Welcome Home!
April 28, 2024
Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

Announcements!

Choral Call to Worship

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

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*Call to Worship

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
Congregation: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

Congregation: Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper;

Congregation: The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

Leader: The sun shall not smite you by day,

Congregation: nor the moon by night.

Leader: Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.

Congregation: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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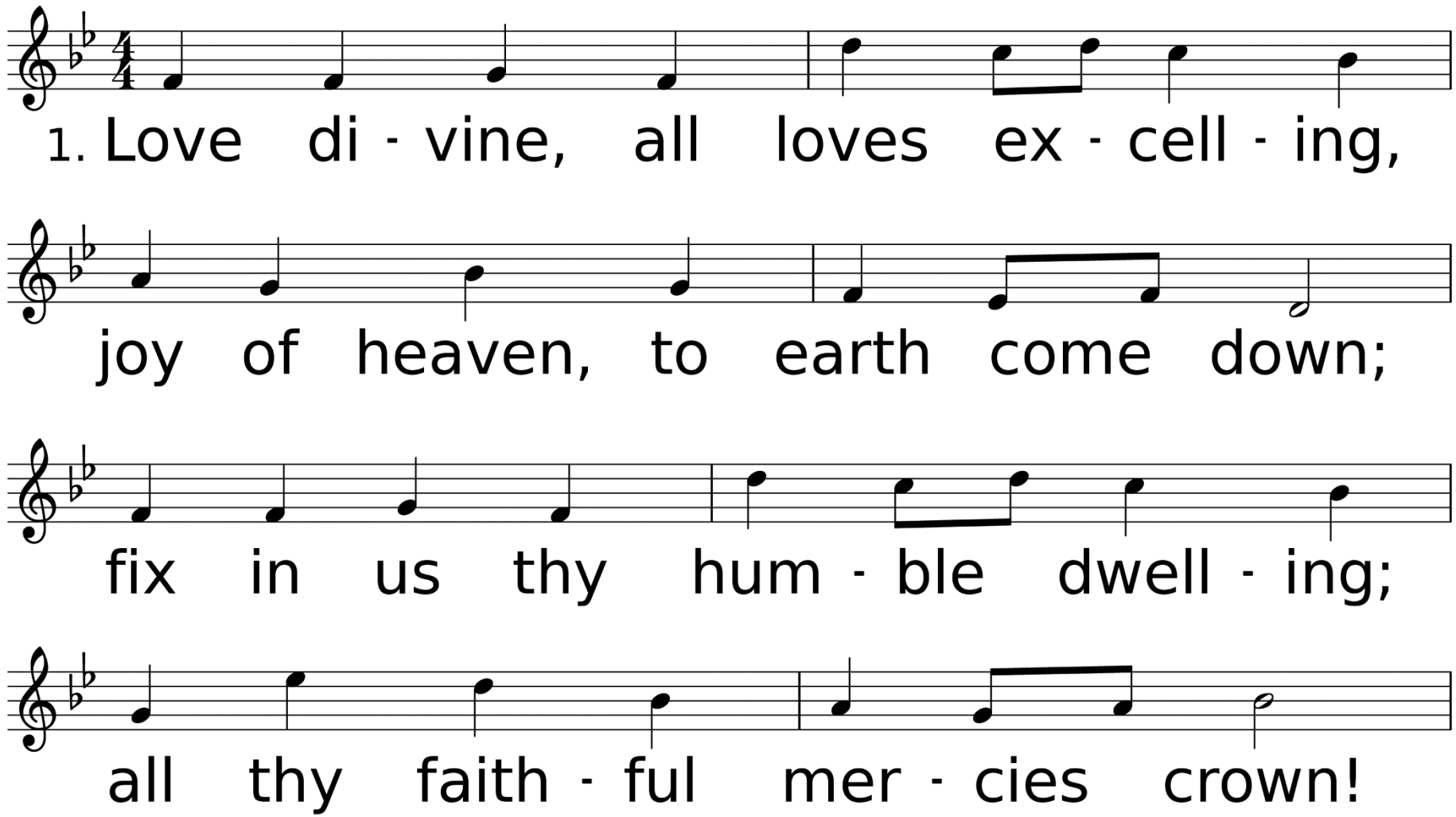

