

## Welcome to Bethany! As We Gather

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

### **Invocation**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Entrance Rite

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:

**C** **have mercy on us.**

## Entrance Rite

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who

## Entrance Rite

**P** have not seen and yet believed:

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**P** By Your suffering and dying:

**C** **deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.**

**P** By Your glorious resurrection:

**C** **deliver us from this body of death.**

**P** By the majesty of Your risen body:

**C** **deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.**

## Entrance Rite

**P** Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.

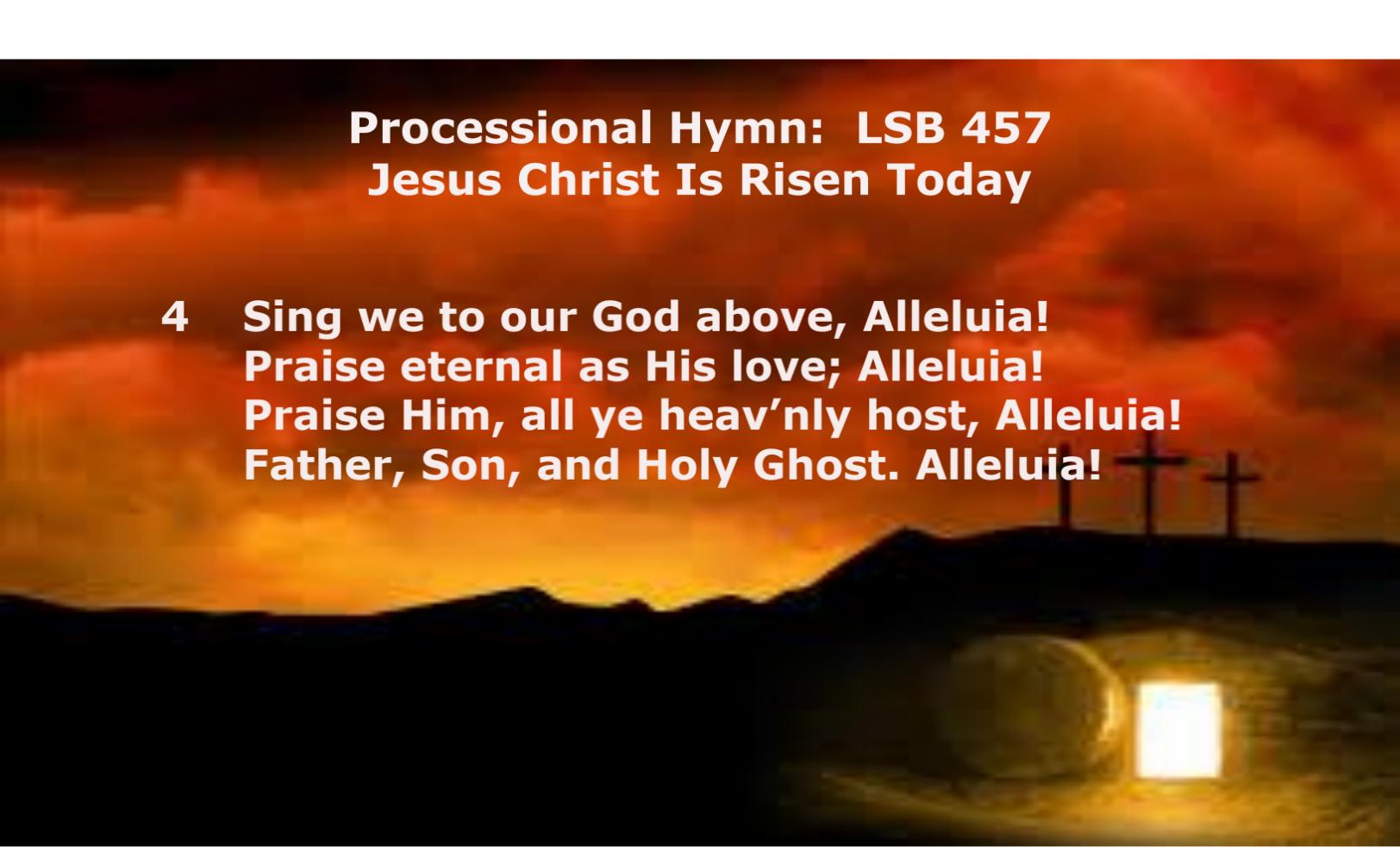
**C** **Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Processional Hymn: LSB 457  
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

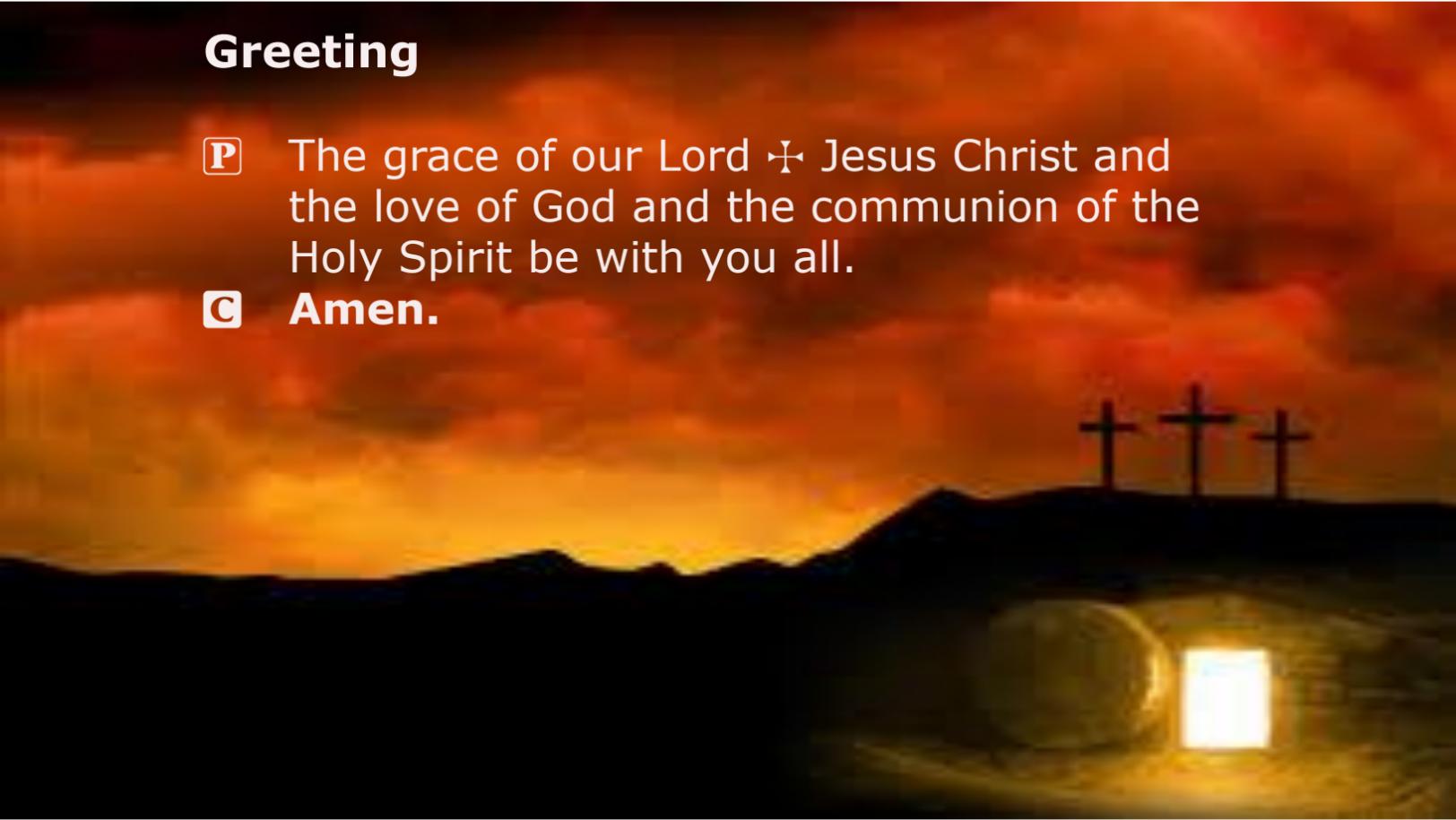
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- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**



**Processional Hymn: LSB 457**  
**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**  
**Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!**  
**Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!**  
**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**



**Greeting**

**[P]** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**[C] Amen.**

## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten 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.**

## Old Testament: Job 19:23–27

<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!”

## Old Testament: Job 19:23–27

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

## **Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10**

**[L]** <sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God,  
for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land,  
they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup>The sorrows of those who run after another  
god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour  
out or take their names on my lips.

## **Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10**

**[L]** <sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold  
my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10

**L** or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

**L** <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?

## Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

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.**

## Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1–8

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was

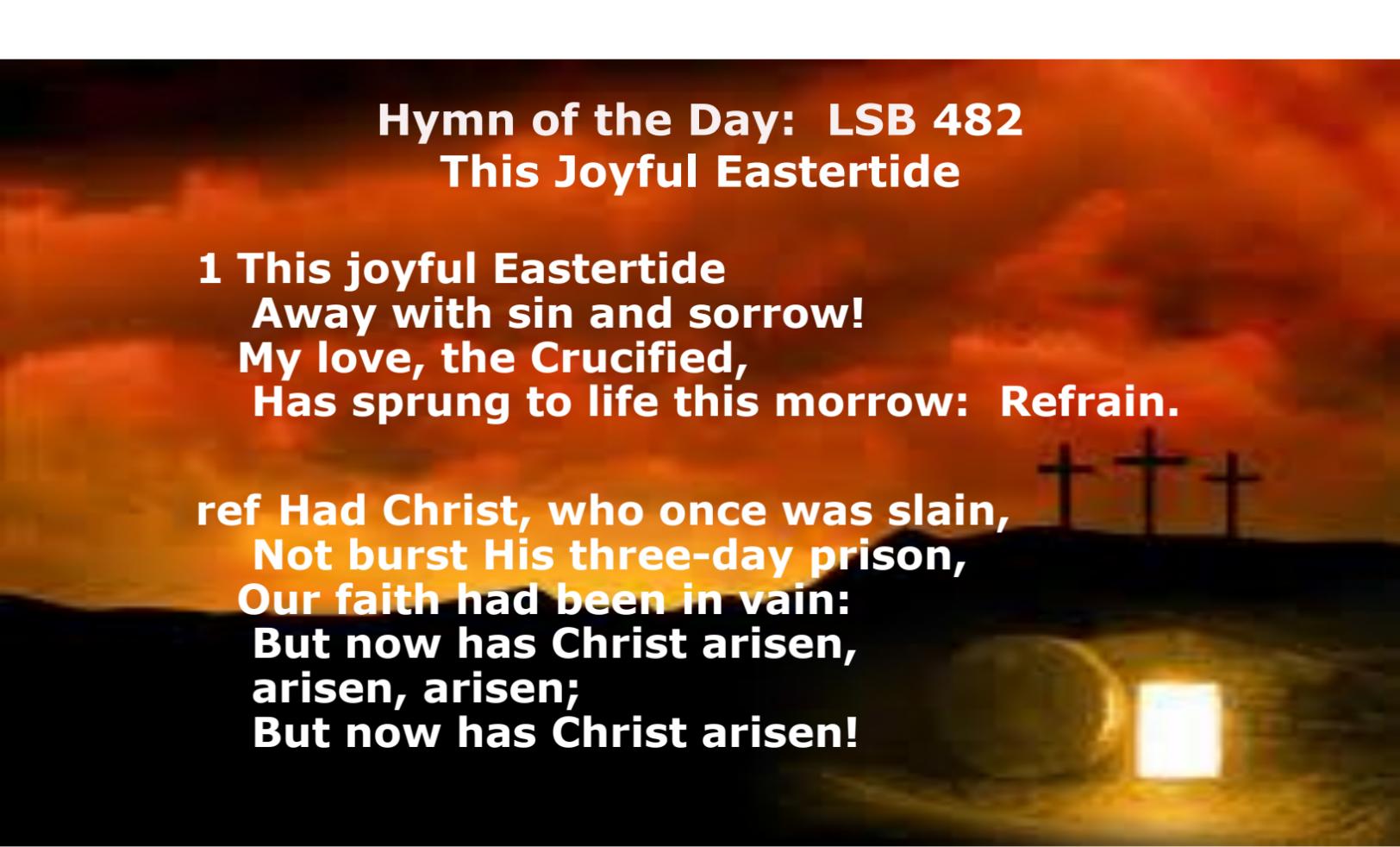
## **Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1–8**

very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And 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.

## **Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1–8**

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

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



**Hymn of the Day: LSB 482**  
**This Joyful Eastertide**

**1 This joyful Eastertide**  
**Away with sin and sorrow!**  
**My love, the Crucified,**  
**Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain.**

**ref Had Christ, who once was slain,**  
**Not burst His three-day prison,**  
**Our faith had been in vain:**  
**But now has Christ arisen,**  
**arisen, arisen;**  
**But now has Christ arisen!**



**Hymn of the Day: LSB 482**  
**This Joyful Eastertide**

**2 Death's flood has lost its chill**  
**Since Jesus crossed the river;**  
**Lover of souls, from ill**  
**My passing soul deliver:**

**Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain,**  
**Not burst His three-day prison,**  
**Our faith had been in vain:**  
**But now has Christ arisen,**  
**arisen, arisen;**  
**But now has Christ arisen!**



**Hymn of the Day: LSB 482  
This Joyful Eastertide**

**3 My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number**

**Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!  
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**Sermon**

## **Confession of Faith: 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,**

## **Nicene Creed**

**☐ 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**

## Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

## Nicene Creed

**☐ 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

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord

## Prayer of the Church

**P** began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the faith through the Means of Grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live**

## Prayer of the Church

**C** in You.

**P** Give courage and discernment to the missionaries far and near and to those planting new congregations that they abound in the hope of the resurrection and that those who hear this Gospel be granted the Holy Spirit and faith.

**C** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and

## Prayer of the Church

**P** who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. [Hear us especially for names and those named in our hearts.]

**C** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and

## Prayer of the Church

**P** freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed.

**C** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.

## Prayer of the Church

**C** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love, *[especially . . .]*, and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more.

**C** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live**

## Prayer of the Church

**C** in You.

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.

**C** **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** 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. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

## Offering

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plates provided as you leave service this morning.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## **Preface** *(spoken responsively)*

**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.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** 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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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.**

## Words of Our Lord

**P** 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."

## Words of Our Lord

- P** 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.**

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** 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

- 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.

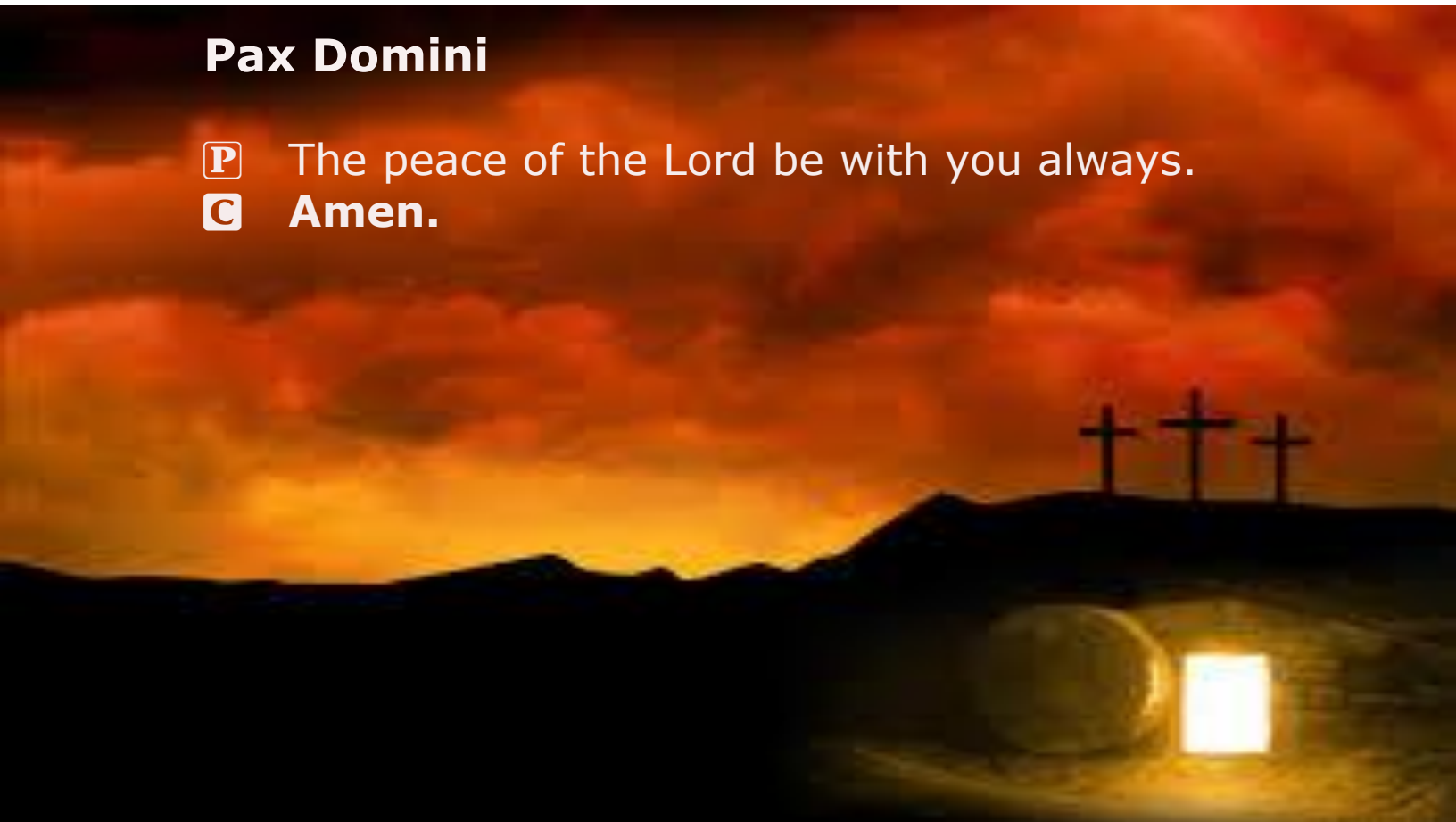
## Lord's Prayer

**C** For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever  
and ever. Amen.



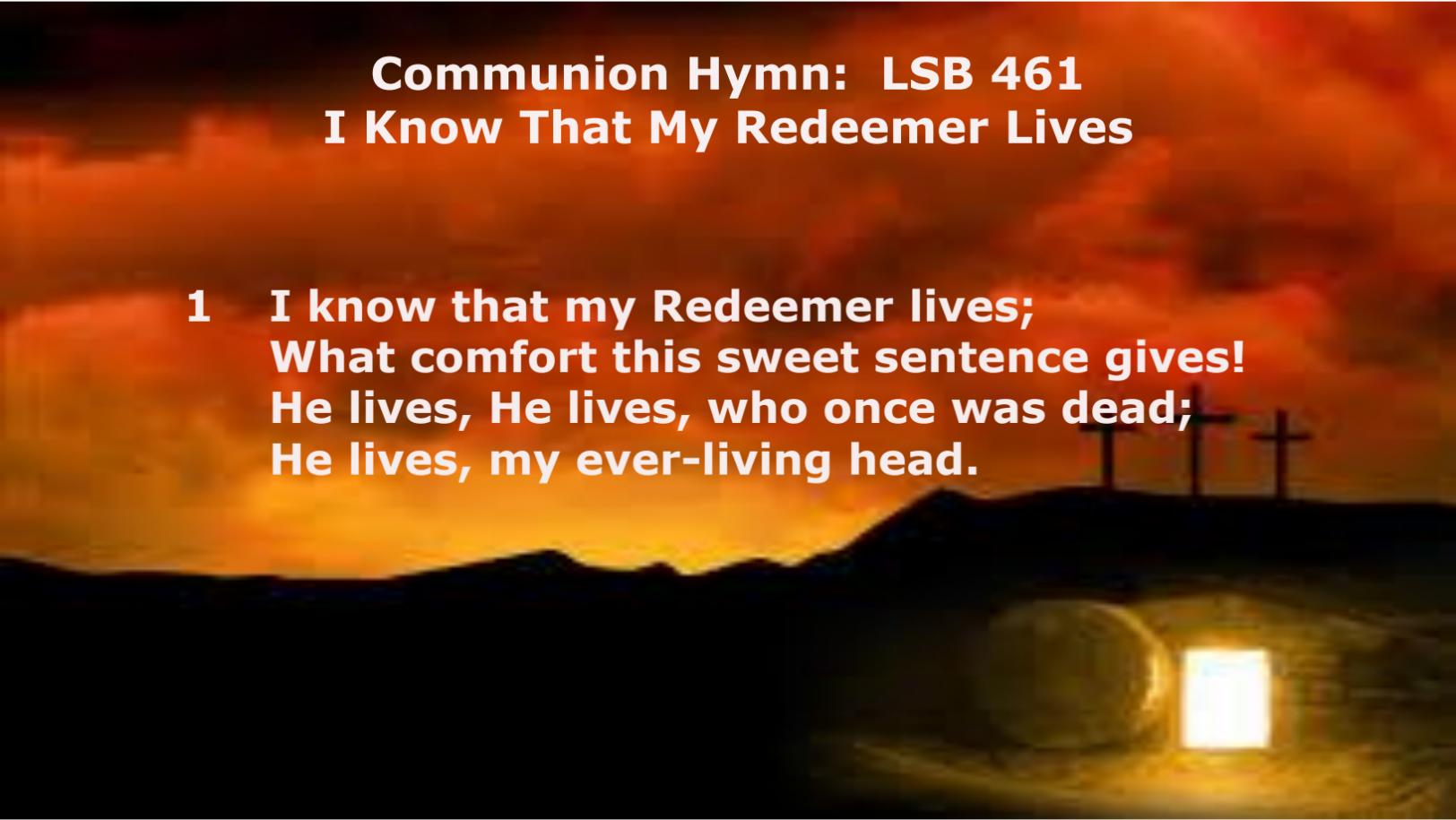
## Pax Domini

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





**We come to the  
Lord's Table  
to receive His Supper.**



**Communion Hymn: LSB 461  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**



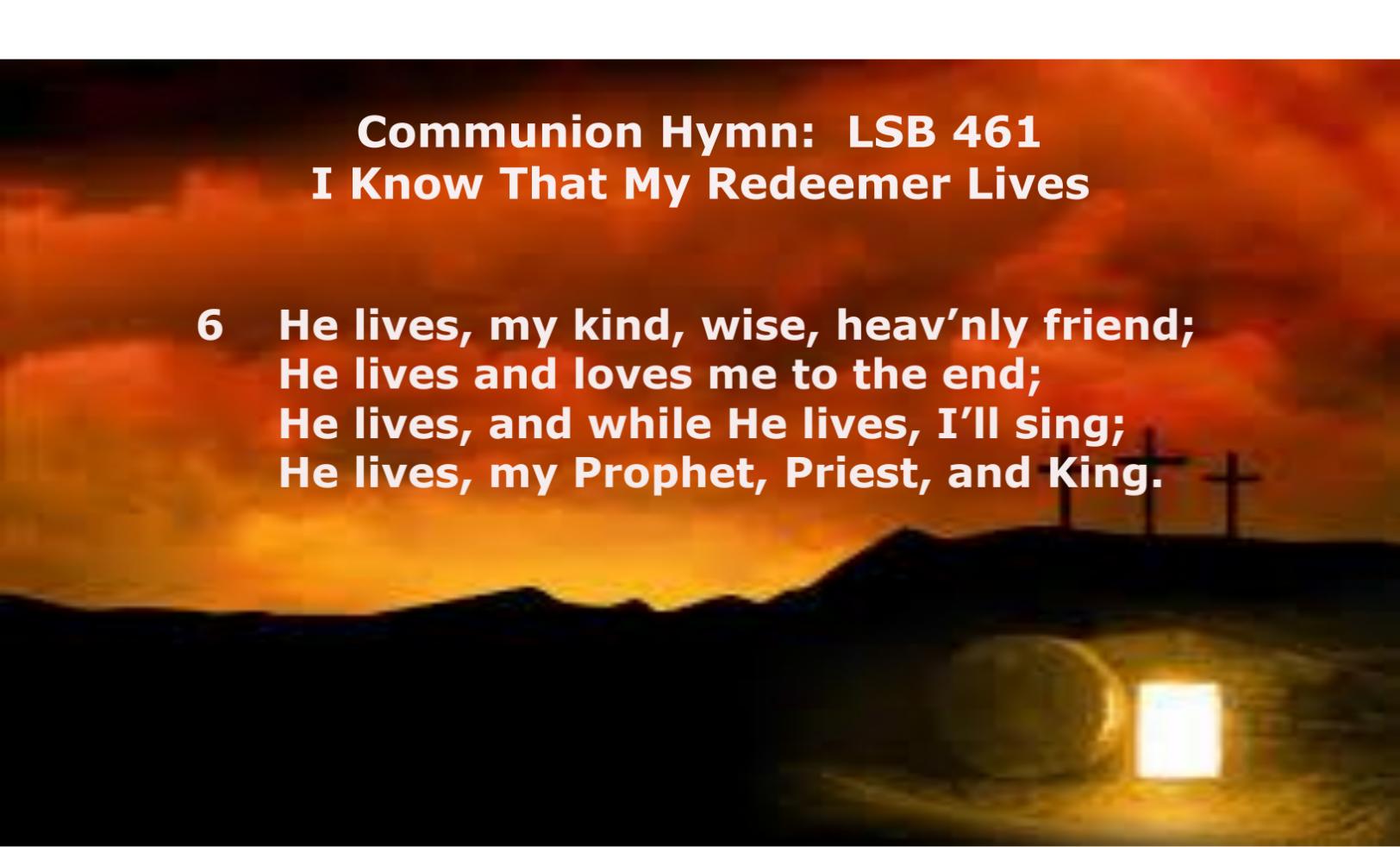
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**3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**



