

4th Sunday in Lent

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Welcome You!
We are very pleased you are with us today in worship and we pray the Lord will bless your time with us.

Please fill in the blanks and place in the offering plate.

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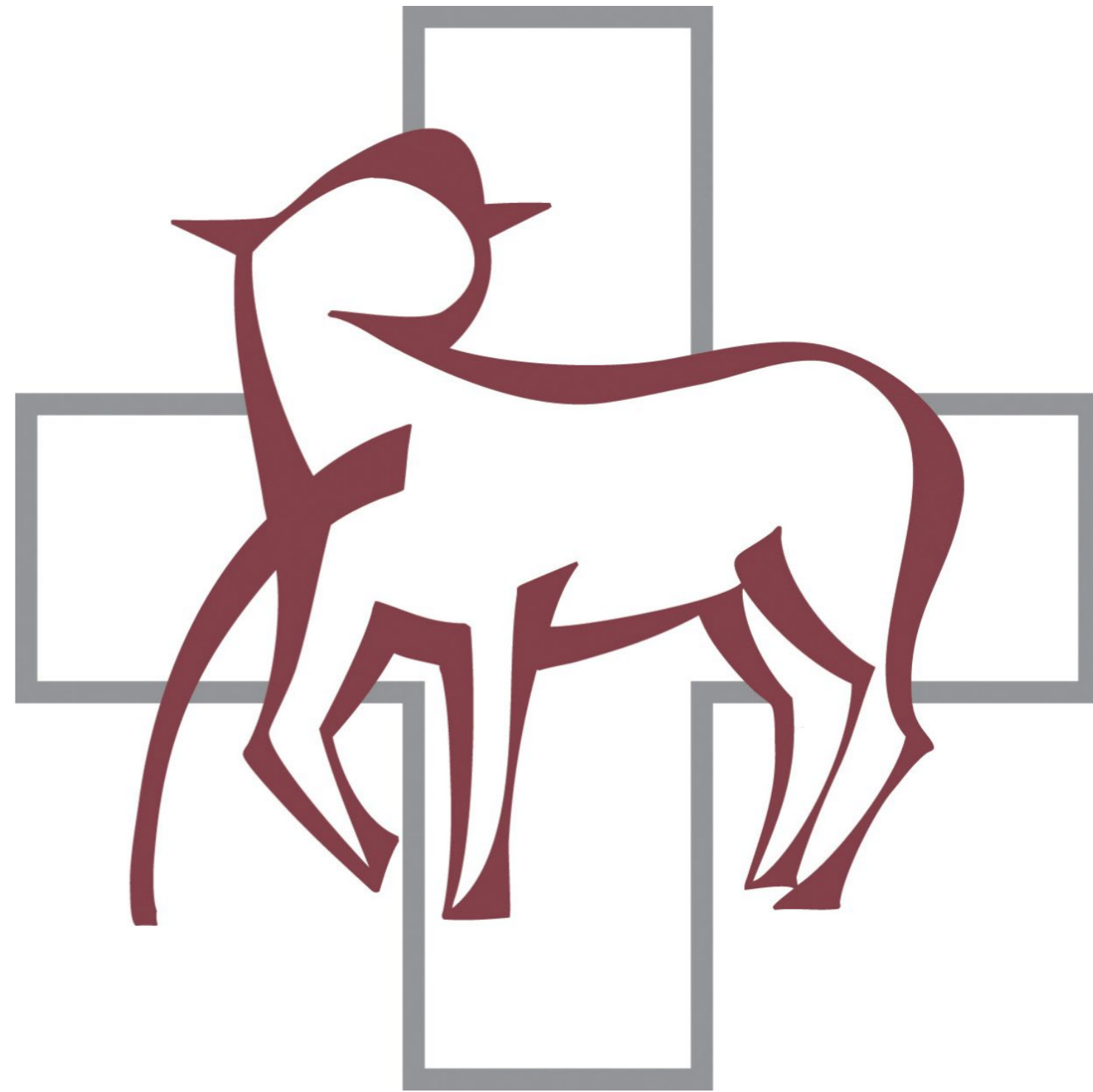
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Desire a Call or Visit
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Please read our communion statement on the back of this card.

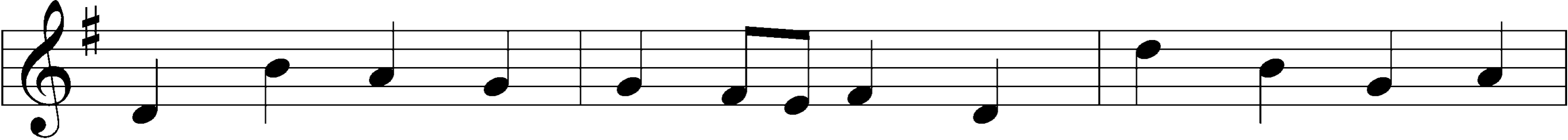
HOLY COMMUNION
Our Lord Jesus Christ gave His disciples not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen with Him and with one another. He invites to His table baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of their sins, and set aside any refusal to receive as He forgives and loves.

Who partake of Holy Communion believing the Lord's presence are present do so to receive because Holy Communion is the sacrament of the faith. Only those who hold a membership in this church are asked to receive.

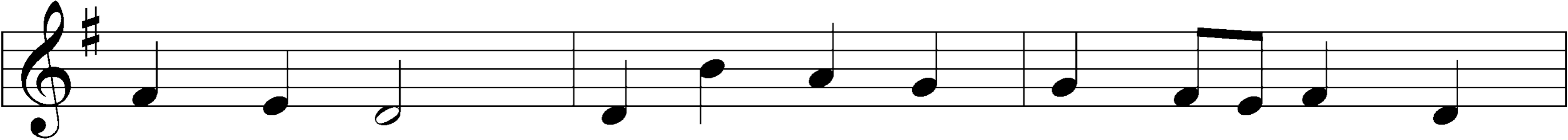
Please take a moment to fill out the pew card in front of you; and then place it in the offering plate at the end of service. Thank you.



435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



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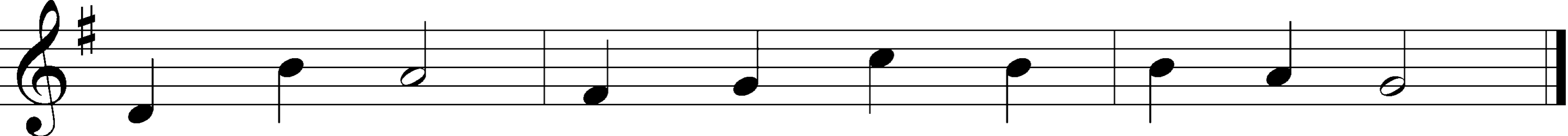


by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain

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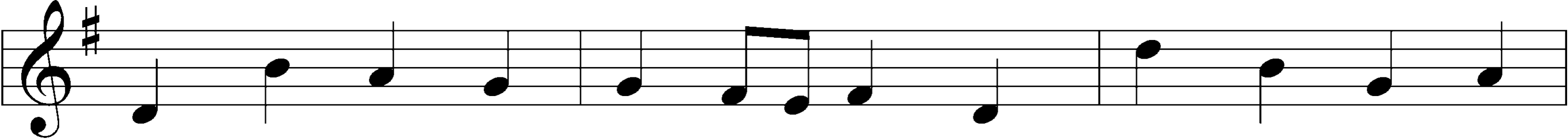


Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -

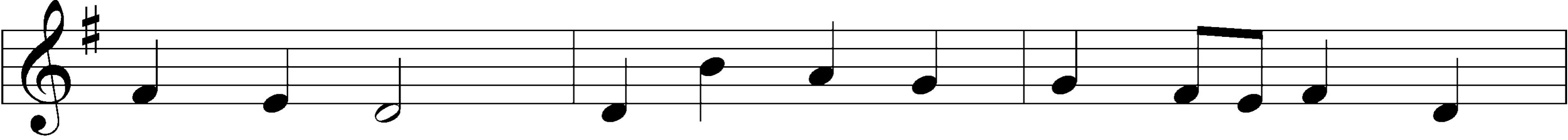


pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.

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2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -

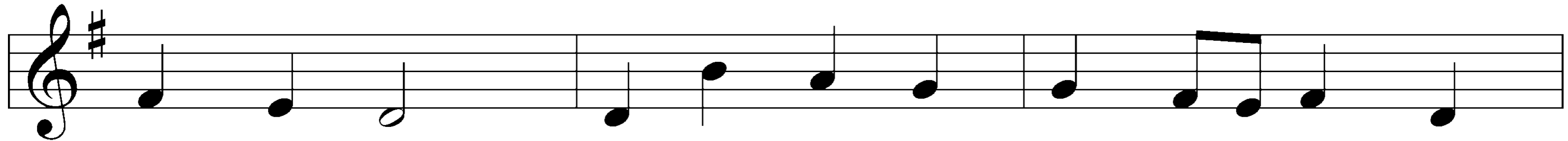


out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,

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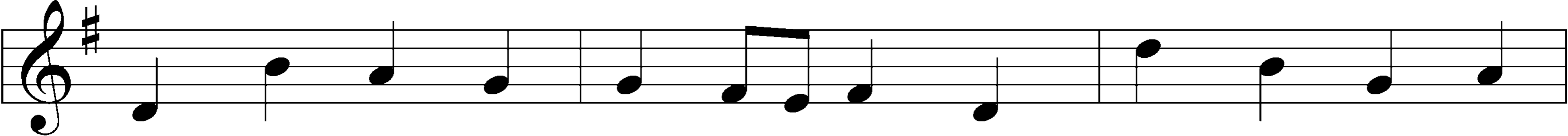


3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -

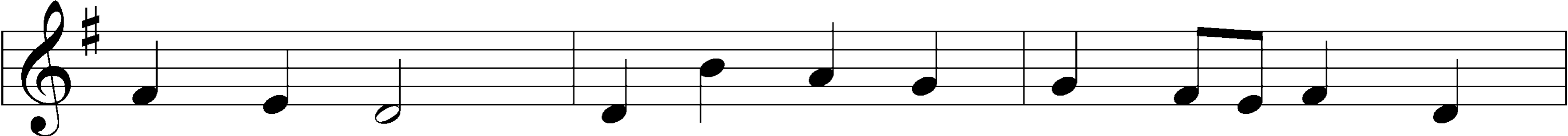


tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

***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 O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**

Confession of Sins

☞ But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit



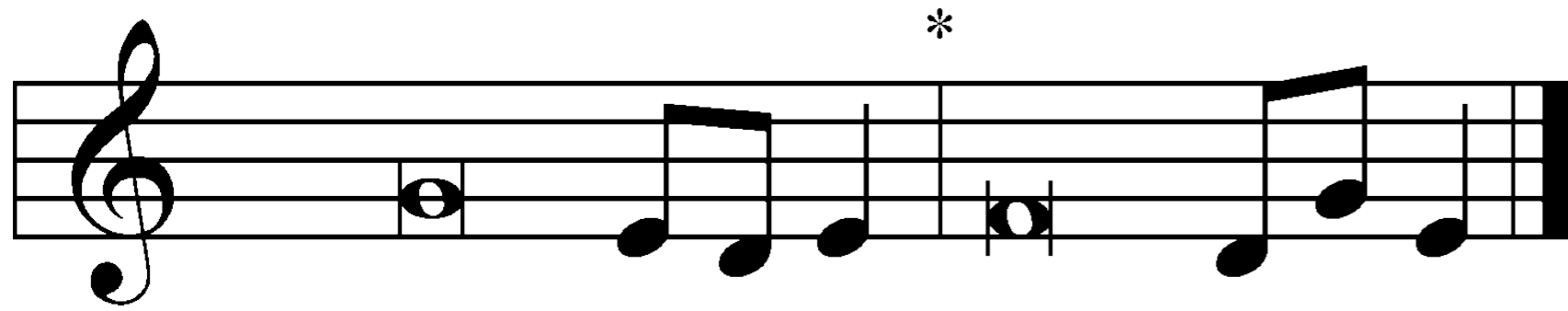
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will
I seek | after:***

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in
his | temple.**

Introit



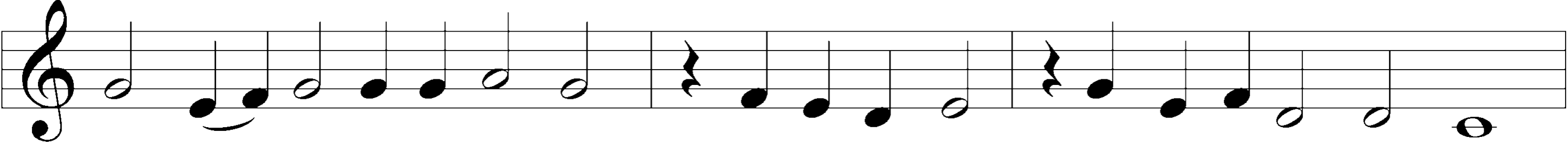
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of
| trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

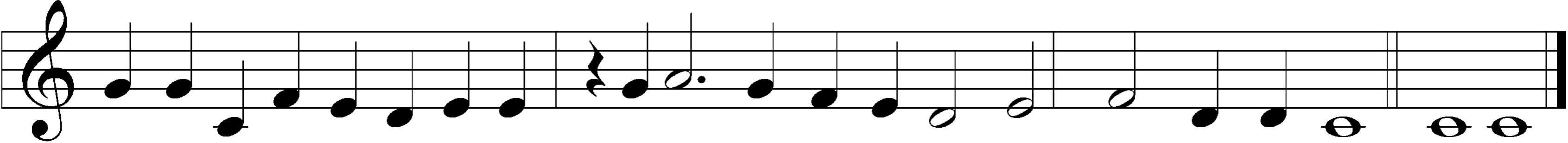
**And now my head shall be lifted up above
my enemies all around me, and I will offer in
his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;***

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Gloria Patri



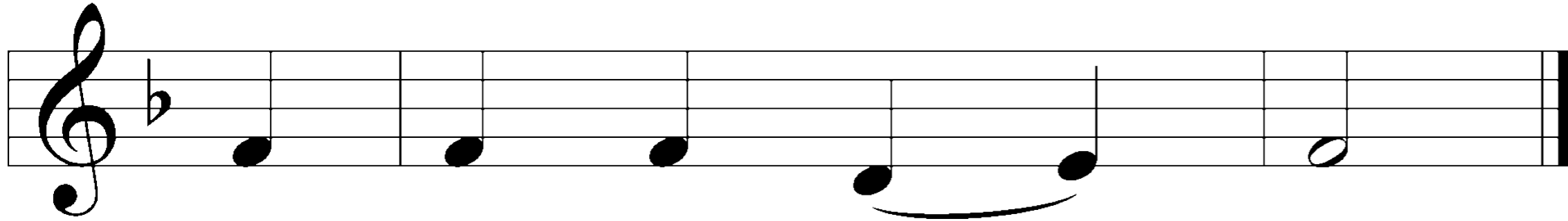
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment,

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through 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 image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of four quarter notes: A (on the second line), B-flat (on the second space), C (on the second space), and D (on the second space). A slur covers the first three notes, and a fermata is placed over the final note. Below the staff, the word 'amen' is written, with a 'C' in a square box to the left, indicating the starting note.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held my peace;

I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;

I will gasp and pant.

I will lay waste mountains and hills,

and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

And I will lead the blind

in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known

I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into
light,

the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,

and I do not forsake them.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

He sees many things, but does not observe
them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

The LORD was pleased, for his
righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

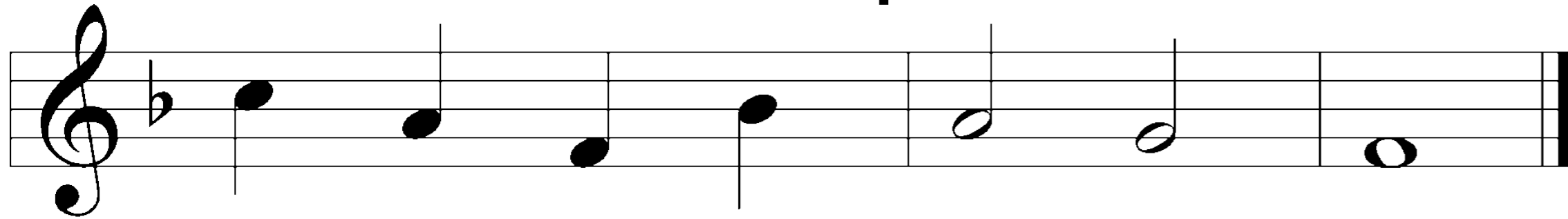
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Holy Gospel: John 9:1–41

Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva.

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of **Siloam**" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, '**Go to Siloam and wash.**' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind?"

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?”

Holy Gospel: John 9:1–41

And they cast him out.

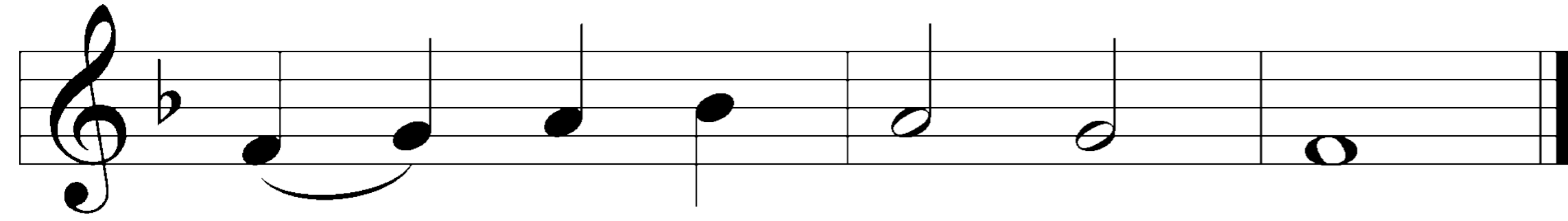
Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, **“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”** He answered, **“And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”** Jesus said to him, **“You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”** He said, **“Lord, I believe,”** and he worshiped him.

Holy Gospel: John 9:1–41

Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

841 O Son of God, in Galilee

1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a '1' and contains the lyrics 'O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.' The music is written in a simple, clear style with various note values and rests.

841 O Son of God, in Galilee

2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
You their care; Your grace to them make known.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Son of God, in Galilee". It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a "2" below the first note, indicating a second ending. The lyrics are: "2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known." The music is written in a simple, clear style with notes and rests clearly visible. The lyrics are centered under the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the third staff.

841 O Son of God, in Galilee

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a '3' time signature. The lyrics are: 'The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

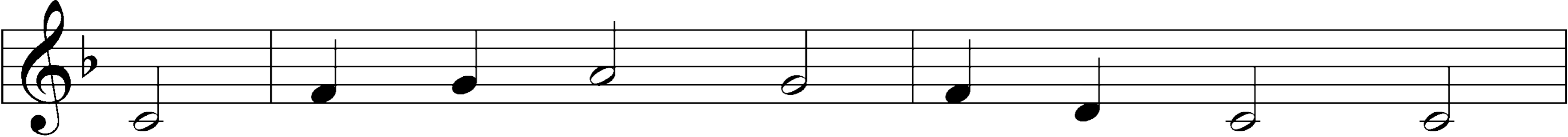
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Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.

841 O Son of God, in Galilee

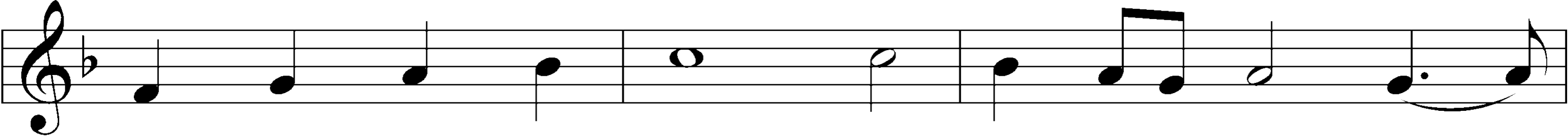
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light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Son of God, in Galilee". It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a "4" indicating a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: "4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of". The second staff continues with: "stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring". The third staff concludes with: "light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart." The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and a fermata over the final note of the second staff.

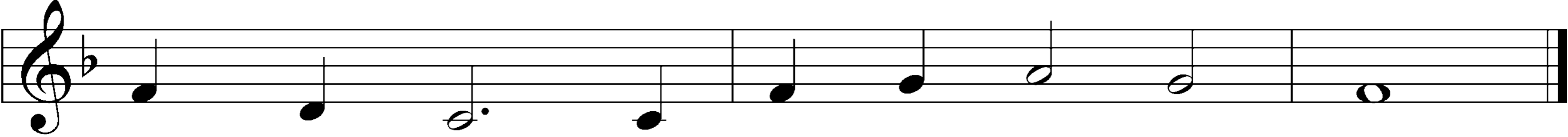
841 O Son of God, in Galilee



5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

Text: Anna B. D. Hoppe, 1889–1941, alt.

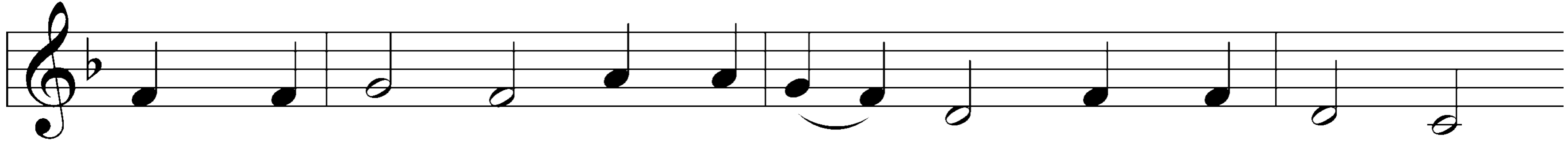
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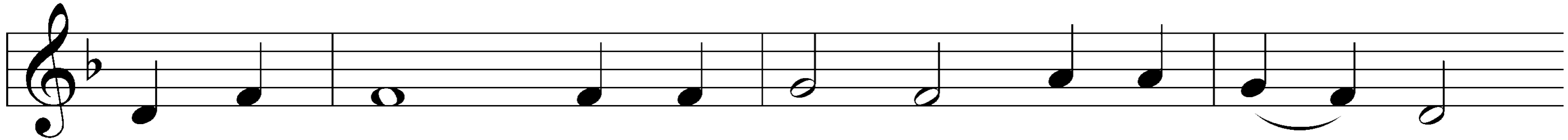
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Sermon

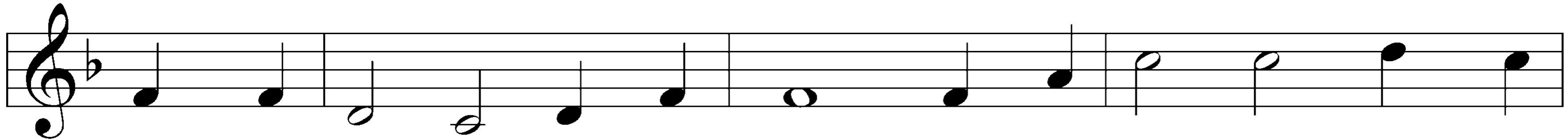
849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,

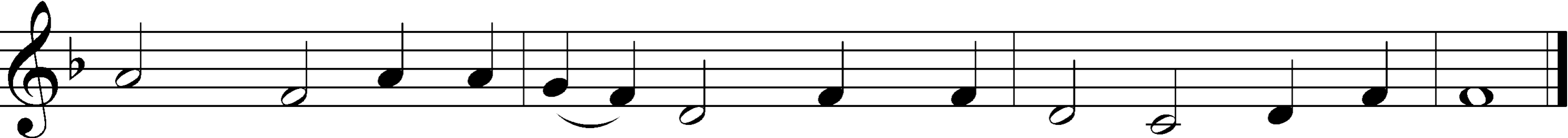


Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing

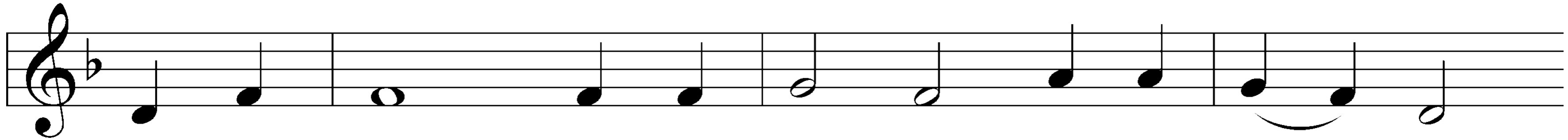


storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.

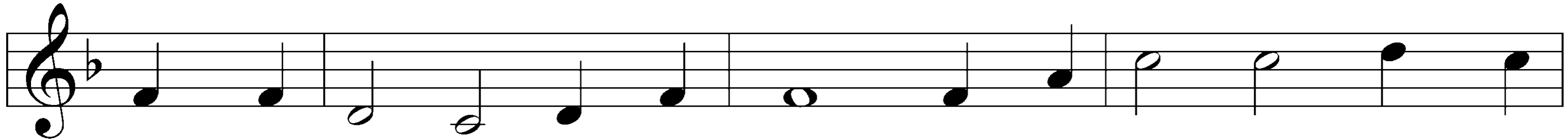
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2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet

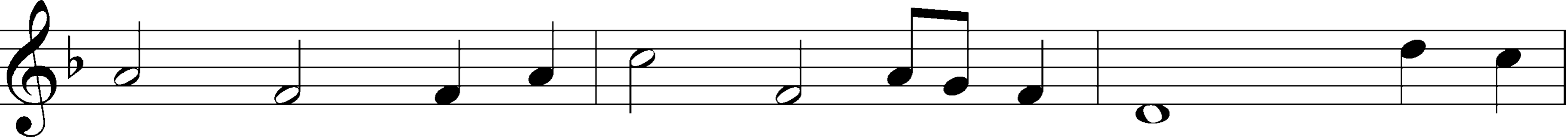


gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons

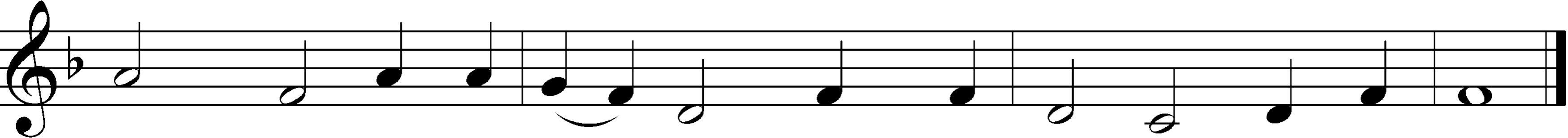


With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool

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wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this

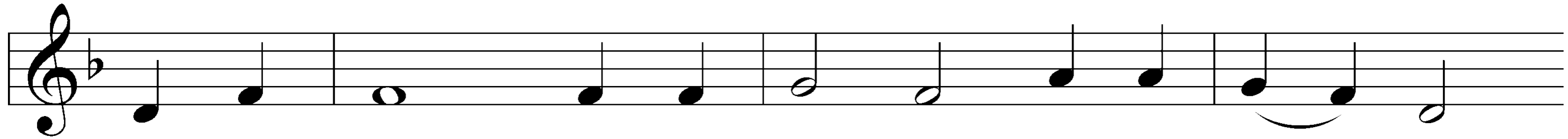


Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.

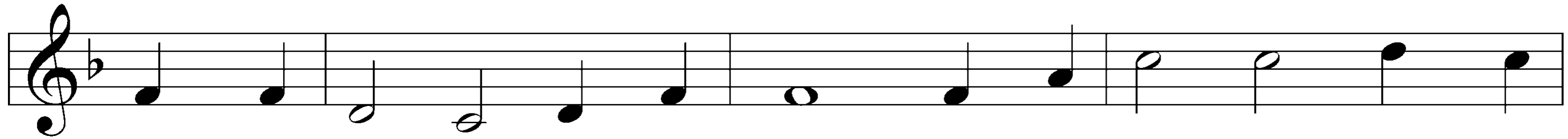
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3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

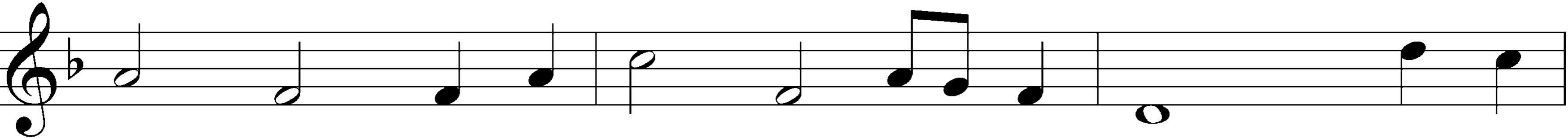


in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

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glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1955

Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia

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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

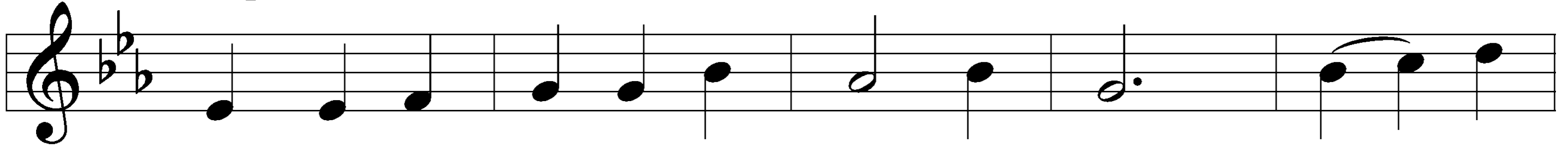
**☐ who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,**

