4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 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 glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God’s glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“‘Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten,’” III

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 everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
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,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
justice and joy, yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

3. For young and old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
a busker, a busked, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind set of mercy,

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.
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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, Calvary Choir “Do Not Be Afraid”

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I’ll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1: 4–10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's
task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

ONE: 

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak,  
for I am only a boy."  
7 But the LORD said to me,  
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
8 Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD."

9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

PSALM sung responsively Psalm 71: 1–6

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.  
6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; 
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; 
my praise shall be all ways of you.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13: 1–13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

ONE:  
1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.  
2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.  
3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.  
4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.  
5 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.  
9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.  
10 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.  
12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.  
13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing  “Ka Manaʻo ʻIʻo”
People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

KAHU: 21 Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said,

ALL: "Is not this Joseph's son?"

KAHU: 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through
the midst of them and went on his way.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

SERMON, Kahu Tim “Truth Hurts!!”

SERMON HYMN 644 standing “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”

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: Gathered as children of the same Lord, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.
Make your church a prophetic voice for the voiceless.

**ALL:** Let us be a bold witness of love to our neighbors, and a force for hope in all the world. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.* (God is love; love is God)

**KAHU:** Guard all creatures that fly, swim, creep, and walk upon the earth.

**ALL:** Defend and preserve threatened lands and waters, habitats, estuaries, and nesting grounds, reefs and sanctuaries. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Stir leaders of all nations to compassion and righteous anger in the face of injustice.

**ALL:** Lead them to rejoice in the truth that all people are beloved children of the Most High. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Grant patience, endurance, healing, and hope to all those in any need.

**ALL:** Give strength to those living with addictions and comfort to those who have lost jobs, homes, health, and hope. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Guide the ministries of this congregation.

**ALL:** Free us from embracing the world’s standards of success. Give us patience, kindness, and a new vision of love in service to others. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

**KAHU:** We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises.

**ALL:** Strengthen us in faith, hope, and love until we join the saints in light. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**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.
“Ke Aloha,” composed by Lei Collins and Maddy Lam, is a love song inviting a beloved to a romantic evening together.

Doxology standing

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

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.

ALL: Amen.

We Are Fed

Great Thanksgiving standing

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
SANCTUS standing

The Sanctus is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

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 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 ʻoe iā mākou i ka ho‘owalewale ʻia mai.
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: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 543 standing “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

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

“Sei gegrüsset, Jesu guetig”
Today, January 31, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
MUSIC: Calvary Choir
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls
HULA: Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola—Linda Hansen, Kaui Lucas, Heather Manning, Lurana O’Malley, Cindy Shyne, Ginny Travis; Kumu Hula, Liko Cooke
ALTAR CARE, READERS, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tribe Three
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day


WORSHIP AHEAD

Sunday, February 7—Transfiguration
Commissioning of Stephen Ministers (both services)
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Ave Verum” (Elgar)

Wednesday, February 10—Ash Wednesday
7 pm, Service of Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Voices of Aloha—Guest Choir
Mark Yasuhara, director