

Humble yourselves, therefore, under
God's mighty hand, that he may lift
you up in due time.

Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

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Welcome and Greeting

(Please stand)

Call to Worship

P He is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

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P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

P Our hearts were heavy but now we have hope!

C **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

P We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

sts. 1, 4–5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
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.
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
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.
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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, we make him a liar, and the truth of his word is not in us. If, however we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Moment of reflection on our need for forgiveness)

P Let us pray,

C **Merciful and loving God, forgive us for failing to walk in your light and truth, for focusing on ourselves rather than on you and our neighbor. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead cleanse us and fill us with your light. We humbly ask that you forgive us and bring us back to you again today. Rekindle our faith in you and restore our souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

P Friends hear the good news and believe: our God hasn't held anything back but gave up his only Son to die for us! Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and by his resurrection victory we are forgiven and washed clean! We are made whole again and have new life!

C **Alleluia! We are forgiven! Alleluia, we are set free! Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Video: "No Longer Slaves" by Hickory Corners Worship

Prayer of the Day

1 Peter 5:6–11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

P The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

Luke 24:44–53

Then [Jesus] 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

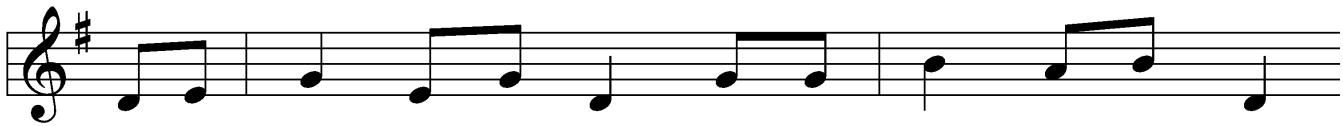
Apostles' Creed

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 there 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.

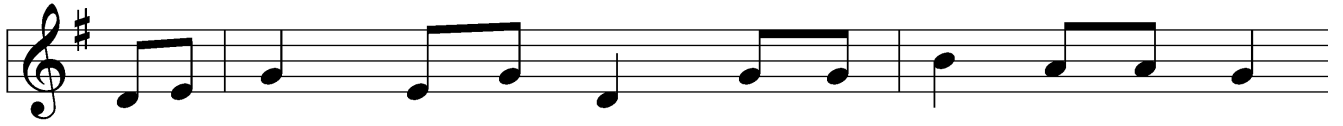
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728 How Firm a Foundation

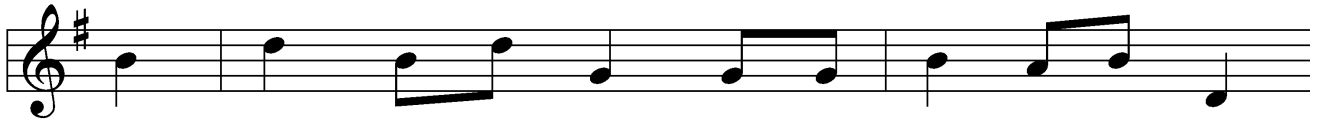
sts. 1-4



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

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SERMON: "GETTING READY TO GO" 1 PETER 5:6-11

(Please stand)

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 △ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je-sus Christ, the world's Re-deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Prayer of the Congregation

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.

(Please remain standing)

Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Holy Communion

Communion Video: "God of All My Days" by Casting Crowns

Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(Family units will come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All receive the Sacrament together

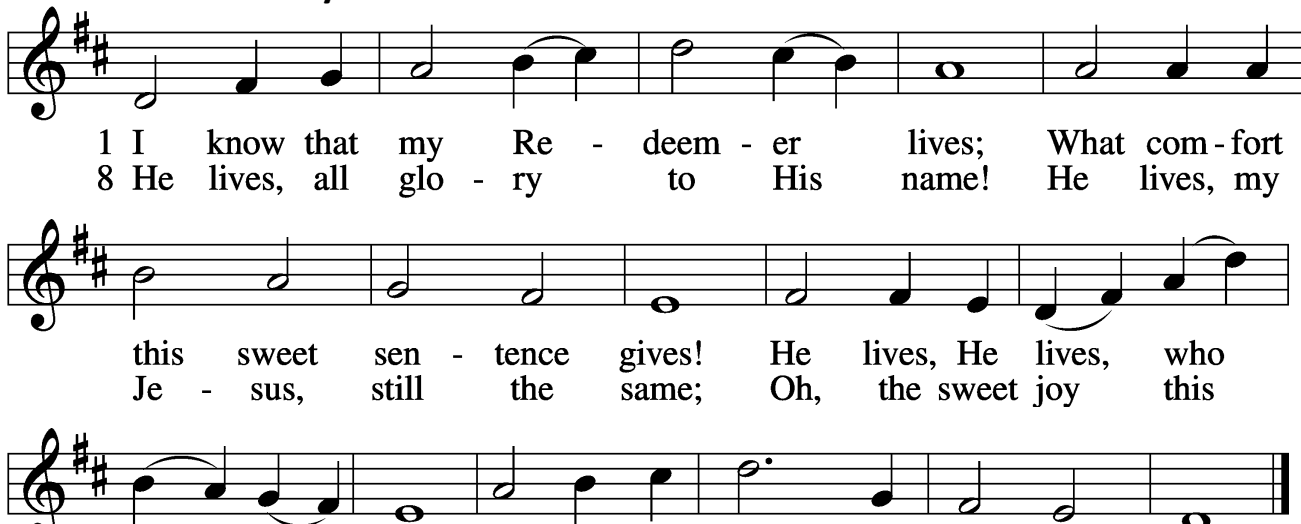
(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)



(Please stand)

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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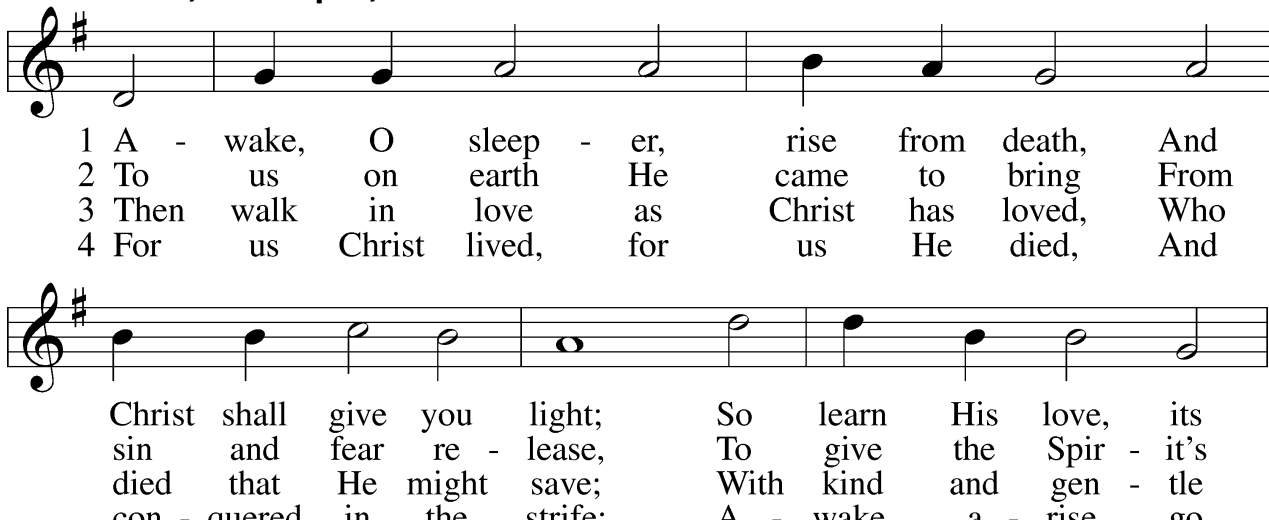


1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Benediction

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



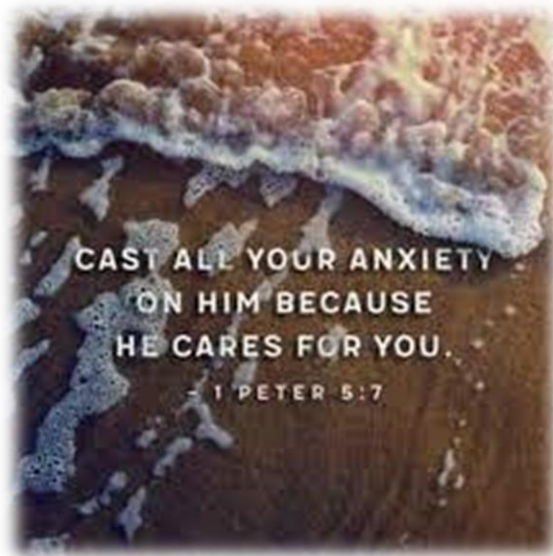
1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2 To us on earth He came to bring From
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And
Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go
length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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Dismissal

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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