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Prelude

Confession and Absolution

The assembly kneels or stands.

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of
God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.


P: Most merciful God,

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

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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

C: Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for

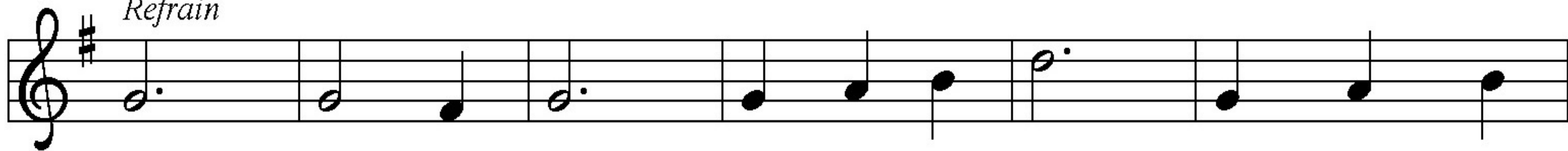


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,

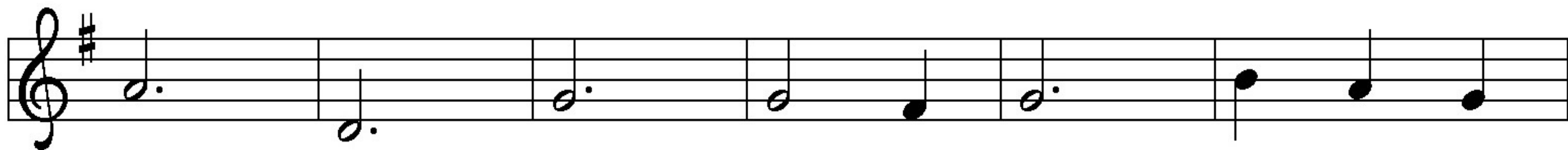


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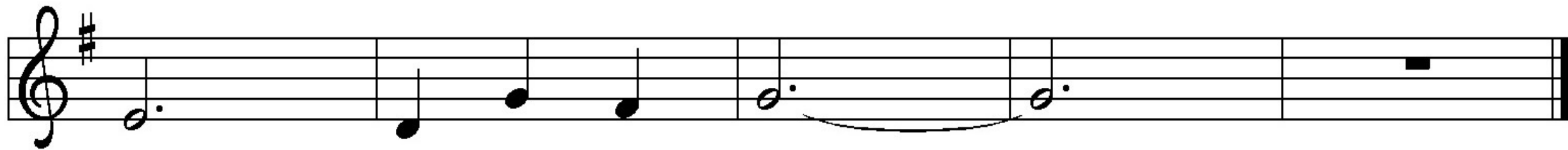
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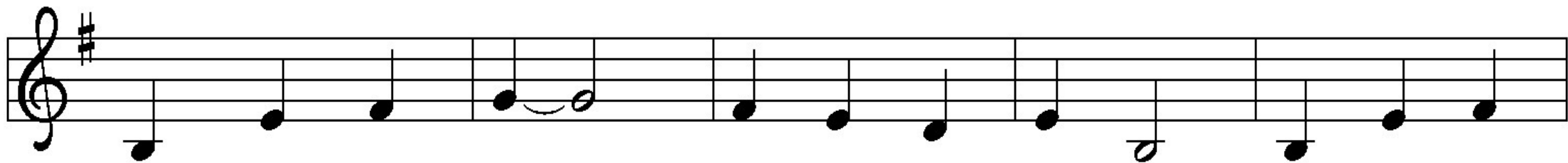
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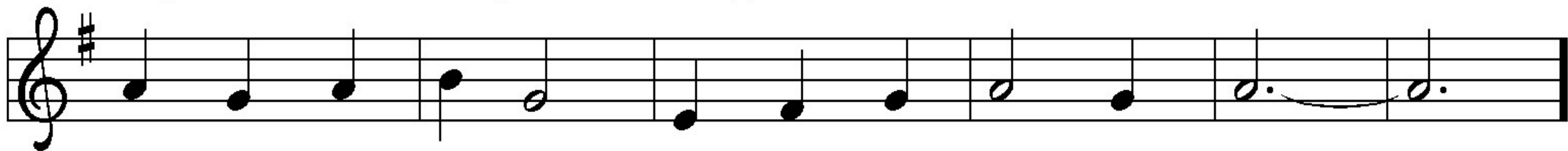
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2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for

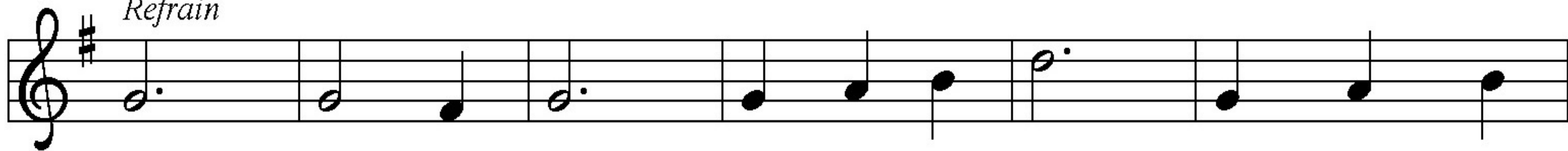


hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone

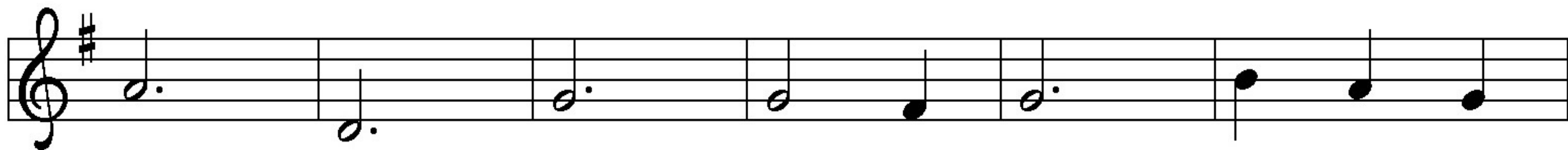


has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

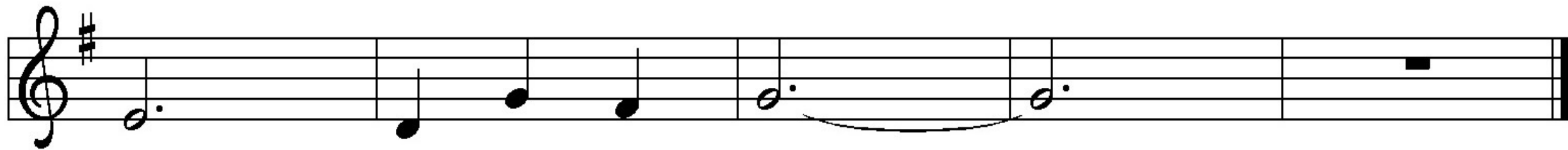
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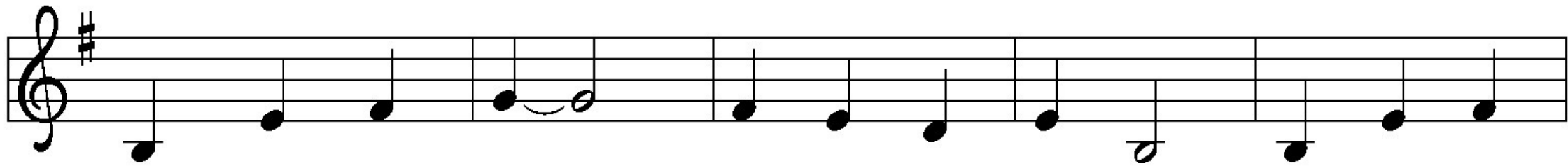
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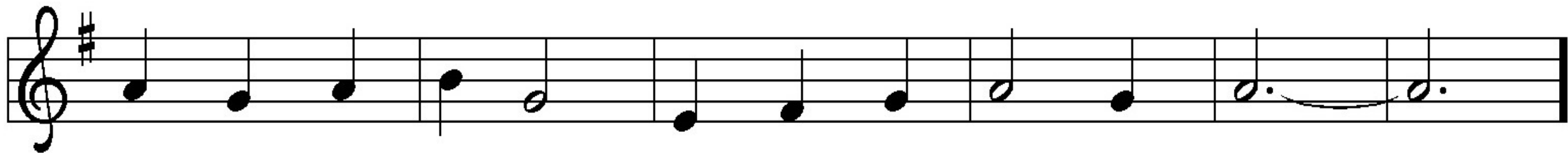
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3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for

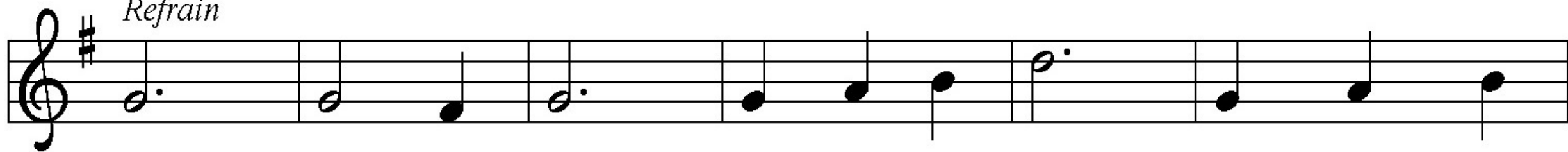


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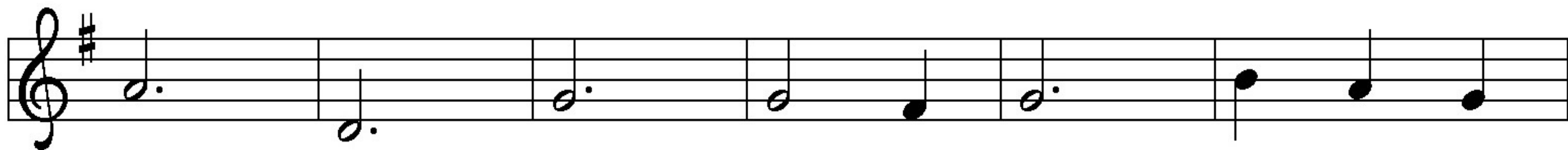


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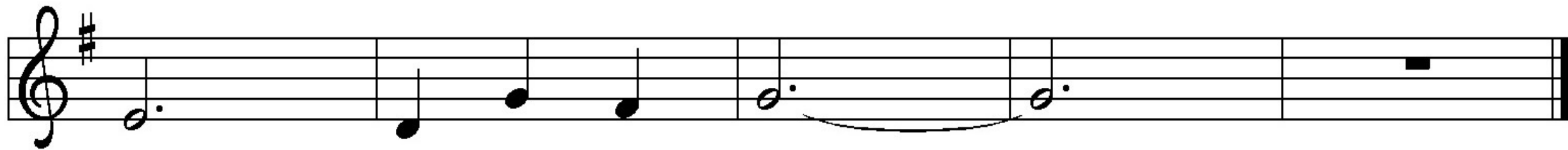
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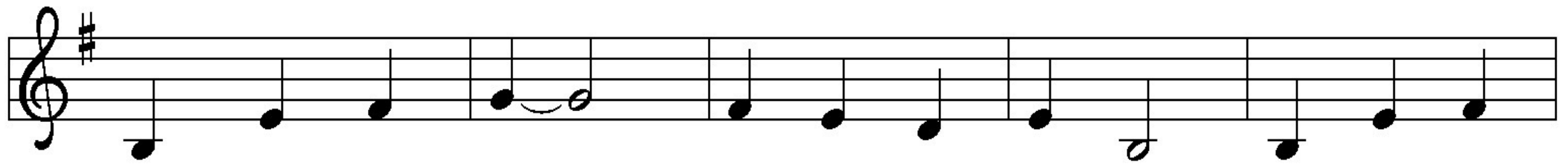
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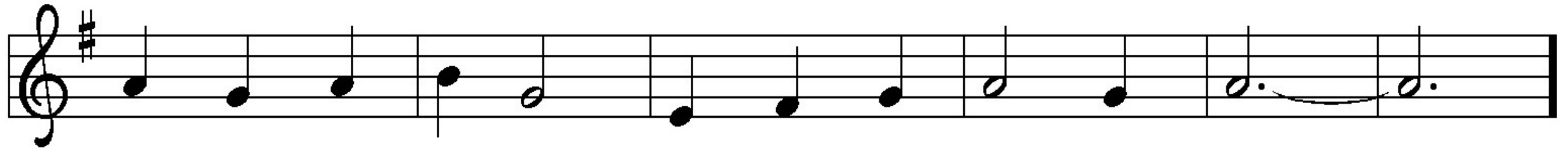
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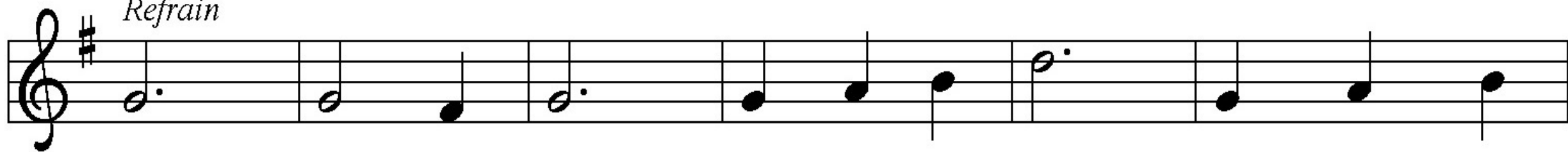


warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,

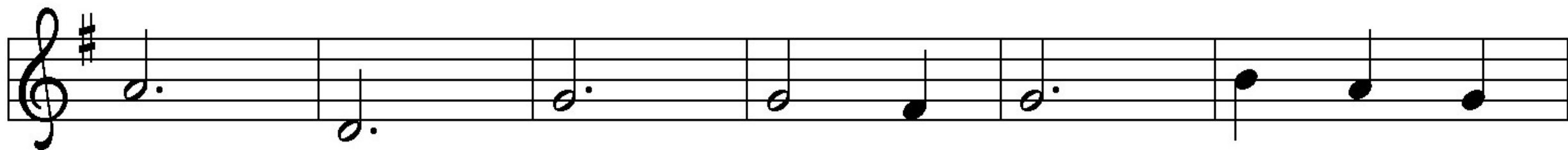


shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.

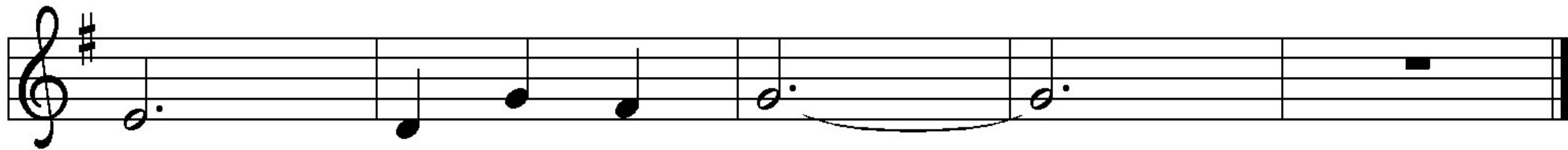
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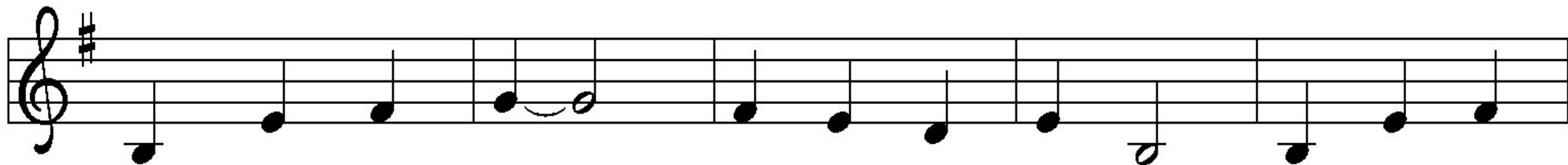
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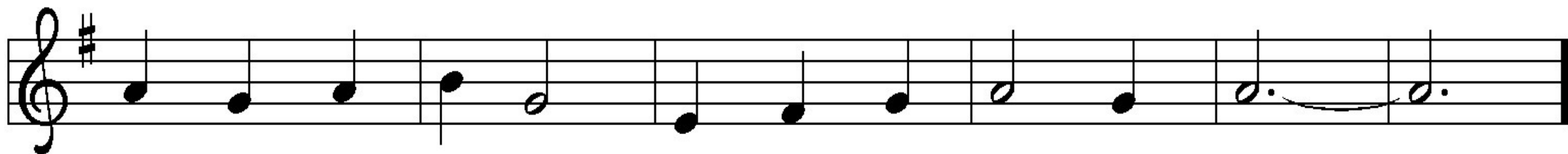
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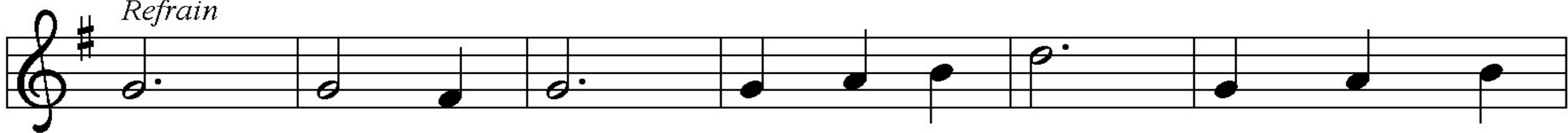


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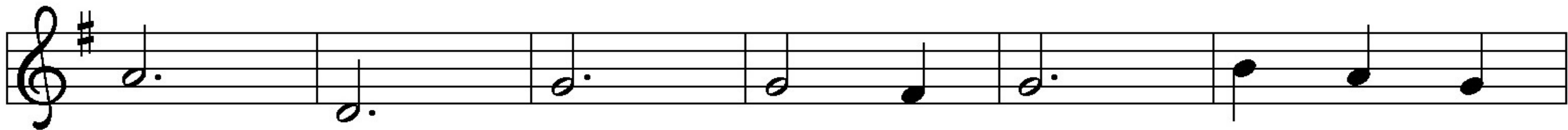


to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

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church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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

C: And also to you.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: And also with you.



P: The Ascension of our Lord as record in the Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead

on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

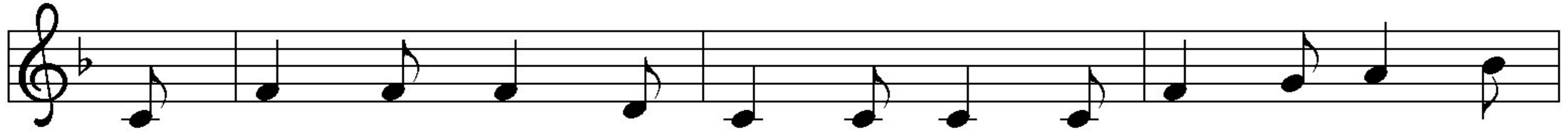
⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

THE ACTS

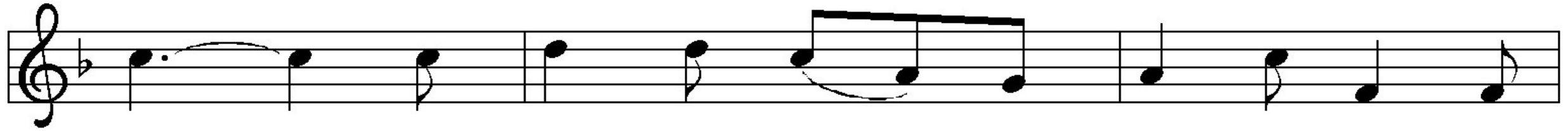
of the Apostles

second book Luke addressed to Theophilus (see Luke 1:3). Acts may
k manuscripts title it "Acts," and many add "of the Apostles."
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years of the church, especially Peter's
specially be called "The Acts of the Apostles."
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I Come with Joy



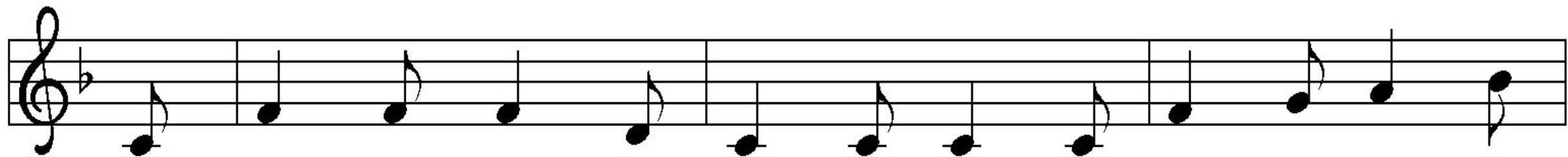
1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in



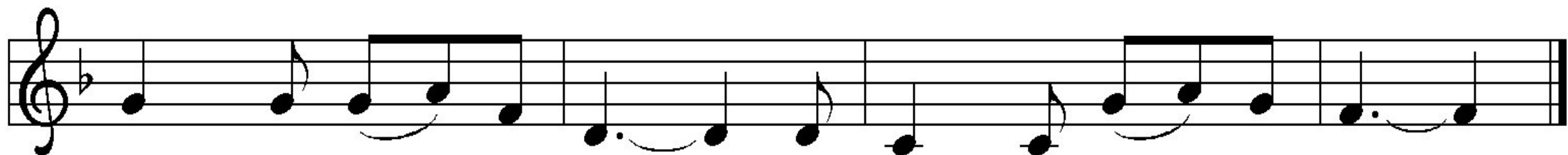
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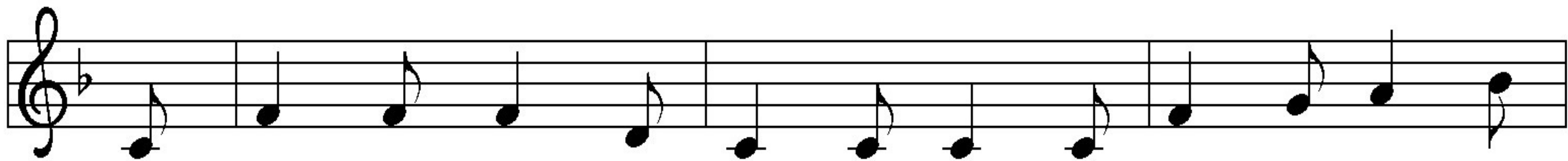
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are



fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in



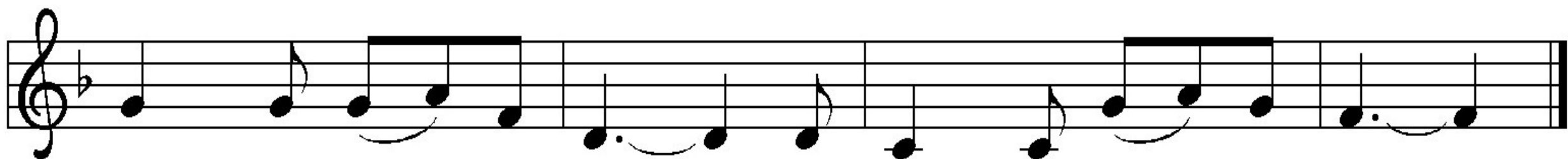
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.



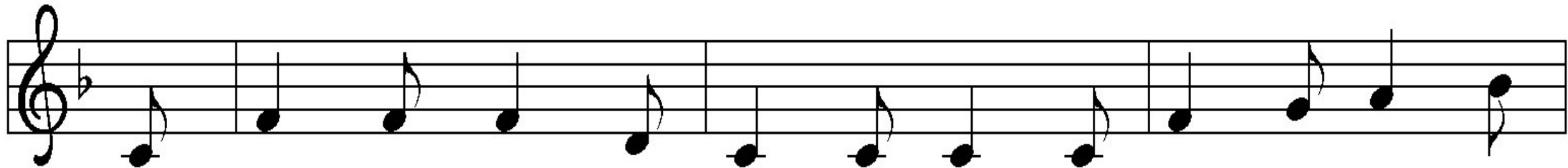
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion



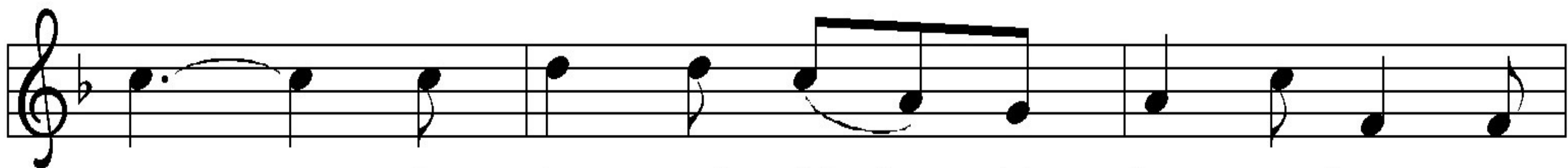
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and



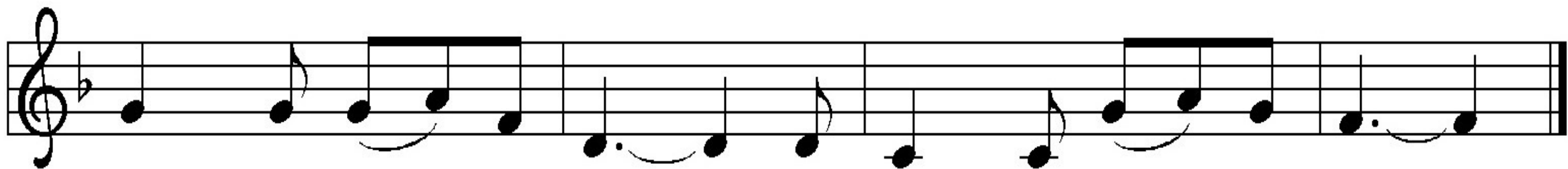
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.



4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er



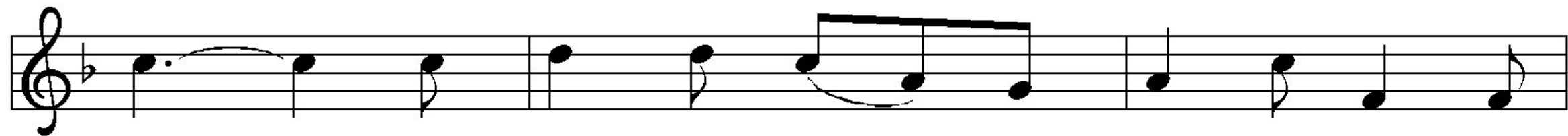
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -



live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.



5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in
need.

A brief silence.

P/A: God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our Pastor Greg and the members of our Congregation council (persons can be named). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ.
We give you thanks for all your saints who
have given us glimpses of your redeeming
love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

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Our Response – The Offering

Stewards of God's Love

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance....

2 Corinthians 9:8a

Grow Grace

Trusting in God's Abundance

**I commit to spend time in prayer
and study of God's Word.**

Stewards of God's Love

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance....

2 Corinthians 9:8a

Live Hope

Trusting in God's Abundance

**I will participate in a
Ministry of St. Peter's**

Stewards of God's Love

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance....

2 Corinthians 9:8a

Serve Love

Trusting in God's

Abundance I can give an

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St. Peter's.

