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A glowing white cross is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange, yellow, and blue tones. Below the cross, a wooden plank path leads from the bottom center towards the horizon, flanked by golden wheat fields. The overall scene is peaceful and spiritual.

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,

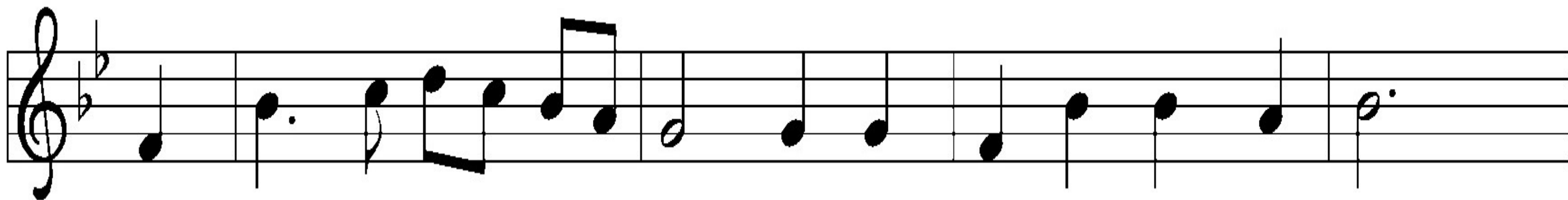
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

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

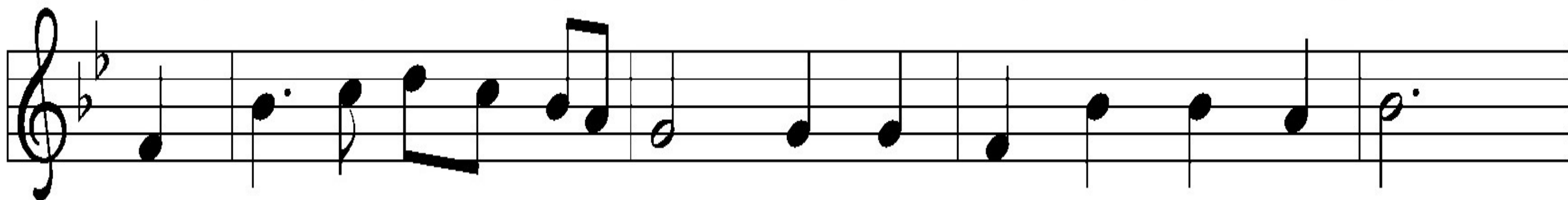
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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

C: Amen.

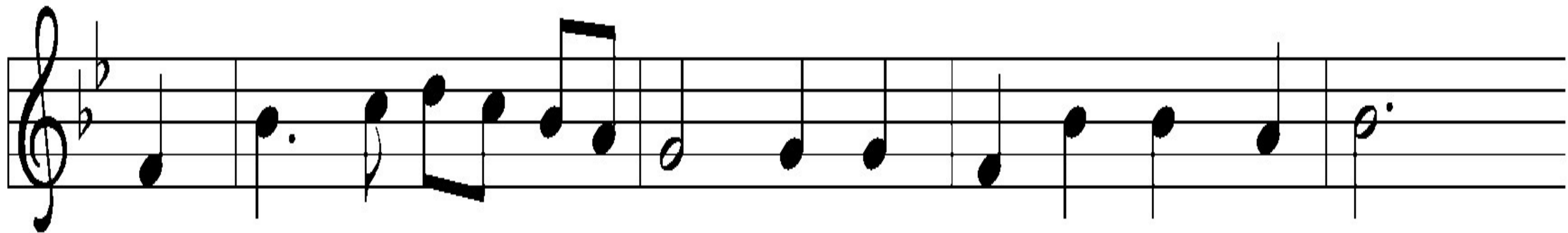
Sing to the Lord of Harvest



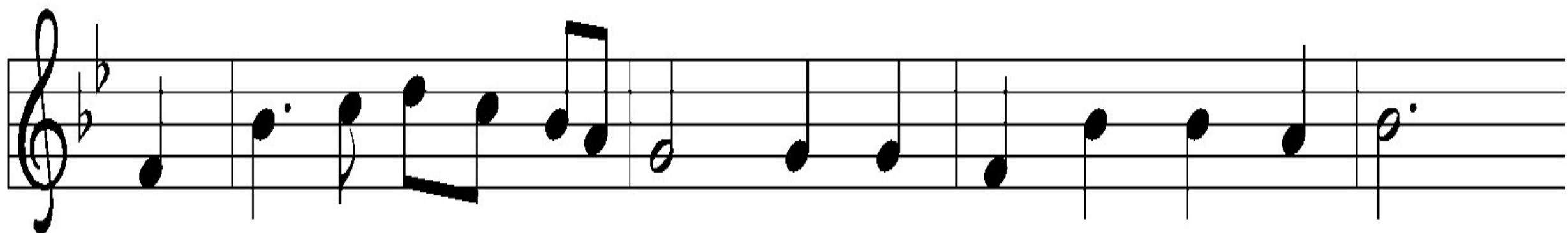
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;



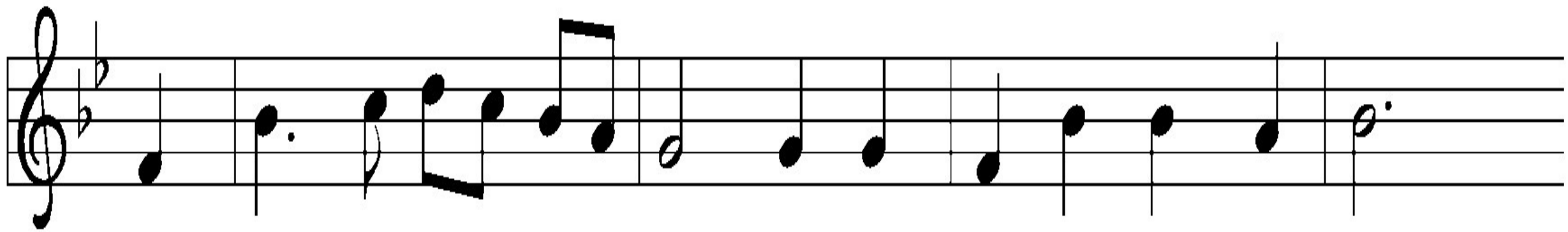
with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;



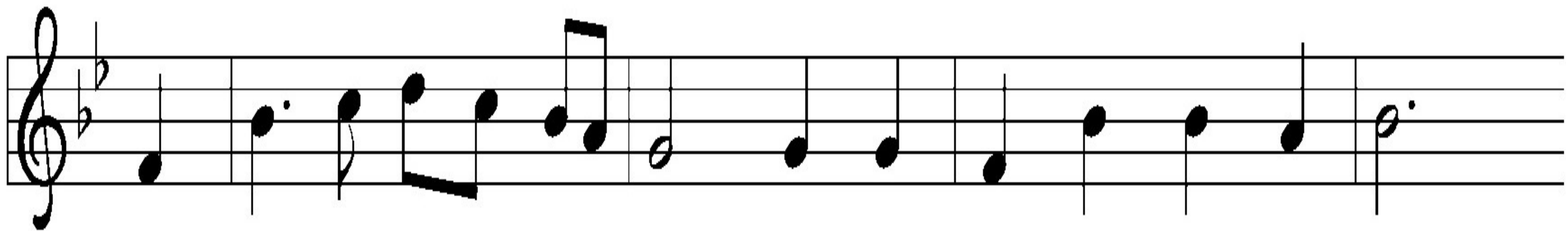
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,



the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.



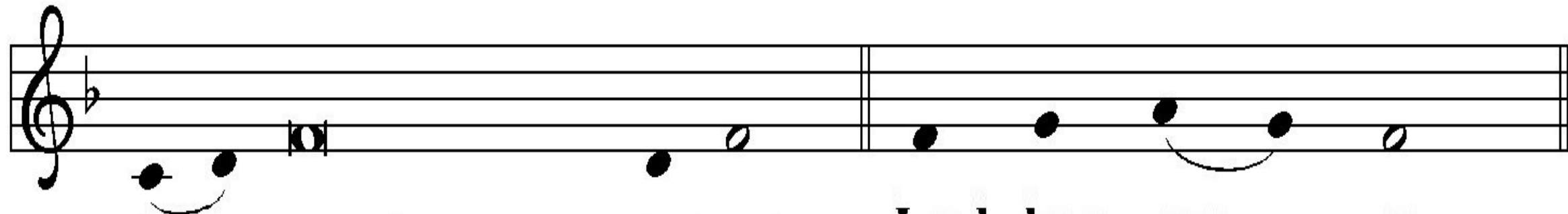
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



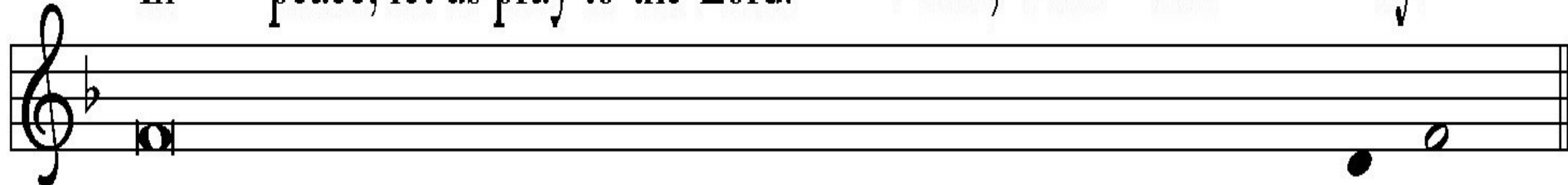
the gold-en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.

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

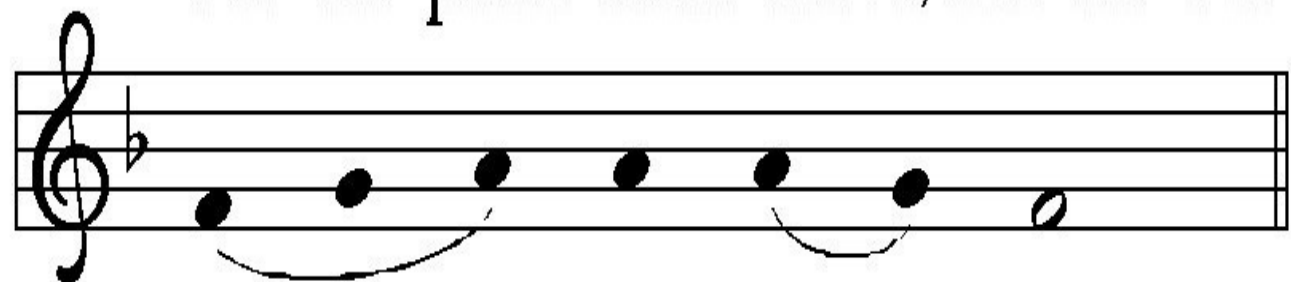
C: And also to you.



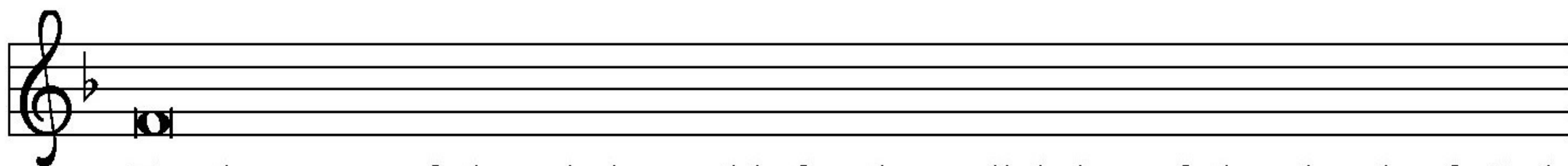
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



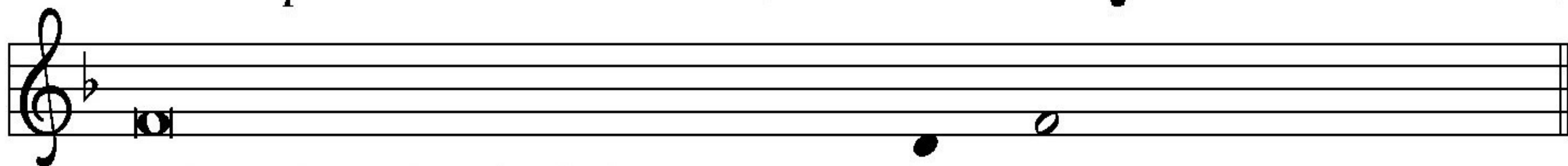
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



