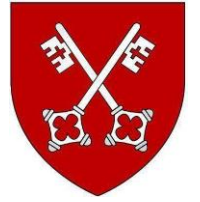


St. Peter's Anglican Church
Loveland, CO



Service for the Burial of the Dead

Lydia “Lesly” Esther Brown

September 24, 1964 – May 12, 2023



May 27, 2023

Prelude

(Please stand as you are able.)

Officiant: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

John 11:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7-9

For we brought nothing into the world,
and it is certain we carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
Even so, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

Opening Hymn: 10,000 Reasons

Chorus

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(Chorus)

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(Chorus)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Lydia being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.)

A Reading from Proverbs 31:10-31

Ron Stoops

- 10 An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- 14 She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
- 22 She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

27 She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
29 “Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

A Reading from Psalm 34

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.	12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.	13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!	14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.	15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.	16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.	17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.	18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!	19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!	20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.	21 Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.	22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever Amen.**

A Reading from Revelation 7:9-17

Ron Stoops

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white

robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

Crown Him with Many Crowns - Hymn # 149 (V. 1-3)

1 Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God
Before the worlds began,
And ye, who tread where he hath trod,
Crown him the Son of Man,
Who ev'ry grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes the bears them for his own,
That all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6 *Deacon Larry Doyle*

4 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Crown Him with Many Crowns- Hymn # 149 (V. 4-5)

4 Crown him of lords the Lord,
Who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For he is King of all.

The Sermon

The Reverend Matthew Rucker

The Apostle's Creed

Officiant: Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People
Deacon Larry Doyle

Reader: Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Reader: Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Grant us grace to entrust Lydia to your never-failing love; receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

(Silence may be kept.)

Officiant: Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Offertory

*“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.*

Ephesians 5:2

(Please stand as you are able.)

Offertory: How Great Thou Art Hymn - # 369

1 O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
(Refrain)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
(Refrain)

2 When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,
(Refrain)

The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Proper Preface) Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people may kneel or sit.)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.***

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

(Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

Prayer of Humble Access

All:* We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(You may kneel or sit during Communion.)

Communion Hymns

Bless the Lord My Soul (Taize)

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life.*

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taizé)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

I am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;
They who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father
draw them.

Refrain:

*And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.*

The Bread that I will give
Is my Flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live for ever.

(Refrain)

Unless you eat
Of the Flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his Blood,
You shall not have life within you.

(Refrain)

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me, even if they die,
They shall live for ever.

(Refrain)

Yes, Lord, we believe
That you are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come into the world.

(Refrain)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All:* Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Commendation

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

***People:* Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you decree, saying,

“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***People:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, *LYDIA*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *HER* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. ***Amen.***

The Committal

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 6:37

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells within us.

Romans 8:11

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My flesh also shall rest in hope. *Psalm 16:10*

You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore. *Psalm 16:12*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *sister Lydia*, and we commit *her* body to be consumed by fire; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *her* and keep *her*, the Lord make his face to shine upon *her* and be gracious unto *her*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *her* and give *her* peace. ***Amen.***

Officiant: Rest eternal grant to *her*, O Lord; and may *her* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

***People:* And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Blessing

Officiant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Strife is O'er – Hymn - #132

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. *Alleluia!*

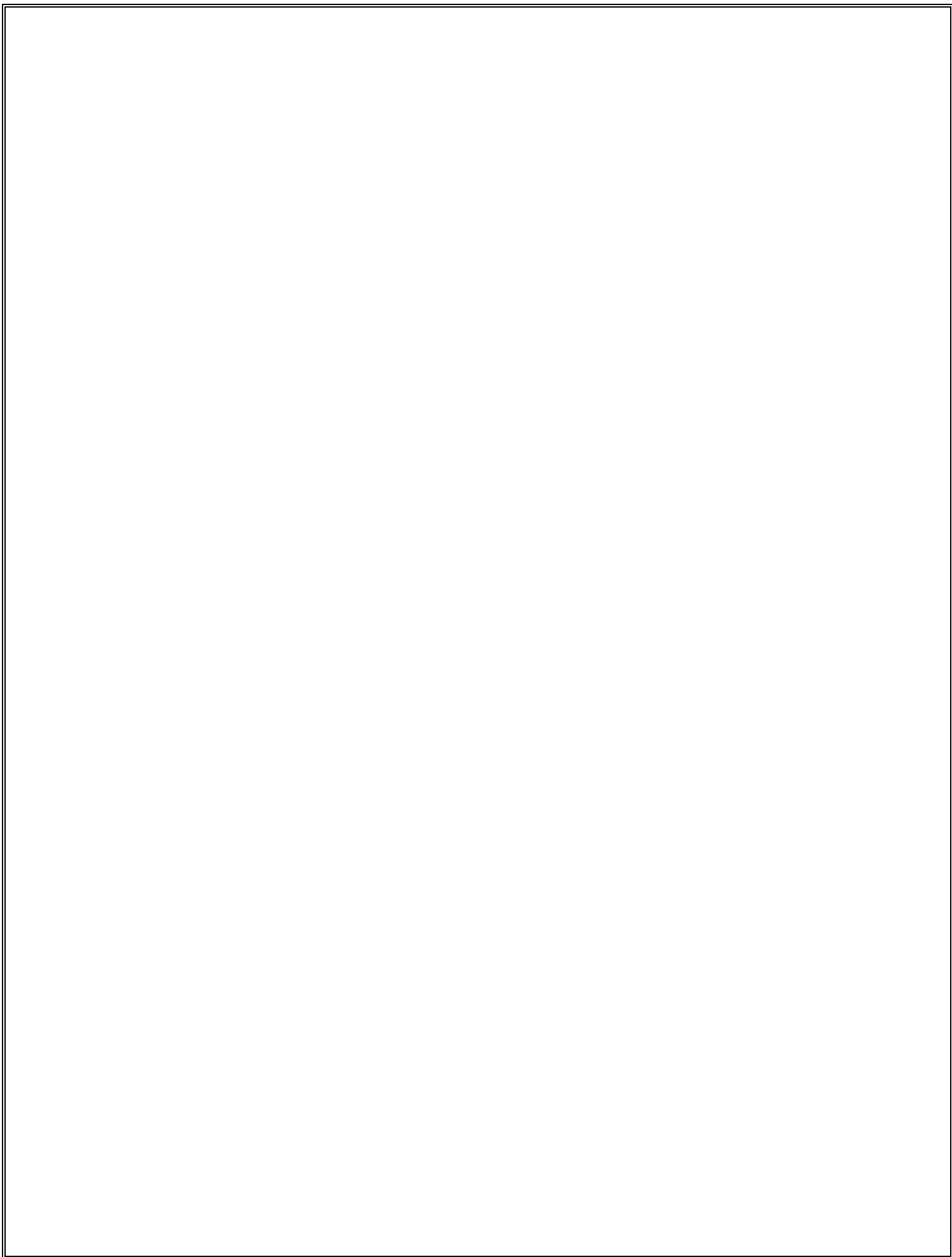
The pow'rs of death have done their worst; but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shout of holy joy outburst. *Alleluia!*

The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! *Alleluia!*

He closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! *Alleluia!*

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee. *Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Obituary

Lydia “Lesly” Esther Brown

Lydia “Lesly” Esther Brown, 58, of Loveland, Colorado, passed away Friday, May 12th, 2023. Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of Evelyn “Elba” and Luis Martinez (deceased). Lydia Graduated from Homestead Senior High School (Homestead, FL) in 1982. While in high school she met her husband to be Robert “Bob” Brown.

Lydia always enjoyed working with kids of any age. She worked as a preschool teacher, home childcare provider and most recently as a Paraprofessional at several schools in the Loveland area and at KQA in Milliken. She has touched the hearts and lives of an uncountable number of students and young adults throughout her life.

Surviving are her husband of 39+ years; daughters - Megan (Daniel) Riss of Loveland, CO, and Danielle “Nell” Brown of Loveland, CO. She is also survived by her Mother and sister Elba Martinez of Phoenix, AZ and by her four legged grand puppies - “fur” nurses - Penelope, Belle and Amelia.

A memorial service for Lydia will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, May 27th, 2023 at St. Peter’s Anglican Church, 4044 Duffield Ave., Loveland, CO 80538 with a reception to follow at the church. The memorial service will also be live streamed for those friends and family that are not able to attend in person. <https://stpetersloveland.org/livestream>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hope Lives! The Lydia Dody Breast Cancer Support Center, 2627 Redwing Road, Suite 210, Fort Collins, CO 80526
<https://www.hopelives.org>