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

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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: 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.
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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KEIKI WITNESS, “Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Nā Leo Kamaliʻi and Calvary Choir

Join to rejoice, lift up your voice, sing a new song to the Lord!
Harmonies fair filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord!
Let one and all answer the call: music and melody raise
God to adore forevermore with joyful songs of praise!

Come, chant with delight canticles bright to God Almighty!
Sing songs of good cheer, echoing clear to God the Lord!
Now instruments bring, trumpet and string, this day of days,
The Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!

With thanks, O God, for blessings all, our heritage we now recall;
With grateful hearts we come to you to sing your song our whole life through.

“A Home for Jesus”

Let us make a home for Jesus....
In our heart, we’ll make a home for Jesus.
He will come to be born for us, born for us in Bethlehem.
Will you make a place for Him?

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

KAHU: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 2

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.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

ONE: God, we prepare for your coming by opening our lives to you. Help us sort through our mixed emotions. Teach us when to sing, when to speak, and when to be silent. We light these candles as we wait for you to bring light to the darkness.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40: 1‒11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

ONE: Comfort, O comfort my people,
speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

6 A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

9 Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; 
he will gather the lambs in his arms, 
and carry them in his bosom, 
and gently lead the mother sheep.

**PSALM** sung responsively

1You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;  
   you have restored the good for- tune of Jacob.
2You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
   and blotted out all their sins.
8I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
   for you speak peace to your faithful people  
   and to those who turn their hearts to you.
9Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
   that your glory may dwell in our land.
10Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
   righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
   and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, 
   and our land will yield its increase.
13Righteousness shall go before the LORD 
   and shall prepare for God a pathway.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** standing

“Ka Manaʻo ʻIʻo”

Ka ma-na-ʻo-ʻi-ʻo, o ko kā-kou A-kū-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.

Ka ma-na-ʻo-ʻi-ʻo, o ko kā-kou A-kū-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.
The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Here among Us

Marty Haugen;
Tune: KESSLER (5.6.5.5.7.5.6.5)

Soft as the snowfall, and fragile as Hope of the prophets, who dreamed of sham
Not through our anger, through violence or Hold high each candle and lift ev'ry night, the angels are singing to lom, the promised of ages, a fear, and not through indifference will voice, O sing through the darkness, give herald the light breaking in on the haven and home for the lost and for - God's Reign appear, but in peace and for - thanks and rejoice; Sing out peace to God's people who wait for the morn; Be - got - en, the foe and the friend; This give - ness, by mercy and grace; Be - chil - dren, sing peace to the earth; Be - hold! Here among us God's love is new - born. Child who would teach us how hatreds might end. hold! In each person see God's blessed face. hold! In this infant God's love comes to birth.

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Abide with Us, Emmanuel

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Come, O Wis-dom, Holy Guide!
Speak your Word, our hearts are open wide
to know your will and to walk your sacred way.

Come, O Sa-ving Adonai!
Just as once you heard your people cry,
return to us, set our feet on freedom's road.

Refrain

O Em-man-u-el, O Em-man-u-el, make us
burn as liv-ing can-dles of peace and hope and light, shi-ning
strong and bright, in the midst of night, come, a-
bide with us, E-man-u-el.

Come, O Root of Jesse's Tree!
Come in pow'r and set all peoples free,
deriver us from the chains of hate and fear.

Come, O Morning Star, shine forth!
Kindle light upon this darkened earth,
bring joyous hope to the ones in dark despair.

Refrain

Come, O gentle Prince of Peace!
Quickly bring the day when wars shall cease,
and nations come to the rising of your light.

Come, O come, Emanuel!
Enter now within our hearts to dwell, us,
abide in us, just as we abide in you.

Refrain
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.*

For the church, that it be a herald of glad tidings, announcing the good news that you are drawing near. Hear us, O God, and

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

**KAHU:** For all who strive for peace and an end to conflict and warfare, that righteousness find a home in their midst. Hear us, O God, and

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

**KAHU:** For oceans and reefs, for our migratory kōlea and whales, for this island home, for cities and wilderness, for desert terrains and rain forests, for mountains and valleys, for fields fallow in winter, and for fruitful vegetation during these summer days in the Southern Hemisphere. Hear us, O God, and

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

**KAHU:** For all who are weighed down with economic instability, sorrow, anxiety, or sickness, that you speak tenderly to them and comfort them in your compassionate embrace. Hear us, O God, and

**ALL:** *Come, Lord Jesus.*
KAHU: For this community of faith, that in our busy and fast-paced lives you will grant us the gift of aloha and an undoubting trust in your steadfast love. 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: We give thanks for all your holy ones who faithfully prepared the way of the Lord. Open our eyes to the new heavens and new earth made known in your advent among us. 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.

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, organ “Savior of All Nations, Come”

DOXOLOGY standing “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


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. 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.”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, 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: 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 266 standing “All Earth Is Hopeful”

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.
GOING FORTH

organ

“Nun singet und seid froh”

Today, December 7, 2014

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