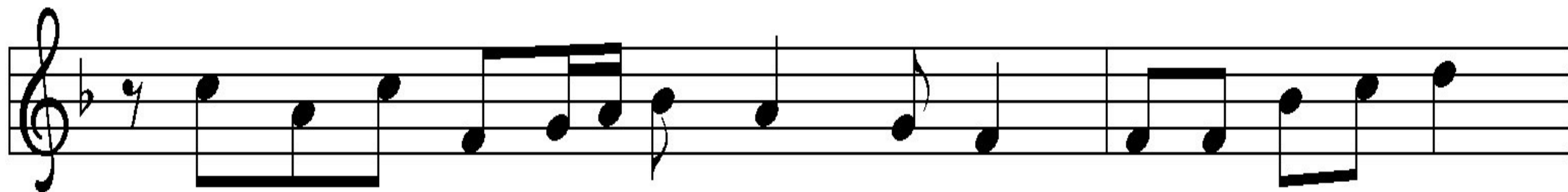


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Create in Me a Clean Heart

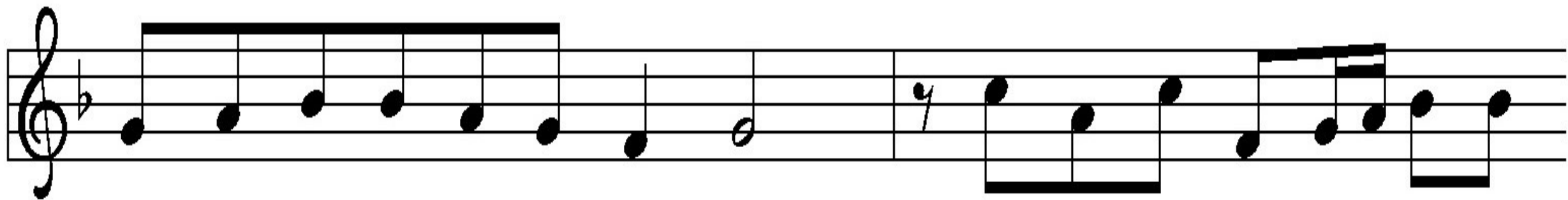
Offering Song



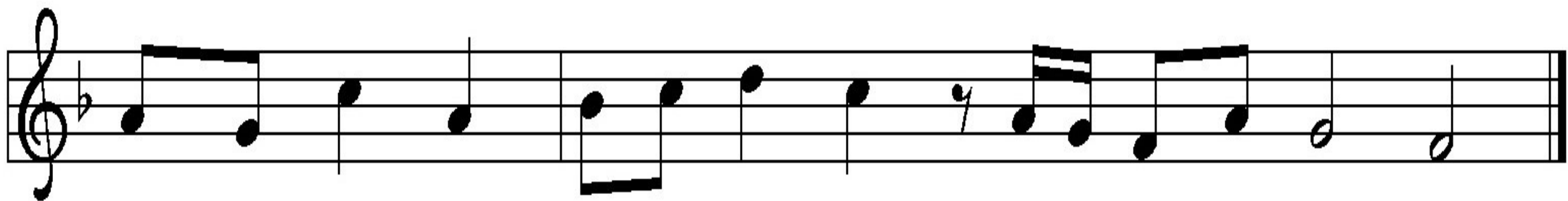
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



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.

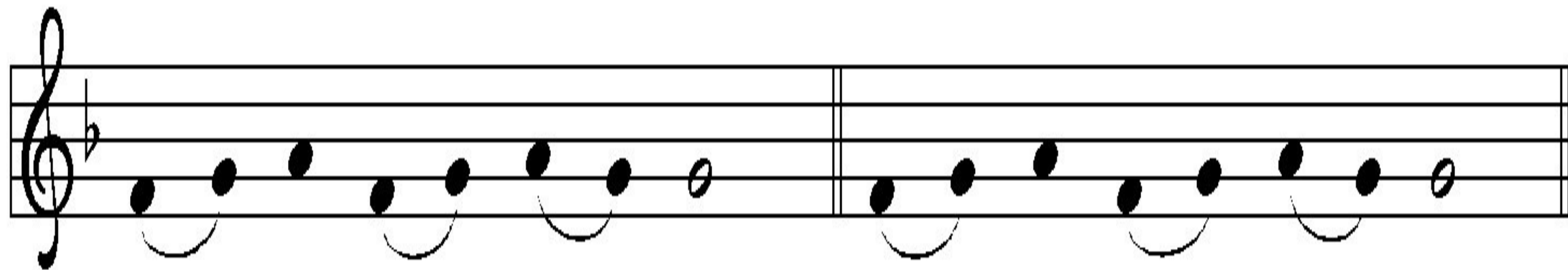
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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P/A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

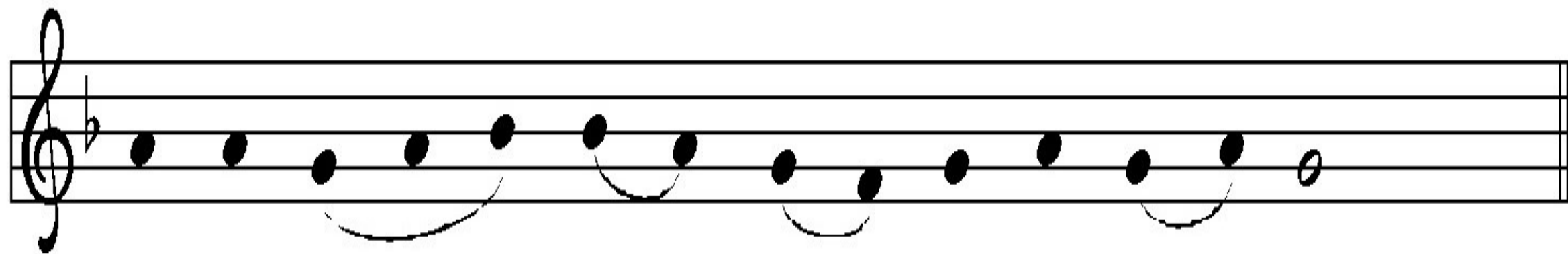
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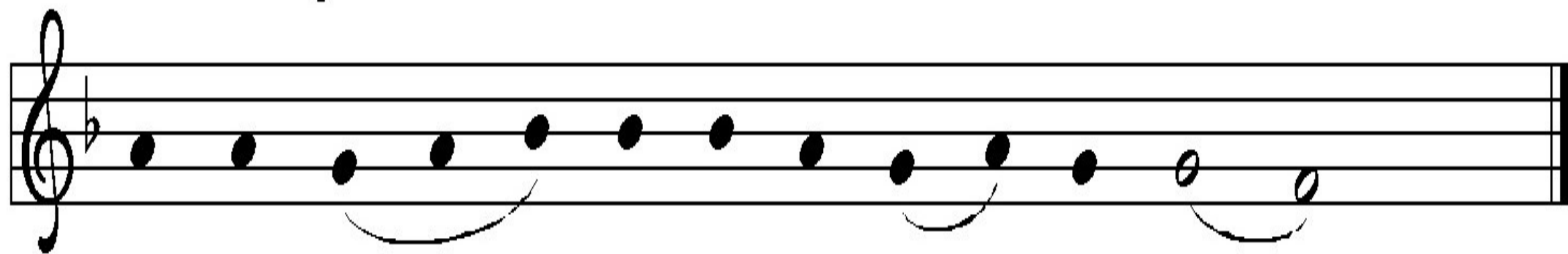
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

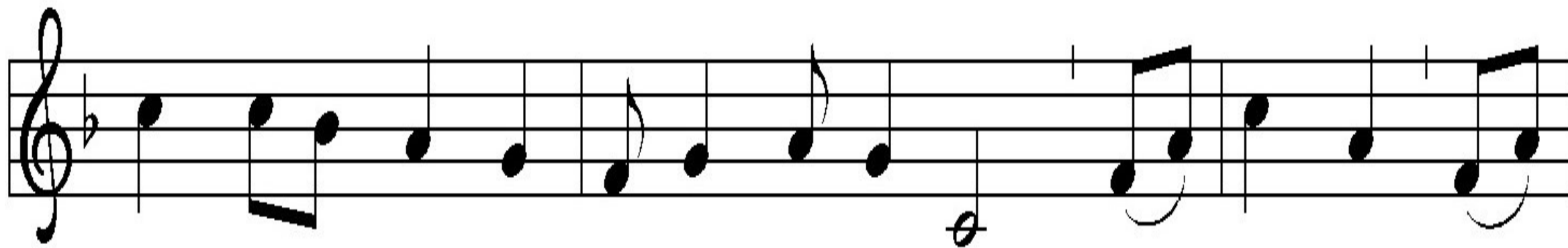
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection
of our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,
intercedes for us as our great high priest.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim
and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

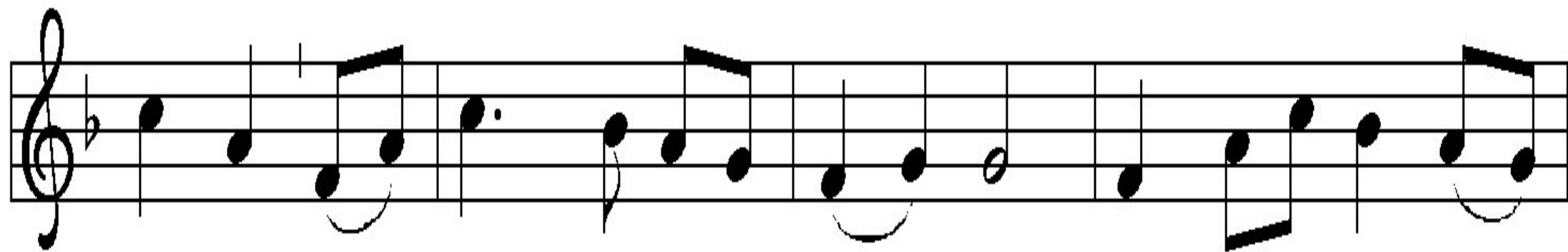
Congregation sings



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.

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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, now and forever.

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.**

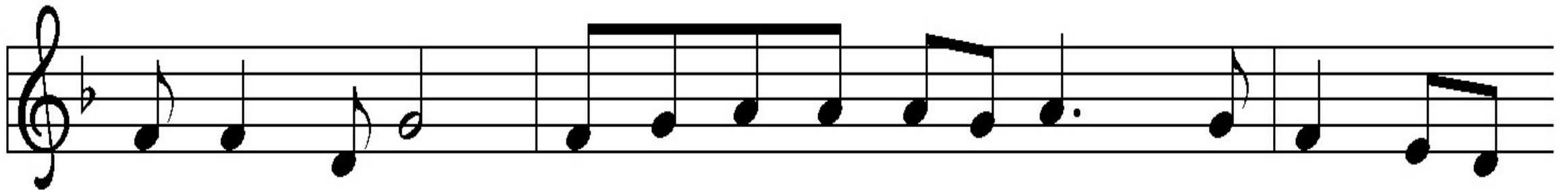
P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

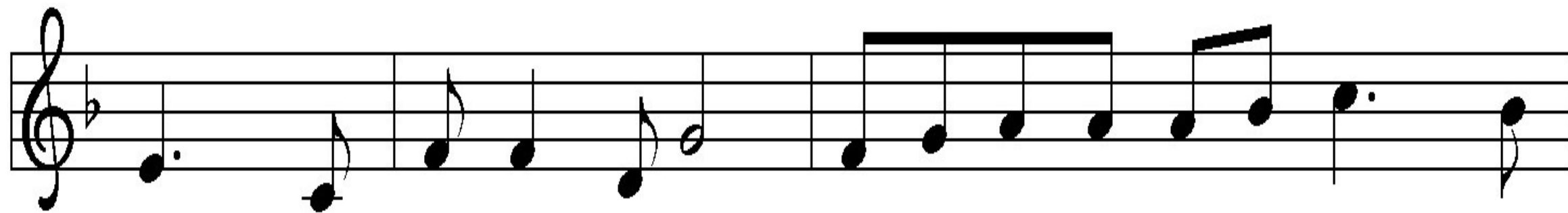
Congregation – Please Be Seated



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.



Communion

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.

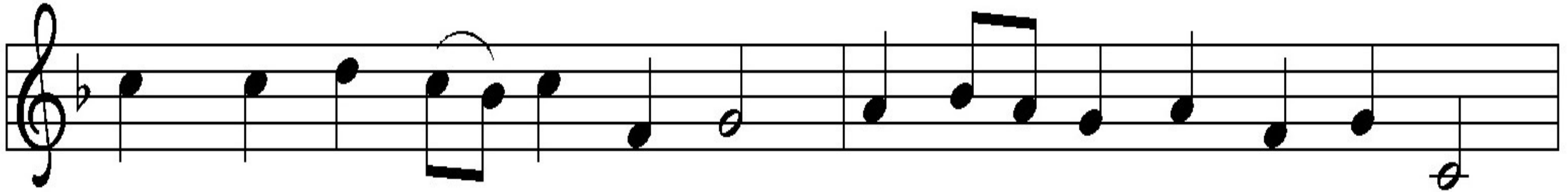
P/A: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able

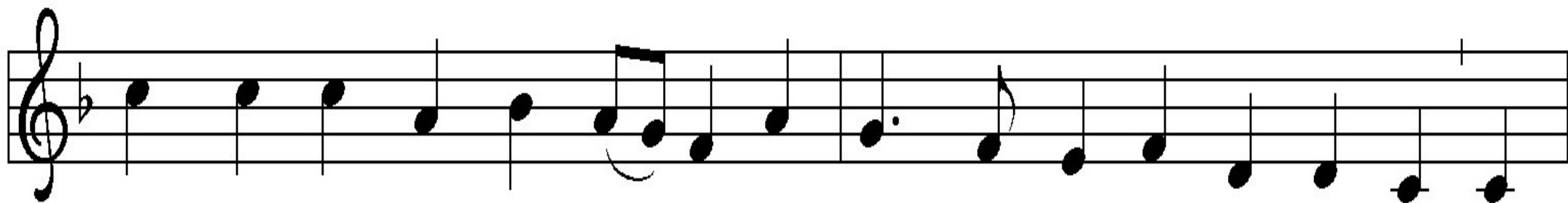
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

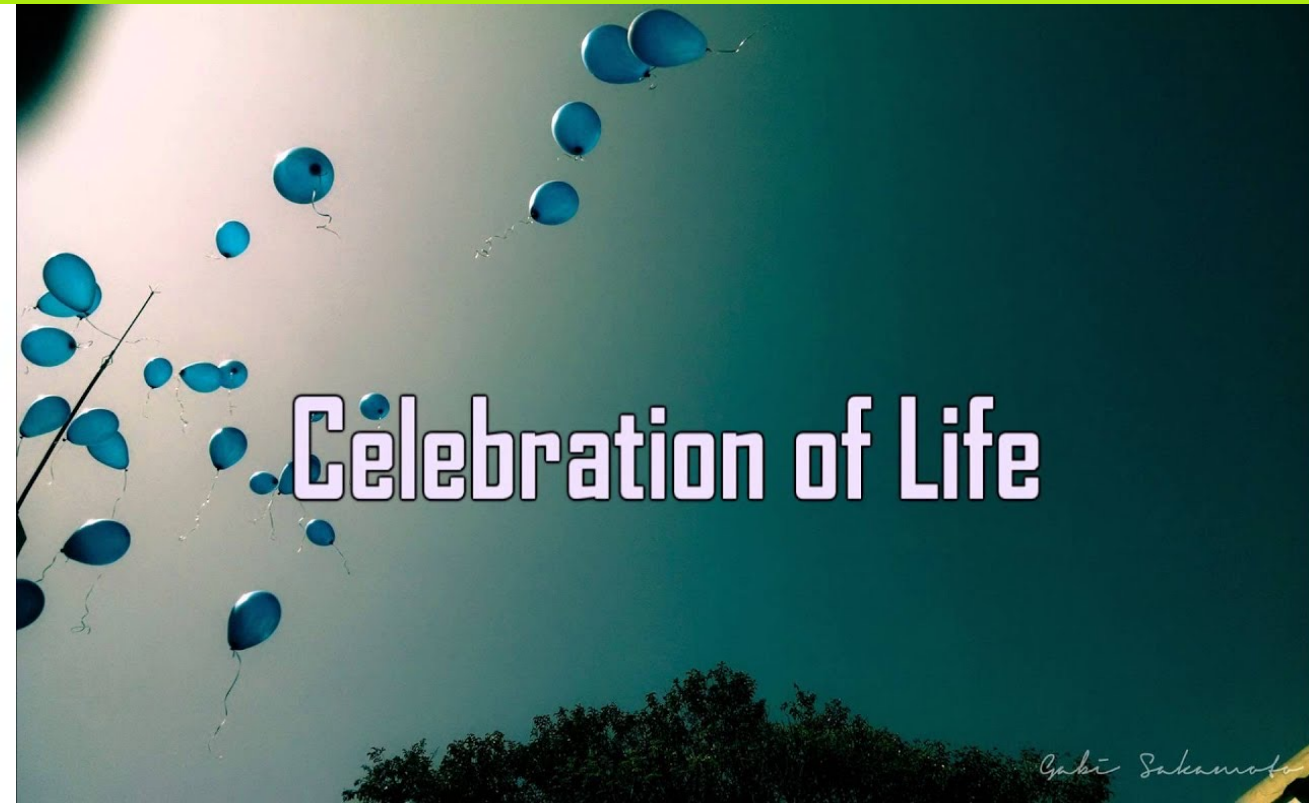
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P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
and empower you to bless
and keep those around you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
as you share that grace
and mercy with all that you meet.