**Communion Hymn: LSB 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.**



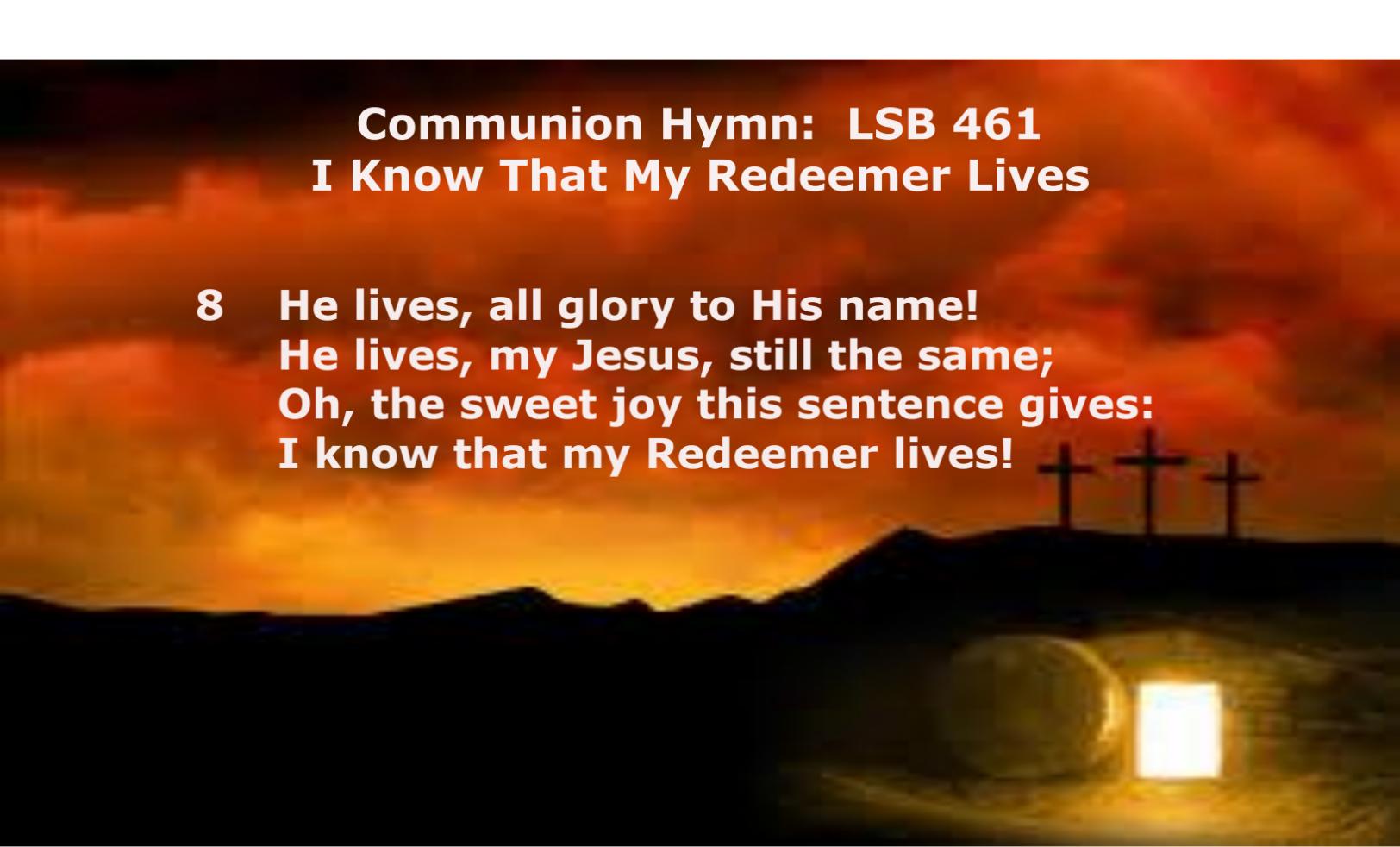
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**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

