

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*We worship in the name of the heavenly Father, the risen Jesus  
and the Spirit who abides with u. Welcome*

## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Memorial Day Weekend*

May 25, 2025

11:00 AM

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Jesus, thank you for your gift of the Spirit of Truth to be with us always.  
May the Spirit guide our worship and our lives.*

### *Welcome*

\* *Hymn of Praise #319 - "Blessed Assurance":*

\* *Call to Worship: (in unison)*

ETERNAL GOD, CREATOR OF YEARS, OF CENTURIES, LORD OF WHATEVER IS BEYOND TIME, MAKER OF ALL SPECIES AND MASTER OF ALL HISTORY - HOW SHALL WE SPEAK TO YOU FROM OUR SMALLNESS AND INCONSEQUENCE? EXCEPT THAT YOU HAVE CALLED US TO WORSHIP YOU IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. YOU HAVE SIGNIFIED US WITH LOVES AND LOYALTIES. YOU HAVE LIFTED US UP WITH YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS. THEREFORE, WE ARE BOLD TO COME BEFORE YOU WITHOUT GROVELING AND WITHOUT FEAR. WE SING WITH SPIRIT AND PRAY WITH COURAGE BECAUSE YOU HAVE DIGNIFIED US. YOU HAVE REDEEMED US FROM THE AIMLESSNESS OF THINGS GOING MEANINGLESSLY WELL.

GOD, LIFT THE HEARTS OF THOSE FOR WHOM THIS MEMORIAL DAY IS NOT JUST A DIVERSION, BUT A PAINFUL MEMORY. BLESS THOSE WHOSE DEAR ONES HAVE DIED NEEDLESSLY IN ACCIDENT OR MISADVENTURE. BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE LOST DEAR ONES THIS YEAR, WHO IN LEAVING OUR LIVES FIND ETERNAL JOY WITH YOU. WE REMEMBER WITH COMPASSION THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SERVING THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE FUTILITY OF COMBAT. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE FOR US AS OTHERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED." MOST OF ALL, WE REMEMBER YOU, OUR CREATOR GOD, THE GIVER OF LIFE AND EVERY GOOD GIFT. WE WORSHIP YOU AND PRAISE YOUR NAME. 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)*

WE CONFESS TO YOU, GREAT LOVER OF ALL CREATION, THAT WE HAVE FAILED TO LOVE YOU WITH OUR WHOLE BEING. WE HAVE BEEN SEDUCED BY THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD AND WE HAVE LET THEM GUIDE OUR LIVES INSTEAD OF YOU. WE HAVE POURED OUT OUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS THAT COULD NEVER SATISFY. WE HAVE FAILED TO LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AS WE DO OURSELVES. WE HAVE IGNORED MANY IN NEED AND WE HAVE HATED OUR ENEMIES. WE HAVE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL HUMANITY IS OUR NEIGHBOR. FORGIVE US, AND BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, RESTORE IN US A NEVER--FAILING LOVE OF YOU AND OF OUR NEIGHBORS. AMEN

### *Announcements*

- \* *Hymn of Preparation #345 - "Peace Like a River"*

*Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 67:1-7 (vv.1-4,5-7)*

*John 14:23-29 (vv. 23-26,27-29)*

*Sermon- "The Resurrection Hope of Easter Allows Us to Experience Blessings, Love and Peace from the Lord! "*

### *Lord's Prayer*

- \* *Doxology (#39)*
- \* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*
- \* *Prayer*
- \* *Closing Hymn #34 - "Bless His Holy Name"*

- \* *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)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
<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:

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 \* 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:

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

We thank **Elder Ron Rivera** for leading the service and delivering the sermon today.

**Kevin & Denise** are hosting a Coffee/Fellowship hour after church next Sunday. Please plan to join us

### 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.*

# Blessed Assurance — 319

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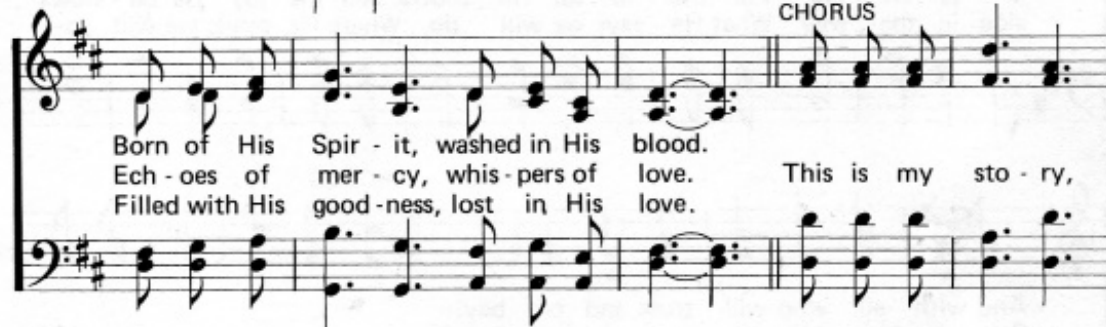
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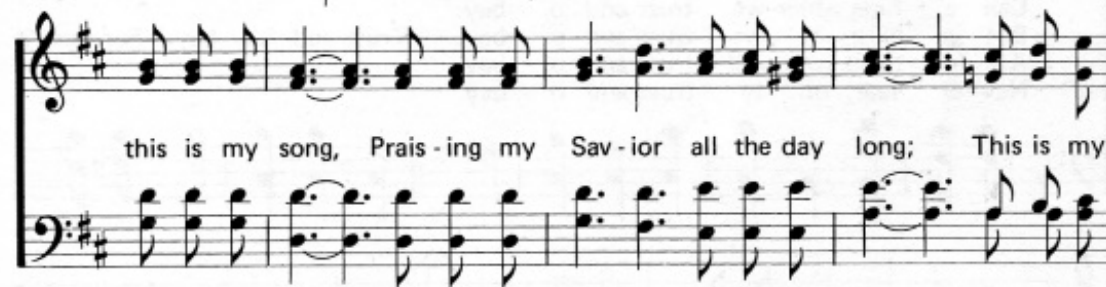
1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of  
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now  
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am



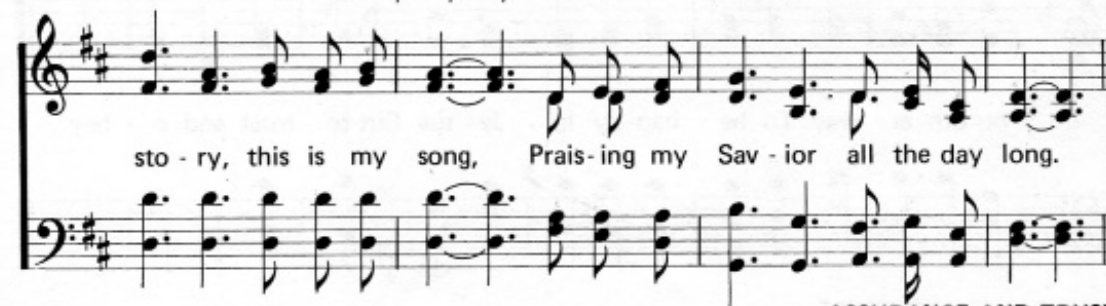
glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove  
 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,



CHORUS  
 Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.  
 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,  
 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my



sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

# 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.**

# 345 — Peace Like a River

Traditional

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Arr. by Dale Scott

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace  
 2. I've got love like a riv - er, I've got love like a riv - er, I've got love  
 3. I've got joy like a riv - er, I've got joy like a riv - er, I've got joy

like a riv - er in my soul; I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got  
 like a riv - er in my soul; I've got love like a riv - er, I've got  
 like a riv - er in my soul; I've got joy like a riv - er, I've got

peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
 love like a riv - er, I've got love like a riv - er in my soul.  
 joy like a riv - er, I've got joy like a riv - er in my soul.

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**Psalm 67: 1-7 (vv. 1-4, 5-7)**  
**John 14: 23-29 (vv. 23-26, 27-29)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,*Selah*  
<sup>2</sup> *that your way may be known upon earth,*  
*your saving power among all nations.*  
<sup>3</sup> *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*  
*let all the peoples praise you.*  
<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.*Selah*

<sup>5</sup> *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*  
*let all the peoples praise you.*  
<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
<sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

# Bless His Holy Name — 34

Psalm 103:1  
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1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with - in me, bless His  
 2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with - in me, bless His  
 4. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with - in me, bless His

*Fine*  
 ho - ly name!  
 ho - ly name!  
 ho - ly name!  
 3. He has done great things, He has

*D.C. al Fine*  
 done great things, He has done great things—Bless His ho - ly name!

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