

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*Come drink the water of life as a gift (Revelation 22:17).
May worship and fellowship quench your spiritual thirst today.
Welcome!*

7th Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Lord, as we near the end of the Easter Season,
please keep Easter hope alive in our hearts always.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #240 - "All Hail the Power"*

** 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.

WE COME 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

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 #151 - "Faith of Our Mothers"*

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: Psalm 47:1-9 (vv. 1-4,5-8)

Acts 1:1-11 (1-4,5-8,9-11)

Sermon- "Resurrection Hope: Ascension of Our Savior Back to the Father and Lifting Up Our Mothers!" (Elder Ronald Rivera)

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #147 - "A Christian Home"*

* *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 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
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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 * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Beth * Friend of Dirk * Barbara * Erin * Melanie Muzsik * Connie * Pat Lynam * Mr. Lacosia * Marva Taitt * Sandra McPherson * Carole Mahon * Naomi Shapiro * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Ellen McCullough * Peter Koys * Ethan * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart * LouEllen Crowley

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Morrison family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Stephanie * Jessica and Julian * Shapiro family * Dorothy * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Jay & family * Delgado family * Wintress * Domina * Denise Waldron * Byrd family * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * Ed Reidy & family * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick * Alex Ingram

Prayers for World Concerns:

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 * Our 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

There will be a Consistory meeting next Sunday following the worship service.

We have been advised by Classis that the General Synod has increased their portion of our assessment amount by over \$500 dollars. This makes our member assessment fee \$141.00, an increase of \$31.00 for the year or \$7.75 if you pay quarterly. If you have already paid your assessment and can help us by making this additional amount, there are brown envelopes on the table in the narthex marked "Additional Assessment payment". Please put your name and envelope number on the front.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

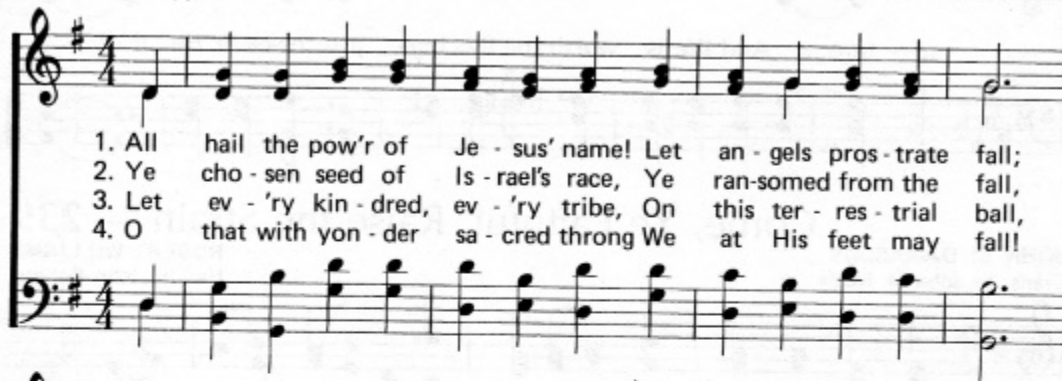
We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

