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**to**  
**Kirkwood!**

# **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Glory to God #658*

# **Opening Hymn**

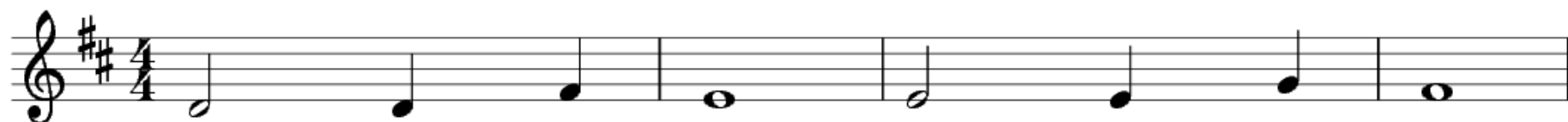
**“God Is So Good”**

*TEXT: Anon.*

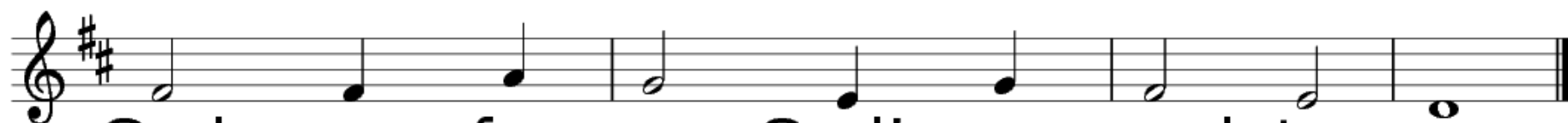
*MUSIC (GOD IS SO GOOD 4.4.4.5): Anon.*

1. God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.



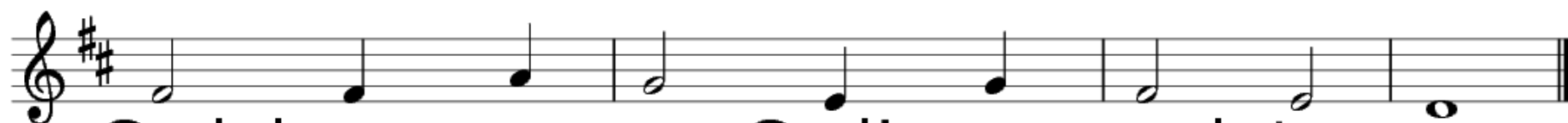
2. God cares for me; God cares for me;



God cares for me; God's so good to me.



3. God loves me so; God loves me so;



God loves me so; God's so good to me.



4. God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Is So Good'. It is written in G major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: '4. God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.' The score is presented on two staves. The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody, and the second staff contains the next four measures, ending with a double bar line.

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord  
has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with all of you.

**People: And also with you. Let us  
worship God!**

**A Time for Children**

# **Gathering Prayer**

# **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Gracious and loving God,  
we confess that we are troubled by  
the events of our lives and the state  
of this world. Headlines are full of  
wars, suffering, earthquakes, famines,  
and death.**

**These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service.**

**Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

# **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!

Surely God is your salvation.

**People: We will trust and not be afraid.**



Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# **Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth; the former things shall  
not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what  
I am creating; for I am about to create  
Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as  
a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their  
fruit. They shall not build and another  
inhabit; they shall not plant and another  
eat; for like the days of a tree shall the  
days of my people be, and my chosen  
shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the  
serpent-its food shall be dust! They shall  
not hurt or destroy on all my holy  
mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# **New Testament Lesson**

**Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and  
insurrections, do not be terrified; for these  
things must take place first, but the end  
will not follow immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

This will give you an opportunity to testify.  
So make up your minds not to prepare  
your defense in advance; for I will give  
you words and a wisdom that none of  
your opponents will be able to withstand  
or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name.

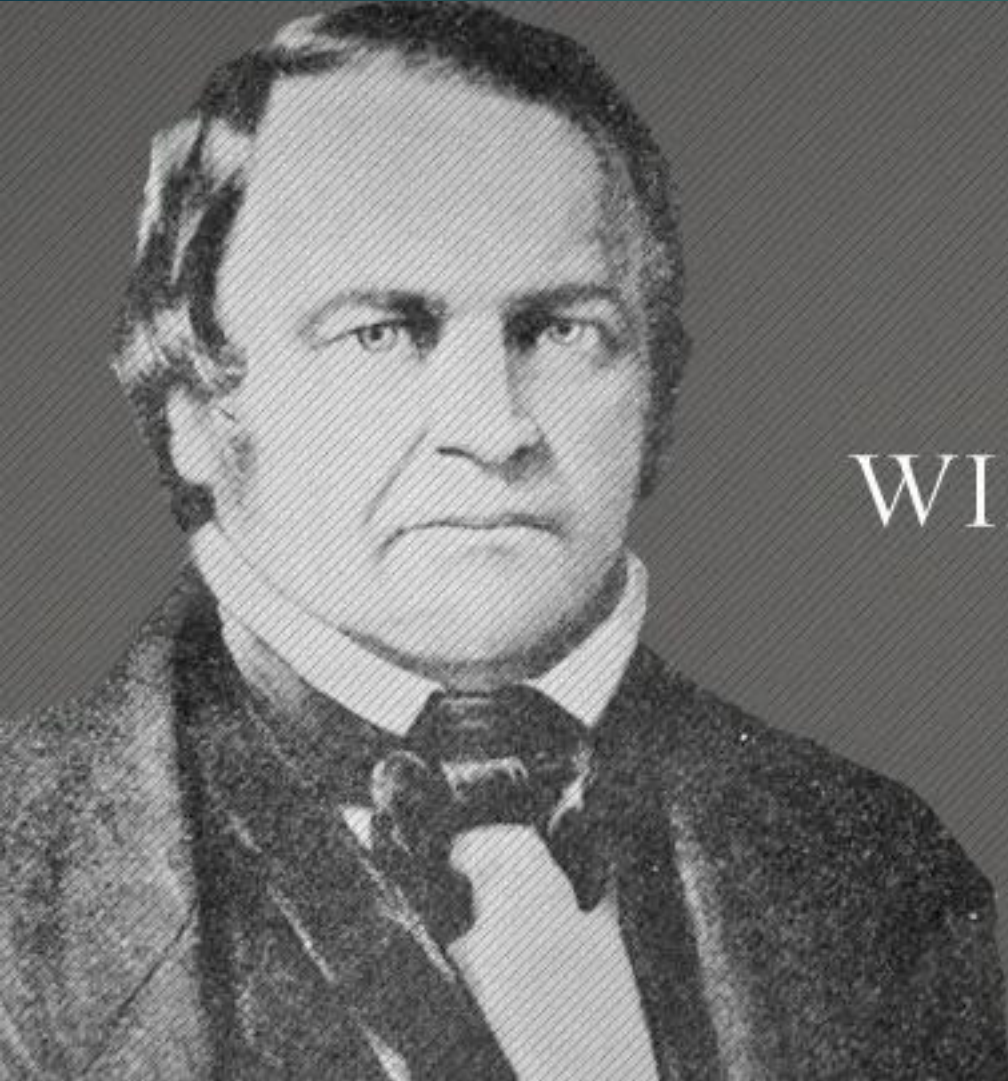


But not a hair of your head will perish. By  
your endurance you will gain your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Gospel That Never Expires



