

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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1st Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

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!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

In the psalm all the natural world praises God, including all humanity, male and female, young and old. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Ina*

“The Snow Lay on the Ground”

RINGING OF THE BELL

During the ***Ring*** 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: Today Christ is born:

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia!

KAHU: The grace of our Lord 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 One of Israel,
the Word made flesh,
the Power of the Most High,
+ one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God
and our neighbor by singing hymn 246.

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF CONFESSION 246 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!”

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!”

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth’s bondage let us rise,
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

See the Lamb, so long expected, come with pardon down from heav’n,
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv’n;

So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:

To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

KYRIE 247 *standing*

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

GLORIA 270 *standing*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

(stanzas 1 and 2)

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”

Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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: May God's *aloha* be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61: 10—62: 3

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

ONE: ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
 and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the LORD will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
²Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
⁴Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,

creeping things and ¹ flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;

¹²young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together.

¹³Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
**whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is
over ¹ earth and heaven.**

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise
for all ¹ faithful servants,
**the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. ¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4: 4–7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

ONE: ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit
of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are
no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,
through God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Nū ‘Oli” (Glad Tidings); *stanza 1*



1. Nū 'o-li! Nū 'o-li! He nū ka-ma-ha'o! He nū no ke o-la mai lu-na mai nō
 2. Nū 'o-li! Nū 'o-li! Ua pi-li ia nū Ika po'e 'i-li - hu-ne, ka po-'e lu'u-lu'u
 3. Nū 'o-li! Nū 'o-li! Hau-'o-li 'ou-kou Ka po'e a-ka-hai a ha'a-ha'a ka na-'au



No kā-na-ka nu-i, no ka-ma-li'i nei A 'oi ka na-ni i ke gu-la a'i-a'i.
 Ne'e mai a pau-le-le ha-hai iā Ie-sū A pau nō ka hu-ne a ma-ha'ou-kou.
 Na Ie-sū e ka-la a ho'o-hā-nau hou A ka'i mai nei a'e i ka na-ni ma 'ō.



Nū 'o - li! Nū 'o - li! Nū ka-ma-ha'o, ka-ma-ha'o, ka-ma-ha'o ē!



Nū 'o - li! Nū 'o - li! He nū no ke o-la e hau-'o-li ē!

(Glad tidings! Glad tidings! O wonderful love! A message has come from the angels above: Good news of great joy comes to young and to old, for Jesus brings mercy more precious than gold. Glad tidings, glad tidings! O wonderful, wonderful, wonderful love! Glad tidings, glad tidings! We hail the glad tidings of wonderful love!)

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Luke 2: 22–40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

KAHU: ²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had

been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

ALL: ²⁹"**Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;**
 ³⁰**for my eyes have seen your salvation,**
 ³¹**which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,**
 ³²**a light for revelation to the Gentiles**
 and for glory to your people Israel."

KAHU: ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN 417 *standing*

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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: *Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ’s promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need.*

A brief silence.

For the faith communities of ‘Aina Haina and the East End, and for faith communities throughout the world:

ALL: **Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.***
(God is love; love is God)

KAHU: *For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care:*

ALL: Give us wisdom to use the gift of your resources wisely. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts:*

ALL: Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *For those who wait in the shadow of death,*

ALL: for those who are ill, for those who struggle to see the future, and for all who lack even their basic needs. Transform our love toward them with the vision of eyes that have seen the salvation of God. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *For those who cannot see,*

ALL: for those who cannot hear, for those who have varied use of their limbs, and for those able to exercise all the senses. Help us to appreciate the fullness of God's gift of life in our varied abilities, and to celebrate the diversity that reveals a more complete image of the one who makes us all family. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

KAHU: *We give thanks for those who have gone before us in this year and now rest in you.*

ALL: Led by Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, let us live in your praise until the day we depart in your peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.*

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, *Ina*

“Meditation on ‘Go,
Tell It on the Mountain’”

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 with us:

