Saturday Evening in Lent

(Passion Sunday)

March 19, 2016
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

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah’s words. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus’ passion. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

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.

GREETING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
KAHU: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
ALL: Hosanna in the highest!
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KAHU: Why have you come today?
ALL: We have come to welcome the Messiah!
KAHU: What have you brought?
ALL: We have brought our hearts, our voices, our ti leaves, and our praise—Hosanna in the highest!
KAHU: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was
proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these ti leaves and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL, read responsively**

_KAHU:_ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,  

"Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.  

If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"  

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."  

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.  

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.  

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,  

_saying, _

_ALL:_ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

_KAHU:_ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."  

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**TI LEAF PROCESSIONAL**

During the singing of the Gathering Song please follow Kahu Tim. Go to the cross, and there place your ti leaves. A lei will be braided from the leaves to adorn the cross on Resurrection Morning.
GATHERING SONG standing

“Ka Mana‘o ʻIʻo”
(Faithful, Faithful Is Our God)

REFRAIN

Ka ma-na-ʻo-ʻi-ʻo, o ko kā-kou A-kū-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.

VERSE

1. In love there is no one more faith-ful than our God,
   who brings the light in - to our dark - ness,
   the God who shares the breath of life in you and me,
   all liv - ing things upon the earth.

2. In quiet mo - ments God whispers ten - der - ly
   the mys - tery of un - end - ing love;
   to help each oth - er on our way,
   then wakes us with the morn - ing light.

3. The mer - cy of our God is ours to share each day,
   to be God’s hands and heart, God’s ten - der - ness and care,
   God’s faith - ful peo - ple in the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY, *Kahu Tim*

**ALL:** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through 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 *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

**KAHU:** Peace be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING  

Isaiah 50: 4–9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

**ONE:** The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing  “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

GOSPEL seated, read responsively  Luke 23: 1–49

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

KAHU: 1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

ALL: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

KAHU: 3 Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." 5 But
they were insistent and said,

**ALL:** "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

**KAHU:** 6When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. 9He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. 12That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

13Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, 14and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

18Then they all shouted out together,

**ALL:** "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

**KAHU:** 19(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) 20Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; 21but they kept shouting,

**ALL:** "Crucify, crucify him!"

**KAHU:** 22A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." 23But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. 24So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. 25He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

26As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene,
who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. 28 But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us;' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**ALL:** "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

**KAHU:** 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion saw
what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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

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

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**Sermon, Kahu Tim**

"What Has He Done?!"

**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.

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**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.

Be with all who wave ti leaves and palm branches, and walk the
road to the cross.

**ALL:** For the mission of the gospel where your church is forgotten, for disciples wrestling with betrayal, for all who seek the Lord, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua* (*God is love; love is God*).

**KAHU:** Renew the waters of the earth and restore us to right relationship with all creation.

**ALL:** For villages without access to clean water, for cities with an abundance, for flood lands and drought lands, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** End human trafficking in every nation.

**ALL:** For children taken from their families, for men and women without hope, for governments and nonprofits seeking resolutions, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Comfort the afflicted.

**ALL:** For those imprisoned, for those waiting on death row, for all overwhelmed by sorrow, and for all who live with disease, chronic pain, and anxiety in this world, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Enrich the children and youth of our congregation with an abundance of your Spirit.

**ALL:** For each child in our community, for parents and guardians, for confirmation students and parents, and faith formation leaders, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Bless those who give of themselves.

**ALL:** For Anke Flohr who is being installed as the Executive Director of Pacific Health Ministries, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

**KAHU:** Sustain the weary.

**ALL:** For all who mourn, for all who yearn to be with you in
paradise, for funeral home staff, for hospital chaplains, grief counselors, and for Hospice, let us pray: *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.

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*Anyone desiring individual prayer and intercessions please contact Kahu Tim or members of the Stephen Ministry team at the conclusion of the worship service.*

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**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, organ** “Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

**DOXOLOGY standing** “Hoʻonani i ka Makua Mau”


_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:** 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.

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**WE ARE FED**

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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 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.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 338 standing  “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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.
Tonight, March 19, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGAN AND PIANO: Ina Young
SOLOIST AND INSTRUMENTALIST: Amie Lawyer
READER, USHERS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, ALTAR CARE: Tribe Four
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, March 24, 7 pm—Maundy Thursday
Foot-washing, Holy Communion, Stripping of Altar
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Myn Lyking,” “What Have We Done?”

Friday, March 25, 7 pm—Good Friday
“Words of Grace,” a Cantata by Bruce Kau
The Calvary Choir

Saturday, March 26, 6:30 pm—Holy Saturday
The First Resurrection Service

Sunday, March 27—Easter Morn
6 am—Ocean-side Sunrise Service
and Holy Communion
Preaching, Kahu Tim

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

10:00 am—Calvary Worship and Holy Communion
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Hallelujah, Amen,”
“Everything Beautiful”