



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2014

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

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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: Beloved children of God:

the grace that is Christ’s gift to us,
the love of God,
and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
be with you all!

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

The *Confession and Forgiveness* 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: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12–18

Zephaniah, like the prophet Amos, presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

ONE: ⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 90: 1–12

¹Lord, you have [|] been our refuge
from one generation [|] to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the [|] earth were born,
from age to age [|] you are God.

³You turn us back to the [|] dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- [|] ren of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when [|] it is past
and like a watch [|] in the night;

⁵you sweep them away [|] like a dream,

they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE: Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are

drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Ka Mana‘o ‘I‘o”



Ka ma-na-‘o-‘i-‘o, o ko kā-kou A-ku - a, Faith - ful, faith-ful is our God.



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GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 25: 14–30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,

ALL: 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

KAHU: ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,

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ALL: 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

KAHU: ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“The Blessing *BEFORE* Our Eyes!!”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“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: Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God’s blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God’s good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it continues to sow seeds of mercy, love, forgiveness, and joy, even as it anticipates your coming again to bring restoration to the new heaven and earth. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: We pray for all creation, for the wonder of climate and tide, of mountains, valleys, rivers, and oceans, that we become better stewards of this bounty. Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: We pray for all nations, their leaders and governments, that they

replace power, pride, greed, and enmity with justice, mercy, reconciliation, and peacemaking. Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: We pray for the lonely, the disheartened, those who suffer from debilitating illness, those who cannot speak for themselves, and those in any need. Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: We pray for our congregation's leaders, that they continue to encourage us and send us out in peace and love to follow your call. Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: We give thanks for all the saints, for their faithfulness and perseverance in following you, whose examples will bring us closer to you. Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

Kahu: Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, 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, *organ*

“Nun danket alle Gott”

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: 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*

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the music. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The system ends with a double bar line.

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 *seated*

KAHU: O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 726 *standing* “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

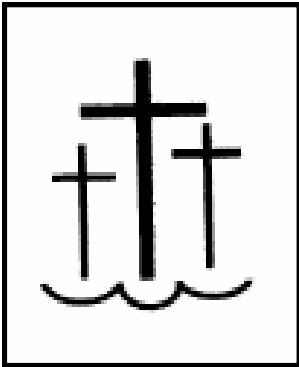
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The blessing of almighty God,
the Father of glory,
+ Jesus Christ our peace,
and the Spirit of truth,
be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: **Amen.**

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**



Today, November 16, 2014

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KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

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WORSHIP SERVICES AHEAD

Sunday, November 23—Reign of Christ

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Jesus, My Joy Forever,”
“Psalm 121”*

ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday, November 30—1st Sunday of Advent

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Calvary Bells,
Calvary Choir, “Waiting for Messiah,” “LightShine”*

Sunday, December 7—2nd Sunday of Advent

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Guest Musician, Marty Haugen
Music, Nā Leo Kamali'i, Calvary Choir*

Sunday, December 14, 7 pm—3rd Sunday of Advent

MARATHON SUNDAY

*Music and Sermon, Performing Arts Calvary
Presiding Minister, Kahu Tim*