



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015

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 mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Calvary Choir*

“Everything Beautiful”

God hath made ev'rything beautiful in its time. Also God hath set a veil in their heart, so that no one can know all the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. God hath made ev'rything beautiful in its time.

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: Precious children of God:
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.

GATHERING HYMN 524 *standing*

“What Is This Place”

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the *Creator* of wind and rain, field and ocean,
the *Bread of Life* coming down from above,
the *Power* at work within us and this world.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God and Creator of all,

**ALL: we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed.**

We have thought better of ourselves than others.

We have told lies,

said hurtful things,

acted in ways we wish we could take back,

and looked the other way when action was needed.

In your mercy, O God,

forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us,

for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: People of God:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
everything has become new!

In Christ, + you are a new creation:
your sins are taken away and you are made new.

Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, 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

Ezekiel 17: 22–24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

ONE: ²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 92: 1–4, 12–15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks ¹ to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, ¹ O Most High;
²to herald your love ¹ in the morning
and your faithful- ¹ ness at night;
³on the psaltery, and ¹ on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹ of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your ¹acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works ¹of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- ¹dar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house ¹of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts ¹of our God;

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹in old age;
they shall be ¹green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how up- ¹right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is ¹no injustice.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5: 6–10, 14–17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

ONE: ⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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*

Mark 4: 26–34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

KAHU: ²⁶[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“Walk by Faith—*NOT* by Sight!!”

SERMON HYMN 512 *standing*

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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: Trusting the Spirit’s power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you reveal yourself in word and water, bread and wine. Show us your will as we worship and send us forth as signs of unexpected grace. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

KAHU: Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, grasses and all flowering things, that their beauty may flourish for their sakes and ours. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

KAHU: God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, and sick. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation. We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us. Anchor us in the triune God, confident in the abundant life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

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.

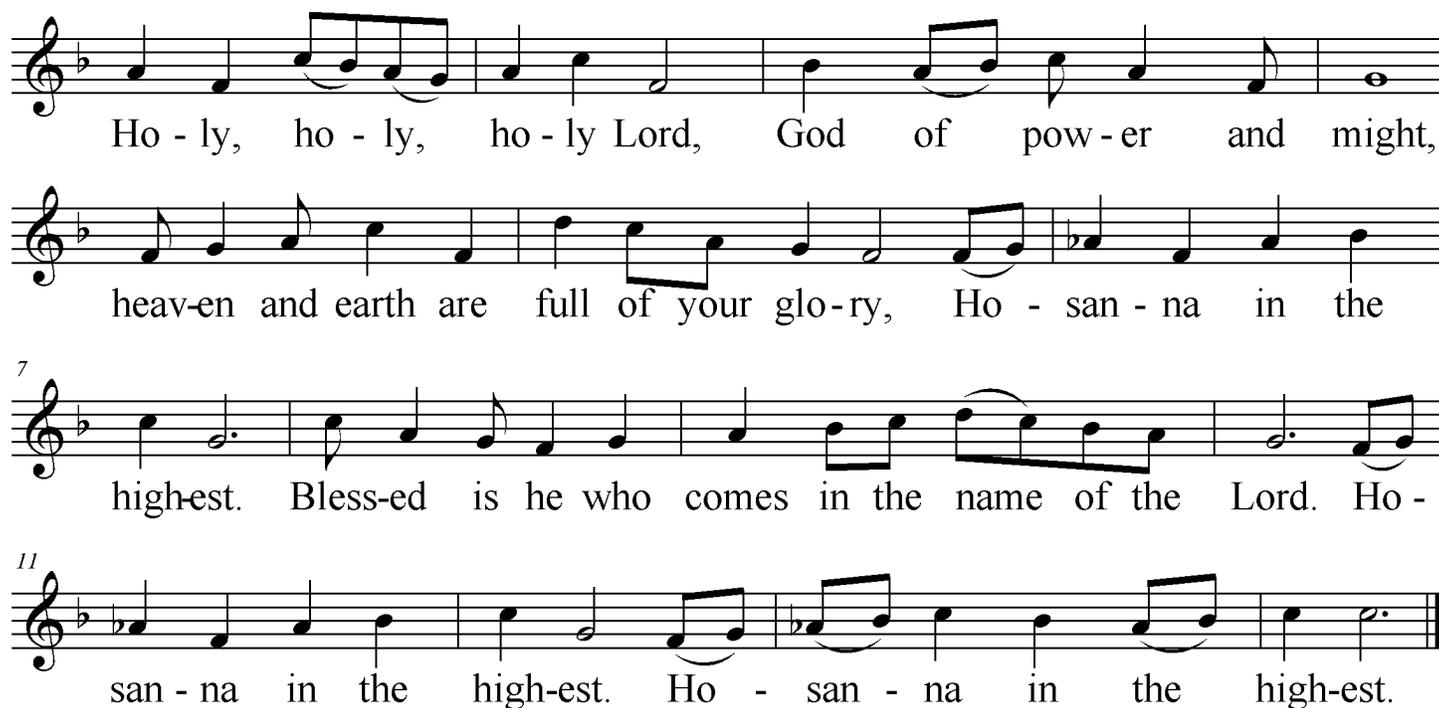
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 mostly quarter notes and half notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music. The first staff has two phrases: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff has two phrases: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one phrase: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one phrase: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

