

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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“To all God’s beloved....called to be saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 1:7). Amen.

6th Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

“Blessed are they who...seek [the Lord] with all their heart...

[and]walk in his ways.” (Psalm 119:2-3).

I come seeking you, Lord; please guide my path.

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #319 - “Blessed Assurance”*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Let us adore the God of love who created us; who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with everlasting love and has given us hope, light and grace in Jesus Christ.

WE PRAISE YOU O GOD FOR YOUR LOVING HEART TOWARDS US.

Let us glory in the face of our Lord Jesus, who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom; who was tempted in all points like us, yet without sin. From His heart we receive the riches of Your kingdom. From you we receive everything we need.

WE PRAISE YOU O CHRIST FOR YOUR LOVING HEART FROM WHICH WE HAVE YOUR GRACE.

Let us rejoice in the communion of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us, whose guidance directs us.

ALL PRAISE TO YOU, O HOLY SPIRIT. LET OUR HEARTS REJOICE AND SING GOD’S PRAISES. AMEN.

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles’ Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

AS AN ACT OF LOVE, OUR PRAYER IS A COURAGEOUS ACT. IT IS A RISK WE TAKE. IT IS A LIFE-AND-DEATH RISK, BELIEVING IN THE PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL, THAT YOUR LOVE IS INDEED OPERATIVE IN THE WORLD. WITHIN US, IN THIS PRAYER WE HAVE THE COURAGE, PERHAPS EVEN THE PRESUMPTION AND THE ARROGANCE OR THE AUDACITY TO CLAIM THAT YOUR LOVE CAN CHANGE OUR LIVES. THAT YOU HAVE YOUR PURPOSES WITHIN OUR HEARTS. AND SO, WE ASK YOU TO FORGIVE US OF OUR SIN, WHICH WE SHARE WITH YOU AND PLACING OUR LIVES IN YOUR GRACE, PRAY THAT YOU WILL HEAR AND FORGIVE. AMEN

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #82 - "Blessed Be the Name"*

Epiphany Theme: "Epiphany Reveals God in Christ Jesus"

Scripture: Jer. 17:5-10 (vv.5-7,8-10)

Luke 6:17-26 (vv.17-19,20-23,24-26)

Sermon- "Epiphany Reveals God in Christ Jesus Through Blessings and Woes!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #99- "Blessed Quietness"*

* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You"* (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Friday	7:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

We're so thankful for the safe delivery of Jacob Thiebaud to new parents Laura & JJ.

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Jack McCarrick * Megan McAuley * Robert Solimando * Cynthia * Karen * Ms. Cherry * Isaiah * Arthur * Bill Fraser * John T * Novella Thomas * Tia Blake * Vivial Washington * Michael Campinello * Michele * Jeff * Michael * Devell * Anthony * Adam-Troy * Patti Zeig & John * Stephanie * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Pat Lynam * Carole Mahon * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Ellen McCullough * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Washington family * Cheryl & family * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Byrd family * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Devell * Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Eileen Burke * Lisa & family * Victims of the plane/helicopter and Medivac helicopter crashes

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

Blessed Assurance — 319

FANNY J. CROSBY

PHOEBE P. KNAPP

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

CHORUS
Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

82 — Blessed Be the Name

WILLIAM H. CLARK—alt.
Chorus—Ralph E. Hudson

Source unknown
Arr. by Ralph E. Hudson
and William J. Kirkpatrick

1. All praise to Him who reigns a - bove In maj - es - ty su - preme,
2. His name a - bove all names shall stand, Ex - alt - ed more and more,
3. Re - deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend of man Once ru - ined by the fall,
4. His name shall be the Coun - sel - lor, The might - y Prince of Peace,

Who gave Him - self for man to die, That He might man re - deem!
At God the Fa - ther's own right hand, Where an - gel - hosts a - dore.
His love de - vised sal - va - tion's plan, And He has died for all.
Of all earth's king - doms Con - quer - or, Whose reign shall nev - er cease.

CHORUS

Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Bless - ed

be the name of the Lord! Bless - ed be the name,

bless - ed be the name, Bless - ed be the name of the Lord!

