1st Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017
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

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

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.

KYRIE standing, singing

Ky-ri-e elei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e elei-son, ev'ry day.
For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.  *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.  *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.  *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our soul with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.  *Refrain*

**CONFESSION OF SIN,  *Kahu Tim***

**KAHU:**  In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:**  Amen.

**KAHU:**  God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:**  Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**ALL:**  forgive us.
Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

Silence.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON standing

KAHU: People of God, look to the + Son,
given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.
Take hold of life—eternal life!

ALL: Amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL:** Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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 Genesis 2: 15–17; 3: 1–7

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent’s promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

**ONE:** 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the
garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**PSALM sung responsively**

Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

7 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
9 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

10 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

Romans 5: 12–19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

ONE: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

KAHU: 1Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3The tempter came and said to him,

ALL: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

KAHU: 4But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6saying to him,

ALL: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning
you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

**KAHU:** 7Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9and he said to him,

**ALL:** "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

**KAHU:** 10Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

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

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

**SERMON, Kahu Tim**

"THERE IS NO ‘IF’!!"

**SERMON HYMN standing**

"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"
(Sung to tune EBENEZER)

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your pow’r,” the tempter tells Him; “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:
“Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.”

Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:
“Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:
“God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!”

When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

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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:  Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, lead your church on earth to do your will and strive for your kingdom. Teach us your ways and increase our understanding. Hear us, O God.

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

KAHU:  Show us how to care for your creation and to treasure the fruits of your creating. Guide our actions and increase our commitment. Hear us, O God.
ALL:  *Aloha ke Akua.*  
KAHU:  Give knowledge and wisdom to all leaders throughout your world. Turn hardened hearts of stone toward your nourishing word and let the powerful become providers of daily bread. Hear us, O God.

ALL:  *Aloha ke Akua.*
KAHU:  Rush to the aid of your people in times of distress. Send your peace and healing to those in need. Hear us, O God.

ALL:  *Aloha ke Akua.*
KAHU:  Guide those preparing for baptism, sponsors, and this whole assembly toward living into the promises made in baptism. Lead us to scripture, the holy supper, and toward your will for all creation. Hear us, O God.

ALL:  *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

KAHU:  Accompany us on our Lenten journeys and inspire us by the witness of the saints who walked faithfully with you. Hear us, O God.

ALL:  *Aloha ke Akua.*
KAHU:  Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; 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.

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, Ina**

“Just As I Am”

**DOXOLOGY standing**

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


OFFERING PRAYER

KAHU: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

“Lamb of God”
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.

SANCTUS standing

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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-
est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-
est.
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.”

Again, 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 (traditional)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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 seated

Kahu: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN standing  “Choose to Hope”

Hope is born when we choose to believe that love is stronger than hatred;
Hope will grow when we choose to believe that we are sisters and brothers;
Hope will shine when we choose to believe a little child will lead us;

Love is born when our hearts learn to see that every person is sacred.
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the life we share with each other.
Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that God is dwelling within us.

In the times of darkness, in times of fear,
choose to hope, choose to love, and know that God is near.

Marty Haugen composed this Advent 2016 song-hymn for his home church, The Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, MN. He is sharing this song with the world as an advent gift.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, organ

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Today, March 5, 2017

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Every Wednesday in Lent—Midweek Lenten Service
(March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5)

6 pm, Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary
6:30 pm, Soup Supper in Hale Aloha