

Second Sunday in Lent

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

March 13, 2022

Prelude

**Aria
Tenaglia**

We welcome Dan MacGregor on the Organ

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

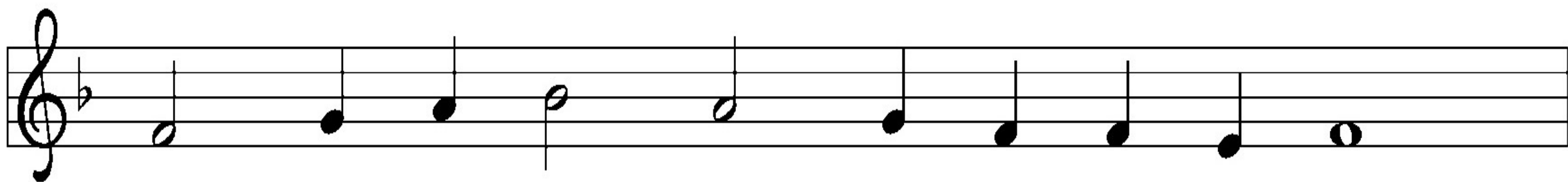
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.

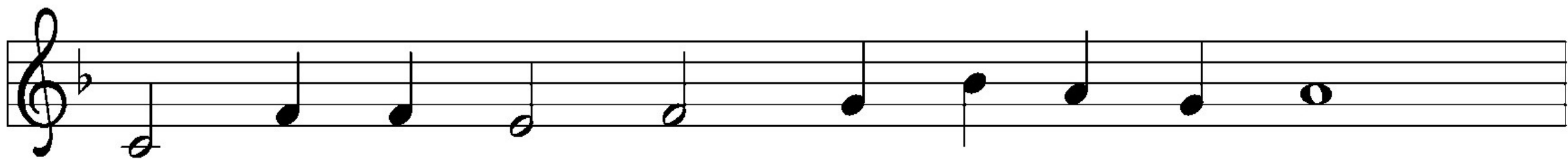
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



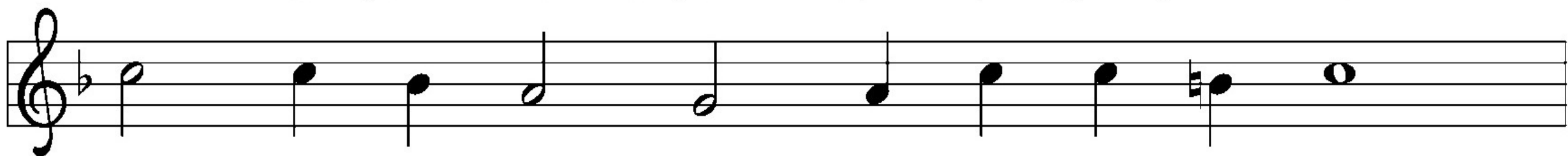
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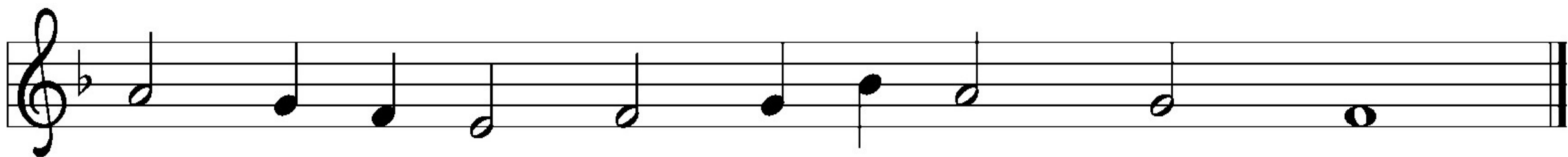
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,



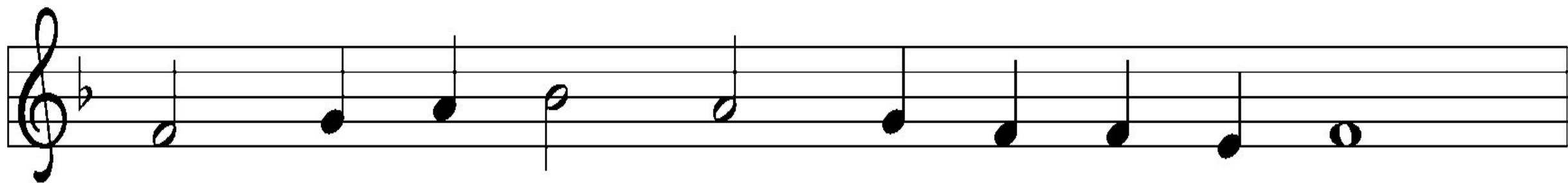
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:



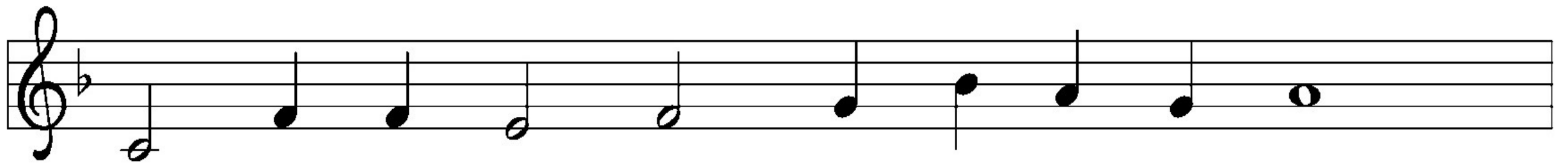
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.



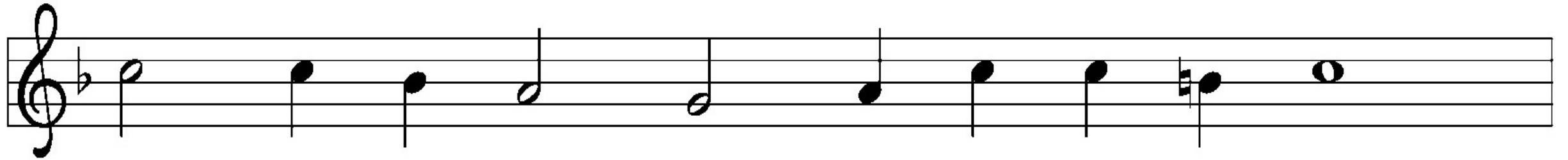
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,



so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,



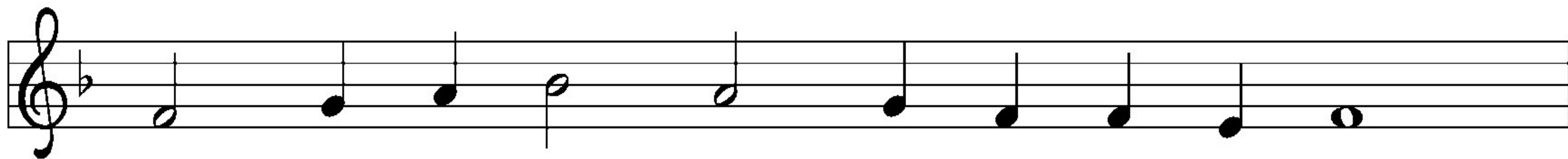
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,



know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:



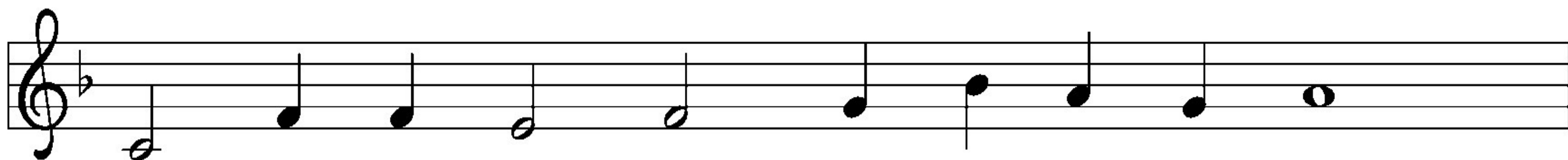
so we are dead and live with you in God.