Nicene Creed

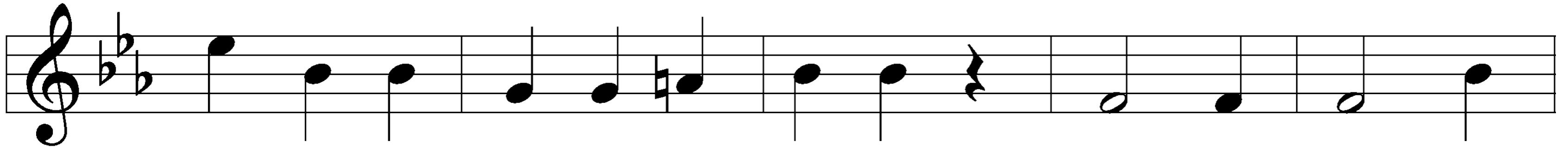
**☩ and I look for the resurrection
of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come.
Amen.**

Offering

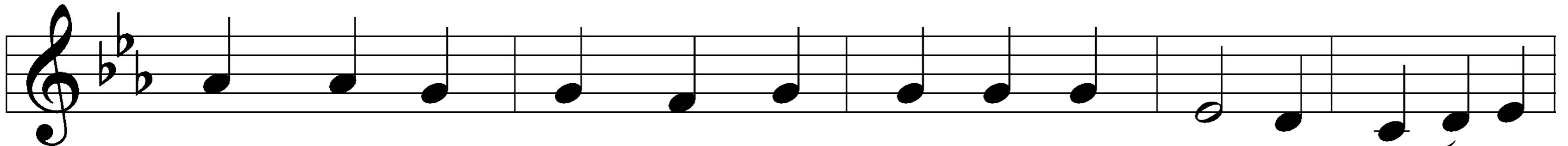
Offertory



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



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

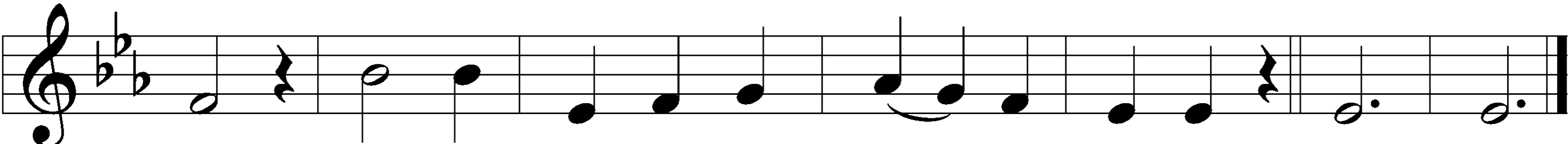


way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

Offertory



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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,

C **hear our prayer.**

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life;

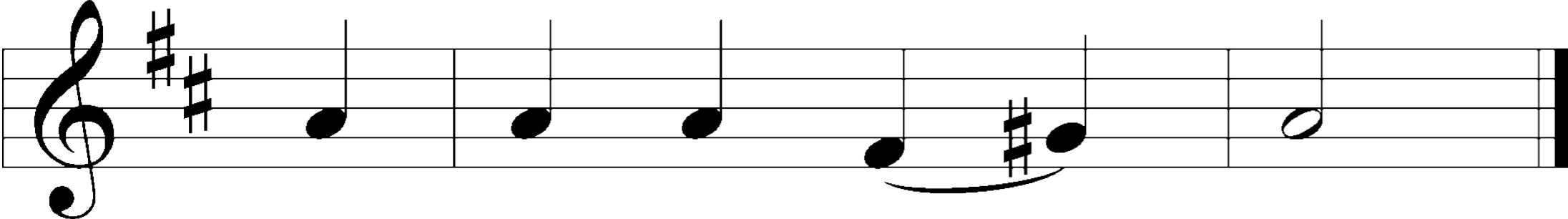
Collect for the Word

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.**

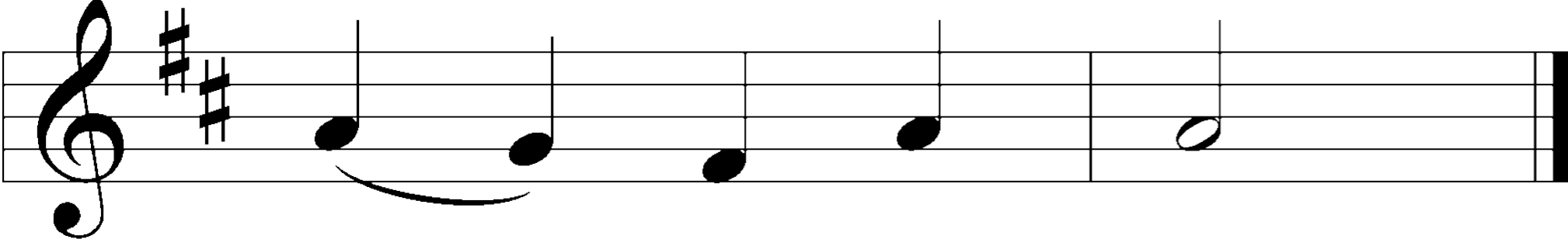
Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

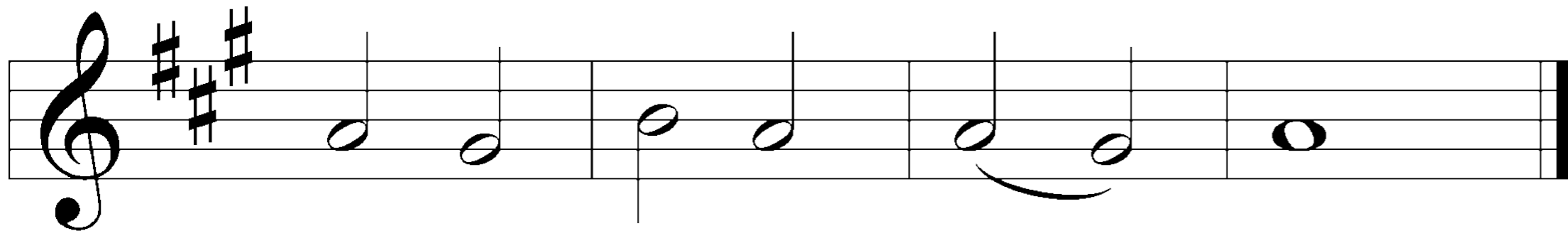
P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

