

4th Sunday in Lent

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 us with Him and with one another. We trust His words, repent of our sins, and set aside any refusal to receive His sacrament as He forgives and loves us.

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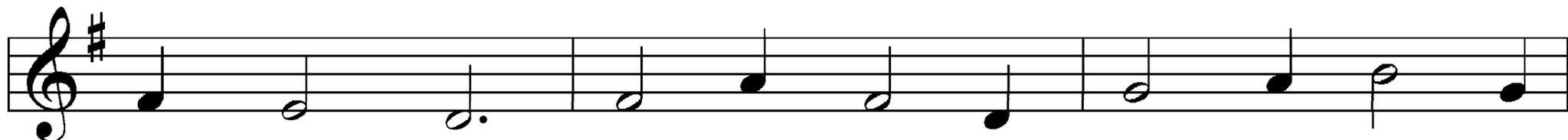
Please take a moment to fill out the pew card in front of you; and then place it in the offering plate at the end of service. Thank you.



914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion

914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics: 'Of Your image lost by sin; From Your fullness'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'all receiving Grace on grace, new life within!'. The lyrics are written in a simple, black, sans-serif font below the corresponding musical notes. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659-95, adapt.

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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.

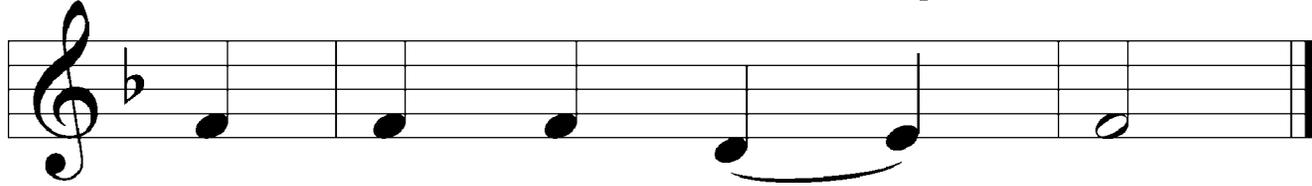
Absolution

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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



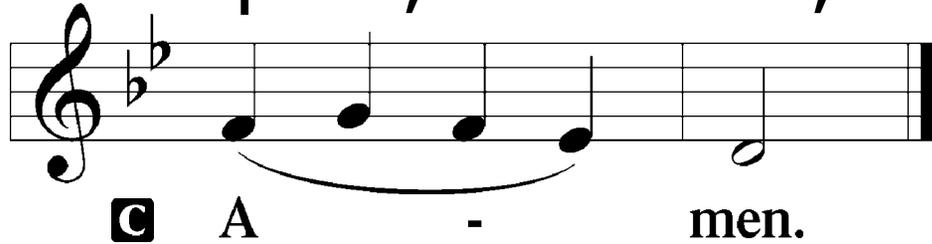
C And with thy spir - it.

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.



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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

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.
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. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

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?” Jesus answered, “**It was not that this man sinned, or his parents,**

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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." 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,

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

'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."

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."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." 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,

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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? 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."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

(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.) 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.

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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?” 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 ?”

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will,

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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?" 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?"**

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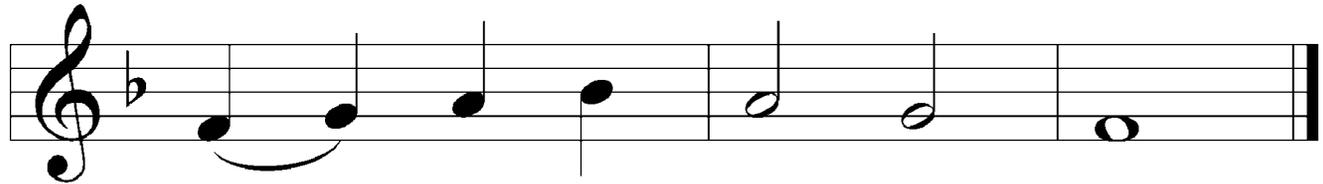
He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



