



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Saturday Sunset Worship Baptism of Christ

January 7, 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!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GREETING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Rejoice, for we no longer walk in darkness!

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

KAHU: May the light of Christ,
the radiance of God,
and the fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG 815 *standing*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of
the Light”

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,

**ALL: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow
our own desires.**

**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too
quickly, and for the times we have not spoken or acted
at all.**

**We have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we
have yet to know;**

**We have both thought more about ourselves than
others; and less of ourselves than we ought.**

Turn us around.

**Give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God our Redeemer, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42: 1–9

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

ONE: ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul

delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM *read responsively*

Psalm 29

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, "Glory!"**

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,

¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.

SECOND READING

Acts 10: 34–43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

ONE: ³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not

to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

"This Little Light of Mine"

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 3: 13–17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

KAHU: ¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying,

ALL: "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

KAHU: ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

SERMON HYMN 673 *standing*

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Pour out your Spirit of unity, triune God. Renew our lives in the promises of baptism.

ALL: **Hold us together in the oneness of the body of Christ, and empower us to be one as you are one. Hear us, O God—*Aloha ke Akua*** (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: *Pour out your Spirit of life, eternal God.* Move over polluted waters, and contaminated lands.

ALL: **Breathe on barren fields. Strengthen ancient cedars and oaks. Engage us in your care of sea, reefs, lands, and sky. Hear us, O God—*Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Pour out your Spirit of wisdom, holy God.* Guide politicians and military officials as they wrestle with complex situations.

ALL: **Grant them courage and compassion to work for peace in every nation. Hear us, O God—*Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Pour out your Spirit of justice, gracious God.* Heal the pain of all who are victims of crime.

ALL: Be present with all who are imprisoned. Reconcile broken relationships within communities. Comfort the sick and their caregivers. Hear us, O God—*Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *Pour out your Spirit of love, glorious God.* Sustain all who knit prayer shawls, sew quilts, and provide housing for our neighbors who are homeless.

ALL: Surround those who seek warmth and shelter with grace-filled advocates. Hear us, O God—*Aloha ke Akua.*

W.H.A.L.E., a time of thanks for answered prayer and prayer requests.

KAHU: *Pour out your Spirit of peace, resurrecting God.* Bring all who grieve into a community rooted in you.

ALL: Uphold them with your grace and keep us all grounded in your promise of life eternal. Hear us, O God—*Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Anyone desiring individual prayer and intercessions please contact Kahu Tim or members of the Stephen Ministry team at the conclusion of the worship service.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, *Tom*

“Day by Day”

DOXOLOGY *standing*

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.
Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i pū. Kō kēia ao kō kēlā ao. Amene.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring,
our selves,
our time,
and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

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.

KAHU: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In a similar manner, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)*

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

At Calvary by the Sea all those who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and those who are seeking such a relationship are invited to experience the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion. You are invited to follow the direction of the Kahu and come forward to encircle the altar area. There are kneelers for those who prefer to kneel. Dip the bread in either the red wine or the white grape juice and then eat the element.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

KAHU: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 396 *standing*

“Spirit of Gentleness”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

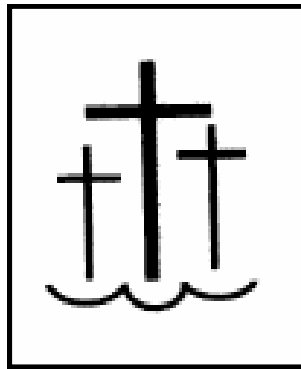
KAHU: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
And the blessing of almighty God,

the Father,
the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

Kahu: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, January 7, 2017

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KAHU: Tim Mason

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READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Congregation

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