THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Welcome to God's house! As we celebrate Palm Sunday and contemplate Christ's passion, let us seek to grow in our love for the Savior and for one another. Blessings on all!

Palm Sunday

Apríl 13, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship Lord, thank you for leading me to worship today. Help me hear what you have to say. Amen

Welcome

* Hymn of Praise #63 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

* Call to Worship: (in unison)

O GOD, WHO IN JESUS CHRIST TRIUMPHANTLY ENTERED JERUSALEM, HERALDING A WEEK OF PAIN AND SORROW, BE WTH US AS WE FOLLOW THE WAY OF THE CROSS. IN THESE EVENTS OF DEFEAT AND VICTORY, YOU HAVE SEALED THE CLOSENESS OF DEATH AND RESURRECION, OF HUMILIATION AND EXALTATION. WE THANK YOU FOR THESE BRANCHES OF PALMS THAT PROMISE TO BECOME FOR US SYMBOLS OF MARTYRDOM AND MAJESTY. BLESS THEM AND US THAT THEIR USE THIS DAY MAY ANNOUNCE IN OUR TIME THAT CHRIST HAS COME AND THAT CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN. AMEN

* Prayer of Praise and Adoration

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

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

HALLELUJAH! BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT I AM! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! WE WAVE OUR PALM BRANCHES, WE PROCLAIM THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY OF JESUS, WE STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH ALL WHO RECOGNIZE JESUS AS THE MESSIAH, THE HOLY ONE, THE CHRIST. BUT WE ARE NOT COMFORTABLE THINKING OF OURSELVES AS COLLABORATORS. WE DO NOT LIKE TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CRUCIFY YOU WHEN WE TURN OUR BACKS ON YOUR SUFFERING PEOPLE, WHEN WE ACCEPT THE COMFORTING LIES ABOUT WHAT RESULTS OUR LIFESTYLES HAVE UPON THE POOR AND THE MISERABLE. THIS WEEK, LEAD US HONESTLY AND HOPEFULLY TOWARDS THE RESURRECTION, HELPING US TO REFLECT UPON OUR OWN SINS AND, WHLE STANDING AWE-STRUCK AND SHAMED BEFORE THE CROSS, RENEWING OUR RESOLVE TO STAND UP FOR AND BESIDE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, THOSE WHO MOURN, THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE MERCI-FUL, THE MEEK, AND THE PEACEMAKERS. HELP US TO PICK UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS, LORD OF LIFE, CONQUEROR OF DEATH. THIS WE PRAY. AMEN.

Announcements

 * Hymn of Preparation #211 - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Lent Theme: "Bread of Life!" Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (vv. 1,21-23,24-26,27-29) Luke 19:28-40 (vv.29-31,32-34,35-37,38-39)
 Sermon- "The Bread of Life, Humbly Makes His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem!" Lord's Prayer

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- * Doxology (#39)
- * Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer

* Closing Hymn #80 - "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

* 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 Co 1 st Sunday of eac	mmunion celebrated on the h month)	
Monday 5:00-9:00	5	,	
Wednesday 7:00	PM Online Bible study: Conta	ct Ron Rivera for info on joining	
5:00-9:0	PM Bushiken Karate	, 0	
Thursday 7:30	PM Women's Alcoholic Anony	zmous	
Friday 7:00	PM "Hour of Prayer Power" v	rtual meeting	
The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#			
Saturday 12:00 n 9:30AM-1:0	U U	ct Ron Rivera for info on joining	

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 III or have Medical Concerns:

Kevin Martz * Nicky * Tommy * Cynthia * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Robert Solimando * John T * Michael Campinello * Michele * Anthony * 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:

Rosetta Grasso * 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:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * 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:

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

*Our 2025 Classis Assessment is \$133.00 per member or if you'd like to pay quarterly, the amount is \$33.25. **Please help us make these payments every quarter by paying your share.**

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.

63 — Praise Him! Praise Him! FANNY J. CROSBY CHESTER G. ALLEN Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! praise Him! 0 1. Praise Him! Sing, Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! 2. Praise Him! For praise Him! our Heav'n-ly 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! earth-His won-der-ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est archsuf-fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e sins He loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for por - tals an - gels in glo - ry, Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name! ter - nal sal - va - tion, Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied. ev - er and ev - er, Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King! Like shep - herd Je-sus will guard His chil - dren- In His arms He а Je-sus who bore our sor - rows- Love un - bound-ed, Sound His prais - escom - ing, Christ is o - ver the world vic-to - rious- Pow'r and glo - ry REFRAIN car - ries them all day long: tell of His won-der-ful, deep and strong: Praise Him! praise Him! un - to the Lord be long: ex-cel-lent great - ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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. Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — 211



Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (vv. 1, 21-23, 24-26, 27-29) Luke 19: 28-40 (vv. 29-31, 32-34, 35-37, 38-39))

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." 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;	 ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[c] ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house 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.	 ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

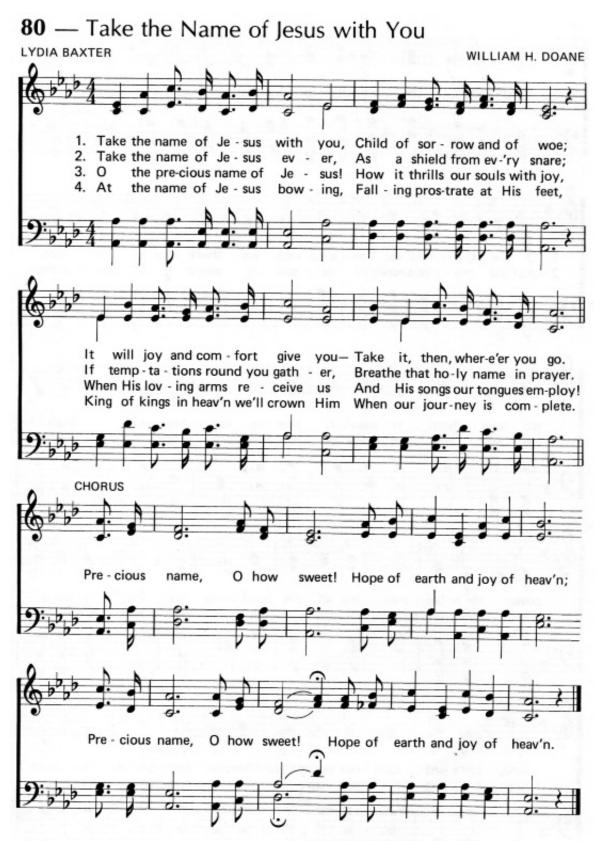
After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,

³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."



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