

First Sunday in Lent



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prayer • fasting • almsgiving

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
February 26, 2023



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Pre-Worship Music
Mr. Garry Hanna

A Litany Of Confession

P: Almighty God: you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

C: Amen.

P: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty;
from a calculating or sentimental mind; from
going along with mean and ugly things;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From cowardice that dares not face truth;
laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance
that thinks we know it all;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From artificial life and worship; from all
that is hollow or insincere;

C: O God, deliver us.

C: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from
mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world;
from failing to share your indignation about injustice;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: From token concern for the poor,
for lonely or loveless people;
from confusing faith with good feeling, or
love with wanting to be loved;

C: O God, deliver us.

P: For everything in us that may hide your
light;

C: O God, light of life, forgive us.

P: The assurance of God's grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life. Lifting water from the font with both hands, the minister proclaims:

Hear the good news!

Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

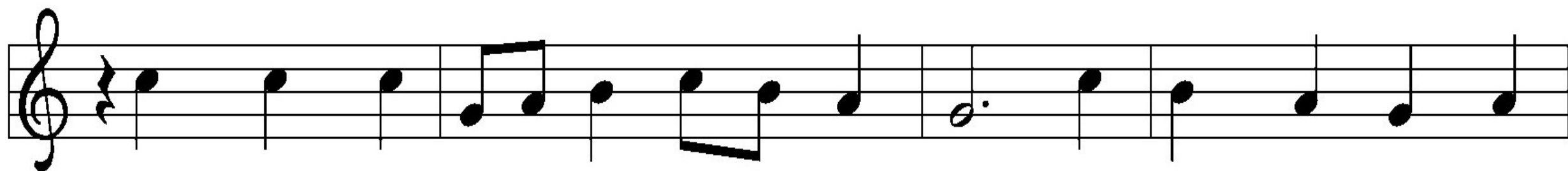
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

(Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

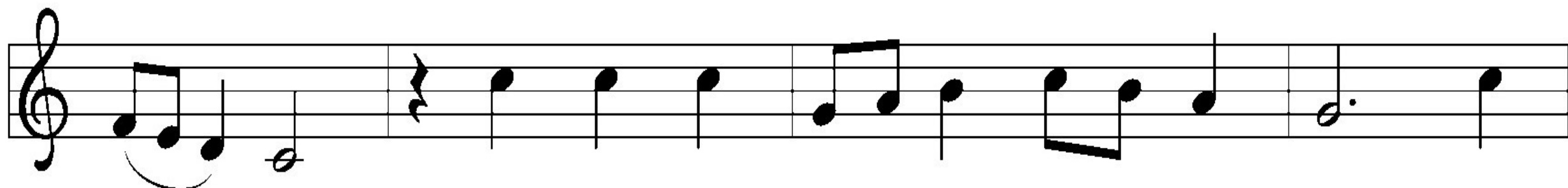
Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

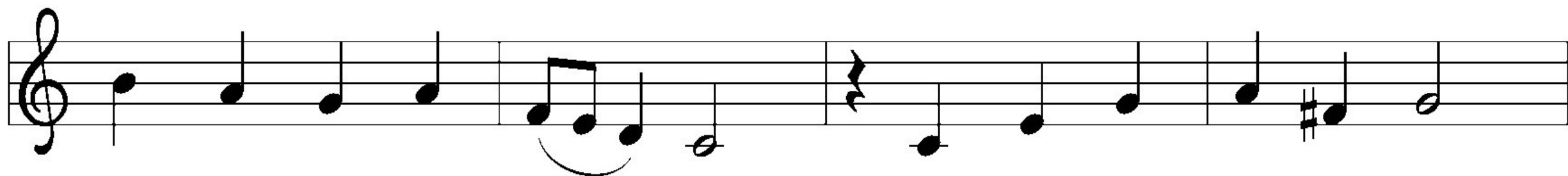
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



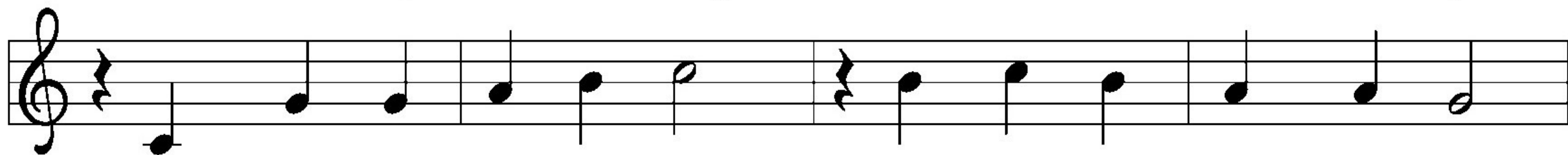
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of



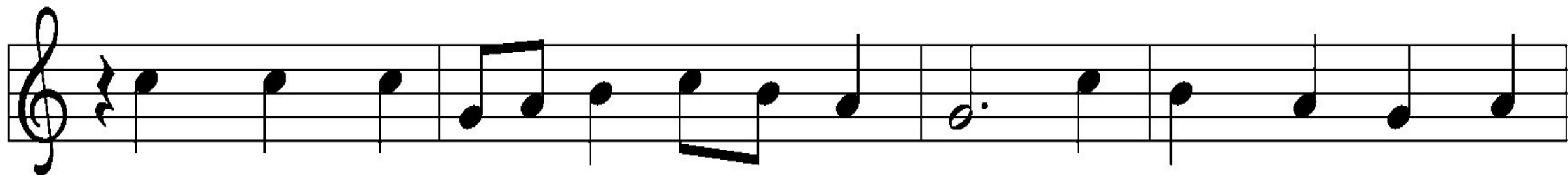
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,



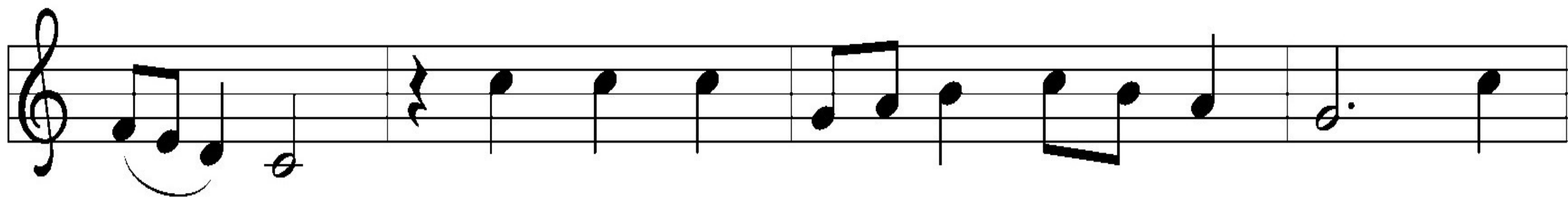
for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might



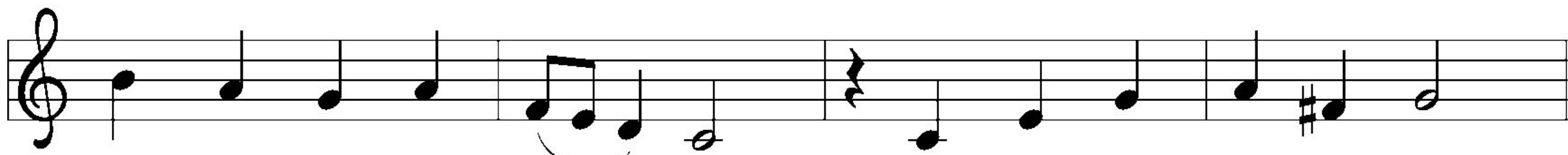
is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.



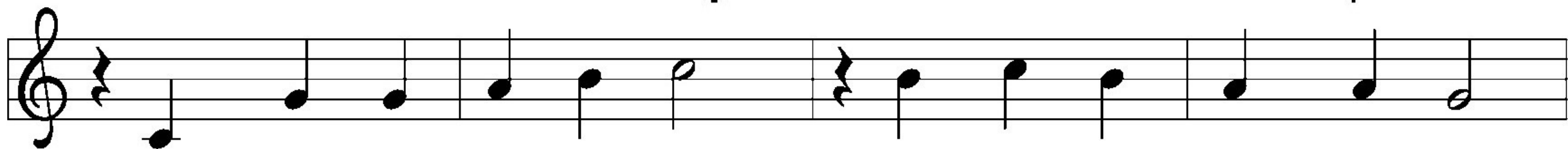
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to



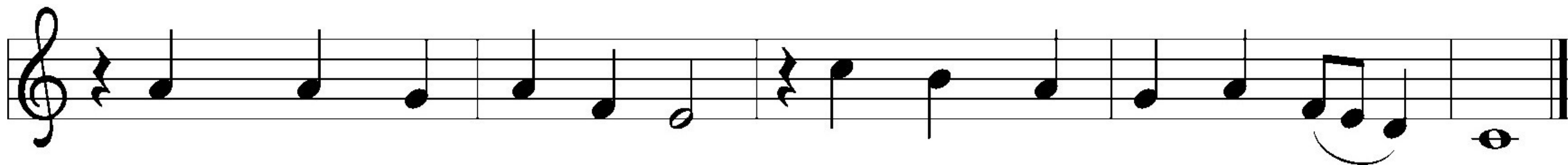
los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the



one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:



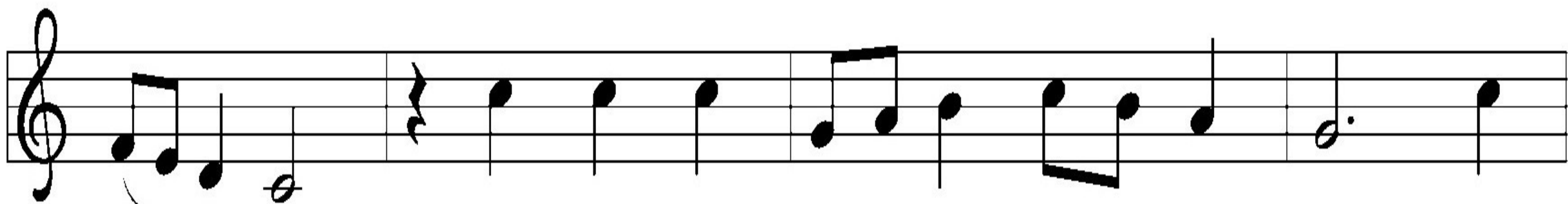
Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.



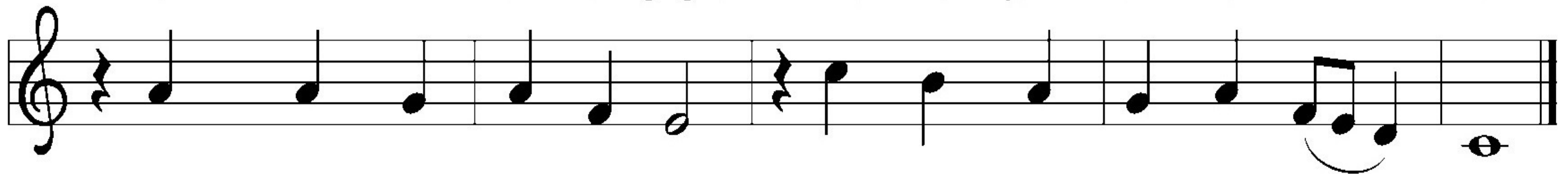
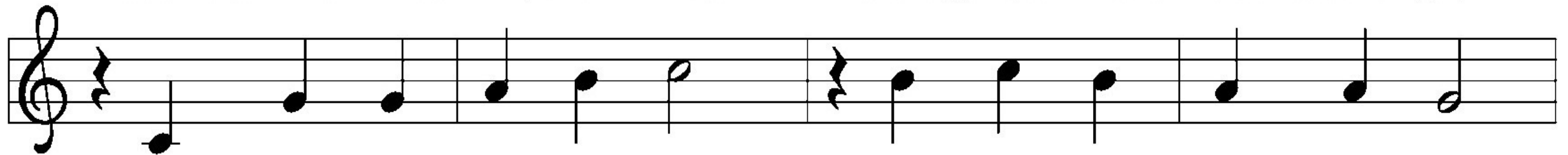
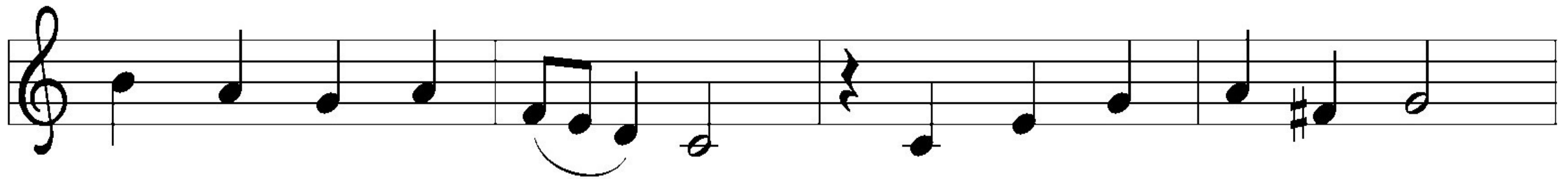
No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.

