



Psalm 40:1-3

*I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the LORD.*

How does one write about singing? Singing is something that is done or heard. *But written about?* How can one truly understand the power of singing through mere words?

The answer came on February 11. It

was then that **Bishop-elect Bob Fitzpatrick** and the **Rev. Liz Beasley** surprised everyone when they announced her re-assignment as his new **Canon of Communication and Clergy Development**. Her new responsibilities would include:



1. Her continuation as Editor of the Diocesan newspaper *The Chronicle*;
2. The growth-minded training of current clergy; and
3. The discernment, counseling and training of new leadership

Her full-time position will start in March but will still be leading the Sunday service through Easter (Though **Liz** is currently vicar, she is only paid as a part-time vicar though she works as if she were fulltime.) She will step down sooner if a new vicar is found.



Ko kakou Hokukula`a `ula
(Our Sacred Guiding Star)

We are a communion of saints who worship Christ and serve others.

We embrace the Hawaiian values of:

ALOHA—We love and respect God and one another.

MANA—We respect the Spirit of God within each of us and all things.

MALAMA—We are good stewards of God's Creation.

PONO—We are righteous and just in all our undertakings.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, 'Rejoice.'"—Philippians 4:4

As part of her planned program of monthly Christian practices, February was to cover the role of song and music in Christian life. February 11 was scheduled to have a church sing-a-long after Sunday services, where everyone was invited to sing our favorite hymns. When the day arrived, **Bishop-elect Bob Fitzpatrick** paid St. John's an unannounced visit, quietly sitting in the pews. As the service progressed, the pews gradually filled with current membership and many new faces.



Once everyone gathered at Ho'okano Hall, **Bishop-elect Fitzpatrick** revealed the purpose of his visit. He began by talking briefly about his experience as assistant to **Retired-Bishop Richard Chang** and how it would be common sense for people to think that the former assistant would continue what defined **Bishop Chang's** tenure. **Fitzpatrick** promised that *that* was not necessarily the case. As the new leader of the Hawaii Diocese, the changes he will bring were for the good of the church's future growth, in keeping with Diocese-wide strategic planning already set into motion. And while he acknowledged that some may not appreciate his decisions right now, he was unapologetic.

First on his mind was to further the growth of clergy within the Diocese. To do that, he needed someone who he believed capable to act as his right arm. With **Liz**, **Fitzpatrick** had the perfect person that could help him take the Diocese to the next step. (In the July 2005 issue, it's noted that **then-Rev. Canon Fitzpatrick** first recommended **Liz** to St. John's Bishop's Committee as "a perfect fit"—Editor.)

"There's no other good time to say this, so I'll say it now", **Liz** calmly started.

With those words, she announced her acceptance of the position and what those changes would mean in the coming months. Disbelief flooded the room. As the stark reality of her words seeped in, faces were filled with varying emotions of sadness, anger, shock and gladness. **Rev. Liz** is well-loved by everyone at St. John's, comfortable with the "perfect fit" she has grown to become. "From now on, you will *all* be my *kupuna*," she concluded. Her words honored all the love and wisdom

that St. John's had given her, as if wordlessly promising to share St. John's gift with those she works with in the future.

Though it seemed awkward to move on, **Liz** broke the "silence" by announcing that now might be a good time to continue with the church sing-a-long. Despite everything, the people of St. John's were heartily filled with song. Singing as one family, our songs to God seemed to make the future seem much more bearable.

Therein lies the power of song. It has the power to lift us up when we are down. It has the power to turn tears to laughter. It has the power to bring people even closer together. But most of all, it has the power to allow God to do His work on the human heart.

The moral of this tale? Sing your hearts out to God in good times and bad. It might seem silly, but try telling that to the people of St. John's.

Psalms 96:1-3

*Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*





a reading list for developing a shared language

*An Invitation from
Bishop-Elect Bob Fitzpatrick**

An important part of any transition is developing a shared language and vision for ministry. With the diocesan Strategic Plan we have an important working

outline for mission. To help in continuing the development of our common purpose, I invite you to join me in reading some specific books in 2007. We can then discuss our readings at various meetings and gatherings over the course of the year. Vestries and Bishop's Committees might consider engaging in book discussions as part of their regular meetings. Commissions might want to take one of the quarters for special study. I particularly hope to engage the clergy through the year on ideas, questions, and thoughts raised by the readings.

I have listed the books I have selected below (with the titles of additional books for the ambitious):

1. January to March 2007: The Bishop's book for the first quarter is *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith* by **Diana Butler Bass** (HarperSanFrancisco, 2006). Also, see the website <http://www.dianabutlerbass.com/>. **Diana Butler Bass** is an expert in American religion who works as an author, speaker, and independent scholar. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University. She will be speaking throughout our Diocese March 16–25, 2007.

Her other books of note include *From Nomads to Pilgrims: Stories from Practicing Congregations* (Alban, 2006); *Broken We Kneel: Reflections on Faith and Citizenship* (Jossey-Bass, 2004); and *Strength for the Journey: A Pilgrimage of Faith in Community* (Jossey-Bass, 2002). I also suggest *Restoring the Ties that Bind: The Grassroots Transformation of the Episcopal Church*, by **William Sachs** and **Thomas Holland** (Church Publishing, 2003).

