



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **Second Sunday of Easter**

April 3, 2016

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 spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, *it is often hard to believe*. **Because it is hard to believe**, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). **Because it is hard to believe**, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. **Because it is hard to believe**, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING**, *organ*

“Prelude”

## 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: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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**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:** O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 5: 27–32

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

**ONE:** <sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here

you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

## PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 150

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the <sup>1</sup> holy temple;  
**praise God in the <sup>1</sup> mighty firmament.**
- <sup>2</sup>Praise God for <sup>1</sup> mighty acts;  
**praise God for ex- <sup>1</sup> ceeding greatness.**
- <sup>3</sup>Praise God with <sup>1</sup> trumpet sound;  
**praise God with <sup>1</sup> lyre and harp.**
- <sup>4</sup>Praise God with tambou- <sup>1</sup> rine and dance;  
**praise God with <sup>1</sup> strings and pipe.**
- <sup>5</sup>Praise God with re- <sup>1</sup> sounding cymbals;  
**praise God with loud- <sup>1</sup> clanging cymbals.**
- <sup>6</sup>Let everything <sup>1</sup> that has breath  
**praise the LORD. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 4–8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

ONE: <sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 20: 19–31

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

KAHU: <sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

**ALL: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

KAHU: <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him,

**ALL: "My Lord and my God!"**

KAHU: <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**, *Kahu Tim*

**"HONEST THOMAS"**

**RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF CONFIRMANDS:** *Mira Ako, Seth Raymond Blumenshein, Melyssa K. Moderow, Sarah K. Moderow, Kanoa Garret Pick, Essence M. J. K. Sylvester, Ben Taylor, Kryn LiYa Valenti, Kahu Tim*

The litany for Blessing Confirmands is the *Affirmation of Baptism*, beginning on page 234 in the front of the hymnal.

**HYMN 543** *standing*

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *standing*

KAHU: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

KAHU: Holy God of resurrection,  
**ALL: we bring to you our thanksgiving and our *aloha* for the lives of these confirmands. Continue to bless them in their life-long discernment of what it means to be your disciple. Protect them from harm and danger as they journey into adulthood and then to old-age. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*. (God is love; love is God.)**

KAHU: Holy God of resurrection,  
**ALL: breathe new life into all of creation. Send sun to warm and water to saturate forests, fields, and mountains. Set all things in order, that abundance may come forth. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: Holy God of resurrection,  
**ALL: fill us with your Holy Spirit to announce the new life you give through Christ Jesus. Lead us to people who need to hear good news. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: Holy God of resurrection,  
**ALL: open paths for cooperation between nations to care for refugees, survivors of natural disaster, and people**

**living through war. Bless the efforts of peacemakers, diplomats, and relief organizations to foster peace in the world. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua.***

**KAHU:** Holy God of resurrection,

**ALL:** **pour out your enduring mercy to strengthen those who persevere in difficult times. Guide them to places where they may find shelter in your presence. Hear us, O God *Aloha ke Akua.***

**KAHU:** Holy God of resurrection,

**ALL:** **gather together the various gifts of this community and unite us in praise. Harmonize the sound and movement of instruments, voices, hands, feet, and bodies. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua.***

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

**KAHU:** Holy God of resurrection,

**ALL:** **you have united yourself with the saints at rest through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. Join us all together in his resurrection on the last day. Hear us, O God *Aloha ke Akua.***

**KAHU:** Holy God of resurrection,

**ALL:** **we deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord. 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,** *organ*

“Mystical Alleluia”



## 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.

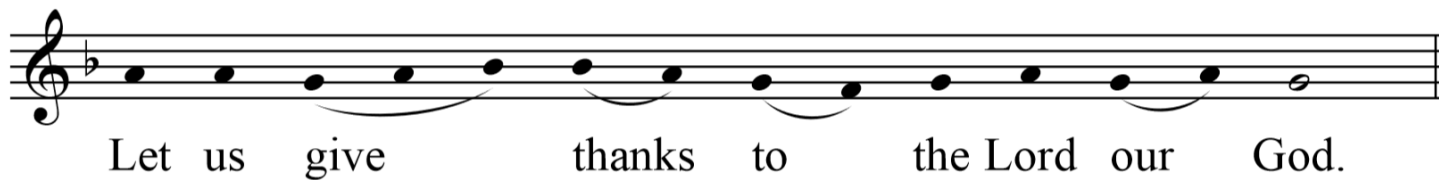
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# WE ARE FED

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



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** *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:** We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

# **WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 634** *standing*      “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6)

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

KAHU: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

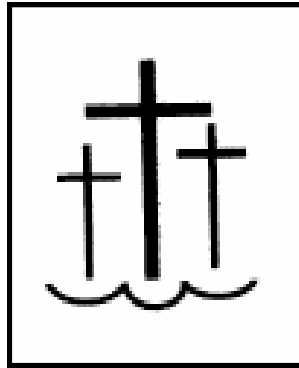
**All: Amen.**

KAHU: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**GOING FORTH,** *organ*

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”



**Today, April 3, 2016**

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