

# Welcome

We are glad that you have  
joined us for worship.

**April 12, 2026**

**Jesus Lives to  
Give Me Proof  
and Peace**

Pastor Brian Roloff



# Jesus Lives

# OPENING HYMN: #456

## **O Sons and Daughters of the King (vs. 1-3)**

V1. O sons and daughters of the King,  
whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
today the grave has lost its sting!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



V2.

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



V3.

An angel bade their sorrow flee,  
for thus he spoke unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Please stand

## **INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

# CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

# **ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you joy as you trust in his love and strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

# SONG OF PRAISE: All Heaven Declares



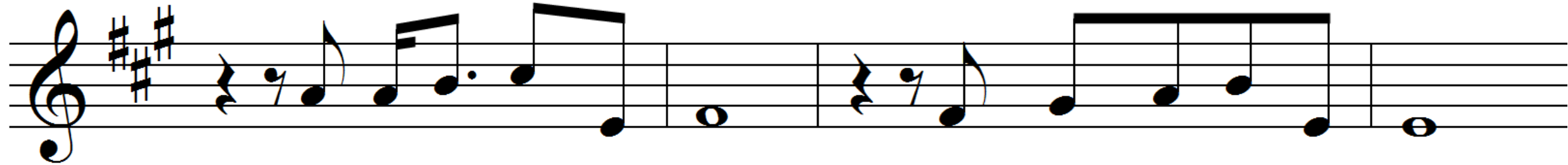
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All heav'n de-clar-es                      the glory of the ris-en Lord.



Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of two measures. The first measure contains a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The second measure contains a quarter rest, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a dotted quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a half note B4.

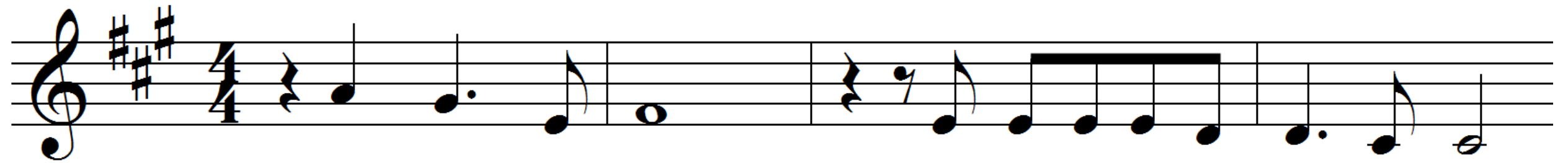
Who can com-pare                      with the beau-ty of the Lord.



For-ev-er You will be the Lamb up-on the throne.




I glad-ly bow the knee and wor-ship Him a-lone.



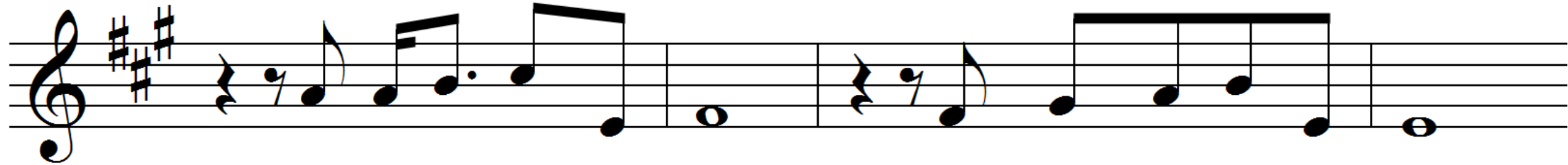
I will pro-claim the glo-ry of the ris-en Lord.

The first line of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, an eighth note B4, a half note C5, a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note G4, and a half note F#4.



Who once was slain to re-con-cile\_\_ man to God.

The second line of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, an eighth note B4, a half note C5, a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note G4, and a half note F#4.



For-ev-er You will be the Lamb up-on the throne.



I glad-ly bow the knee and wor-ship Him a-lone.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Risen Lord, you are alive forevermore. Increase our faith and inspire our witness. Fill your Church with the power and peace of your resurrection victory so we faithfully labor on until every tongue confesses, “My Lord and my God,” to your unending praise and glory, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Please be seated



# The Word

FIRST LESSON:

**Acts 2:14a,22-32**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:  
... “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

“This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will live in hope,  
because you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

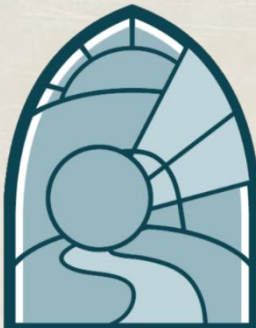
“Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.”

# SUNG RESPONSE:

## #450 **The Day of Resurrection** (vs.1-3)

V1.

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.



V2. Our hearts be pure from evil  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light  
and, list'ning to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

V3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
let earth her song begin,  
let all the world keep triumph  
and all that is there-in.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end.



# The Word

SECOND LESSON:

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



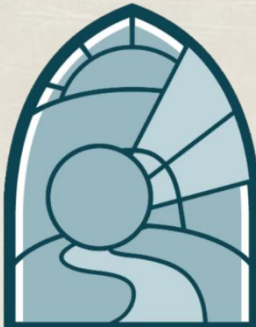
# SERMON HYMN: #456

## **0 Sons and Daughters of the King (vs.4-9)**

V4.

That night th' apostles met in fear;  
among them came their Lord most dear  
and said, "My peace be with you here."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



V5.

When Thomas afterwards had heard  
that Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
he doubted that it was the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V6.

“Thomas, behold my side,” said he,  
“my hands, my feet, my body see;  
and doubt not, but believe in me.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V7.

No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V8.

Blessed are they that have not seen  
and yet whose faith has constant been;  
in life eternal they shall reign.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V9.

On this most holy day of days  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



# The Word

SERMON TEXT:

**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

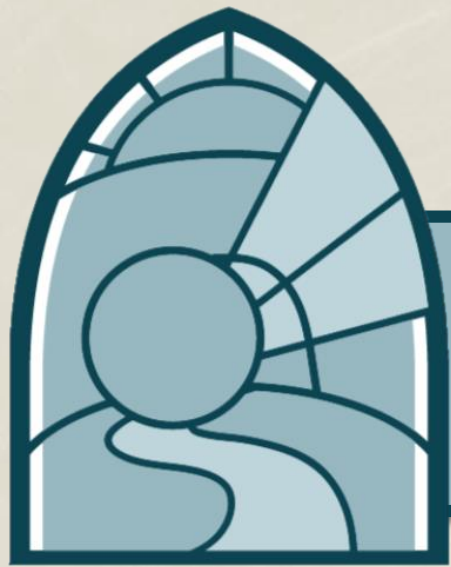
Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



# Our resurrected Lord sets us free

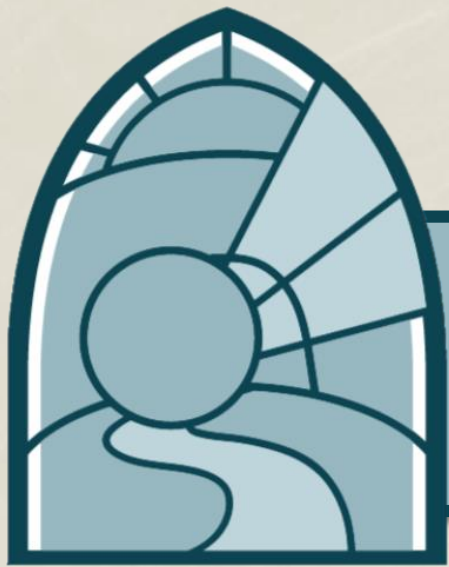
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- **Easter Purpose**
- **Easter Empowerment**





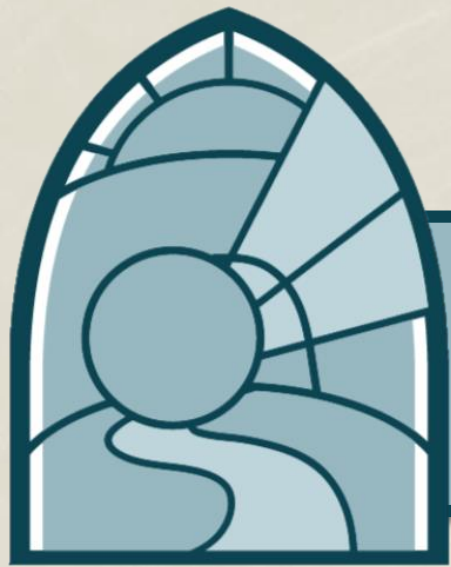
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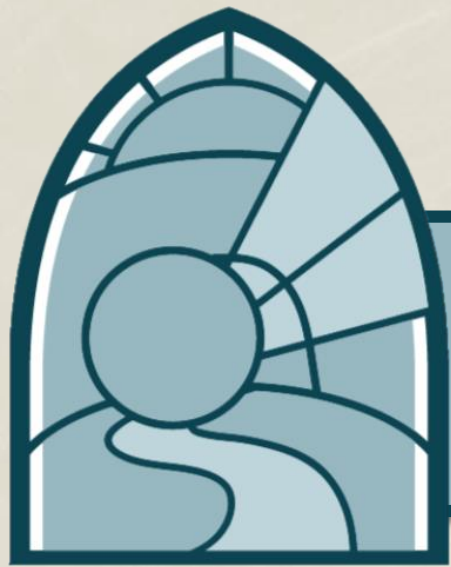
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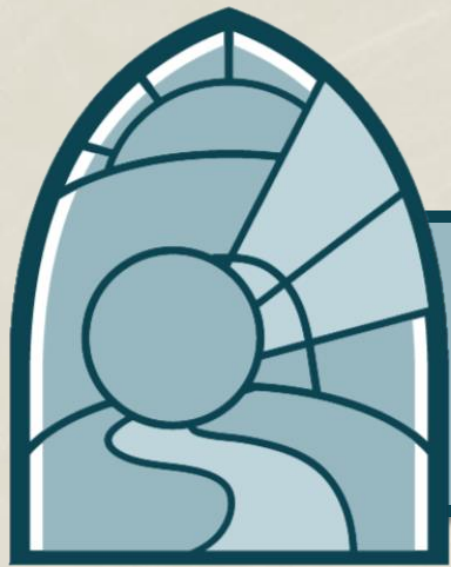
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## **REVIEW OF THE KEYS** (from Luther's Small Catechism)

**P:** What is the use of the keys?

**C:** The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

P: Where is this written?

**C: The holy evangelist John writes in Chapter 20, “[Jesus] breathed on [his disciples] and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.””**

P: How does a Christian congregation use the keys?

**C: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. ...**

**C: I believe that when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.**

P: Where is this written?

**C: Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18,  
“Whatever you bind on earth will be  
bound in heaven, and whatever you  
loose on earth will be loosed in  
heaven.”**

Please be seated

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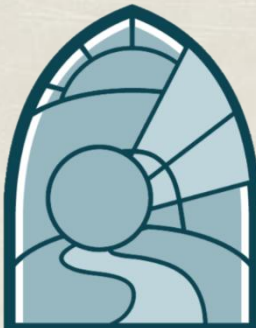
# OFFERING SONG: #609

## **We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer (vs. 1)**

We praise you, O God,  
our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you;  
we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name;  
glad praises we sing.



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- † Tim Russow – eye surgery on Thursday
- † Stacy Siewert – final round of chemo in preparation for stem cell transplant
- † Colletta Tripp – lung cancer and blood clot in her lungs

# LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
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.**

Please be seated

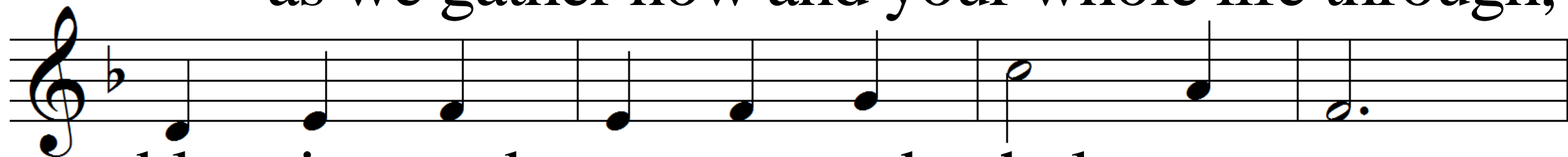
# CLOSING SONG: Peace Be Yours



Peace be yours May the Lord be with you



as we gather now and your whole life through,



bles-sing and mer-cy and whole-ness too.



May God's peace be yours.



Peace be yours as you scat-ter from here.