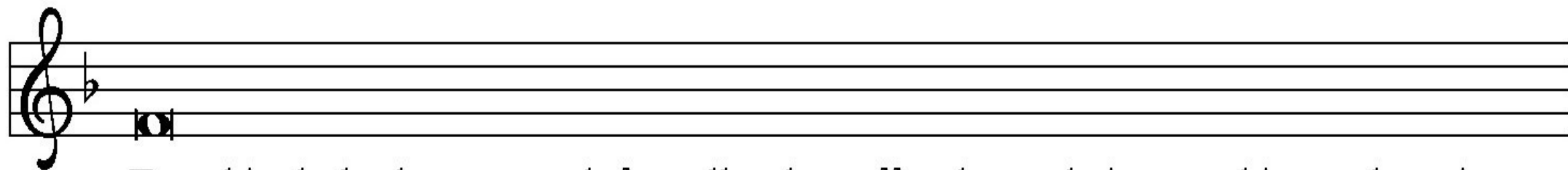
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



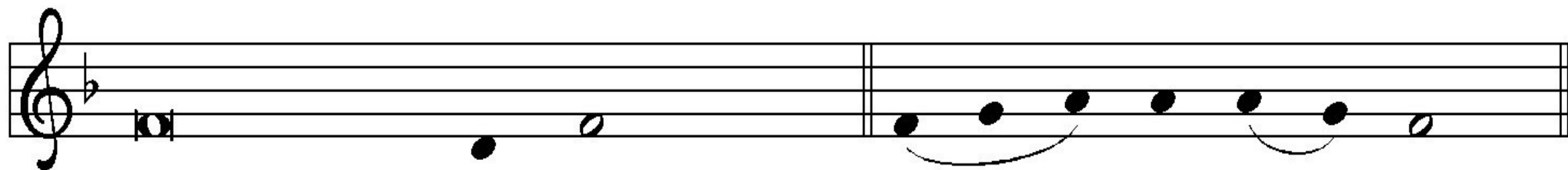
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

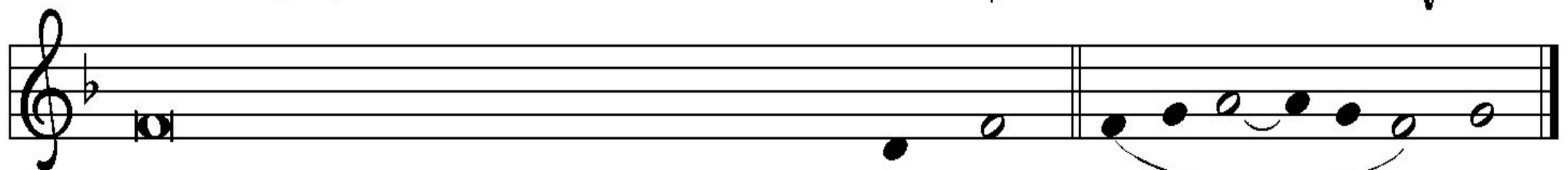


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



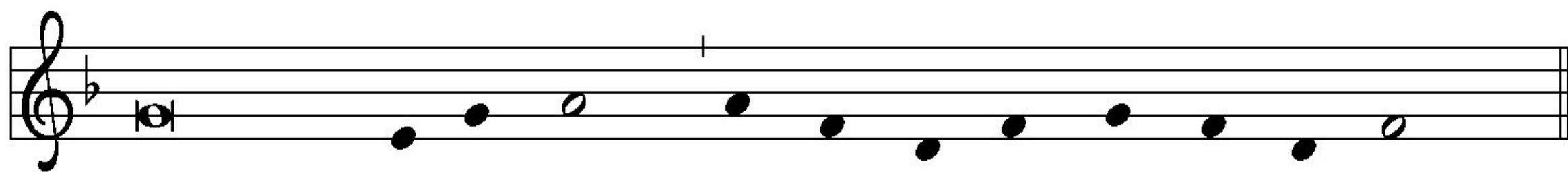
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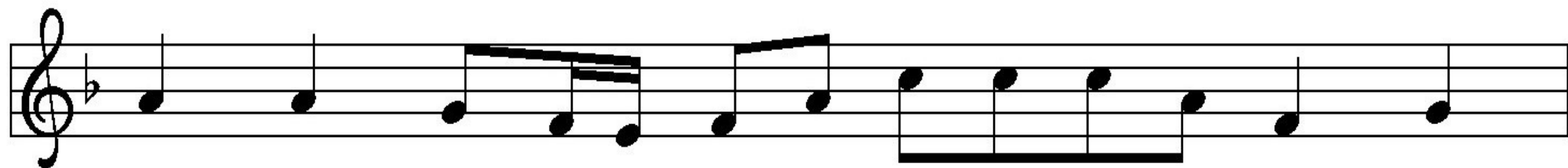


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

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.



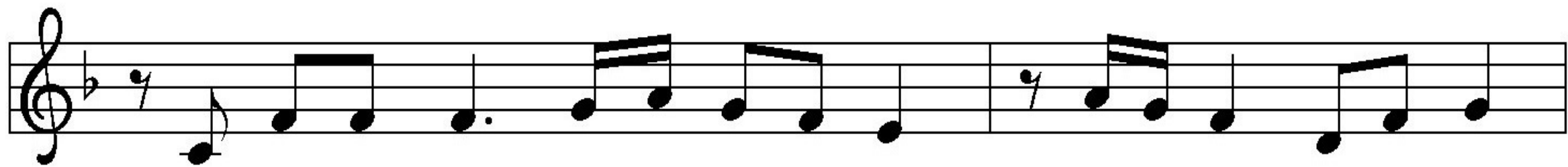
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

A reading from prophet Jeremiah, the 14th chapter.

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

8 O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

9 Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

10 Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

19 Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing,
but there is terror instead.

- 20 We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
- 21 Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant
with us.

22 Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7

¹ How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!

² **My soul has a desire and longing for the
courts | of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the |
living God.**

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

⁴ **Happy are they who dwell | in your house!**
They will always be | praising you.

