

Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

August 29, 2021

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves.

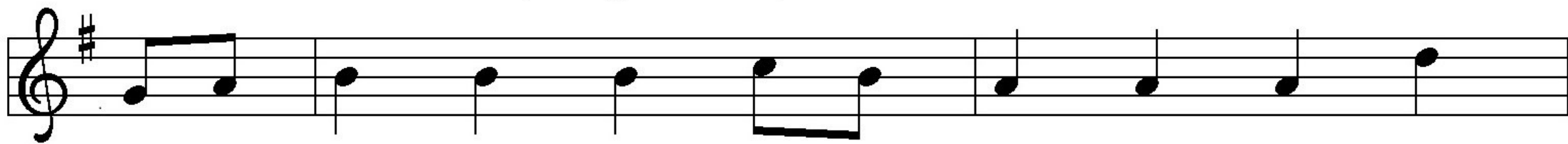
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

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

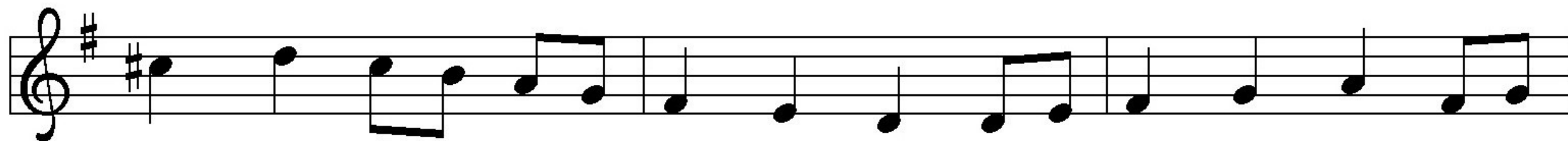
P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness
of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

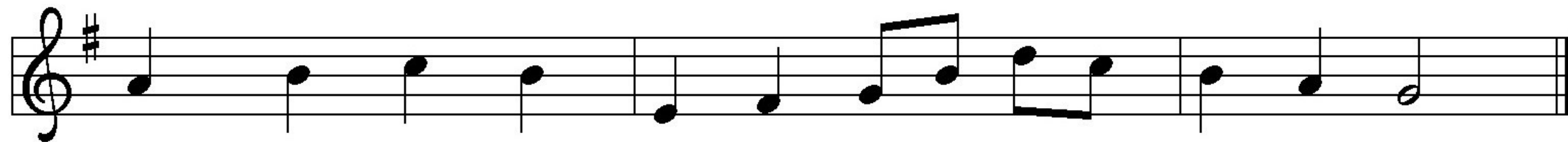
Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy



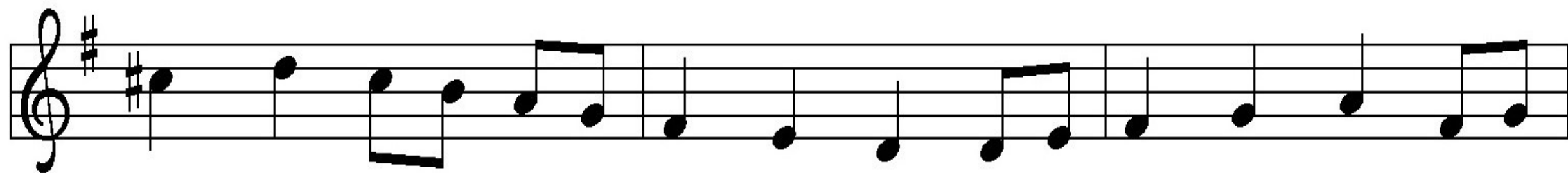
dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and



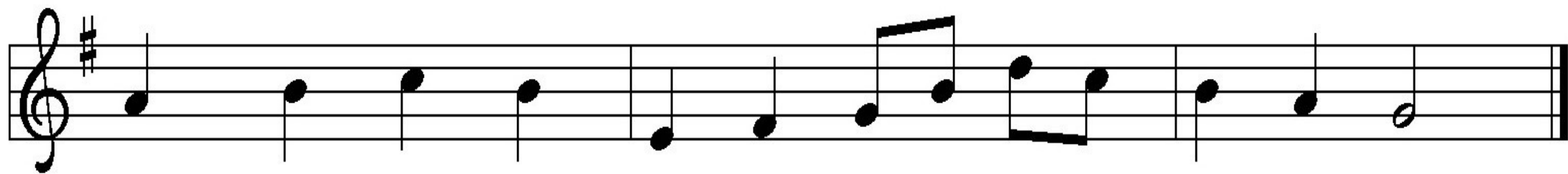
joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.



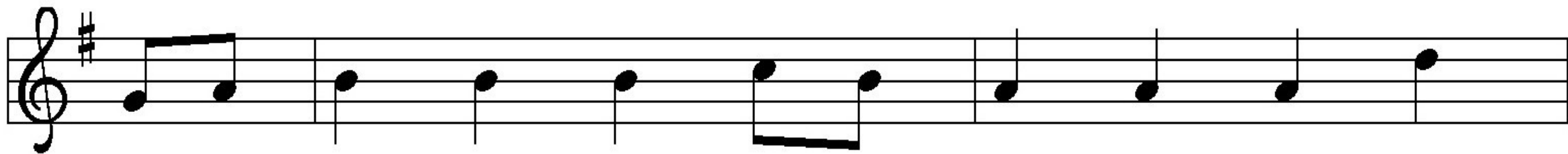
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and



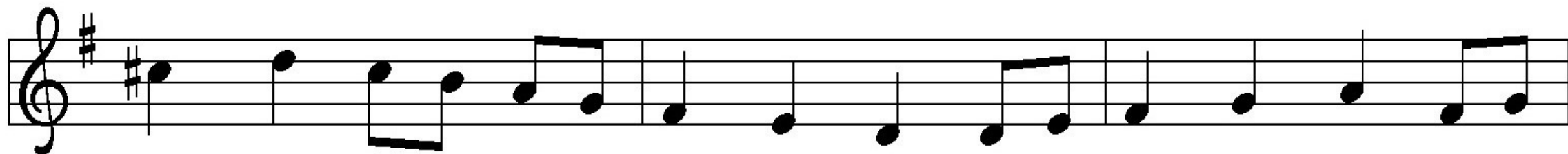
hast re-freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from



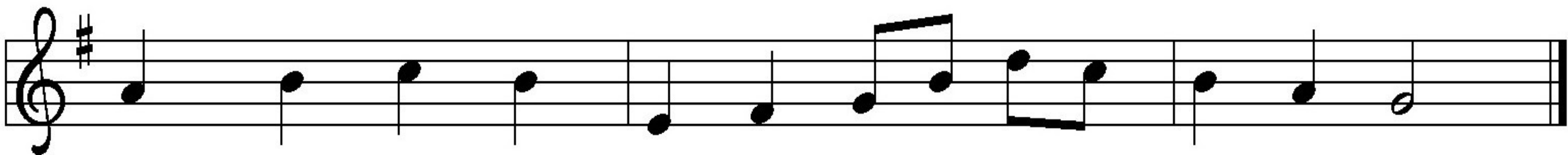
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par-take.



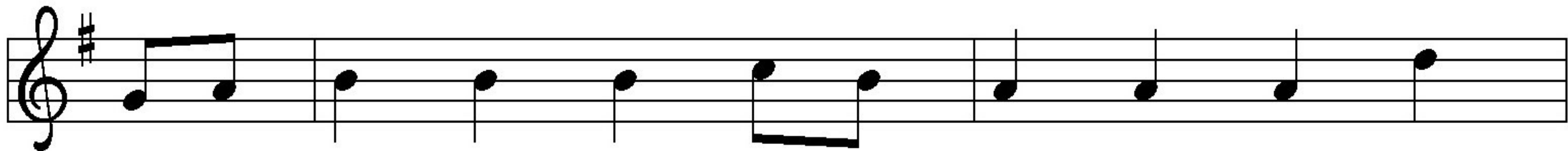
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new, Dis -



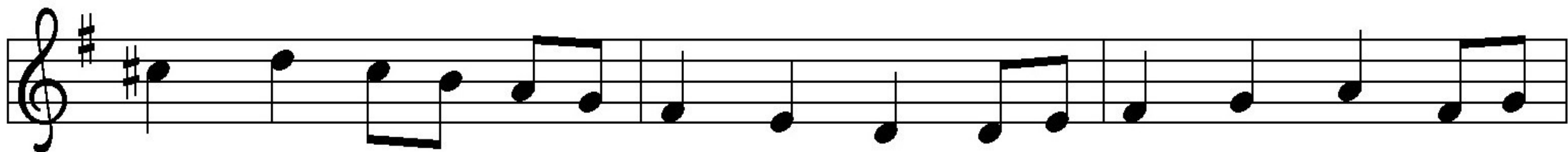
perse my sins as morn-ing dew; guard my first springs of



thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.



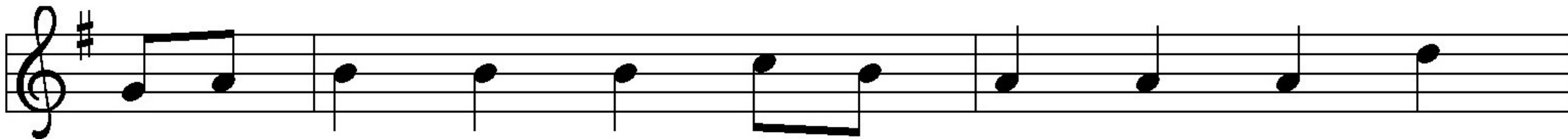
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all



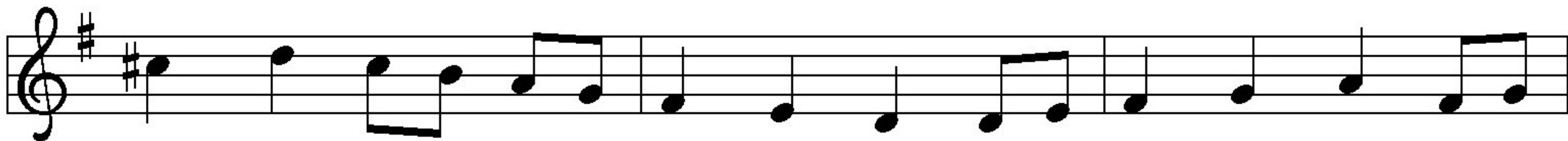
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with



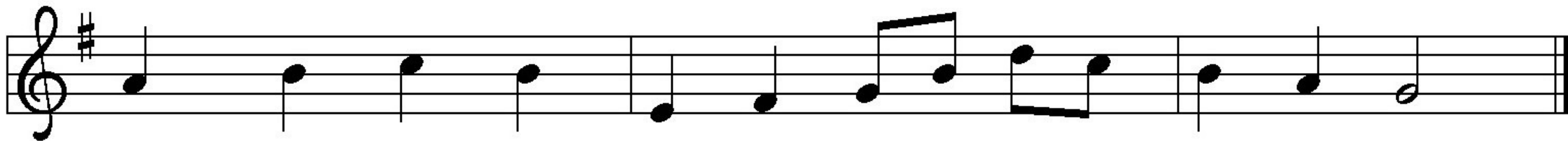
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.



5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



God, all crea - tures here be-low; praise God a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

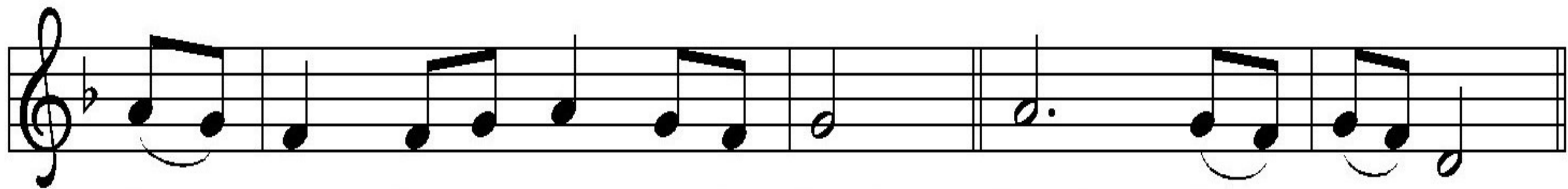
Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

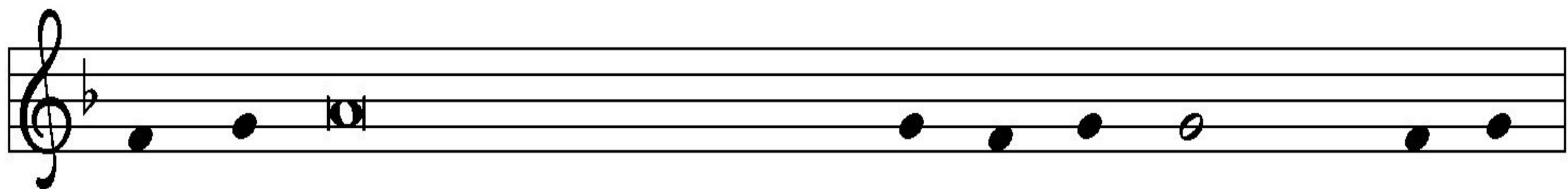
P/A: Grace to you and Peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: And also to you.

THE KYRIE



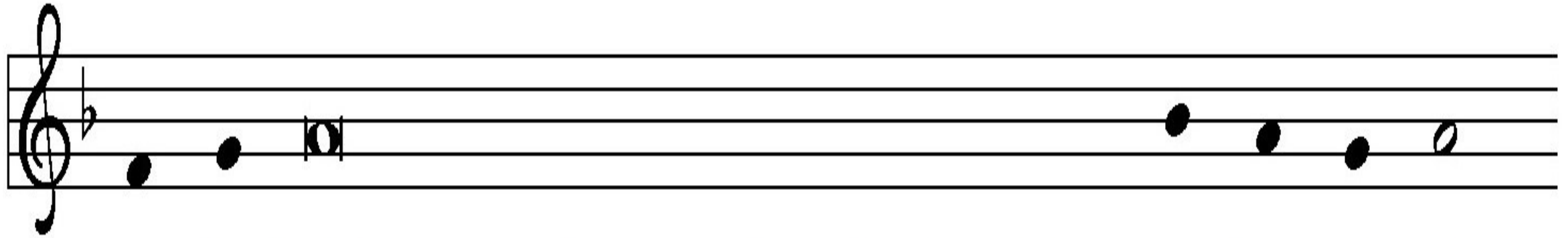
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



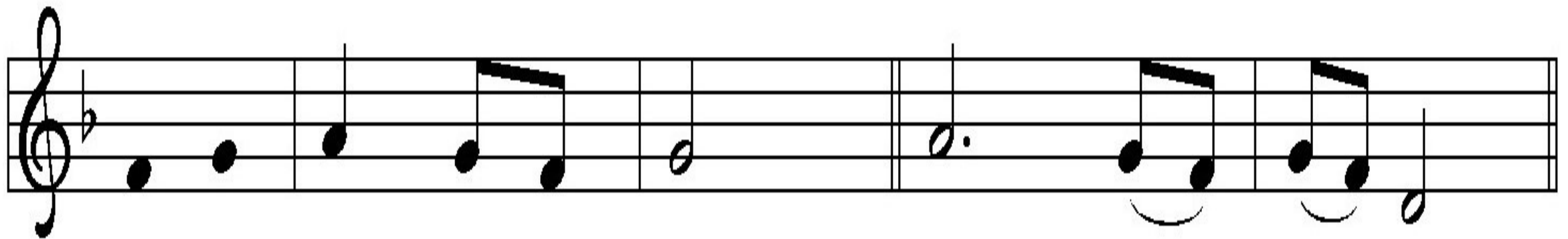
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



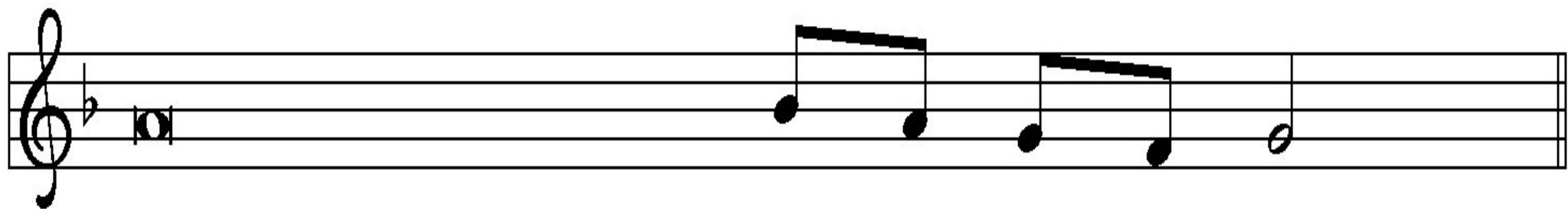
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise.



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

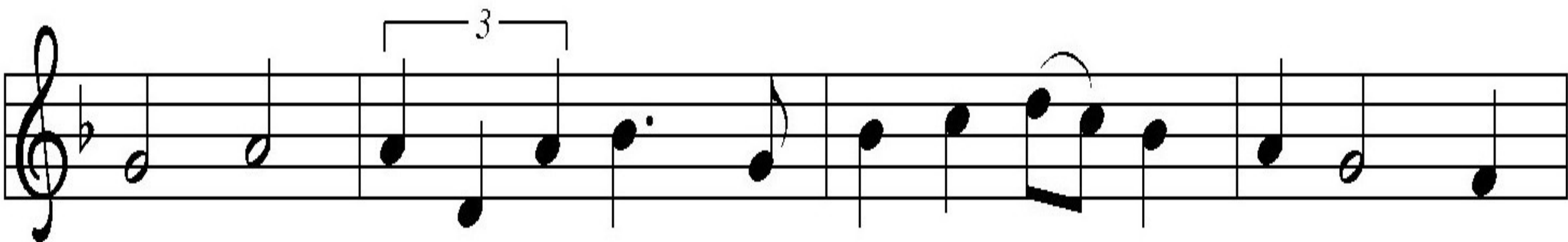


A - men.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth



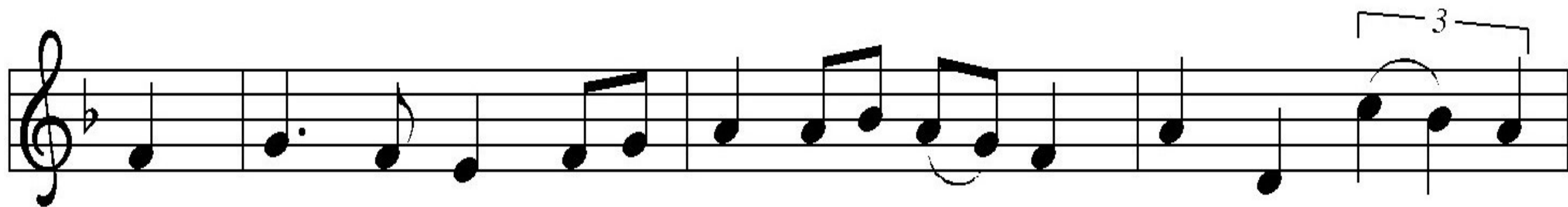
1 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



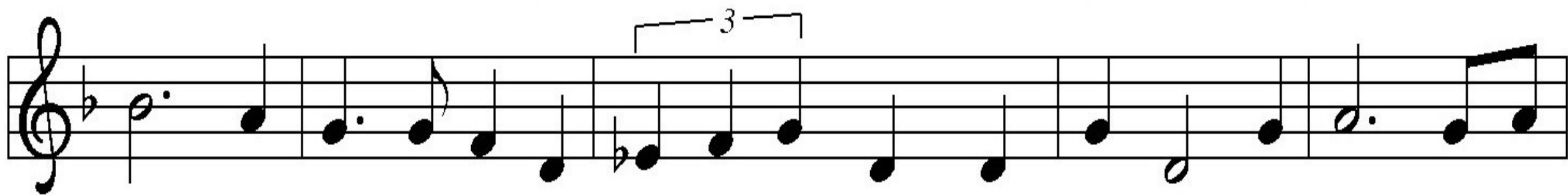
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry



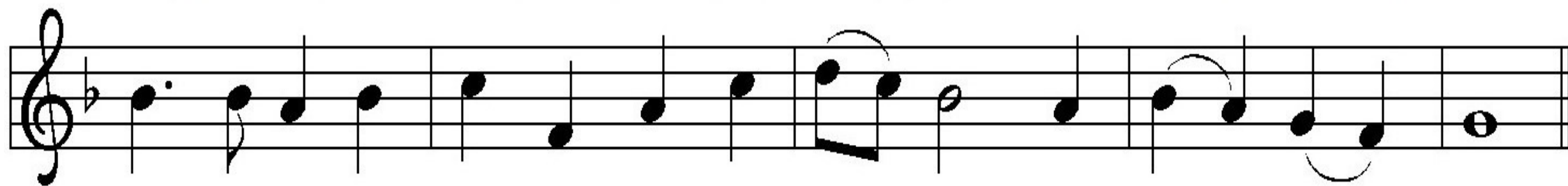
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



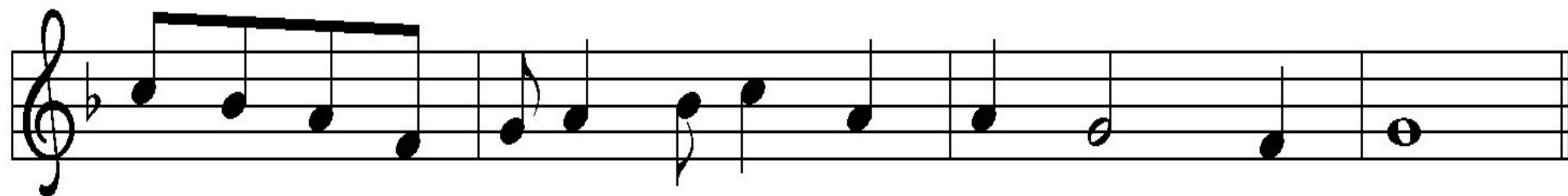
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹ So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶ You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!”

⁷ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him?

⁸ And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹ But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-27

A reading from James.

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, word of life.

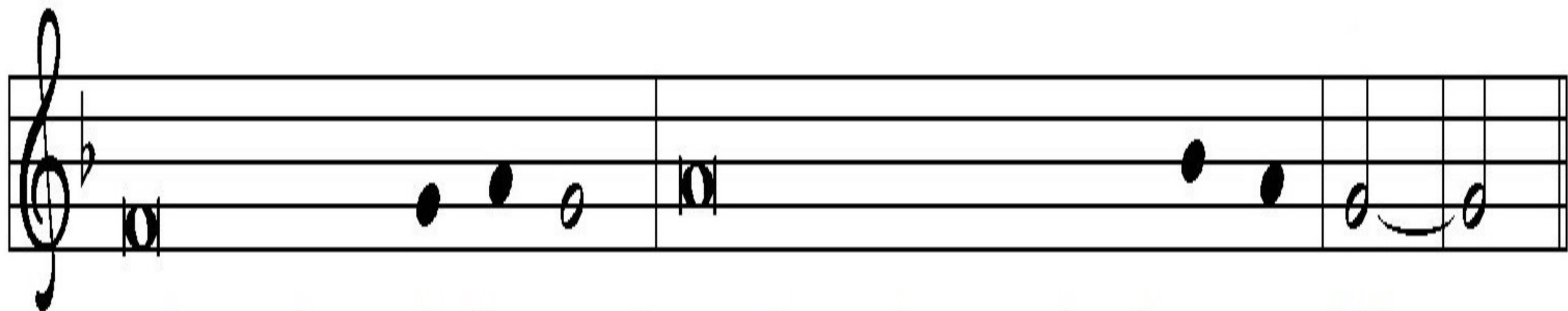
Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

The first line of musical notation is written on a five-line staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight measures. The first two measures contain quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, and A4. The third measure contains a half note G4 with a fermata above it. The fourth measure contains a quarter note G4. The fifth measure contains a quarter note F4. The sixth measure contains a quarter note E4. The seventh measure contains a quarter note D4. The eighth measure contains a quarter note C4.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The second line of musical notation is written on a five-line staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4. The second measure contains a quarter note A4. The third measure contains a quarter note Bb4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note A4. The fifth measure contains a quarter note G4. The sixth measure contains a quarter note F4. The seventh measure contains a quarter note E4. The eighth measure contains a quarter note D4. The ninth measure contains a quarter note C4. The piece ends with a double bar line.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

The first line of music is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four measures. The first measure contains two quarter notes: G4 and A4. The second measure contains two quarter notes: Bb4 and G4. The third measure contains a half note G4 with a fermata above it, and a quarter note A4. The fourth measure contains two quarter notes: G4 and F4.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The second line of music is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a quarter rest followed by two quarter notes: G4 and A4. The second measure contains a half note G4 with a fermata below it, and a quarter note A4. The third measure contains two quarter notes: Bb4 and A4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note G4 and a half note F4.

GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,
²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

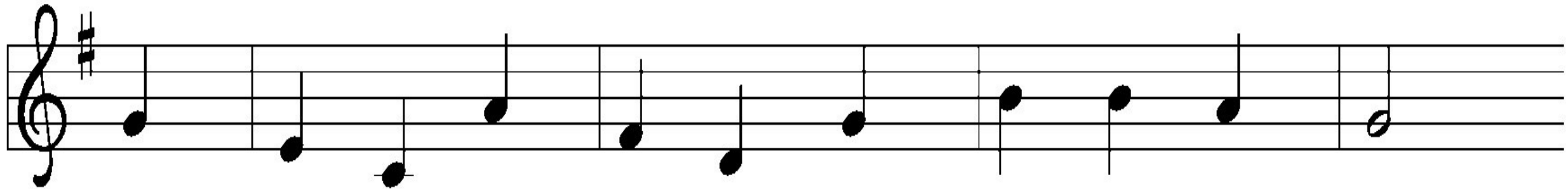
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

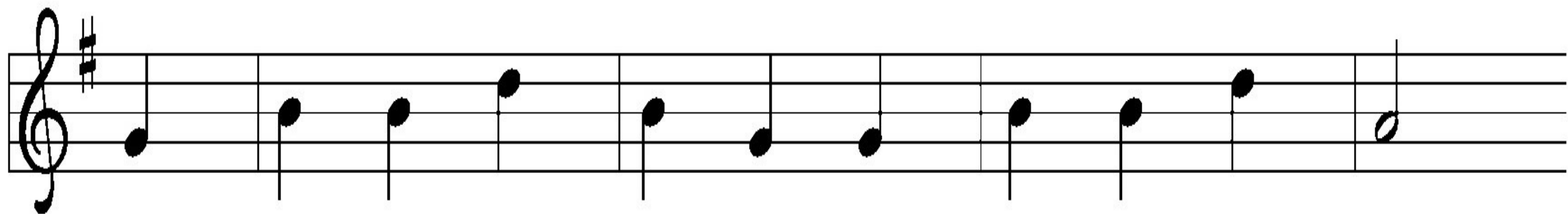
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



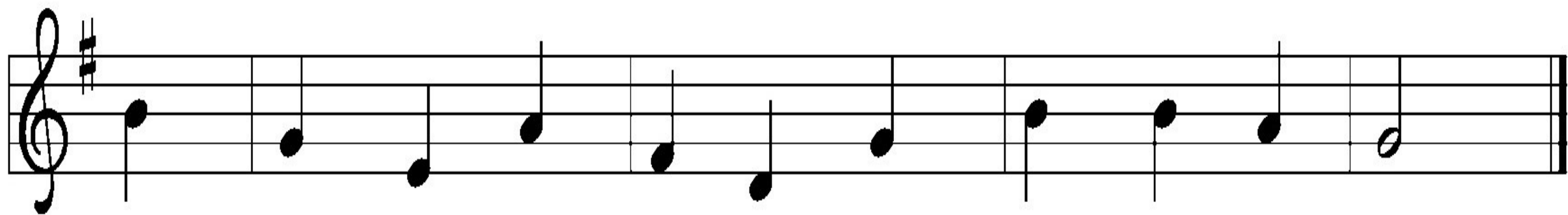
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,



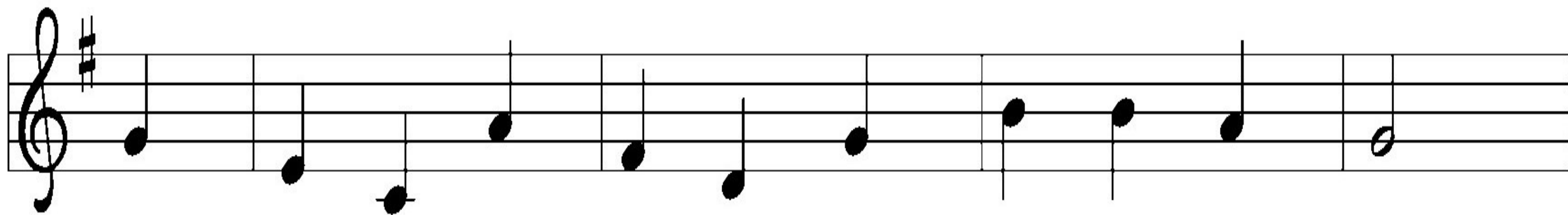
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,



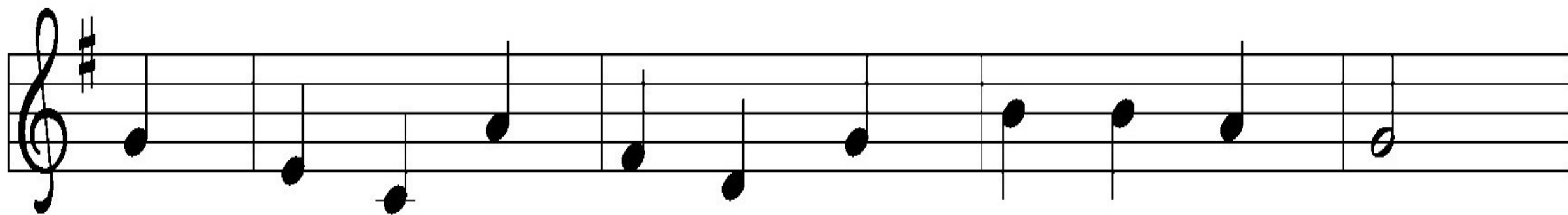
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,



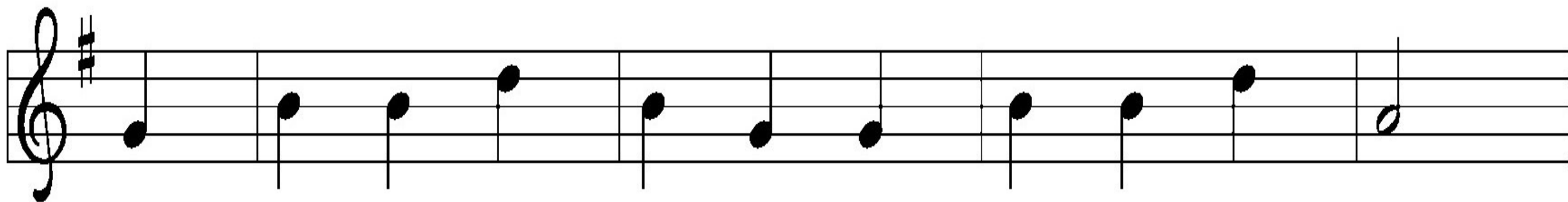
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!



2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,



nor want-ing, nor wast-ing, thou rul - est in might;



thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar-ing a - bove



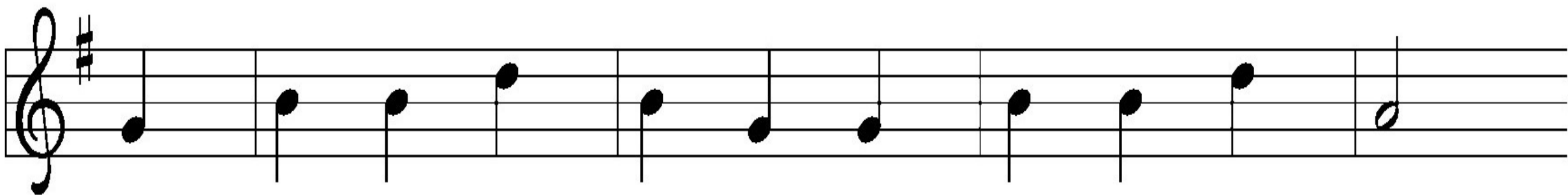
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.



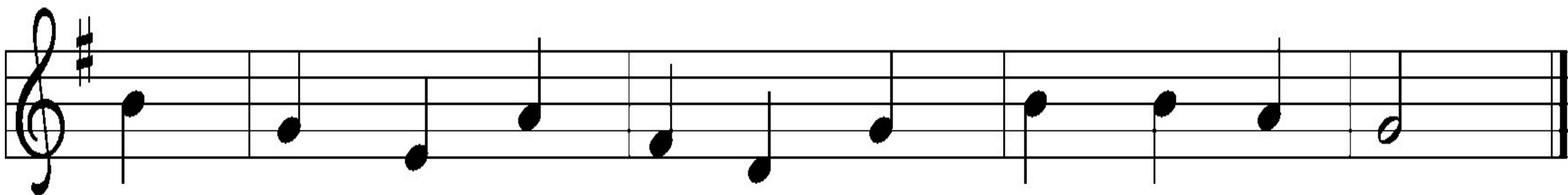
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;



in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;



we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,



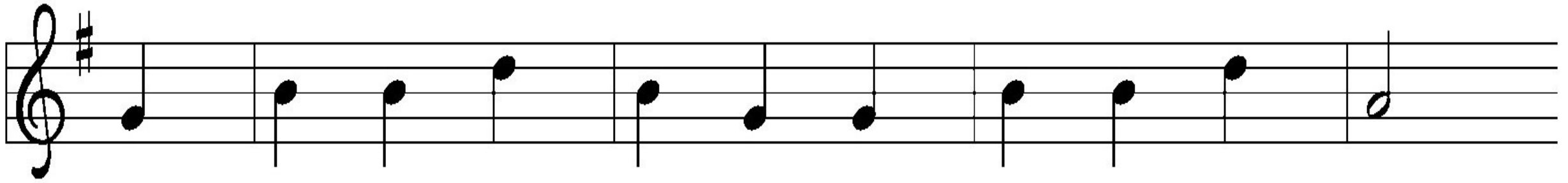
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.



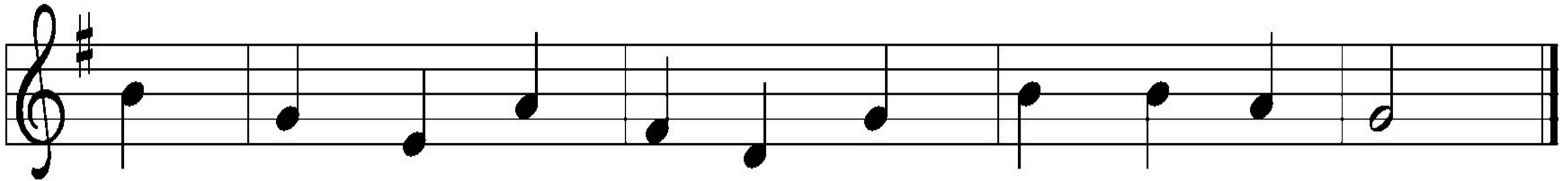
4 Thou reign-est in glo - ry; thou dwell-est in light;



thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers

P/A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P/A: We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P/A: We pray for individuals in positions of authority (*national and local leaders may be named*). Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year (*students, teachers, or others may be named here*). Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

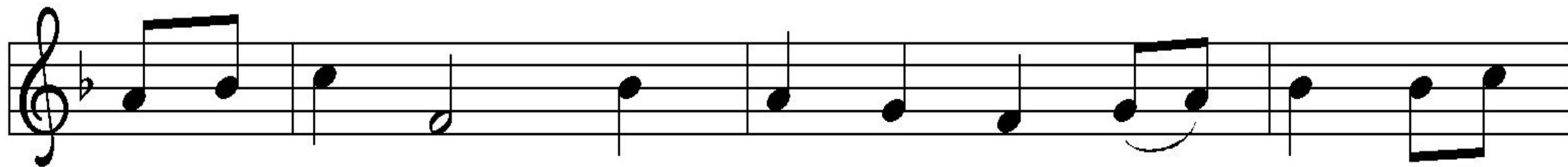
P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Presentation of the
Bread and Wine for the
Eucharistic Feast

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

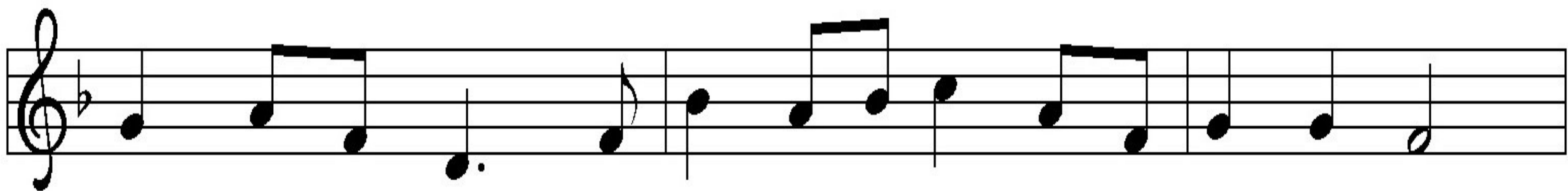
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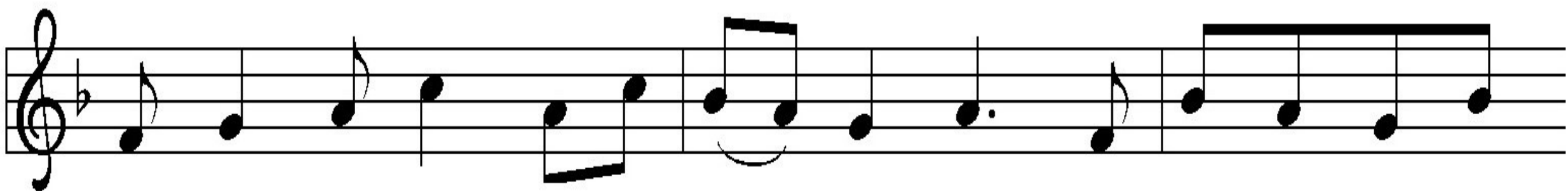
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the



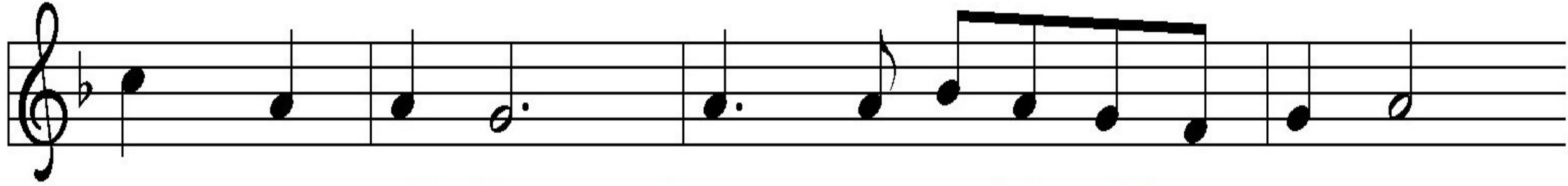
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the



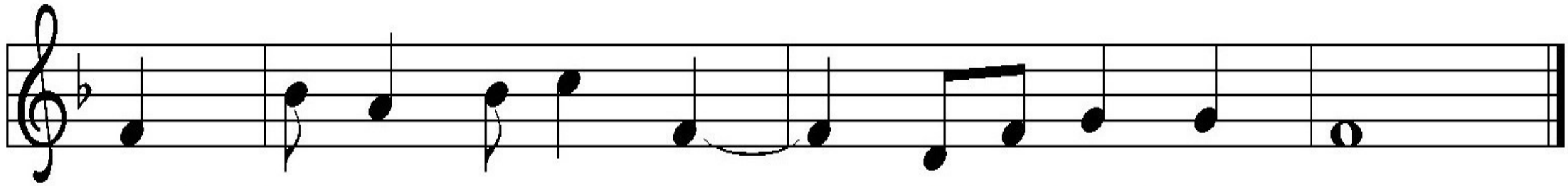
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life



Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the



prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta-ble with your presence,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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P/A: Let us pray.

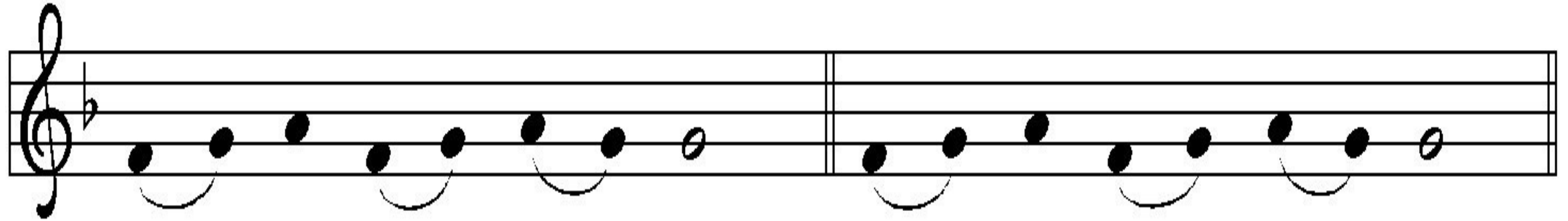
God of love, you call us beloved children
and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

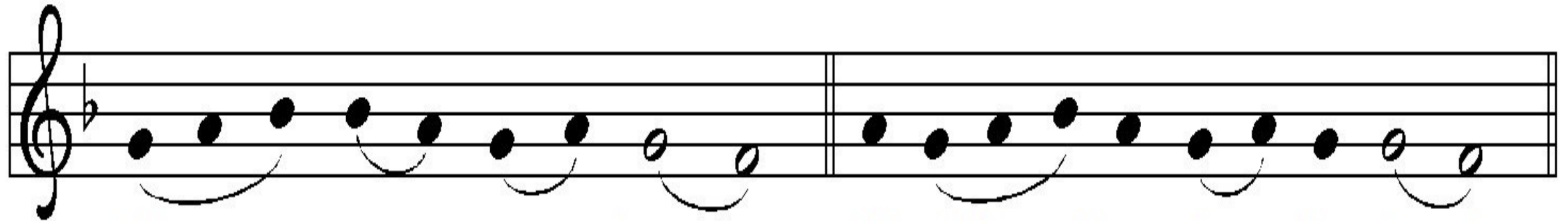
Abide with us and send us in service

to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved
Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Blessed are you,
O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age. . .

P: With this precious body and blood we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts that you provide.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us
in the body and blood of your Son.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice,
peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

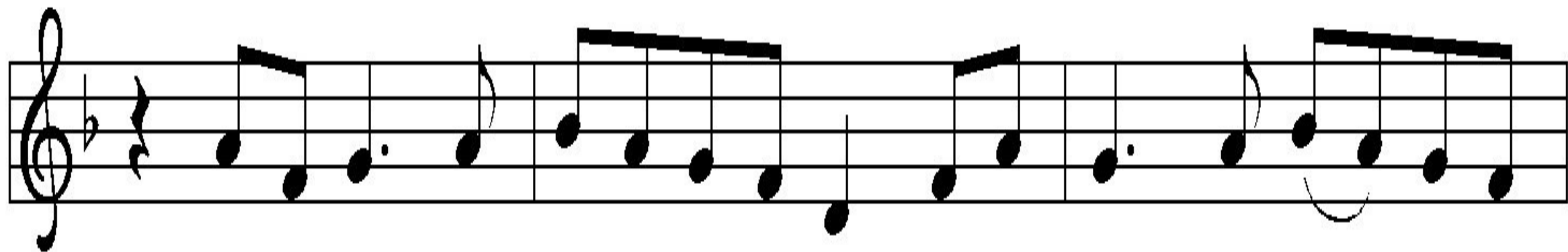
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

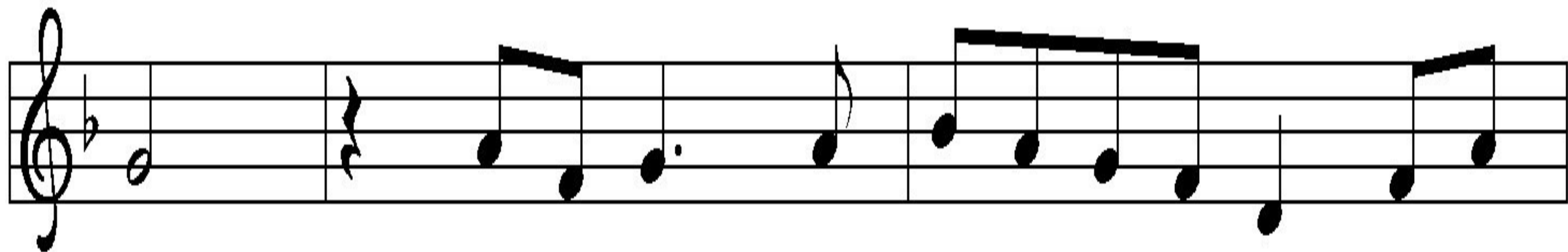
**C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Lamb of God

Assembly may be seated

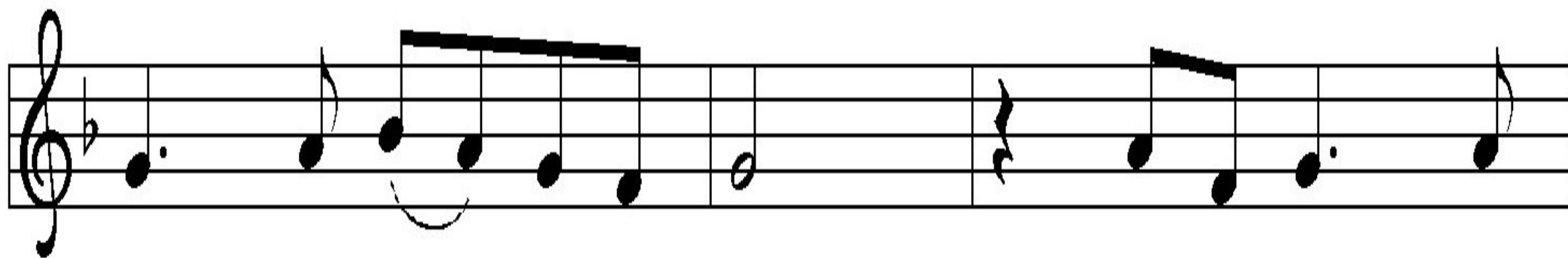


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



P/A: Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
and empower you to bless
and keep those around you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
as you share that grace
and mercy with all that you meet.

