

Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Reverend
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People of Resurrection,
Ministers of God

Enter in peace.

Worship with joy.

Depart with Christ's love.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers
them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

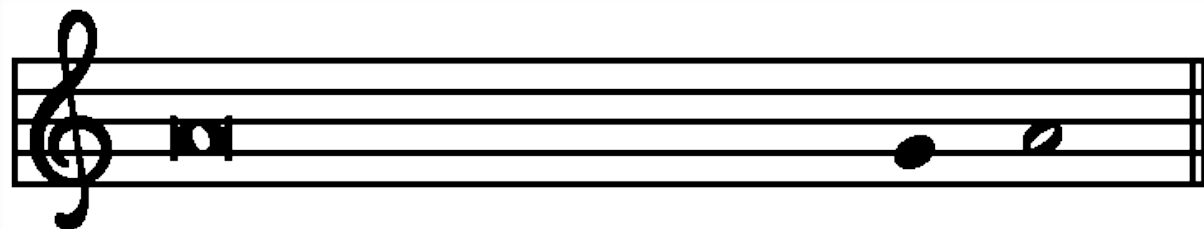
Surely God Is My
Salvation

GREETING

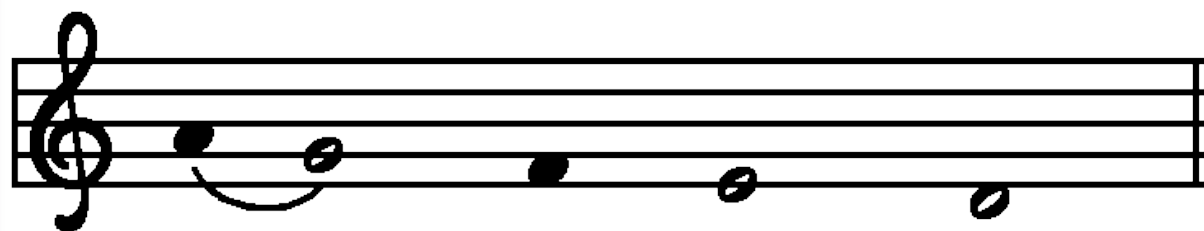
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

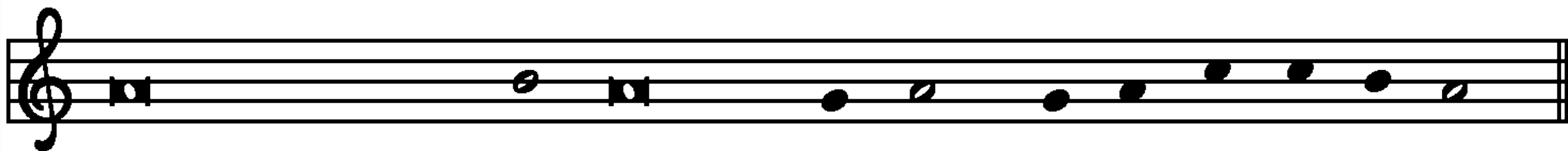
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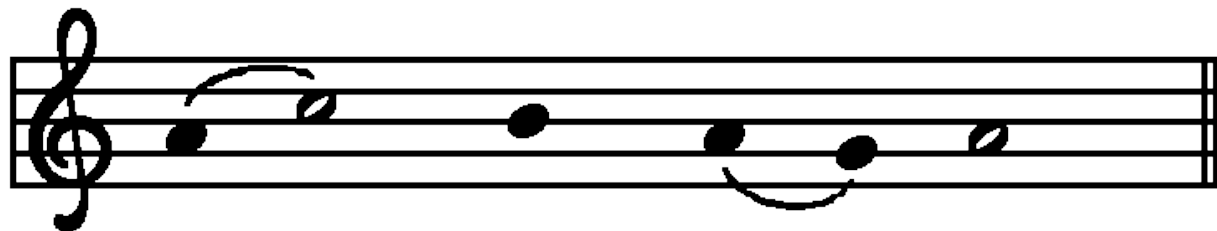
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



