

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Saturday Sunset Worship

4th Saturday in Lent

March 10, 2018

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

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Tom*

“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”

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

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: In the name of the Creator, and of the + Redeemer, and of the Comforter.

ALL: Amen.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: we do not pursue justice, love kindness, nor walk humbly with you. Instead, we build bank accounts, insulate ourselves from others, and chase our own desires. We deliberately confuse the world's standard of success with your will for our lives.

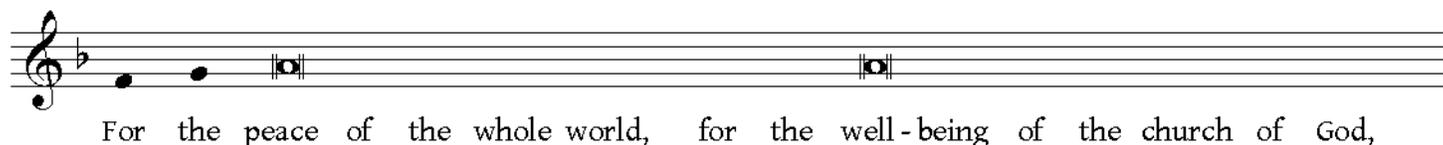
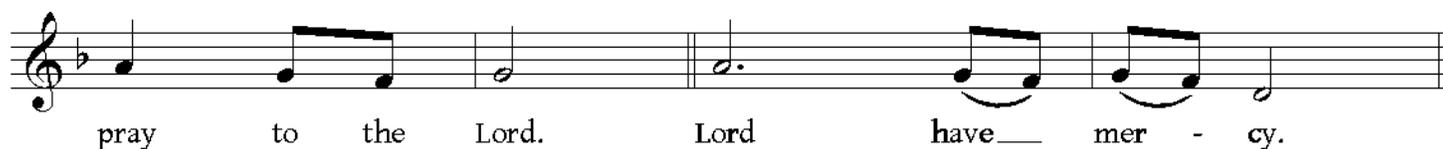
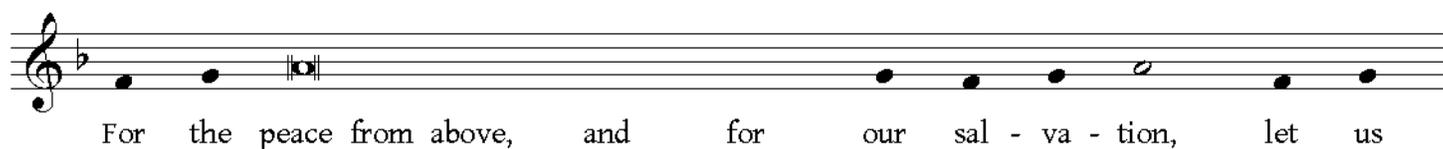
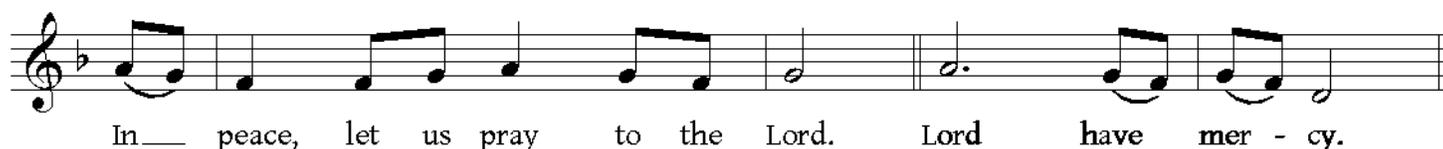
Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts and give us grace to live generously and lovingly as your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

KYRIE *Kahu Tim and Assembly, standing*



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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 *and* **SHARING OF ALOHA** *standing*

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

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 21: 4–9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

ONE: ⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM *read responsively*

Psalm 107: 1–3, 17–22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹LORD is good,
for God's mercy en-¹dures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the ¹LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand ¹of the foe,

³gathering them in ¹from the lands;
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and ¹from the south.**

¹⁷Some were fools and took re-¹bellious paths;
through their sins they ¹were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all man-¹ner of food

and drew near¹ to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried¹ to the LORD
and you delivered them from¹ their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your¹ word and healed them
and rescued them¹ from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your¹ steadfast love
and your wonderful works¹ for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices¹ of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with¹ shouts of joy.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2: 1–10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

ONE: ¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Where Your Treasure Is”

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free.

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Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '7', followed by the melody for the second line of text. The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for a church acclamation.

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GOSPEL *standing*

John 3: 14–21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

KAHU: [Jesus said:] ¹⁴“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.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

This Finnish hymn was written by Kari Tikka (b. 1946) “in 1976 for a Sunday service.” He notes that this song became popular very quickly and has been translated into more than fifteen languages.

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: *Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

A brief silence.

We pray for the church.

ALL: Direct and guide us in following your will. Grant us clarity in the midst of confusion, courage in the face of challenge, and faithfulness when distracted. Make us passionate to share the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *We pray for the world you so deeply love.*

ALL: **For oceans and reefs. For wilderness places. For deserts and mountains, fruit trees and gardens. For places devastated by flooding or drought, by wind, fire, or earthquake. Restore damaged habitats and protect fragile environments. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for the nations.*

ALL: **Grant wisdom to our leaders. Teach us to resolve conflicts without violence. Strengthen those who protect human rights, civil rights, and civil liberties. Bring an end to warfare, famine, and hunger. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for those in need.*

ALL: **For those who lack meaningful employment or stable housing. For those who live with mental illness. For those who have chronic pain, and for all who are grieving, sick, or injured. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *We pray for this assembly.*

ALL: **For those preparing for baptism. For parish nurses and all who provide health care in our community. For those who make quilts, care bears, and gather supplies for global relief ministries. For ministries of prayer and visitation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

KAHU: *With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith, especially those whom we have known and loved. Bring us with them to the fulfillment of your promise of life eternal with you.*

ALL: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

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*

“Just As I Am”

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 *(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: 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 SONG 660 *standing*

“Lift High the Cross”

George W. Kitchin (1827-1912) wrote a hymn for a festival of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Winchester Cathedral in 1887. Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956) made alterations to the text by creating twelve couplets. Evangelical Lutheran Worship has further edited the hymn by removing the militant images and the pretensions of empire (changing “soldiers” to “servants,” and leaving out “conquering ranks”).

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!

