

Third Sunday in Lent

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

March 12, 2023



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Pre-Worship Music

Mr. Garry Hanna

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son
✝ and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus challenges us to seek forgiveness for ourselves and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Holy God, when we seek security only in military and economic forces and not in knowledge of your presence; when we become concerned with our well-being only and so fail to see the consequences of our choices upon the lives of others:

**C: Forgive our narrow worldview;
open our eyes to see others as
persons with whom we are
connected in the web of life.**

P: When we rejoice in the downfall and defeat of our enemies:

C: Forgive our misplaced loyalties; open our hearts to see our enemies as our sisters and brothers in your family.

P: When we fail to forgive others, and allow ourselves to be caught in the mire of grudges held:

C: Forgive our rancor; open us to reconciliation.

P: When we are faced with a sea of trouble,
whether of our own making or cast upon us
by the action of others:

**C: God of Life, part the waters of
regret and revenge and lead us
onto the dry ground of forgiveness.**

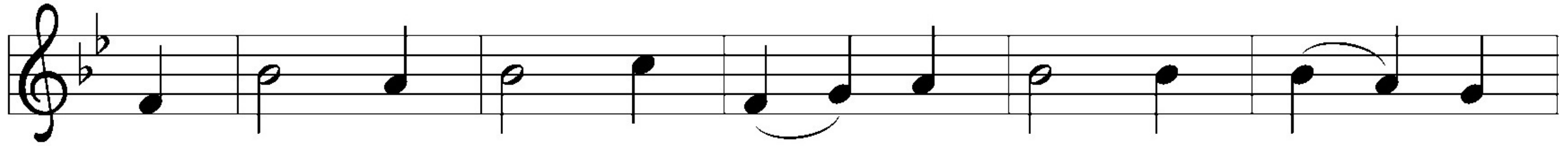
(Time for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

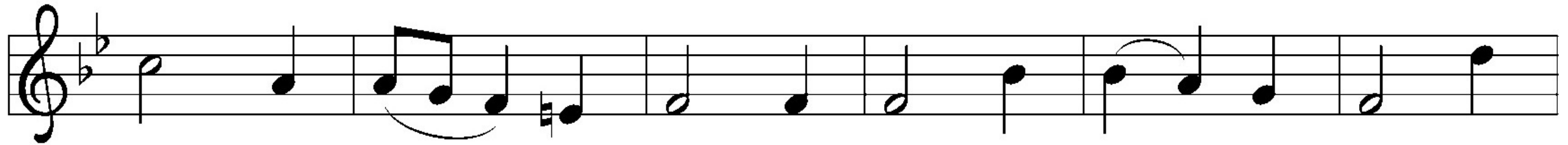
P: God is compassionate and does not deal with us according to our sins, but casts them as far as far away from us as the east is from the west. Free of the mistakes of the past, we can begin again.

C: Thanks be to God!

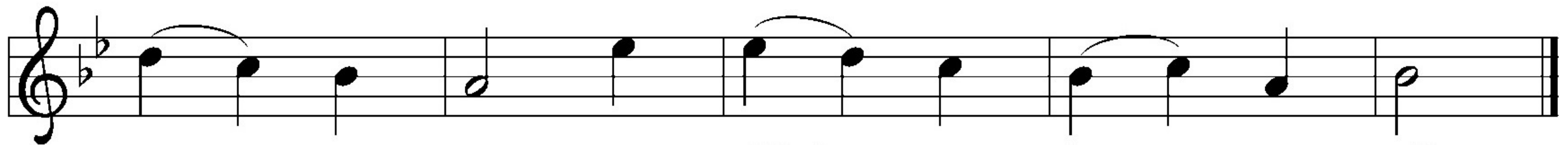
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



