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**Pre-Worship Music**  
**Mr. Garry Hanna**

# Confession

United Methodist Church

P: We come to the table of our Lord  
recognizing our need for divine grace.  
In humility, let us confess our sins before  
God and one another.



# **Confession and Pardon**

**C: Merciful God,  
we confess that we do not want to be  
challenged by the cross.  
We set our minds on human things—  
we long for the security from our  
possessions;  
we prefer our own comfort;**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**May our sense of self preservation  
be disturbed by your Son's example;  
that we might take up his cross in service  
to the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Silence*

P: Hear the good news:

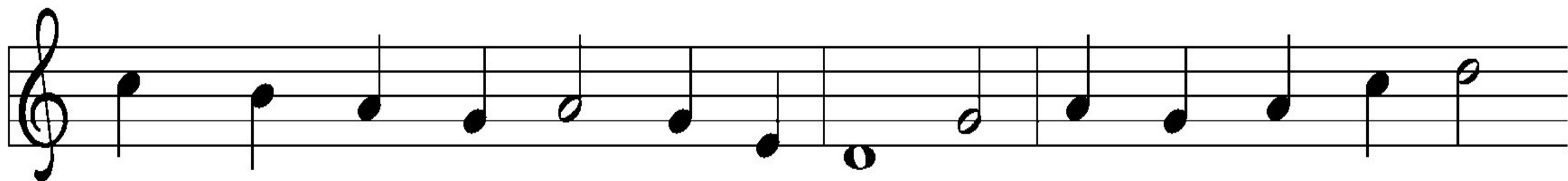
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.  
The Mighty One has sent his deliverance for  
all people; even the generations yet unborn.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are  
forgiven!

**C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are  
forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

# What Wondrous Love Is This

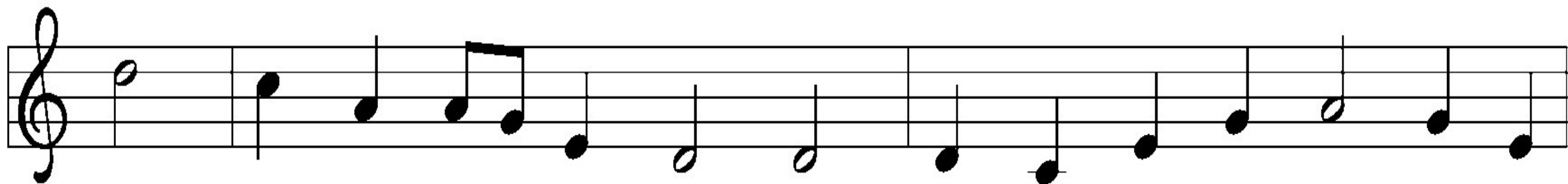


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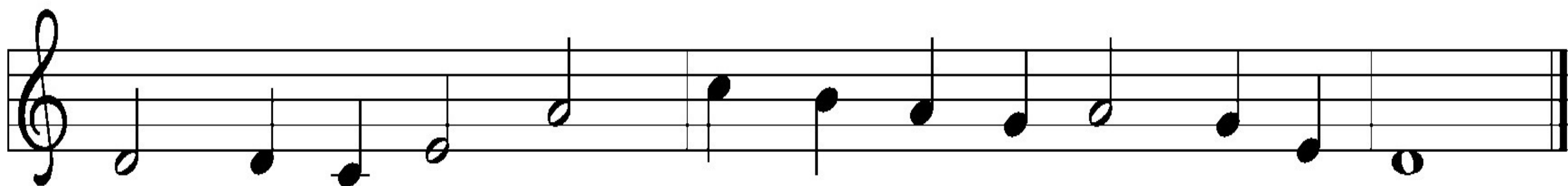


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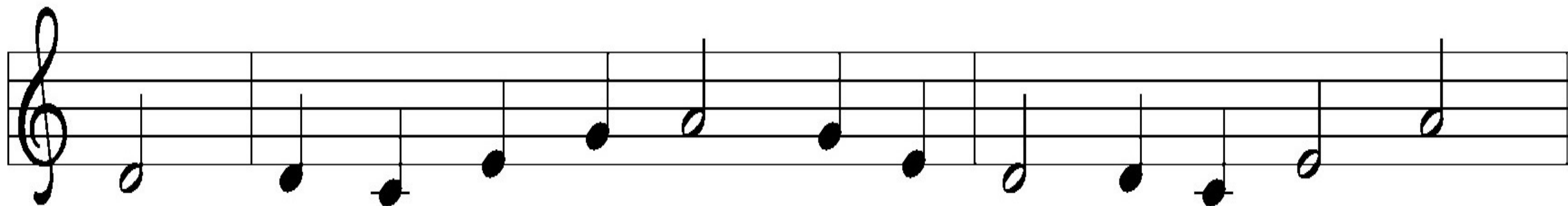




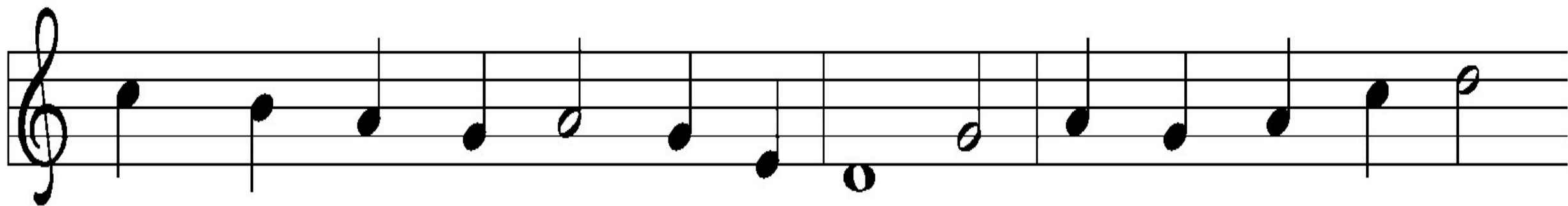
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my



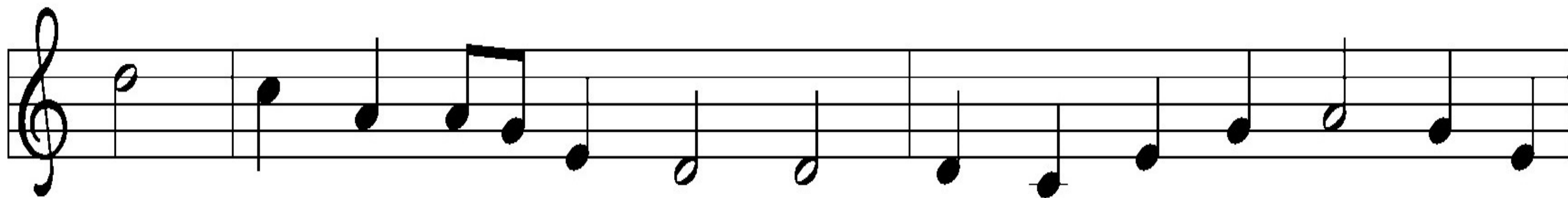
soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?



2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when



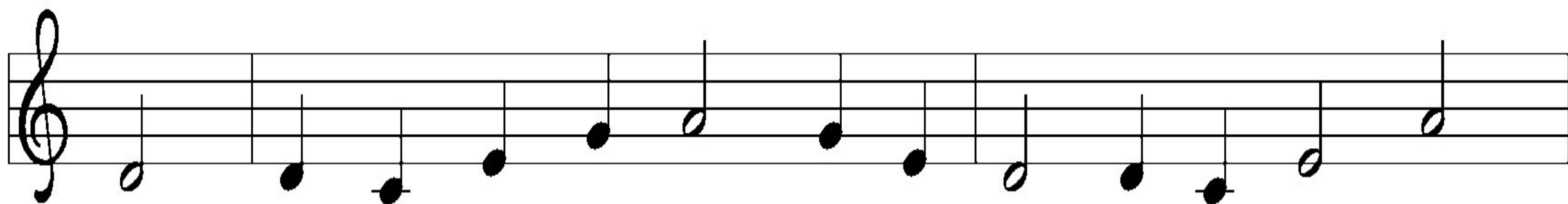
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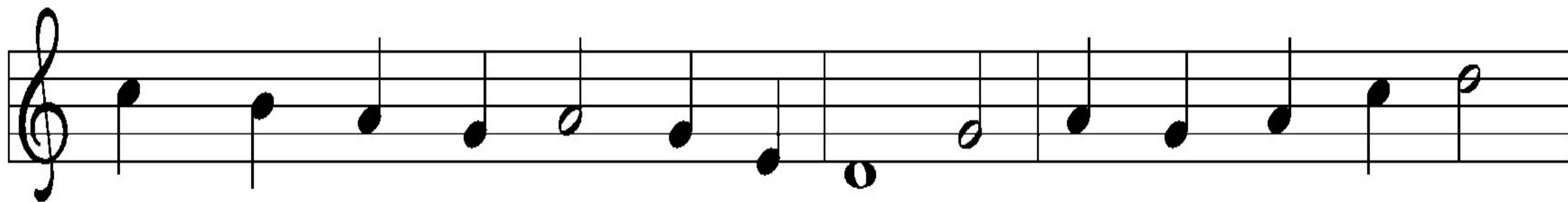
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my



soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.

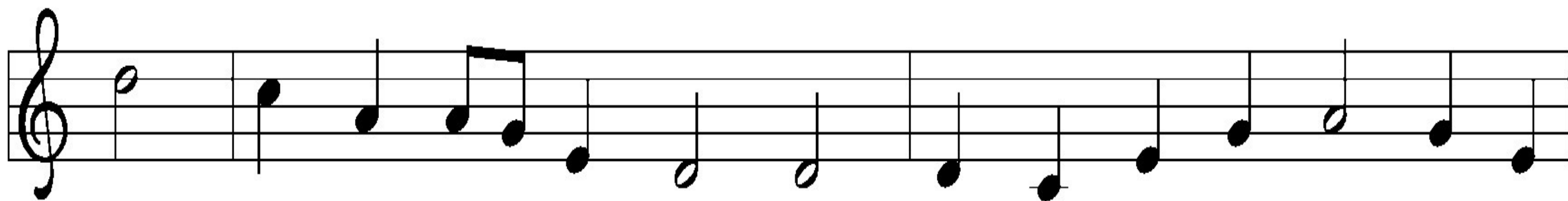


3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to

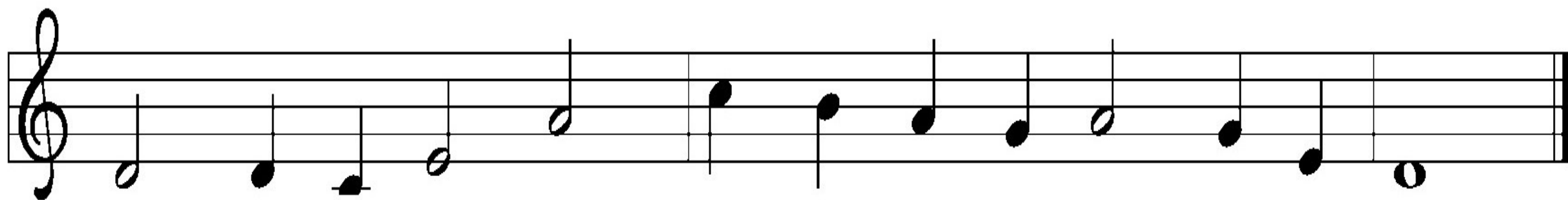


God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,





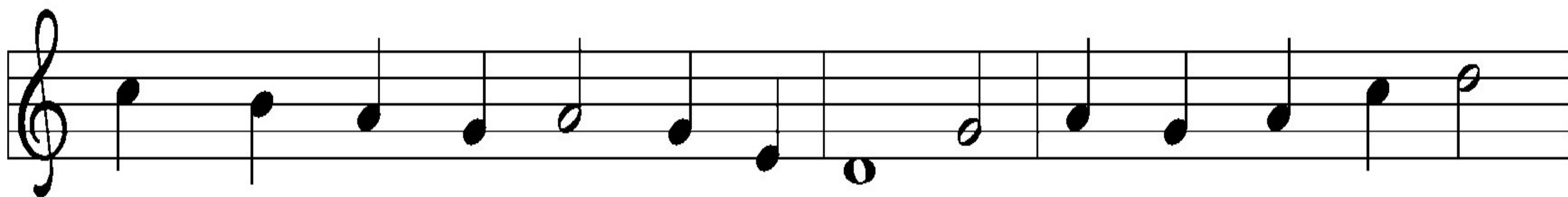
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will



sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.



4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**



P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

A reading from Ezekiel the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter verses 1-14. The reading is found on page 791 of the pew bible.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup> Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice  
of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch | over sins,  
O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you | is forgiveness,  
in order that you | may be feared.**



<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;  
in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord more than  
those who keep watch | for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch | for  
the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD  
there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous  
redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the LORD shall | redeem Israel  
from | all their sins.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11**

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter verses 6-11. The reading is found on page 1031 of the pew bible.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# **GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

The holy gospel according to St. John the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter verses 1-45. The reading is found on page 980 of the pew bible.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

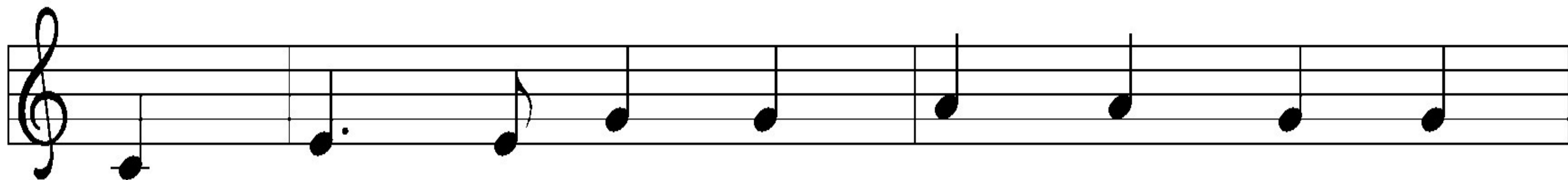
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

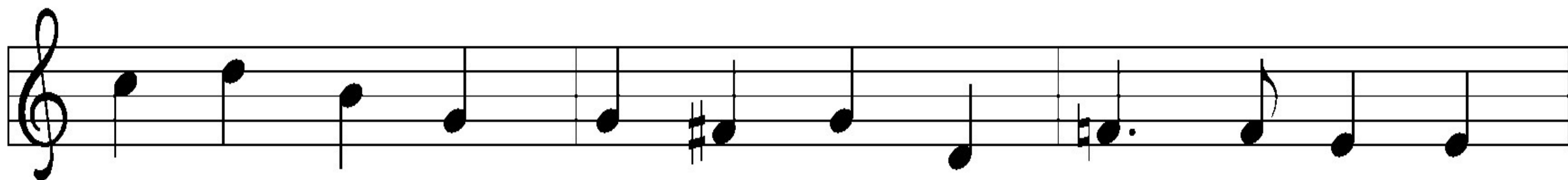
# Homily



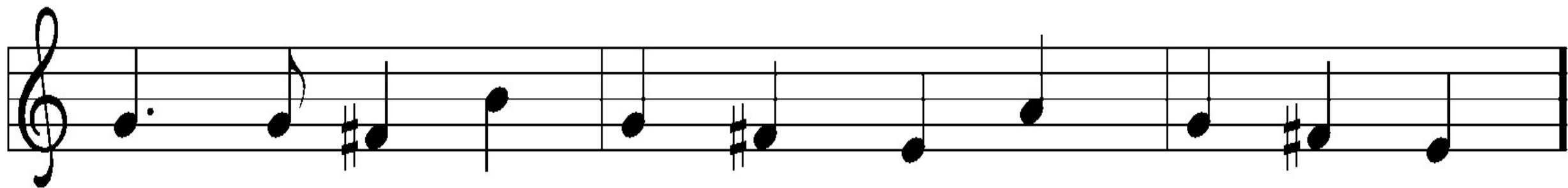
# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than

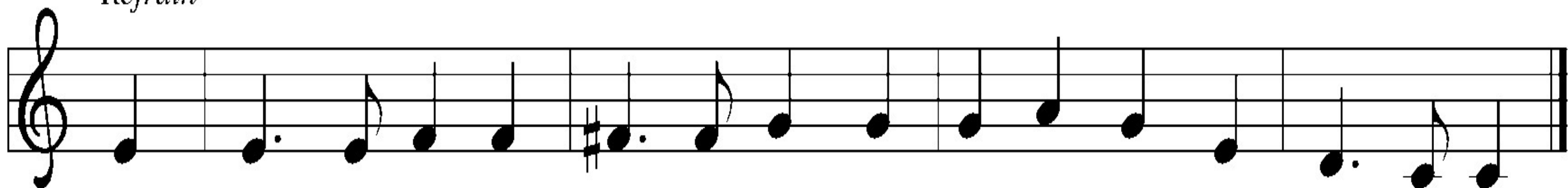


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my

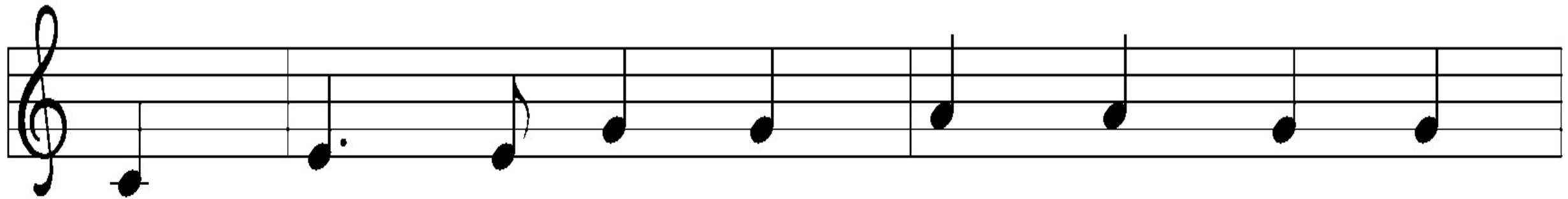


own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.

