

5th Sunday of Easter

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.

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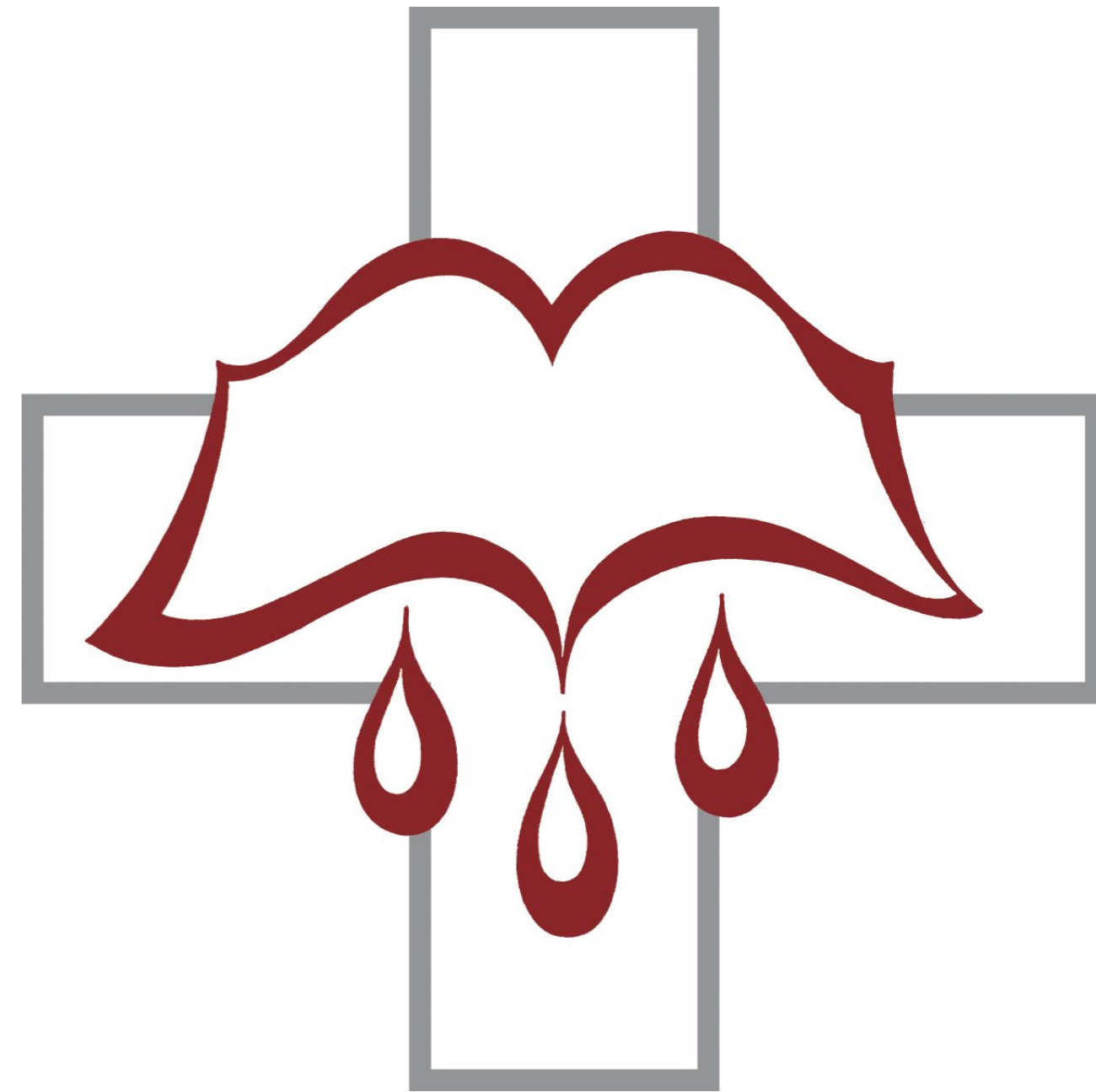
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Please read our communion statement on the back of this card.

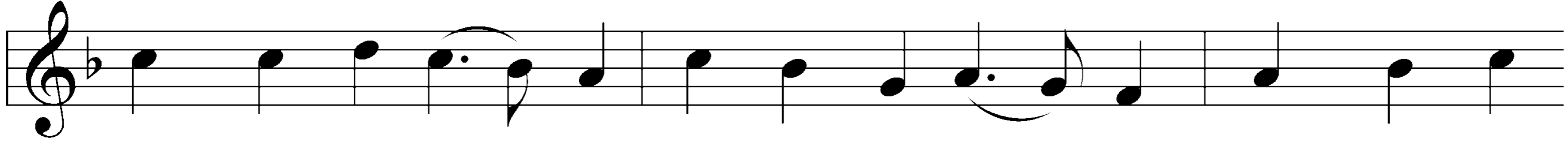
HOLY COMMUNION
Our Lord Jesus Christ gave His disciples not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen with Him and with one another. He invites to His table baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of their sins, and set aside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

Who partake of Holy Communion believing the Lord's words and because Holy Communion is the sacrament of the faith, any who do not believe in the sacrament are asked to refrain from partaking.

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and then place it in
the offering plate at
the end of service.
Thank you.*



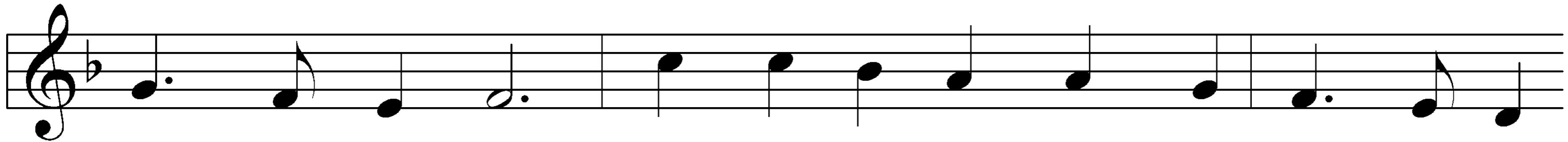
726 Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and

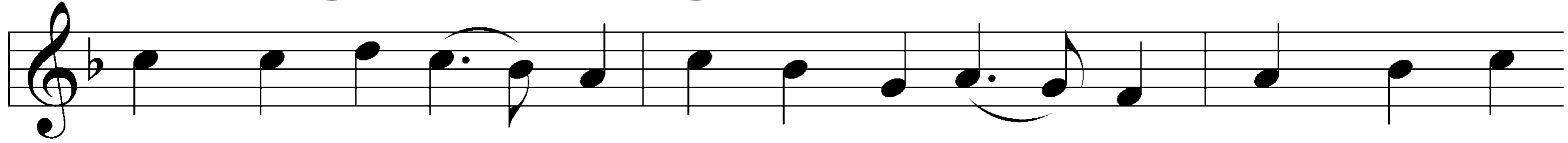


glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the

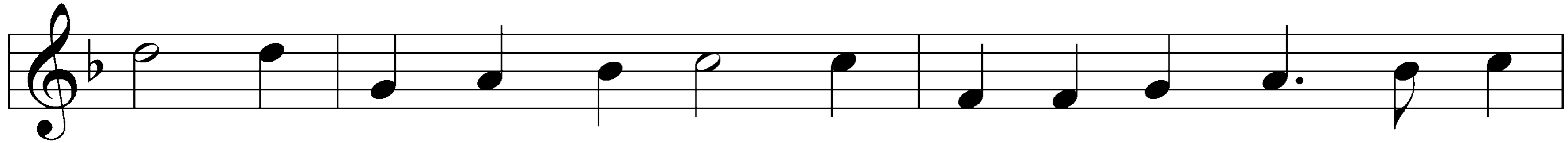


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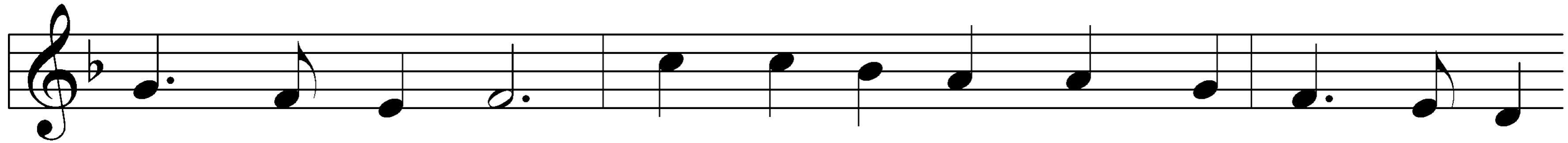
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2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my

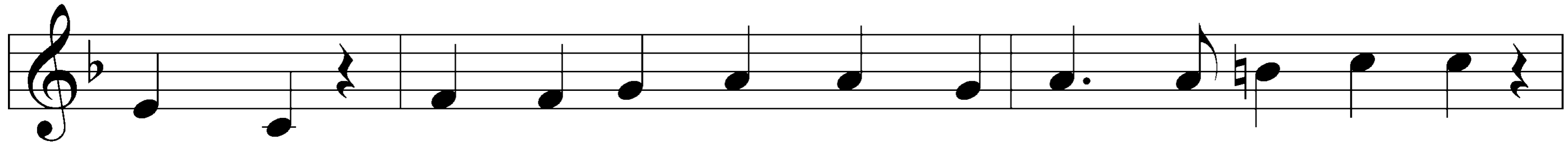


ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may



no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my

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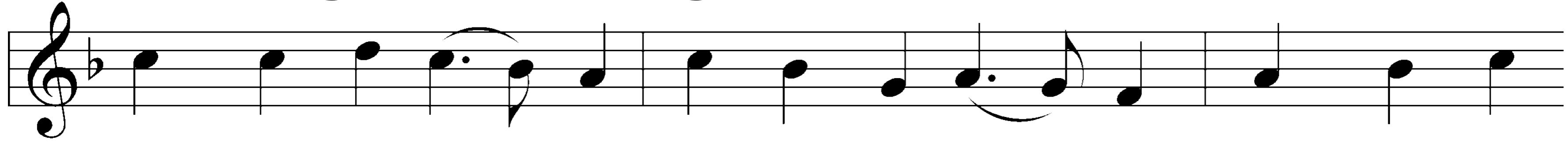


do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;

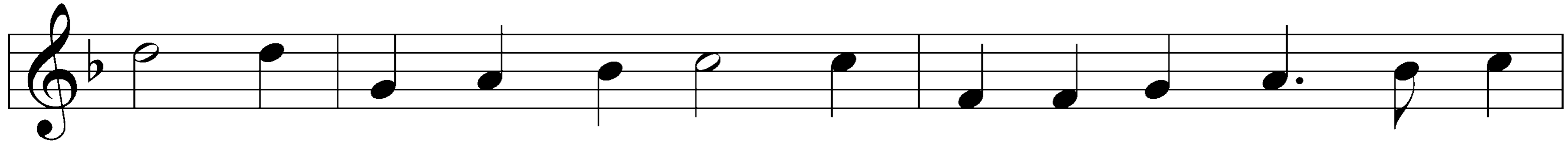


All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.

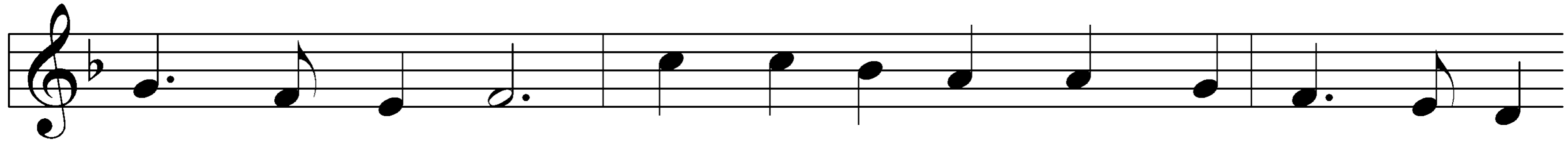
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3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows

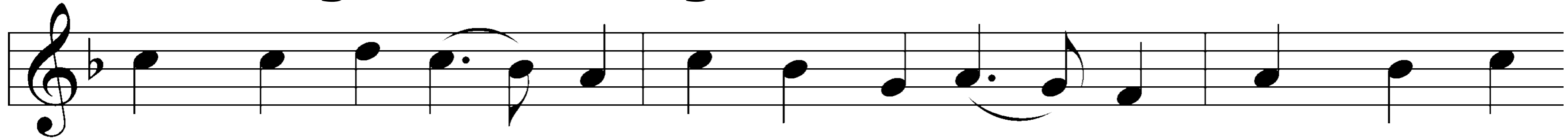


tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair

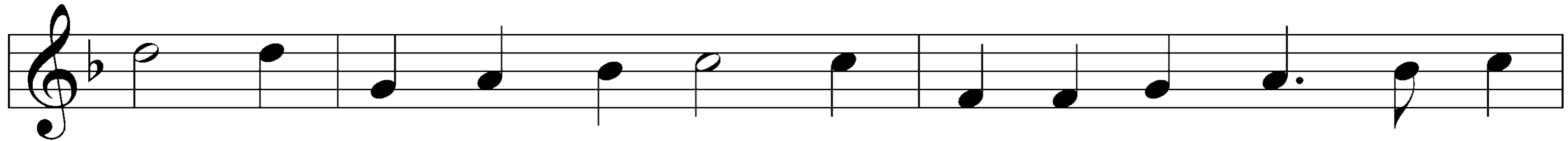


sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er

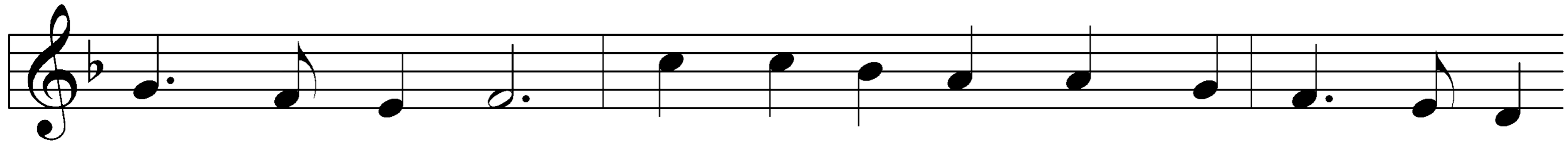
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4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us

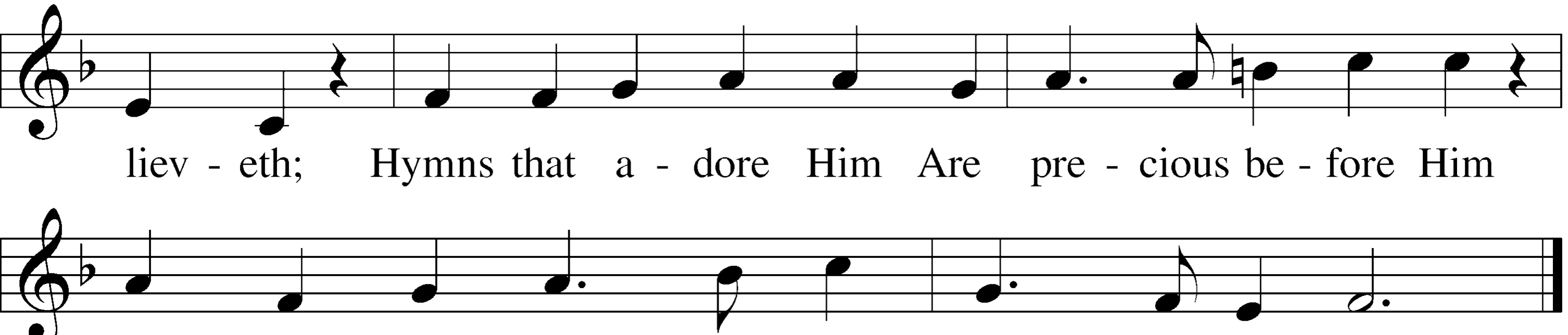


of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -

726 Evening and Morning



liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; (sts. 1–2): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.; (sts. 3–4): tr. Hermann H. M. Brueckner, 1866–1942, alt.

Tune: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76

Text and tune: Public domain

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



O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my
soul | from Sheol;***

**you restored me to life from among
those who go down | to the pit.**

Introit



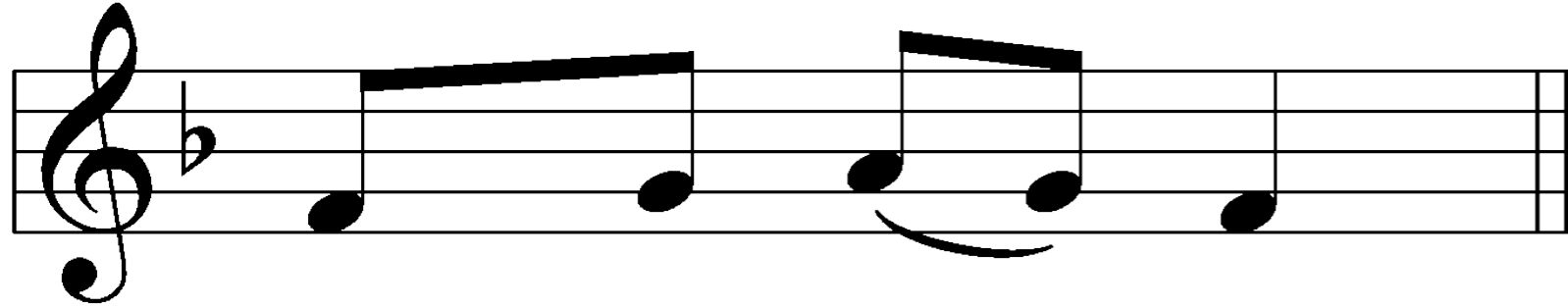
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his
favor is for a | lifetime.***

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy
comes with the | morning.**

Kyrie

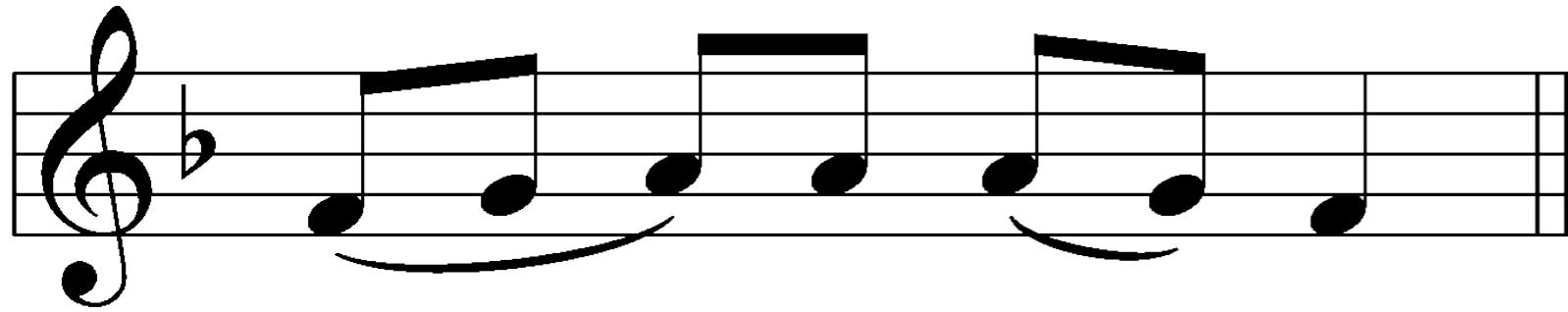
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

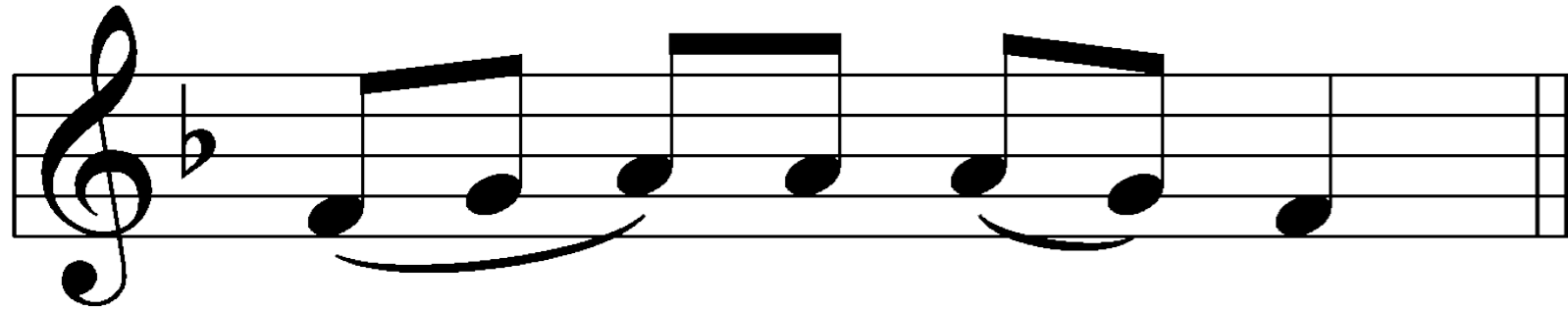
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

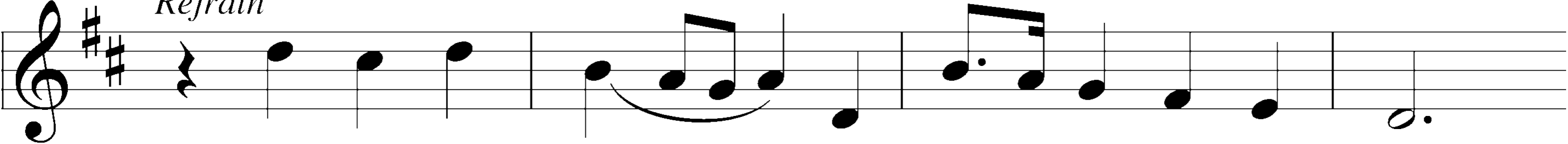
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



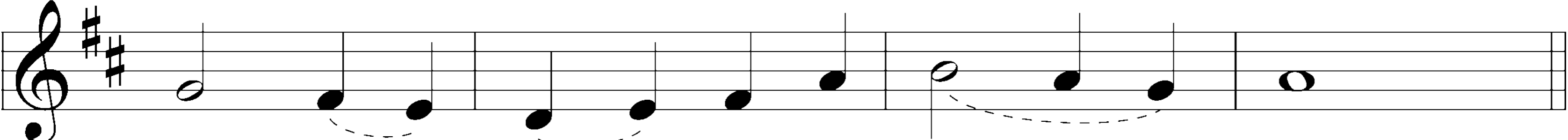
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This Is the Feast



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

The first musical staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains 12 measures of music. The lyrics are: "1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose". A dashed slur covers the notes for "Christ, the Lamb who was".

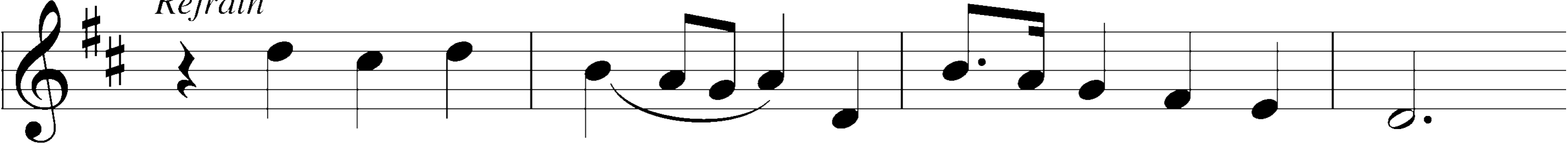


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

The second musical staff continues the melody in the same key signature. It contains 12 measures of music. The lyrics are: "blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*". A dashed slur covers the notes for "blood set us free".

