

**Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 22, 2024**





Pre-Worship Music
Mr. Garry Hanna

**An opportunity to sit back, reflect upon the
week, and to open up oneself to the
Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Beach Reads

**Long summer days
float into significant
beach reading on
endless sandy beds.**



A photograph of ocean waves with white foam washing onto a beach. The water is dark blue with white foam, and the sky is bright white. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Waves flowing from the ocean,
allow many plot twists.**

**Complicated stories
are ultimately simple:**

**Overly egotistical people
act selfishly bullying
others without
power.**



Heroes emerge who remedy impossible situations.

~~IMPOSSIBLE~~



**Sympathetic heroines
form romantic
alliances with
seemingly perfect
male characters.**



My soul finds rest in God alone...

PSALM 62:1

**Sometimes, we feel
that God made
summer for fictional
enjoyment.**



A group of people, including Jesus, are walking on a rocky path. Jesus is in the center, wearing a blue robe over a tan tunic. He is surrounded by several other men and women in traditional Middle Eastern clothing. The background shows a rocky, hilly landscape.

**Disciples sometimes
discover similar plots.**

**Who can be the greatest?
Can losing life be true gain?**

**Helping others in need
is our story of faith.**

A tropical beach scene with palm trees, people, and a hand holding a book titled 'FAITH OVERCOMES FICTION'. The background shows a sandy beach with people relaxing under colorful umbrellas. The foreground shows a hand holding a book with a sunset and a silhouette of a person on the cover.

**While beach-reads entice,
Gospel Lessons describe
actions of faith.**

True FAITH overcomes fiction.

Reception of New Members

The assembly stands

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

C: Amen.

P: These persons have come to us from other places, and now desire to become members of our community of faith at St. Peter's.

Originally from Pennsylvania, **Randy and Sandy Huth** are uniting with St. Peter's from Shepherd of the Sea in Garden City.

Congregational Representative

We welcome you as friends in Christ and now as members of St. Peter Lutheran Church to join with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Let us pray.

We thank you dear Lord for these new members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you.

Strengthen us as we serve each day, support us all our days, forgive our sins and shortcomings in this life,

and bring us at length to that day when
all your children will be one and you
will be All-in-All.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

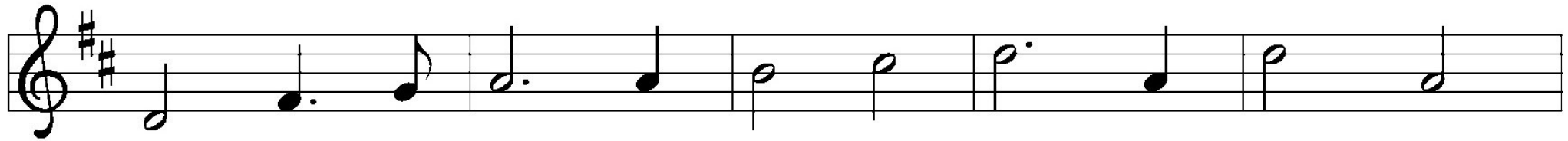
PEACE

Pastor, new members and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please remain to greet new members in the Narthex after the service.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

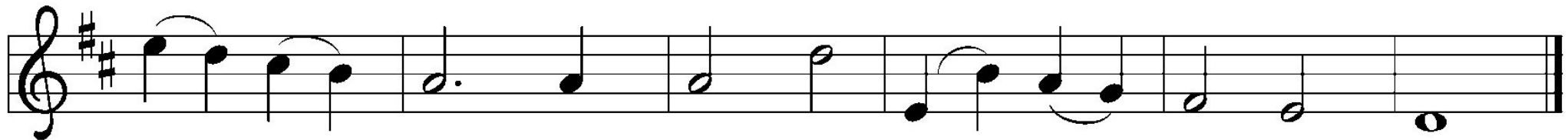
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



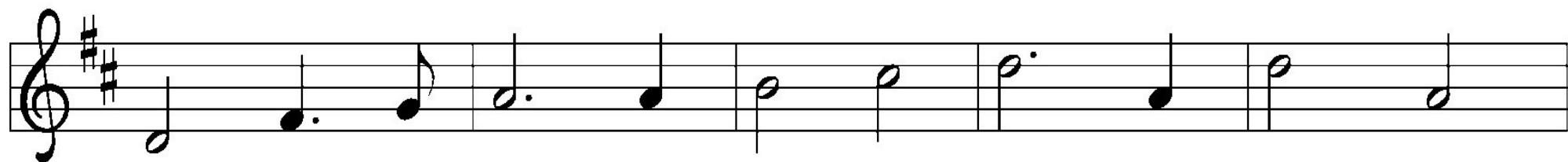
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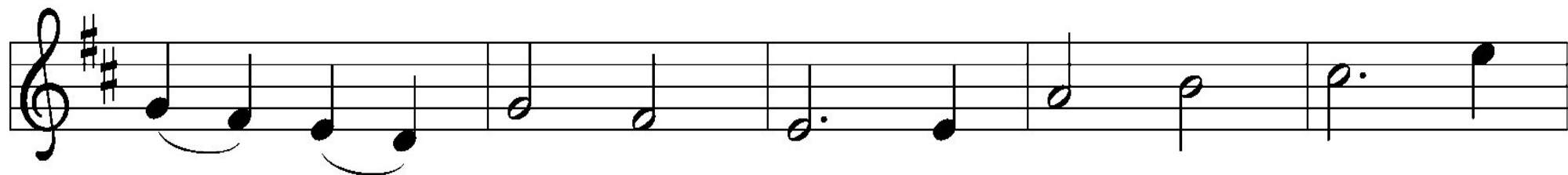
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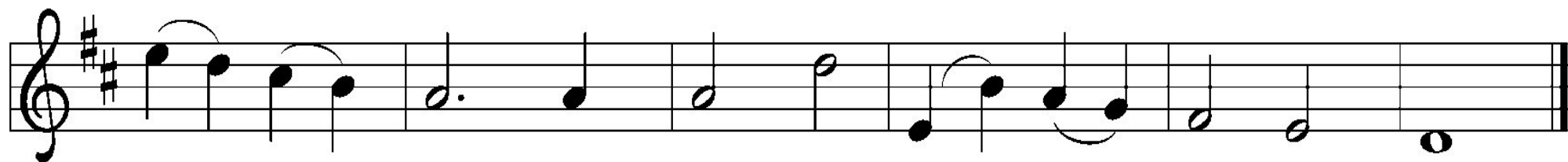
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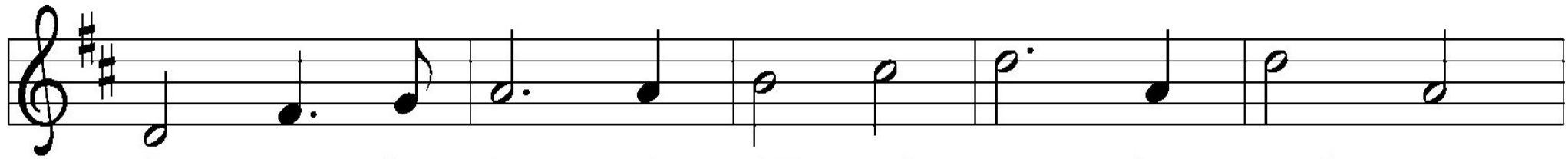
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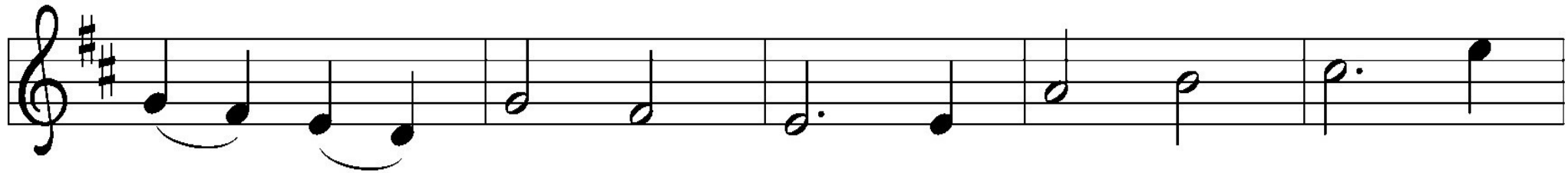
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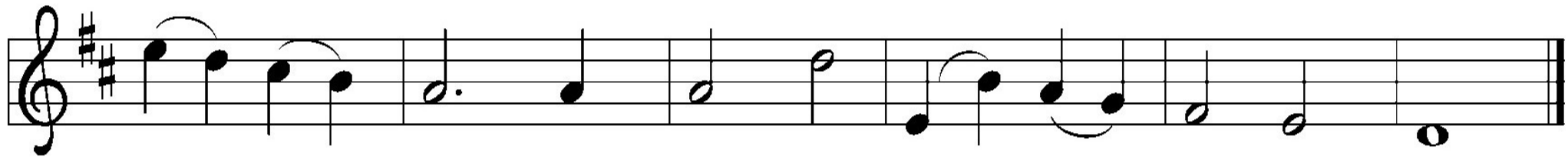
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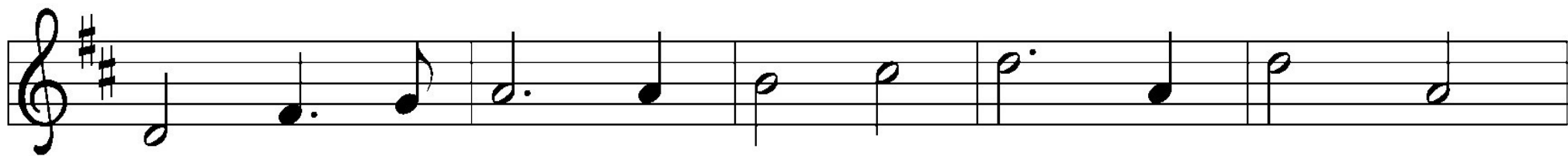
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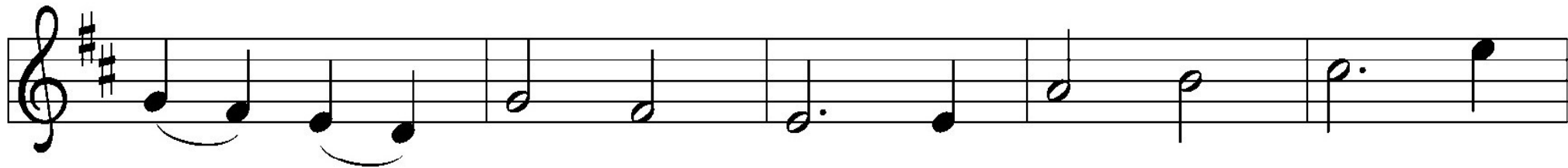
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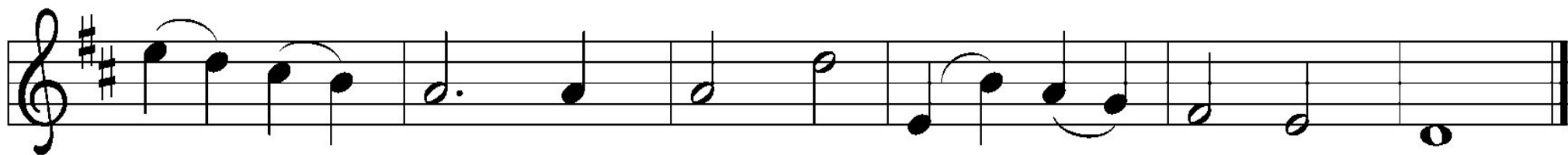
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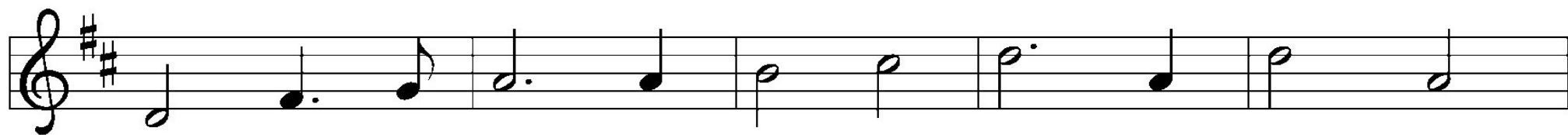
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the



Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the



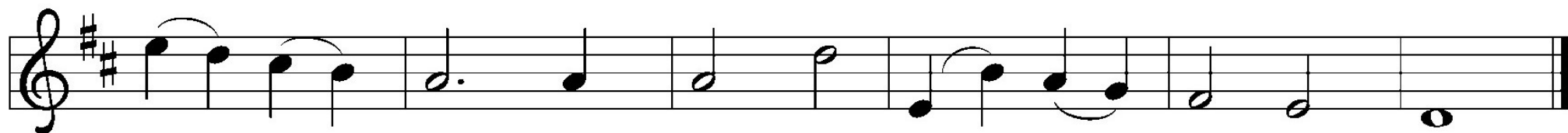
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.



5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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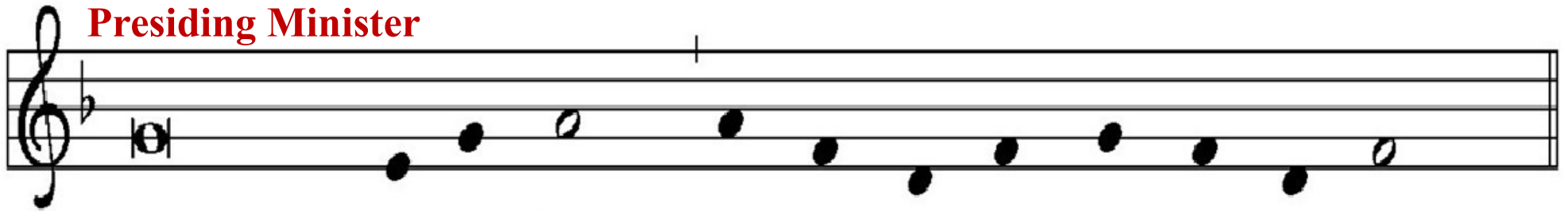
Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also to you.

Hymn of Praise – Glory to God

Presiding Minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation



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.



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



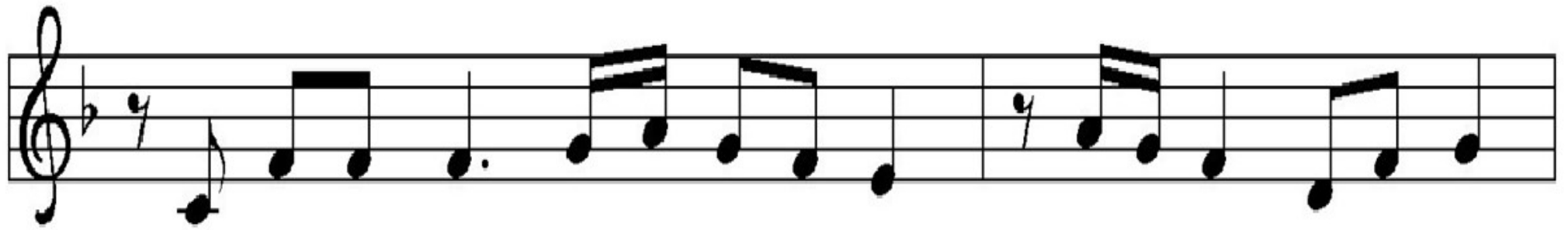
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/8 time signature. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4, followed by a beamed eighth-note pair (A4, Bb4), and then a quarter note C5. The second measure contains a quarter note Bb4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4.



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

The second line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/8 time signature. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4, followed by a beamed eighth-note pair (A4, Bb4), and then a quarter note C5. The second measure contains a quarter note Bb4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4.



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.

Prayer of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The reading is found on Page 699 in the Pew Bible

A reading from Jeremiah the 11th chapter.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

19 But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the
living, so that his name will no longer
be remembered!”

²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge
righteously,
 who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54

The psalm for the day is sung.

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my
life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD,
for | it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from | every
trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my
enemies.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-13-4:3. 7-8a

The reading is found on Page 1103 in the Pew Bible

A reading from James the 3rd chapter.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and

selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as you are able



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.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The reading is found on Page 922 in the Pew Bible

P: The holy gospel according to Mark
the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

37“Whoever welcomes one such child
in my name welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes not
me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Beach Reads



Little Ones

M. Scott



1. Will you wel-come lit-tle ones?

Will you fol-low Christ the Lord?



Will you wit-ness to His love?

Will you live His Word?



2. You can be a glor-ious king. You can live in pow'r and wealth.



You can keep the gifts you bring. but will you know God's health?



3. We will be the salt for earth, We will live in heav'n - ly peace.



We will be dis - ci - ples true, And we will share Christ's feast.



4. Now we cel - e - brate this day, Eat the bread and drink the wine.



As we learn to live and pray, That will be God's sign.



5. Je - sus wel - comes lit - tle ones. Je - sus wel - comes you and me.



When we find our earth - ly home. His cross is our vic - t'ry.

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Apostles' Creed

Baptized in the name of our Triune God we
profess boldly what we believe:

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A brief silence.

You may kneel, sit or stand for the prayers.

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

P/A: Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (*specific ministries may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (*especially*). Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P/A: Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life.

Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Offering



**Our response to God's Word
of Grace and Victory**

You can easily give to St. Peter's through our website; please go to www.stpeterspawleys.org and click "Give " or you can use your phone's camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!



Presentation of the Gifts



The offering is gathered and the Table is set.

The Assembly stands and sings

We Give Thanks

Mark Scott

(Sing twice)



We give thanks to the Lord for a new day, for the new way He has taught us to live. We give



thanks to the Lord for cre - a - tion and in all ways we share and we give.

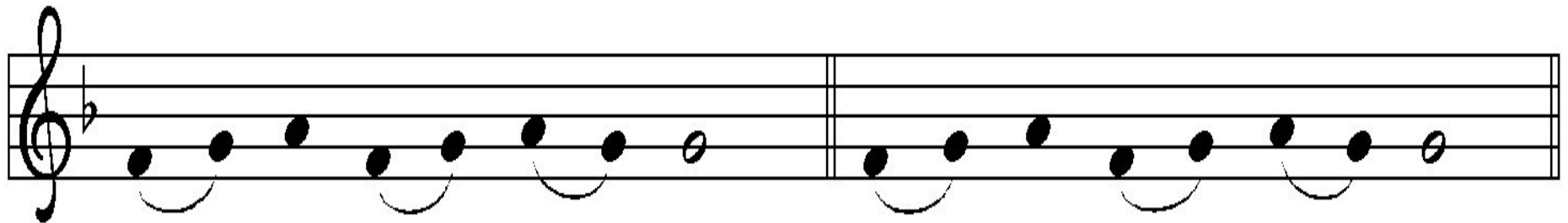
P/A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

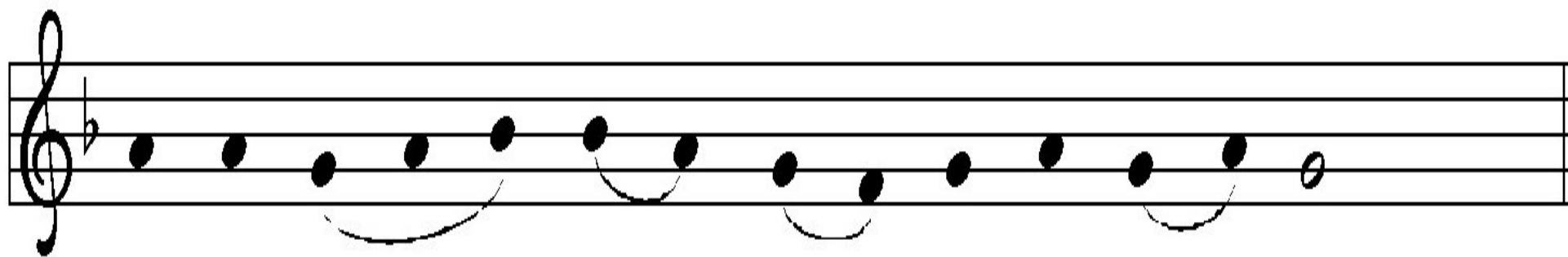
The Great Thanksgiving



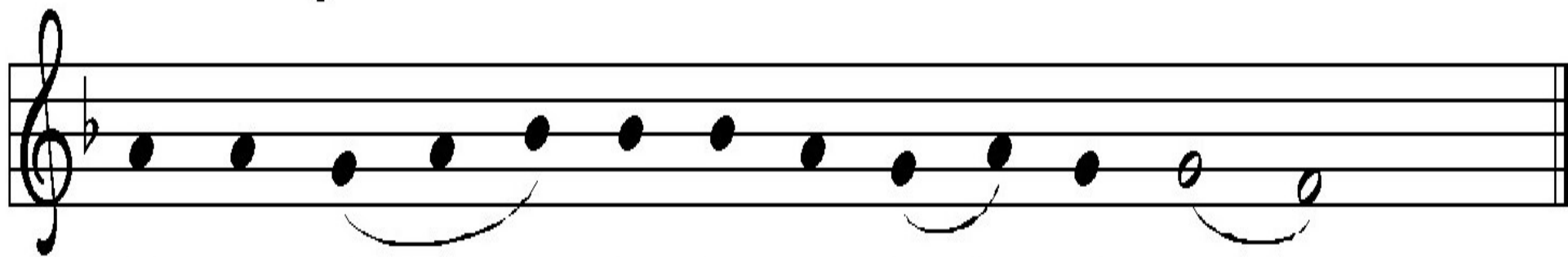
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

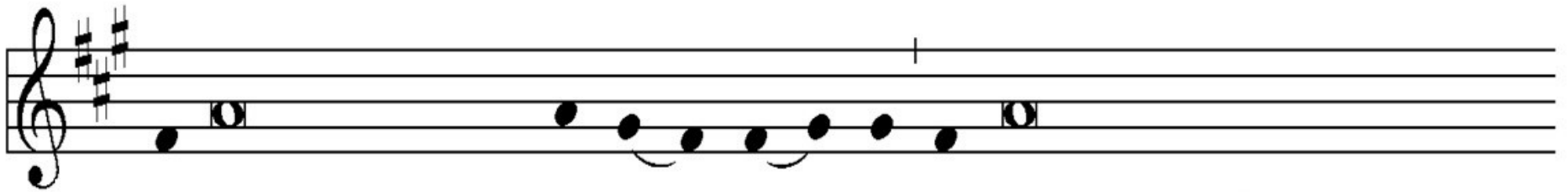


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface for Sundays in Pentecost



P It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in all



places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through

*Presiding Minister continues with the Preface of the Day,
concluding...*

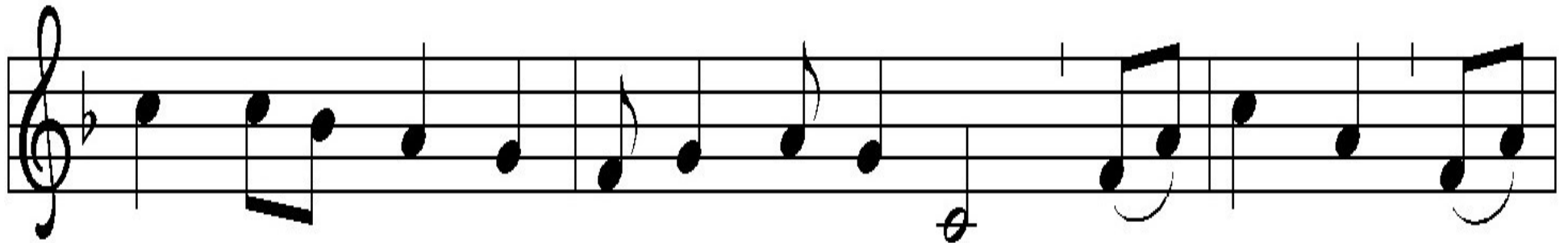
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we

praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Congregation sings



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



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Great Thanksgiving

The assembly may kneel, sit or stand for the Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are you,

Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world

you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him

should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us
through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a
living faith as he comes to us in his holy
supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray.

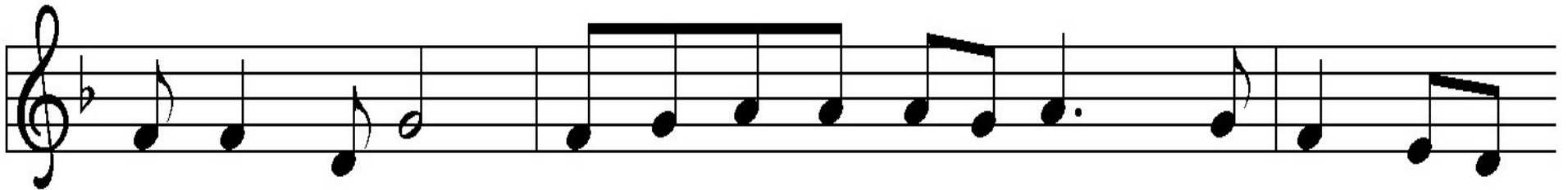
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Congregation – Please Be Seated



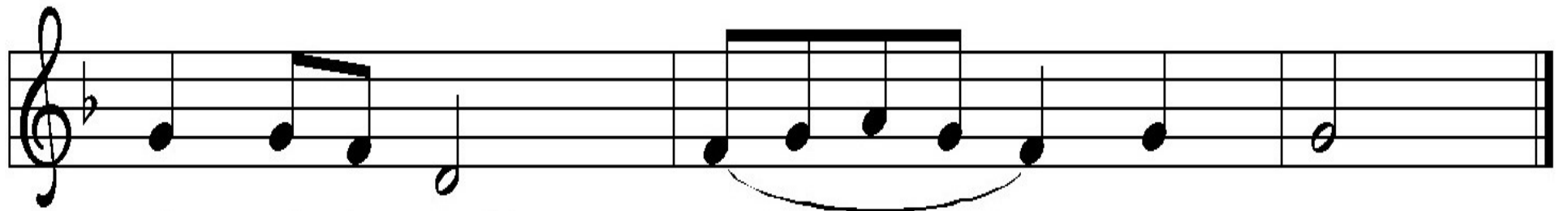
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Communion



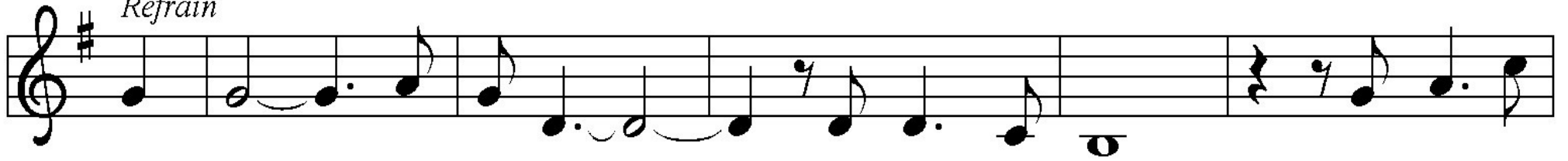
Follow direction of the Usher.

Distribution will be at the Altar Rail. Worshippers on the pulpit-side first.

After receiving the Sacrament return to your pew by way of the side aisles.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



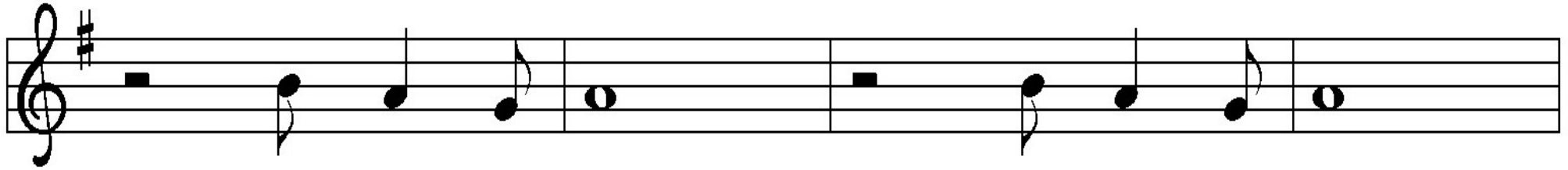
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



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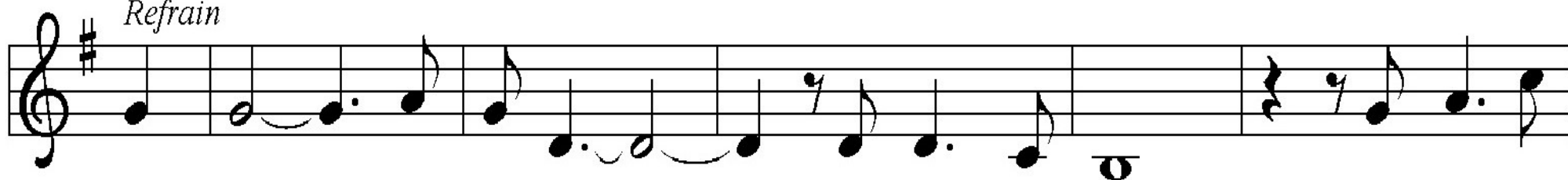


1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,



wom - an or man, no more.

Refrain



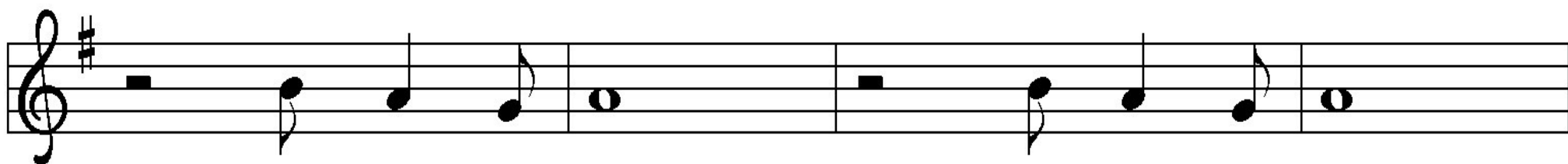
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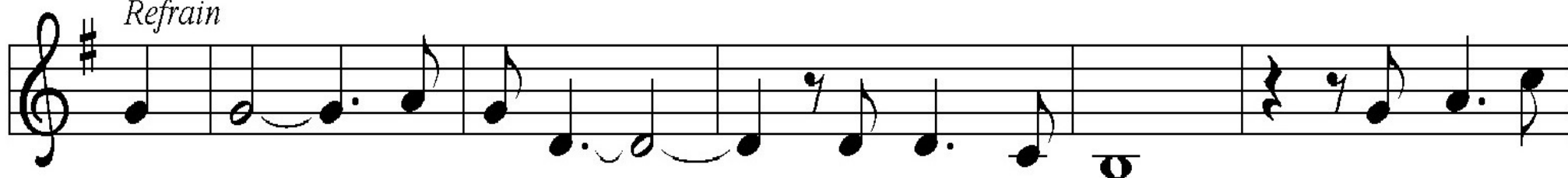
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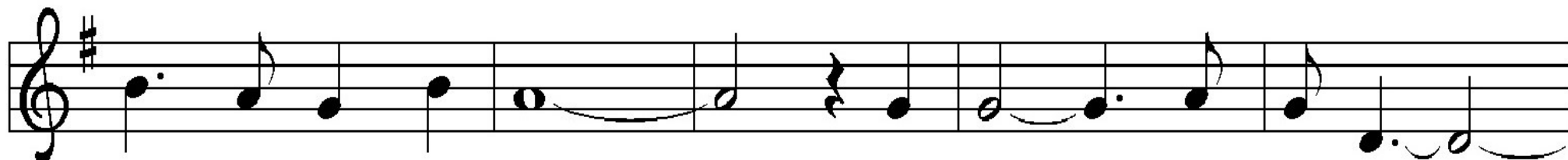
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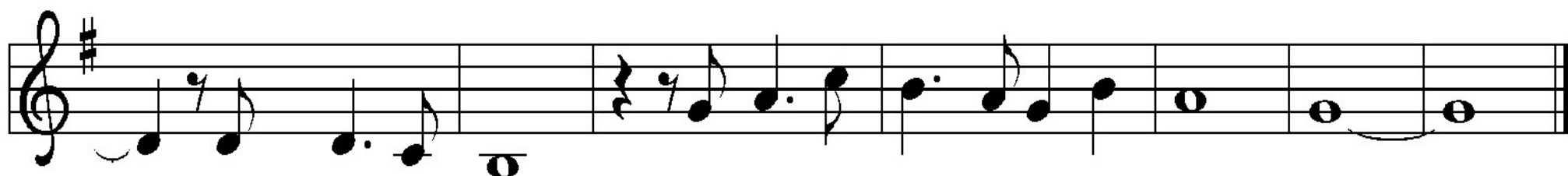
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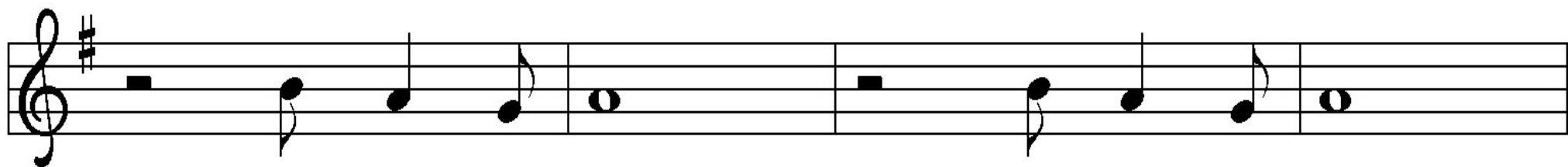
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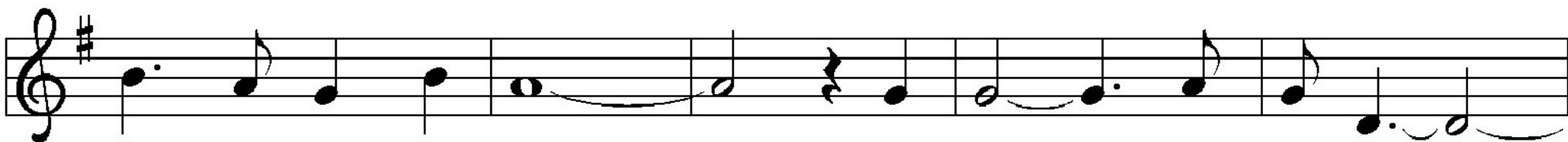


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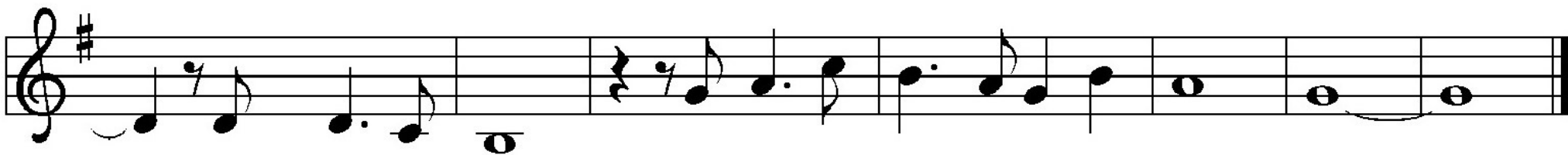
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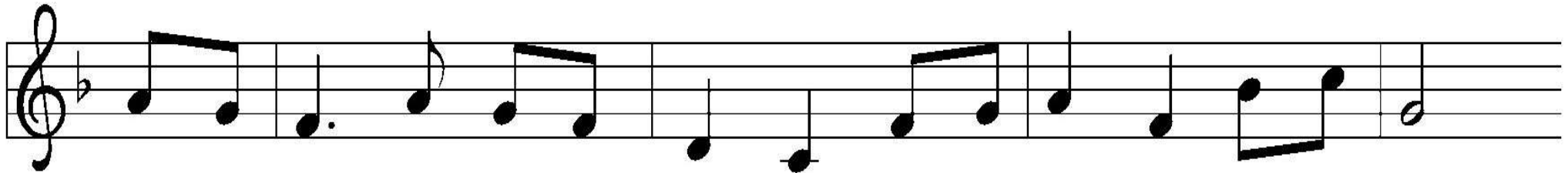
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

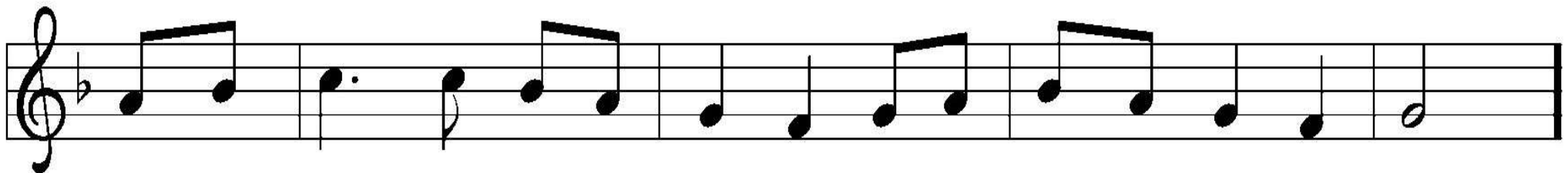
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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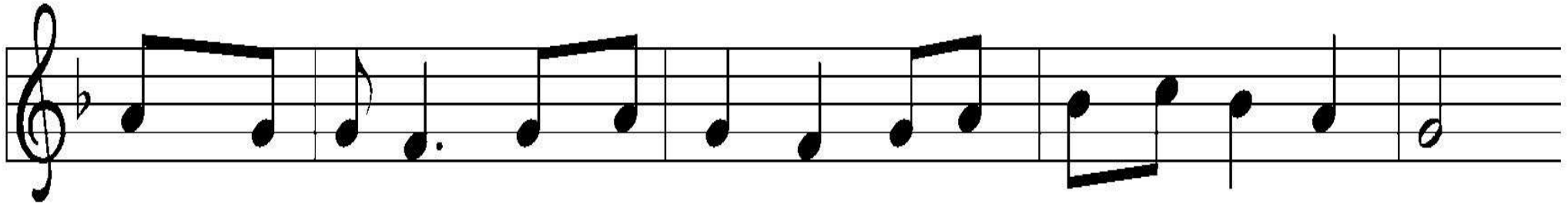
By Your Hand You Feed Your People



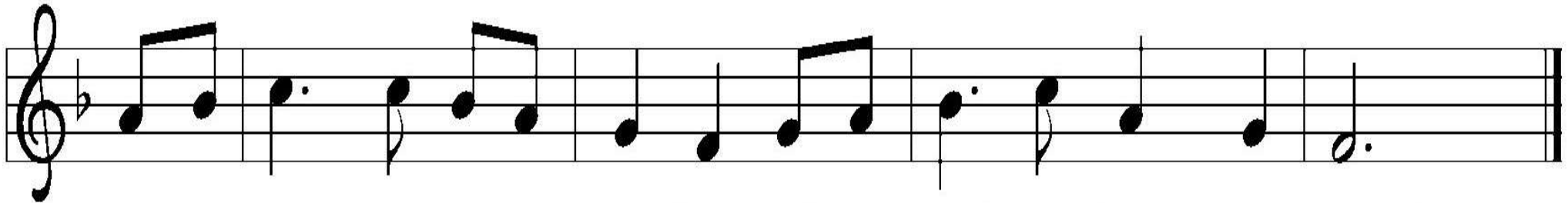
1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.



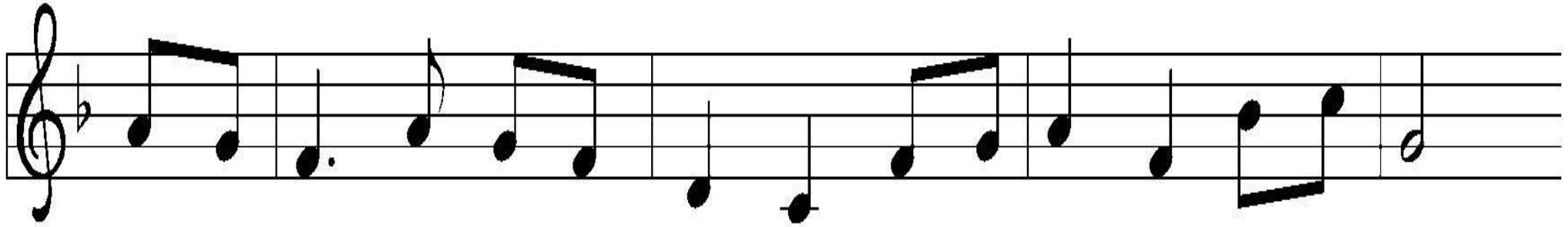
For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:



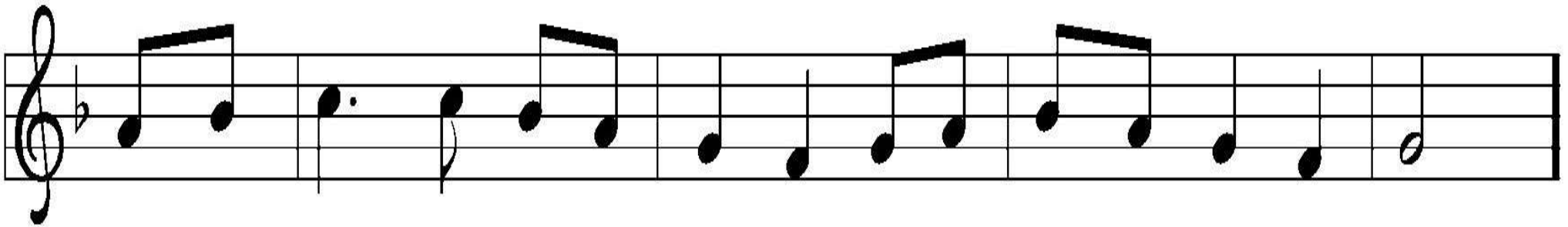
Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,



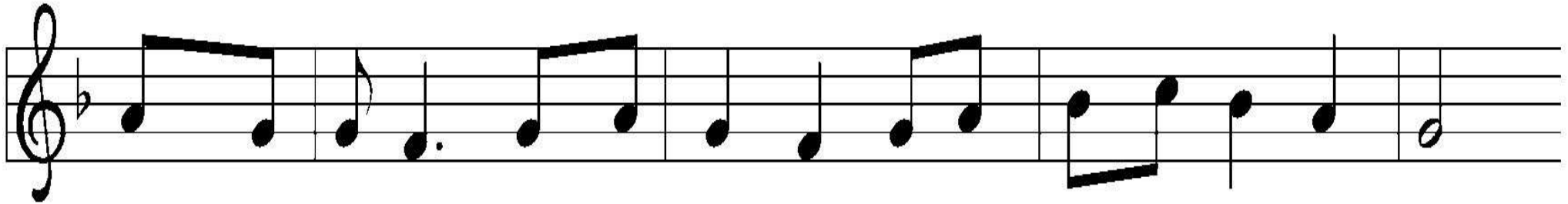
giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.



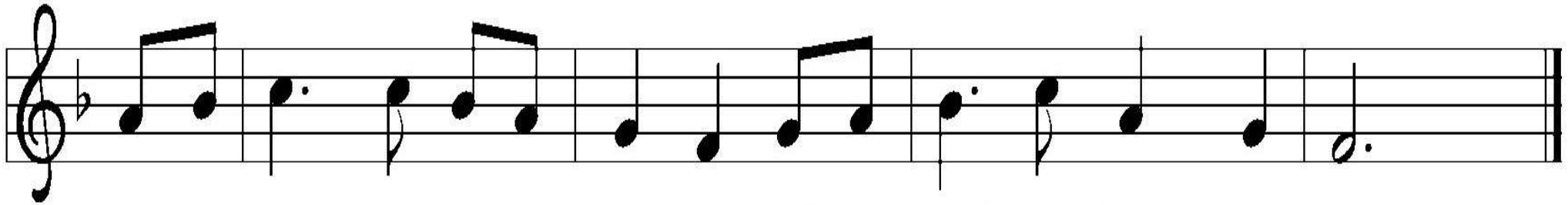
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun-ger, wine of peace.



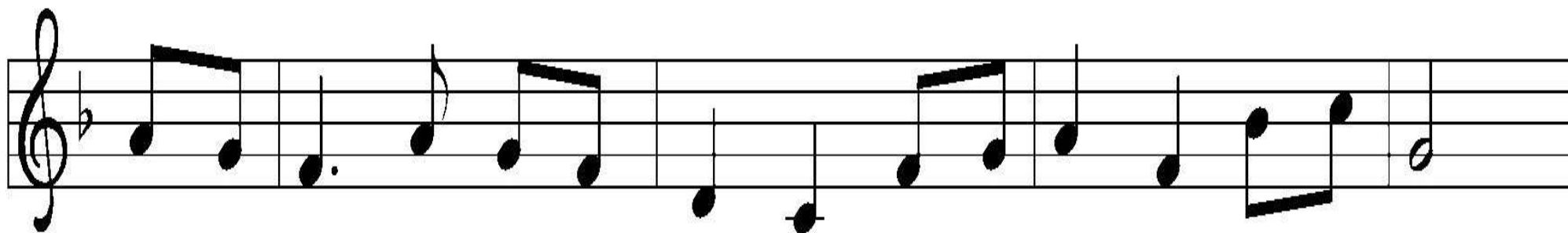
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs



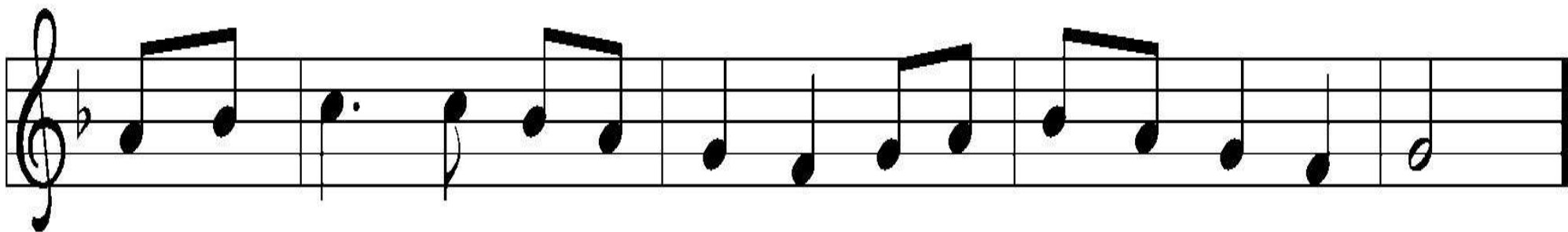
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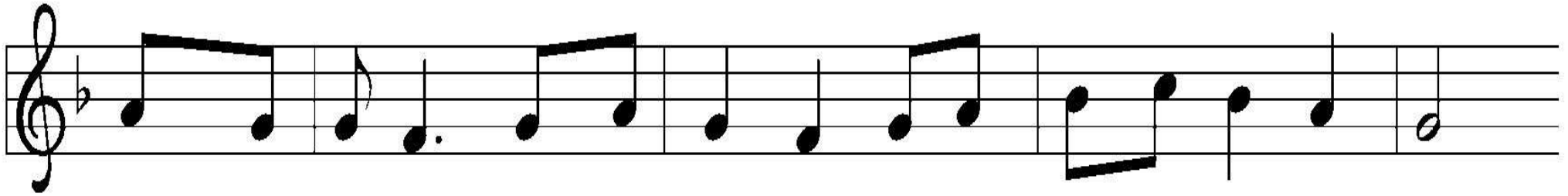
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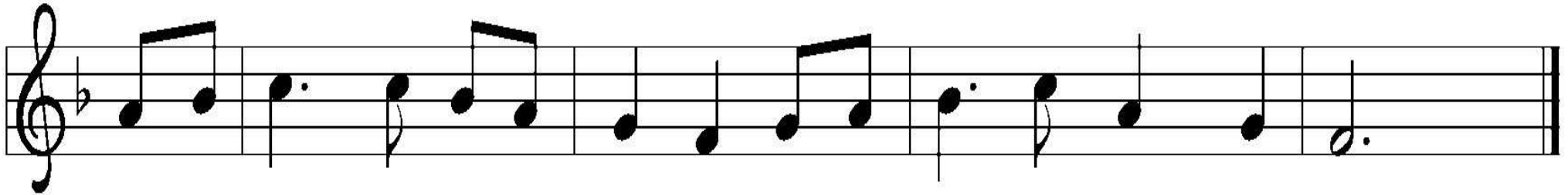
3 Send us now with faith and cour-age to the hun-gry, lost, be - reaved.



In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro -ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,



giv -en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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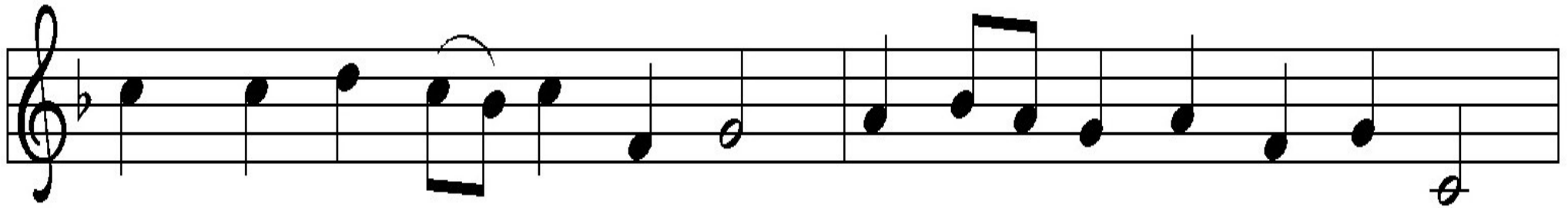
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*After all have returned to their places,
stand as you are able*

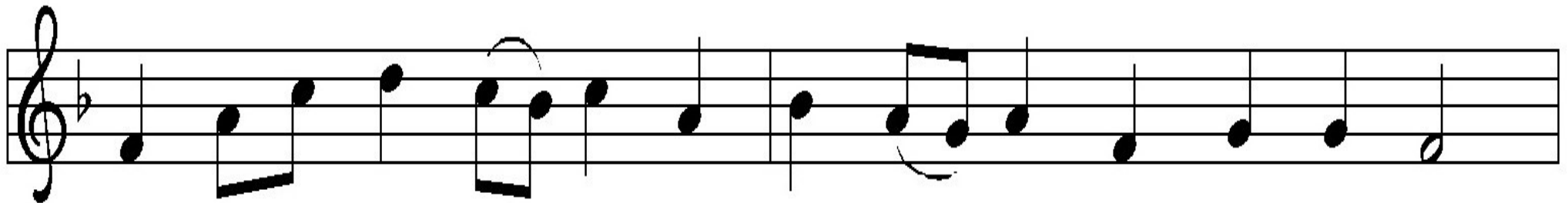
P: The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen and keep
you in his grace.

C: Amen.

