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 Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Tonight we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING (A TIME TO BE STILL), Ina

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

During the Gathering please center your thoughts on Makua—God the Creator, Keiki Kane—Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and ‘Uhane Hemolele—the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

GREETING standing

KAHU: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM, Tom

KAHU: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

KAHU: We give you thanks, O God, for the *waters of life*:
ALL: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

KAHU: We give you thanks, O God, for the *waters of this place*:
ALL: for rain, for our aquifer, for water from our tap, for the pristine waters flowing from the mountains to the bays, and for the vast ocean surrounding us.

KAHU: We give you thanks for your *salvation through water*:
ALL: for delivering Noah and his family through the flood, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water, for guiding the sailing vessels that first came to these islands by the stars.

KAHU: We give you thanks for the life of *all the baptized*, and for *all who gather here*:
ALL: for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for those newly baptized, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

KAHU: We give you thanks for life in Christ *through your Holy Spirit*:
ALL: for our entry into Jesus' death through these
waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world. We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

KAHU: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG standing

“Pili Pa’a”

“Pili Pa’a,” printed on page 5, was composed by Joe Camacho as the theme song for the 2008 Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference. Joe, who is a friend of Calvary by the Sea, grew up in the Kapahulu area of O‘ahu, and currently lives in Volcano, on Hawai‘i.

Joe Camacho also composed tonight’s Gospel Acclamation, “Faithful, Faithful Is Our God” (Ka Mana‘o ‘I’o) as the theme song for the 1999 Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference.


Refrain

Pili pa‘a no kāua, me ke aloha a mau loa. We come together in love and hope, to stand as one.

Verses

1. And in our one-ness we are called to be the children of the Lord:

One in our hopes, one in our faith, one in our love.

2. And in our walk we are called to be the servants of the Lord:

To visit the sick, to clothe the poor, to feed the lost.

3. We share this prayer, prayer of thanks to bless this bread and cup of wine

fruit of the vine, grain of the fields, work of our hands.

4. And as we go forth from this place we go as signs of the living God:

Signs of new hope, signs of new life, of a new day!
PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL:** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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  
Acts 4: 32–35

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

**ONE:** 32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.
1 How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:

life forevermore.

SECOND READING 1 John 1: 1—2: 2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

ONE: 1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will
forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

“Ka Mana’o ’I’o”

GOSPEL standing, read responsively

John 20: 19–31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

KAHU: 19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.  25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

**ALL:** "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

**KAHU:** 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."  27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."  28 Thomas answered him,

**ALL:** "My Lord and my God!"

**KAHU:** 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."  30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.  31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

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

**SERMON, Chaplain David**

21st Century FAITH:

“What does your watching look like?”

**SERMON HYMN 390 standing**

“The Risen Christ”

_Nigel Weaver, the writer of this hymn text, was born in London in 1952 and emigrated with his parents to Canada in 1966. He wrote this hymn “during the gathering of the Hymn Society in Toronto in 1993.” Nigel says he wrote the text overnight inspired by a benediction given by Diane Strickland on the Saturday afternoon of_
that Hymn Society meeting. The benediction is a paraphrase of the traditional Celtic prayer:

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH standing “The Apostles’ Creed”

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: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of all creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you speak peace in the presence of fear.

ALL: Give us courage to testify to your grace with our lives. Embolden prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak
your truth to power. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

**KAHU:** Holy God, you create peace in the midst of chaos.

**ALL:** Where storms rage and winds howl, bring calm. Protect people and animals from the dangers of weather. Restore damaged lands and homes. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Holy God, you are peace in a violent world.

**ALL:** Heal neighborhoods ravaged by crime. Reconcile political factions at war. Build relationships where suspicion and mistrust keep us apart, and bring us to the day of unity. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Holy God, you bring peace to a hurting world.

**ALL:** Fill the stomachs of the hungry. Bind up the shattered. Give rest to the weary and hope to the disillusioned. Restore the sick. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Holy God, you breathe your Spirit of peace into us.

**ALL:** Enlivened by the Spirit, equip us to bring new life to all we meet in our work and in our play. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

**KAHU:** Holy God, you are our peace in this world and the next. Comfort all who mourn. Hold them in your tender care. Bring us all around the table as we share the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer,

**ALL:** *Aloha ke Akua.*
KAHU:  We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, 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, Ina  “All Creatures of Our God and King”

DOXOLOGY standing  “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


OFFERING PRAYER standing

KAHU:  Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

All:  Amen.

WE ARE FED

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.

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 in unison

ALL: 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 standing

KAHU: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 815 *standing*  “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*Kathleen Thomerson, born in Tennessee in 1934, regards this hymn as a scriptural meditation and prayer stimulated by a variety of biblical verses mostly related to light.*

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Tom*

KAHU:  May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
       walk with you on the road.
       May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
       stretch out your hands to serve.
       May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
       open your hearts to love.
       May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
       And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

ALL:   Amen.

Kahu:   Almighty God,
       Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
       bless you now and forever.
       Go in peace. Share the good news.

ALL:   Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
Calvary by the Sea welcomes to the pulpit tonight the Rev. David G. Kegler, Chaplain with Pacific Health Ministry serving at Queen’s Medical Center. Chaplain David, a native of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Boston University (B.Mus.) and Andover Newton Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He completed a year’s residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia. Currently, he is continuing his Clinical Pastoral Education with the Pacific Health Ministry, at Queen’s Hospital.
Tonight, April 7, 2018

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