



Third Sunday After

PENTECOST

A wooden boardwalk leads through a field of tall grass towards a large white cross under a dramatic sunset sky. The cross is the focal point, with a bright light emanating from its base. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue.

Pre-Worship Music

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.


C: Amen.

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

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

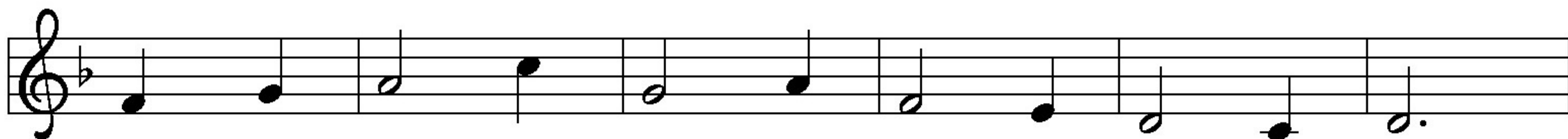
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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.

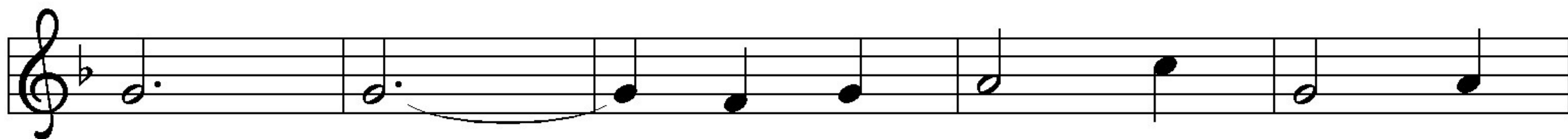
C: Amen.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call



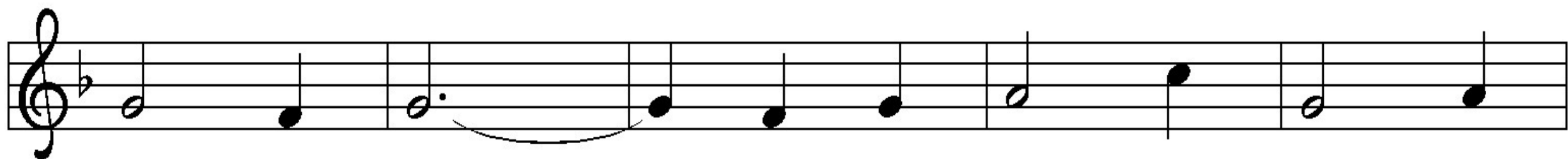
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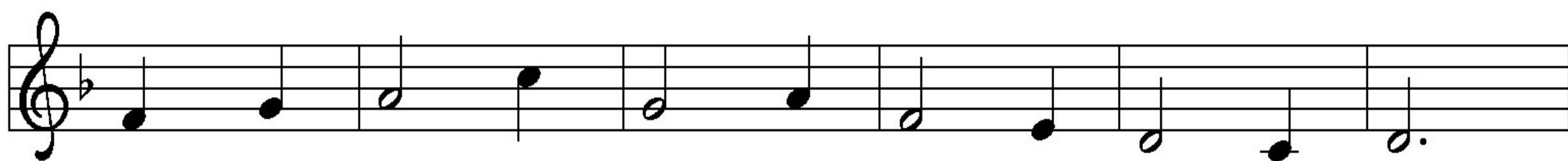
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my



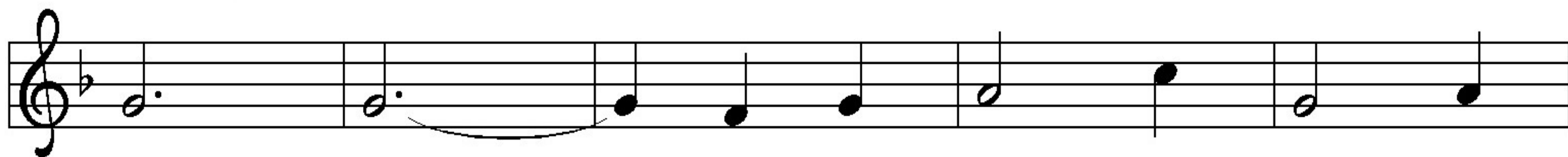
name be known, will you let my life be



grown in you and you in me?"



2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call



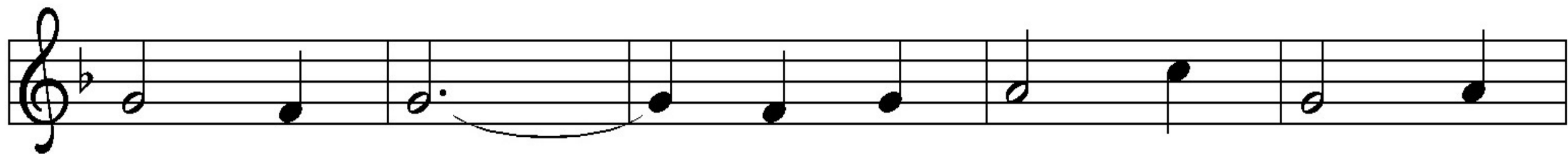
your name? Will you care for cruel and



kind and nev - er be the same?



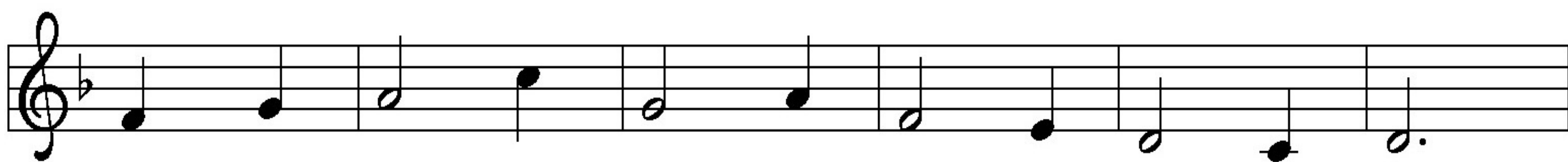
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -



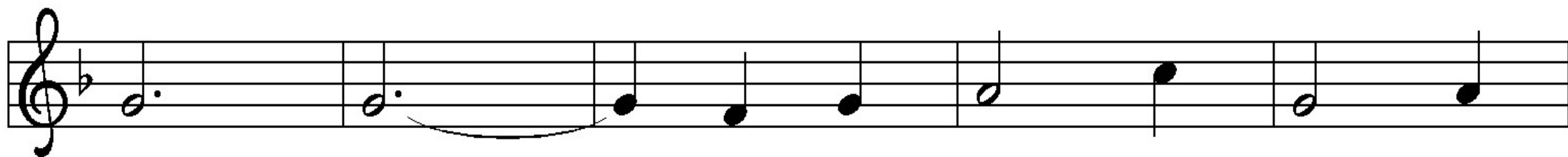
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer



pray'r in you and you in me?"



3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call



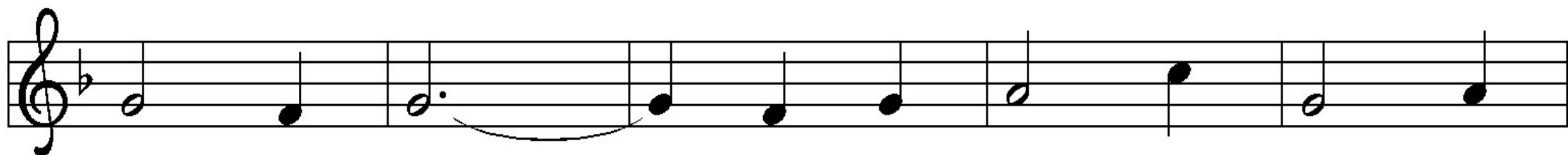
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free and nev - er be the same?



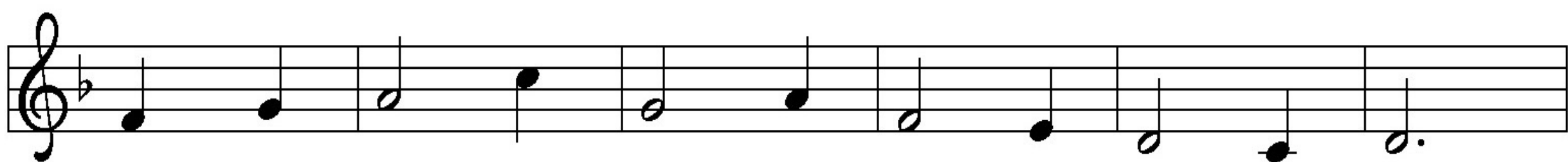
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as



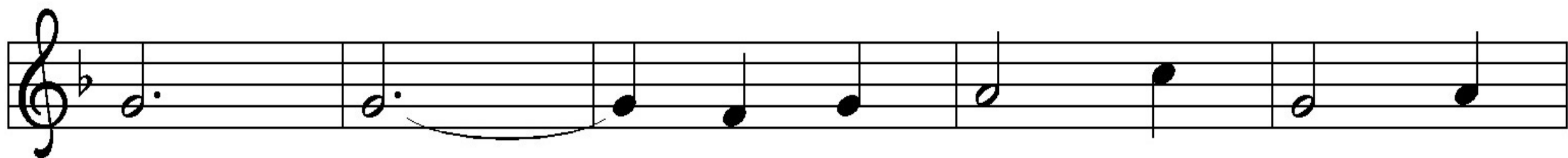
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mean in you and you in me?"



4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call



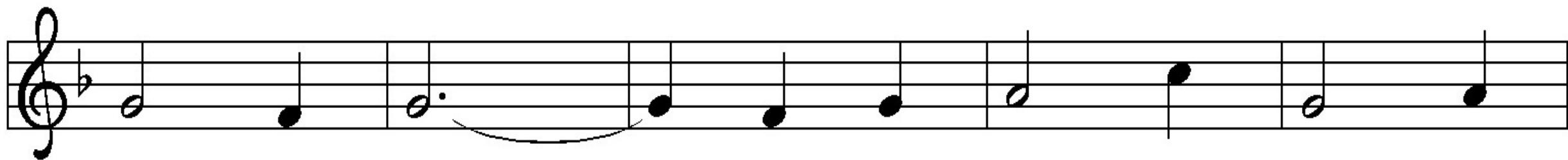
your name? Will you quell the fear in



side and nev - er be the same?



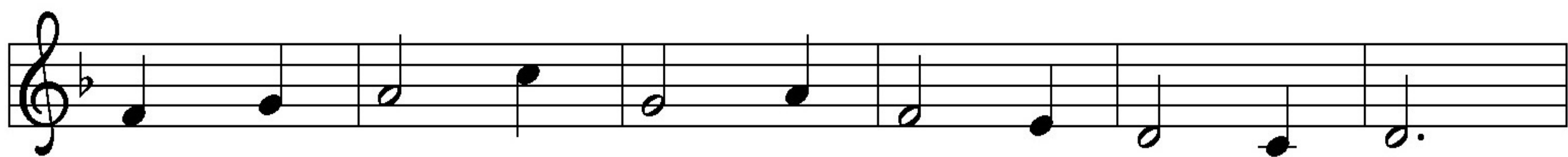
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the



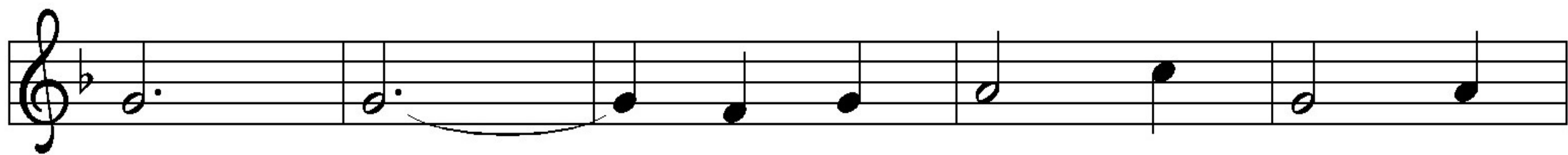
world a - round, through my sight and touch and



sound in you and you in me?"



5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



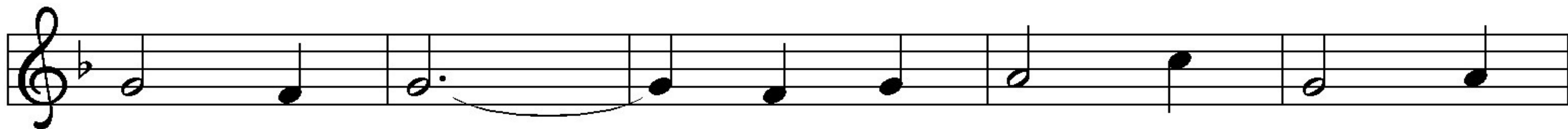
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



you and nev - er be the same.



In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

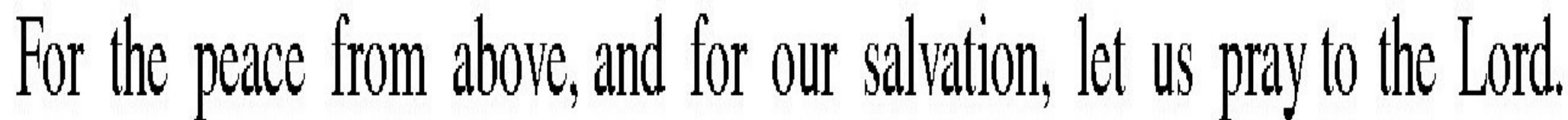
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

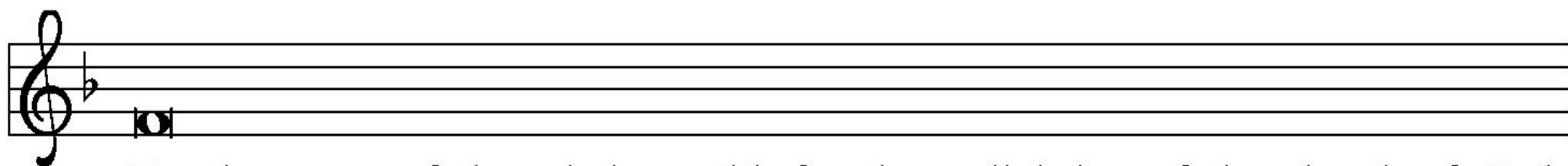
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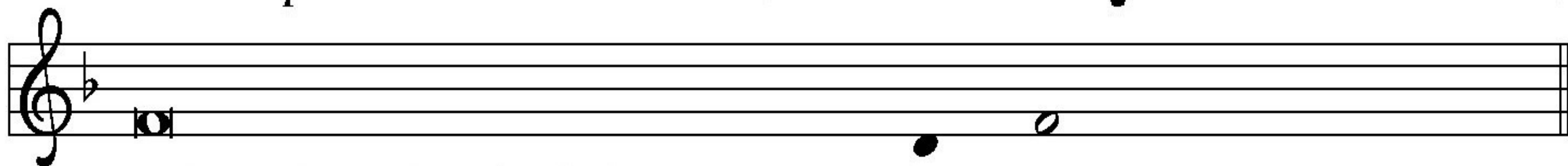
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also to you.

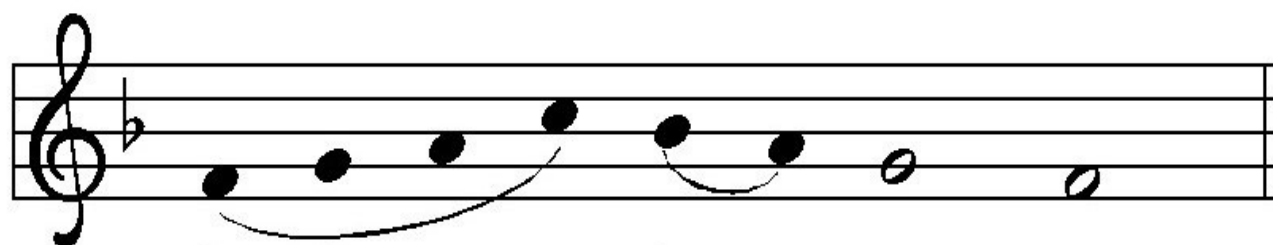




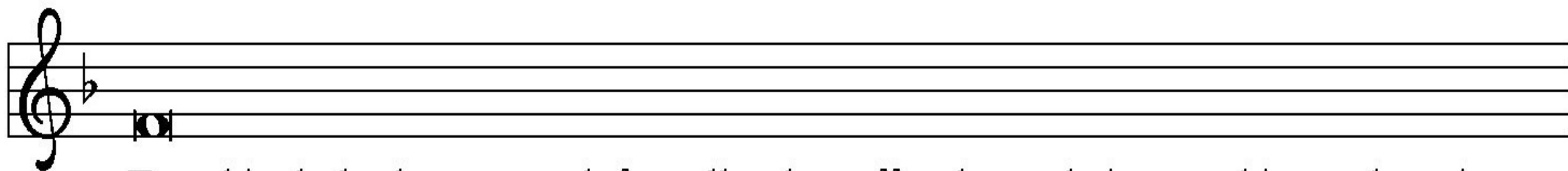
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



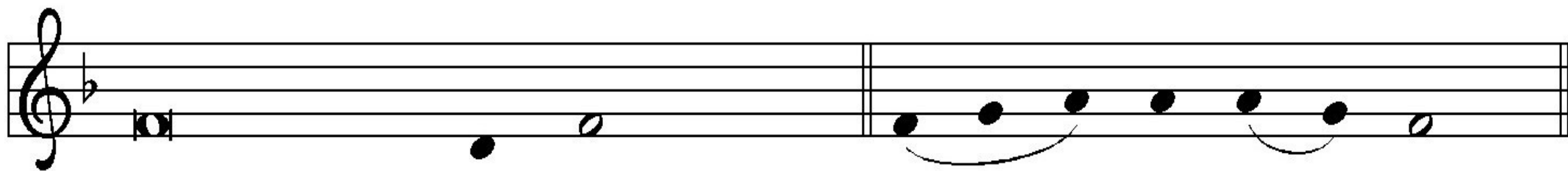
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

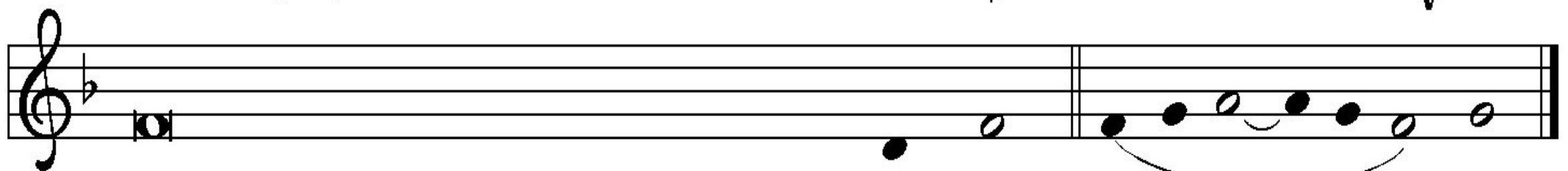


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



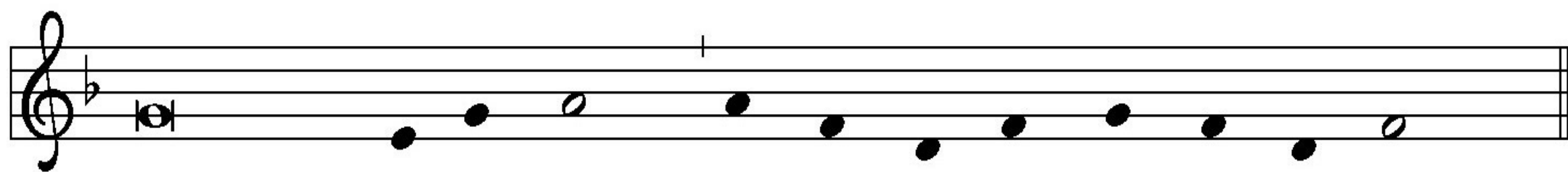
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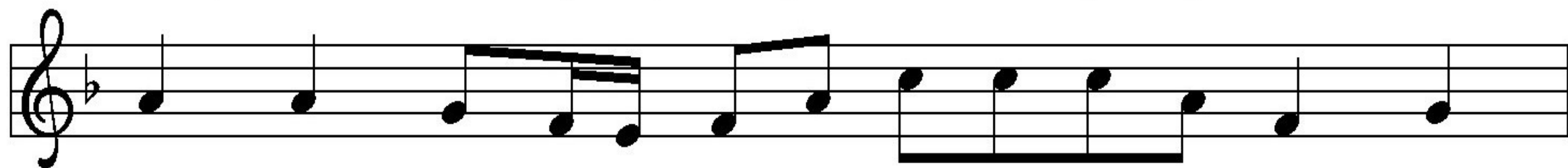


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.



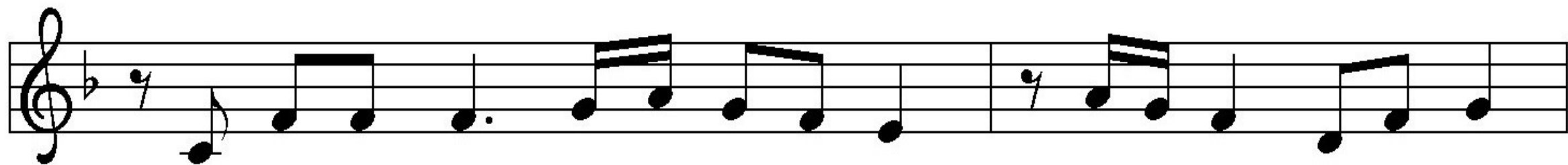
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



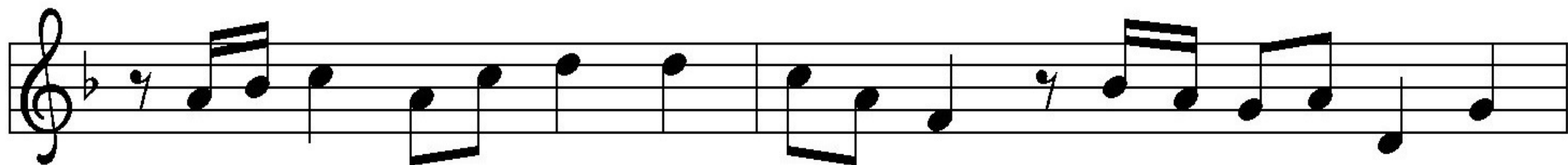
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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



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.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings.

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?”

²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my
good a- | bove all other.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are | in
the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong
the people.**

³ But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings | to such
gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand,
I shall | not be shaken.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it
rejoices;

my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me | to the
grave,**

nor let your holy one | see the pit.

¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in
your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians.

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry

sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as you are able



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

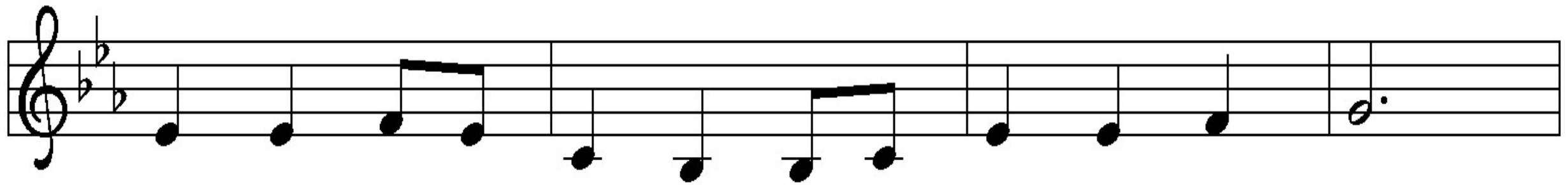
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY



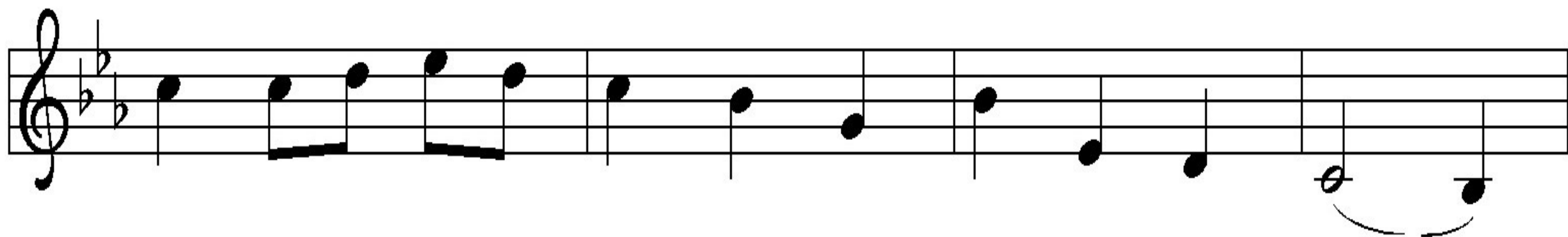
Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;



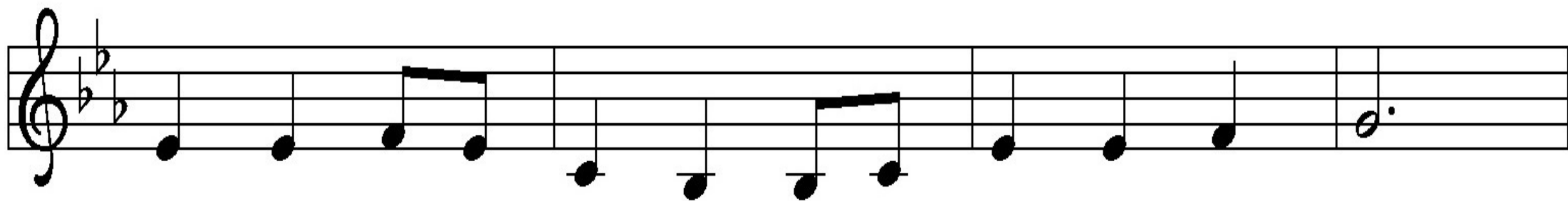
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:



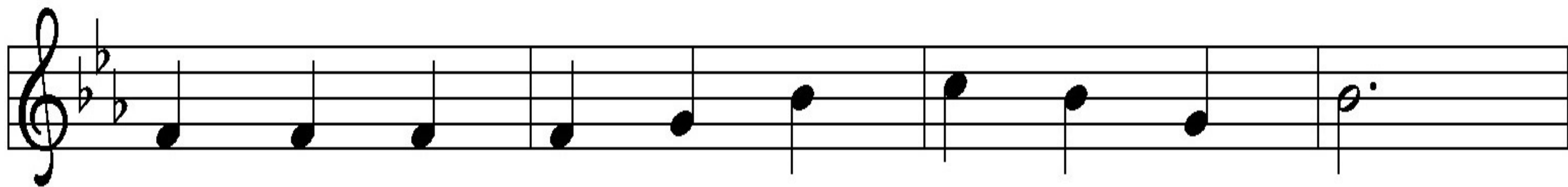
thou my best thought both by day and by night,



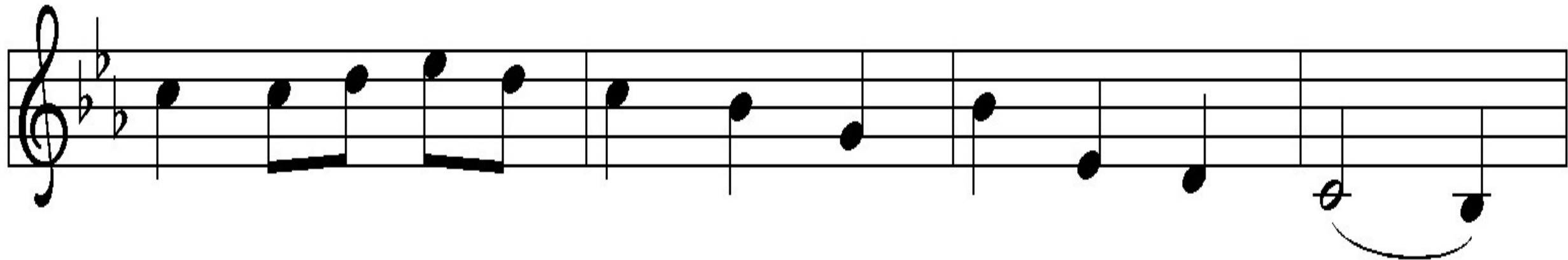
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.



2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;



I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.



Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,



raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.



3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,



thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:



thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,



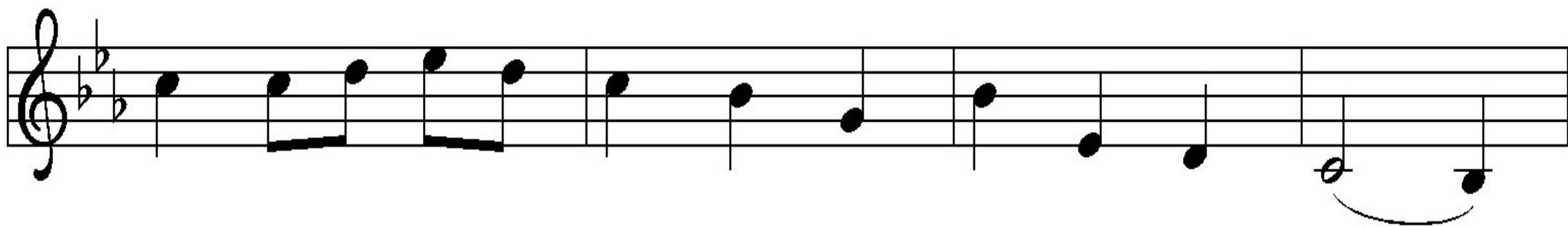
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.



4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931

Music: SLANE, Irish 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 OF INTERCESSION

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit,
we pray for the church, the creation, and all
in need.

A brief silence.

P/A: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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.

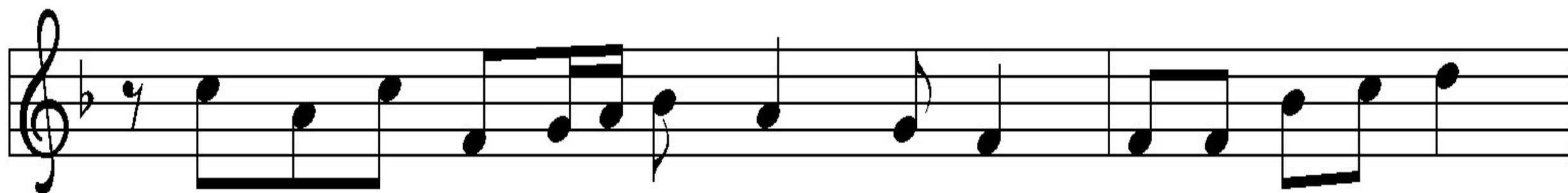
The assembly is seated.

A still life photograph with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the foreground, a clear wine glass is partially filled with a dark red liquid. To its right, a woven basket contains several pieces of rustic, golden-brown bread. In the background, two small ceramic butter tubs with red-tinted lids are visible on a wooden surface. The word "EUCHARIST" is superimposed across the center of the image in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

EUCHARIST

Create in Me a Clean Heart

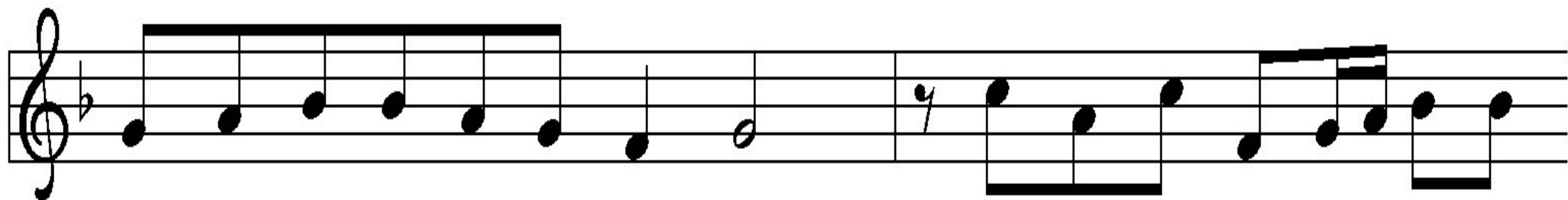
Offering Song



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



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.

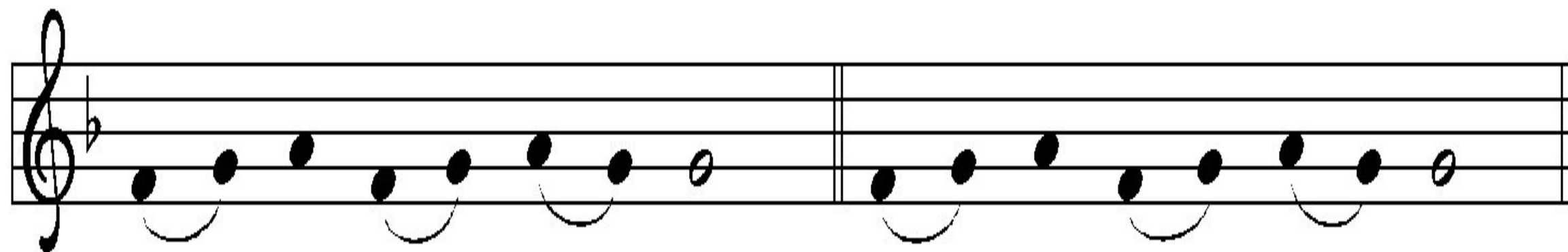
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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P/A: Let us pray.

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.



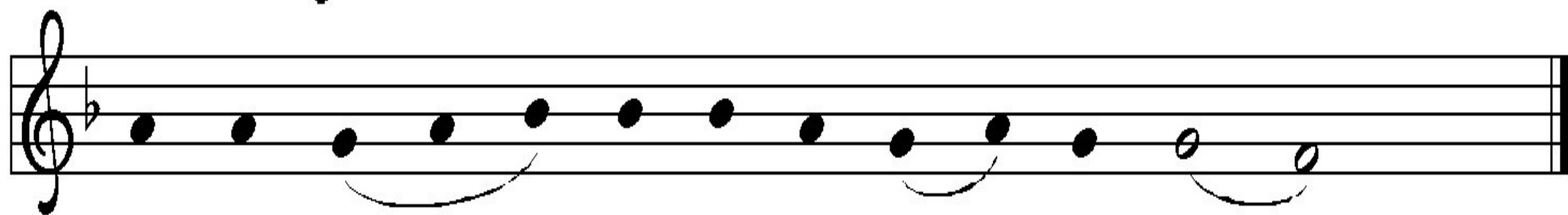
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

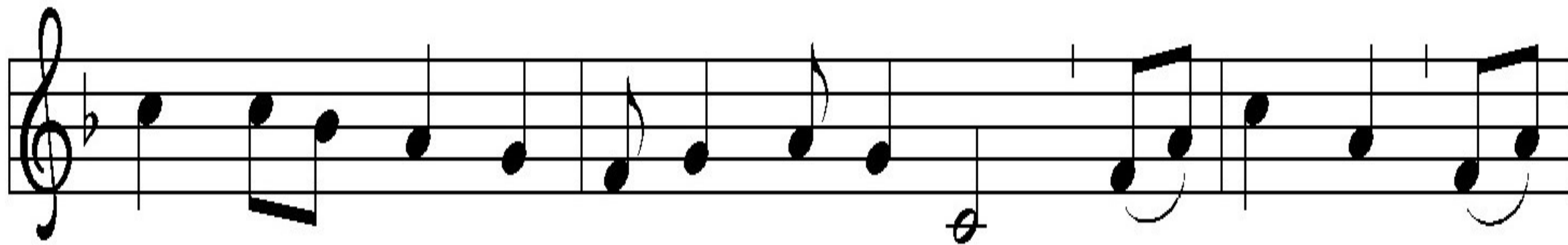
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

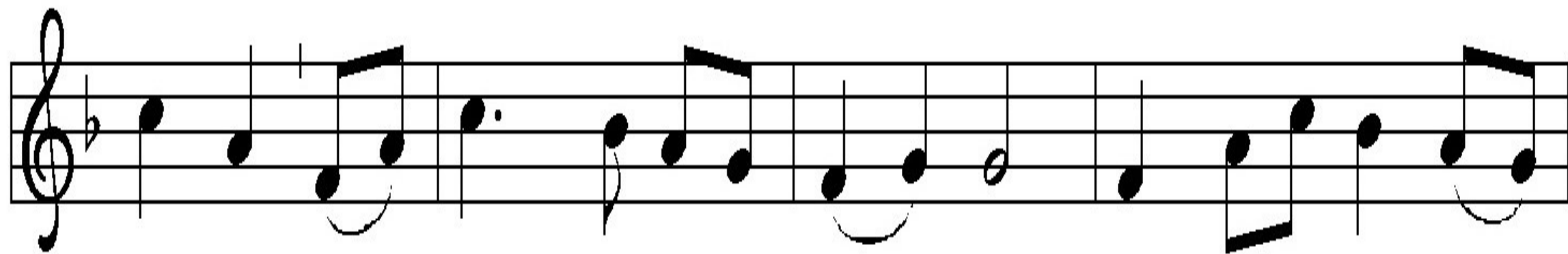
Congregation sings



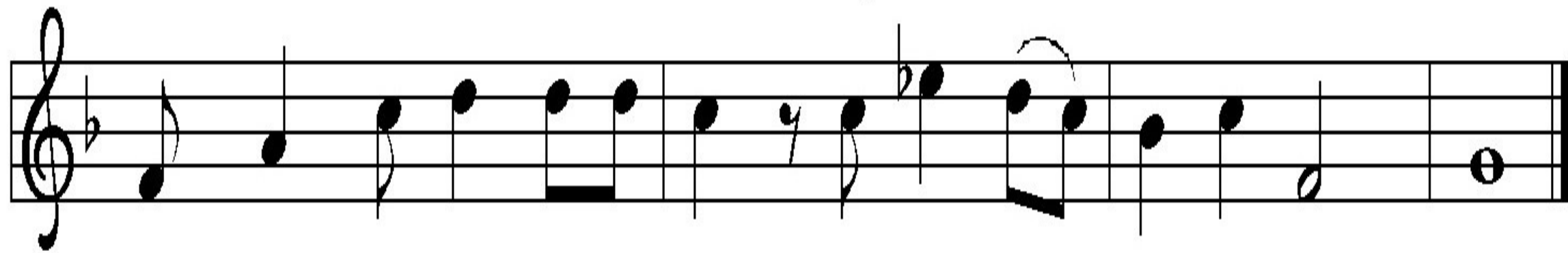
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death,
resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly
food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor
and glory, 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.**

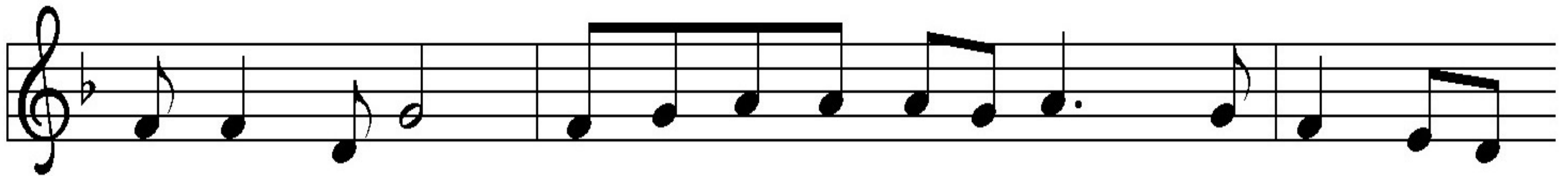
P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

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

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

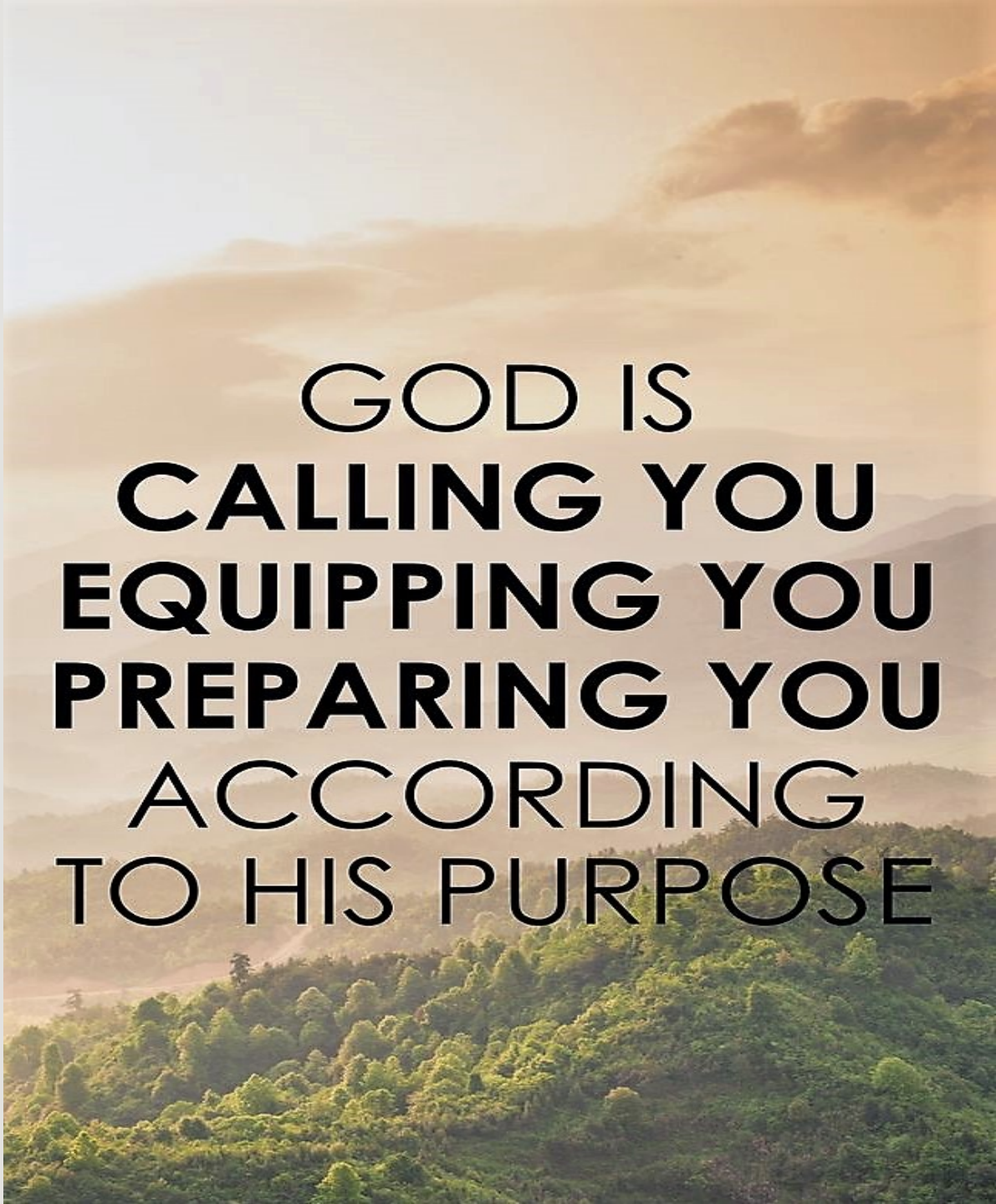


world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

At the Table



**GOD IS
CALLING YOU
EQUIPPING YOU
PREPARING YOU
ACCORDING
TO HIS PURPOSE**

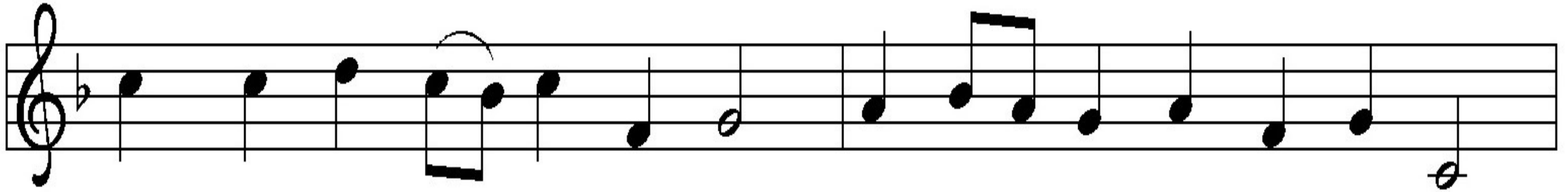
After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

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

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able

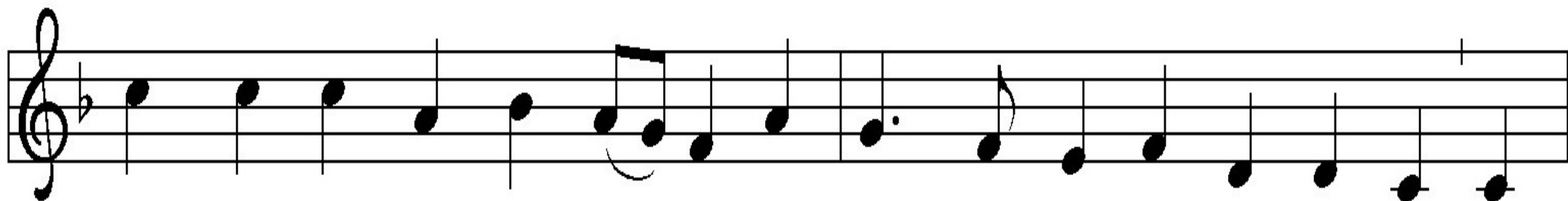
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



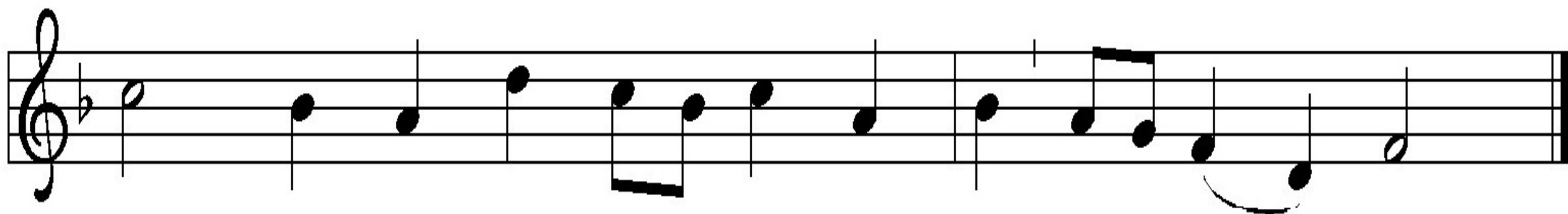
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Stand as you are able

P/A: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

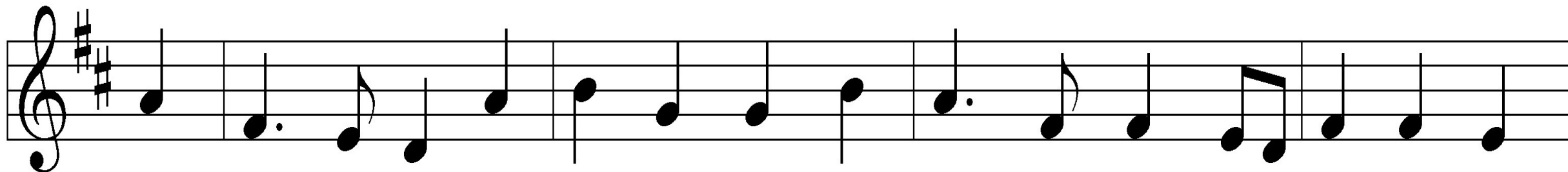
P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
and empower you to bless
and keep those around you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
as you share that grace
and mercy with all that you meet.

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

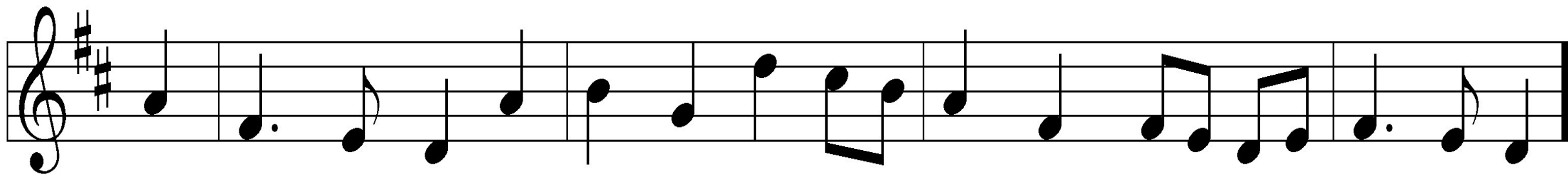
C: Amen.



He Leadeth Me

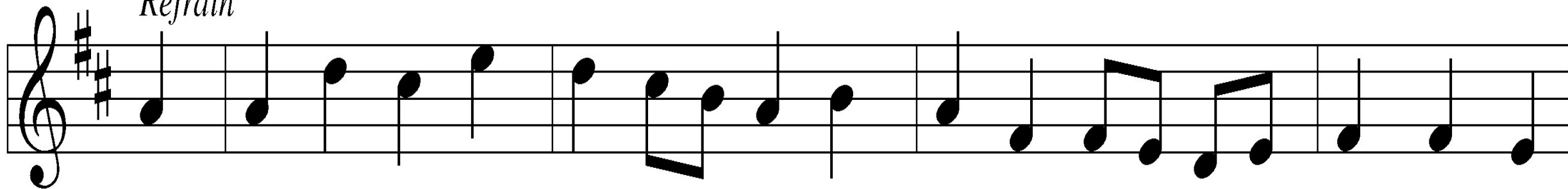


1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!

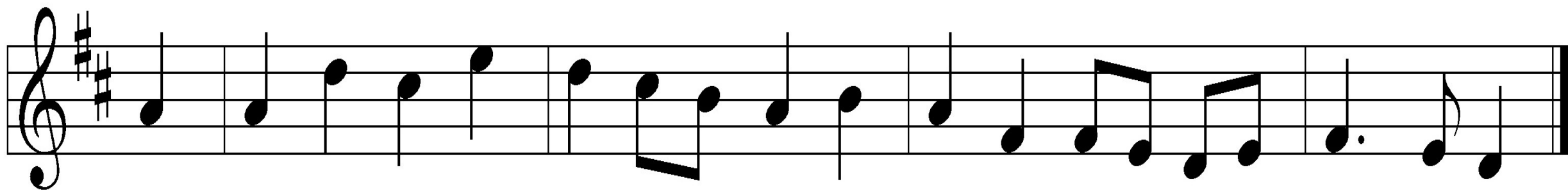


What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.

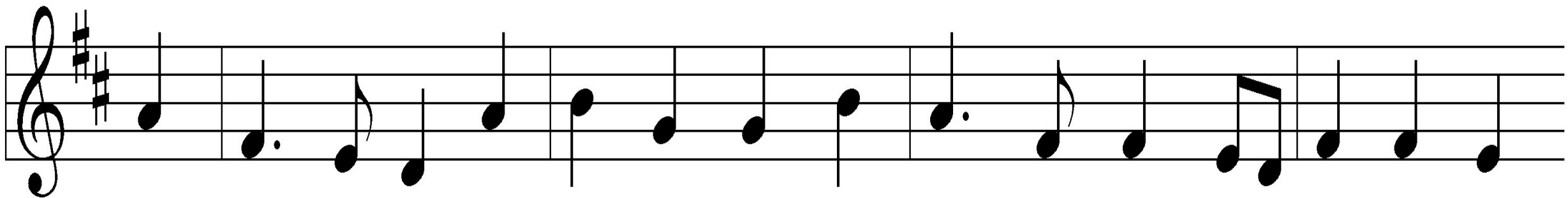
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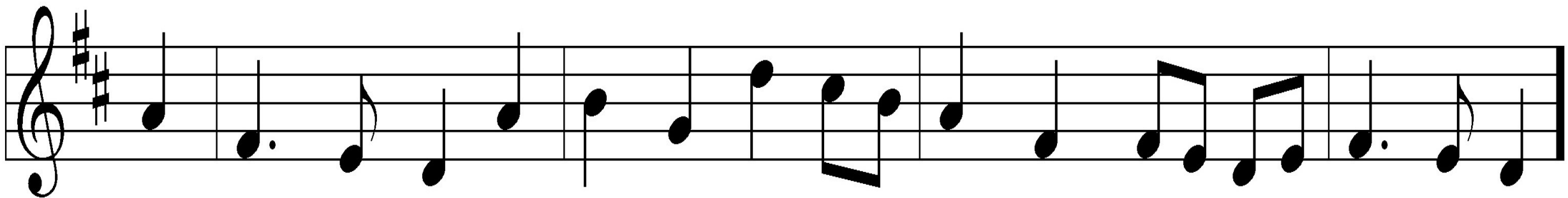
He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

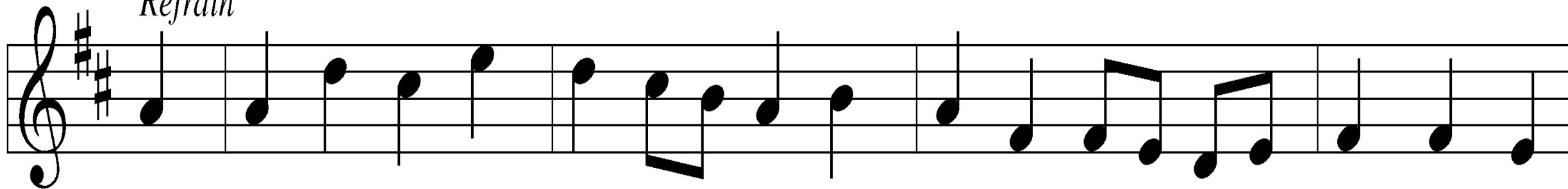


2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,

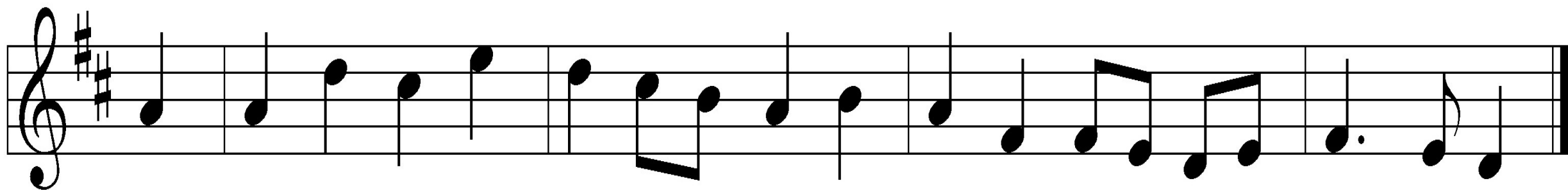


by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.

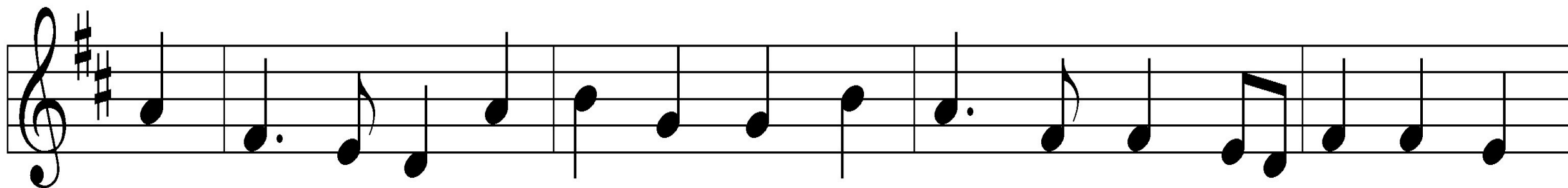
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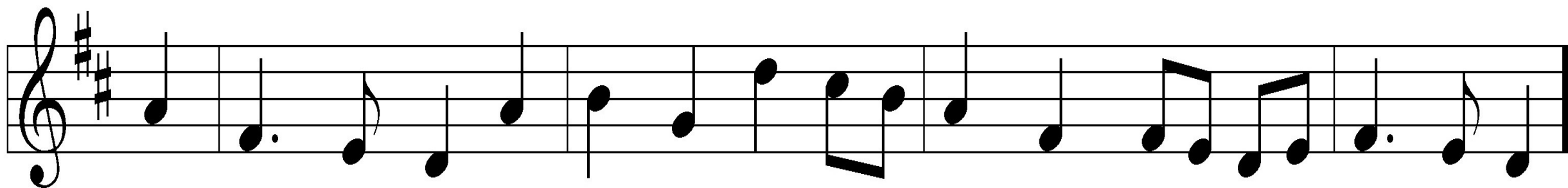
He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

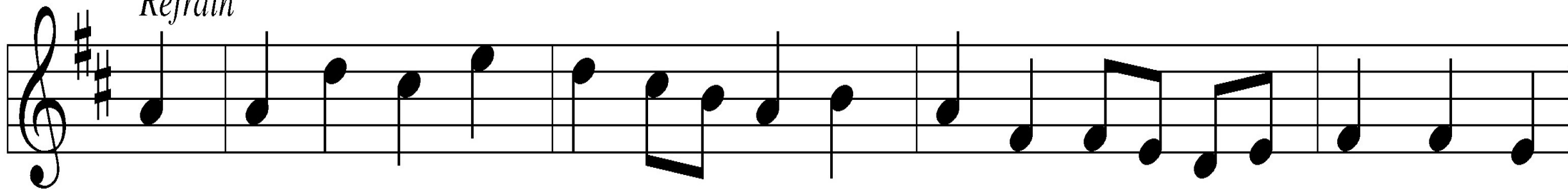


3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;



con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.

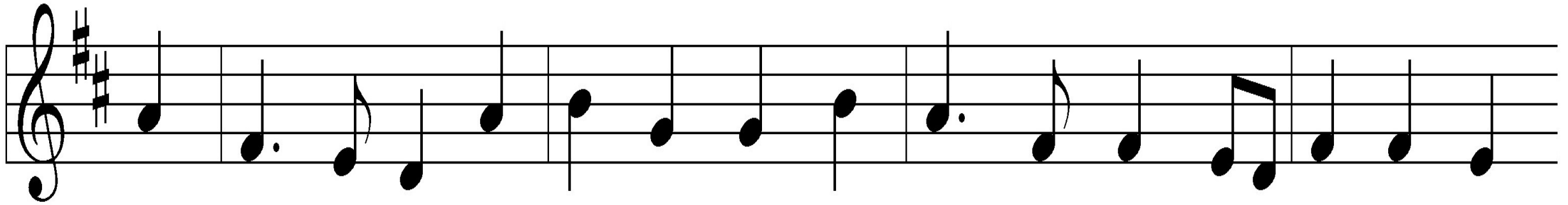
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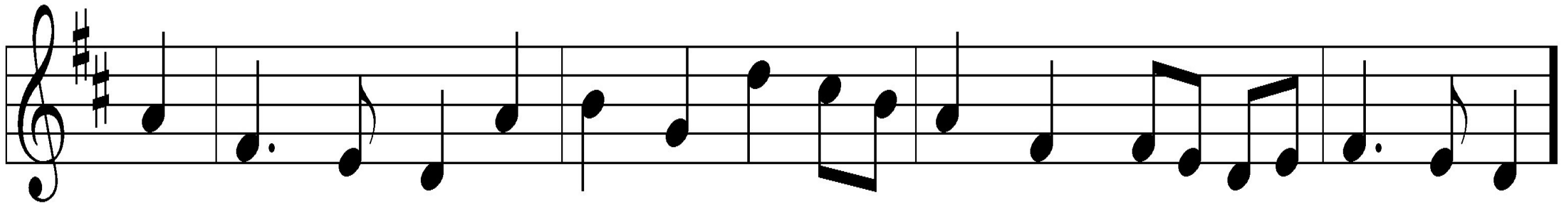
He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

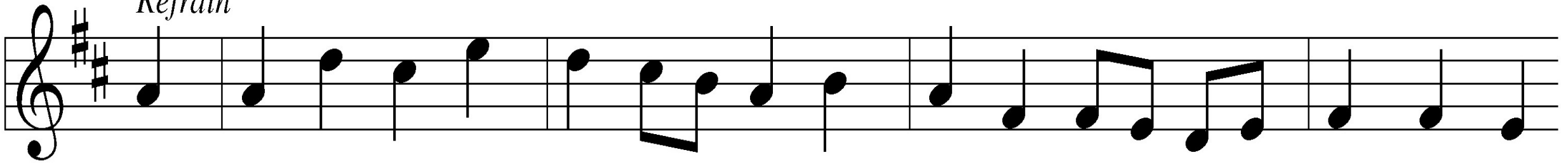


4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

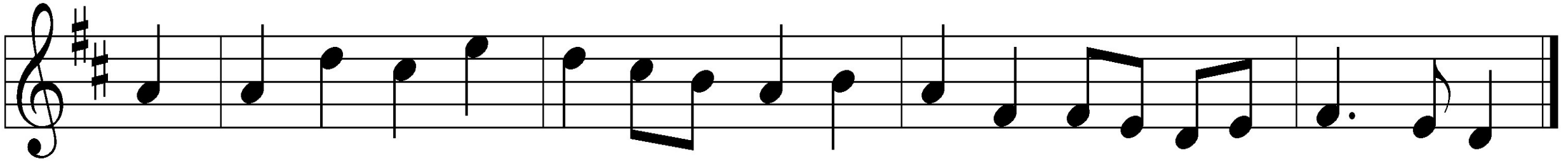


e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834–1918

Music: HE LEADETH ME, William B. Bradbury, 1815–1868



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

C: Thanks be to God.



Go and tell
what great things
God has done
for you.

Luke 8:39

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