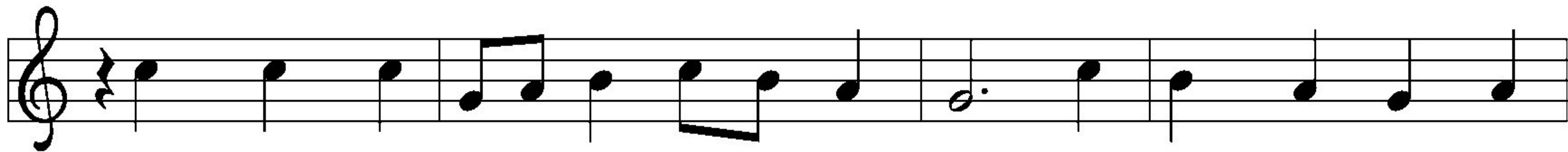


3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -



your us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they

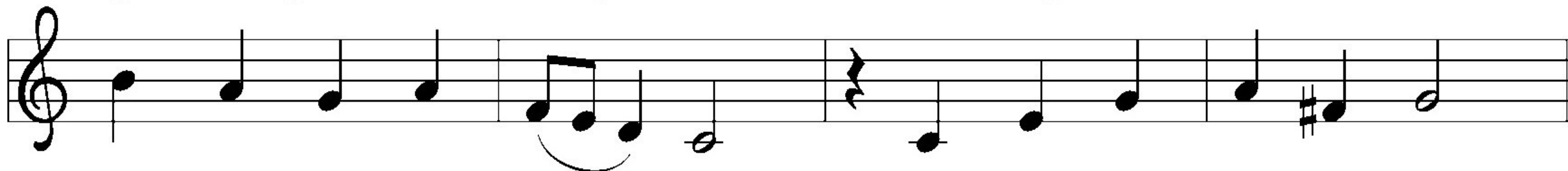




4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin-dred go,



this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,
they yet have noth-ing won. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The First Reading is from the book of Genesis the 2nd chapter. The reading begins on page 2.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are
forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

² Happy are they to whom the LORD im- |
putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered
away,

because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and
night;**

**my moisture was dried up as in the | heat
of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me
from trouble;

you surround me with shouts | of
deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way
that | you should go;**

I will guide you | with my eye.

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no |
understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or
else they will | not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in
the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the
LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

The Second Reading is from the St. Paul's letter to the Romans the 5th chapter. The reading begins on page 1029.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

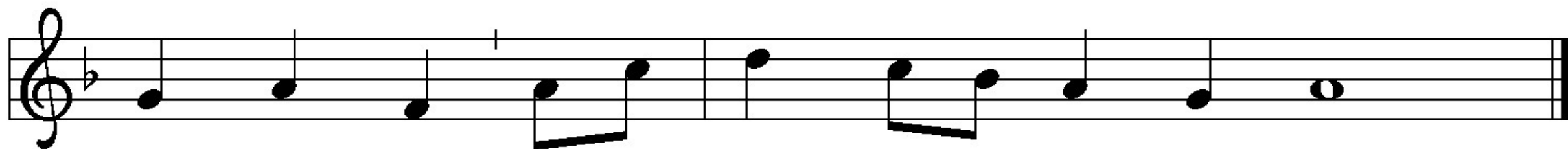
Stand as you are able for the Reading of the Gospel



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter. The reading begins on page 881.

Glory to you, O Lord.

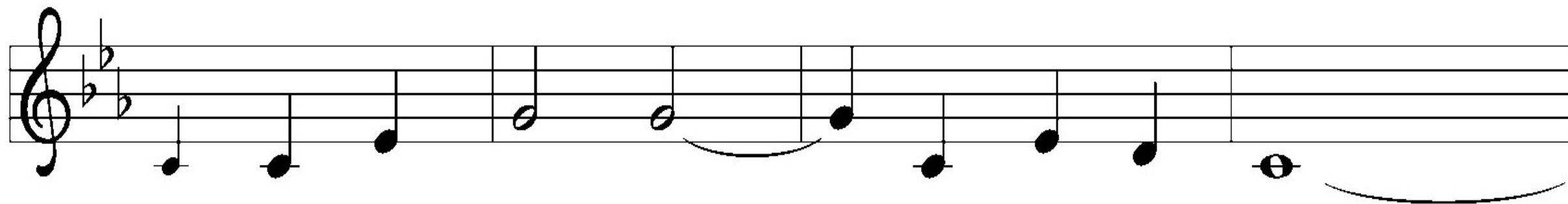
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

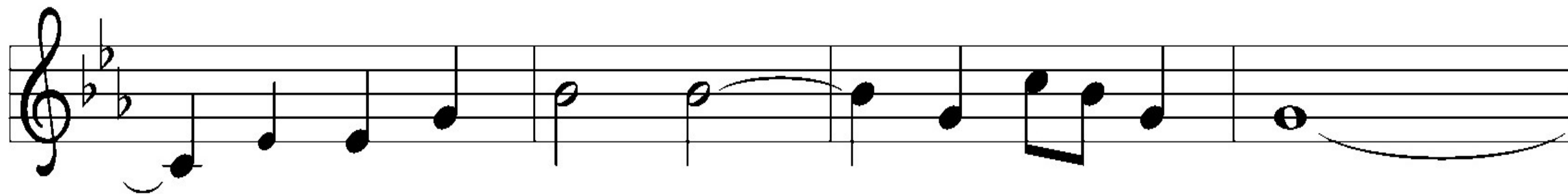
Homily



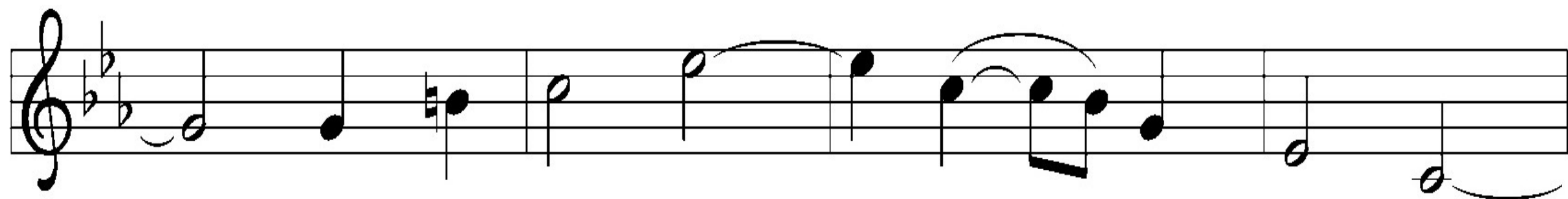
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



