



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

7:30 am

We gather at the ocean’s edge on this Christmas morning in *Hawai’i nei* to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. John’s gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. We celebrate this day with music, laughter, and delight; with the sharing of a lei—and perhaps a surprise hula! We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim and share this aloha to all the ends of the earth.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

During the *Ringing 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, *Ina*

“Tochter Zion, freue dich”

GREETING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Today 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 by singing stanzas 3 and 4 of “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

Silence is kept for reflection.

**ALL: How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

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.

GLORIA *standing*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
(stanzas 1 and 3)

ALL: 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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

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

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7–10

A messenger races home to Jerusalem with the marvelous words: "Your God reigns!" In comforting the people, God proves to be the best brother or sister (redeemer) they have ever known. Everyone will witness the victory (salvation) of God.

ONE: ⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
 who brings good news,
 who announces salvation,
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;
 for in plain sight they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹Break forth together into singing,
 you ruins of Jerusalem;
 for the LORD has comforted his people,
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations;
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
²O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
**you have revealed your righteousness
 in the sight ¹ of the nations.**
³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
 to the ¹ house of Israel;
**all the ends of the earth
 have seen the victory ¹ of our God.**
⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.
⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
⁶With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers ¹clap their hands,
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to ¹judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ples with equity.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1: 1–4

This letter opens with a lofty declaration of Jesus' preeminent status as the Son through whom God created the world and through whom our sins are cleansed. God speaks to us now through the Son, who is exalted even above the angels.

ONE: ¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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*

John 1: 1–14

The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be "full of grace and truth."

KAHU: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

ALL: ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

KAHU: ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

ALL: ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim* *“The Foundation of Christmas is GRACE!!”*

SERMON HYMN 290 *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

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 good news of Christ’s birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you raise up leaders throughout the church to proclaim your word of hope.

ALL: **Unite the church through the good news of salvation, so that all will know and experience your glory. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.** (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: *Holy God*, you created mountains and hills, seas and rivers, and all creatures.

ALL: **Reveal to us the goodness of all you have made so that we live wisely with these your gifts. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Holy God*, you desire that all people live in peace.

ALL: **Guide all in positions of authority to lead with equity, and give courage to advocates who speak for the voiceless. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Holy God*, you sent your Son to be our physician and remedy.

ALL: **Strengthen medical professionals and counselors to care for the sick and grieving, so that all people experience healing and consolation. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Holy God*, you gather us together in community, blessing us with friends and family.

ALL: **Make yourself known to all who participate in worship today, and send us forth to serve our neighbors. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

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

KAHU: *Holy God*, you show your love and faithfulness in every generation.

ALL: **Through the witness of our ancestors in the faith, you have shown us how to testify to your grace and truth. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.**

KAHU: *Holy God*, hear the prayers of your people for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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* “Meditation on *I Am Standing At the Manger*”

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*



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 mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
 In the night his friends betrayed him Jesus took the bread of life.
 King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood.
 Then he took the cup of blessing, thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.
 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,

Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in his hand
 Blessed and broke it for all people given to end human strife.
 Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
 Gave it to bewildered followers; Sacrament of peace divine.
 Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:

Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
 Take and eat this is my body. Do this to remember me.
 He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
 Take and drink this cup, my love out-poured. Do this to remember me.
 “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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 *singing*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, 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 day, 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 SONG *standing*

“Mele Kalikimaka”

Me-le Ka-li - ki - ma - ka is the thing to say on a bright Ha -
6 wai - ian Christ-mas day. That's the is - land greet-ing that we
11 send to you from the land where palm trees sway.
17 Here we know that Christ-mas will be green and bright. The sun will shine by
22 day and all the stars at night. Me-le Ka - li - ki - ma - ka is Ha -
27 wai - i's way to say "Mer-ry Christ-mas" to you."

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!

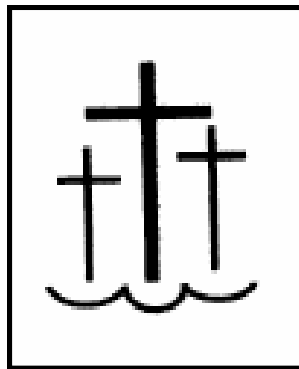
ALL: Peace to God's people on earth!

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOING FORTH, *Ina*

“In dulci jubilo”



Today, December 25, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: All Tribes

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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Worship Services Ahead

Saturday, December 31—CANCELLED

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Sunday, January 1—Christmas 1

Preaching, Chaplain J.P. Sabbithi

Christmas Carol Litany

Saturday, January 7—Baptism of Christ

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, January 8—Baptism of Christ

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Nunc Dimittis”

***Following 10 am Worship Service pupu luncheon provided by
Concordia University—St. Paul Orchestra and Gateway Music Festival
and Tours***

**12 NOON “New Year’s” CONCERT
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY—ST. PAUL ORCHESTRA
Calvary Sanctuary**