

Hello, Gracers! This Sunday as our church body worships with faith at home rather than all together in our sanctuary, we wanted to provide you with our Grace worship resources.

Sunday, April 12th, 2020: Happy Easter!

He is Risen – He is Risen, Indeed!

Announcements: Insert a Dad-joke (ala Troy D.) or reflection (ala Sheryl M.) or another favorite intro here.

An example Dad joke might be: Do you know why don't people paint duck eggs at Easter? They quack too easily!

An example reflection might be: Everyone take a deep breath in...and out. Breathe in and then one more time Breathing Out ("Dying, Christ destroyed our death") ...Breathing in ("Rising, Christ restored our life!")

Watch your email and follow our [Grace Covenant facebook page](#) to keep up-to-date.

Worship with Song (click links for video)

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[Easter Song with Keith Green \(picture from hymnal attached\)](#)

Call to Worship: Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Worship with Song continued (click links for video)

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today: ([contemporary version](#)) or ([classic hymn version](#))
picture attached of hymnal page

[Glorious Day with Casting Crowns](#)

[In Christ Alone](#)

Video Skit – Click the link to watch: [youth performance of Break Every Chain](#)

[I will Rise with Chris Tomlin](#)

[Death was Arrested](#)

Pray for the offering

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your mercy and grace. Lord we pray you will use this these weeks to build Your kingdom. Help us to love You even more and to love each other well. Help us, Lord, to love our neighbors in practical ways. Please use the offering of Your church to accomplish Your work in the world. Amen.

Giving Options (thank you for continuing as you are able to help fund utilities and salary and outreach and helpfulness): [Give Online at this link](#). Or electronically through your bank. Or mail a check to 3030 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102.

Offering Song (click link for video):

[He Lives \(I Serve a Risen Savior\)](#) picture attached of hymnal page

Prayers of the People:

Please email your next requests to office@gracecovenantfm.org or call any LT member so we can update the list for next week.

Barry: Heart attack Thursday (4/9), but got to the hospital quickly. Surgery went well (3 stents on right side, 50% blockage on left side but they are treating that with medication). Doing well. Thanks to God! Praying for continued healing and strength for Barry and (Faith).

Steve A: Please pray for Steve's Dad – he fell again on Tuesday (4/7) had to go to ER for stitches and x-ray. Please also pray for Sheila's sister, Colleen who is still very fragile and now not sleeping for healing.

Eventide (Jennifer Grieve): Covid-19 has entered Eventide in Fargo. Please keep everyone there in prayer. (Especially Jennifer Grieve's mom Bette Deich – it hasn't been the right time to tell her yet).

Meredith: Had surgery last week (3/31) to remove a tumor in my brain affecting my vision related to the previous tumor in the same area. Praises: Surgery went well. And all tumor and fluid removed came back negative for active cancer so no more brain radiation! Vision is also getting much better! Enjoying being home and feeling good (yay!). I am grateful for each of you and all God has done for me on this journey.

Christina: Continuing to heal from possible ankle fracture (crutches and boot for six weeks). Pain is down and much better than 2 weeks ago. Continuing on blood thinner for clots for at least 3 months. Next appointment is Monday (4/13) praying healing continues and appointment goes well. Can't wait to be off crutches.

Adam and the Walker family: his siblings, cousins and aunt and uncles and us as they grieve the death of his grandmother who was buried last Sunday (4/5).

Robyn: Please continue in prayer for healing for my legs. Ankle fracture and torn ACL on left leg, with continued healing for right leg.

Suz: son Don had massive heart attack treated at Sanford and home now. Praying for healing, peace, comfort, and wisdom.

Cal: pray for my friend just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Swensen Family: Please continue to pray for all the Swensen family during this time of grief for comfort and peace for all the family.

Laura: Please pray for my Dad – Very likely that he will end up losing his leg to amputation, it's just not healing correctly. Sounds like that decision will be made on Monday. They suspect infection in the artificial veins used for his surgeries (which is apparently a 1% scenario). It's REALLY hard for him not to have any family around. But they are trying to get someone from the rehab facility to help him figure out his phone trouble so we can talk to him (right now he gets sporadic short phone calls with Mom). For Dad and Mom both for reduced stress, increased peace, moving through grief of this time, relief of depression, encounters with Jesus - our Prince of Peace.

Redeemed Covenant families: many have lost jobs and wages due to virus response. Pray that rent and needs can be met. For new job opportunities. For Pastor Evariste – for good sleep, and health, and Holy Spirit power to minister during especially stressful times.

New Life Center: Please pray the virus will not enter and infect anyone sheltering or working at the New Life Center. They are housing 100+men, many are particularly vulnerable to the virus due to underlying conditions. Praying they will be able to meet increased funding needs (equipment, food, staffing) even as funding sources like the Thrift store are closed and the Fargo Marathon delayed. That they will continue to be able to provide take-out meals to non-guests daily.

Linda: Please pray for Linda as she moved to Mankato on the 25th of March. We pray that God will bless her in her new home with new friends and a church to call home as well. We pray that her previous co-workers at Family Fare and in her apartment building will encounter another who will encourage them to turn to Jesus.

Diana: Please pray for the kids at the detention center.

Prayers Related to COVID-19:

Please pray for all those who have the COVID-19 Virus for strength and healing. That the virus can be contained as much as possible. For health care workers. For those preparing treatment and testing sites. For government officials and law enforcement. For teachers and parents. For those missing paychecks. For retirees. For those that manufacture and deliver and sell needed items. For those developing tests and vaccines and treatments. For those suffering domestic violence where home is not a safe place. That we will be filled with the Holy Spirit. That God will give us wisdom. That we will have hearts to be helpful and meet needs wisely. That our trust in Jesus be strengthened in these uncertain times.

Pray for the reading of the word

Lord we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit and open our ears to listen well to your Word. Help us to not just hear your Word, but to seek to understand Your message and to live it out as Your people. Sanctify us by the truth, Lord; Your word is truth (John 17:17). Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Message from Pastor Cal: "The Power of the Resurrection"

[Click this link to watch Pastor Cal's message on our website.](#)
[\(the video is also on YouTube\)](#)

Communion: (see the end of Cal's video for communion service)

For those who don't watch Cal on video, below is a service you can use with your household:

Invitation: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People of all nations are invited - we are invited - to sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites all those who trust Him to share the feast He has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with His disciples, He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.

Confession: Let us begin by examining ourselves and our thoughts, words, and deeds. Where is God tapping you on the shoulder to come to Him in confession of sin?

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 neighbor as ourselves.

Now in silence let us bring our specific confessions before our loving Lord. (silence)

Lord, we are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. For we know that if we confess our sins, You, Lord, are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Words of Institution: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ as they are delivered by the apostle Paul: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Response: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Let's pray together the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup: Take turns giving the cup one to another or taking communion with Cal as he presents it on video.

In giving the bread, say: **Take and eat: this is the body of Christ which is broken for you;**

In giving the cup, say: **Take and drink: this is the blood of Christ shed for you.**

Hymn: [Low in the Grave He Lay \(Christ Arose\)](#) See picture attached for Hymnal Page #245

Verse 1: Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 2: Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

Verse 3: Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

Benediction from The Covenant Book of Worship:

Go into the world, filled with the Spirit and with joy.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and for ever.
Amen! Alleluia!

Go forth in song: [Oh Happy Day](#)

Grace-In-Action: Hunt for hope. Send us a picture of something that gives you hope. Take a picture or draw a picture and send it to office@gracecovenantfm.org **by Thursday noon (April 16th).** Cal is beginning a new video series on Back to the Basics and our first topic for Sunday, April 19th, will be 'Hope'. He'd like to include those pictures in the video message.

Easter Song

Hear the bells ring - ing, they're sing - ing that we can be born a -
 gain. Hear the bells ring - ing, they're
 sing - ing, "Christ is ris - en from the dead."
 The an - gel up - on the tomb - stone said, "He is ris - en,
 just as he said. Quick - ly now, go tell his dis - ci - ples that Je - sus

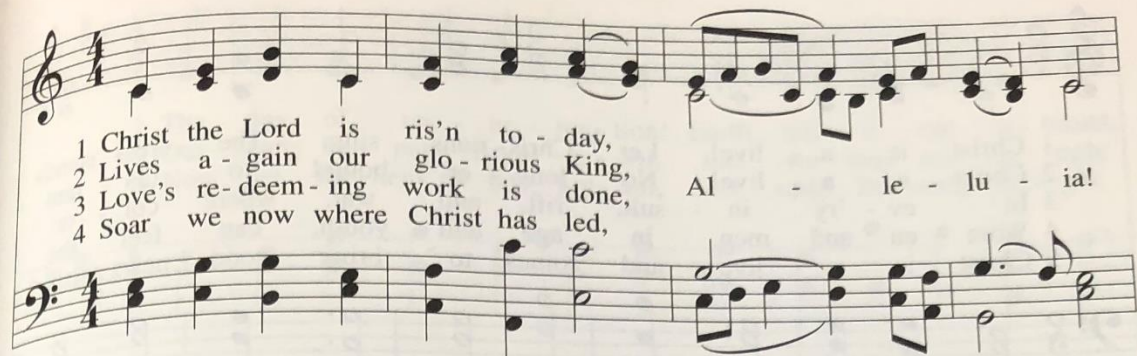
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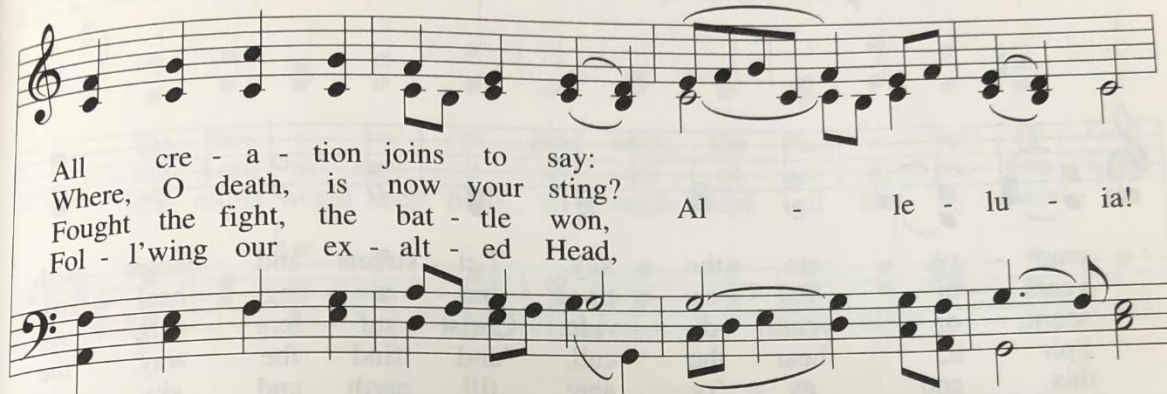
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 Christ is no long-er dead! Joy to the world, he is ris -
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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

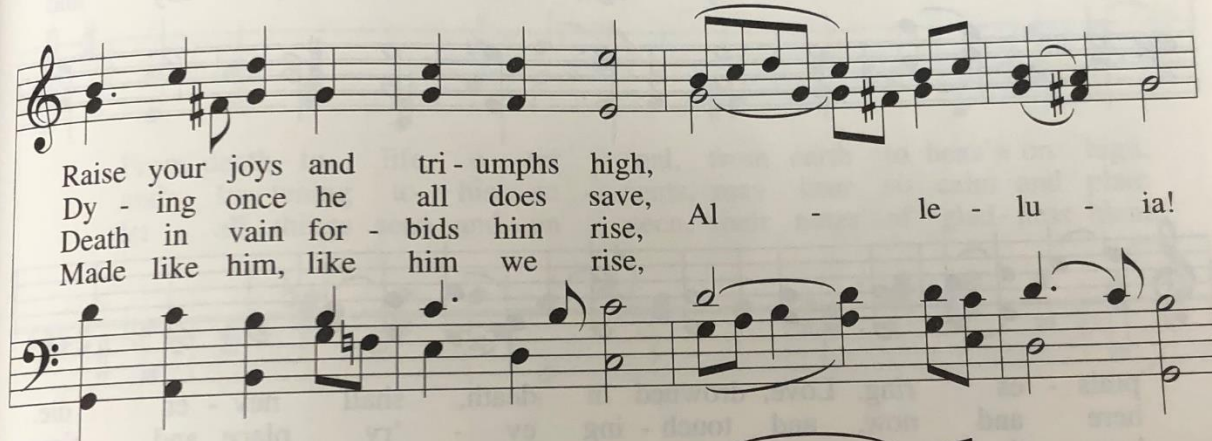
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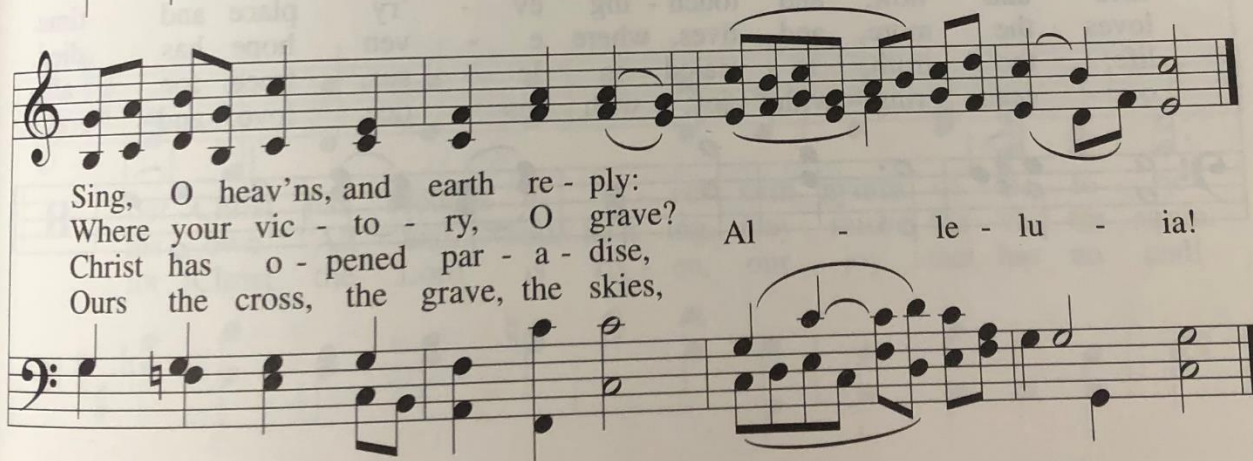
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,



All cre - a - tion joins to say:
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Dy - ing once he all does save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