The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✚ peace,
and let that peace shine
through you for all the world to see.

C: Amen.

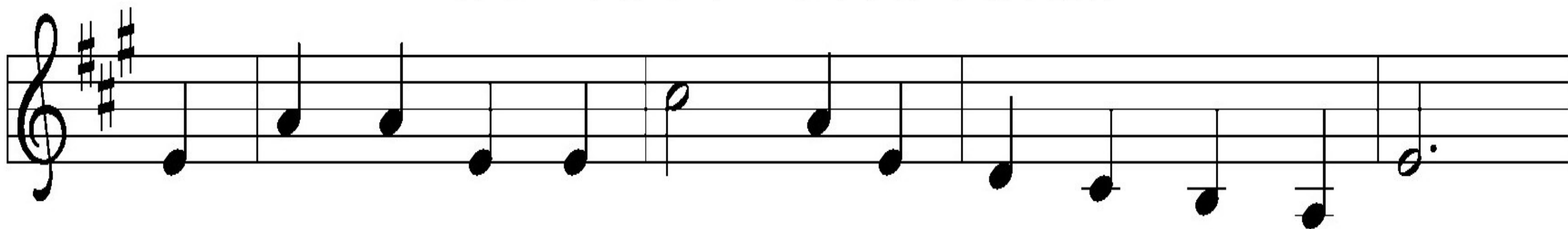
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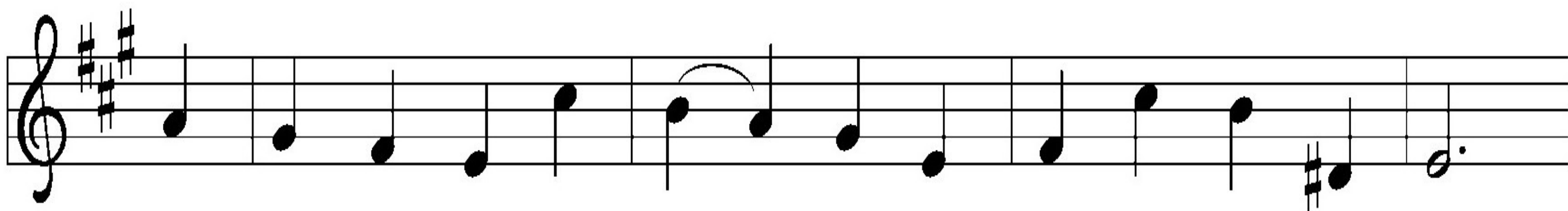
Celebrations

SENDING HYMN

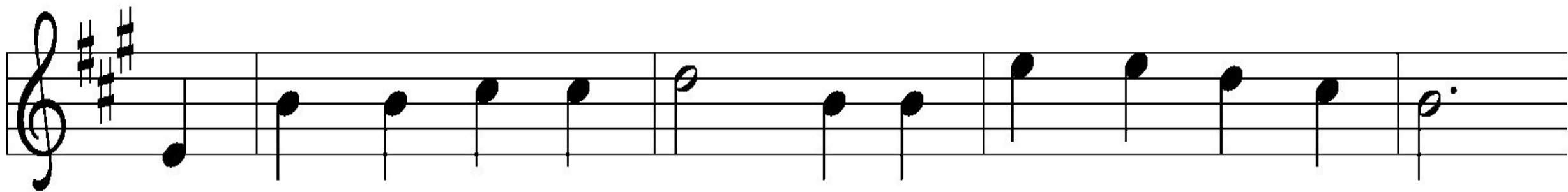
We Plow the Fields and Scatter



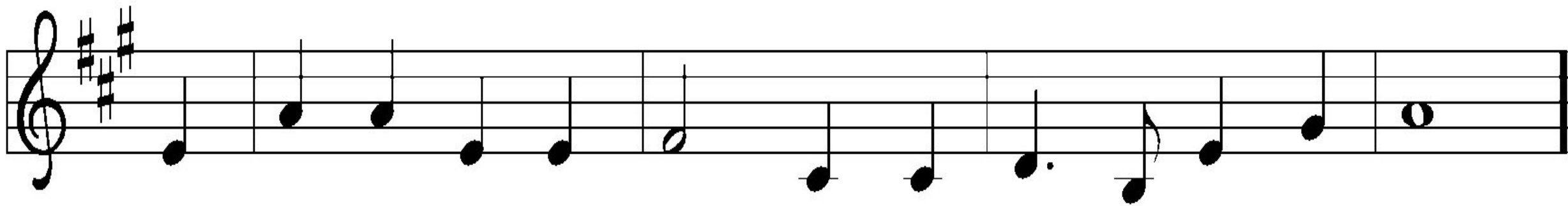
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al-might-y hand,



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,

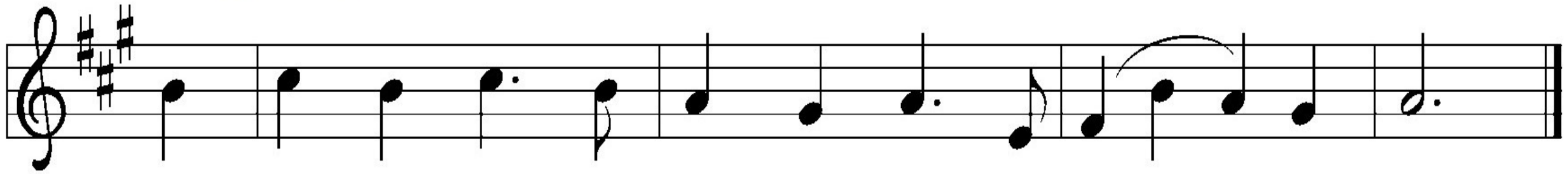


the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re-fresh-ing rain.

Refrain



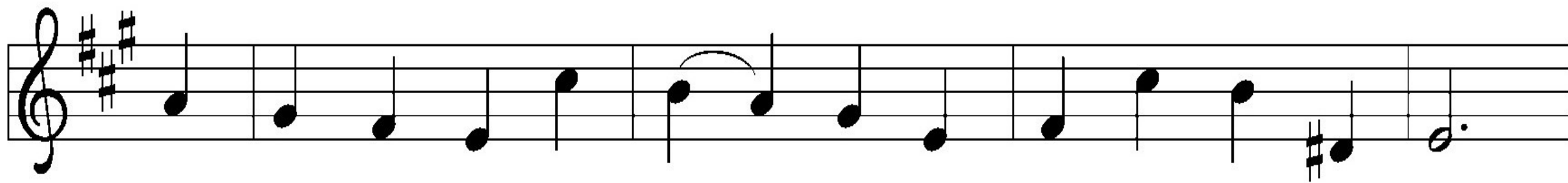
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



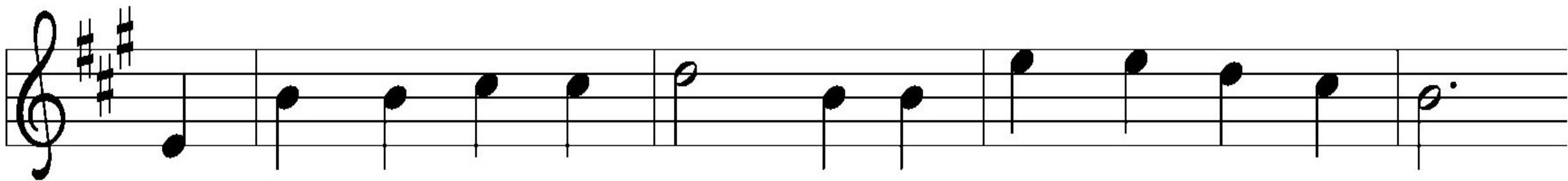
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.



