

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Good morning and welcome to Church of the Master.  
What a blessing to take time away from life's busyness to rest in God's presence.*

## *Ascension Sunday Holy Communion Sunday*

*June 1, 2025*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*"This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair..."  
Thank you, Father, for this glorious late-spring morning!*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #340 - "The Solid Rock":*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

In the morning, come to know God's true love.

**THIS MORNING WE PUT OUR TRUST IN THE GRACIOUS KINDNESS OF OUR  
LOVING GOD.**

Let us bless God from our innermost hearts, forgetting none of the benefits of God's  
compassion.

**LET US BLESS GOD FOR GOD'S PARDON FOR OUR SINS,**

God's healing for the things from which we suffer,

**GOD'S CONSTANT LOVE AND RENEWAL OF OUR STRENGTH THROUGH HIS  
HEALING TOUCH. 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)*

FORGIVING GOD, TOO OFTEN WE FAIL TO RELY UPON YOUR SPIRIT. WE GO OUR OWN WAYS, UNDER OUR OWN FEEBLE POWER, AS IF WE WERE THE CREATORS OF OUR UNIVERSE. CALL US BACK, O GOD, TO BE YOUR PEOPLE AND TO LIVE IN YOUR SPIRIT. AND WE WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE PRAISE AND GLORY.

YOU HAVE INVITED US INTO YOUR PRESENCE, GOD OF MAJESTY, AND WE ARE IN AWE. YET IN YOUR HOLINESS, WE SEE OUR SINFULNESS. SAVE US FROM FALLING INTO FEAR. CLAIM US AS YOUR CHILDREN.

YOU KNOW OUR SINS AND YET YOU LOVE US AND CALL US TO BE YOUR PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. SEND US TO DO YOUR WILL IN THE WORLD. AMEN.

## *Announcements*

### \* *Hymn of Preparation #524 - "At Calvary"*

*Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 47:1-9 (vv.1-3,5-7,8-9)*

*Luke 24:44-53 (vv.44-46,48-50,51-53)*

*Sermon- "The Resurrection Hope of Easter Allows Us to Continue Working for our Ascended Savior Until He Comes Back Again!"*

### \* *Doxology (#39)*

### \* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

### \* *Prayer*

*Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Lord's Prayer*

### \* *Closing Hymn #449- "Take My Life and Let It Be"*

### \* *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

**Kevin & Denise** are hosting a Coffee/Fellowship hour today following the worship service. Please come down and 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.*

# The Solid Rock — 340

EDWARD MOTE

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un - chang-ing grace;  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood;  
 4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,

I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 In ev - 'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with - in the veil.  
 When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 Dressed in His right-eous-ness a - lone, Fault-less to stand be - fore the throne.

REFRAIN

On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand— All oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Tune: SOLID ROCK

