

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Welcome to worship - and to resurrection life - on this most joyous day!

Easter Sunday:

A Service of the Resurrection

April 5, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship during Prelude

*With the women, we approach the place of death,
little knowing God's glorious surprise that awaits us.*

Welcome

* *The People Gather* (in unison)

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! AMEN.

* *Hymn of Praise #231 (3 verses) - "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 CHRIST IS RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

* *Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (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.

Words of Assurance of Pardon

Announcements

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope"

Hymn of Preparation #238 - "Because He Lives"

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 (vv.1-2,14,19-21,22-24)

Matthew 28:1-10 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10)

Sermon: "Resurrection Hope: Grounded in Redeeming Love!"

** Doxology (#39)*

Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

** Prayer*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

** Closing Hymn #520 - "O How I Love Jesus"*

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*

Special Thank You

*For our Church Family who nurtures one another in Love and Faith.
For our Neighborhood - may we live within it as people of Easter Faith sharing
the Love of God and the Grace of Jesus with everyone we meet.
For the Holy Spirit filling us with power and encouragement to be in Mission,
meeting the needs to which Jesus calls us to service.*

Praise the Lord!

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Tuesday:	6:45 PM	Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net
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
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:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kempes * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Regina Harvey * Danielle * Megan McAuley * Elder Don Fecher * Lynn Koester * Jack McCarrick * Maryann Miletto * Premature twins * Elder Ron Rivera * Denise Reidy * Kathy Cortese * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

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

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Stephanie

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * 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

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

We received the bill from Classis for our annual Assessment payments. Each member is assessed for \$137.00. We ask that you help us make these assessment payments by including the amount along with your weekly offering. You can pay quarterly, \$34.25, if you wish.

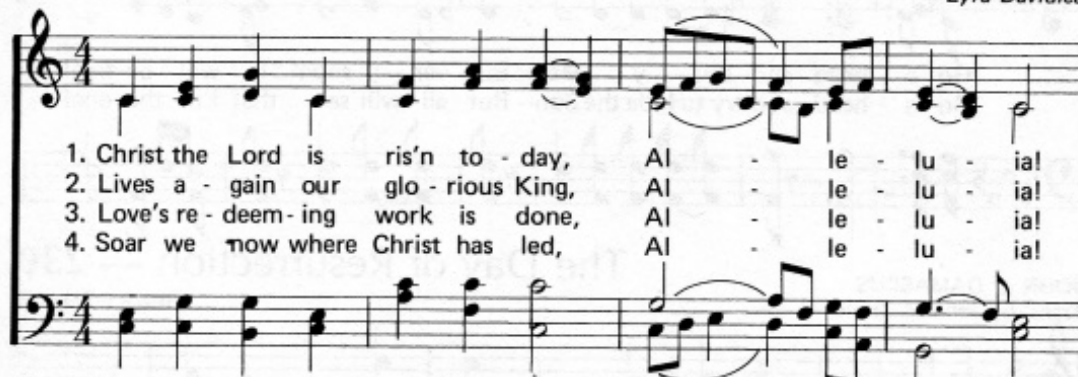
CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

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

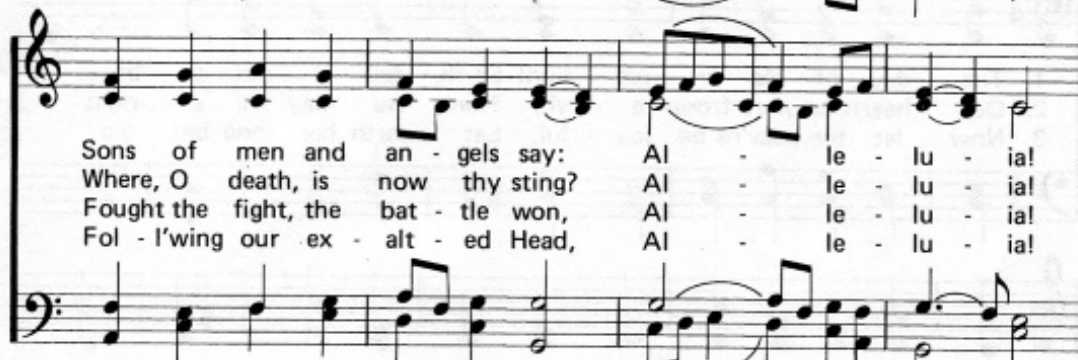
231 — Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CHARLES WESLEY

Lyra Davidica



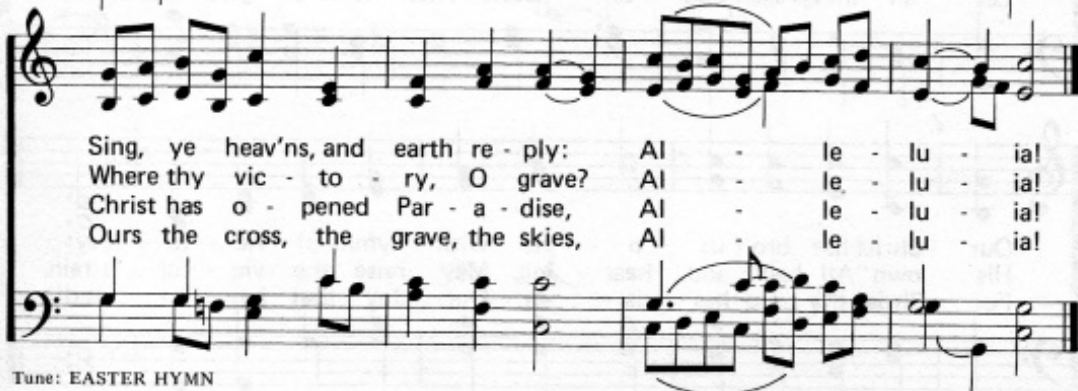
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



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.**

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.

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 (vv.1-2,14,19-21,22-24)
Matthew 28:1-10 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents
of the righteous: “The right hand of
the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount
the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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.

Ó How I Love Jesus — 520

FREDERICK WHITFIELD

American melody
Arr. by John W. Peterson

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set me free;
3. It tells me what my Fa-ther hath In store for ev-'ry day,
4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est woe,

It sounds like mu-sic in mine ear, The sweet-est name on earth.
It tells me of His pre-cious blood, The sin-ner's per-fect plea.
And, tho I tread a dark-some path, Yields sun-shine all the way.
Who in each sor-row bears a part That none can bear be-low.

CHORUS

O how I love Je-sus, O how I love Je-sus,

O how I love Je-sus— Be-cause He first loved me!

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY