



Christ the King

Sunday

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA
November 21, 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 and thus all in-person worshippers 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!

Holy Communion From 10:30 to 11:15am (following this morning's worship celebration), our Sanctuary is open for socially-distanced Holy Communion.

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

GATHERING MUSIC "10,000 REASONS"
Lyrics and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

▲ **GATHERING SONG** "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"
Original by F.S. Pierpoint / Arr. by Joe Horness & Scott Dyer

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies
For the love which even from our birth,
Over and around us lies**

**For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night
Every hill and valley, tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light**

Chorus: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Lord of All, to Thee we raise,
Hallelujah! Hallelu - jah!
This our song of grateful praise**

**For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
All our friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild** (Chorus)

**And for You, best Gift divine
To our world so freely given
For that great and wondrous love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven** (Chorus)

▲ 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. So let us pray:
- P: **God of light, there can be overwhelming obscurity in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. For we thank you in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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. 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.

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. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

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. 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

OUR SONG OF PRAISE

"GIVE THANKS"

Lyrics and Music by Henry Smith

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.***

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***And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.***

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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks.***

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

THE SERMON

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▲ 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

"HIS GOODNESS WILL FLOW"
Lyrics and Music by Tom Henry

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

"A THOUSAND AMENS"

Original Lyrics by Thomas Ken / Additional by Tim Timmons

(Verse - sung traditionally)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

(Verse - sung upbeat)

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(Refrain) ***Unfailing love comes with the morning.
It's Your faithfulness we sing at night.
It's Your kindness, Lord, that leads to our healing.
All glory to our Maker, and a thousand amens.***
(repeat upbeat verse then refrain twice)

▲ THE CHARGE

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

SENDING MUSIC

"A THOUSAND AMENS" (reprise)

Thank you to this week's Worship Team, including:

Tom Henry – Vocalist, Guitarist and Creative Director
Bethany Valentine – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Marc Levine – Pianist