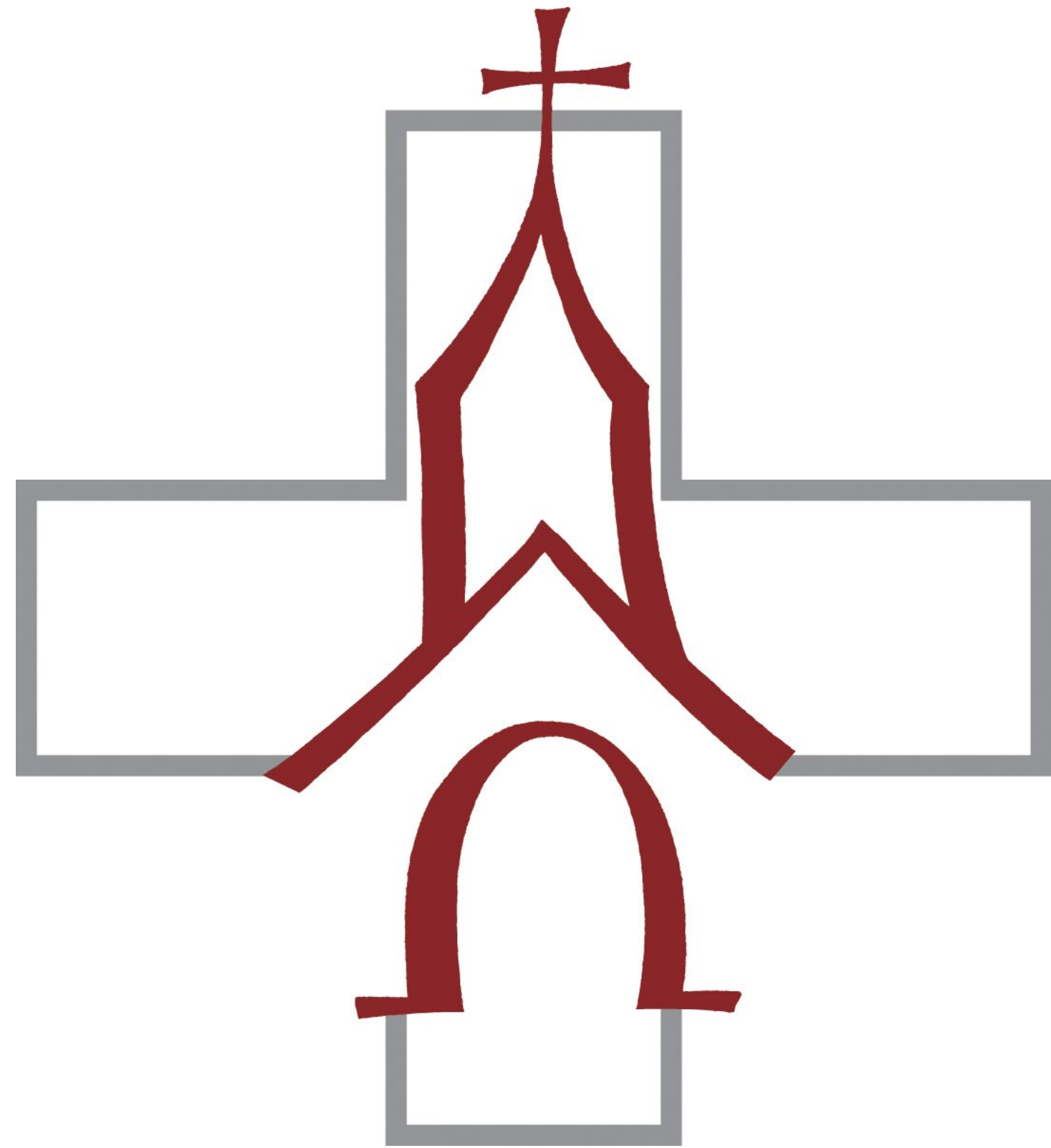


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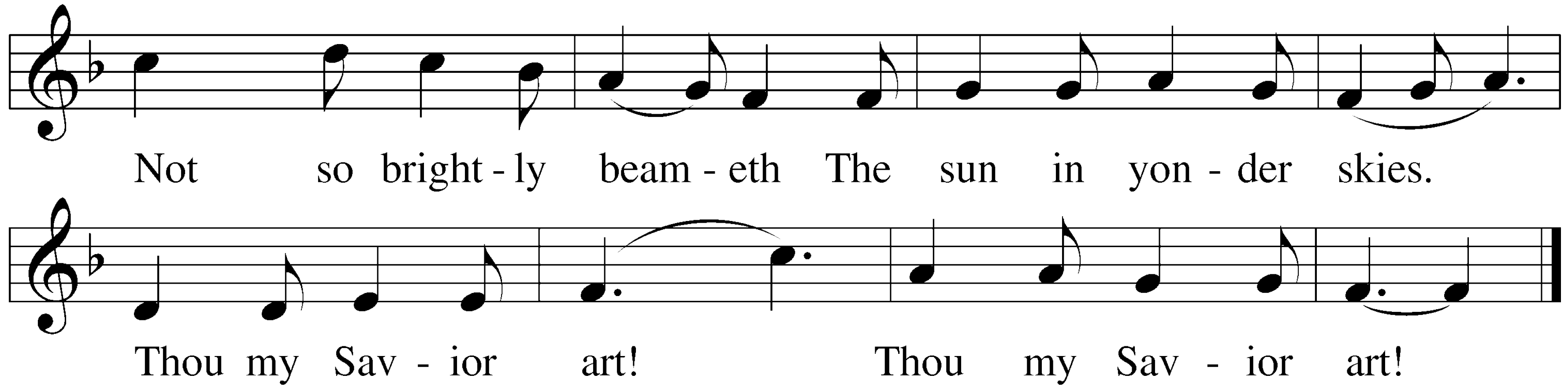
*Please be respectful of those praying
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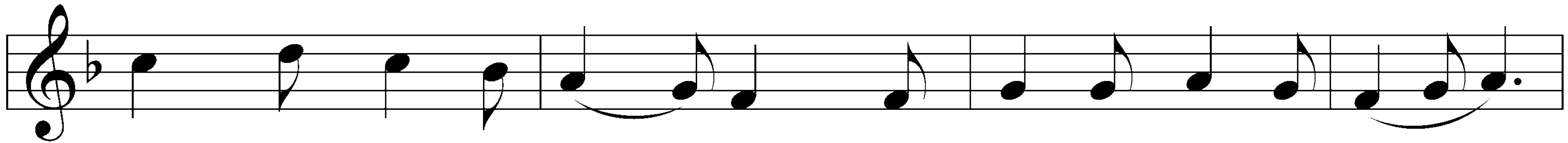
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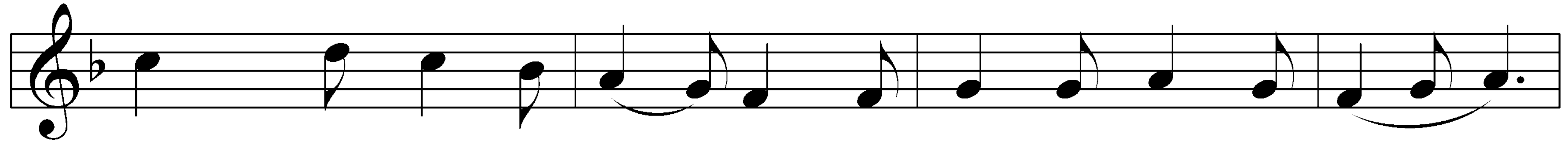


2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.

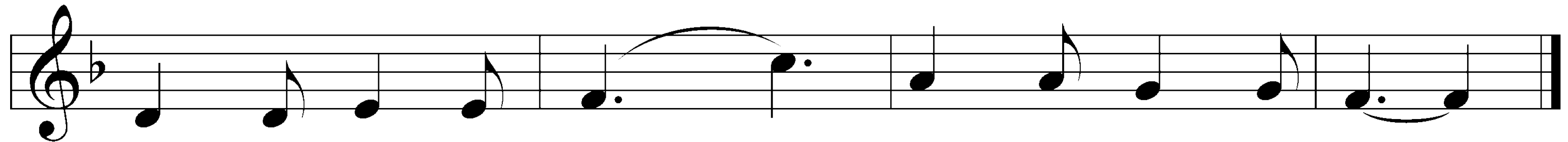


Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;

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Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,



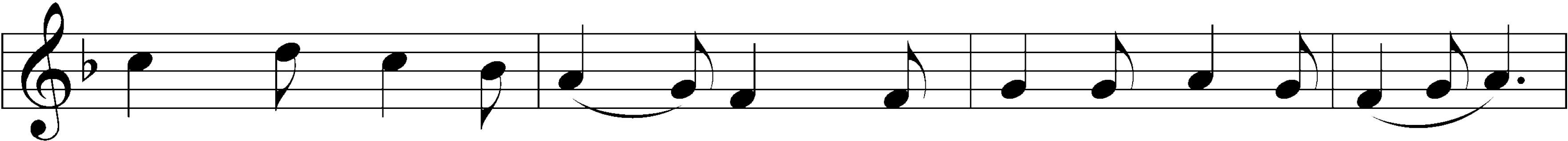
Draw me un - to Thee!

Draw me un - to Thee!

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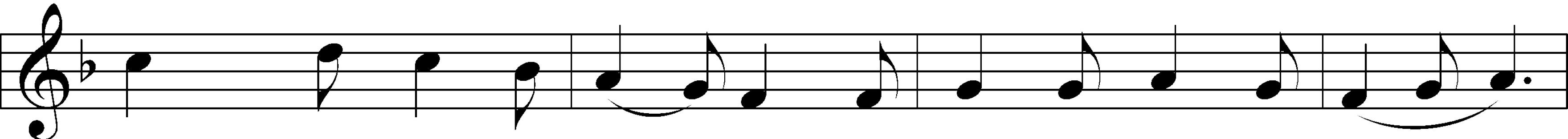


3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.

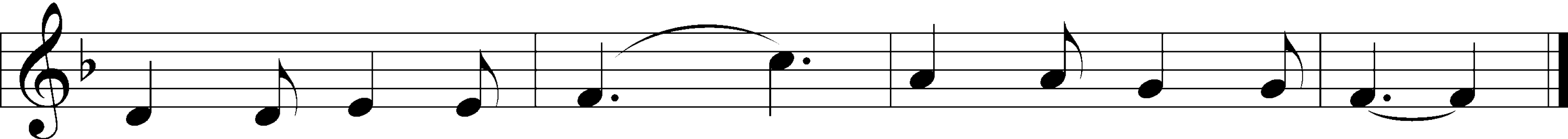


Death was reign-ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty

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Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.

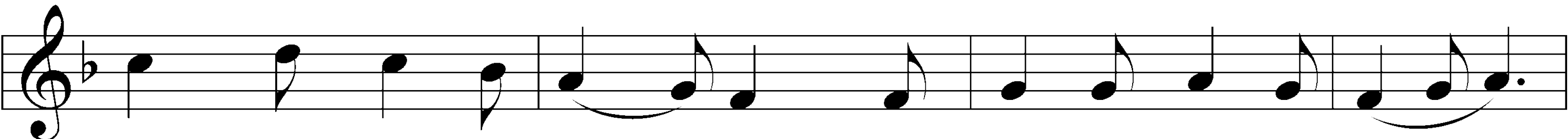


May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

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4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?

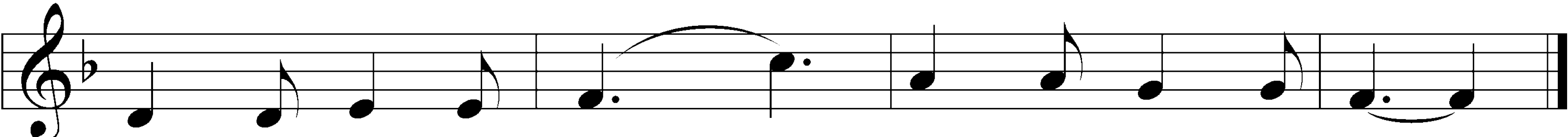


Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,

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Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

I. You shall have no other gods.

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

***II. You shall not misuse the name of
the Lord your God.***

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

***III. Remember the Sabbath day by
keeping it holy.***

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

IV. Honor your father and your mother.

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

V. You shall not murder.

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

VI. You shall not commit adultery.

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

VII. You shall not steal.

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

***VIII. You shall not give false testimony
against your neighbor.***

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

***IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's
house.***

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.***

***X. You shall not covet your neighbor's
wife, or his manservant or
maidservant, his ox or donkey, or
anything that belongs to your
neighbor.***

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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;**

Confession of Sins

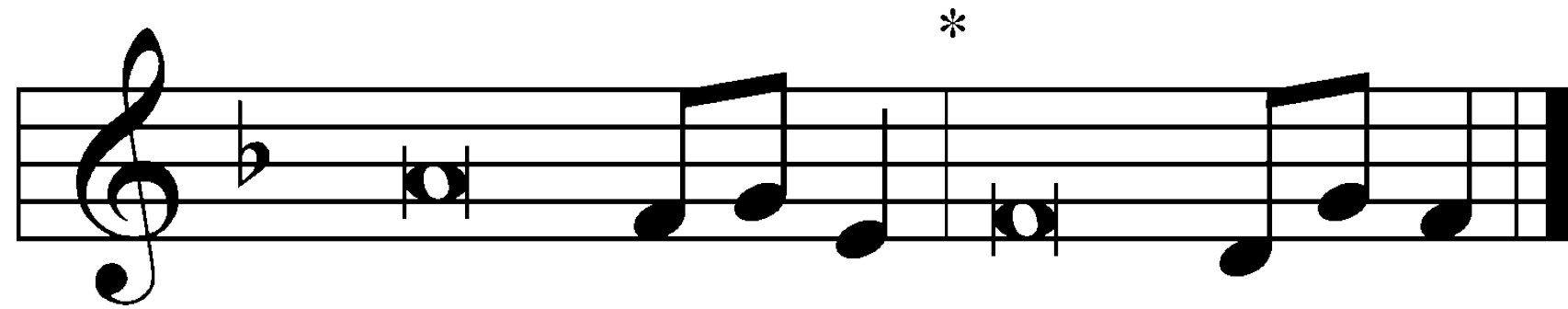
☞ we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit



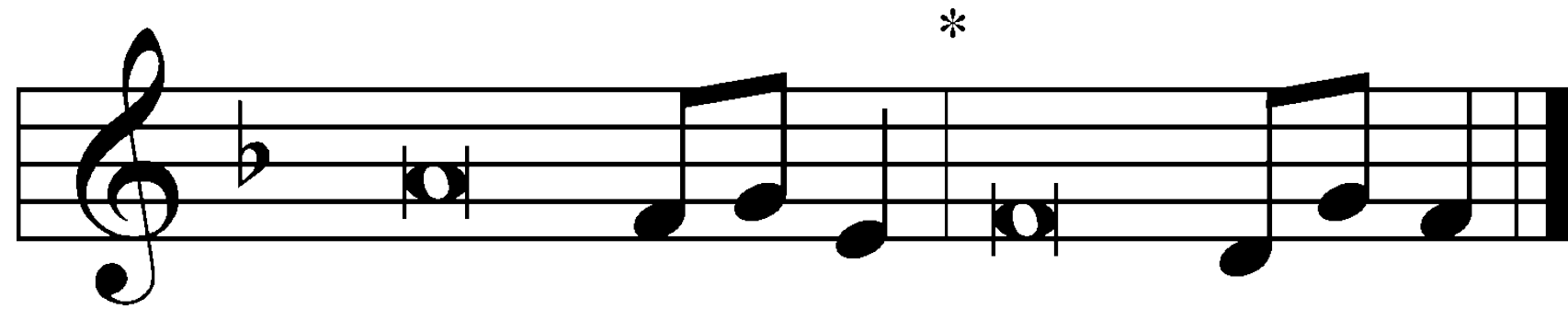
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his | glory,*

glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of | grace and truth.

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing
praises | to our God;***

**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise
is | fitting.**

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Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*

his understanding is beyond | measure.

**But the LORD takes pleasure in those
who | fear him,***

in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

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Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

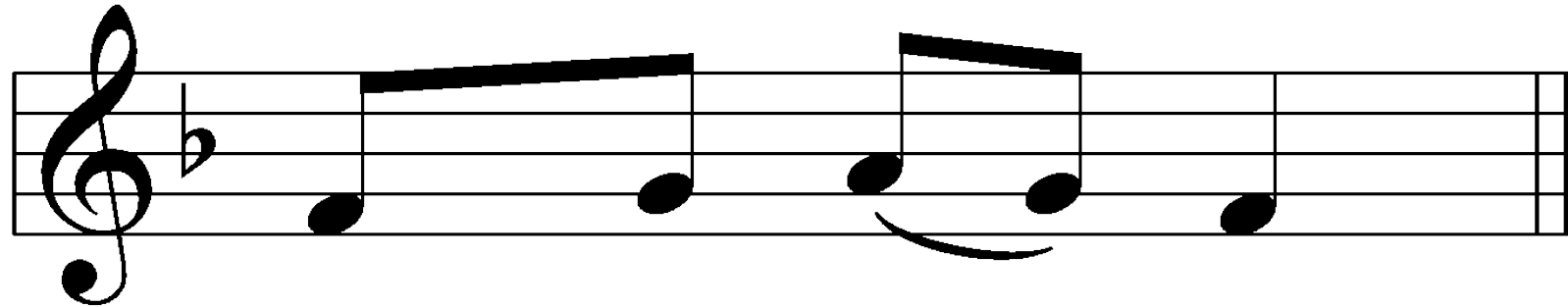
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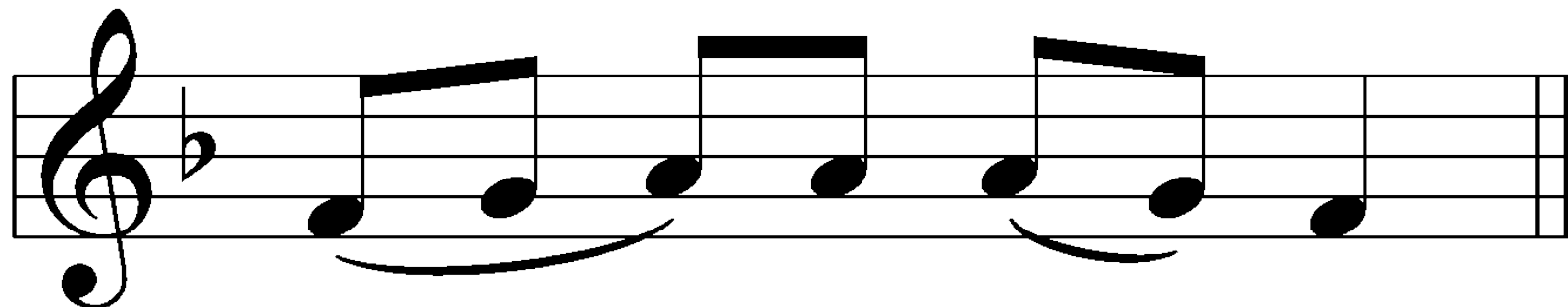
Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our
salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

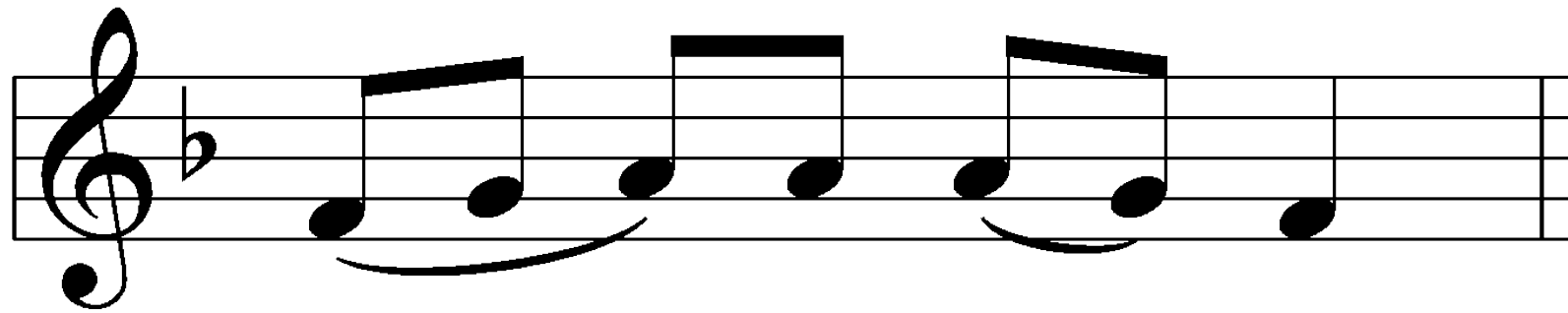
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

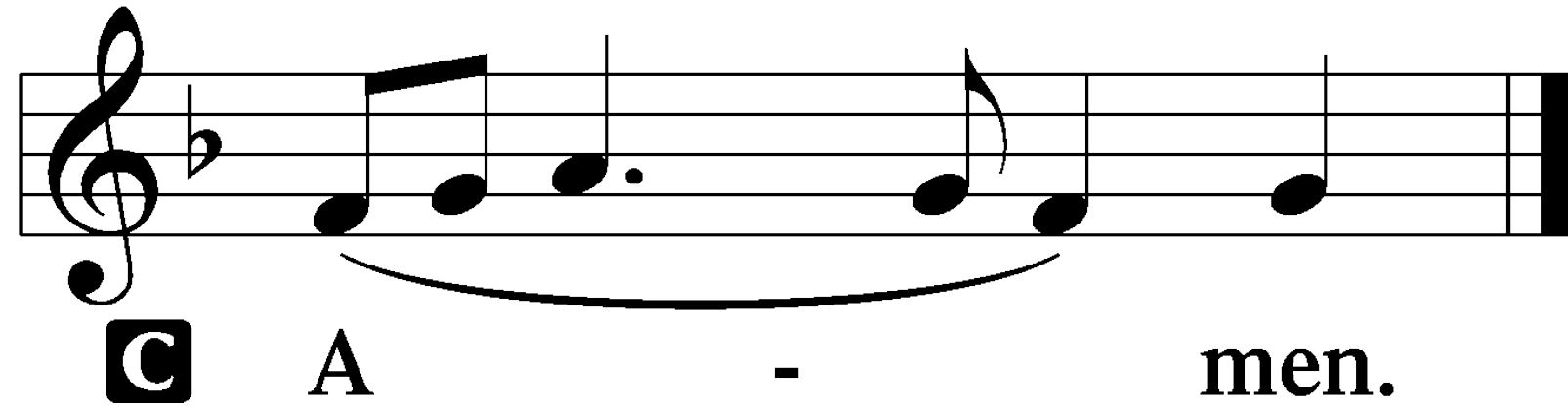
A For this holy house and for all who offer
here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

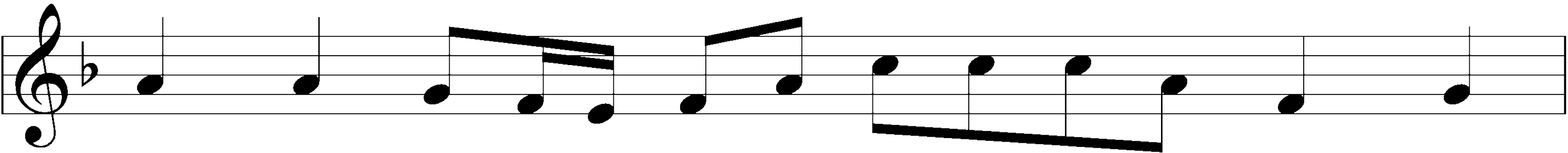
Kyrie

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.

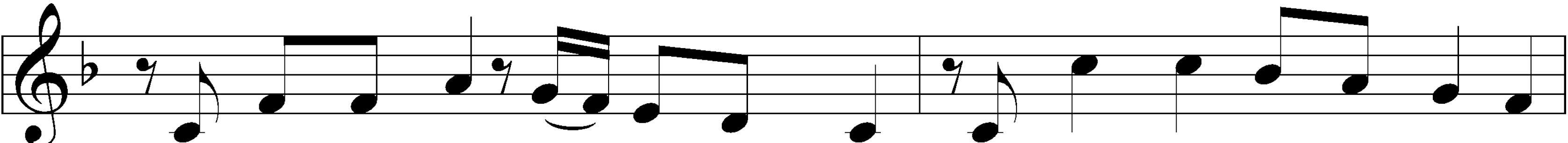


Gloria in Excelsis

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

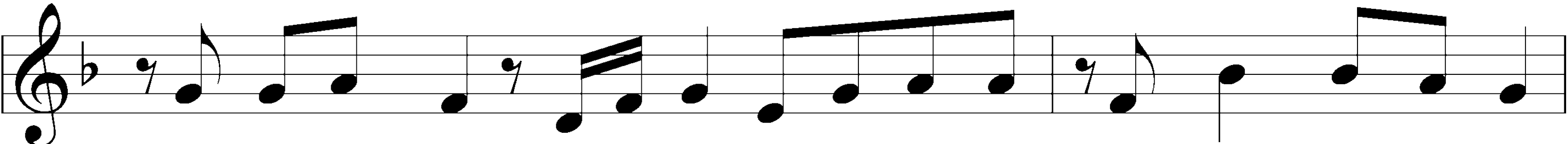


C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

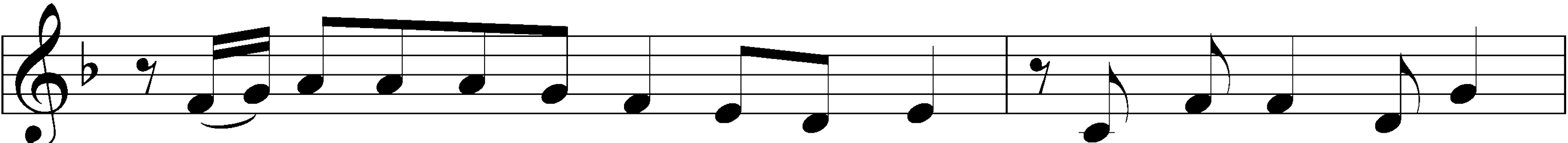


We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

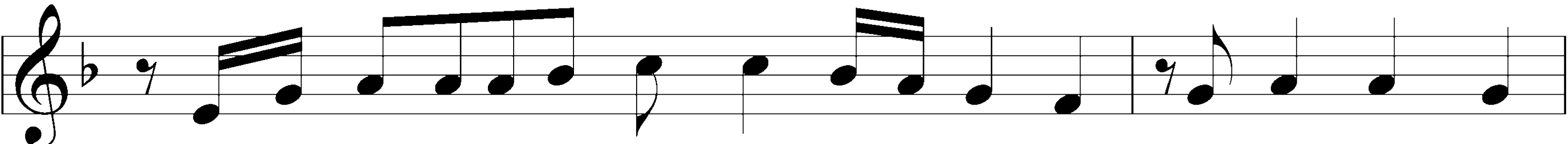
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Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

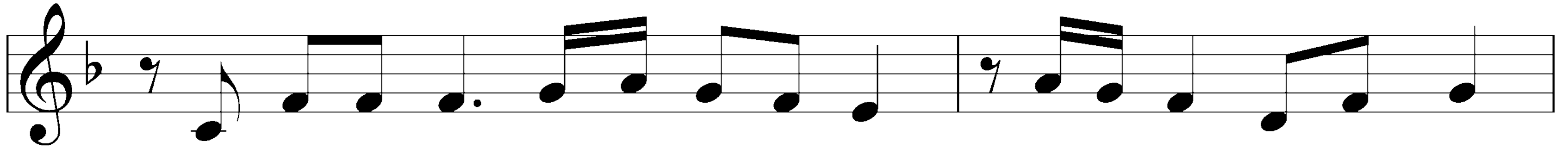


You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

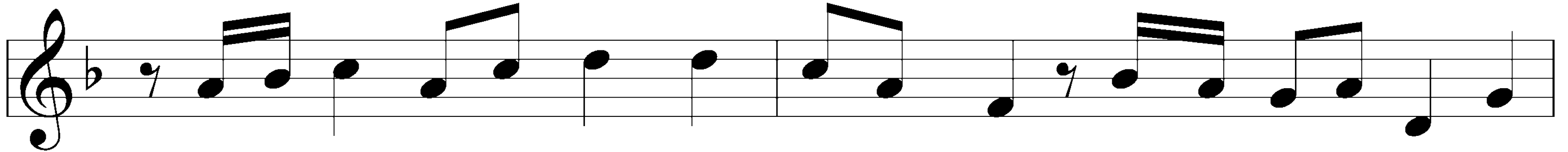


You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

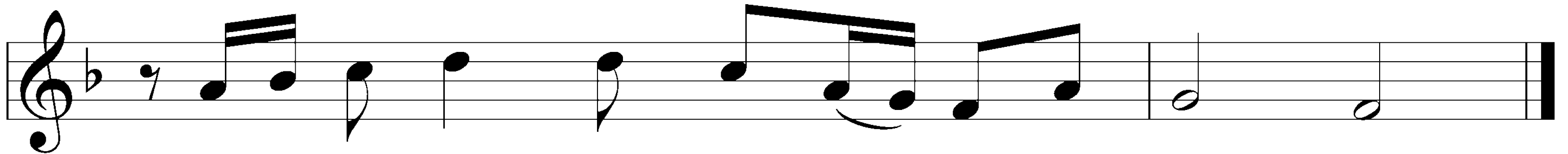
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For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



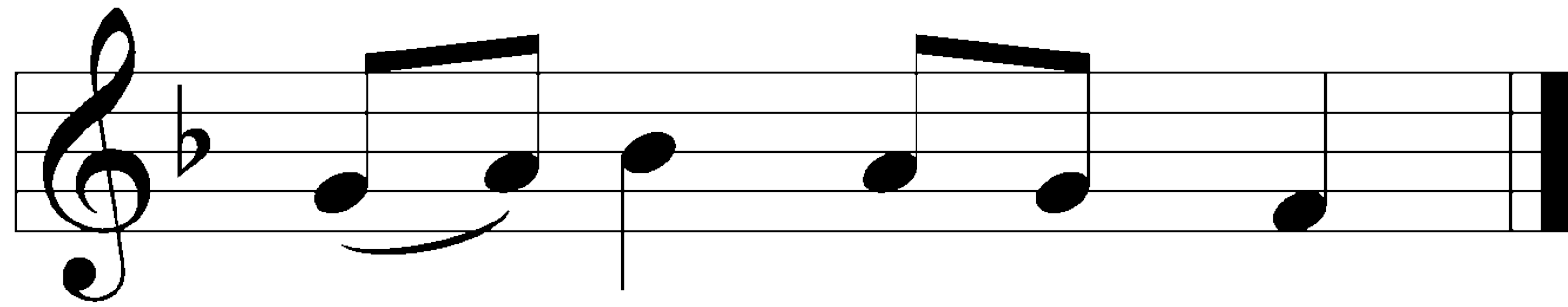
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.




C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives;

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a half note on A (the second line from the bottom), followed by a quarter note on B-flat (the first space), and then a quarter note on A (the second line). A slur is placed under the first two notes. The word 'Amen.' is written below the staff, with the 'A' aligned under the first note and the 'men.' aligned under the last note.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father,

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14

according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time,

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14

to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation,

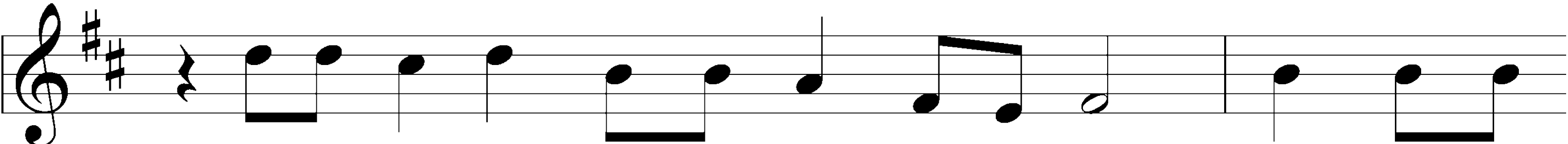
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and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

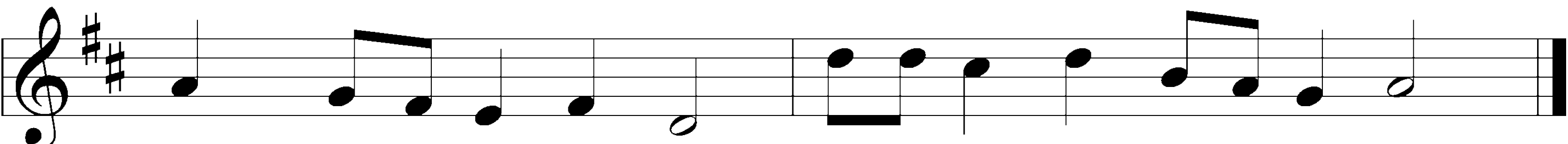
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Alleluia and Verse



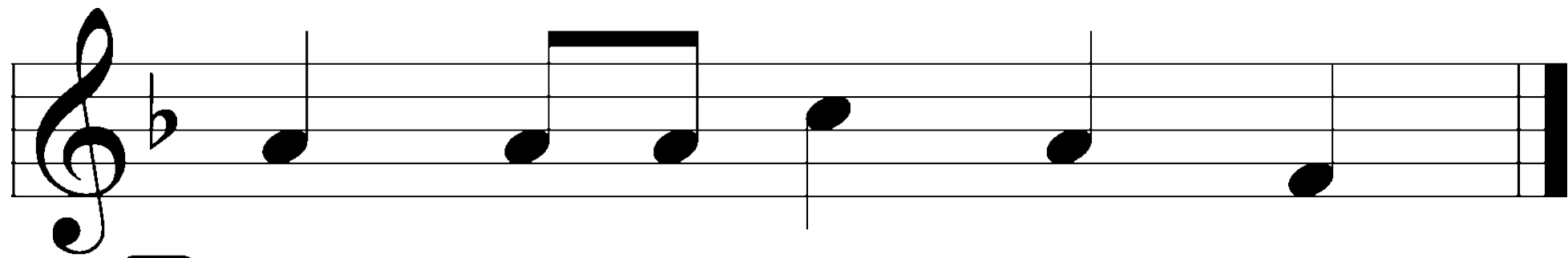
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40–52

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey,

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40–52

but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40–52

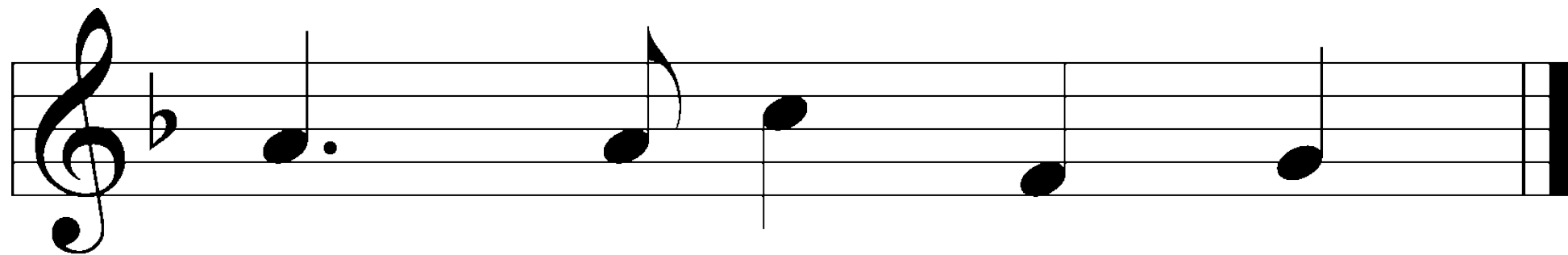
And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “**Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?**” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40–52

And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

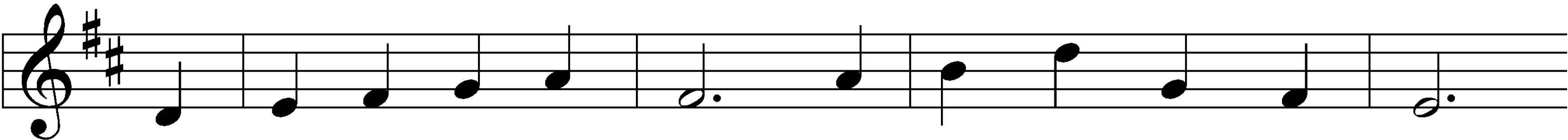
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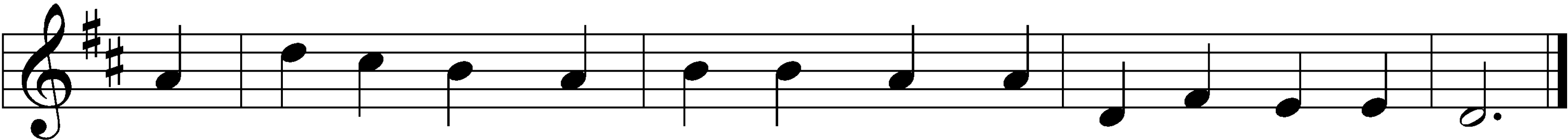
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

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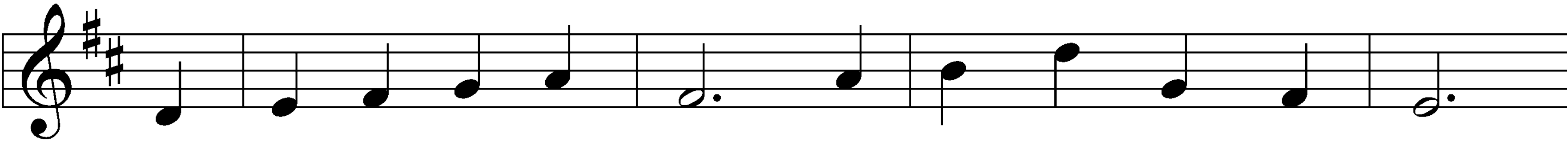


1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,



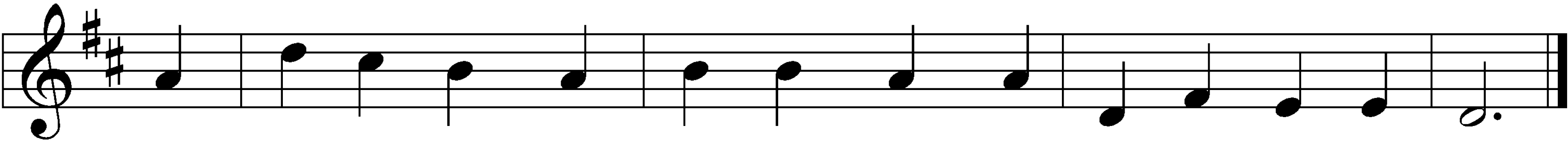
And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.

410 Within the Father's House



A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (half), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (half). The staff is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

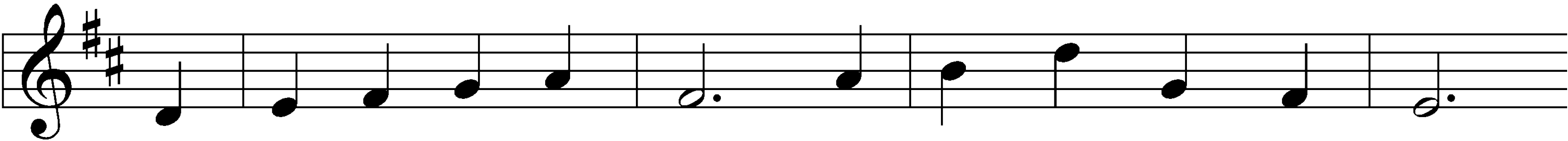
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child



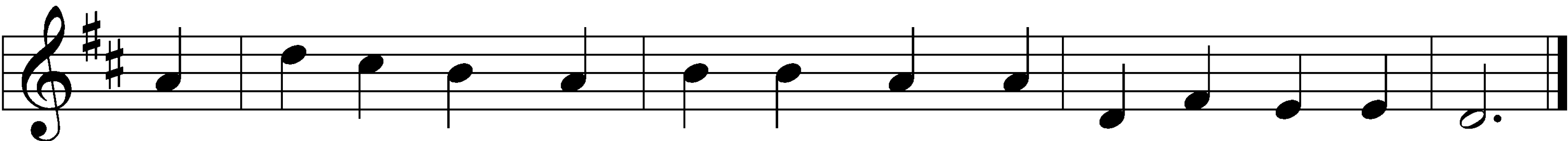
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And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.

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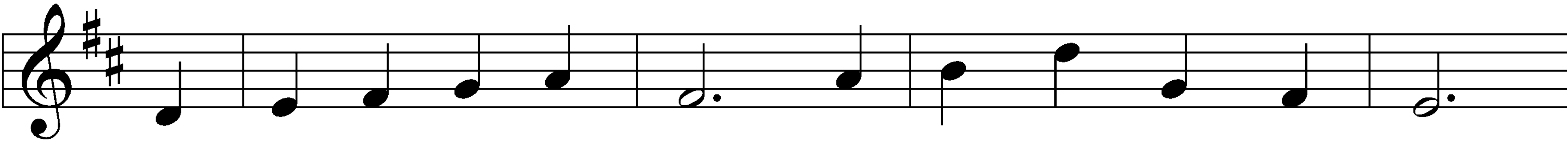


3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,

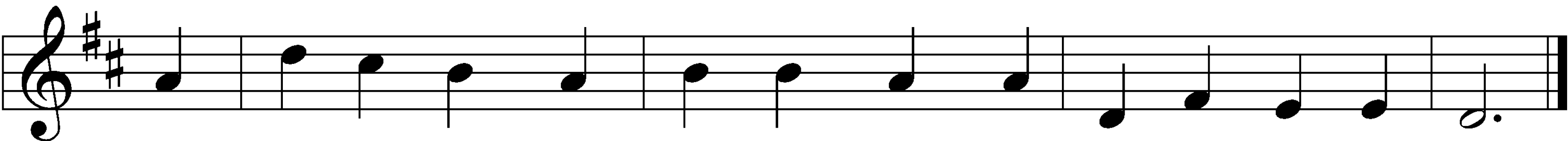


To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car-nate God be - low.

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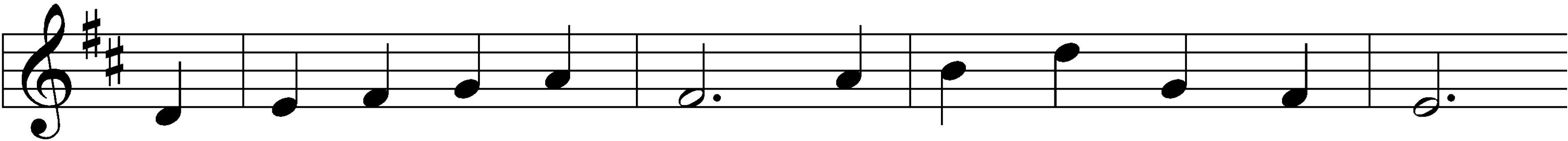


4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,

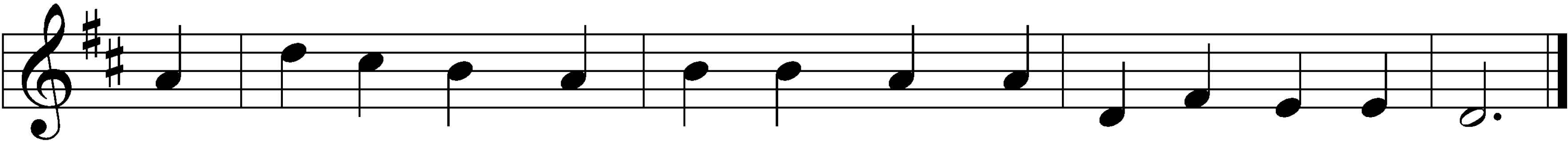


And faith-ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

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5 Lord, vis - it Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace



Each dim re - veal - ing of Thy - self With lov - ing awe to trace

410 Within the Father's House

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Within the Father's House'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The lyrics 'Till we be-hold Thy face And know as we are known' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Thee, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Co - e - qual Three in One.' are written below the second staff.

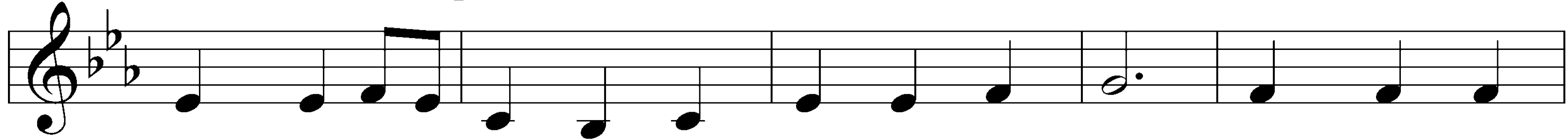
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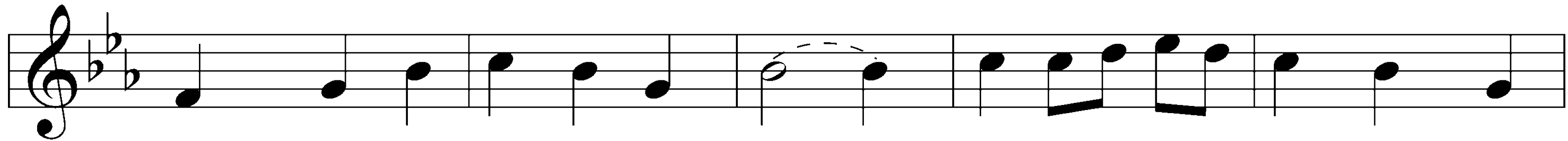
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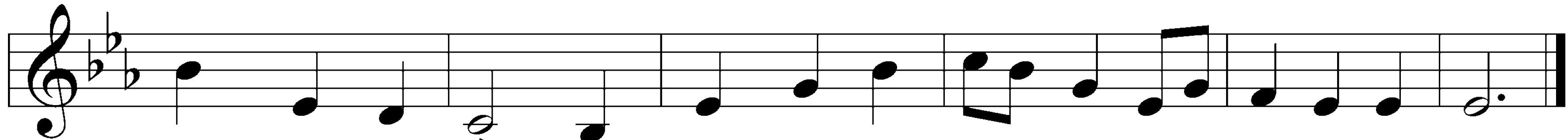
861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the

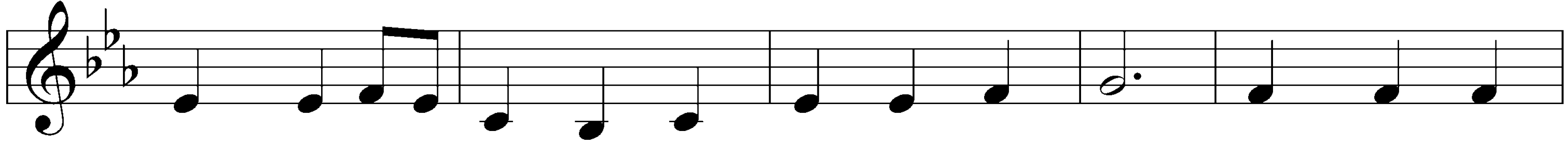


dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my

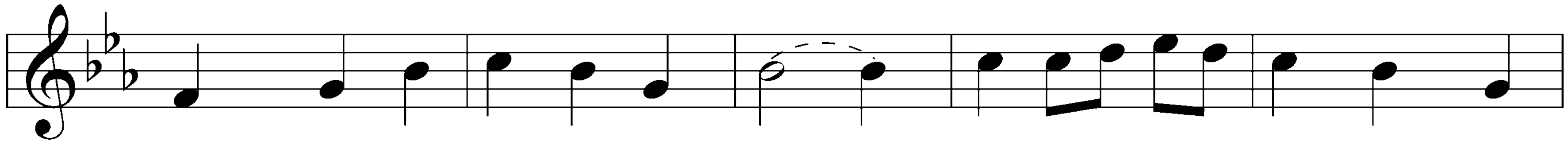


fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.

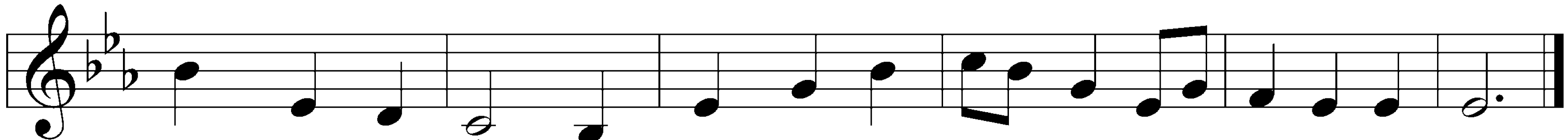
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2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or




doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though



shift - ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.

861 Christ Be My Leader



3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before
all worlds,**

Nicene Creed

**☩ God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with
the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven**

Nicene Creed

**☩ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary and was made
man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures**

Nicene Creed

**☩ and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the
Father.**

**And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

Nicene Creed

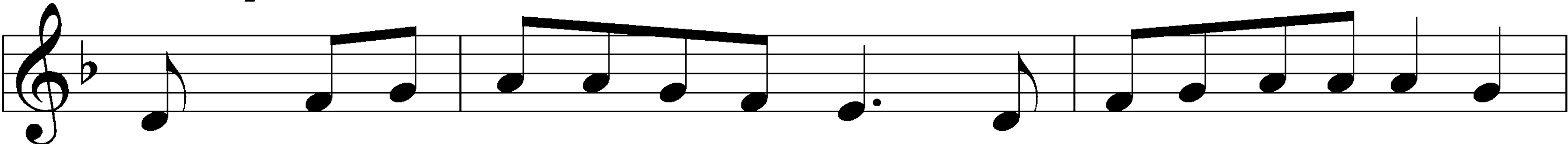
**☩ who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,**

Nicene Creed

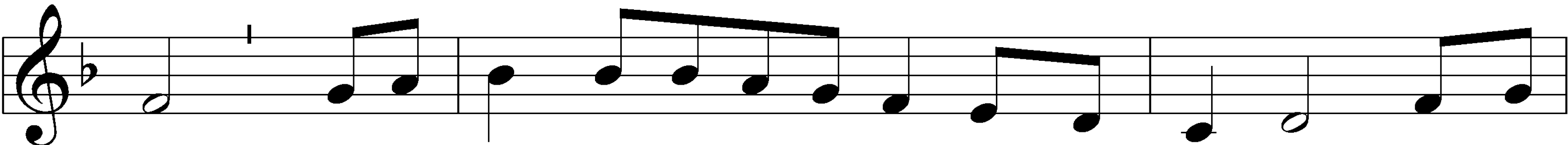
**☩ and I look for the resurrection
of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come.
Amen.**

Offering

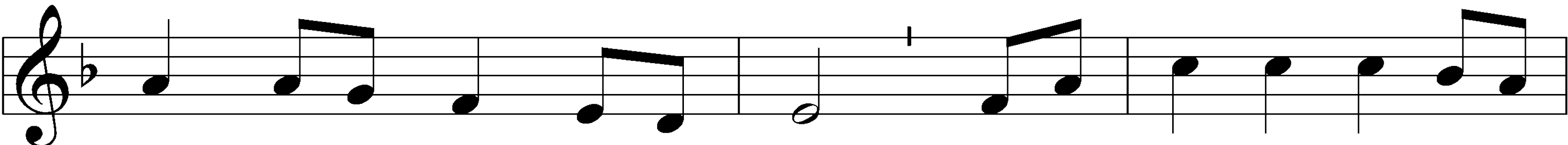
Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

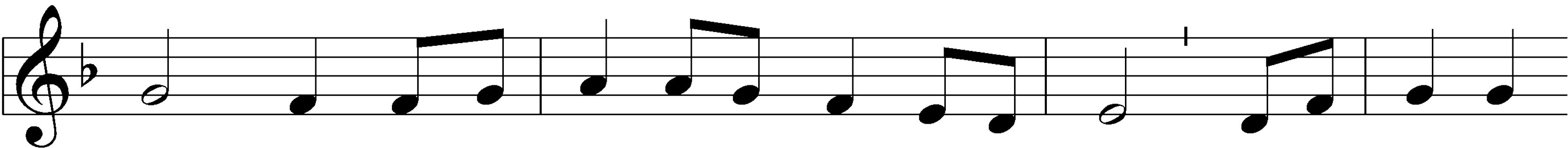


me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will

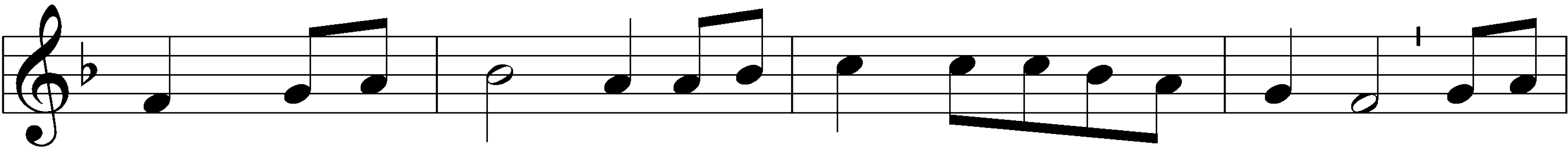


call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

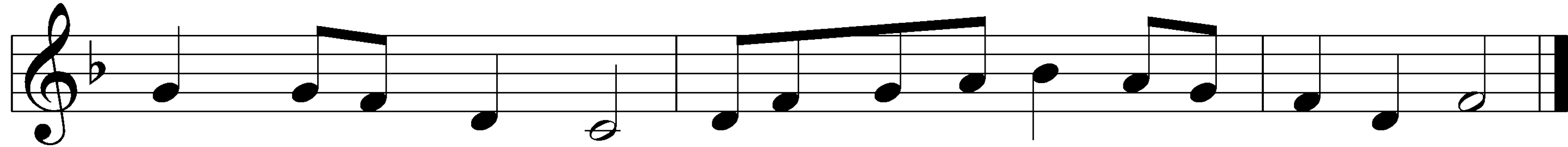
Offertory



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,	P ...let us pray to the Lord:
C hear our prayer.	C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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**

Lord's Prayer



**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.**

Collect for the Word

P O Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life;

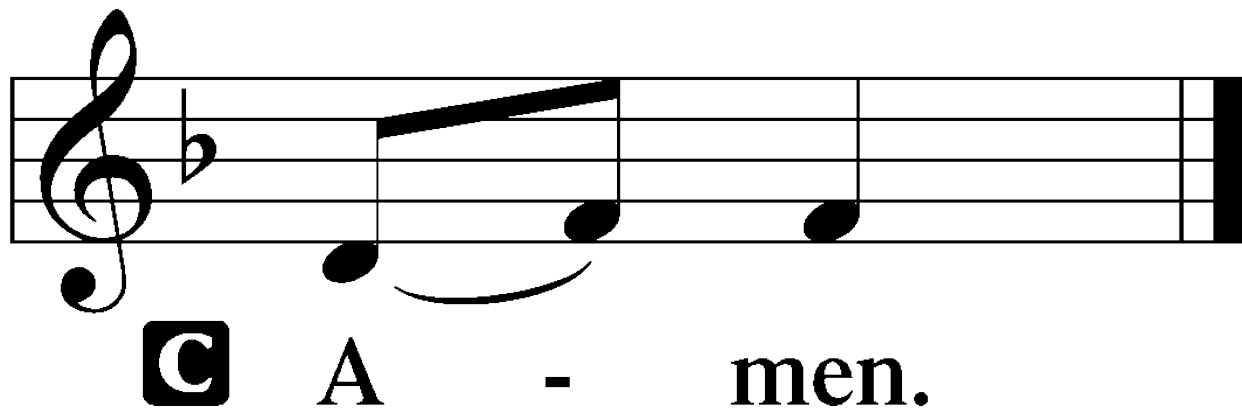
Collect for the Word

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

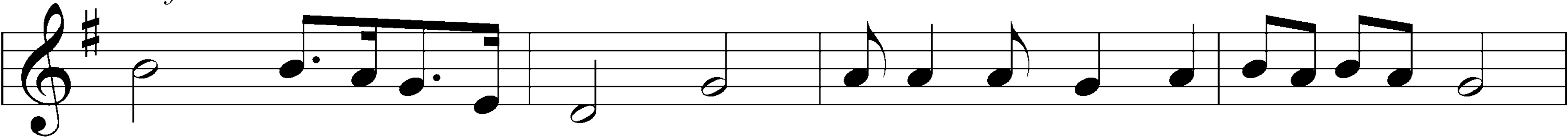
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

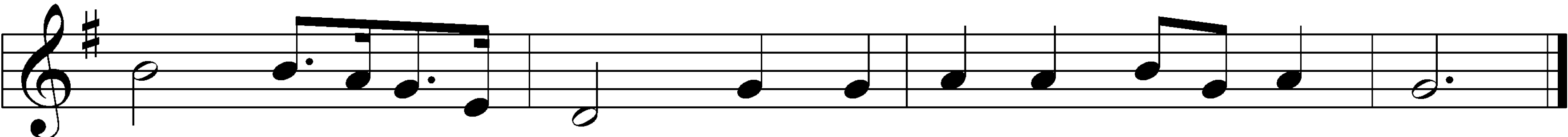


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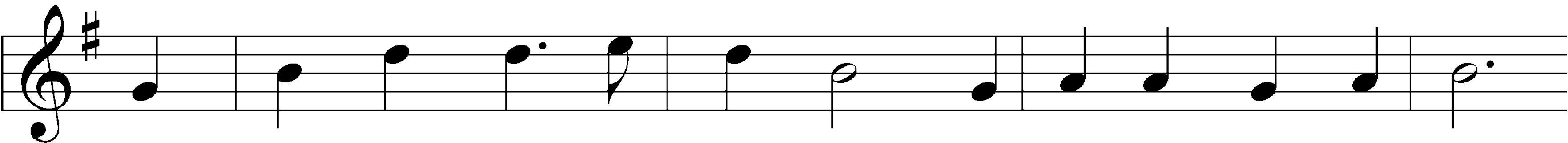


Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

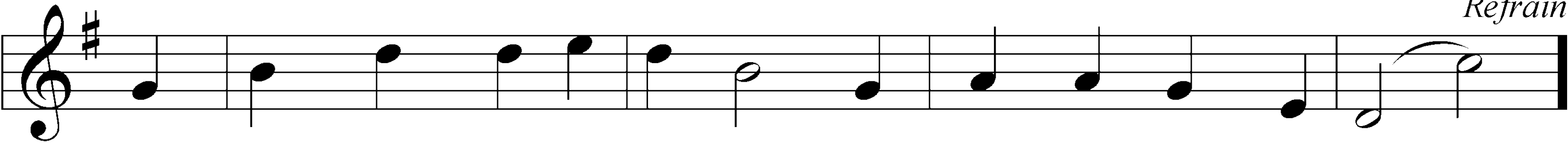


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

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

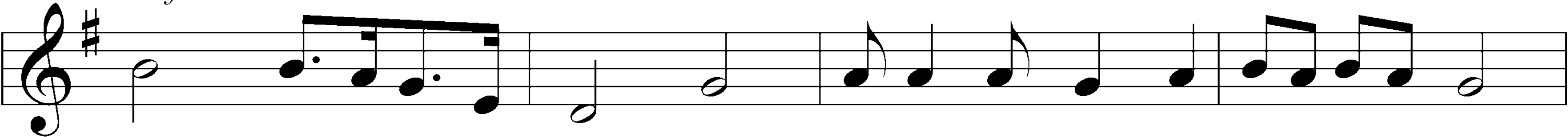


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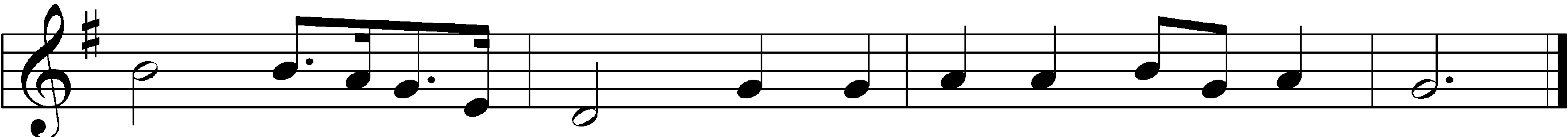
Be - hold, through - out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.

