

# Holy Trinity

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
9:30 am on May 22, 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** DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY  
Traditional American Song of Unknown Origin

## 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** AT THE NAME OF JESUS  
Lyrics by Caroline Noel and Aaron Shust

**At the name of Jesus  
Ev'ry knee will bow,  
And ev'ry tongue confess him  
King of glory now.  
It's the Father's pleasure  
that we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

Chorus: **We sing Glory to the Lord on high  
Glory to the Son, who came to earth to die  
Glory to the Spirit, who lifts the name on high  
The name of Jesus, the name of Jesus.**

**At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all in the heav'nly orders  
in their great array.**

[Chorus 2X]

▲ **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, enlightened and sanctified those first Christians be present with us.

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

L: So let us pray ....

C: **God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

## THE LESSON

Acts 2:37-47

*The story of the Day of Pentecost begins with the coming of the Holy Spirit and a powerful sermon by Peter, but that isn't the end of the story. This morning's lesson reports peoples' reactions to Peter's preaching and how they appropriated his preaching in their lives.*

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## A SONG OF PRAISE

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD  
Lyrics and Music by Dan Schutte

### Chorus

**Glory and Praise to our God  
Who alone brings light to our days.  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.**

**We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings**  
(Chorus)

**In His wisdom He strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire,  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.**  
(Chorus)

**Every moment of every day  
Our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost,  
To answer those who pray.**  
(Chorus)

## THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

## ▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*On this day that we celebrate the Holy Trinity, we confess the faith of the Church using words that have been used by worshiping Christian communities for the past 1400 years to declare the mystery of the Trinity.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**

**crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 song with our Worship Team.*

### MEET US HERE

Lyrics and Music by Mike Hohnholz

***Meet us here, in this place  
Come and fill us with Your power and Your grace  
We long to see, the nations one  
Let Your glory fall, Lord,  
Let Your Kingdom come***

### Chorus

***Holy is the Lord, Seated on the throne  
Sovereign King of all the Earth,  
We crown You Lord of all***

***Meet us here, oh gracious King  
Let us see You in Your beauty and Your majesty  
We long to see that glorious day  
When the ransomed and redeemed  
will join to sing Your praise*** (Chorus)

### BE NOT AFRAID

Music and Lyrics by Bob Dufford / Gather #608

***You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.***

### Chorus

***Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

***If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.*** (Chorus)

***Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.***

***And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!***

Chorus

***Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**▲ THE BENEDICTION**

L: Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear. And may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, fill you with love and joy and peace.

C: **Amen!**

**▲ THE SENDING SONG** LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND  
Lyrics and Music by Jeremy Johnson and Paul Marino

***Lord, tell me to go,  
And I will go,  
Where You lead.  
I'm stepping out on faith,  
'Cause I know You will make,  
A way for me.***

***I will leave everything behind,  
I will follow You, with all of my life.  
You oh Lord, my one desire,  
I will leave everything behind,  
I will leave everything behind.***

***I am ready to be used,  
However You may choose,  
Lord send me.  
Oh I, oh I am not ashamed,  
To proudly wear Your name,  
For all to see.***

***I will leave everything behind,  
I will follow You, with all of my life.  
You oh Lord, my one desire,  
I will leave everything behind.***

***Oh I will leave everything behind,  
I will follow You, with all of my life.  
You oh Lord, my one desire,  
I will leave everything behind,  
I will leave everything behind.***

**▲ THE CHARGE**

L: Go – in peace – to love God by serving your neighbor!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING MUSIC**

LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND  
(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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