This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

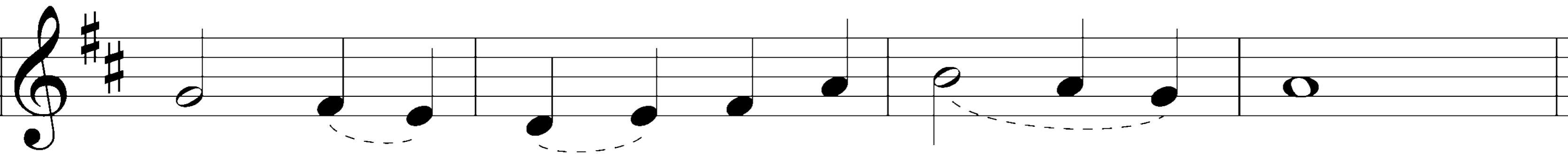


Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

This Is the Feast



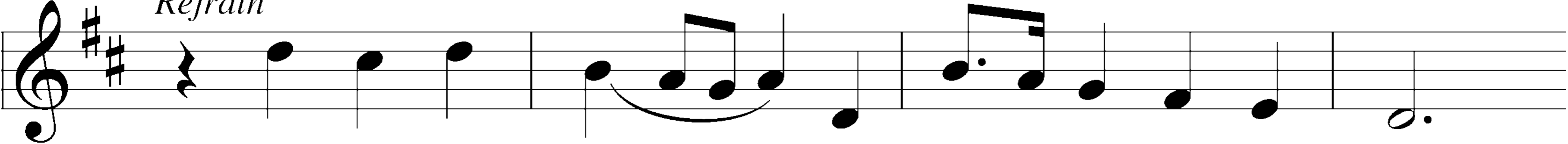
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

This Is the Feast

Refrain



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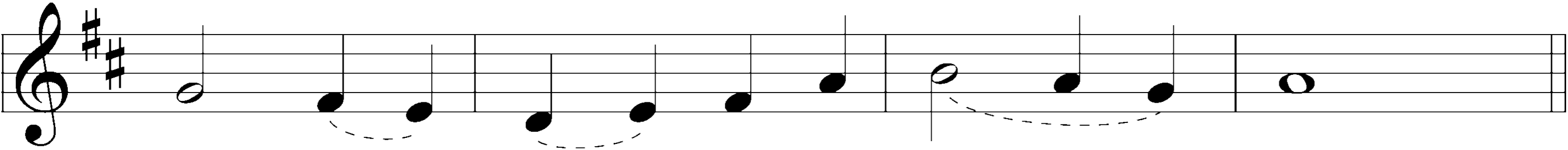


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This Is the Feast



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

This Is the Feast

Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



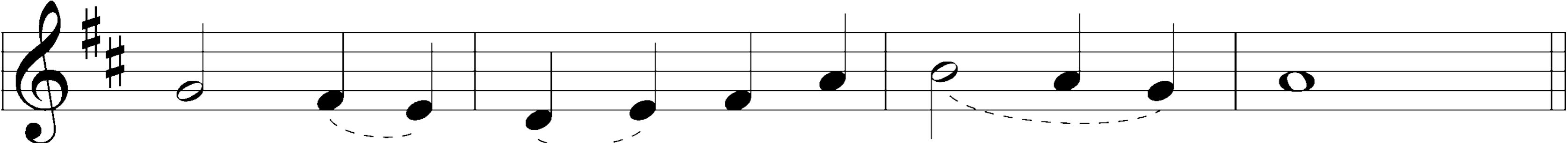
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This Is the Feast



5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

The first line of musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of 11 measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). A fermata is placed over the G4 note in the fifth measure.

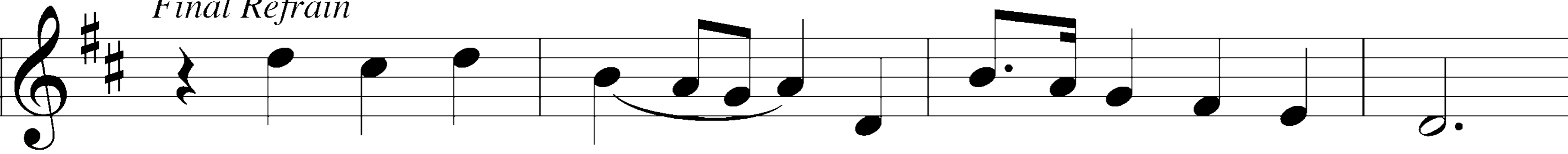


gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

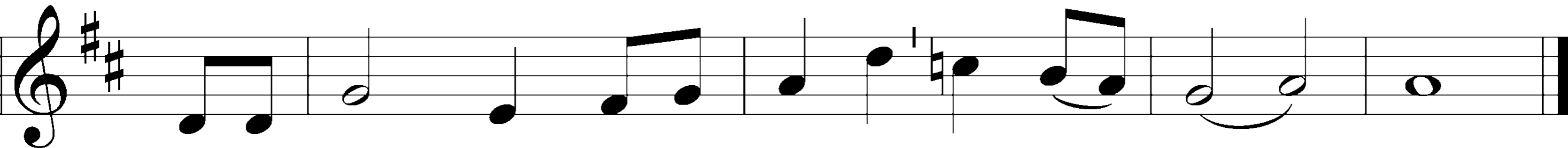
The second line of musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of 11 measures. The notes are: D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). A fermata is placed over the G4 note in the eighth measure.

This Is the Feast

Final Refrain



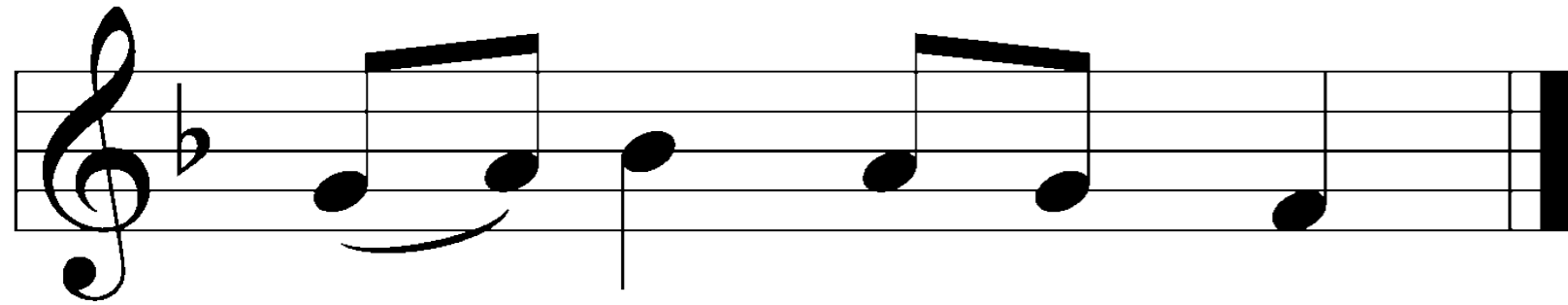
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.




C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise,

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of four notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on A4. A slur is placed under the A4 and B4 notes. Below the staff, the word 'Amen' is written, with a large 'C' in a square box to the left of the 'A'.

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute,

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit.

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him.

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood,

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put
to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word,
as they were destined to do.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

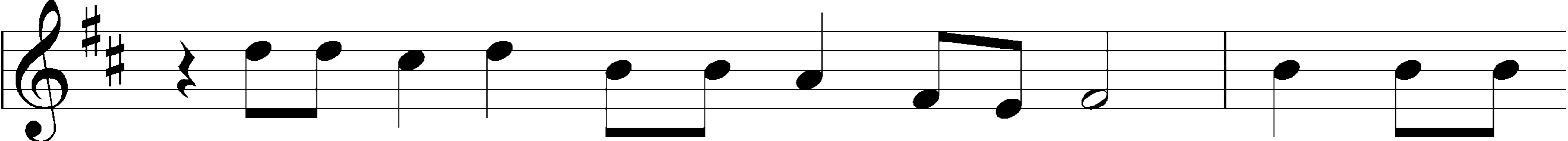
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

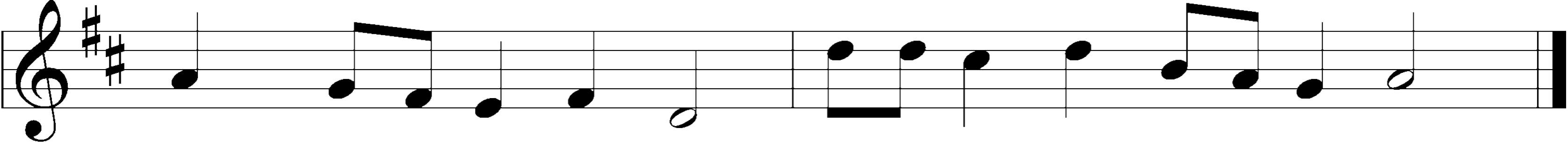
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



C 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: John 14:1-14

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me. In my
Father's house are many rooms.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1–14

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1–14

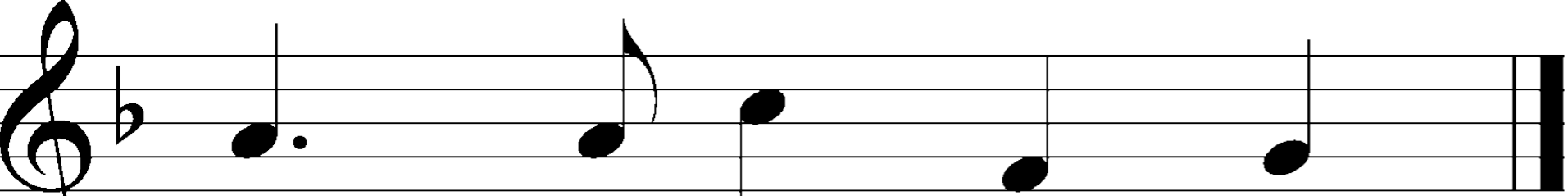
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

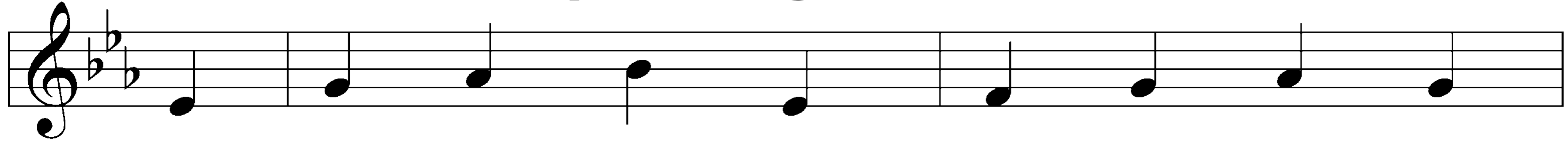
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



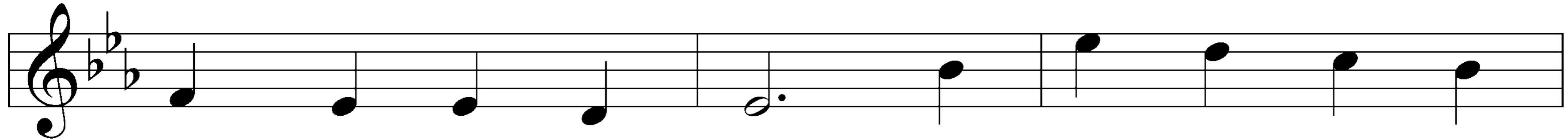
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

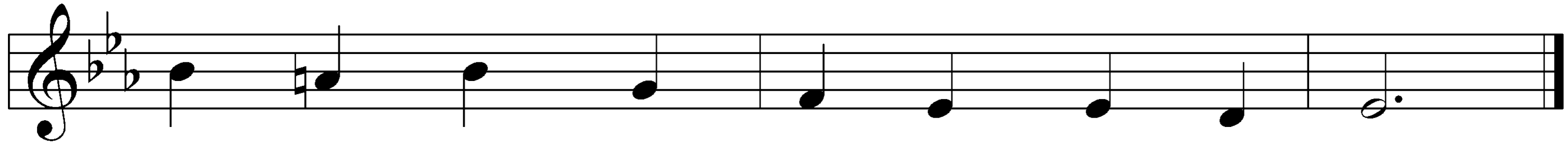
526 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can

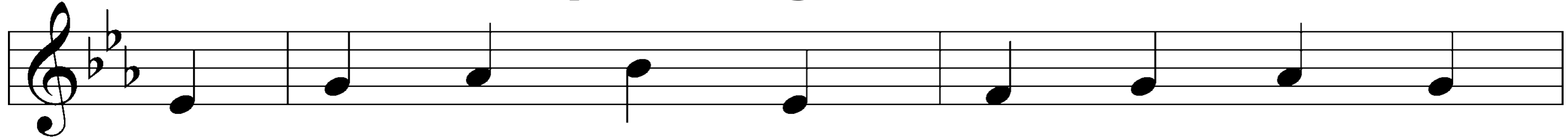


we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has

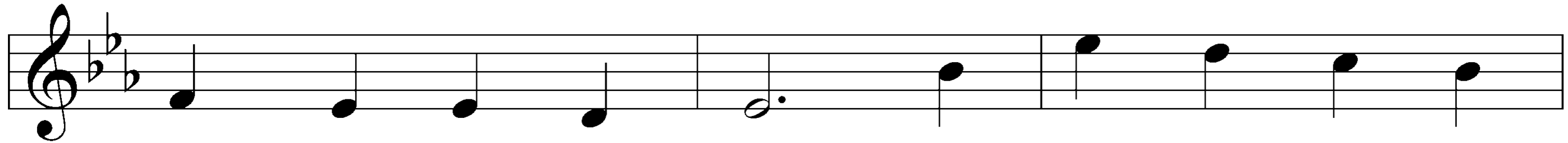


God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.

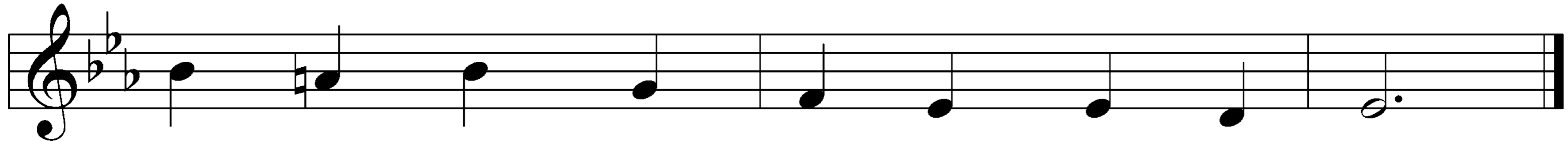
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2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True

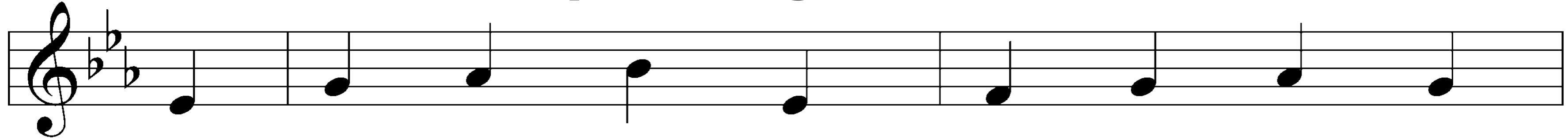


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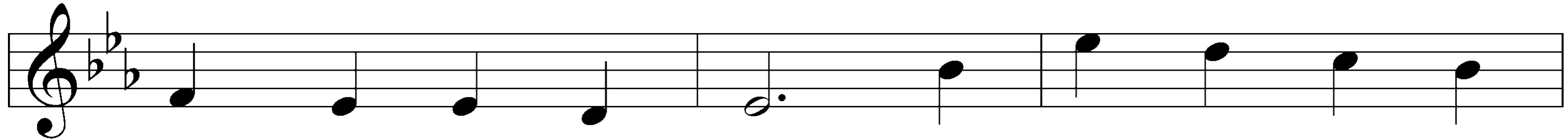


form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.

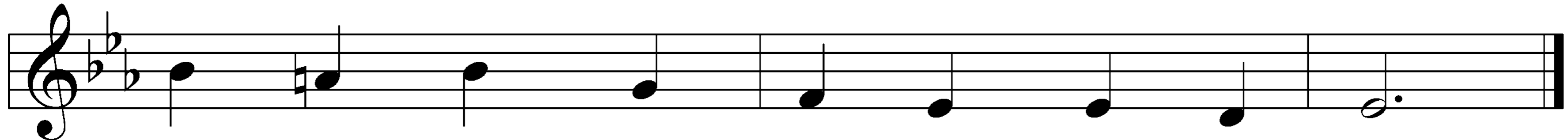
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3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -



claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their



trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.

526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "You Are the Way; through You Alone". It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, written in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant". The second staff contains "us that way to know, That truth to keep, that". The third staff contains "life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow." The music ends with a double bar line.

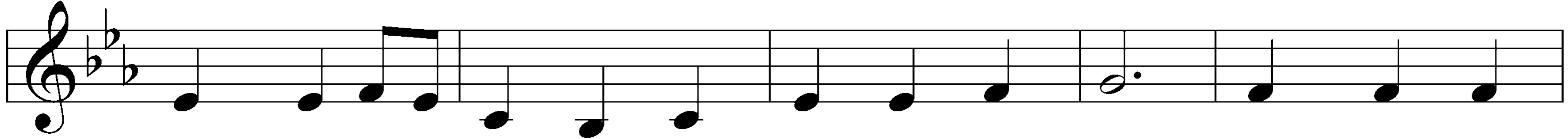
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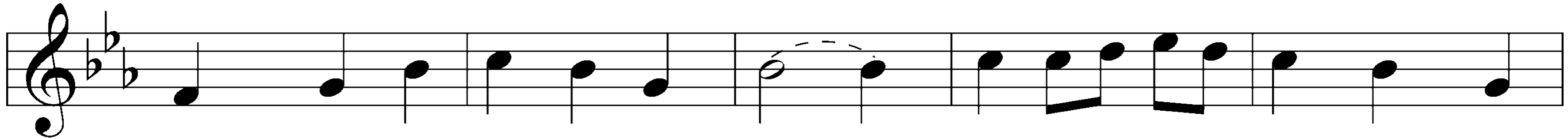
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Sermon

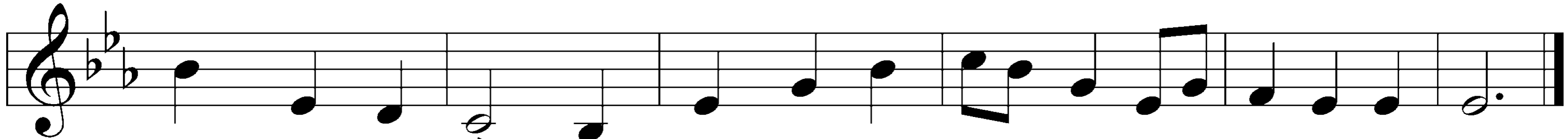
861 Christ Be My Leader



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

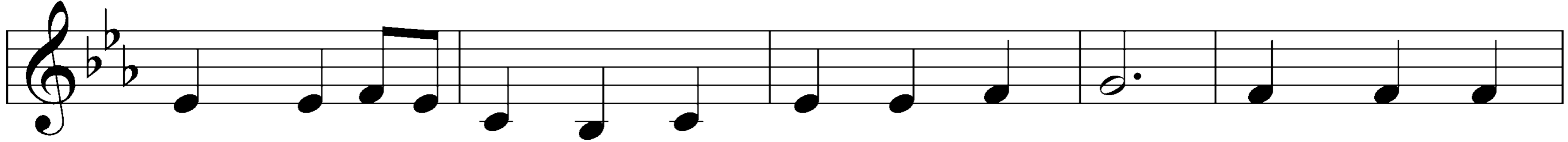


dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my

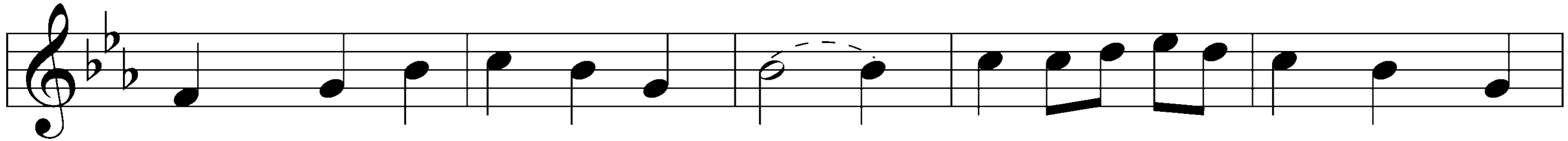


fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.

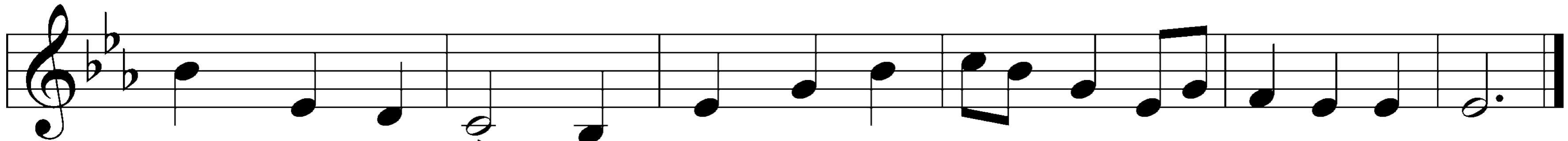
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2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or

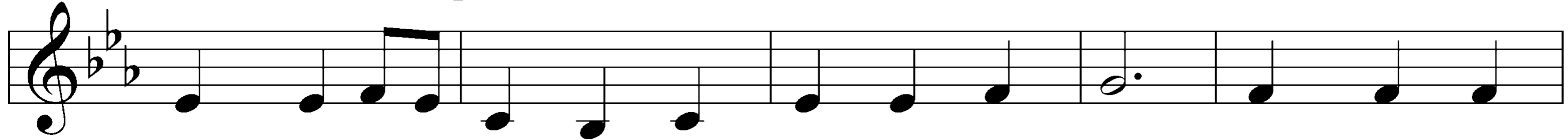


doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though

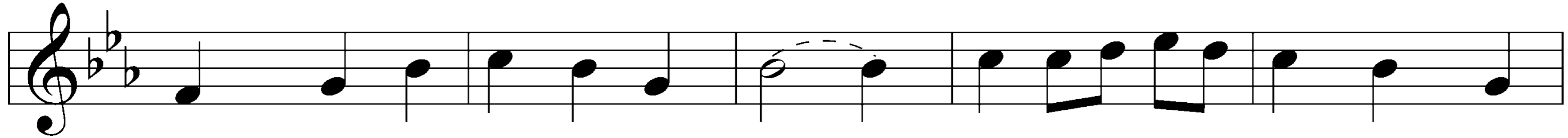


shift - ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.

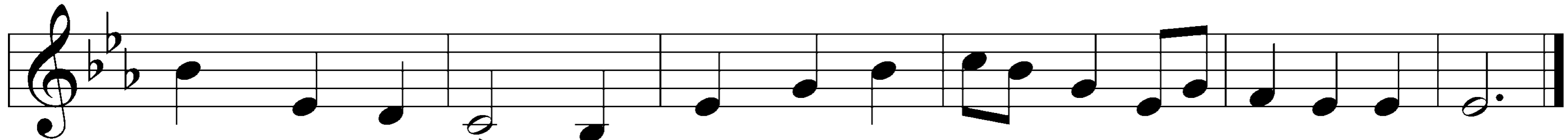
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3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



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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Tune: Irish

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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

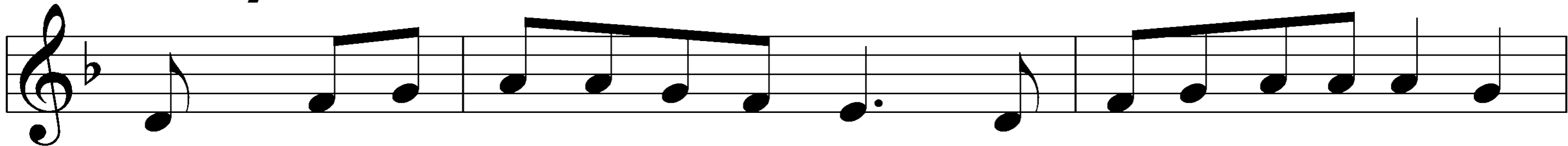
**☐ who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,**

Nicene Creed

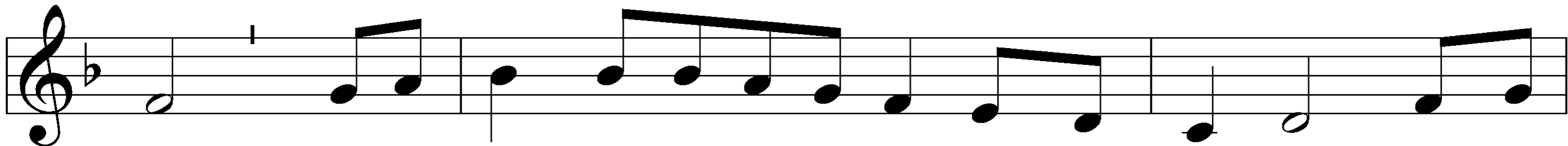
**☩ and I look for the resurrection
of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come.
Amen.**

Offering

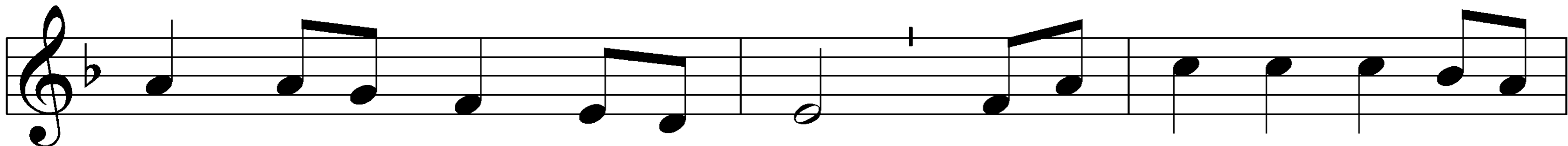
Offertory



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-

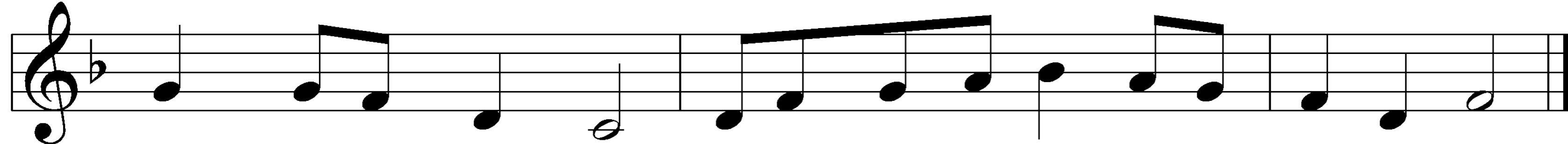
Offertory



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,

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.**

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;

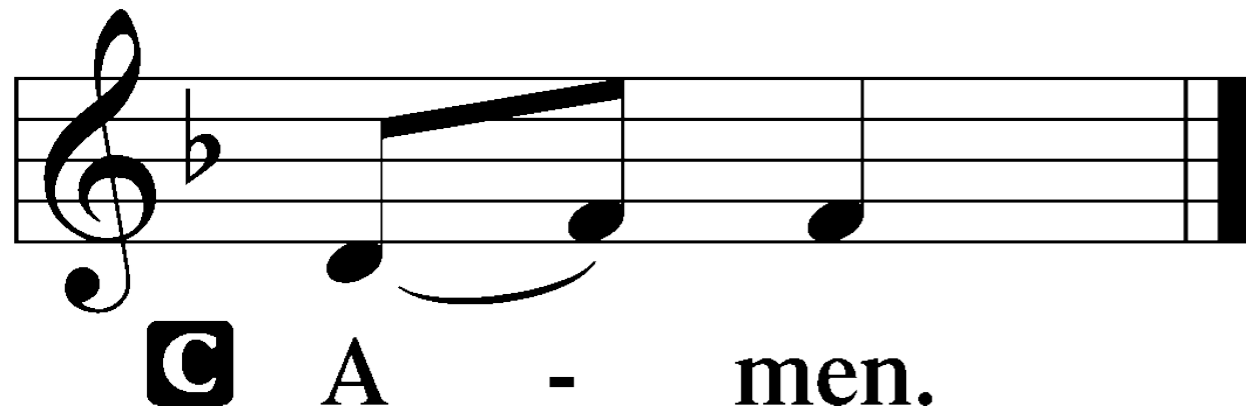
Collect for the Word

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

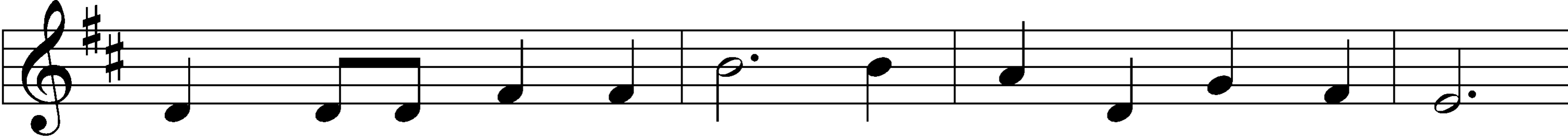
C **Amen.**

Benediction

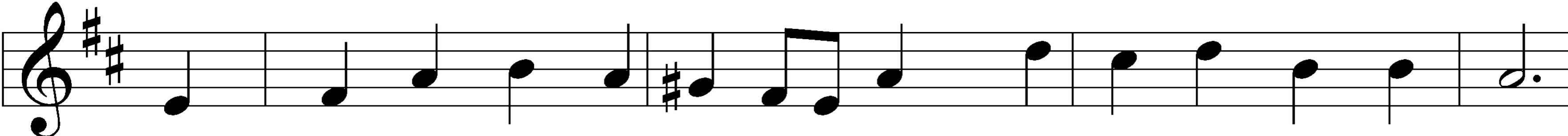
P The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be
gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and
✠ give us peace.



829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,

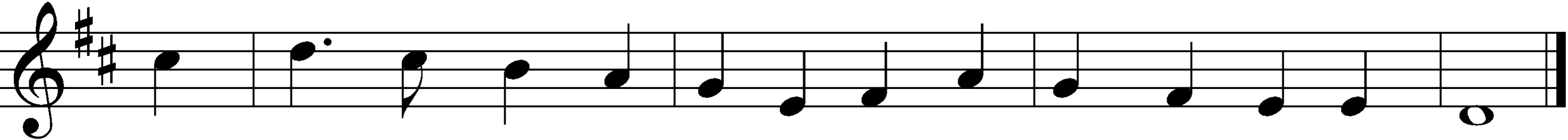


Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;

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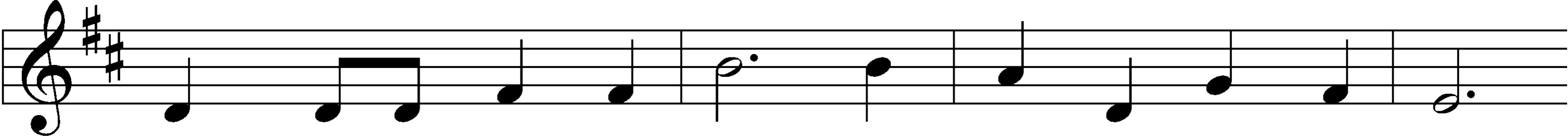


With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,

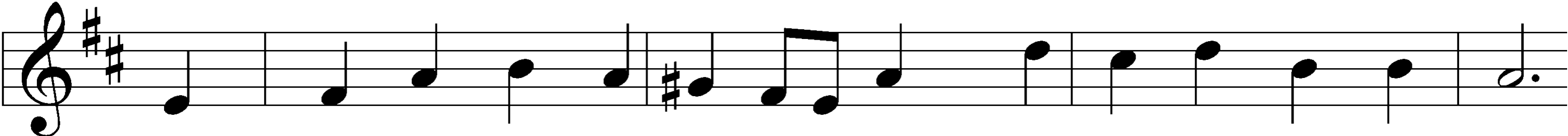


In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



2 Christ the un-chang-ing Word To ev-'ry pass-ing age,



Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;

