

The Resurrection of Our Lord April 9, 2023

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Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey

Finally! At long last! We made it! Easter Sunday has arrived, and we gather this morning to sing the praises of Him who was crucified and now bursts forth from death's grave! As the children of Israel wandered through the wilderness for forty years, they held fast to the hope that the land flowing with milk and honey was waiting for them. As we have journeyed through the season of Lent over the last forty days, we have anticipated the joy that we share together this Easter Day. We have also learned to look ahead, all the way to the promised treasure of life everlasting in heavenly glory. Today's feasting with our risen Savior gives us a preview of what awaits us in eternal life. And on that glorious coming day, we know what we will say: Finally! At long last! We made it!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for selfexamination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

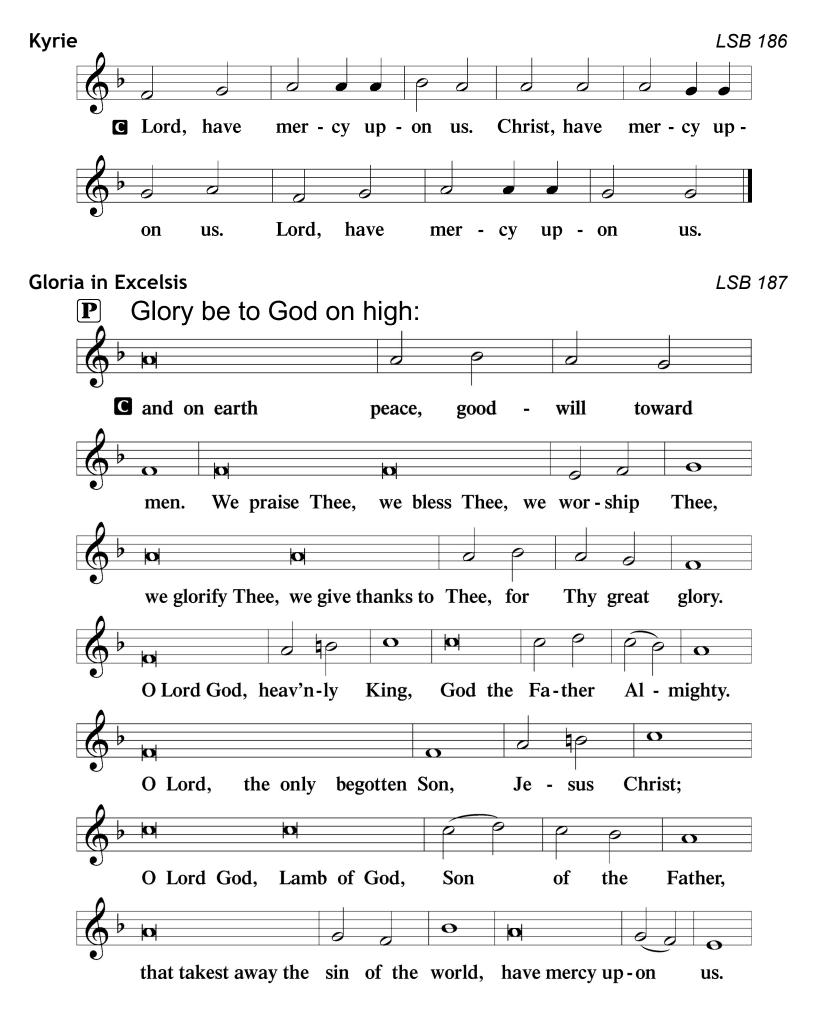
Psalm

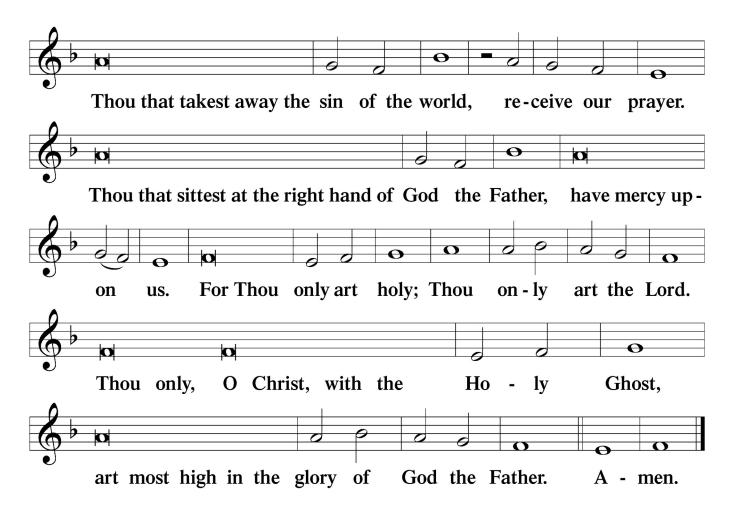
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 118:19-24, 27a, 28-29

- P 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.
- I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- C The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- **P** 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.
- The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
- You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.
- **P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
- for His steadfast love endures forever! 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.