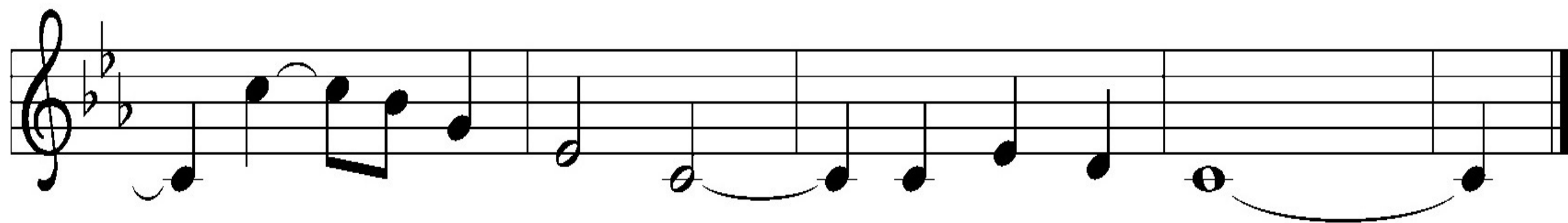
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;



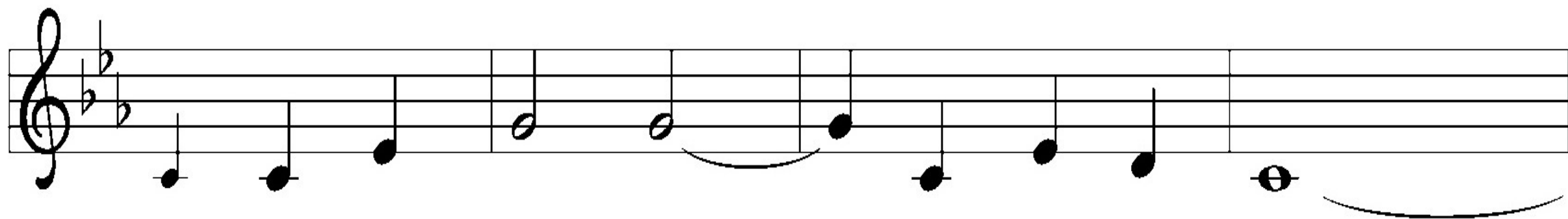
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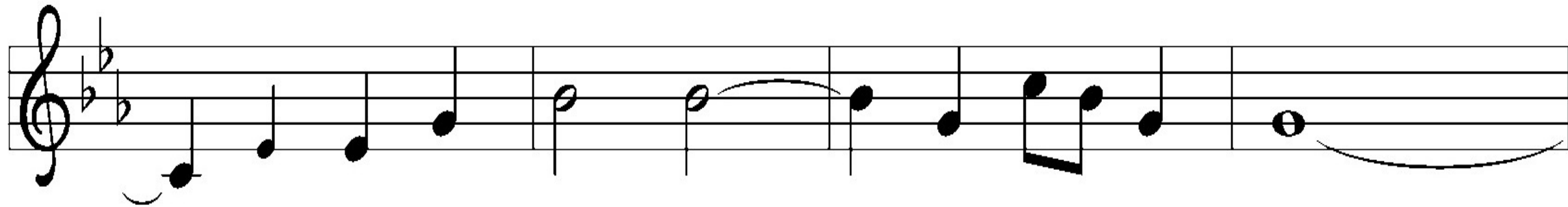
all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,



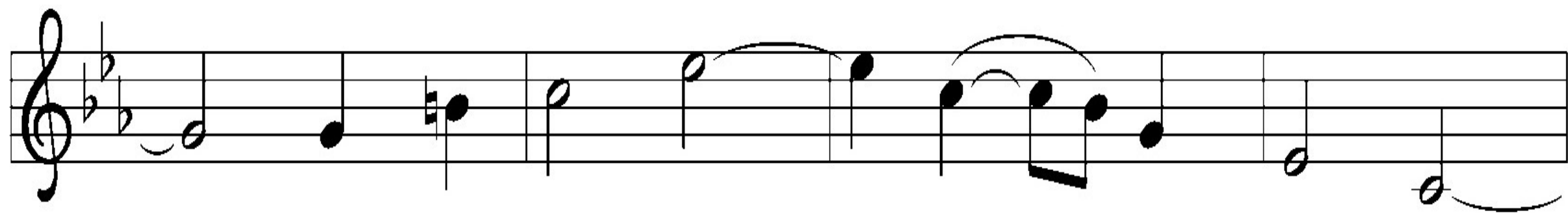
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



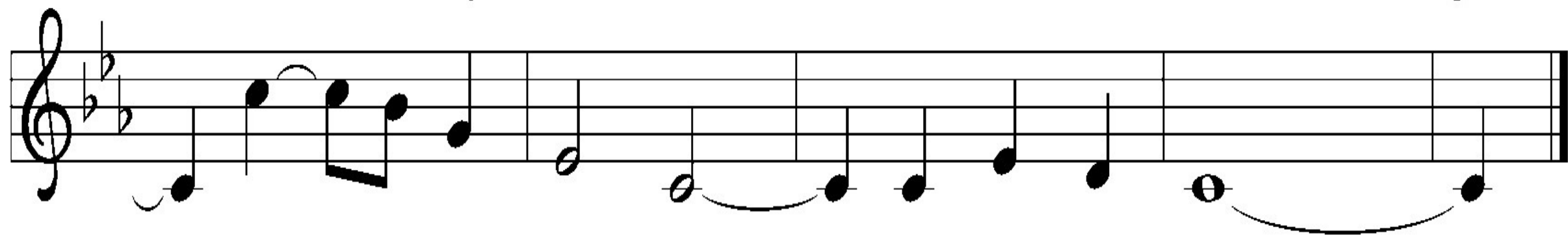
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;



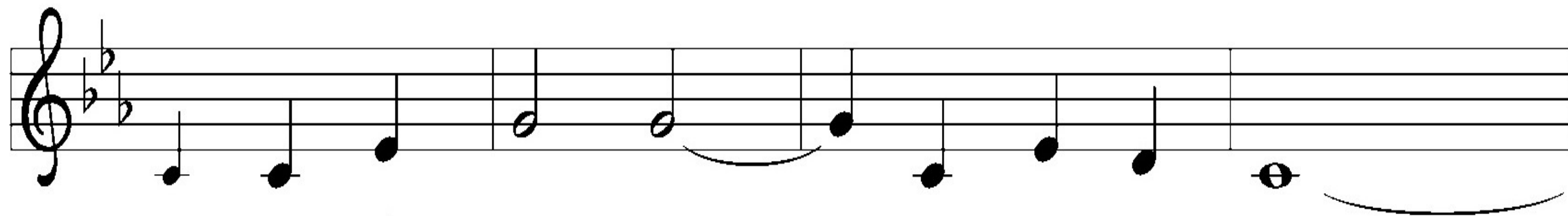
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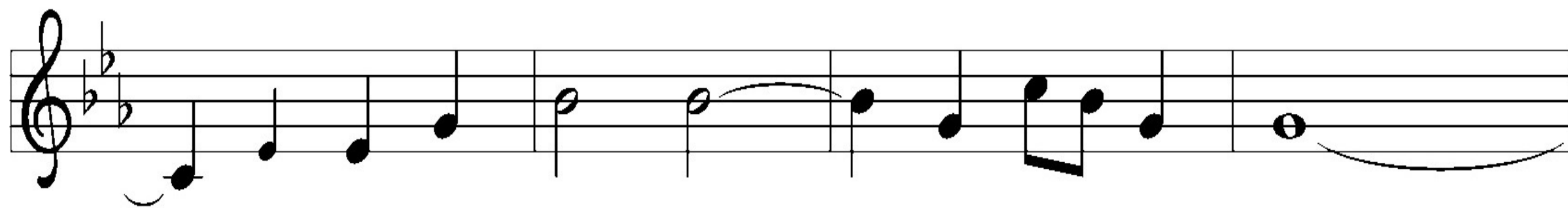
when my heart is al - most break - ing,



