



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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5th Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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 4th 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) 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

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophesy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *piano*

“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: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 5

ALL SINGING:

**O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.**

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

Malachi 3: 1–4

The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") shall prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

ONE: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Luke 1: 68–79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the ¹God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ¹set them free.

⁶⁹You have raised up for us a ¹ mighty Savior,
born of the house of your ¹ servant David.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets,
you promised of old to save us ¹ from our enemies,
⁷¹**from the hands of ¹ all who hate us,**

⁷²to show mercy ¹ to our forebears,
and to remember your ¹ holy covenant.

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our ¹ father Abraham:
⁷⁴**to set us free from the hands of our ¹ enemies,**
free to worship you ¹ without fear,
⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days ¹ of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ¹ the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- ¹ pare the way,

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge ¹ of salvation
by the forgiveness ¹ of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion ¹ of our God
the dawn from on high shall ¹ break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- ¹ ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the ¹ way of peace.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 3–11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

ONE: ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's

grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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*

Luke 3: 1–6

John the Baptizer is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

KAHU: ¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the world of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance

for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.’

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
And every mountain and hill shall be made low,
And the crooked shall be made straight,
And the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

*“Emmanuel has come, is here,
and is coming soon.”*

SERMON HYMN 241 *standing*

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

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.

O God, our hope of unity, come to your church around the world.

ALL: Purify your people and give to all the wisdom and courage to proclaim your word of forgiveness and renewal. Aloha ke Akua. (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: O God our Savior, come to the earth that you made.

ALL: Nurture the health of lands and seas. Give to plants and animals favorable weather. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: O God of peace, come to all the nations.

ALL: Inspire heads of state and regional leaders with a passion for justice and the protection of your creation. Bring peace throughout the world. We pray especially for Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: O God of love, come to everyone in need.

ALL: Heal the sick. Answer the cries of those who are poor, those without housing, and those who have fled from violence or famine. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: O God of compassion, come to our congregation and our community.

ALL: This Advent, help us to prepare for your coming. Make us gifts to one another, that no one remains destitute or despairing. Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: O Lord of hosts, we praise you for the lives of all the faithful.

ALL: Bring us with them to your feast of eternal compassion. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: 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, *piano*

“Noel”

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 fed. **Amen.**

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



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 250 *standing*

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

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.

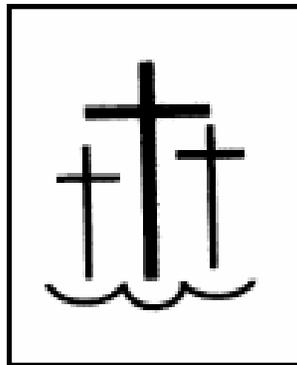
ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *piano*

“The Snow Lay on the Ground”



Today, December 6, 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: All Tribes

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WORSHIP AND SERVICES AHEAD

Sunday, December 13—6th 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—7th 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—1st Sunday after Christmas

featuring Calvary’s Christmas Carol Liturgy

*Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir*

Sunday, January 3—2nd Sunday after Christmas

Featuring Calvary’s Christmas Carol Liturgy

*Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir*