

Third Sunday in Lent

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

March 20, 2022

Prelude

**We welcome Eileen Kramer this morning as
part of our Worship Team.**

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,

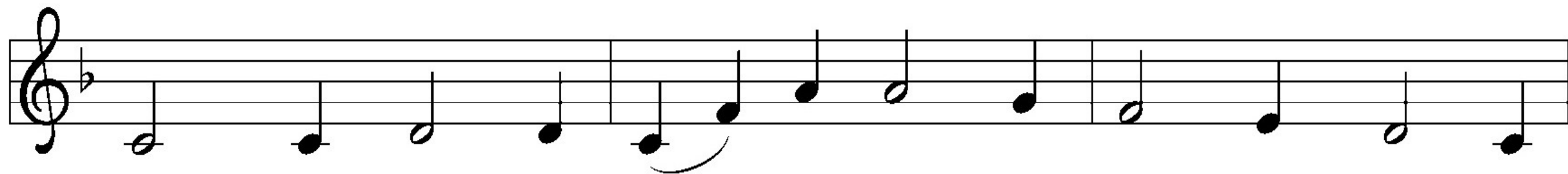
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**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.**

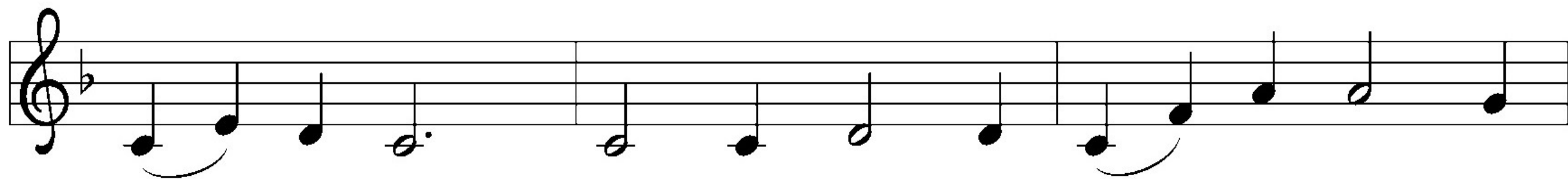
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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

C: Amen.

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



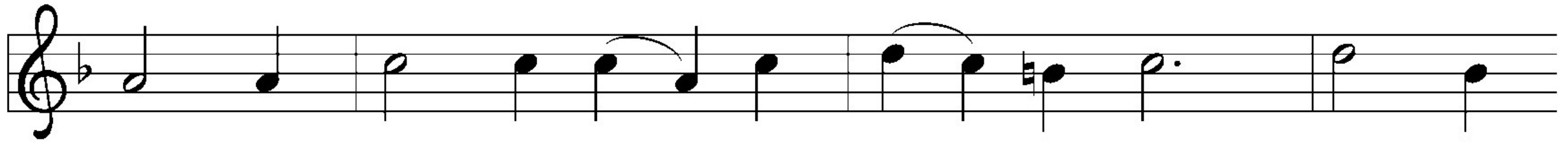
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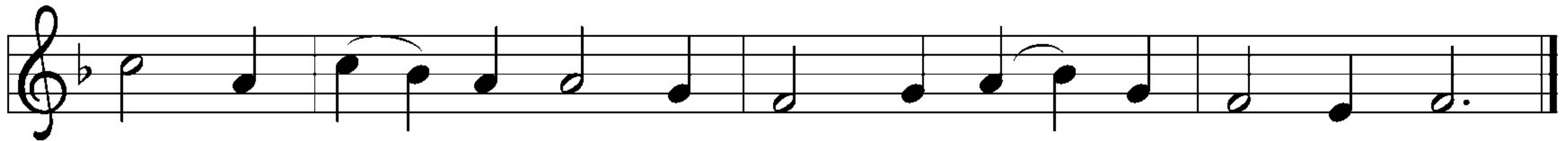
of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken



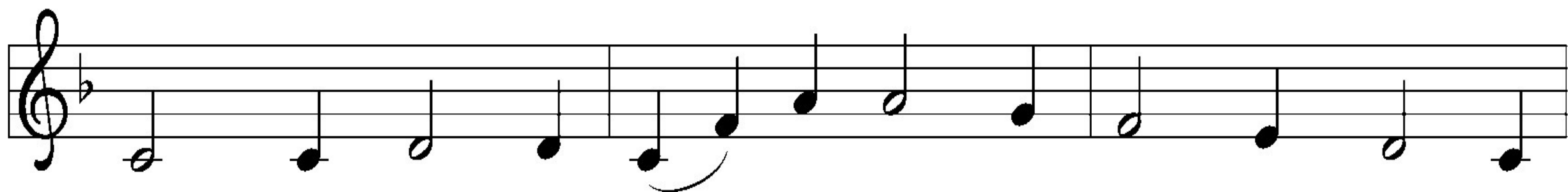
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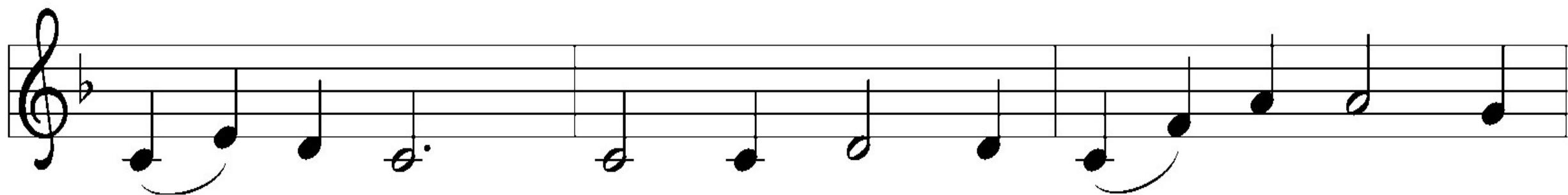
found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -



va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes.



2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -



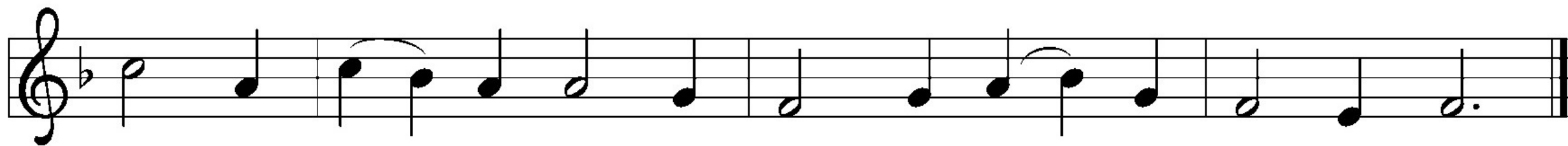
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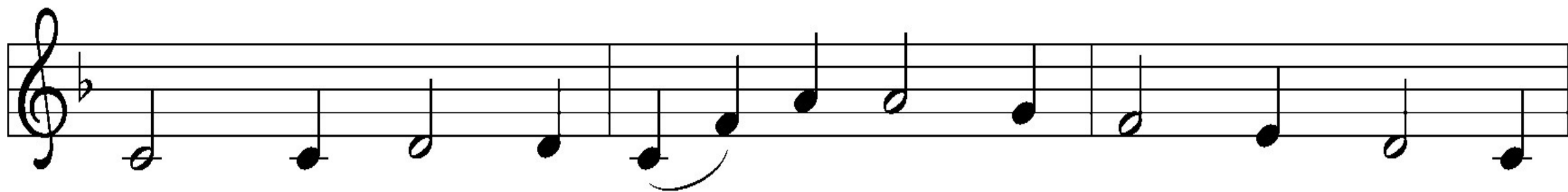
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a



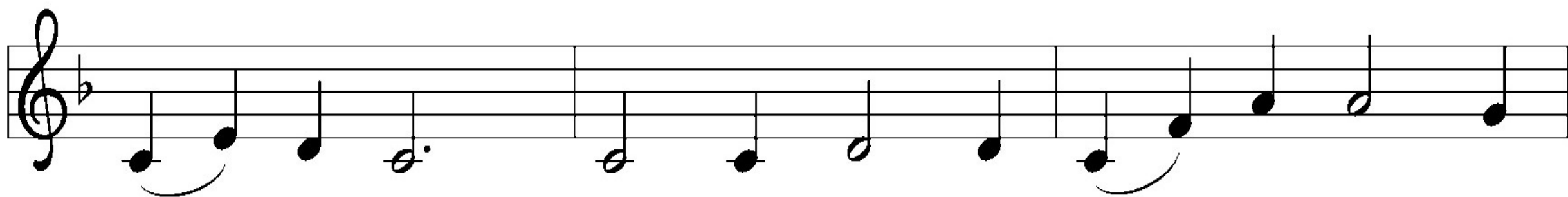
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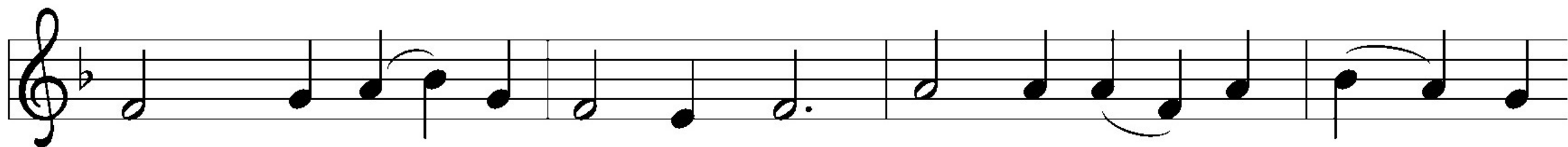
like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



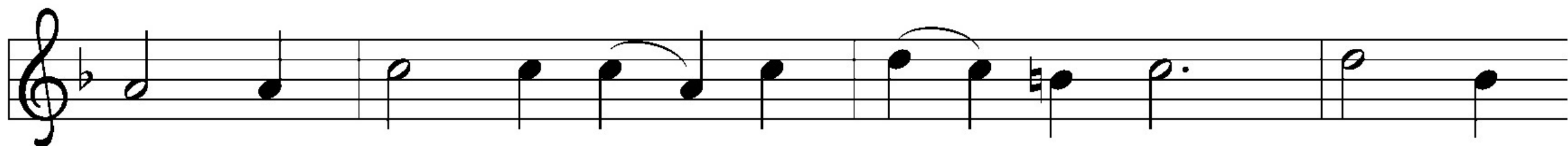
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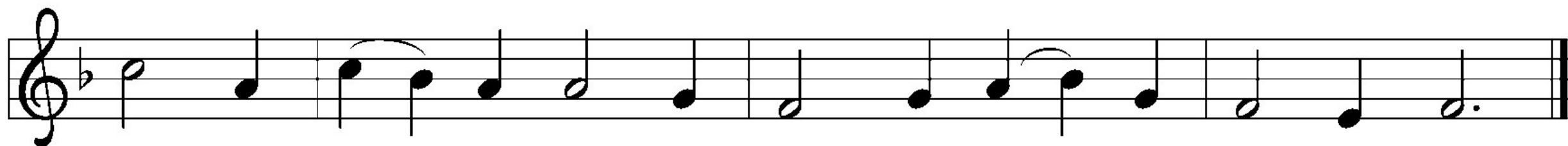
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,



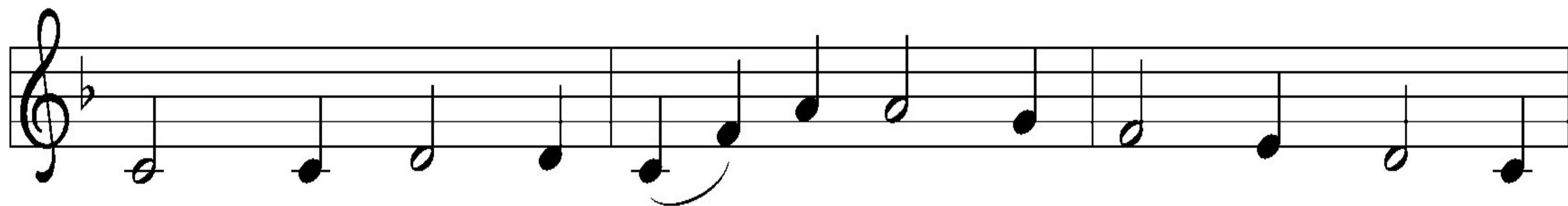
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their



