Welcome Home!

January 14, 2024
Reaffirmation Sunday
Sunday Worship Service
Online & in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Baptized in Water

By Michael Saward; Traditional Gaelic Melody

*Call to Worship

Leader: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

Congregation: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Leader: Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face

and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

UMH, # 724, V. 1-3

Words by Samuel Stennett

Music by The Southern Harmony

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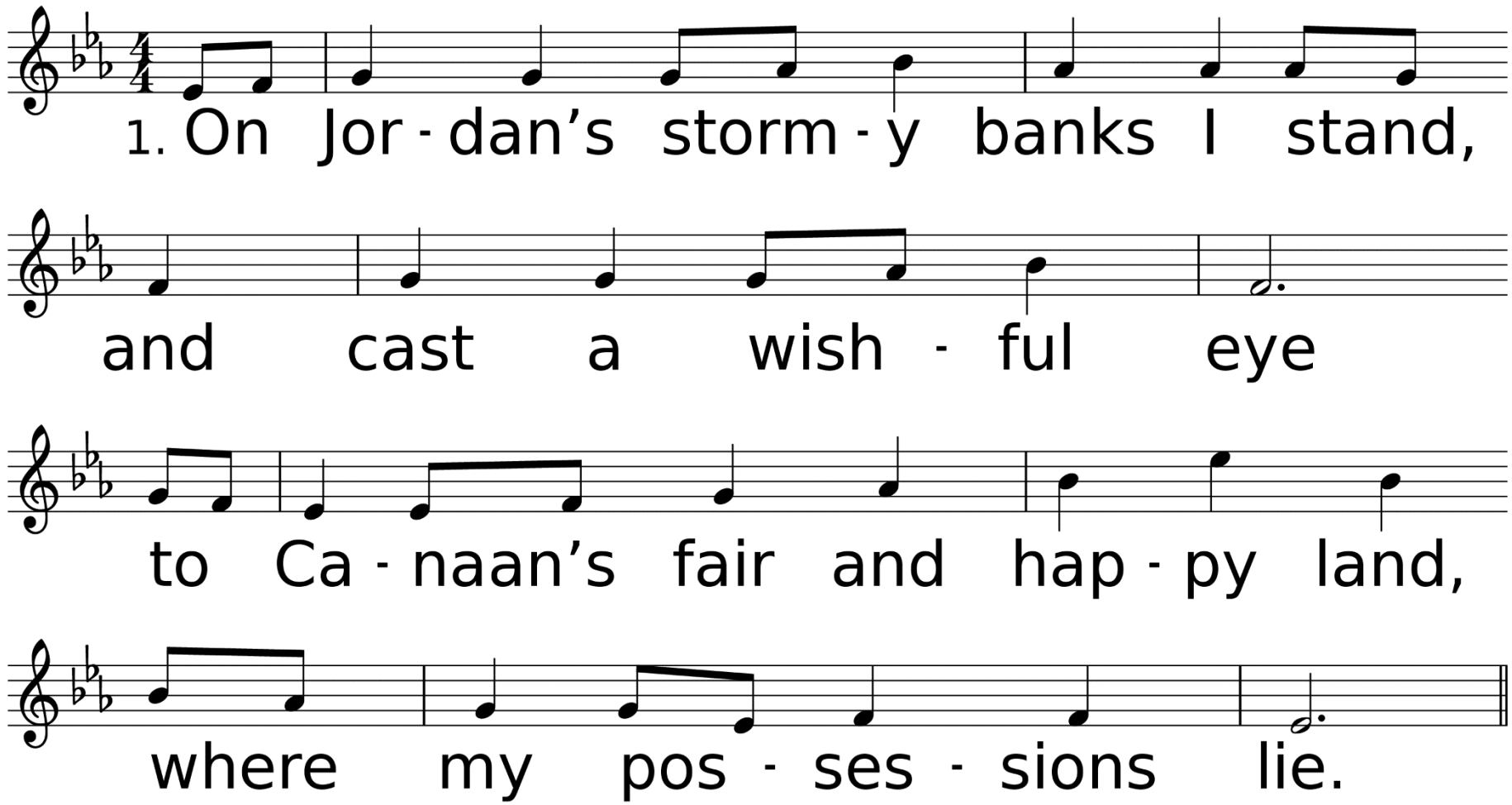