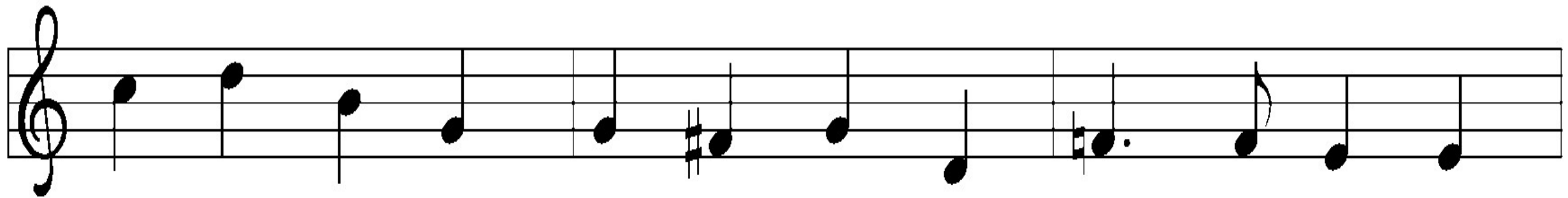
*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

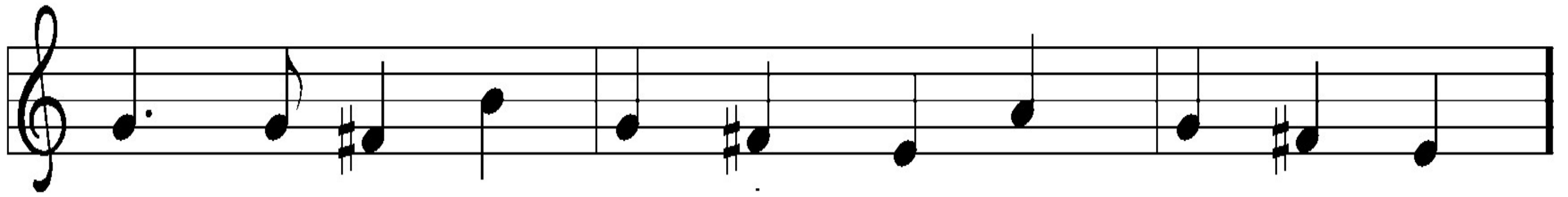


2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I



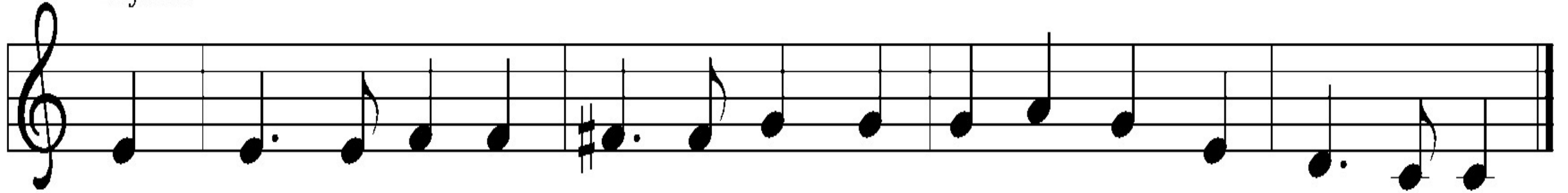
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and



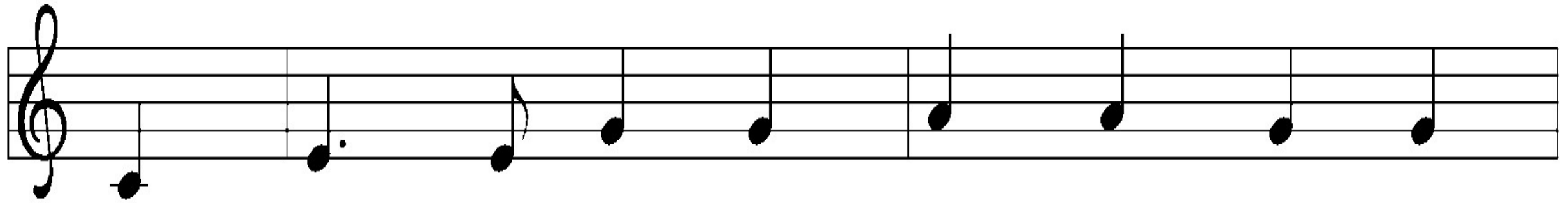


storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.

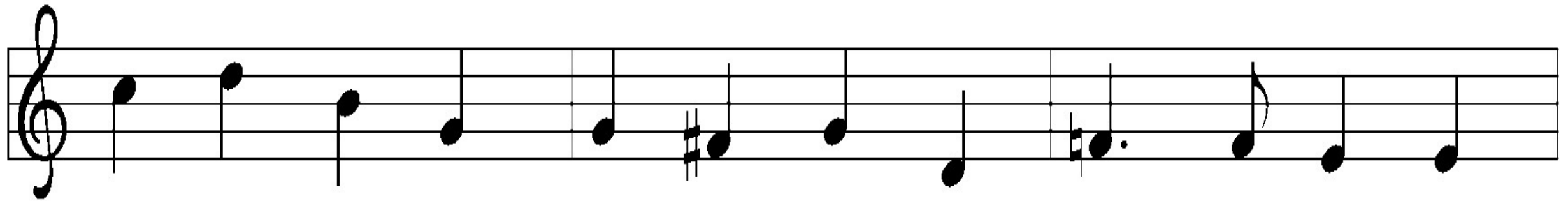
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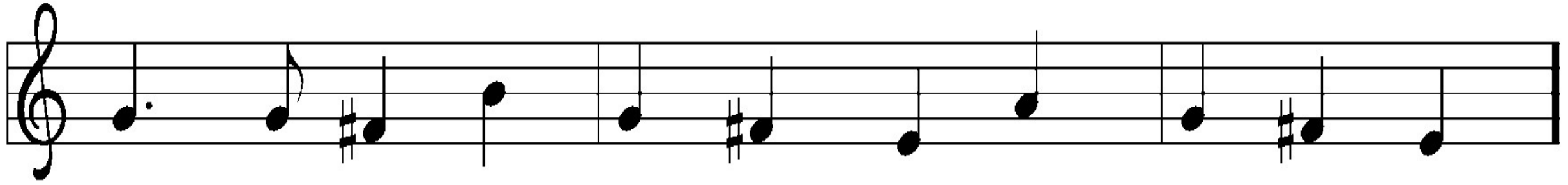
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -

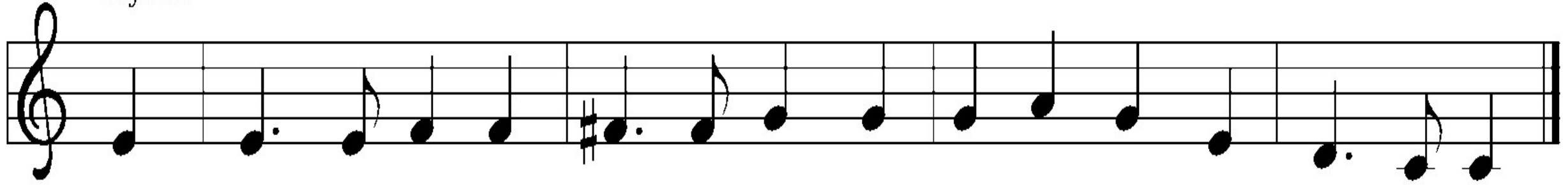


tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are

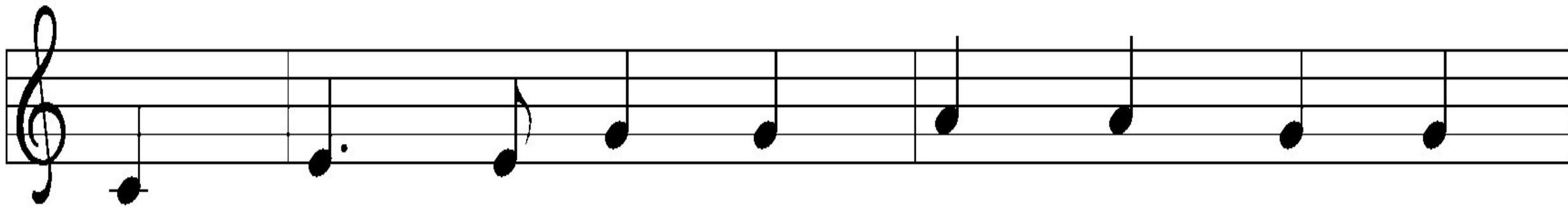


washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.

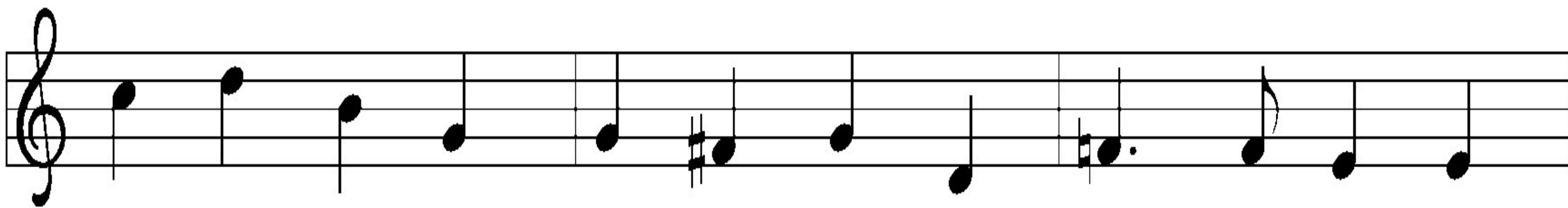
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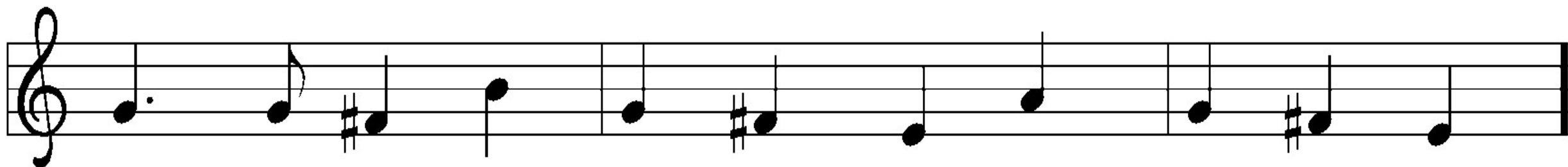
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - teous -



ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

# **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 have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them.

**C: receive our prayer.**

P/A: Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P/A: You redeem the world and its peoples.

Free us from systems of oppression.

Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P/A: You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness (especially). You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P/A: Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly.  
Bless the music ministries of this  
congregation (specific ensembles may be  
named) and all who lead us in hymns of  
praise and thanksgiving and in songs of  
lament and prayer. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P/A: You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love.  
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

