

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026



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St. Mary's is:

Inspiring in Worship,

Loving Without Exception, and

Giving of Ourselves Completely

HYMN: *The glory of these forty days*

1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

HYMN: *The glory of these forty days*

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

THE WORD *of* GOD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

THE DECALOGUE

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

THE DECALOGUE

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

THE DECALOGUE

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that
belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION *of* SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

*Minister and
People:*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

CONFESSIO*n* of SIN

*Minister and
People:*

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil
done on our behalf. Forgive, restore,
and strengthen us through our Savior
Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your
love and serve only your will. Amen.**

CONFESSION *of* SIN

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Cantor



Lord Je - sus, you raise us to new life:_____ Ky - ri - e, e -

7

All

Cantor



le - i - son Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son._____ Lord Je - sus, you for -

12

All



give us our sins:_____ Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, - e - le - i - son._____

THE COLLECT *of the* DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT *of the* DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING *from the*
BOOK *of* GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

shall die.”“ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Beati quorum | *Read responsively by verse*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes
no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

PSALM 32

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 **For your hand was heavy upon me**
day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat
of summer.

PSALM 32

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions
to the LORD.” *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

PSALM 32

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow,
they shall not reach them.

8 **You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

PSALM 32

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way
that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have
no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”**

PSALM 32

- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust
in the LORD.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice
in the LORD; ***
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A READING *from Paul's letter*
to the ROMANS

5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression

ROMANS 5:12-19

of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many

ROMANS 5:12-19

trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one

ROMANS 5:12-19

man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Gospeller:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Danielik

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Louis-Patrick Mua

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

THE NICENE CREED

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

THE NICENE CREED

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

THE NICENE CREED

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, The Church of Ireland, All Saints', Concord, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cooleemee, St. Alban's, Davidson, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, and for our bishops, Justin, Sam, Jennifer and all bishops and other ministers, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially Clara, Susan, Sam, Eamon, David, Jane, Denni, Shirley, Greg, Ray, all on our parish prayer list and for all those on the Daughters of the King prayer list, for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further
the reign of God, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all those we love but see no longer, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand*

Celebrant:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

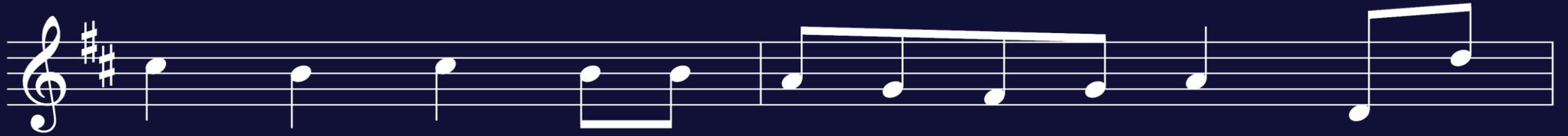
THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are seated as the altar is prepared.

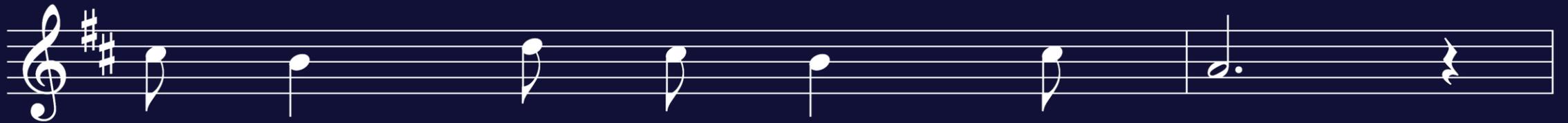


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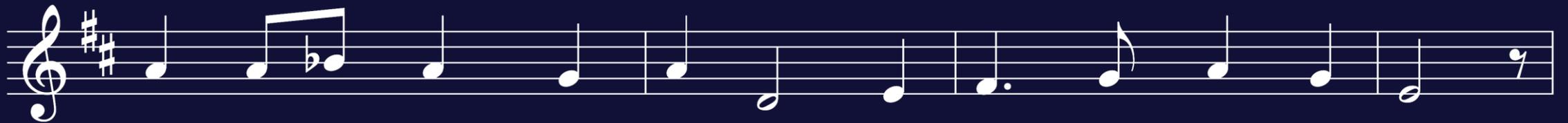




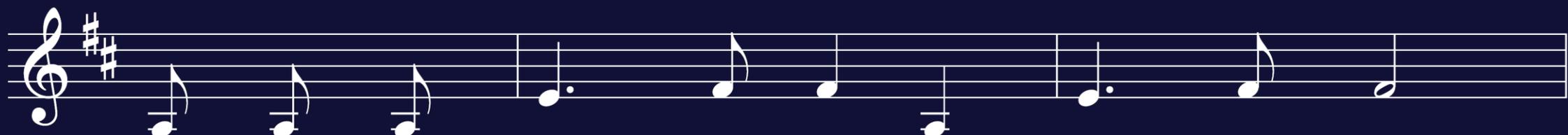
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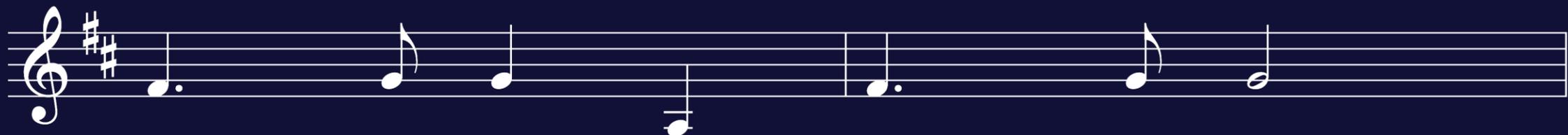
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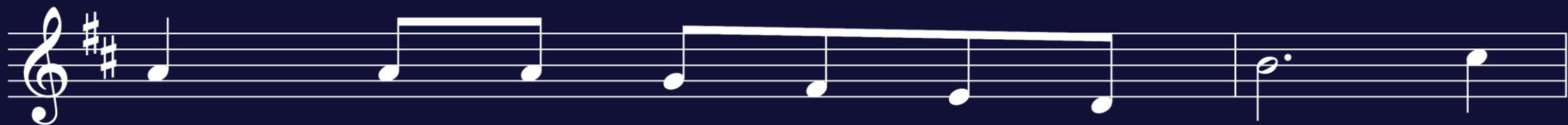
say to the Lord: 'My re-fuge, my rock in whom I trust!'



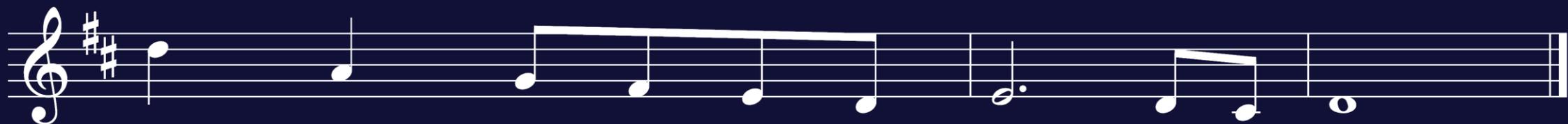
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bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine_ like the sun, and



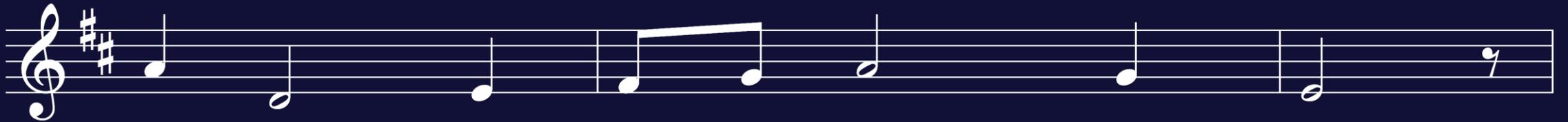
hold you in___ the___ palm of my hand.'



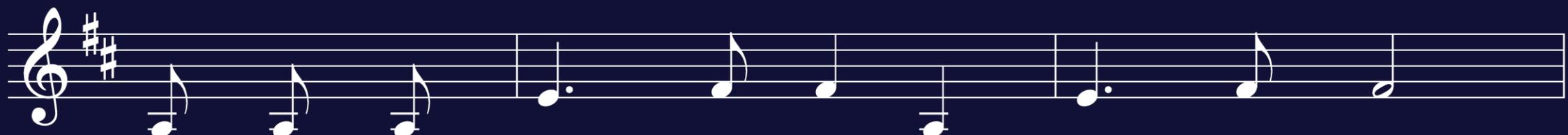
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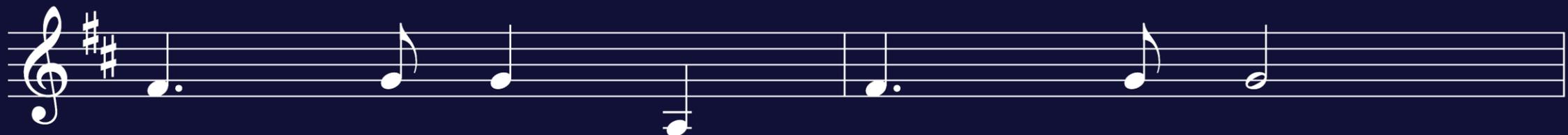
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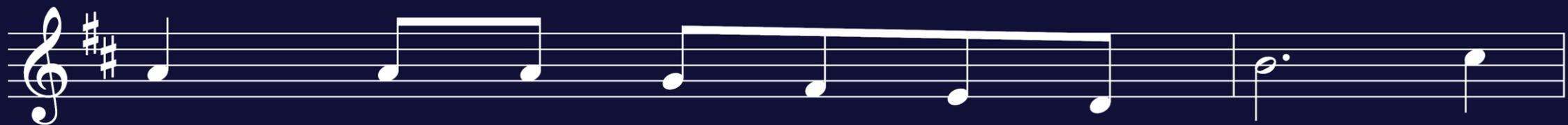
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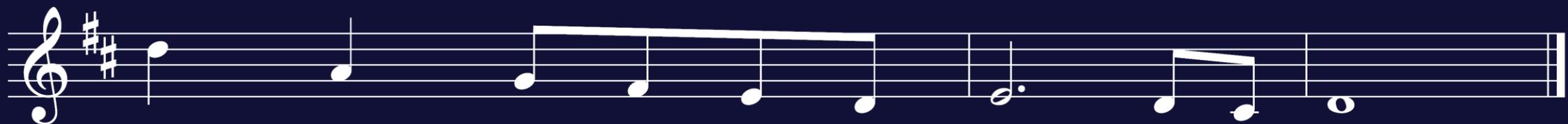
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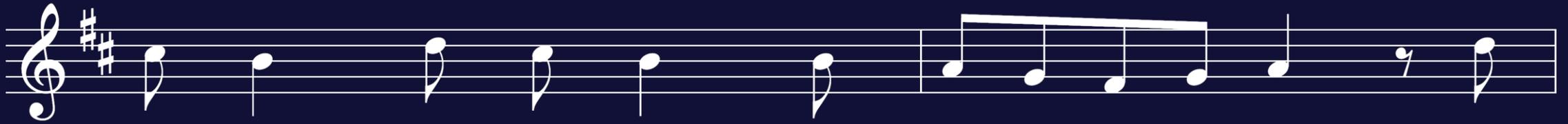
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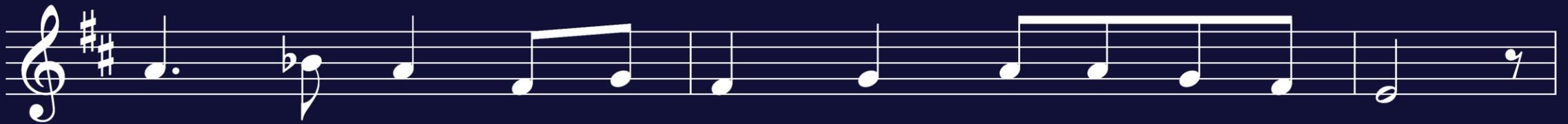
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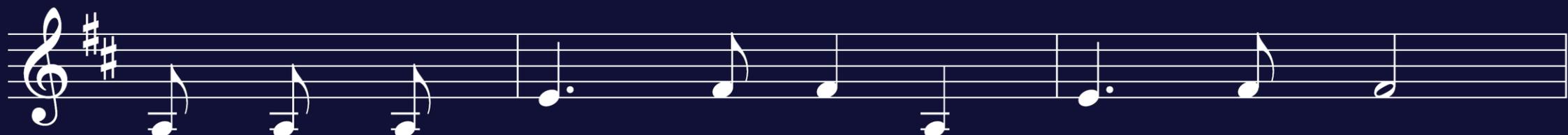
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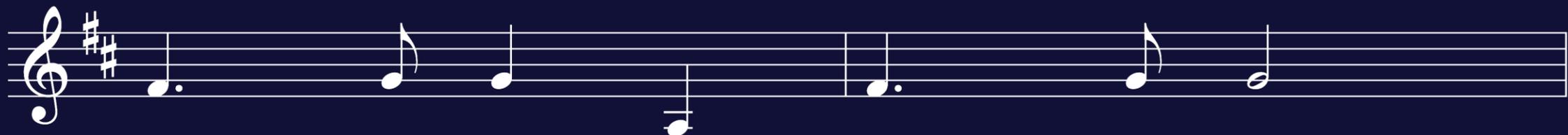
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will



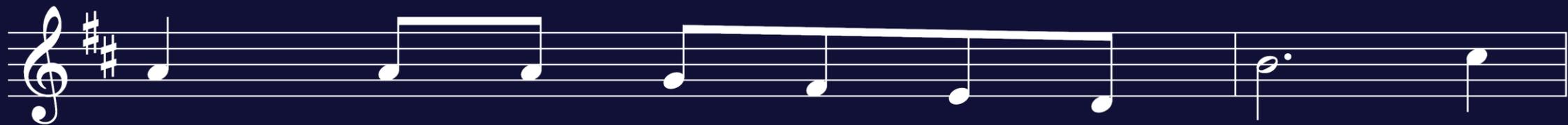
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.



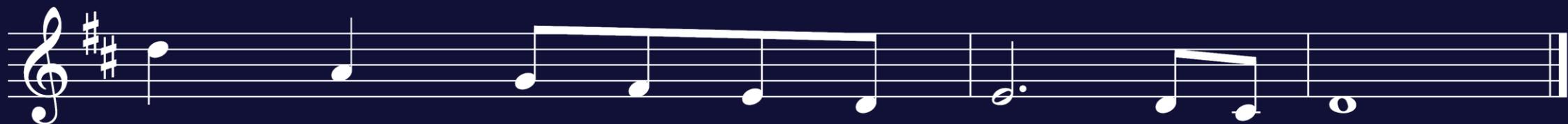
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bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine_ like the sun, and



hold you in___ the___ palm of my hand.'

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

17



he who comes _____ in the name of the

Detailed description: This musical staff is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It contains five measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). A slur covers the notes from the second measure (A4) to the fourth measure (C5).

22



Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Detailed description: This musical staff is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It contains five measures. The notes are: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter). A slur covers the notes from the first measure (D4) to the second measure (C4).

27



_____ Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with The Ever Blessed Virgin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: **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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

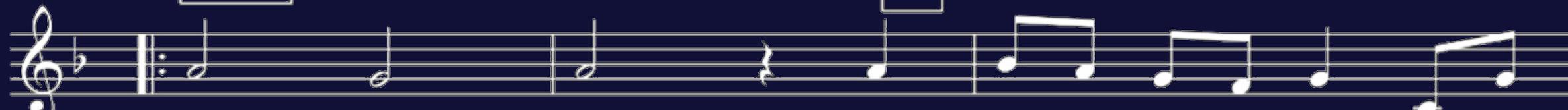
THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Celebrant. Holy things for holy people.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Cantor

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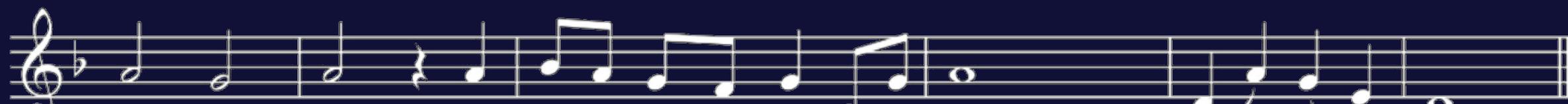
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

4



world, have mer - cy on us. Repeat once

7



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us__ peace.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

All are welcome at God's holy Altar. If you normally receive communion in another church, of any denomination, you are welcome to do so here. If you are drawn to Jesus, but not yet baptized into any Christian community, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. In that case, simply cross your arms over your chest in front of the altar, or ask the priest, and you will be given a blessing. Ask the priest afterwards about baptism and joining St. Mary's. We offer gluten-free wafers as well. Please let the priest know if you need one.

HYMN: *Farther Along*

1 Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder,
Why it should be thus all the day long;
While there are others living about us,
Never molested though in the wrong.

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, don't worry, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

HYMN: *Farther Along*

2 When death has come and taken our loved ones,
It leaves our home so lonely and drear;
Then do we wonder why others prosper,
Living so wicked year after year.

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, don't worry, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

HYMN: *Farther Along*

3 Faithful till death said our loving Master,
A few more days to labor and wait;
Toils of the road will then seem as nothing,
As we sweep through the beautiful gate.

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, don't worry, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

HYMN: *Farther Along*

4 When we see Jesus coming in glory,
When He comes from His home in the sky;
Then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion,
We'll understand it all by and by.

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, don't worry, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant and the People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people and then they are dismissed, responding:

Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS *in the* LITURGY

Celebrant: The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

Preacher: The Rev'd Louis-Patrick Mua

Lector: Ellen Walsh

Chalicer: Rich Manning

Musicians: Angelita Berdiales, Evie Cottam,
David Moore, Revon Johnson, John Marlin

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