Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 2015
7:30 am and 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!
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. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Mark’s account of the passion today. In today’s services we are also blessed by the music of the Albert Lea (MN) High School Choir, directed by Diane Heaney.

**SOUNDING OF THE PŪ**

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

**GATHERING, Albert Lea (MN) High School Choir**

“Pilgrims’ Hymn”

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

**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:  Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
ALL:   Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL, read responsively  Mark 11: 1–11

KAHU:  1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples 2and 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. 3If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them,

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

KAHU:  6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

ALL:  "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

KAHU:  11Then 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.

BLESSING OF THE TI LEAVES, Kahu Tim

KAHU:  The Lord be with you.
ALL:   And also with you.
KAHU:  Let us pray:
ALL:   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, Albert Lea Choir

“Ride On King Jesus”

During the processional please follow Kahu Tim. Go to the cross, and their place your ti leaves. A lei will be braided from the leaves to adorn the cross on Resurrection Morning.

Ride on King Jesus, no man can a-hinder thee.
In that greatness of morning fair thee well, fair thee well.

PRAYER OF THE DAY, Kahu Tim

ALL: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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: Peace 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: 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Standing

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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: 15:1 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. 2 Pilate asked him,

All: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Kahu: He answered him,

Jesus: "You say so."

Kahu: 3 Then the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 Pilate asked him again,

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

Kahu: 5 But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

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

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

Kahu: 10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12 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: 13 They shouted back,

All: "Crucify him!"

Kahu: 14 Pilate asked them,

All: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Kahu: But they shouted all the more,

All: "Crucify him!"

Kahu: 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

KAHU: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 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.

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. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

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, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

KAHU: 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. 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.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

KAHU: which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

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

KAHU: 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: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 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!"

KAHU: 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. 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.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 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.

Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 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. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.


ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“A KING on a COLT?!”
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  

**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  

**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 the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses,
hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for this assembly as it enters this holy week. Sustain our pastor, musicians, staff, volunteers, and all those who will prepare for and lead worship this week, and bring us all to the joy of Easter. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

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

_Blessing of Haley Damm, PAC Director_

**KAHU:** We give thanks for the blessed saints who showed us how to live and taught us how to die. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your 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, Albert Lea Choir**

_“Locus Iste”_

_This place was made by God,_
_A priceless mystery;_
_It is without reproof._

**DOXOLOGY standing**

_“Ho‘onani 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.

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 is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”
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**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.
We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
Who by thy Holy Cross hast redeemed the world.
He who suffered death for us, O Lord,
O Lord, have mercy on us.

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 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.

**GOING FORTH,**  *Albert Lea Choir*  

“Lord of the Dance”

*I danced in the morning when the world was young,*  
*I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,*  
*I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,*  
*At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, dance, whenever you may be,*  
*I am the lord of the dance, said he.*  
*And I lead you all, wherever you may be,*  
*And I lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribes and the Pharisees...*  
*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame...*  
*I danced on a Friday when the world turned black...*  
*They cut me down and I leapt up high...*
Today, March 29, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
MUSIC: Albert Lea (MN) High School Choir, Diane Heaney, director
READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Five—7:30 am, Linda Hansen, Catherine Nurmi, Linda Cluney, Bruce and Matthew Kau, Bonnie Lum, Nancy Furuta, Sheri Kaiser-Botsai, Kelly Holden; 10:00 am, Linda Hansen, Kaui Lucas, Sheila Sanders, Jeanie Evans, Naomi Kau Lili Harris, Kevin Nakaue, Sharon Young-Nakaue, Susan and Frank Gruetzmacher
LEI WEAVERS: Members and Friends of Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day
HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, April 2, 7 pm—Maundy Thursday
Foot-washing, Holy Communion, Stripping of Altar

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “What Have We Done?” “Teach Me, O Lord”

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 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, “Wana Baraka,”
“Since by Man Came Death,”
“Hallelujah Chorus”
Hula, Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola, “Ua Mau”