



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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First Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2017

7:30 and 10:00 am

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Ina*

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

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, *Pastor JP*

JP: From the one who was,
who is,
and who is to come:
Grace and peace be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN 267 *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.

Mo ro bi to ko zo ri te, mu ka e ma tsu re—

Hi sa-shi-ku- - ma chi-ni- shi- -

Shu wa ki ma se-ri, shu-wa ki ma se-ri, shu-wa-shu wa - - ki ma se ri.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Pastor JP*

JP: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel,
the Word made flesh,
the Power of the Most High,
+ one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

JP: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against
God and our neighbor by singing stanzas 1, 2 and 4 of “O Lord
How Shall I Meet You”

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF CONFESSION 241

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
(stanzas 1, 2, 4)

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

**I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.**

**Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn your joys departed and tremble at your doom.
All hail the Lord's appearing! O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams so cheering and guide us safely home.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JP: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:
To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.
Your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name.

ALL: **Amen.**

KYRIE 279 *standing*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(stanzas 3 and 4)

**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!**

GLORIA 289 *standing*

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"
(stanzas 1 and 3)

**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.***

**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.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust
in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so
defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.**

KEIKI SERMON (10 AM), *Pastor JP*

GREETING OF GUESTS *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's *aloha* be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63: 7–9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

ONE: ⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD [|] from the heavens;
praise God [|] in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, [|] all you angels;
sing praise, all you [|] hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, [|] sun and moon;
sing praise, all you [|] shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav- [|] en of heavens,
and you waters a- [|] bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name [|] of the LORD,
who commanded, and they [|] were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not [|] pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD [|] from the earth,
you sea monsters [|] and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, [|] snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- [|] ing God's will;

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
| **Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2: 10–18

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

ONE: ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who

has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Nu ‘Oli” (Glad Tidings)
(*stanza 1*)



1. Nū ‘o-li! Nū ‘o-li! He nū ka-ma-ha‘o! He nū no ke o - la mai lu - na mai nō
2. Nū ‘o-li! Nū ‘o-li! Ua pi - li ia nū Ika po‘e ‘i - li - hu-ne, ka po - ‘e lu‘u - lu‘u
3. Nū ‘o-li! Nū ‘o-li! Hau - ‘o - li ‘ou - kou Ka po‘e a - ka - hai a ha‘a - ha‘a ka na - ‘au



No kā - na - ka nu - i, no ka - ma - li‘i nei A ‘oi ka na - ni i ke gu - la a‘i - a‘i.
Ne‘e mai a pau - le - le ha - hai iā Ie - sū A pau nō ka hu - ne a ma - ha ‘ou - kou.
Na Ie - sū e ka - la a ho‘o - hā - nau hou A ka‘i mai nei a‘e i ka na - ni ma ‘ō.



Nū ‘o - li! Nū ‘o - li! Nū ka - ma - ha‘o, ka - ma - ha‘o, ka - ma - ha‘o ē!



Nū ‘o - li! Nū ‘o - li! He nū no ke o - la e hau - ‘o - li ē!

(Glad tidings! Glad tidings! O wonderful love! A message has come from the angels above: Good news of great joy comes to young and to old, for Jesus brings mercy more precious than gold. Glad tidings, glad tidings! O wonderful, wonderful, wonderful love! Glad tidings, glad tidings! We hail the glad tidings of wonderful love!)

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 2: 13–22

Matthew relates the slaughter of babies in Bethlehem as one example of evil in the world. Jesus has been born into this world to manifest God's presence and

save his people from their sins.

JP: ¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

ALL: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

JP: ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

JP: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Pastor JP*

SERMON HYMN 632 *standing*

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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*

JP: Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, make your presence known throughout your church in all its different forms.

ALL: **Guide preachers and teachers to proclaim the work you do in this and every place. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*** (God is love; love is God)

JP: *Merciful God,* you created the earth and all it contains.

ALL: **Send rain and snow to parched places so that plants and animals thrive. Direct us to be good stewards of all that you create. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.***

JP: *Merciful God,* you heal what is broken and make all things new.

ALL: **Grant peace in war-torn nations, diplomatic wisdom to leaders, and end the torment of violence, so that all**

**people live in safety and security. Hear our prayer,
*Aloha ke Akua.***

JP: *Merciful God, you call us as your children and comfort us in our afflictions.*

ALL: Bring patience to the distressed, compassion to the grieving, and relief to the suffering, so that all experience your loving care. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

JP: *Merciful God, you gather us together and feed us with your word and sacrament.*

ALL: Send us forth to make your name known to all in our community by serving our neighbors. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

JP: You give us examples of Christlike living through the witness of the faithful departed.

ALL: As your beloved called on the name of Jesus throughout their lives, inspire us to call upon him in joy and in need. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

JP: Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, *Ina*

“In Dulci Jubilo”

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 with us:

*You came as a baby to a manger.
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.
You come again in bread and wine.*

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*

JP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

JP: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

JP: 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 *(traditional)*

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Pastor JP*

JP: May Christ,
who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth,
give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

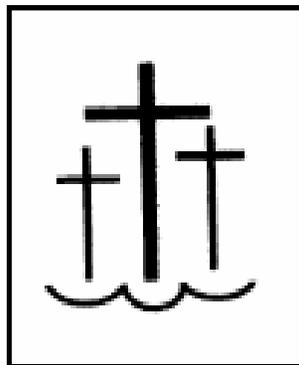
JP: Glory to God in the highest!

ALL: Peace to God’s people on earth!

JP: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOING FORTH, *Ina*



Today, January 1, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

GUEST MINISTER: Rev. Dr. J. P. Sabbithi

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSICIANS: Congregation

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

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

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Services Ahead

Saturday, January 7—Baptism of Christ

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ‘Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, January 8—Baptism of Christ

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Nunc Dimittis”

Pupu Luncheon

following 10 am Worship Service

provided by

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12 NOON “New Year’s” CONCERT

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

MeQuon, Wisconsin

Calvary Sanctuary

Saturday, January 14—Epiphany 1

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ‘Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Ina

Sunday, January 15—Epiphany 1

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir