

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Welcome to worship in the name of God's beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## *Transfiguration Sunday*

*March 2, 2025*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*"Lord, it is good that we are here!" (Matthew 17:4)*

*Open our hearts to listen to your beloved Son.*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #548 - "Glory to His Name"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*God pours blessing upon blessing on us. We find that blessing in broken bread.*

**WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE STRENGTHENED.**

*God promises to be with us always. He is with us at this table of forgiveness and new life.*

**AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES, GOD'S PRESENCE WARMS OUR HEARTS.**

*May the name of the Lord be praised!*

**PRAISE TO GOD WHO UPLIFTS, STRENGTHENS AND GUIDES OUR LIVES. AMEN.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

## Call to Confession

WE COME BEFORE YOU THIS DAY, O GOD, FEELING UNWORTHY TO BE CALLED DISCIPLES. WE CAN RECITE THE WONDERFUL THINGS WE HAVE DONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS, WE KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES WHEN WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE CRIES OF THOSE IN NEED, NOT RESPONDED IN LOVING KINDNESS WHEN WE HAVE BEEN TREATED ROUGHLY. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE HAVE SPOUTED WORDS OF ANGER AND FRUSTRATION; TIMES WHEN WE HAVE NOT BEEN OBEDIENT TO YOUR WILL. FORGIVE US, COMPASSIONATE GOD. FILL US AGAIN WITH YOUR HEALING LOVE. SET US AGAIN ON THE PATH TO PEACE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS IN YOUR HOLY NAME, FOR IT IS IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON OUR SAVIOR, JESUS, THAT WE OFFER THIS PRAYER. AMEN

### *Announcements*

- \* *Hymn of Preparation #561 - "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"*  
*Epiphany Theme: "Epiphany Reveals God in Christ Jesus"*  
*Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35 (vv.29-31,33-35)*  
*Luke 9:28-36 (vv.28-30,31-33,34-36)*  
*Sermon- "Epiphany Reveals God in Christ Jesus: and His Glory in the Transfiguration!"*
- \* *Doxology (#39)*
- \* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*
- \* *Prayer*

### *Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion* *Lord's Prayer*

- \* *Closing Hymn #321 - "It Is Well with My Soul"*
- \* *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*

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

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:

Janet (friend of Mahn family) \* Beverly Morrison \* Jack McCarrick \* Megan McAuley \* Robert Solimando \* Cynthia \* Karen \* John T \* Novella Thomas \* Michael Campinello \* Michele \* Jeff \* Michael \* Devell \* Anthony \* Adam-Troy \* Patti Zeig & John \* Stephanie \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Pat Lynam \* Carole Mahon \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante 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:

Ellen McCullough \*

### **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.*

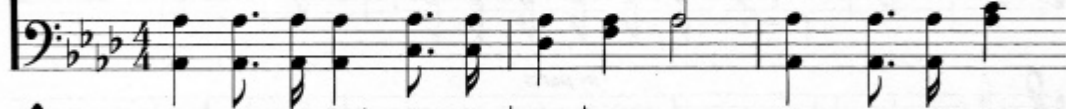
# Glory to His Name — 548

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

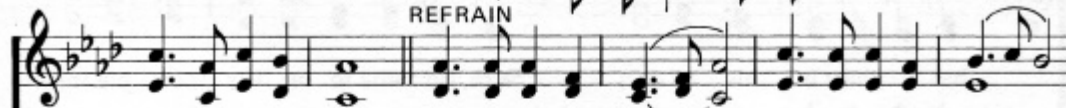
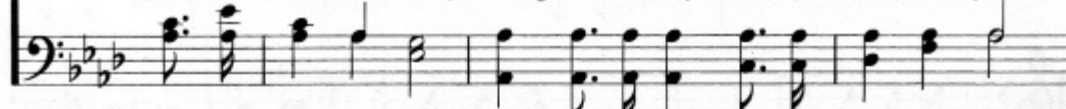
JOHN H. STOCKTON



1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans -
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet -
3. O pre - cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul

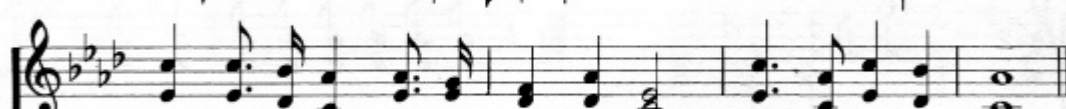
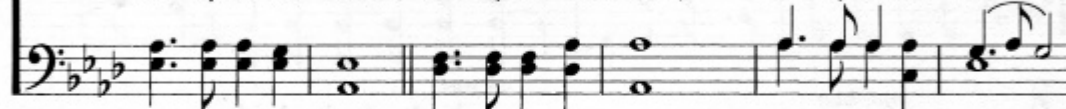


ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood ap - plied—  
ly a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in—  
I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean—  
at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day and be made com - plete—



## REFRAIN

Glo - ry to His name. Glo - ry to His name, Glo - ry to His name;



There to my heart was the blood ap - plied— Glo - ry to His name.



WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

# 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.**

# Since Jesus Came into My Heart — 561

RUFUS H. McDANIEL

CHARLES H. GABRIEL

1. What a won-der-ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came  
 2. I have ceased from my wan-d'ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came  
 3. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y, I know, Since Je - sus came

in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,  
 in - to my heart! And my sins, which were man-y, are all washed a - way,  
 in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py, as on - ward I go,

CHORUS

Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my

heart, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart, Floods of joy o'er my

soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

## **Exodus 34: 29-35 (vv. 29-31, 33-35)**

### **Luke 9: 28-36 (vv. 28-30, 31-33 and 34-36)**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant<sup>[f]</sup> in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.<sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.<sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;<sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,<sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.<sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.<sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

<sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.<sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,<sup>[b]</sup> they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.<sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,<sup>[c]</sup> one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.

<sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.<sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen;<sup>[d]</sup> listen to him!”<sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament,  
The Invitation  
Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

**AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Lift up your hearts!

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

### Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

#### Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS**

who forgives all your iniquity,

**WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES**

who redeems your life from the Pit,

**WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE**

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

**NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES**

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

**SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM**

as far as the east is from the west,

**SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR**

**TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US**

as a father pities his children,

**SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM**

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

**THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.**



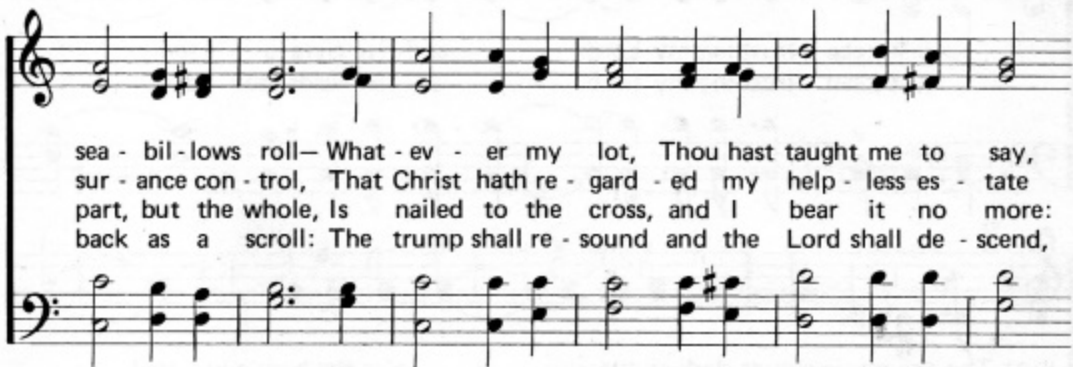
# It Is Well with My Soul — 321

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

PHILIP P. BLISS



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like  
 2. Tho Sa - tan should buf-fet, tho tri - als should come, Let this blest as -  
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't— My sin, not in  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

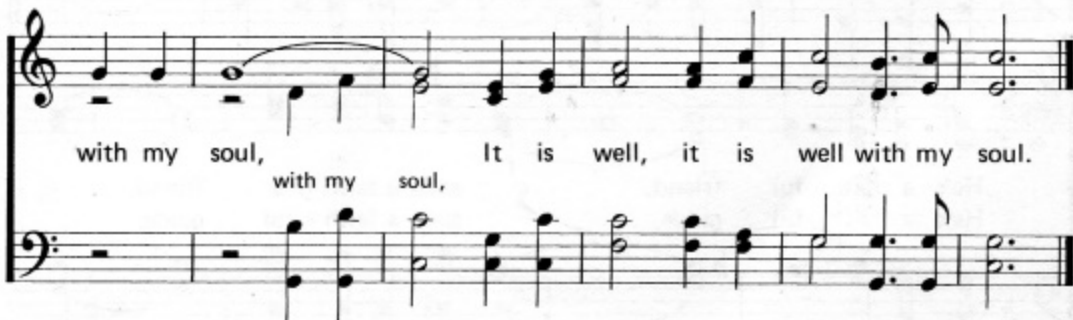


sea - bil - lows roll— What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate  
 part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
 back as a scroll: The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



CHORUS

It is well, it is well with my soul. -  
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well  
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



with my soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST