



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **Saturday Evening in Lent**

*(Passion Sunday)*

March 24, 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

Tonight's liturgy begins with Calvary's traditional ti-leaf procession, a Hawaiian acknowledgment of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death according to Mark, even while the ti-leaves are braided into a lei to adorn the cross on Good Friday and Easter Morn. Tonight, we gather to remember Jesus' offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

## GATHERING, *Tom*

“You Are Holy”

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.

## 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!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

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*

Mark 11: 1–11

KAHU: <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them,

**ALL: "What are you doing, untying the colt?"**

KAHU: <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

<sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the

fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**ALL: "Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor  
David!**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

**KAHU:** <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## **GATHERING HYMN 525 *and***

**"You Are Holy"**

**TI-LEAF PROCESSIONAL, *standing***

**(repeat the hymn as needed)**

During the processional 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.

## **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 *and* SHARING OF ALOHA *standing***

**KAHU:** May God's aloha be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

# WE HEAR THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4–9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

ONE:      <sup>4</sup>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.  
            <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
            and I was not rebellious,  
            I did not turn backward.  
            <sup>6</sup>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.  
            <sup>7</sup>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;  
            <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
            Who will contend with me?  
            Let us stand up together.  
            Who are my adversaries?  
            Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**PSALM** *read responsively*

Psalm 31: 9–16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I <sup>|</sup> am in trouble;  
**my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat <sup>|</sup> and my belly.**

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>|</sup> years with sighing;  
**my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones <sup>|</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to <sup>|</sup> my acquaintances;  
**when they see me in the street <sup>|</sup> they avoid me.**

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>|</sup> out of mind;  
**I am as useless as a <sup>|</sup> broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>|</sup> all around;  
**they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to <sup>|</sup> take my life.**

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD.  
**I have said, "You <sup>|</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>|</sup> in your hand;  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who <sup>|</sup> persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- <sup>|</sup> on your servant;  
**save me in your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love."**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2: 5–11

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our*

own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

ONE: <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Where Your Treasure Is”

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you pos-sess 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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains 12 measures of music. The second staff begins with a measure rest for 7 measures, then continues with 12 measures of music, including a change to 2/4 time for two measures before returning to 4/4 time.

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*The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.*

KAHU: <sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him,

**ALL: "Are you the King of the Jews?"**

KAHU: He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again,

**ALL: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."**

KAHU: <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them,

**ALL: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"**

KAHU: <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again,

**ALL: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"**

KAHU: <sup>13</sup>They shouted back,

**ALL: "Crucify him!"**

KAHU: <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them,

**ALL: "Why, what evil has he done?"**

KAHU: But they shouted all the more,

**ALL: "Crucify him!"**

KAHU: <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the

whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him,

**ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

KAHU: <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

<sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**ALL: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

KAHU: <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**ALL: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."**

KAHU: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**ALL: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."**

KAHU: <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**ALL: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."**

KAHU: <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

<sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

**ALL: "Truly this man was God's Son!"**

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON, *Kahu Tim***

**“Glory IS the Cross”**

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

*A brief silence.*

*Hosanna, Son of David! We pray for the church.*

**ALL:** Bless all who call upon your name. Unite your church in bearing witness to the gospel. Pour your love into our hearts, and inspire us to pour out our lives in service to your world, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

**KAHU:** *Hosanna, Son of David! We pray for the world.*

**ALL:** For palm trees and figs. For trees with leafy branches. For olive groves and gardens. For mountains and hillsides, valleys and canyons. For places threatened by lava, rising sea levels or depleted water sources, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** *Hosanna, Son of David! We pray for the nations.*

**ALL:** For peace among all, especially those who honor Jerusalem as holy ground. For all who hold positions of authority and power. For all who suffer oppression, and for those who serve in the armed forces, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David! We pray for those in need.*

**ALL:** For those who have suffered betrayal. For those who live in poverty. For those who have no voice or power. For the forsaken and forgotten. For those who are in crisis, and for those who are ill, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David! We pray for this assembly.*

**ALL:** For those who wave ti leaves and walk the road to the cross. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation. For tribes, musicians, altar guilds, ushers, and all who lead us in worship. For ANC and for those who serve our community through food pantries, homeless shelters, and clothing banks, let us pray: *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David! With thanksgiving, we remember all who like Mary, the mother of Jesus, have been obedient to your will and all who have died in faith. Bring us with them into your glory, to dwell with you in life eternal, let us pray:*

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: *Hosanna, Son of David! 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*

“Were You There?”

## **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.

**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.**

**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** *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 353** *standing*

“Were You There”

## **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!**