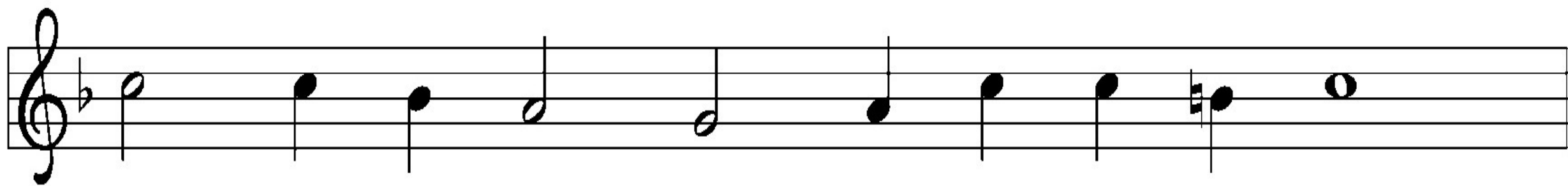
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

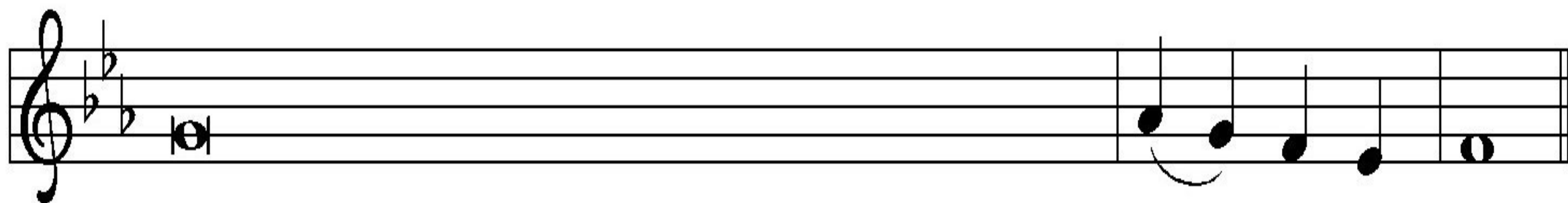
C: And also to you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



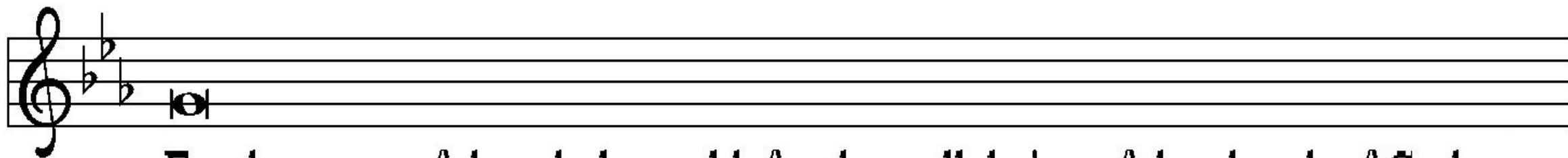
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



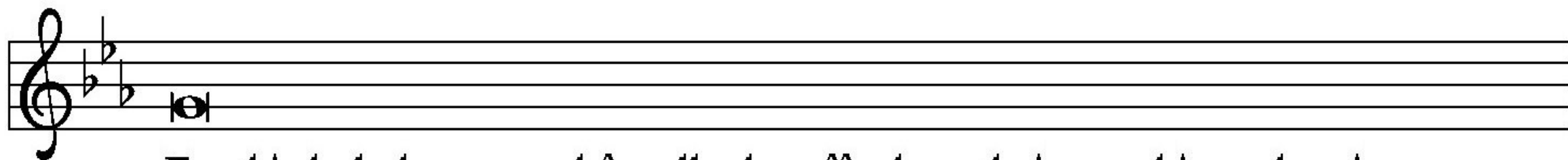
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



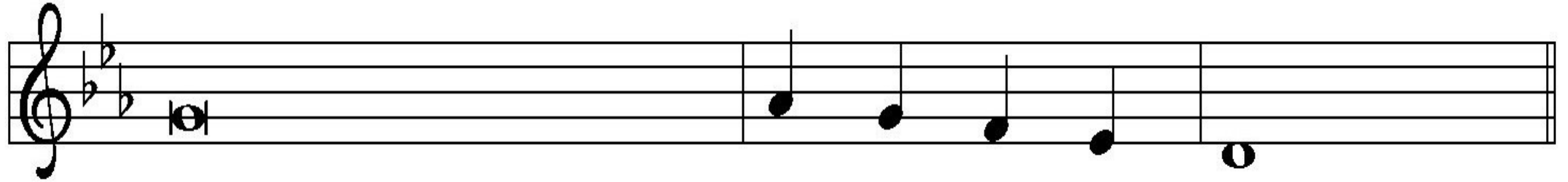
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



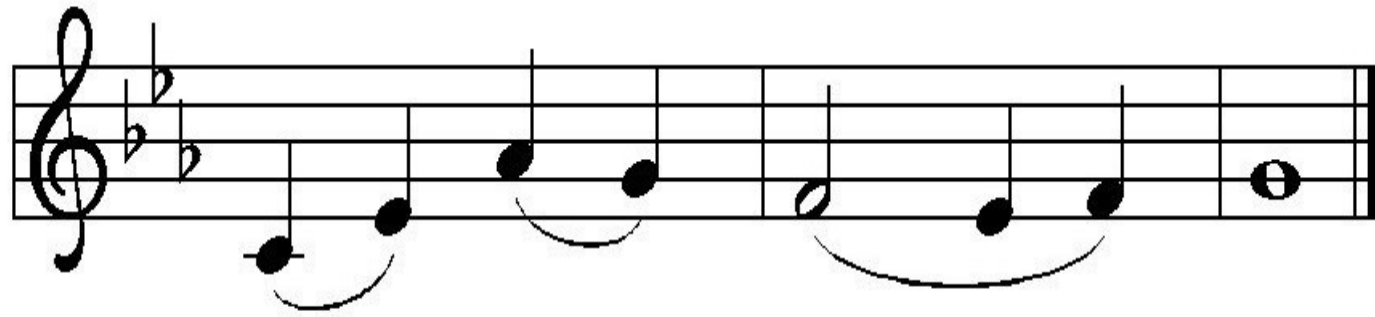
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”

⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

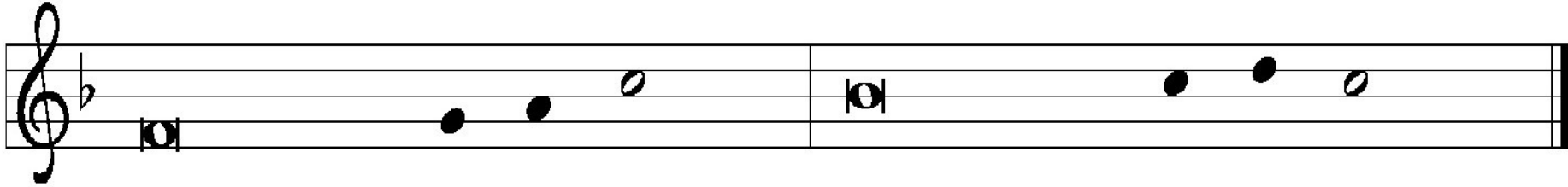
¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27



¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against
me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies,
will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me,
my trust will | not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD;
one | thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD
and to seek God | in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- | on a rock.

**⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my
enemies | who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the
sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your
message—— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from
your ser- | vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and
my moth- | er forsake me,
the LORD will | take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your | way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path,
because of | my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will | of my foes,
for they rise up against me,
false witnesses | breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the
goodness | of the LORD
in the land | of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD | and be strong.
Take heart and wait | for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

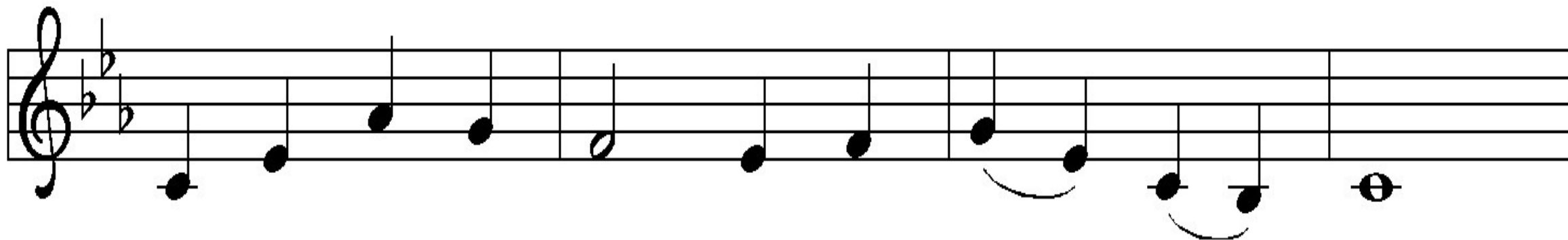
¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

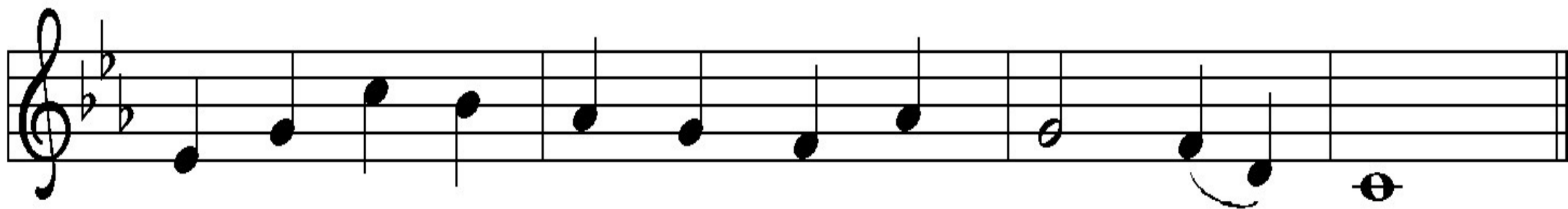
Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as you are able



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’”

³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Purpose, Mission, Vision, Values

Historically, Lent has been a time of instruction for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Many Lutherans around the world, including St. Peter's, have reviewed the basics of our faith by using The Small Catechism of Martin Luther during the season of Lent.





This Lent, as we emerge from COVID-19, we will explore the **Purpose, Mission, Vision, and Values** of St. Peter's, as we grow into our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Today, we explore the mission of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

What is mission?

Mission is the work of disciples who have been called into God's purpose.



What is the mission of St.
Peter's Lutheran Church?

It is our mission to:
Grow Grace
Live Hope
Serve Love



What is grace?

**Grace is the free
unexpected, undeserved,
unearned, and
unaffordable gift of
salvation given to us by
God.**



What does Scripture say to us about Grace?

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

This is most certainly true.

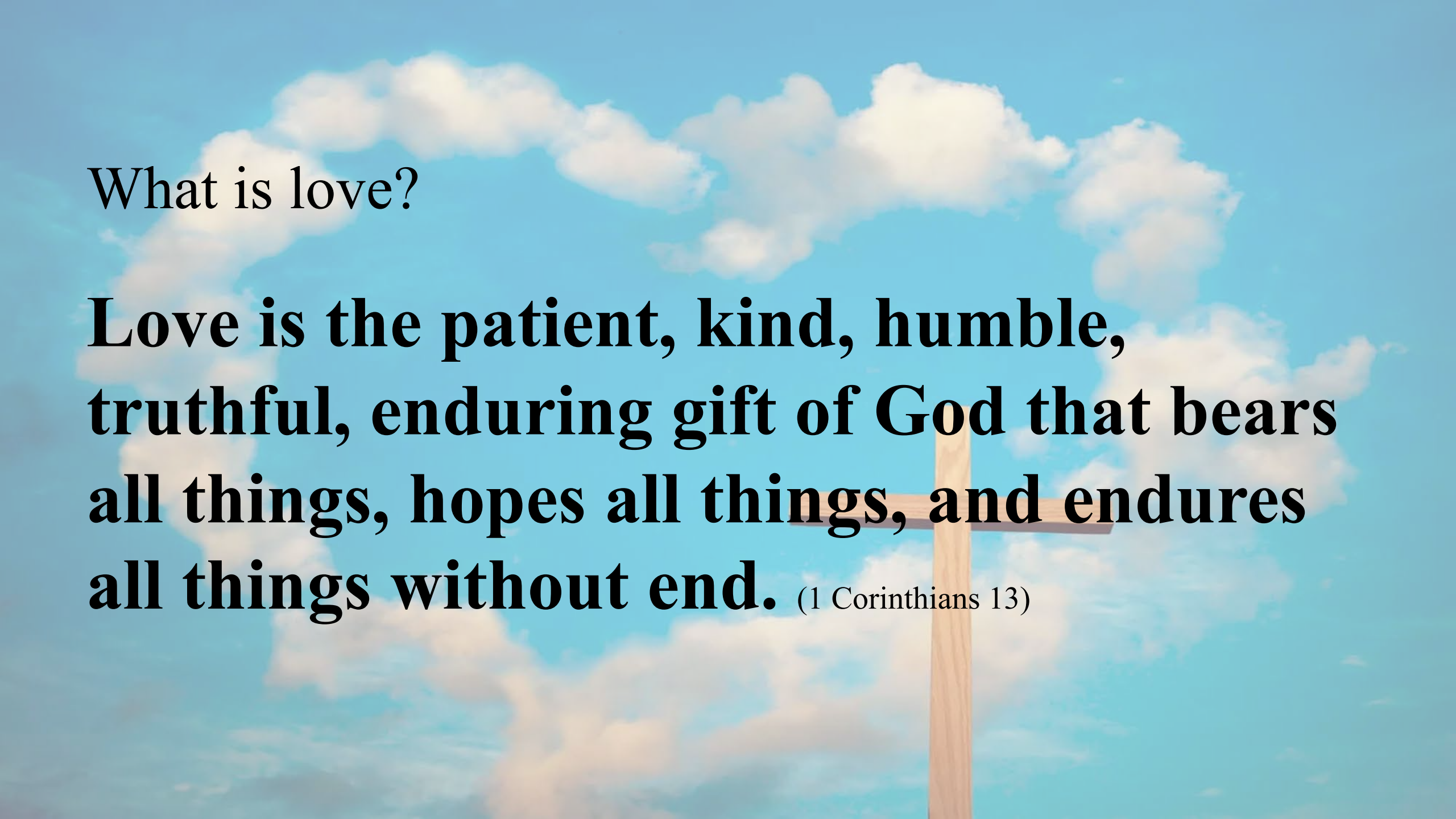
What is hope?

Hope is the faith that in all things, all times, all challenges, all joys, all sorrows, and all celebrations hope lives in us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What does Scripture say to us about hope?

