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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,

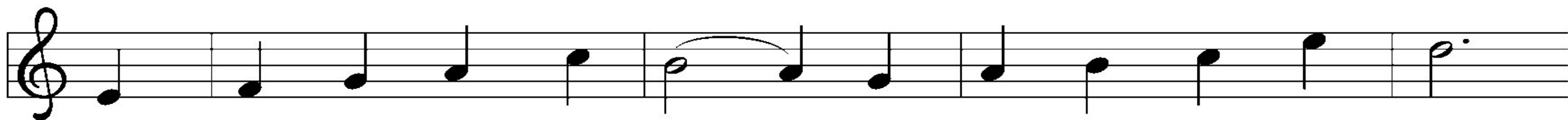
**C: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves. We have
sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone.**

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.

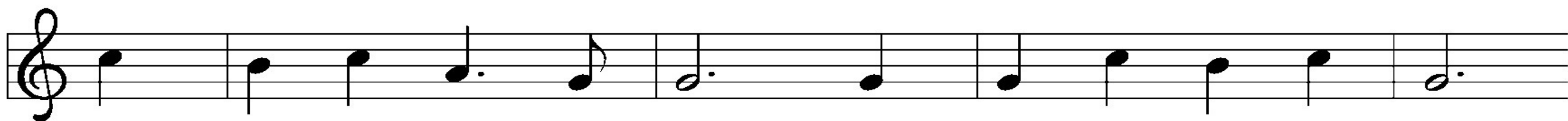
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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

C: Amen.

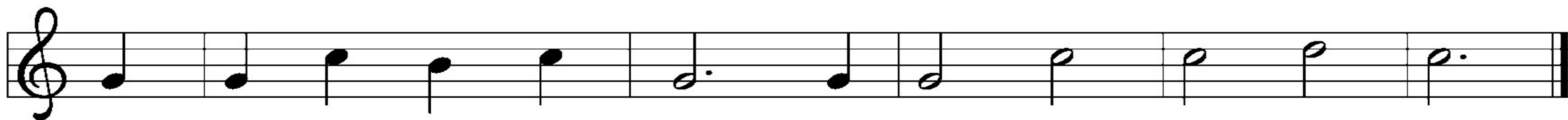
When Morning Gilds the Skies



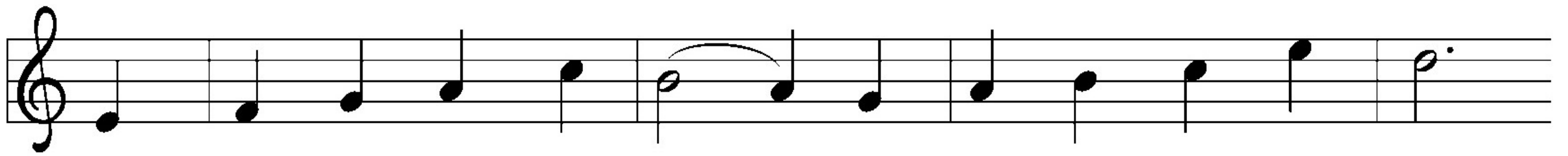
1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:



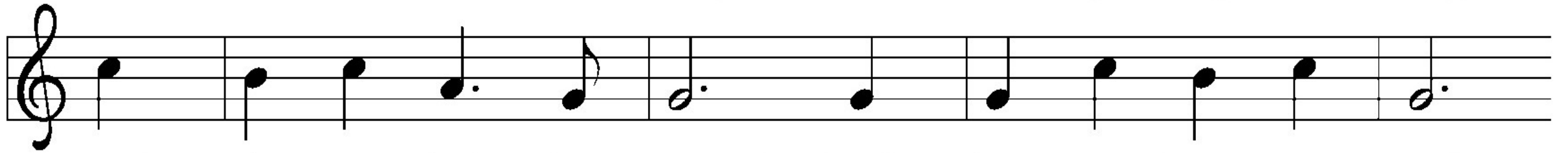
may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,



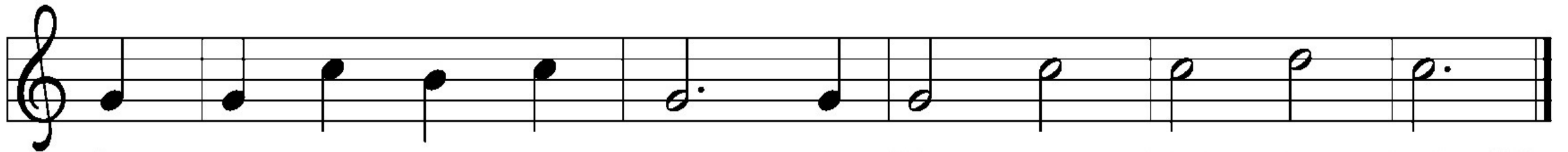
this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!



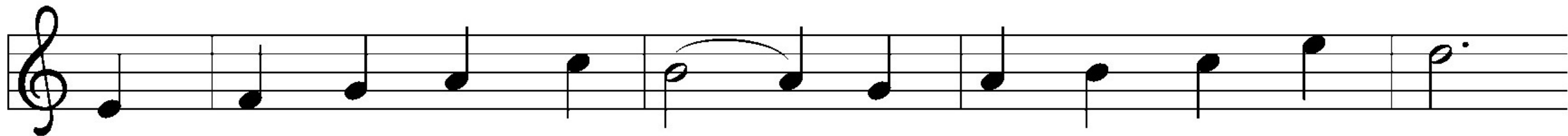
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:



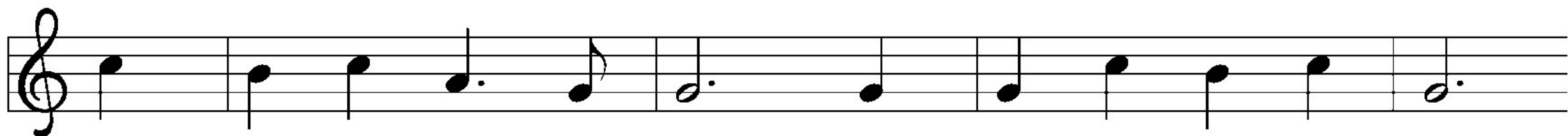
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer



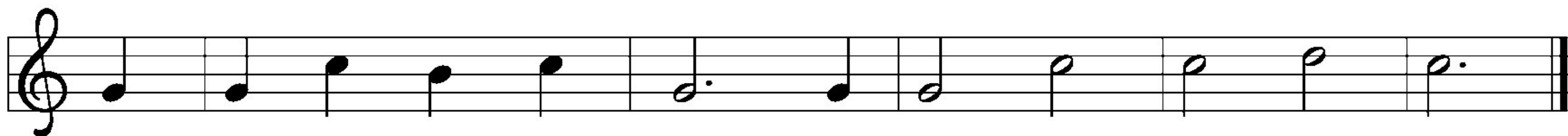
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"



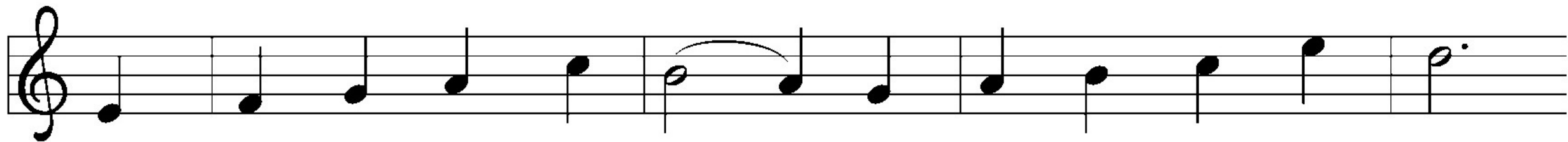
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



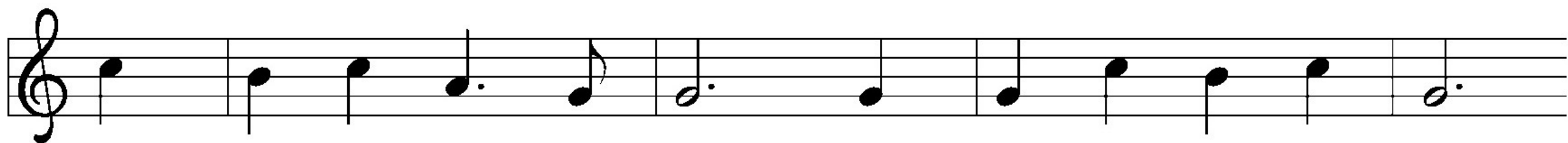
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



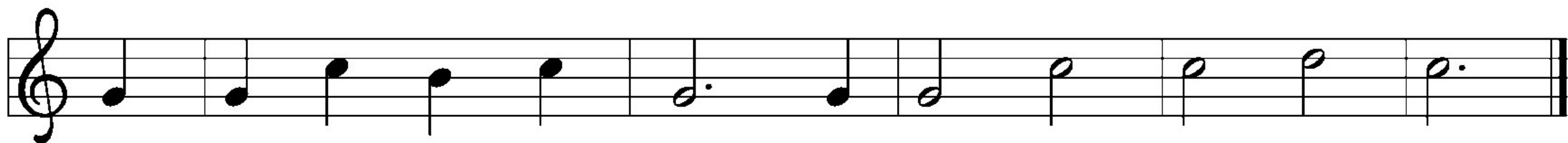
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!



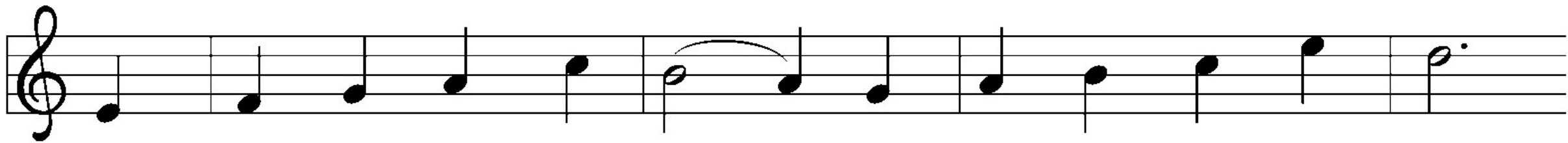
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:



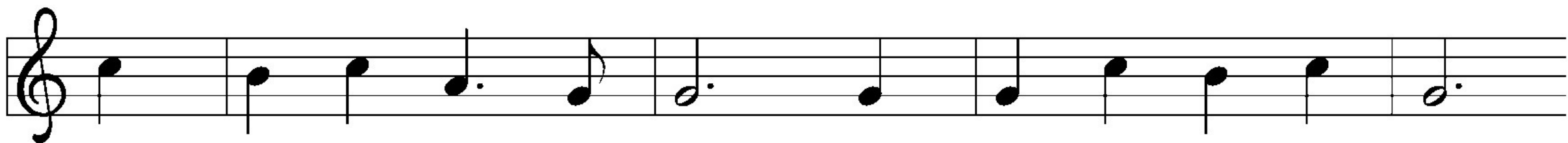
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round



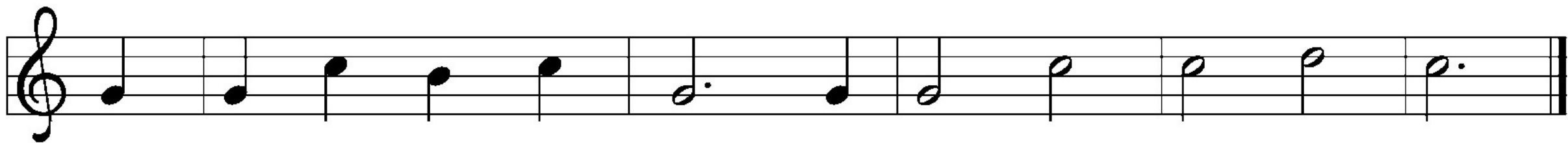
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!



5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



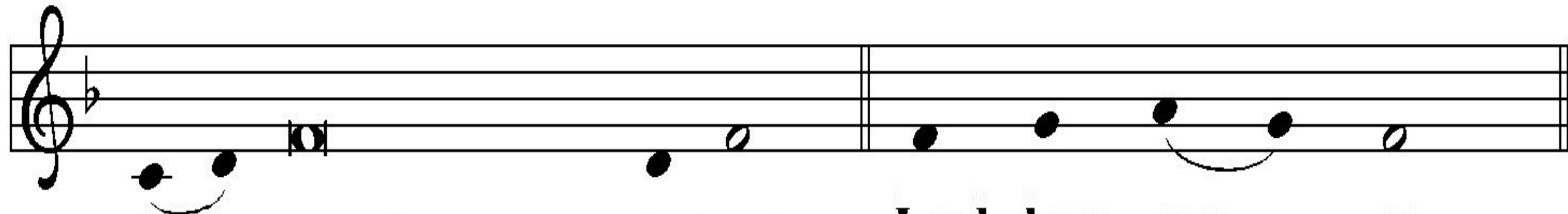
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.

Music: **LAUDES DOMINI**, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

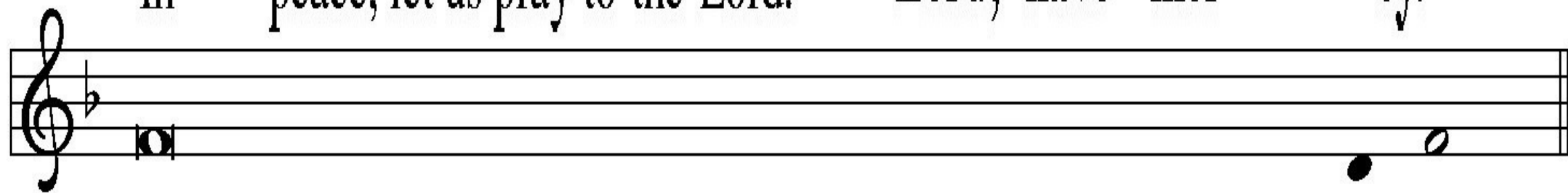
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also to you.

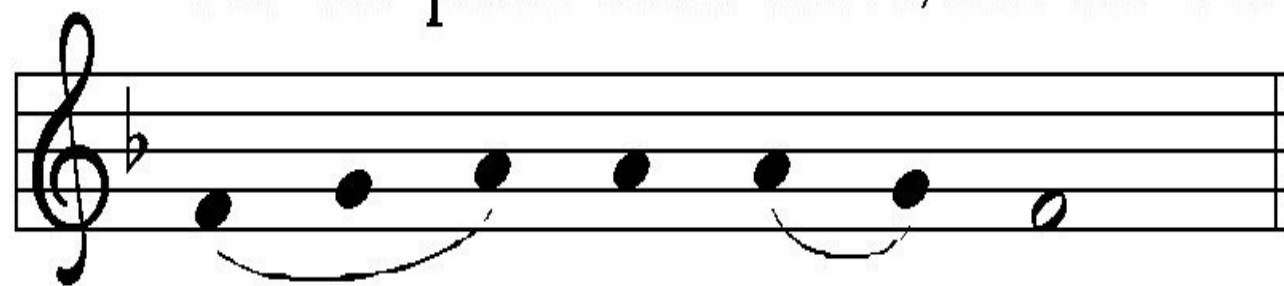


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

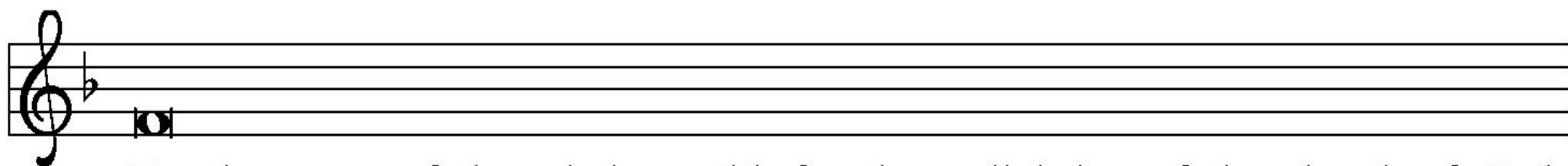
Lord, have mer - cy.



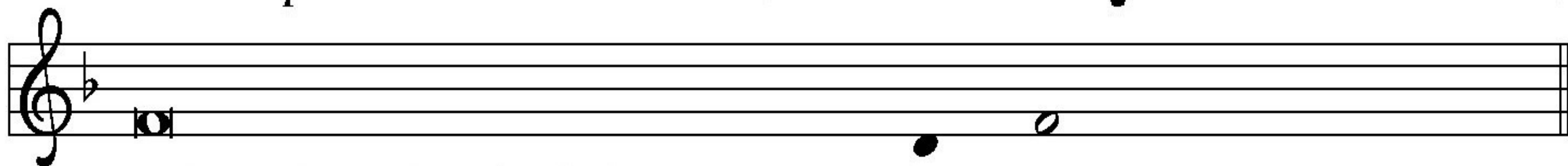
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



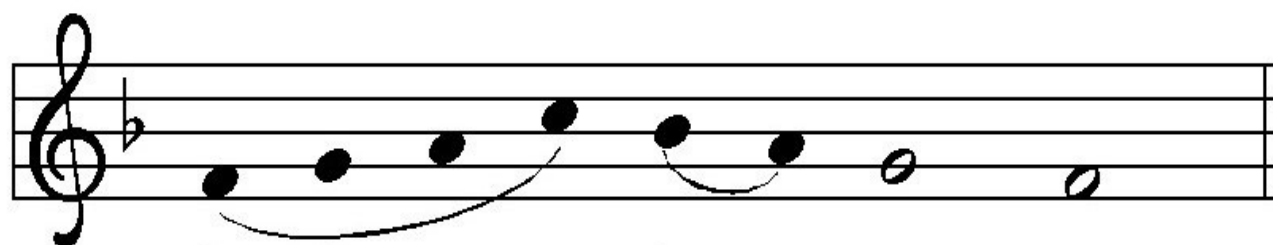
Lord, have mer - cy.



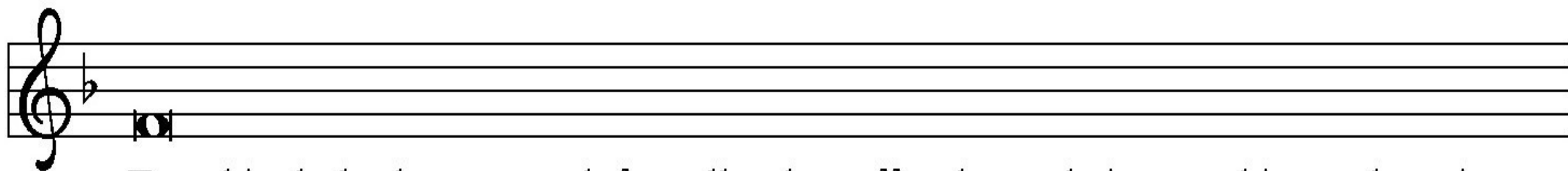
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



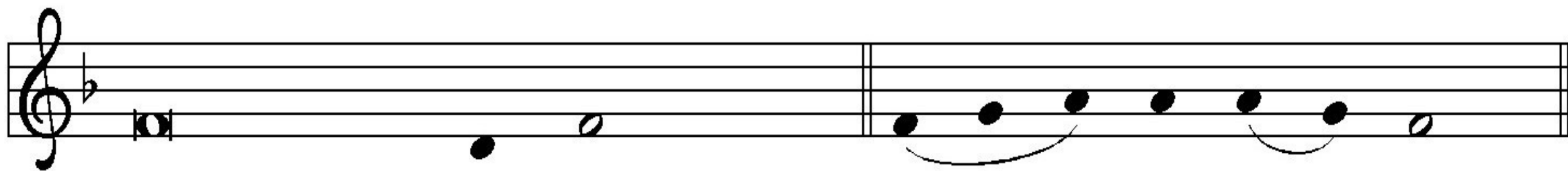
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

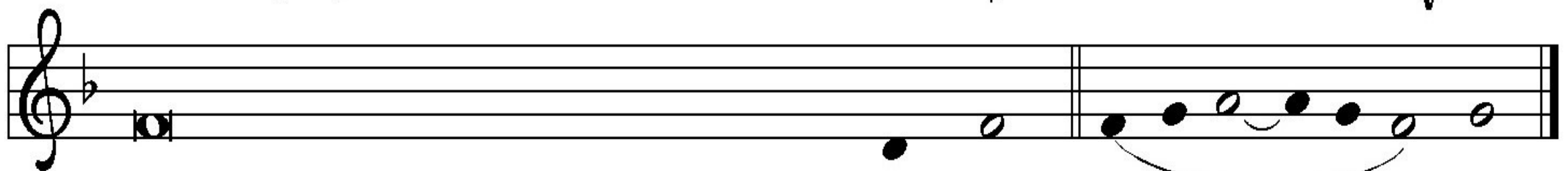


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



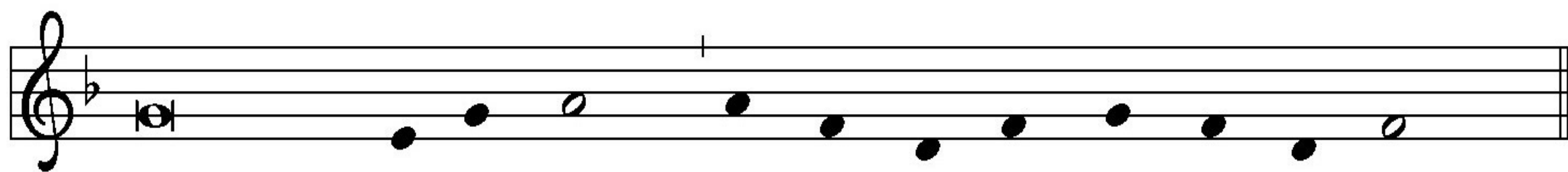
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

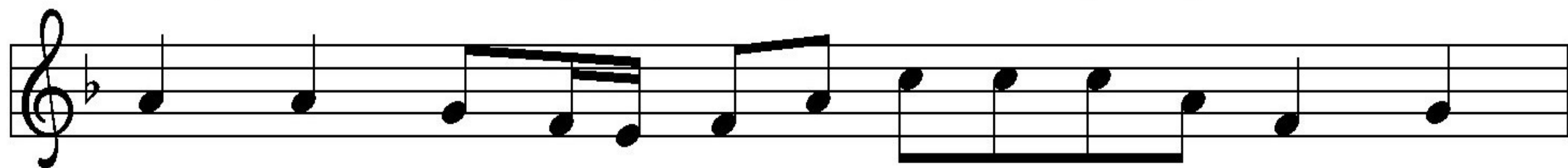


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

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.



