

# The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
9:30 am on May 29, 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** though many indoor masking requirements have been lifted in Contra Costa County – in-person worshipers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while indoors on our campus. 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

BY GRACE ALONE  
Lyrics and Music by Tom Henry

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather here in this place in a spirit of honesty.  
Just as we are, not just as we hope we might be.  
Whole yet broken, filled yet empty, hopeful yet

hopeless.

C: **May God's Spirit of wholeness blow through our lives.**

L: We gather in a spirit of humility. Thankful that God has given us in Jesus Christ a gift which we could never obtain on our own.

C: **May God's Spirit of truth open our eyes to God's goodness.**

L: We gather in a spirit of unity. Side by side at God's table of grace, that we might be fed by the Bread of life.

C: **May God's Spirit work of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us becoming a blessing to those around us.**

## ▲ GATHERING SONG

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART  
Lyrics and Music by Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you.**  
(Repeat)

**To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power in love,  
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

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**Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You.**

## ▲ OUR OPENING LITANY

CALLED TO BE CHURCH  
based on the Book of Acts

L: The last time Jesus was with His disciples, he told them: "When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

C: **So we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**

- L: And the Spirit came among them.
- C: **And they began to speak to their neighbors about the amazing love of God.**
- L: And the Spirit stayed among them.
- C: **And they devoted themselves to learning and fellowship, to worship and prayer.**
- L: And the Spirit wove them together.
- C: **And they supported one another as they could, and were thankful for what they had.**
- L: The Spirit called them into action.
- C: **To speak the truth and to speak for God.**
- L: The Spirit challenged their assumptions.
- C: **And their eyes were opened to new possibilities.**
- L: The Spirit invited them to journey
- C: **And wherever they went, they spoke of the mighty acts of God.**
- L: May the same Spirit which called, gathered, enlighten and sanctified those first Christians be present with us.
- C: **For we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**
- L: So let us pray ....
- C: **Lord Jesus, in the days after your death and resurrection you sent your followers to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Fill us with your Spirit, that we too might bear witness to all you have done. For we ask this in the awareness that you are the One who came and will come again. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Acts 1:1-14

*The Book of Acts begins with a reminder that the story of God's saving work – which began in Jesus – is brought to fruition in the work of the church.*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## A SONG OF CELEBRATION

FLOW LIKE A RIVER

Lyrics and Music by David Kauffman

*Flow like a river, fall like the rain  
Streams of compassion, flow from his throne  
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea  
Life giving fountain, Is God's love for me*  
(Repeat)

***Feast at the table of mercy; Drink from the cup of his grace  
Dwell in his infinite goodness; Live in his healing embrace  
Feast at the table of mercy; Drink from the cup of his grace  
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[Tag] ***Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea  
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## ▲ 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

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to manifest the Good News to the ends of the earth, we pray for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

## ▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY

L: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you came to us as a tiny Baby born in danger and discomfort. You grew into a Man whom the world can never forget. You offered up your body and blood for the sake of our broken lives and our broken world. So come to us now in this bread and this wine. Unite us and strengthen us by your presence and through your Word, that we might be your faithful children in this world.

For together we remember that – 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.*

IN THE GARDEN

Lyrics and Music by C. Austin Miles

**I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.**

Refrain:

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.** [Refrain]

**I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go – through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.** [Refrain]

SING ALLELU

Lyrics and Music by Fernando Ortega

*Grace pouring forth like a fountain flowing  
Our hearts open wide to sing your praise  
And our sound becomes sweet  
With your anthems ringing  
Praise to the name of the Lord*

Refrain:

*Sing allelu, Sing allelu  
We rejoice in Your love, Most High  
Sing allelu, Sing allelu  
In Your light You shine forever  
Shine in us, O Lord, forever  
We're the light to the world, allelu*

*Let us who are afraid find refuge in Christ  
And redemption assured in His name  
By day and by night, We delight in your love  
And forever Your Word will remain*

[Refrain]

*Allelu, Allelu  
Allelu, Allelu  
Allelu, Allelu*  
[Refrain]

#### 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

TAKE TO THE WORLD  
Lyrics and Music by Derek Webb

*Go in peace to love and to serve,  
And let your ears ring long with what you've heard  
And may the bread on your tongue  
Leave a trail of crumbs,  
To lead the hungry back  
to the place that you are from.*

*Take to the world this love, this hope and faith  
And take to the world this rare, relentless grace  
And like the three in one,  
Know you must become what you wanna save  
'Cause that's still the way, He takes to the world*

*So go and go far, take light deep in the dark  
Believe what's true, He uses all, even you  
And may the bread on your tongue*

*Leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back  
To the place that you are from.*

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##### ▲ THE CHARGE

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

C: **He is risen indeed!**

##### SENDING MUSIC

TAKE TO THE WORLD (Reprise)

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

**Tom Henry** – Guitarist, Vocalist & Creative Director  
**Diana Riveness Young** – Vocalist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** – Vocalist  
**Bethany Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer** – Vocalist  
**Bob Schmalz** – Vocalist  
**Ed Szaky** – Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Marc Levine** – Pianist

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