An-y-where you go, God is al - ways near,



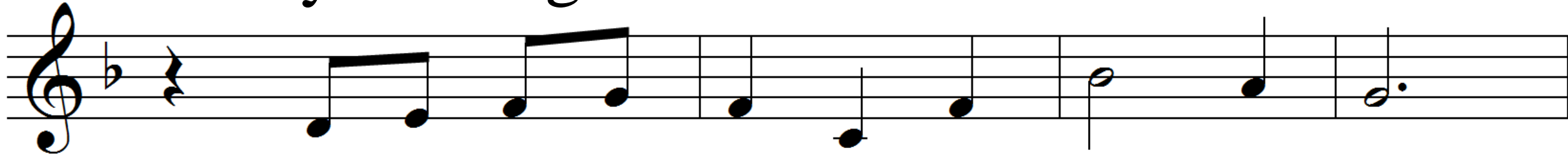
Lov-ing and calm-ing your deep - est fear.



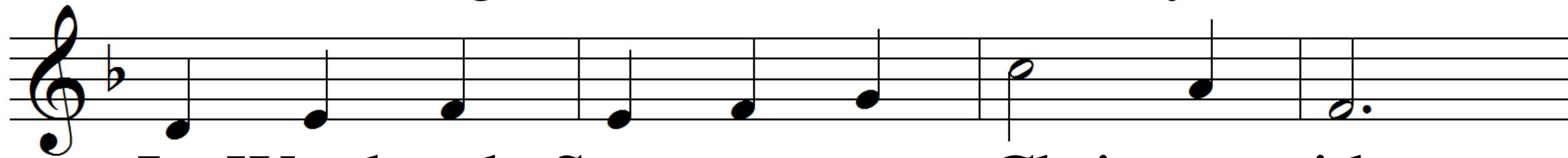
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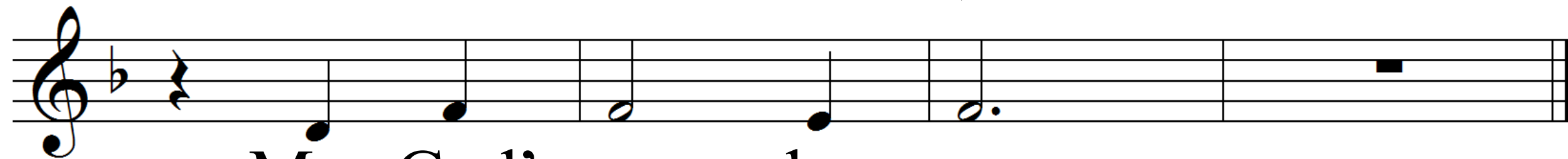
Seek your strength where the Lord does a - bide



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In Word and Sac - ra - ment, Christ re - sides



May God's peace be yours.



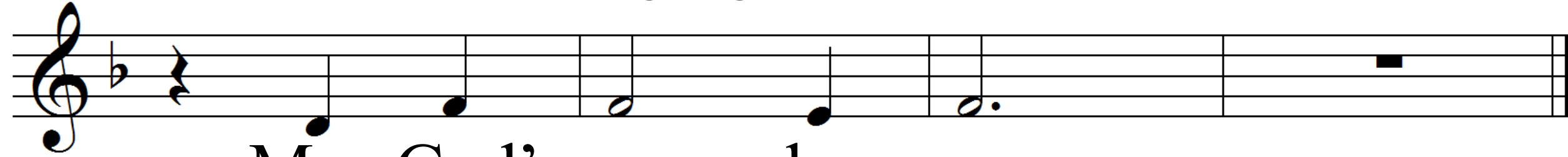
Al - ways know He has conquered the one



who de - fies your life in God's on - ly Son.



Yours is the strug - gle that Christ has won.



May God's peace be yours.



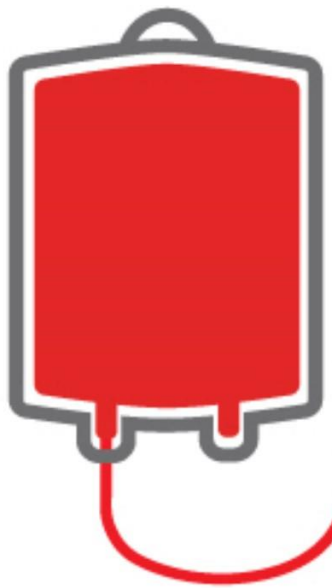
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# ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP!



**Saturday**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

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# THANKS FOR SERVING

† Pianist: Marcia Michalik

† AV Team

† Serving: Flock #4 – Jeff Rindt