He Lives

1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

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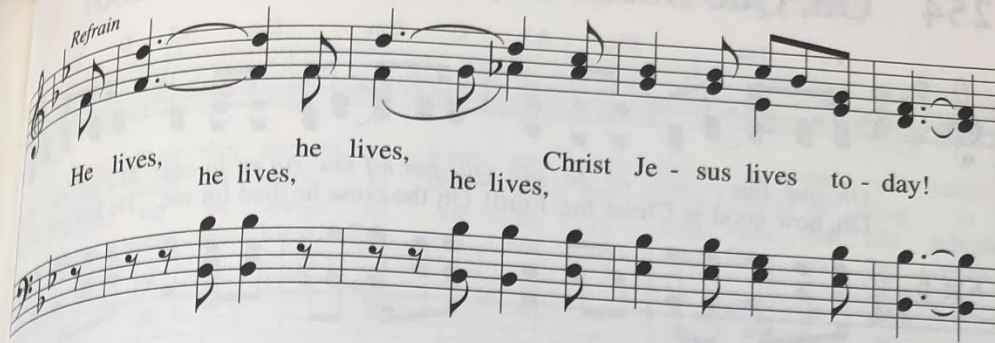
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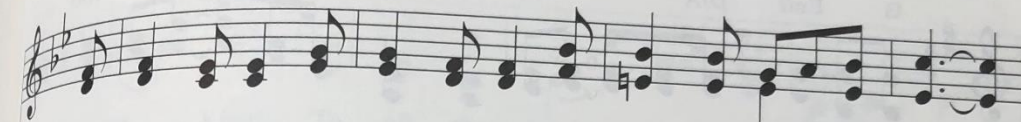
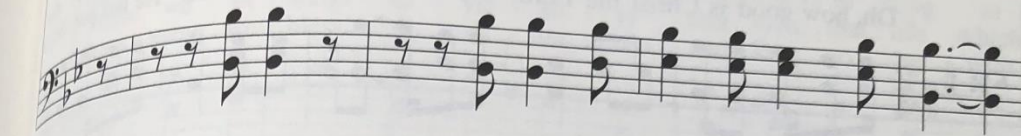
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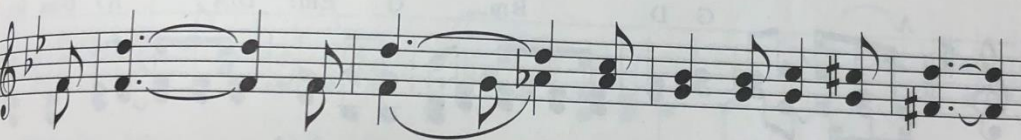
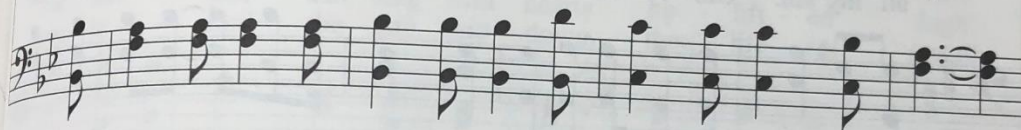
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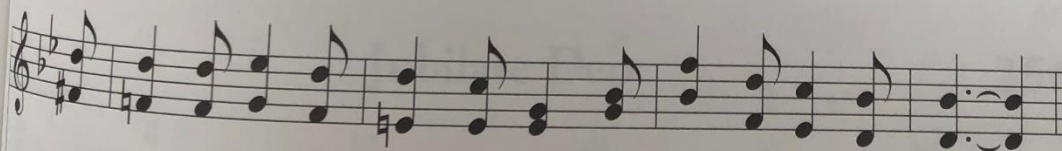
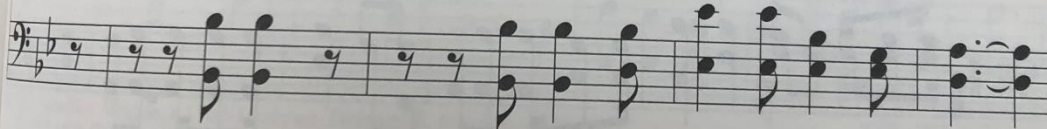
He lives, he lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!



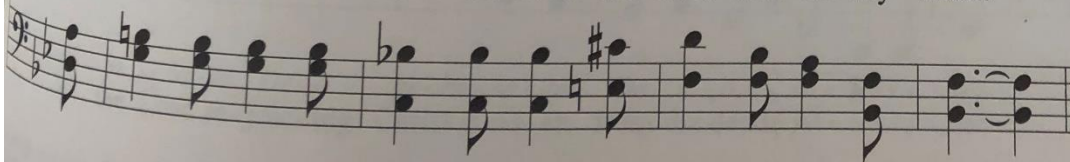
He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, he lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.



Low in the Grave He Lay

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Wait-ing the com-ing day,
 2 Vain-ly they watched his bed, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Vain-ly they sealed the dead,
 3 Death could not keep its prey, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! He tore the bars a-way,

Refrain

Je-sus, my Lord!
 Je-sus, my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, with a
 Je-sus, my Lord! he a-rose,

might-y tri-umph o'er his foes; he a-rose; he a-rose a vic-tor from the

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er with his saints to reign. He a-

rose! He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!