



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

November 22, 2015

7:30 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!

## **An Advent Explanation**

*The Western Church Year is structured around the two great celebrations of the Christian Church—**Easter** and **Christmas**. Easter, based on the Jewish Passover, is determined by the phase of the moon. It is a “moveable” date. Christmas, on the other hand, is a fixed date determined in the 4<sup>th</sup> century to coincide with the pagan observance of the winter solstice, which at that time fell on December 25.*

*In the early church there was much diversity in regard to rites and calendars. Local churches were not always in sync with one another. Even today there is not uniformity in the observances of the Church Year, especially between the Western Church and the Eastern Church.*

*In 2006 **The Advent Project** ([theadventproject.org](http://theadventproject.org)) began as a continuing seminar of the North American Academy of Liturgy. This ecumenical project proposes to expand the observance of Advent from 4 Sundays to 7 Sundays in order to reclaim Advent “as the time of preparation for the coming of Christ at the end of time even as we welcome his appearance in our weekly assembly and in the world to which we are sent.” This expansion of Advent to 7 Sundays is an attempt to enable the Church to focus once again on the **full manifestation of the reign of God**.*

***The Advent Project** does not change any of the assigned readings in the Revised Common Lectionary. The majority of the readings in November already have an end-time focus. The final three Sundays of the 2015 Church Year (8, 15, 22 November) are simply given an Advent overlay.*

*This proposal has great attractiveness for us at Calvary by the Sea because our current Advent Worship observances are curtailed by the Honolulu Marathon and by PAC Sunday. Thus, in expanding Advent to 7 Sundays we are able as a community of faith to explore more fully and completely what it means to “long for the Lord’s coming.”*

*This is the first season that Calvary joins **The Advent Project** as we all strive to follow Jesus more closely both as a community of faith and as individual disciples.*

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING,** *organ*

“Veni Emmanuel”

## 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:** How long, O God, must we endure our brokenness?

**ALL:** **Come, Lord Jesus, and make us whole!**

**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***

The *Confession and Forgiveness of Sin* begins on page 116 in the front of the hymnal.

## **KYRIE *standing***

The liturgy continues with the *Kyrie* on page 120 in the front of the hymnal.

## **GLORIA *standing***

The *Gloria* begins on page 121 in the front of the hymnal.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing***

**ALL:** Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Even so, stir up your power, and come. Amen.

## **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 King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**ONE:** We gather together to expect the unexpected. We dream about the future and patiently wait for the birth of Messiah. Jesus, we light this candle whose flame brings light to the darkness.

**ALL:** **Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.**

**FIRST READING**

Daniel 7: 9–10, 13–14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

**ONE:** <sup>9</sup>As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.  
<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being

coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

## **PSALM** *sung responsively*

Psalm 93

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup>armed with strength.

**The LORD has made the world  
so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup> not be moved.**

<sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup>been established;  
**you are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  
the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup>up their voice;  
**the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup> pounding waves.**

<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup>of the sea,  
**mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup> dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup>very sure,  
**and holiness befits your house, O LORD,  
forever and for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

## **SECOND READING**

Revelation 1: 4b–8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

ONE: <sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
 every eye will see him,  
 even those who pierced him;  
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
 So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**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 18: 33–37

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

KAHU: <sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and

asked him,

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

KAHU: <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied,

**ALL: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"**

KAHU: <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him,

**ALL: "So you are a king?"**

KAHU: Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON, *Kahu Tim***

**"To *HIM* was given Dominion!!"**

**SERMON HYMN 247 *standing***

**"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"**

**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:** Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

*A brief silence.*

Ancient One, you are beyond our understanding.

**ALL:** **Forgive us when our imaginations limit the depth of your being. Expand our vision of who you have been, who you are, and who you will be, Aloha ke Akua.** (God is love; love is God)

**KAHU:** Mountain maker, you created Earth and all that is in it.

**ALL:** **Heal environments damaged by human carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for your whole creation, Aloha ke Akua.**

**KAHU:** Gracious sovereign, your majesty knows no bounds.

**ALL:** **Bring your kingdom to violent places. Send us out to share your peace in the world. Help us see how we participate in systems of injustice, Aloha ke Akua.**

**KAHU:** Divine Nurse, you care for all people.

**ALL:** **Stir us to care for all your children, especially our sisters and brothers in Paris, in Beirut, and in Baghdad, who, in the midst of the grace of ordinary life, have been violently assaulted. Be with all who are angry, sorrowful, and confused, and all who will never be the same, Aloha ke Akua.**

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

KAHU: Eternal truth, your word goes forth in every generation.

