First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014
10:00 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

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. 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.

GATHERING, Calvary Choir

“Jesu, bleibet meine Freude”

Jesu, Joy—my joy forever—cordial, comfort of my soul,
Jesus turns away all sorrows that would light and life control.
Strong and righteous, Jesus shining, brightness, pleasure, good defining,
So I ever am aware, heart and soul, of Jesus there!

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: Tear open the heavens, and come down.

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.

GATHERING SONG 723 standing “Canticle of the Turning”

CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who shapes the whole creation,
who comes with might and mercy,
who fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Creator God,

ALL: forgive us for we deny our humanity and act as our own gods.

We advance ourselves at the expense of others.
We elevate personal desires to universal importance.
We put ourselves above your command to love and serve.

Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay.
Remake us into your people. Rebuild what sin has broken,
that we and the whole creation may rejoice living in your peace. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news:

You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts.

Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

GREETING OF GUESTS *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 1

ALL SINGING:
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

ONE: We gather together to expect the unexpected. We dream about the future and patiently wait for the birth of Messiah. Jesus, we light this candle whose flame brings light to the darkness.

ALL: Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

FIRST 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: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 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!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 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.
5 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.
6 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.

7 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.

8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 80: 1‒7, 17‒19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.
SECOND READING

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

ONE:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

“Ka Manaʻo ʻIʻo”

Ka ma-naʻoʻiʻo, o ko kā-kou A-ku-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.

GOSPEL standing

Mark 13: 24–37
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:]  

24 In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,  
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.  
26 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.  
27 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.

28 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.  
29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.  
30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.  
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.  
33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.  
34 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.  
35 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,  
36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.  
37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

ALL:  Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

SERMON, Kahu Tim  
“A NEW AGE is about to BEGIN!”
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: With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Come, long-expected one. Awaken your church to be alert for signs of your coming in unexpected people and places. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, Savior of the nations. Let your justice and righteousness dwell among all the peoples of the earth. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, Creator of all. Amidst the shortness of life, teach us to wonder at the sun, moon, stars, mountains, oceans, and all creatures great and small. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, Love divine. Enfold with your mercy all who watch and wait for hope in the midst of suffering, hardship, poverty,
unemployment, illness, or grief. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

KAHU: Come, giver of grace. Turn this community toward the light of your forgiveness and mercy as we wait for the advent of Christ. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

KAHU: Come, creative Spirit. Inspire us by the faith of those who have gone before us as we trust in your promise to bring all things to fulfillment in Christ. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

KAHU: Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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, Calvary Choir**

“LightShine”

Light your lamp, hold it high like a candle in the night.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin’, keep your lamps trimmed and burnin’,

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin’. The time is drawin’ nigh.

**DOXOLOGY standing**

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.


OFFERING PRAYER standing

KAHU: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING standing

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.”
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.”

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THE LORD'S PRAYER singing

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani; E hoa nō i ā kou I - noa.

E hiki mai kou aupuni; E mālama ‘ia kou makemake ma ka honua nei.
E like me ‘ia i mālama ‘ia ma ka la – ni la. 

E hā’awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā, i ‘aina mā – kou no nē – i – a lā. 

E kala mai ho‘i iā mākou, i kā mākou lawe hala ‘ana 

Me mākou e kala nei i ka po‘e i lawe ha – la i kā mā – kou. 

Mai ho‘oku‘u ‘oe iā mākou i ka ho‘owalewale ‘ia mai. 

E ho‘opakele nō na’e ‘ia mā – kou i ka ‘i – no. 

No ka mea Nou ke aupuni A me ka mana 

A me ka ho‘onani ‘ia a mau loa a-ku. ‘Ā – me-ne. ‘Ā – me-ne.
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:** Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 439 standing**

“Soon and Very Soon”

_All Keiki are invited to dance._

**BENEDICTION AND SENDING,** _Kahu Tim_

**KAHU:** God most high,  
God with us,  
God poured out on us,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

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

**KAHU:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.
Today, November 30, 2014

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Choir; Calvary Bell Choir

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: All Tribes

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 30—1st Sunday of Advent**

*Preaching,* Kahu Tim  
*Music,* Calvary Bells  
Calvary Choir, “LightShine,” “Jesu, Joy...”

**Sunday, December 7—2nd Sunday of Advent**

*Preaching,* Kahu Tim  
*Guest Musician,* Marty Haugen  
*Music,* Nā Leo Kamaliʻi, Calvary Choir, “Waiting for Messiah”

**Sunday, December 14, 7 pm—3rd Sunday of Advent**

*Music and Sermon,* Performing Arts Calvary, “A Play in a Manger”  
*Presiding Minister,* Kahu Tim

**Friday, December 19, 7 pm—Blue Christmas**

*A Service for those who do not handle holidays well....*  
*Presiding and Meditation,* Kahu Tim  
*Music,* Karla Myers, Amie Lawyer, Calvary Choir Members

**Sunday, December 21—4th Sunday of Advent**

*Preaching,* Kahu Tim  
*Music,* Calvary Choir, “For Unto Us,” “Glory to God”