



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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7th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

7:30 and 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!

An Advent Explanation

*The Western Church Year is structured around the two great celebrations of the Christian Church—**Easter** and **Christmas**. Easter, based on the Jewish Passover, is determined by the phase of the moon. It is a “moveable” date. Christmas, on the other hand, is a fixed date determined in the 4th century to coincide with the pagan observance of the winter solstice, which at that time fell on December 25.*

In the early church there was much diversity in regard to rites and calendars. Local churches were not always in sync with one another. Even today there is not uniformity in the observances of the Church Year, especially between the Western Church and the Eastern Church.

*In 2006 **The Advent Project** (theadventproject.org) began as a continuing seminar of the North American Academy of Liturgy. This ecumenical project proposes to expand the observance of Advent from 4 Sundays to 7 Sundays in order to reclaim Advent “as the time of preparation for the coming of Christ at the end of time even as we welcome his appearance in our weekly assembly and in the world to which we are sent.” This expansion of Advent to 7 Sundays is an attempt to enable the Church to focus once again on the **full manifestation of the reign of God**.*

***The Advent Project** does not change any of the assigned readings in the Revised Common Lectionary. The majority of the readings in November already have an end-time focus. The final three Sundays of the 2015 Church Year (8, 15, 22 November) are simply given an Advent overlay.*

This proposal has great attractiveness for us at Calvary by the Sea because our current Advent Worship observances are curtailed by the Honolulu Marathon and by PAC Sunday. Thus, in expanding Advent to 7 Sundays we are able as a community of faith to explore more fully and completely what it means to “long for the Lord’s coming.”

*This is the first season that Calvary joins **The Advent Project** as we all strive to follow Jesus more closely both as a community of faith and as individual disciples.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the Seventh Sunday of Advent in the *Performing Arts @ Calvary's* musical, "David's Dynasty." In it we are taught the meaning of being part of the "royal dynasty" that will one day produce a new king for their people. In the end, they realize that every one of us is invited to be a part of an even greater dynasty—God's family.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

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: How long, O God, must we endure our brokenness?

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, and make us whole!

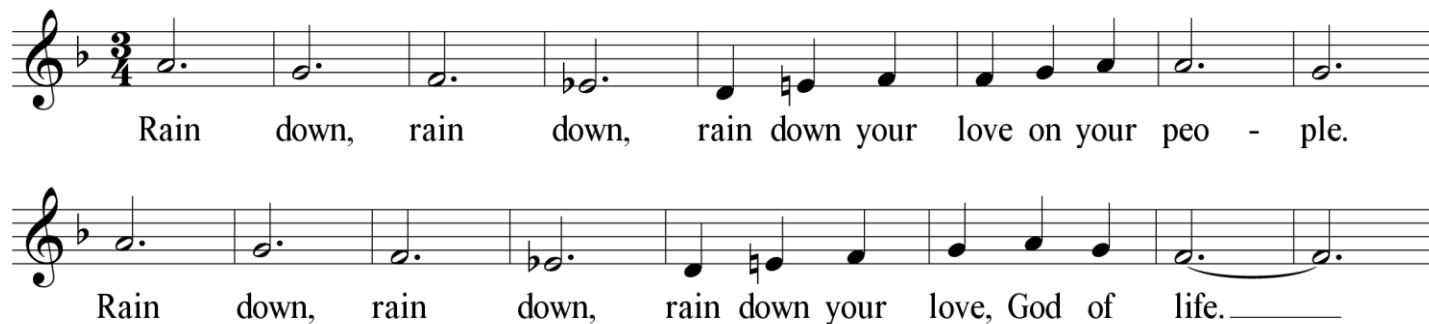
KAHU: The grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *standing*

“Rain Down”

REFRAIN



Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

VERSE



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the
works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your
just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
peace touch our hearts; all of our hope lies in you.

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CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God,
ALL: **you know us through and through—better than we know ourselves. You claim us as your own. Yet we act as if we are 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.**

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: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism:

your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.

Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 7

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.**

SERMON IN *WORD, SONG, and DANCE*

Performing Arts @ Calvary; Clara Whippy, director

“David’s Dynasty”

“David’s Dynasty”

by

Gina Boe, Barb Dorn, Sue C. Smith, and Christopher Davis

On the hills outside Bethlehem, a family of inquisitive, energetic shepherds discover the meaning of a “royal dynasty” that will one day produce a new king for their people. As they explore what the prophets said would happen in “boring Bethlehem,” they become part of the story unfolding on the night Jesus was born. They learn that even though you may have to wait to see it happen, God always keeps his promises. And in the end, they realize that everyone of us is invited to be part of a dynasty—God’s great family which we join when we believe in his Son.

Songs and Scenes

David's Dynasty

Scene 1

Bethle-Boring

Scene 2

Somebody's Counting

Scene 3

Listen to the Oldies

Scene 4

Angel Jam

Scene 5

He is God

Scene 6

Born to Be the Savior

Scene 7

The King is on the Way

Cast

(in alphabetical order)

Paige Adelberger – William

Megan Adelberger – Jason

Tyler Borrer - Roman Courier, Shepherd, Joseph

Maile Hennington- Miss Ketura

Zoe Kickland- Roman Courier, Shepherd

Henry Lee – Phillip

Danielle Molina-Perigo - Shepherd, Mary

Jacqueline Yi - Simon, Angel

Sadie Young – Jerusha

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: Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

A brief silence.

O God our Wisdom, give to all the baptized knowledge of your truth and the power of your presence.

ALL: **Inspire worship leaders and church musicians toward**

ever-deepening praise. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: O God, Lord of might, hold the cosmos in your care.

ALL: Give the earth both darkness and light, cold and warmth. Protect the mountains from exploitation. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: O God, King of nations, bring peace and justice to all the countries of the world.

ALL: Guide all leaders toward honest and merciful rule. Raise up those who are poor. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: O God, Key of David, look from your throne upon all in need.

ALL: Mend the broken and the brokenhearted. Free those imprisoned by anxiety or illness. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: O God, Tree of Jesse, nurture our community.

ALL: Give us joy in one another, and make us servants of all in need. Bless our holy day celebrations with your Spirit. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: O God, Dayspring, we remember all who have died and now live in your light.

ALL: Gather us to yourself and teach us to sing together Mary's song of praise. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen. Even so, 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, *piano*

“Fling Wide the Door”

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: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
Let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blessed be God who is our bread.
May all the world be clothed and fed.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

KAHU: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

KAHU: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 *in unison*

ALL: 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

KAHU: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 723 *standing*

“Canticle of the Turning”

All Keiki are invited to dance.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

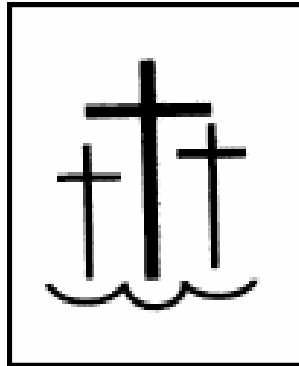
GOING FORTH *organ*

“The Final Countdown!”

Ina is playing this composition as a farewell to the organ which has served Calvary by the Sea, the Japanese weddings, and the community so very well.

Thanks be to God!

(This is the only sound and volume the organ can play!)



Today, December 20, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: *PAC*; Clara Whippy, *director*

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

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

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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