



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Saturday Sunset Worship

Holy Trinity

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6:30 pm

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

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words tonight. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING (*A TIME TO BE STILL*), Tom

“Water”

During the **Gathering** please center your hearts and thoughts on *Makua*—God the Creator, *Keiki Kane*—Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and *‘Uhane Hemolele*—the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

GREETING *standing*

KAHU: Welcome to Calvary by the Sea!

Welcome to hear the promises of God,
to pray for healing and for one another,
to be fed at the table,
and to be sent into the world as
wounded healers and bearers of Christ's love.

ALL: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
ALL: in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us
from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KAHU: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the
mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were
sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *standing*

“Ka Mana‘o ‘I‘o”
(Faithful, Faithful Is Our God)

REFRAIN



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



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VERSES



1. In love there is no one more faith - ful than our God,
2. In qui - et mo - ments — God whis - pers ten - der - ly
3. The mer - cy of our God is ours to share each day,



who brings the light in - to our dark - ness,
the mys - t'ry of un - end - ing love; _____
to help each oth - er on our way, _____



the God who shares the breath of life in you and me,
for God is good _____ and holds us as we sleep
to be God's hands and heart, God's ten - der - ness and care,



all liv - - - ing things u - pon the earth.
then wakes us with the morn - ing light.
God's faith - - - ful peo - ple in the world.

D.C. al Fine

“Ka Mana‘o ‘I‘o (Faithful, Faithful Is Our God)” was composed as the theme song for the 1999 **Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference**. The composer Joe Camacho, who is a friend of Calvary by the Sea, grew up in the Kapahulu area of O‘ahu, and currently lives in Volcano, on Hawai‘i. The refrain of this song is also used as tonight’s “Gospel Acclamation.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING, *read responsively*

Isaiah 6: 1–8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

ONE: ¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

PSALM, *read responsively*

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

**And in the temple of the LORD
all are | crying, "Glory!"**

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 12–17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

ONE: ¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Ka Mana‘o ‘I‘o”



GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 3: 1–17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

KAHU: ¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

ALL: "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

KAHU: ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him,

ALL: "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

KAHU: ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him,

ALL: "How can these things be?"

KAHU: ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be

lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“God Sang Us to Life!!”

SERMON HYMN 861 *standing*

“When Long before Time”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“Nicene Creed”

This creed takes the name “Nicene” from the town of Nicea where the *First Council of Nicea* formulated and adopted this statement in 325. The Nicene Creed was written as an expression of orthodoxy or correct belief during a time when the church was trying to understand more clearly the divinity of Jesus, and the nature between the Father and the Son.

ALL: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES, *Kahu Tim*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: *Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place,
praying for the world that God so loves.*

A brief silence.

Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit.
ALL: **Give to your church the confidence of the children of
God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-**

saving love. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: *The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound.*

ALL: **Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *You so loved the world that you gave your only Son.*

ALL: **In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness.*

ALL: **Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *In our living and in our dying, we belong to you.*

ALL: **In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Teach us your ways. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

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

KAHU: *With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name.*

ALL: **Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ALL: **Amen.**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, Tom

“All the Way My Savior
Leads Me”

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: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us.

Open our hands to receive it.

Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

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 (contemporary) *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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 443 *standing*

“Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

ALL: **Amen.**

KAHU: Go forth in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

