

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
9:30 am on April 24, 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](http://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!

**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](http://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

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### ▲ WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gathered in the name of the One who raised Jesus from the dead, we begin our time of worship by reflecting upon those very things which have separated us from both God and those whom God

has called our neighbors ..... (*Silence is kept for reflection*) ..... Gracious God,

- C: **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: **Amen**

### ▲ GATHERING SONG

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS  
Lyrics by P. Strodach / Music Trad. German / ELW #367

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### ▲ THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### ▲ THE KYRIE

ELW #157

*The biblical prayer "Kyrie, eleison" — "Lord, have mercy" — has been at the heart of Christian worship for nearly two millennia.*

L: *In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the Lord ...*

C: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord ...*

C: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. Let us pray to the Lord ...*

C: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *Help, save and defend us, O God.*

C: **Amen.**

### ▲ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #167

(Refrain) **Now the feast and celebration,  
All of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love and freedom:  
Praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
Whose blood has freed and united us  
To be one great people of God.** (Refrain)

**Power and riches, wisdom and might  
All honor and glory to Christ forever.** (Refrain)

**For God has come to dwell with us,  
To make us people of God;  
To make all things new.** (Refrain)

### ▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

L: Let us pray: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son.

By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### THE EASTER STORY

John 20:19-30

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

### A SONG OF CELEBRATION

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT  
Lyrics and Music by Michael D. Costello

### 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 PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Set free by the Good News of Easter, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

#### ▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: *It is our duty and delight ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

C: **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

P: In 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, invites 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.*

#### AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW 465

#### Refrain

**As the grains of wheat  
once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one  
to become our bread;  
So may all your people  
from all the ends of earth,  
be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing  
is shared within our midst  
may we share the presence  
of your love.** (Refrain)

**Let this be a foretaste  
of all that is to come  
when all creation shares  
this feast with you.** (Refrain)

#### HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

Lyrics by Carl Garve / Music by L. Lindeman / ELW #380

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives!  
He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death  
Christ, the Conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies  
of his people, yet to rise.**

*Jesus lives! Why do you weep?  
Why that sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here  
lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow  
blessings on his church below.*

*Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head,  
where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand,  
as a victor you shall stand.*

*Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.  
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway  
sin and death and hell obey.*

*Hallelujah! Angels, sing!  
Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
and on earth his peace and love!*

#### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ▲ THE BENEDICTION (as sung by our Worship Team)

PEACE, TO SOOTHE OUR BITTER WOES  
Lyrics by N.F.S. Grundtvig / Music by L. Lindeman / ELW 381

*Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,  
God in Christ on us bestows;  
Jesus bought our peace with God  
with his holy, precious blood;  
peace in him for sinners found,  
is the gospel's joyful sound.*

*Peace within the church still dwells  
in our welcomes and farewells;  
and through God's baptismal pow'r  
peace surrounds our dying hour.  
Peace be with you, full and free,  
now and through eternity.*

#### ▲ THE SENDING SONG

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Lyrics by Brian Wren / Music by T. Williams / ELW #389

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching ev'ry place and time.*

*In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.*

*Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and ev'ry age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

#### ▲ 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

**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist

**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist

**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist