4th Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016
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

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

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: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
GATHERING SONG standing

“Turn My Heart, O God”

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[Music notation]

"Turn my heart, O God, Turn my heart, O God.
Take my pain and brokenness. Shape my life for you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

VERSE RESPONSE (3 times)

[Music notation]

Come and turn my heart, O God.

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CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess who we are, and come home to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: You call us your children, but our hearts are not at rest.
We live for ourselves.
We long for what is not ours.
We are careless with the fruits of creation.
We squander your gifts of love and grace.
   We look but do not see.
   We hear but do not understand.
   We reach out but do not grasp.
   We see our neighbors in need, but do not help.
Forgive us.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us life anew.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON standing
KAHU: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.
ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing
ALL: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

ONE: 9 The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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 2 Corinthians 5: 16–21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

ONE: 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of
view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

“Turn My Heart, O God”

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GOSPEL standing, read responsively


Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father’s love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father’s home.

KAHU: Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to
listen to [Jesus.] 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,

**ALL:** "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

**KAHU:** So he told them this parable: 11b There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father,

**ALL:** 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.'

**KAHU:** So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said,

**ALL:** 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." '

**KAHU:** So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him,

**ALL:** 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

**KAHU:** But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. 25 Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied,
'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father,

'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Serenity, Kahu Tim

“Prodigal GRACE!!”

Serenity Hymn 608 standing

“Softly and Tenderly
Jesus Is Calling”

Apostles’ Creed standing

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: Hearing the call to come home to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

For campus ministries, we give you thanks, eternal Lord.

ALL: Equip the students, staff, and ministers to share your steadfast love with their university community and all whom they meet. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: For polluted oceans and rivers, we seek your healing, creative Lord.

ALL: Restore the homes of manatees, monk seals, and sea turtles. Teach us to love the earth as you do. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For conflicts between political parties, we ask for your discernment and wisdom, merciful Lord.

ALL: Enable citizens and elected officials to listen to one another and to work together for your justice. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For the unemployed, the working poor, the homeless and all who struggle to make ends meet, we pray for your provision, gracious Lord.

ALL: Break down systems that shame, and hold all in the truth that all of us are your children. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For all who engage in the disciplines of Lent, we seek your strength and grace, loving Lord.
ALL: Even as we rest in your mercy, create a new heart within us. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: For all the saints, sinners of your own redeeming, we praise your name, faithful Lord.
ALL: Grant that we continue to grow as your people by their teaching and example. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.
KAHU: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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, organ “Voluntary”

DOXOLOGY standing “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS standing

The Sanctus and Words of Institution are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”
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: O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen
embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,
ready to see our work as prayer,
ready to fast from complacency,
and ready to share with those in need;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

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**WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 732 standing**

“Borning Cry”

**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**

“Voluntary”
Today, March 6, 2016

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**PSALMIST:** Manning Richards

**READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE:** Tribe Four—Janet Pick, Garret Pick, Mike May

**WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT:** Erin Day

LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday in Lent—Midweek Lenten Service
(February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16)

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

Saturday, March 12—Lent 4

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom and Friends

Sunday, March 13—Lent 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Marty Haugen

Saturday, March 19—Lent 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Ina Young

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 20—Passion Sunday

Ti leaf Processional and Braiding

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Mark Hayes and Calvary Choir