



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“Voluntary”

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!

KAHU: May the love of God,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING *read responsively*

Acts 8: 26–40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

ONE: ²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied,

ALL: "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

ONE: And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip,

ALL: "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

ONE: ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said,

ALL: "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

ONE: ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through

the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 22: 25–31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

**I will perform my vows in the sight of those
who | fear the LORD.**

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
**all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.**

³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

1 John 4: 7–21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

ONE: ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might

live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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*

John 15: 1–8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

KAHU: [Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

"Mangos, Faith and Love!!"

SERMON HYMN 447 *standing*

"O Blessed Spring"

(sung to DUKE STREET, "Jesus, Shall Reign")

APOSTLES' CREED *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: Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the mission of the church throughout the world, that all be led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news that God is love, let us pray.

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.** (*God is love; love is God.*)

KAHU: For plants and animals, for clean water and air, for favorable weather, and for the whole of creation, that you guide us to serve as good stewards of the earth, let us pray.

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: For judges, lawyers, and all court officials, for the leaders of government, and for all who seek justice in this world, that all be treated with fairness and equity, let us pray.

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: For those who are poor, hungry, bereaved, distressed, and sick, and for those who provide care and comfort, that all find assurance of God's unending love for them, let us pray.

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: For those who yearn for meaning and community with others, that the Holy Spirit lead them to mentors in the faith; for those visiting this congregation; and for those who are away with family and friends, let us pray.

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for the confessors of the faith in past generations,

especially those who have died in the Lord, that they inspire future generations to proclaim the gospel, let us pray.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, *organ*

*“Fantasy on Dwell in Me,
O Blessed Spirit”*

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.

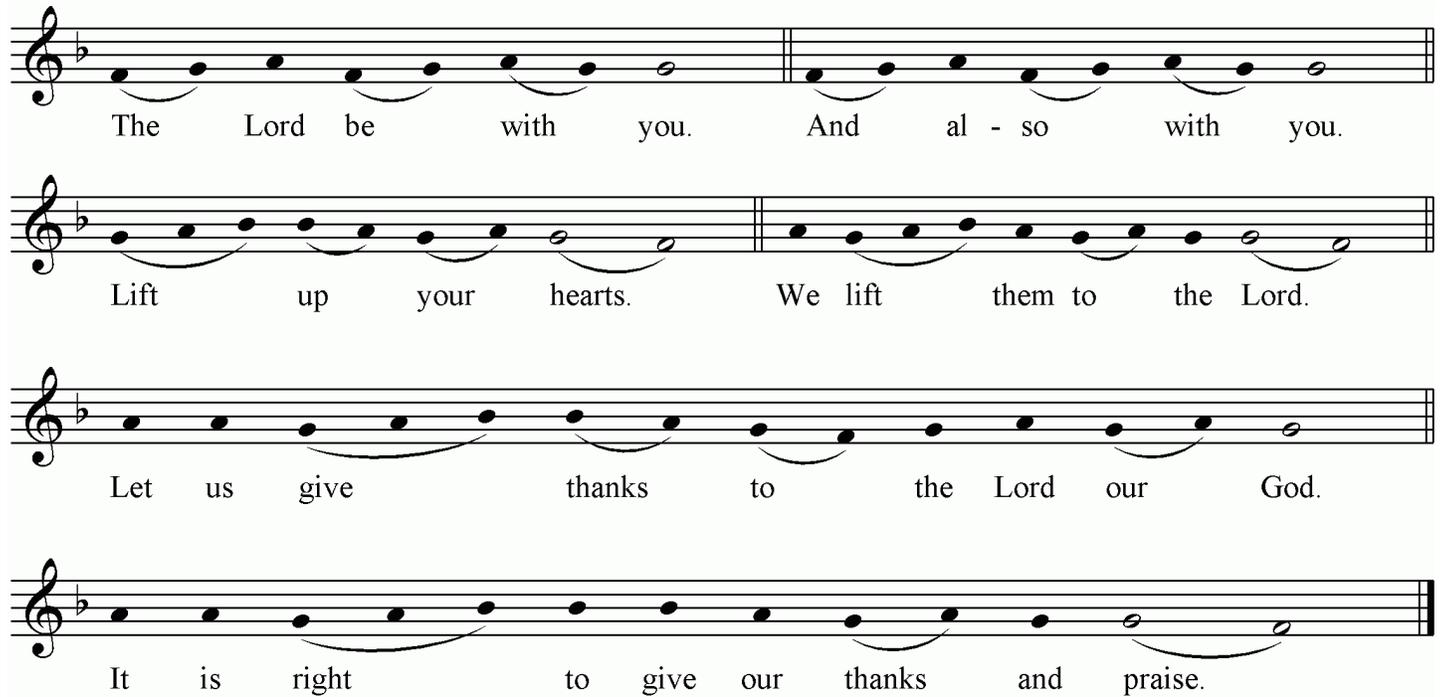
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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

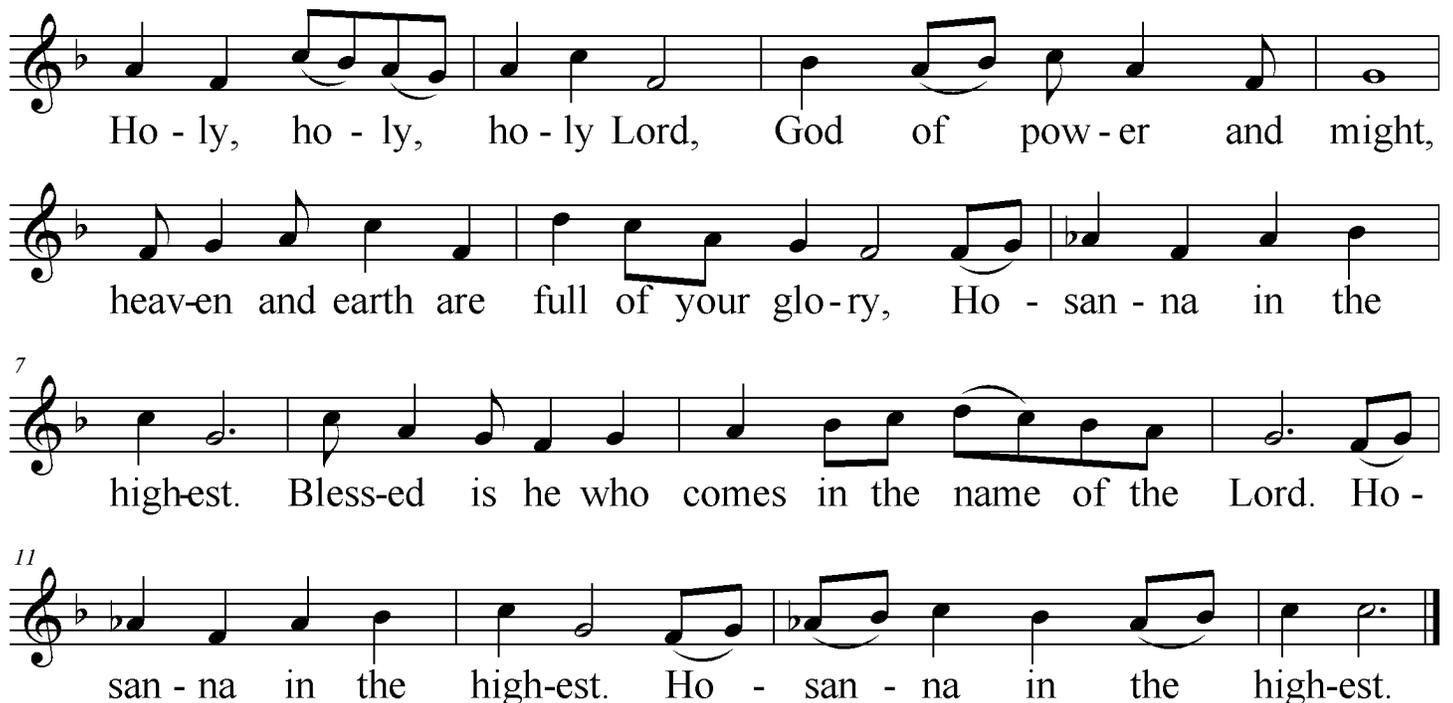
GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



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 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 *standing*

ALL: **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*

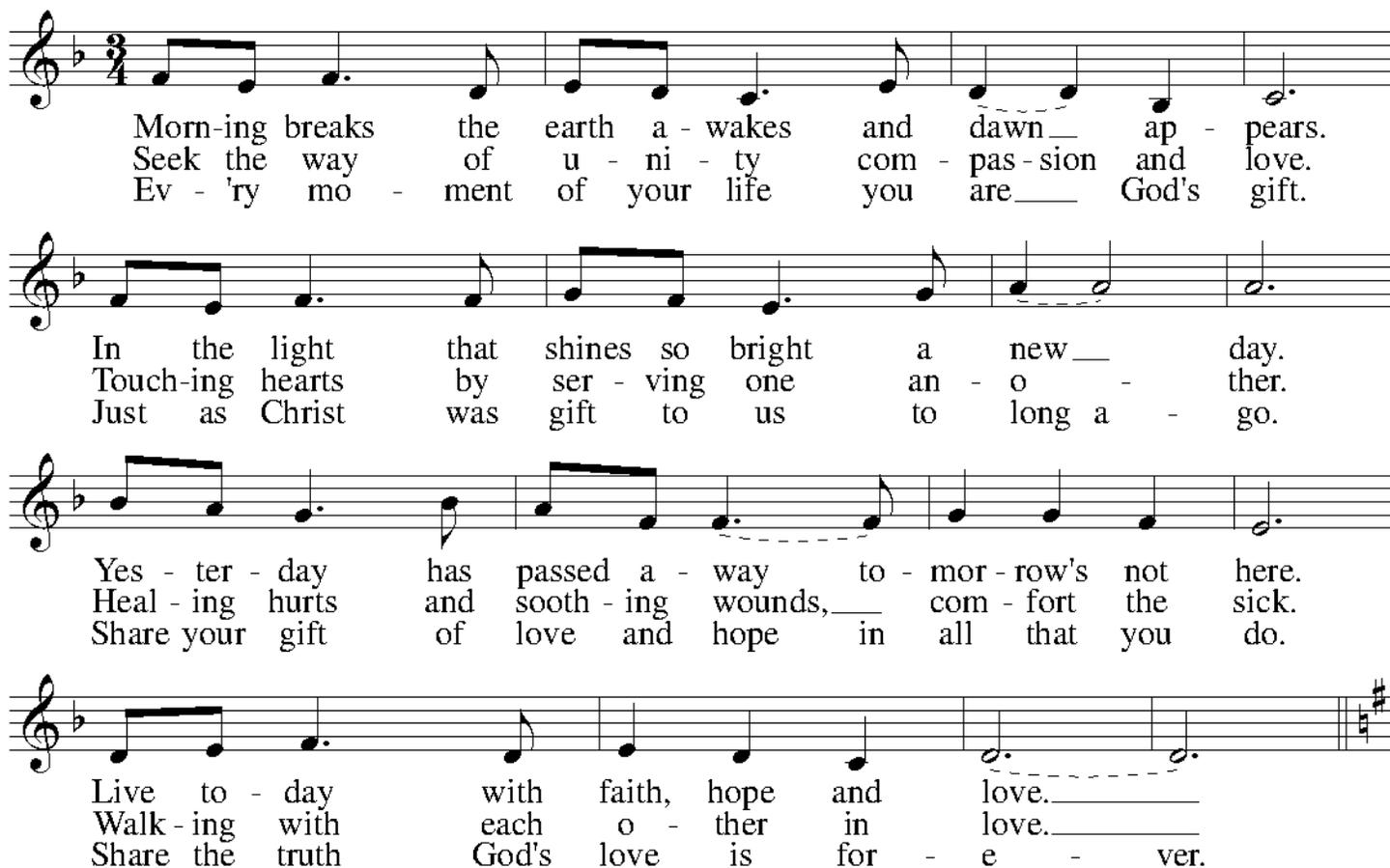
KAHU: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN *standing*

“Mālama Pono”

Verses



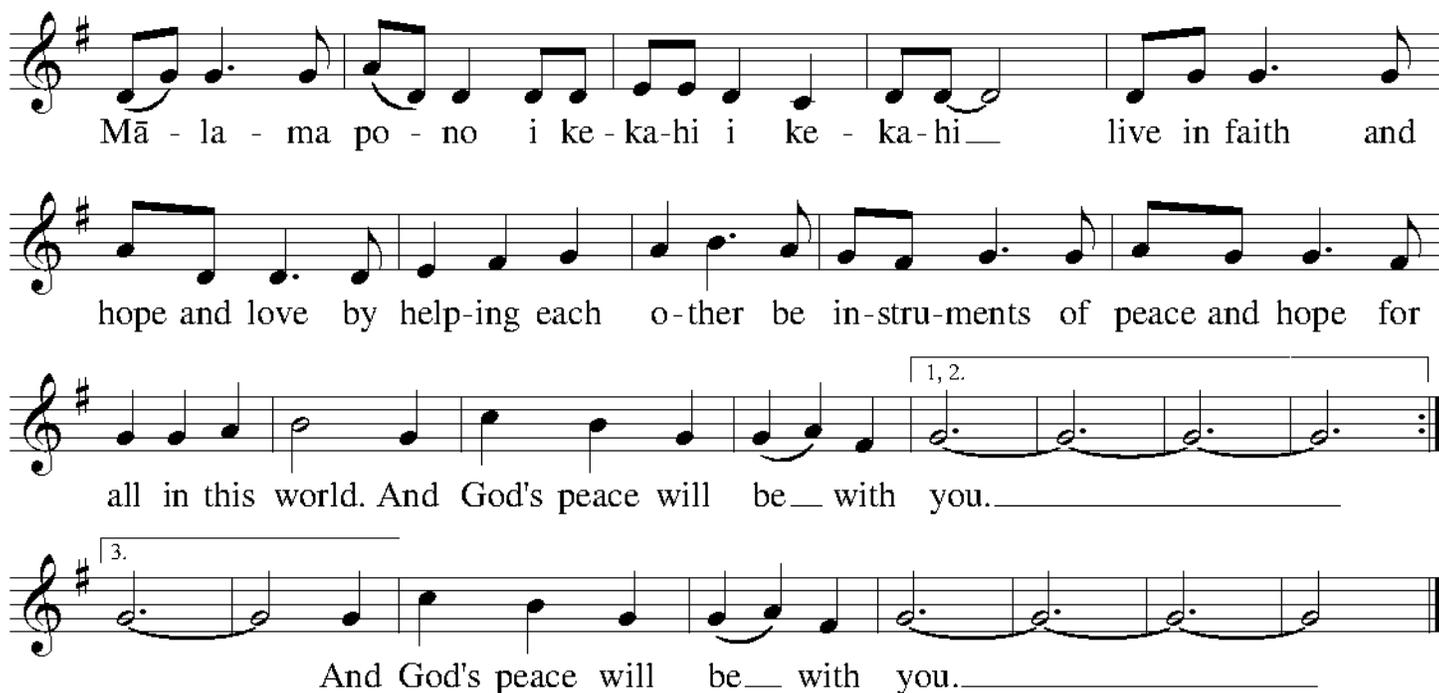
Morn-ing breaks the earth a - wakes and dawn ap - pears.
Seek the way of u - ni - ty com - pas - sion and love.
Ev - 'ry mo - ment of your life you are God's gift.

In the light that shines so bright a new day.
Touch-ing hearts by ser - ving one an - o - ther.
Just as Christ was gift to us to long a - go.

Yes - ter - day has passed a - way to - mor - row's not here.
Heal - ing hurts and sooth - ing wounds, com - fort the sick.
Share your gift of love and hope in all that you do.

Live to - day with faith, hope and love.
Walk - ing with each o - ther in love.
Share the truth God's love is for - e - ver.

Refrain



Mā - la - ma po - no i ke - ka - hi i ke - ka - hi live in faith and
hope and love by help - ing each o - ther be in - stru - ments of peace and hope for
all in this world. And God's peace will be with you.
And God's peace will be with you.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,
lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Jesus Christ, the Word of Life,
bless you to be his witnesses.

ALL: Amen.

Kahu: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,
refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

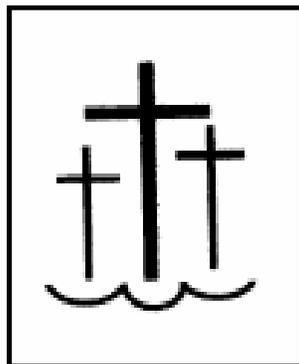
ALL: Amen.

Kahu: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

GOING FORTH *organ*

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”



Today, May 3, 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—Pulelehua Quirk, Pat Wong, Sally Drake, Jim Wong

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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WORSHIP and EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, May 10—Easter 6

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Calvary Handbell Choir, “Listen, God is Calling,”
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

Sunday, May 17—Easter 7

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Ina and Fletch Young and Calvary Choir
“Come, Follow Me”*

Friday, May 22, 7 pm—Free Concert

University of Northwestern—St. Paul

String Orchestra

Calvary Sanctuary

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Taiko Drumming Ensemble of
Pacific Buddhist Academy*

Sunday, May 31—Trinity Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Mele Mai Paki Lima Handbell Choir