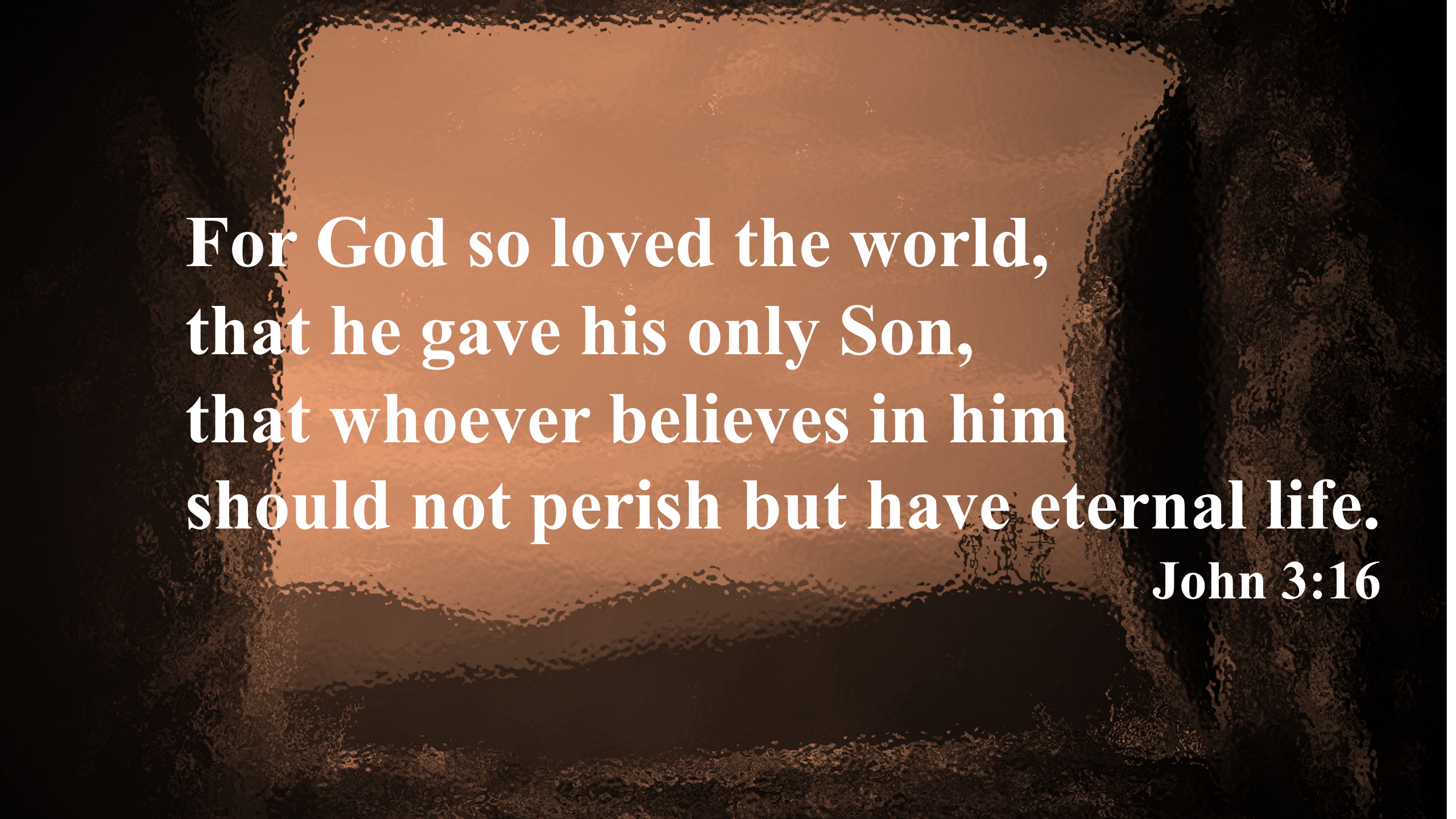
*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

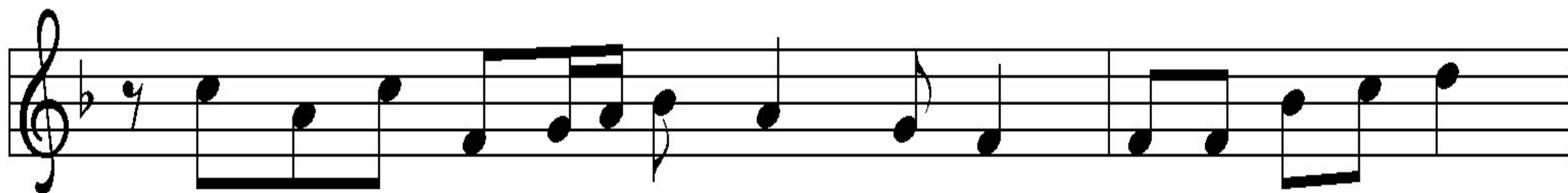
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

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



# Create in Me a Clean Heart

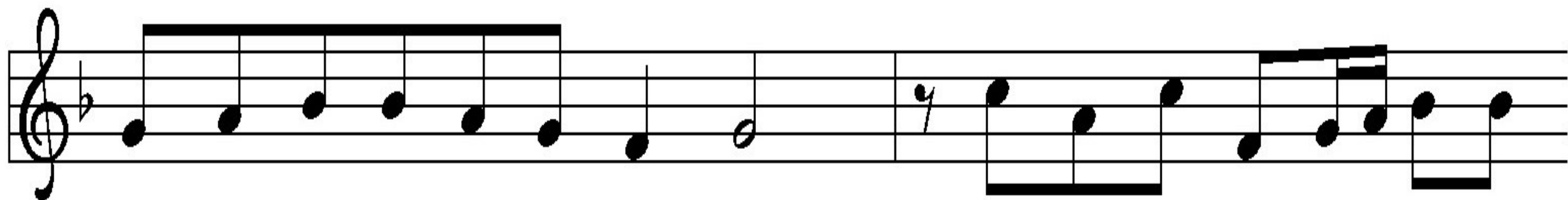
## *Offering Song*



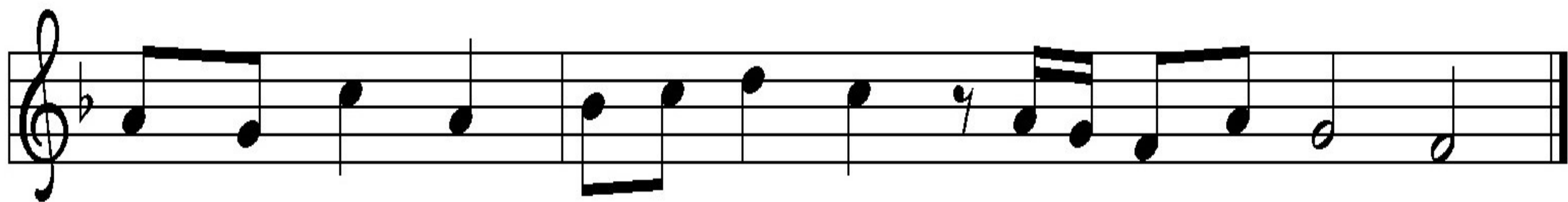
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

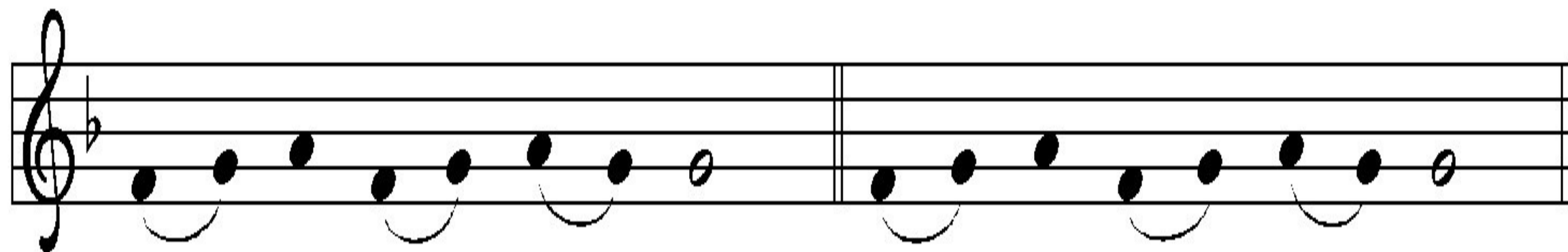
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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

P/A: Let us pray.

God 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.

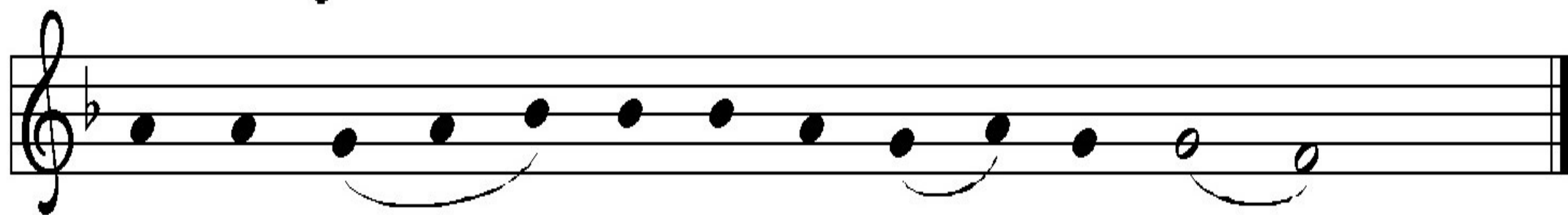


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.





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.

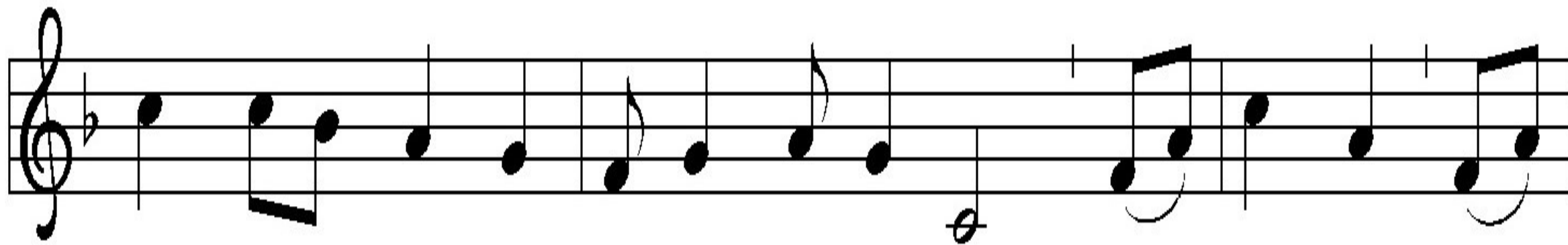
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we  
may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:

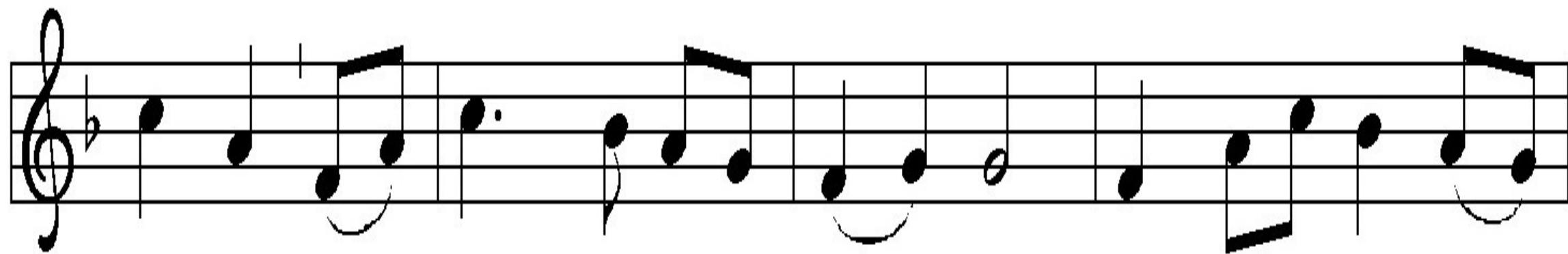
*Congregation sings*



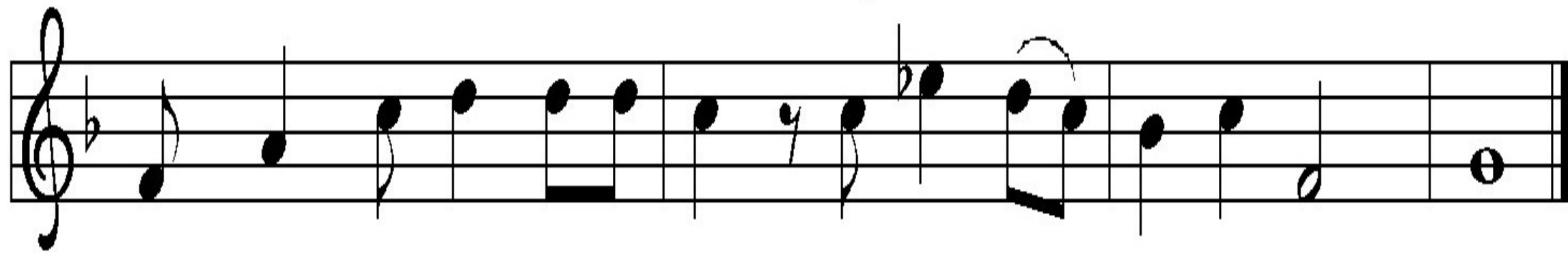
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.**