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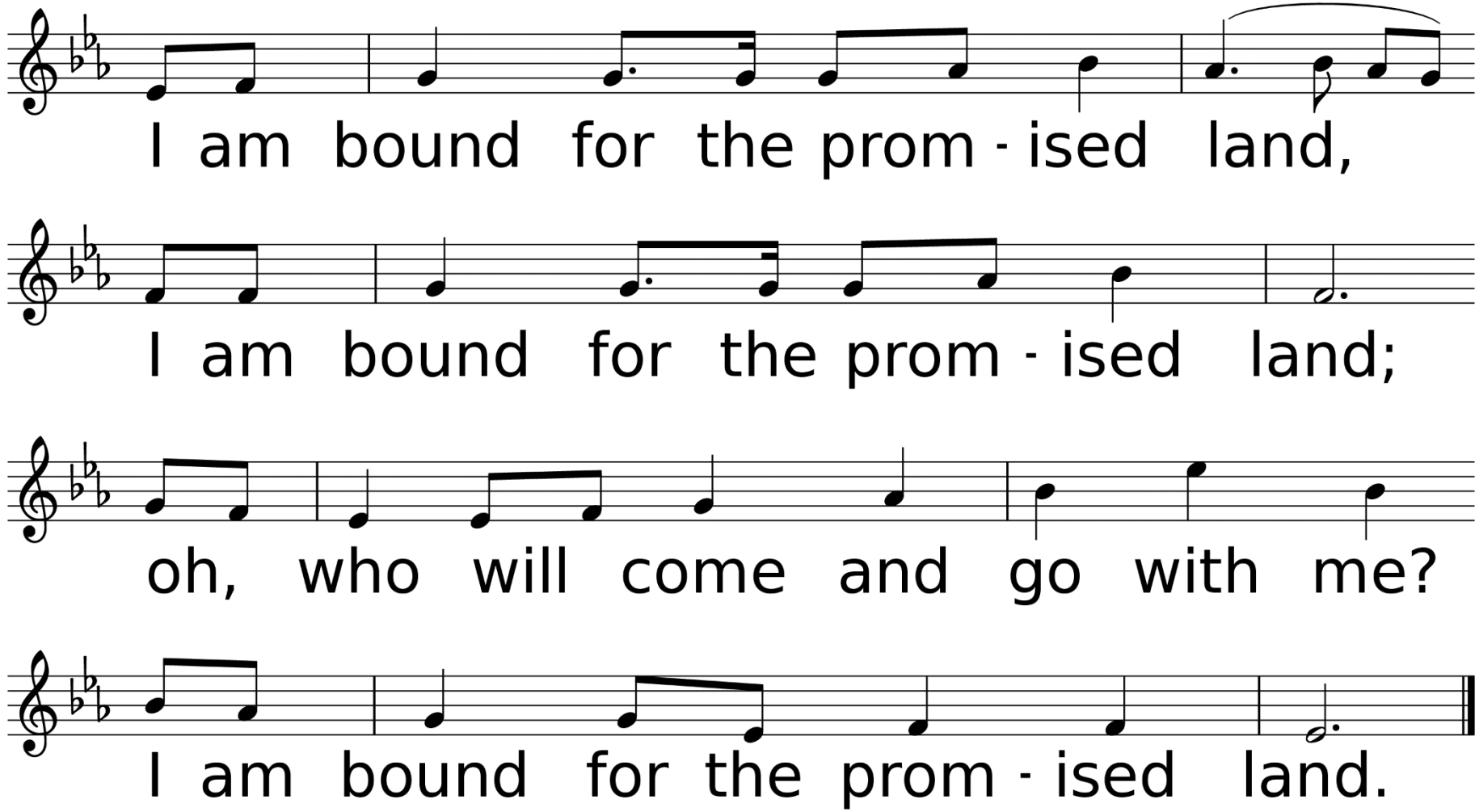
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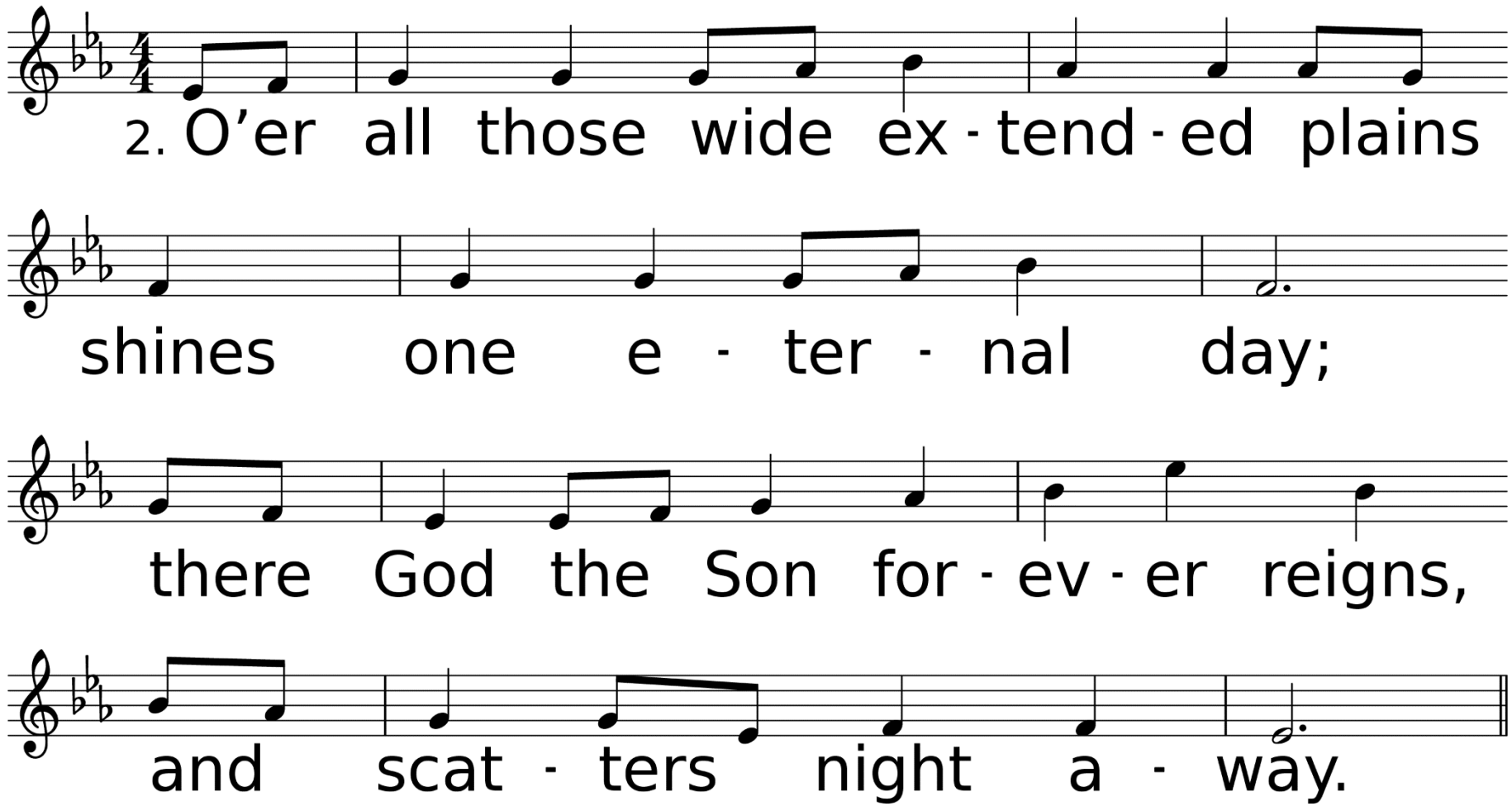
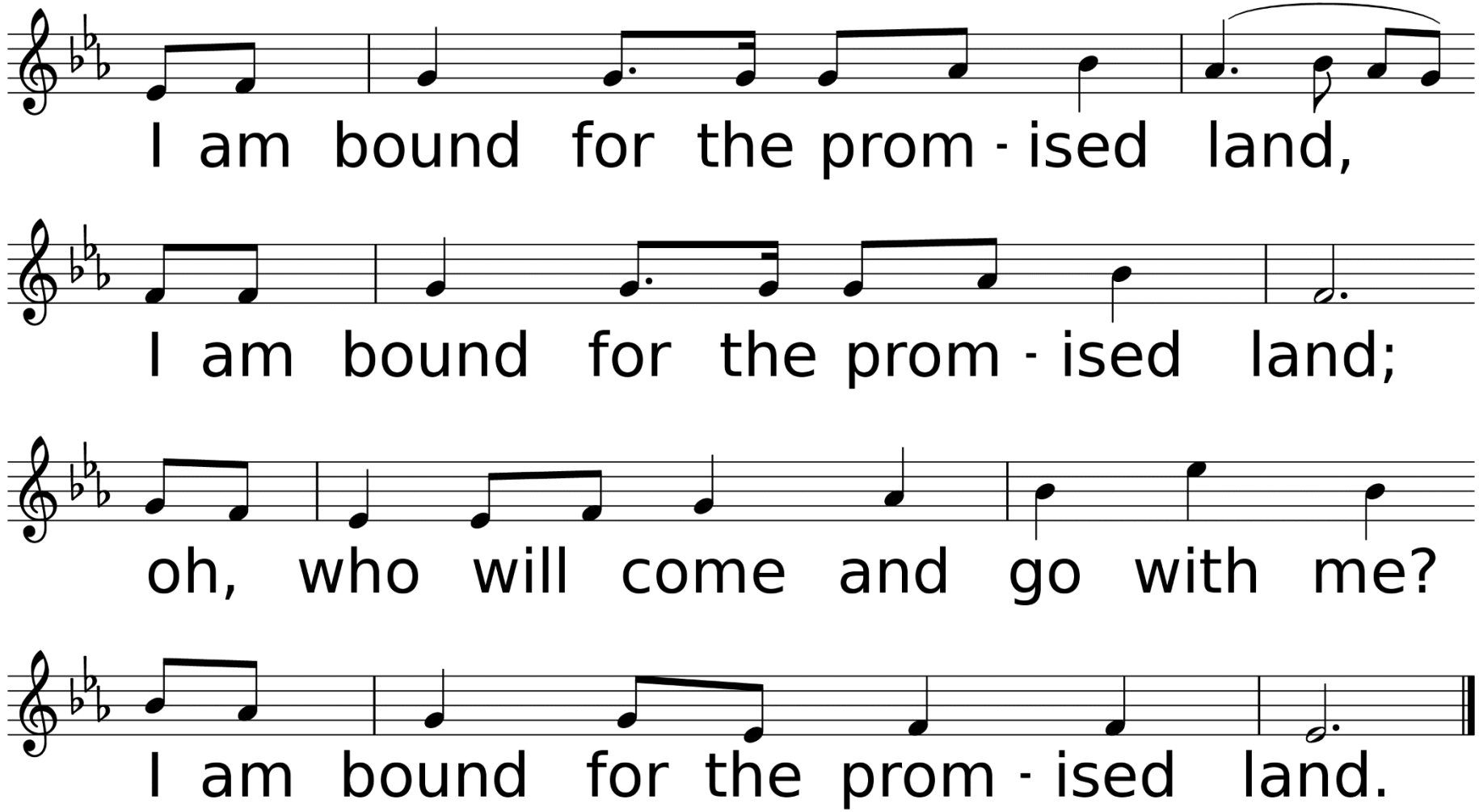
I am bound for the prom - ised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the prom - ised land.


