



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Blessing of God’s Grace with Aloha”

5339 Kalaniana’ole Hwy. • Honolulu, HI 96821 • 808.377.5477 • www.CalvarybytheSea.org

Saturday Sunset Worship **2nd Saturday after Epiphany**

January 13, 2018

6:30 pm

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

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

GATHERING, *Ina*

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, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Come! God welcomes you here, now, today!

ALL: **We come with all our joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and burdens.**

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God

who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,

ALL: turn us around, and give us a fresh start:

We have ignored you and followed our own ways.

**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly;
or not spoken or acted at all.**

**Forgive us for we have hurt those closest to us;
and those we have yet to know.**

**Forgive us for we have thought less of ourselves than we ought;
or more about ourselves than others.**

**Give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your
children. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Even when we have done wrong, God re-creates us.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

*Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.*

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 744 *standing*

“Lord, Be Glorified”

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Thanks be to you, Lord Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father 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

1 Samuel 3: 1–10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

ONE: ¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did

not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

PSALM *read responsively*

Psalm 139: 1–6, 13–18

¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my | rising up;

you discern my thoughts | from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places

and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,

but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,

and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;

it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;

you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;

your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,

while I was being made in secret

and woven in the depths | of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written | in your book;

my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!

How great is the | sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6: 12–20

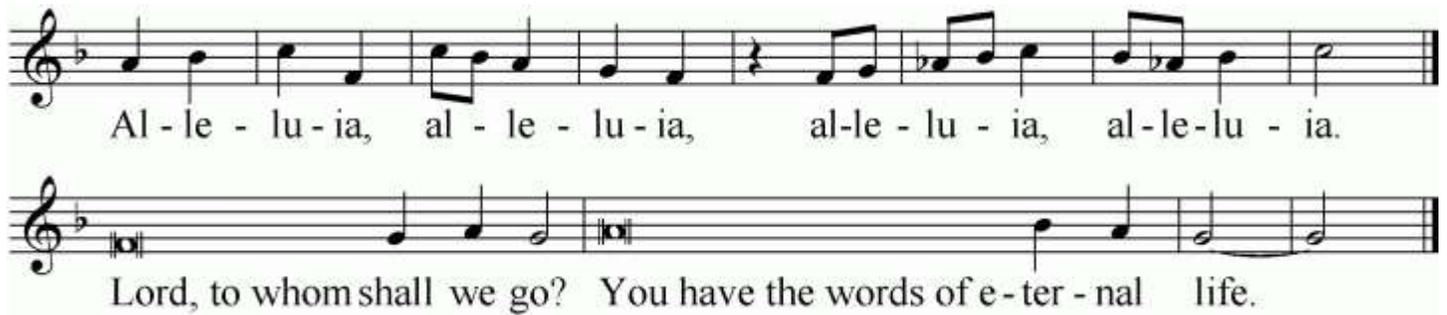
Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

ONE: ¹²All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

¹³Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



The Gospel Acclamation was composed by Marty Haugen specifically for the ELCA Worship Book (the cranberry hymnal). Haugen said the requirement was to compose a setting of the text to be sung by the congregation with organ, piano, or instrumental accompaniment.

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 1: 43–51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

KAHU: ⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him,

ALL: "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

KAHU: ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him,

ALL: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

KAHU: Philip said to him,

ALL: "Come and see."

KAHU: ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him,

ALL: "Where did you get to know me?"

KAHU: Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied,

ALL: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

KAHU: ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

"LORD, you have searched me out..."

SERMON HYMN 798 *standing*

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland, composed this hymn for a farewell ceremony in which young persons from this community gave a year or two of their lives living in impoverished parts of Scotland and working out their discipleship "in hard places." This hymn was composed for one such occasion.

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: *Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world,

ALL: **and for all called to its various ministries, that the Holy Spirit invite us and others to "come and see." Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.** (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: *For the well-being of creation,*

ALL: **for plants and reefs that provide nourishment and protection, for animals that tend their young, that your goodness will be revealed through all creation. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *For the nations and all in authority,*

ALL: **for advocates, for those who work for racial justice, and for our community, that all people may thrive together in harmony and order. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *For all who are oppressed;*

ALL: **for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for caregivers and families; for those who grieve and cannot sleep, that comfort will come to those in any distress. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *For travelers and those unable to attend worship today,*

ALL: **for members of our community celebrating special events, and for those who request prayers, Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for those who followed Christ and now rest from their labors, especially Martin Luther King Jr., commemorated this week,

ALL: that their witness provide a model of prophetic leadership and tireless justice-making. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: *Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

DOXOLOGY *standing*

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.
Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i pū. Kō kēia ao kō kēlā ao. Amene.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring,
*our selves,
our time,
and our possessions.*

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 *(contemporary)*

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: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING SONG 574 *standing*

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel L. Schutte, a Jesuit priest from Wisconsin, wrote this hymn for a diaconal ordination in 1979 at Oakland Cathedral. In 1999 he moved to the University of San Francisco where he is the composer in residence.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

