

*Matthew 28:6*

He is  
**NOT HERE,**  
*for he has*

**RISEN!**

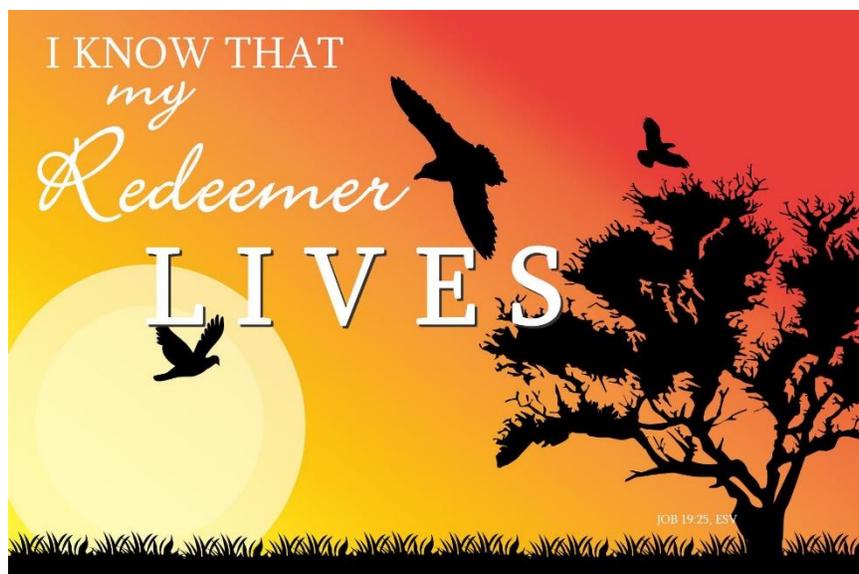
# THE VICTORY IS OURS!

## WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.

## AS WE GATHER

“He is risen!” – the Church shouts with confidence – “He is risen indeed!” The high point of our Christian life is celebrated this morning as we gather with all of God’s children to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As today’s Gospel from Luke 24 will show us, confusion and fear give way to confident faith when the women who went to the tomb realize Jesus is alive and then share this good news with the other disciples. Through those disciples, this message has reached us also! Just as God had promised through His prophets of old, the Lord Himself will restore creation and bring harmony to all life—beginning with Jesus’ resurrection and continuing until the Last Day, when Jesus returns in glory, destroys death itself, and raises us up to new lives in His eternal kingdom. With confidence in God’s promises, we say: “I know that my Redeemer lives!” What comfort, what hope, what joy this sweet sentence gives!



## + PREPARATION +

### 🕯 INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Job 19:23–27*

**P** “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

**C** **For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Romans 6:3–4*

**P** As we come together in the darkness of this morning, it is a present reminder of the darkness in our world and in our own souls, the darkness that led our Lord Jesus to willingly lay down His life for us.

*Silence for personal confession*

**P** We confess:

**C** **Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, we come before You and acknowledge the darkness that still maintains a foothold in our lives and is evidenced in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our lives do not always bear witness to the victorious power of Your resurrection. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by the power of Your Spirit, so that we may walk in Your ways and reveal Your resurrection love to the world.**

**P** People of God, the Christ who died and was buried on Good Friday was found to be alive on Sunday, and He continues to live among us. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”**

**P** As a called and ordained servant of our redeeming and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, and with His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

**C** **Let Your light scatter the darkness and illumine Your Church.**

# HYMN

456 Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
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## + WORD +

### INTROIT

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b*

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and His rider He has thrown into the sea.
- M** *The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*
- W** *Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.*
- M** *You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;*
- W** *You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.*

- M** You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,  
**W** the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,  
**P** the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.  
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and His rider He has thrown into the sea.

