Baptism of Christ

January 10, 2016

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

The Baptism of Christ cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We remember and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*  

“Prelude au Kyrie”

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 everyone born, a place at the table,
for every one born, clean water and bread,
for everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
for woman and man, a system that’s fair.
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
for young and for old, a right to be long.

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
a busker, a bused, with need to forgive,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,

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

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

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

We seek our own way causing others to stumble.
In our greed we wound the earth.
We cannot free ourselves from the values of the world.

Forgive us, O God. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths,
the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do
be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Hear the voice of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives."

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

ALL: Amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 seated

SHARING OF ALOHA standing

KAHU: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, Calvary Choir

“For Every Child” and “He Punahaele Nō ’Oe”

For ev’ry child, a gift of God from birth, we hold in trust a world of sacred space. Will there be peace and beauty on the earth, a planet healed and held in gentle grace? If we dare hope for justice when we pray, we must not fail to match our words with deeds. For when we act to bring a brighter day our withered dreams will grow like flow’ring seeds. This is our call: to live what we believe and tend this earth, the only home we know. And by God’s grace our children will receive a world revived, a greener place to grow.

He punahaele ... You are one so favored by the parents. You have been held dear with great affection. You are a child of a chief, and a pretty blossom. Come into my embrace, garland of mine. You are a beautiful baby, pride of my heart. You are a dear little baby right from the
start. You’re so sweet and lovely like a pretty flower. Close to my bosom I’ll hold you, baby mine.

FIRST READING

_Isaiah 43: 1–7_

_Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them._

ONE:  

1But now thus says the LORD,  
   he who created you, O Jacob,  
   he who formed you, O Israel:  
   Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
   I have called you by name, you are mine.  

2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
   and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
   when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
   and the flame shall not consume you.  

3For I am the LORD your God,  
   the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
   I give Egypt as your ransom,  
   Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  

4Because you are precious in my sight,  
   and honored, and I love you,  
   I give people in return for you,  
   nations in exchange for your life.  

5Do not fear, for I am with you;  
   I will bring your offspring from the east,  
   and from the west I will gather you;  

6I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
   and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
   bring my sons from far away  
   and my daughters from the end of the earth—  

7everyone who is called by my name,  
   whom I created for my glory,  
   whom I formed and made."
Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
   ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
   worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
   the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
   the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
   the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
   and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
   the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The 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!"
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
   the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.
O LORD, give strength to your people;
   give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
   praise your God, O Zion,
who has strengthened the bars of your gates
   and has blessed your children within you.
SECOND READING

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

ONE:

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

“Ka Mana‘o ʽIʻo”

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

GOSPEL standing, read responsively


The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

KAHU:

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be
the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying,

**ALL:** "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**KAHU:** Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**KAHU:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim**

**SERMON, Kahu Tim**  
“Jesus > EVERYTHING!!”

**SERMON HYMN 453 standing**  
“Baptized and Set Free”

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM standing**

The litany for the Affirmation of Baptism begins on page 234 in the front of the hymnal.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH standing**

**KAHU:** Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children.

**ALL:** Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our sisters and brothers of every faith community, especially our Jewish, Muslim, and Christian siblings who each call Abraham, father. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** For this world, which you redeemed,

**ALL:** that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another.

**ALL:** Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise, compassionate, and good. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil,

**ALL:** and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism.

**ALL:** Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

**KAHU:** We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ’s death.

**ALL:** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
KAHU: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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 “Larghetto”

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. 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.”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

“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.
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:** 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 SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 581 standing**

“You Are Mine”

All Keiki are invited to dance.

**BENEDICTION AND SENDING,** Kahu Tim

**KAHU:** God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
    the Father,
    the + Son,
    and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Kahu: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, organ

“Postludium”
WORSHIP AHEAD

Sunday, January 17—Epiphany 2

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, The Osorio Family Singers—Jon, Jamaica, Duncan

Sunday, January 24—Epiphany 3

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom Emelio and Sons (Member of Samoan Gospel Heralds)

Sunday, January 31—Epiphany 4

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Do Not Be Afraid”

Today, January 10, 2016

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