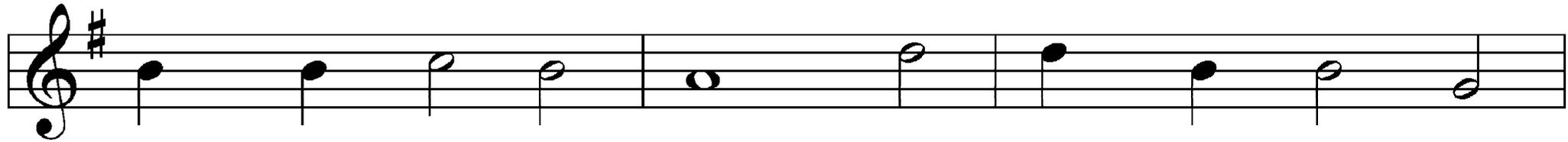
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

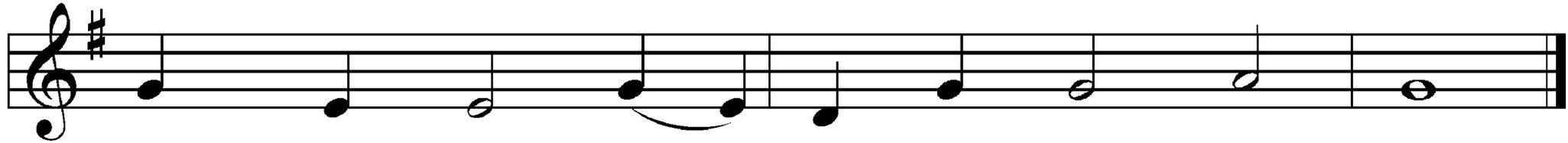
697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its

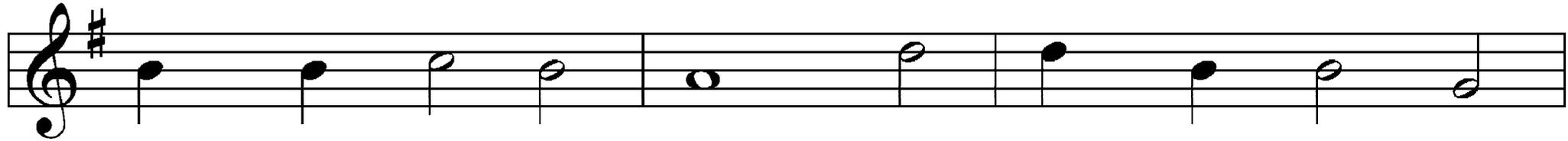


length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.

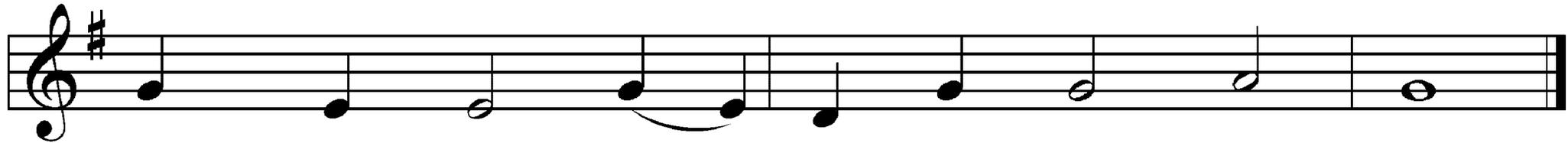
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2 To us on earth He came to bring From

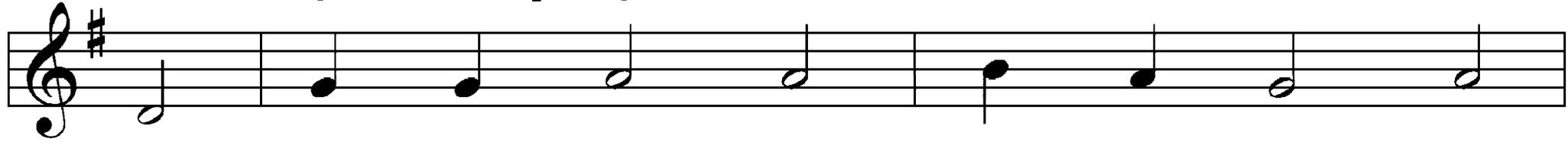


sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's

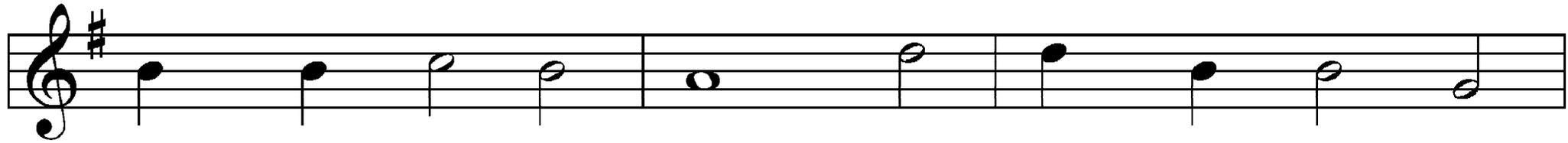


u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who



died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle



hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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 notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The second staff features a mix of quarter and half notes. The third staff concludes with a double bar line.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

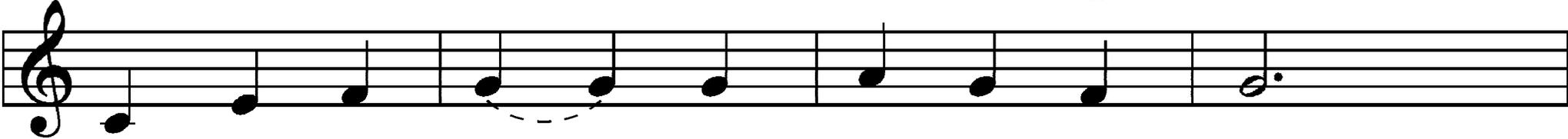
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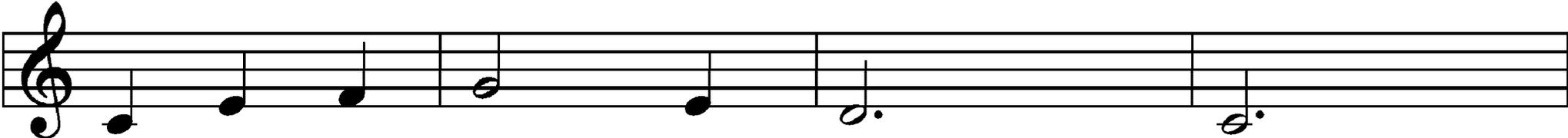
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Sermon

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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



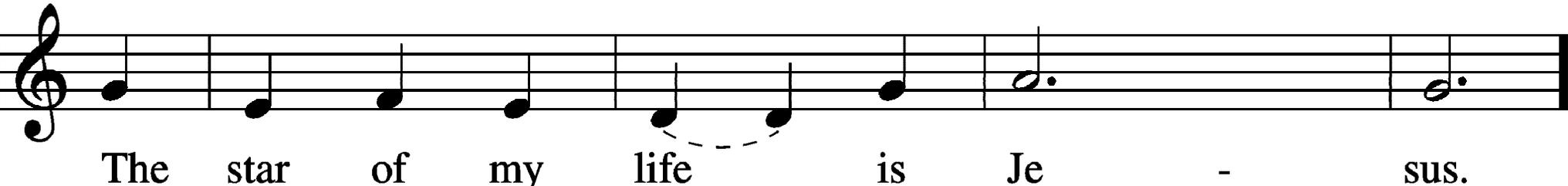
I want to fol - low Je - sus.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



God set the stars to give light to the world.

This musical staff features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'God', 'set', 'the', 'to', 'give', 'to', and 'world.', followed by a half note for 'world.'. A dashed slur connects the notes for 'stars' and 'to'.

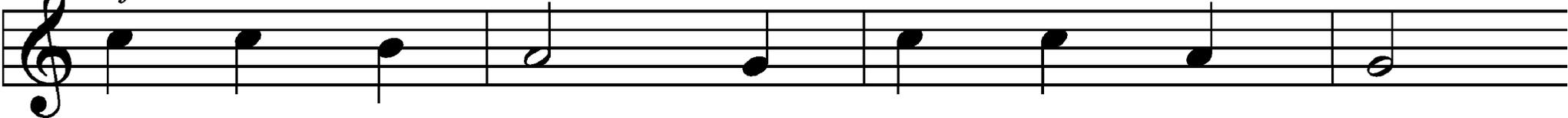


The star of my life is Je - sus.

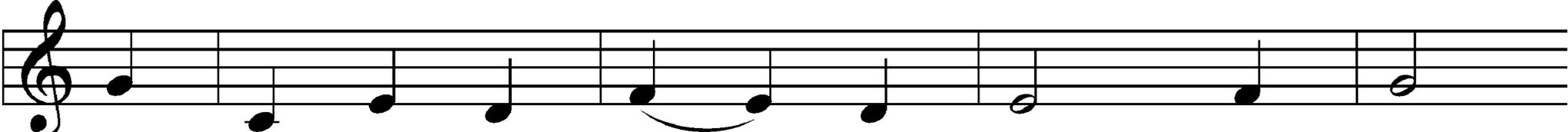
This musical staff continues the melody with a treble clef and one flat key signature. It features quarter notes for 'The', 'star', 'of', 'my', 'is', and 'Je -', followed by a dotted half note for 'sus.'. A dashed slur connects the notes for 'life' and 'is'.

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Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

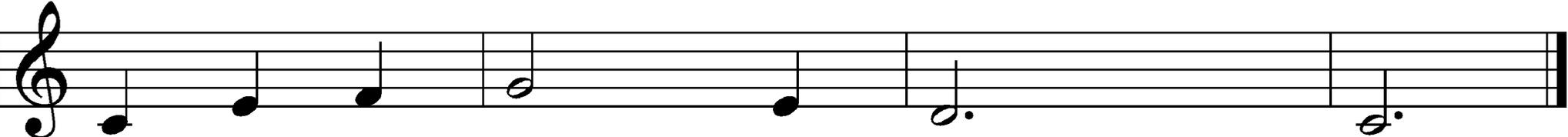


The night and the day are both a - like.

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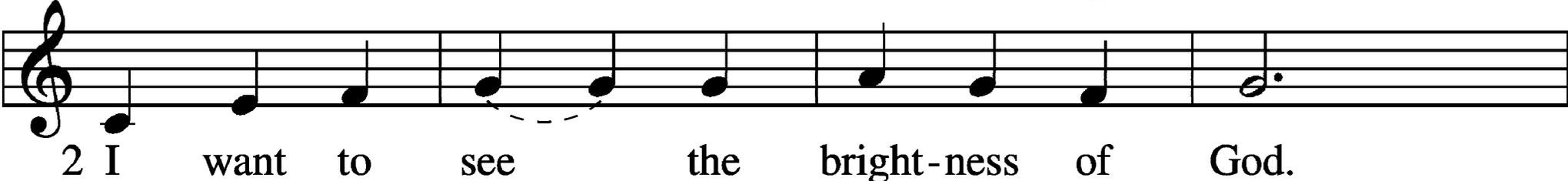


The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



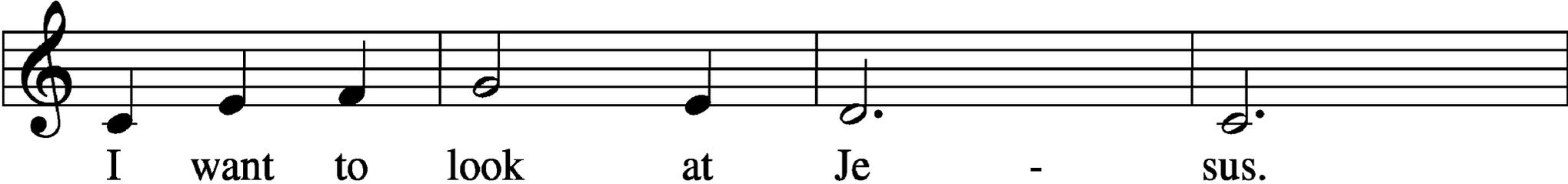
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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

This musical staff features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes for the first six measures, followed by a dotted quarter note in the seventh measure. A dashed line connects the notes for 'see' and 'the'. The lyrics are: '2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.'



I want to look at Je - sus.

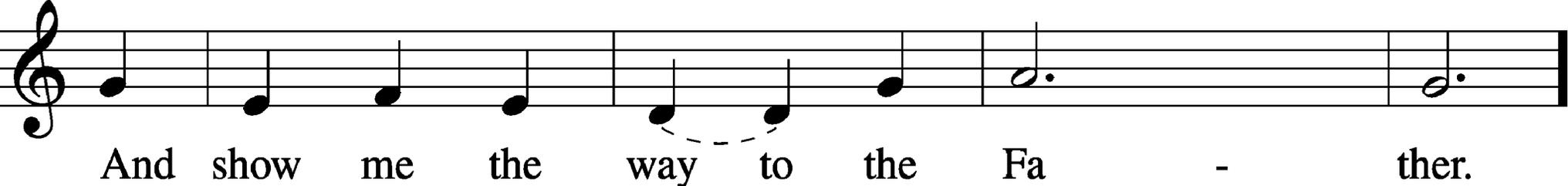
This musical staff continues the melody with a treble clef and one flat key signature. It features quarter notes for the first three measures, a dotted quarter note in the fourth measure, and a dotted half note in the fifth measure. The lyrics are: 'I want to look at Je - sus.'

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

This musical staff features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'Clear', 'Sun', and 'of', followed by a pair of eighth notes for 'Righteousness', and then quarter notes for 'shine', 'on', and 'my'. The final note is a half note for 'path,'. A dashed line connects the two eighth notes of 'Righteousness'.



And show me the way to the Father.

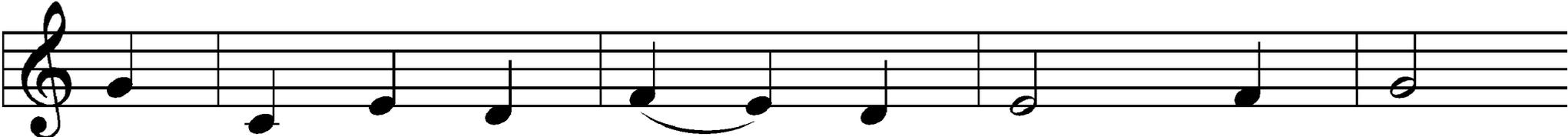
This musical staff continues the melody with quarter notes for 'And', 'show', and 'me', followed by a pair of eighth notes for 'the way', and then quarter notes for 'to', 'the', and 'Father.'. The final note is a half note. A dashed line connects the two eighth notes of 'the way'.

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Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.

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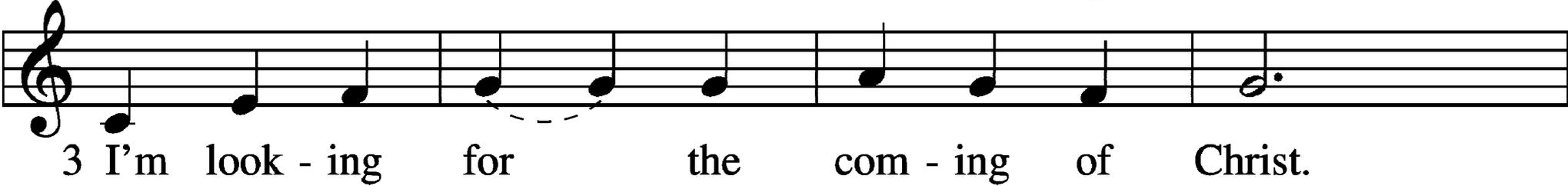


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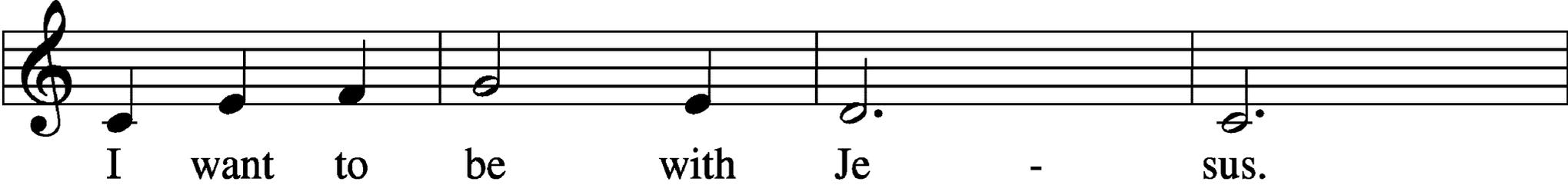
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

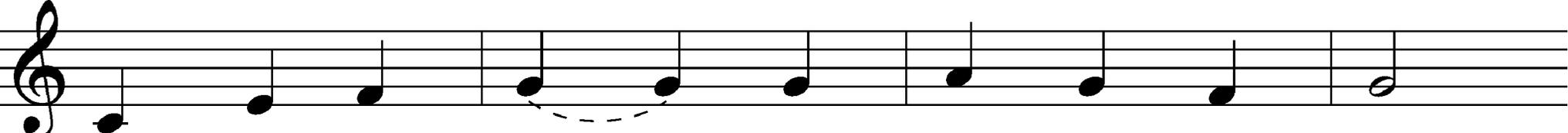
This musical staff features a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of eight measures. The first measure contains a quarter note on G4. The second measure contains a quarter note on A4. The third measure contains a quarter note on B4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note on C5, which is connected to the quarter note on B4 in the fifth measure by a dashed slur. The sixth measure contains a quarter note on A4. The seventh measure contains a quarter note on G4. The eighth measure contains a dotted half note on G4.



I want to be with Je - sus.

This musical staff features a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of seven measures. The first measure contains a quarter note on G4. The second measure contains a quarter note on A4. The third measure contains a quarter note on B4. The fourth measure contains a dotted half note on B4. The fifth measure contains a quarter note on A4. The sixth measure contains a dotted half note on G4. The seventh measure contains a dotted half note on G4.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



When we have run with pa - tience the race,



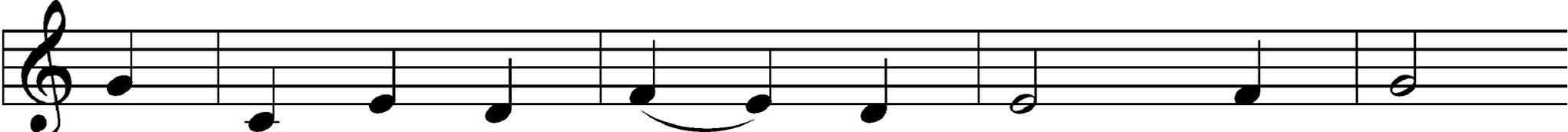
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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Refrain

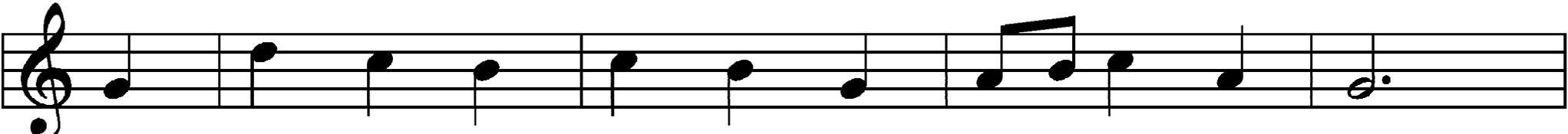


In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef. It contains ten measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth notes), G4 (quarter), and F4 (half).