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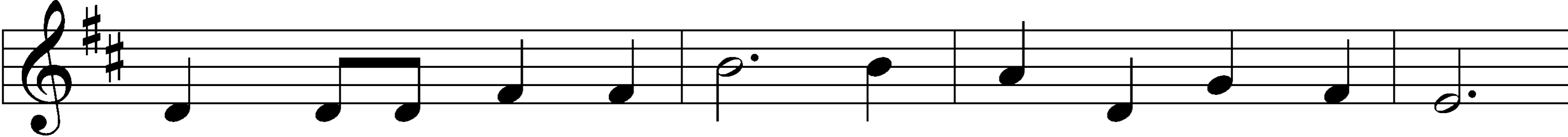


Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,

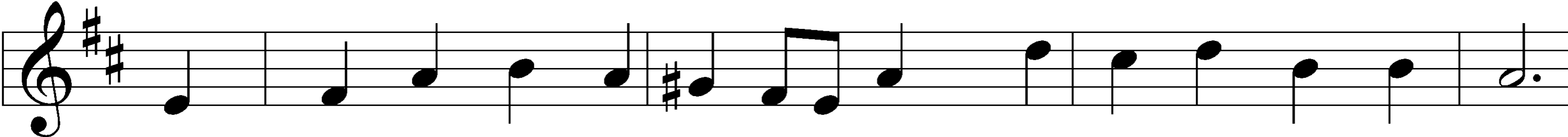


With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.

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3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,

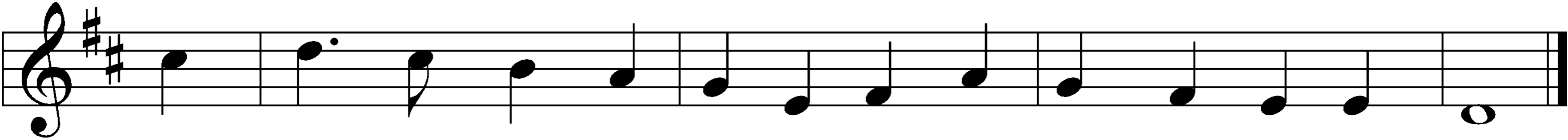


And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;

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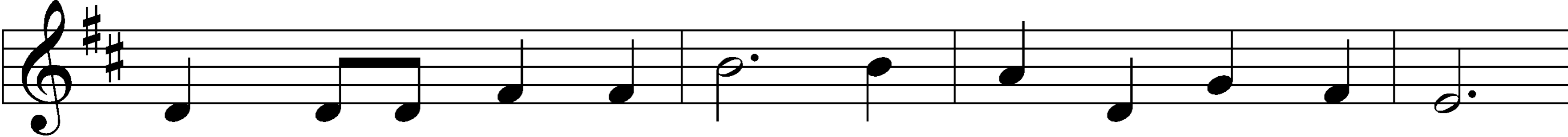


In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,



That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;

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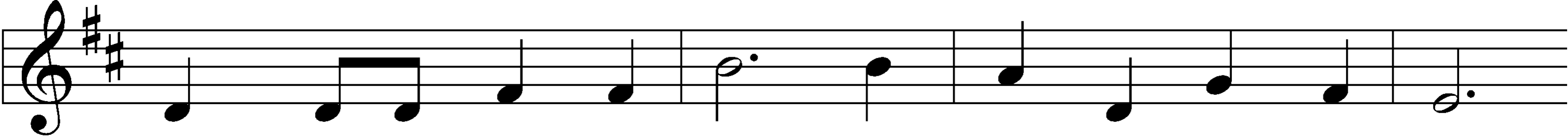


That light of truth You give To ser-vants as to friends,

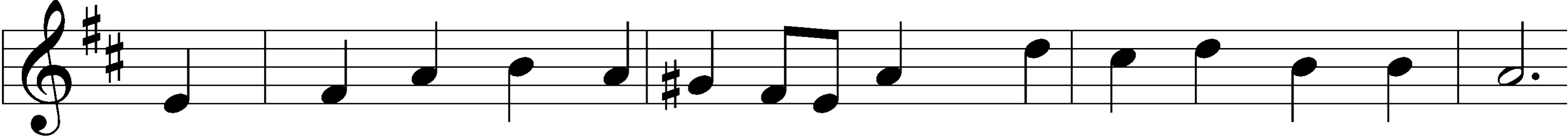


Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;

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When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne



Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

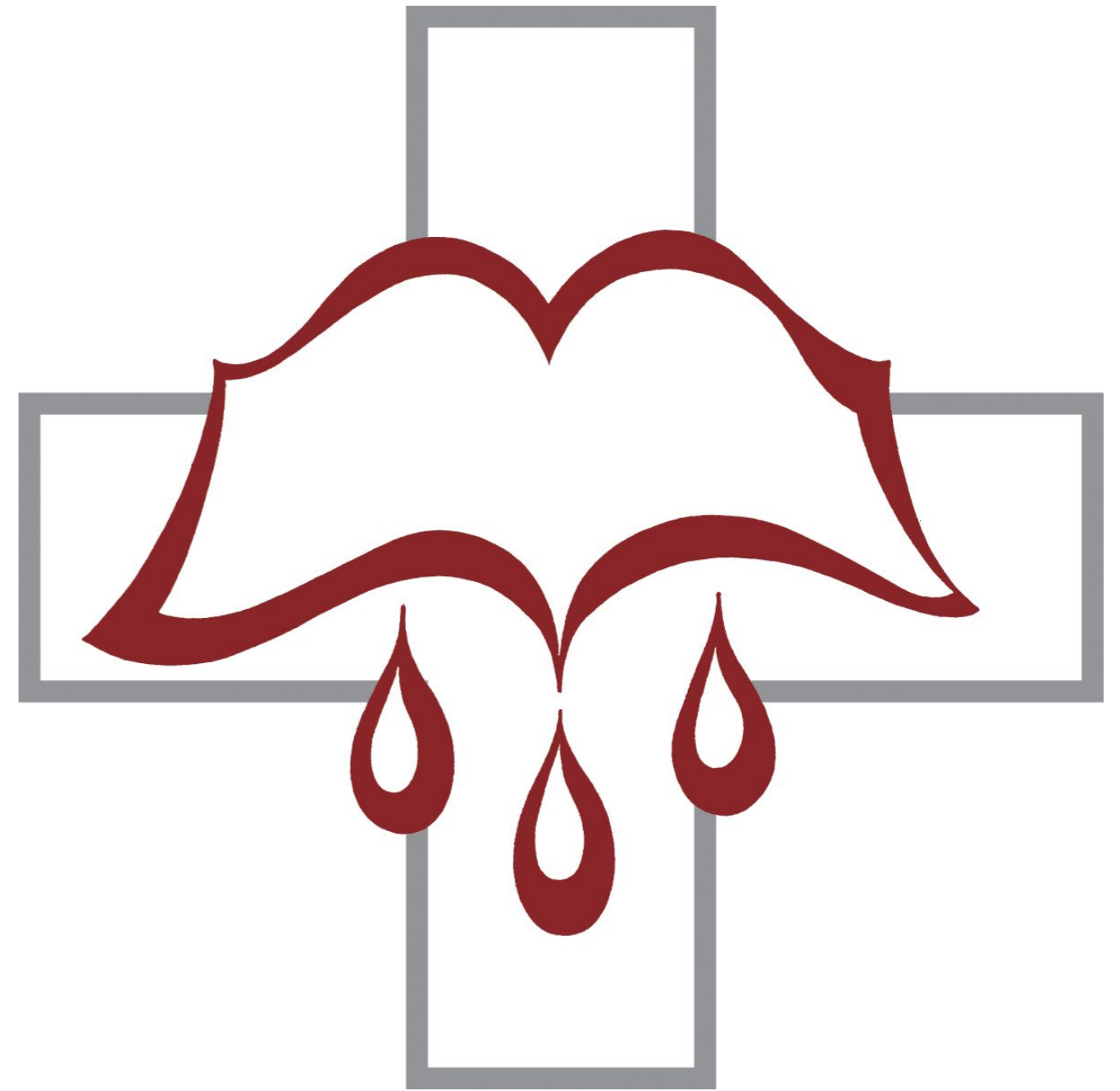
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