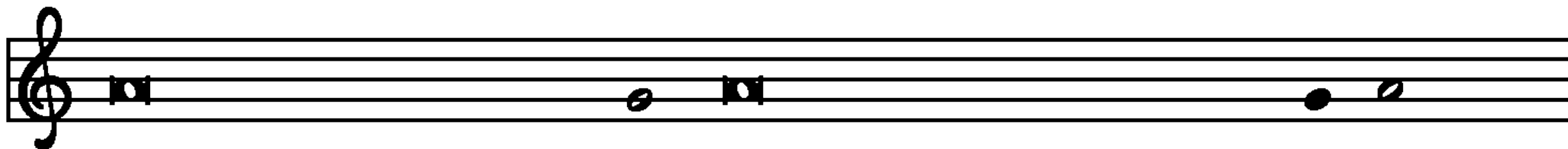
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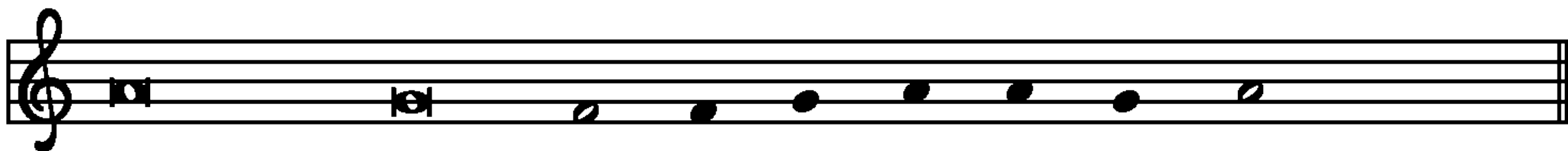
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



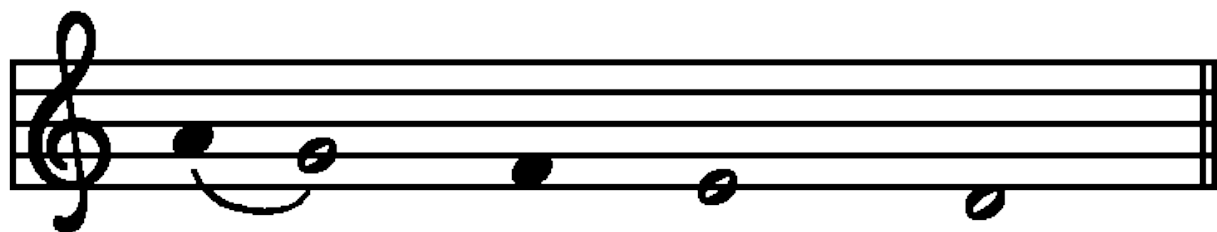
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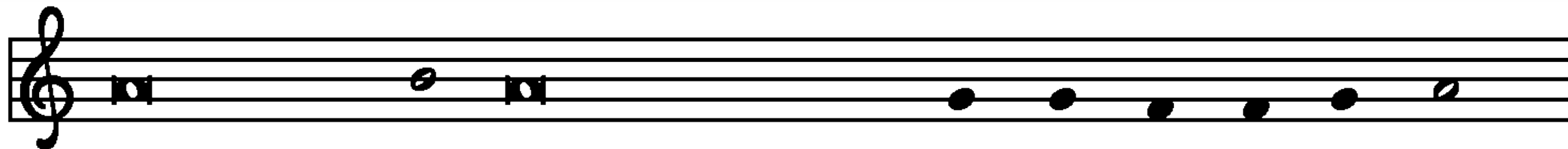
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



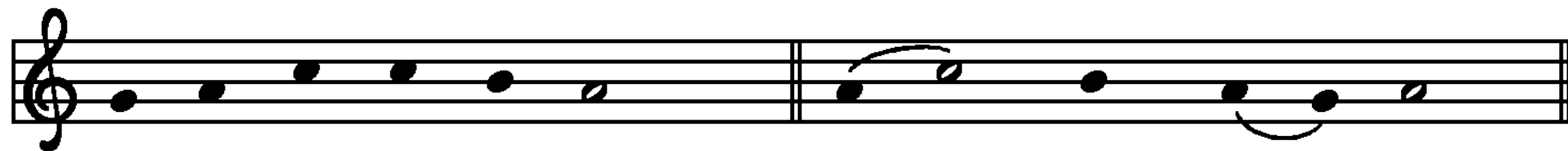
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