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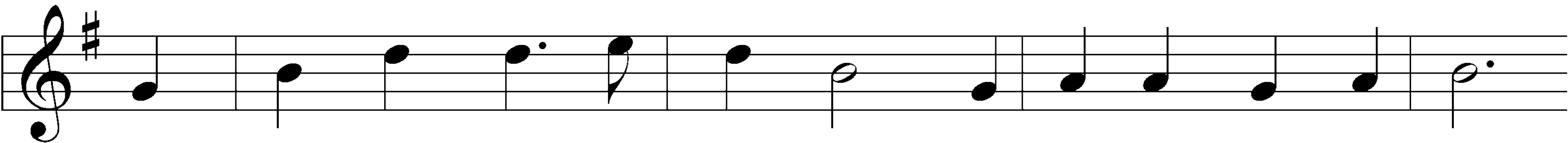


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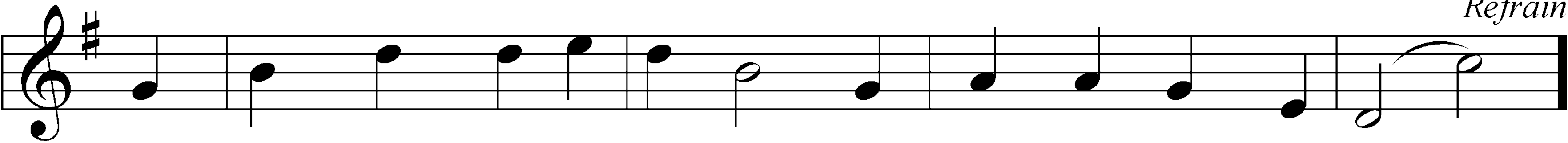


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2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth

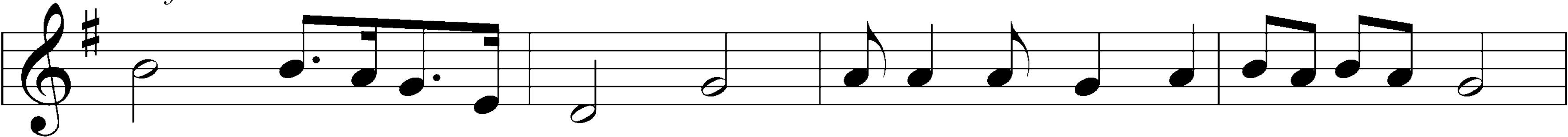


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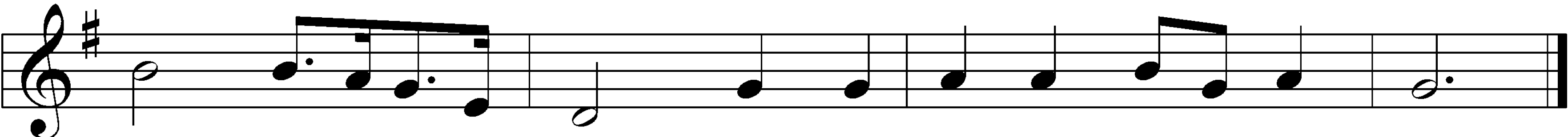
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

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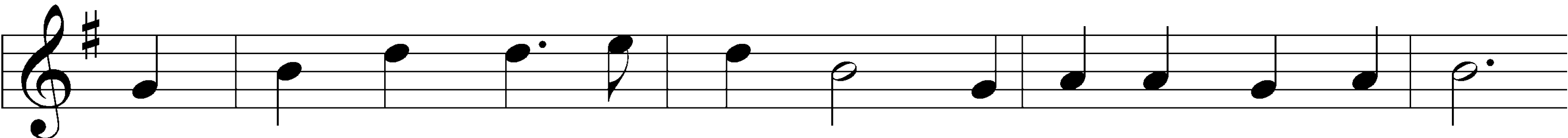


Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

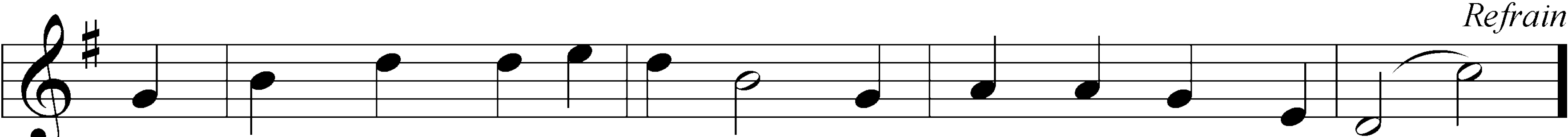


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

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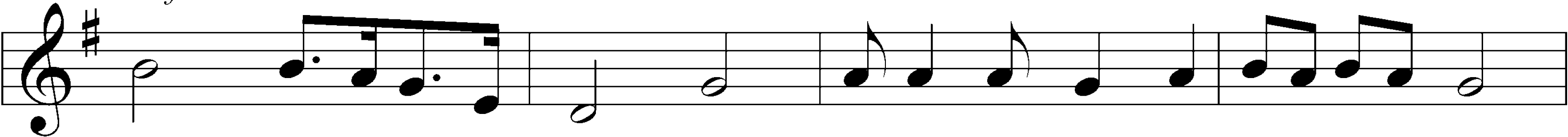
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



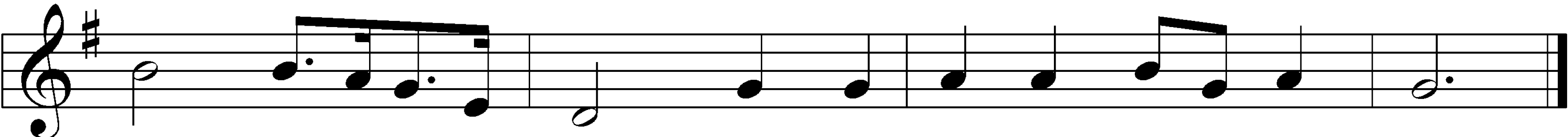
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn. *Refrain*

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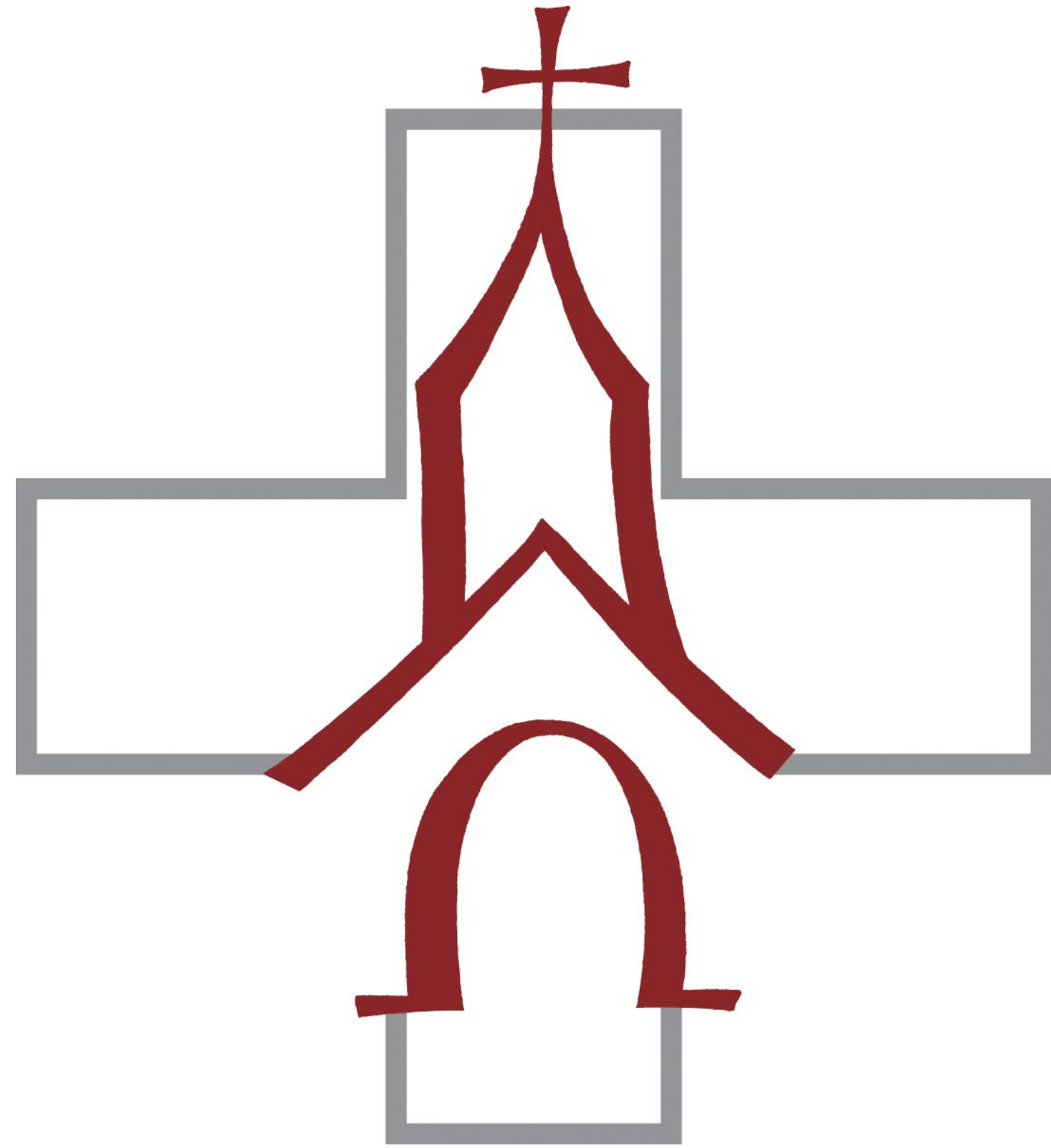
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