## KYRIE

### THIS IS THE FEAST

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



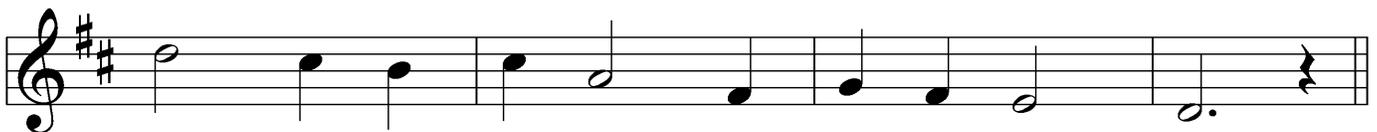
**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 🔻 OLD TESTAMENT

*Job 19:23–27*

**L** The Old Testament Reading is from Job, chapter 19.

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 118:15–29*

**L** Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

**M** *“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,*

**W** *the right hand of the LORD exalts,*

**C** **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

**L** I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**M** *The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.*

**W** *Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.*

**C** **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

**L** I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

**M** *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**W** *This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

**C** **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** Save us, we pray, O LORD!

**C** **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

**M** *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**C** **We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

**W** *The LORD is God,*

**C** **and He has made His light to shine upon us.**

- L** Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- M** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
- W** You are my God; I will extol You.
- C** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

- L** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

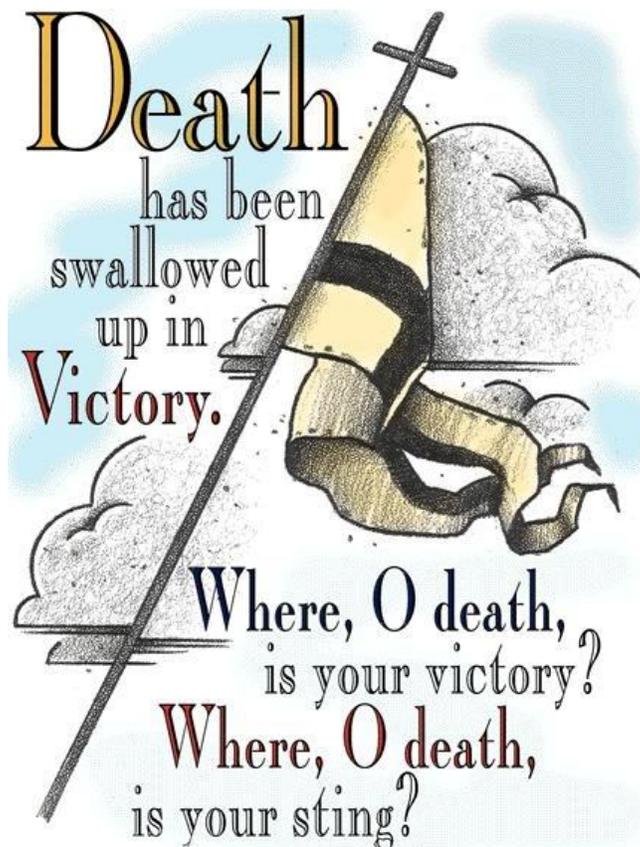
<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*“Death is swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”*

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.



1 Corinthians 15:54-55

## ↑ VERSE

2 Timothy 1:10b

**C** Alleluia.

**P** Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**C** Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1–18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” – and that he had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

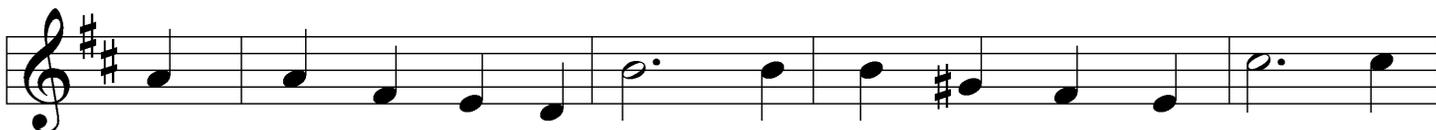
525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown

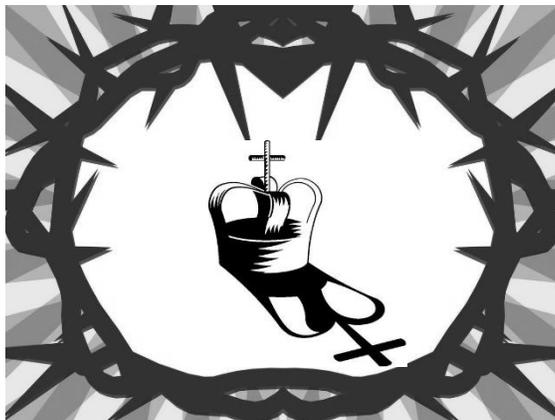


hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## SERMON

## 📌 APOSTLES' CREED

*Nicene Creed*

🗨️ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

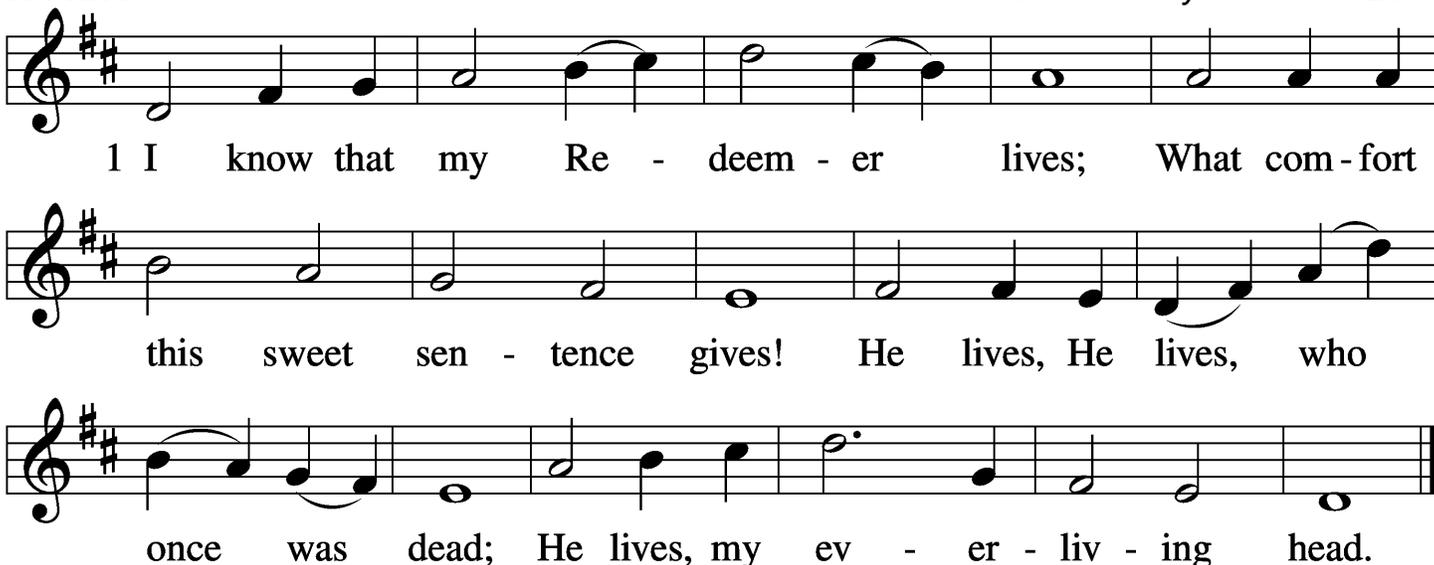
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 📌 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

🗨️ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs as we also join in singing our Redeemer's praise.

### HYMN

*461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



I I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.

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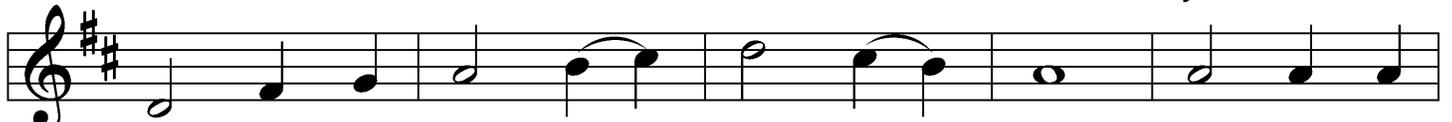
## PRAYER 1

🗨️ We pray for all in our community and world. Lord, grant that all who need to hear the comfort and hope of the resurrection of Christ would have opportunity to do so quickly and powerfully, and especially that we might be blessed to be the ones who bring the Good News to them. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