According to [God's] great mercy, [God] has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.... (1 Peter 1:3-7)

This is most certainly true.

A wooden cross is positioned vertically in the center of the frame, extending from the bottom edge towards the top. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is partially obscured by the text.

What is love?

**Love is the patient, kind, humble,
truthful, enduring gift of God that bears
all things, hopes all things, and endures
all things without end.** (1 Corinthians 13)

What more does Scripture say about love?

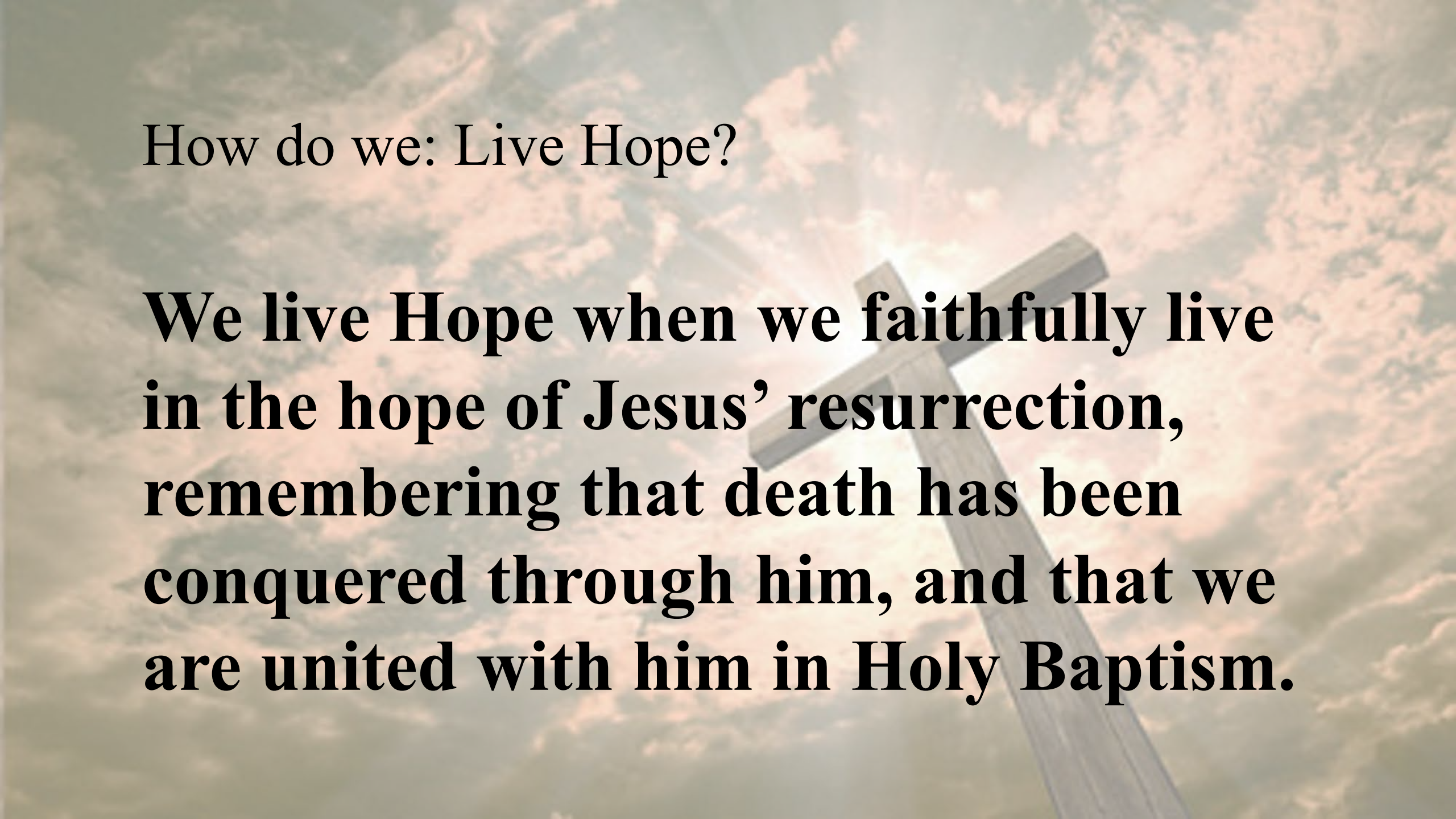
“... because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God...for God is love... if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.” (1 John 4:7; 8b; 12b)

This is most certainly true.

A pair of hands, palms up, holding a bright red heart. The hands are light-skinned and the background is a soft, out-of-focus white. The heart is positioned in the center of the palms, slightly overlapping the fingers.

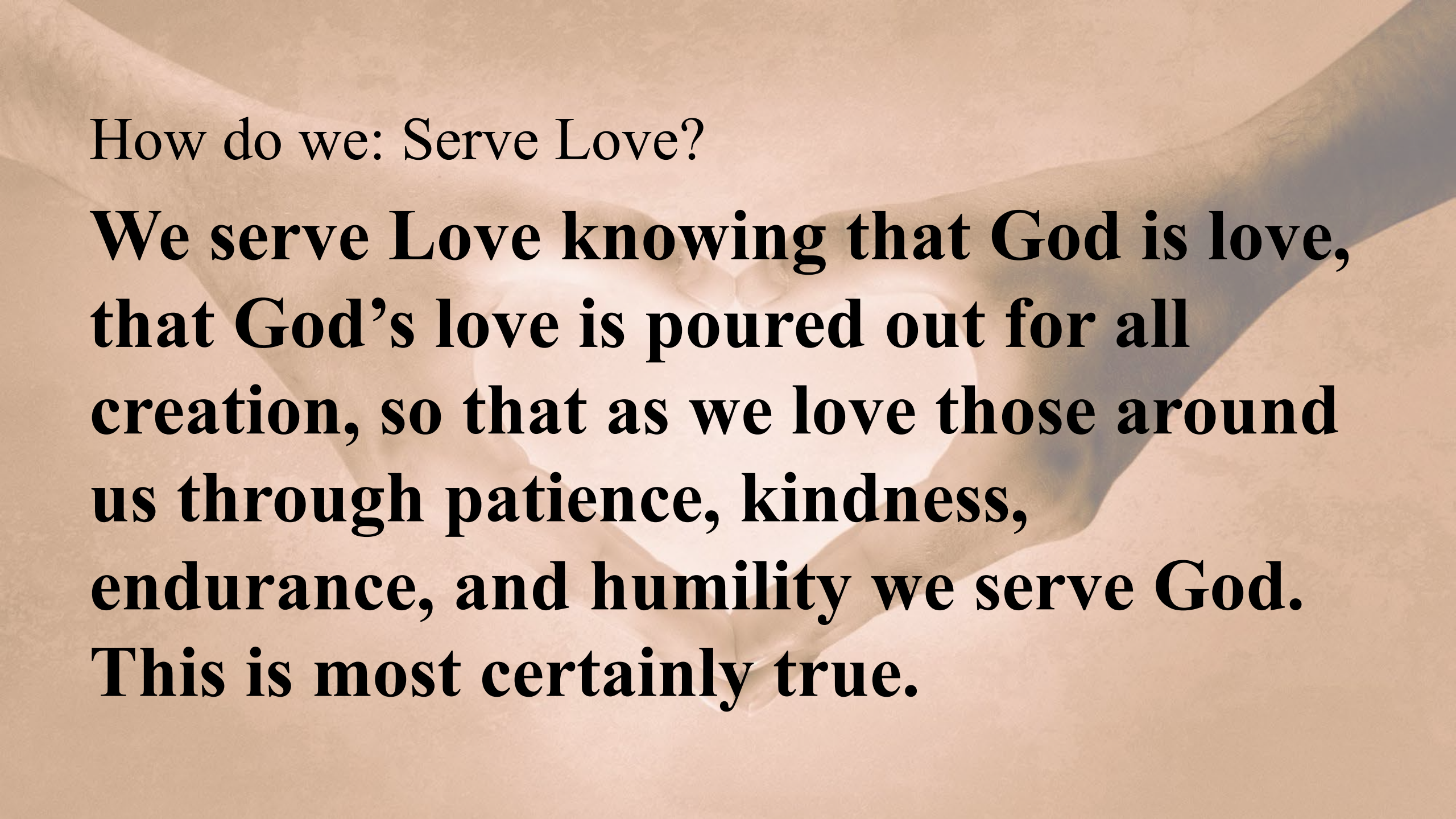
How do we: Grow Grace?

We grow Grace when we forgive as we have been forgiven, love as Jesus loves us, live in peace with our neighbor, and seek God's blessing for all persons regardless of merit or offense.

A wooden cross is positioned diagonally across the frame, set against a background of a sunset sky with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams.

How do we: Live Hope?

We live Hope when we faithfully live in the hope of Jesus' resurrection, remembering that death has been conquered through him, and that we are united with him in Holy Baptism.

A background image showing several hands of different skin tones cupping a glowing heart in the center. The hands are positioned around the heart, with fingers slightly curled, creating a sense of care and protection. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

How do we: Serve Love?

We serve Love knowing that God is love, that God's love is poured out for all creation, so that as we love those around us through patience, kindness, endurance, and humility we serve God. This is most certainly true.

O God, You Search Me



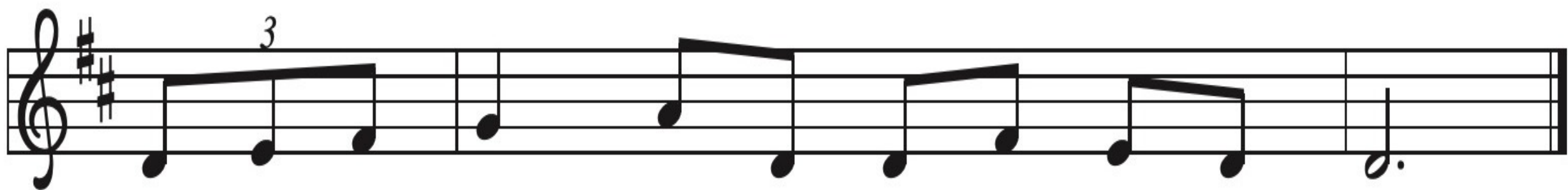
1 O God, you search me and you know me.



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.



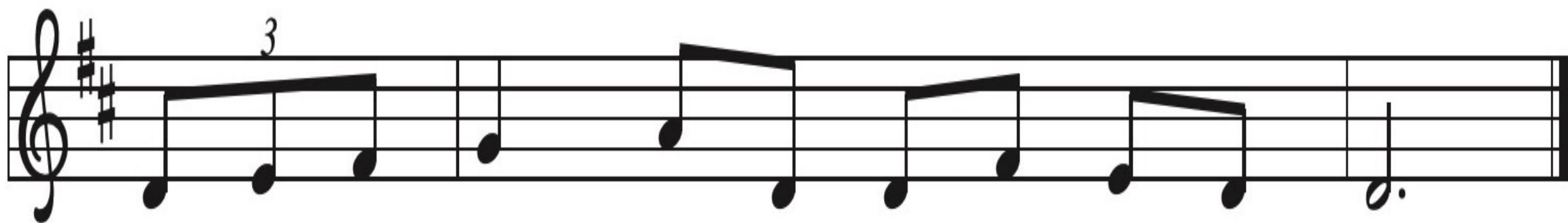
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.



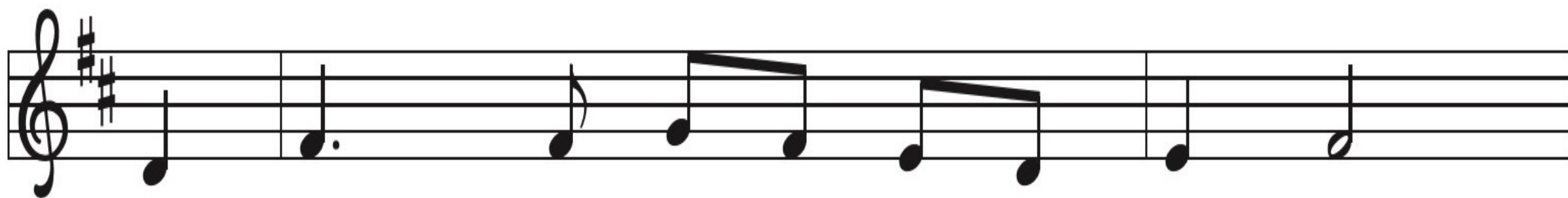
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,



and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:



in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.



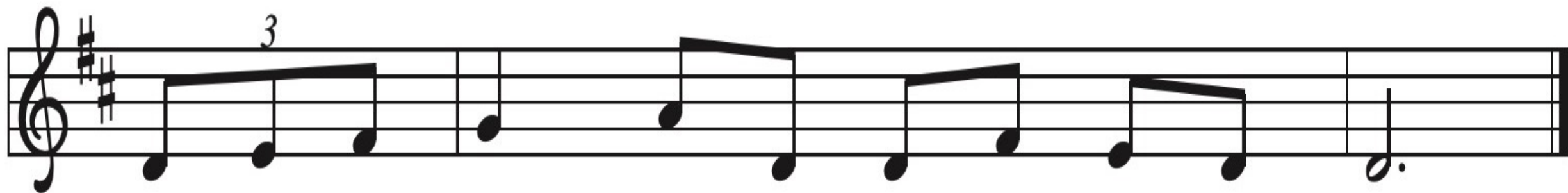
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,



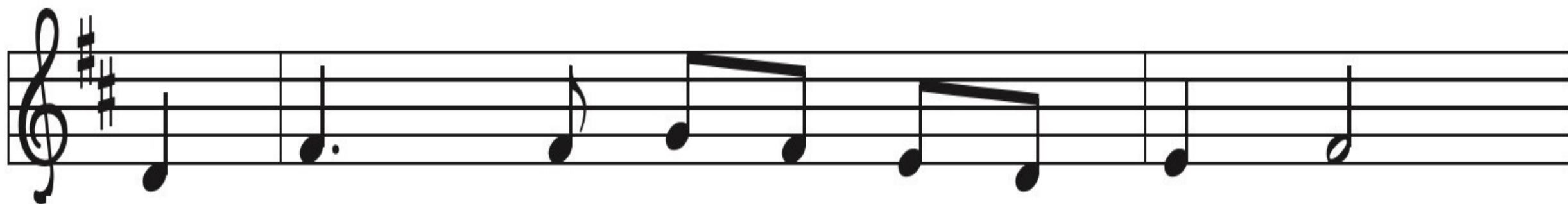
you have known its mean - ing through and through.



You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:



God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.