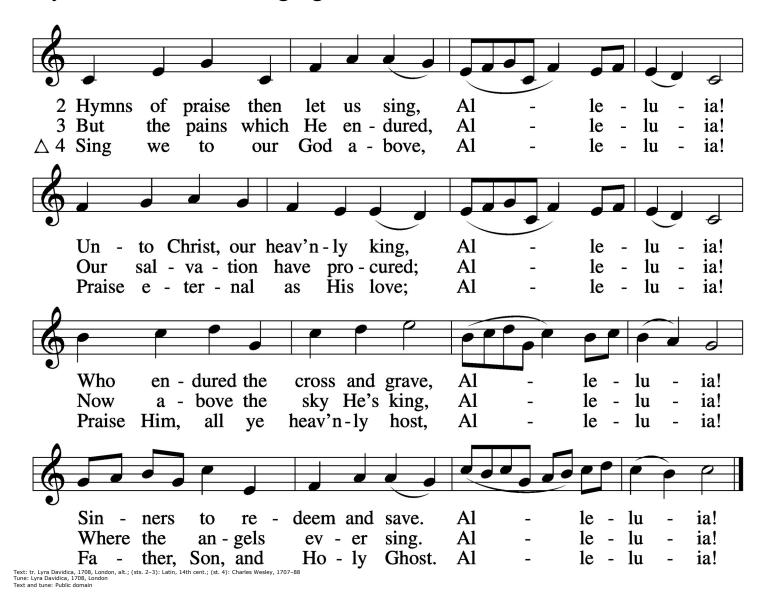




Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God the Father, through Your onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sunday School students singing st. 1



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–10

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the third chapter.

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19–28

The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

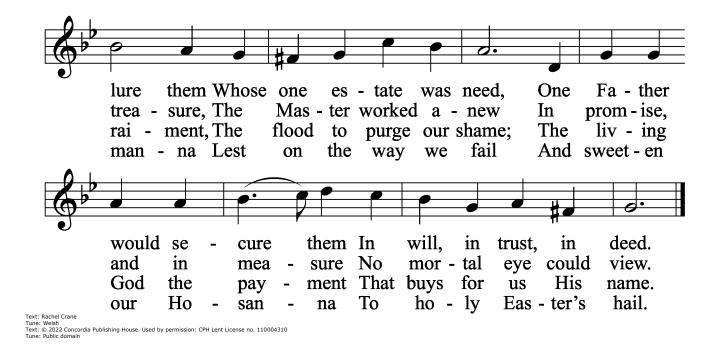
G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

One House Abides Unending 1 One house a - bides un end ing, One Mas - ter 2 The wealth of all We squan-dered cre tion a -3 With end - less hun driv The grave cried ger en A - noint 4 Ex - change our ash for beau ty, our Lord pro-vides, at - tend fears fall. One no ing The birth. The tion Sowed our heirs of con - dem - na at for Je - sus Christ has out more, But giv en Safe joy; Dear Lord, who paid our grief with du ty, All dai - ly want of all. When in would al ru blight - ed earth. tears in But light, the world's first pas - sage through its door: His flow - ing blood our grace for em - ploy. Feed the sav - ing us us



Sermon

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

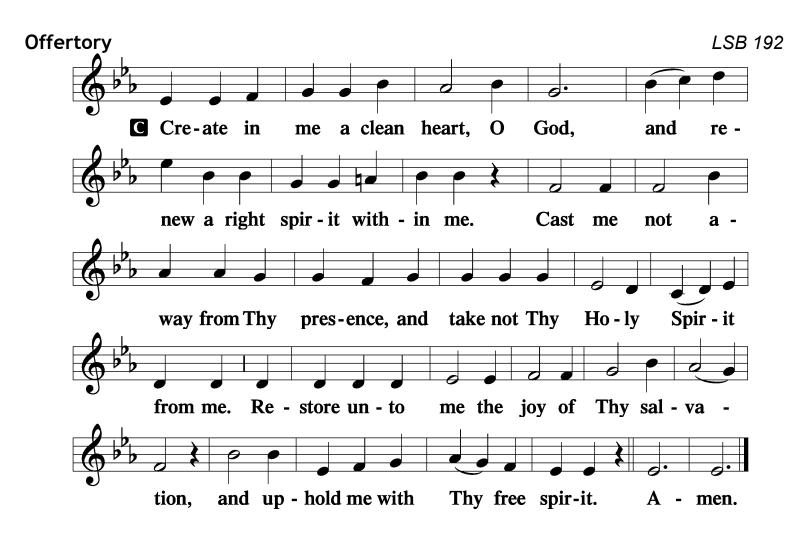
Prayer of the Church

- Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You raised Your Son from death's grave so that life everlasting may be given to us through faith in Him.
- G Grant that the promised treasures of Your Word remind us of the inheritance we have received.

- Lead us to a firm reliance upon our risen Savior, trusting that He is victorious over our greatest enemies of sin, death, and the power of the devil.
- Help us to know the power of His resurrection, sharing together the joy of His Easter triumph.
- Lord Jesus, grant that the message of that first Easter Day change hearts and lives on this day when we celebrate Your victory over death and the grave. Give strength and peace to those who grieve the death of those they love.
- Help them to know that You are preparing a family reunion in heaven for all who trust in You.
- As You now reign with the Father at His right hand, You govern all the peoples and nations of the world, including the country where we live. We are strangers in this land that is not our own, so give us hearts that anticipate the day You will welcome us into eternal life,
- **G** gathering us and all Your people into the promised land, where we will dwell with You forever.
- P Holy Spirit, You bring the reality of Jesus' resurrection into our lives today, uniting with Christ those who have been baptized into His name.
- Bless us through any joy or triumph, defeat or difficulty we may face.
- We lift up before You ourselves, our families, our community, and our family in Christ in this congregation, [especially . . .]. Holy Spirit, give us joy in knowing the fellowship of the communion of saints, the peace of sins forgiven, the comfort of the resurrection, and the sure and certain hope of life everlasting with You in the promised land of heaven.

All glory, honor, and praise belongs to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering



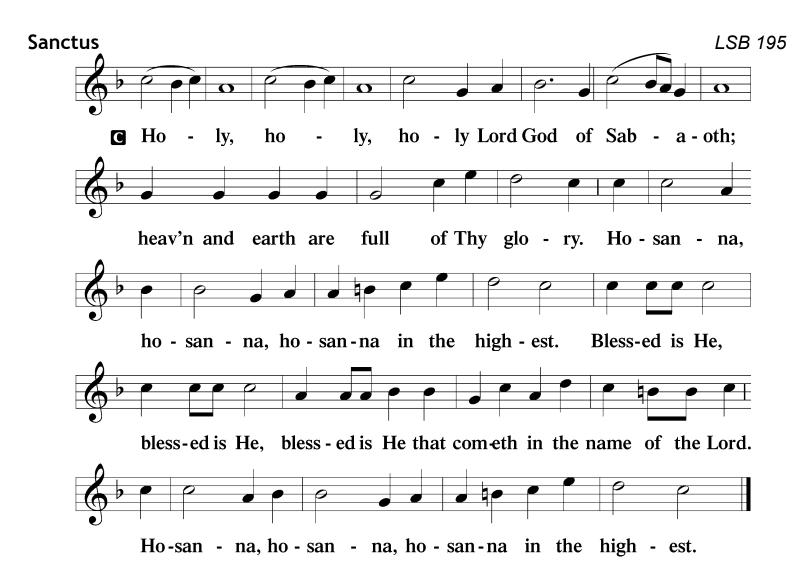
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness

of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

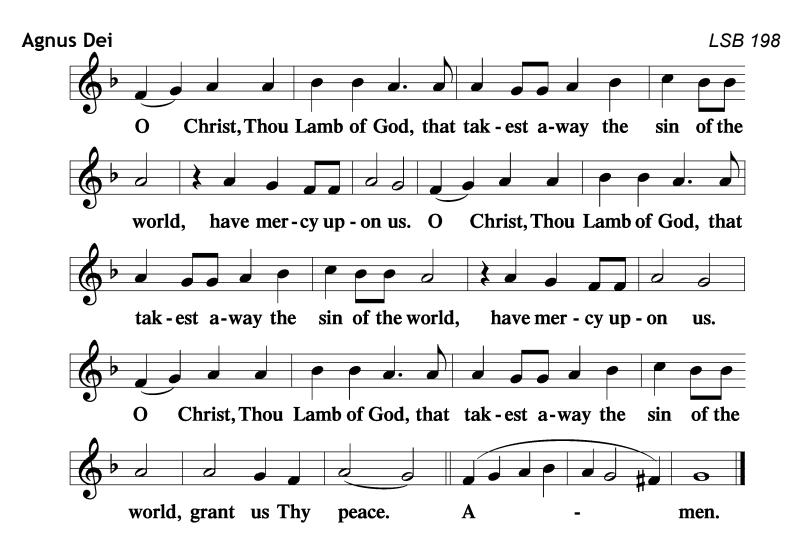
Lord's Prayer

 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.



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

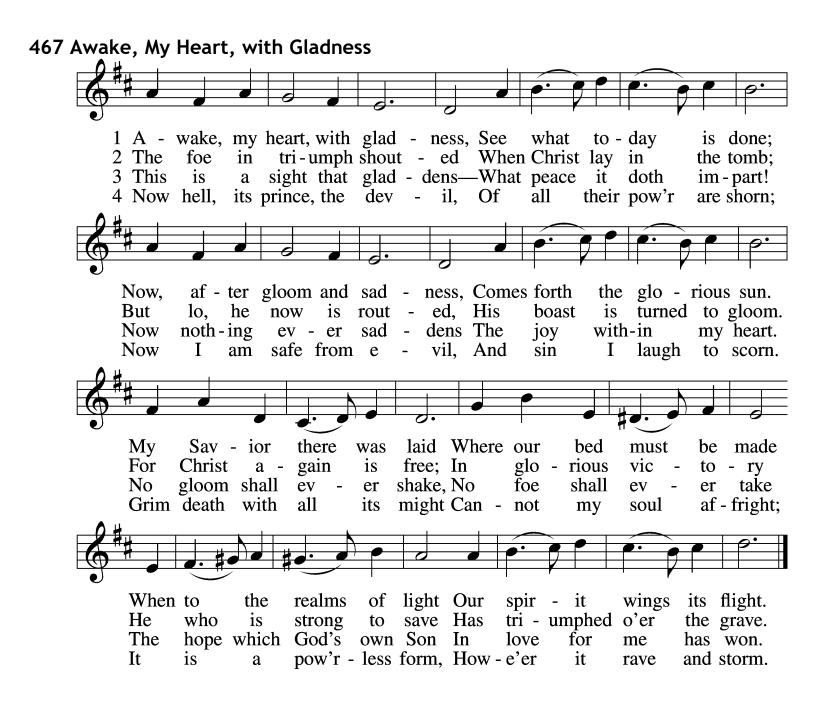
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

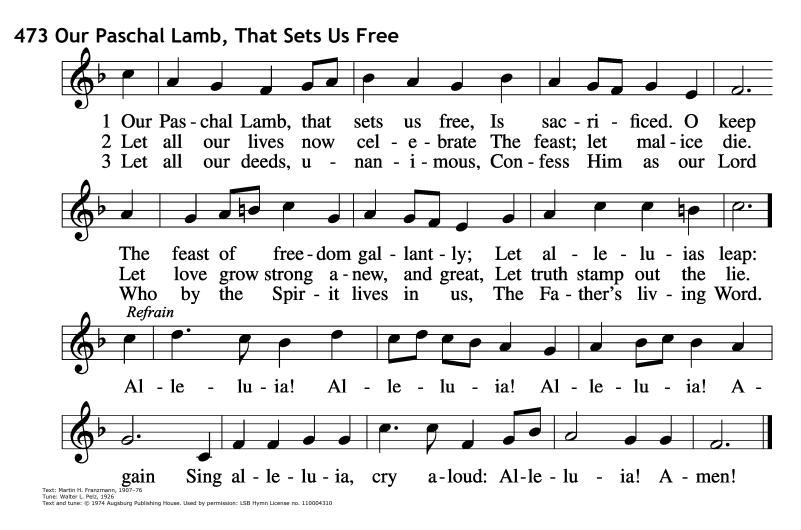


5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

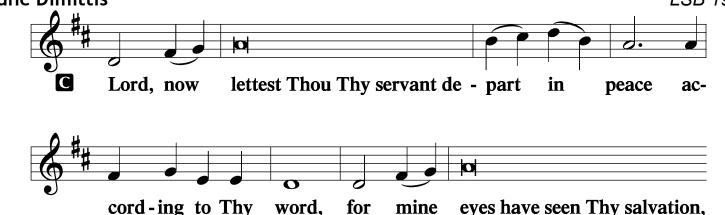
Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through. He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