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.

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



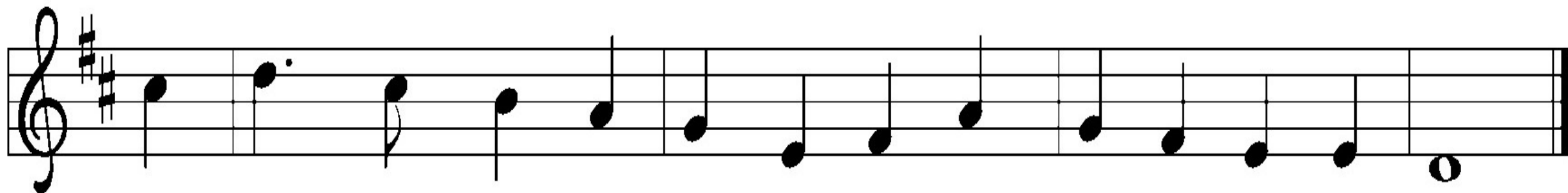
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.



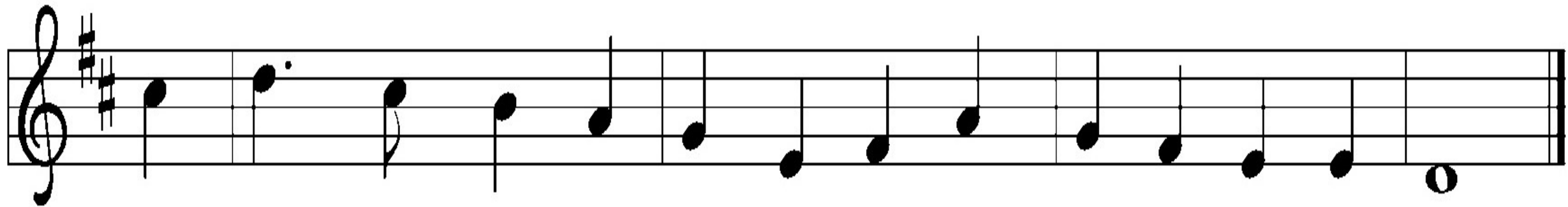
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,



whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;



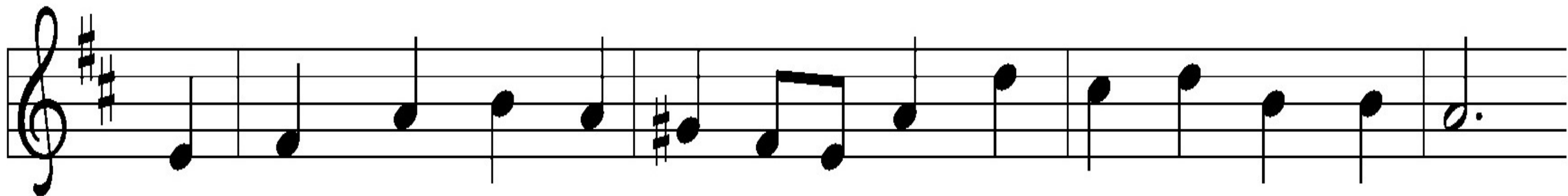
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,



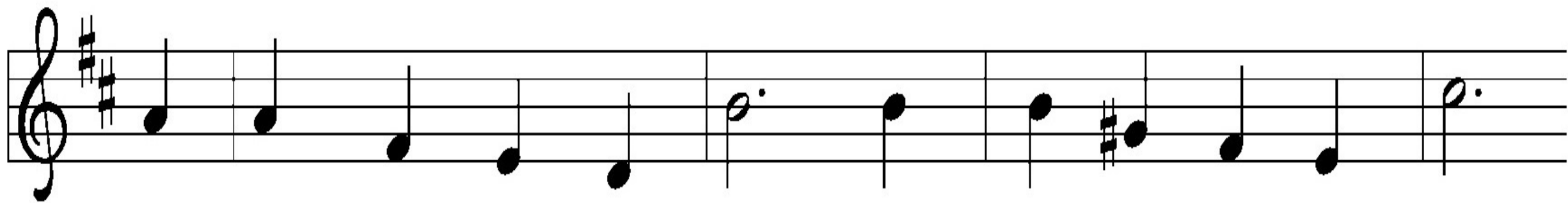
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.



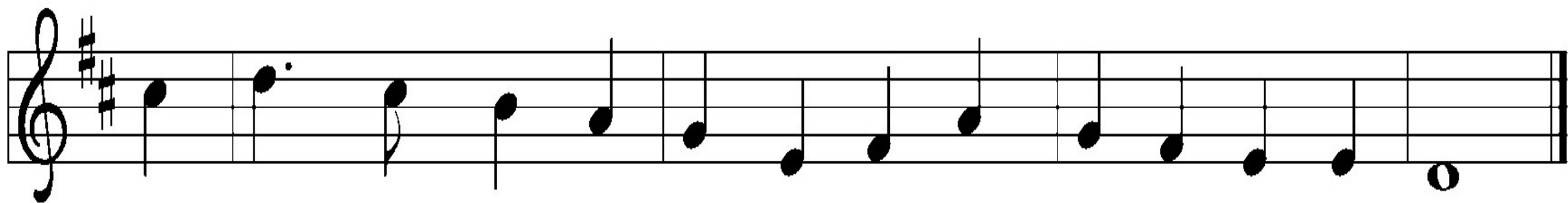
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,



rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.