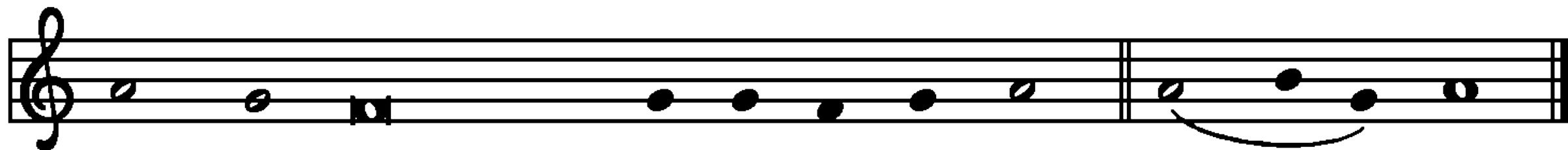


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

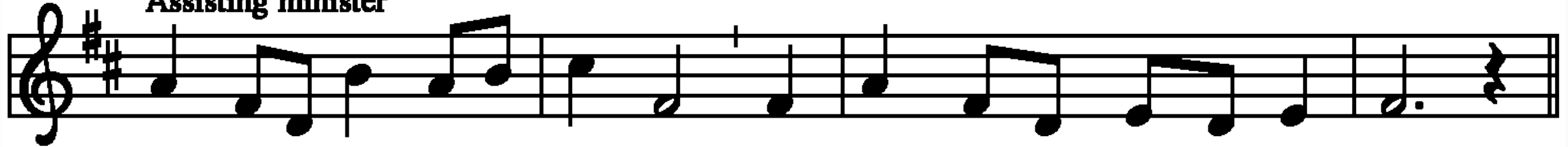
Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

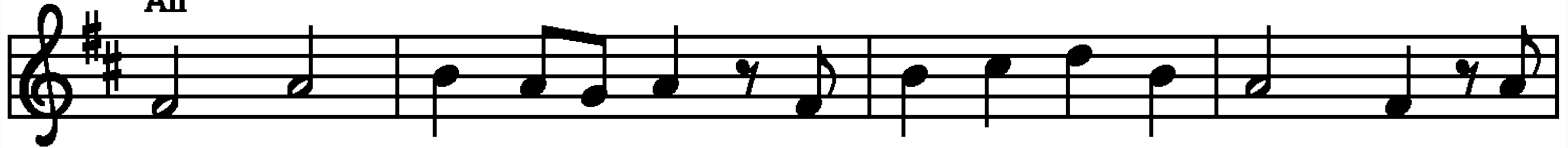
HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

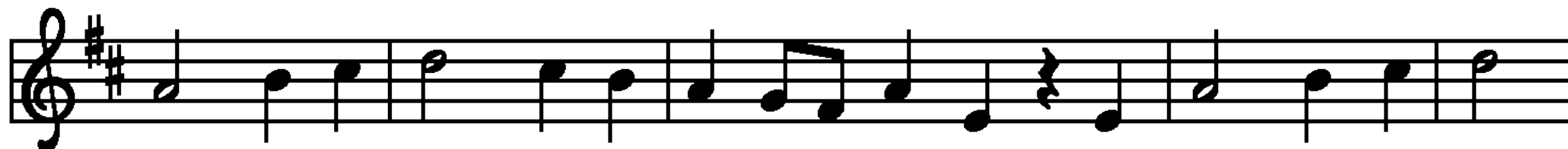
All



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.



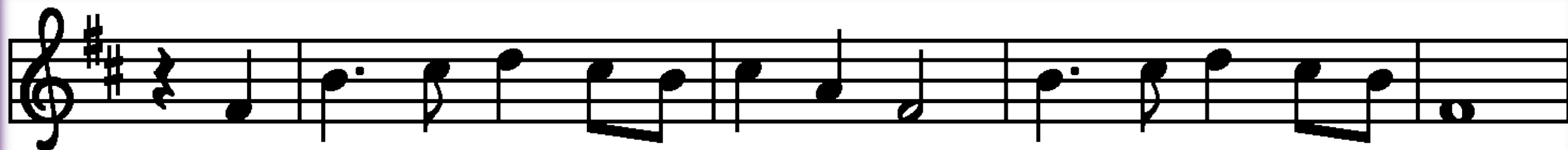
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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



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



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

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God Speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from
the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**¹⁷Some were fools and took re-bellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

**¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD,
for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

**⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.**

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

**¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.**

**¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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Reflection

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Perkins

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Oh, Praise the
Gracious Power

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age has increased by 1.2 billion, from 1.1 billion in 1980 to 2.3 billion in 1999 (United Nations 2000).