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.**

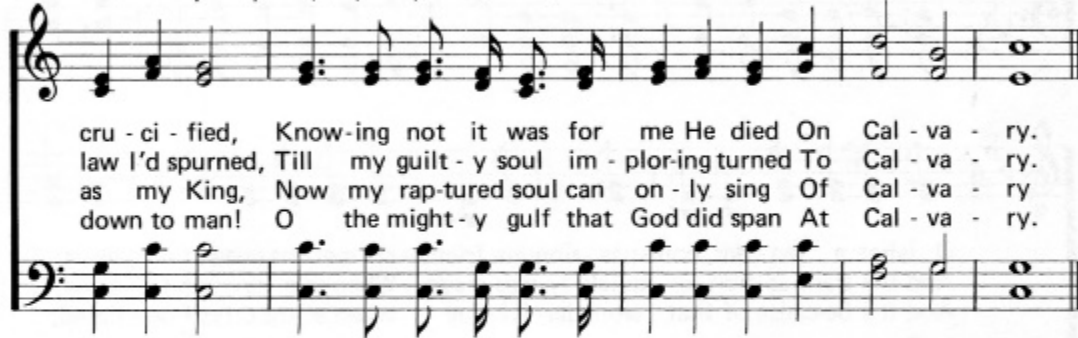
# At Calvary — 524

WILLIAM R. NEWELL

DANIEL B. TOWNER

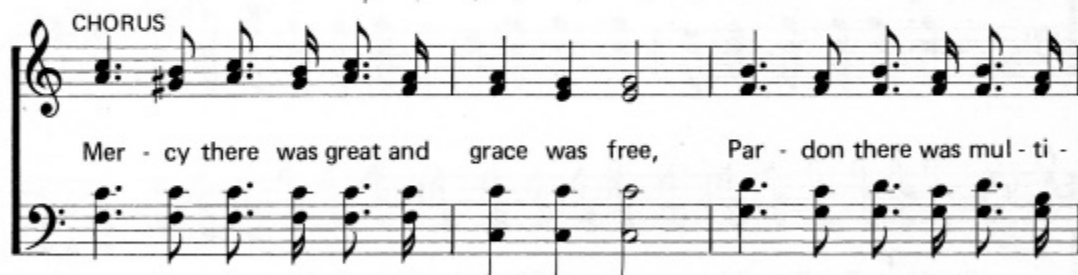


1. Years I spent in van - i - ty and pride, Car - ing not my Lord was  
 2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned— Then I trem-bled at the  
 3. Now I've giv'n to Je - sus ev - 'ry - thing, Now I glad - ly own Him  
 4. O the love that drew sal - va - tion's plan! O the grace that bro't it

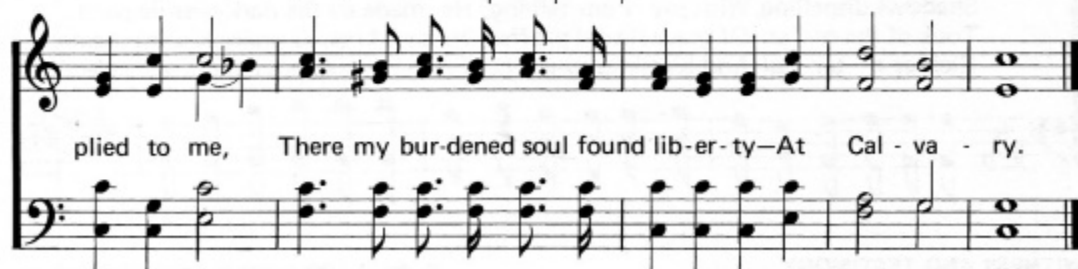


cru - ci - fied, Know-ing not it was for me He died On Cal - va - ry.  
 law I'd spurned, Till my guilt - y soul im - plor-ing turned To Cal - va - ry.  
 as my King, Now my rap-tured soul can on - ly sing Of Cal - va - ry  
 down to man! O the might - y gulf that God did span At Cal - va - ry.

CHORUS



Mer - cy there was great and grace was free, Par - don there was mul - ti -



plied to me, There my bur-dened soul found lib-er-ty—At Cal - va - ry.

WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

**Psalm 47: 1-9 (vv. 1-3, 5-7, 8-9)**  
**Luke 24: 44-53 (vv. 44-46, 48-50, and 51-53)**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.

<sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

<sup>7</sup> For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

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Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses<sup>[b]</sup> of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and<sup>[d]</sup> returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.<sup>[e]</sup>

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament,  
The Invitation  
Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

**AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Lift up your hearts!

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

### Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

#### Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS**

who forgives all your iniquity,

**WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES**

who redeems your life from the Pit,

**WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE**

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

**NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES**

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

**SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM**

as far as the east is from the west,

**SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR**

**TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US**

as a father pities his children,

**SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM**

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

**THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.**



# Take My Life and Let It Be — 449

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

H. A. CÉSAR MALAN



1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - cra - ted,  
 2. Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold— Not a mite would  
 5. Take my will and make it Thine— It shall be no  
 6. Take my love— my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days— Let them  
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
 I with-hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
 long - er mine; Take my heart— it is Thine own, It shall  
 treas - ure store; Take my - self— and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
 be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
 on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.\*

Tune: HENDON (Alternate, TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, adapted)

COMMITMENT