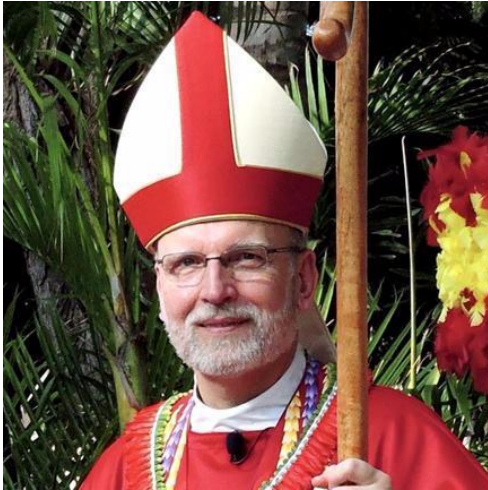


May 2020

Bishop's Covid-19 Update



“The Bishop announced on April 24, 2020, the moratorium on public worship in Episcopal Churches in this Diocese will continue at least until May 15. He will continue to re-evaluate the situation on a week to week and county by county basis. As of now, there is nothing in the situation to suggest that we will be back in public worship on May 3 or even May 10.

The current orders for O’ahu opens golf courses, but church services have to wait. As the Bishop has previously noted, the Diocese and all our churches will follow the guidelines established by the State and by each of the Counties.

There is no indication that gathering people is prudent without social distancing, face masks, and a limitation on the number of people. Public worship is still imprudent. Churches should not be open for public gatherings or worship until approved by the State and the County of the

church, and with the permission of the Bishop.

We might have local county variations, but a Sunday will be set for a major Diocesan celebration when we can all gather in our churches across the State in a healthy way.” (Special announcement, Episcopal Diocese of Hawai’i)

Clergy Corner with Rev. Imelda Padasdao



A message about the Covid-19 crisis and Mother's Day.

I hope and pray that you are all hanging in during this long retreat, coping with this COVID 19 Virus. I hope and pray that you are all in good health of body, mind and spirit, protected by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pls continue to keep our social distancing, wear our face masks whenever we go out to protect ourselves. Keep safe, God is with us. Connect yourself to God. His love alone can heal our brokenness. And without Him we are simply nothing. He gives us the strength to get through this difficult time.

Let us take this time to pray and thank God for all the blessings He has given us for being with us especially at this time of trials. Let us pray that this PANDEMIC - COVID 19 will stop soon, pray for the world, our leaders, doctors and nurses,

front liners, families, relatives, friends, and pray for everyone for healing, forgiveness, guidance, faith and protection as they continue to perform their endless ministry and that God keep us under His divine protection and mercy. Keep us safe and bless us in this very moment and keep us away from this killer Corona Virus. In Jesus name.

May Jesus reveal and help the scientists and all those in medical field to find the right medication to cure this virus. Let us continue to pray.

My dear brothers and sisters, **May 10, 2020** is set aside, to remember, honor and celebrate a person, a woman, who sacrificed herself, her life for us from the time we were conceived in her womb until today.....our Mother.

Yes, Motherhood is a very special gift/vocation from God which unfortunately not all women are called or blessed to become a Mother. If I ask you to share your relationships between you as a Mother with your children, I am pretty sure each one of us has different answers. So, to all of you Mothers, I am honored to greet you all, although we can't be with you and give you very special warm Vitamins H.U.G with love.

When I think of Motherhood, I thought of one of the last words of our Lord, Jesus Christ when He said, dear woman, here is your son, son here is your Mother. Mary was honored with a special privilege of being the mother of Jesus Christ our Creator. She was given a great gift, mother of the Son of Man. God chose her because God knew she would be the nurturing, sacrificing, loving and the letting go woman. In Mary's case, it wasn't easy because being an unwed mother, it was revealed to her to become a mother of the Son of Man. A mother's rule is not easy from the time a mother conceived a child in her womb, her ministry is 24/7 and nobody can replace the rule of a mother.

Jesus said that you love one another just as I have loved you. This is the kind of love that Jesus Christ wants us to do or demonstrate to one another as we ought to be as children of God. We did not choose our parents; God chose them for us. He said, honor your Mother and Father. There's no greater love than the love God has given us.

Ni Jesus iti puon iti Cruz sakbay a matay kinunana. Ina matmatam toy Anakmo, Anak matmatam toy Inam. Malagipna pay laeng ni Inana idi adda nga agrigrigat, dandani mapugsat ti biagna iti puon iti kruz. Kasta iti pateg iti Ina iti Anak.

My dear friends, a Mother's love is not only her beauty, cooking our food, washing our clothes, cleaning the house, always being there for us in time of need but, her faith and trust in God. Her faith is the greatest. She has an endless/unconditional love.

