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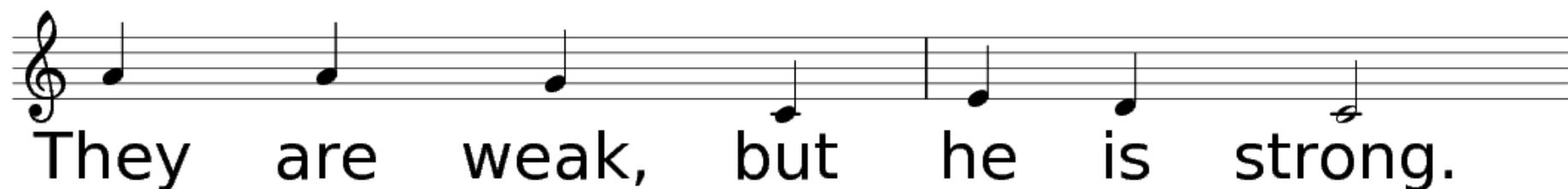
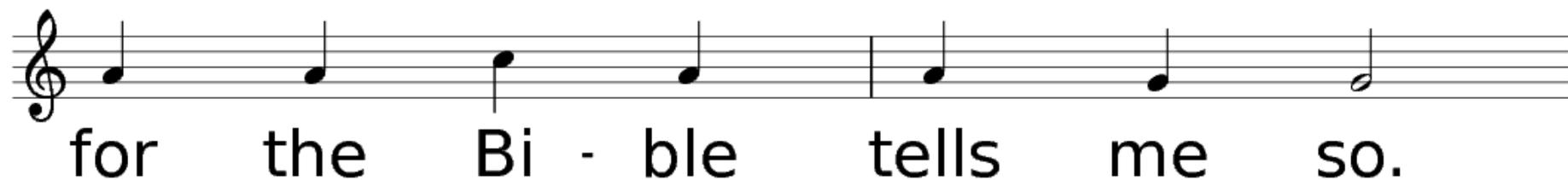
Sharing the Peace of Christ

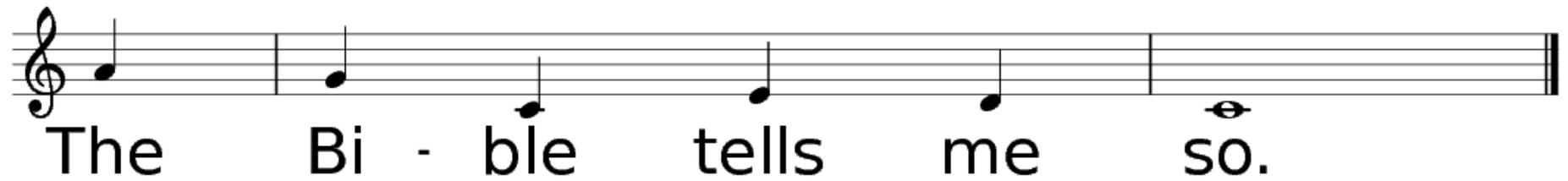
Glory to God #188

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me!”

*TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
MUSIC (JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 with refrain): William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.*





2. Je - sus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long a - go,
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee,
say - ing, "Let them come to me."

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Loves Me!". It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a "2." indicating a second ending. The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go, tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, 'Let them come to me.'"



Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me!



The Bi - ble tells me so.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long
as I live; I will sing praises to God all
my life long.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the
God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

**People: Who made heaven and earth,
and all that is in them.**

Leader: Who executes justice for the
oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**People: The Lord sets the prisoner free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

Leader: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**People: Almighty and merciful God,
we continue to want more, blind to
the blessings we already have. We
want everything now, blind to the
value of patience and hard work.**

**We take so much pride in our own
accomplishments that we are blind
to people in need. Forgive us!
Cleanse us.**

**Help us see the world with your eyes
so that we can be people of gratitude,
courage, and compassion, because
of what we see in Jesus our Lord.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!
We have been made right with God
through faith.

**People: We have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down

in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through
the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff -
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.”

He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”

They said to him, “Where is he?” He said,
“I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.

He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”

Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.”

But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”

Jesus said to him, “You have seen him,
and the one speaking with you is he.”

He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he
worshiped him.

Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”

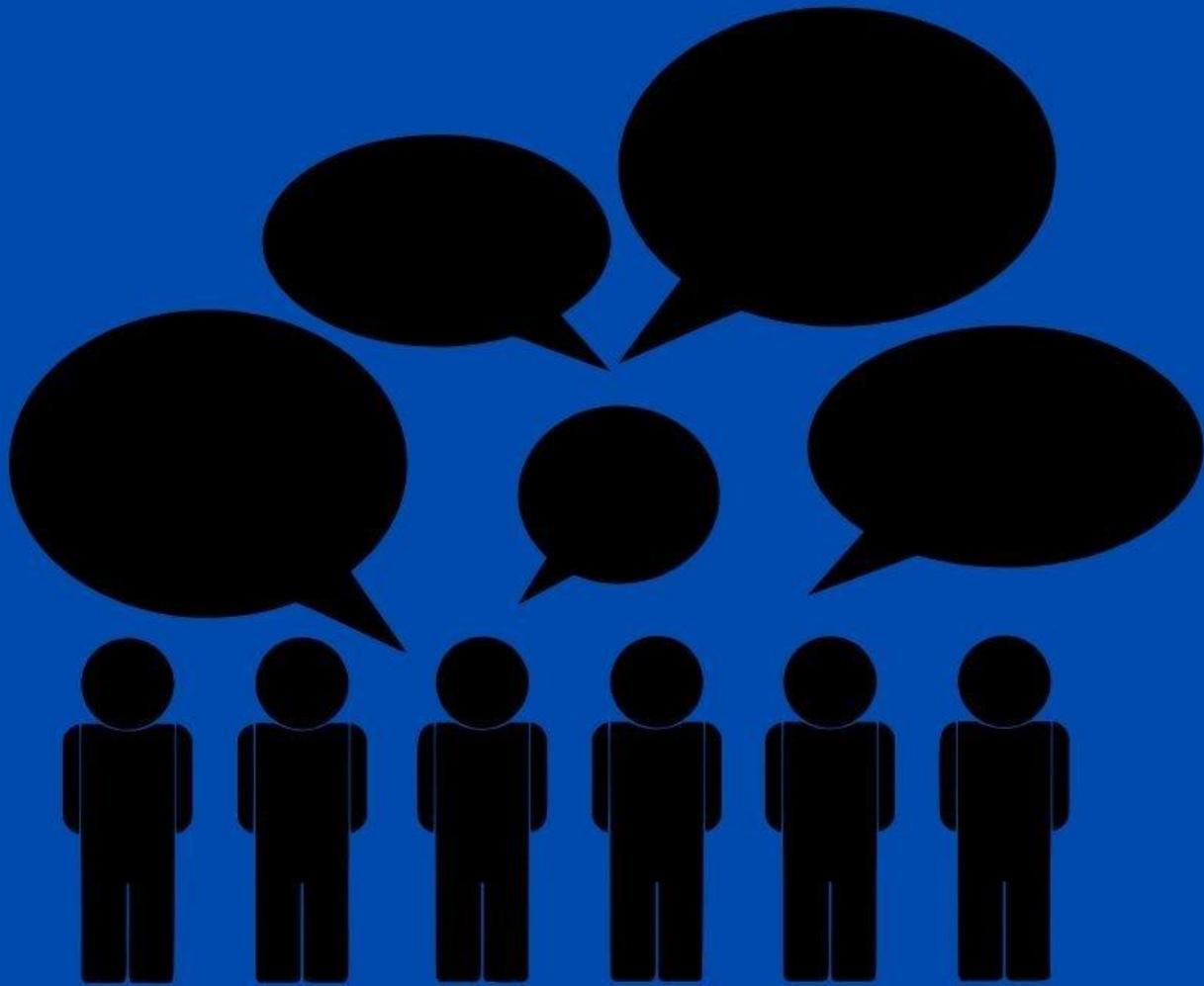
Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Seeing What
Matters Most















**Nothing does so much to
help those who suffer as to
know that somebody cares.**

J.R. Miller

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Middle Hymn

“Still Waters”

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: What words can we use to thank you? Accept the gifts we give today to be for your glory and the good of your people, because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Glory to God #370

Closing Hymn

**“This Is My
Father’s World”**

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

MUSIC (TERRA BEATA, SMD): Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

This Is My Father's World

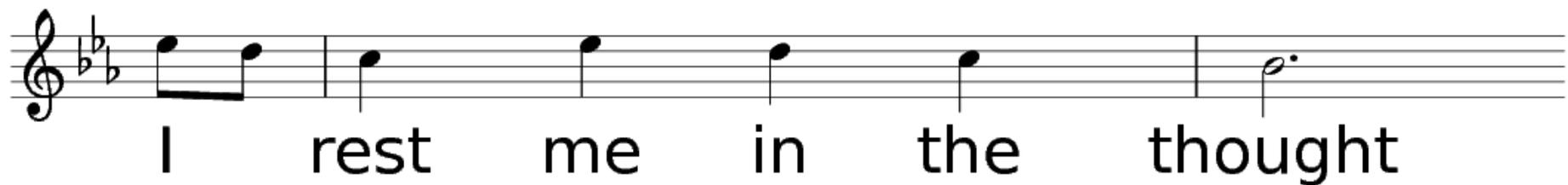
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1. This is my Fa - ther's world,
and to my lis - tening ears
all na - ture sings, and round me rings
the mu - sic of the spheres.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'This Is My Father's World'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final note on a half note. The lyrics are: '1. This is my Fa - ther's world,'. The second staff continues the melody: 'and to my lis - tening ears'. The third staff continues: 'all na - ture sings, and round me rings'. The fourth staff concludes: 'the mu - sic of the spheres.' The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes.

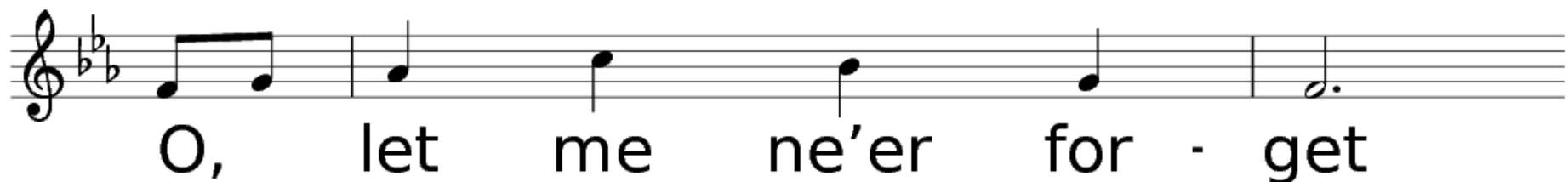
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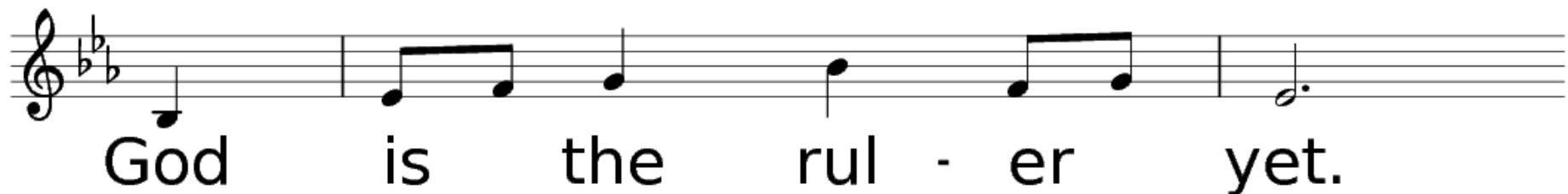
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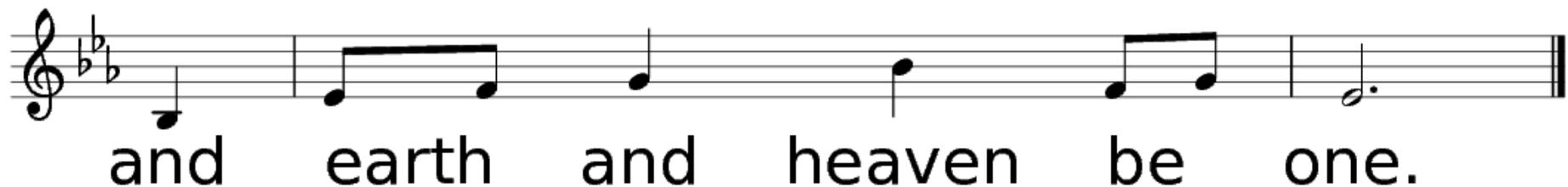
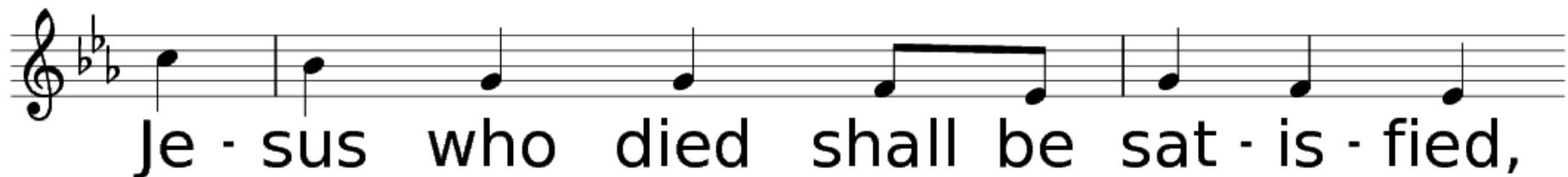
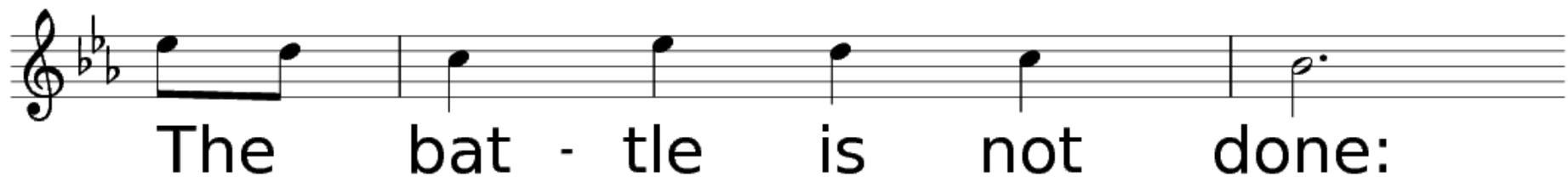
O, let me ne'er for - get



that though the wrong seems oft so strong,



God is the rul - er yet.



Charge and Blessing