2. O’er all those wide ex - tend - ed plains
shines one e - ter - nal day;
there God the Son for - ev - er reigns,
and scat - ters night a - way.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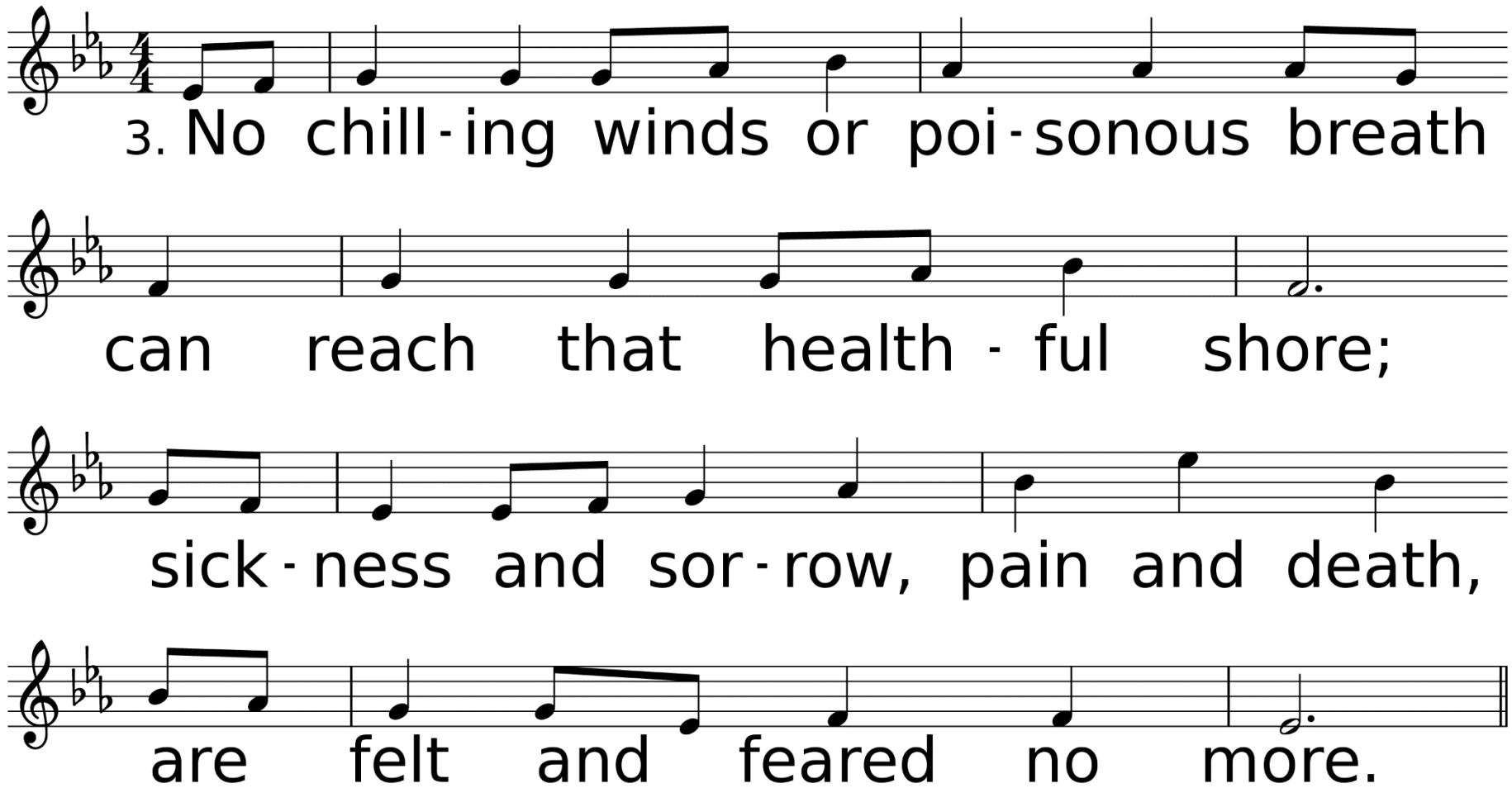
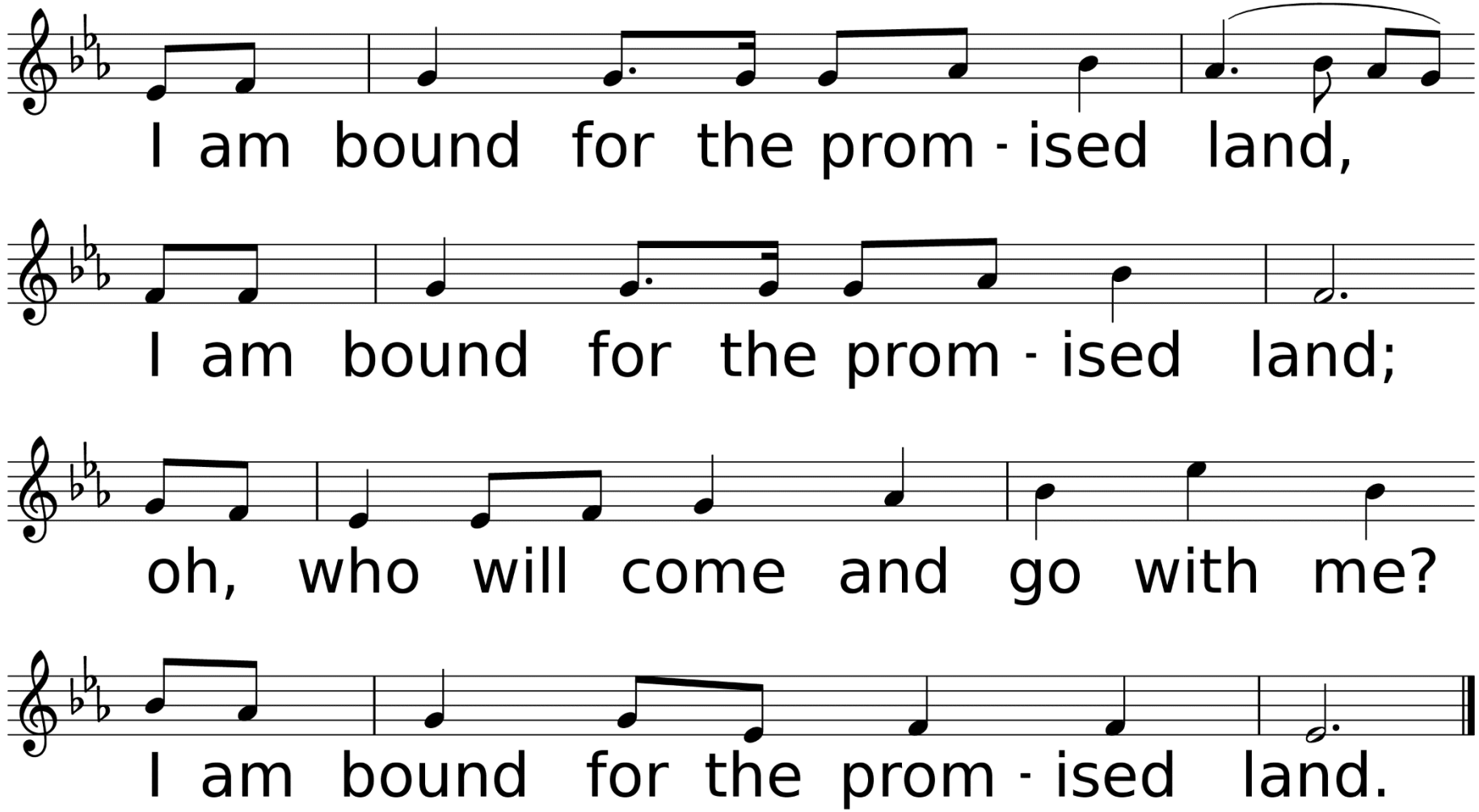

3. No chill-ing winds or poi-sonous breath
can reach that health-ful shore;
sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more.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I am bound for the prom - ised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer

Shall We Gather at the River

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Words and Music by Robert Lowry

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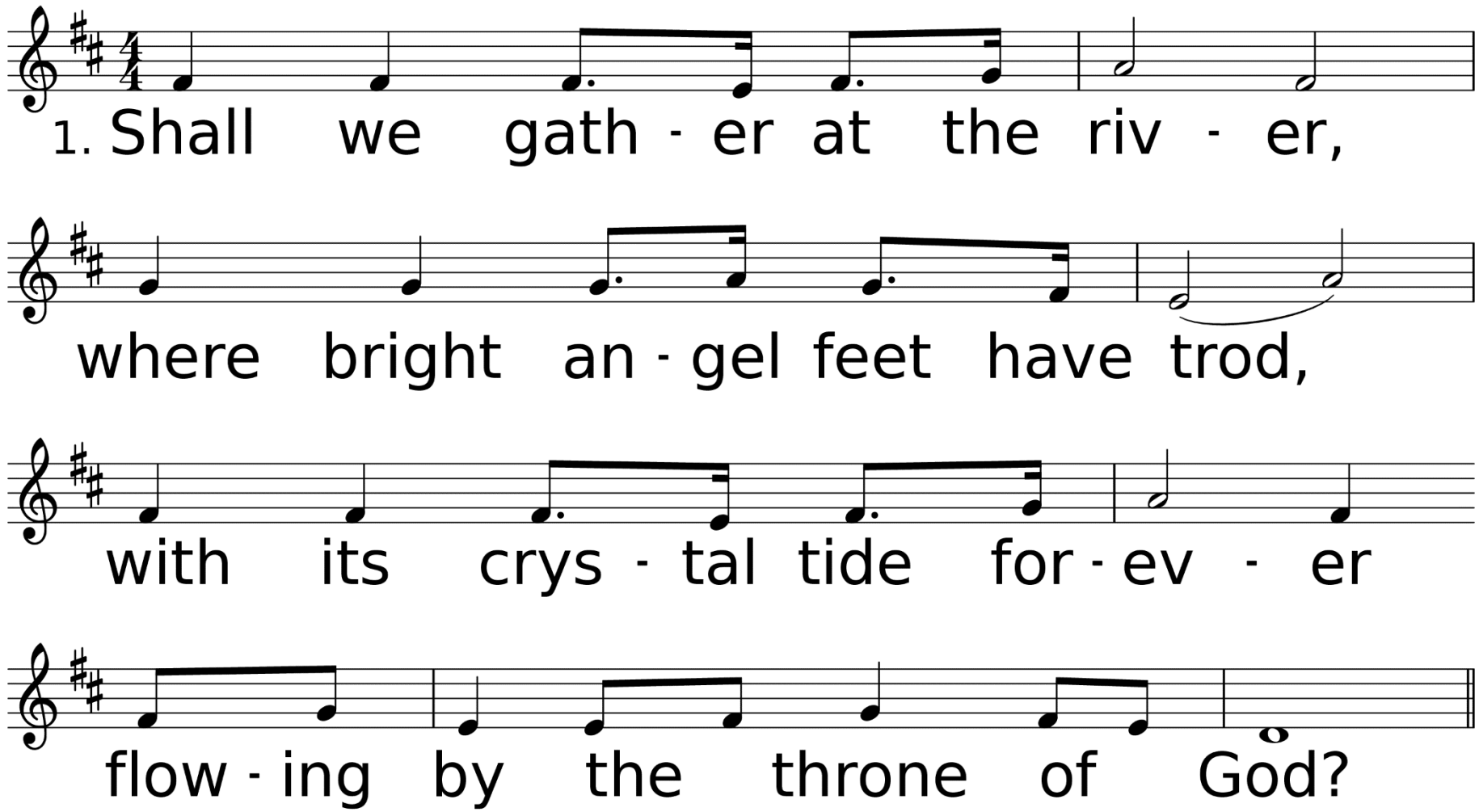

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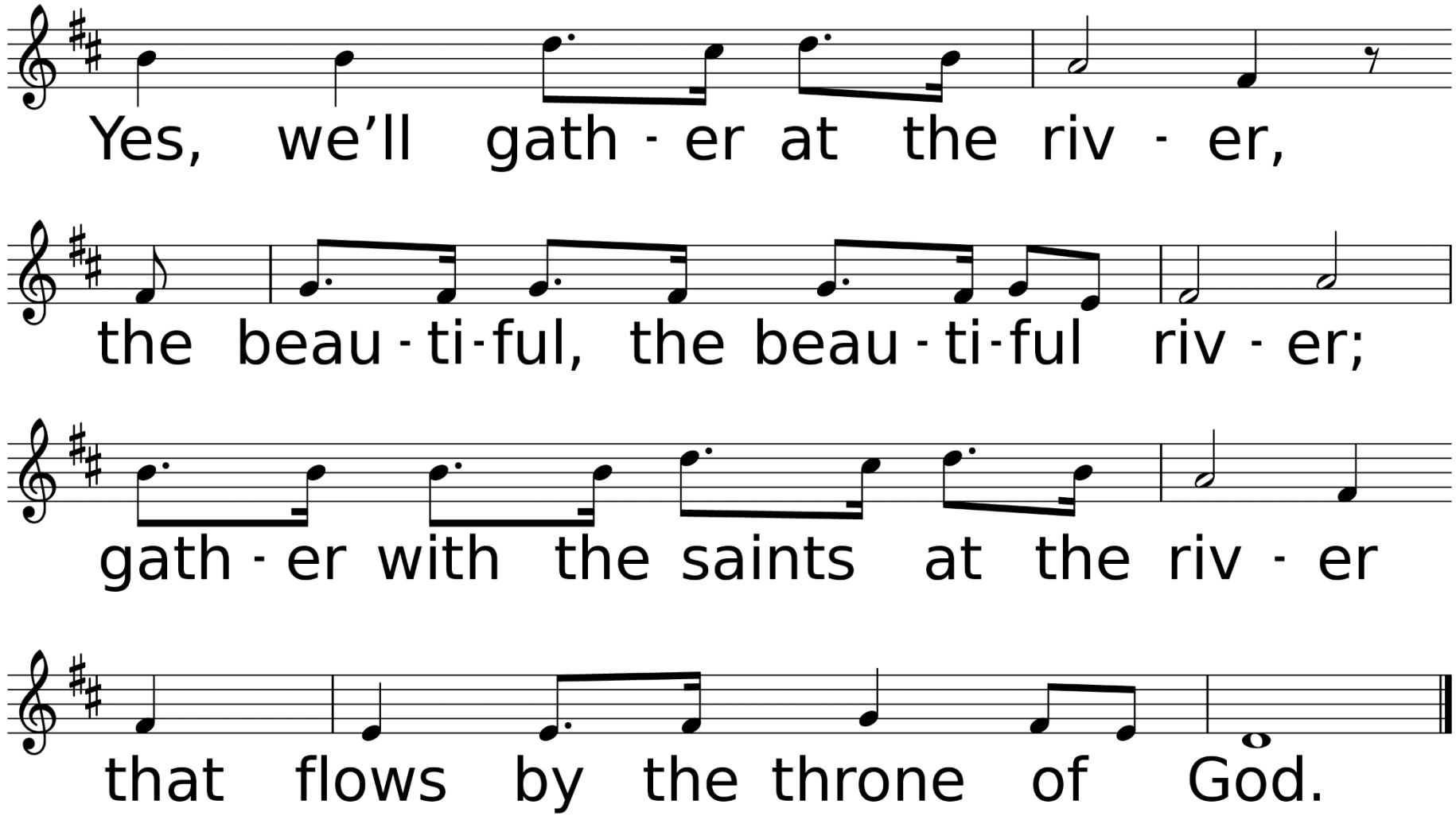
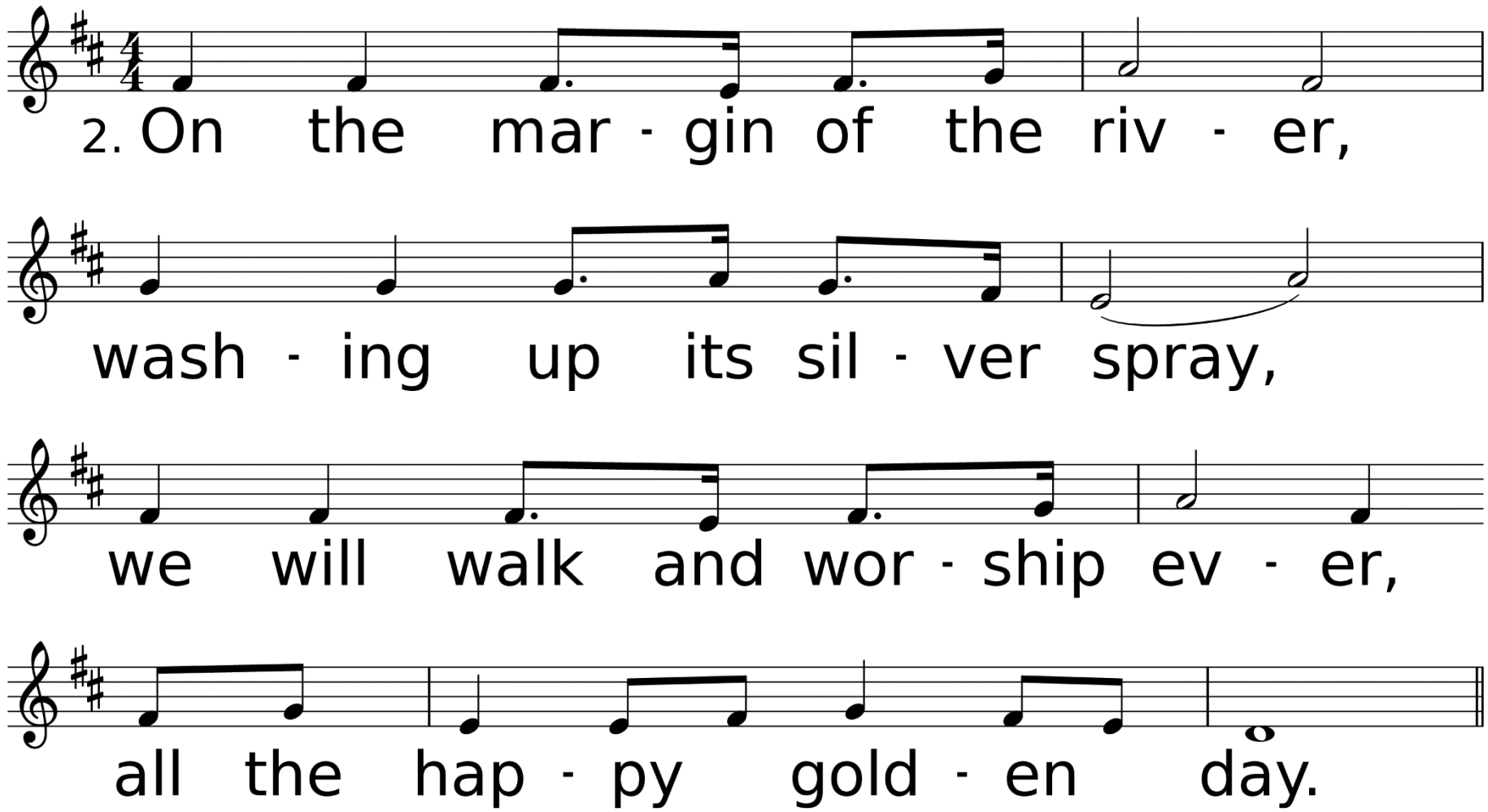
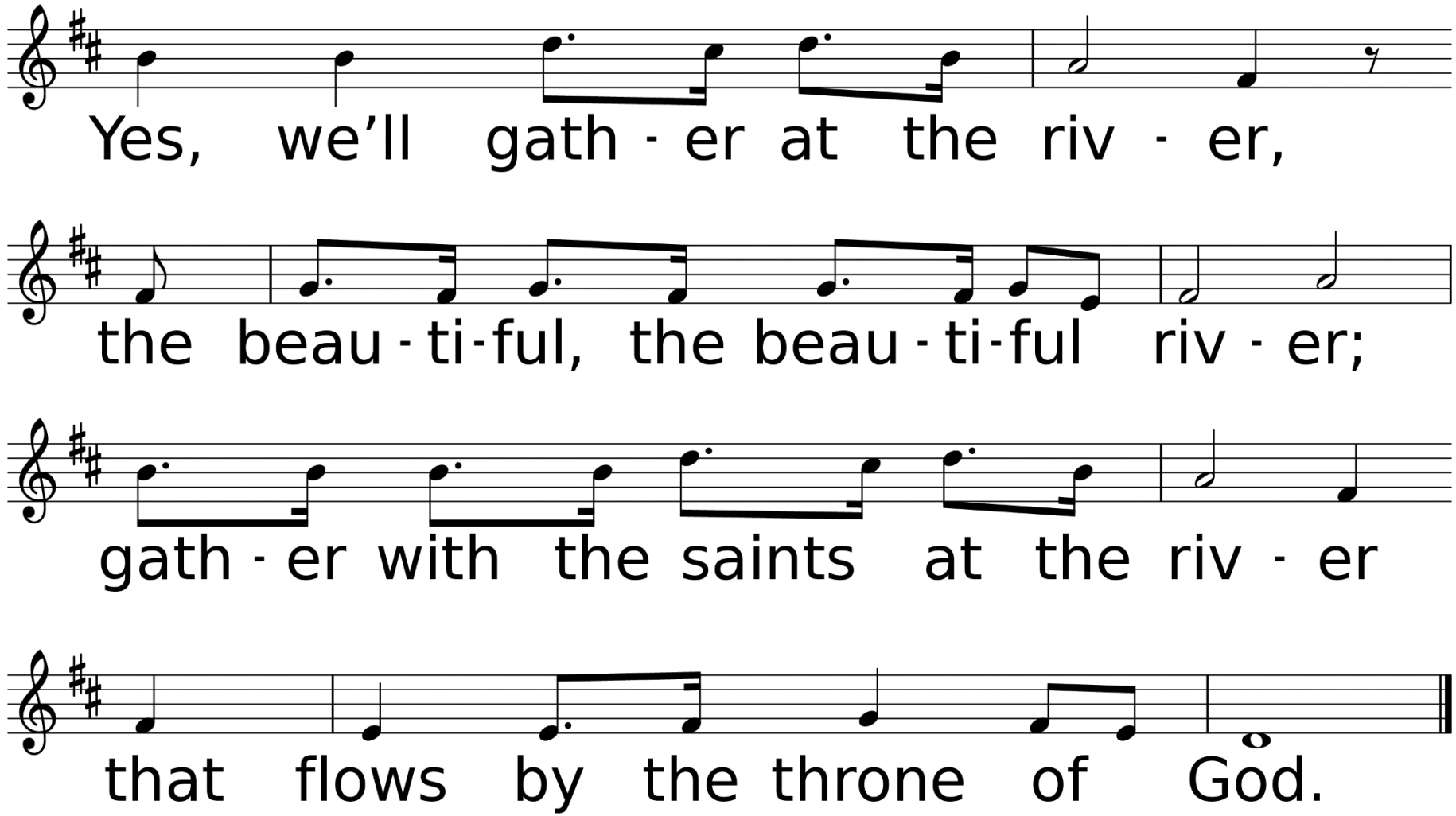

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er,
the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;
gath - er with the saints at the riv - er
that flows by the throne of God.


2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er,
wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er,
all the hap - py gold - en day.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Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, # 94

Words by Thomas Ken

Music by Geistliche Kirchengesange

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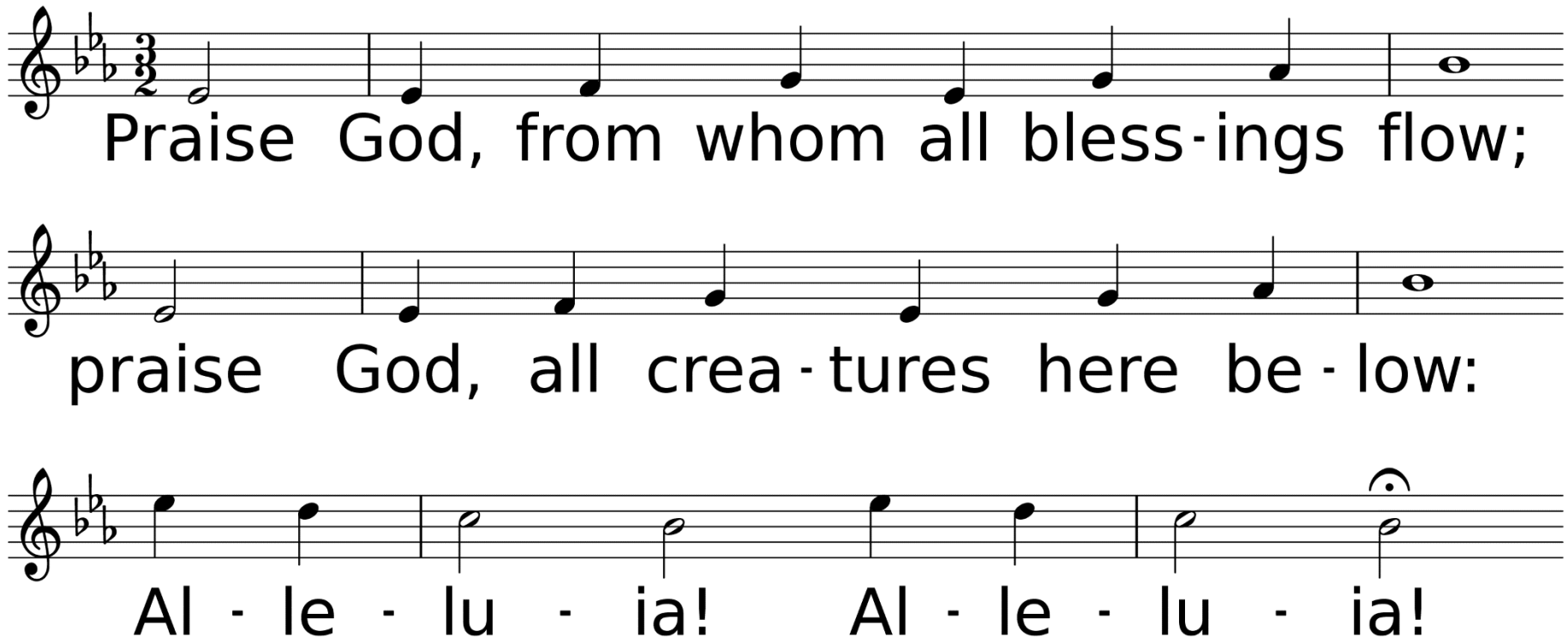

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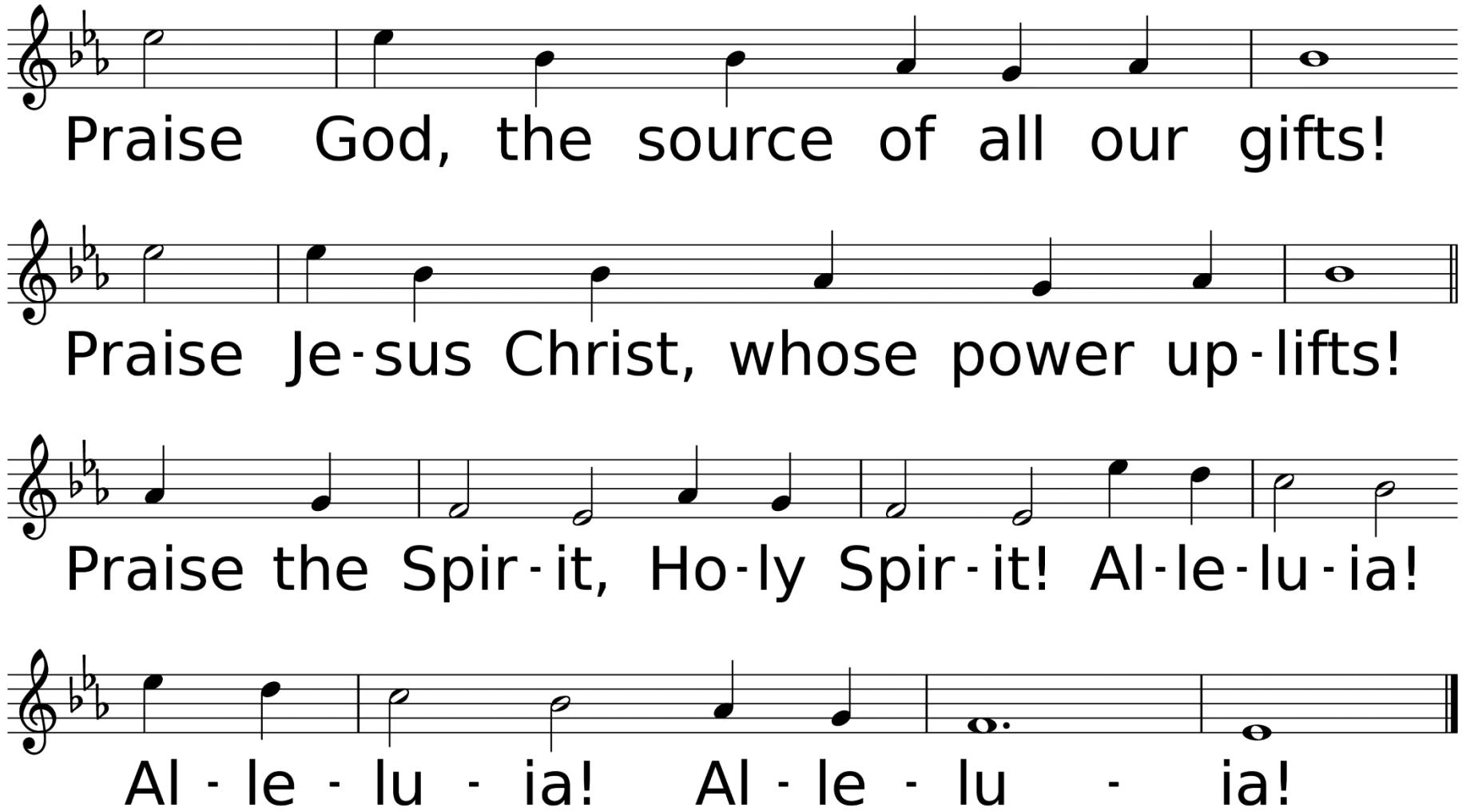
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Come, Christians Join to Sing

UMH, # 158

Words by Christian Henry Bateman

Music by Traditional Melody

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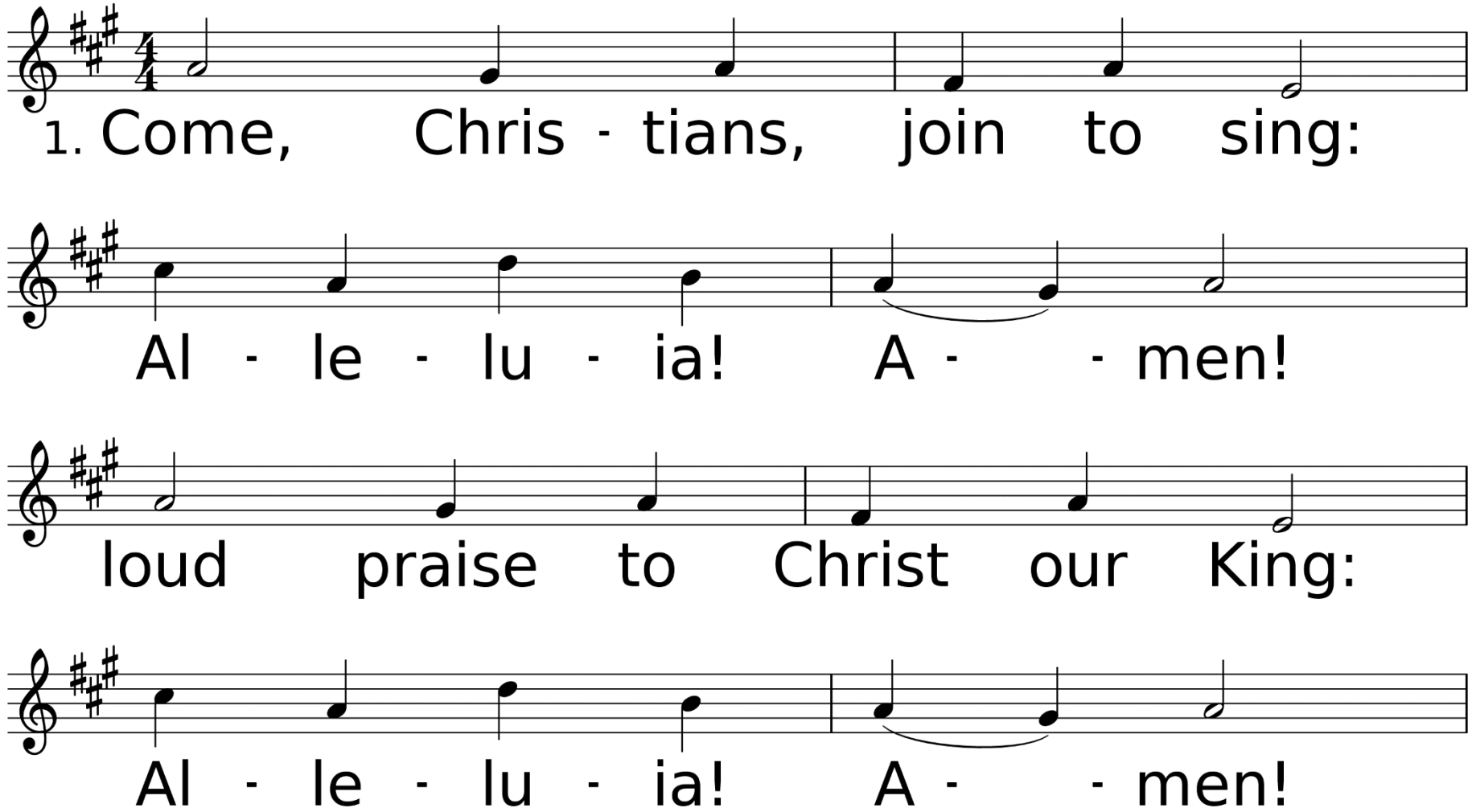

