

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Sunday of the Passion

April 9, 2017

7:30 am

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

Today's liturgy begins with a ti-leaf procession, giving a Hawaiian-take on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and a readers' theater version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week culminates in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

During the *Ringing of the Bell* please center your thoughts on *Makua*—God the Creator, *Keiki Kane*—Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and *'Uhane Hemolele*—the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

GREETING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

KAHU: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: **Hosanna in the highest!**
Hosanna in the highest!

KAHU: Why have you come today?

ALL: We have come to welcome the Messiah!

KAHU: What have you brought?

ALL: We have brought our hearts, our voices, our ti leaves, and our praise—Hosanna in the highest!

KAHU: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these ti leaves and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL, *read responsively*

Matthew 21: 1–11

KAHU: ¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**ALL: "Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Hosanna in highest heaven!"

KAHU: ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying,

ALL: **"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

GATHERING SONG 525 *standing*

"You Are Holy"

TI-LEAF PROCESSIONAL

During the singing of the Gathering Song please follow Kahu Tim. Go to the cross, and there place your ti leaves. A lei will be braided from the leaves to adorn the cross on Resurrection Morning.

PRAYER OF THE DAY, *Kahu Tim*

ALL: **O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, 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 50: 4–9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

ONE: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 31: 9–16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I [|] am in trouble;

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat [|] and my belly.**

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my [|] years with sighing;

**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones [|] are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to [|] my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street [|] they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, [|] out of mind;

I am as useless as a [|] broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is [|] all around;

they put their heads together against me;

they plot to¹ take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.

I have said, "You¹ are my God.

¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who¹ persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;

save me in your¹ steadfast love."

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 5–11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

ONE: ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing* “Let Your Steadfast Love Come”

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the word 'Lord'. The second staff continues the melody with a long note on 'O Lord'. The third staff has a different melody for the same lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody from the first staff.

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 27: 11–54

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God’s will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

KAHU: ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so."
¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a

prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

ALL: "Barabbas."

KAHU: ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said,

ALL: "Let him be crucified!"

KAHU: ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

ALL: "Let him be crucified!"

KAHU: ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered,

ALL: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

KAHU: ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named

Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“I am as useless as a broken pot....”

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.

TEMPLE TALK, *Endowment Committee*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Hosanna, Son of David. Be with all who wave ti leaves and palm branches, and walk the road to the cross.

ALL: For the mission of the gospel where your church is forgotten, for disciples wrestling with betrayal, for all

who seek the Lord, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua* (*God is love; love is God*).

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David.* Lead your children to care for your good creation and all its inhabitants:

ALL: For lands, waters, plants, reefs, and all living creatures. For villages without access to clean water, for cities with an abundance, for flood lands and drought lands, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David.* Soften the hearts of political leaders who encourage, ignore or deny suffering, struggle, and injustice.

ALL: Lift up leaders who seek your will for the sake of all people and for your good creation, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David.* Comfort the afflicted.

ALL: For those imprisoned, for those waiting on death row, for all overwhelmed by sorrow, and for all who live with disease, chronic pain, and anxiety in this world, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David.* Enrich the children and youth of our congregation with an abundance of your Spirit.

ALL: For each child in our community, for parents and guardians, for confirmation mentors and faith formation leaders and teachers, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David.* Walk with this community as we remember your life-giving passion and death.

ALL: Send us forth burning with desire to share your word with a hurting world, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David.* Sustain the weary.

ALL: For all who mourn, for all who yearn to be with you in paradise, for funeral home staff, for hospital

chaplains, grief counselors, and for Hospice let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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, *Ina*

“When I Survey
the Wondrous Cross”

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 sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *standing*

“Lamb of God”



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** is sung following,
“...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

Again, 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 (contemporary) *in unison*

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.

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: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
 may our fasting be hunger for justice,
 our alms, a making of peace,
 and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 353 *standing*

“Were You There”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your
journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace.

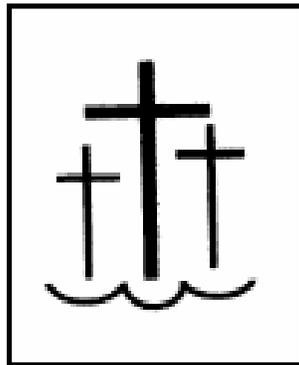
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *organ*

“Dona Nobis Pacem”



Today April 9, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Five—Kelly Holden (7:30); Jeanie Evans (10)

LEI WEAVERS: Members and Friends of Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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