**ALL: We give you thanks for the priesthood of all believers and remember with joy and sorrow the saints who shared the gospel with us, Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray.

**ALL: Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

*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**, organ

“Love Came Down”

## **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: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.  
Let these gifts to us be blessed.  
Blessed be God who is our bread.  
May all the world be clothed and feed.

**ALL: 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** and **Words of Institution** are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”



Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and trem - bling stand;  
In the night his friends be - trayed him Je - sus took the bread of \_\_\_ life.  
King of kings yet born of \_\_\_ Ma - ry, as of old on earth he \_\_\_ stood.  
Then he took the cup of \_\_\_ bless - ing, thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.  
At his feet the six - winged se - raph, che - ru - bim with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der no - thing earth - ly\_\_ mind - ed, For with bless - ing in his\_\_ hand  
 Blessed and broke it for all\_\_ peo - ple giv - en to end hu - man strife.  
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bo - dy and the\_\_ blood.  
 Gave it to be - wil - dered foll' - wers; Sac - re - ment of peace di - vine.  
 Veil their fa - ces to the\_\_ pres - ence As with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 Take and eat this is my bo - dy. Do this to re - mem - ber\_\_ me.  
 He will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly\_\_ food.  
 Take and drink this cup, my love\_\_ out - poured. Do this to re - mem - ber\_\_ me.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *in unison*

**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:** Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** Amen.

# WE ARE SENT

**SENDING HYMN 266** *standing*

“All Earth is Hopeful”

*All Keiki are invited to dance.*

**BENEDICTION AND SENDING,** *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May God direct your ways in peace,  
make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
and strengthen your hearts  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

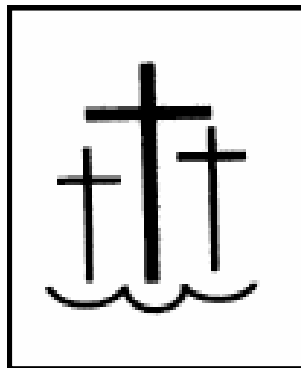
**ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOING FORTH** *organ*

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”



## **Today, November 22, 2015**

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE:** Tribe Seven—Pat Wong, Jim Wong, Yuriko Mason, Cora Watanabe, Sally Drake

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## ***WORSHIP AND SERVICES AHEAD***

***Sunday, November 22—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent***

(Sanctuary to be adorned following the 10 am service.)

***Sunday, November 29—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, “Ua Mau”*

***Sunday, December 6—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Nā Leo Kamali'i (Calvary Preschool Choir)*

***Sunday, December 13—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

**MARATHON SUNDAY, 7 PM SERVICE**

A HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH THE  
CALVARY CHOIR SINGING CHORUSES FROM *The Messiah*

***Friday, December 18—Blue Christmas, 7 pm***

A SERVICE RECOGNIZING HOLIDAYS  
AS NOT ALWAYS A TIME OF CELEBRATION

*Presiding, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir*

***Sunday, December 20—7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

*Performing Arts @ Calvary Sunday*

*Presiding, Kahu Tim*

*Music, PAC*

## ***Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24***

### ***5:30 pm—Family Christmas Eve Pageant and Candlelight Holy Communion***

*Presiding, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Handbell Choir*

### ***10:30 pm—“Midnight” Service and Candlelight Holy Communion***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir and Calvary Handbell Choir*

## ***Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 10 am***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Don Conover and Ernest Harada*

## ***Sunday, December 27—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas***

*featuring Calvary’s Christmas Carol Liturgy*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir*

## ***Sunday, January 3—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas***

*Featuring Calvary’s Christmas Carol Liturgy*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir*