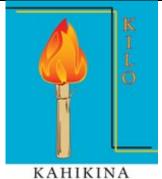
# St. John's by-the-Sea Church Seasonal Altar Hangings

### Advent (Kahikina/The Coming), blue:

In Hawaiian, "kilo" means stargazer, reader of omens, seer, or astrologer. Like the three wisemen, we watch and eagerly anticipate the coming of the Messiah. Our bamboo torches signify the Light we await.



### Christmas/Easter, white:

Ka 'ai ho'ola means the bread that gives life; here it is represented by kalo (taro), the most esteemed basic Hawaiian food.



#### Celebrations, red:

A figure in the style of a Hawaiian petroglyph holds the chalice and paten.



### Lent (Kalema), purple:

The cross is draped with limu kala, signifying the Hawaiian ritual of cleansing and forgiveness. "E kala mai" means "Forgive me," and the word "mai" (meaning "toward me") is stitched in mirror image, symbolizing Jesus's invitation to the Cross.



## Pentecost (Penekekoka), green:

These hangings are inspired by the kalo lo'i (the taro ponds) below the mountains in Kaua'i. Like the taro, we hope to "ho'oulu" (grow) throughout the Church year, nourished by the Water of Life.

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