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will
find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with |
pools of water.**

⁷ They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from 2 Timothy, the 4th chapter.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on

there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

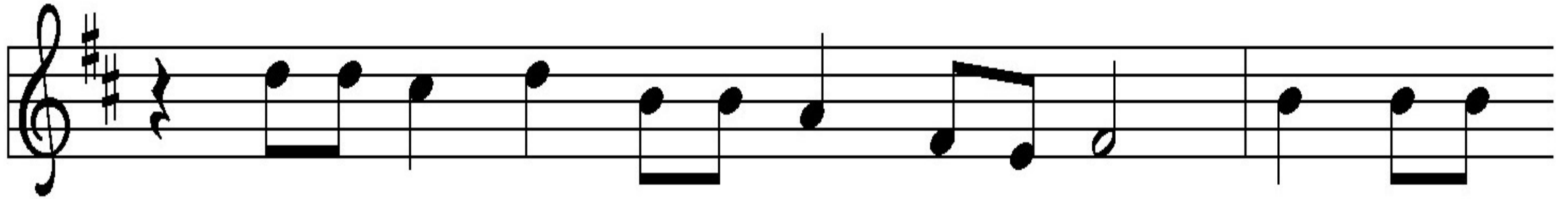
¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰ “Two men

went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’

¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

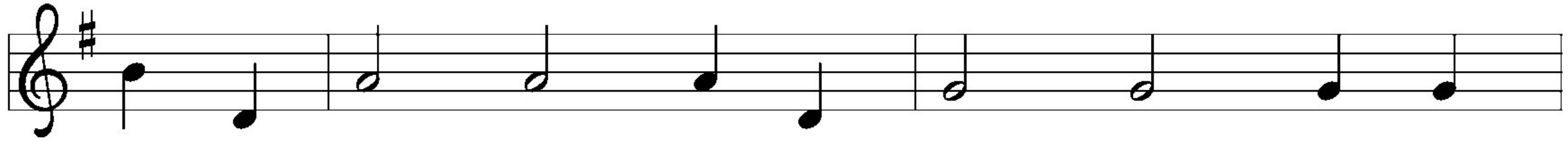
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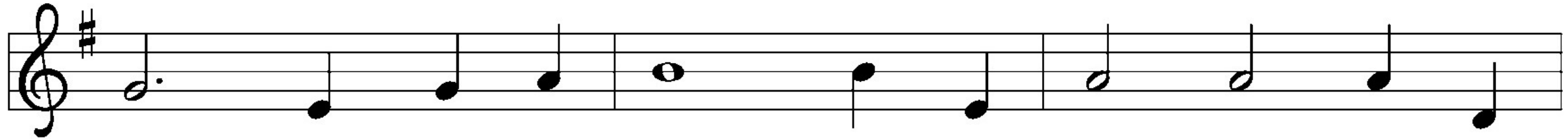
Love in Action

HOMILY

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our



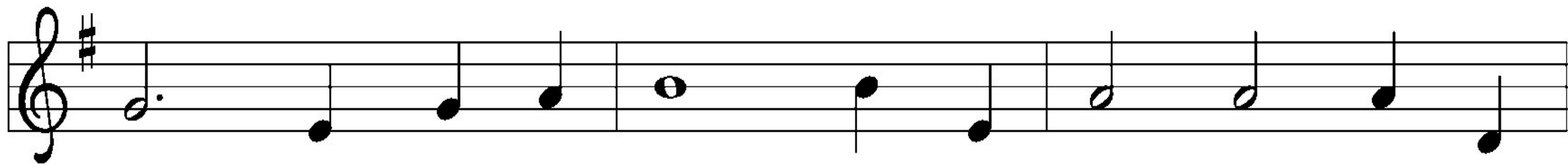
life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"



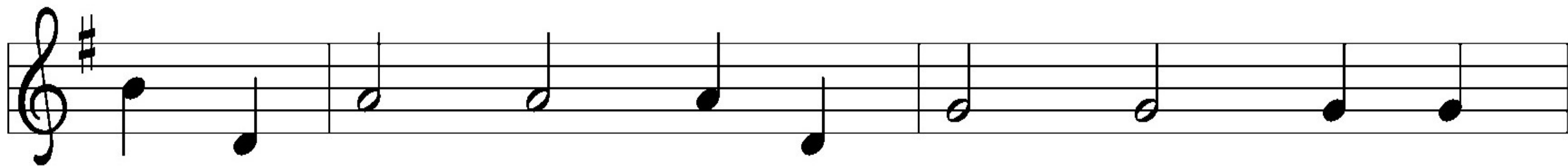
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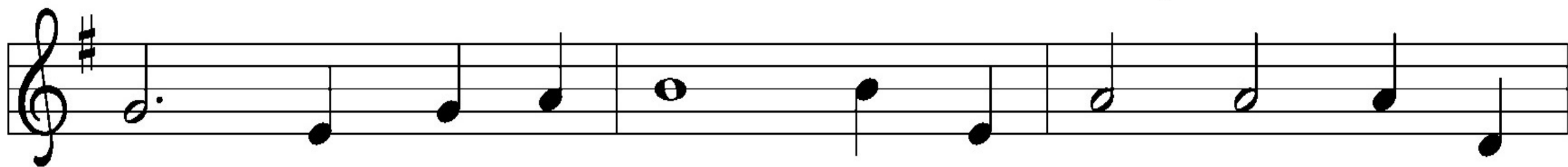
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and



kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.



3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the



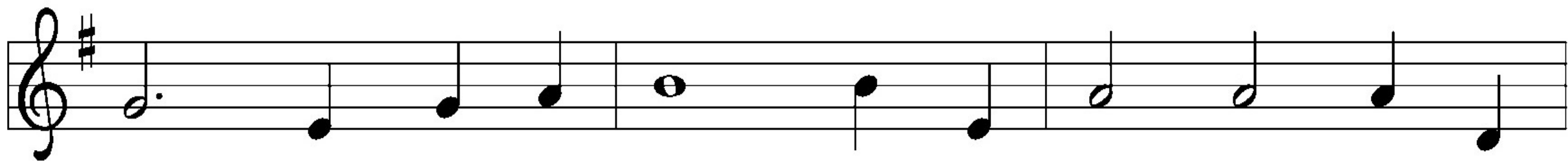
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would



keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."



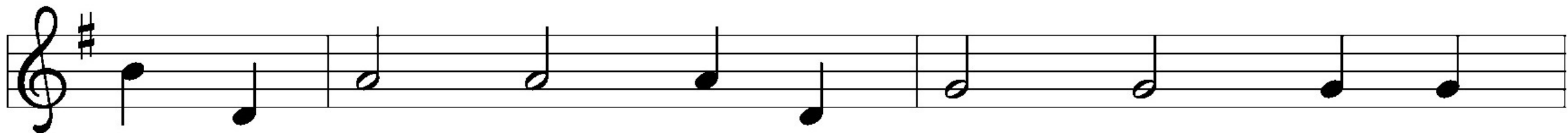
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of



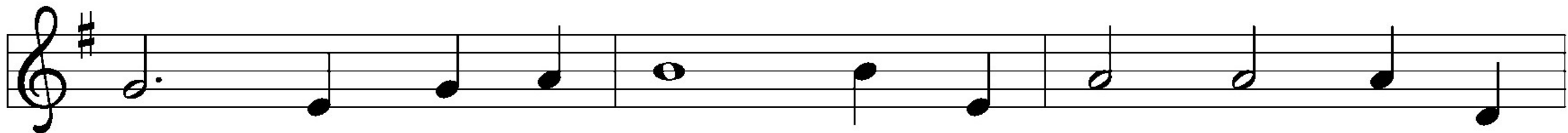
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and



plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."



