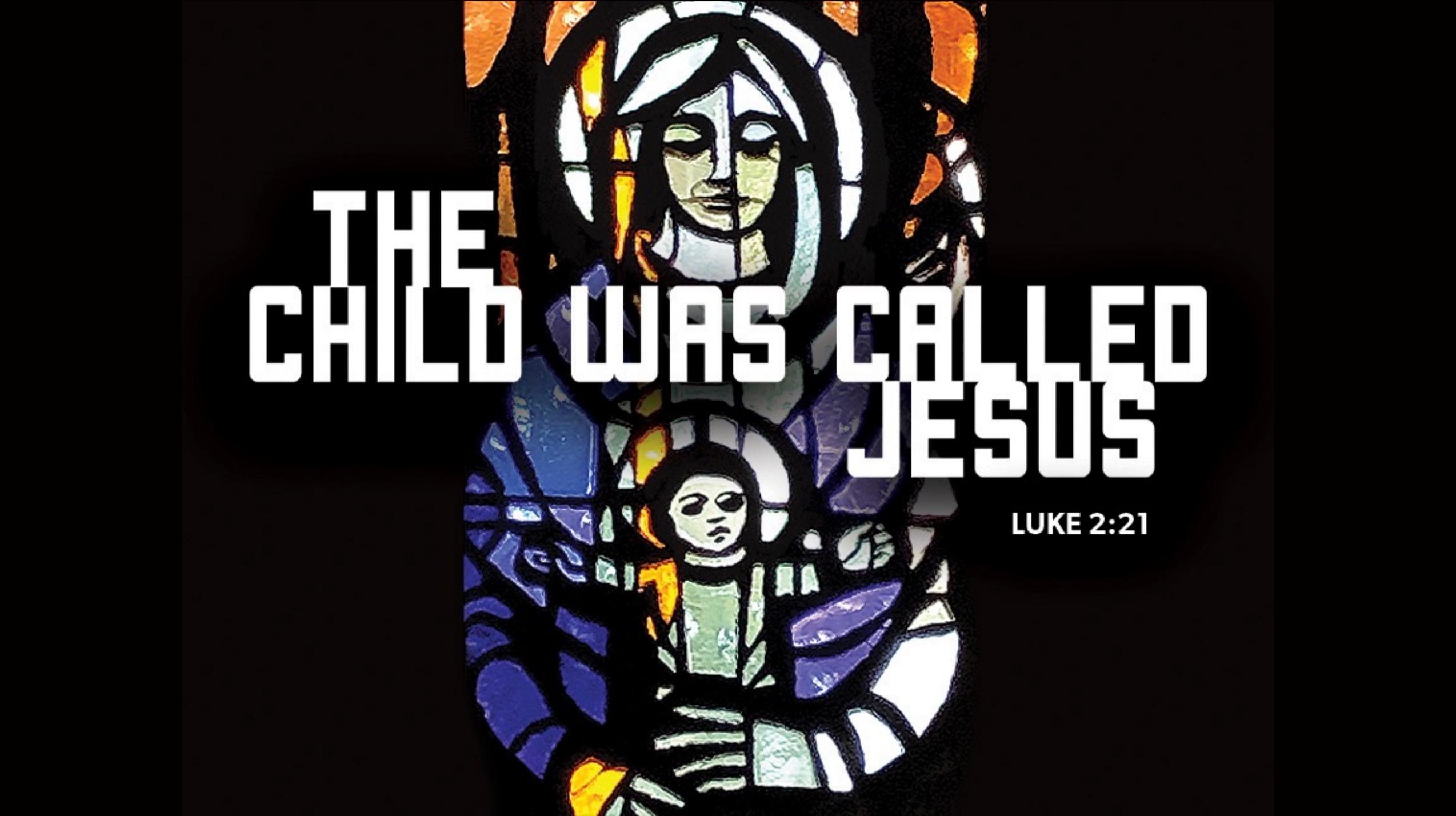
A stained glass illustration of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus. Mary is depicted with a serene expression, wearing a blue mantle over a red gown. The infant Jesus is shown in a white swaddling cloth, held in Mary's arms. The background consists of various colored glass panes in shades of blue, red, and yellow, creating a traditional religious artwork.

**THE
CHILD WAS CALLED
JESUS**

LUKE 2:21

A stained glass illustration of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. Mary is depicted in the upper half, wearing a blue mantle over a red gown, with her hands clasped in prayer. The Christ Child is in the lower half, wearing a red tunic and a blue mantle, with his hands also clasped. The background is a dark, textured pattern of blue and red. The text is overlaid on the image.

THE CHILD WAS CALLED JESUS

LUKE 2:21



Pre-Worship Music

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Pawleys Island, South Carolina

Name of Jesus

January 1, 2023

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: We begin this new year with an affirmation of our Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We are joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Water is poured into the font

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the
waters and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood
you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word
you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise
and servants of all.

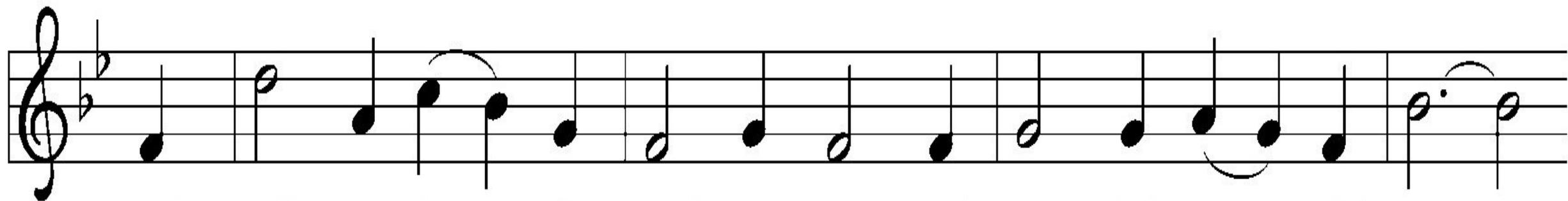
C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now
and forever.**

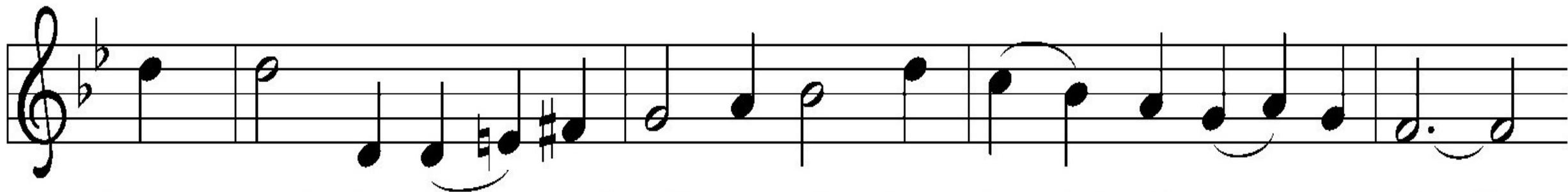
Amen.



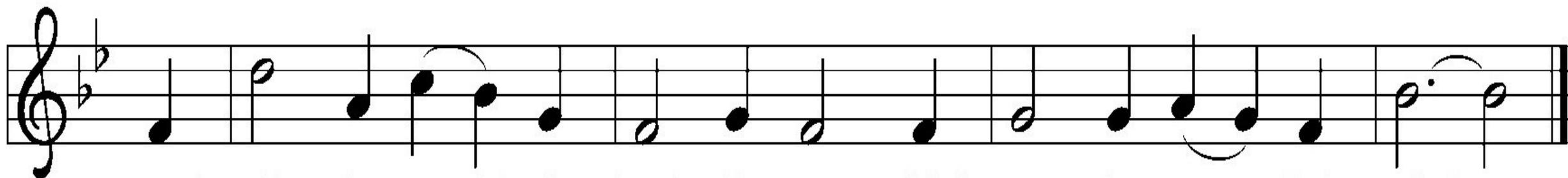
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,



who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:



when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from Numbers the 6th chapter.

²² The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

²⁷ So they shall put my name on the
Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the
heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and
children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your
enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of
your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their
courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should
be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care
for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than
divine;

with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the
works | of your hands;**

**you have put all things un- | der their
feet:**

7 all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

8 **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths |
of the sea.

9 O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from Galatians the 4th chapter.

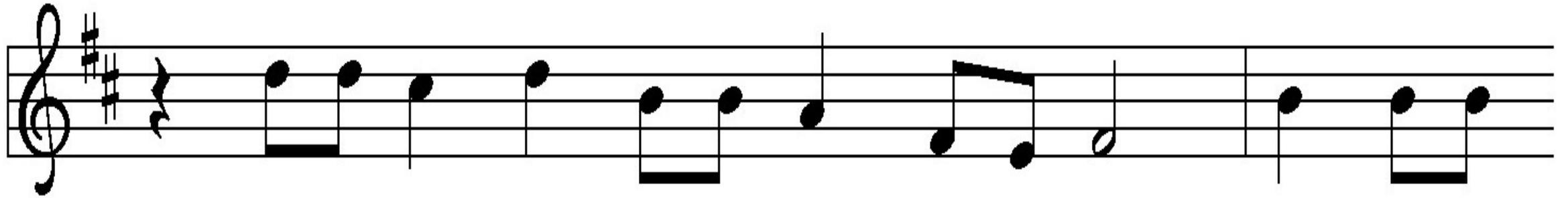
⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

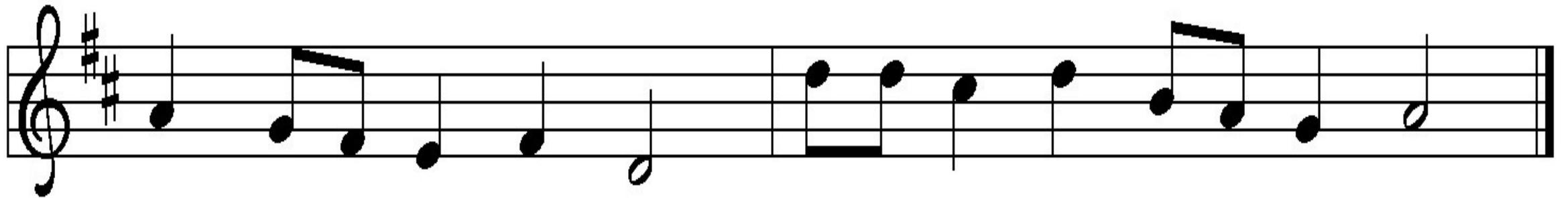
The word of the Lord.

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 2:15-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and

found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

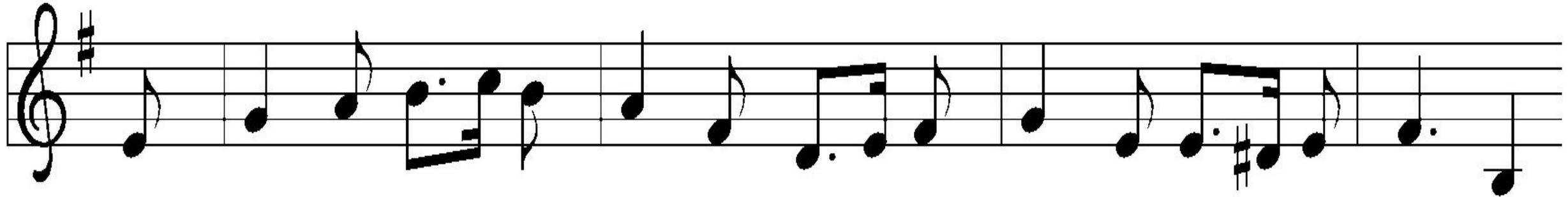
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

