

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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On this second Sunday of Easter, we continue to revel in the reality of the risen Christ. We are pleased to welcome with joy all who have come to share in the glorious good news of the Resurrection.

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

Jesus, even when I fail to see you, help me believe in you. Amen.

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #60 - "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Make a joyful noise, all you lands.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS AND COME BEFORE THE LORD WITH SINGING.

Know that the Lord is God, it is He who made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.

Be thankful to him and bless his name.

FOR THE LORD IS GOOD AND HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING AND HIS TRUTH ENDURES TO ALL GENERATIONS.

** 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)

HOW EASY IT IS, O GOD, TO FALL BACK INTO OUR OLD WAYS, OUR OLD LIVES. WE FORGET HOW REMARKABLE IT IS TO SEE THE RISEN CHRIST. WE TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT ANOTHER WEEK HAS PASSED, AND WE REMAIN IN COMFORTABLE ROUTINES. HAVE WE SPENT THIS TIME SINCE EASTER AS CHANGED AS WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN? OR HAVE WE NEGLECTED EASTER LIFE BECAUSE DAILY LIFE BECKONS SO STRONGLY? FORGIVE US WHEN WE FORGET WHAT EASTER MEANS FOR EVERYTHING WE DO. HELP US RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE AND LISTEN FOR YOUR WORDS THAT DIRECT US TO WHERE WE CAN SERVE. ENABLE US TO DO THE WORK YOU SET BEFORE US. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #232 - "Christ Arose"*

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: Psalm 150:1-6

*Luke 24:13-32 (vv.13-15,16-18,19-21,22-24,25-27,
28-30,31-32)*

Sermon- "The Resurrection Hope of Easter Overcomes Despair!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #275 - "O Happy Day!"*

* *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)*

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Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
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
Friday	7:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
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:

Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill 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

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.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised — 60

German hymn

Trans. by Edward Caswall

JOSEPH BARNBY



1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss The love - liest strain is this:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark - ness fear
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com-fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 When this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Thru all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!*

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

WORSHIP: THE SON

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.**

Christ Arose! — 232

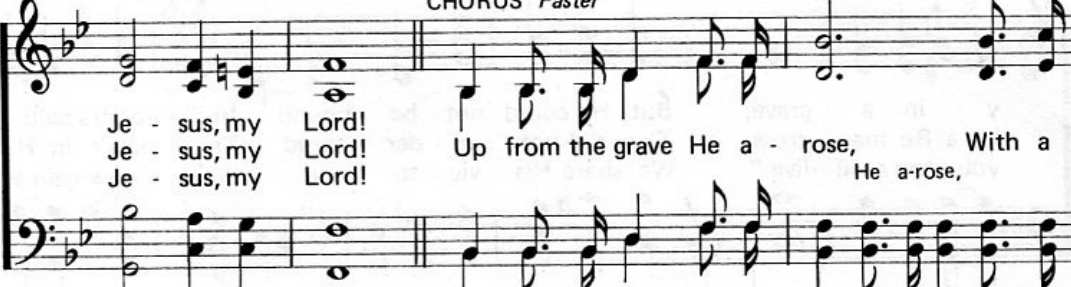
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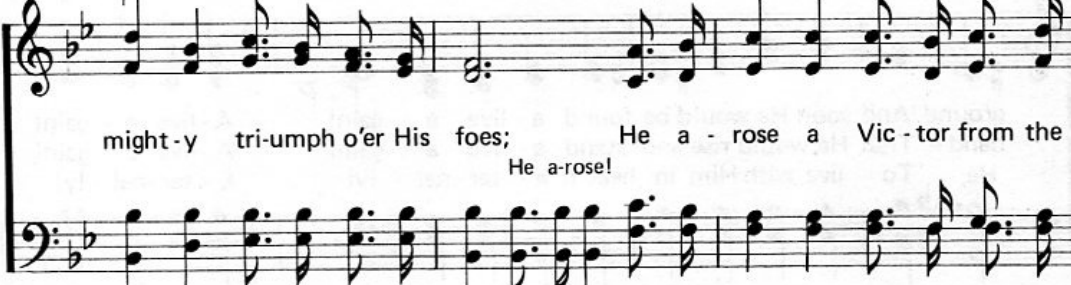


1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day—
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead—
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way—

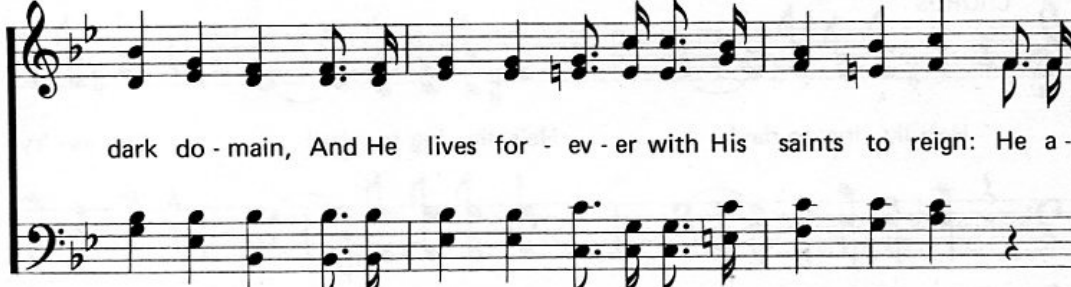
CHORUS *Faster*



Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
 Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,
 Je - sus, my Lord!



might - y tri - umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a Vic - tor from the
 He a - rose!



dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign: He a -



rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

CHRIST: HIS RESURRECTION

Psalm 150: 1-6

Luke 24: 13-32 (vv. 13-15, 16-18, 19-21, 22-24, 25-27, 28-30, 31-32)

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

O Happy Day! — 275

PHILIP DODDRIDGE

EDWARD F. RIMBAULT

1. O hap - py day that fixed my choice On Thee, my Sav - ior and my God!
 2. O hap - py bond that seals my vows To Him who mer - its all my love!
 3. 'Tis done, the great trans - ac - tion's done— I am my Lord's and He is mine;
 4. Now rest, my long - di - vid - ed heart, Fixed on this bliss - ful cen - ter, rest;

Well may this glow - ing heart re - joice And tell its rap - tures all a - broad.
 Let cheer - ful an - thems fill His house, While to that sa - cred shrine I move.
 He drew me, and I fol - lowed on, Charmed to con - fess the voice di - vine.
 Nor ev - er from my Lord de - part, With Him of ev - 'ry good pos - sessed.

CHORUS

Hap - py day, hap - py day, When Je - sus washed my sins a - way!

He taught me how to watch and pray And live re - joic - ing ev - 'ry day;

Hap - py day, hap - py day, When Je - sus washed my sins a - way!

SALVATION