletter)

He's got his B.A. and his M.A. and of course, his PhD. but despite those years of learning he has no J.O.B.

Pastor Donald Prout, Australia (Joyful Noiseletter)

Stick Out Your Tongue!

STROKE: Remember the first three letters: S. T. R.

Stroke Identification. A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting medical care within 3 hours.

Recognizing a Stroke. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S** *Ask the individual to SMILE
- T** *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (i.e. "It is sunny out today.")
- R** *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NOTE: Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to "stick out" his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked,' if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Happy Birthday

Taylor Venenciano
 Dr. Gerald Gifford
 Evelyn Tyau
 Mermi Dereas
 Leslie Mitsuka
 Jessie Hayashi
 Margie Leong
 Felicidad Bueno
 Harold Shak
 Liesl Eng
 Inoleen Eichy
 Rowena Blaisdell
 Chase Pacupac
 Tim Chong Young
 Shirley Lau
 Ruby Au
 Dwight Kokubun
 Helen Tom
 May Chock
 Marjory Tyau
 Dorothy Jung

God's blessings to those with April birthdays.

Attendance April 2009	
8:15 am Eucharist average	158
Easter Day	235
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilokano - First Wednesday	66
Ilokano - First Sunday	58

As truly as God

As truly as God is our Father,
 so truly is God our mother
 And he revealed that in everything
 and especially in these sweet words
 where he says,
 "I am the power and goodness of
 fatherhood,
 I am the wisdom and lovingness
 of motherhood.

I am the light and grace
 which is all blessed love."
from Julian of Norwich



Edamame Rice

- 4-1/2 cups rice
- 1 bag (16 oz) shelled frozen edamame
- 1 bottle (7-1/2 oz) nametake (seasoned mushrooms)
- 1 bottle ochazuke wakame (furikake)

Cook rice.
 While rice is steaming, cook edamame according to package directions. Drain in colander; do not rinse with cold water.
 In a large bowl, put cooked rice, nametake, ochazuke wakame and mix. Stir in edamame and serve. Enjoy!

Recipe by Peggy Ishida



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An Easter Bounty



Everyone enjoys the food and fellowship in Shim Hall following the Easter service.



Shim Hall was decorated with colorful parasols. All photos on this page by Doug Ing.

Easter Season Inspirations

"Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Jesus

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard....what God has prepared for those who love him." St. Paul

"If you take one step towards God, then God will take ten steps towards you." Native Saying

"As for your own affairs, believe with faith in God, for God is able to work miracles in you also." Abba Euprepios, Desert Father

"Keep the joy of loving one another in your hearts, and share this joy with all you meet." Mother Theresa of Calcutta

"God strolls among the pots and pans." St. Theresa of Avila

"Each step brings a fresh breeze. Each step makes a flower bloom. Kiss the earth with your feet." Thich Nhat Hanh

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live." Jesus



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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A House of Prayer for all People

Return Service Requested

Whitsunday/Pentecost

The Birthday of the Church

Bells, bells, bells! Blessing and Dedication May 31

If you enjoy St. Elizabeth's beautiful Handbell music, you too could have one memorialized in your loved one's name or saint's name. We have a few remaining to be named. Cost is \$300 per bell.

Please contact the office for more information. This is a tax-deductible donation. The newly memorialized bells will be blessed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st at our 8:15 am Holy Communion.

Gecko Report

Did you see the *Honolulu Magazine* article, February 2009 issue had a picture of St. Elizabeth's House of Prayer window on page 26? The article was titled "Finding Religion" and asked readers to figure out which church or temple where the six photos were taken.



The reading of the Passion gospel on Palm Sunday was done all by youth of the church: **Rebecca Kleinschmidt, Reece Buffington, Leyna Esaki, Troy Esaki, Colby Pacupac, Joyce Wang, Joshua Lino, Naomi Yuen-Schat and Daniel Yuen-Schat.**

Doug Ing will have some of his artwork displayed in a special exhibition at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, May 14 through August 16, 2009.

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