

Announcements for March 18 - 19, 2017

How Does Our Worship Change During Lent

The season of Lent brings some significant changes to our Sunday worship. The intent is for our liturgy to embody the self-reflection and repentance of the season.

Our liturgical color changes from green to purple, the traditional color of Lent. You will also notice a change in our schedule of having altar flowers and other adornments.

On both the First Sunday in Lent and the Last Sunday in Lent, the service begins with the Great Litany, one of the oldest liturgical rites in *The Book of Common Prayer*. On those occasions when we pray the Litany, the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People and Confession/Absolution are not used.

During Lent, the Gloria and all alleluias are omitted from the service. There are modifications to our service music; on occasion, we will not have preludes or postludes – these are invitations to arrive and depart from our worship in silence and prayer.

Our Eucharistic Prayers change – For Rite I, we use Prayer II. For Rite II, we use Eucharistic Prayer D. This form incorporates the Prayers of the People so that the separate forms for the Prayers of the People are not used. During Lent, the Angus Dei is sung during both of the Eucharistic Prayers. There is also a change in our communion bread – we use unleavened bread wafers as a reflection of the Passover meal.

You will likely notice other little changes as we approach Palm Sunday. The point is not to make our worship overly cumbersome or uncomfortable – rather, it is an invitation to experience a different liturgy as we live into Jesus' final days and his crucifixion. As always, worship as is comfortable for you. If you have any questions or concerns about our worship or this season of Lent, please do not hesitate to contact Father Andrew.

The Bishop is Coming!

Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, will be with us during our Saturday worship at 5:30pm on April 1. This is not a formal visit; the Bishop will be on the island taking care of other business and he simply asked for the opportunity to spend some time at St. Michael's. He has generously accepted my invitation for him to celebrate and preach during our evening service, and we will hold a special reception for him in our parish hall. This is a great opportunity to worship with the Bishop, introduce yourself (if you have not already done so!) and simply spend time with the leader of the Episcopal Church in Hawaii. Please join us!!

Holy Week and Easter Services

All are encouraged to join us for worship as we live into the final days of Jesus, his crucifixion and resurrection. These are the days that are foundational to the discovery of our identity, the nature and shape of our faith and the illumination of our love and hope. It is through the living of this journey that the true meaning, and cost, of Easter are revealed. We hope you will accept this invitation and join us for all our worship during this holy time!

April 10, 11 and 12: 7am, Holy Eucharist

April 13: Maundy Thursday: 6pm Holy Eucharist

April 13, 7pm – April 14, 7am: All-night vigil in the church (concludes with Morning Prayer at 7am)

April 14: Noon: Good Friday Service

April 15: 7pm, The Great Vigil of Easter

April 16: 9:30am, Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist

Loaves and Fishes Needs Back-up Truckers

Loaves and Fishes would like to develop a pool of back-up truckers for Wednesday mornings. This involves approximately a one-hour time commitment, from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., picking up food from the Hawaii Food Bank in Puhi and transporting it to St. Michael's for distribution. If you have a truck and could donate the time on as as-needed basis, please contact Pat Hillegonds at phillegonds@gmail.com or 808-634-6154. Mahalo!

Food and Cash Donations Needed

As we continue our Lenten journeys, please remember those less fortunate. Food and cash donations for Loaves and Fishes are both greatly appreciated. Gift certificates for Subway are also most welcome, and are particularly helpful for homeless people who have no cooking facilities. "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat."

Recycle Volunteers Needed

We're serious about recycling but we need your help. Please contact Dana Bekeart (dana@stmichaels-kauai.org) or the church office (245-3697) to volunteer. We need people for cardboard, paper and can recycling along with green waste disposal. Please let us know what days we can add you to our schedules.

Adult Formation – Lenten Program

We are pleased to provide an adult formation program during Lent in which we will explore and reflect upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We are gathering in our parish hall on Tuesday evenings, beginning on March 14, at 6pm. We will share in a light potluck meal (soups are ideal; a signup sheet to offer a portion of our meal on March 21/28 and April 4 can be found in the parish hall on the coffee table) and then we will have conversation about the parable. To assist us, we will read and digest one of the most spiritual works written about the parable: Henri Nouwen's The Return of the Prodigal Son. This is a short and easily readable book which describes Nouwen's reflections as he gazed upon Rembrandt's painting depicting the return of the son. As he does so, Nouwen discovers his place on the road to faith and the intended destination to the grace of God. In the end, it is the revelation of homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation. It is hoped that our own reading and mutual reflections will likewise lead to our own illumination. A limited number of copies of the book are available in the parish office for \$10 or you may purchase the book on your own. We hope you will join us!!

This Week on Campus

Monday

Adult Study Group, Conference Room 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Tuesday

Centering Prayer, ReSource Room, 8:00 am

Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room, 11:00 am

Adult Formation - Lenten Program and Potluck, Parish Hall, 6:00pm

Wednesday

Loaves and Fishes, Parish Hall and Lanai, 9:15 – 10:30 am

Office hours Tuesday -Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Friday, 9:00 am – Noon

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