

# Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

"Sharing the Blessing of God's Grace with Aloha"

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2016 10:00 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

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

#### **SOUNDING OF THE PŪ**

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

#### **GATHERING**, The Emelio's

"Home"

#### 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: Rejoice, for we no longer walk in darkness!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

KAHU: May the light of Christ, the radiance of God.

and the fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

#### **GATHERING HYMN** standing

"A Place at the Table"

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#### **CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim**

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

ALL: we confess that we have sinned against you, our sisters and our brothers.

We seek our own way causing others to stumble. In our greed we wound the earth. We cannot free ourselves from the values of the world.

Forgive us, O God. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Hear the voice of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

ALL: Amen.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** standing

ALL: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GREETING OF GUESTS** seated

#### **SHARING OF ALOHA** standing

KAHU: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

## WE HEAR THE WORD

#### **CALL TO SCRIPTURE,** The Emelio's

"Daystar"

Nehemiah 8: 1–3, 5–6, 8–10

#### **FIRST READING**

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

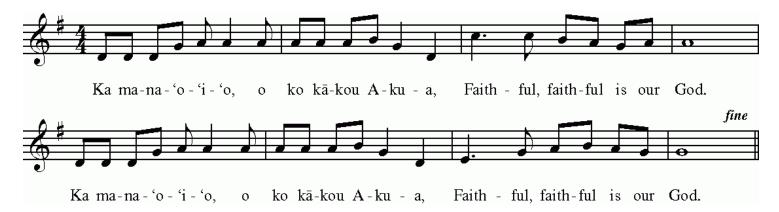
ONE: <sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the

law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."



"Ka Mana'o 'I'o"



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#### **GOSPEL** standing, read responsively

Luke 4: 14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

KAHU: <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised

by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**ALL:** <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.''

KAHU: <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat

down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then

he began to say to them,

ALL: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

**SERMON,** Bishop Murray Finck

#### **SERMON HYMN** standing

- 1 A granite mountain is our God
  Who rises strong before us—
  A million miles in height and depth
  Amazing, strong and glorious.
  Here sheltered we can rest,
  Secure and richly blest,
  No evils from within,
  No large systemic sin,
  Can ever overpower us.
- 2 These human hands, for all their skill, Cannot shape our salvation.
  We need a hero, one who will Perform our liberation.
  Who is there, good and brave, With strength and will to save Our fearful human race?
  Who will our cause embrace?
  God's only Son, Christ Jesus!
- 3 When evil powers rage and swear,
  And threaten our destruction,
  When we are tempted to despair,
  To yield to their seduction—
  Then shall we stand, secured,
  By God's most holy Word:
  The Evil One shall fail,
  God's righteousness prevail!
  Then why should we be fearful?
- 4 God's everlasting Word abides, Our strong and sure salvation. The Spirit here and now provides Rich gifts and consolation. Let wealth and family go

This body be brought low: The drought and fire we bear, God will at last repair: The rain will come and bless us.

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#### **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: Gathered together by God's Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Grant unity in the body of Christ, your church.

ALL: Replace dissension with reconciliation, and strengthen our witness to the world. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*. (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: When your creation is harmed, all suffer together.

ALL: Guide us, your people, to make wise choices that protect the land, sea, and all life. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Put an end to strife, violence, and hate in nations where there is turmoil.

ALL: Guide leaders and movements for change to seek peace above all else. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Be present where there is loneliness.

ALL: Be comfort where there is pain. Be healing where there is brokenness. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Grant health and new life in this assembly.

ALL: Send us to share the good news of your abundant love in Christ. 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 the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises.

ALL: Assure us of your hope until we join the saints in light. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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, The Emelio's

"Midnight Cry"

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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were

gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,

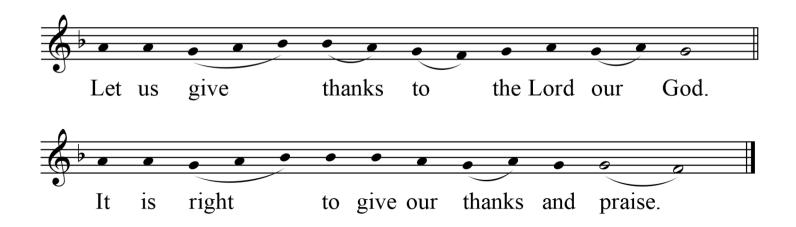
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

## WE ARE FED

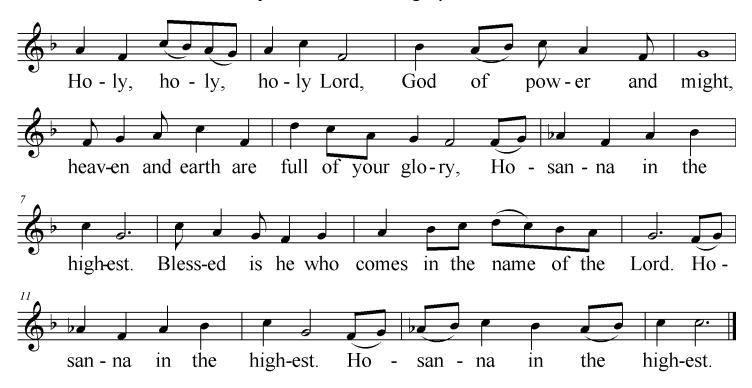
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** standing





#### **SANCTUS** standing

The Sanctus is sung following, "...we praise your name and join their unending hymn."



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 seated

KAHU: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

## WE ARE SENT

#### **SENDING HYMN 668** standing

"O Zion, Haste"

All Keiki are invited to dance.

#### BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: God Almighty send you light and truth

to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you;

the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father,

the + Son,

and the Holy Spirit

be with you now and forever.

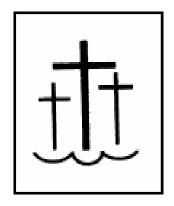
ALL: Amen.

Kahu: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**GOING FORTH,** The Emelio's

"Hana Hou"



Calvary by the Sea welcomes to worship this morning, "The Emelio's"—Tom Emelio and his four sons. Tom is a native Polynesian, originating from the Friendly Islands of Tonga. Tom has lived in various areas of the South Pacific and since 1998, he and his family have made Hawai'i their home. Tom is fluent in three languages and has built a successful company, serving as the Owner/Operator of "Island Quality Landscaping". Tom is also a longtime member and soloist/first tenor of the Samoan Gospel Heralds. Tom has added this family singing group, "The Emelio's" to his repertoire by diligently teaching his sons to use their God given talent in music ministry for service to God.

Joined by 4 of his 7 children, Tom's sons Mitchel (19), Judah (13), Charlie (11), and TJ (9) are all students at Hawaiian Mission Academy, Ka Lama Iki, with the exception of Mitchel who graduated two years ago and now works with Tom in the family business. Tom and his family are members of and regularly attend Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in beautiful Nu'uanu. Together, they are known as "The Emelio's" and love to share the gospel of Jesus through their melodious and harmonious voices.

#### Today, January 24, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**PREACHER:** Bishop Murray Finck **WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole **ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

MUSIC: The Emelio's—Tom, Mitchel, Judah, Charlie, and TJ

Instrumentalists: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer,

Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

ALTAR CARE, READERS, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tribe Three

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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## **WORSHIP AHEAD**

## Sunday, January 31—Epiphany 4

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, "Do Not Be Afraid"

## Sunday, February 7—Transfiguration

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers (both services)

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "Ave Verum" (Elgar)

# Wednesday, February 10—Ash Wednesday 7 pm, Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Voices of Aloha—Guest Choir

Mark Yasuhara, director

## Sunday, February 14—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Preaching,* Kahu Tim *Music,* Calvary Choir, "Shut de Dō"

## Sunday, February 21—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:30-9:00 am—Morning Worship 9:00—Annual Meeting Holy Communion following Annual Meeting