

# Pentecost 13

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
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**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or online (on Facebook Live or archived at [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org).) May you know God's grace as we worship.

**Know that You Are Welcome!** We share in Holy Communion during the context of this morning's service. This is the table of the Lord. Jesus is the host and we are his guests. He 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** LET MY WORDS BE FEW  
Lyrics and Music by Beth Redman and Matt Redman

## ▲ 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 of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us become a blessing to those around us.**

## ▲ GATHERING SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP  
Lyrics and Music by Tim Hughes

*Light of the world you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.*

### Chorus

*So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.*  
(Repeat chorus twice)

Bridge: *And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross ...*  
(Repeat chorus twice)

## ▲ OUR OPENING LITANY

based on 1 John 4

- L: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love.
- C: **All who love are born of God.**
- L: Greater love has no one than this: that a person lay down their life for a friend.
- C: **God loved the world so much that God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**
- L: If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.
- C: **We shall love our neighbors as ourselves.**
- L: Let us not love in word and speech alone, but in deed and in truth.
- C: **May our love be honest and genuine.**

L: Let us love one another.

C: **For love is of God.**

### ▲ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: So let us pray ...

C: **Holy God – the Holy Scriptures have been written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read them, and inwardly digest them, that our lives might be shaped by your truth and formed in your image. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

### THE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

*"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

### THE SONG OF THE DAY

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]

### 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 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 OFFERTORY

ALL THINGS NEW

Lyrics and Music by ??

### ▲ 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. After consuming the Communion elements, please deposit your empty cup in the small basket and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*During the sharing of Holy Communion, you are invited to join our Worship Team in the following songs:*

### SING ALLELU (Ode 40)

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**

**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**

**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**

**Allelu, Allelu  
Allelu, Allelu  
Allelu, Allelu**

**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**

### THE HEART OF WORSHIP

Lyrics and Music by Matt Redman

**When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart**

**I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus**

**King of endless worth  
No one could express  
How much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor  
All I have is Yours  
Every single breath!**

**I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship**

*And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: Go now into the world to be God's witnesses —  
sustained and supported by the God who is known to  
us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

#### ▲ 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.*

*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.*

*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  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer** – Vocalist  
**Bob Schmalz** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Marc Levine** – Pianist

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