

# Resurrection Day

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, CA  
April 20, 2025

**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.

**Echoing Easter Liturgies** for nearly two millennia – we encourage you to reply to the worship leader's call "Christ is risen!" with the shout "He is risen indeed!"

**Know that You Have a Place at the Table!** 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. Jesus welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

**Offerings are an Act of Worship!** Offerings are one way we express both our gratitude for God's wondrous love and our commitment to for work of ministry. If you would like to support our work electronically, visit [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

**OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** HALLELUJAH, NOW BE JOYFUL  
Lyrics and Music by Natalie Sleeth

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### ▲ THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

L: We were not eye-witnesses to that event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city, seeking answers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day; we have not wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

But we gather here today to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict. We gather because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold and cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

We gather to celebrate a story that has the capacity to change the world and change our lives. For it is Easter morning ... and we will celebrate! For Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** JESUS CHRIST IS RIS'N TODAY!  
Lyrics by C. Wesley / Music by J. Walsh / ELW #365

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

### ▲ WHAT EASTER MEANS

L: Easter means we celebrate the newness and wholeness God brings to a broken world.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a love that expects nothing in return and discover what Jesus meant when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you."**

L: Easter means we celebrate the One whose presence disturbs us and inconveniences us, revealing to us the hardness of our hearts and challenging us to new ways of thinking.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a resurrection that never denies the pain of crucifixion and we meet the Christ who reaches out to us with open arms and wounded hands.**

L: Easter means that God is alive and at work in the world. Jesus' took death upon himself that we might

know life in this world and beyond. So let us pray ...

**P: Lord Jesus, by Your resurrection, you overcame death and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Open our eyes and our hearts to the wonder of this news, today and every day, and make us people who embody that joyful news in our lives and our living. For you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 118 (selected verses)

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**P: For the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## THE EASTER STORY

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## A SONG OF CELEBRATION

THINE IS THE GLORY

Lyrics by E. Budry / Music by G.F. Handel / ELW #376

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

*Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

## 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need — utilizing the prayer refrain: "*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***"

## THE OFFERTORY

## GLORIOUS DAY

Lyrics and Music by S. Curran, K. Stanfill, et al.

## ▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY

L: In the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup, Jesus offered his first followers peace and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God - and Jesus offers those same gifts.

For – 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:

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 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. Note that the Communion Assistant offers both (red) wine and (white) grape juice. After receiving the gift of Holy Communion, please return to your seat by the side aisle, and place the communion cup in the small basket before returning to your seat.*

*During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to sing the following songs with our Worship Team.*

## WE COME TO YOU

Lyrics and Music by Joshua Blakesley

***By Your body and blood, by Your life and Your love;  
Renew us.  
May Your sacrifice be forgiveness in me;  
Heal us.***

## Chorus

***We come to You, We come to You  
Broken, hungry,  
We come to You, We come to You  
Make us whole again.***

***In the body of Christ, We are brought to new life;  
Restore us.  
May the flesh that we eat, and the blood that we drink  
Save us.*** (Chorus)

## CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Bernadette Farrell / ELW #715

***Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.***

## Refrain:

***Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.***

***Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.*** [Refrain]

***Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed.*** [Refrain]

***Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone.*** [Refrain]

***Many the gifts, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come.*** [Refrain]

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: Go now as God's chosen witnesses, to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation. And may God raise you from all that would entomb you; may Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you; and may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good. For Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

### ▲ THE SENDING SONG

MY JESUS ROSE

Lyrics and Music by Mike Mirabella

*My Jesus rose on Easter morning;  
He came to sing a love song,  
He came to be my friend.  
When he returns in all his glory,  
He's gonna find me singing;  
And His song will never end.*

*Jesus found me crying, and dried my bitter tears,  
Held me in his loving arms, and told me not to fear.  
Jesus died and set me free,  
Then rose again, Yes, I believe;  
He's standing right beside me  
Sure as I am standing here.*

*My Jesus rose on Easter morning;  
He came to sing a love song,  
He came to be my friend.  
When he returns in all his glory,  
He's gonna find me singing;  
And His song will never end.*

*Before my Jesus found me, I was sinful and profane,  
Pride was my affliction, lonesome was my name.  
Then somewhere in my misery,  
He shined his light that I might see.  
I was worth redeeming;  
He loved me just the same.*

*My Jesus rose on Easter morning;  
He came to sing a love song,  
He came to be my friend.  
When he returns in all his glory,  
He's gonna find me singing;  
And His song will never end.  
He's gonna find me singing;  
And His Reign will never end.*

### ▲ THE CHARGE

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

C: **He is risen indeed!**

### SENDING MUSIC

MY JESUS ROSE (Reprise)

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

**Tom Henry** – Guitarist, Vocalist and Co-Director

**Bethany Valentine** – Vocalist and Co-Director

**Gretchen Stenson** – Vocalist

**Diana Riveness Young** – Vocalist

**Sharon Tissue** – Vocalist

**Elizabeth Humphrey** – Vocalist

**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist

**Vicar Meagan Kim** – Vocalist

**Steve Swanback** – Vocalist

**Bob Schmalz** – Vocalist

**John Goetz** – Vocalist

**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist

**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

**Marc Levine** – Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey with the earliest Christians through days of discovery and opportunity? Next week's text is Luke 24:13-35

**Chromatica Chorale** presents "If Stars Could Sing" (450 Years of Music about the Heavens) next weekend – with concerts on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville and on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm here at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Speak with Bethany Valentine for more information or to purchase tickets.

Biblical passages are resourced from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission

MUSIC REPRINTED AND STREAMED WITH  
PERMISSION UNDER ONE LICENSE #A-710728  
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED AND/OR CCLI LICENSE.