



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel!”

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: Tear open the heavens, and come down.

ALL: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

KAHU: The grace of 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,
who shapes the whole creation,
who comes with might and mercy,
who fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Creator God,

ALL: forgive us for we deny our humanity and act as our own gods.

We advance ourselves at the expense of others.

We elevate personal desires to universal importance.

We put ourselves above your command to love and serve.

Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay.

Remake us into your people. Rebuild what sin has broken,

that we and the whole creation may rejoice living in your

peace. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news:

You are free from all that imprisons you;

your sins are forgiven;

God heals your broken hearts.

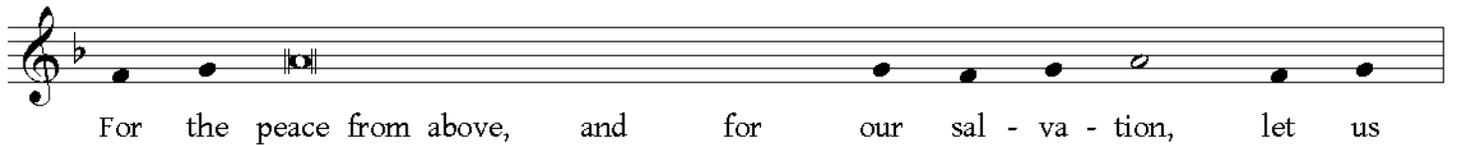
Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KYRIE *standing, the Assembly responds singing "Lord have mercy," and "Amen"*



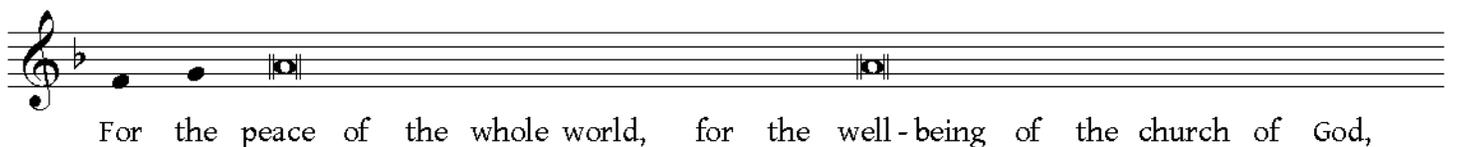
In___ peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



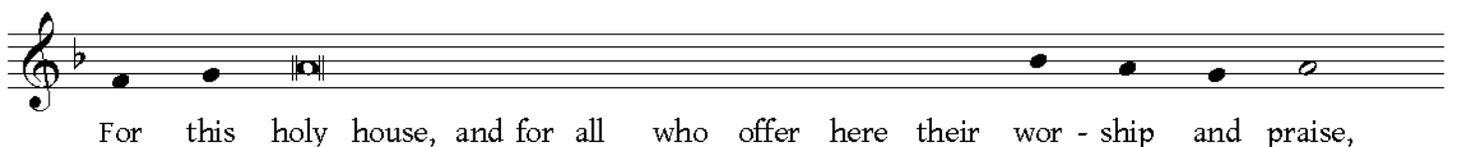
pray to the Lord. Lord have___ mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have___ mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

GREETING OF GUESTS *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 1

ALL SINGING:

**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.

ONE: We gather together to expect the unexpected. We dream about the future and patiently wait for the birth of Messiah. Jesus, we light this candle whose flame brings light to the darkness.

ALL: Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64: 1–9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

ONE: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹ like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- ¹ on the cherubim.
- ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹ and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and ¹ come to help us.
- ³Restore ¹ us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
- ⁴O LORD ¹ God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your ¹ people pray?
- ⁵You have fed them with the ¹ bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of ¹ tears to drink.
- ⁶You have made us the derision ¹ of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh ¹ us to scorn.
- ⁷Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
- ¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at ¹ your right hand,
the one you have made so strong ¹ for yourself.
- ¹⁸And so will we never turn a- ¹ way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- ¹ on your name.
- ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 3–9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

ONE: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of

every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



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

GOSPEL *standing*

Mark 13: 24–37

In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

KAHU: [Jesus said:] ²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“A NEW AGE is about to BEGIN!”

SERMON HYMN 246 *standing* “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

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: With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church,

the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Come, long-expected one. Awaken your church to be alert for signs of your coming in unexpected people and places. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, Savior of the nations. Let your justice and righteousness dwell among all the peoples of the earth. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, Creator of all. Amidst the shortness of life, teach us to wonder at the sun, moon, stars, mountains, oceans, and all creatures great and small. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, Love divine. Enfold with your mercy all who watch and wait for hope in the midst of suffering, hardship, poverty, unemployment, illness, or grief. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Come, giver of grace. Turn this community toward the light of your forgiveness and mercy as we wait for the advent of Christ. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

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

KAHU: Come, creative Spirit. Inspire us by the faith of those who have gone before us as we trust in your promise to bring all things to fulfillment in Christ. Hear us, O God, and

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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* “The Snow Lay on the Ground”

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 abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior 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.

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
 highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 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: Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 439 *standing*

“Soon and Very Soon”

All Keiki are invited to dance.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: God most high,
God with us,
God poured out on us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

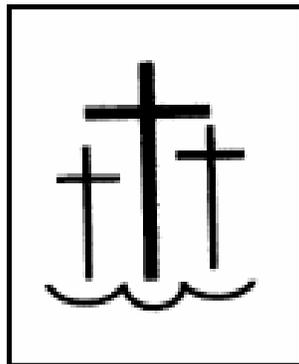
ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“Savior of the Nations, Come”



Today, November 30, 2014

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

PSALMIST: Manning Richards

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: All Tribes

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 30—1st Sunday of Advent

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Bells

Calvary Choir, “LightShine,” “Jesu, Joy...”

Sunday, December 7—2nd Sunday of Advent

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Guest Musician, Marty Haugen

Music, Nā Leo Kamali'i, Calvary Choir, “Waiting for Messiah”

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

MARATHON SUNDAY

Music and Sermon, Performing Arts Calvary, “A Play in a Manger”

Presiding Minister, Kahu Tim

Friday, December 19, 7 pm—Blue Christmas

A Service for those who do not handle holidays well....

Presiding and Meditation, Kahu Tim

Music, Karla Myers, Amie Lawyer, Calvary Choir Members

Sunday, December 21—4th Sunday of Advent

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “For Unto Us,” “Glory to God”