



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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Blue Christmas: A Service for (almost) the Longest Night

December 22, 2017

7:00 pm

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a short day. What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and
all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray,

Amen.

—FROM *THE NEW ZEALAND BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*

WE GATHER

We gather to be with the sisters and brothers among us who do not enjoy, welcome, or embrace holidays. For whatever reasons, holidays are a burden and an occasion to be endured. And so on this, the (almost) longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, we assemble so that through stillness, music, silent meditation, scripture, and healing prayer we acknowledge sadness with comfort and quiet remembrance, reflect on the losses we have experienced, and remember together, whatever our spiritual path, that we are not alone. Light will come again.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES *AND* 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: From the one who was, who is, and who is to come:
Grace and peace be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

MUSIC AND MEDITATIONS BOBBY MODEROW

SENDING HYMN *standing*

“Choose to Hope”



Hope is born when we choose to be-lieve that love is strong - er than ha - tred;
Hope will grow when we choose to be-lieve that we are sis - ters and bro - thers;
Hope will shine when we choose to be-lieve a lit - tle child — will lead us;



Love is born when our hearts learn to see that ev - 'ry per - son is sa - cred.
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the life we share with each oth - er.
Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that God is dwell - ing with - in us.



In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,
In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,
In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,



choose to hope, choose to — love, and know that God is near.
choose to hope, choose to — love, and know that God is near.
choose to hope, choose to — love, Em - man - u - el is near.

Marty Haugen composed this Advent 2016 song-hymn for his home church, The Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, MN. He is sharing this song with the world as an advent gift.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS AND HOTLINES

EMERGENCY CALLS

Police, Fire and Ambulance	911
American Red Cross 24/7	(808) 832-3100
Suicide Crises Hotline-Oahu	(808) 832-3100
National Suicide Hotline	(800) –SUICIDE
National Suicide Prevention Hotline	(800)-273-TALK
National Suicide Adolescent Hotline	(800)-621-4000
Suicide Hotline for Veterans	(800) 273-8255 #1

DEPRESSION

Postpartum Depression	(800) PPD-MOMS
Veterans PTSD	(877)-VET2VET

DATING ABUSE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Love is respect (24/7)	(866) 331-9474 or (866) 331-5453
Live Chat with loveisrespect (7 days a week 5pm to 3 EST)	

National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233 (24/7)

RAINN: Rape Abuse and Incest National Network
Live Chat (24/7) (800) 656-4673

DRUG AND ALCOHOL

Alcoholic Anonymous (808) 946-1438
Narcotics Anonymous (808) 734-4357
Allanon & Allateen (808) 546-5647

SENIORS

FINRA Securities Helpline for Seniors 844-57-HELPS

National Center on Elder Abuse 1-800-677-1116

Disaster Distress Helpline [24/7 hotline] 1-800-985-5990

Identity Theft Resource Center 1-888-400-5530

Online Romance Scam and how to report
Go to <https://www.ic3.gov/media/.../110429.as..>

Internet Crime Complaint Center
Go to <https://www.ic3.gov/media/.../110429.as>

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) 1-800-438-6233

National Alliance on Mental Illness 1-800-950-6264

National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-422-4453

National Advocacy for Local LGBT Communities 1-212-714-1141
Oahu [\(808\) 369-2000](tel:(808)369-2000)

The Trevor Project – Crisis & Suicide Prevention 1-866-488-7386
Lifeline for LGBTQ Youth

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 or
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center 406-477-3896

National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-786-2929

National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-4673 [24/7 hotline]

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 1-866-331-9474 or
1-866-331-8453 (TTY)

Parents of Murdered Children 1-888-818-7662

Stalking Resource Center (202) 467-8700

