



FOURTH 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.

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



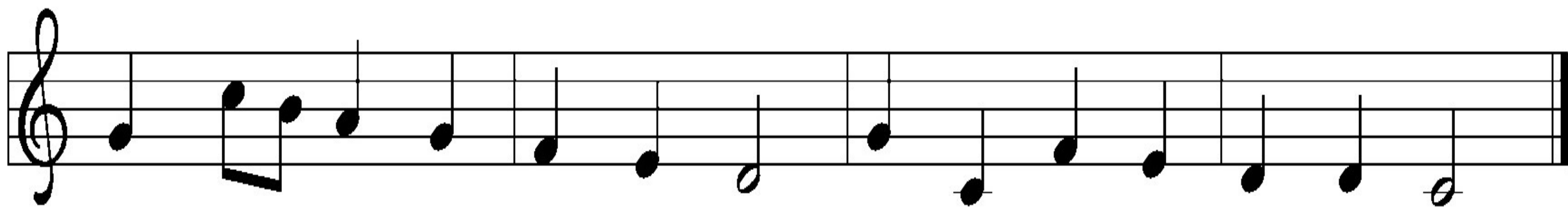
1 Spread, oh, spread, al - mighty - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.



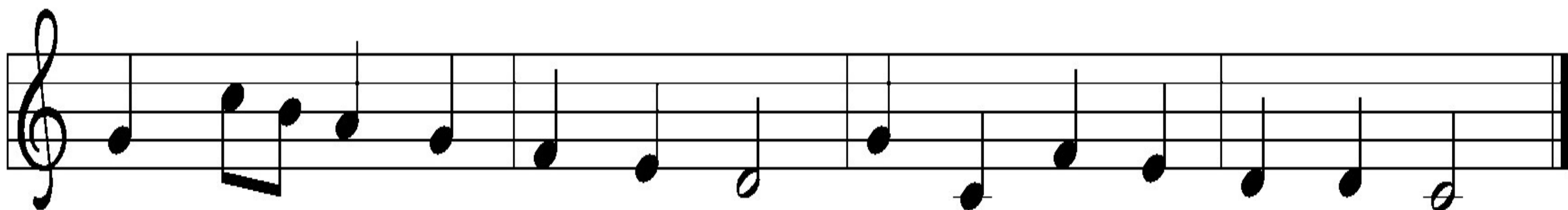
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race



and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.



3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,



strong and ho - ly, just and true, work-ing both to will and do.



4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

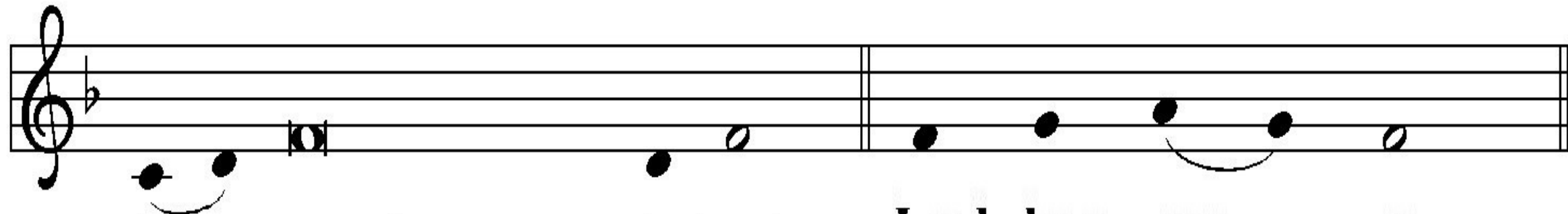
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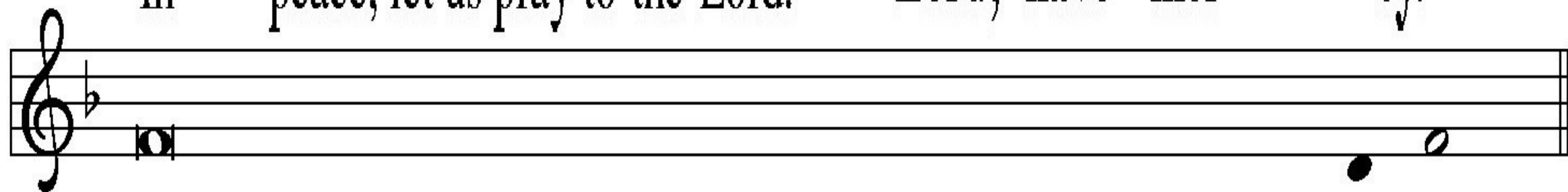
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

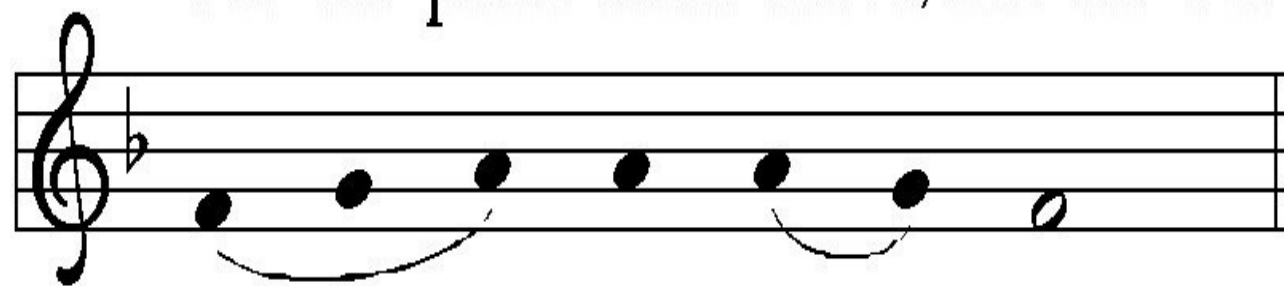
C: And also to you.



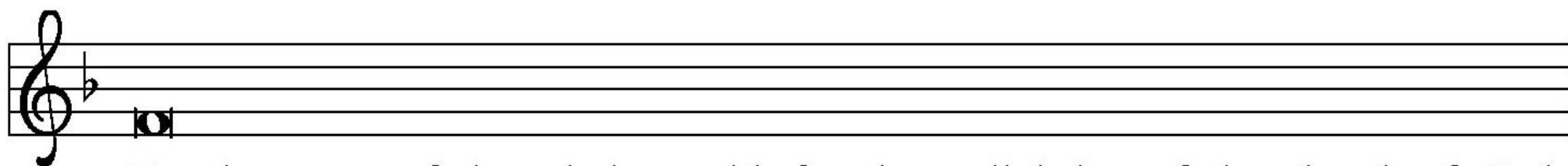
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