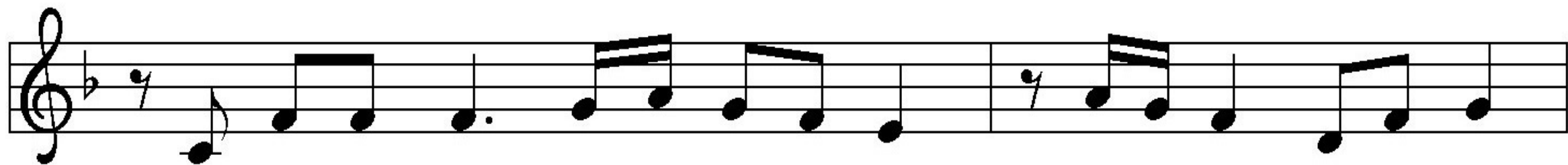
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



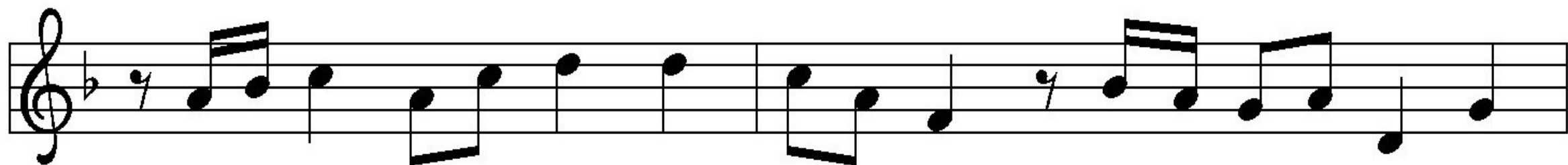
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from Genesis.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?”
And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a} Then one said,
“I will surely return to you in due season, and your
wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do |
what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who | fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health
and do not take | back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be |
overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

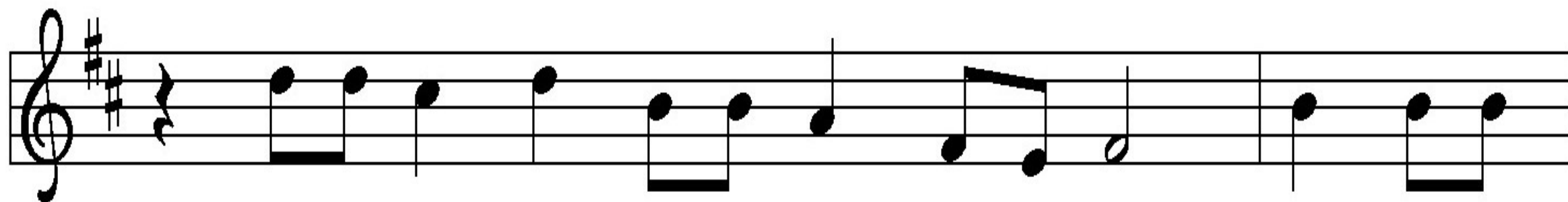
²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

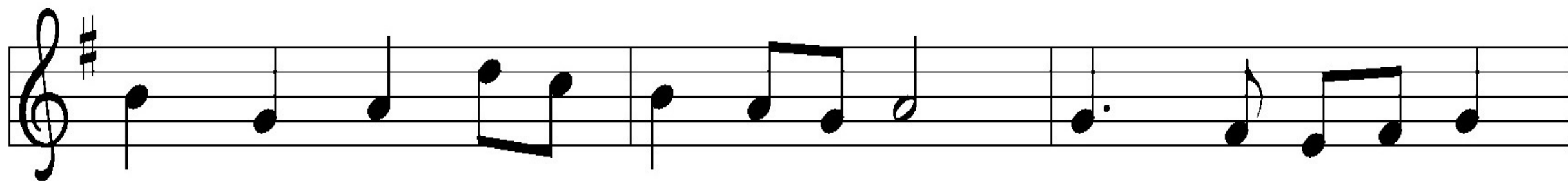
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY



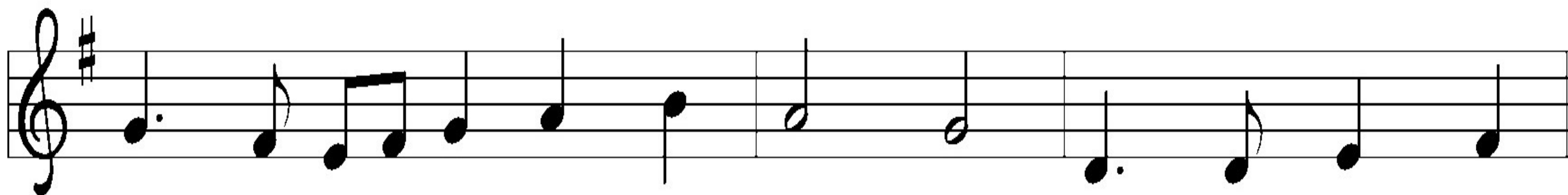
Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



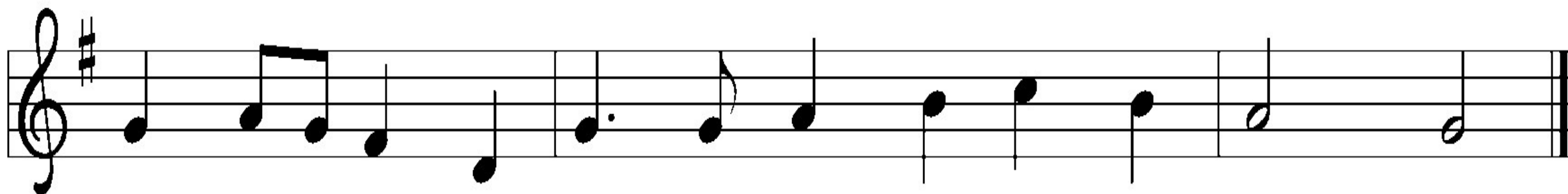
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -



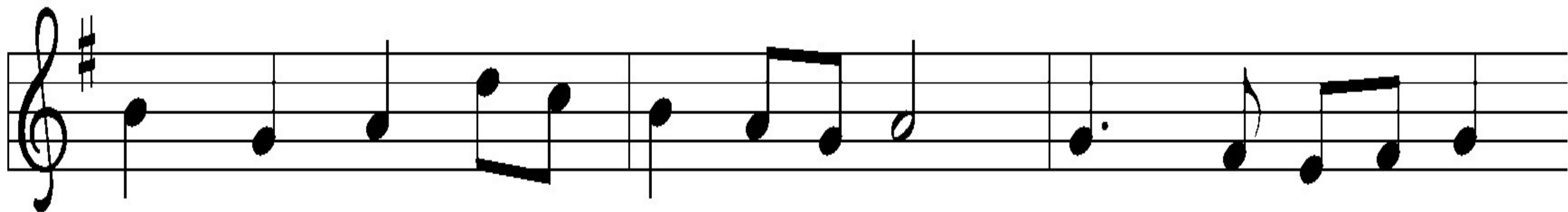
gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred



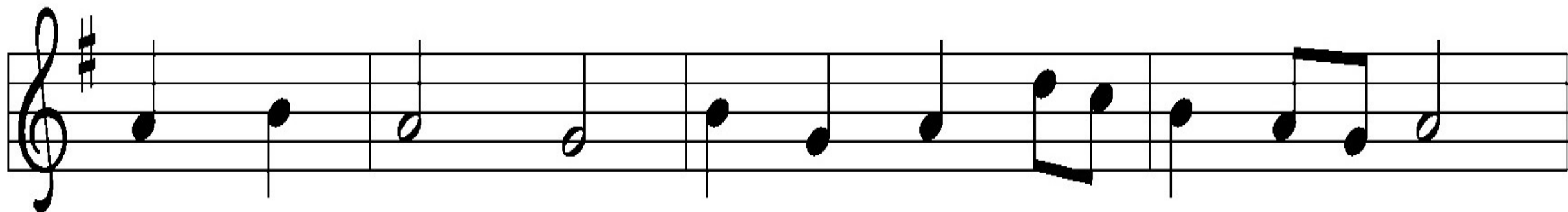
and in glow-ing faith be near you as the prom - is -



