



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Saturday Sunset Worship **2nd Sunday in Lent**

March 11, 2017

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

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

A TIME TO BE STILL

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

KYRIE *standing, singing*



**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our soul with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

GREETING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

KAHU: The Lord be with you!

ALL: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: **forgive us.**

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

Silence.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

**For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: People of God, look to the + Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

ALL: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your**

Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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 AND SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 12: 1–4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

ONE: ¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes [|] to the hills;
from where is my [|] help to come?
²My help comes [|] from the LORD,
the maker of heav- [|] en and earth.
³The LORD will not let your [|] foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keep- | er of Israel

will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches | over you;

the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike | you by day,

nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil

and will | keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,

from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 4: 1–5, 13–17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

ONE: ¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of

Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing* "Let Your Steadfast Love Come"

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 3: 1–17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

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. ¹⁶For 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*

“Nicodemus IS YOUR NEIGHBOR!!”

SERMON HYMN 608 *standing*

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families,

ALL: **bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God. Aloha ke Akua** (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: *O God, lover of the entire cosmos,*

ALL: **help us to love all of the creatures and life within it. Hear us, O God. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: *O God, the source of all help,*

ALL: **keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil. Hear us, O God. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: *O God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow,*

ALL: **grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need.**

Hear us, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: *O God, your grace sustains all lives,*

ALL: lead this assembly in its Lenten journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light.

ALL: Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through 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, *Tom*

“Blessed Assurance”

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, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; 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*

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: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
 may our fasting be hunger for justice,
 our alms, a making of peace,
 and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 598 *standing* “For by Grace You Have Been Saved”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your
journey into life renewed.

 The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and give you + peace.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