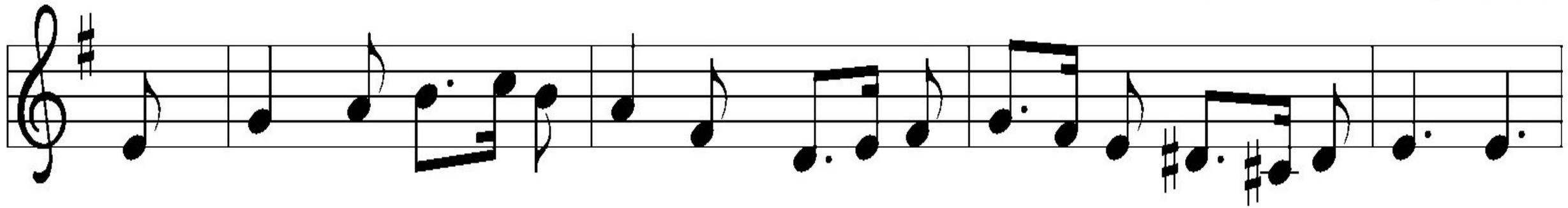


Name of Jesus

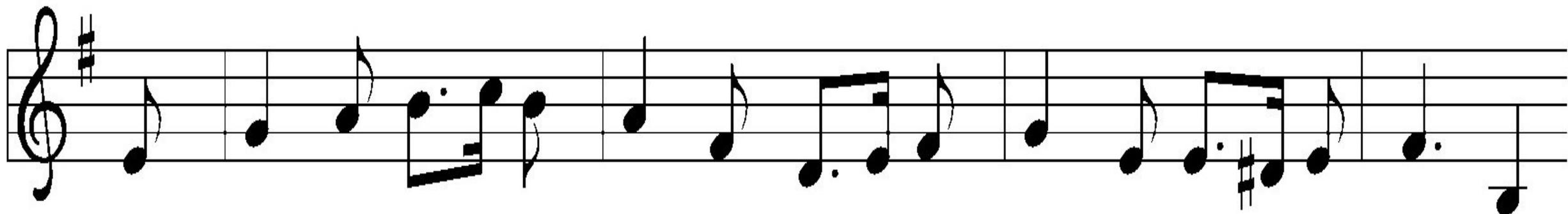
What Child Is This



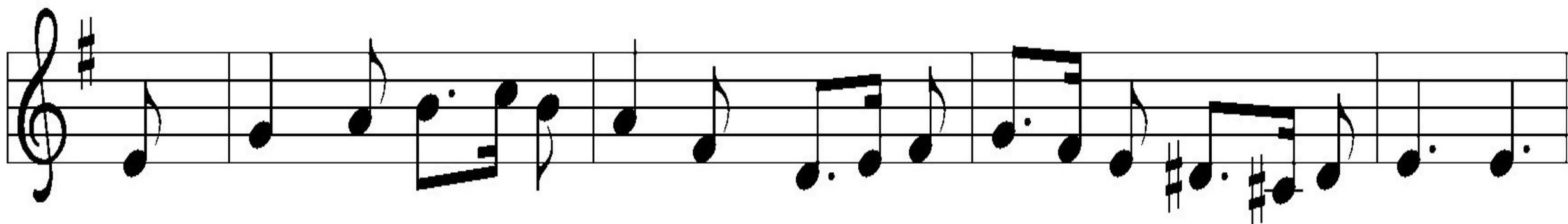
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?



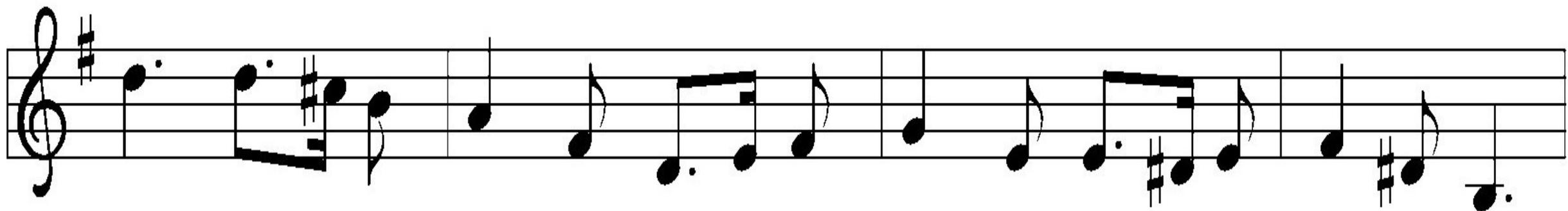
Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?



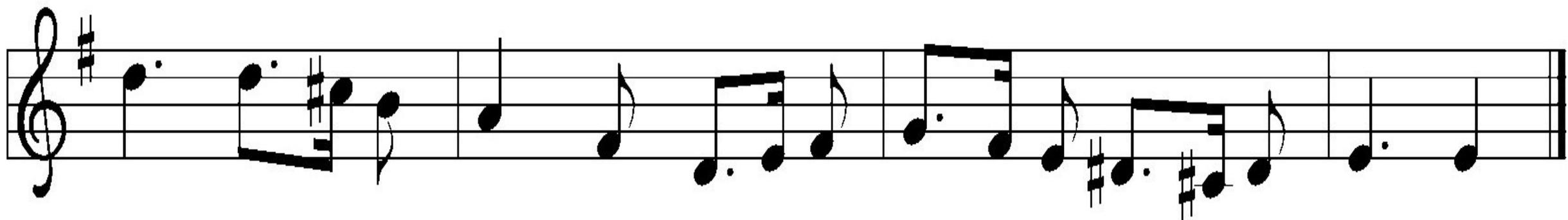
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?



