

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Welcome, friends, as we worship in the name of the Father,  
Jesus our Good Shepherd and the Holy Spirit, our guide through life.*

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2026*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need" (Psalm 23:1)*

*Thank you, heavenly Provider*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #526 - "Victory in Jesus"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*

**HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET**

**WATERS, HE RESTORES MY SOUL. HE GUIDES ME IN PATHS FOR HIS NAME SAKE.**

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows*

**SURELY GOODNESS AND LOVE WILL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,  
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER**

*Psalm 23, NIV*

*\* 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)*

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE RAISED JESUS FROM THE GRAVE AND CROWNED HIM LORD OF ALL. WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE NOT BOWED BEFORE HIM OR ACKNOWLEDGED HIS RULE IN OUR LIVES. WE OFTEN GO ALONG WITH THE RULE OF THE WORLD AND FAIL TO GIVE HIM GLORY. FORGIVE US GOD AND RAISE US FROM SIN THAT WE MAY BE YOUR PEOPLE, OBEYING THE COMMANDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO RULES THE WORLD AND IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH, HIS BODY. AMEN.

### *Announcements*

\* *Hymn of Preparation #405 - "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"*

*Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"*

*Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10)*

*John 21:1-19 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-13,14-16,17-19)*

*Sermon- "Resurrection Hope: Despondent Disciples Gone Fishing and Finding the Risen Savior!"*

### *Lord's Prayer*

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #452 - "Where He Leads Me"*

*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)
	12:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> in Hahn Hall.
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:45 PM	<b>Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group)</b> - contact Ed Bungert, <a href="mailto:zajdml@optimum.net">zajdml@optimum.net</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	<b>Bushiken Karate</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<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:

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

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Ed Bungert \* Sandra McPherson \* Mark Cintron \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Regina Harvey \* Danielle \* Elder Don Fecher \* Lynn Koester \* Maryann Miletto \* Elder Ron Rivera \* Denise Reidy \* 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:

LaTaya Stinson family \* Pat's family \* Heather \* Donny & Carolyn Rosemond \* Nancy & Gene Peterson \* Barbara \* Jay Escobar & family \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Win-tress \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone bat-tling 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 \* Di-ante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

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:

Maryann's brother, Thomas Miletto

**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've paid this quarter's Assessment bill. 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, risen and coming again.*

# 526 — Victory in Jesus

EUGENE M. BARTLETT

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1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,  
 2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,  
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,

How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;  
 How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;  
 And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea,

I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,  
 And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"  
 A - bout the an - gels sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry—

Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.  
 And some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.  
 And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

## CHORUS

O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er! He sought me and

bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my

love is due Him—He plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

# 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.**

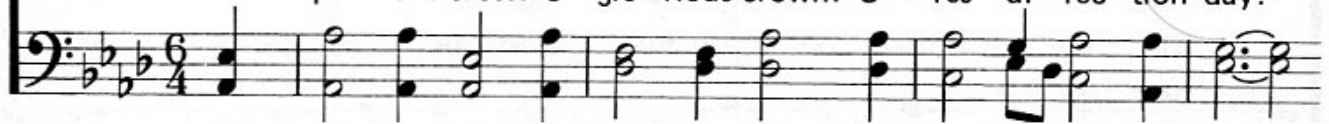
# 405 — Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

THOMAS SHEPHERD

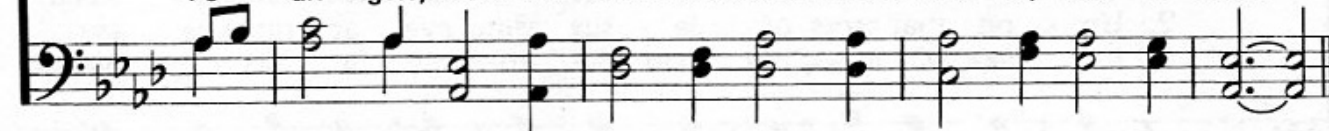
GEORGE N. ALLEN



1. Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone And all the world go free?
2. The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear Till death shall set me free,
3. Up - on the crys - tal pave - ment, down At Je - sus' pierc - ed feet,
4. O pre - cious cross! O glo - rious crown! O res - ur - rec - tion day!



No, there's a cross for ev - 'ry - one, And there's a cross for me.  
And then go home my crown to wear, For there's a crown for me.  
Joy - ful I'll cast my gold - en crown And His dear name re - peat.  
Ye an - gels, from the stars come down And bear my soul a - way.



**Luke 5: 1-11 (vv.1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10)**  
**John 21: 1-19 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-13, 14-16, 17-19)**

Once while Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,<sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.<sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”<sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

<sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.<sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”<sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;

<sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”<sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,<sup>[a]</sup> Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.”<sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards<sup>[b]</sup> off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

# 452 — Where He Leads Me

E. W. BLANDY

JOHN S. NORRIS

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can  
 2. I'll go with Him thru the gar - den, I'll go  
 3. I'll go with Him thru the judg - ment, I'll go  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, He will

\*Chorus—Where He leads me I will fol - low, Where He

hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior  
 with Him thru the gar - den, I'll go with Him thru the  
 with Him thru the judg - ment, I'll go with Him thru the  
 give me grace and glo - ry, He will give me grace and  
 leads me I will fol - low, Where He leads me I will

call - ing, "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low Me."  
 gar - den, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 judg - ment, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 glo - ry, And go with me, with me all the way.  
 fol - low, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

*D.C. for Chorus*

\*Optionally only after stanzas 1 and 4.  
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