

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Saturday Sunset Worship

5th Saturday in Lent

March 17, 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

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Tom*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: In the name of the Creator, and of the + Redeemer, and of the Comforter.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: we do not pursue justice, love kindness, nor walk humbly with you. Instead, we build bank accounts, insulate ourselves from others, and chase our own desires. We deliberately confuse the world's standard of success with your will for our lives.

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts and give us grace to live generously and lovingly as your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

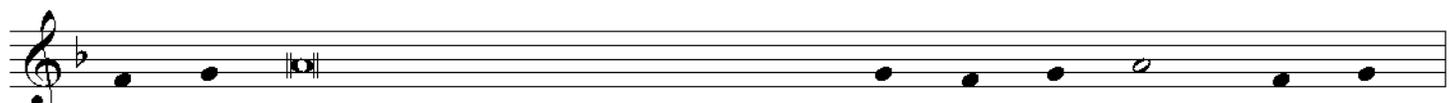
KAHU: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

KYRIE *Kahu Tim and Assembly, standing*



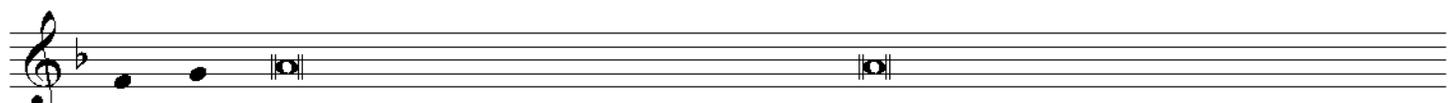
In— peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord have— mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

Jeremiah 31: 31–34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

ONE: ³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM *read responsively*

Psalm 51: 1–12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your [|] steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out [|] my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through [|] from my wickedness,
and cleanse me [|] from my sin.**

³For I know [|] my offenses,
and my sin is ev- [|] er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil [|] in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right [|] in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born [|] steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my [|] mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth [|] deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom [|] deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,**
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation**
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5: 5–10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

ONE: ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";
⁶as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Where Your Treasure Is”



Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free.

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Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

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GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 12: 20–33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

KAHU: ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,

ALL: "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

KAHU: ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said,

ALL: "An angel has spoken to him."

KAHU: ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“Let it *DIE* so you can *LIVE!*”

SERMON HYMN 759 *standing*

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Ray Palmer (1808-1887), born in Rhode Island, the son of a judge, wrote this hymn in 1830, just after graduating from Yale. He wrote this hymn while teaching in a private girls' school in New York City. It was published in 1832. Palmer had no intention that it would be a public hymn.

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: *Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

A brief silence.

We pray for the church.

ALL: **Guide us into a deeper knowledge of your love and grace. Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and service. We pray for evangelists, pastors, prophets, teachers, deacons, and all servants of the church. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for the world.*

ALL: **For seeds planted in hope of an abundant harvest. For fertile soils and sufficient rains. For waters free from runoffs. For shepherds and ranchers, farmworkers and seafood harvesters. For flowers and berries. For orchards, reefs, vineyards, and citrus groves. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for the nations.*

ALL: **For countries embroiled in long-term conflicts, and for communities scarred by dissension, economic injustice, political unrest and upheaval. Grant wisdom to the world's decision makers. Guide them to work for equality, peace and the well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for those in need.*

ALL: **For all who suffer in any way. For those who are lonely or isolated. For those seeking employment. For those who approach the hour of their death, and all who are ill. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for this assembly.*

ALL: For those preparing for baptism. For visitors, newcomers, for those departing, and those who are returning after an extended absence. Deepen us in faith. Fill us with hope, and draw us all into your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: *With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, especially those who have been witnesses and examples to us. Bring us with them to the promise of resurrection and life eternal with you.*

ALL: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, 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, *Tom* “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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 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. **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: 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. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING SONG 324 *standing*

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

John Bowring (1792-1872), was born in Exeter, England, and was a linguist who claimed to be able to read two hundred languages and to speak one hundred. This hymn was first published in 1825 and has had widespread use among trinitarian Christians although Bowring was a Unitarian.

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!