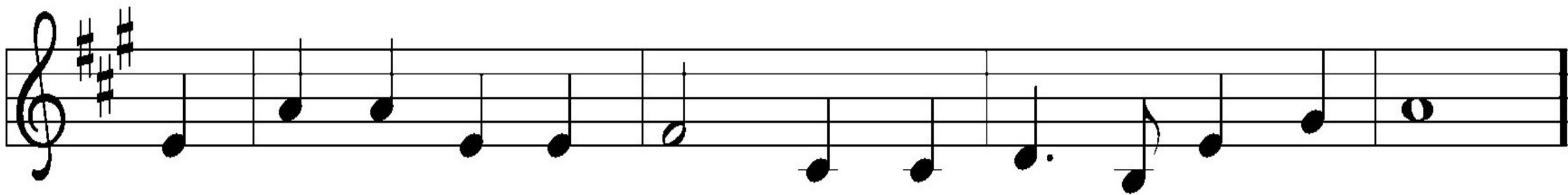
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.



You paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve-ning star.



The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;

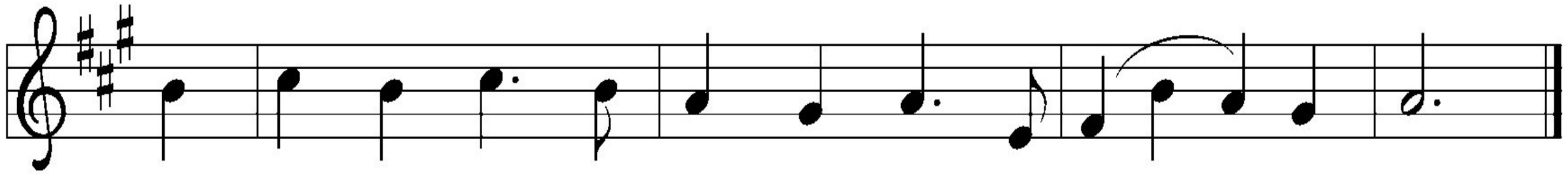


much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.

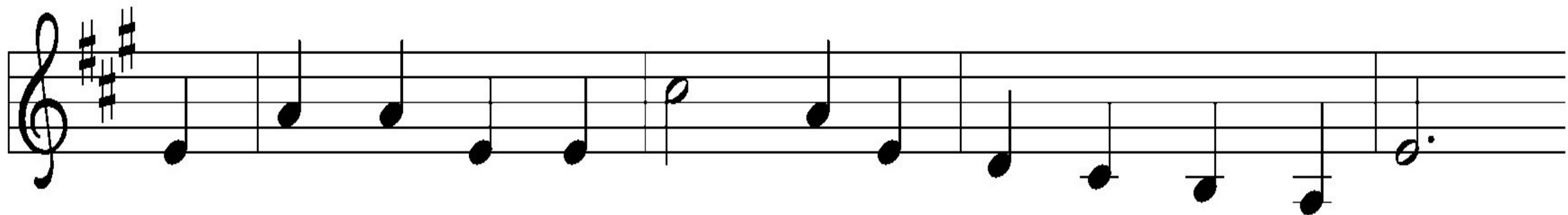
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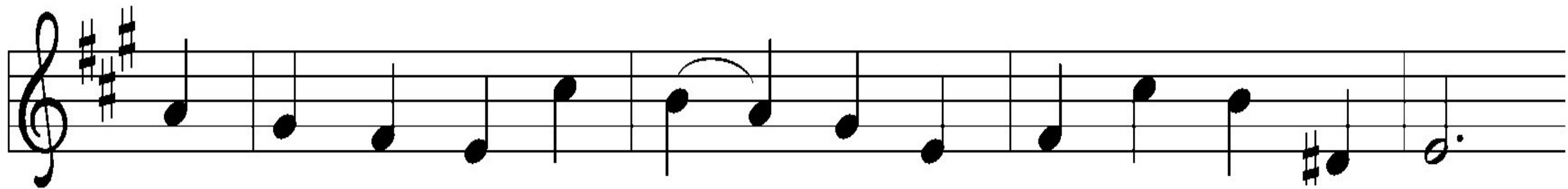
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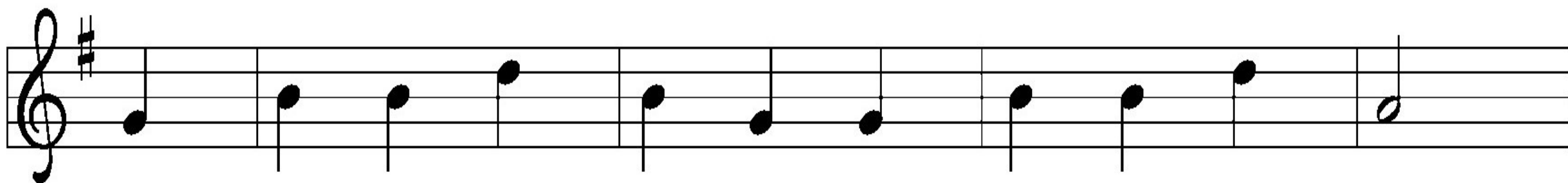
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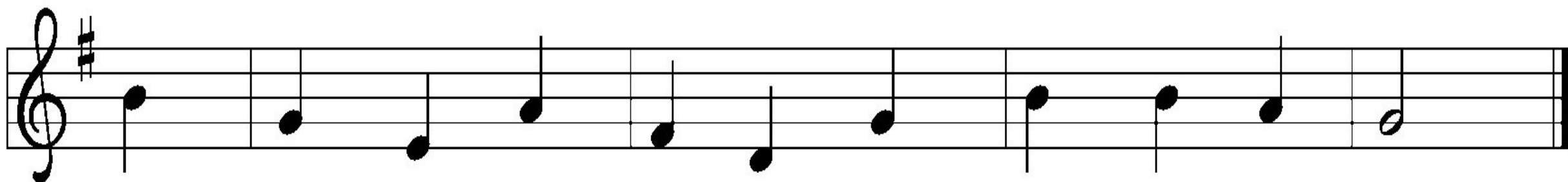
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

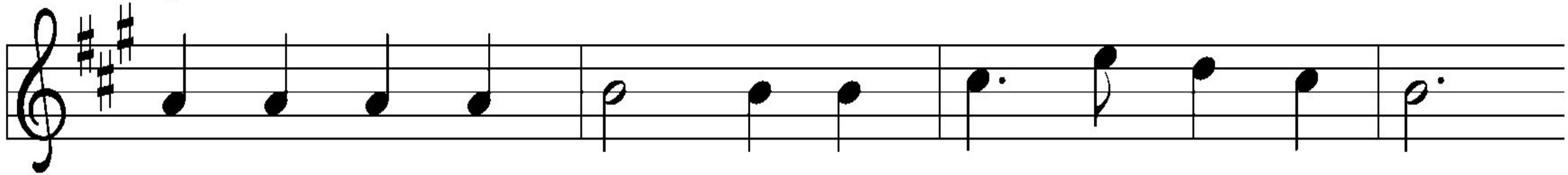


we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,

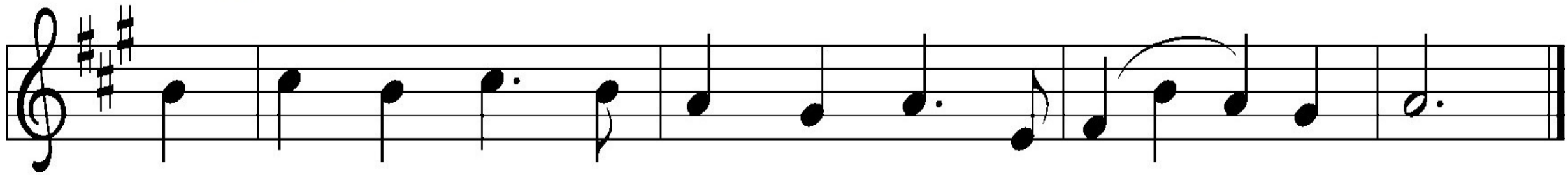


and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

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Postlude