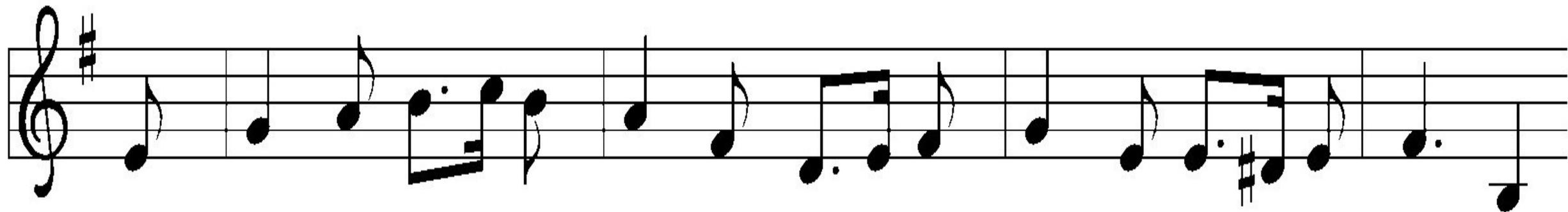
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.



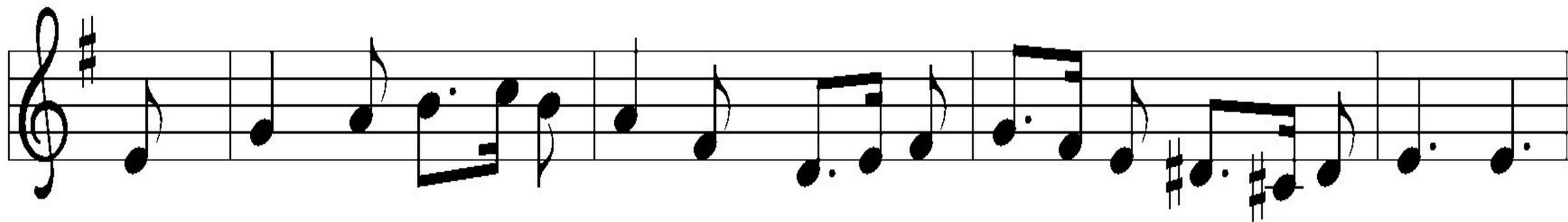
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;



hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

You may kneel, sit, or stand for the prayers

P/A: Guide your church to confess that Jesus is Lord. Fill us with wonder at the good and saving news of Jesus. May we treasure your words and meditate upon them, that we reveal your glory to the world with humility and hope. Hear us, O God.

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: Your name, O God, is majestic in all the earth. You set the moon and stars in their courses. You are mindful of every work of your hand: flocks and cattle, birds and fish, seas and fields. Make us wise stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: Bless the nations with your grace and peace. Inspire and uphold treaties, cease-fires, and international agreements that seek to calm strife between nations. Shield all those who work to protect vulnerable populations from exploitation or danger. Hear us, O God.

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: We cry, “Abba! Father!” as we seek your loving care in times of need. Heal those wounded by hurtful words. Console all who are weighed down by depression and anxiety. Call by name any who feel unloved, misunderstood, or rejected. Heal the sick (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: Reveal yourself to us in the fullness of time, O God. Give us gratitude for what has been and hope for what is to come. Grace us with your presence during transitions: new jobs or schools, new homes, new diagnoses, or new relationships. Hear us, O God.

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: With thanksgiving, we remember all the saints who proclaimed the name of Jesus in life and who now rest in glory. Show us our inheritance as adopted heirs of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

C: receive our prayer.

P: In the company of your saints we
commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus
Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

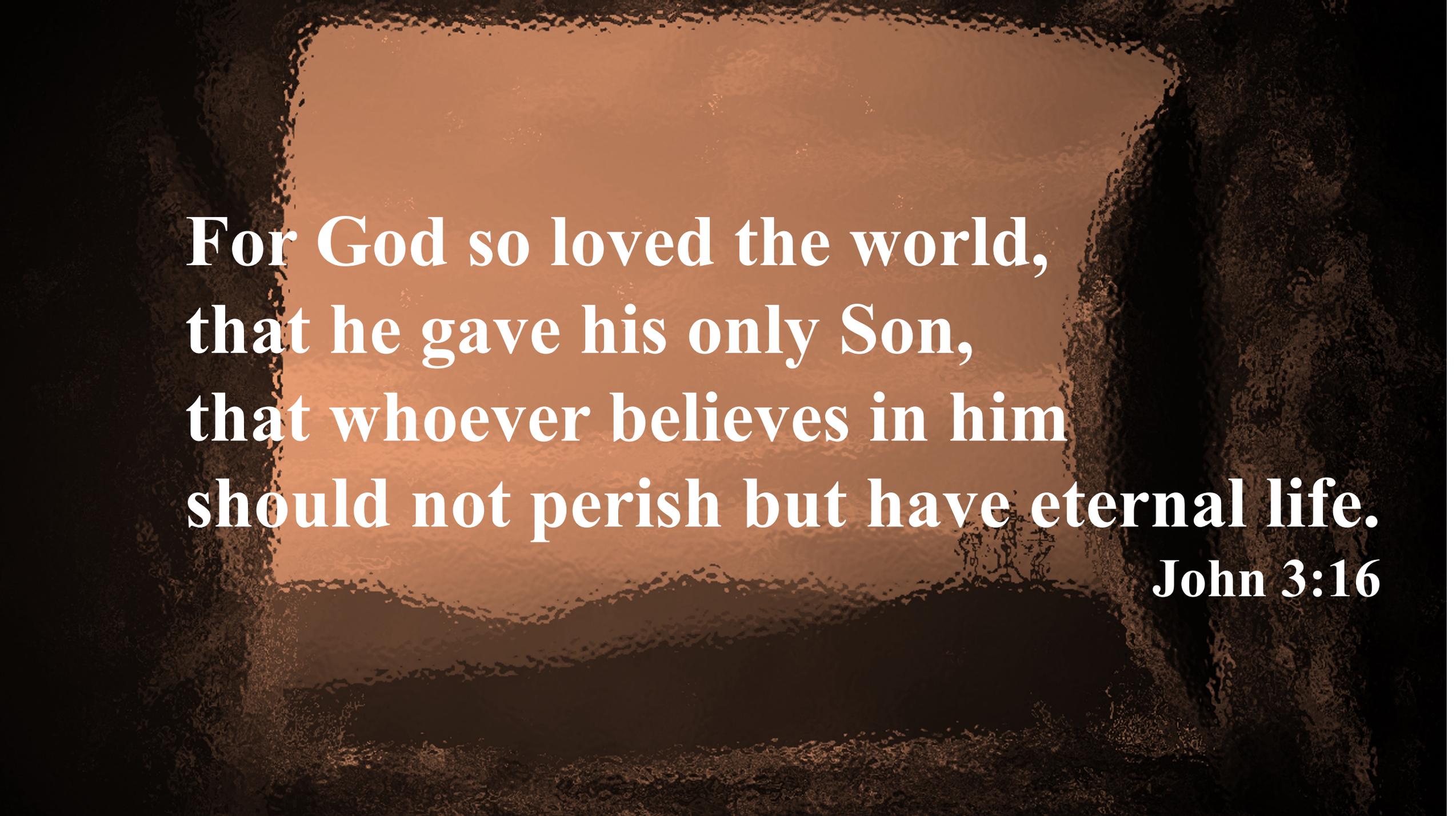
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

