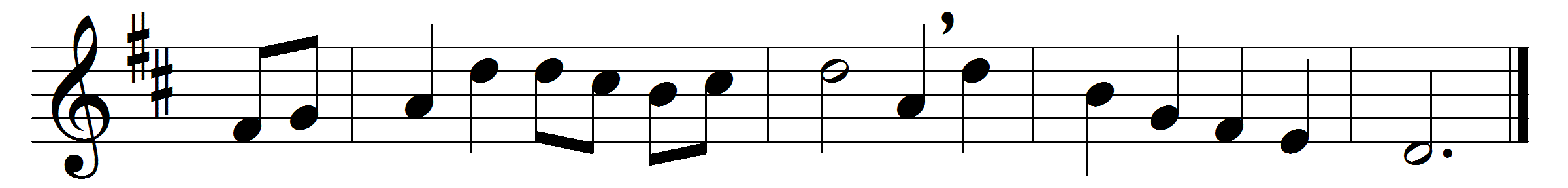
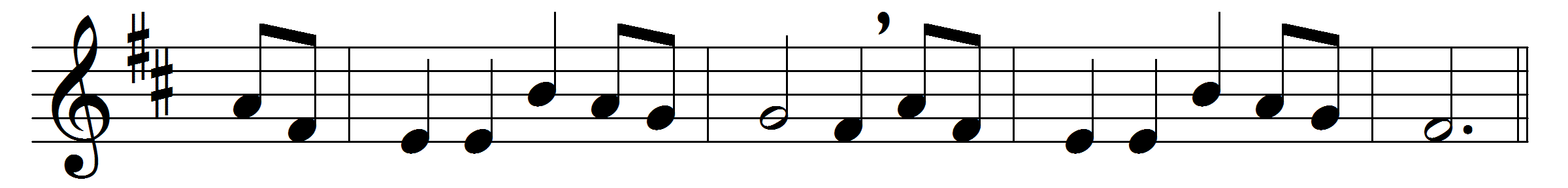
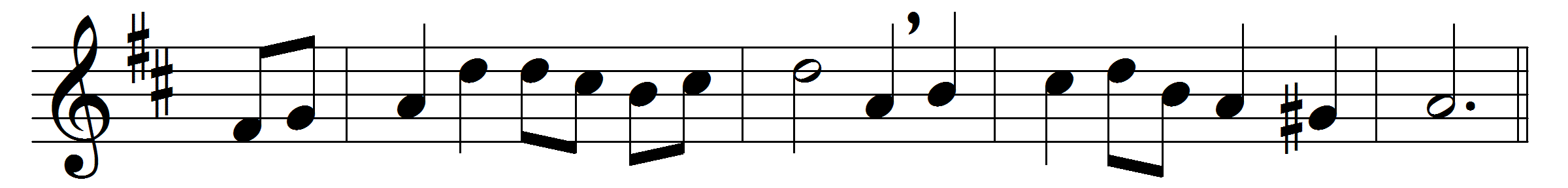
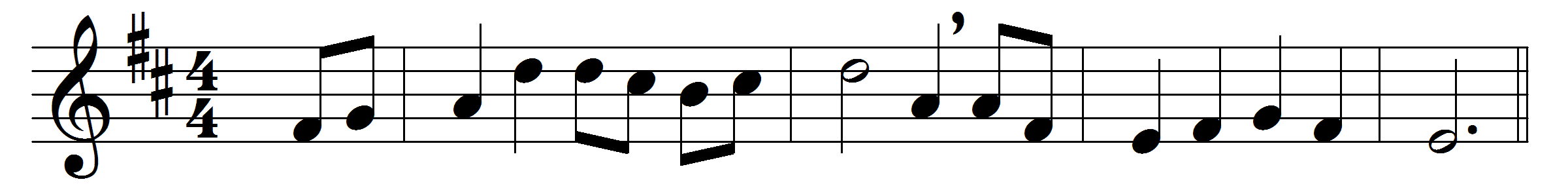
We pray thee, heavenly Father AMNS 264 Melody: Offertorium 7 6. 7 6. D.



We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,  
O Jesus Christ, we pray;  
so may we well approach thee,  
if thou wilt be the Way:  
thou, very Truth, hast promised  
to help us in our strife,  
food of the weary pilgrim,  
eternal source of life.

And thou, creator Spirit,  
look on us, we are thine;  
renew in us thy graces,  
upon our darkness shine;  
that, with thy benediction  
upon our souls outpoured,  
we may receive in gladness  
the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,  
O Unity most high,  
on thee alone relying  
thy servants would draw nigh:  
unworthy in our weakness,  
on thee our hope is stayed,  
and blessed by thy forgiveness  
we will not be afraid.

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845-1929)

Music: Melody adapted from Michael Haydn (1737-1806)