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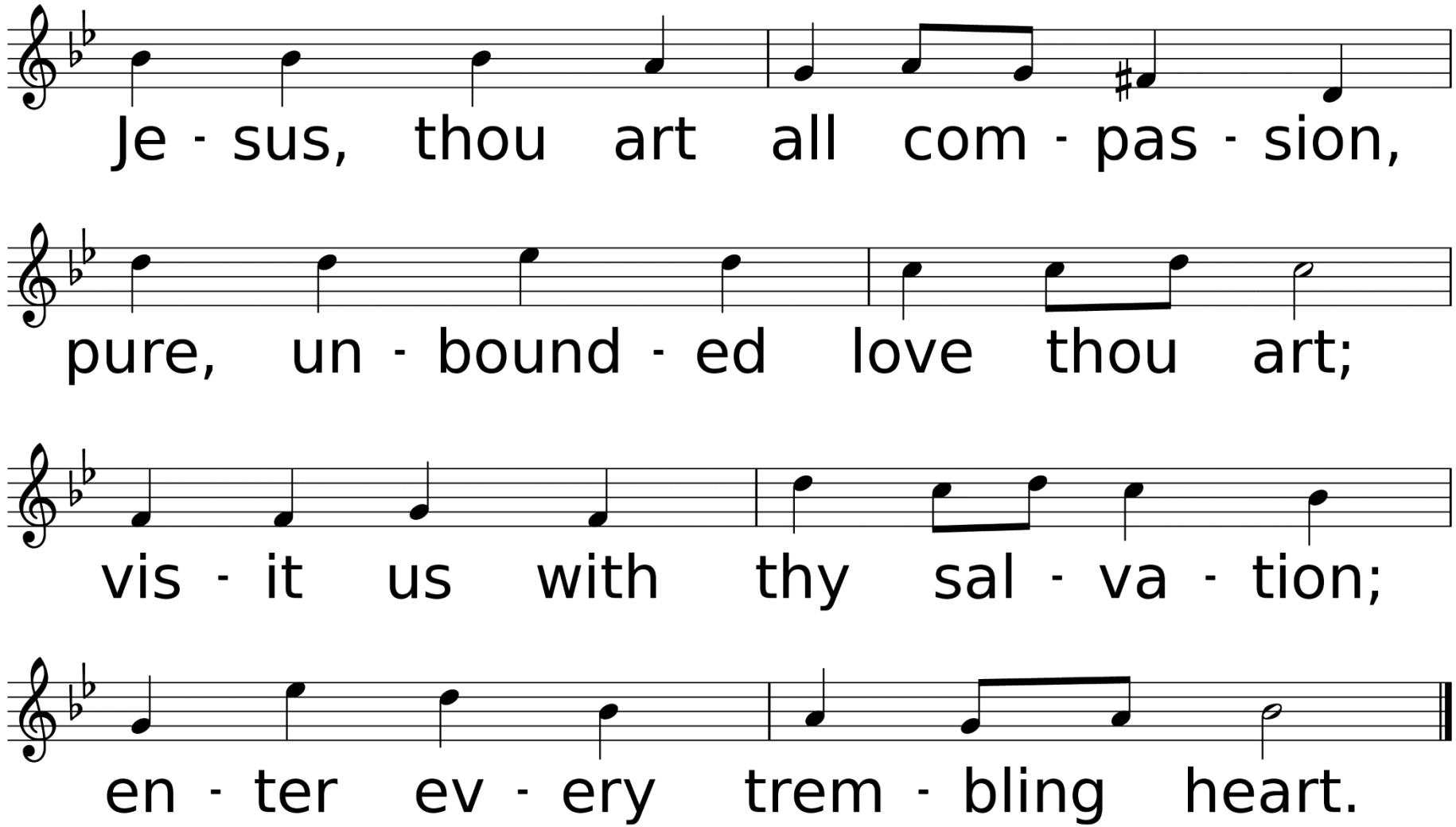
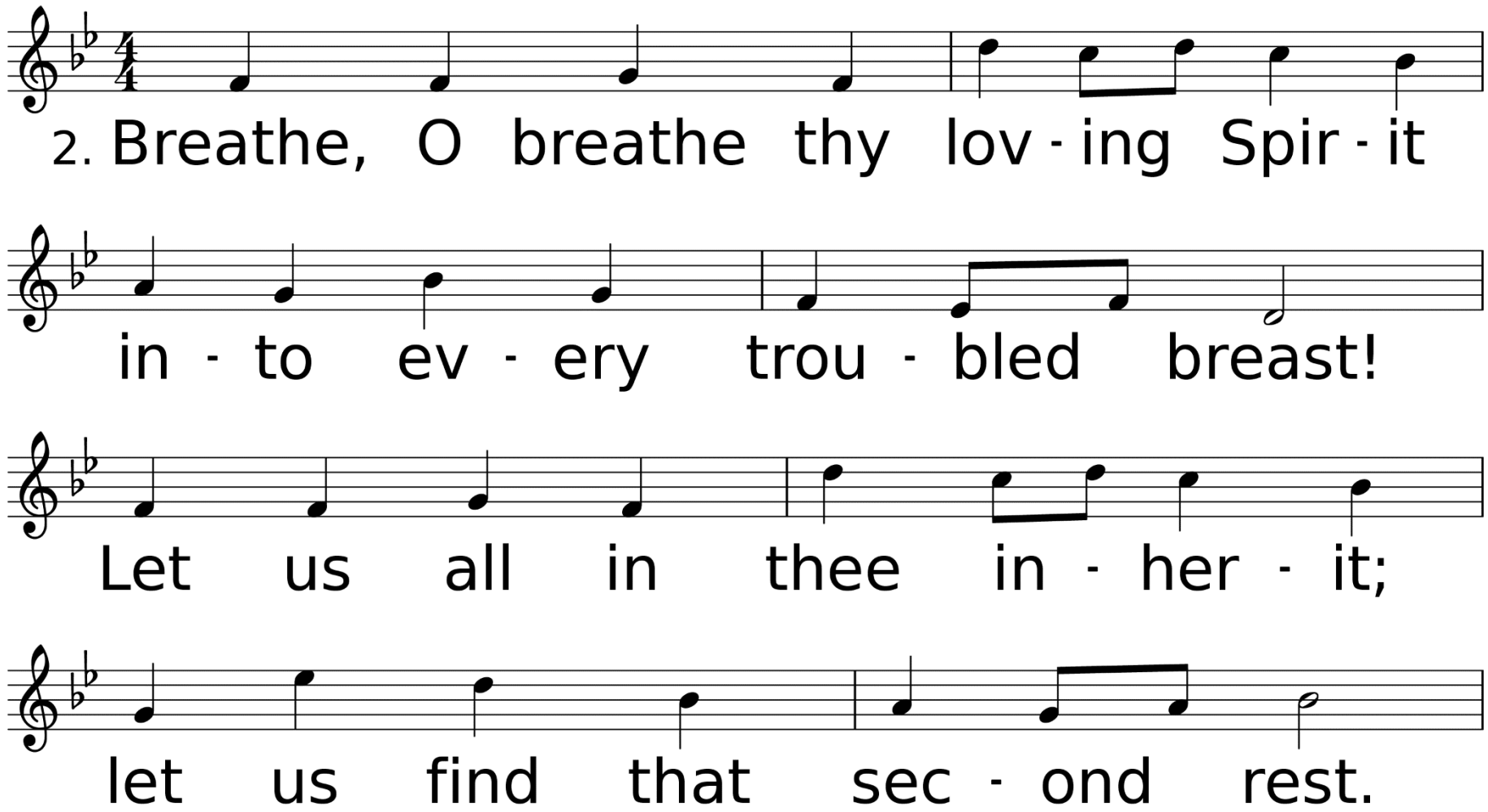
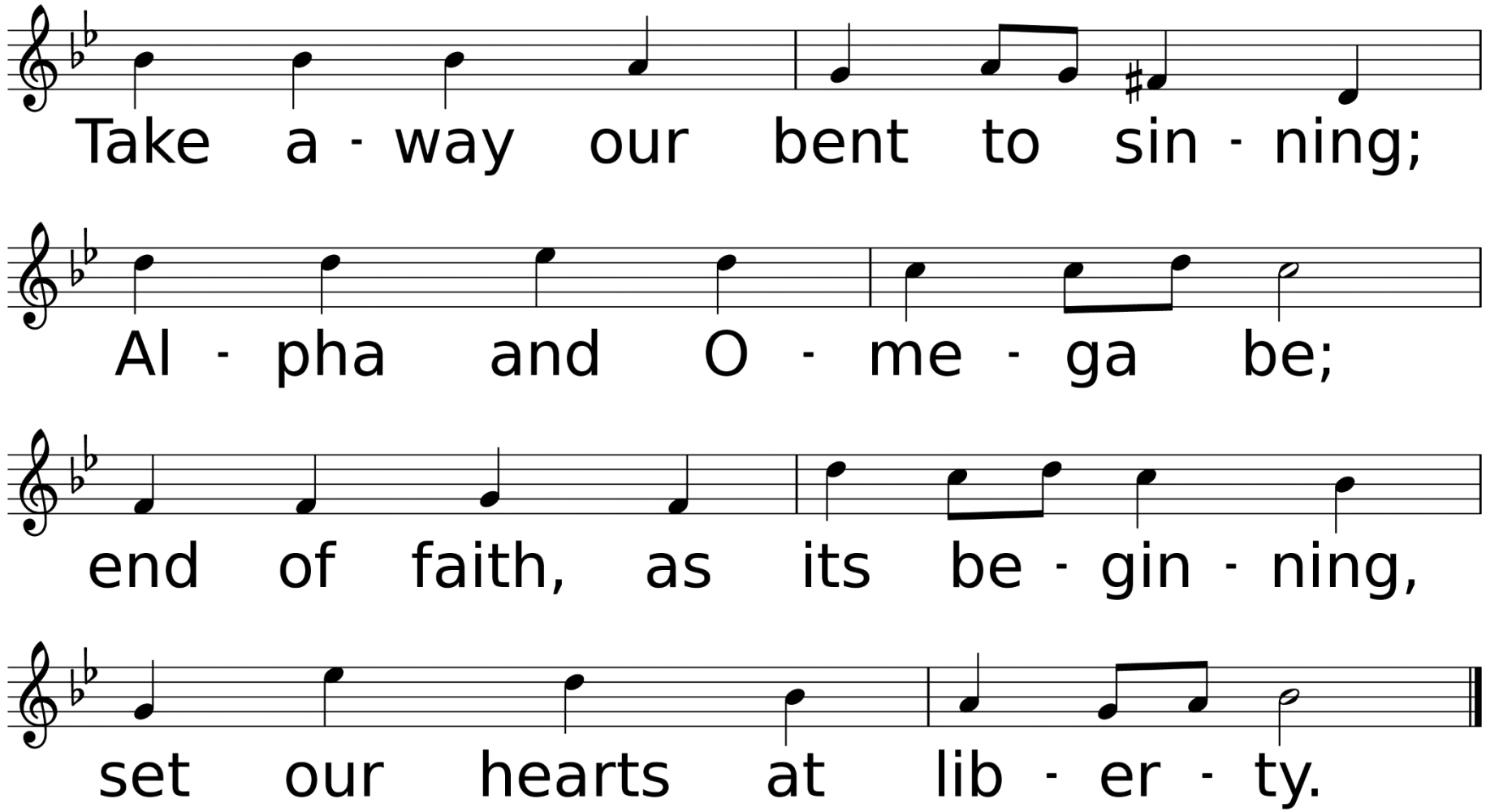
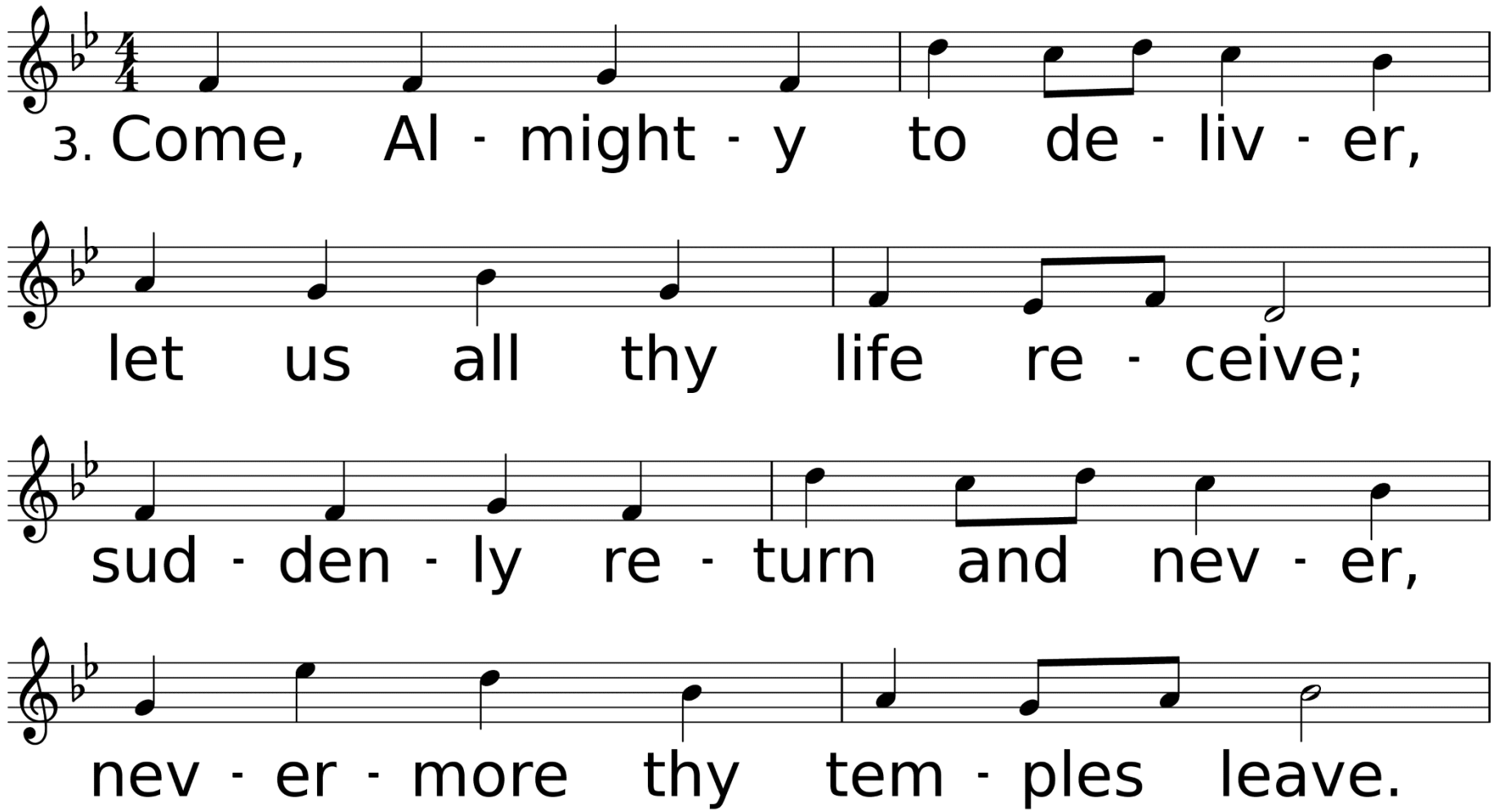
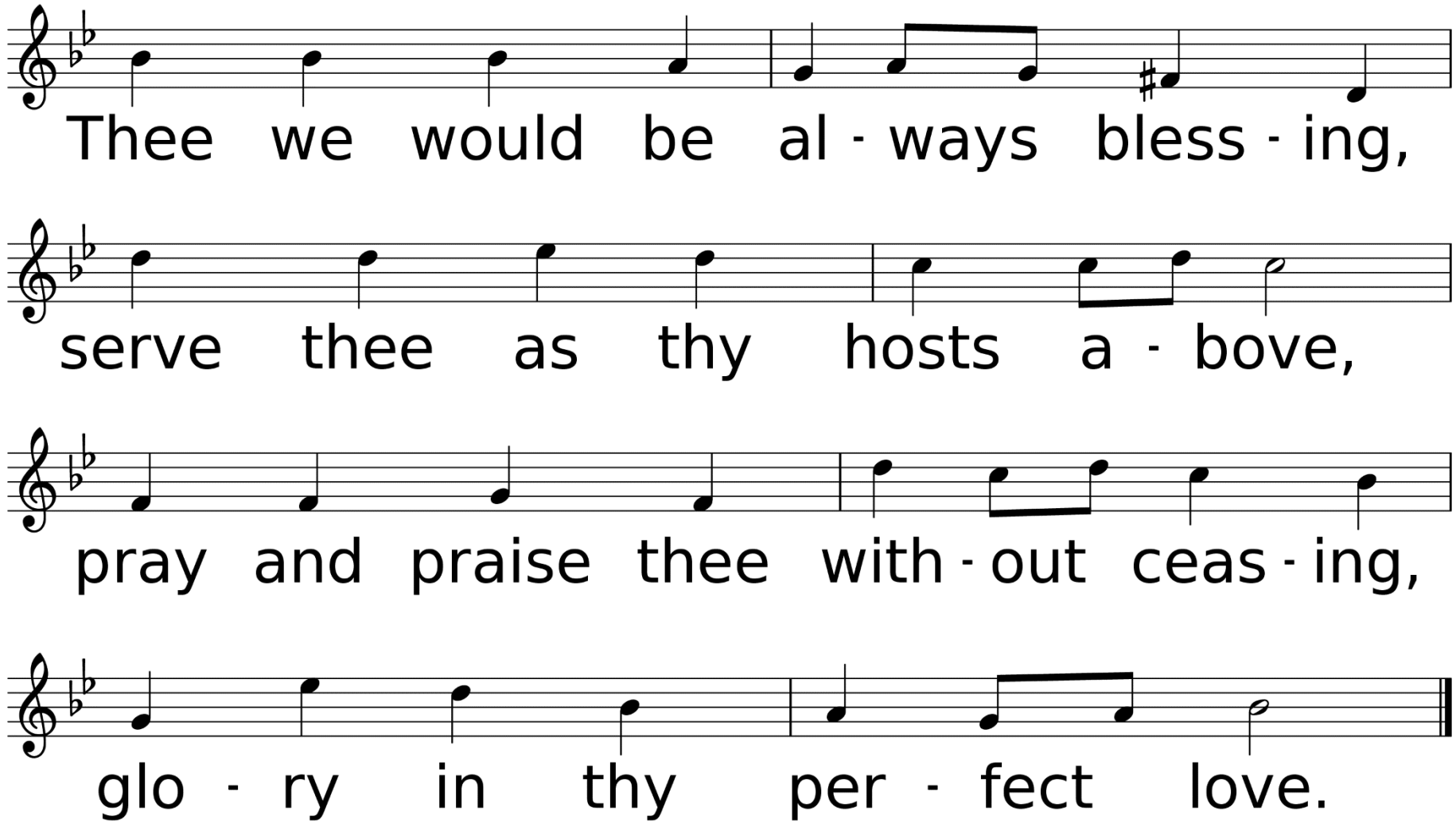
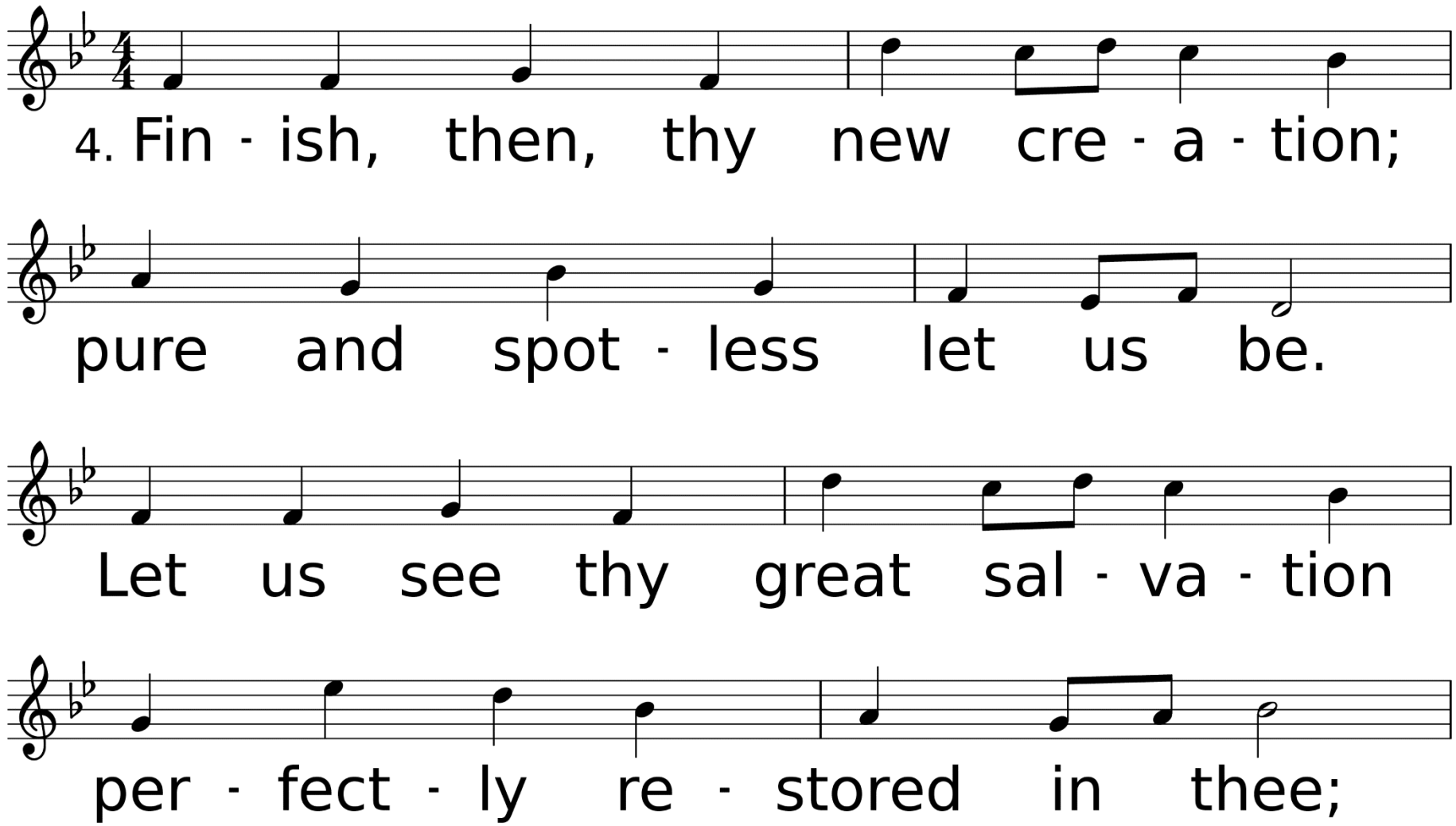

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion;
en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.

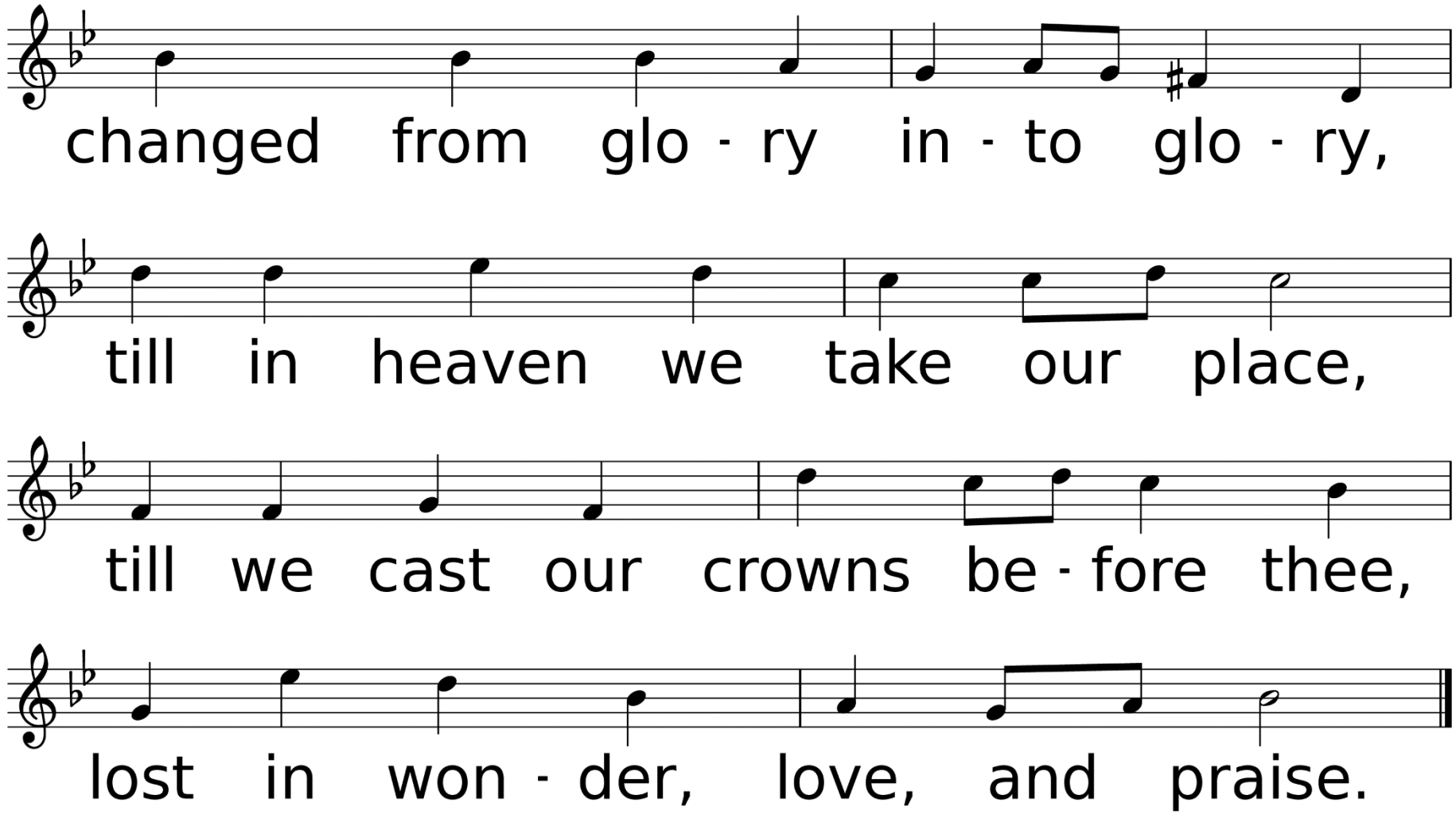

2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it
in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
Let us all in thee in - her - it;
let us find that sec - ond rest.


Take a - way our bent to sin - ning;
Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning,
set our hearts at lib - er - ty.


3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er,
let us all thy life re - ceive;
sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.


Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing,
glo - ry in thy per - fect love.


4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion;
pure and spot - less let us be.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion
per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;


changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee,
lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example,

and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God Present with us for guidance, for comfort and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal

to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship

and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer

The Gift of Love

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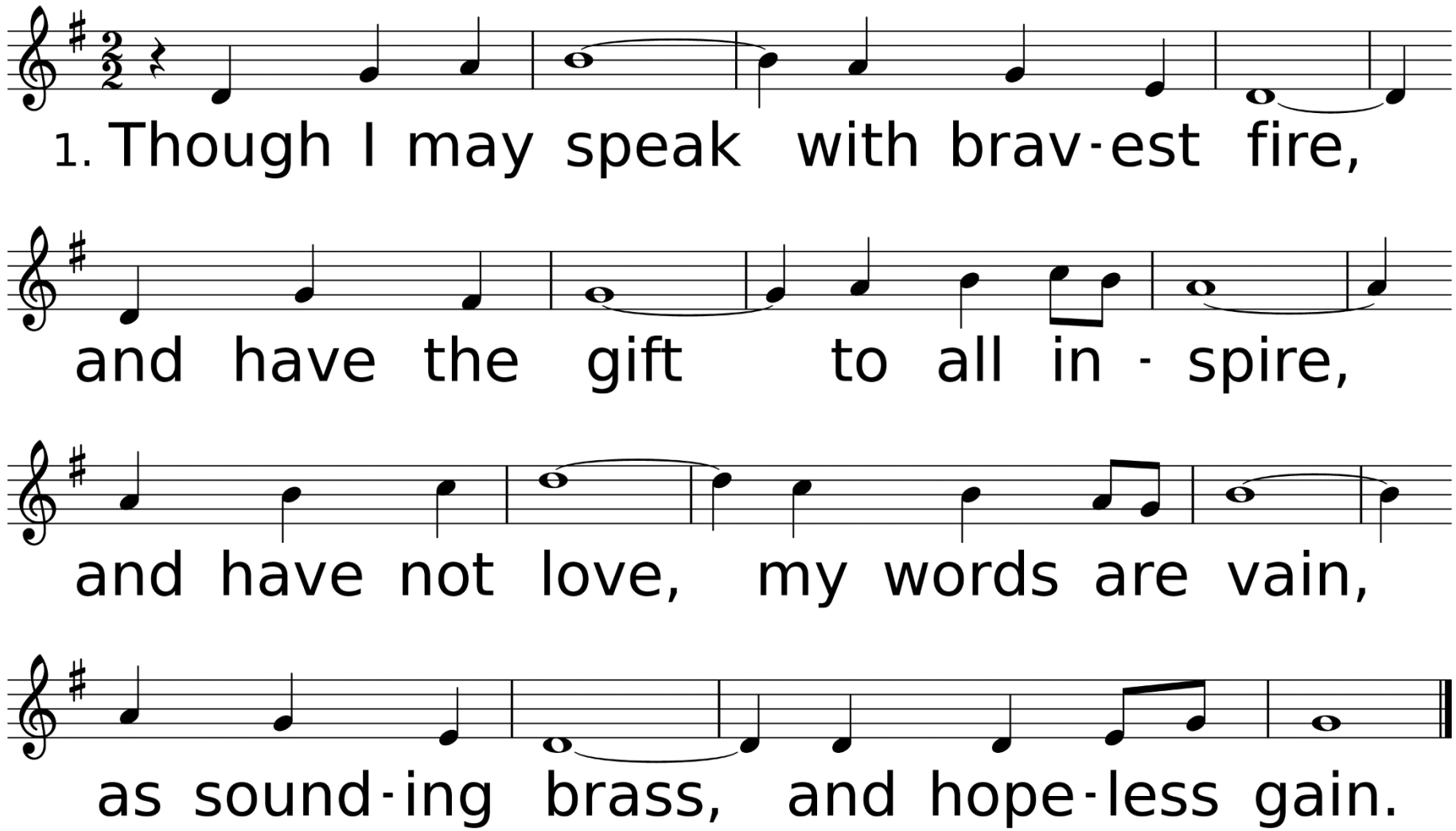

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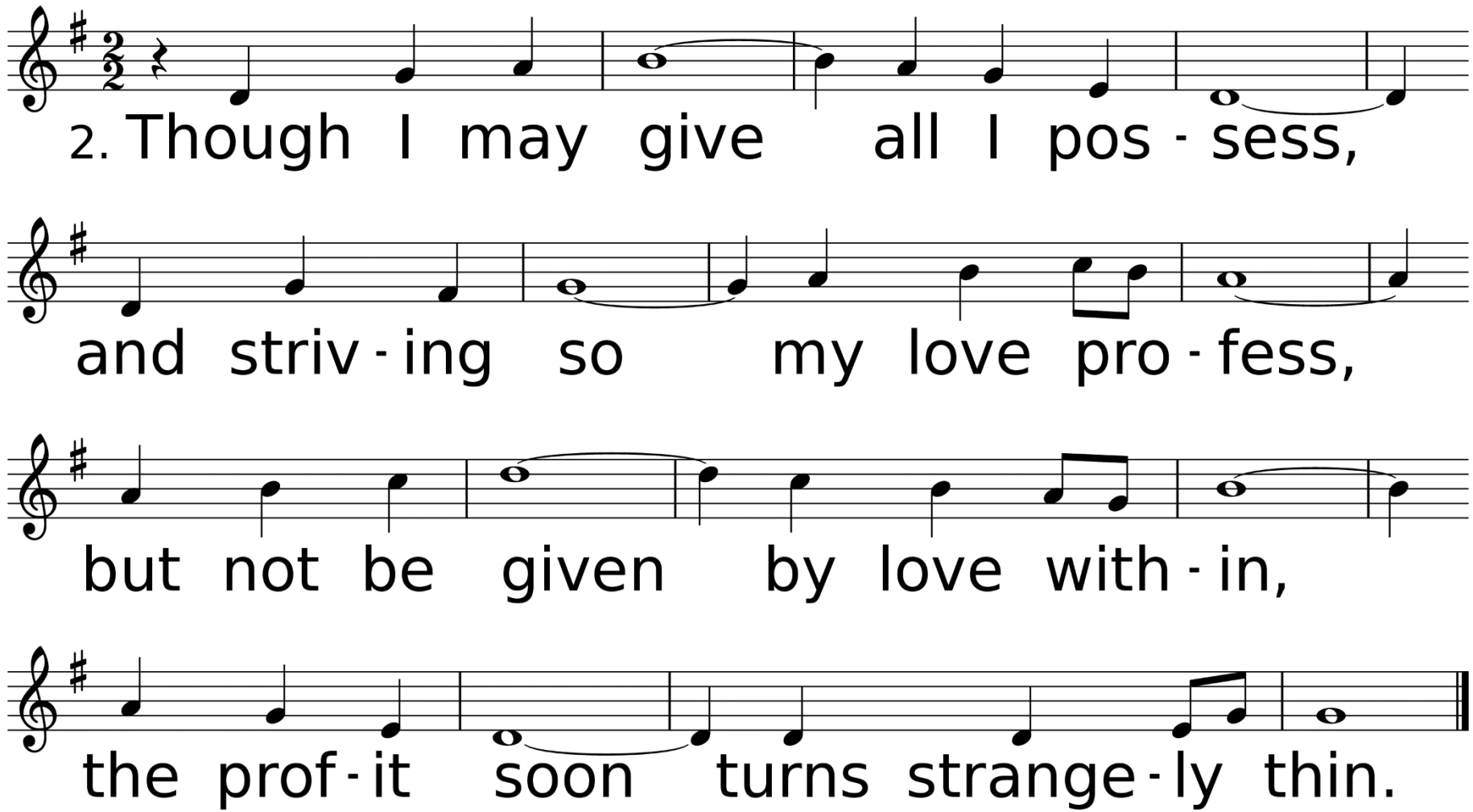
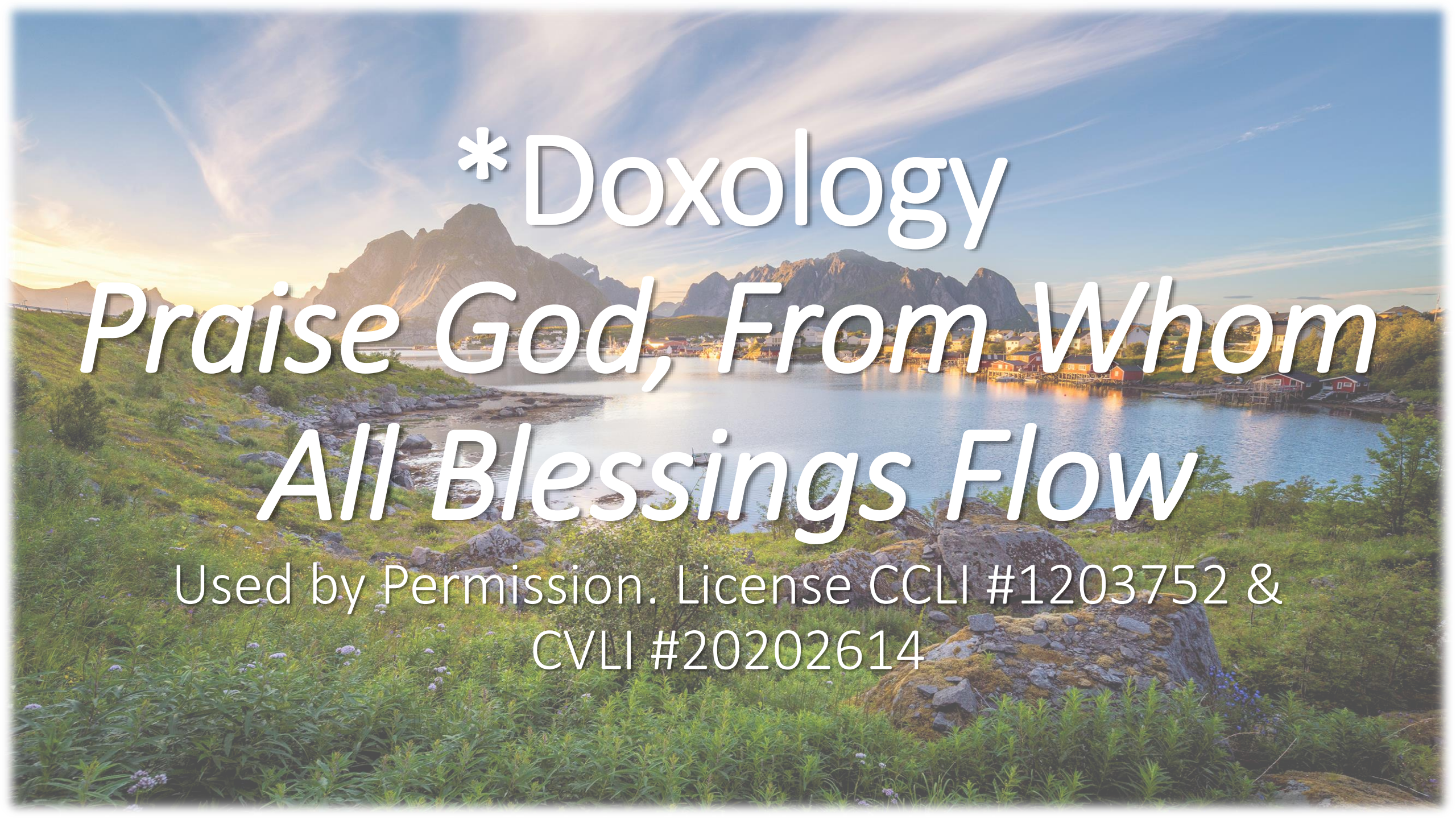

2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
but not be given by love with - in,
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer
& Return of God's
Tithes & Gifts
With Noisy Offering


*Doxology
Praise God, From Whom
All Blessings Flow
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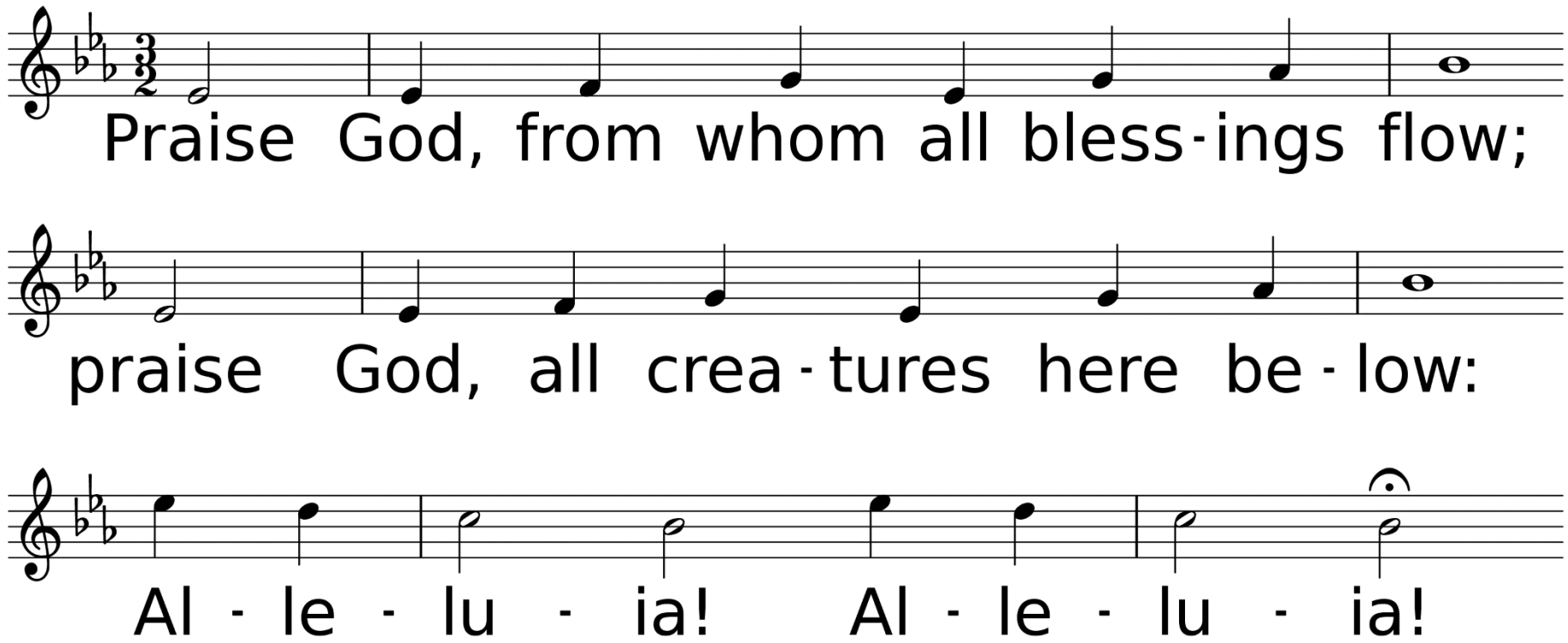

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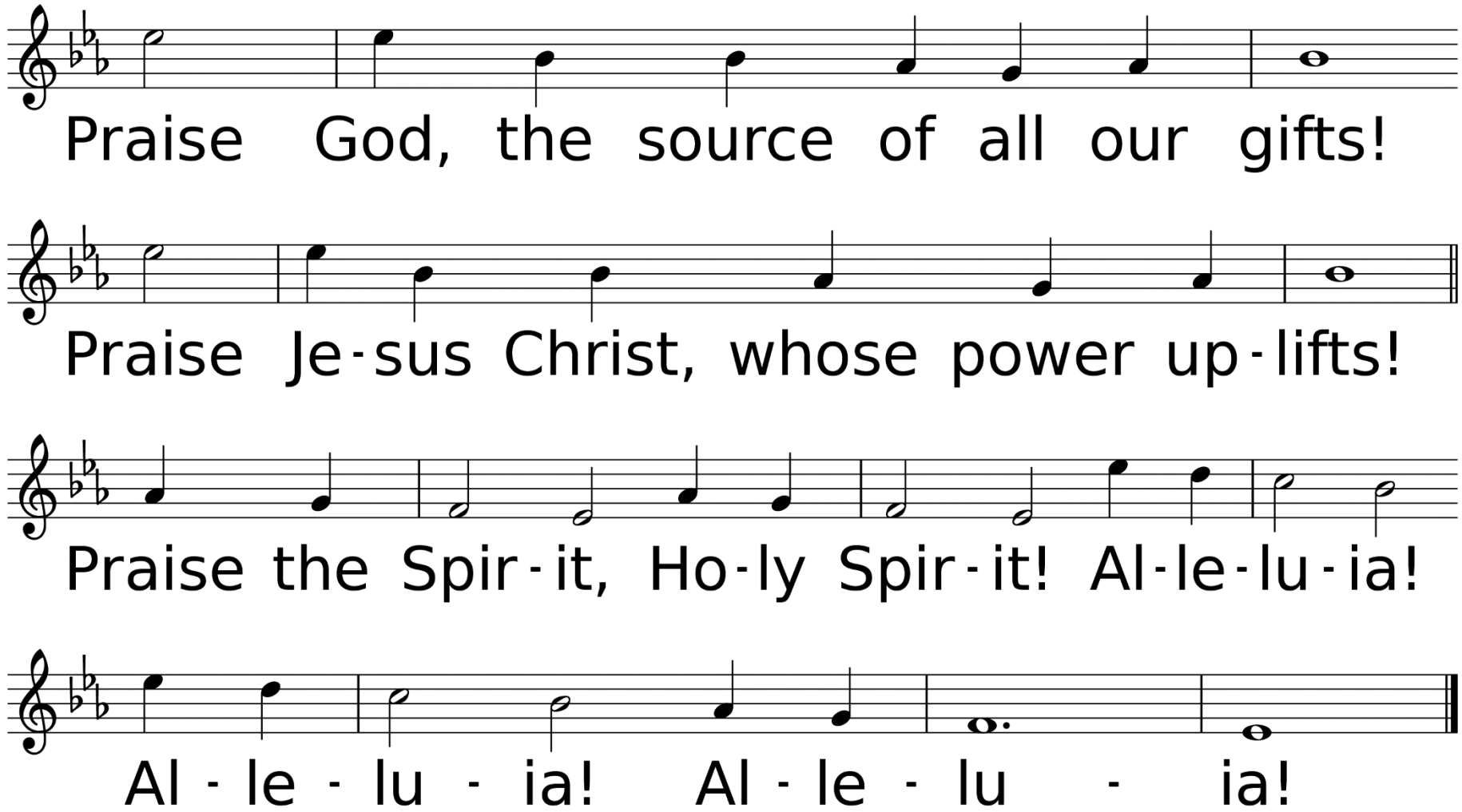
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children’s Church!

Hymn of Faith

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

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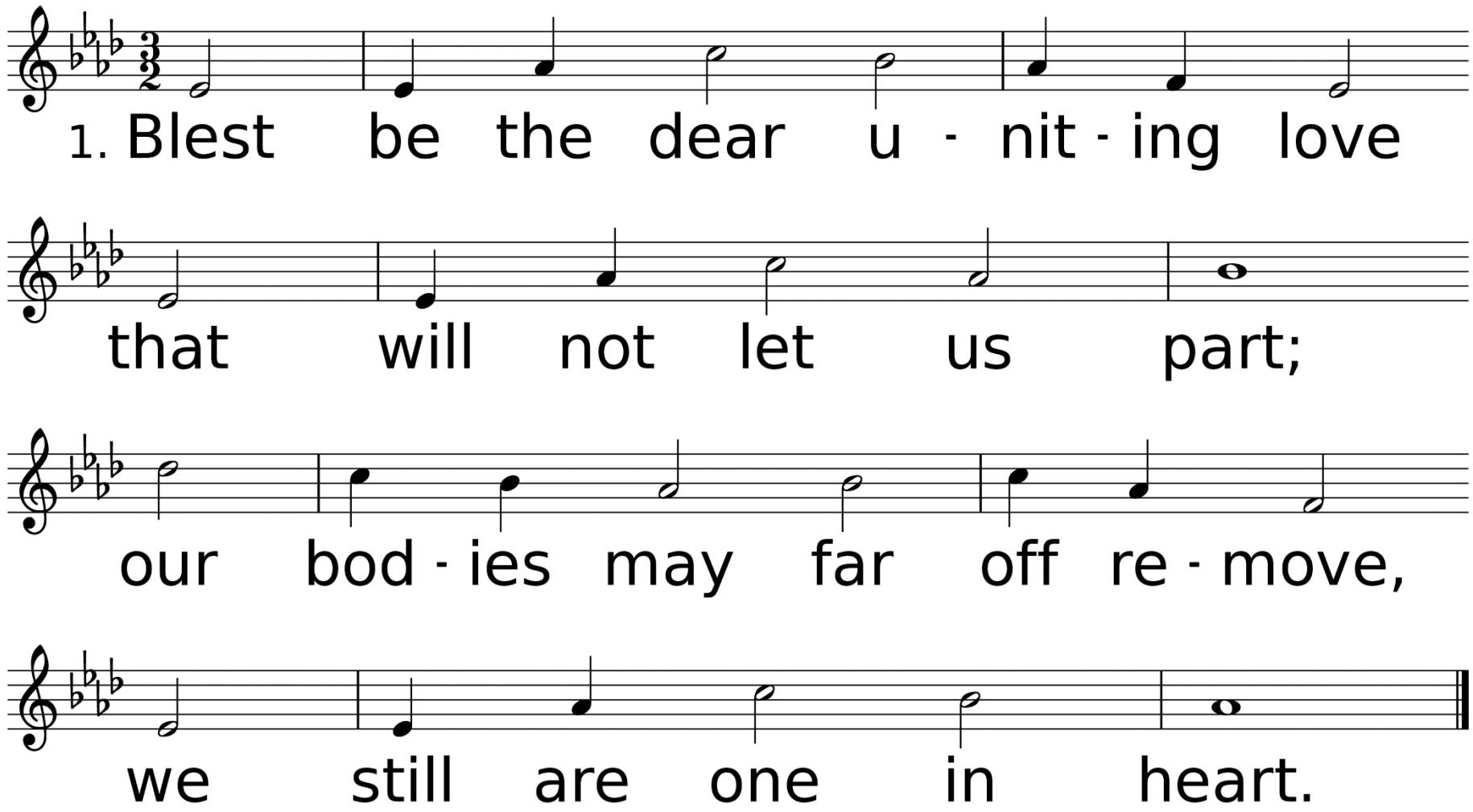

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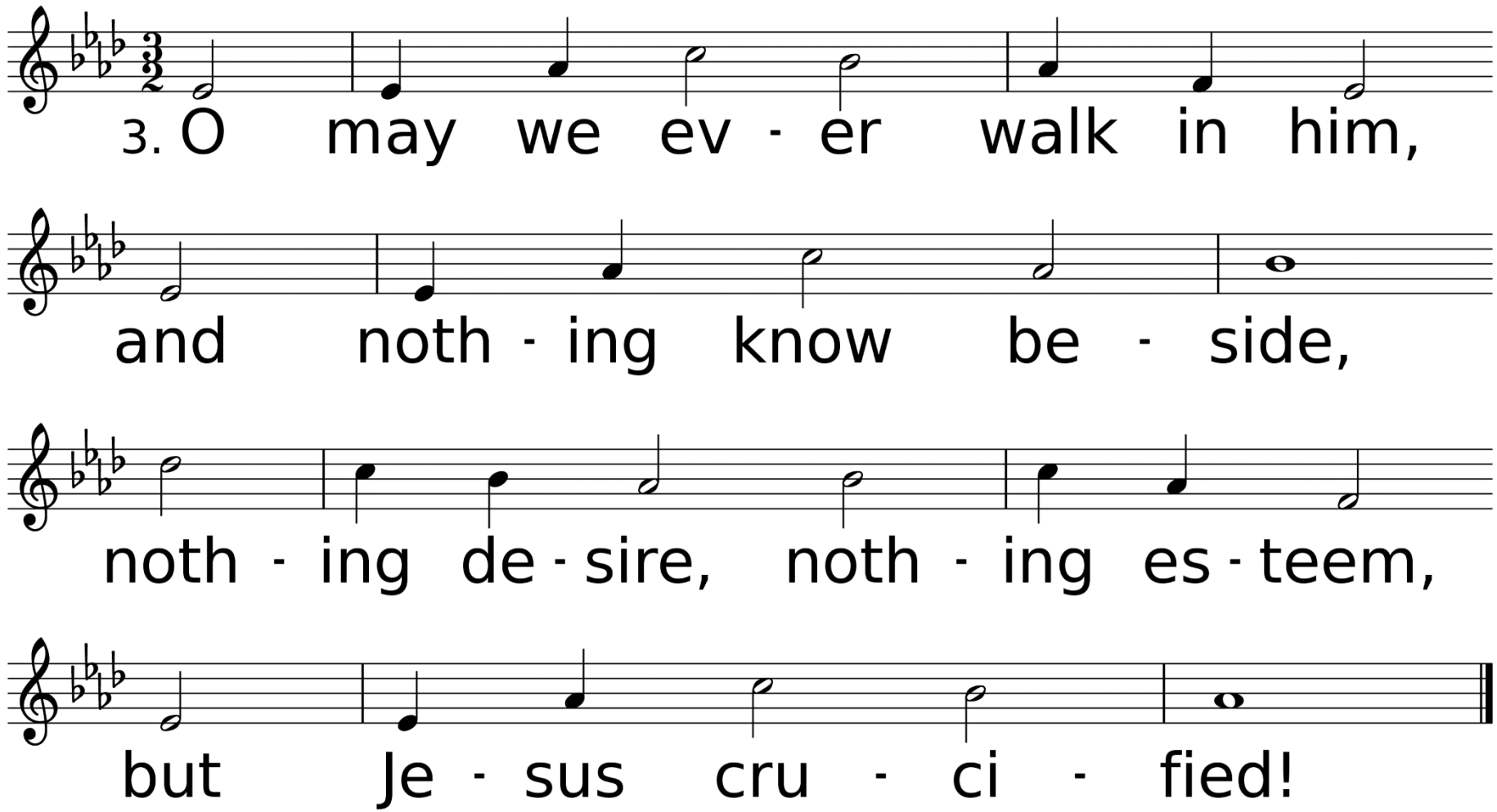
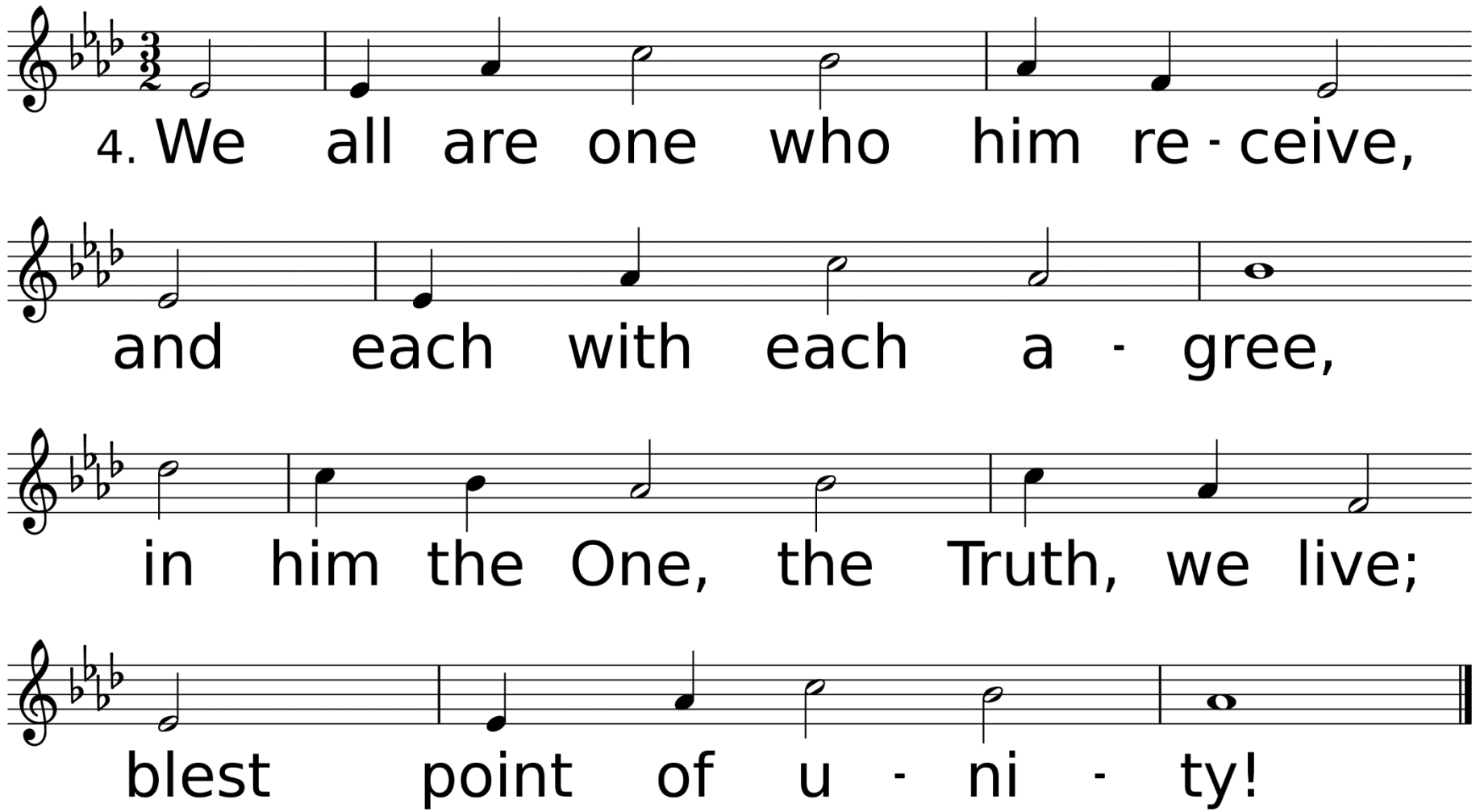

3. O may we ev - er walk in him,
and noth - ing know be - side,
noth - ing de - sire, noth - ing es - teem,
but Je - sus cru - ci - fied!


4. We all are one who him re - ceive,
and each with each a - gree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live;
blest point of u - ni - ty!

Scripture Reading
1 John 4:7-21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us:

He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be

the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.