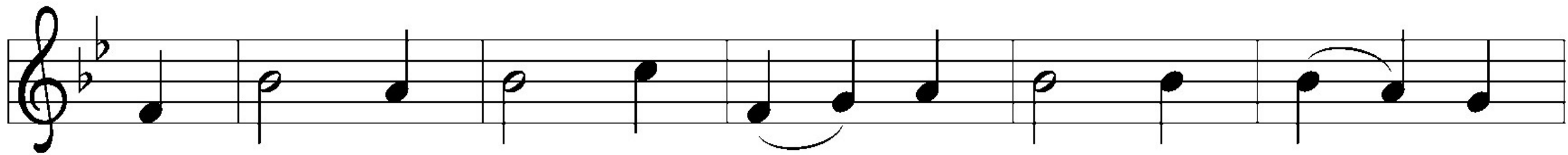
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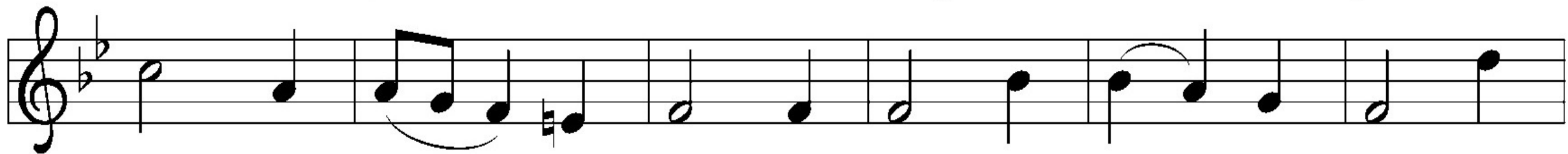
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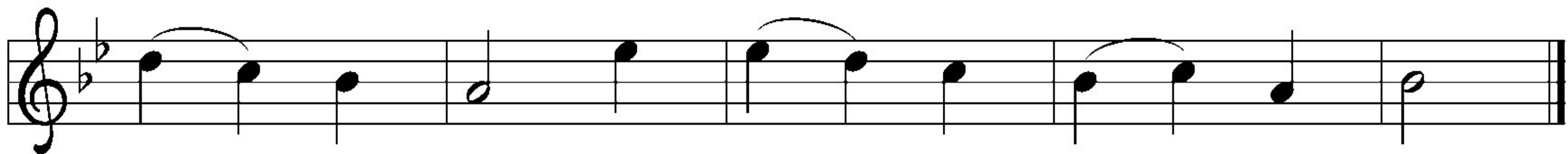
parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.



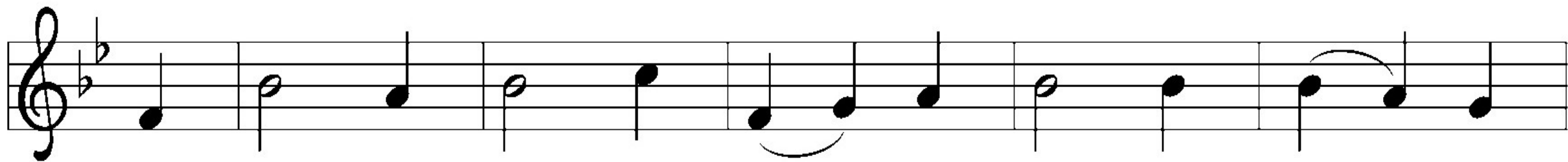
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to



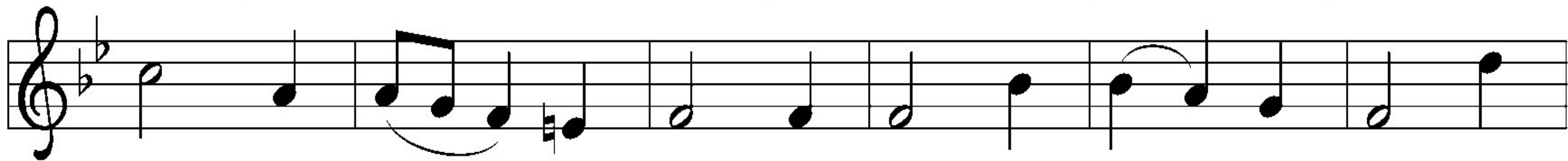
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -



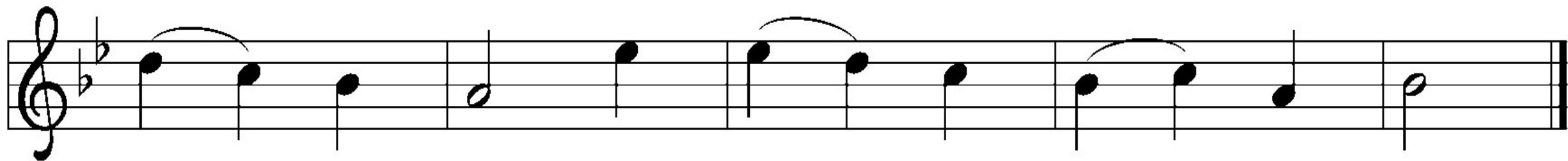
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.



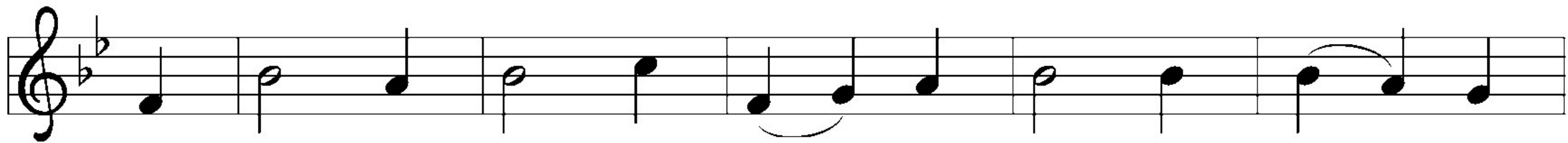
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our



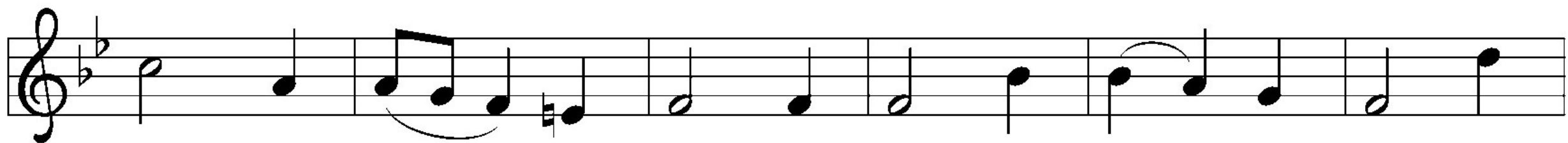
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you



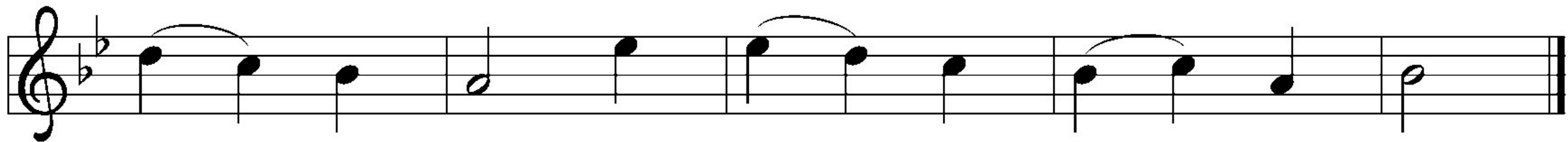
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.



4 0 Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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: Exodus 17: 1- 7

A reading from the Book of Exodus, the 17th chapter, verses 1 - 7. The reading is found on page 63 of the pew bible.

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Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our
salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence | with
thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with
psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

⁸ **“Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah |
in the desert.**

9 There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had |
seen my works.

10 **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation,
saying,**

**‘The heart of this people goes astray; they
do not | know my ways.’**

11 Indeed I swore | in my anger,
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’ ”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, the 5th chapter, verses 1-11. The reading is found on page 1028 of the pew bible.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter, verses 5 – 42. The reading is found on page 971 in the pew bible.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

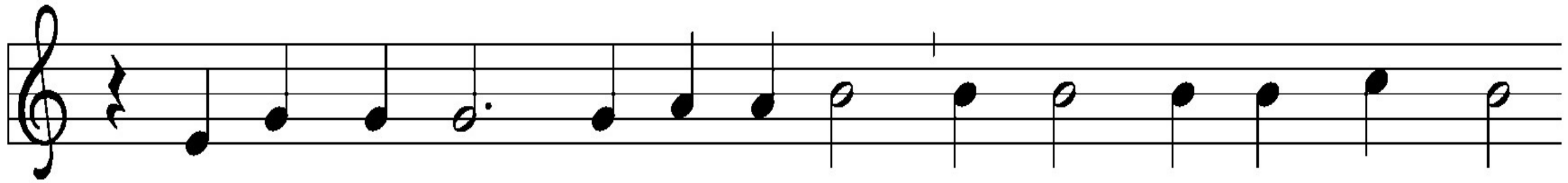
Praise to you, O Christ.