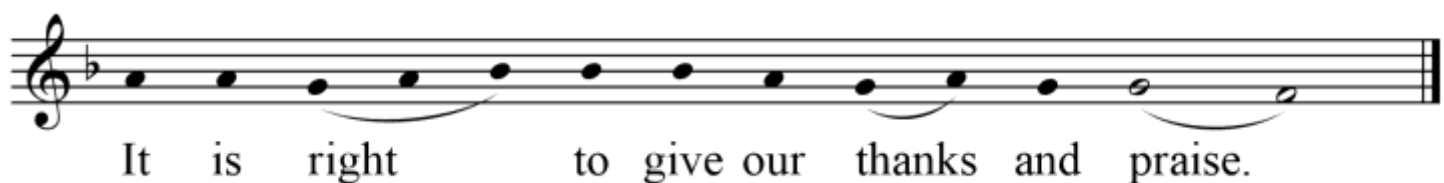
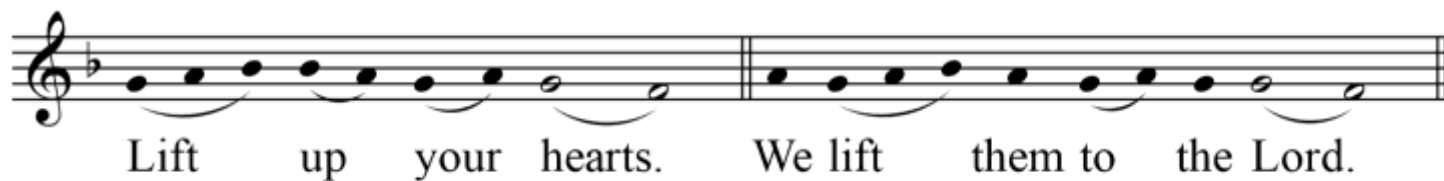
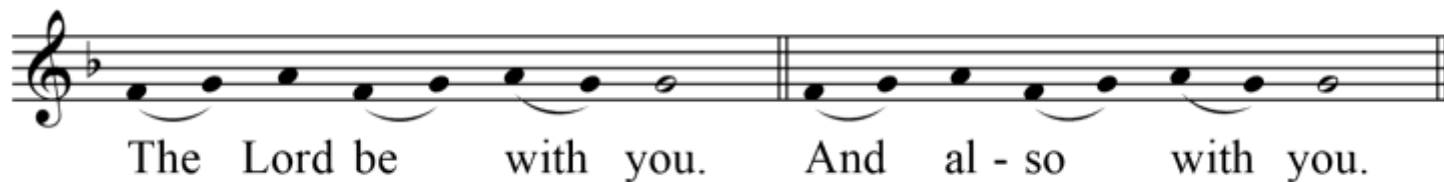
*You came as a baby to a manger.
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.
You come again in bread and wine.*

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



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 *singing*

**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.**

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 *standing*

KAHU: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING SONG 292 *standing*

“Love Has Come”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Glory to God in the highest!

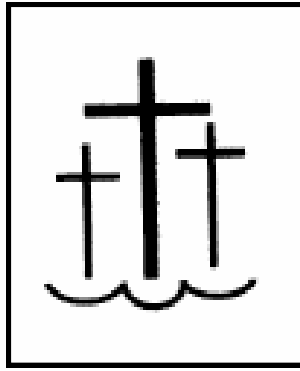
ALL: Peace to God’s people on earth!

KAHU: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOING FORTH, *Ina*

“Love Came Down at Christmas”



Today, December 31, 2017

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

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick

SERVICE MUSIC: “The Snow Lay on the Ground,” VENITE ADORAMUS, arr. Robert Speed, © 2014 Wayne Leupold; “Nū ‘Oli!” by Robert Lowry, tr. Laina (Lorenzo Lyons); “Meditation on “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*,”“ arr. Gordon King, © 2014 Wayne Leupold; “Love Came Down at Christmas,” by Murray Bradshaw, © 2014 Wayne Leupold Editions. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP AHEAD

Saturday, January 6 (6:30 pm)—Epiphany

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, January 7—Baptism of Christ

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

4 pm, Memorial Service for Dr. Arthur Harvey