2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015
7:30 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 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. Today 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, *organ*

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

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:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*ALL:* Christ is risen indeed!

*KAHU:* May the love of God,

the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*ALL:* And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

The *Confession and Forgiveness of Sin* begins on page 116 in the front of the hymnal.
The liturgy continues with the Kyrie on page 120 in the front of the hymnal.

The Gloria begins on page 121 in the front of the hymnal.

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.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death
according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

ONE: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 

You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 

But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 

For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. 

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. 

Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 

Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' 

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 133

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 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—

2 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. 

3 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


Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. This 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,

All: "We have seen the Lord."

Kahu: 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.


All: Praise to you, O Christ.
“Can You FEEL Him?”

“We Walk by Faith”
(Sung to Tune AZMON, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

APOSTLES’ CREED 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: Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus give life to all people. Hear us, O God.

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

KAHU: For sun and moon, land and sea, and all living creatures, that the beauty of creation reveal God's good pleasure. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.
KAHU: For the leaders of the world and those who work for peace, that all live together in unity and work for the common good. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For those who doubt, the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and those who are in any need, that advocates be raised up in their midst to provide healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For those who join in community here, and for those who are absent from our gathering, that all proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith, and for the faith they have made possible in our midst: that Christ has destroyed death and brought eternal life. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, 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 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

DOXOLOGY standing “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


OFFERING PRAYER standing

KAHU:  Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, 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.
The Sanctus is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

**SANCTUS standing**

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 standing**

**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, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 646 standing “The Peace of the Lord”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, bless you to be his witnesses.

ALL: Amen.

Kahu: God the Holy Spirit,
who renews the whole earth,  
refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

ALL: Amen.
Kahu: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

GOING FORTH organ

“Lift Up Your Gates”

Today, April 12, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
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WORSHIP and EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, April 19—Easter 3

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Samoan Gospel Heralds (10 am service)