3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015
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!
The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. Today at Calvary, in a very “hands-on” way, we explore what it means to confess and to be forgiven.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, Choir

“Wilt Thou Forgive?”

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by man begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, which I did shun
A year or two but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
I have a sin of fear that when I’ve spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But sware by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now and heretofore.
And having done, then thou hast done. I fear no more.

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.

EXPLANATION OF SERVICE and GREETING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

KYRIE standing (The congregation responds singing “Lord have mercy.”)
PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 20: 1–17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is
worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

ONE: Then God spoke all these words:

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1I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

4You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13You shall not murder.

14You shall not commit adultery.

15You shall not steal.

16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

KAHU:  

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves,
All: "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

Kahu: 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them,

All: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Kahu: 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.


ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“Clean our hearts, O God!!”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH and CONFESSION OF SIN standing

KAHU: Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for church leaders everywhere, that they be guided by your Spirit, preach the gospel faithfully, and lead a broken world into reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for your creation everywhere: for the waters that nourish life, for vegetation that fills the earth, and for fish and animals of every shape and species. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for missionaries everywhere, that they encounter the face
of Christ and see your hand at work as they venture into new places and meet new people. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for hurting people everywhere, that they receive hope and healing. Be with those looking for work, battling addiction, mourning the loss of someone they love, or experiencing illness. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for this worshiping community. Make us faithful companions to those preparing for baptism, marriage, or participation in holy communion, and prepare us to welcome newcomers in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

*a time of open (popcorn) prayer requests.*

**KAHU:** We have remembered the church, those in need and all of your creation, O God. Now, we ask you to hear our confession, and our own personal petitions.

**ALL:** Gracious God,

We do not always love you, and we do not always love our neighbors.

We place our own convenience ahead of your call to service, and satisfy our own desires before following you.

We allow our prejudices and anger to control our behavior and our decision making.

We confuse our actions with your will for creation.

In our arrogance, we confess you as the God of our lives, when in reality, we are our own gods.

Forgive us for all the ways we have denied you. But there is more, gracious God.
We have burdens that consume us and blind us to your goodness.
We harbor ill-will, and project it on to others.
We cling to all those things keeping us from a life of joy in your presence and your grace.

O gracious God, help us to let go of all the rubbish in our lives and to grab on to your goodness, grace, and mercy. Amen.

You are invited to write down your sin and your burdens, and nail them to the cross. Then you are invited to assemble on the ocean-side where Kahu Tim will take the confessions and burn them. Following their destruction the service continues in the Sanctuary with the Assurance of Pardon.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON standing

KAHU: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins.
Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

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, *Calvary Choir*  “Father, Forgive Them”

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
My God, O these are your children, in love, were filled with your breath.
In sin, they’re lost and broken. Free their souls from death.
Father, forgive them.

(This musical selection is taken from Bruce Kau’s much larger composition, “Words of Grace.” The cantata will be presented in its entirety on Good Friday, 7 pm, in the Calvary sanctuary.)

DOXOLOGY *standing*  “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

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


OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

**KAHU:** God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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.

SANCTUS standing

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

ALL: 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 in unison

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** seated

_KAHU:_ Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

_ALL:_ Amen.

**WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 803 standing** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim**

_KAHU:_ The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

_ALL:_ Amen.

_KAHU:_ Go in peace. Remember the poor.

_ALL:_ Thanks be to God.
GOING FORTH, *organ*  

“Amazing Grace”
Today, March 8, 2015

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

READER, USHERS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, ALTAR CARE: Tribe Five

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday in Lent—Midweek Lenten Service
(February 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25)
6 pm, Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary
6:30 pm, Soup Supper in Hale Aloha

Sunday, March 15—Lent 4
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “God So Loved the World” (Stainer)
Performing Arts @ Calvary

Sunday, March 22—Lent 5
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Come to Me, Precious Child”
Deanna Thornhill and Dancers, “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29—Passion Sunday
Ti leaf Processional and Braiding
First Communion
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Albert Lea (MN) High School Choir
Thursday, April 2, 7 pm—Maundy Thursday
Foot-washing, Holy Communion, Stripping of Altar
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “What Have We Done?”

Friday, April 3, 7 pm—Good Friday
“Words of Grace,” a Cantata by Bruce Kau
The Calvary Choir

Sunday, April 5—Easter Morn
6 am—Ocean-side Sunrise Service, Holy Communion
Preaching, Kahu Tim

7:30 am—Sung Liturgy, Holy Communion
Preaching, Kahu Tim

10:00 am—Calvary Worship
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “The Awakening”
“Since by Man Came Death”
“Hallelujah Chorus”

Sunday, April 12—Easter 1
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Na Leo Kamaliʻi (10 am)

Sunday, April 19—Easter 2
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Samoan Gospel Heralds (10 am)