



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

5:30 pm

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

We gather early on this long Hawaiian winter evening to be taught by our children. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken and chaotic world we proclaim that the Prince of Peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“Resonet in Laudibus”

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.

GATHERING HYMN *seated*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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 Trinity, + one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for
God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,
**All: we confess that we are not at peace—
with others or with ourselves.**

**We bring to you all that tears us apart:
distrust of others,
discord in our families,
violence in our world,
our own conflicted hearts.**

**In your mercy, mend us.
Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth,
through the Prince of peace,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: In the Word who has come to dwell with us,
God has given us grace upon grace:
forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,
love that can heal every broken heart.

Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
*in the name of + Jesus our Savior,
you are free from all your sins.*

Rise, shine, for your light has come.

ALL: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *and* PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with
the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on
earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and**

**in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN *standing*

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

GREETING OF GUESTS *and* **SHARING OF ALOHA** *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

THE STORY OF JESUS’ BIRTH

THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

SAMANTHA: *This is the story of the first Christmas—that night 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, when Jesus was born. We celebrate tonight the hope and joy that this tiny baby still brings to the world.*

To prepare the world for the birth of Jesus, God asked different women and men to prophesy, or foretell, that Jesus was coming. These people were called “The Prophets.” This is what the prophet Isaiah said.

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2b, 6–7a

FERRIS: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

NATHAN: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

CHRISTMAS CAROL *seated*

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS’ BIRTH

MEGAN: *When God was ready to give Jesus to the world, God chose Mary to be the mother. Mary, a good and gentle woman, lived in the little village of Nazareth and was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter, who lived nearby. One day, God sent his messenger,*

the angel Gabriel, to Mary. Gabriel told Mary God had chosen her to be the mother of God's son, Jesus. Jesus would not come as a King riding in a chariot, or even as a grown man living in a big, beautiful city. No crowds would cheer his coming because Jesus would come as a tiny baby.

Second Reading

Luke 1: 26–35

AIDEN: God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said,

MILI: “Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you.”

JACOB: Mary was deeply troubled by the angel’s message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her,

MILI: “Do not be afraid Mary, God has been gracious to you. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be called the Son of the most high God.”

ADRIANNA: “How shall this be, since I have no husband?”

MILI: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and God’s power will rest upon you. The child will be called the Son of God. For with God, nothing is impossible!

ADRIANNA: “I am the Lord’s servant. May it happen to me as you have said.”

CHRISTMAS CAROL *seated*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

(The *Holy Family* enters as the carol is sung.)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

PAIGE: *While Mary was getting ready to have her baby, the Emperor (who was sort of like a King) decided to count everyone so he could be sure everyone was paying their taxes. He ordered everyone to go immediately to the town where their family had come from. So Joseph and Mary left Nazareth to return to the small village of Bethlehem, about 90 miles away, where Joseph had been born. It was a difficult journey across the hot land, but after six long days and nights, they finally reached Bethlehem. By then the town was already very crowded with other people who had come back to be registered, and all the inns were full. But one innkeeper looked at Mary, who was very tired and about to give birth, and felt sorry for her, and let them stay in the stable with the animals. The stable was for the animals—for the donkeys, cows and sheep that people had brought with them. That night the baby was born. As it had been predicted, the Messiah was born in Bethlehem, the town where David, the most famous King of Israel, had lived.*

Third Reading

Luke 2: 1–4

BELLA: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in

Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CHRISTMAS CAROL *seated*

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

(The *shepherds* enter as the carol is sung.)

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

ZOE: *Everyone wants to visit a new baby. Don't you? The first visitors to the baby Jesus were a group of shepherds. They had been taking care of sheep out in the fields outside Bethlehem all night. They were pretty frightened when they heard angels singing in the sky and then, those angels invited them to go see the baby!*

Fourth Reading

Luke 2: 8–14

SAMANATHA: Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

MEGAN: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

FERRIS: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

JACOB: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to all.”

AIDEN: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place.”

ZOE: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger.

CHRISTMAS CAROL *seated*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

(The *angels* enter as the carol is sung.)

THE VISIT OF THE ROYAL ONES

NATHAN: *When Jesus was born, God put a special star in the sky. Some Royal Ones who lived far away saw this star. They knew it was a sign from God that a new king had been born. The Royal Ones followed the star. The star led them to Bethlehem. There they found Jesus. They worshiped him and give him gifts fit for a king: gold and sweet-smelling spices.*

Fifth Reading

Matthew 2: 1, 10–12

PAIGE: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then they departed for their own country another way.

CHRISTMAS CAROL *seated*

“The First Noel”

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;

To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wisemen three, full rev'rently upon their
knee,

And offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

(The Royal Ones enter as the carol is sung.)

GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

BELLA: *What can we learn from all this? We can look at Jesus and learn from him: that God loves us everyone, that God wants us to follow Jesus, to love ourselves and each other, to care for our world, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, and always to do what is right and just and loving.*

Following the service the Pageant characters will assemble in the sanctuary for pictures and conversation.

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: Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

A brief silence.

God of glory, fill our hearts with the joy of this night.

ALL: Stir your church in every place to join the angels' song, praising you for your birth among us and your presence within us. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: The seas thunder, the fields rejoice, and the trees shout for joy at your coming.

ALL: Renew the earth and all its creatures to declare your praise. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Scatter the bitterness of hatred and fear.

ALL: Lead all people to seek your peace on earth and work to establish goodwill among the nations. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Shine your healing light on those who are alone and long for companionship.

ALL: Comfort those who are rejected, weak, troubled, or sick. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Free us from our preoccupation with what has been.

ALL: Relieve our fears of what may come. Assure us that we live in the light of your unfailing compassion. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Comfort us with the gracious vision of our departed loved ones basking in the light of your eternal presence.

ALL: May we too inherit the fullness of your glory. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts on this holy night, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us,

Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

OFFERTORY, *organ*

“Judean Pastorale”

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: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the seas, and with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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** and **Words of Institution** are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
 In the night his friends betrayed him Jesus took the bread of life.
 King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood.
 Then he took the cup of blessing, thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.
 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,

Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in his hand
 Blessed and broke it for all people given to end human strife.
 Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
 Gave it to bewildered followers; Sacrament of peace divine.
 Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:

Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
 Take and eat this is my body. Do this to remember me.
 He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
 Take and drink this cup, my love out-poured. Do this to remember me.
 “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

THE LORD'S PRAYER *in unison*

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 *standing*

KAHU: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING CAROL *standing*

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

During the singing of “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” and “Silent Night” the candles will be lit with flame from the Christ Candle. Light your candle from the candle of the

person beside you. Then allow the person next to you to light her/his candle from your candle. At the conclusion of the hymns please extinguish your candle.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God...in...the...highest;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be...glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Pō-la`i e, Po-kamaha`o, Ma-lu-hia, Ma-lama-lama,
Ka ma-kua a-hi-ne a-lo-ha e, Me ke keiki He-mo-lele e,
Moe me ka ma-lu-hia lani, Moe me ka ma-lu-hia lani.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar, holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven a far, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father,
the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

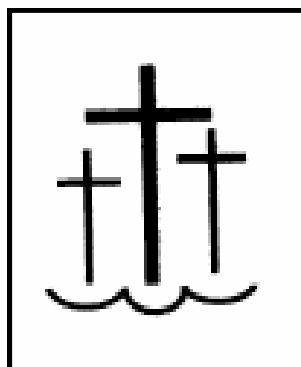
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOING FORTH, *organ*

“In Dulci Jubilo”



Tonight, December 24, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:00 am, *“Local-kine” Christmas Morning Service*