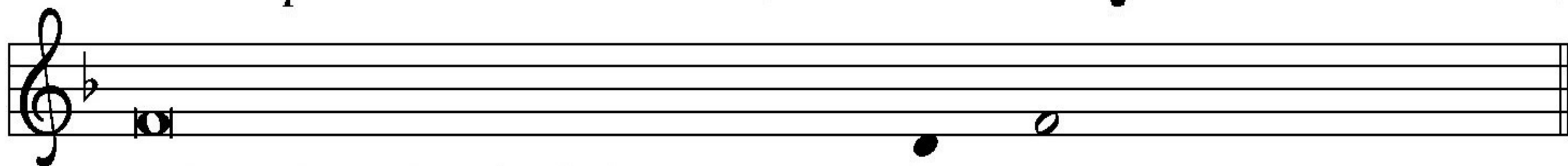
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



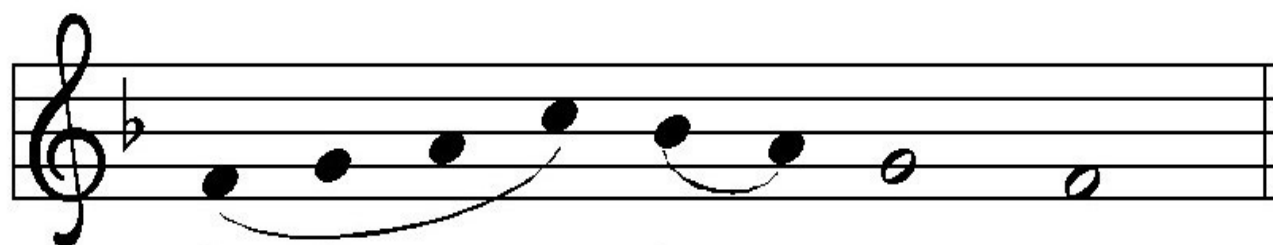
Lord, have mer - cy.



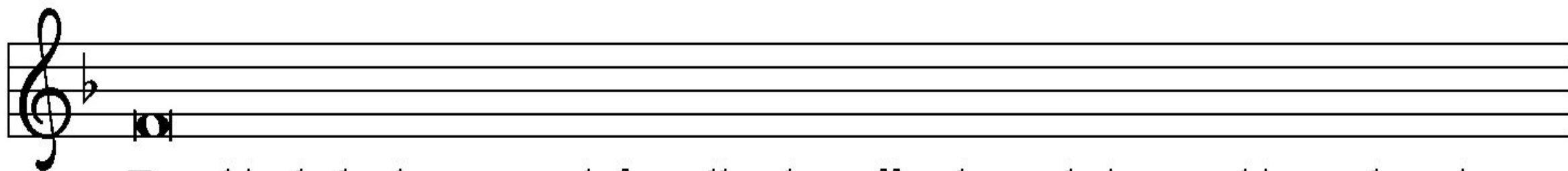
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



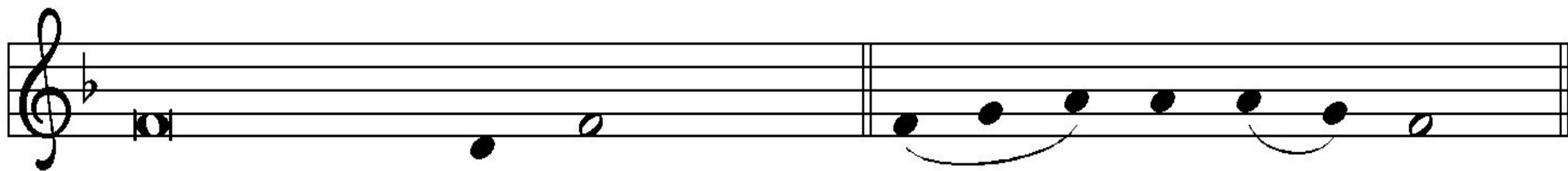
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

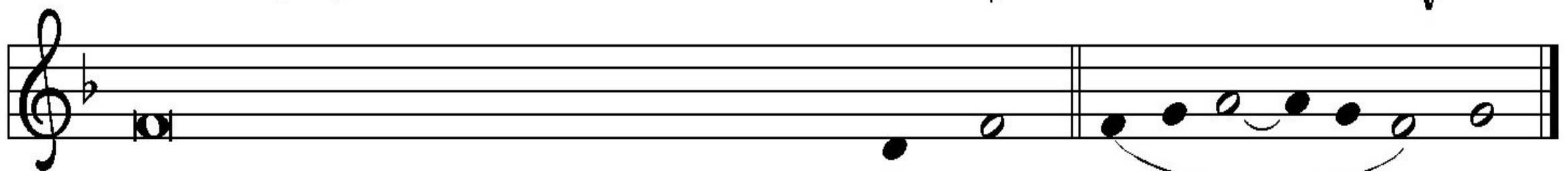


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

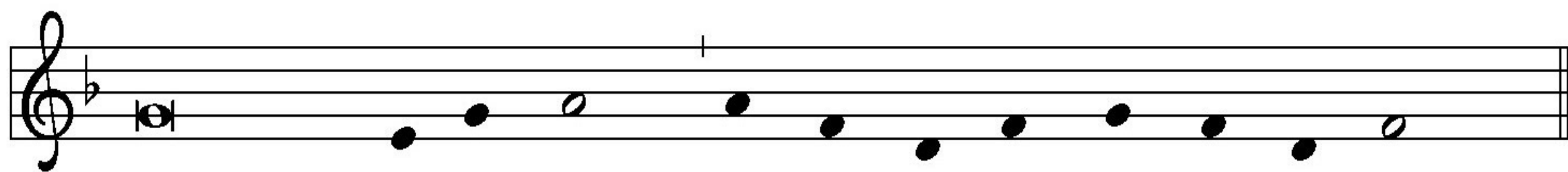


let us pray to the Lord.

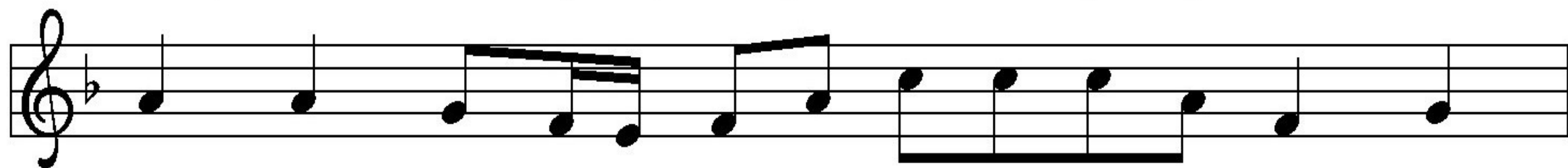
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and 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.



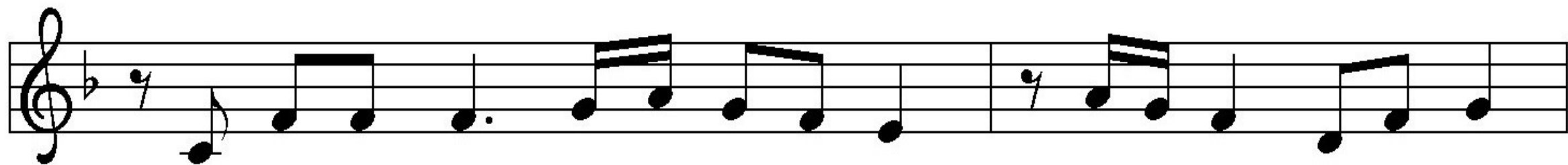
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



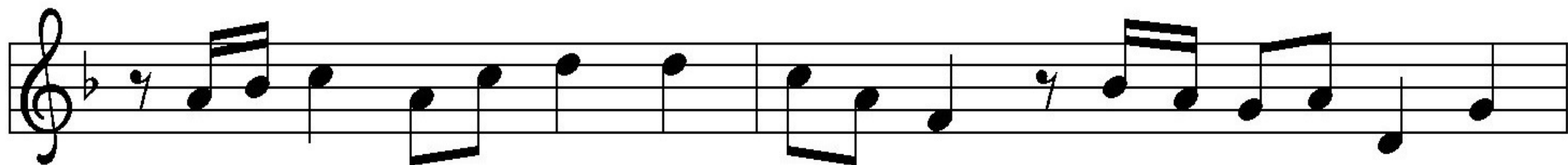
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an
overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD
is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

¹ Be joyful in God, | all you lands;
be joyful, | all the earth.

² **Sing the glory | of God's name;**
sing the glory | of God's praise.

³ Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies |
cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows | down before you,
sings to you, sings | out your name.”**

⁵ Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all
people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that
they went through the wa- | ter on foot,
and there we re- | joiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver
the nations;

let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our | God, you peoples;**
let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

A reading from Galatians.

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from

the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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 10:1-11, 16-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

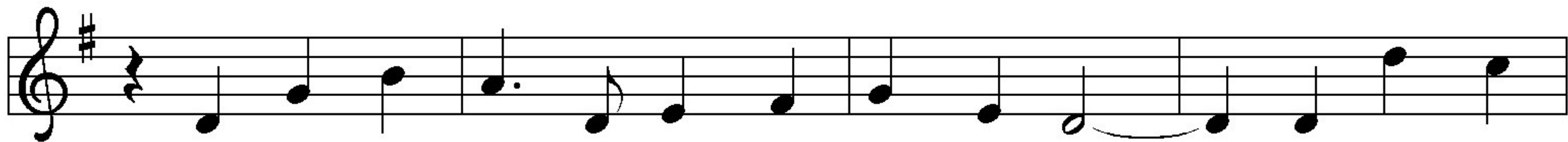
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

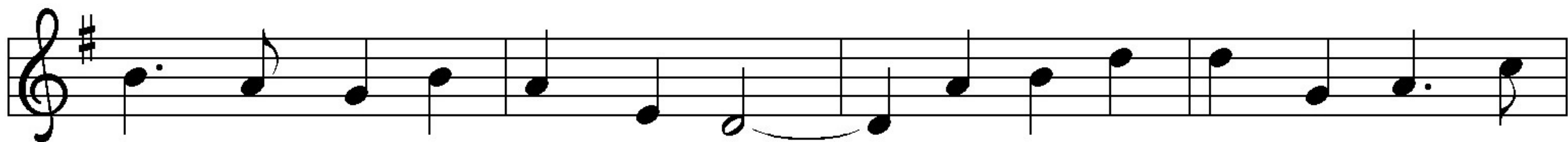
HOMILY



To Be Your Presence



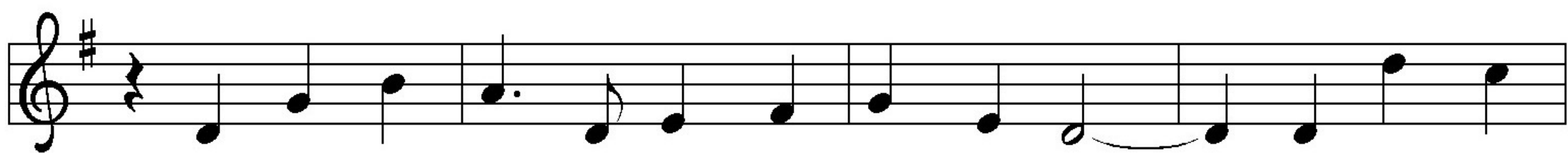
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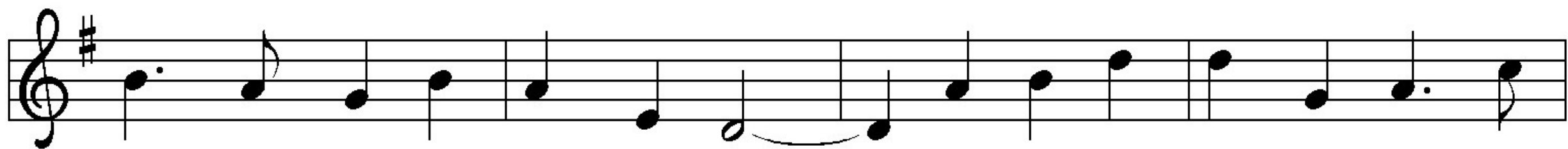
pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy



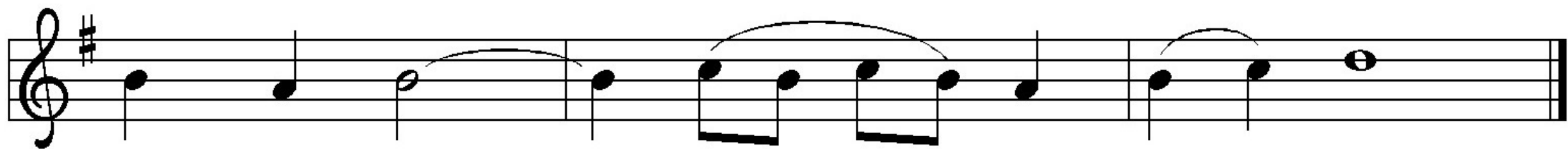
ev - er near, al - le - lu - ia!



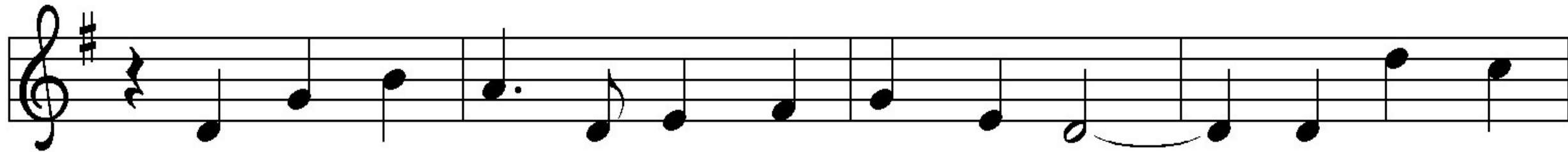
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the



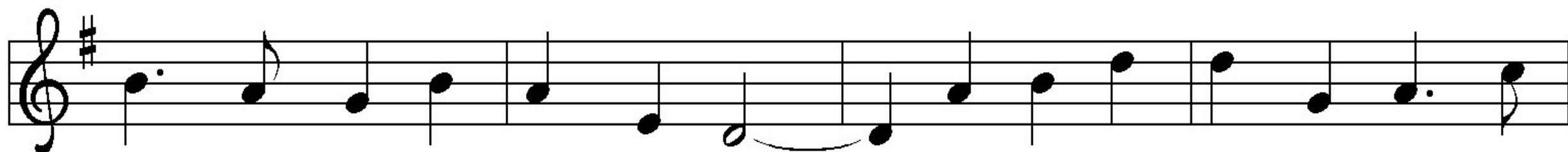
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,



right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!



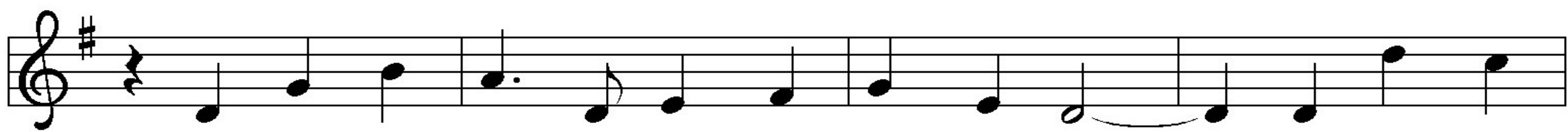
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for



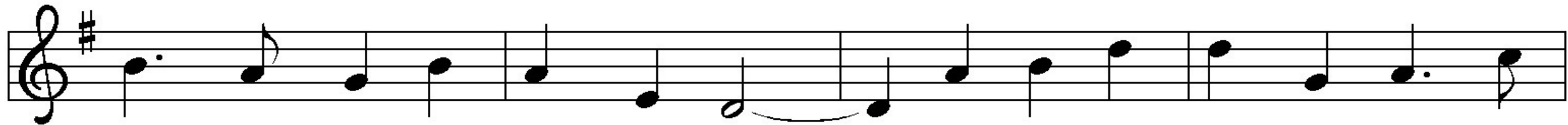
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your



love ex - pressed, al - le - lu - ia!



4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



church, re - joice, al - le - lu - ia!

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

A brief silence.

P/A: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as she carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of researchers and scientists, as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to end classism, racism, sexism, and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, and those facing starvation throughout Africa. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people, especially those of this nation who hunger for daily bread and seek your justice in our time. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: Compassionate God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick. Comfort all who are dying or grieving. Grant peace and hope to all who battle anxiety, depression or addiction. Sustain, strengthen, and bring healing to all who we name before you now, both in the silence of our hearts and on our lips _____(hold for prayers to be lifted). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you especially Thomas the Apostle, whom we remember today. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. 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.

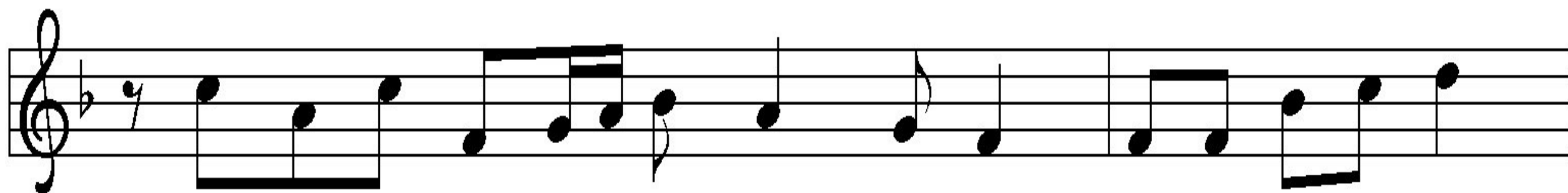
The assembly is seated.

A still life photograph with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the foreground, a clear wine glass is partially filled with a deep red liquid. To its right, a woven basket contains several pieces of rustic, golden-brown bread. In the background, two small ceramic tubs with red 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

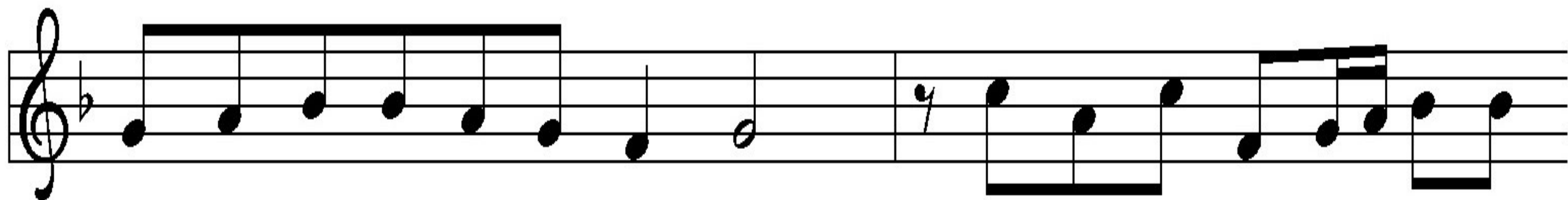
Offering Song



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.

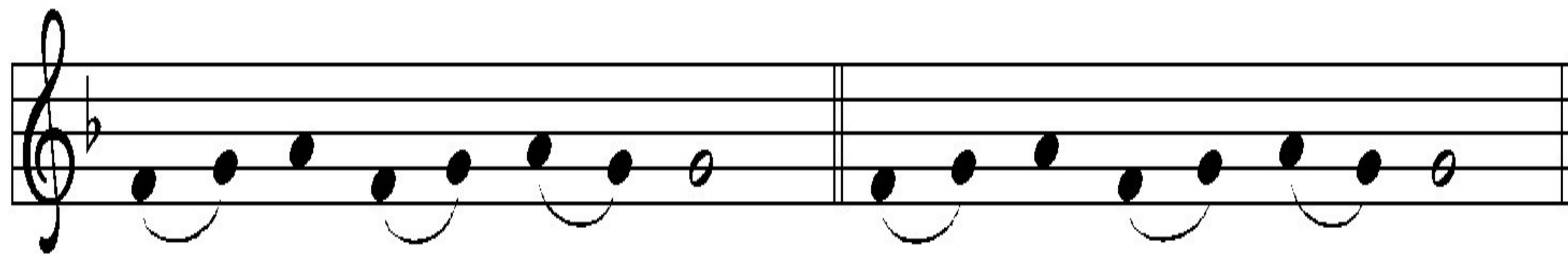
As we feast on your goodness,

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.



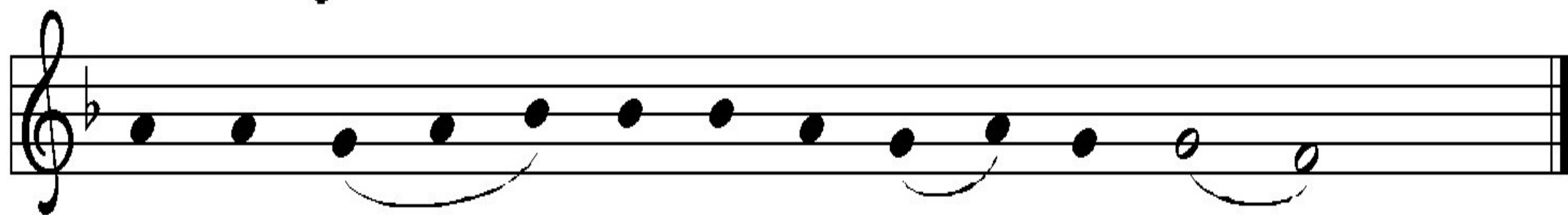
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

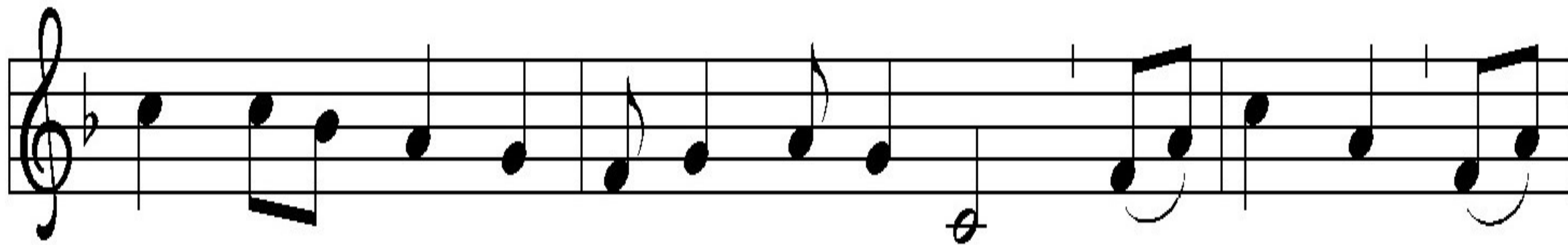
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

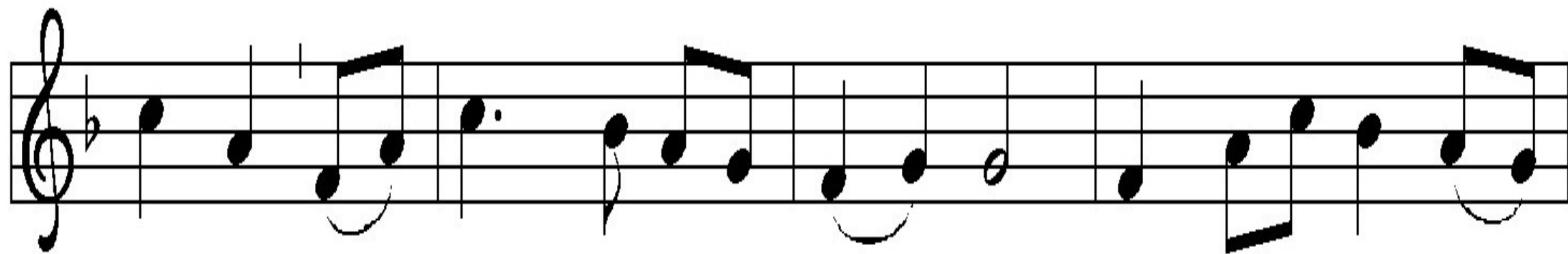
Congregation sings



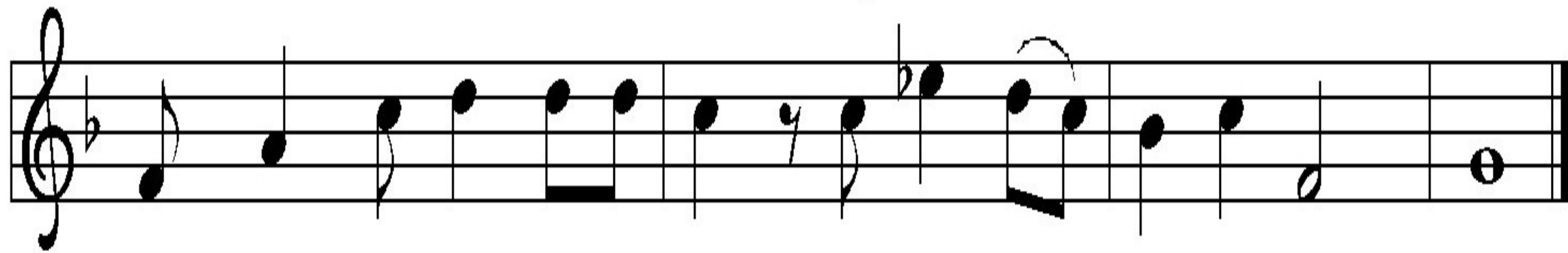
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.

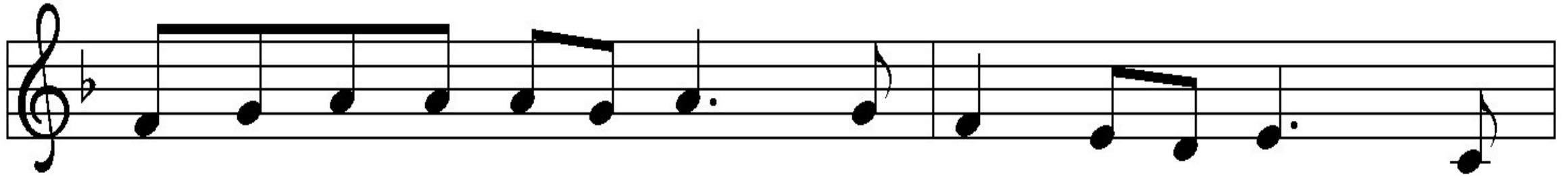
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

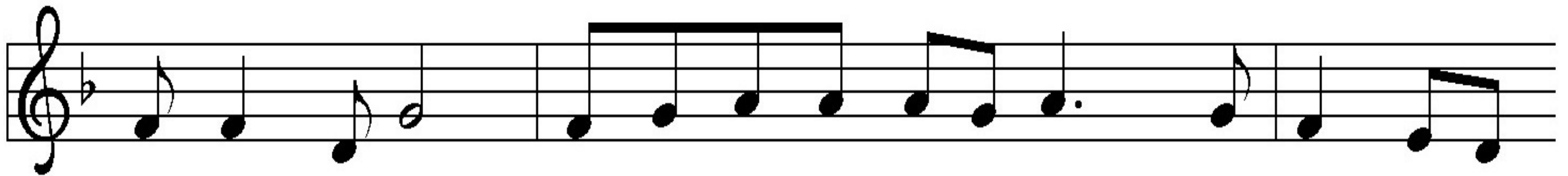
P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

**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.



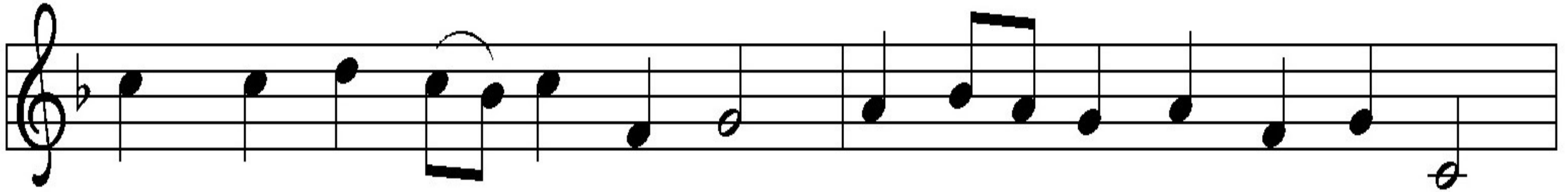
After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

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

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able

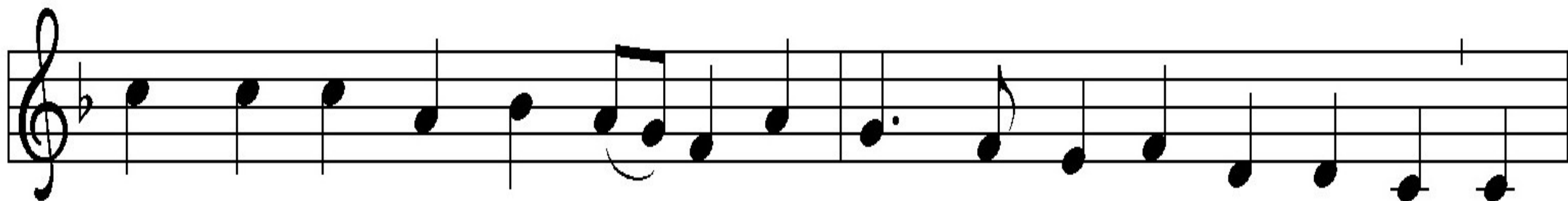
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



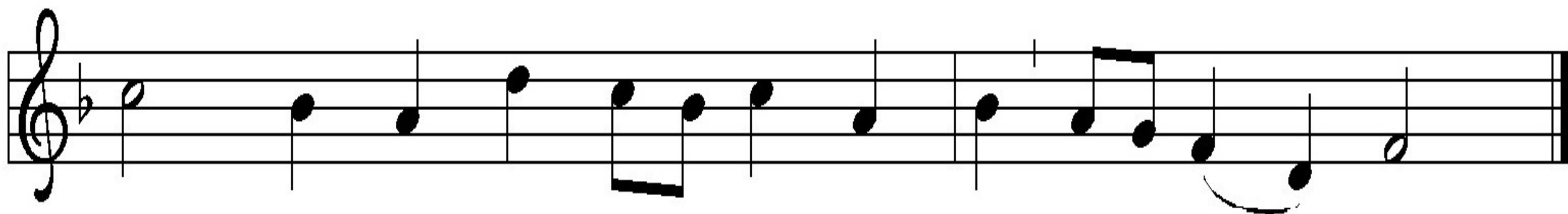
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



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.

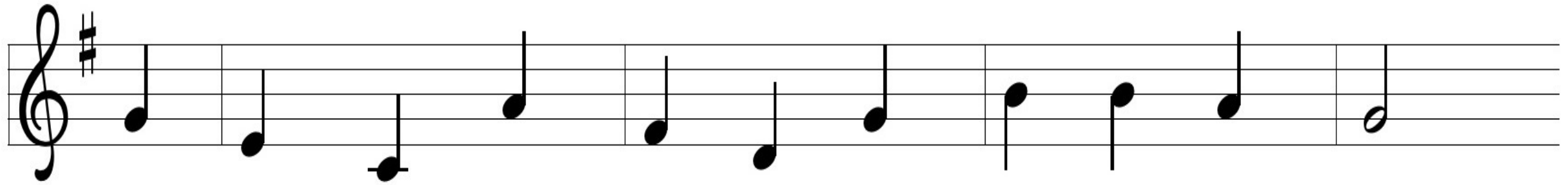
P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
and empower you to bless
and keep those around you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
as you share that grace
and mercy with all that you meet.

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

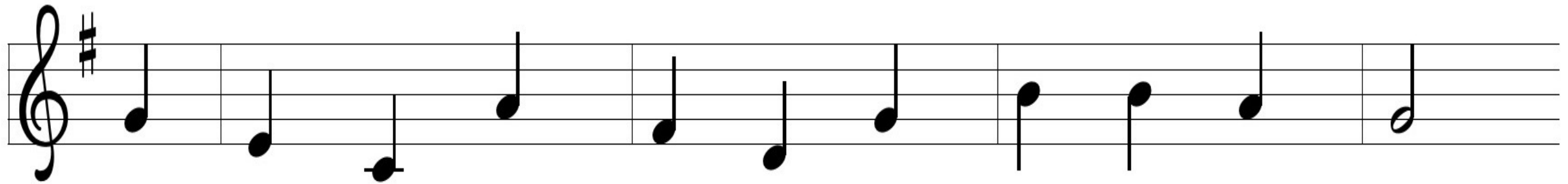
C: Amen.



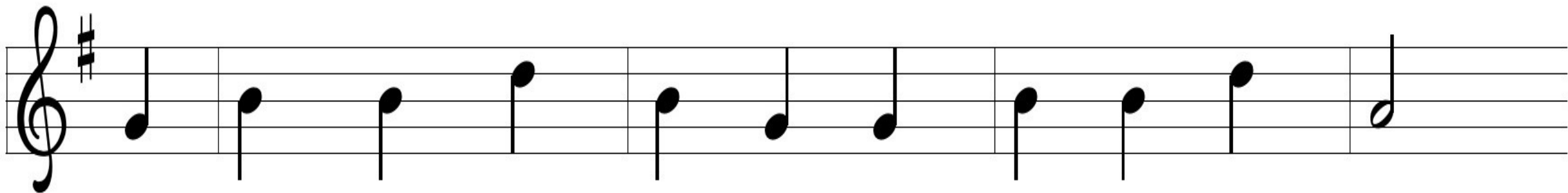
In Christ Called to Baptize



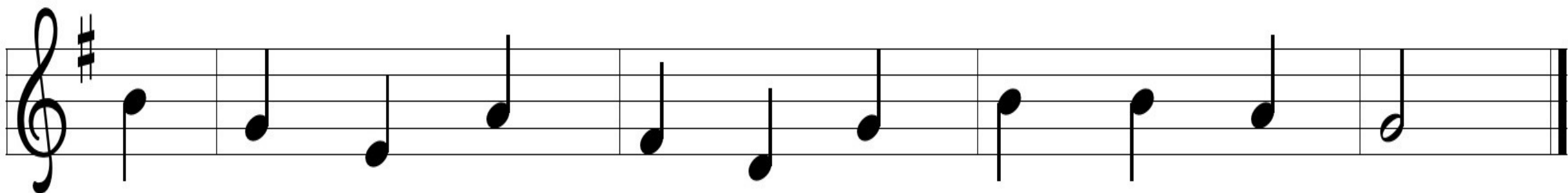
1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace



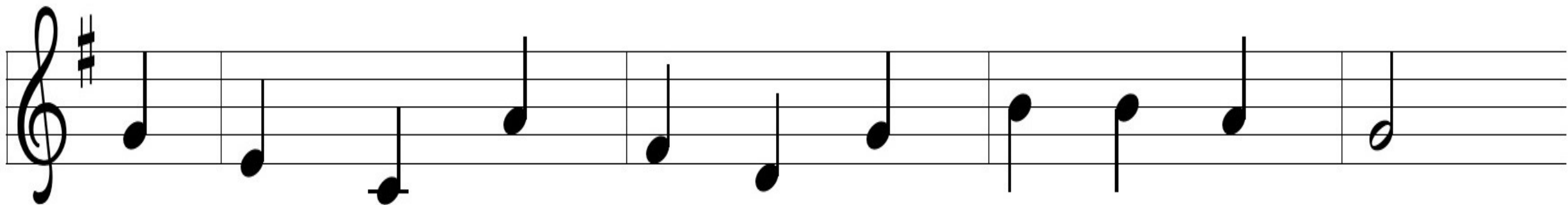
and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.



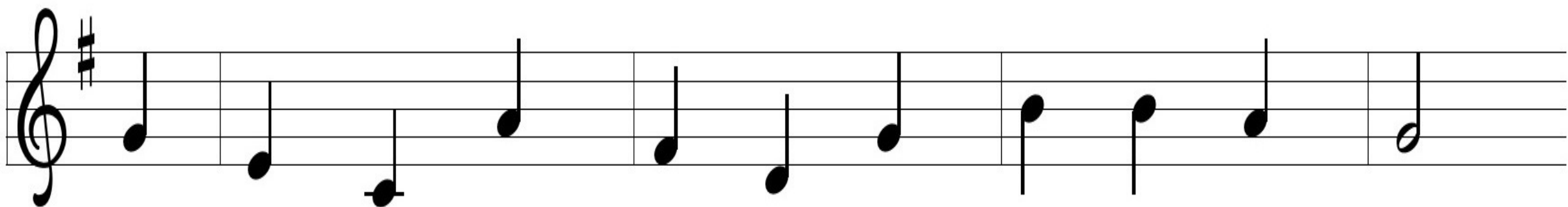
In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,



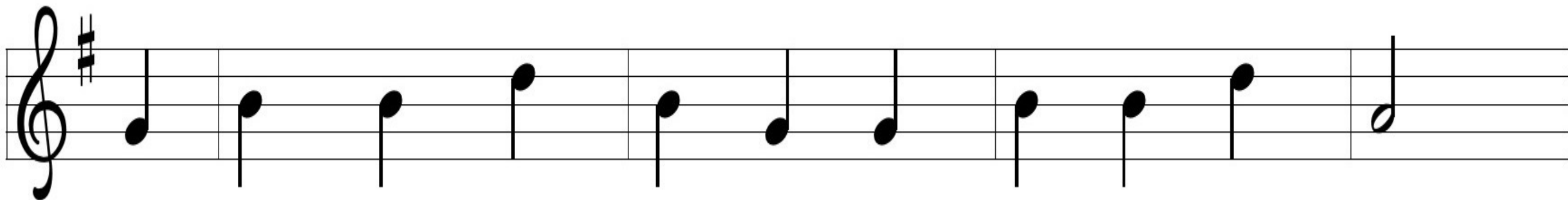
then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.



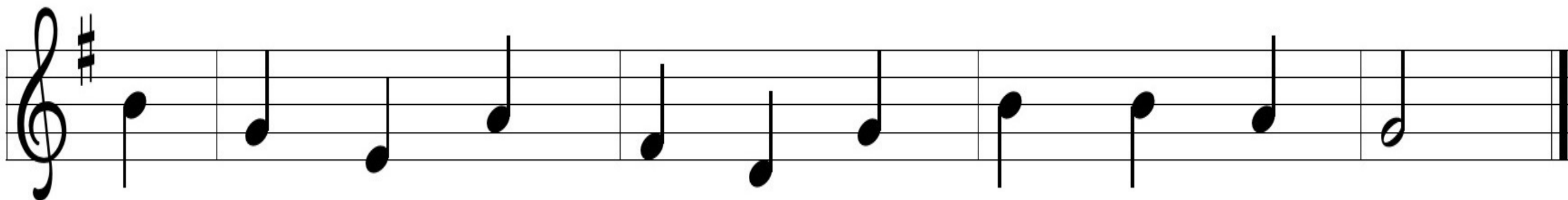
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,



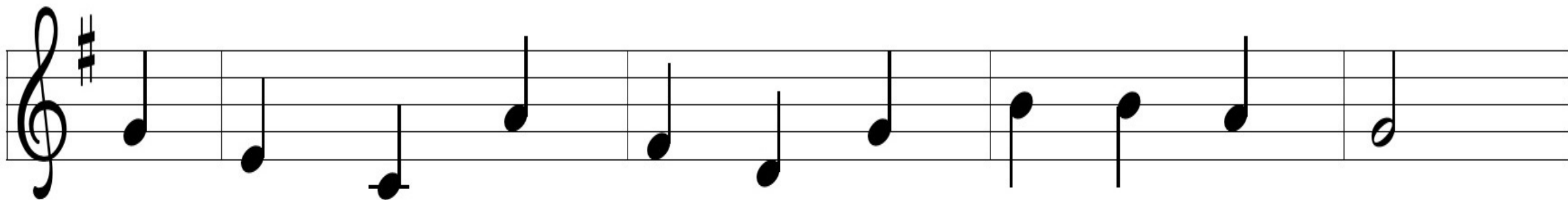
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.



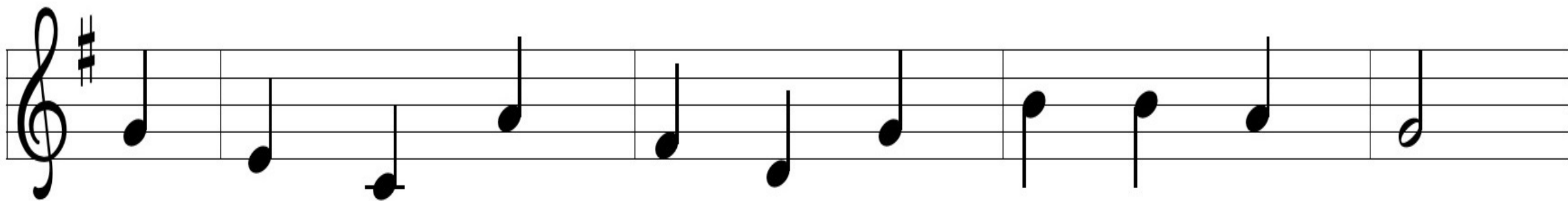
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.



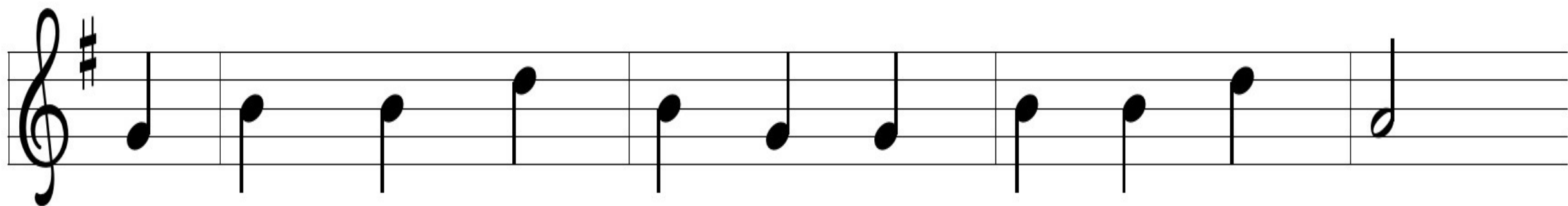
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.



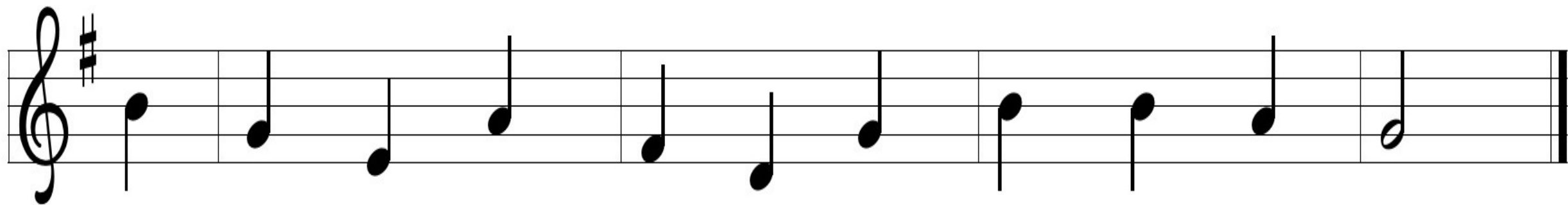
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach



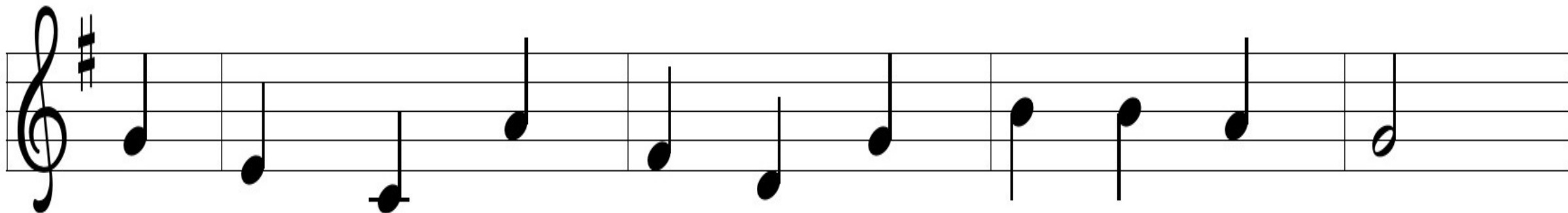
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.



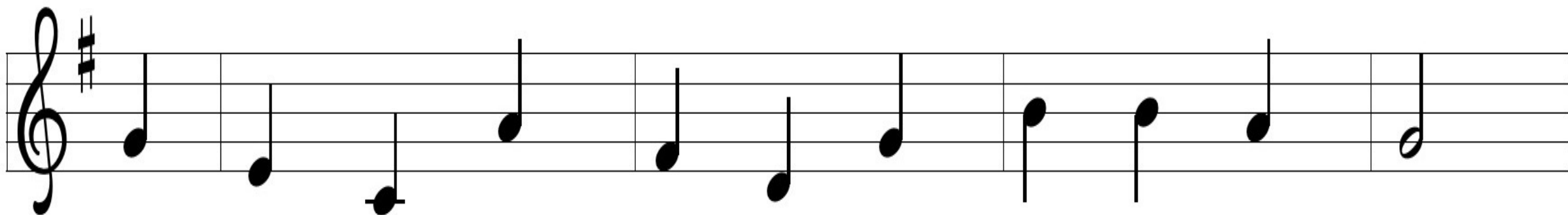
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise



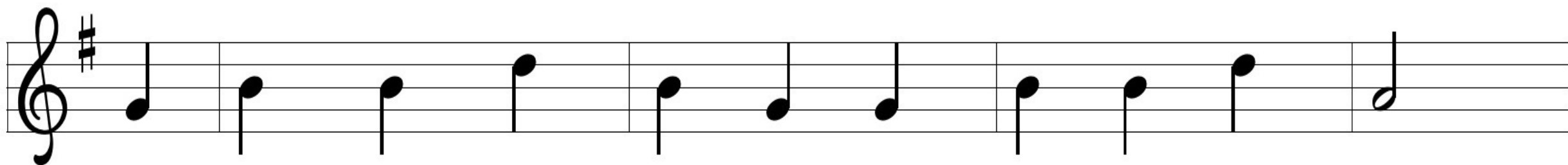
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.



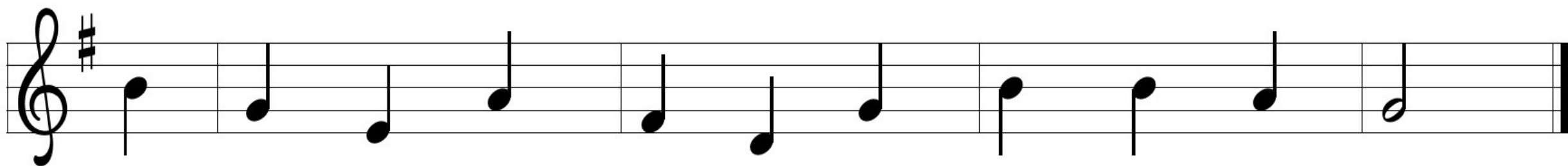
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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**P: Go in Peace
Grow in Grace
Serve in Love!**

C: Thanks be to God.



Sending Music



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

Luke 8:39

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