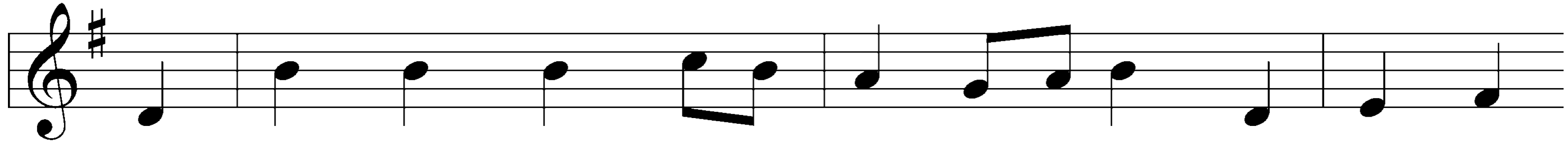
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and
be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and ✠ give you peace.

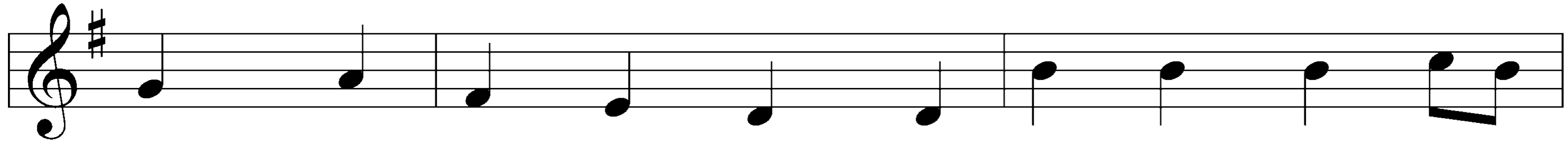


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

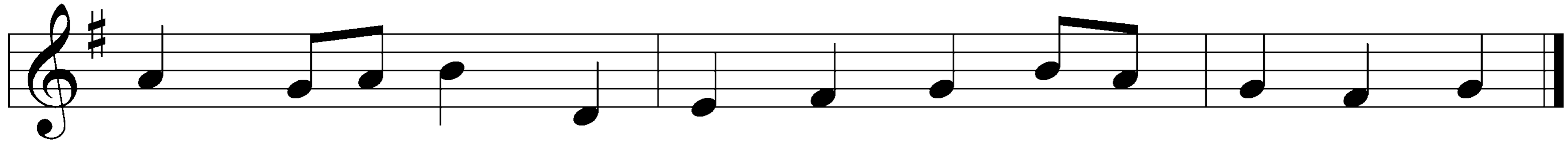
551 When to Our World the Savior Came



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and

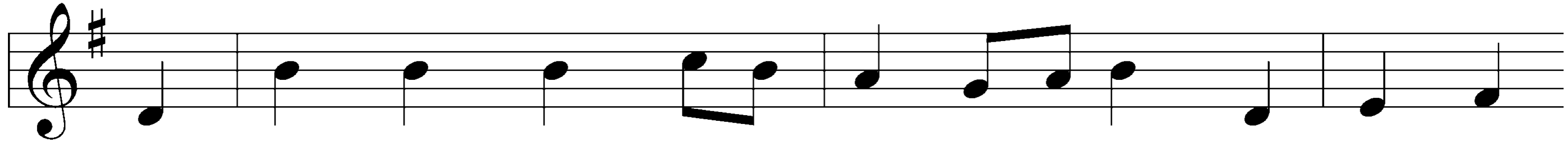


help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness

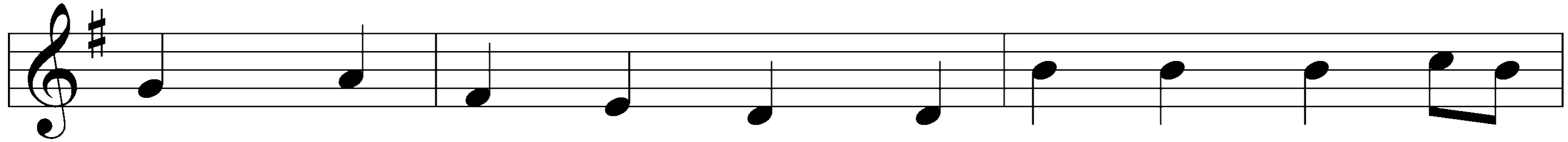


longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.

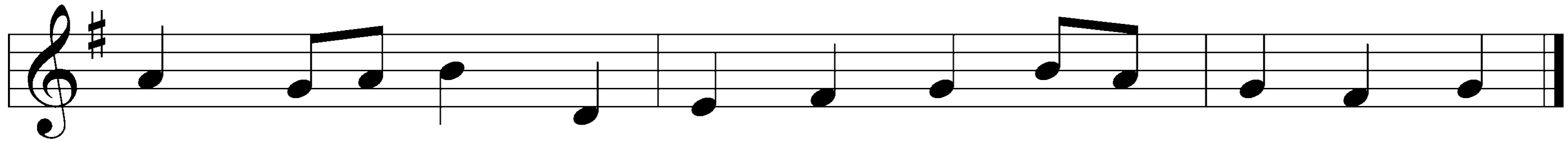
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2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple

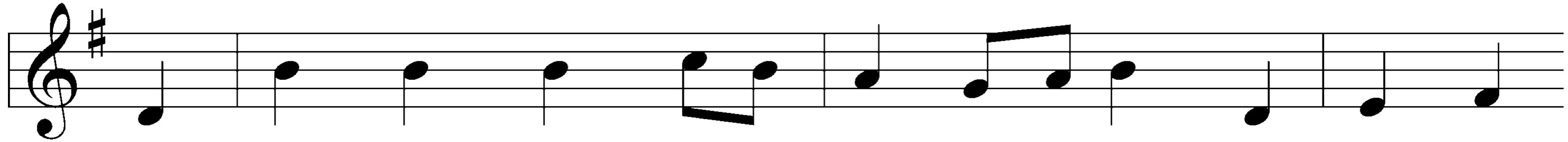


thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from

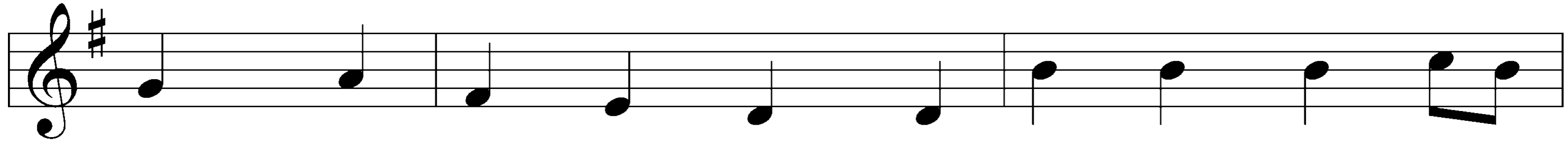


soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"

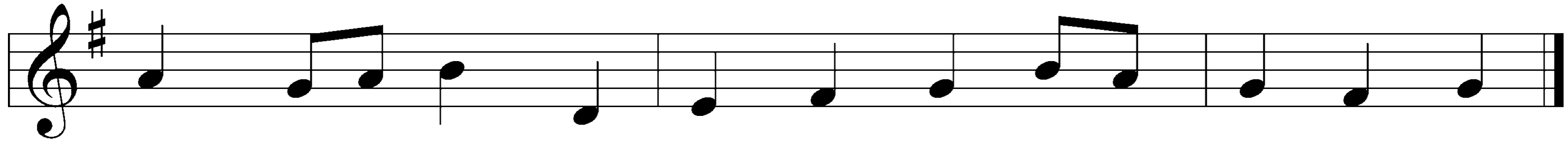
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3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened



ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could



see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.

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4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the time signature. The lyrics are: '4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for'. The second staff continues with: 'us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver'. The third staff concludes with: 'cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.' The music is written in a simple, clear style with black notes and stems on a white background.

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5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a '5' before the first note. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

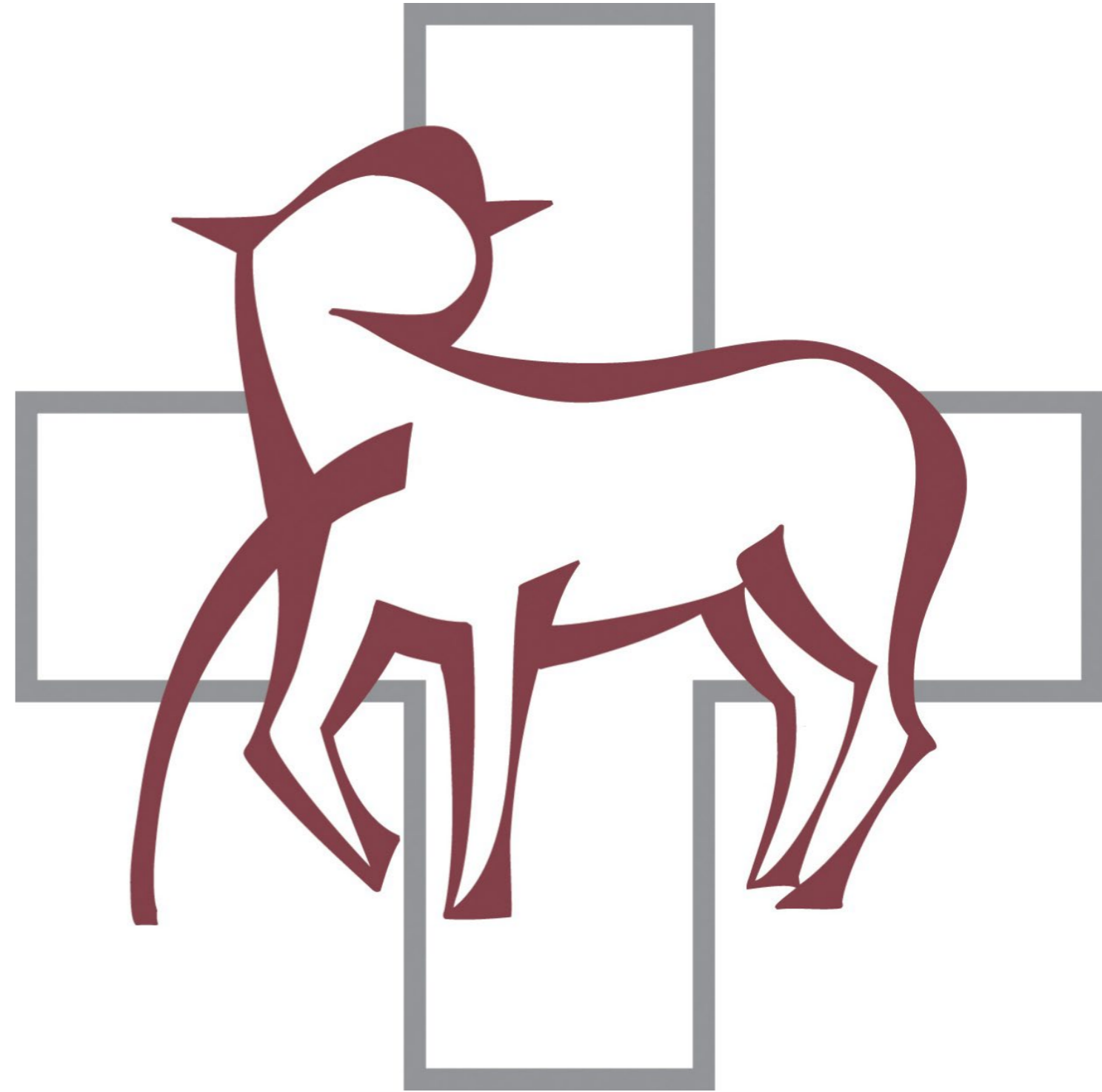
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Go in peace and
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**Thanks be
to God.**

