

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds at the top, which transition into a bright, glowing orange and yellow light as the sun sets or rises behind a range of mountains. The sun's rays are visible, creating a lens flare effect. In the foreground, the silhouettes of three crosses on a hill are visible against the bright light of the sun.

# ALLELUIA!

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

Go quickly and tell his disciples,  
he has been raised from the dead.

—Matthew 28:7

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*“Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Welcome into Easter joy.  
The powers of God raised Jesus from the dead and offers eternal life to all.*

## *Easter Sunday -A Service of the Resurrection*

*March 31, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Like the women who first heard the Resurrection news,  
we come not knowing what to expect.*

*Surprise us, Christ Jesus, with your living presence, in life's uncertainties.*

### *Welcome*

#### *\* The People Gather (responsively)*

Risen life shines like a radiant light around us!

**WITHIN ITS MYSTERIES WE WILL SEE THE CHRIST BESIDE US AND BRIGHT RAYS  
OF HOPE HOVERING OVER THE WORLD.**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**RISEN LIFE TRANSFORMS ALL REALITY, PAINTING PICTURES OF A DIFFERENT  
WORLD.**

A world in which death will lose its power, and where the life of God reigns in justice, love  
and peace.

**CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

#### *\* Hymn of Praise #231 - “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

#### *\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

This is the day of Easter, the day of resurrection!

**THIS IS A DAY OF MYSTERY AND WONDER!**

This is a day of good news of the empty tomb, and we believe its message.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE WITH GREAT JOY, FOR CHIRST IS RISEN!**

Christ is risen indeed

#### *\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

#### *\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 6 on this PDF*

*Easter Prayer (in unison)*

GOD OF TRANSFORMATION, YOUR STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES ALWAYS. AS WE CELEBRATE THE PROMISE OF EASTER, REMIND US THAT OUR LIVES CAN AND WILL BE TOTALLY TRANSFORMED, JUST AS THE DISCIPLES WERE ON THAT FIRST EASTER. HELP US TO LIVE IN THE MIGHTY POWER OF THIS RESURRECTION DAY. AMEN.

*Announcements*

\* *Hymn of Preparation #550 - "He Lives"*

*Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"*

*Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (vv. 52:13-15, 53:1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12)*

*John 20:1-18 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 11-13, 14-16, 17-18)*

*Sermon- "Resurrection Hope: Jesus Rose and Is Alive Forever More!"*

*Lord's Prayer*

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer of Dedication (in unison)*

GOD OF JUSTICE, WE MAKE THIS OFFERING BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF THE RISEN CHRIST, ACTIVE IN THIS WORLD TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE AND LOVE TO ALL THOSE OPPRESSED OR FEARFUL, DESPAIRING OR DYING. WE GIVE THANKS THAT THE VICTORY OF THE CROSS IS FORGIVENESS, AND THE VICTORY OF THE GRAVE IS RESURRECTION. USE OUR GIFTS TO MAKE THESE TRUTHS A REALITY FOR ALL, WE PRAY. AMEN.

\* *Closing Hymn #238 - "Because He Lives"*

\* *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 \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Melanie Muzsik \* Connie \* Pat Lynam \* Mr. Lacosia \* Marva Taitt \* Sandra McPherson \* Carole Mahon \* Naomi Shapiro \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Terry Mahon \* Diante \* Ellen McCullough \* Peter Koys \* Ethan \* Olga Caldera \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart \* LouEllen Crowley \* People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Close friends of the Bungerts \* Stephanie \* Jessica and Julian \* Shapiro family \* Dorothy \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Jay & family \* Delgado family \* Wintress \* Domina \* Denise Waldron \* Byrd family \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* Ed Reidy & family \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zechariah \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick \* Alex Ingram \* Terry Mahon

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 \* Our President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

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

Morrison family

**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.*

# 231 — Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CHARLES WESLEY

*Lyra Davidica*

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Tune: EASTER HYMN

**CHRIST: HIS RESURRECTION**

# 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.**

## 550 — He Lives

ALFRED H. ACKLEY

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1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior—He's in the world to - day,  
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care,  
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say;  
 And tho my heart grows wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair;  
 E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
 I know that He is lead - ing thru all the storm - y blast,  
 The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,

And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.  
 The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

**CHORUS**  
 He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
 He lives, He lives, He lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
 He lives, He lives, He lives,

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart.

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (vv. 52:13-15; 53:1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12);  
John 20:1-18 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 11-13, 14-16, and 17-18)**

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—

<sup>15</sup> so he shall startle<sup>[c]</sup> many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering<sup>[a]</sup> and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup> Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one,<sup>[b]</sup> my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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John 20:1-18 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 11-13, 14-16, and 17-18)**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.<sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”<sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

<sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.<sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

<sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;<sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look<sup>[a]</sup> into the tomb;<sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.<sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

<sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew,<sup>[b]</sup> “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

# 238 — Because He Lives

GLORIA GAITHER and  
WILLIAM J. GAITHER

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

1. God sent His Son— they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,  
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by And feel the pride  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

heal and for - give; He lived and died to buy my  
and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
- nal war with pain; And then, as death gives way to

par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain days because Christ lives.  
vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry— and I'll know He lives.

## CHORUS

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be-cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be-cause I know He holds the

fu - ture And life is worth the liv - ing— just be-cause He lives.