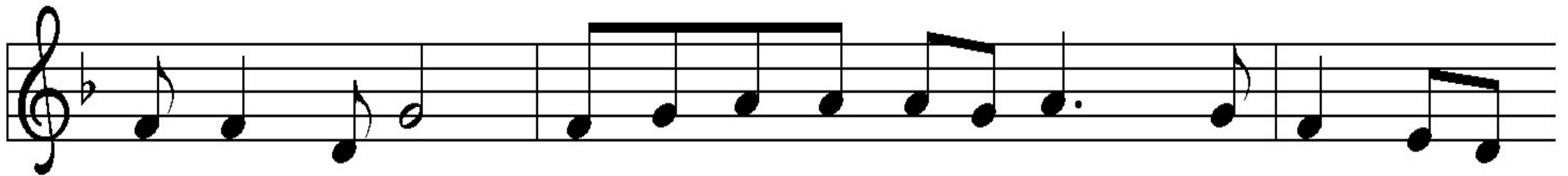




*Congregation – Please Be Seated*



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*

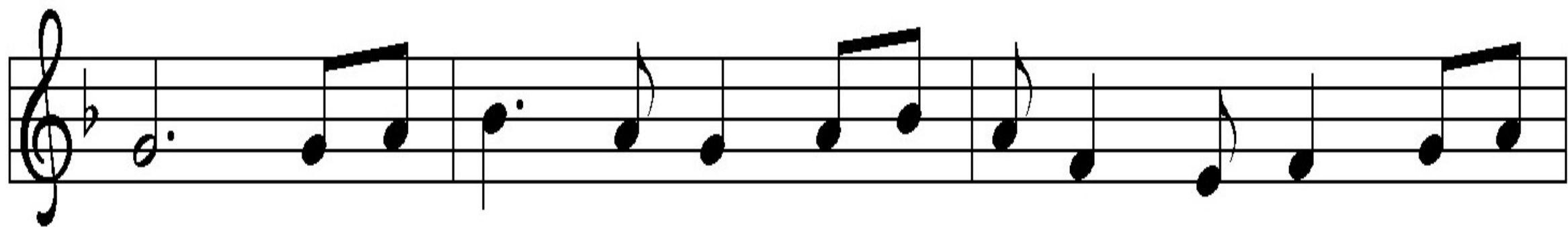
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
Christ strengthen and keep you in his  
grace.

**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 -



*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.**



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

**Our hands to share the abundance that you  
have entrusted to our care.**

**Our feet to go into the world sharing your love.**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a-lone from sin and death we flee;



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.

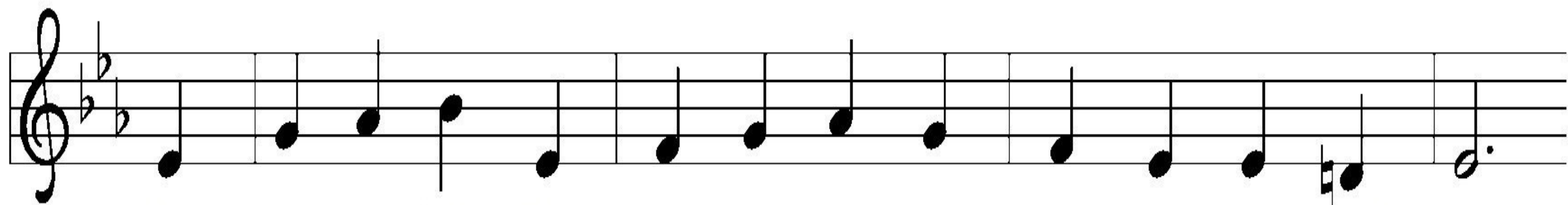




2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;



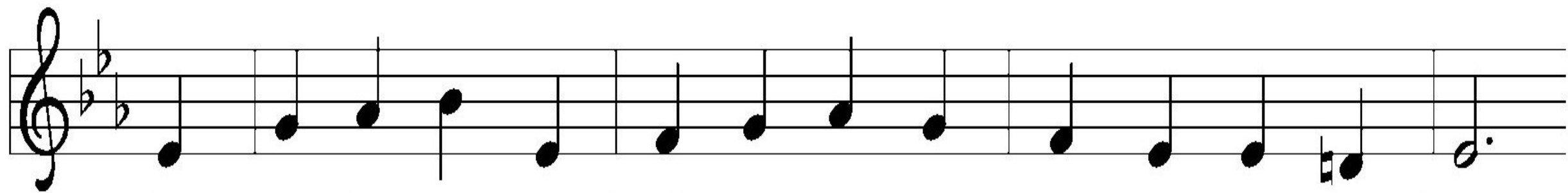
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.



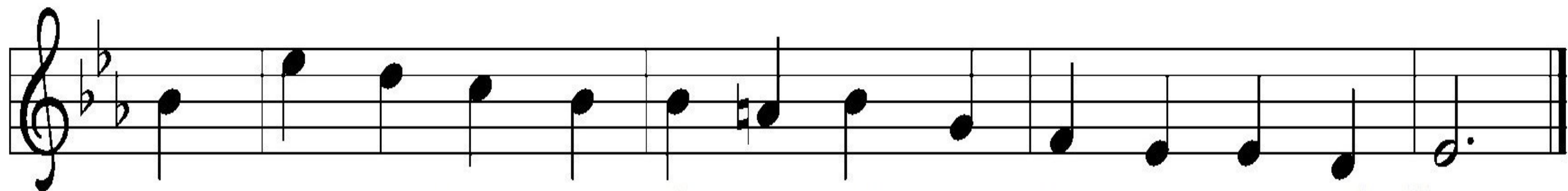
3 You are the life; the rend-ing tomb pro-claims your con-qu'ring arm;



and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.



4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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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