

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

8:30 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!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess who we are, and come home to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**ALL: You call us your children, but our hearts are not at rest.
We live for ourselves.
We long for what is not ours.
We are careless with the fruits of creation.
We squander your gifts of love and grace.**

**Forgive us.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us life anew.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

ALL: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3: 17—4: 1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

ONE: ¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

MEDITATION, *Kahu Tim*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: Hearing the call to come home to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

Holy God, in baptism you wash us clean from sin and refresh us with your promise of belonging.

ALL: Unite your church in proclaiming that in your family all are welcome, all are beloved, all are made whole. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: For the beauty of stars, we turn to you in thanksgiving, O God.

ALL: By their vast number and light, remind us of your covenant with Abram and deep love for all creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Flood our world with a desire for peace.

ALL: Where people are oppressed, bring justice. Where

there is terror, bring safety. Stir up compassion among leaders and citizens so that every person is treated with dignity, kindness, and love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Your heart aches with those who are in pain.

ALL: Tend to those who are hungry, lonely, lost, and those in any need. Hear their cries and spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Bless this assembly and bless the decisions to be made in the Annual Meeting.

ALL: Fuel us with your great imagination, your life-changing love, your reconciling grace, your zeal for proclamation, and your unfathomable wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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, *organ* “Christe, du Lamm Gottes”

OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

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 *in unison*

ALL: 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: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

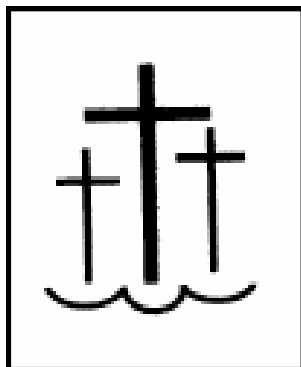
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The blessing of God Almighty,
the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus,
and the light of the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, February 21, 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: Tribe Two—Renee Ako

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