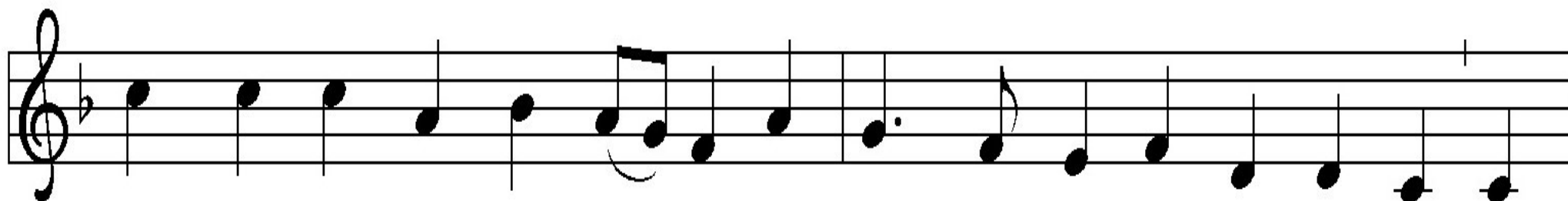
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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



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



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



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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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P/A: Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that
you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to

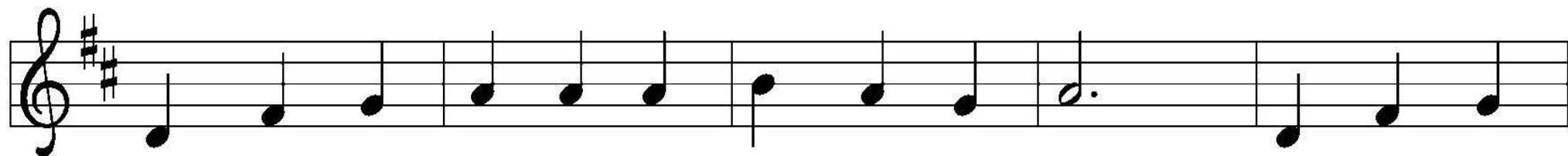
serve all in need and to give
ourselves away as bread for the
hungry, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C:Amen.

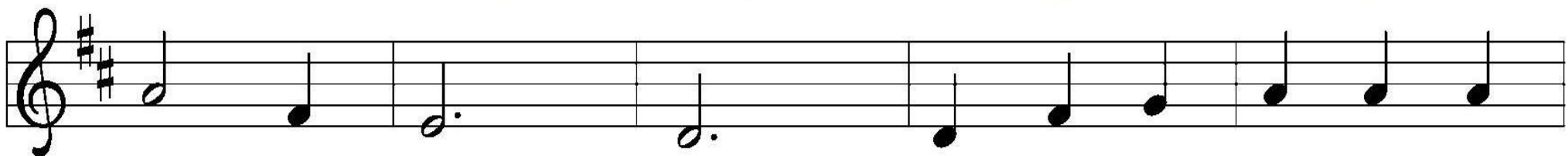
P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you,
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✝ peace,

C: Amen.

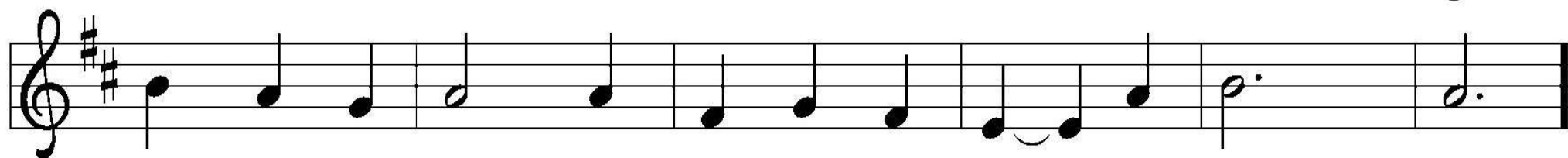
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



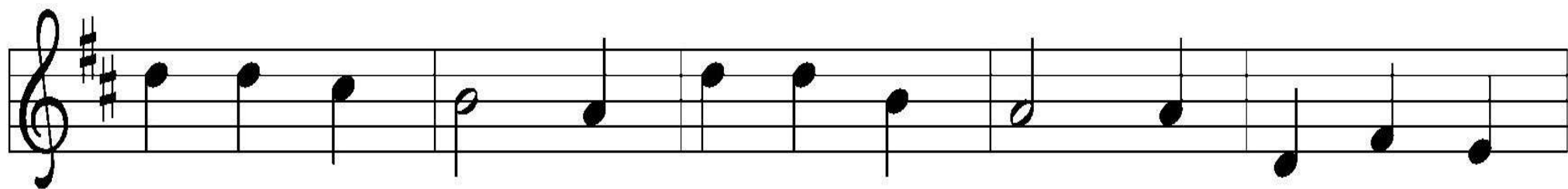
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to



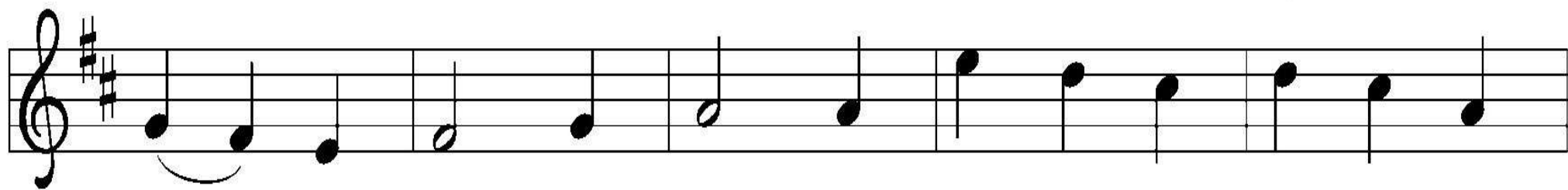
fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.



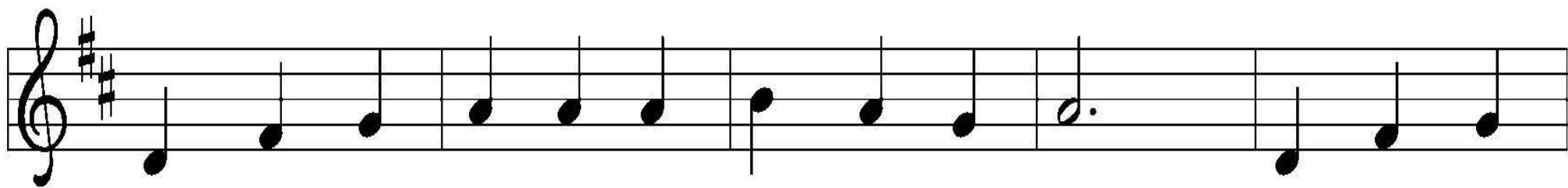
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



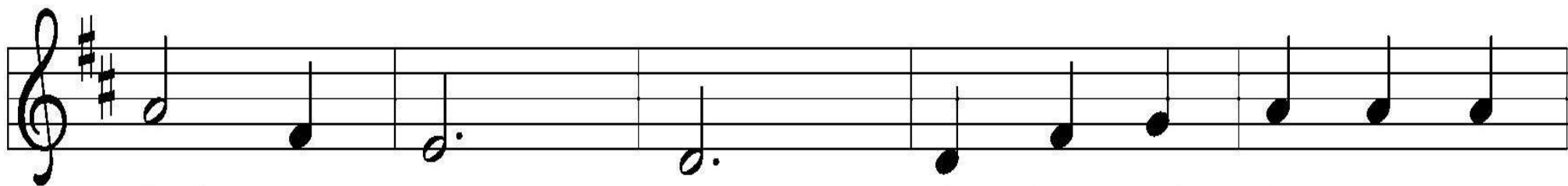
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



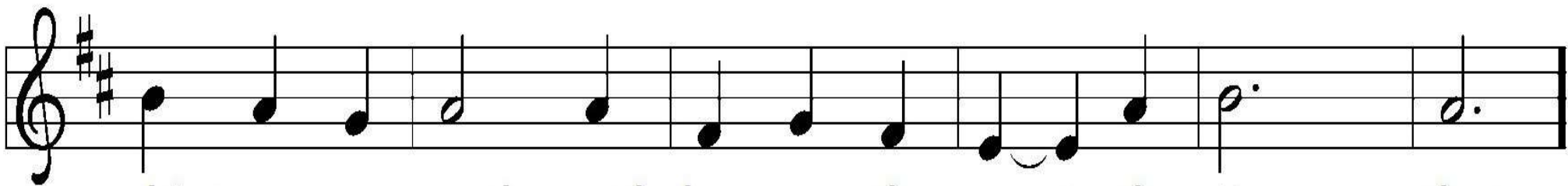
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



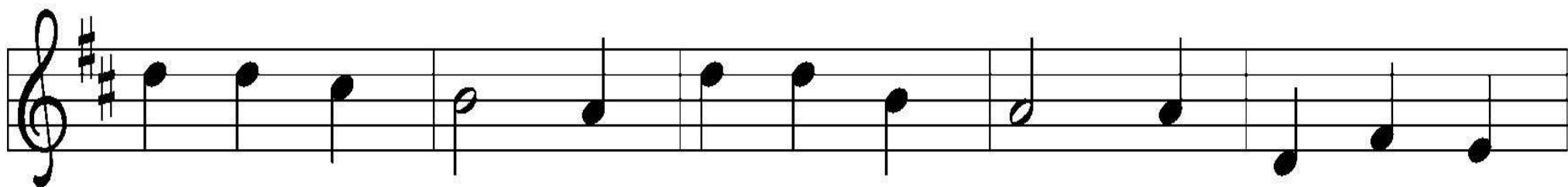
2 I want to see... the bright-ness of God. I want to



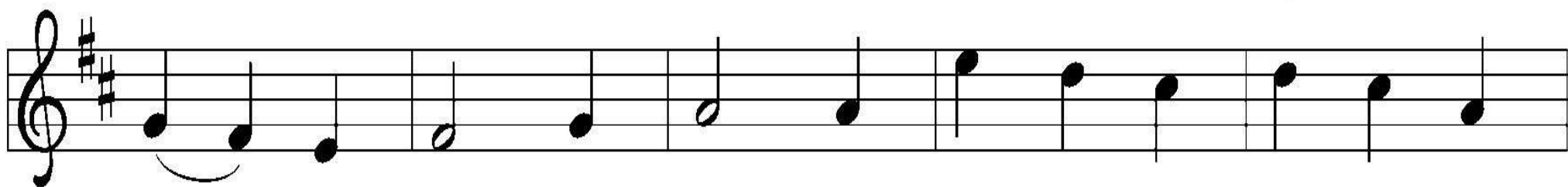
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness,



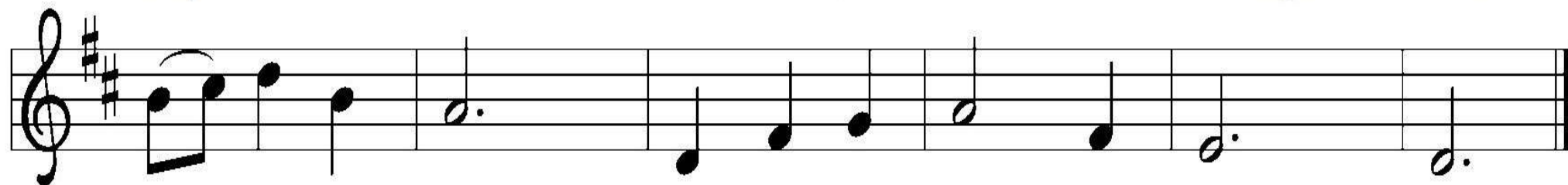
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.



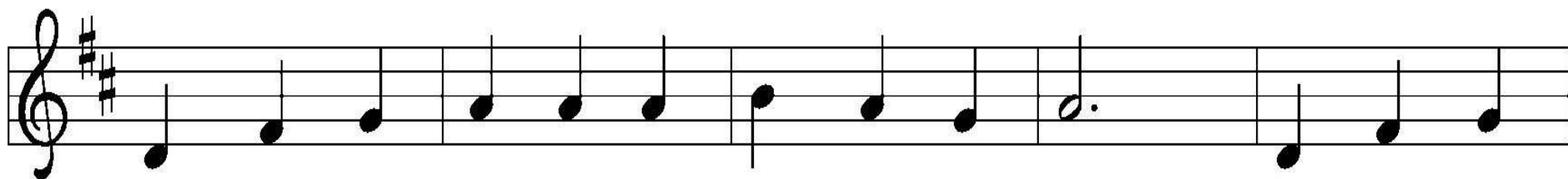
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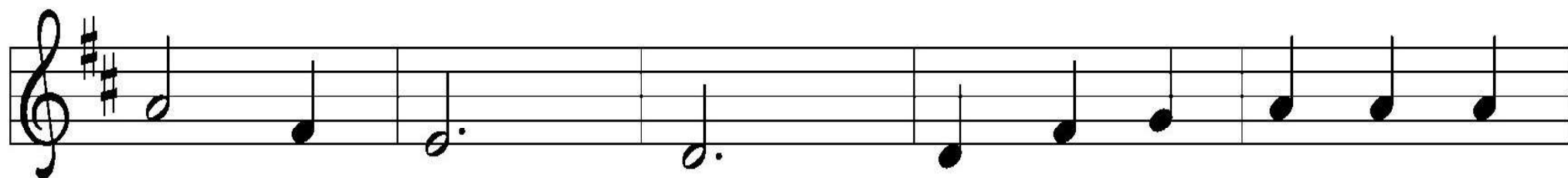
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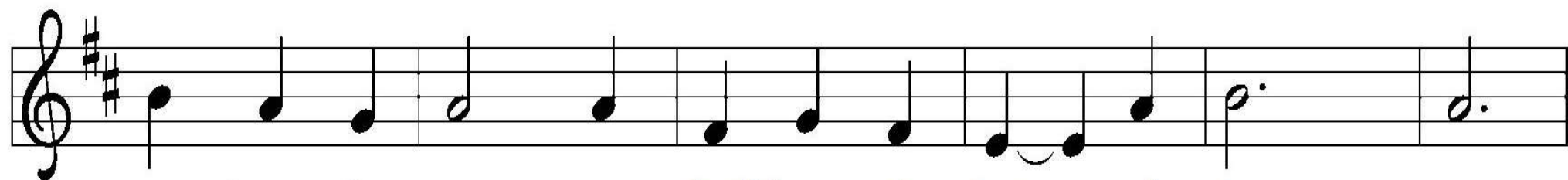
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



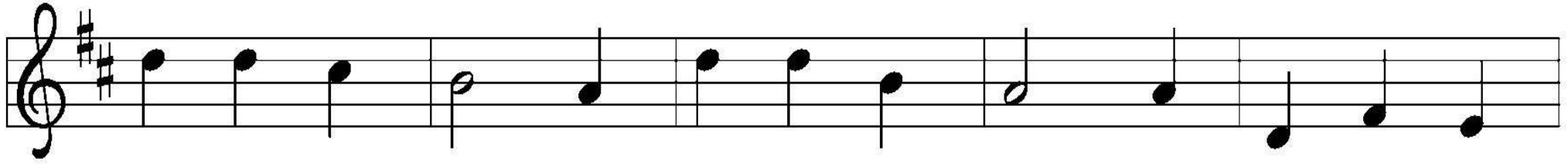
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



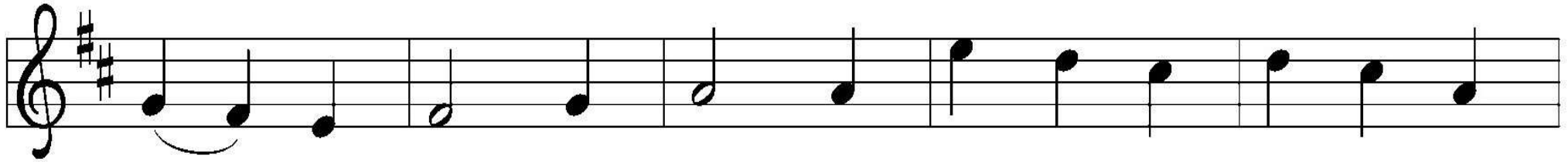
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



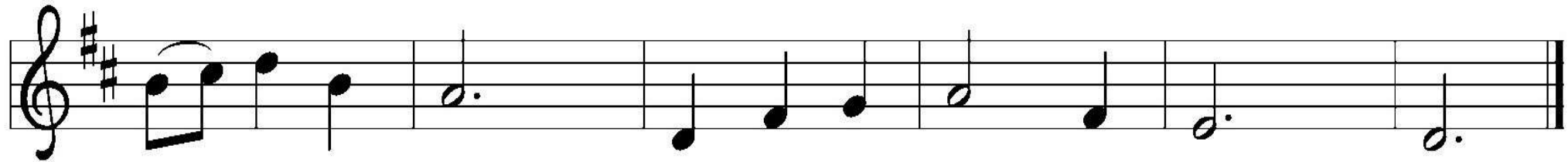
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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P: Go in Peace
Grow in Grace
Serve in Love!

C: Thanks be to God.



Postlude – Mr. Garry Hanna

Go in peace and Serve the Lord
Beloved of God