2. April to June 2007: The Bishop's book for the second quarter will be *A Ministry Shaped by Mission* by **Paul Avis** (T & T Clark, 2005). Our focus this quarter will be upon the nature of ordained ministry and the revitalizing of the diaconate in relation to the total mission of the Church. I

also hope we can reflect on the meaning of "call" in ministry.

I would also suggest *Ears to Hear: Recognizing and Responding to God's Call* by **Edward S. Little** (Morehouse, 2003) and *The Diaconate: A Full and Equal Order*, Revised Edition by **James Monroe Barnett** (Trinity Press International, 1995).

3. July to September 2007: The Bishop's book for the third quarter will be *What Can One Person Do?: Faith to Heal a Broken World* by **Sabina Alkire** and **Edmund Newell** (Church Publishing, 2005). I hope we can reflect on the Global Millennium Development Goals as a means of incarnating our theology in a broken and violent world.

I also suggest *A World with a Human Face: A Voice from Africa* by **Njongonkulu Ndungane** (WCC Publications, 2003) and *Practicing Reconciliation in A Violent World* by **Michael Battle** (Morehouse, 2005). I have particularly found **Battle's** insights helpful in discerning the differences personally and theologically in Christians' understandings of justice, community, and peace.

4. October to December 2007: The Bishop's book for the fourth quarter will be *St. Benedict's Rule for Business Success* by **Quentin R. Skrabec, Jr.** (Purdue University, 2003). Benedictine spirituality is very important to me. The Rule has become a source of inspiration in the business world as well. I hope we can reflect on how our spirituality might shape our common life and practice as a diocese.

I also suggest *St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Living* by **Jane Tomaine** (Morehouse, 2005) and *The Benedictine Handbook* (The Liturgical Press, 2003). This second book includes a translation of the Rule and chapters on prayer and spirituality.

I do hope you'll join me in this adventure.

Blessings and aloha in Christ Jesus,

Bob

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Subject: The Letter

My Dear Family at St. John's,

If you read **Wayne Harada's** column, you know that once again I am 'SOMEBODY.' I have been offered and have accepted the position of Assistant Casting Director for Universal Studios, Japan. There are so many factors that went into my accepting this incredible offer, not the least of which is the current director of entertainment went out of his way to 'design' this position which as yet had not existed, especially for me. In the months-long contract negotiation process, it was he who finally decided that the only way for me to stay here was to meet all of my requests. And he did.

This position allows me not only to assist in casting all of the shows in the park, but to participate in vocal maintenance, accompany the talent in rehearsal and audition situations and to travel to Australia, London, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles annually, hopefully someday adding Honolulu to our audition tour.

I will not be back in Hawaii until, at the soonest, June, and that will be to appear in a benefit performance at Paliku Theatre (more notes on that as it gets nearer). I am going to try out this new bend-in-the-road, career change for a year and see how I survive life on the other side of the stage.

I send you all more love than the church walls can contain. Please continue to love Jennifer as you have been and if Japan is ever on your itinerary, you have a place to stay in Osaka. Meanwhile, I will keep the postcards coming. My contact information is listed below. Mahalo for you support.

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Matthew Pannaz, right, plays Jesus Christ and **John Bryan** plays Judas Iscariot in "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"ALL IN THE OHANA"
stuff going on at
st. john's

Currently based in Moscow, Texas-native **Melody Wilson** is engaged to St. John's member **Leo Loyola**. Working for the Christian missions group Entrust (www.entrust.org), **Melody** has for the past decade worked with a team of American and Russian Christians in training local women church leaders to grow Christ's church within the largely atheistic country.

Their wedding will be held on Saturday, September 1 at St. John's.

efm training at camp mokuleia



On March 23 to 25, the Hawai'i Education for Ministry (EFM) program is planning the largest training event to be held in Hawai'i. There will be two or three classes happening simultaneously at Mokuleia Camp and Conference Center. Two Mentor Trainer basic in-service classes will be held as well as a possible Formation event for experienced mentors. Names of the trainers will be announced here when they are known.

All active mentors must take a Program Center training once every 18 months. A year ago, the Program Center at the School of Theology at Sewanee, Tennessee, changed their policy and now requires mentors to repeat their basic training every fourth training. The EFM program suggests that trainings are more enriching when the group gets away from their environment and spends all the training time together. Therefore, this training at the Conference Center at Mokuleia suggests that all participants stay for the entire weekend at Mokuleia. This large gathering of mentors will give the participants a change to exchange ideas and network for new groups and members.

Registration for the weekend is \$150.00 per person and airfare is provided for neighbor island participants. Registration forms will be posted here when they are available, or call **Rev. Carol Arney** at (808) 323-3429, for more information.

The classes will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday March 23rd, and end after lunch on Sunday, March 25. A picnic reunion for all EFM participants is in the planning stages for Sunday afternoon.

For more information on the EFM, go online to:
www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm

ordination participants announced

In the ordination of a bishop, at least three bishops must participate in the Consecration. The following participants have been confirmed as participants in the service on Saturday, March 10:

Chief Consecrator: **Katharine Jefferts Schori**, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church (left)



Co-Consecrators:

Richard S.O. Chang, IV Bishop of Hawai'i

Edward S. Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana

George E. Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies

David Jung-Hsin Lai, Bishop of Taiwan

Preacher: **Edmond L. Browning**, II Bishop of Hawai'i and XXIV Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

The ordination of the **Rev. Canon Robert Fitzpatrick** (right) as the Fifth Bishop of Hawai'i has been scheduled at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral.



ueda ordained to priesthood

The Rev. Noriaki Ueda, who served in the Diocese of Hawai'i as a deacon before he and his wife, **the Rev. Ajuko Ueda**, returned to Japan, was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 20, in Japan by **Bishop Ueda** (no relation).

bishop committee members: where to find grant money

Do you ever wonder where you can find grants to help fund special programs or efforts in your congregations? The Hawai'i Community Foundation has published a calendar that summarizes the grantmaking opportunities and deadlines in 2007.

For more information, also check the Web site: www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org

council dept. to include Families

The former Youth and Youth Adult Department of the Diocesan Council has been changed to include ministry to families. On Saturday, February 17, the Council adopted a Bylaw change that changes the name to the Family, Young Adults and Youth Department.

The new Bylaw (Article 6, Section 6.6) (underlined sections are new):

Section 6.6 Family, Young Adults and Youth Department. The Family, Young Adults and Youth Department shall be responsible for reaching out to families, young adults and youth through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church. The Department shall be responsible for supporting congregational ministry for families and groups of young members through a commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, and dynamic and inclusive worship.

Kids Explain It All!

To commemorate Valentine's Day, here's a humorous look at questions commonly asked about romantic love...*but answered by kids.*

How do you decide whom to marry?

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

- Kristen, age 10

Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

- Lynnette, age 8 (*isn't she a treasure*)

What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns.

- Craig, age 9

When is it okay to kiss someone?

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

- Howard, age 8

Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

- Anita, age 9 (*bless you, child*)

How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

- Kelvin, age 8

How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck.

- Ricky, age 10

What is the right age to get married?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person *forever* by then.

- Camille, age 10

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

- Derrick, age 8

What do you think your mom and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids.

- Lori, age 8

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other.

Why Do You Pledge?



Jan Rensel, whose lilting voice is heard every Sunday in the choir, first came to St. John's By-the-Sea 20 years ago. She was urged to do so "if you want to practice your Hawaiian" by her university professor, Pua Hopkins. Jan, who "grew up in the Catholic Church," served as temporary accompanist

for three years. She is now music ministry coordinator and serves on the altar guild as well as driving a weekly Honolulu carpool including Ruth Brighter, Sally Roggia and sometimes our newsletter editor. She says she could never leave St. John's because she "loves the people" and pledges because we are all expected to give "of our time, talent and treasure."



April-May 2007 Seasons of Easter and Pentecost Schedule

Date	Day	Event	Vicar	Emcee	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sunday School	Altar Guild
9:30 am Sunday April 1	Palm Sunday		Rev. Liz Beasley	Mahi			TBA	Jan Rensel and Pi'ilani Fogelstrom
9:30 am Sunday April 8	Easter Sunday				Jack Ward	Sam	TBA	Emalia, Lyanne and Cheryl Holland
9:30 am Sunday April 15	2nd Sunday in Easter			Gene	Leo	'Akahi	TBA	Leone and Jeanne Porter
9:30 am Sunday April 22	3rd Sunday in Easter				Phyllis		TBA	Lois Murphy and Ruth Lucas
9:30 am Sunday April 29	4th Sunday in Easter			Mahi		Julie	TBA	Jan Rensel and Pi'ilani Fogelstrom
9:30 am Sunday May 6	5th Sunday in Easter				Jack Ward	Sam	TBA	Emalia, Lyanne and Cheryl Holland
9:30 am Sunday May 13	6th Sunday in Easter			Gene	Leo	'Akahi	TBA	Leone and Jeanne Porter
9:30 am Sunday May 20	7th Sunday in Easter				Phyllis		TBA	Lois Murphy and Ruth Lucas
9:30 am Sunday May 29	Day of Pentecost		TBA	Mahi		Julie	TBA	Jan Rensel and Pi'ilani Fogelstrom

Mahalo for your steadfast stewardship at St. John's By-the-Sea.

Please kokua and call the office (239-7198) of or write down any changes on the schedule to ensure its accuracy. The master schedule in the office will be the primary and official means of communication of when people serve. The above is subject to change, so please refer to the master schedule to confirm your dates of service.

A photograph of St. John's by-the-sea Episcopal Church, a white building with a steeple and a cross on top. The church is surrounded by greenery and trees. The sky is blue with some clouds.

aloha e komo mai

**st. john's
by-the-sea
episcopal church**

sunday morning services, 9:30am

**sunday school, 9:30 am
@ ho'okano hall**

**morning bible study/prayers
fridays, 9:15am**