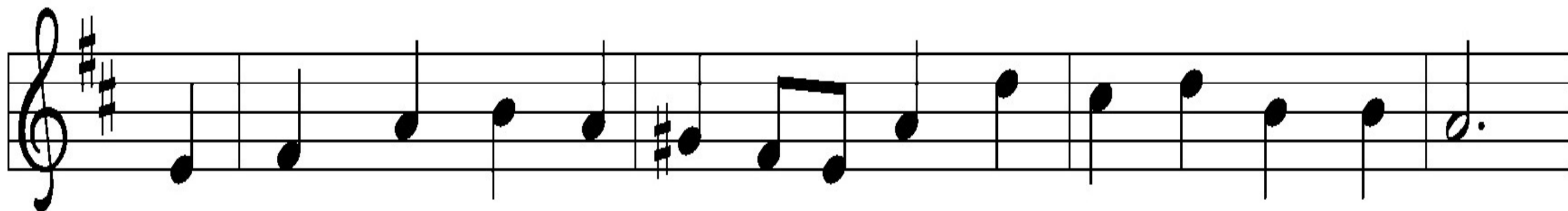
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,



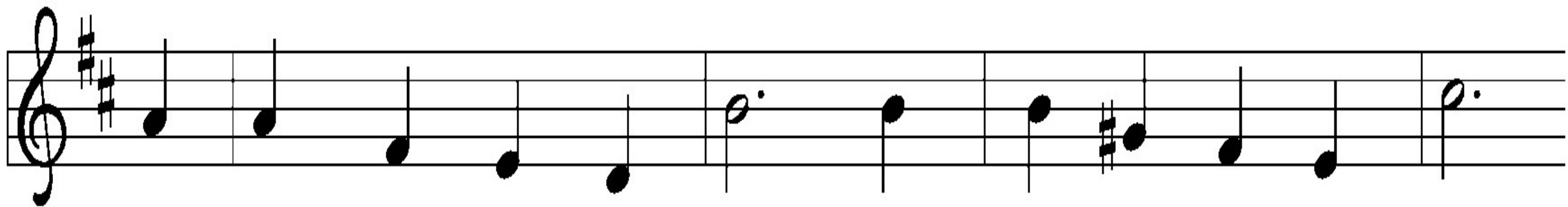
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.



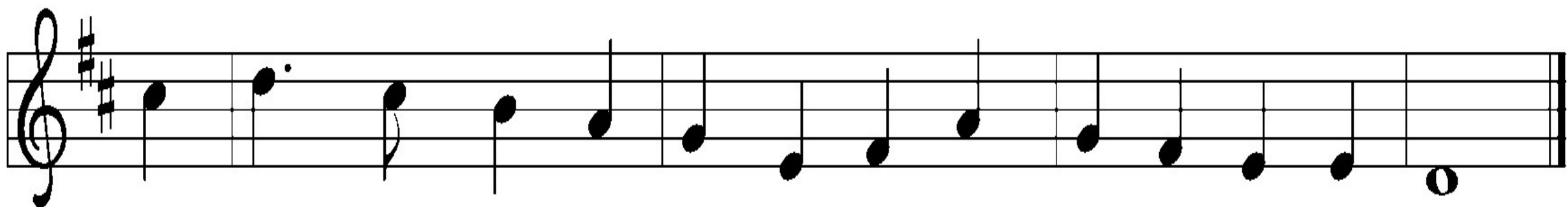
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.



5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.




All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



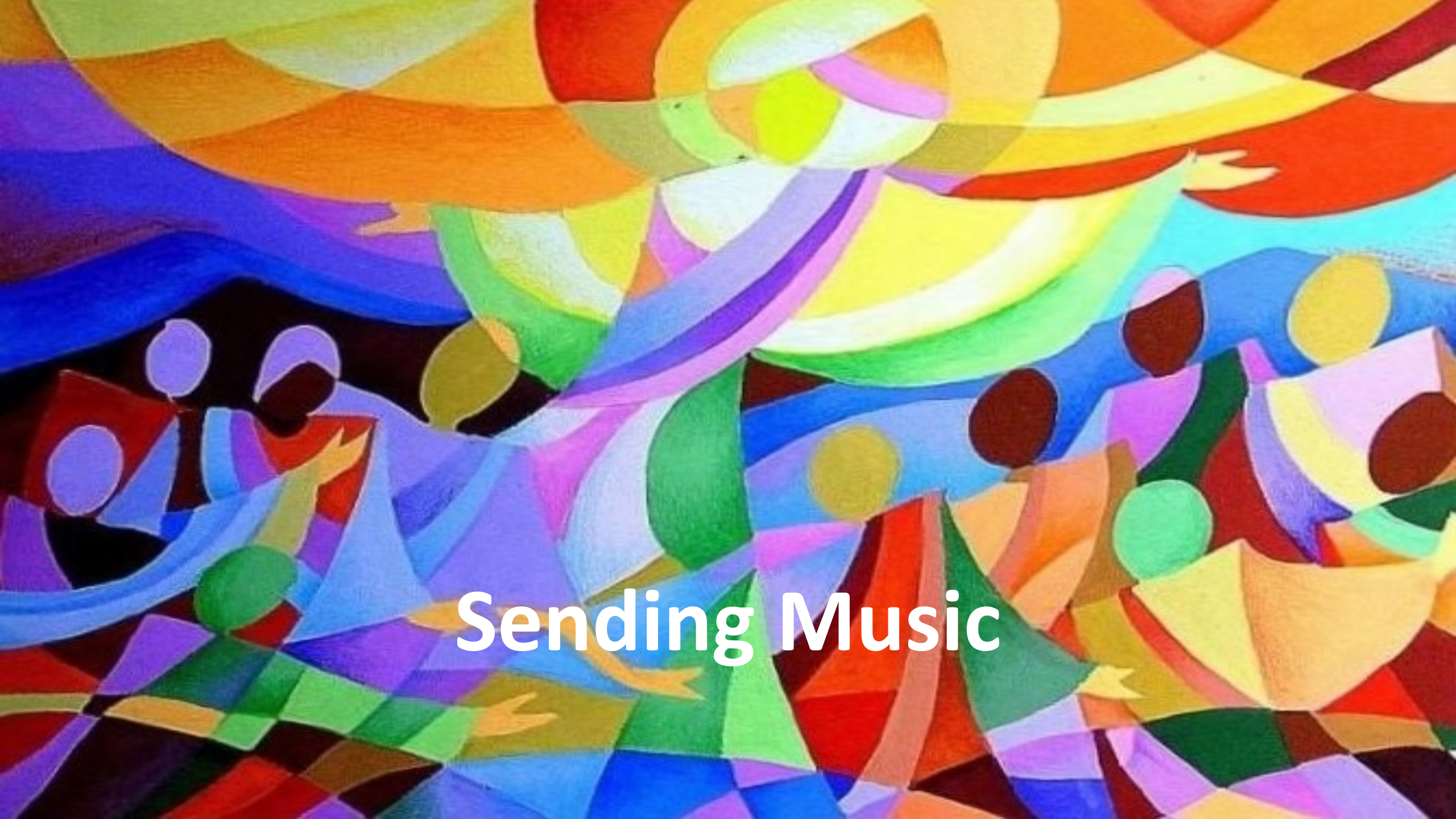
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

The background is a complex, abstract composition of overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in a wide array of colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and brown. The overall effect is a sense of movement and energy, reminiscent of a modernist or expressionist painting. In the lower half, there are faint, stylized figures of people, some with their arms raised, suggesting a communal or celebratory scene.

P: Go in Peace.
Grow in Grace.
Serve in Love.
C: Thanks be to God.



Sending Music