There are a number of reasons why the world's population is growing so fast. One of the main reasons is that the number of children born to each woman has increased. This is because of a number of factors, including the fact that women are having children at a younger age, and that there is a higher birth rate in developing countries. Another reason is that the number of people who are surviving into old age has increased. This is because of improvements in medical care and living conditions.

The world's population is growing so fast that it is becoming a major problem for many countries. One of the main problems is that there is not enough food, water, and shelter for everyone. This is because the land is being used up so fast that there is not enough left to grow food. Another problem is that there is not enough money to take care of all the people. This is because the government is not getting enough money from taxes, and because the people are not working hard enough.

There are a number of things that can be done to help solve these problems. One of the most important things is to stop the population from growing so fast. This can be done by encouraging women to have fewer children, and by improving the health care for women and children. Another thing that can be done is to make sure that there is enough food, water, and shelter for everyone. This can be done by using the land more wisely, and by making sure that the government has enough money to take care of the people.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess together,

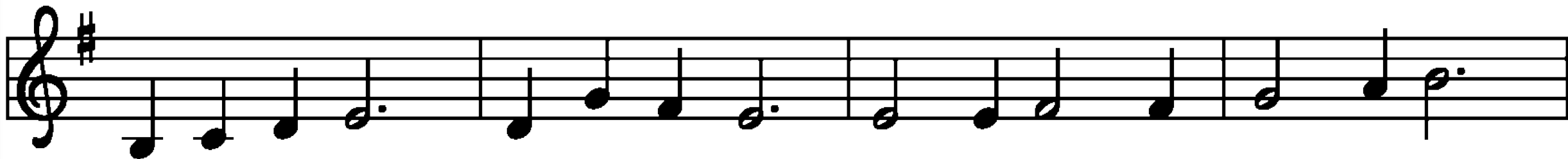
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

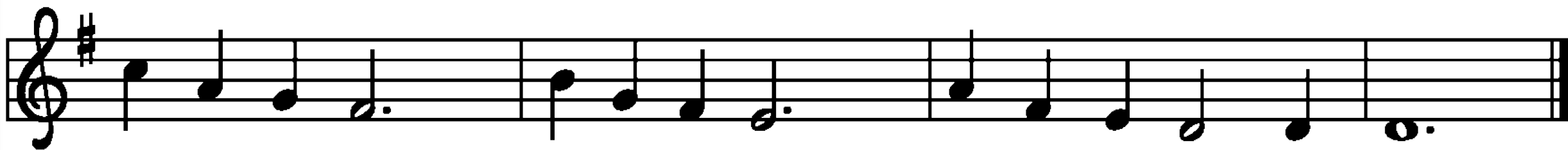
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYER REFRAIN



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry (specific mission partners may be named), our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought (especially). Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you,
especially those who are hungry or without homes.
Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give
healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who
mourn. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation to overflowing with that grace, that we show mercy to others. Nourish any in our midst who are hungry, especially children, and bless our ministries of feeding and shelter (especially). Give us patience and courage when the way seems long. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect all servants of all servants in positions of leadership of leadership: ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, and Bishop Terry Brandt of our sister synod; for the Alaska Southeast Cluster, for Pastor Karen Perkins; for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Anchorage and for all who strive to serve your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

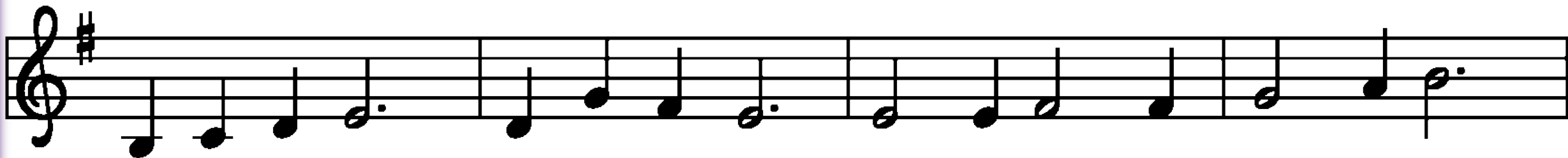
For what else do the people of God pray?

Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes might have eternal life. We praise you for all who have died in Christ. Bring us with all the saints into the fullness of your promises. Hear us, O God.

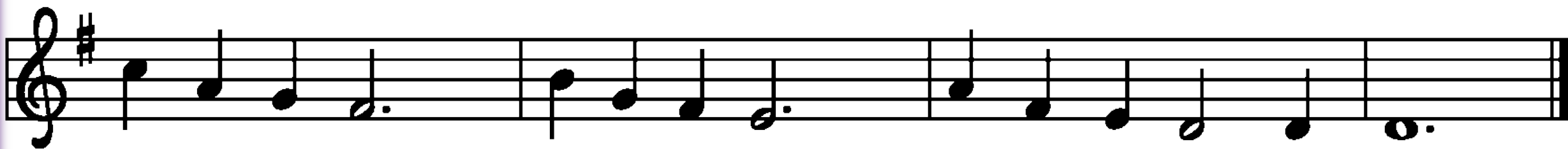
Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER REFRAIN



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Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We greet each other with a gesture of peace. We are incorporating social-distancing recommendations at this time, so a nod, elbow-bump, or fist bump are most appropriate. This greeting is a sign of the risen Christ who unites us and calls us to recognize the peace of God in one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

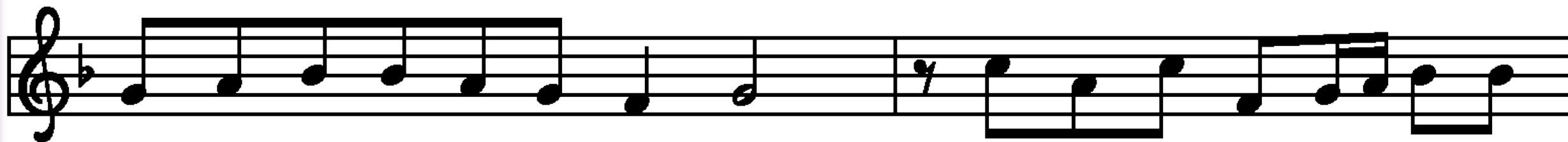
Create in Me a Clean Heart



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

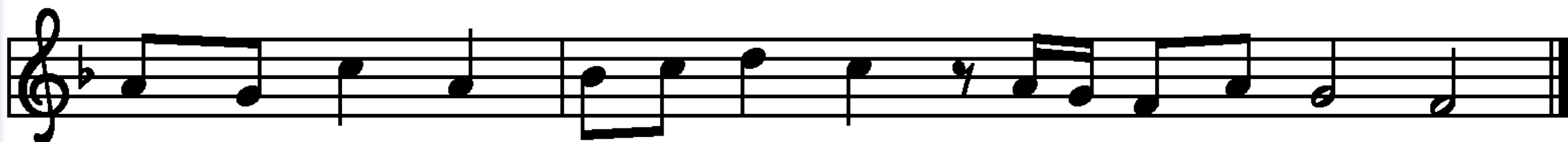


spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from
heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,

that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

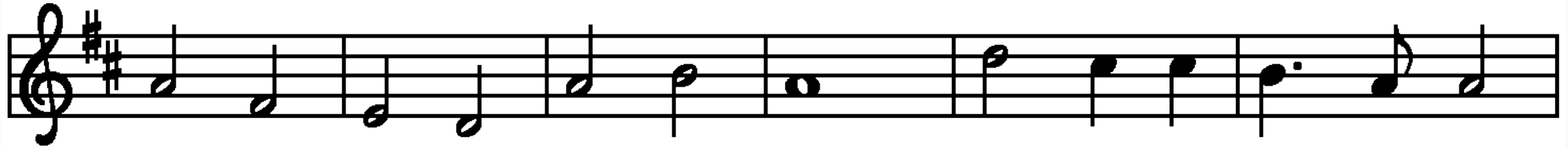
PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



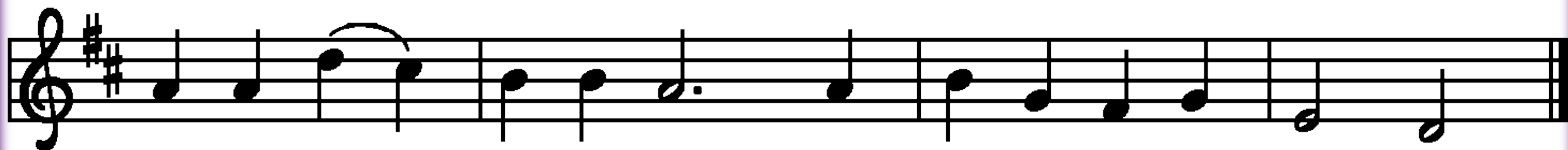
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

**Praise to you for saving the earth from the
waters of the flood.**

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites
safely through the sea.

**Praise to you for leading your people
through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.**

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus,
your anointed one.

**Praise to you for the death and
resurrection of Christ.**

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

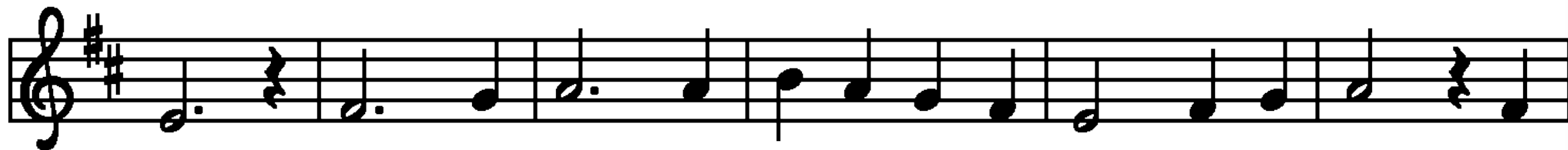
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

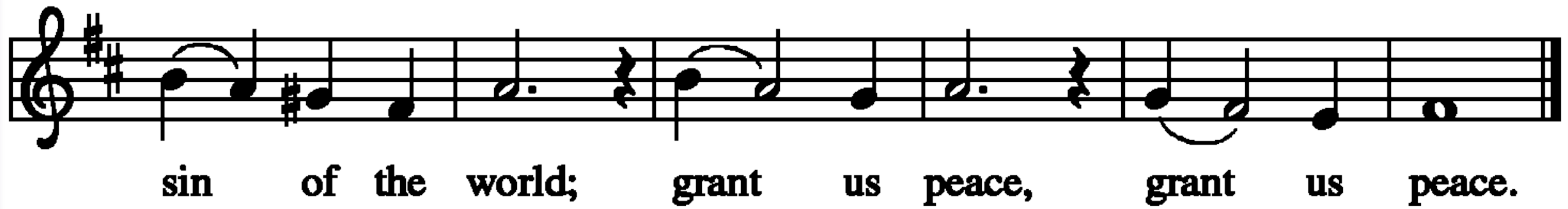
Lamb of God



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



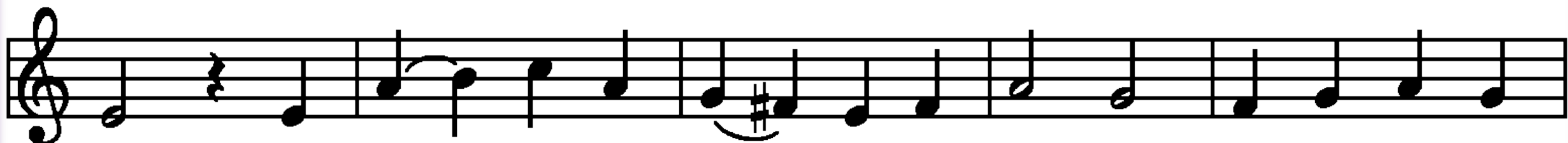
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION:
Lord Now You Let



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev- 'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal you to the



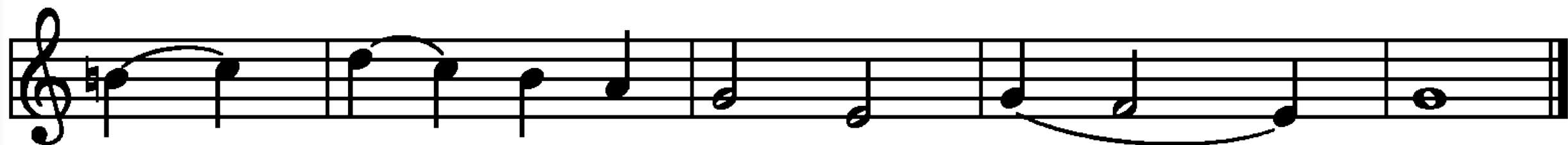
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it,



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,



and will be for-ev-er. A-men

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made
us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Let us announce together,

**The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is
to promote spiritual growth in Christ
and service to all people.**

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:

created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ✚ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:
O God of Earth and
Alter

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Reverend
Karen Perkins, Pastor
People of Resurrection,
Ministers of God