## THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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As the church year draws to a close, we celebrate Christ our King. Let us worship Jesus, the One who was, who is, and who is to come! Amen.

## 24th Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

Christ, thou head of the church, rule in my life, too, I pray. Amen.

#### Welcome

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

\* Call to Worship: (responsively)

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

LET US SHOUT ALOUD TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving.

AND EXTOL HIM WITH MUSIC AND SONG.

For the Lord is the great God,

AND THE GREAT KING ABOVE ALL GODS.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,

AND THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS BELONG TO HIM.

The sea is his for he made it,

AND HIS HANDS FORMED THE DRY LAND.

Come let us bow down in worship,

LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER

For he is our God,

AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE, THE FLOCK UNDER HIS CARE

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Praise and Adoration

<sup>\*</sup> Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF

#### Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

GRACIOUS GOD, OUR SINS ARE TOO HEAVY TO CARRY, TOO REAL TO HIDE AND TOO DEEP TO UNDO. FORGIVE WHAT OUR LIPS TREMBLE TO NAME, WHAT OUR HEARTS CAN NO LONGER BEAR, AND WHAT HAS BECOME FOR US A CONSUMING FIRE OF JUDGEMENT. SET US FREE FROM A PAST THAT CANNOT CHANGE. OPEN TO US A FUTURE IN WHICH WE CAN BE CHANGED AND GRANT US GRACE TO GROW MORE AND MORE IN YOUR LIKENESS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. AMEN.

#### Announcements

\* Hymn of Preparation #334 - "Be Still, My Soul"

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture: Psalm 46:1-11 (vv.1-3,4-6,8-10,11)

Colossians 1:11-20 (vv.11-13,14-16,17-19,20)

**Sermon** "Pentecost Power from On High Reminds Us to Be Still and Empowers Us to Know Christ is Firstborn of All Creation!"

Lord's Prayer

- \* Doxology (#39)
- \* Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- \* Prayer
- \* Closing Hymn #324 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
- \* 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)

### Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday 11:00 AM Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month)

**12:00 PM** "Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.

Monday 5:00-9:00 PM Bushiken Karate

Tuesday: 6:45 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net

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

**Saturday** 12:00 noon **Online Bible study**: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining

9:30AM-1:00PM Bushiken Karate

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand if able

#### 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:

Elder Alstair Sealy \* Francesca \* Mike \* Rev. Liz Brantum \* Frank Font \* Sharon Alexander \* Rosa Stewart \* Carole Mahon \* Terry Mahon \* Carol & Wally Cintron \* Gene Peterson \* Damon Hayden \* Janet (friend of Mahon family) \* Beverly Morrison \* Patti Zeig \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \*

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Donny & Carolyn Rosemond \* Nancy & Gene Peterson \* Barbara \* Jay Escobar & family \* 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:

Zachariah Bungert \* Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons \* Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Zachariah Bungert

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 \* 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:

Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Sealy, Pastor of Mott Haven Reformed Church

#### 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**

"Deck-the Halls!" morning is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at 10:00 AM, to be continued on Saturday if needed. Please make plans to come in to help decorate for the Christmas season.

Consistory meeting - Sunday, December 14th.

#### 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,



# 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 46: 1-11 (vv 1-3, 4-6, 8-10, 11) Colossians 1: 11-20 (vv. 11-13, 14-16, 17-19, 20)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge *Selah* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## 324 — 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