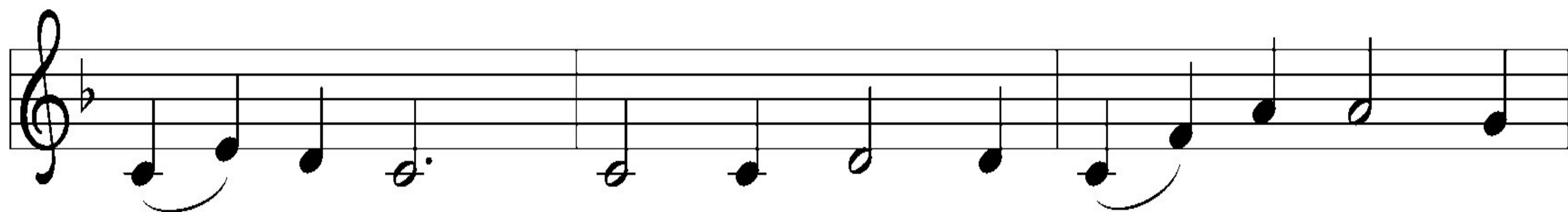
ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they



feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.



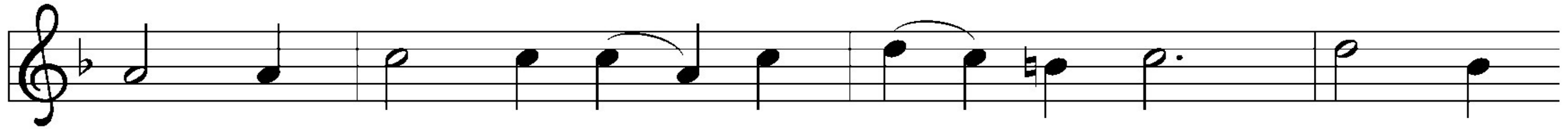
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain



plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id



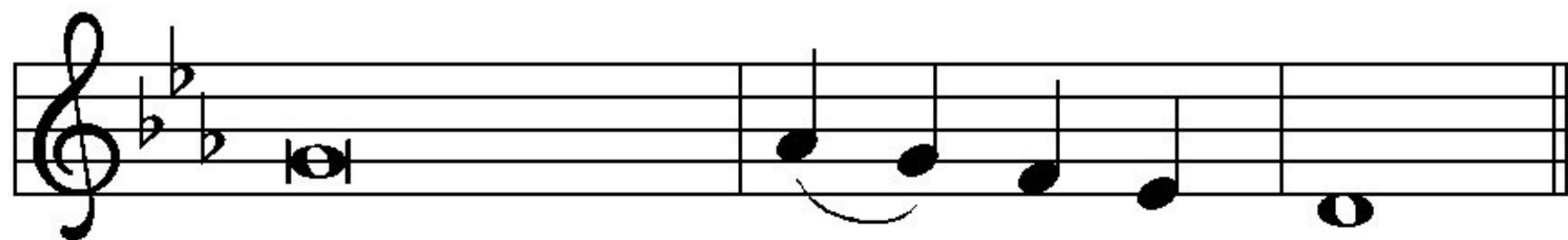
joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands, 1860–1937

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

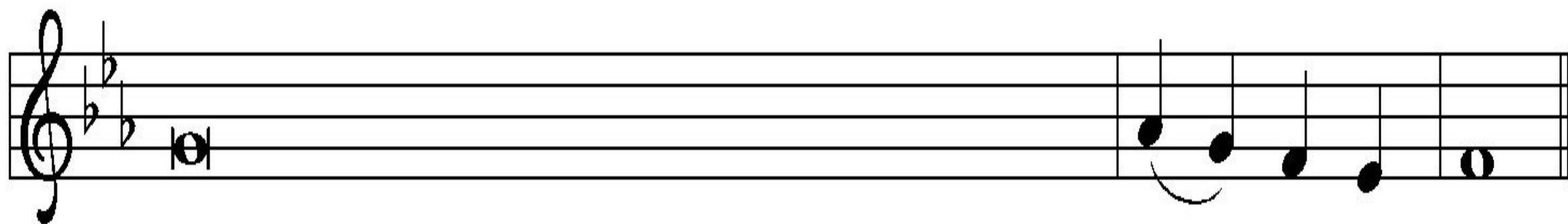
C: And also to you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



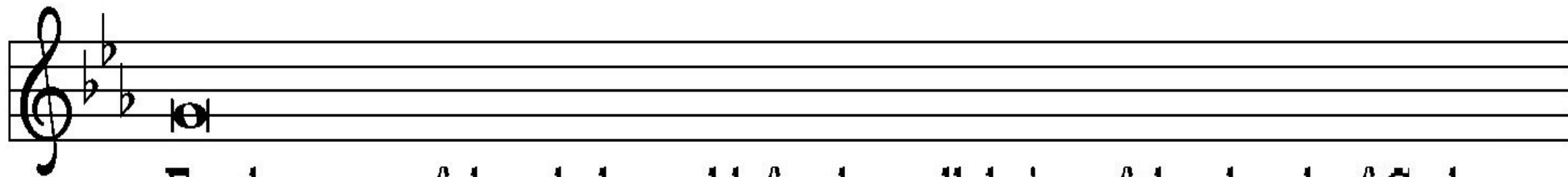
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



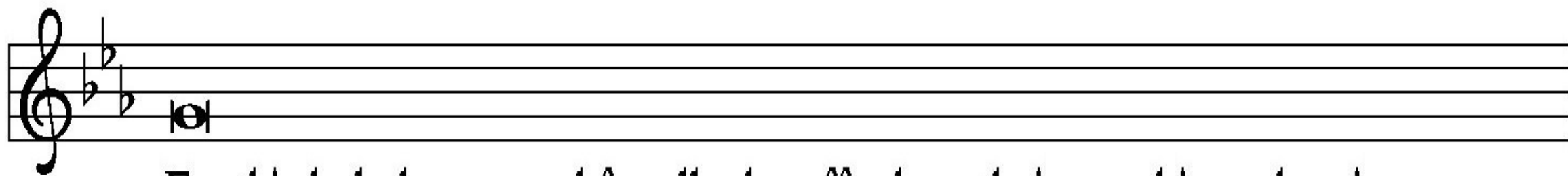
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



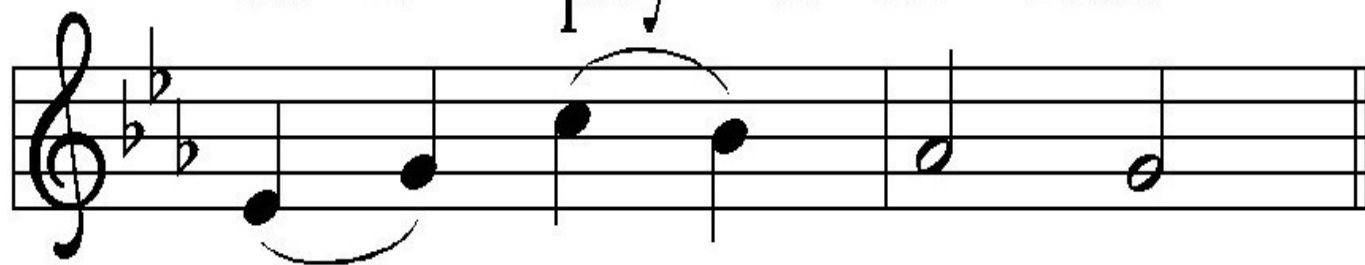
Lord, have mer - cy.



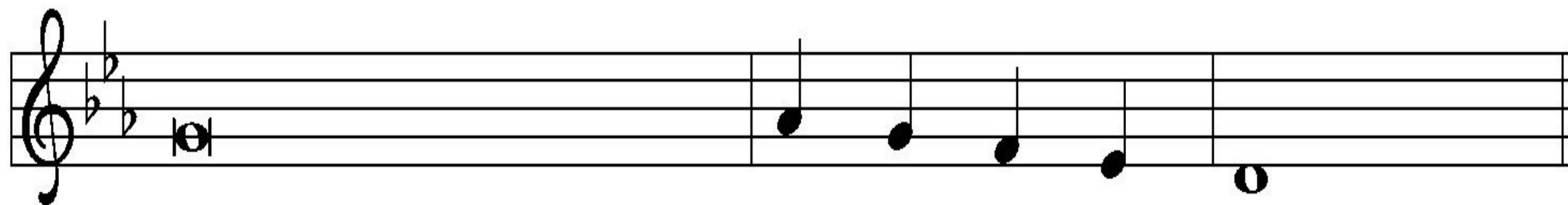
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



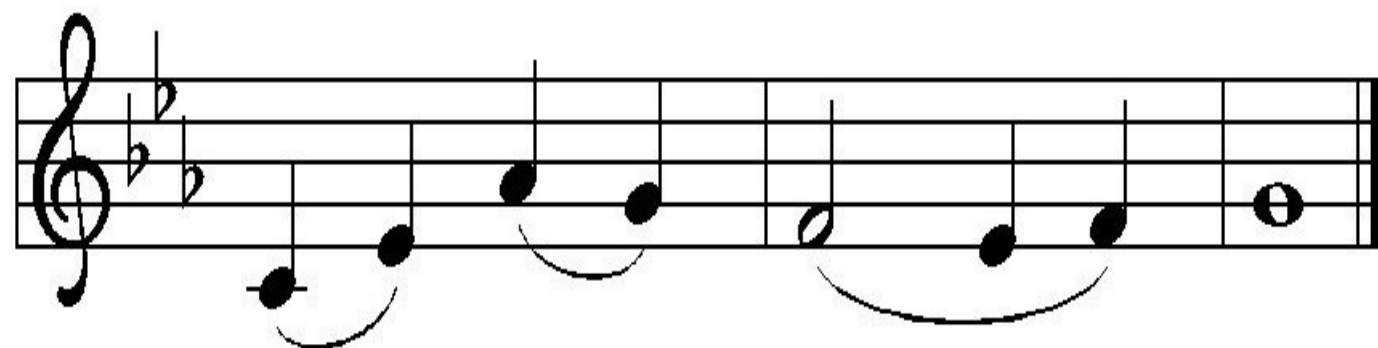
let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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: ISAIAH 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you.

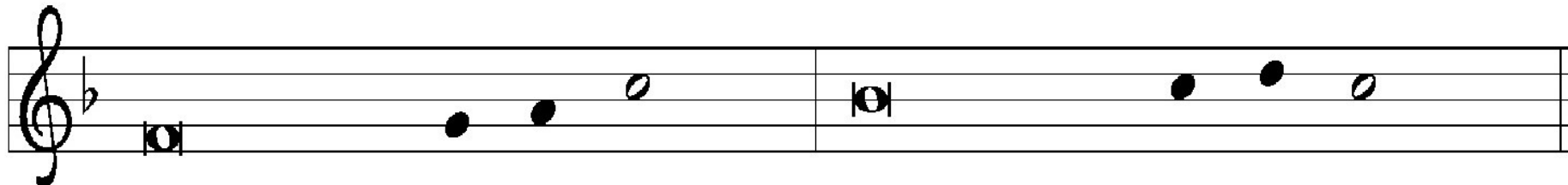
⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have
mercy on them, and to our God, for he will
abundantly pardon.

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8



¹ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there | is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed
upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and
your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

**6 when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night
watches.**

**7 For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.**

**8 My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the

spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.”

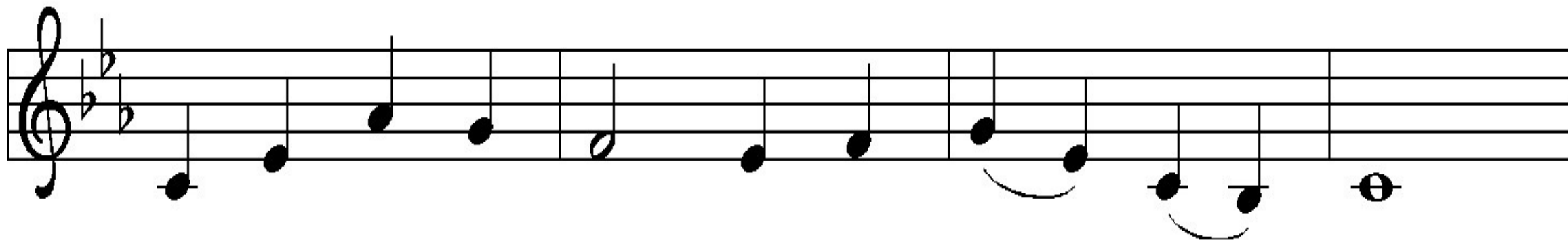
⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

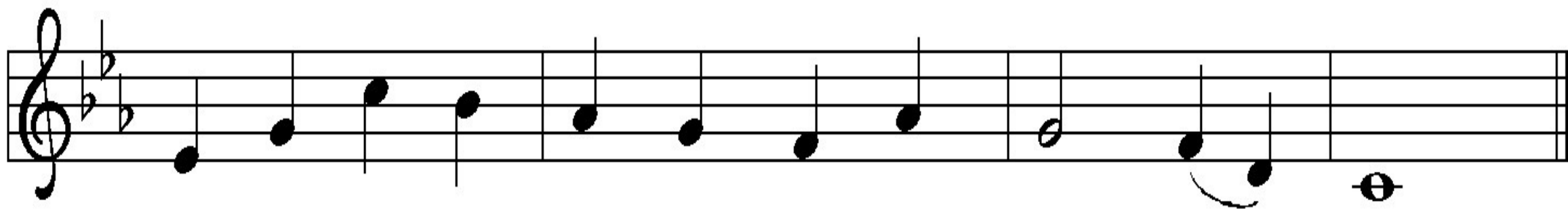
Word of God, word of life.

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 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

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 Vision?

A person in a dark suit and white shirt is looking through a large telescope. The telescope is silver and black, and the person's face is partially visible through the eyepiece. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Vision is what the
future looks like
when a congregation
lives its purpose and
works together in
mission.**

A photograph of the interior of a church, showing a high, vaulted wooden ceiling with exposed beams and several hanging lanterns. People are seated in wooden pews, facing the front of the church. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be overlaid.

What is the Vision of St. Peter's?

It is our Vision that: *That all may encounter Jesus in who we are and in all that we do.*



How is Jesus encountered
in us?

**They encounter Jesus
when we gather for
worship and as we scatter
into the community,
sharing his love and
forgiveness in the way we
treat others.**



What does Scripture say about encountering Jesus?

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all . . . that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. . .



...²⁰Therefore, we are
ambassadors for Christ, God
making his appeal through us.

(2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 20a)

This is most certainly true.

As the Deer Runs to the River

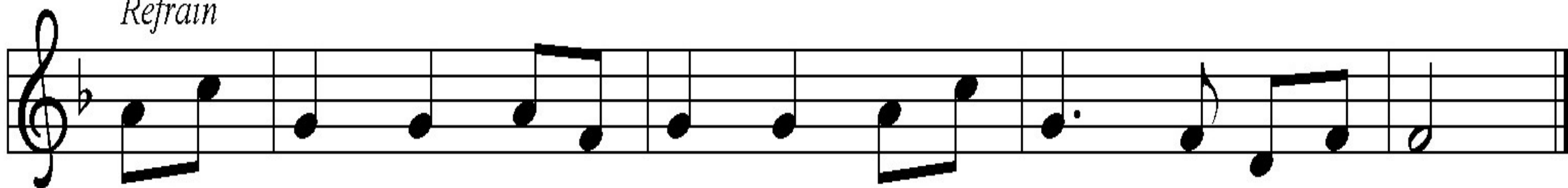


1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,

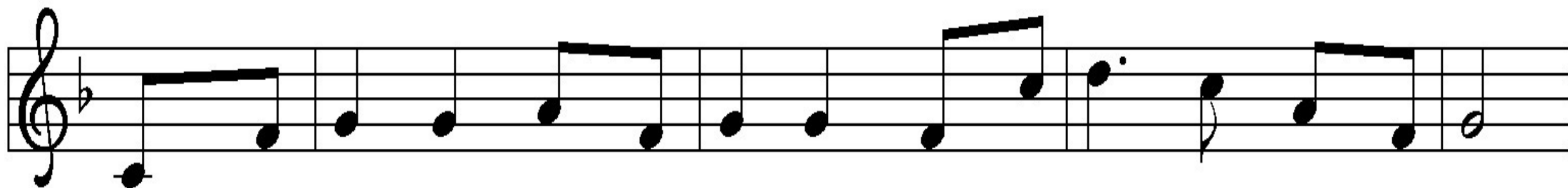


we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.

Refrain



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

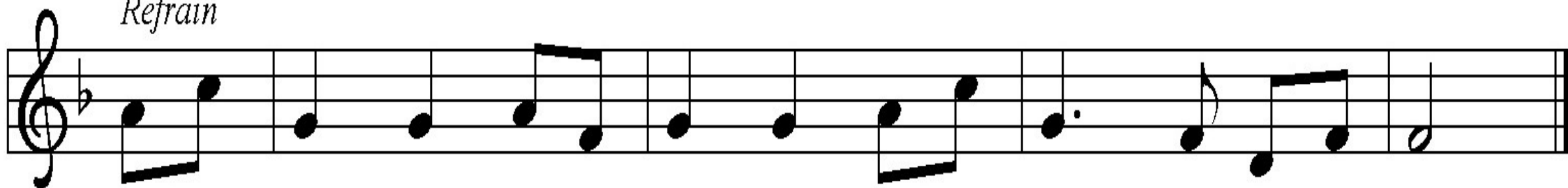


2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,

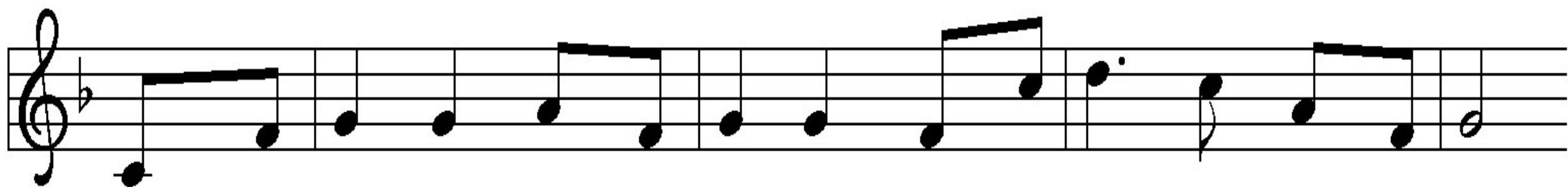


Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.

Refrain



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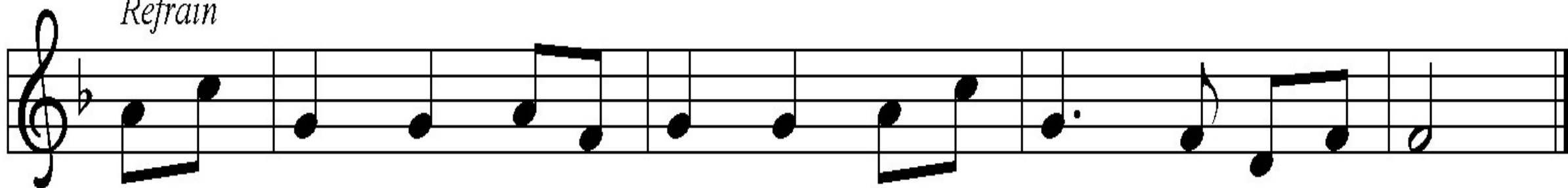


3 “Come and drink,” I - sa - iah sum-moned, “all who for God’s mer - cy plead!



God’s for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need.”

Refrain



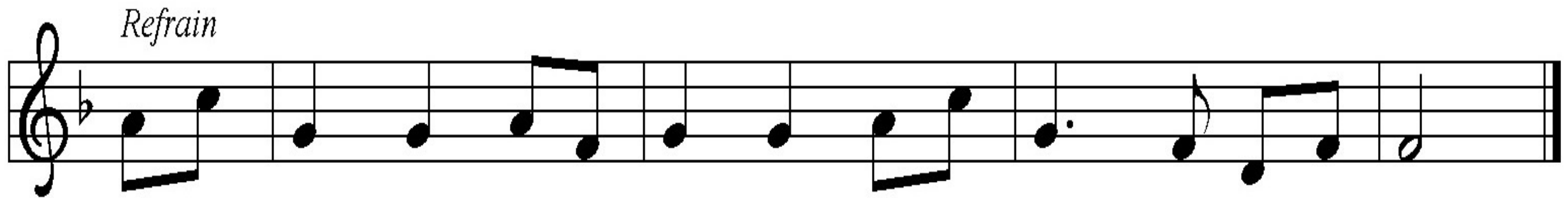
Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!



4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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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: We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change.
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P/A: For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society.
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: For the advocacy efforts of this
congregation: for those whose faith leads
them to speak difficult truths and engage in
difficult conversations with policymakers;
for those who promote mercy over
vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names* and) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

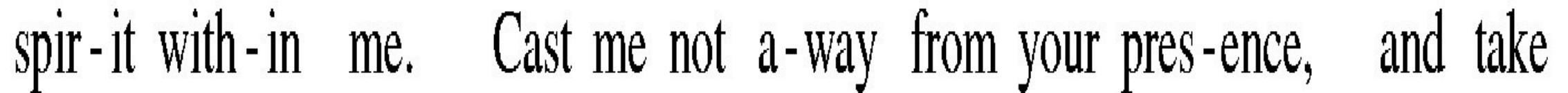
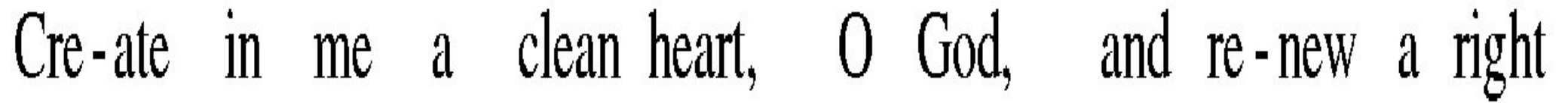
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

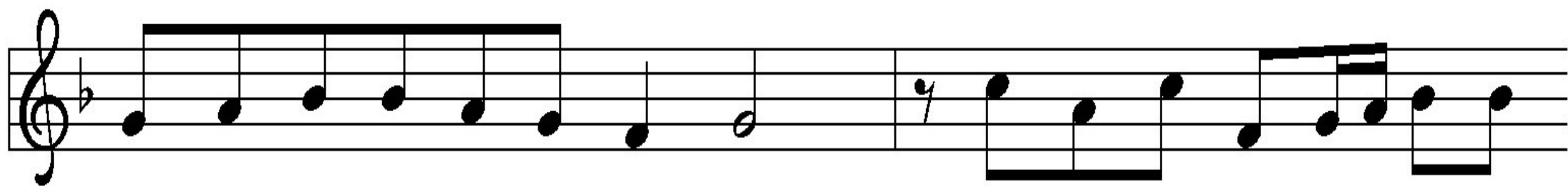
The assembly is seated.

Presentation of the Bread and Wine for the Eucharistic Feast

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

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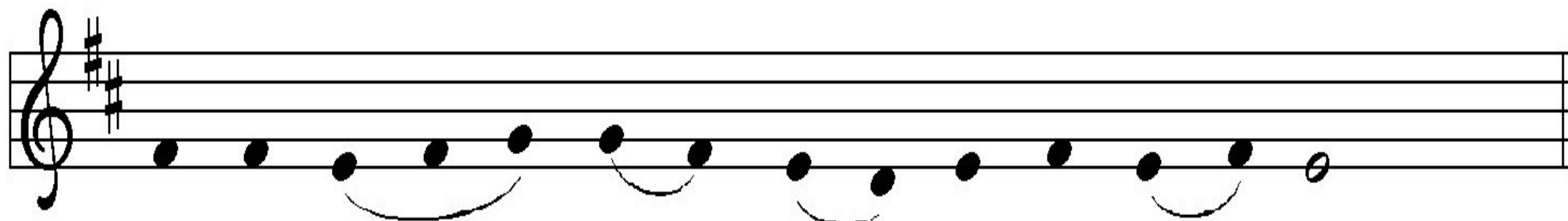
P/A: Let us pray.

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.

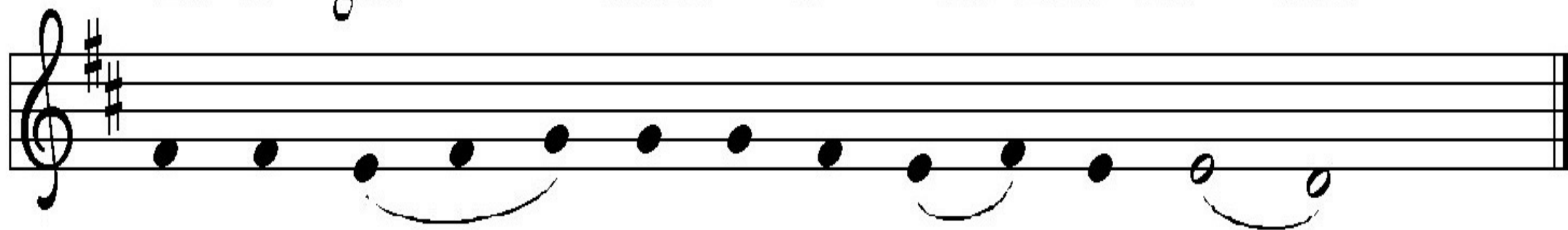
C: Amen.

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.



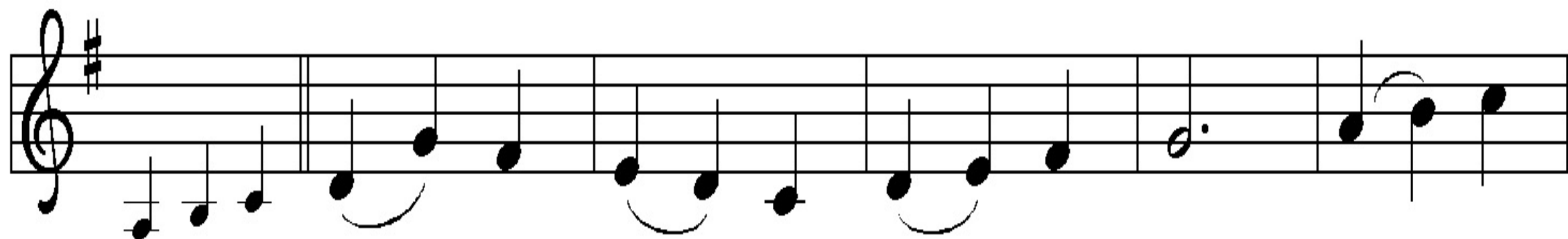
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

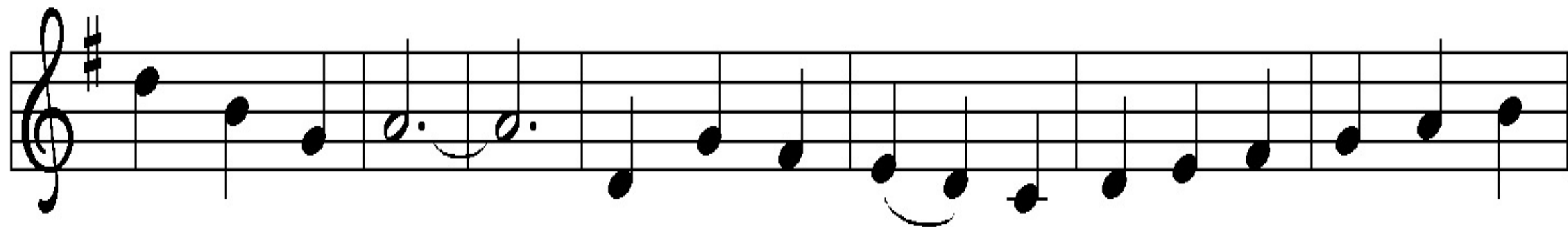
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:

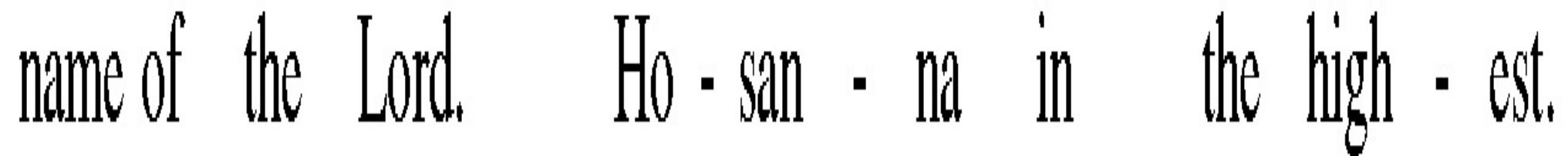
Congregation sings



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.

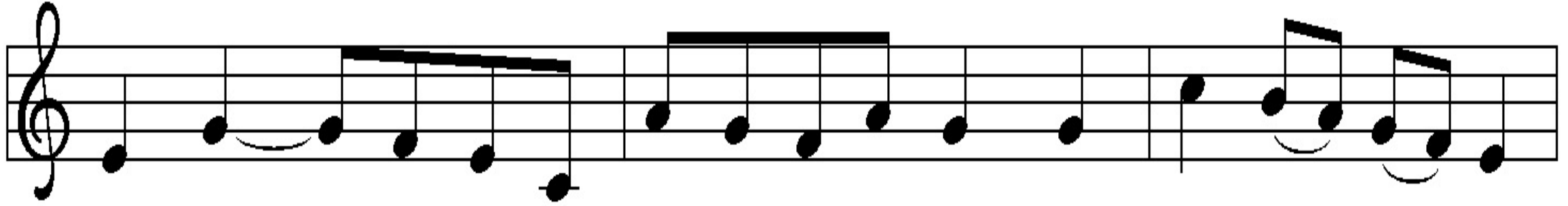
At the Table

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.

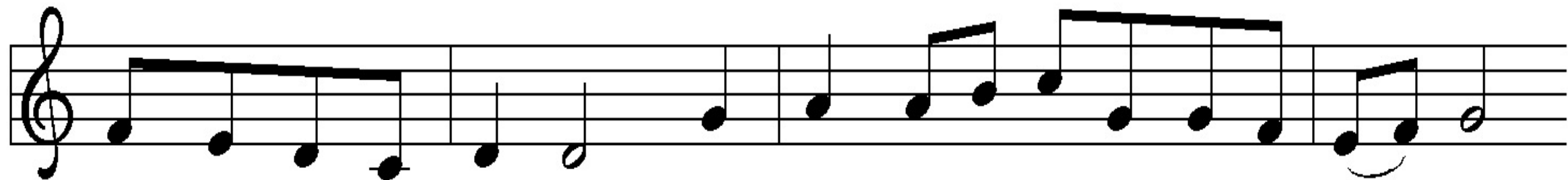
Stand as you are able



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



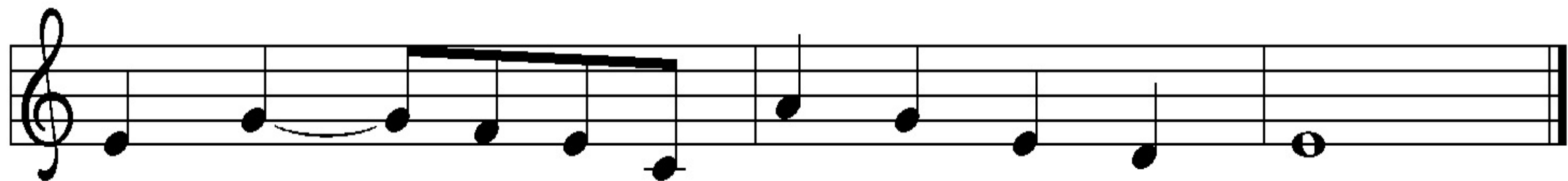
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



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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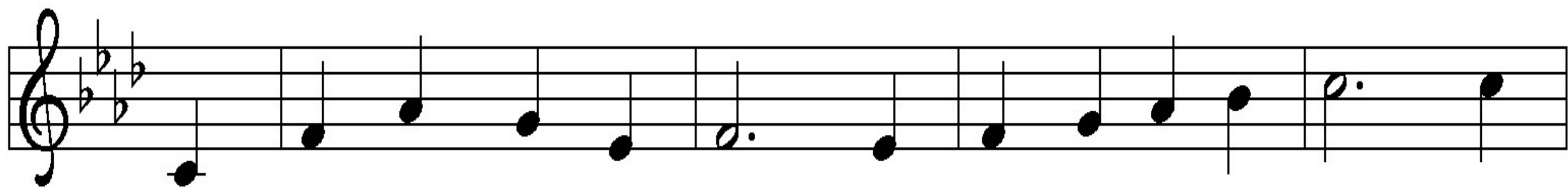
Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -



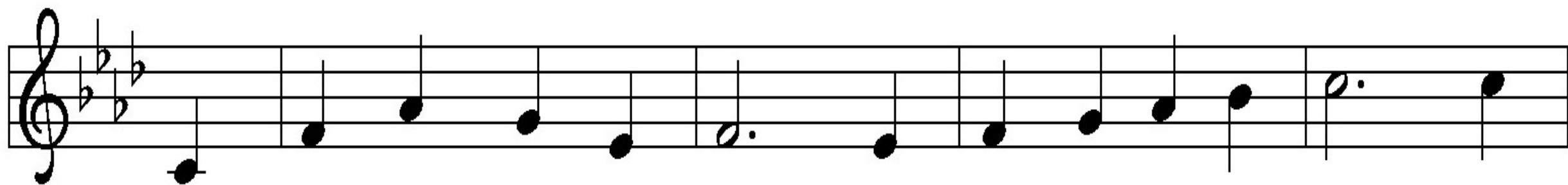
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.



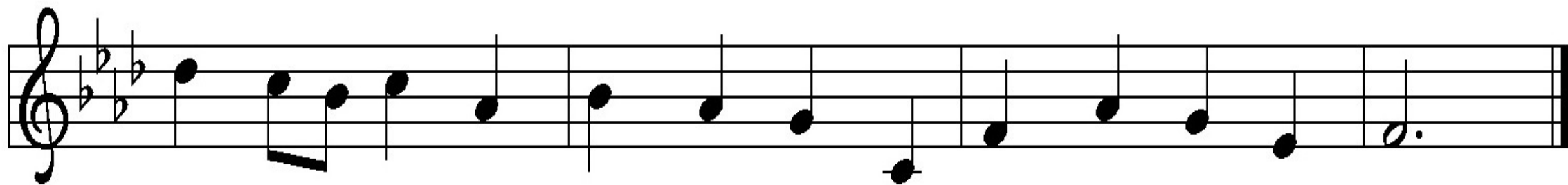
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from



fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.



3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full-ness of your joy; bap -



tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.



4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude