



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

AUGUST 10, 2025

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ON HEAVENLY TREASURE

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a seeming shortage of resources. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. So, Jesus asks us to give our undivided attention to him, that he might take our worries away. Jesus points to creatures that do not labor or toil yet eat every day. Even more, Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that our Father will throw in any needed earthly possessions as well. We can rest from our worries, confident that our loving Father knows all we need.

***“As we enter the sanctuary,
please be mindful
of those who are preparing for worship with
prayer and Scripture and
keep conversations to a minimum.
Thank you, and may God bless our time together!”***

Order of Service

Red Christian Worship book on p.38

TODAY’S READINGS:

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

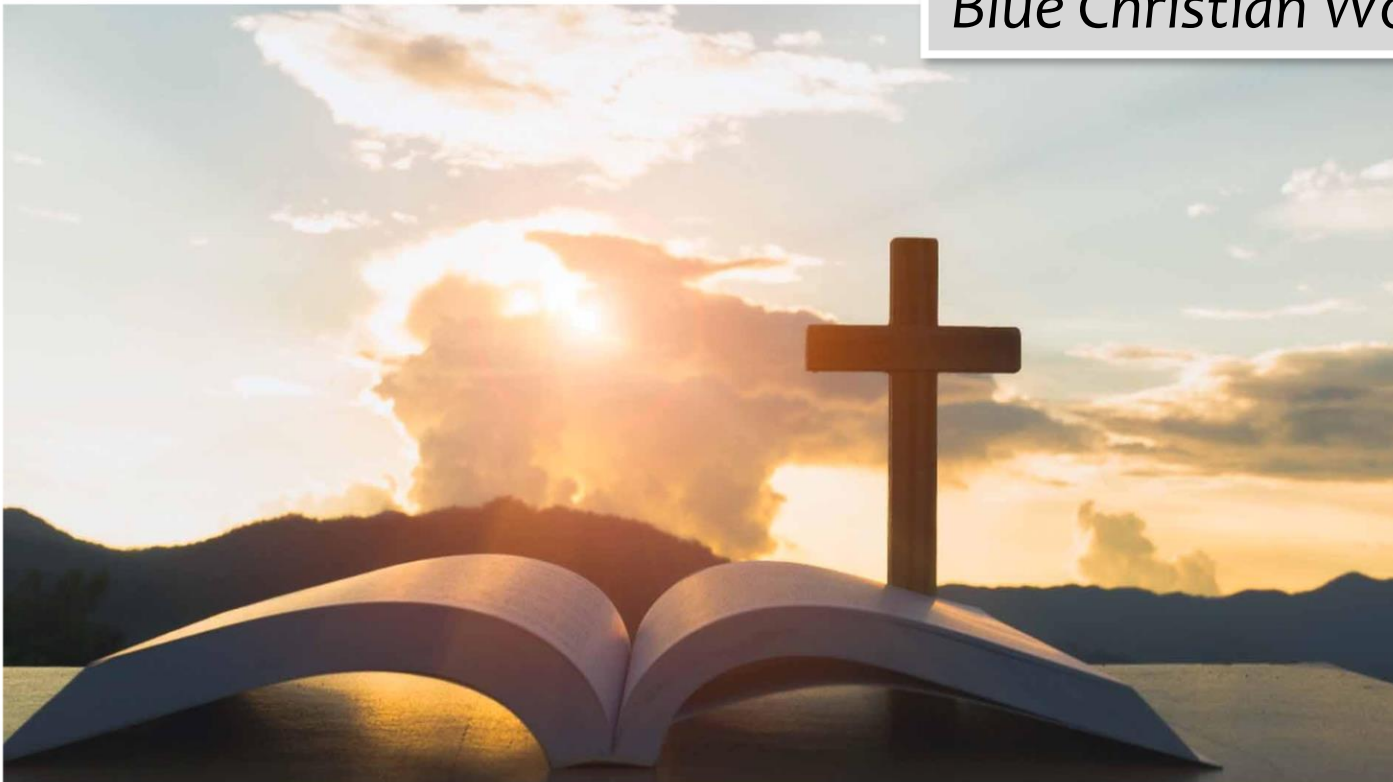
SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:22-34

OPENING HYMN

Where Your Treasure Is

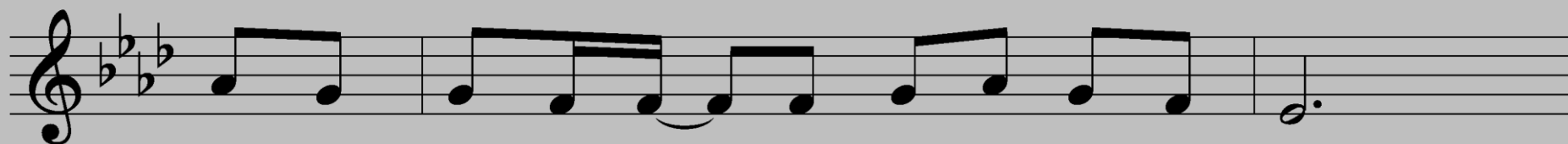
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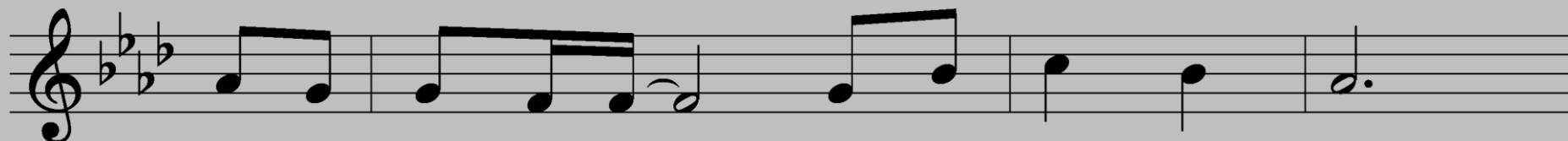
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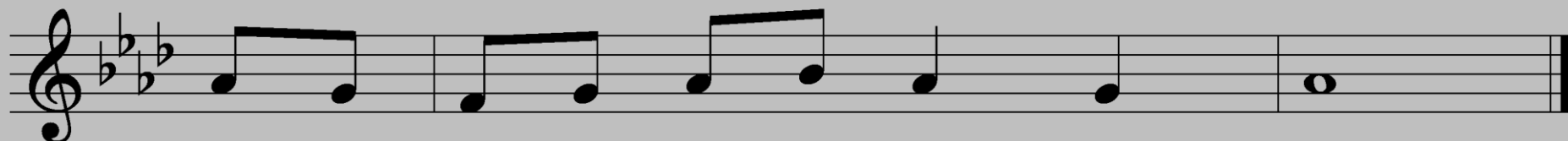
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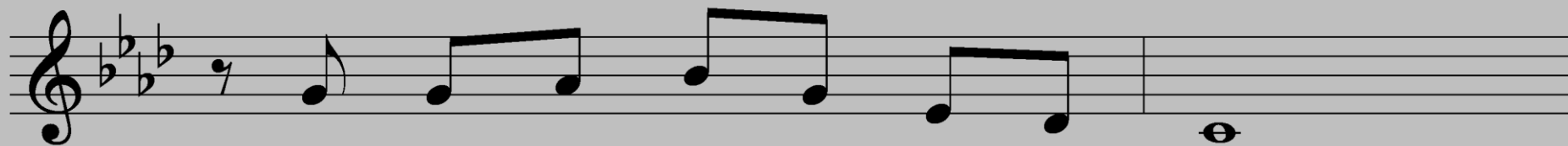
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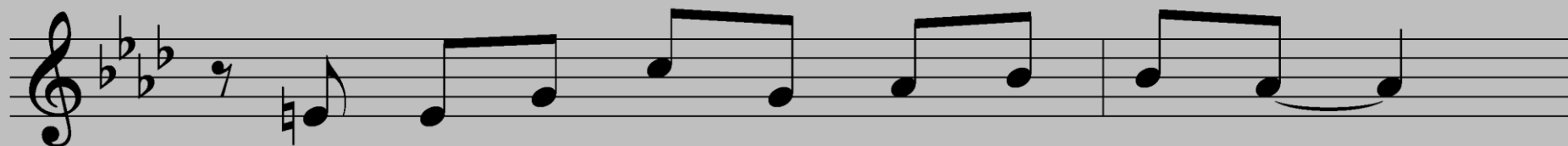
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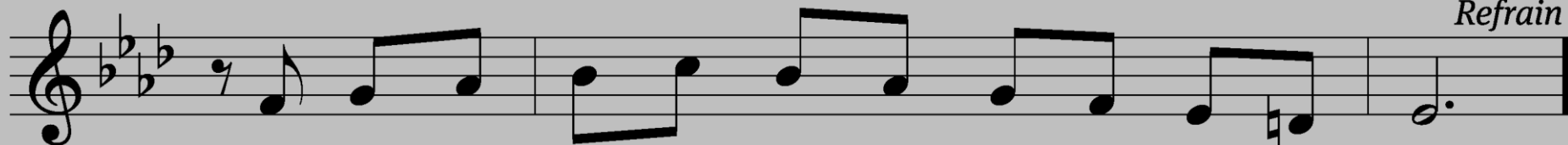
1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,



what you should eat or what to wear?



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.



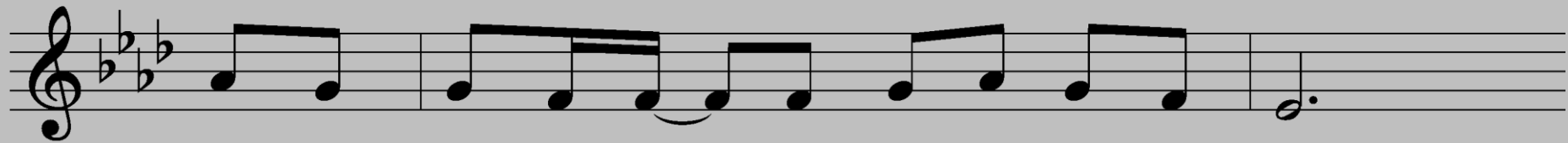
Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?

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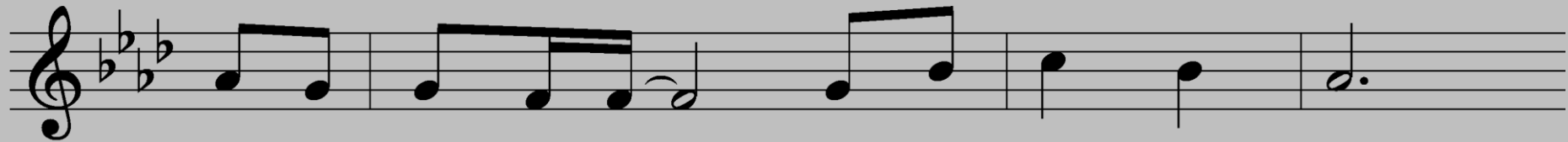
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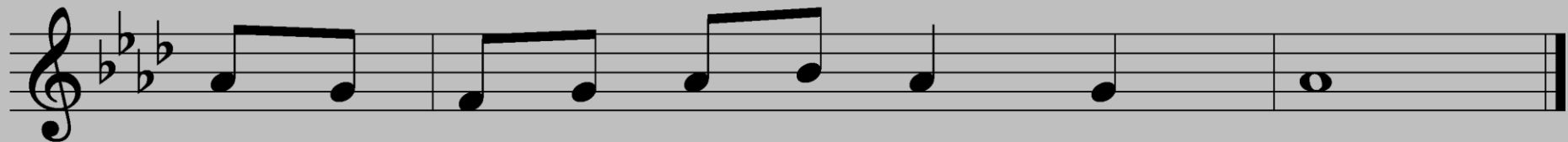
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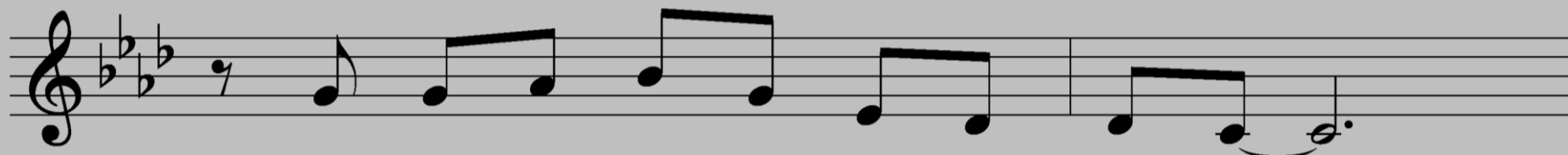
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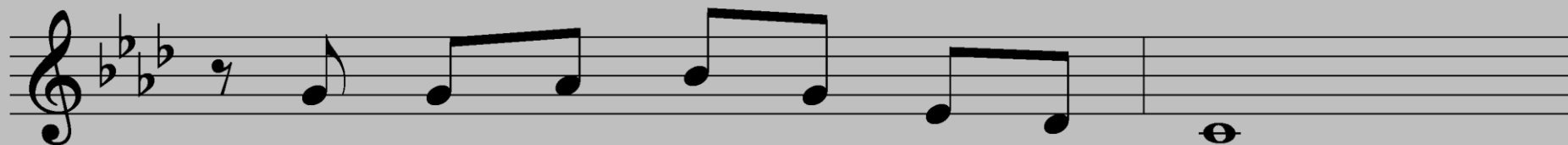
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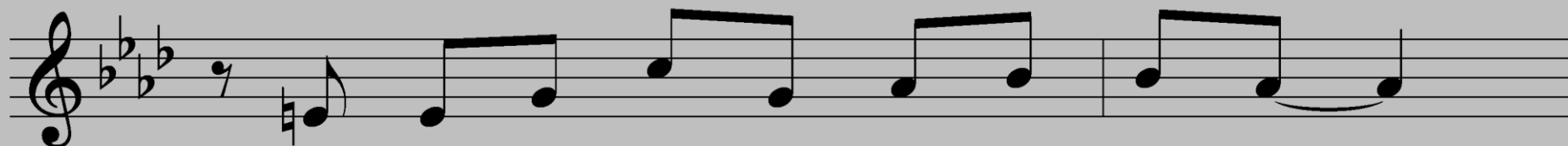
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2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.



They do not work their whole life through,



and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.



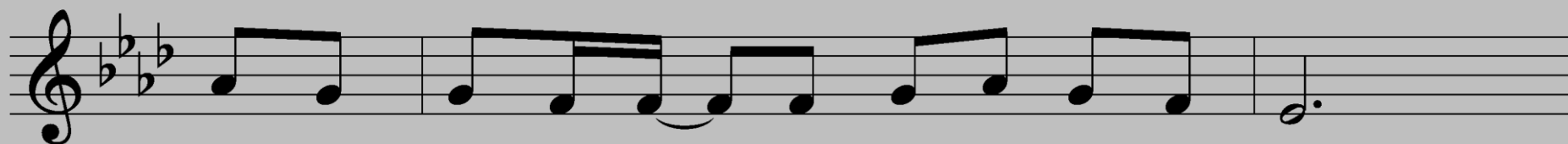
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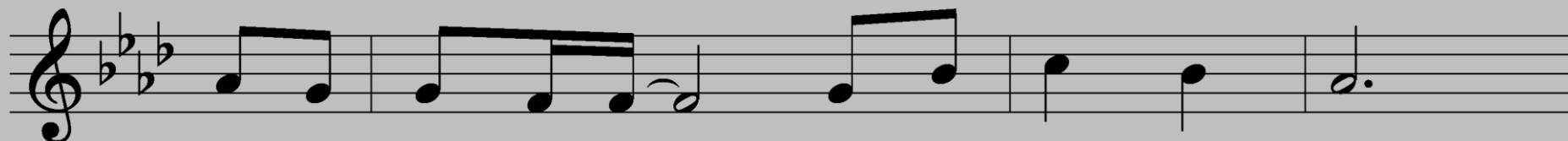
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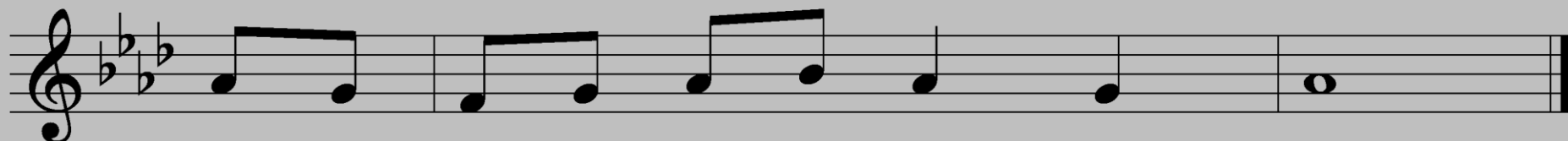
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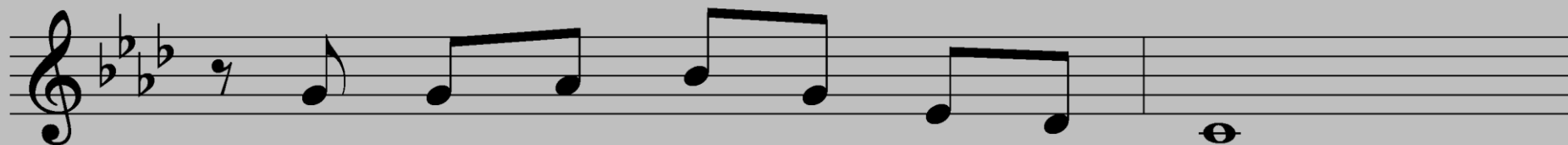
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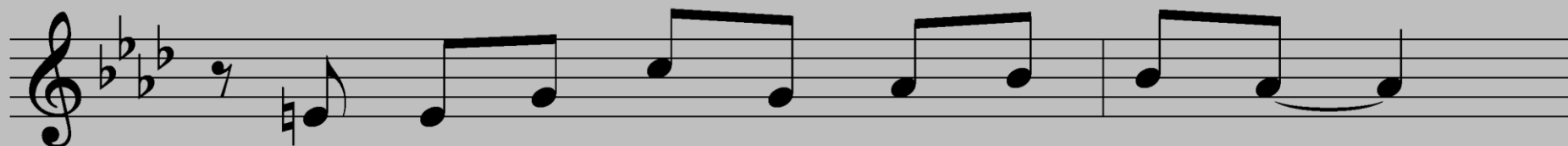
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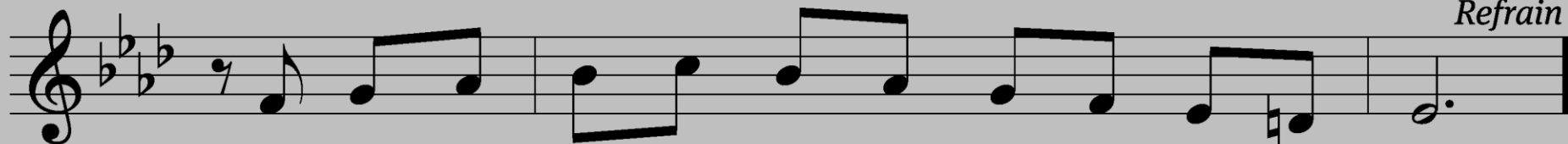
3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.



In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,



and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.



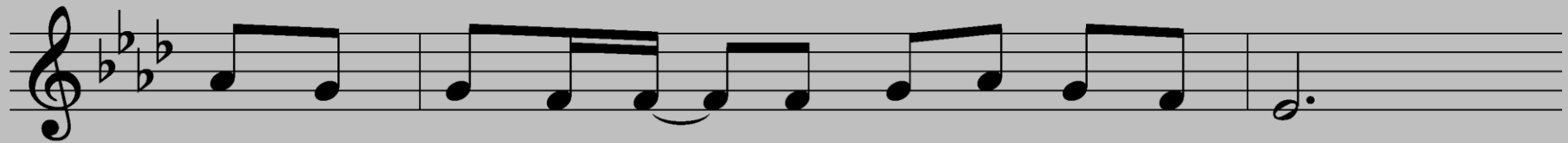
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

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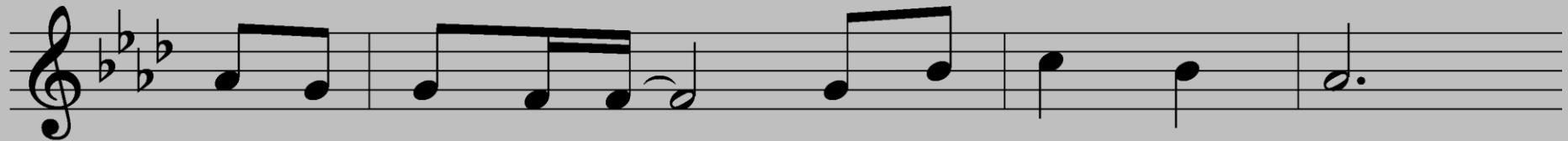
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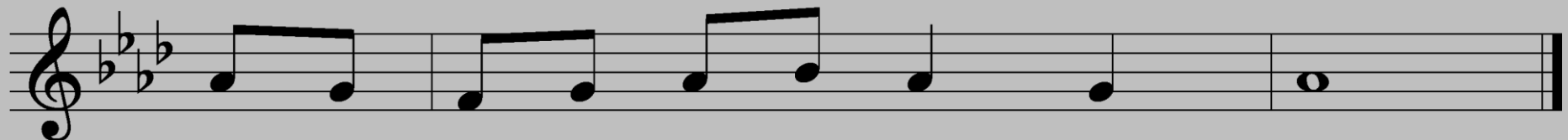
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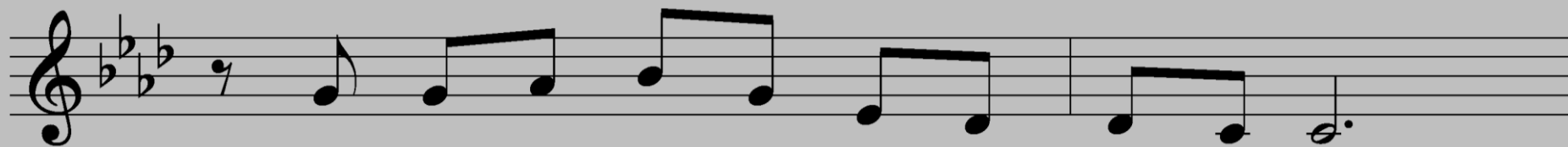
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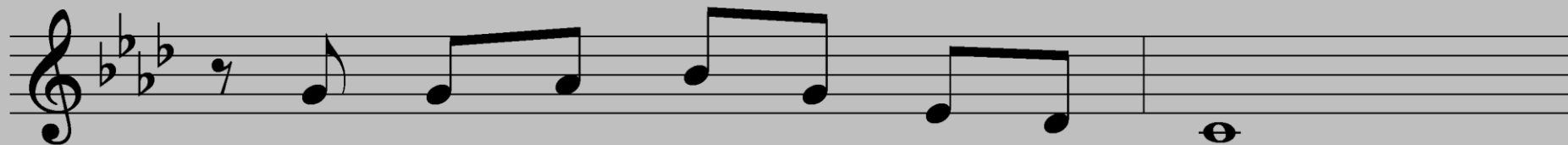
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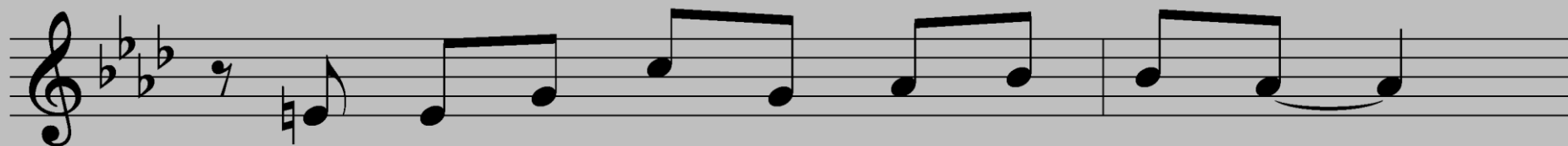
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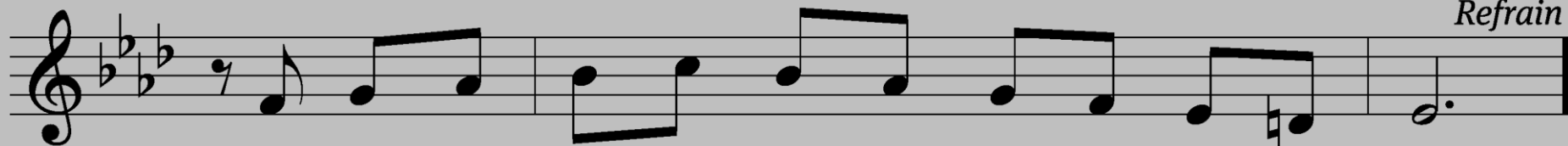
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yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



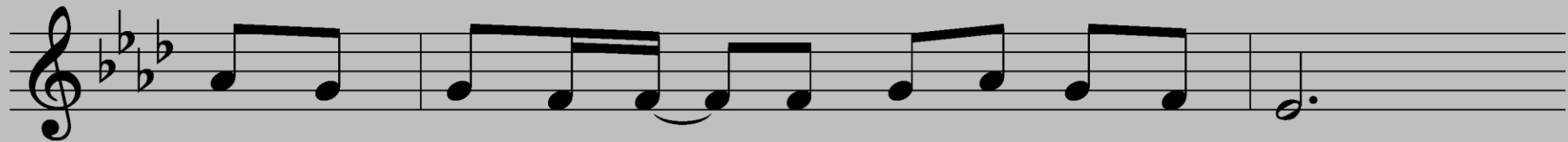
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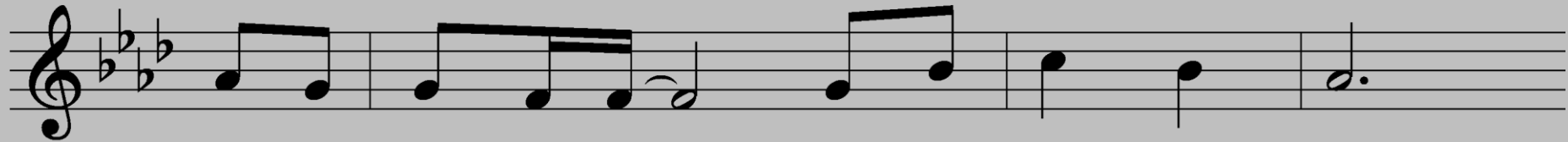
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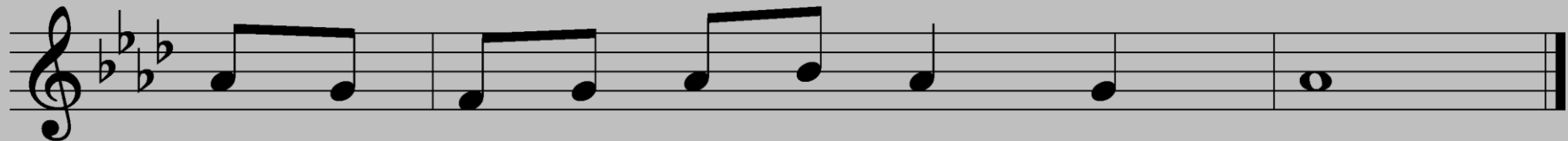
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GATHERING

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

And also with you.

CONFESSION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and look to him for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

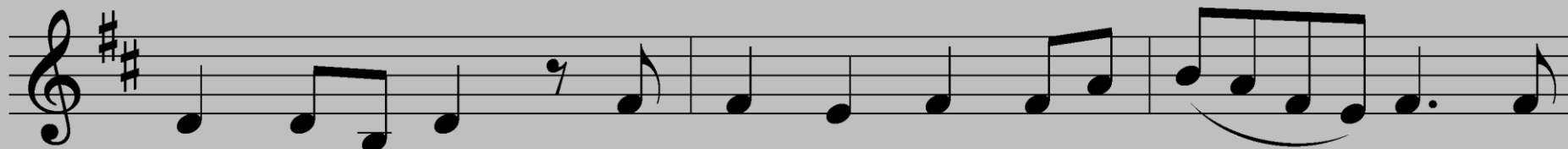
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RESPONSE TO **FORGIVENESS**

Oh, Taste and See
Red Christian Worship p. 39



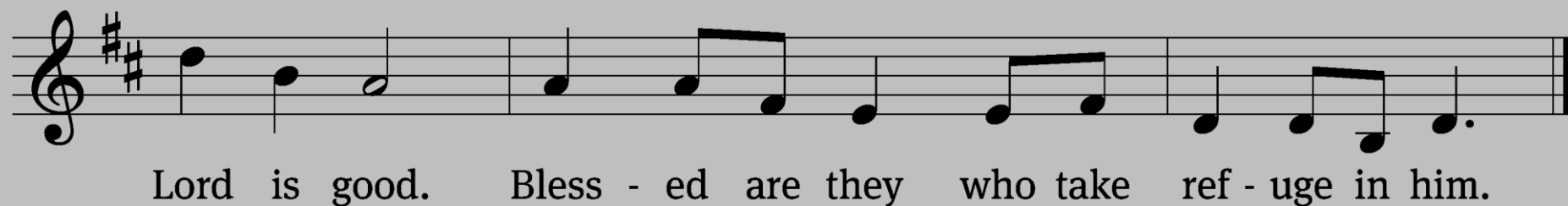
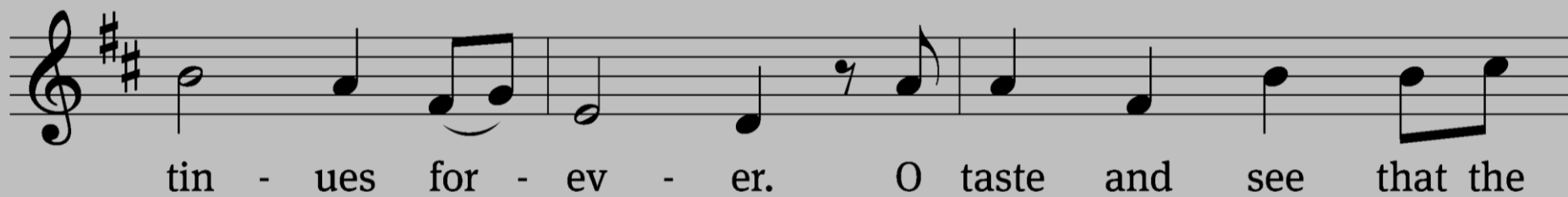
O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take



ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it



stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -



PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***



FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6 p. 20

*In faith, Abram treasured all the
LORD's gracious promises.*

15 ¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.”

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”
⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to
him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY – 121

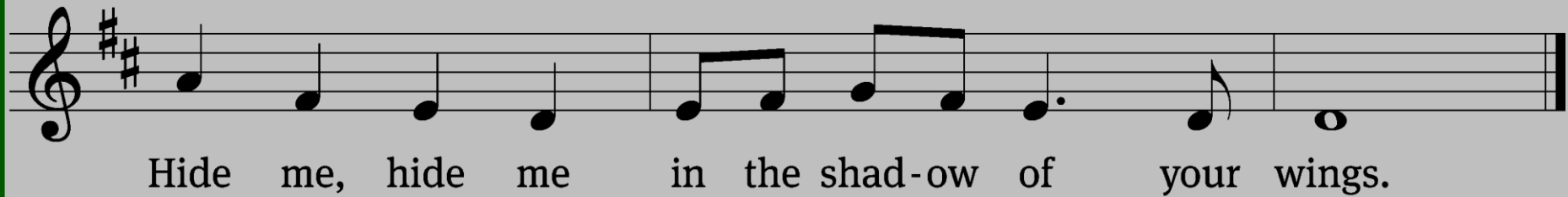
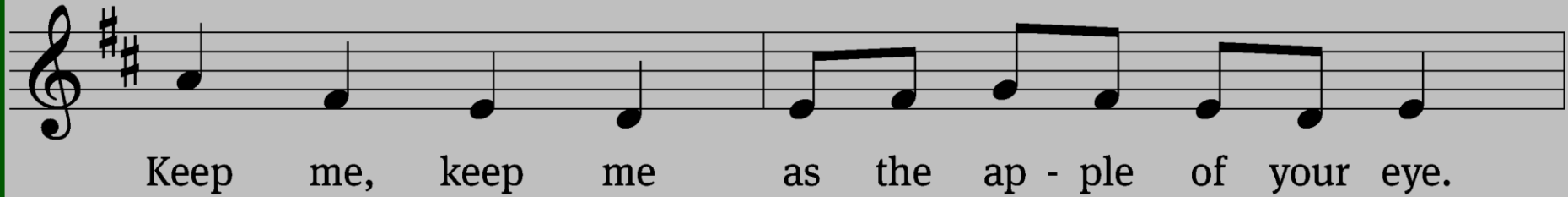
Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

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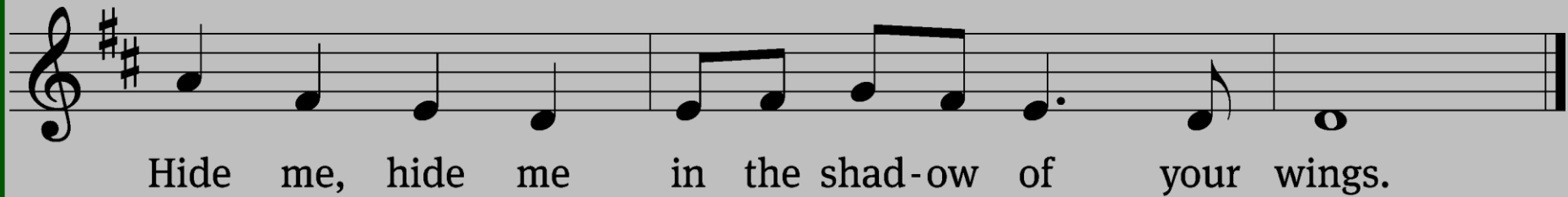
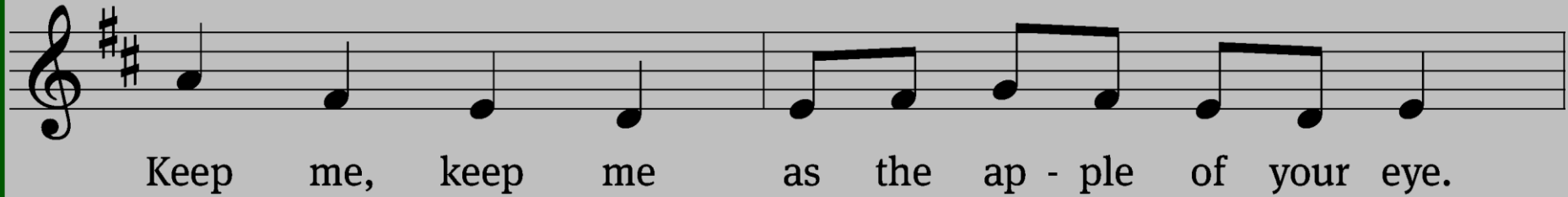
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Refrain



(All)

Refrain



Tone



*I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?*

**My help comes / from the Lord,
the maker of heav- / en and earth.**

Tone



He will not let your / foot slip—

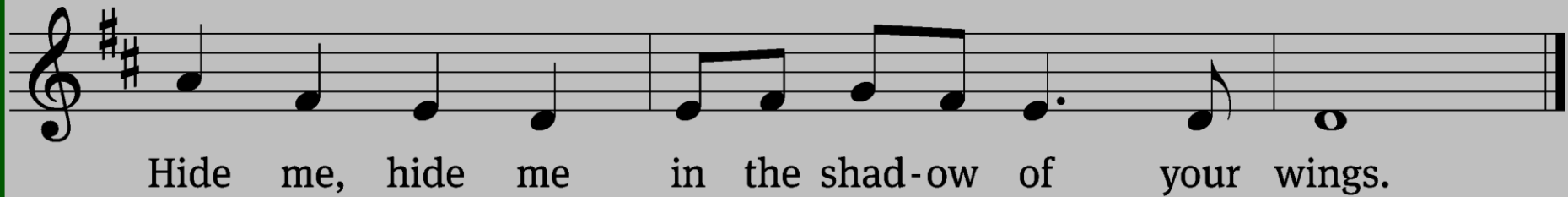
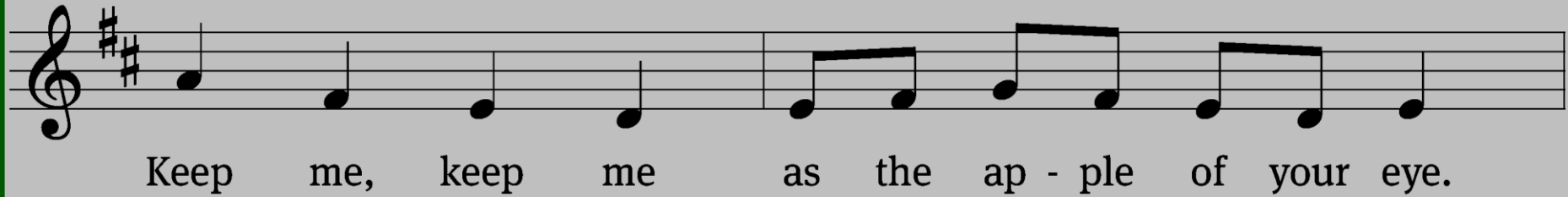
he who watches over you will not / slumber;

**indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither slum- / ber nor sleep.**

Refrain

(All)

Refrain



Tone



The Lord watches / over you—

*the Lord is your shade at / your right hand;
the sun will not harm / you by day,
nor the / moon by night.*

Tone



The Lord will keep you / from all harm—

he will watch o- / ver your life;

**the Lord will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.**

Tone

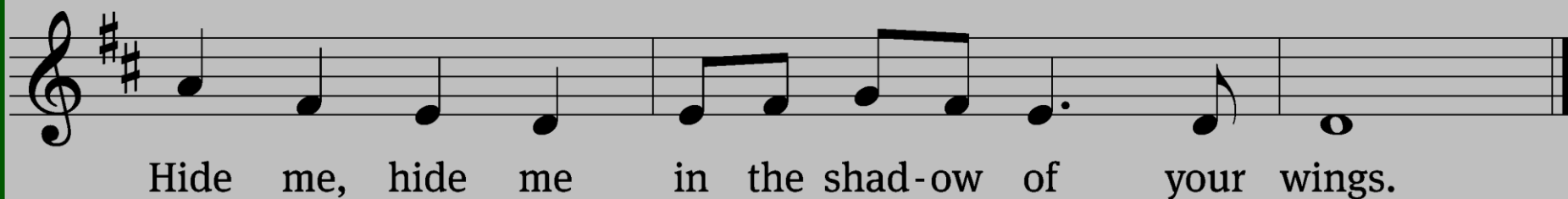


**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

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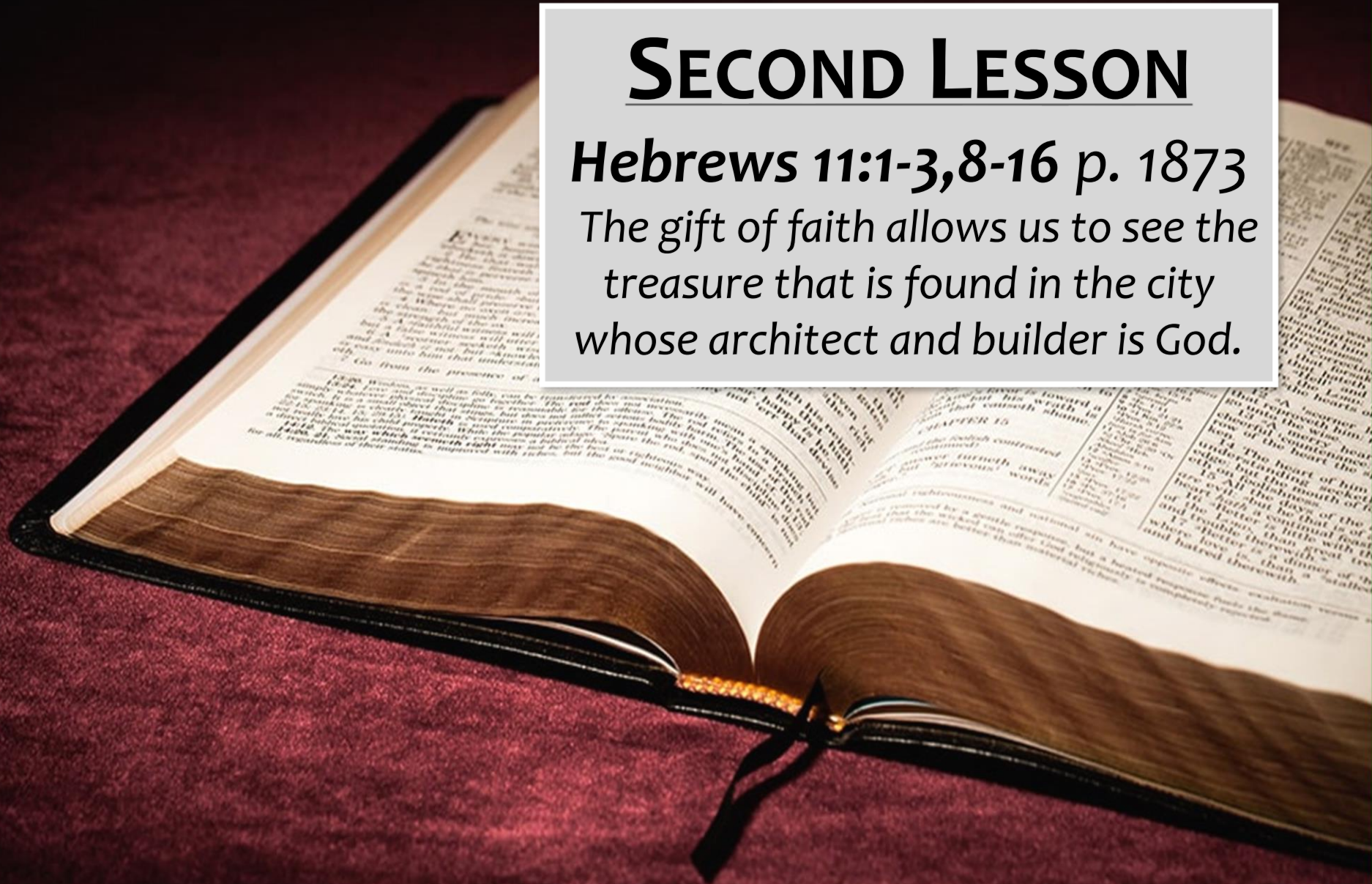
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SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 p. 1873

The gift of faith allows us to see the treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.



11 ¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.
³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



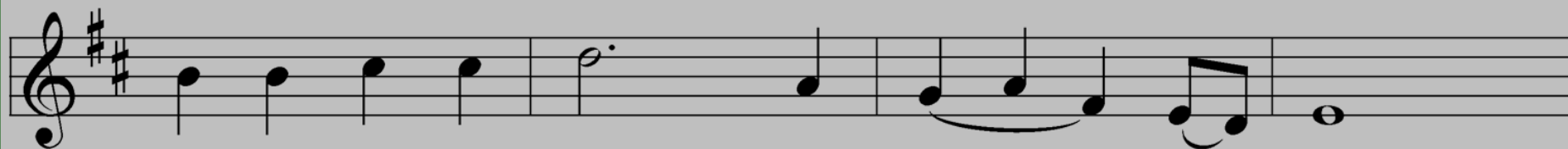
VERSE OF
THE DAY



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These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34 p. 1619

Jesus assures us that we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.

12 ²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

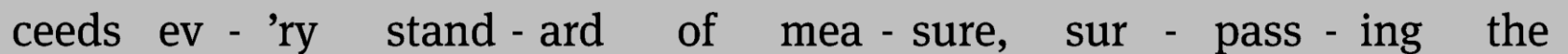


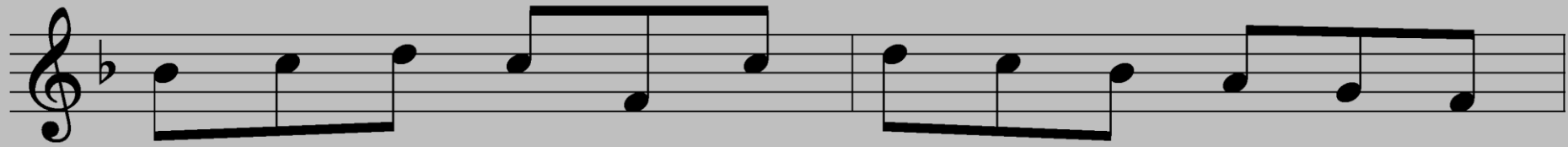
HYMN OF THE DAY

**Your Kingdom, O God, Is
My Glorious Treasure**

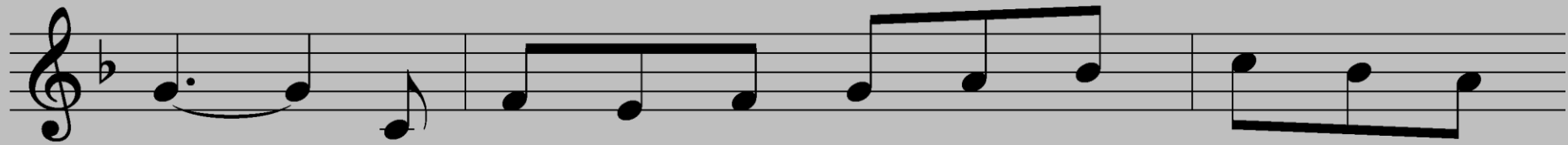
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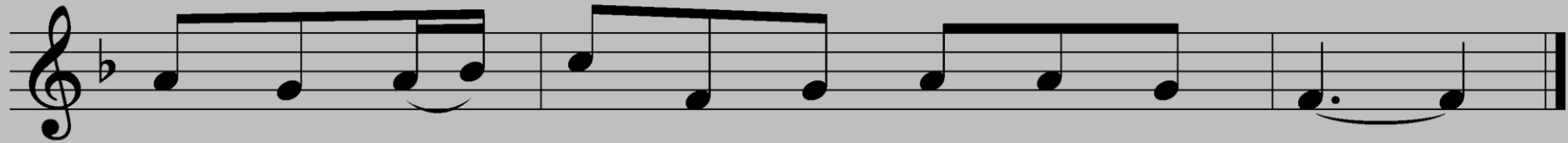




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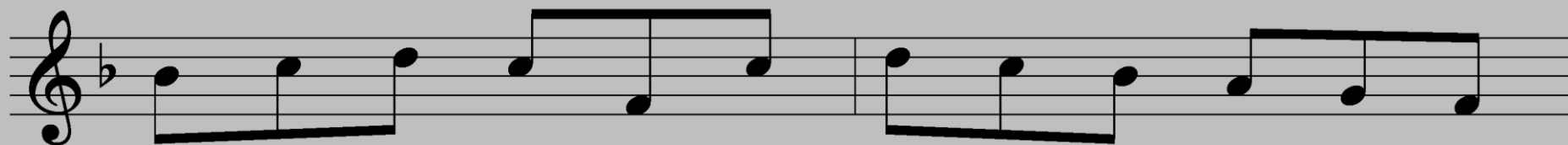


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2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your

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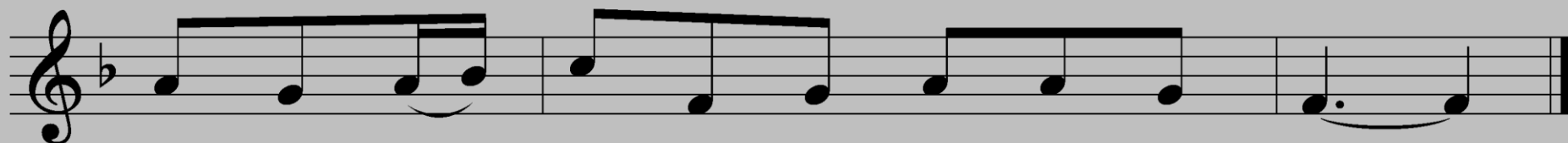
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live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may



be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -



i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.

3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of

seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our

per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your

day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home-ward at

last, to shine in the home-land that qui - ets all

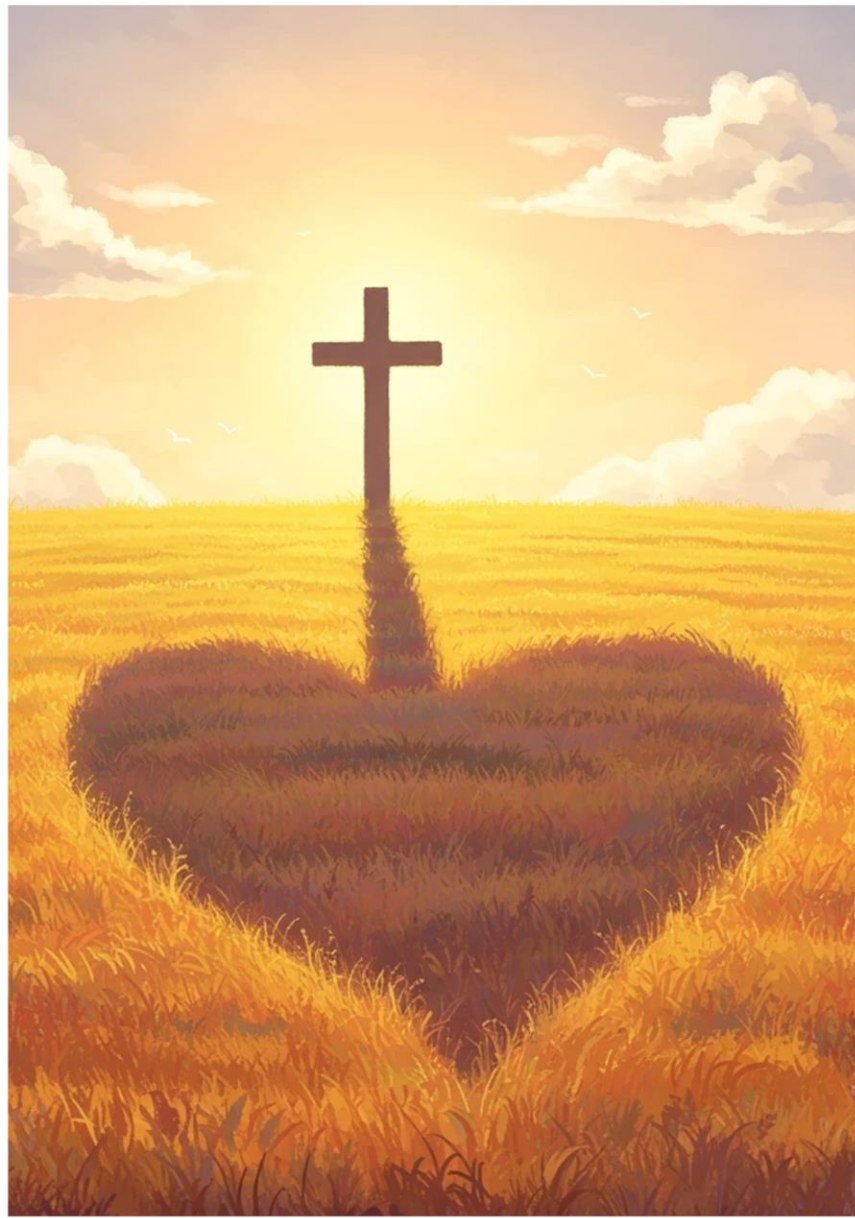
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SERMON:
**“Don’t Worry –
You’re Valuable
to God”**
Luke 12:22-34

APOSTLES' CREED

*Public confession is faith's
response to God's saving Word*



**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

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

Amen.

Offerings

Giving back to God

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”

2 Corinthians 8:12

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful nature.

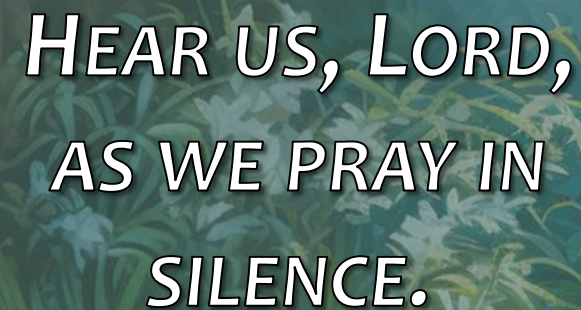
We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger, sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well being.

**Grant your blessing to every nation on earth.
Where there are wars, may there be peace.
Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where
there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come
with your almighty power to help and
restore.**



HEAR US, LORD,
AS WE PRAY IN
SILENCE.

A painting of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, sitting in a lush green environment with his hands clasped in prayer. The background is filled with dense foliage in various shades of green and blue, creating a serene and natural setting. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the robe and the features of the face.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

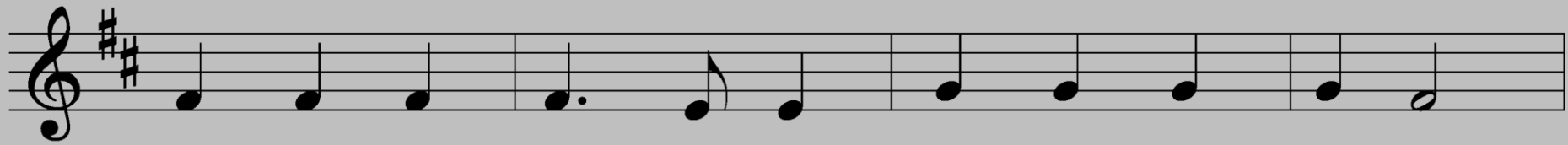
Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor
and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Blue Christian Worship #602





1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.

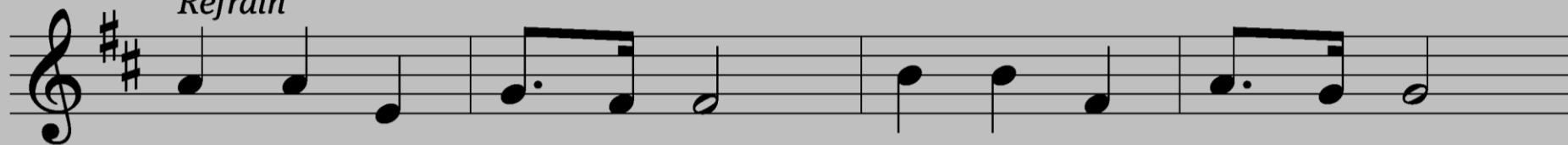


Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;

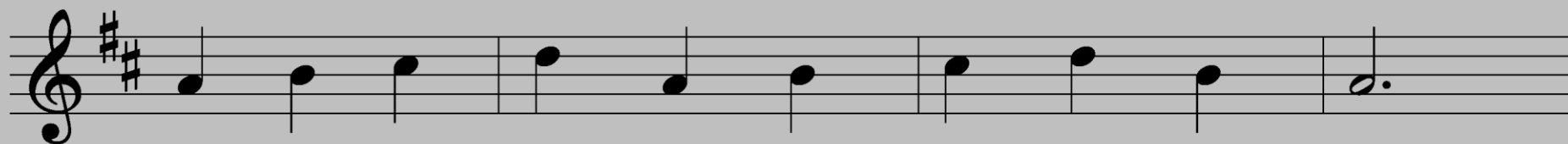


as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.

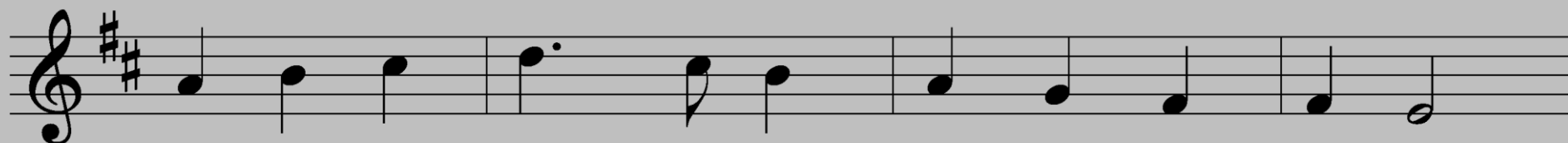
Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!



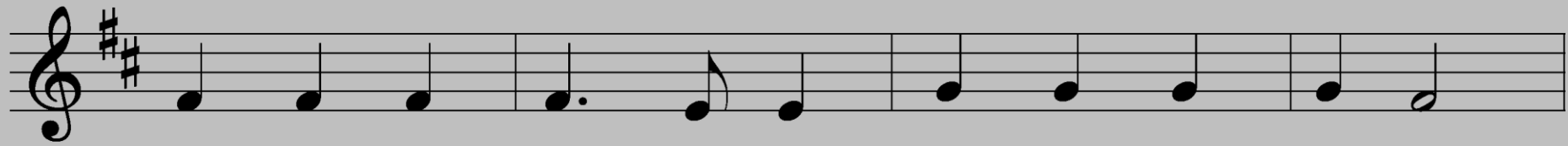
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!



2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest,



sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove

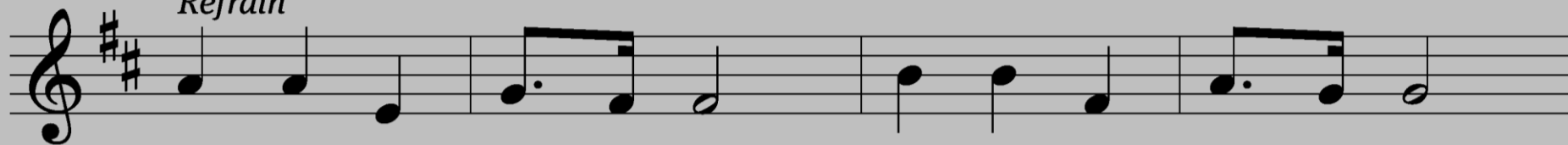


join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness

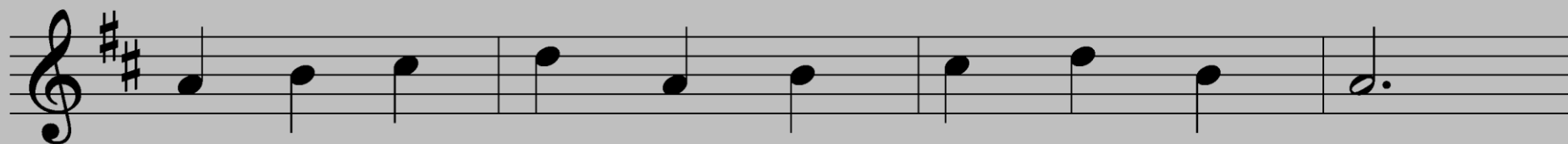


to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!



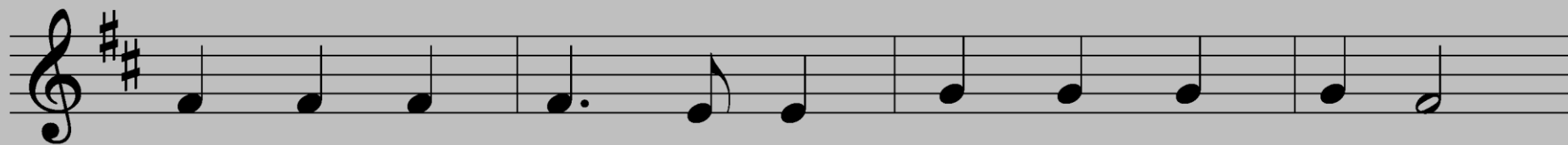
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Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!



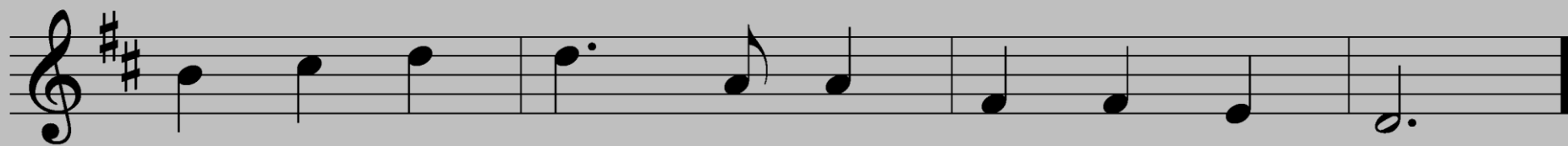
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

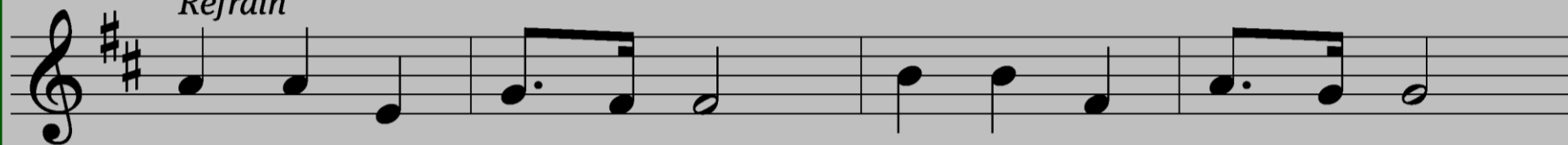


strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

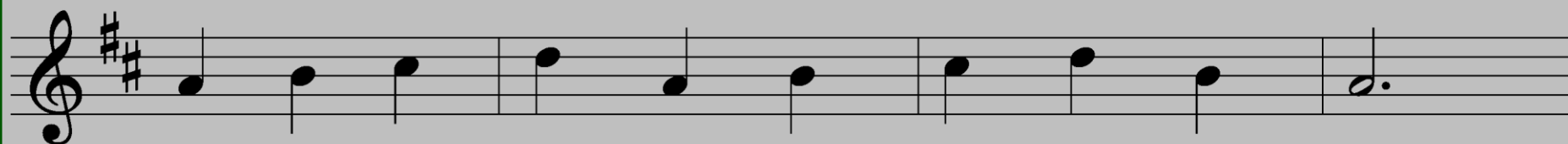


bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

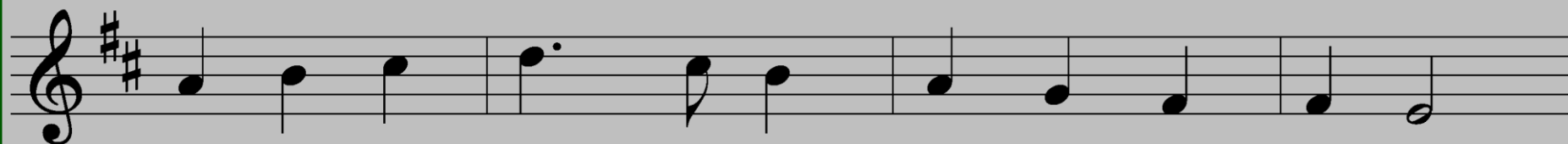
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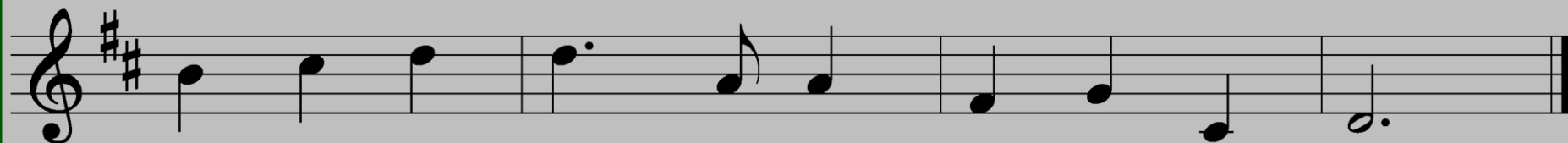
Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisolm, 1866–1960

Tune: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

Text and tune: Public domain

A vibrant field of yellow sunflowers stretches across the horizon under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing their dark brown centers. The entire scene is framed by a thick green border.

Announcements

Visit www.awlc.org for Church calendar

August 16th (Sat) - Women's Bible Study at Abiding Word 9:00am
- "The Gospel of Luke"

August 23rd (Sat) – 20s and 30s Group Hike – Mt Sherman near Leadville/Fairplay
- **ALL MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION INVITED**
- meet at Abiding Word at 4am

September 2nd (Tue) - Ladies' Book Club at Abiding Word at 6:30pm
- books NOW available at reception desk

September 6th (Sat) - Men's Breakfast Club & Bible Study at Abiding Word 8:30am
- "Noah – The Man, The Ark, The Flood"

September 27th (Sat) - Abiding Word Fall Festival 12pm-3pm
- open to the community
- Stay tuned for more details!

Living Savior Call Update - next call meeting TODAY