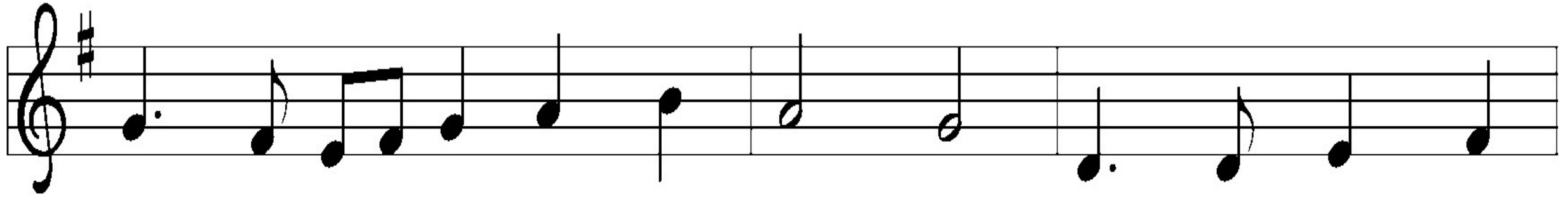
es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.



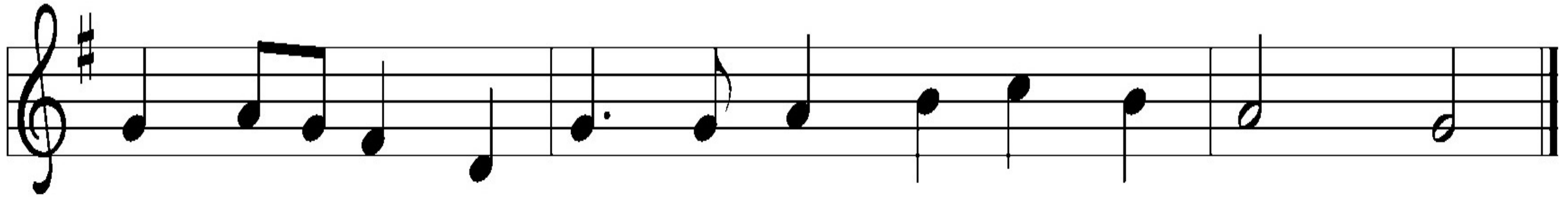
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est



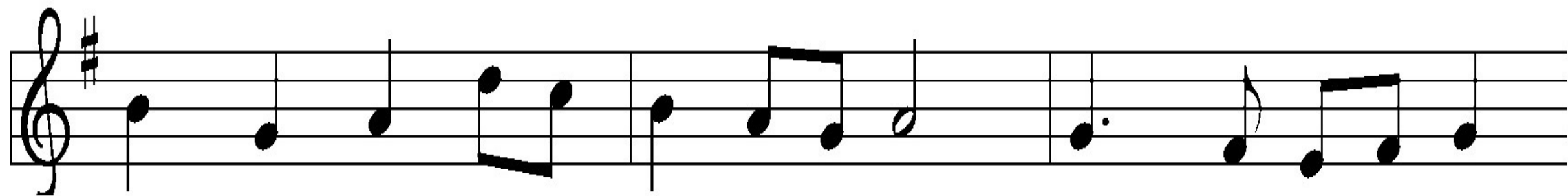
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,



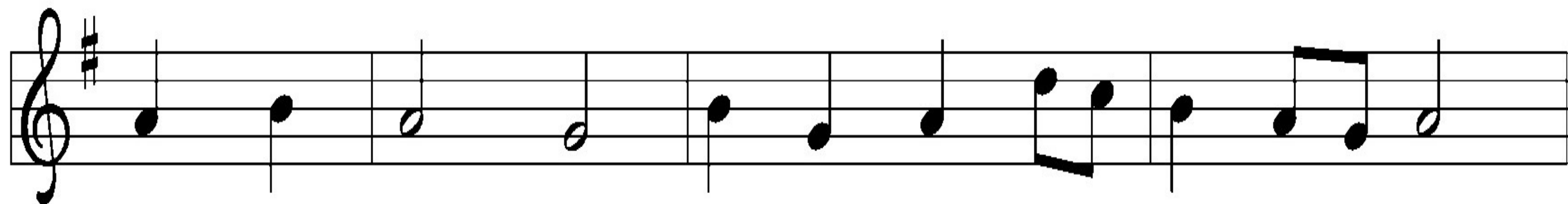
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and



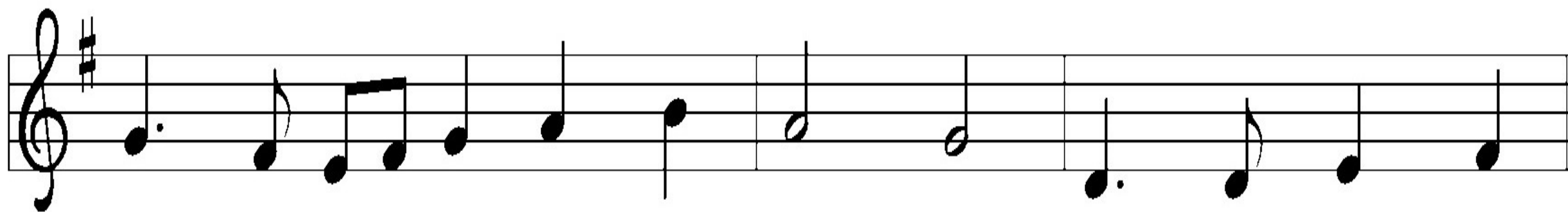
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.



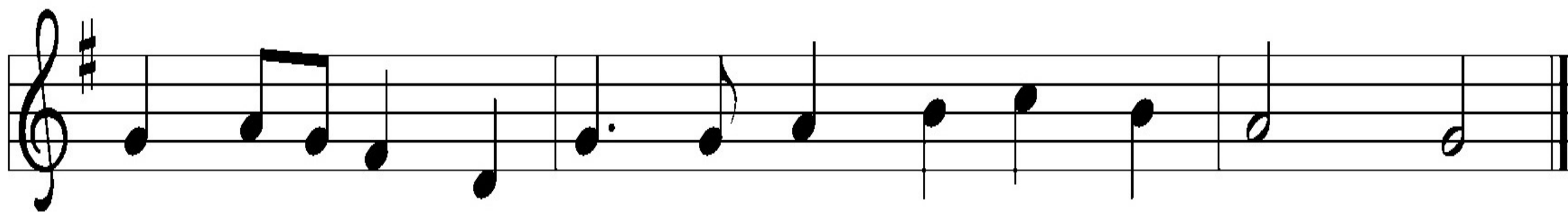
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from



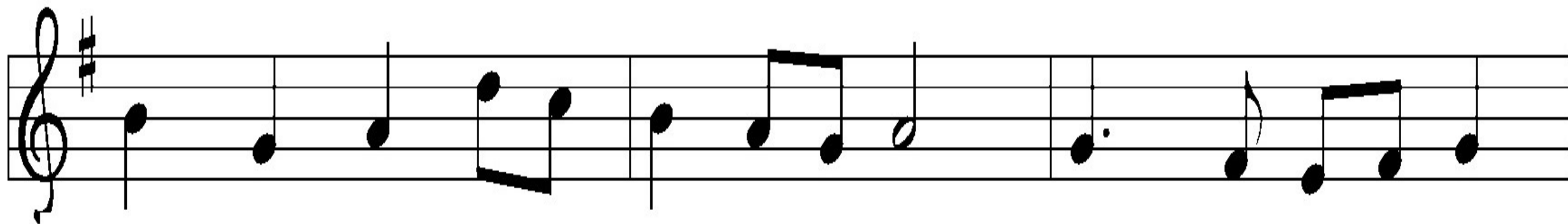
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;



help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and



songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.



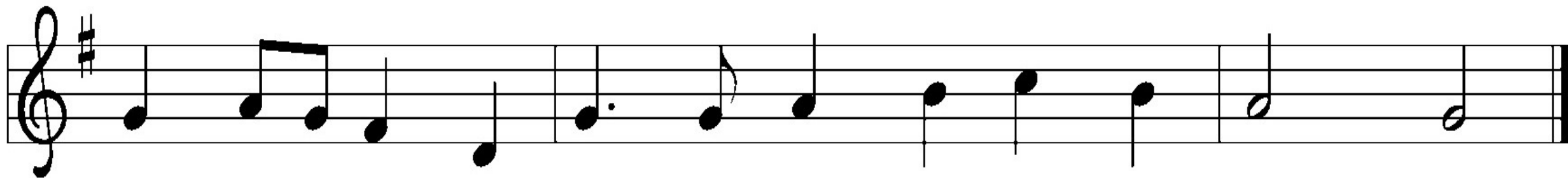
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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: Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things.
As your church gathers to hear your word, share
your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us
to welcome strangers as we have been
welcomed by you. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P/A: Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: Through Christ you reconcile all things.
Motivate those in power to end enslavement,
dehumanization, or brutality of any kind (in the
spirit of Bartolomé de Las Casas, whom we
commemorate today) and to protect and
improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of
grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers (especially). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: In Christ you make your word fully known.
Inspire this worshiping community
(congregation may be named) to abide fully in
your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless
the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. 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.

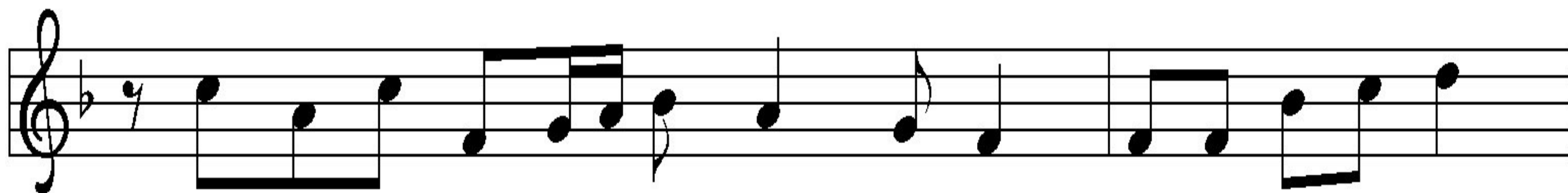
The assembly is seated.

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

EUCCHARIST

Create in Me a Clean Heart

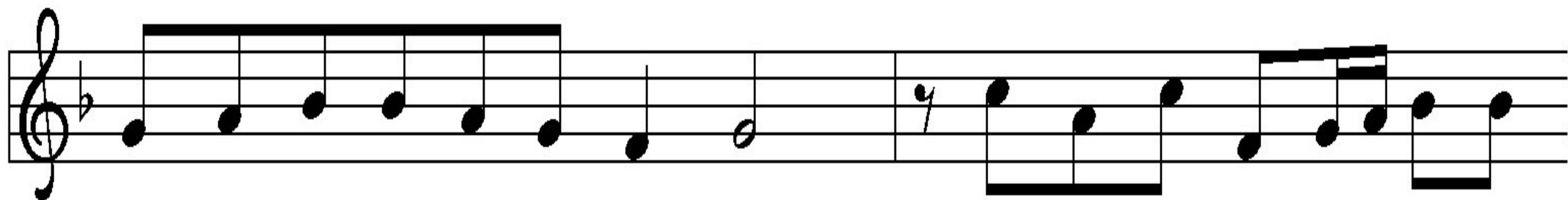
Offering Song



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.

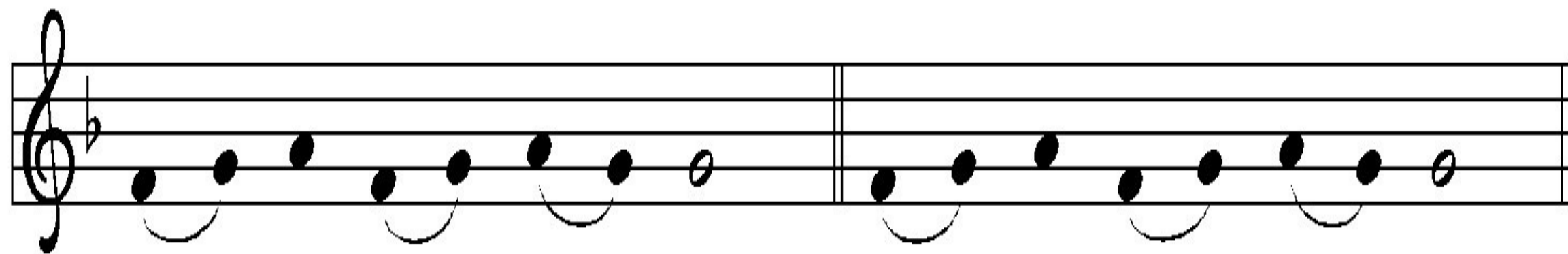
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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

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.

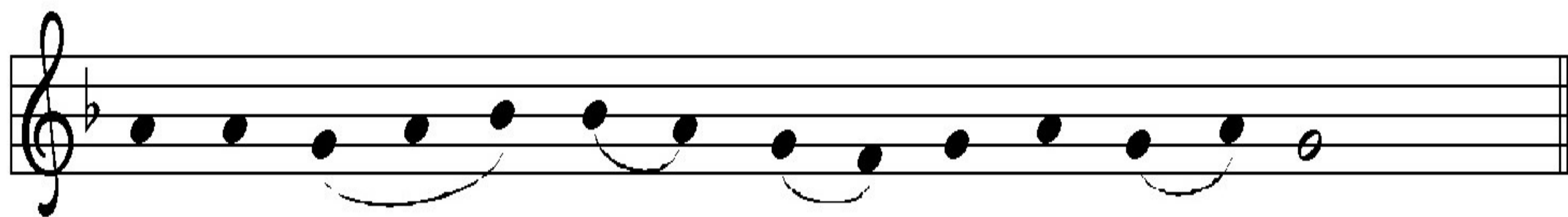
C: Amen.



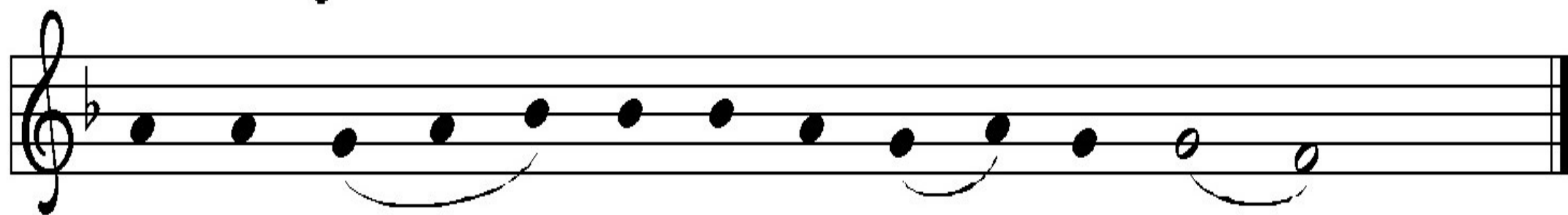
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

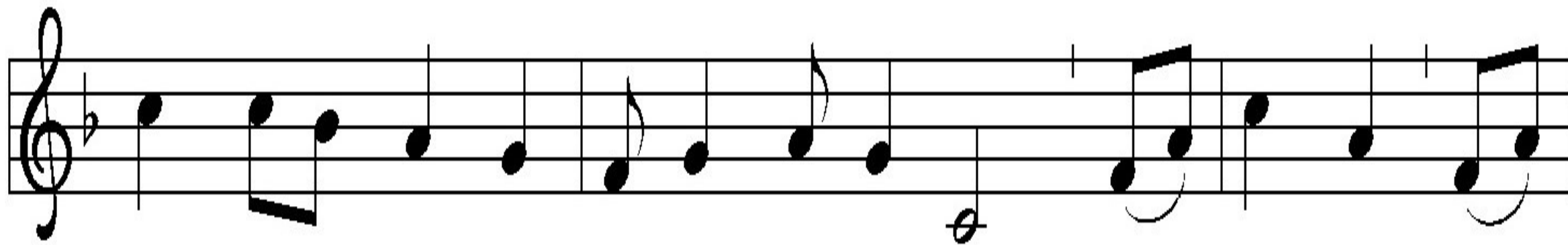
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

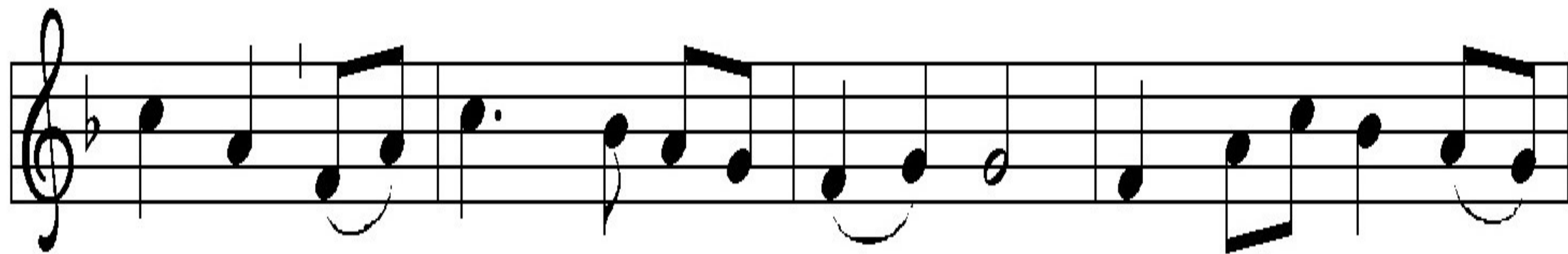
Congregation sings



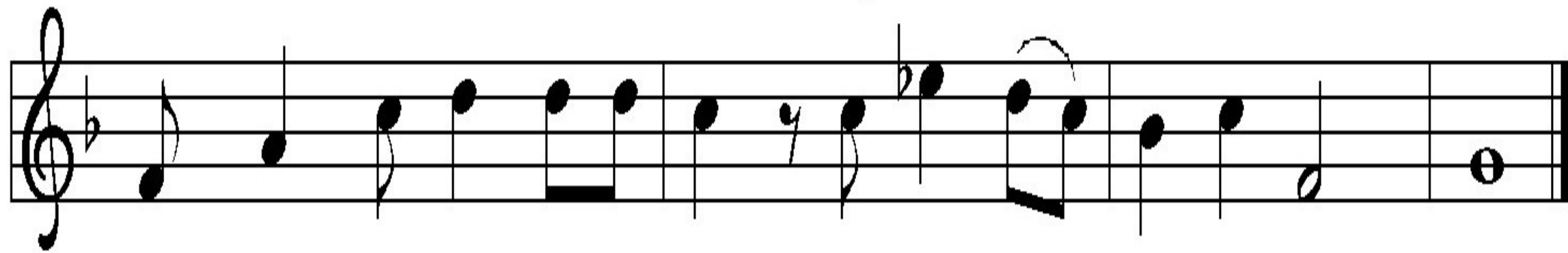
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.

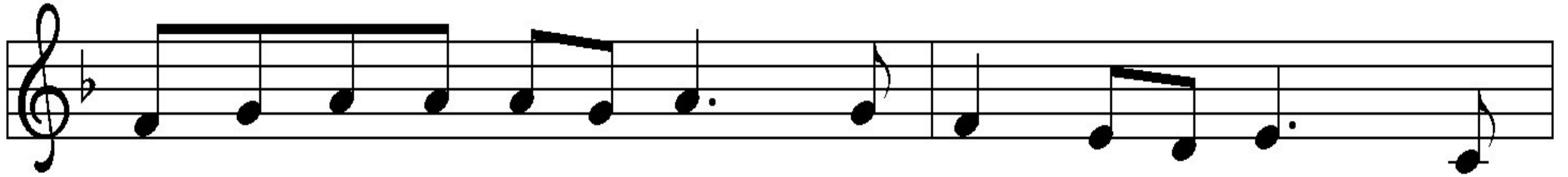
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

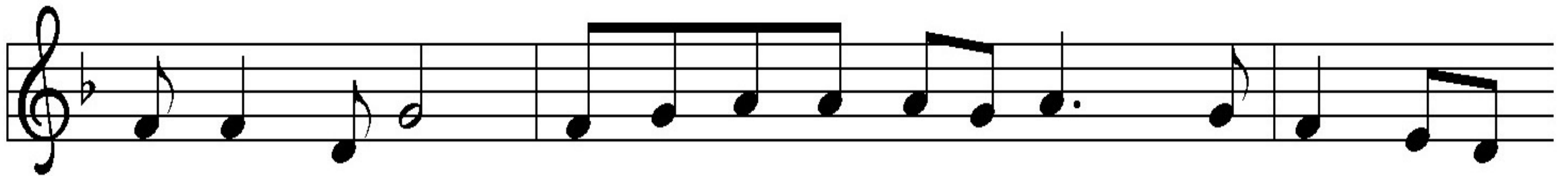
P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

**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.



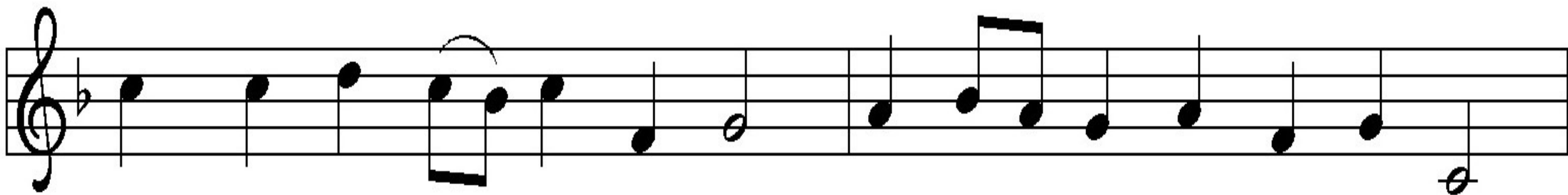
After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

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

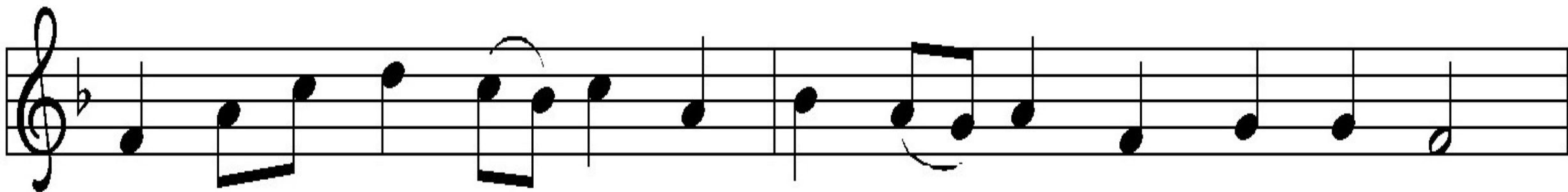
C: Amen.