5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Temple Talk

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: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P/A: God of mercy, you are in the midst of us
and we are called by your name. Inspire
your church to serve and love all people
with the unceasing grace you extend to us.
Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (especially). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer

P/A: God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

P/A: God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

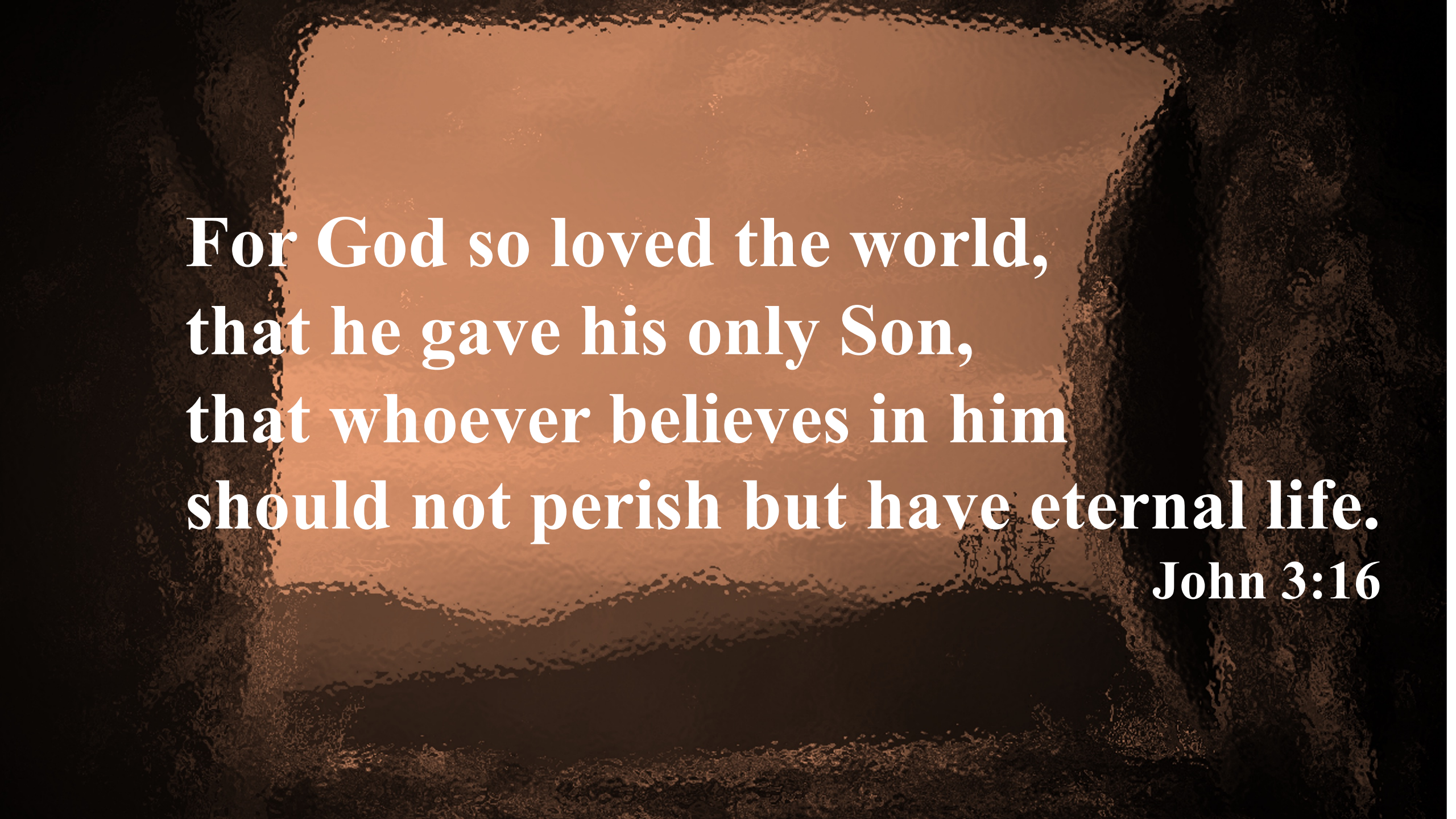
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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.



**For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.**

John 3:16

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offerings may be placed in the plates at the rear of the sanctuary.



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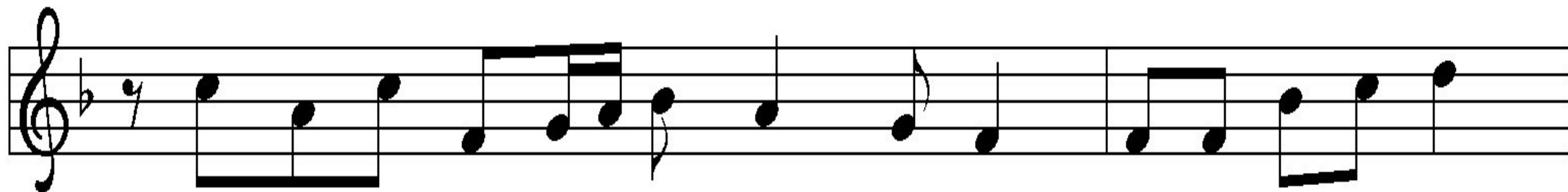
I am the
bread
of life.

John 6:48



Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



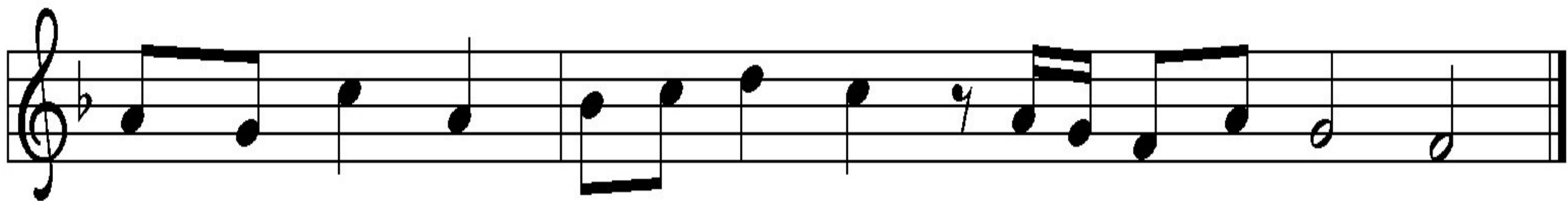
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



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.

