

# EPIPHANY 2

January 15, 2023  
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California

**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or are online worshippers (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 worshippers are 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 the Christ-Child's guests. Jesus welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

**Your Offerings** We have resumed the practice of 'passing the offering plate' during our musical offertory. If you would prefer to support the work of our congregation electronically, 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: On the first day of creation, God said, "Let there be light." In the person of Jesus Christ, God said, "I am the Light of the world." By the power of the Spirit, God has ignited the light of life in us.
- P: **But we have focused on the darkness that surrounds and overwhelms us, that frightens and numbs us.**
- L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- P: **But we have used artificial lights to try and**

**eliminate the darkness in our lives.**

- L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- P: **But we have tried to deny the power of the darkness by pretending that it isn't there.**
- L: Forgive us, O God, for these our actions of failure and our failures to act.
- P: **Forgive us, Lord God, for putting our trust in ourselves rather than You.**
- L: Hear the good news! God has come as a light in the darkness. In the light of Christ we find forgiveness for our past, strength for our present and hope for our future. In Christ, we are enabled to begin life anew. Thanks be to God!

### ▲ GATHERING SONG

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS ...

Lyrics by C. Wordsworth / Music by J.S. Bach / ELW #310

*Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest  
in your God-head manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest in making whole  
weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.*

*Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee  
at Thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.*

### ▲ 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.

P: **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 ...*

P: **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 ...*

P: **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 ...*

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

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

P: **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!

P: **And also with you!**

L: Let us pray:

P: **God of strength, your son Jesus withstood many temptations because his love for you was greater than his earthly desires. Make our love for you so strong, that we might withstand anything that threatens to stand between us and your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-17

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

### THE SONG OF THE DAY

SEEK YE FIRST

Lyrics and Music by Karen Lafferty / WOW #783

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;**

***And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia***

***We shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, Alleluia***

***Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia***

## THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

## ▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 OFFERTORY

ARISE, SHINE

Lyrics and Music by Robert Lau

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family — using the prayer refrain, "God of Grace, **hear our prayer**".

## ▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: ***And also with you.***

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

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

P: ***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:*

P: ***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:

P: ***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 Holy Communion, we invite you to come down the center aisle and come to the altar rail to receive the bread and wine that bear the promise that God is with us. After consuming the elements, please deposit your empty cup in the small basket and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs:*

### I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Kathleen Thomerson / ELW #815

***I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.***

Refrain:

***In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

***I want to see the brightness of God.***

***I want to look at Jesus.***

***Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.***

Refrain:

***In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

***I'm looking for the coming of Christ.***

***I want to be with Jesus.***

***When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.*** [Refrain]

#### DRAWN TO THE LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by John Ylvisaker / ELW 593

***People who walk in darkness have sought  
a light in the heart of the darkest night.  
Just when we thought all would be lost,  
we were drawn to the light of God.***

Refrain:

***Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,  
drawn to the light and the morning.  
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight  
to be drawn to the light of God.***

***How can we tell a heaven from hell  
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?  
Morning dispels, gently compels,  
and we're drawn to the light of God.*** [Refrain]

***Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!  
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,  
Bids us to come! Life has begun  
when we're drawn to the light of God.*** [Refrain]

#### THE COMMUNION BLESSING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE BENEDICTION

L: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

P: **Amen!**

#### ▲ SENDING SONG

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Lyrics by Ruth Duck / Music by William Walter / ELW #314

***Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.***

***Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.***

***Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.***

***Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.***

#### ▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

#### 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 and Creative Director

**Gretchen Stenson** – Vocalist

**Diana Riveness Young** — Vocalist

**Sharon Tissue** — Vocalist

**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist

**Michael Stenson** – Vocalist

**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist

**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through Matthew's Gospel? Next week's text is Matthew 5:1-20

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