



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2016

10:00 pm

On this long Hawaiian winter’s evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the Prince of Peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

## GATHERING, *Calvary Choir*

“Goin’ to Bethlehem”

*Goin’ to Bethlehem, see that baby,  
Goin’ to Bethlehem, see that child (gonna take a while).*

*Look over yonder and see the wise men, on a journey they travel a far.  
Look over yonder and see the wise men, led to Bethlehem by a star.*

*Look over yonder and see the shepherds watching over their flocks by night.  
Look over yonder and see the shepherds, by the light of a star so bright.*

*I’m gonna sing heavenly melodies when I see that child.  
I’m gonna shout hallelujah when I see that child.*

*Look over yonder and see the angels; from the heavens they come to earth.  
Look over yonder and see the angels, singing praise of a baby’s birth.*

## RINGING OF THE BELL

During the ***Ring*** 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.

## GATHERING HYMN *standing*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:  
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

## **GREETING**, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Tonight Christ is born:

**ALL: Alleluia, alleluia!**

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 OF SIN**, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel,  
the Word made flesh,  
the Power of the Most High,  
+ one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

KAHU: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against  
God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of peace,  
**All: we confess that we are not at peace—**

**with others or with ourselves.**

**We bring to you all that tears us apart:**

**distrust of others,  
discord in our families,  
violence in our world,  
our own conflicted hearts.**

**In your mercy, mend us.**

**Reconnect us to one another and to you.**

**Let peace reign over all the earth,  
through the Prince of peace,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**KAHU:** I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:

*To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.*

Your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name.

**ALL:** Amen.

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *and***

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing***

**ALL:** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN** *standing*

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Mo ro bi to ko zo ri te, mu ka e ma tsu re—  
Hi sa-shi-ku- - ma chi-ni- shi- -  
Shu wa ki ma se-ri, shu-wa ki ma se-ri, shu-wa-shu wa - - ki ma se ri.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**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**

**CALL TO SCRIPTURE**

“The Beauty of Mauna Kea”

*Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola, Kumu Hula, Liko Cooke*

*My friend and I would sometimes roam the trails of Mauna Kea,  
and in the evening we'd come home to see her standing there.*

*The moon shines all around her when she sleeps,*

*The clouds stand beside her when she weeps.  
And I could be forgotten, and a thousand miles away,  
still I would recall the beauty of Mauna Kea.  
Now to any land you go she will be with you  
if you love her like I do, O Mauna Kea.  
And I live in the city now, and I see different things;  
in the nights when I'm alone she is in my dreams.  
The wind spins all around her when she waits.  
The sun spreads its warmth across her face.  
And I could be forgotten and a thousand miles away,  
still I would recall the beauty of Mauna Kea.*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 9: 2–7

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

ONE:       <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
              have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
              on them light has shined.  
<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
              you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
              as with joy at the harvest,  
              as people exult when dividing plunder.  
<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
              and the bar across their shoulders,  
              the rod of their oppressor,  
              you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
              and all the garments rolled in blood  
              shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## SECOND READING

Titus 2: 11–14

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

ONE: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,  
<sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in  
the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright,  
and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the  
manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus  
Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem  
us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own  
who are zealous for good deeds.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:  
*O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God... in...the...highest:  
*O come, let us adore him...Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee... be...glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him...Christ the Lord!*

**GOSPEL** *standing; read responsively*

Luke 2: 1–20

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

KAHU: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them,

**ALL: "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."**

KAHU: <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly

host, praising God and saying,

**ALL:** <sup>14</sup>"**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!**"

KAHU: <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

**ALL:** **"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."**

KAHU: <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON,** *Kahu Tim*

*"Treasure these words!!"*

**SERMON HYMN** *standing*

*"Angels ... Heard on High"*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

U'ila Marx, "Angel Ballerina"

## **APOSTLES' CREED** *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:** Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, fill our hearts with the joy of this night.

**ALL:** **Stir your church in every place to join the angels' song, praising you for your birth among us and your presence within us. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).**

**KAHU:** The seas thunder, the fields rejoice, and the trees shout for joy at your coming.

**ALL:** **Renew the earth and all its creatures to declare your praise. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

**KAHU:** Scatter the bitterness of hatred and fear.

**ALL:** **Lead all people to seek your peace on earth and work to establish goodwill among the nations. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: Shine your healing light on those who are alone and long for companionship.

**ALL: Comfort those who are rejected, weak, troubled, or sick. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: Free us from our preoccupation with what has been.

**ALL: Relieve our fears of what may come. Assure us that we live in the light of your unfailing compassion. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: Comfort us with the gracious vision of our departed loved ones basking in the light of your eternal presence.

**ALL: May we too inherit the fullness of your glory. In your mercy, hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts on this holy night, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, 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,** *Calvary Choir*

“Infant Holy,  
Infant Lowly”

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.*

*Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil 'til the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tiding of a gospel true.*

*Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child is born for you!*

## 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: God with us:

*You came as a baby to a manger.  
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.  
You come again in bread and wine.*

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

ALL: Amen.

# WE ARE FED

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**SANCTUS** *standing*

The **Sanctus** and **Words of Institution** are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and trem-bling stand;  
 In the night his friends be-trayed him Je-sus took the bread of life.  
 King of kings yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on earth he stood.  
 Then he took the cup of bless-ing, thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.  
 At his feet the six-winged se-raph, che-ru-bim with sleep-less eye,

Pon-der no-thing earth-ly mind-ed, For with bless-ing in his hand  
 Blessed and broke it for all peo-ple giv-en to end hu-man strife.  
 Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture, in the bo-dy and the blood.  
 Gave it to be-wil-dered foll'-wers; Sac-re-ment of peace di-vine.  
 Veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence As with cease-less voice they cry:

Christ our God to earth de-scend-ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.  
 Take and eat this is my bo-dy. Do this to re-mem-ber me.  
 He will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.  
 Take and drink this cup, my love out-poured. Do this to re-mem-ber me.  
 “Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!”

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *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** *standing*

**KAHU:** On this night, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

# **WE ARE SENT**

## **SENDING CAROLS** *standing*

“Away in a Manger”

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

*During the singing of “Away in a Manger,” and “Silent Night” the candles will be lit with flame from the Christ Candle. Light your candle from the candle of the person beside you. Then allow the person next to you to light her/his candle from your candle. At the conclusion of the hymn please extinguish your candle.*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Pō-la'i e, Po-kamaha'o, Ma-lu-hia, Ma-lama-lama,  
Ka ma-kua a-hi-ne a-lo-ha e, Me ke keiki He-mo-lele e,  
Moe me ka ma-lu-hia lani, Moe me ka ma-lu-hia lani.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar, holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven a far, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING,** *Kahu Tim*

**KAHU:** May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**KAHU:** Glory to God in the highest!

**ALL: Peace to God's people on earth!**

**KAHU:** Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOING FORTH,** *Calvary Choir*

“Gloria”

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## **Tonight, December 24, 2015**

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**HULA:** Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola— Liko Cooke, *Kumu Hula*; Linda Hansen, Kauai Lucas, Mary Osorio, Cindy Shyne

**ANGEL BALLERINA:** U'ila Marx

**MUSIC:** Calvary Choir

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