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The second line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef. It contains four measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (half), and G4 (half).

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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
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary**

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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**

and ascended into heaven

**and sits at the right hand of the
Father.**

And He will come again with glory to

Nicene Creed

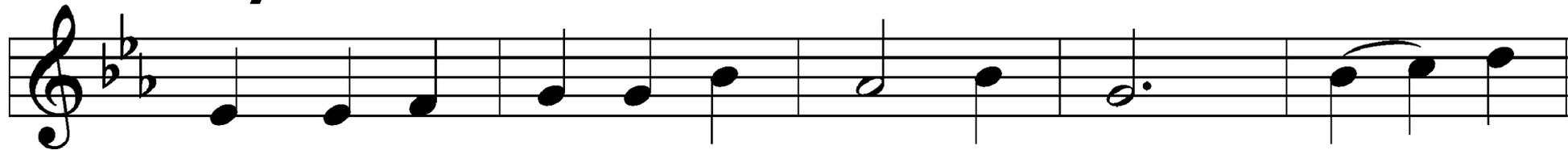
**☐ judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

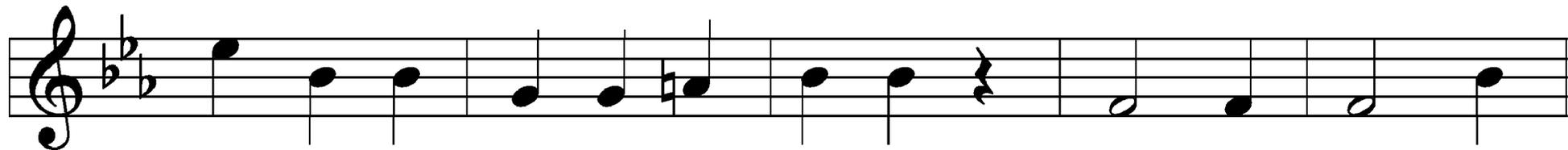
Nicene Creed

☐ And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the
dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come.
Amen.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. Both staves are in the treble clef and use a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, starting with a quarter note on G4 and ending with a half note on G4. The second staff continues the melody, starting with a quarter note on G4 and ending with a half note on G4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the second staff is a half note on G4, followed by a double bar line.

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....**

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;

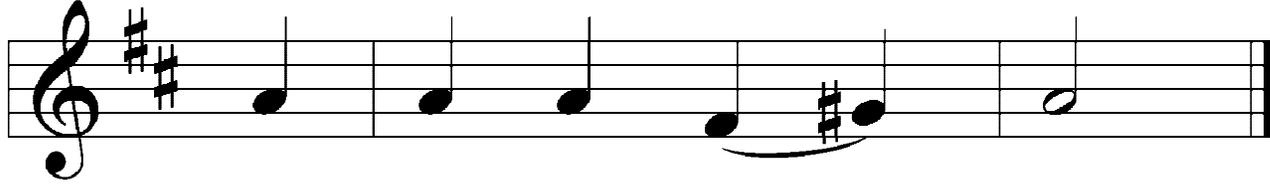
Collect for the Word

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.**

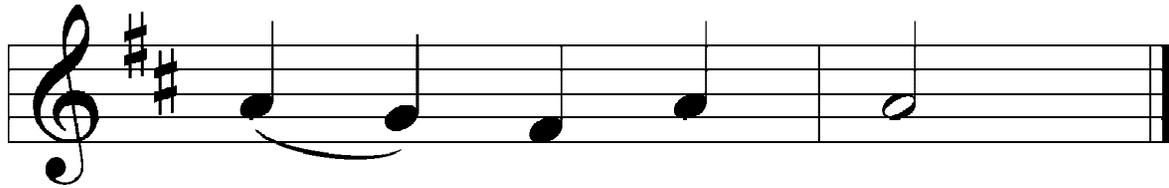
Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