WILLIAM MILLER  
1782–1849







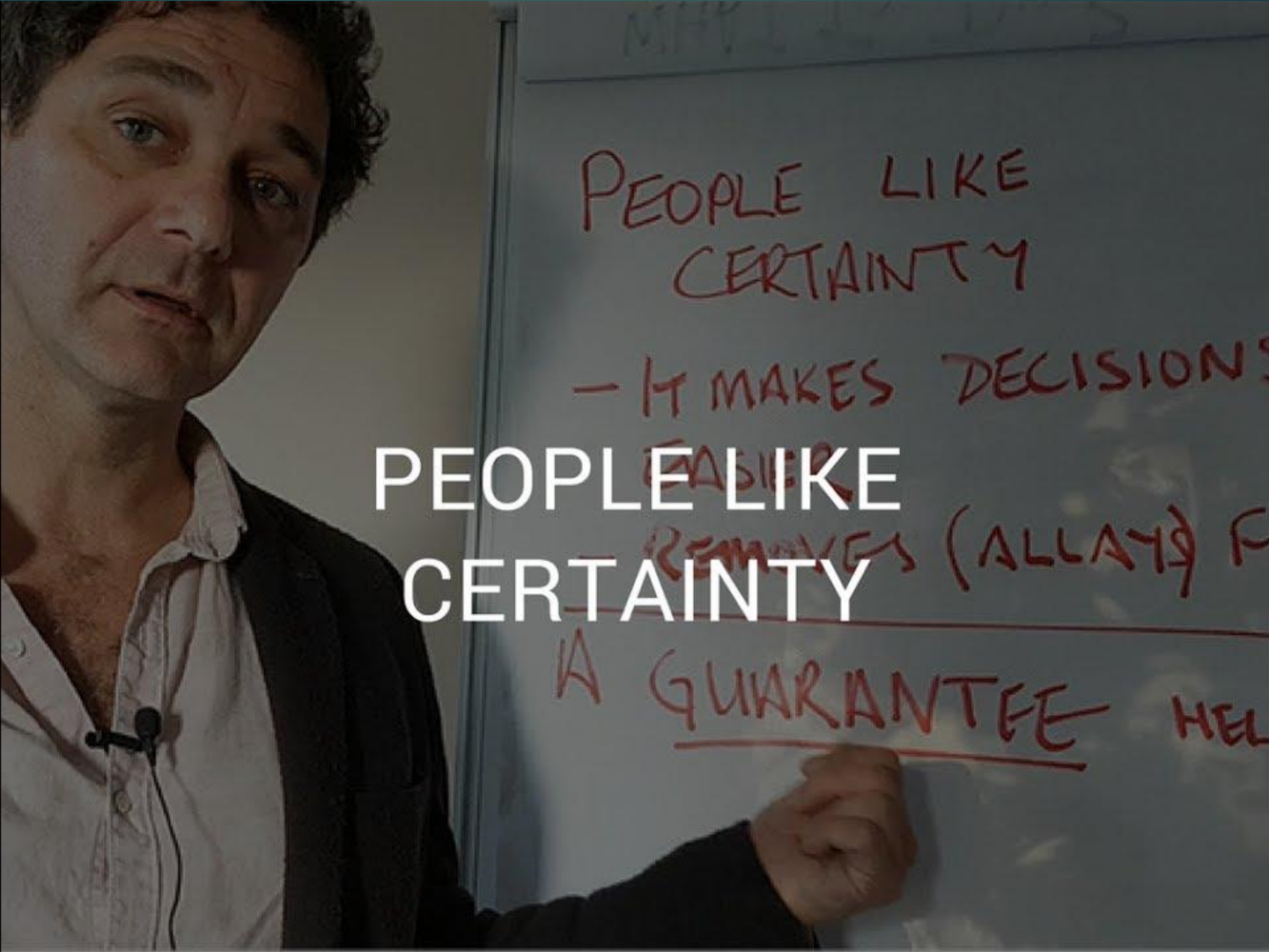
The background is a dramatic painting depicting a city, likely New York City, engulfed in flames and thick smoke. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is gathered on a rocky outcrop, looking towards the burning city. The scene is set against a dark, stormy sky with a bright light source on the left. The overall mood is one of impending doom and urgency.

*The Time is  
Near*







A man with curly hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark jacket, is pointing at a whiteboard. The whiteboard has handwritten text in red ink. The text on the whiteboard includes "PEOPLE LIKE CERTAINTY", "- IT MAKES DECISIONS EASIER", "- REMOVES (ALLAY) F", and "A GUARANTEE HEL".

# PEOPLE LIKE CERTAINTY

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A silhouette of a person stands on a pier or beach, with their arms outstretched horizontally. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a bright, glowing light. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a lighter, hazy yellow and then to a soft purple at the top. The water of the ocean is visible in the foreground, with gentle waves. The overall mood is one of peace, hope, and embracing the future.

Embrace the  
future with  
**FAITH.**

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# **Middle Hymn**

**“Rise Up (Lazarus)”**

# **Affirmation of Faith**

## **(Apostles' Creed)**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on**

**the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge**

**the quick and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# **Prayers of the People**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving Thanks to God  
with Our Tithes and  
Offerings**

**Offertory Song**

**Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom  
all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures  
here below;**

**Praise God above,  
ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son  
and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**(repeat Amen 6 times)**

# **Prayer of Dedication**

**People: Great and giving God, we know every good and perfect gift comes from you. In return, we give these offerings and pray they will not only supply the needs of others but also overflow with many thanksgivings to you.**

**Thank you for our many blessings.  
Lord, show us how to use what you  
have given us to be a blessing to  
others. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
your indescribable gift. Amen.**



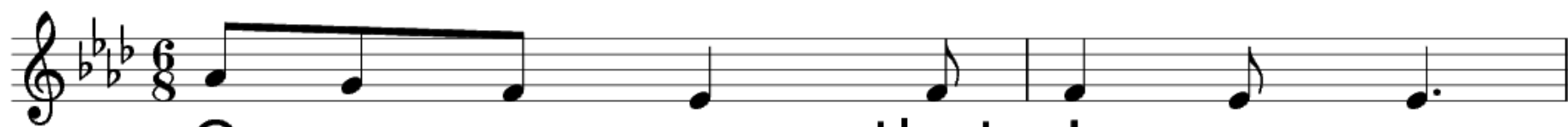
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# **Closing Hymn**

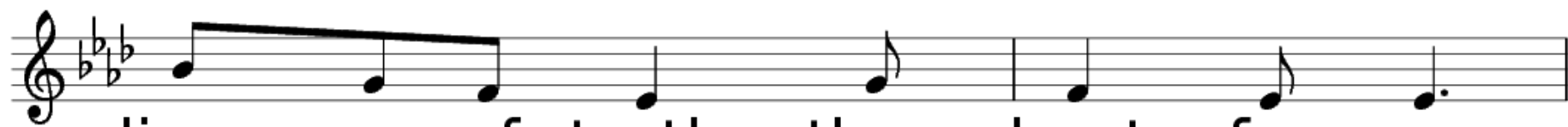
**“Open My Eyes,  
That I May See”**

*TEXT: Clara H. Scott, 1895*

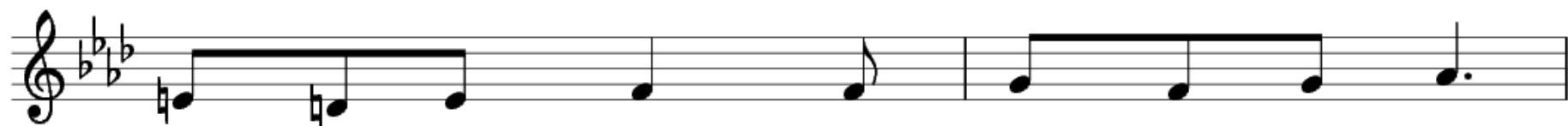
*MUSIC (OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8.8.8.8.4): Clara H. Scott, 1895*



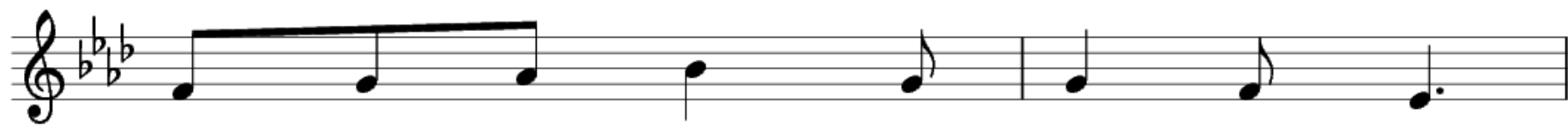
1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see



