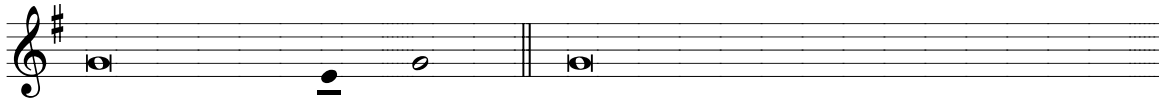


# Ash Wednesday

Gospel—Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je- sus Christ according to Mat- thew.



℟. Glory to you, Lord Christ. Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your



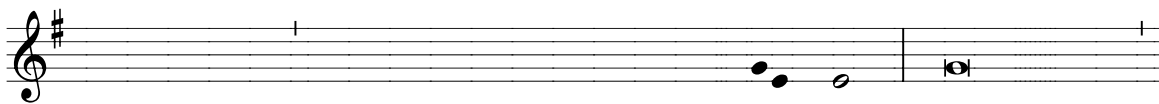
piety before others in or-der to be seen by them; for then you have no



reward from your Father in hea- ven. So whenever you give alms, do



not sound a trum-pet be- fore you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues



and in the streets, so that they may be praised by o- thers. Truly I tell you,



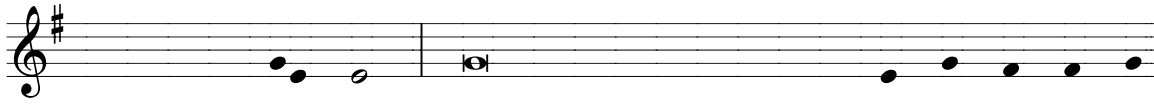
they have received their re- ward. But when you give alms, do not let your



right hand know what your left hand is do- ing,



so that your alms may be done in se-cret; and your Father who sees in



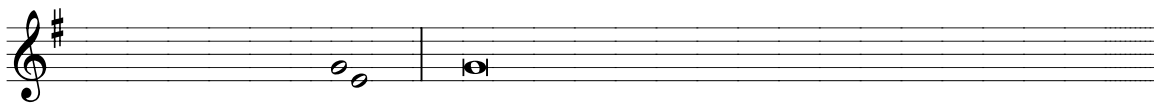
secret will re-ward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hyp-o-



crites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street



corners, so that they may be seen by o-thers. Truly I tell you, they have



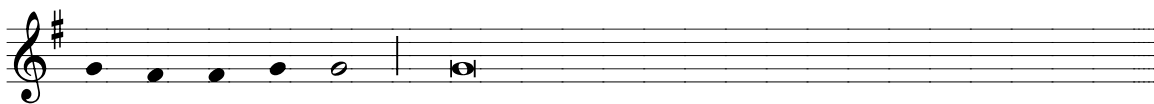
received their re-ward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut



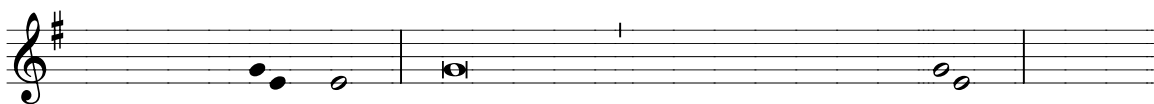
the door and pray to your Fa-ther who is in se-cret; and your Father who



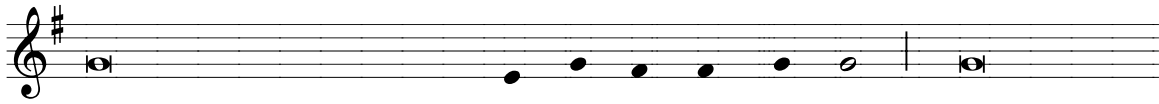
sees in secret will re-ward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dis-mal



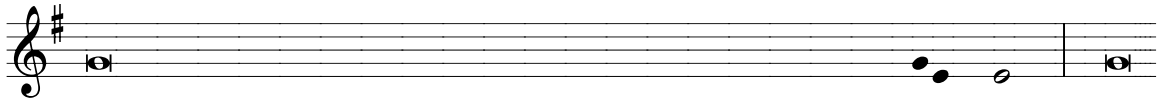
like the hyp-o-crites; for they disfigure their faces so as to show others



that they are fast-ing. Truly I tell you, they have their re-ward.



But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your



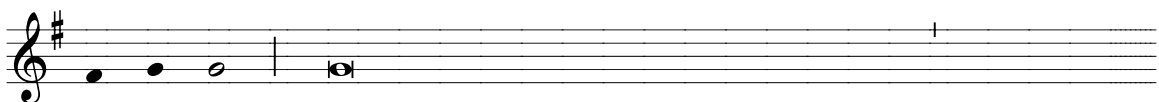
fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is is se- cret; and



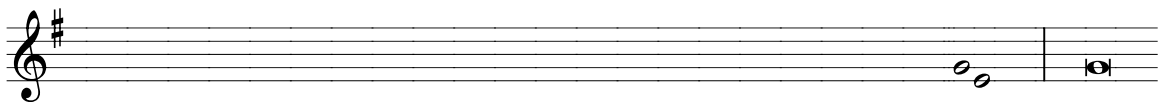
your Father who sees in secret will re- ward you. Do not store up for your-



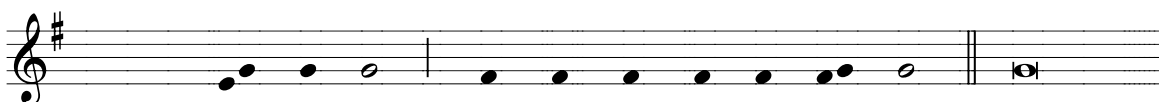
selves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break



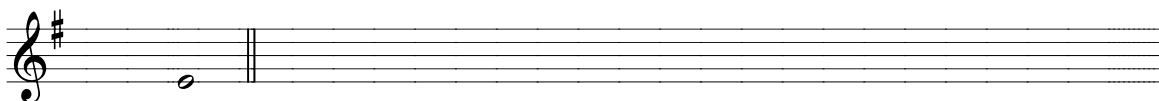
in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither



moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For



where your trea- sure is, there your heart will be al- so. The Gospel



of the Lord.