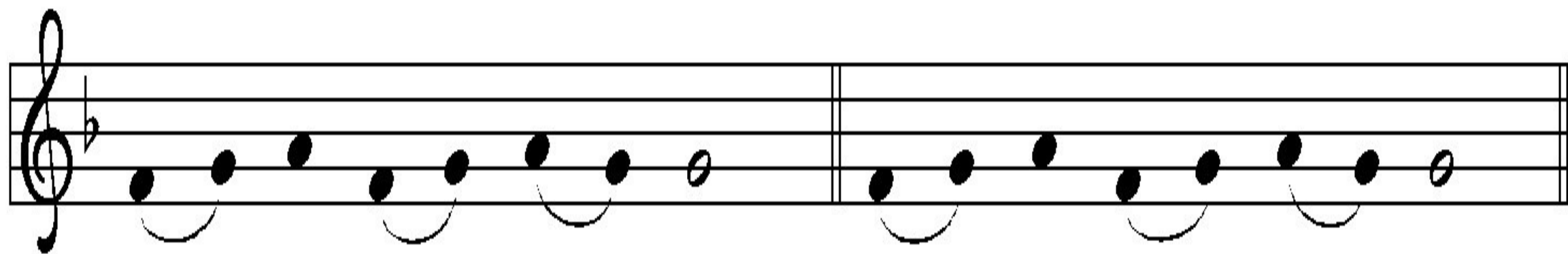
As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus.

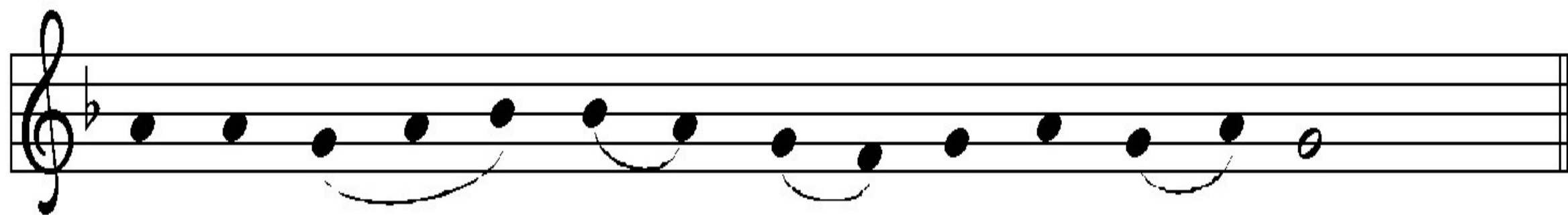
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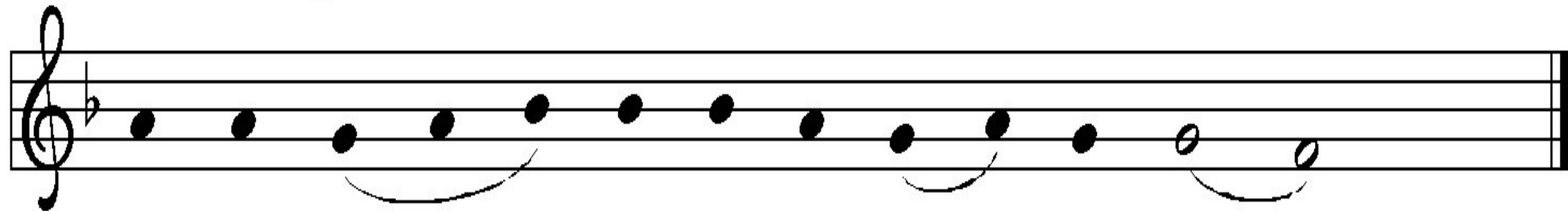
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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:

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.

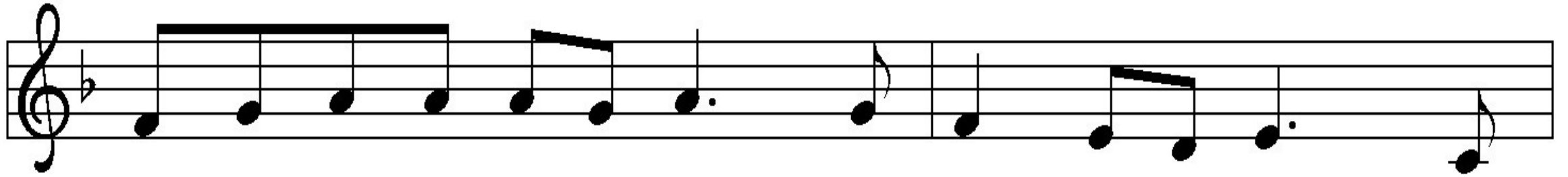
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

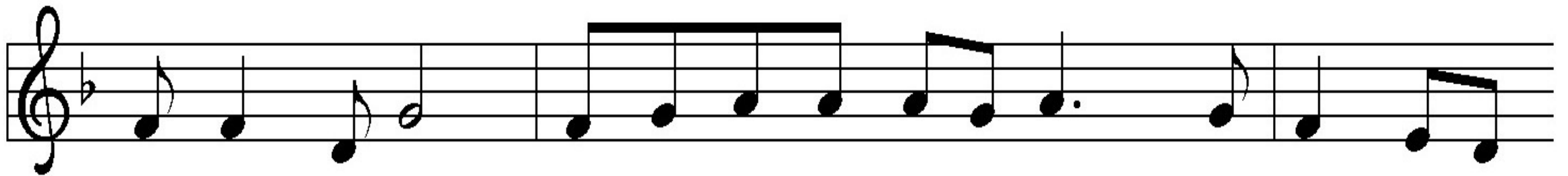
P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