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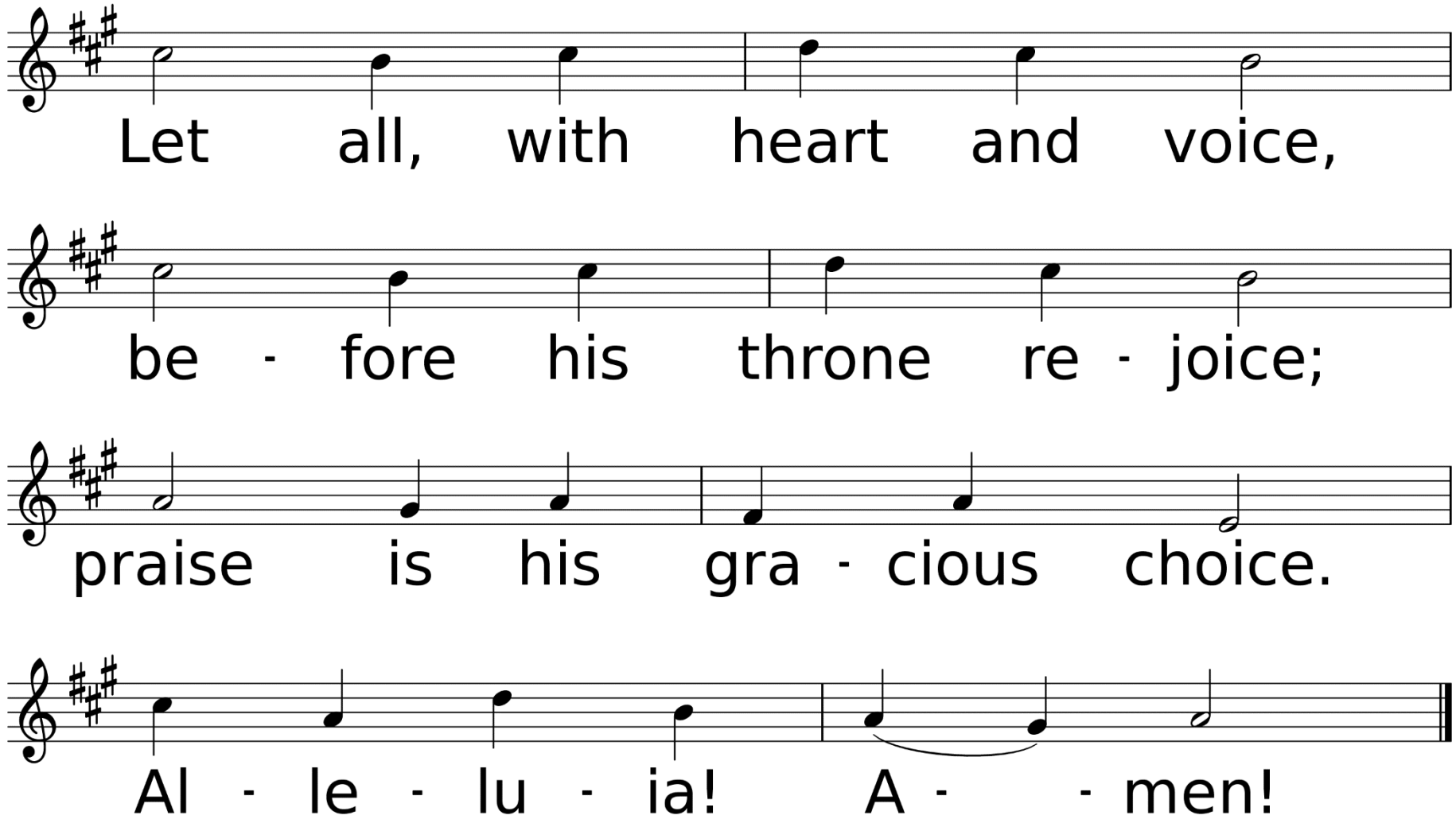
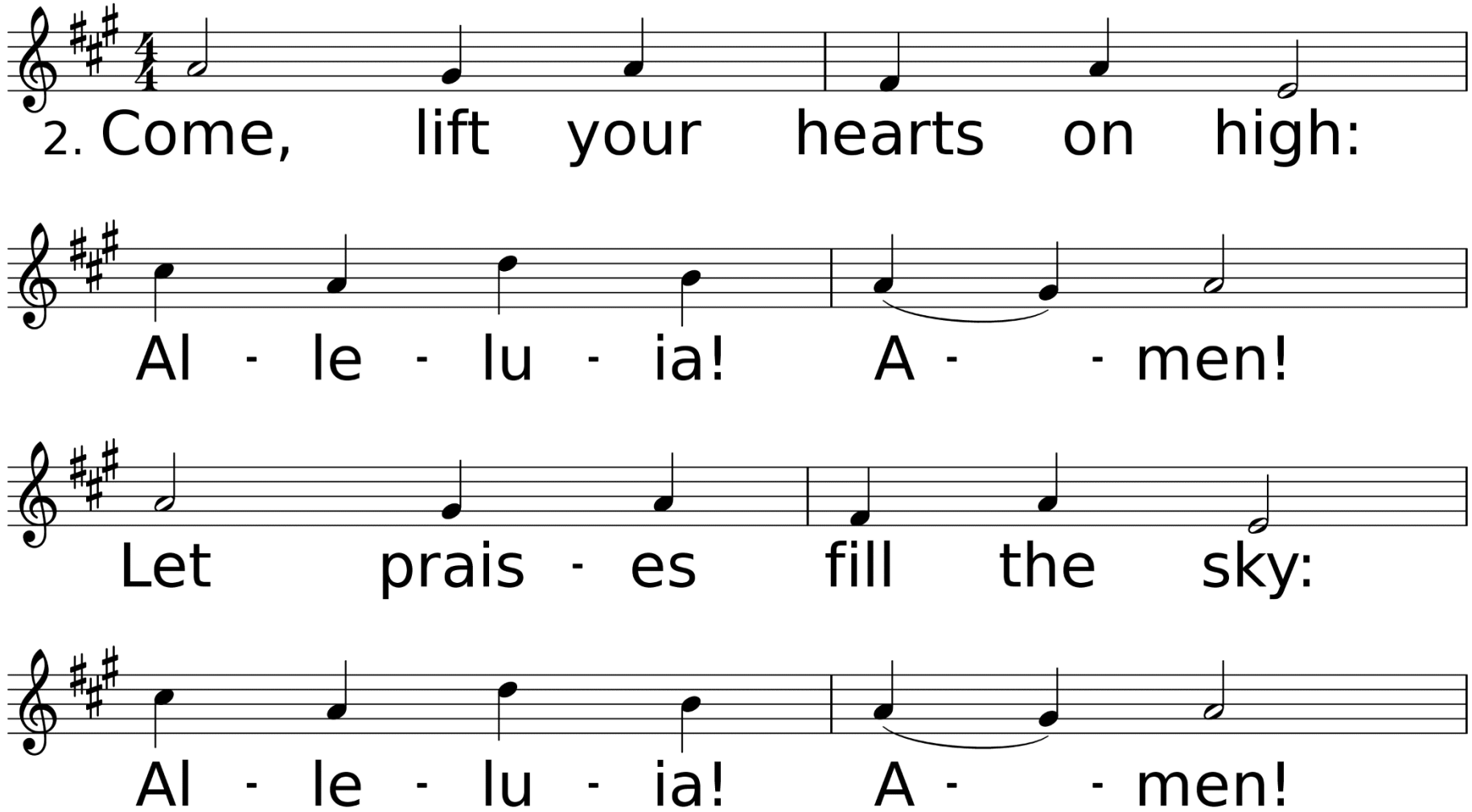
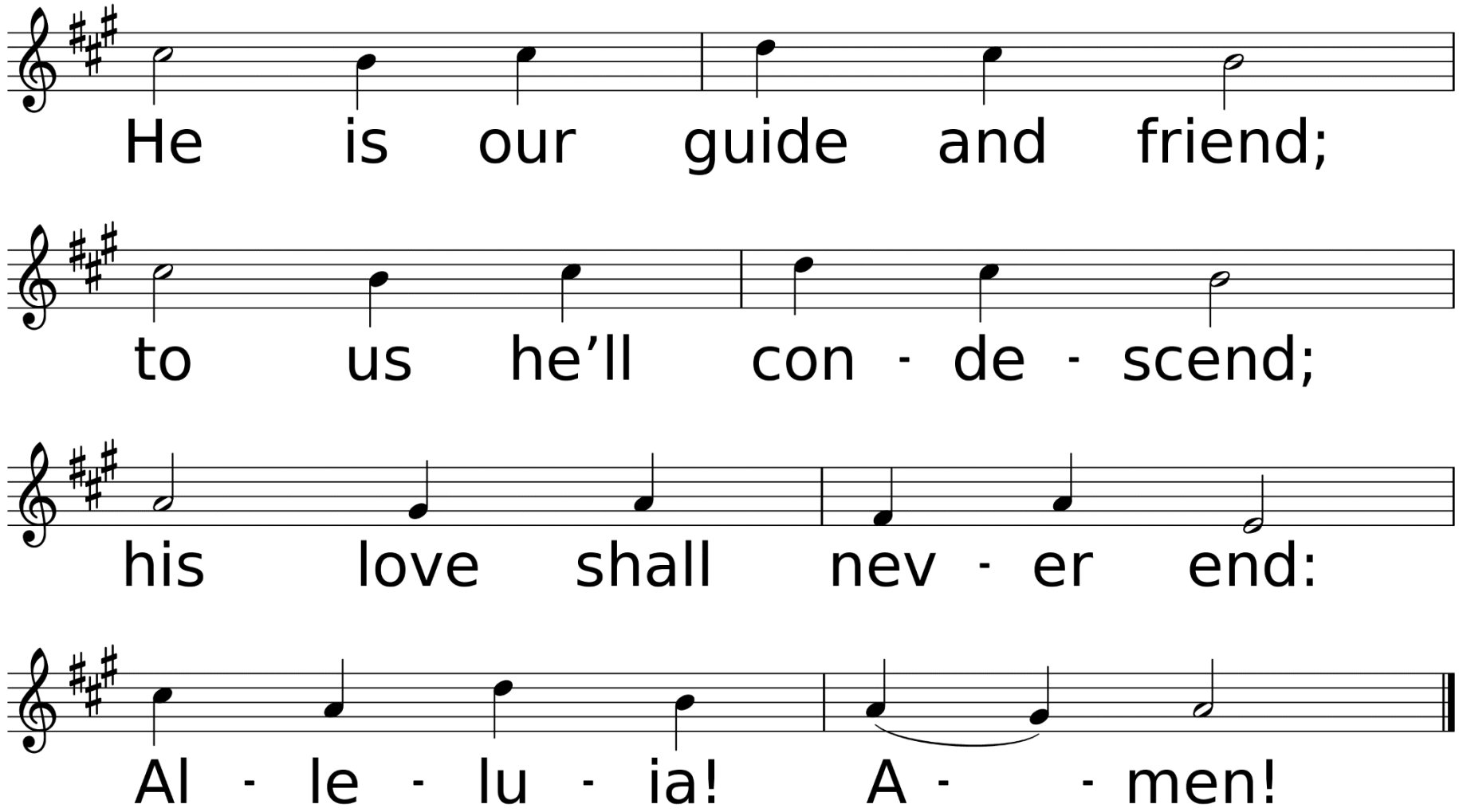
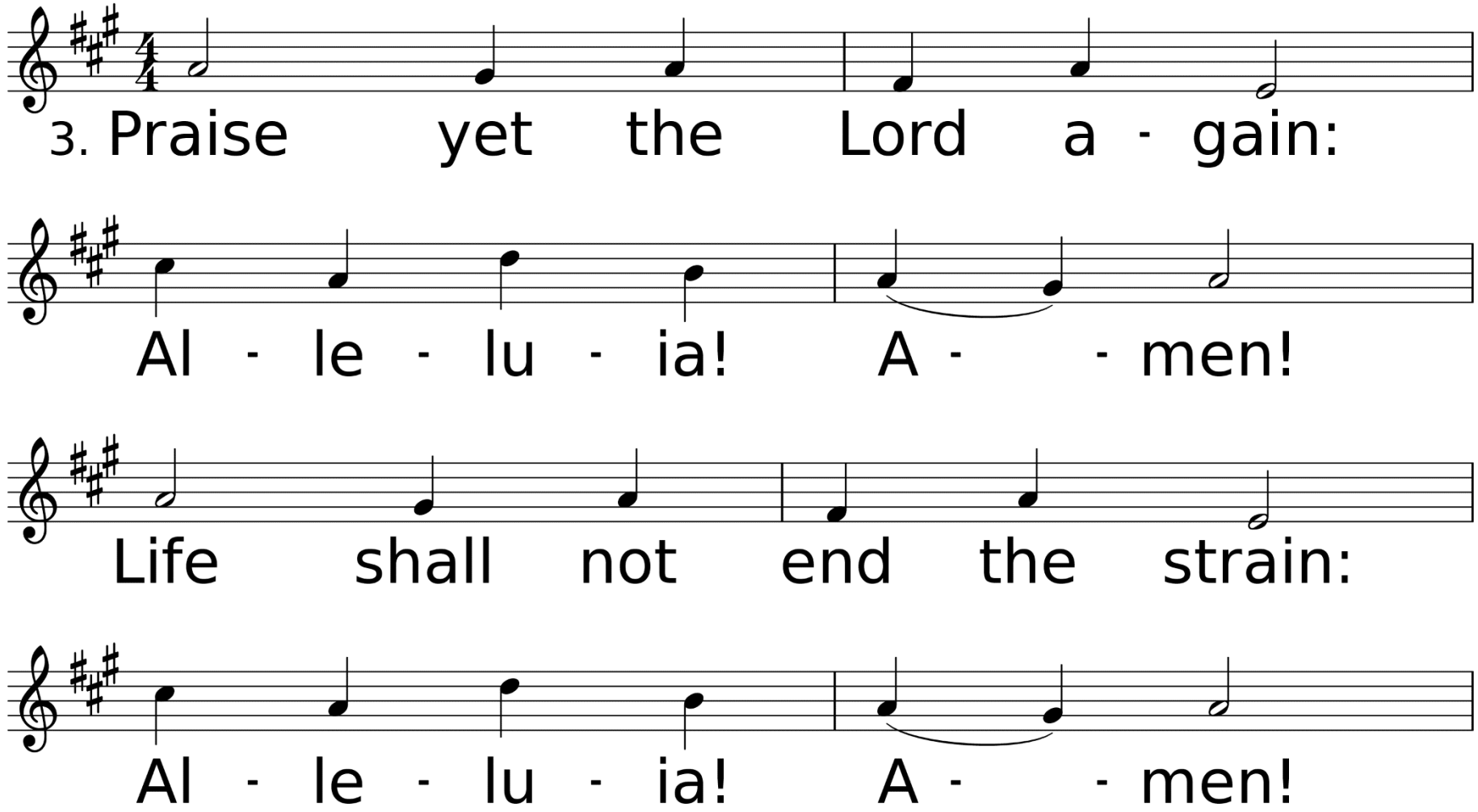
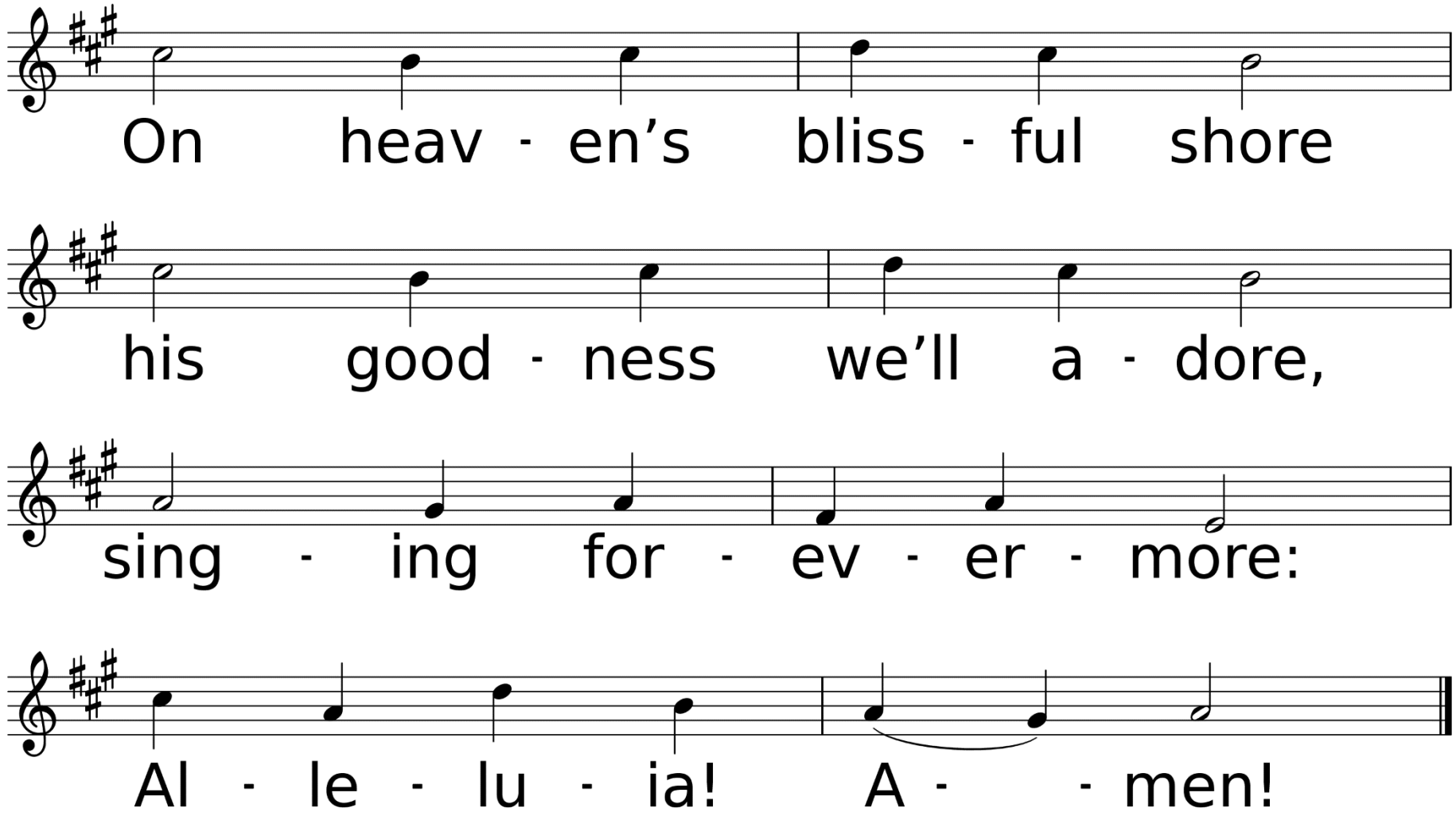