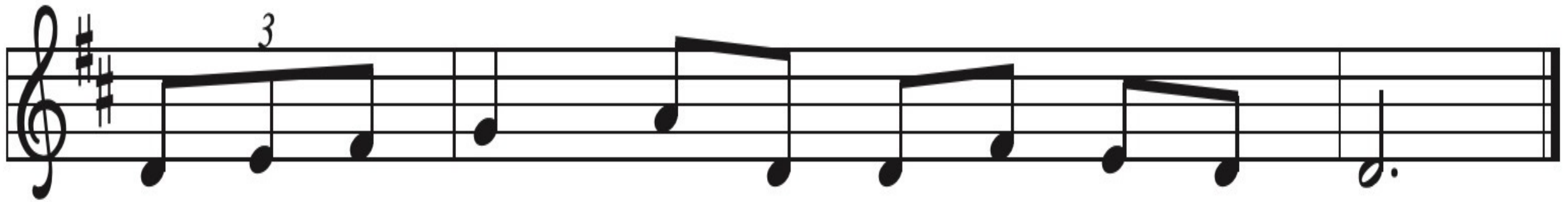
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,



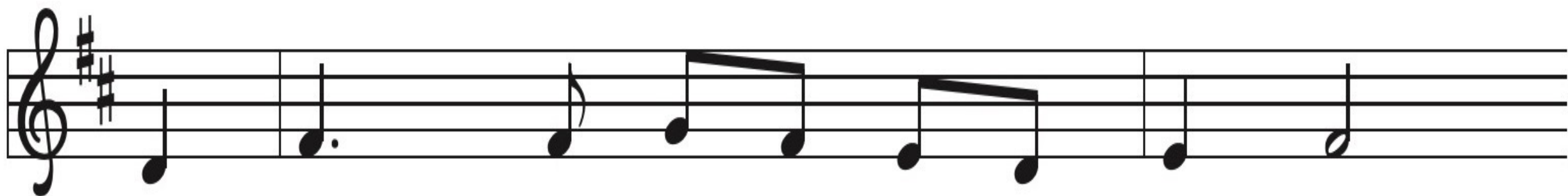
still I search for shel - ter from your light.



There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:



e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.



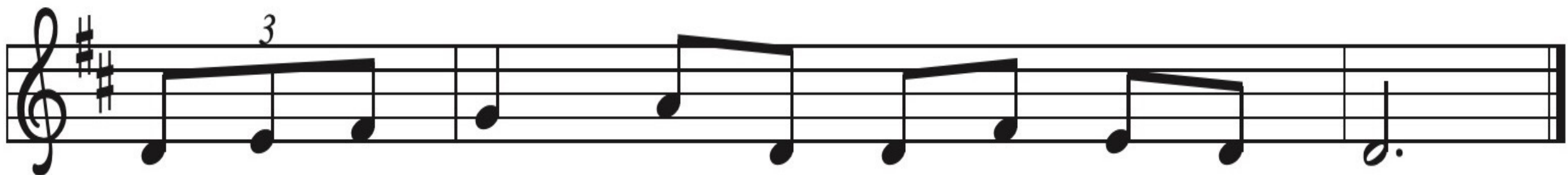
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell

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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 OF INTERCESSION

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P/A: You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You kindle faith that moves us into action.
Guide children and adults preparing for
baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday
school teachers, confirmation leaders, and
parents who share their faith with younger
generations. Give us all a renewed sense of
vocation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: You welcome us into your heavenly realm.
We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf
of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

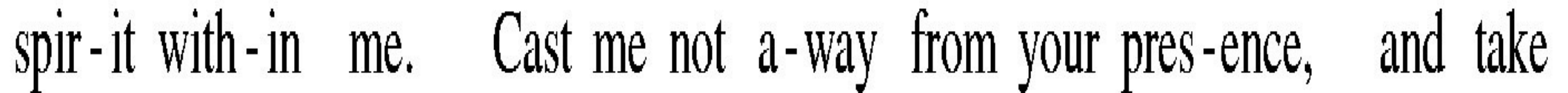
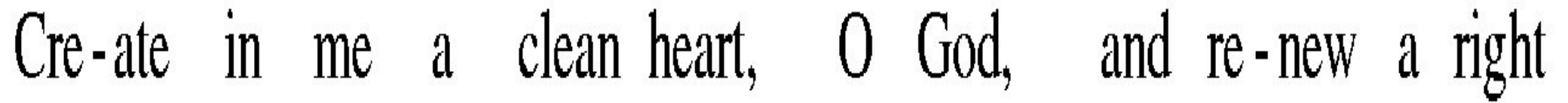
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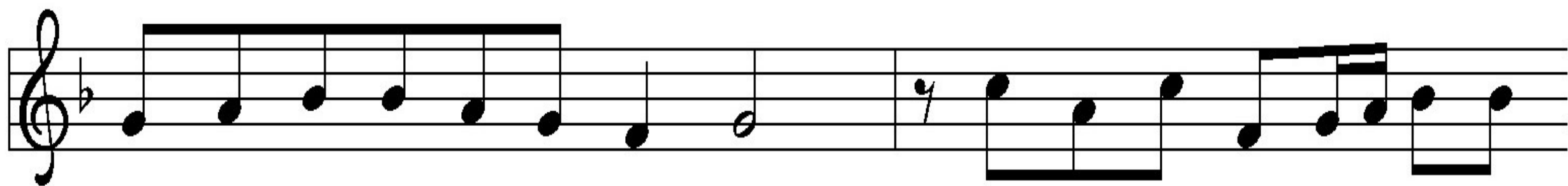
Presentation of the Bread and Wine for the Eucharistic Feast

**Consolation
Hegarty**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song





not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

P/A: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

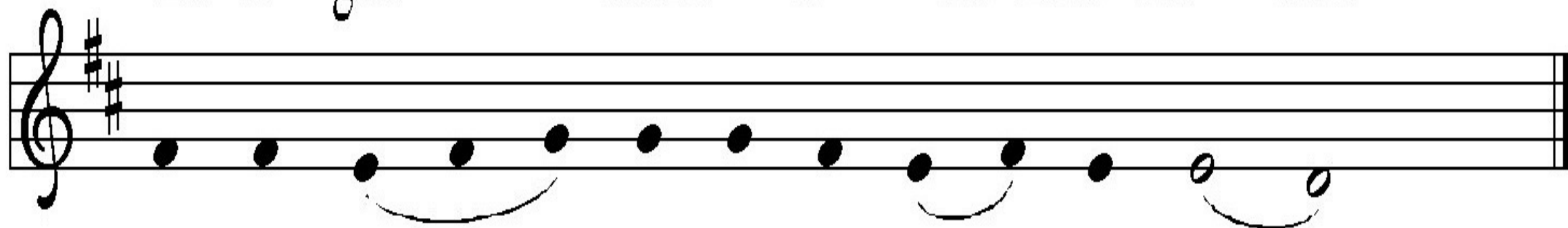
C: Amen.

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.



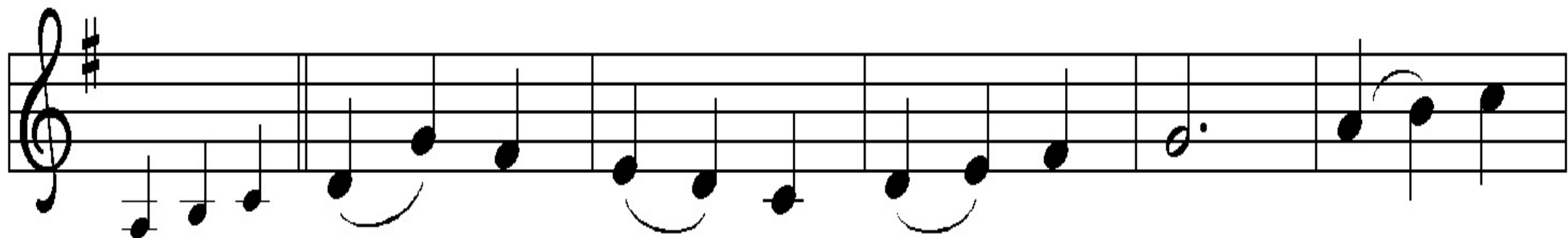
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