**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.



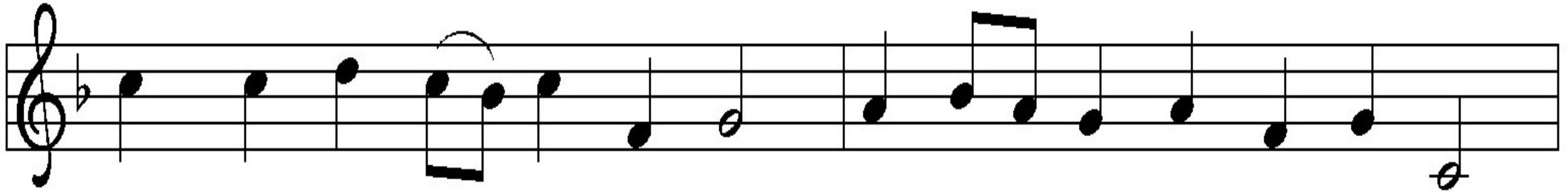
After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

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

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able

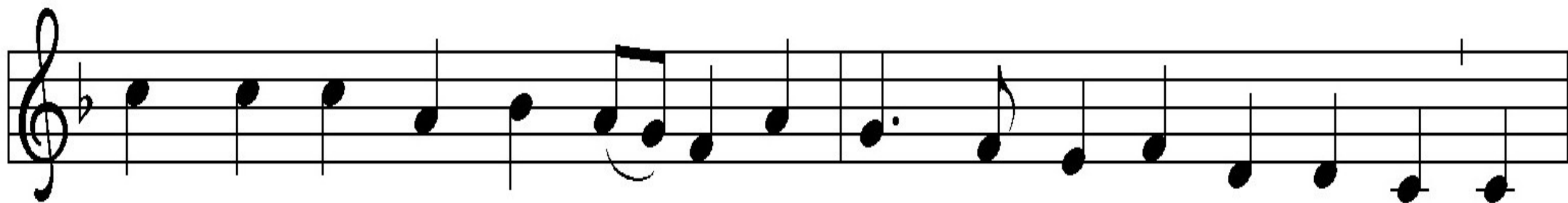
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



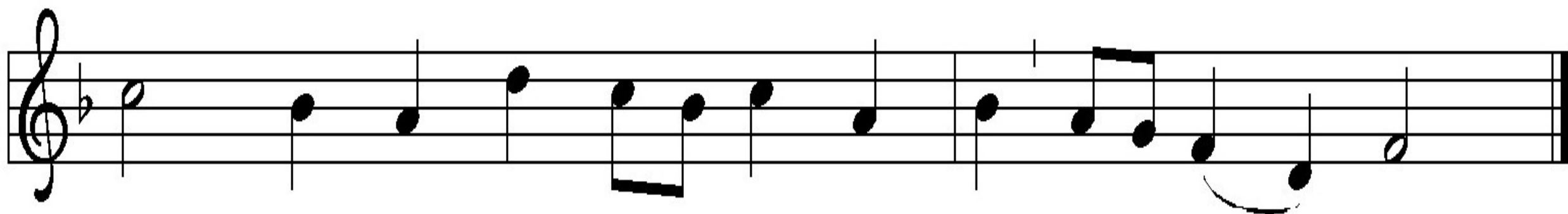
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

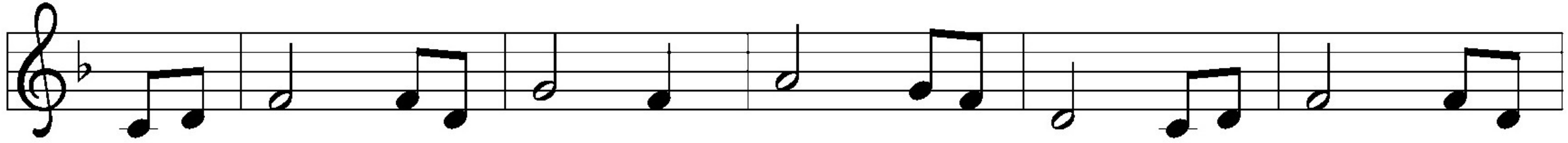
P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
and empower you to bless
and keep those around you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
as you share that grace
and mercy with all that you meet.

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.



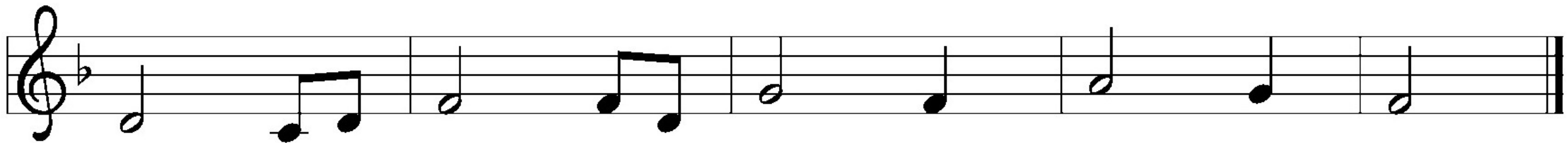
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



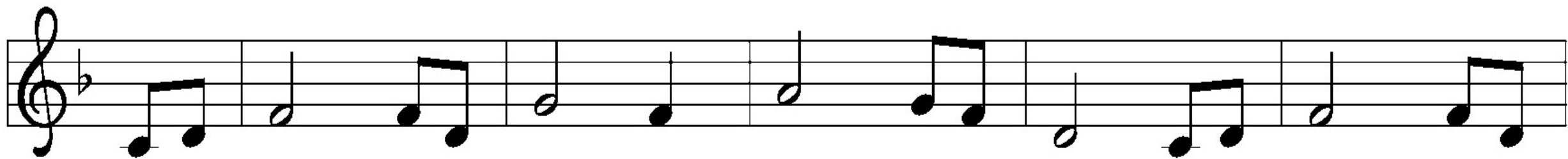
1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and



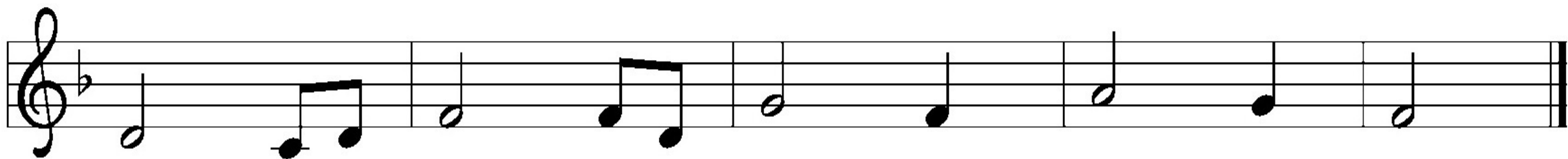
light and what lies hid - den praise your might.



