



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

7:00 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

The scripture lessons assigned for today make clear that God turns disasters and mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. So also does "*A Play in a Manger*," the Christmas musical play presented by the *Performing Arts @ Calvary* as the sermon. We gather and celebrate our children as they call us to worship and lead us in a foretaste of God's party.

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: Tear open the heavens, and come down.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KAHU: The grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who shapes the whole creation,

who comes with might and mercy,
who fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Creator God,

ALL: forgive us for we deny our humanity and act as our own gods.

We advance ourselves at the expense of others.

We elevate personal desires to universal importance.

We put ourselves above your command to love and serve.

Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay.

**Remake us into your people. Rebuild what sin has broken,
that we and the whole creation may rejoice living in your
peace. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news:

You are free from all that imprisons you;

your sins are forgiven;

God heals your broken hearts.

Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and
open our ears to the words of your prophets, that,
anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives**

**and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

GREETING OF GUESTS *and* SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 3

ALL SINGING:

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, O come, O Lord of might,
As to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

ONE: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness.

ALL: **Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Ka Mana‘o ‘I‘o”



Ka ma-na-‘o-‘i-‘o, o ko kā-kou A-ku - a, Faith - ful, faith-ful is our God.



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GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 1: 6–8, 19–28

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

KAHU: ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed,

ALL: **"I am not the Messiah."**

KAHU: ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said,

ALL: "I am not."

KAHU: "Are you the prophet?" He answered,

ALL: "No."

KAHU: ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

ALL: "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

KAHU: as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them,

ALL: "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."

KAHU: ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON IN DRAMA, MUSIC and DANCE,

Performing Arts @ Calvary, Haley Damm, director

"A Play in a Manger"

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The town is preparing their annual Christmas Extravaganza—but this year it's going to be bigger and better than ever, a real over-the-top display. The excitement is off the chart as the writer and director and legend-in-his-own-mind, Cecil V. DeVille, calls for pyro-technics, skydiving angels, dancing camels, and more. It's obvious that this year's production will be the greatest ever! But when catastrophe and calamity send those grand plans up in smoke, their epic production becomes an epic fail. Visions of grandeur are replaced with the beauty and power of the simple truth of Jesus' birth: The

Son of God, born to humble parents, lying in a simple manger, come to redeem.

Cast

Danielle Molina Pherigo- *Mayor Flume*
Grace Fetterman- *Mary*
Henry Lee- *Ben/Joseph*
Izabella Sylvester- *Wiseman*
Jaqueline Yi- *Wiseman*
Katelyn Amine- *Christine Glib*
Kimi Yokoyama- *Councilwoman Briggs*
Kylie Amine- *Angel*
Maile Hennington- *Wiseman*
Me'lania Ali Heron- *Stormie Skye*
Megan Adelberger- *Pyro*
Mily'anna Collins- *Biff Slick*
Paige Adelberger- *Taylor*
Seth Okumura- *Cecil V. Deville*
Tia Oppegaard- *Shepherd*
Tyler Siu- *Bailey*

Congregation Sings (when cued)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Let us pray that the people of God prepare the way of the Lord by bearing witness to the light and giving thanks in all circumstances. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Let us pray that governments, political leaders, and social service agencies will work together to free all those held captive by poverty, oppression, and disease. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Let us pray that from the garden of this earth praise and righteousness will spring forth, and fruitful harvests will provide bread to feed all who are hungry. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Let us pray that you teach us to pray without ceasing as we commend into your care all who are brokenhearted, lonely, grieving, or ill. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Let us pray that you strengthen the hands of all who serve in this congregation as teachers, musicians, worship leaders, tribe leaders and members, Stephen Ministers, deacons, and volunteers. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

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

KAHU: Let us pray that you clothe us with the garments of salvation, until with all your saints we behold the fullness of your glory. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