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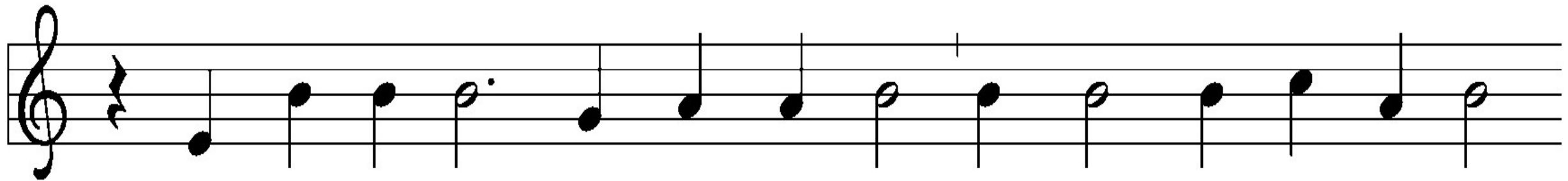
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Homily

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."



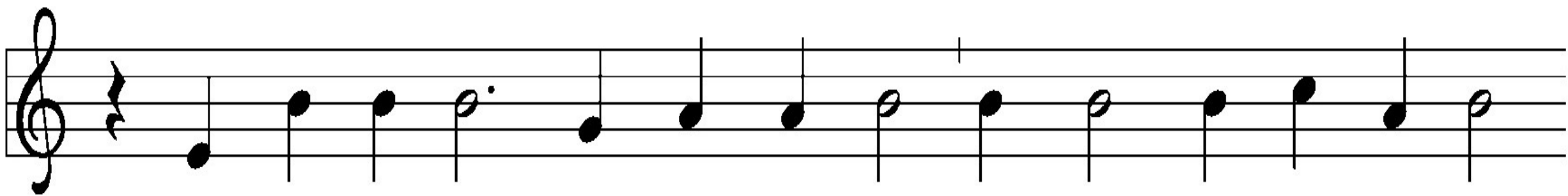
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.



2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give



the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."



I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;



my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.



3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

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: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: We pray for the nations of the world.

Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness (especially). Give them your living water always. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P/A: We pray for this congregation, St. Peter's.
Guide us to Grow Grace, Live Hope, and
Serve Love. Nurture our faith and pour
your love into our hearts. Inspire our
community and our testimony to God's
grace in our lives. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared 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

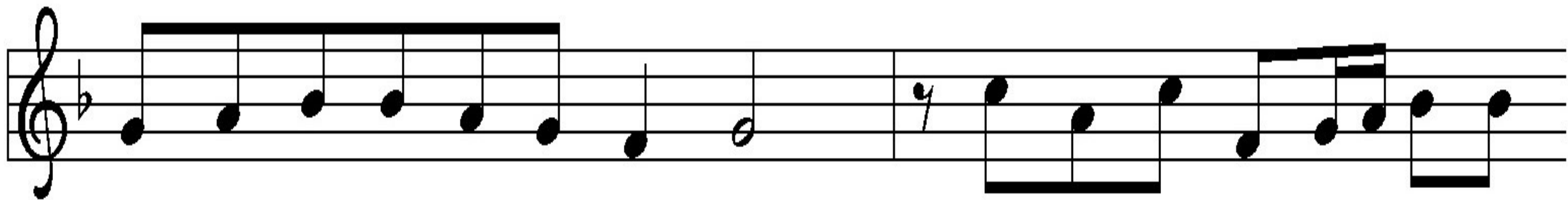
OFFERING

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

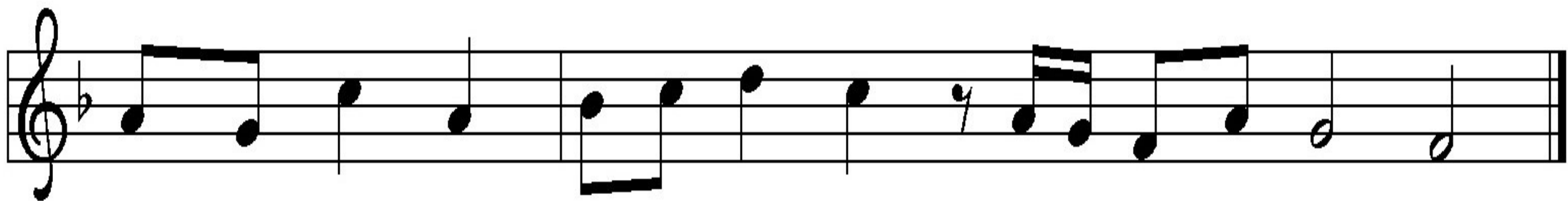
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the rear of the sanctuary.