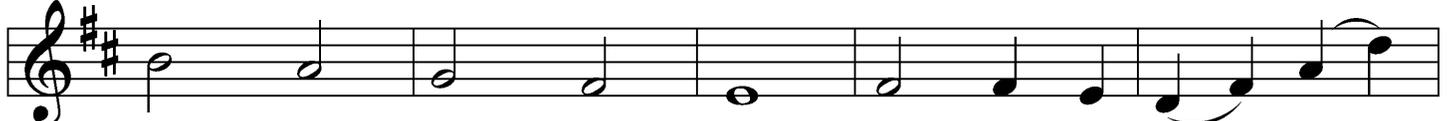
🗨️ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -



ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious



in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

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## PRAYER 2

**P** We pray for soldiers and support personnel around the world. Lord, grant that they be comforted by Your presence, protected by Your strength, and supported by our prayers. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

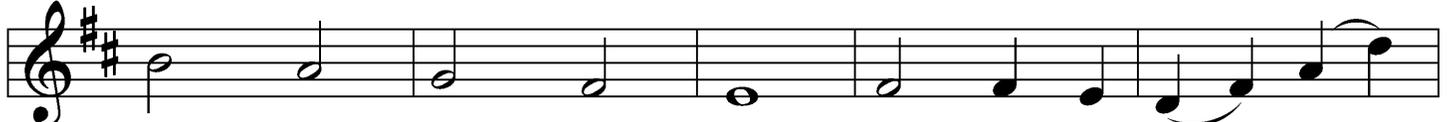
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to



plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry



soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

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## PRAYER 3

**P** We pray for all who are sick and in need. Lord, grant that they might experience the blessings of Your healing and beneficial care, and especially that we might be the ones who provide that care in our risen Savior's name. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

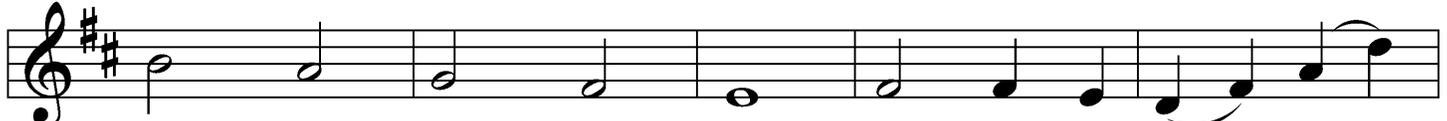
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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## PRAYER 4

**P** We pray for the leaders of our nation, our world, and Your Church. Lord, grant that they be guided by Your wisdom, comforted by Your presence, and supported by our prayers. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

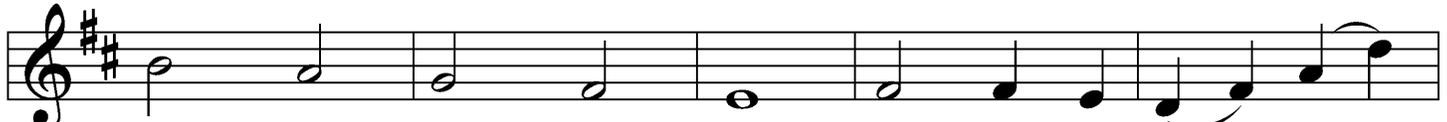
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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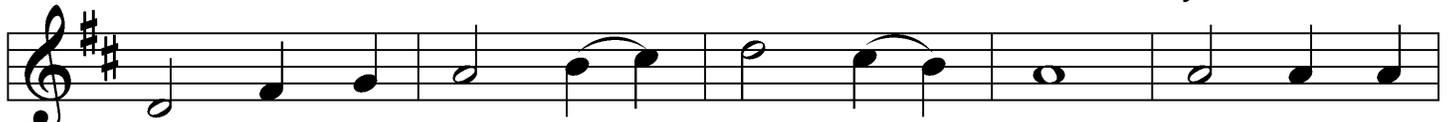
## PRAYER 5

**P** We pray for those who have wandered from the Christian faith. Lord, grant that they be brought back into the family through us or others and experience a caring community and the hope that comes with the empty tomb. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

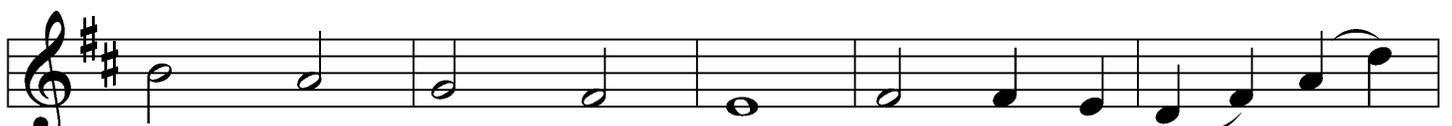
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and



loves me to the end; He lives, and while He



lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

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## PRAYER 6

**P** We pray for this world that You have placed us in. Lord, grant that we be good stewards of all that You have given us to provide for our daily needs as we make our way to the world to come. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

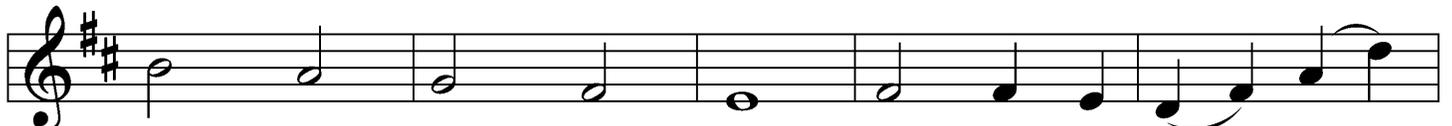
**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and



I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion



to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

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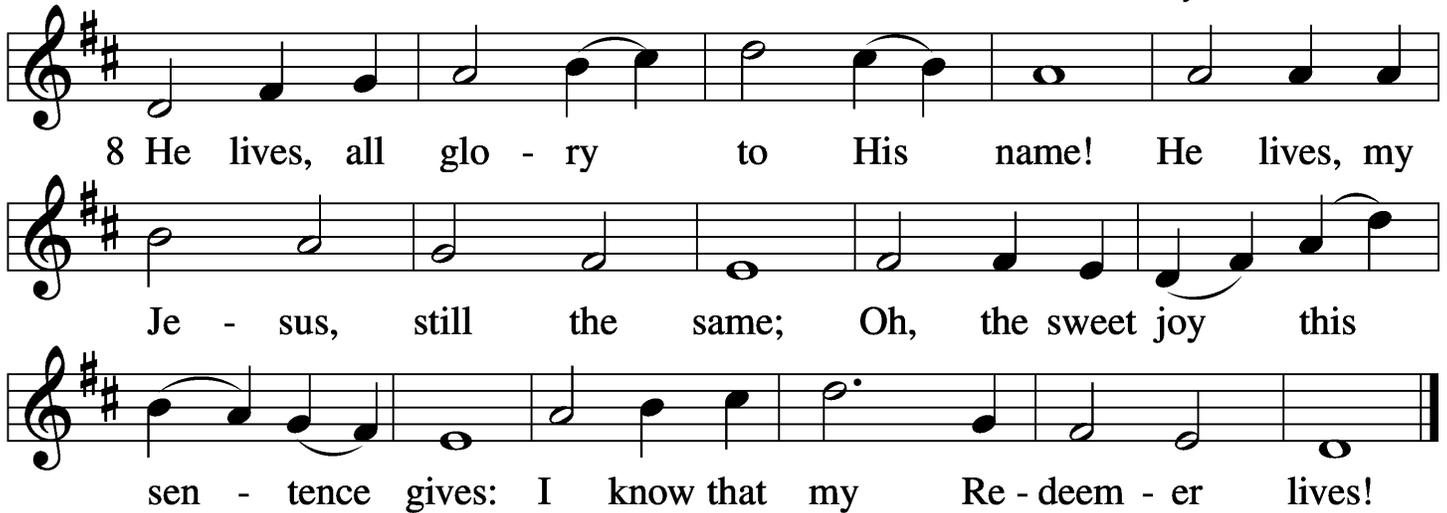
## CONCLUSION

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.

## HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my  
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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## OFFERING

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## 🕯️ LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## 🕯️ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

## BENEDICTION

*Psalm 118:24; Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

HYMN

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today . . .



Alleluia!



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