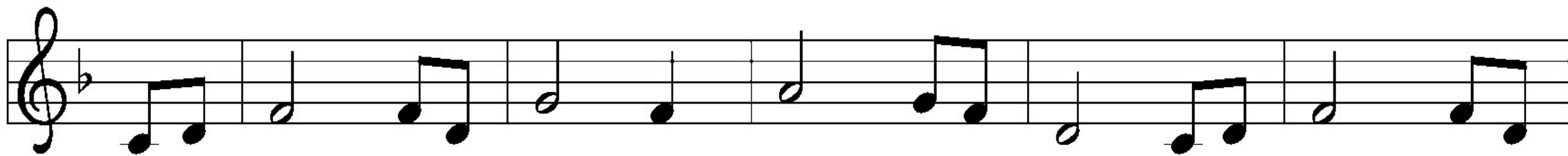
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries



known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with



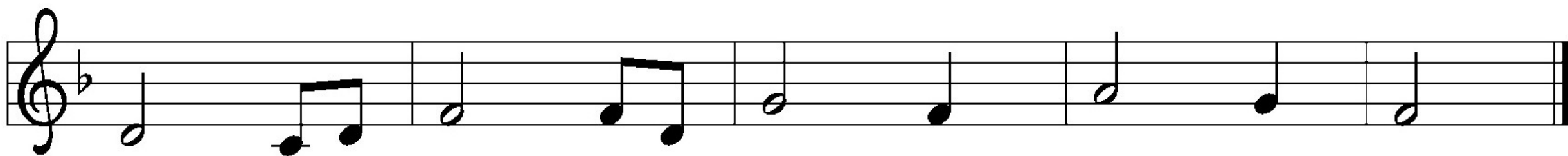
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.



3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -



spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a



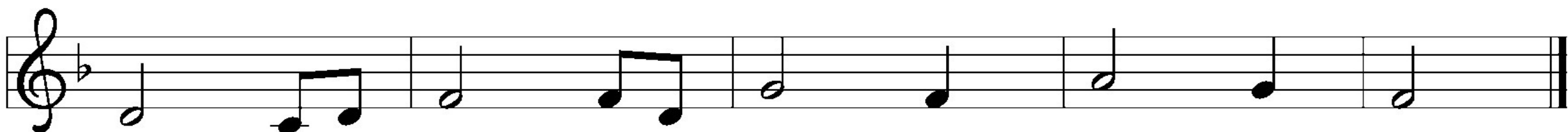
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.



4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



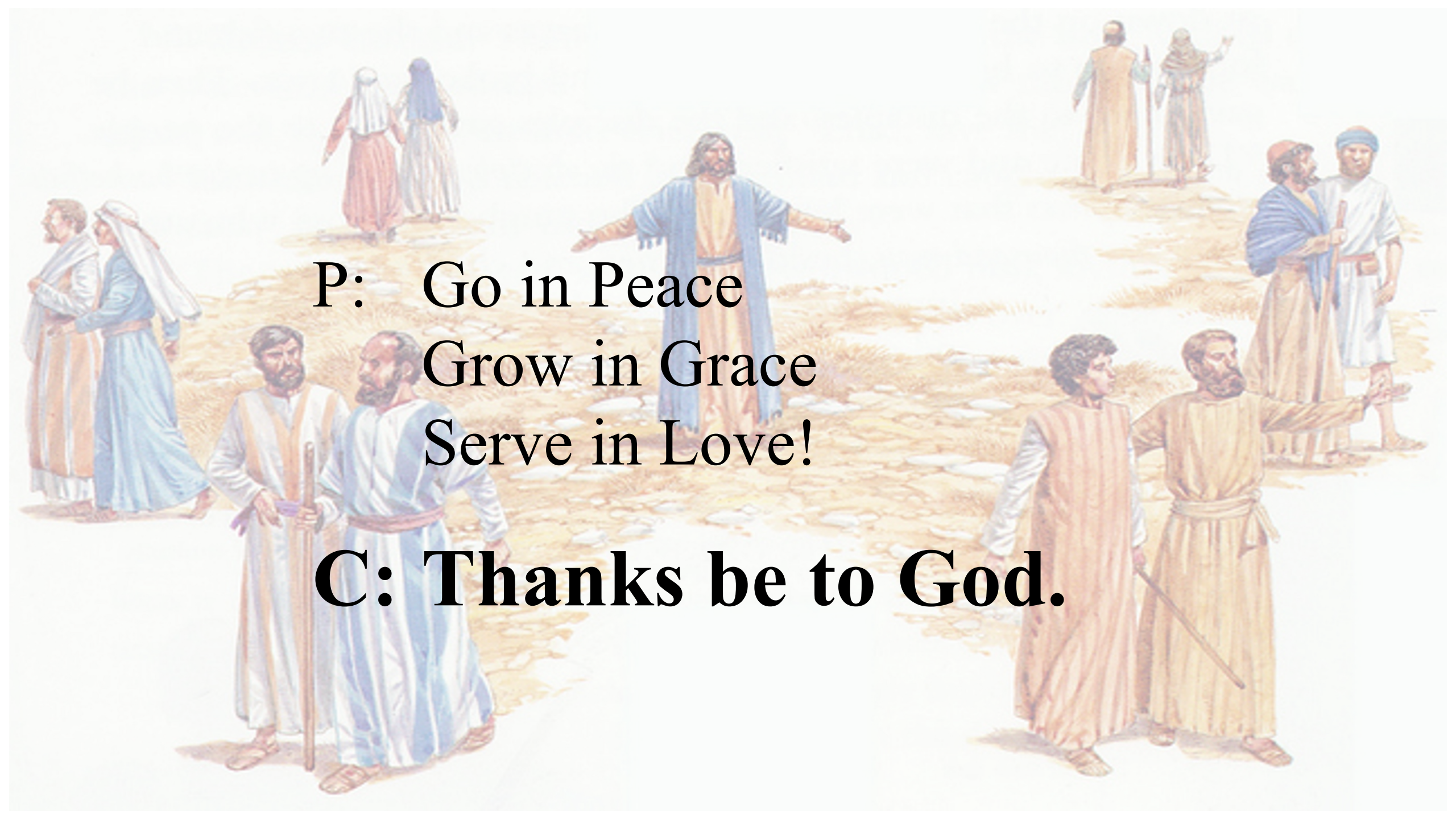
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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

C: Thanks be to God.



Sending Music



growing
OUR
FAITH
THROUGH
Generosity