- 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.**



**Communion Hymn: LSB 461**  
**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

- 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.**



**Communion Hymn: LSB 461**  
**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

**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!**



**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**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

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

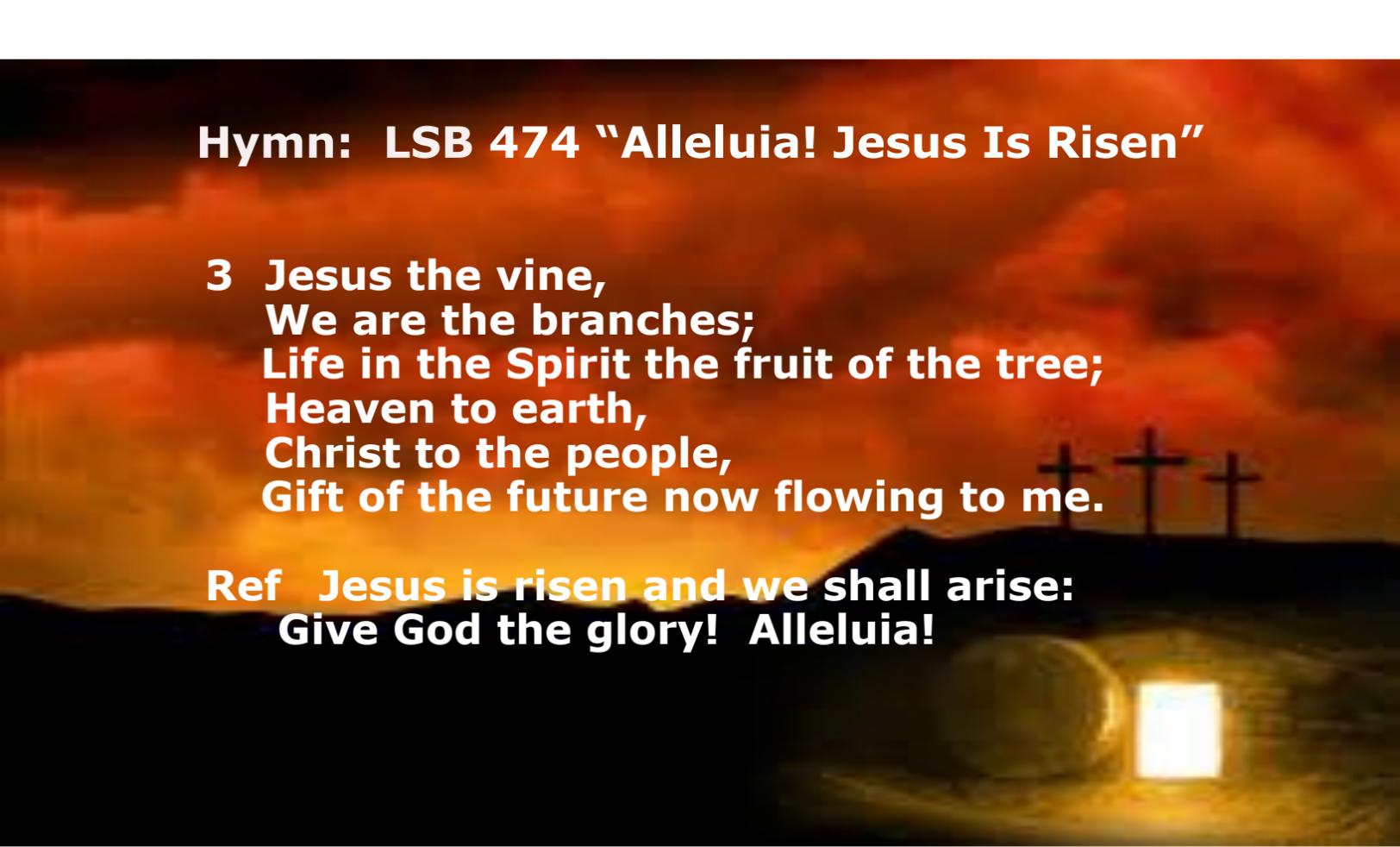
**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## Hymn: LSB 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**  
**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**  
**Splendor, the Lamb,**  
**Heaven forever!**  
**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

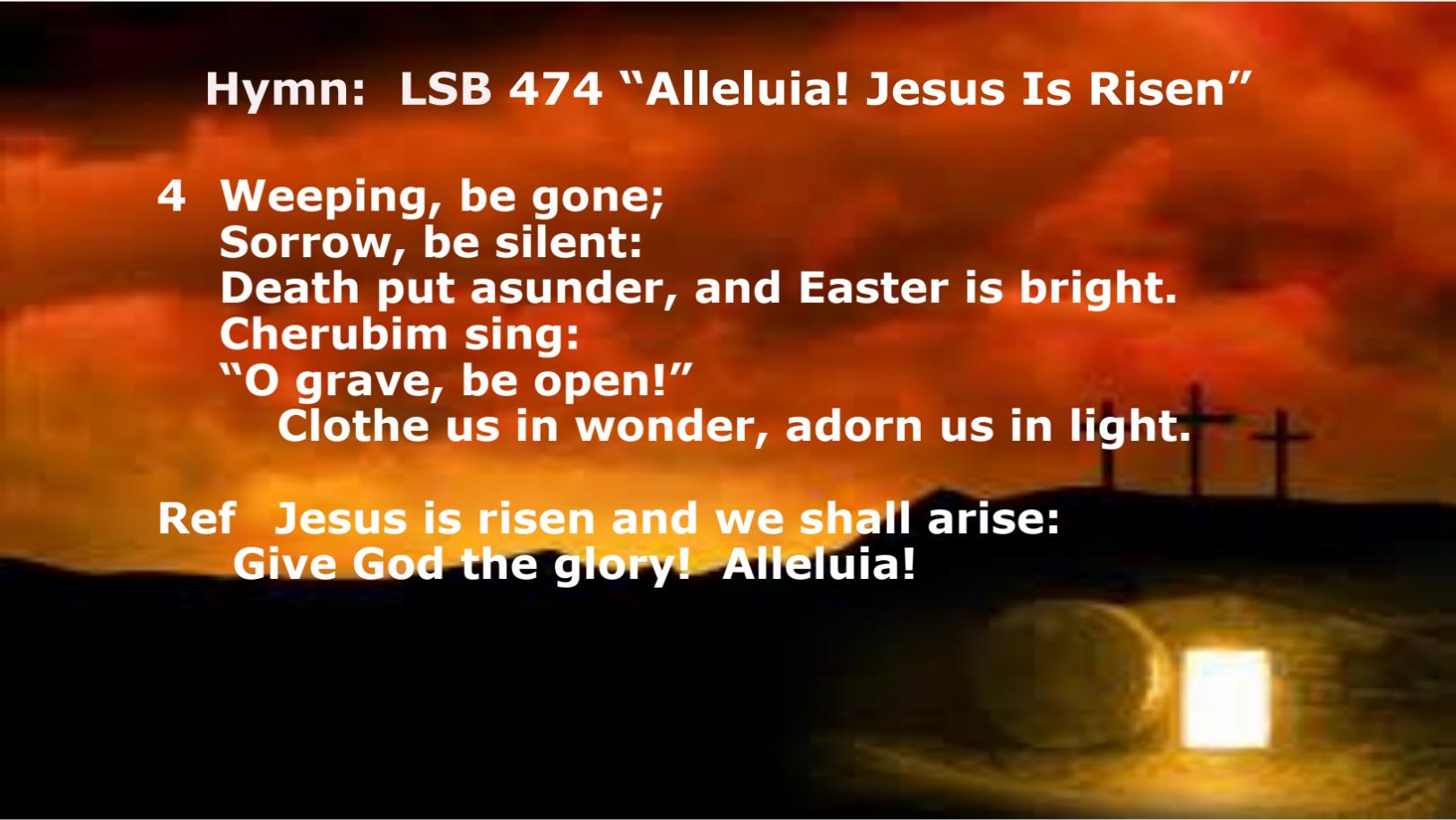
**Ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:**  
**Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