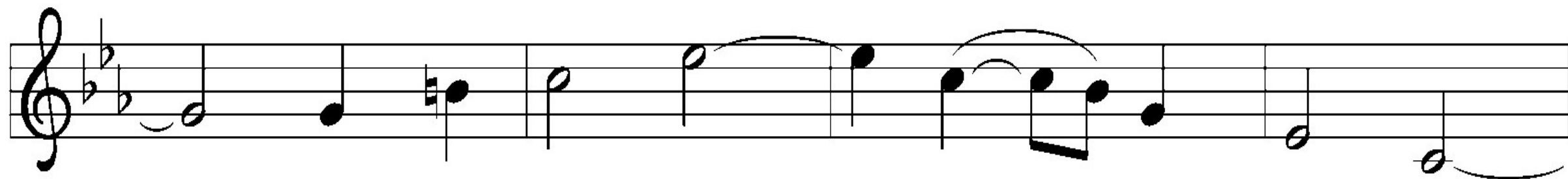
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



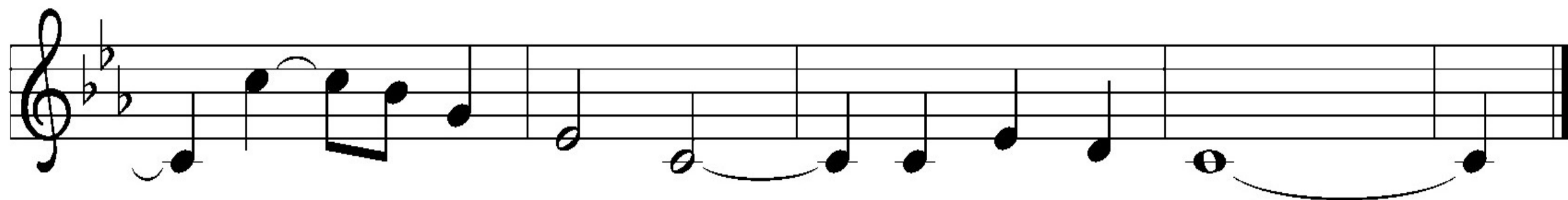
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

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 to the dead.***

**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: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You may kneel, sit, or stand for the prayers

P/A: You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Bless the ministry of Harvest of Grace as it feeds bodies and souls. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world.
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You are a hiding place for all in distress.
Draw near to exiles, and accompany all
refugees and immigrants, especially
children who travel alone. In times of
trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your
people with your steadfast love
(especially). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you.
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.**

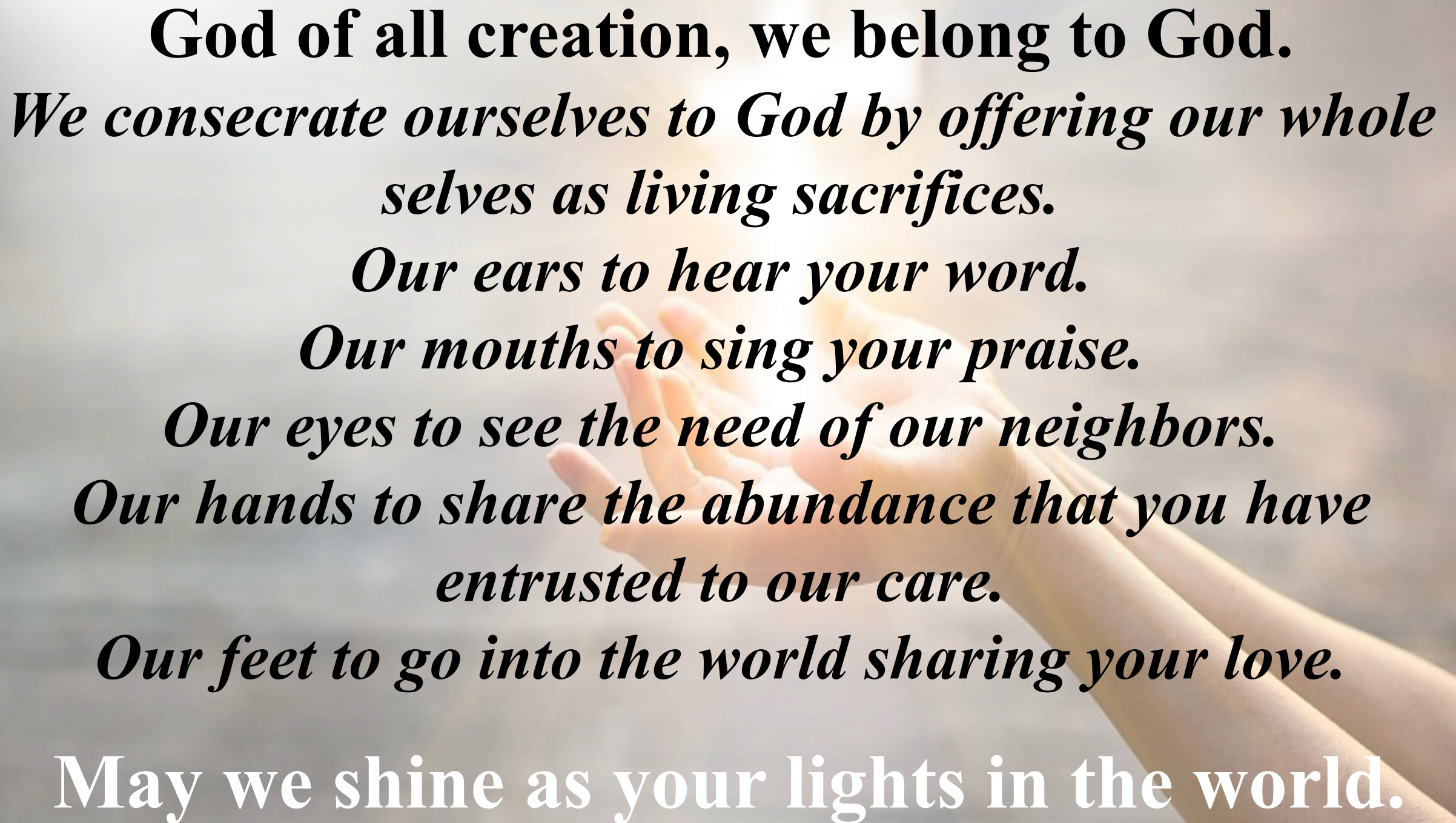
John 3:16

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.



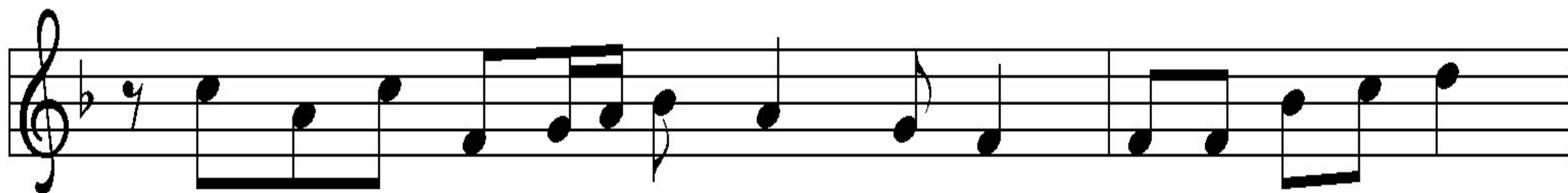


God of all creation, we belong to God.
*We consecrate ourselves to God by offering our whole
selves as living sacrifices.*
Our ears to hear your word.
Our mouths to sing your praise.
Our eyes to see the need of our neighbors.
*Our hands to share the abundance that you have
entrusted to our care.*
Our feet to go into the world sharing your love.
May we shine as your lights in the world.



Create in Me a Clean Heart

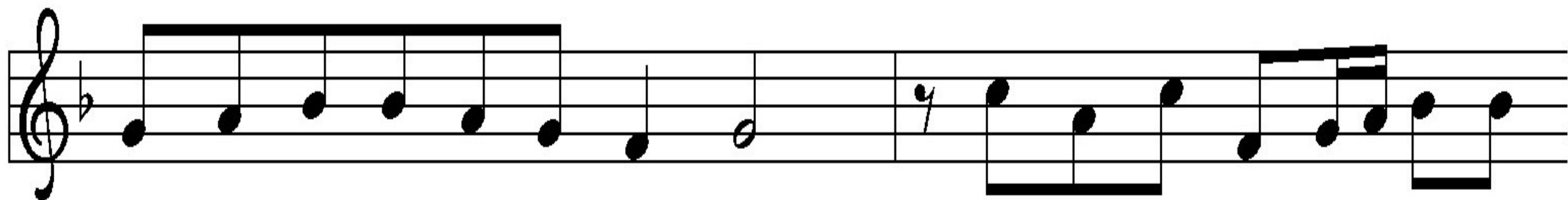
Offering Song



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.

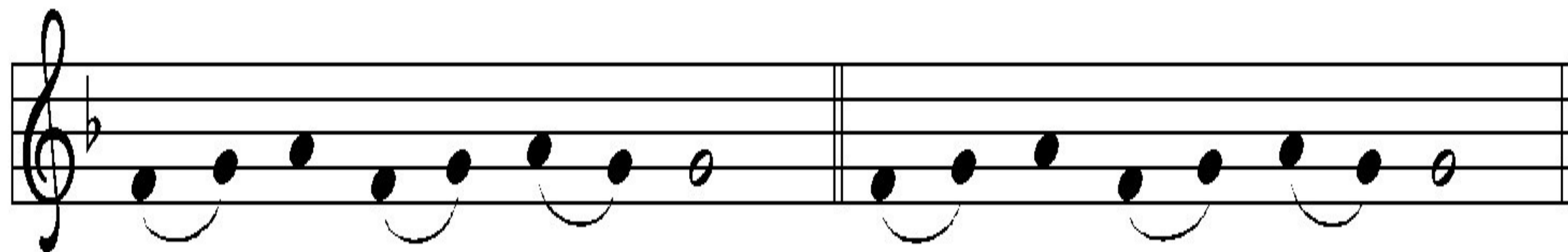
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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P/A: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



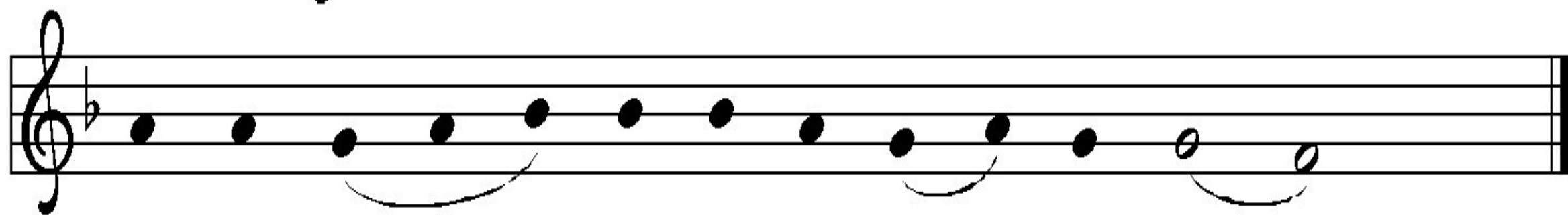
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

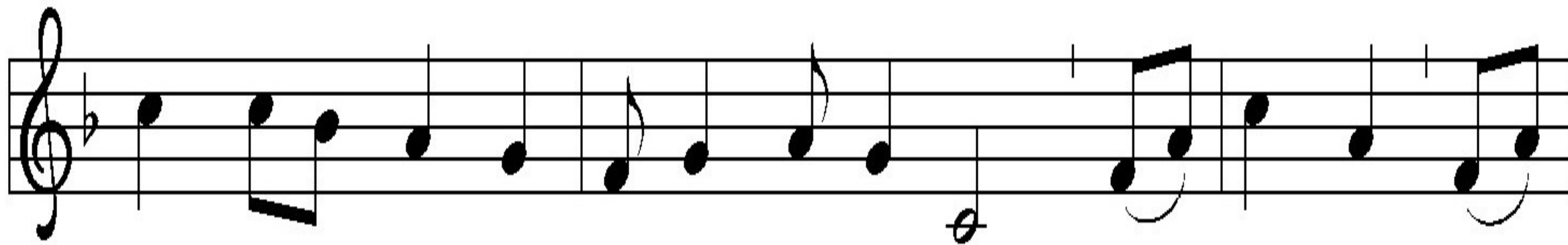
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we
may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:

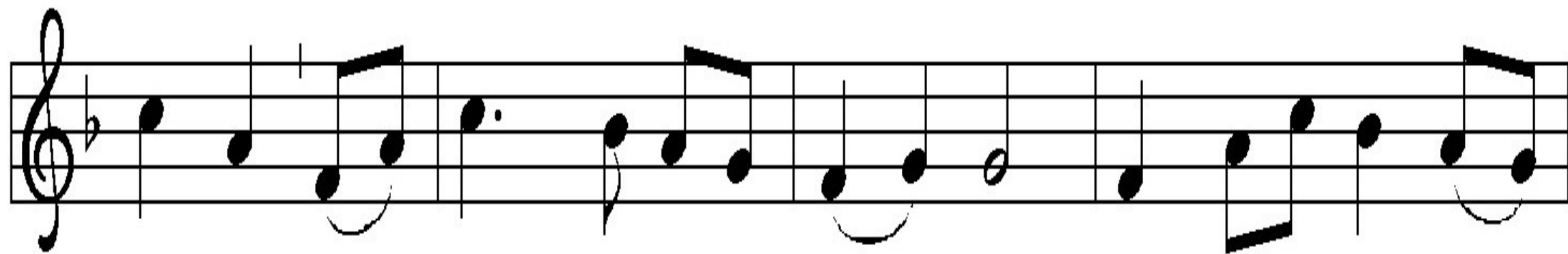
Congregation sings



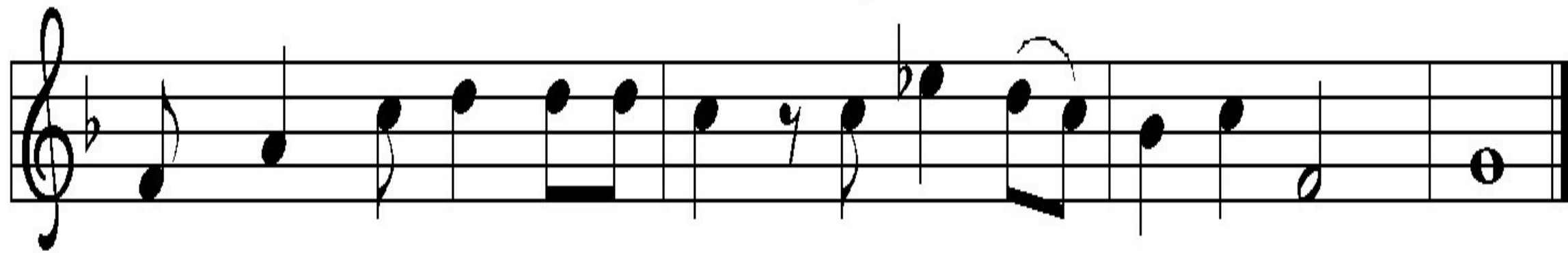
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your
faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and
the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the
waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites
safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people
through the wilderness to the land of milk
and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of
Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection
of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on
all nations.

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.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our
Lord's passover from death to life as we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.


Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on
these your gifts and on us. Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy
Trinity, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.**

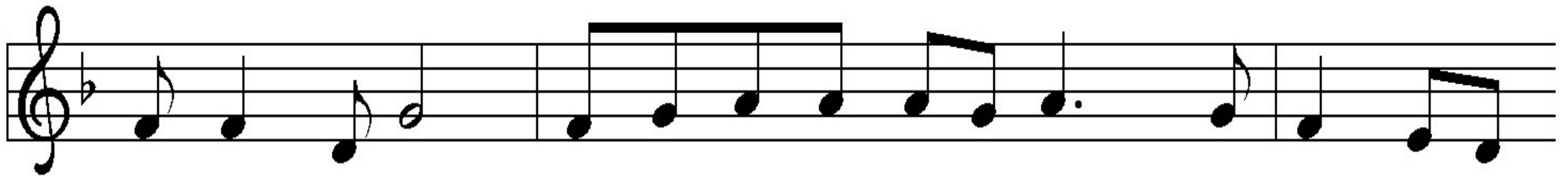
P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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



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

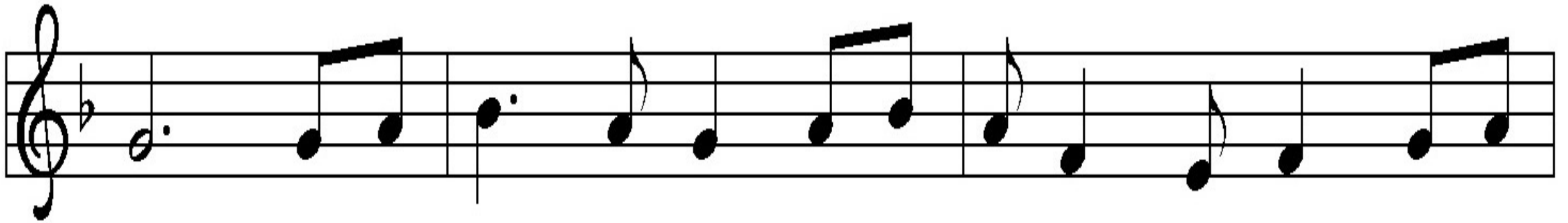
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ strengthen and keep you in his
grace.

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able



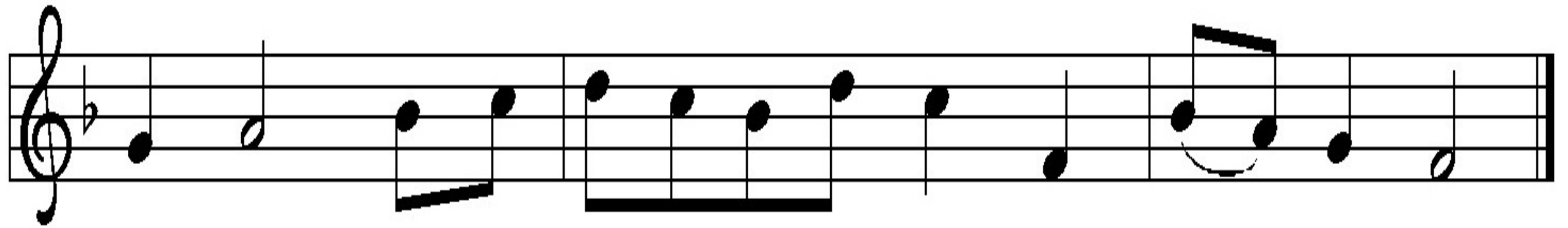
Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Stand as you are able

P/A: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through 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.