The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister,

whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

“Abide In Him And He In Us” Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

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*Hymn of Invitation

Lift High the Cross

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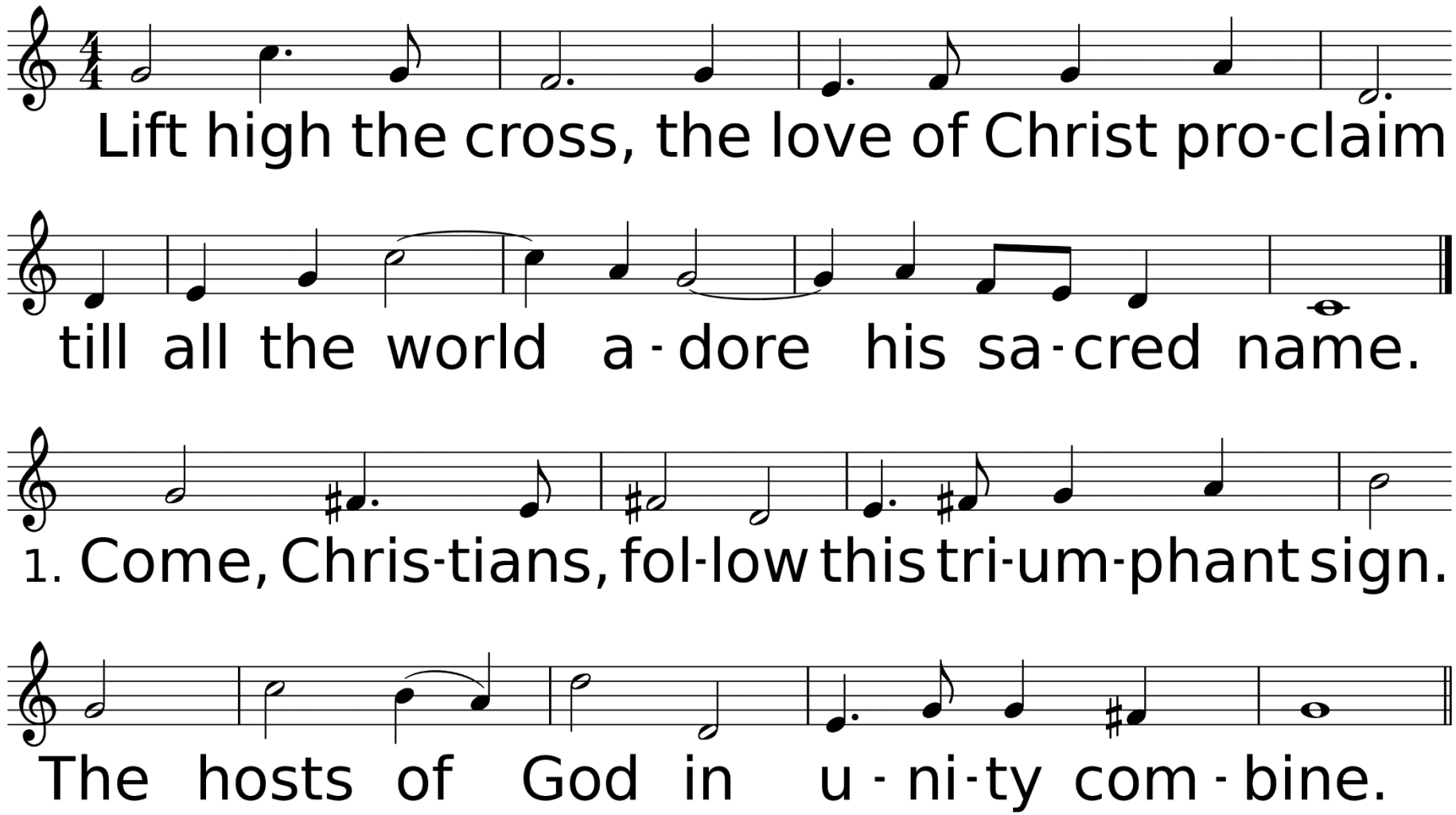

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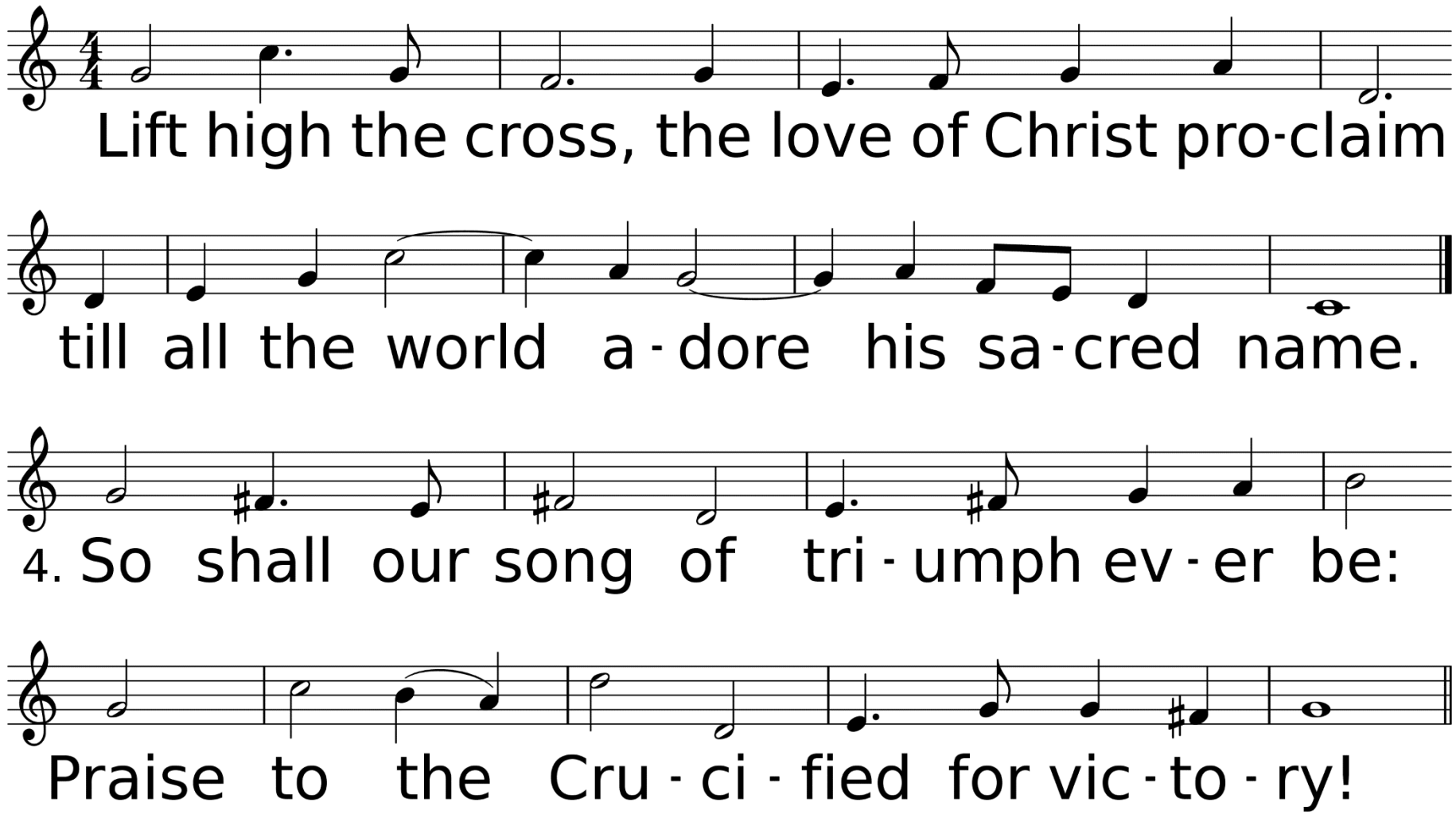
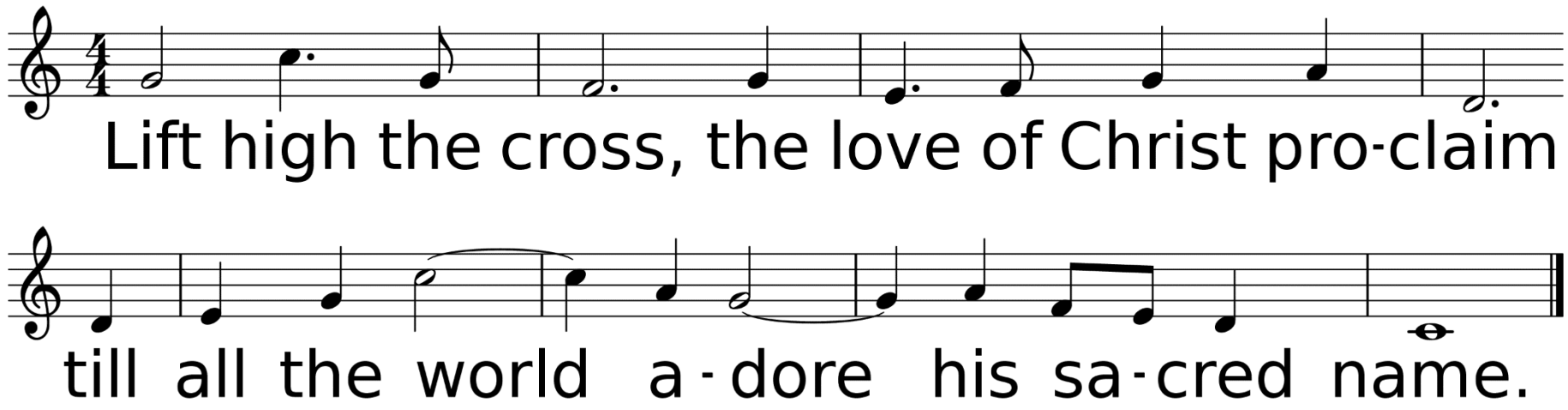
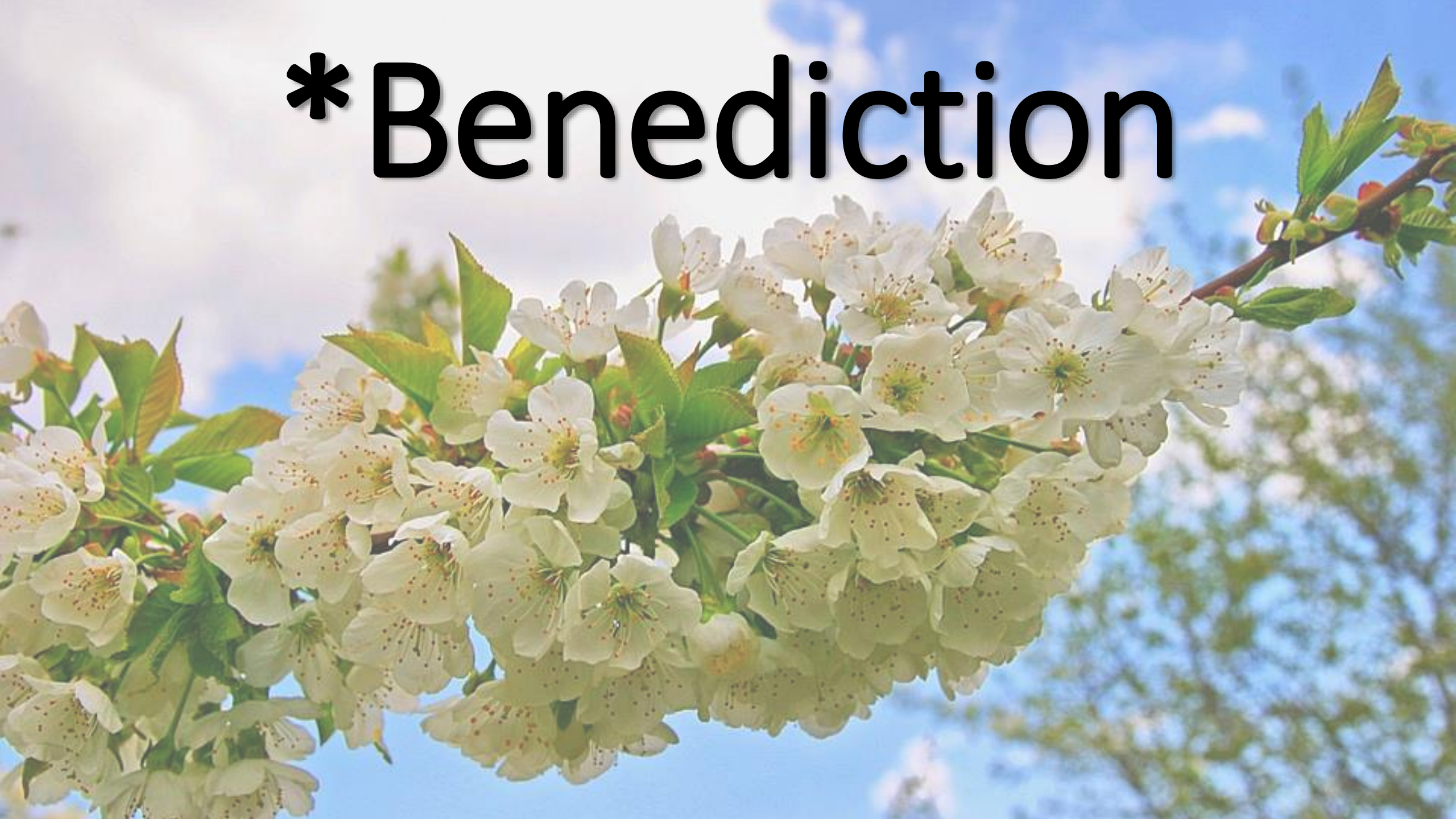

