



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Calvary Handbell Choir*

“Thine Is the Glory”

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: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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GATHERING HYMN 836 *standing* “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

ALL: You have made all things new. Yet we are afraid.

We cling to the past.

We hold grudges.

We harbor anger and fear.

We refuse to love ourselves or to forgive others.

Make us alive in Christ.

Renew us in grace.

Rescue us from evil.

Restore us to living in your holiness without fearing the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood.

The light of the risen Christ

puts to flight all evil deeds,

washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

casts out hate,

brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *Calvary Choir*

“Hallelujah, Amen!”

*Hallelujah, Amen!
O Judah rejoice in songs divine;
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.
Hallelujah, Amen!*

FIRST READING

Acts 16: 9–15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

ONE: ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a

Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 67

- ¹May God be merciful to ¹us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known ¹upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise ¹you, O God;
let all the ¹peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and ¹sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- ¹tions on earth.**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise ¹you, O God;
let all the ¹peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought ¹forth its increase;
God, our own ¹God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God ¹give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹stand in awe.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21: 10, 22—25: 5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and

the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

ONE: ¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

KAHU: ²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim***SERMON**, *Kahu Tim****“Where Can You Converse with God??”*****SERMON HYMN** *standing****“Be Now My Vision”***

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart—*

*You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.*

*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.*

*Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.*

*Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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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: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people.

ALL: Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: Nourish all lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and just irrigation systems.

ALL: Produce abundant food by the flowing of your Spirit throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far.

ALL: Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit.

ALL: Deliver your healing and peace to all in need. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed.

ALL: Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used. Hear us, O God.

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

KAHU: You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also in the book of life.

ALL: Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming. Hear us, O God.

KAHU: We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of 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, *Calvary Bell Choir* “Many and Great”

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: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN 483 *standing*

“Here Is Bread”

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.

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: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 774 *standing*

“What a Fellowship,
What a Joy Divine”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always.

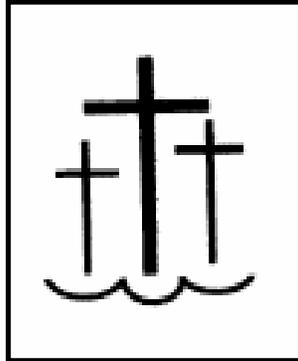
All: **Amen.**

KAHU: Go in peace. Share the good news.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

GOING FORTH, *organ*

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”



Scripture Lessons for 7 and 8 May, 2016

Acts 16: 16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17: 20-26

Today, May 1, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Handbell Choir, Ina Young, *director*; Calvary Choir

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

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Six—Mike May, *Interim Tribe Leader*

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

SERVICE MUSIC: “Thine Is the Glory,” arr. Susan E. Geschke, © 2012 Agape; “Hallelujah, Amen!” by Georg Friderich Handel, arr. Mark Yasuhara, © 2015 Mark Yasuhara; “Gospel Acclamation,” by Marty Haugen, © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; “Be Now My Vision,” ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, versified Eleanor H. Hull, adapt. “The New Century Hymnal,” © 1995 The Pilgrim Press; “Many and Great,” arr. Kathleen Wissinger, © 2007 Composers Music Company; “Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” arr. George Lachenauer, © 2014 Wayne Leupold Editions. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP AHEAD

Saturday, May 7—Easter 7

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in the Sanctuary

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom and Amie

Sunday, May 8—Easter 7

Preaching, Kahu Tim

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

Saturday, May 14—Easter 8

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in the Sanctuary

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom and Amie

Sunday, May 15—Pentecost

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

Dance, Lisa Kimsey and Friends