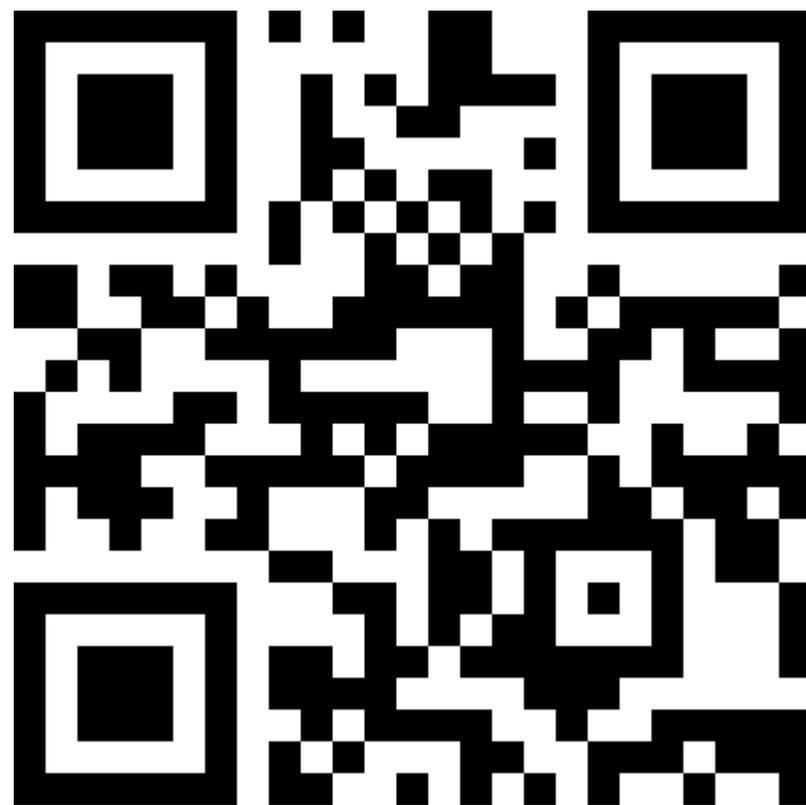
OFFERING

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.



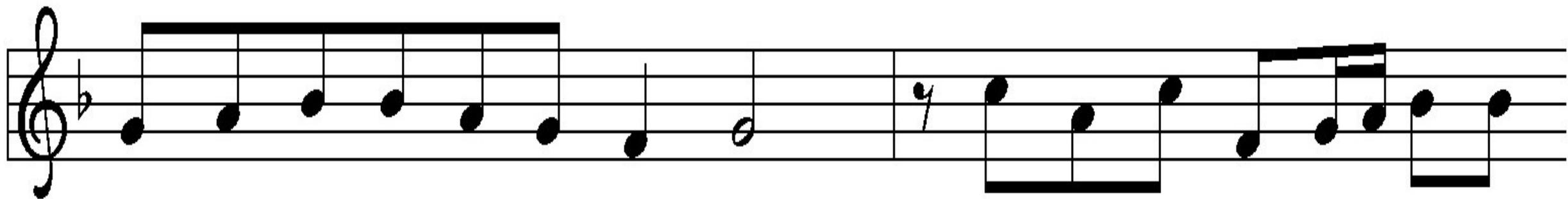
You can easily give to St. Peter's through our website; please go to www.stpeterspawleys.org and click "Give " or you can use your phone's camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!



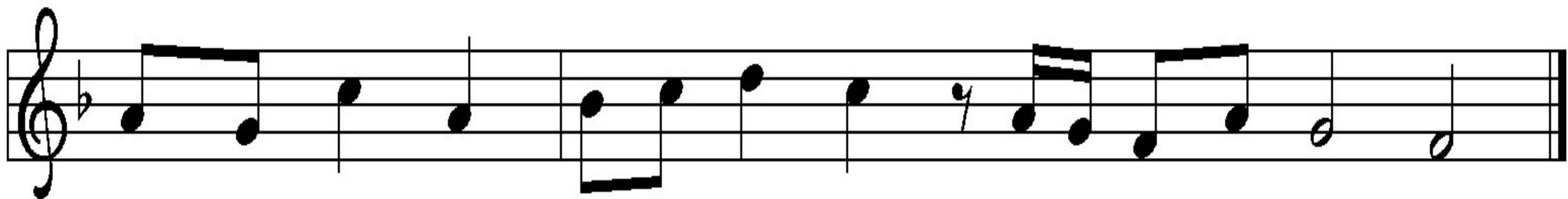
I am the
bread
of life.

