

Resurrection Day

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
Orinda, California
10:30 am on April 17, 2022

Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person and online worshipers (live-streamed on Facebook @HSLCOrinda or archived at www.holyshepherd.org.) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

Please Note that – though many indoor masking requirements have been lifted in Contra Costa County – in-person worshipers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings because our youngest members are not yet able to be vaccinated. Wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

Know that You Are Welcome! We share in Holy Communion during the context of this morning's service. This is the Lord's table. He is the host. We are his guests. He welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

Echoing Easter Liturgies for nearly two millennia – we encourage you to reply to the worship leader's call "Christ is risen!" with the shout "He is risen indeed!"

Your Offerings While continuing pandemic restrictions discourage the traditional 'passing of the offering plate', know that we welcome your gifts to the work of our congregation both locally and globally. An offering plate is located in our entryway / narthex area if you would like to share a gift to support our efforts. Alternatively, we'd invite you to visit our website at www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

CALL TO WORSHIP

REJOICE THIS EASTER DAY!

Lyrics and Music by Nancy Price and Don Besig

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

L: We were not eye-witnesses to that event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city, seeking answers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day; we have not wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

But we gather here today to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict. We gather because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold and cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

We gather to celebrate a story that has the capacity to change the world and change our lives. For it is Easter morning ... and we will celebrate! For Jesus Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

▲ GATHERING SONG CHRIST THE LORD IS RIS'N TODAY!

Lyrics by Charles Wesley / Music by John Walsh / ELW #365

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

▲ WHAT EASTER MEANS

L: Easter means we celebrate the newness and wholeness God brings to a broken world.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a love that expects nothing in return and discover what Jesus meant when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you."**

L: Easter means we celebrate the One whose presence disturbs us and inconveniences us, revealing to us

the hardness of our hearts and challenging us to new ways of thinking.

- P: **Easter means we celebrate a resurrection that never denies the pain of crucifixion and we meet the Christ who reaches out to us with open arms and wounded hands.**
- L: Easter means that God is alive and at work in the world. Jesus' took death upon himself that we might know life in this world and beyond. So let us pray
- P: **Lord Jesus, by Your resurrection, you overcame death and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Open our eyes and our hearts to the wonder of this news, today and every day, and make us people who embody that joyful news in our lives and our living. For you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

THE LESSON

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him

away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

A SONG OF CELEBRATION

EASTER CAROL

Lyrics by Jean Anne Shafferman / Music by Patti Drennan

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our Easter Season Affirmation of Faith is based on an account (found in Acts 10:38-43) of Peter's witness as to why Jesus mattered to him. Peter's words invite us to consider why Jesus still matters.

We are people who have heard the Good News.

- **How God anointed Jesus with the Spirit of Truth.**
- **How Jesus healed those he encountered along the way.**
- **How Jesus was killed by those who feared his goodness.**
- **How Jesus was raised from death by the Creator of all that is.**

We have been called to be witnesses to that Good News.

- **That God is the God of the living and the dead.**
- **That God offers forgiveness to all who would trust God.**
- **That God is better to us than we are to ourselves.**
- **That God calls us to respect God and embody God's love to our neighbors.**

May we be Good News people this day and always! Amen.

▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY

L: In the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup, Jesus offered his first followers peace and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God - and Jesus offers those same gifts. For - on the night in which he was betrayed - our Lord Jesus 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." Again, after supper, he 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." And that same Jesus who called us to remember, and who is present with us now, is the One who taught us all to pray:

- C: **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we share in the gift of Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. You are encouraged to remove your mask once you have arrived at the Altar Rail, and don it anew before returning to your seat.

During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to sing the following songs with our Worship Team.

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

Lyrics by John of Damascus / ELW #361

***The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.***

***Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.***

***Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph***

and all that is therein.

***Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes in gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!***

***All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!***

***Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!***

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Lyrics and Music by Robert J. Dufford / Gather #435

Refrain

***Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.***

1. ***I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.*** [Refrain]

2. ***Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*** [Refrain]

3. ***This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God.*** [Refrain]

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING

Lyrics by C. Alington / Music by M. Vulpus / ELW #385

***Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: May that same gracious power by which God raised Jesus to life anew, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with love, and fill you with joy in the faith.

C: **Amen!**

▲ THE SENDING SONG CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Lyrics by J.S.B. Monsell / Music by F.C. Maker / ELW #382

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears,
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.*

Refrain:

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!*

*Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow.* [Refrain]

*Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now hath found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first-fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.* [Refrain]

*Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.*

*We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.* [Refrain]

▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love and serve the Lord! For Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

SENDING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

Thank you to this morning's Worship Team for sharing their gifts of music with us today, including:

Bethany Valentine – Vocalist & Creative Director

Gretchen Koellermeier Stenson – Vocalist

Sharon Tissue – Vocalist

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist

Joe Zingale – Vocalist

Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist

Julie Hamre – Organist and Pianist