WORSHIP: THE SON

Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (vv. 5-7, 8-10) **Luke 6: 17-26 (vv. 17-19, 20-23, and 24-26)**

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[d] on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets

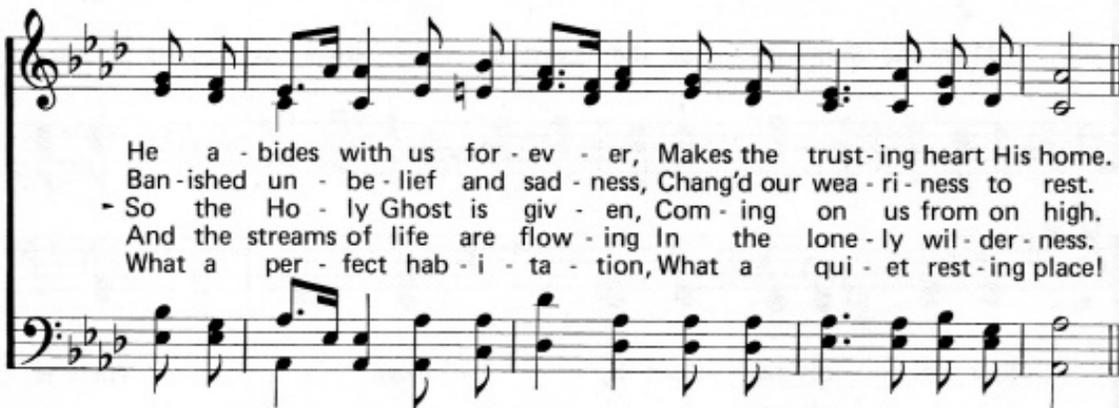
99 — Blessed Quietness

MANIE PAYNE FERGUSON

W. S. MARSHALL
Adapted by James M. Kirk

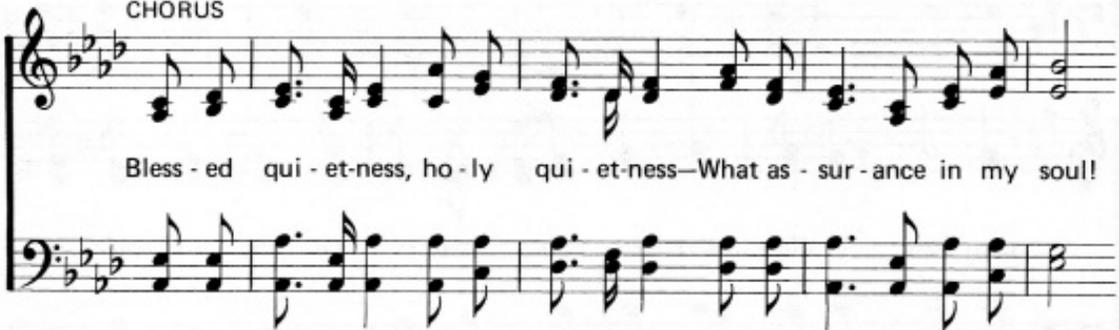


1. Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er Since the Com - fort - er has come;
2. Bring - ing life and health and glad - ness All a - round, this heav'n - ly Guest
- 3. Like the rain that falls from heav - en, Like the sun - light from the sky,
4. See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, Bless - ed fruit of right - eous - ness;
5. What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, Where we al - ways see His face!

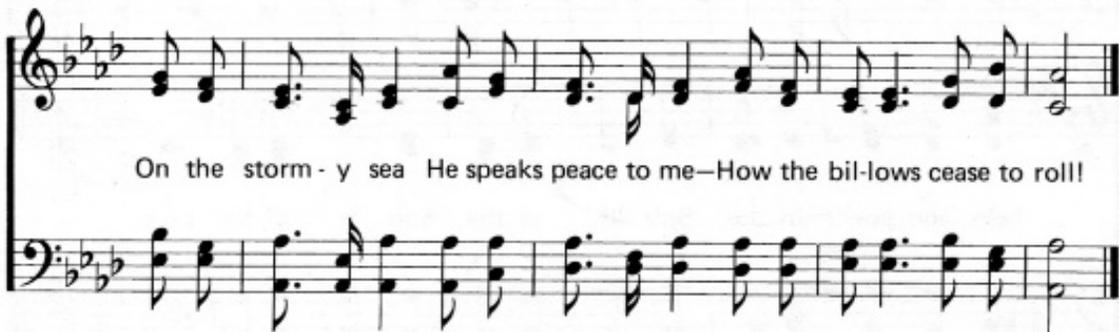


He a - bides with us for - ev - er, Makes the trust - ing heart His home.
Ban - ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, Chang'd our wea - ri - ness to rest.
- So the Ho - ly Ghost is giv - en, Com - ing on us from on high.
And the streams of life are flow - ing In the lone - ly wil - der - ness.
What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, What a qui - et rest - ing place!

CHORUS



Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly qui - et - ness—What as - sur - ance in my soul!



On the storm - y sea He speaks peace to me—How the bil - lows cease to roll!

WORSHIP: THE HOLY SPIRIT