240 — All Hail the Power

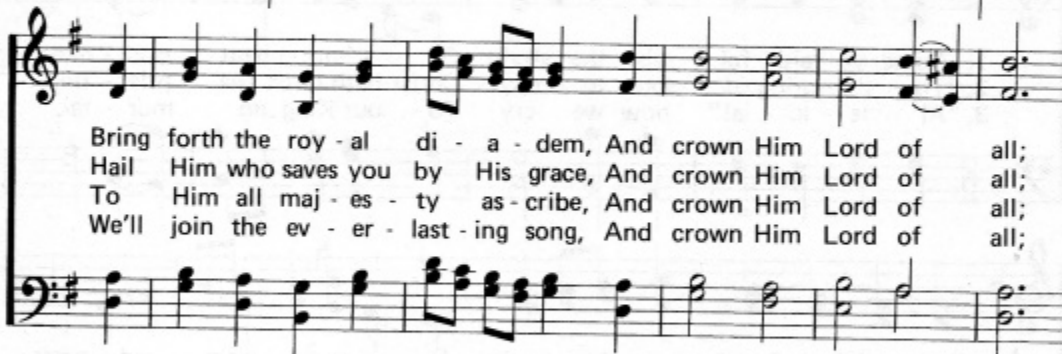
EDWARD PERRONET

Alt. by John Rippon

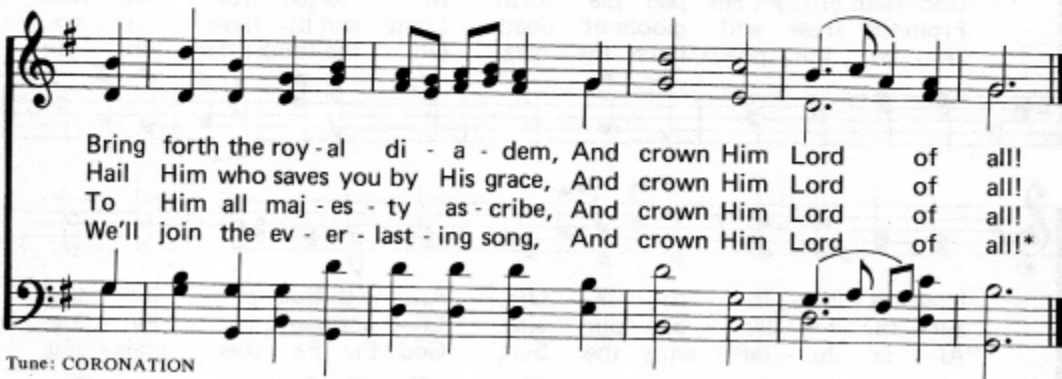
OLIVER HOLDEN



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
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Tune: CORONATION

The Apostle's Creed

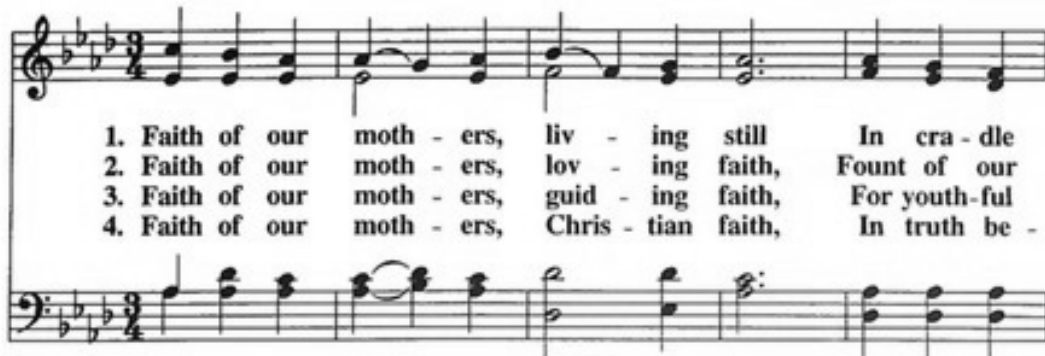
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**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.**

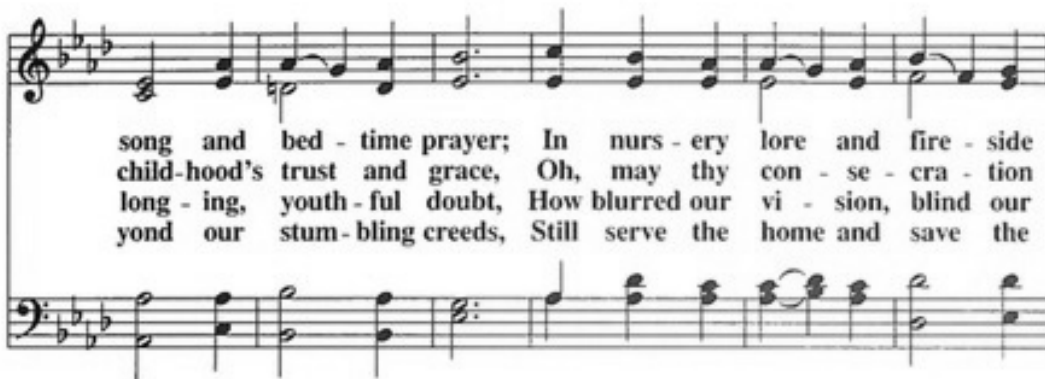
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Faith of Our Mothers