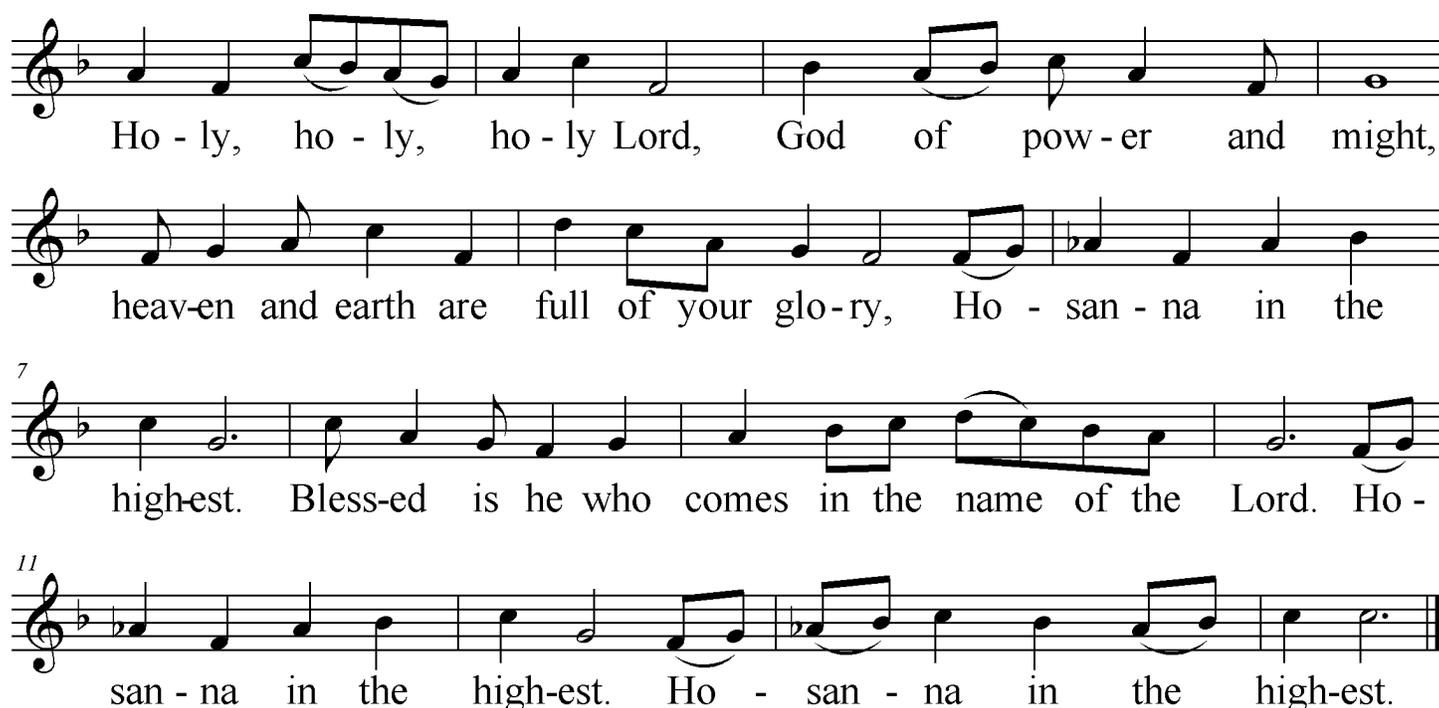
WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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."



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the
7 highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
11 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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 *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: Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 715 *standing*

“Christ Be Our Light”

All Keiki are invited to dance.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: God most high,
God with us,
God poured out on us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

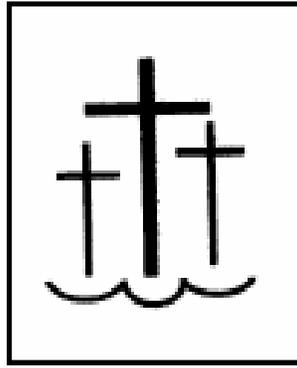
ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”



Today, December 14, 2014

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

PSALMIST: Manning Richards

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Performing Arts @ Calvary, Haley Damm, *director*

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: All Tribes

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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Services Ahead

Friday, December 19, 7 pm—Blue Christmas

A Service for those who do not handle holidays well....

Presiding and Meditation, Kahu Tim

Music, Karla Myers, Amie Lawyer, Calvary Choir Members

Sunday, December 21—4th Sunday of Advent

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “For Unto Us,” “Glory to God”