

All Saints Sunday

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA
November 7, 2021

Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Amid these days of COVID-19, we welcome some of you in-person and others online (via Facebook [@HSLCOrinda](#) and our webpage [www.holyshepherd.org](#).) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

Please Note that indoor masking requirements have been reinstated in Contra Costa County. All in-person worshipers are required to wear face coverings while in our Sanctuary. More importantly, wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

"COME, LORD, COME"

Lyrics and Music by Harmony Smith & Nigel Briggs

▲ OUR GATHERING SONG

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL, COME"

Original by John Francis Wade / arr. by BJ Davis

1. **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, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

Chorus

**Come let us worship the Lord
And let us exalt His name together
Come let us worship Christ our King
And let us bring our offering — Come**

2. **Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright host of heaven above
Glory to God all, glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

(Chorus)

O come let us adore Him — Come!

▲ OUR OPENING SENTENCES

L: Autumn – for the community in which we live – is a season

of thankfulness. It is a time to remember the abundance with which we have been blessed. It is a time to remember those with whom we are called to share. So let us begin our time of worship by recalling words first penned by our nation's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

P: **Forgive us our forgetfulness, Lord God.**

L: "We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

P: **Forgive us our arrogance, Lord God.**

L: "Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

P: **Forgive us our blindness to our own failings and to the needs of our neighbors.**

L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who believe in Jesus Christ God grants freedom from the power of sin, and through the Holy Spirit gives life, forgiveness, and resurrection from the dead.

P: **Amen!**

L: So let us pray:

P: **Powerful God, although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind, or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of sheer silence. However you choose to speak, help us to hear — for this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-18

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets

with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

OUR SONG OF PRAISE

"WE ALL BOW DOWN"
Lyrics and Music by Lenny LeBlanc

***Princes and paupers, sons and daughters
Kneel at the throne of grace
Losers and winners, saints and sinners
One day will see His face***

Chorus:

***And we all bow down, kings will surrender their crowns
And worship Jesus
For He is the love, unfailing love
He is the love of God***

***Summer and winter, the mountains and rivers
Whisper our Savior's name
Awesome and holy, a friend to the lonely
Forever His love will reign***

***He's the light of the world
And Lord of the cross*** (Chorus)

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ WORDS TO LIVE BY

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God, our Maker to whom we belong; God is the Shepherd and we are God's flock. Enter the temples gates with thanksgiving, the courtyard with thanks and praise. Give thanks and bless God's name. For the Lord is good indeed! God's steadfast love endures forever, faithful to all generations.

THE OFFERTORY

"THE NAME OF JESUS"
Lyrics and Music by Aaron Shust

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*(Utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**" and concluding with the Lord's Prayer)*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

▲ OUR SENDING SONG

"OH WHEN THE SAINTS"
A traditional African-American Spiritual

***Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.***

***Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.***

***Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.***

***Oh, when they crown him Lord of all,
oh, when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him Lord of all.***

▲ THE CHARGE

Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!
Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC

"OH WHEN THE SAINTS" (Reprise)

Thank you to our Worship Team on this All Saints Sunday,
including:

Tom Henry – Guitarist, Vocalist and Creative Director
Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
Bethany Valentine – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Marc Levine – Pianist