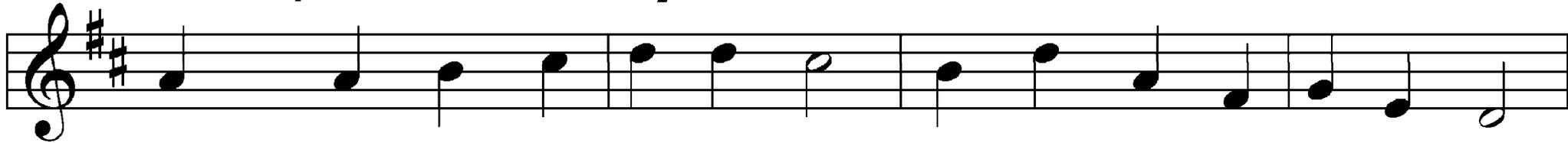
Benediction

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.

873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,

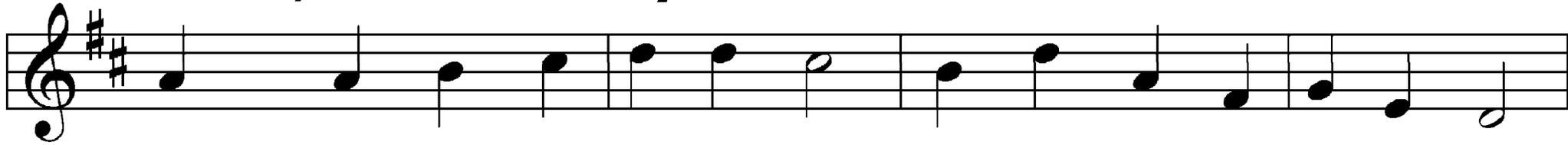


Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.

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2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;

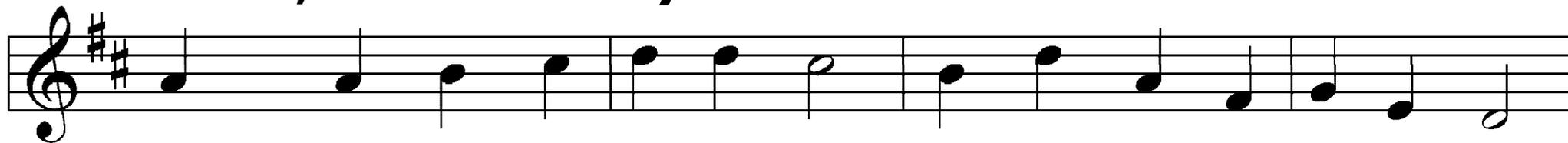


Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,



Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

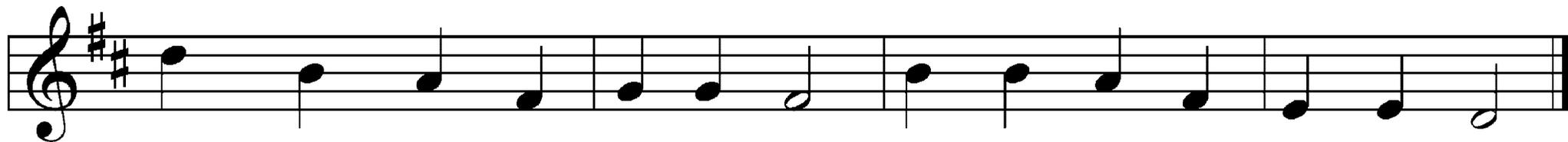
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3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88

Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777-1822

Text and tune: Public domain

4th Sunday in Lent



ANNOUNCEMENTS



***Wednesday @ 6p.
Please sign up!!***

Go in peace and
serve the Lord.

**Thanks be
to God.**

