



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

“Sharing the Blessing of God’s Grace with Aloha”

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Advent**

December 2, 2017

6:30 pm

God calls us to be a welcoming people! Welcome to people new to faith, to Christians of every flavor, and to long time Lutherans. Welcome to all with no church home, who need strength, want to follow, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new guests and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, ability and gift, to gay and straight, to old and young, to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where we live past the labels, where we are welcome to celebrate and grieve, rejoice and recover. This is a place where our lives are made new. Welcome to worship God on this day!

## **An Advent Explanation**

*The Western Church Year is structured around the two great celebrations of the Christian Church—**Easter** and **Christmas**. Easter, based on the Jewish Passover, is determined by the phase of the moon. It is a “moveable” date. Christmas, on the other hand, is a fixed date determined in the 4<sup>th</sup> century to coincide with the pagan observance of the winter solstice, which at that time fell on December 25.*

*In the early church there was much diversity in regard to rites and calendars. Local churches were not always in sync with one another. Even today there is not uniformity in the observances of the Church Year, especially between the Western Church and the Eastern Church.*

*In 2006 **The Advent Project** ([theadventproject.org](http://theadventproject.org)) began as a continuing seminar of the North American Academy of Liturgy. This ecumenical project proposes to expand the observance of Advent from 4 Sundays to 7 Sundays in order to reclaim Advent “as the time of preparation for the coming of Christ at the end of time even as we welcome his appearance in our weekly assembly and in the world to which we are sent.” This expansion of Advent to 7 Sundays is an attempt to enable the Church to focus once again on the **full manifestation of the reign of God**.*

***The Advent Project** does not change any of the assigned readings in the Revised Common Lectionary. The majority of the readings in November already have an end-time focus. The final three Sundays of the 2017 Church Year (12, 19, 26 November) are simply given an Advent overlay.*

*This proposal has great attractiveness for us at Calvary by the Sea Lutheran because our current Advent Worship observances are curtailed by the Honolulu Marathon and by PAC Sunday. Thus, in expanding Advent to 7 Sundays we are able as a community of faith to explore more fully and completely what it means to “long for the Lord’s coming.”*

*This is the third season that Calvary joins **The Advent Project** as we all strive to follow Jesus more closely both as a community of faith and as individual disciples.*

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Come to me now! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 141 has become familiar to us in *The Holden Evening Prayer*. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

Please gather as the sounding of the conch shell calls us to worship.

## GREETING *and* EXPLANATION OF SERVICE, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The days are surely coming, says our God, when I will bring my promised salvation to the world.

**ALL: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

KAHU: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

**ALL: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

KAHU: The days are surely coming, says our God, when my promised One will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

**ALL: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

**KAHU:** The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**ALL:** And also with you.

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 4, *Kahu Tim***

# **Holden Evening Prayer**

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## **Service of Light**

Procession  
Evening Hymn  
Evening Thanksgiving

# **Psalmody, Readings and Canticles**

Psalm 141  
(Let My Prayer Rise Up)

## **SECOND READING**

Isaiah 64: 1–9

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

ONE: <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The *Holden Evening Prayer* continues with

The Annunciation  
The Magnificat

*In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

KAHU: [Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

<sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**DEVOTIONAL,** *Kahu Tim*

“Cause Us to Remember”

Following Kahu Tim’s Devotional  
The *Holden Evening Prayer* continues with

# Litany and Prayers

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**, *Ms. Amie*

“Come, Thou Long-  
Expected Jesus”

**OFFERING PRAYER** *standing*

KAHU: Savior of the nations, come.  
Make your home here in us.  
Feed us with your love,  
that our faith shine ever new  
and our lives reveal your light.

**ALL: Amen.**

## Holy Communion

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

KAHU: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

KAHU: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS** *standing*

The **Sanctus** and **Words of Institution** are sung following,  
“...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and trem-bling stand;  
 In the night his friends be-trayed him Je-sus took the bread of life.  
 King of kings yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on earth he stood.  
 Then he took the cup of bless-ing, thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.  
 At his feet the six-winged se-raph, che-ru-bim with sleep-less eye,  
 Pon-der no-thing earth-ly mind-ed, For with bless-ing in his hand  
 Blessed and broke it for all peo-ple giv-en to end hu-man strife.  
 Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture, in the bo-dy and the blood.  
 Gave it to be-wil-dered foll'-wers; Sac-ra-ment of peace di-vine.  
 Veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence As with cease-less voice they cry:  
 Christ our God to earth de-scend-ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.  
 Take and eat this is my bo-dy. Do this to re-mem-ber me.  
 He will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.  
 Take and drink this cup, my love out-poured. Do this to re-mem-ber me.  
 "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *standing*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The service concludes with the Closing Prayer and everyone singing the

# Final Blessing