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.

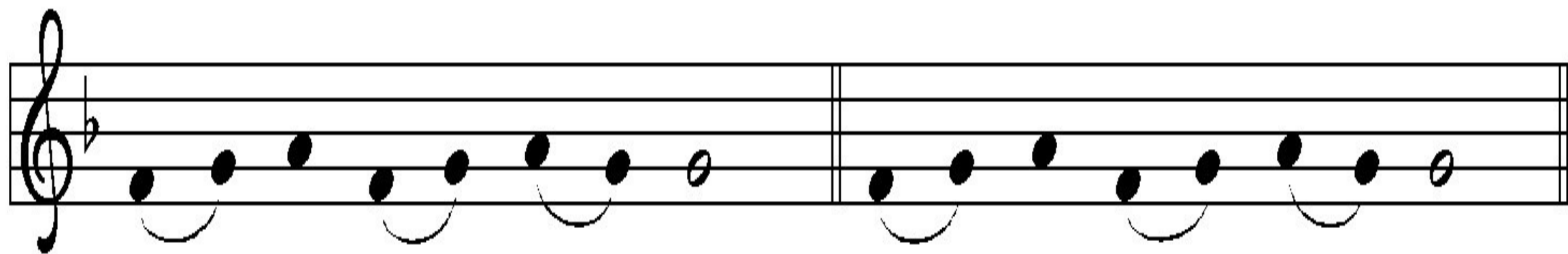
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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

P/A: Let us pray.

God 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.



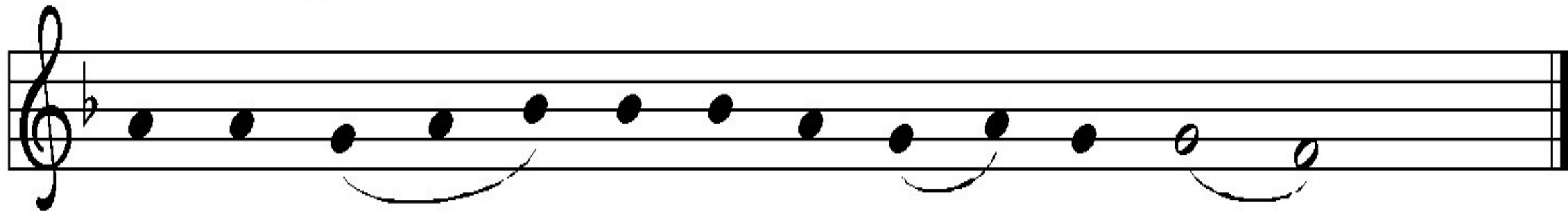
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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:

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.

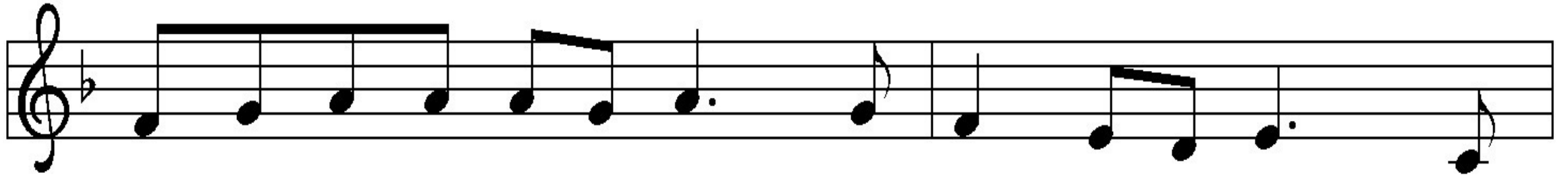
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

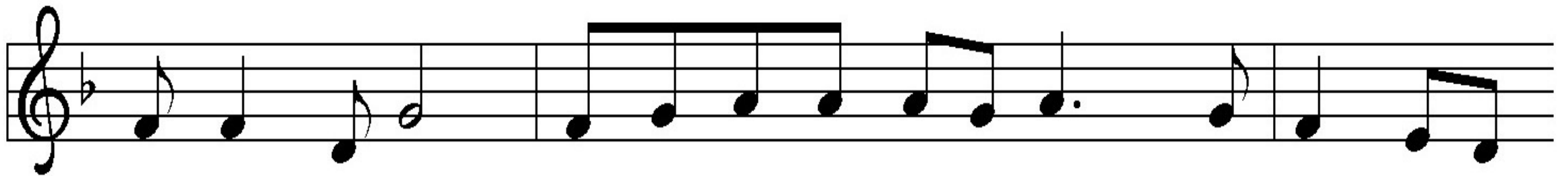
P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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



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

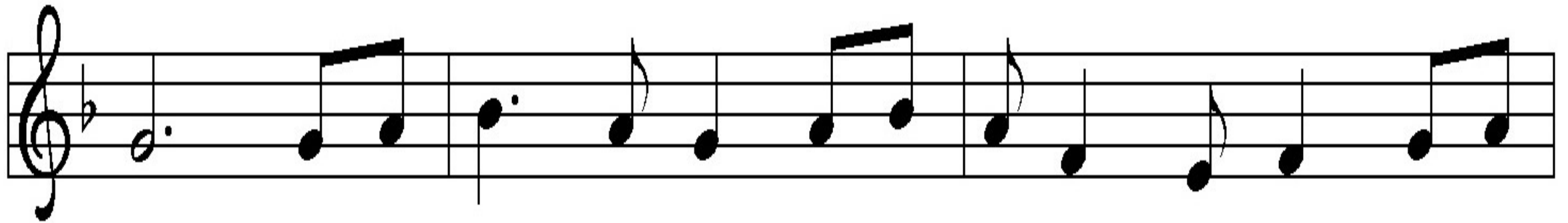
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ strengthen and keep you in his
grace.

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able



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 -

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.

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.

**We consecrate ourselves to
God by offering our whole
selves as living sacrifices.**



**How have you used your
“Mouth” to sing your Praise?**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

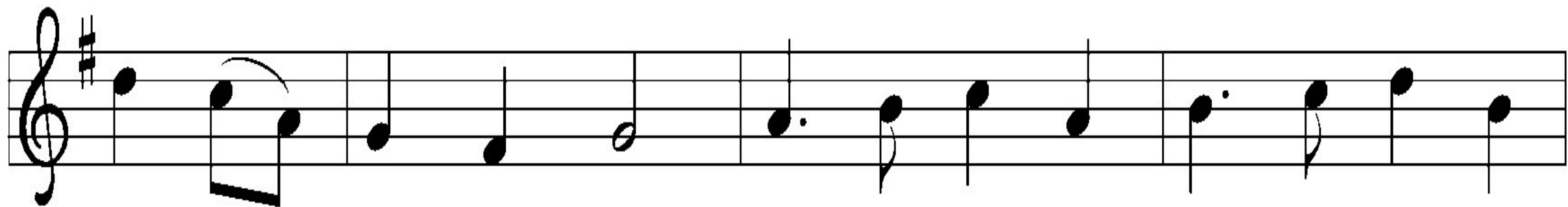
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



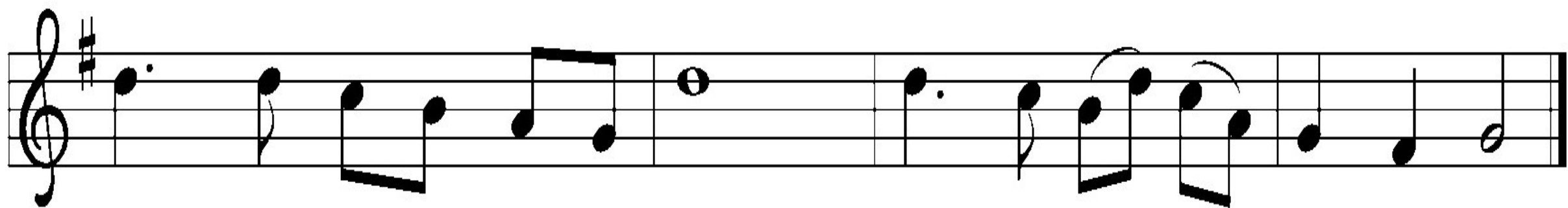
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this



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,



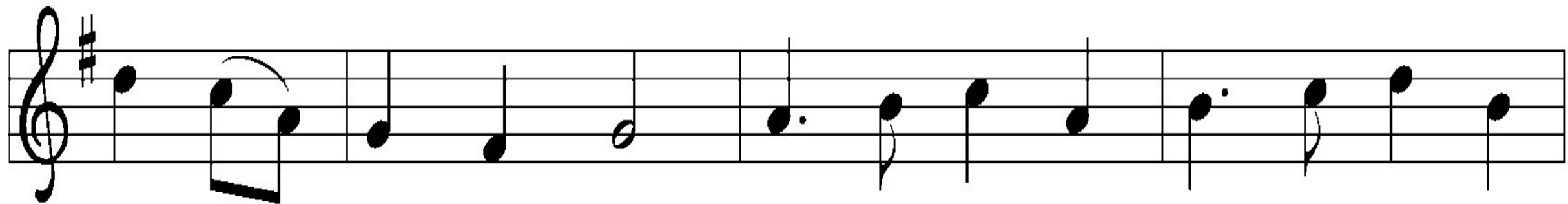
feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.



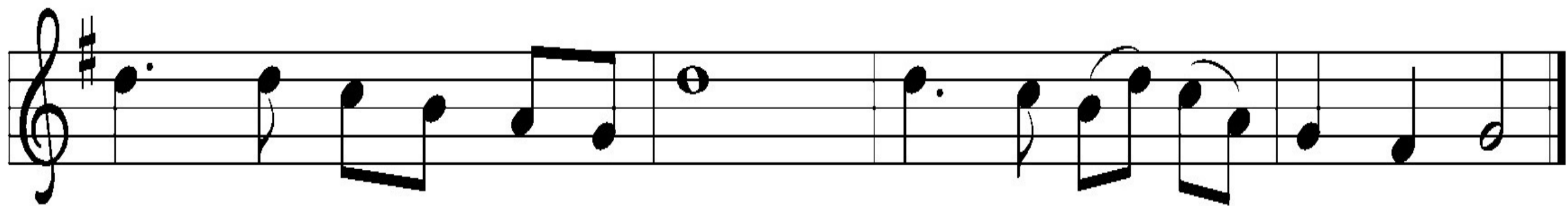
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing



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,



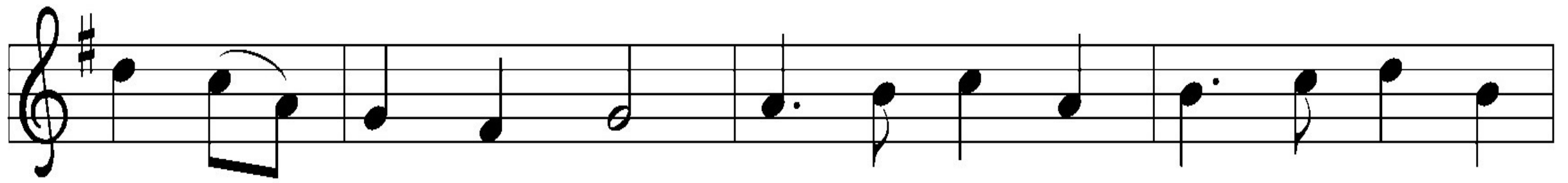
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.



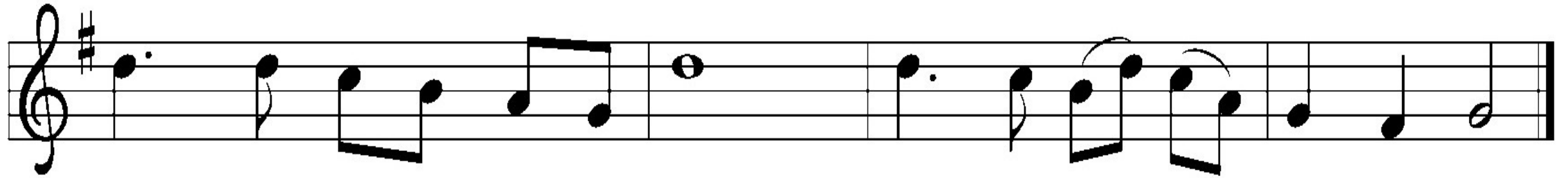
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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