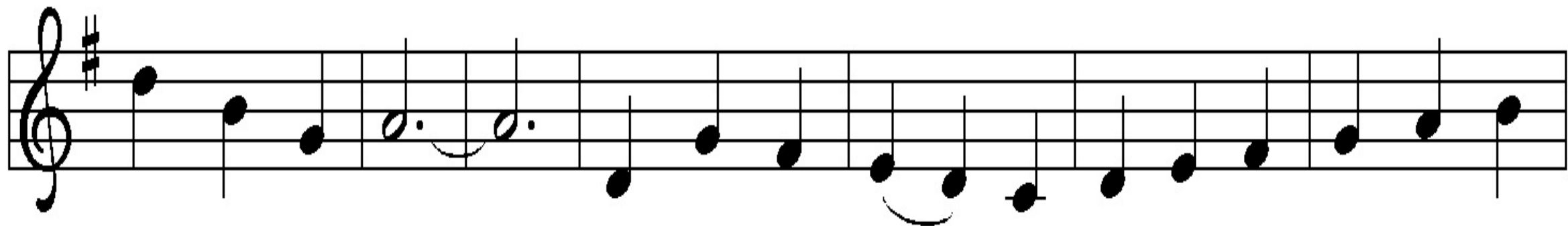
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:

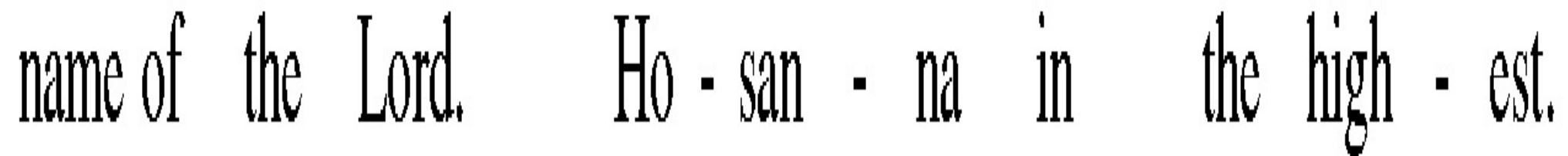
Congregation sings



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving
the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing
the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people
through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus,
your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit
poured out on all nations.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With 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,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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.**

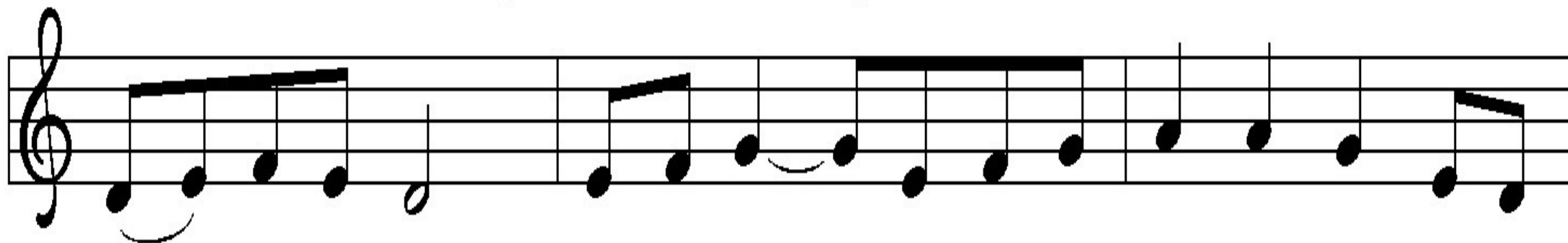
Lamb of God

Assembly may be seated

Congregation – Please 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, grant us peace.

At the Table

Spring Song
Smith

After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

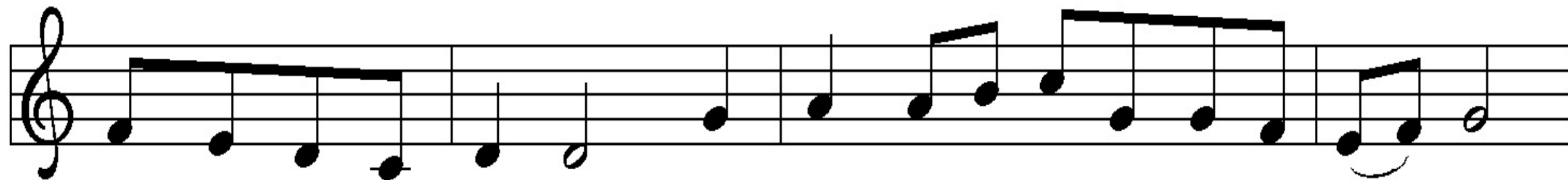
Stand as you are able



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



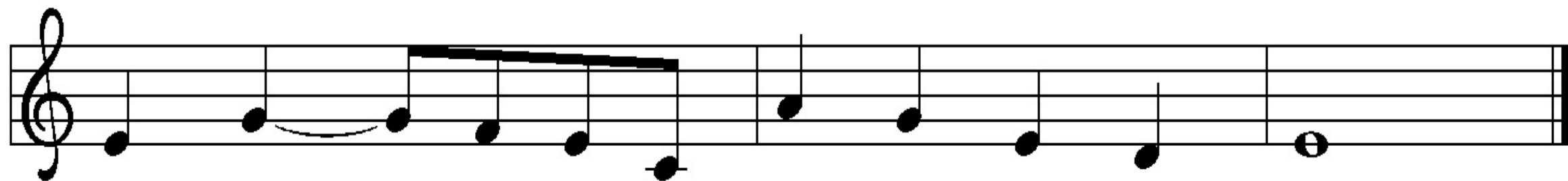
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Stand as you are able

P/A: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

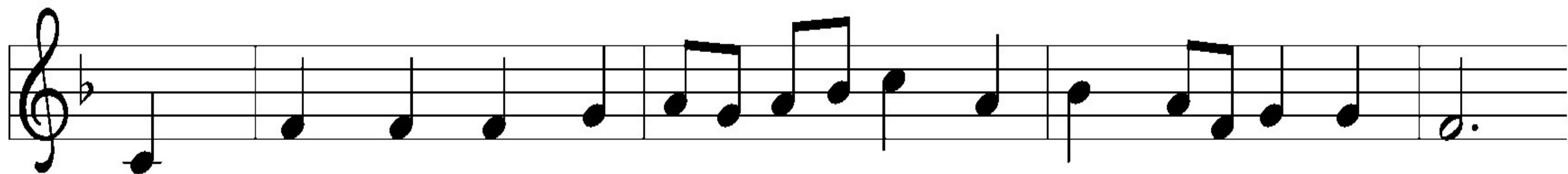
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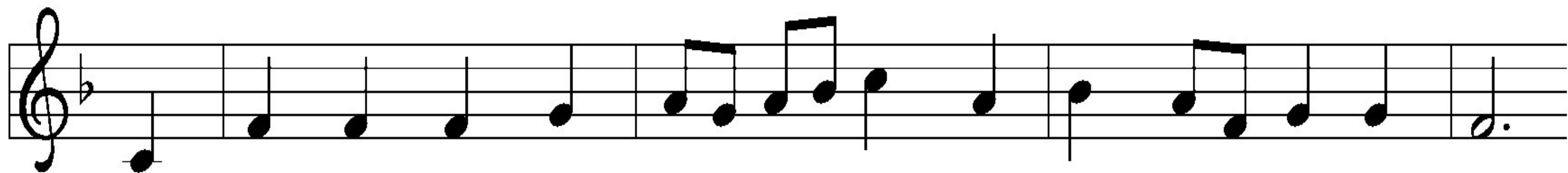
Celebrations

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel



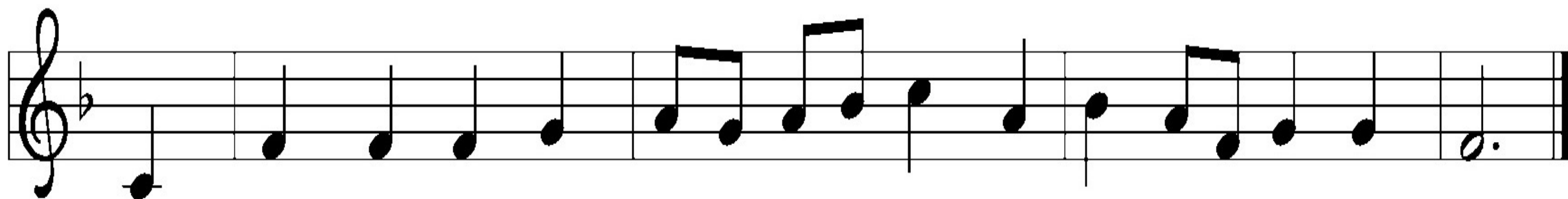
1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free



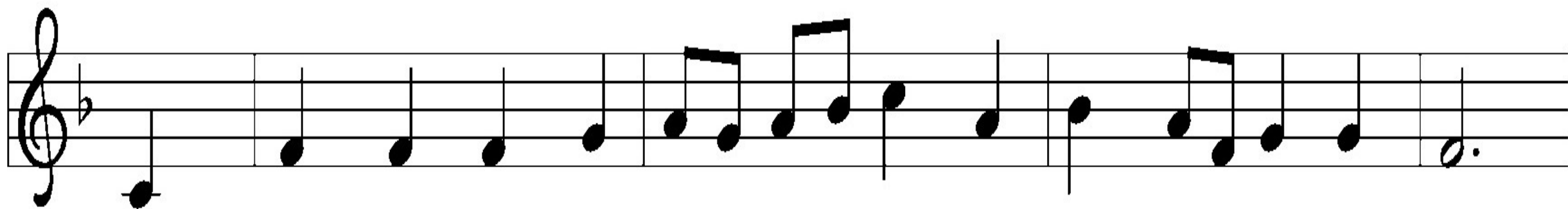
and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.



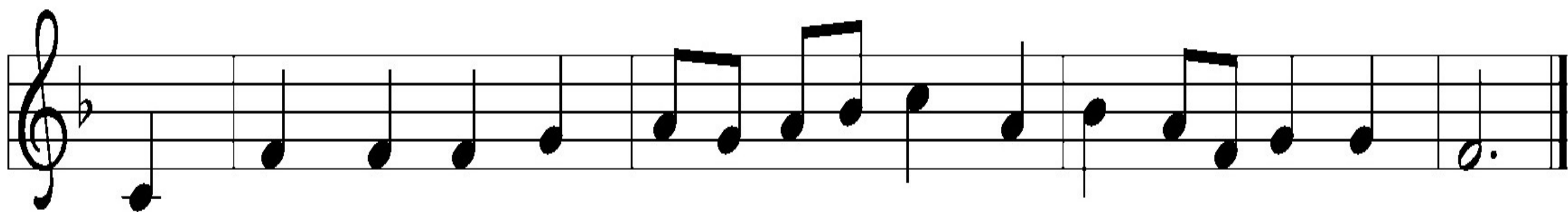
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,



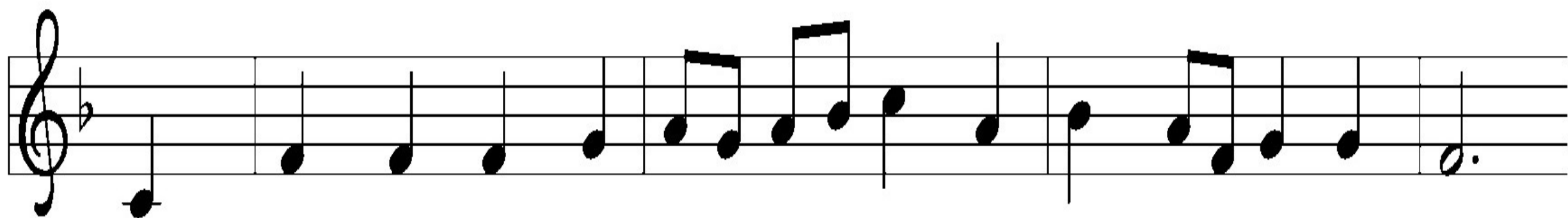
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;



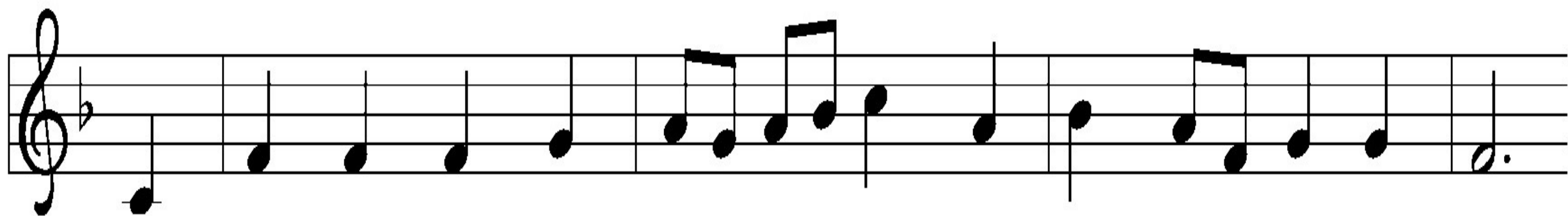
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,



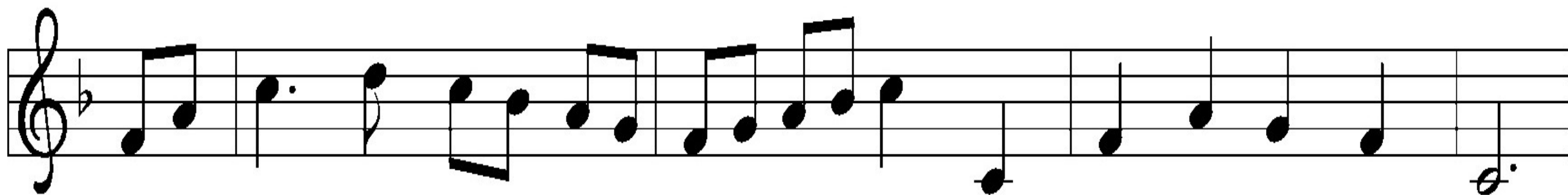
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.



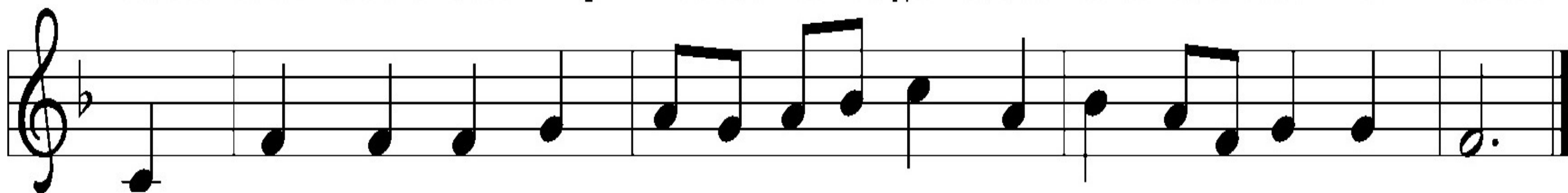
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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P: Go in Peace
Grow in Grace
Serve in Love!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

It Is Well with My Soul
Bliss/Rogers