



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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4th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

7:30 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!

**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***

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

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

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.

KAHU: 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: **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and**

**reign with the Father 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

1 Samuel 16: 1–13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.

ONE: ¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or

on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 23

¹The LORD [|] is my shepherd;

I shall not [|] be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures

and leads me be- [|] side still waters.

³You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways

[|] for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall [|] fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff,

they [|] comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil,

and my cup is [|] running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹LORD forever.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 8–14

Because we now live in the divine light that is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

ONE: ⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, " Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je - sus, to
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.

reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 9: 1–41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

KAHU: ¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him,

ALL: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

KAHU: ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

ALL: "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

KAHU: ⁹Some were saying,

ALL: "It is he."

KAHU: Others were saying,

ALL: "No, but it is someone like him."

KAHU: He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him,

ALL: "Then how were your eyes opened?"

KAHU: ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him,

ALL: "Where is he?"

KAHU: He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said

again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may

become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“Open Our Eyes, Lord!”

SERMON HYMN 611 *standing*

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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 the ages, as your church prepares your table for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restore the unity of those who gather in your name. Hear us, O God.

ALL: *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: You shed light on your creation. With the arrival of spring let us anticipate resurrection and new life. Hear us, O God.

ALL: *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: Shine your light on the people of every nation. Reveal your reconciling love in places where fear and conflict thrive. Hear us, O God.

ALL: *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, bring healing to those in painful times, bring peace to those in trying times. Hear us, O God.

ALL: *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and work of this congregation. Help us to see your purpose clearly. Hear us, O God.

ALL: *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

KAHU: We remember and give thanks for those who have joined you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine in our hearts and guide our paths. Hear us, O God.

ALL: *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, *Ina*

“Be Thou My Vision”

DOXOLOGY *standing*

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uthane 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*

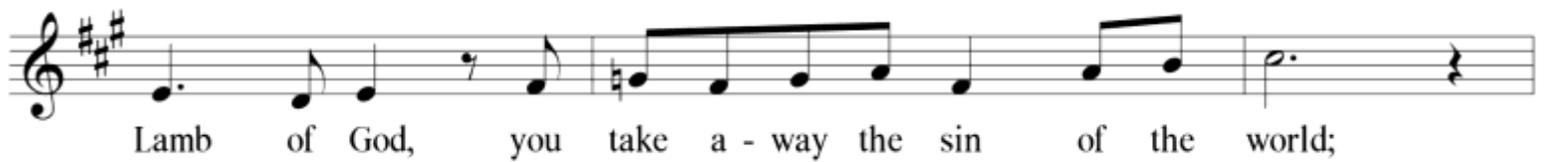
KAHU: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE FED

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *standing*

“Lamb of God”



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.**

SANCTUS *standing*

The **Sanctus** is sung following,
"...we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."

Again, 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 715 *standing*

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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.

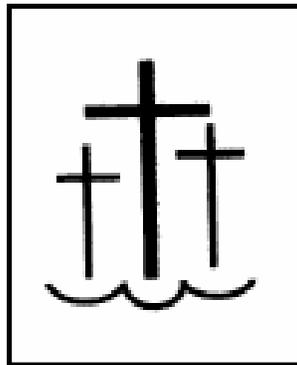
ALL: Amen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *Ina*

“Blessed Assurance”



Today, March 26, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

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LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday in Lent—Midweek Lenten Service

(March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5)

6 pm, Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary

6:30 pm, Soup Supper in Hale Aloha

Saturday, April 1—Lent 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, April 2—Lent 5

Installation and Welcome of New Members

Presiding, Kahu Tim

Message, Ms. Kelly and Sunday School Students (10 am)

Music, Sunday School and Congregation

Saturday, April 8—Palm/Passion Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, April 9—Palm/Passion Sunday

Ti-leaf Procession

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Lamb of God”