Stand as you are able

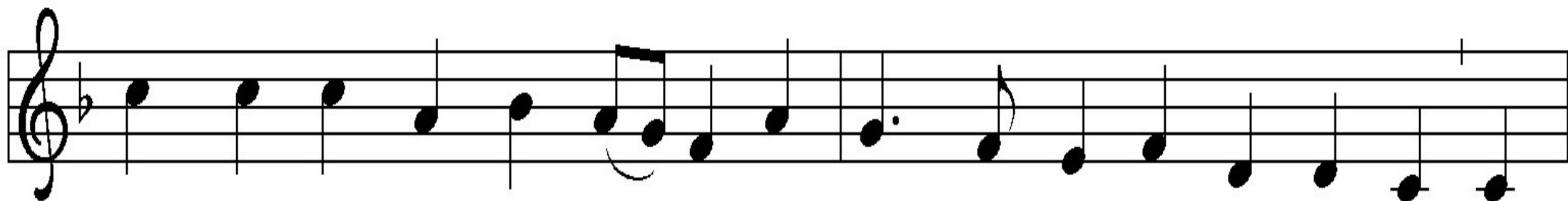
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



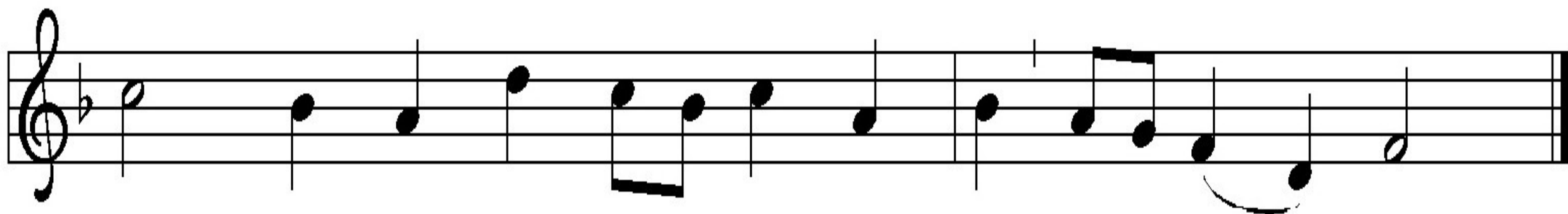
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



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.

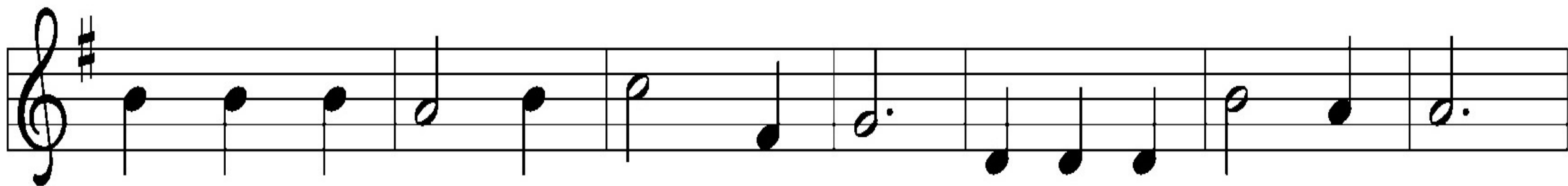
P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
and empower you to bless
and keep those around you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
as you share that grace
and mercy with all that you meet.

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.



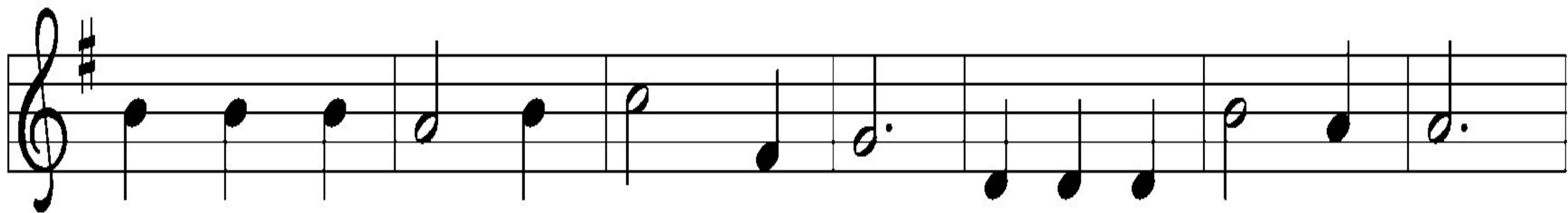
Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;



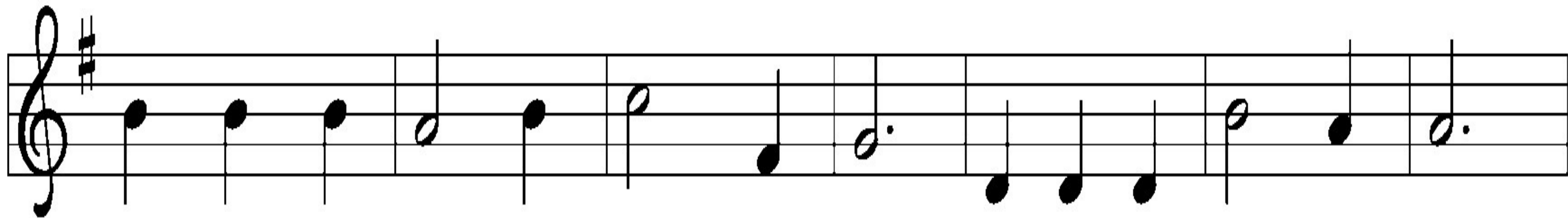
but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.



2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call



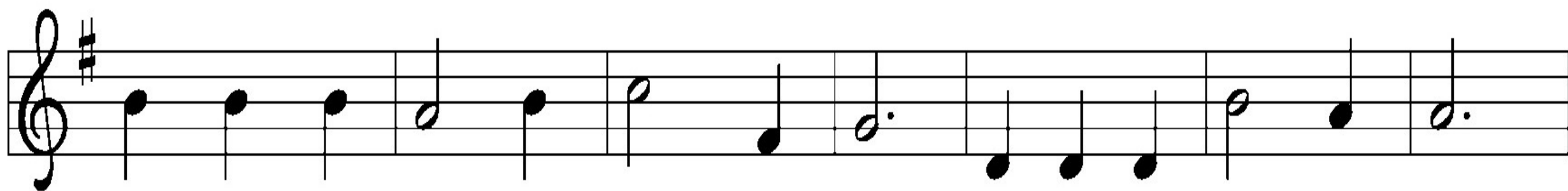
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!



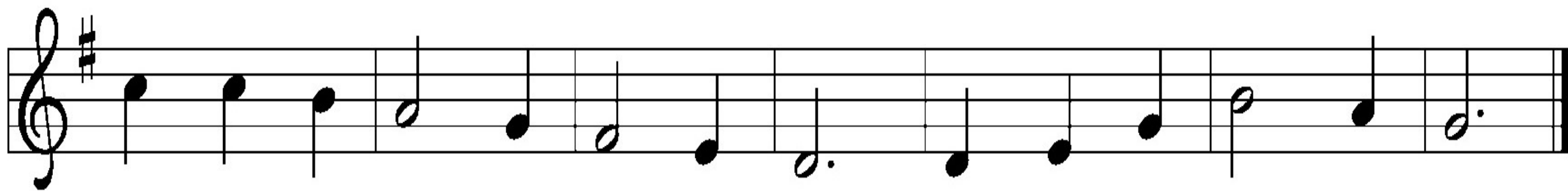
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,



how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!



4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



**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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