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:
Praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

*Benediction



*Sending Forth

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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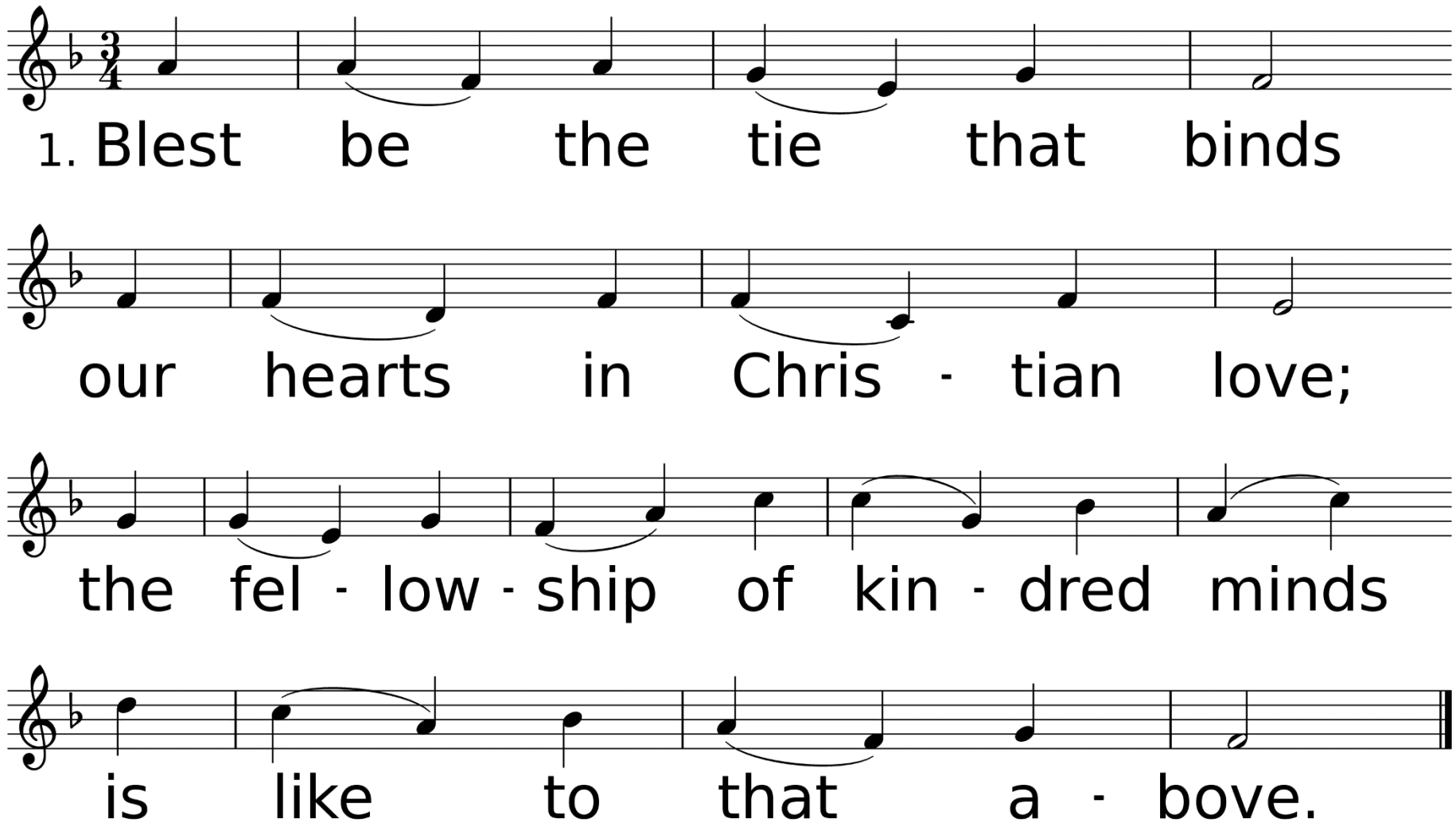

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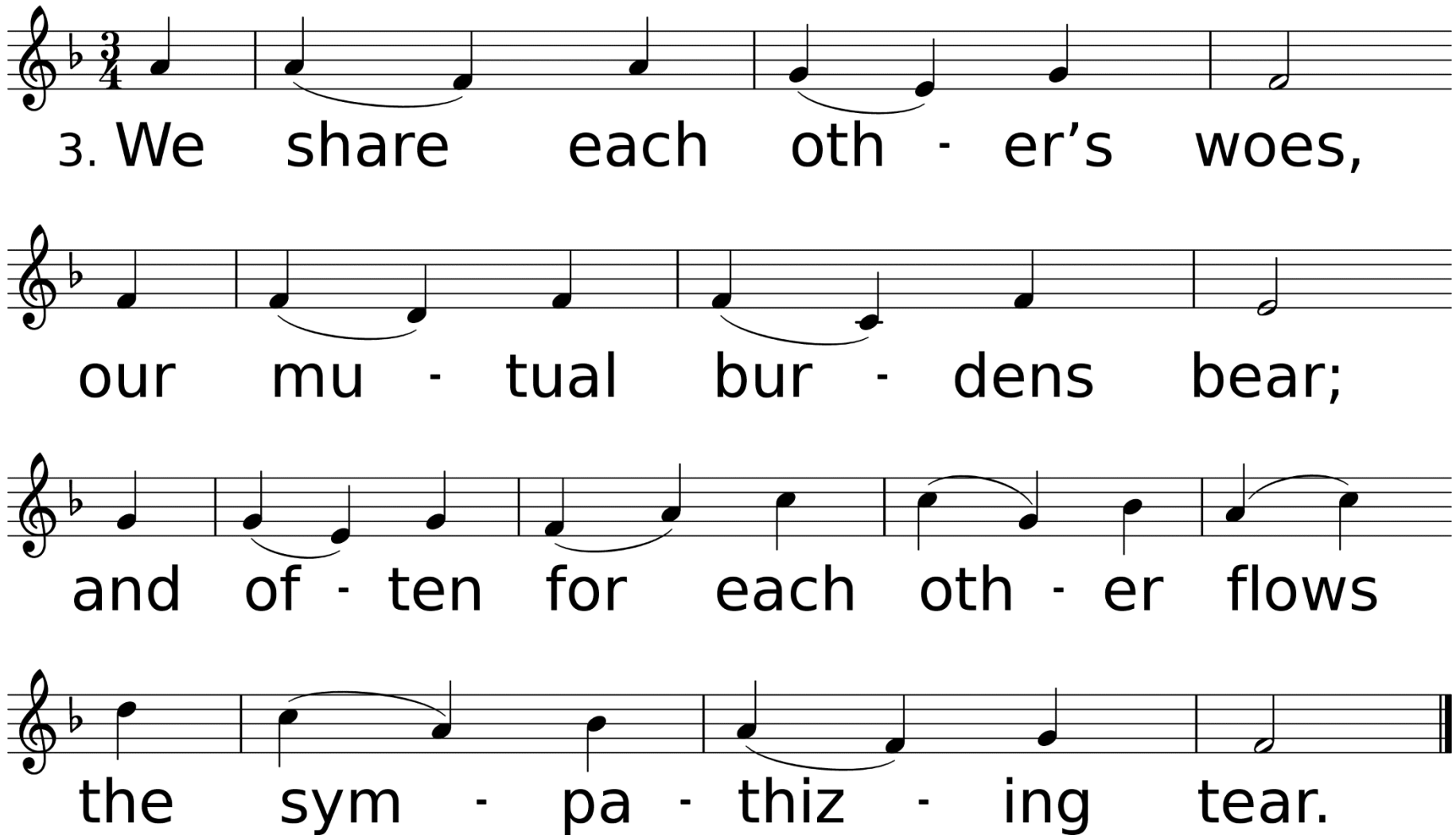
3. We share each oth - er's woes,
our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
and of - ten for each oth - er flows
the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.

Thank you for joining us today!