

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Welcome to worship! A special greeting today to moms, grandmas and mother-figures. The relationships that bless our lives are gifts of God's love. Alleluia!

4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

May 11, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

For mothers and mother-figures, I pray and give thanks. And, God, for all the ways you bring forth new life and nurture it in love, I praise you.

Welcome

- * Hymn of Praise #151 "Faith of Our Mothers"
- * Call to Worship: (responsively)

We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and their name.

WE WISH TO BE STRENGTHENED IN OUR INNER SELVES, THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN OUR HEARTS.

We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ which surpasses understanding.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND TO PRAISE THE SOURCE OF LOVE AND PEACE.
GLORY BE TO GOD IN THE CHURCH AND IN JESUS CHRIST TO ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER AND EVER. 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 (in unison)

DEAR LORD, WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY INIQUITY AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN. FOR I ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRANSGRESSIONS AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE YOU. HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD. ACCORDING TO THE MULTITUDE OF YOUR TENDER MERCIES, BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS. AMEN.

Announcements

* Hymn of Preparation #358 - "God Will Take Care of You"

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: Psalm 23

John 21:1-25 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13-15,16-18, 20-22.23-25)

Sermon "The Resurrection Hope of Easter Reminds us of the Provisions Jesus has Made for Us!"

Lord's Prayer

- * Doxology (#39)
- * Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer
- * Closing Hymn #519-"Love Lifted 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

Sunday 11:00 AM Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the

1st 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

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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:

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

Halloway family* Rosetta Grasso * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * 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:

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:

Kevin McCloud

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.

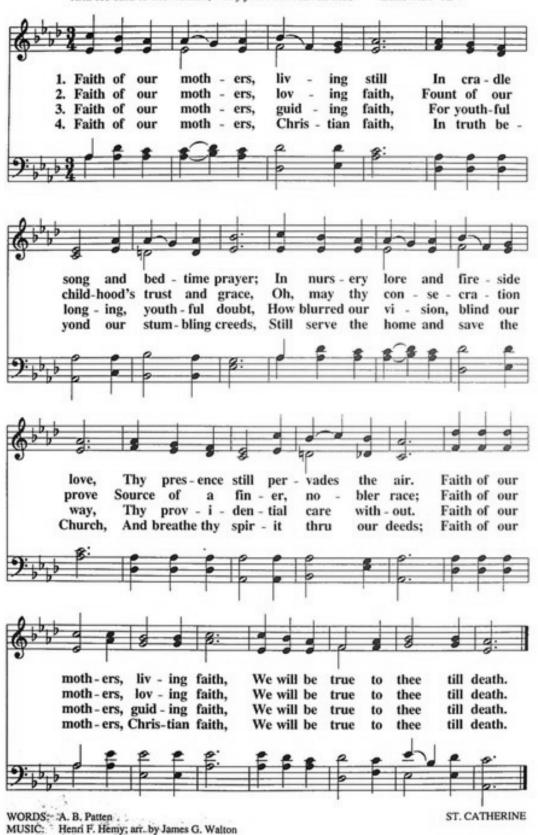
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Faith of Our Mothers

And He said to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee" - Luke 7:50 KJV



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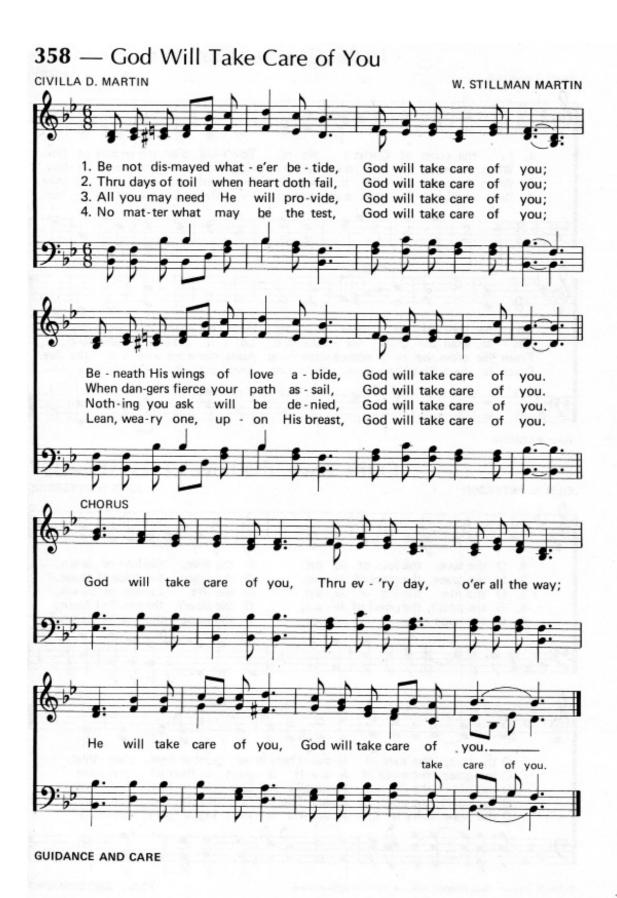
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The Apostle's Creed

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.



Psalm 23

John 21: 1-25 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 20-22,23-25)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

- He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; [a]
- he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, ^[d]

I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup over-flows
- ⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.^[g]

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, ^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ 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.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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^[b] off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ 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." ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" ²³ So the rumor spread in the community^[c] that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" ^[d]

²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