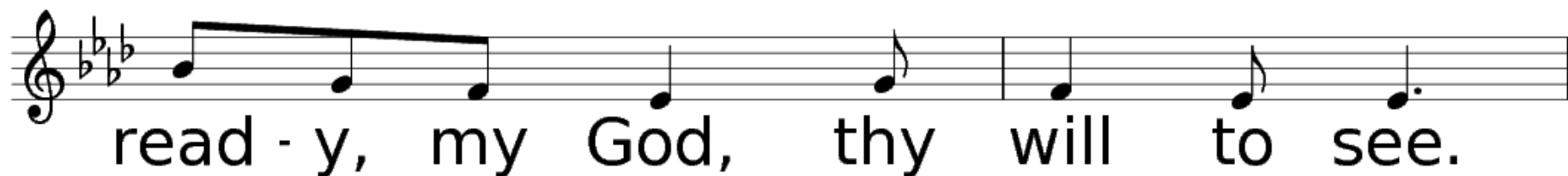
glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.

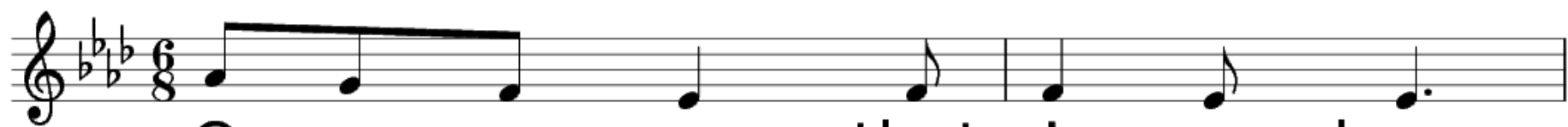


Place in my hands the won - der - ful key



that shall un - clasp and set me free.

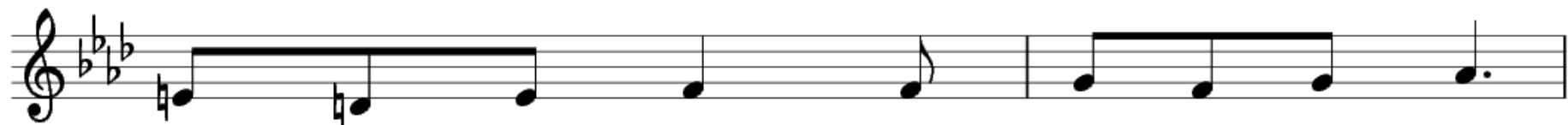




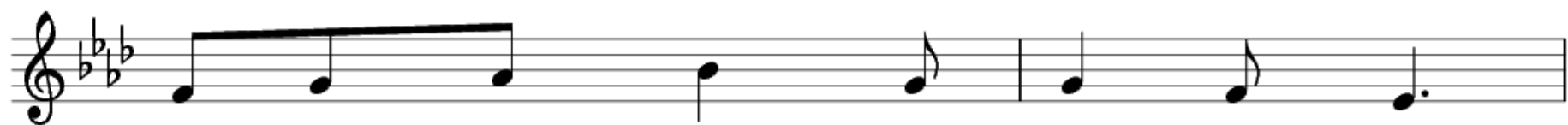
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear



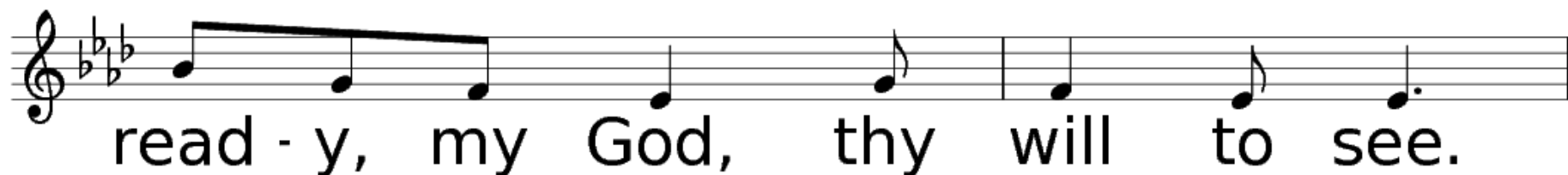
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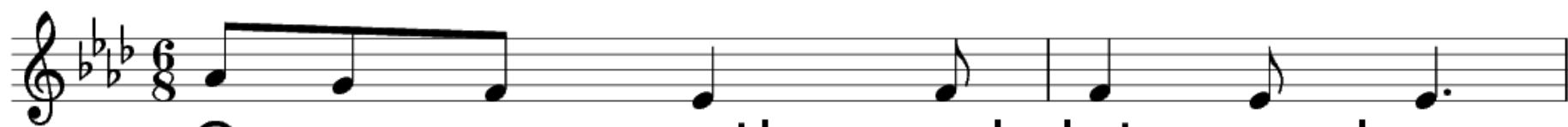


And while the wave notes fall on my ear,

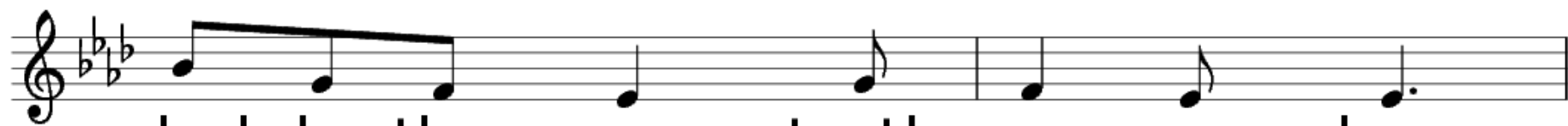


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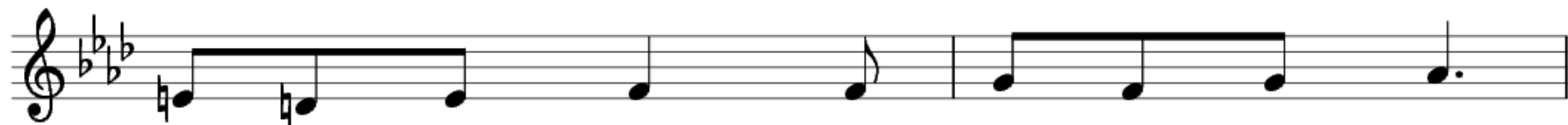




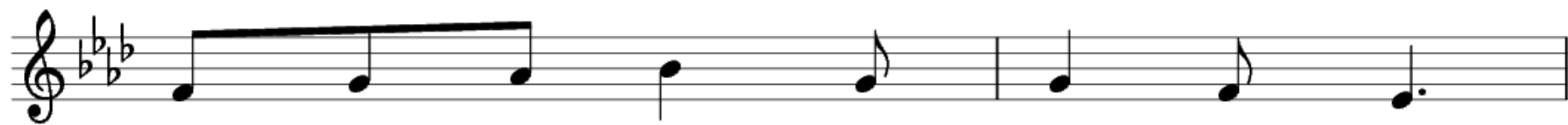
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear



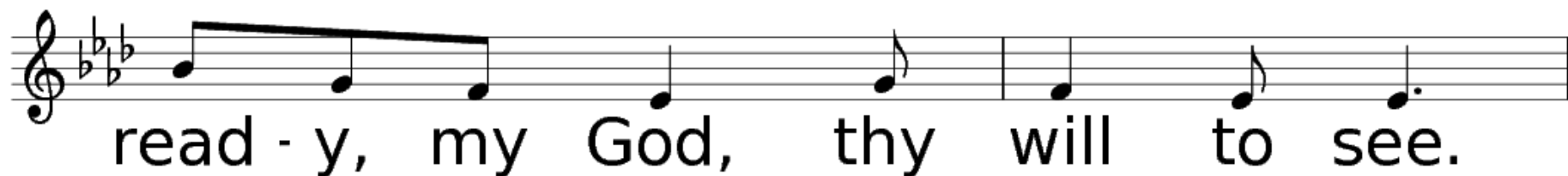
glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare



love with thy chil - dren thus to share.



# **Charge and Blessing**