SANCTUS *standing*

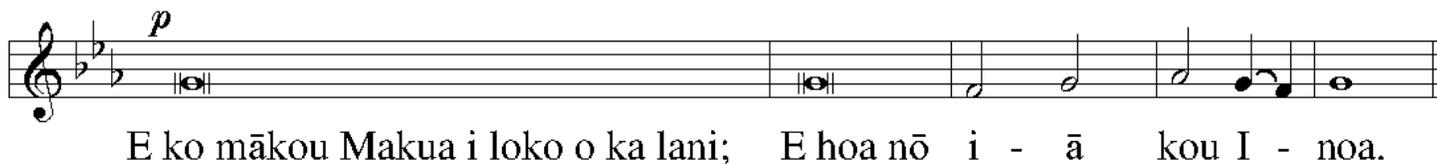
The Sanctus is sung following, "...we praise your name and join their unending hymn."



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
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high - est. 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*



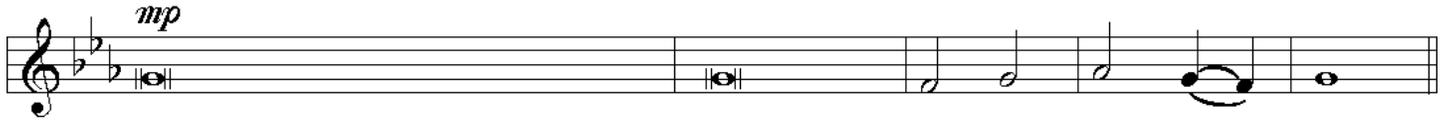
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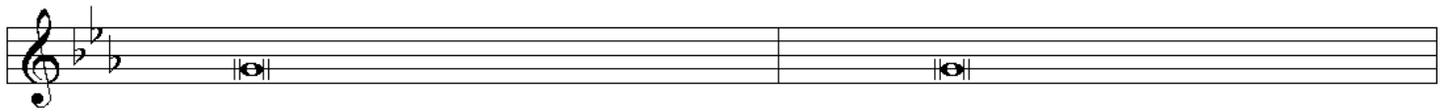
E hiki mai kou aupuni; E mālama 'ia kou makemake ma ka honua nei.



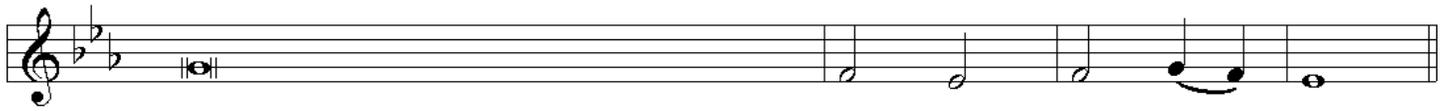
E like me 'ia i mālama 'ia ma ka la - ni — la.



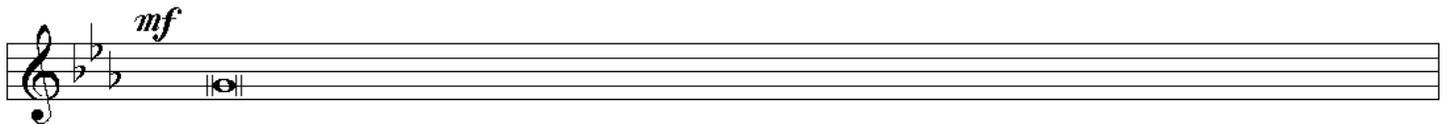
E hā'awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā, i 'aina mā - kou no nē - i - a lā.



E kala mai ho'i iā mākou, i kā mākou lawe hala 'ana



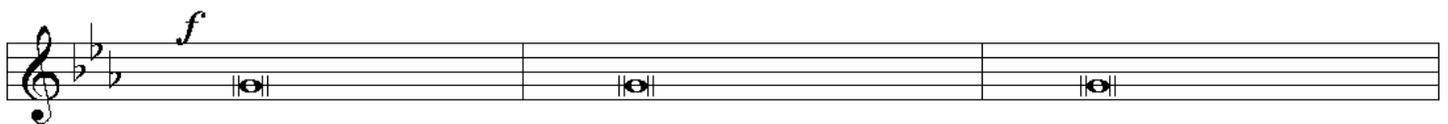
Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawe ha - la i kā mā - kou.



Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai.



E ho'opakele nō na'e 'ia mā - kou i ka — 'i - no.



No ka mea Nou ke aupuni A me ka mana



A me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa a-ku. 'Ā - me-ne. 'Ā - me-ne.

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION, *Malia Mercurio*

“Du bist die Ruh”
(You are the Rest)

*You are the rest, the gentle peace,
You are the longing, and what stills it.
I give to you, full of pleasure and pain
My eyes and heart as a dwelling place.*

*Come to me and close the gates quietly behind you.
Drive other pain out of this breast!
Full may this heart be of your joy.*

*This temple of my eyes, by your radiance alone is brightened,
Oh fill it completely!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

KAHU: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 670 *standing*

“Build Us Up, Lord”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Almighty and merciful God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless,
preserve,
and keep you this day and forevermore.

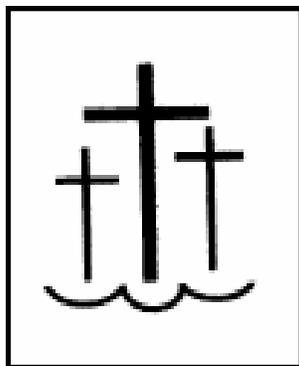
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace.
Live in love, as Christ loved us.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *organ*

“Song of Peace”



Today, June 14, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Choir; Malia Mercurio, soloist

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Three—Laura Sprowls, Leslie Dormans, Judith Cucco, Karen Sisler, Tim Sprowls

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WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, June 21—Pentecost 4

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Summer Bell Choir, and Calvary Choir,
“When You Walk Through a Storm/Climb Every Mountain”*

Sunday, June 28—Pentecost 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “I Sing Because I’m Happy”

Sunday, July 5—Pentecost 6

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Jesus Calls Us”

Sunday, July 12—Pentecost 7

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Be Thou My Vision”

Sunday, July 19—Pentecost 8

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Jon Osorio and the Calvary Choir

Sunday, July 26—Pentecost 9

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Jon Osorio and the Calvary Choir