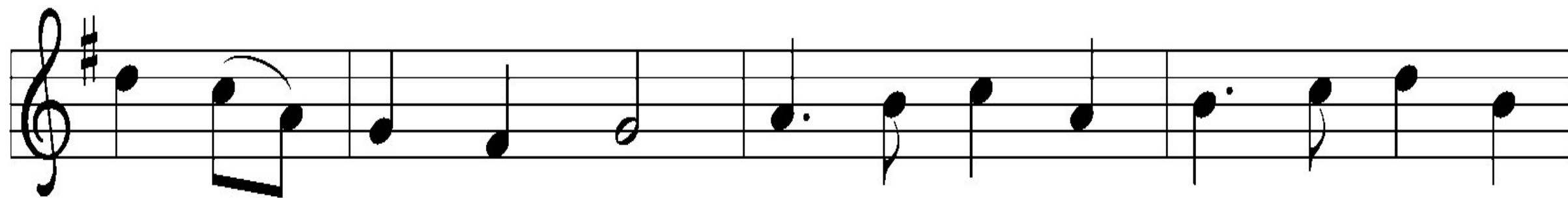
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



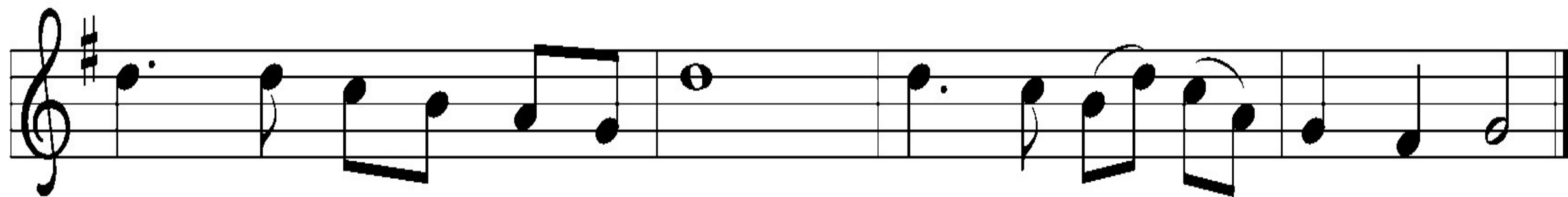
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me



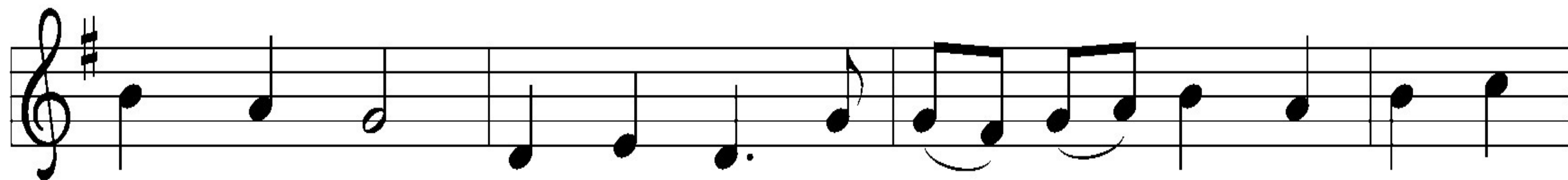
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,



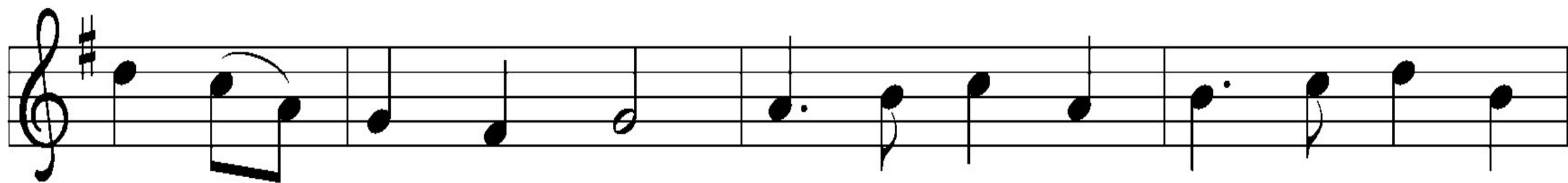
feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.



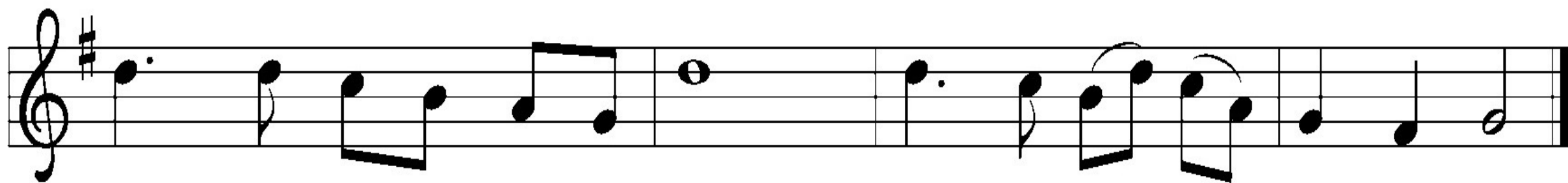
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing



wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me



all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,



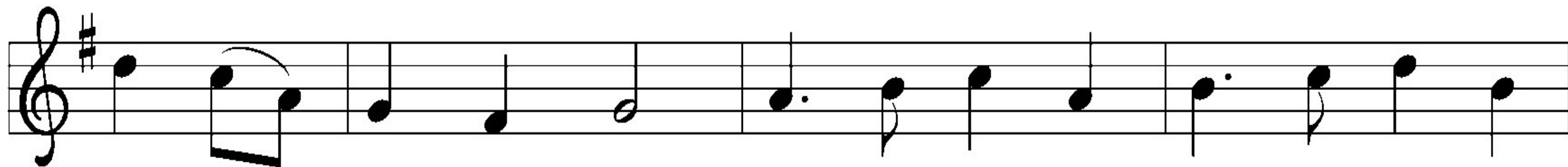
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.



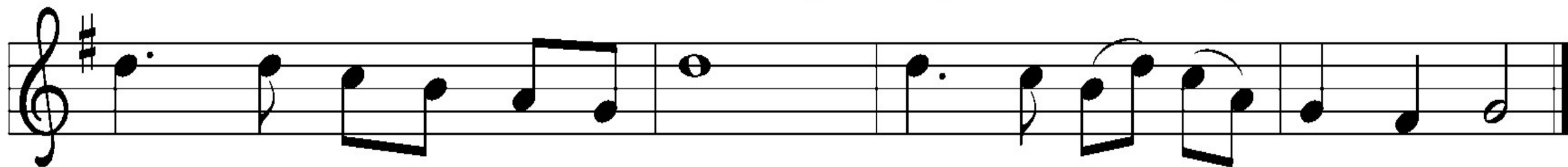
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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Sending Music

Go in peace and Serve the Lord