Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2015
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

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Prelude on Amazing Grace”

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: 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 HYMN standing

“A Place at the Table”

(Text, Shirley Erena Murray, © 1998 Hope Publishing; Music, Lori True, © 2001 GIA)
1. For ev'ry one born, a place at the table,
   for ev'ry one born, clean water and bread,
   a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
   for ev'ry one born, a star overhead.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
   revising the roles, deciding the share,
   with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
   for woman and man, a system that's fair.

3. For young and old, a place at the table,
   a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
   the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
   for young and old, a right to be long.

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
   a buser, a bused, with need to forgive,
   in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
   for just and unjust, a new way to live.

5. For ev'ry one born, a place at the table,
   to live without fear, and simply to be,
   to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
   the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!
CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God,

ALL: we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers, and against you.

We cherish the values of this world.
We cause others to stumble.
We wound the earth by our greed.

Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Hear the voice from heaven:
"You are my own, my beloved."

God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed.
Be healed.

For in the name of + Jesus Christ,
I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

ALL: Amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, Calvary Choir

“Heavenly Light”

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow’s night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

FIRST READING

Genesis 1: 1–5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

ONE: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, "the
earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND READING

Acts 19: 1–7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

ONE: While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing


Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

Kahu: 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 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. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed,

All: "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. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Kahu: 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven,

All: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

All: Praise to you, O Christ.
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 know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the common life we share in you. We grieve the loss of unity in Christ and beg your help in tearing down the walls of division within your church. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua. (God is love; love is God.)

KAHU: Your Spirit embraces all creation, giving life, growth, and beauty. Move us to receive all we touch as your gift, and to preserve your earth for the sake of all living things now and in the ages to come. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Pour the blessings of food and shelter on the poor of every land and on all those denied the abundance of creation. Let them taste your goodness and know the delight and freedom of your presence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Speak healing and peace to the hearts of those who suffer in mind,
body, or spirit. Come to the forgotten, those separated from home and family, those near death, and those who grieve. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**ALL:**  Aloha ke Akua.

**KAHU:**  In the waters of baptism you claim us as beloved sons and daughters. Shower your joy on the newly baptized, those preparing for baptism, and those who will affirm their baptism. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**ALL:**  Aloha ke Akua.

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

**KAHU:**  Loving God, we give thanks for the saints of every generation who followed your beloved Son through the waters of baptism and beckoned us to come along. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**ALL:**  Aloha ke Akua.

**KAHU:**  Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:**  Amen.

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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**  “Our Father, By Whose Name”

**DOXOLOGY standing**  “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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.”
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 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.
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:** Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us
WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 452 standing  “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”  
(Sing stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU:  God the Father, light-creator;
        God the Son, Light from Light;
        and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
        bless you and + give you peace.

ALL:   Amen.

Kahu:   Go in peace. Share the good news.

ALL:   Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, organ  “Let All Things Now Living”

in his name from this place, to bring light into dark corners, healing
where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL:   Amen.
Today, January 11, 2015

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WORSHIP AHEAD

Sunday, January 18—Epiphany 2
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Shed a Little Light”

Sunday, January 25—Epiphany 3
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Come and Follow Me”

Sunday, February 1—Epiphany 4
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Abide, O Spirit of Life”

Sunday, February 8—Epiphany 5
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Ave Verum”

Sunday, February 15—Epiphany 6
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Hula, Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola
Music, Calvary Choir, “Ua Mau”