John 6:48





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.

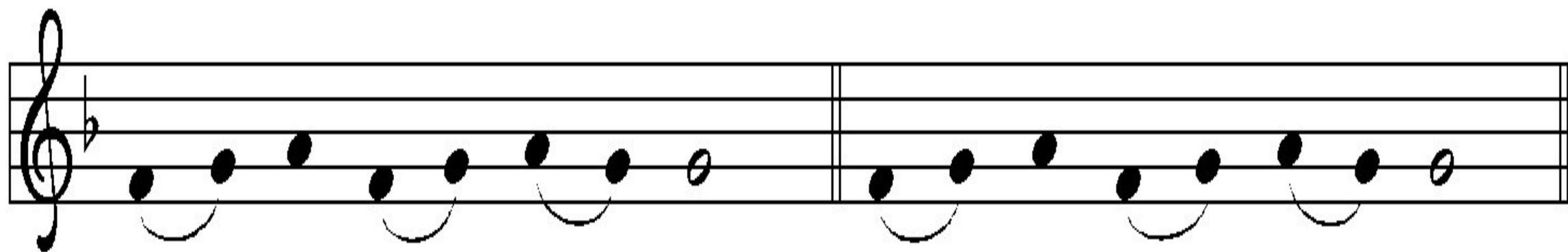
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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P/A: Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

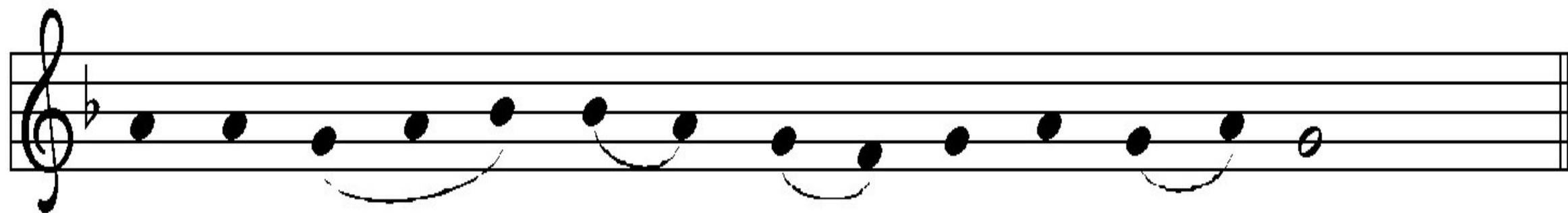
C: Amen.



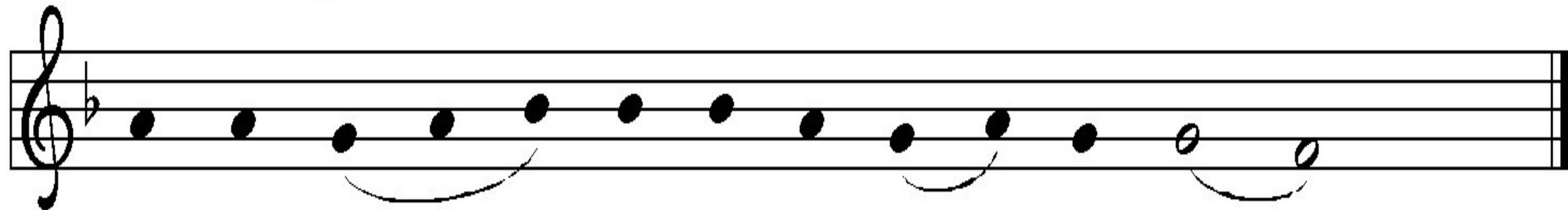
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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 -

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.**

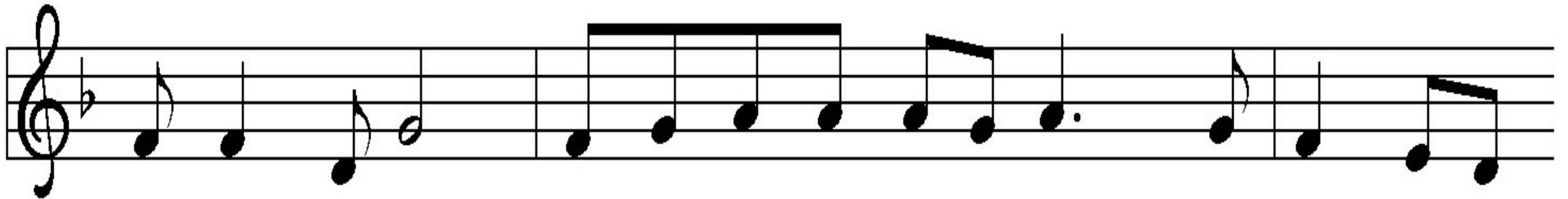
P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

**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



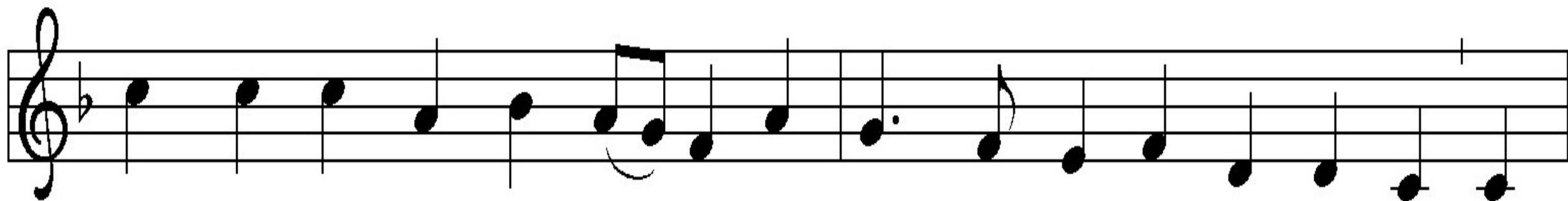
sin of the world; grant us peace.



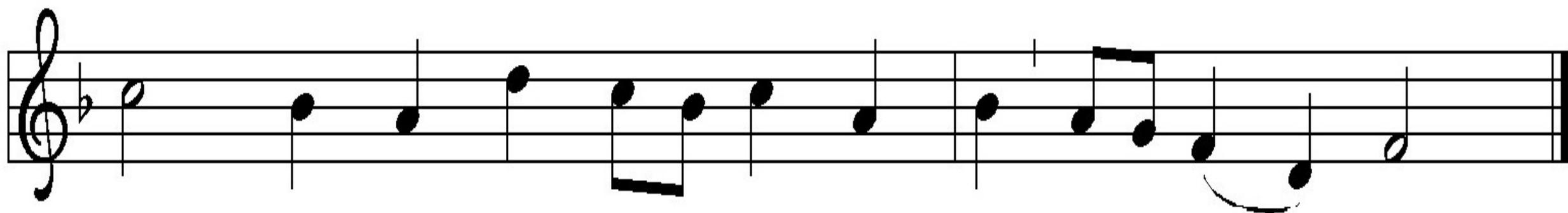
After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

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

C: Amen.



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.

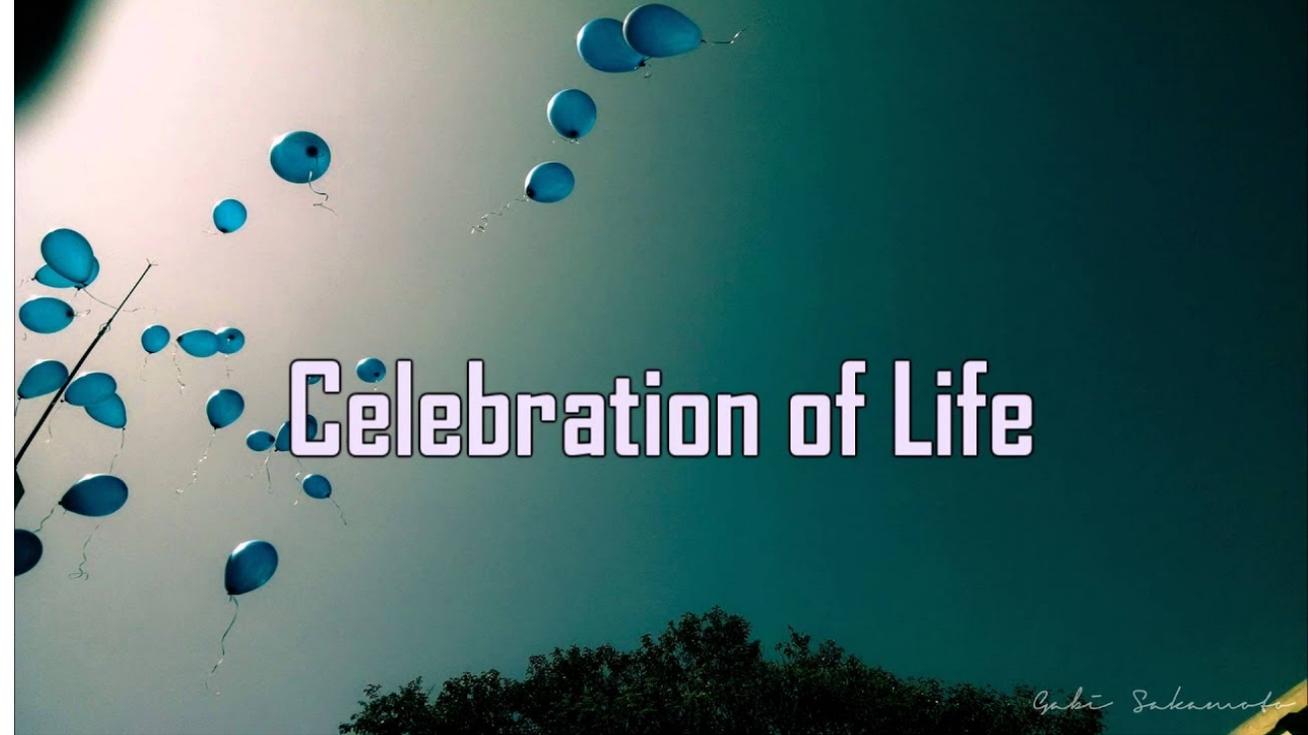
Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

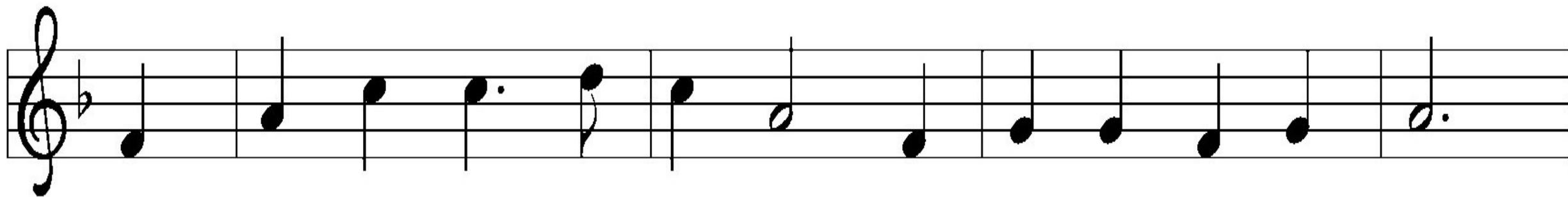
C: Amen.

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

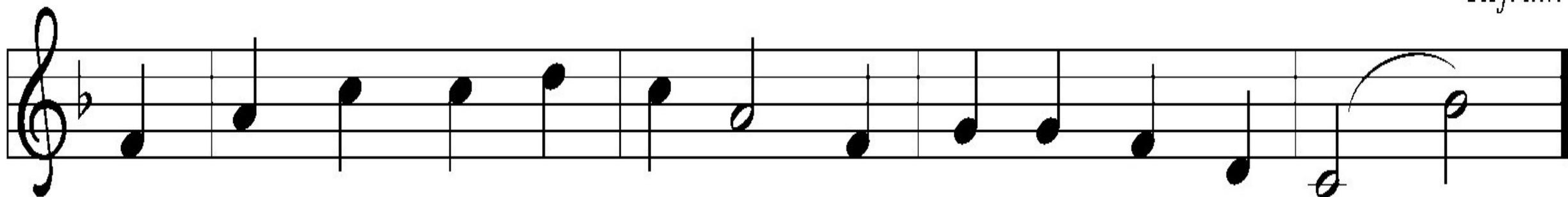
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✚ peace,
and let that peace shine
through you for all the world to see.

C: Amen.

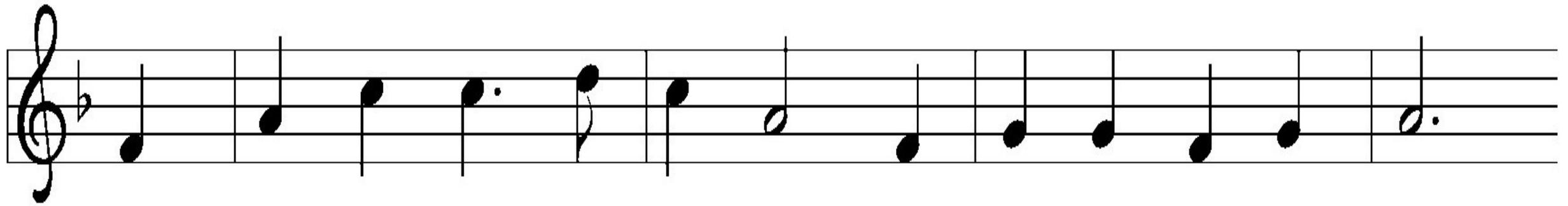




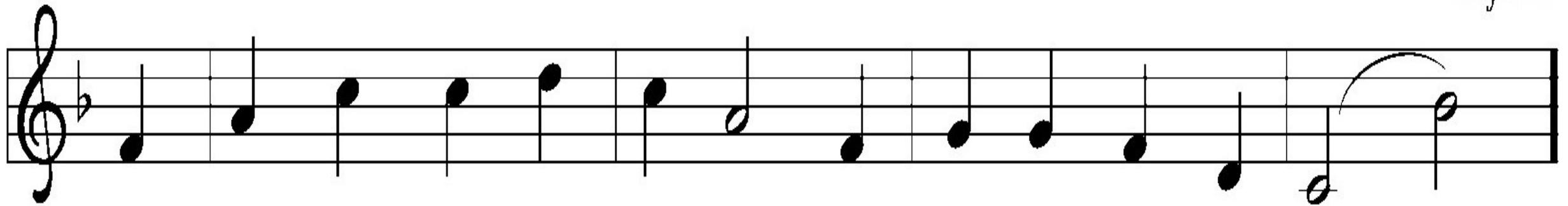
1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,



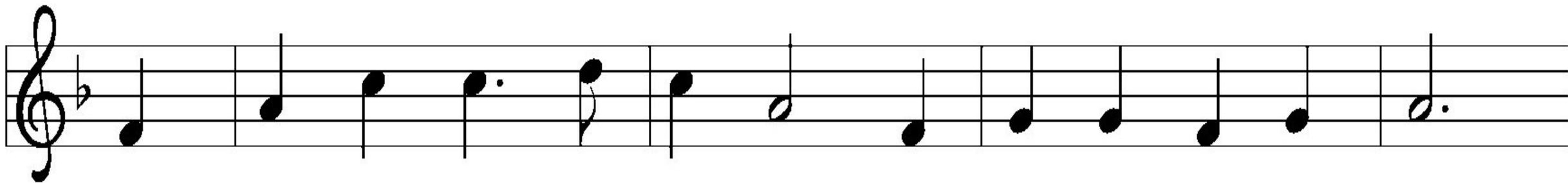
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.



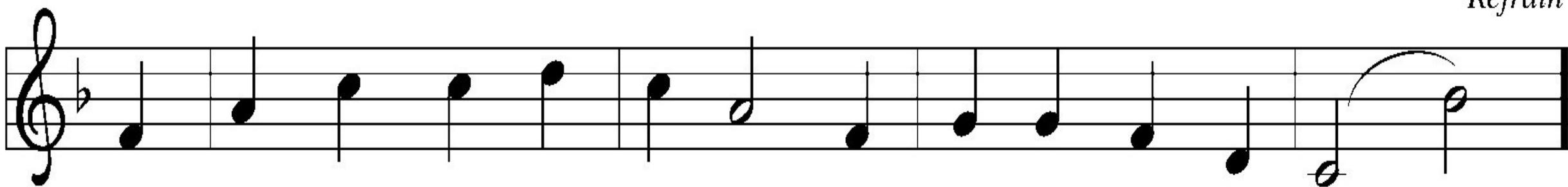
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth



rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.



3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain

and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

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

C: Thanks be to God.



Sending Music