**Hymn: LSB 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**

**3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.**

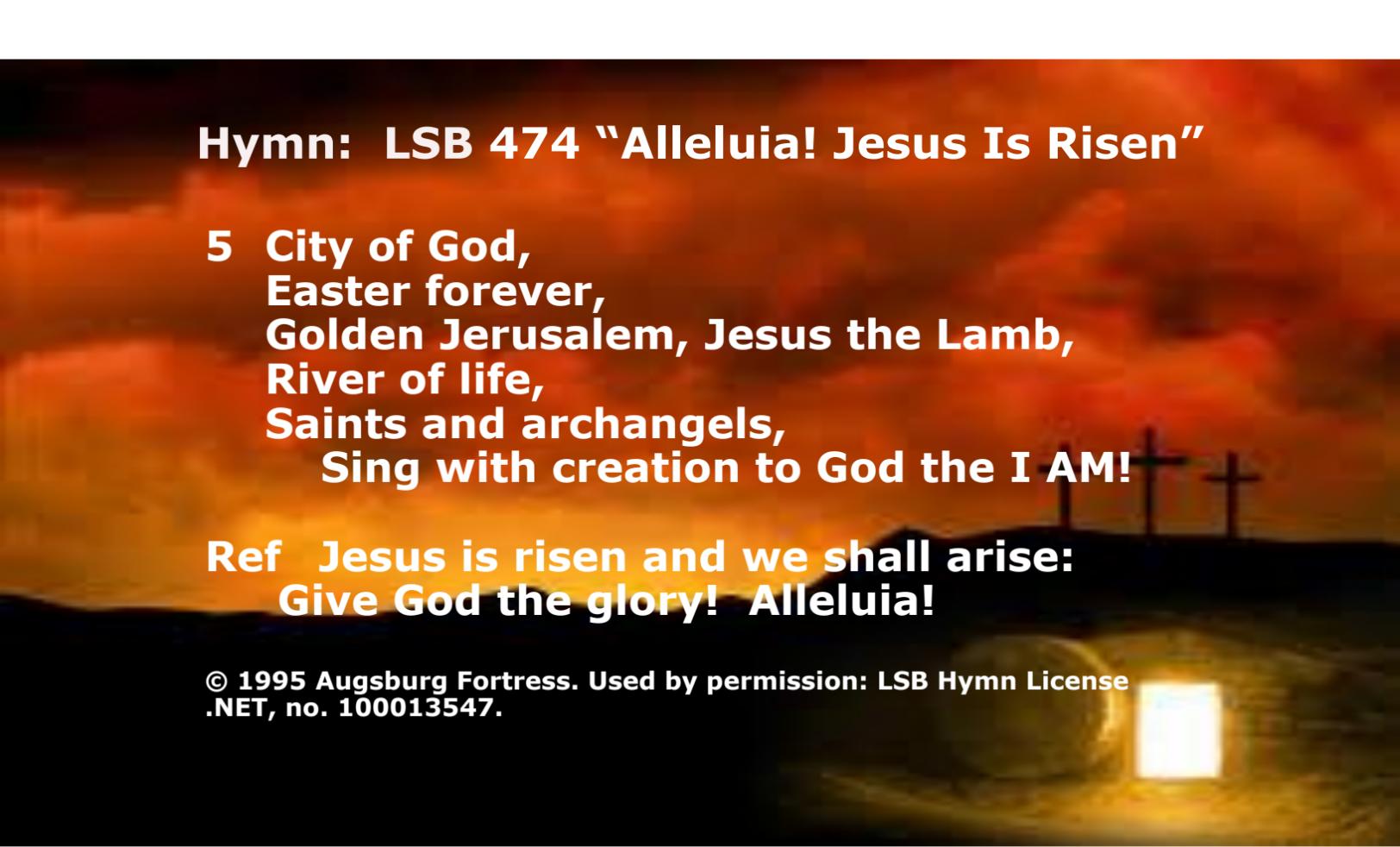
**Ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



**Hymn: LSB 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**

**4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

**Ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



**Hymn: LSB 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**

**5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!**

**Ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

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**Thank you for joining us on this  
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**Have a Blessed Easter!!**

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