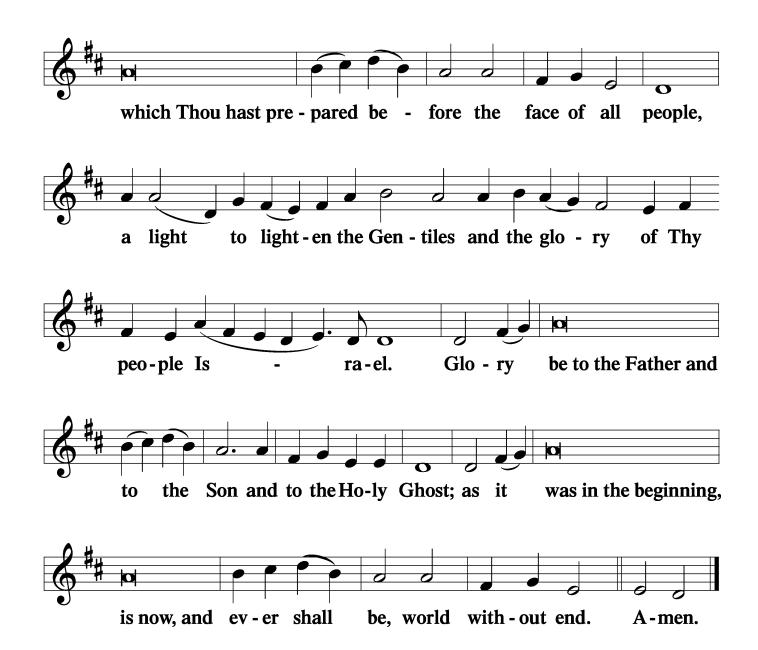
7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold, Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared; Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain



487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain \mathbf{O} Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain tri - um-phant glad-ness! Of 1 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on 3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor, to - day a-mong His Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing 4 For own our King im - mor - tal, le - lu - ia! Now we 5 Al -To cry God has brought His Is - ra - el from sad - ness, In to joy And from three days' sleep in death As sun has ris - en; a roy - al feast of feasts Comes With the ren - der; its 10V to His deep peace, which ev - er - more hu - man know - ing. Pass es Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal. Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters, All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly ing glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true Comes to af - fec tion ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por Nei -tal you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! Come. Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters. From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je sus' res - ur - rec - tion! -Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal. God has brought His Is - ra - el In to joy from sad - ness! -Text: John of Damascus, c. 69-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-6 Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547 Text and tune: Public domain **Nunc Dimittis** LSB 199





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

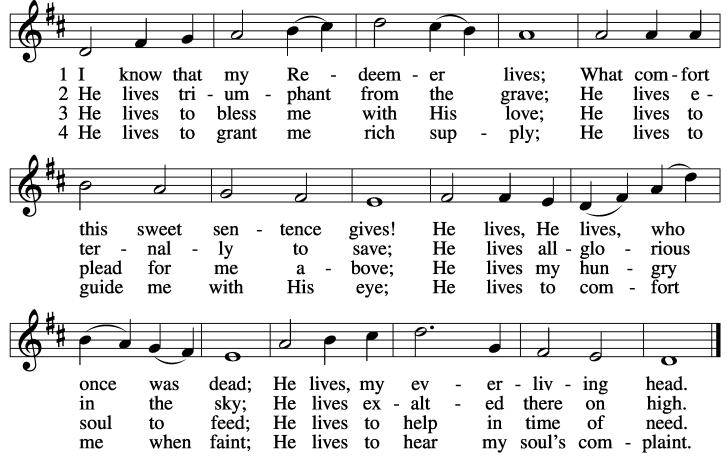
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 🕂 give you peace.

С

Amen.

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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