(iti ayat ti maysa nga Ina kakabsat, saan laeng iti kinapintasna, agluto, agdalus, aglaba, sisagan nga agserbi iti familia kadagiti amin a kasapulan, ngem ketdi kakabsat adda kenkuana iti nalagda a pammati, panagtalek ken Apo Dios ket isu iti mangted turedna nga mangituloy iti rebbengenna nga INA.

Iti maysa nga Ina isu ti gubuayan iti ayat, respeto, sursuro, mamakawan, mannakaawat, napacencia uray no masaktan ituredna , saan nga maibus kakabsat iti panagserbina iti familyana.

A message to a Mother:

Mother, today it reminds me what life is, that all these trials, challenges, pannubok in my life, they are the ones that molded me, gave me the strength, guidance, hope, help me to stand on my two feet and give me the good life where I am today. Mom, you gave me the education. Nobody can replace and compare to you. You showed me your endless loving and care, your strong faith, trust and service to God, you continue to nurture and care for me to today, Mom you never changed. Even sometimes I disobey and argue with you, God did not allow us to depart, but instead God gave us understanding. Thank you, Mom. I love you always. I give you honor, respect.

To all of you Mothers, May God, continue to shower you with countless blessings and may the power of God's Holy Spirit be with you always as you continue your special gift, being a Mother.

Pls take care and I'll see you soon. God is with us.
I love you all and God bless,
Pastor Imelda

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Aloha from Father Jerry Shigaki – Fourth Easter – Year A. It is good to be with you, the St. Paul's and St. John's ohana this day in heart and spirit.

The appointed psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 23. It is probably the best known of all the 150 psalms. Many of us are familiar with the beloved words. Some of us have even memorized them.

The words of the psalm comfort us during this time of hardship and uncertainty. They offer hope and strength. The psalm reminds us that there is a way forward as we feel powerless and fearful. God promises us that we never walk alone.

Psalm 23 is exactly what we need to hear.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All shall be well

As of May 2nd over 65,000 people in the United States have died from the coronavirus and 1.1 million individuals have tested positive. Over 30 million people have applied for unemployment. Long lines continue to form at local food banks. People are unable to pay their rent.

And we give thanks for the medical personnel, hospital workers, food bank volunteers, and kind-hearted landlords for their diligence and commitment of love toward our fellow human being.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

All shall be well

As we watch television there is a new way of being as we are inundated with information, instructions, and words of caution on what to do or not do: New normal, shelter in place, 15 day quarantine, wear a mask, wash hands frequently, disinfect items and surfaces.

And we give thanks for our families, friends, and neighbors as we look forward to the day when we are able to express our love with hugs, kisses, and handshakes.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

All shall be well

When we go to Big Save or Costco we are anxious: long lines waiting to enter the store and the potential lack of social distancing. We hope we can purchase needed items such as rice and paper products.

And we give thanks for front line worker as we pray for their safety: meat processing workers, farm laborers, grocery store personnel, bus drivers, and others.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All shall be well

As we shelter in place there is a realization that we have lost so much more than our freedom. We have lost having a personal connection with our children and grandchildren, enjoying a meal at our favorite restaurant, and attending exercise classes at the senior center. Even the doors of St. Paul's and St. John's are closed. We have lost so much that we have taken for granted.

And we give thanks for the many options that we have: zooming with grandchildren, preparing a luscious five course dinner at home, exercising with an instructor on television, and worshipping through live streaming.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

All shall be well

As we hunker down in our homes, we have the opportunity to reflect on what is important in our lives. Maybe things that we have done and miss: reading a book that is collecting dust on our night stand, or enjoying a cup of coffee as we listen to the chirping of a rooster or communicating with a friend we have not seen in several years.

Maybe things that we have not done but always wanted to do: learning how to grow orchids, or joining a book club or volunteering at the local elementary school.

And we give thanks for the opportunity to ask ourselves: what gives us joy, pleasure, purpose, and meaning. To be thankful for the chance to re-prioritize our lives, as we recognize our passions and take appropriate action steps. Know that during this "new normal" time God is with us and continues to love us.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Indeed, all shall be well

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through worship, fellowship and community
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ECWK is on **Facebook**

A good way to stay in touch is the ECWK Facebook page. On it you can find News from ECWK and the Diocese, messages from our resident clergy, Bishop Fitzpatrick and Presiding Bishop Curry, links to virtual worship services around the Diocese and elsewhere, Covid-19 updates, photos, music and humor. We would love for you to visit!

Important Message for ECWK Members

ECWK currently has no 'priests-in-residence' on island due to Covid travel restrictions. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Lynn At (808) 337-9253 or the church office at 335-5533 and leave a message. We will reply asap and contact Pastor Imelda or one of the Episcopal priests on island to minister to you.

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