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

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GREETING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
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GATHERING SONG standing

REFRAIN

"Ka Manaʻo ʻIʻo"

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

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

1. In love there is no one more faithful than our God,
   who brings the light into our darkness,
   all living things upon the earth.

2. In quiet moments God whispers tenderly
   the mystery of unending love;
   then wakes us with the morning light.

3. The mercy of our God is ours to share each day,
   to help each other on our way,
   God's faithful people in the world.


CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU:  Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
   the fountain of living water,
   our light and our salvation.

ALL:    Amen.

KAHU:  Let us come into the light,
   the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.
God of grace and glory,

ALL: You have made all things new. Yet we are afraid.
    We cling to the past.
    We hold grudges.
    We harbor anger and fear.
    We refuse to love ourselves or to forgive others.

Make us alive in Christ.
Renew us in grace.
Rescue us from evil.
Restore us to living in your holiness without fearing the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood.
    The light of the risen Christ
    puts to flight all evil deeds,
    washes away sin,
    restores innocence to the fallen,
    casts out hate,
    brings peace,
    and humbles earthly pride.

Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ
our 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

Isaiah 65: 17–25

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

ONE: 17 I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
   they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
   and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain,
   or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
   and their descendants as well.

24 Before they call I will answer,
   while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
   the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
   but the serpent—it’s food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
   on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing


Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

GOSPEL standing, read responsively

Luke 24: 1–12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus’ corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

KAHU: 1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went
in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

ALL: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

KAHU: Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“A NEW PEOPLE!!!”

SERMON HYMN standing

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as his love; All-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

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: On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

A brief silence.

O God of life,

ALL: pour the life of your Son’s resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua. (God is love; love is God.)

KAHU: Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation.
**ALL:** Water the flowers of this season, and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Grant to all nations your life of peace.

**ALL:** Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Visit the needy with your compassionate life.

**ALL:** Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit.

**ALL:** Reveal in our community the signs of Christ’s resurrection. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** O God of life,

**ALL:** we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

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**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, piano**

“O Mighty God”

**DOXOLOGY standing**

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.*
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. 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 God 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 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 the altar area. 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. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN standing “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; Let ev’ry heart prepare him room and heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

**BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim**

Kahu: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Kahu: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**Today, March 27, 2016**

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