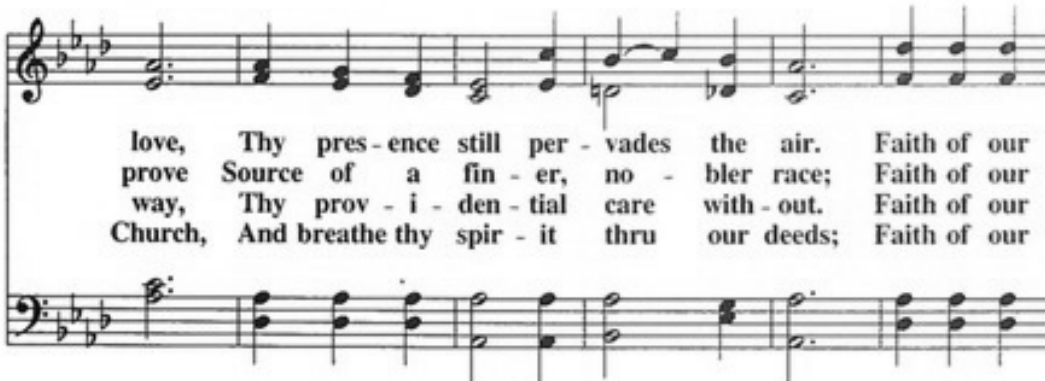
And He said to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee" — Luke 7:50 KJV



1. Faith of our moth - ers, liv - ing still In cra - dle
 2. Faith of our moth - ers, lov - ing faith, Fount of our
 3. Faith of our moth - ers, guid - ing faith, For youth - ful
 4. Faith of our moth - ers, Chris - tian faith, In truth be -



song and bed - time prayer; In nurs - ery lore and fire - side
 child - hood's trust and grace, Oh, may thy con - se - cra - tion
 long - ing, youth - ful doubt, How blurred our vi - sion, blind our
 yond our stum - bling creeds, Still serve the home and save the



love, Thy pres - ence still per - vades the air. Faith of our
 prove Source of a fin - er, no - bler race; Faith of our
 way, Thy prov - i - den - tial care with - out. Faith of our
 Church, And breathe thy spir - it thru our deeds; Faith of our



moth - ers, liv - ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.
 moth - ers, lov - ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.
 moth - ers, guid - ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.
 moth - ers, Chris - tian faith, We will be true to thee till death.

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 MUSIC: Henri F. Hénry; arr. by James G. Walton

ST. CATHERINE

Psalm 47:1-9 (vv. 1-4, 5-8)
Acts 1:1-11 (vv. 1-4, 5-8 and 9-11)

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying^[a] with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;

⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

147 — A Christian Home

BARBARA B. HART

JEAN SIBELIUS

Arr. for Praise!

1. O give us homes built firm up-on the Sav-ior, Where Christ is head and
 2. O give us homes with god-ly fa - thers, moth-ers, Who al-ways place their
 3. O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Mas-ter, The Bi - ble read, the
 4. O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine for-ev - er! We trust to Thee their

coun-sel - lor and guide; Where ev -'ry child is taught His love and fa-vor
 hope and trust in Him; Whose ten-der pa - tience tur-moil nev-er both-ers,
 pre-cious hymns still sung; Where pray'r comes first in peace or in dis - as-ter,
 prob-lems, toil and care; Their bonds of love no en - e - my can sev-er

And gives his heart to Christ, the cru - ci - fied: How sweet to know that
 Whose calm and cour - age trou-ble can - not dim; A home where each finds
 And praise is nat - ural speech to ev - 'ry tongue; Where mountains move be-
 lf Thou art al - ways Lord and Mas-ter there: Be Thou the cen - ter

tho his foot-steps wa-ver His faith-ful Lord is walk-ing by his side!
 joy in serv - ing oth-ers, And love still shines tho days be dark and grim.
 fore a faith that's vast-er, And Christ suf-fi - cient is for old and young.
 of our least en - deav-or- Be Thou our guest, cur hearts and homes to share.*

Tune: FINLANDIA—higher key at 334

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