Let all, with heart and voice,
be - fore his throne re - joice;
praise is his gra - cious choice.
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll con - de - scend;
his love shall nev - er end:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!
Life shall not end the strain:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


On heav - en's bliss - ful shore
his good - ness we'll a - dore,
sing - ing for - ev - er - more:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!

Scripture Reading
Mark 1:4-11

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they

were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I,

the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

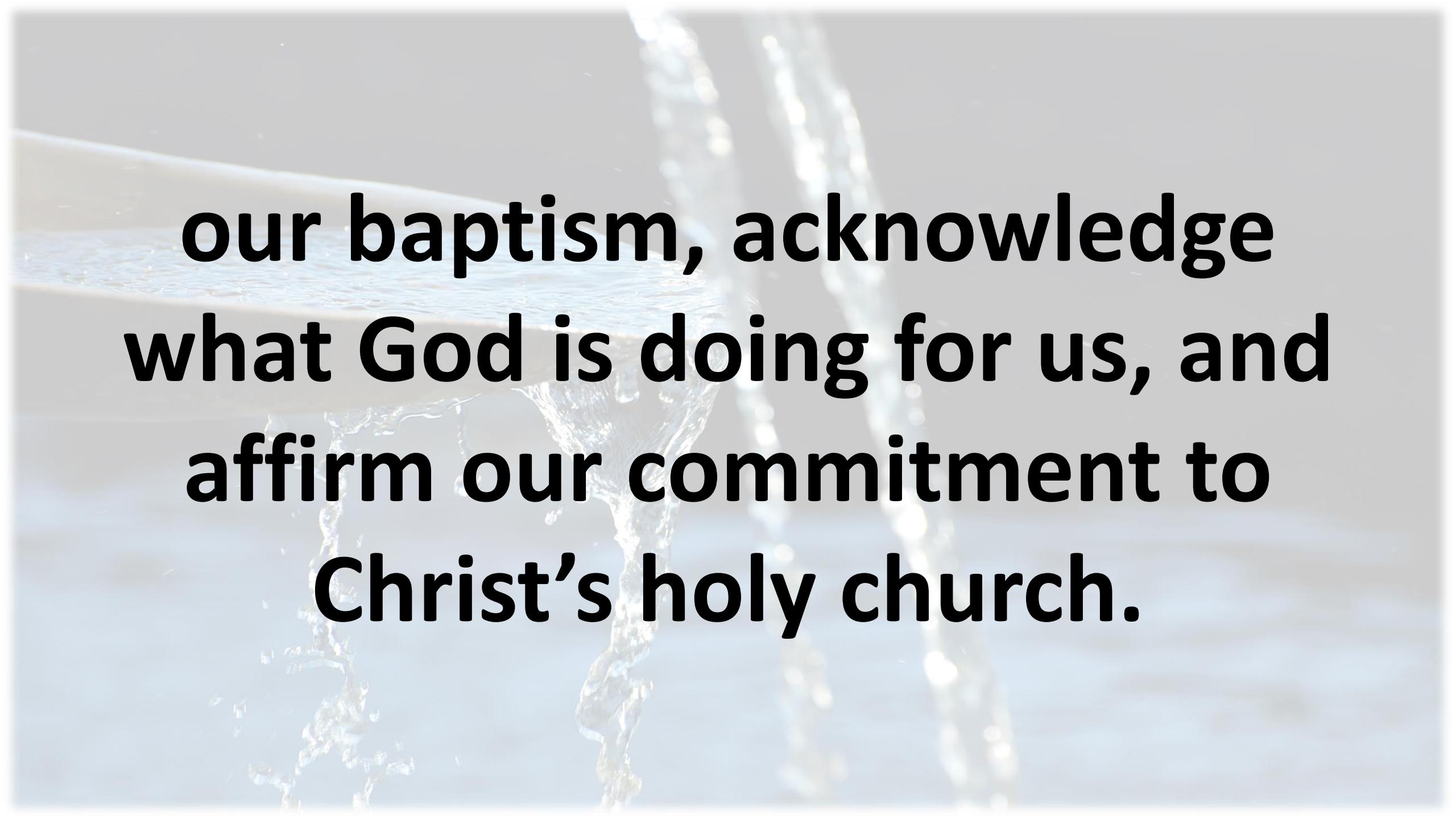
“It Is Time For Change” Sermon

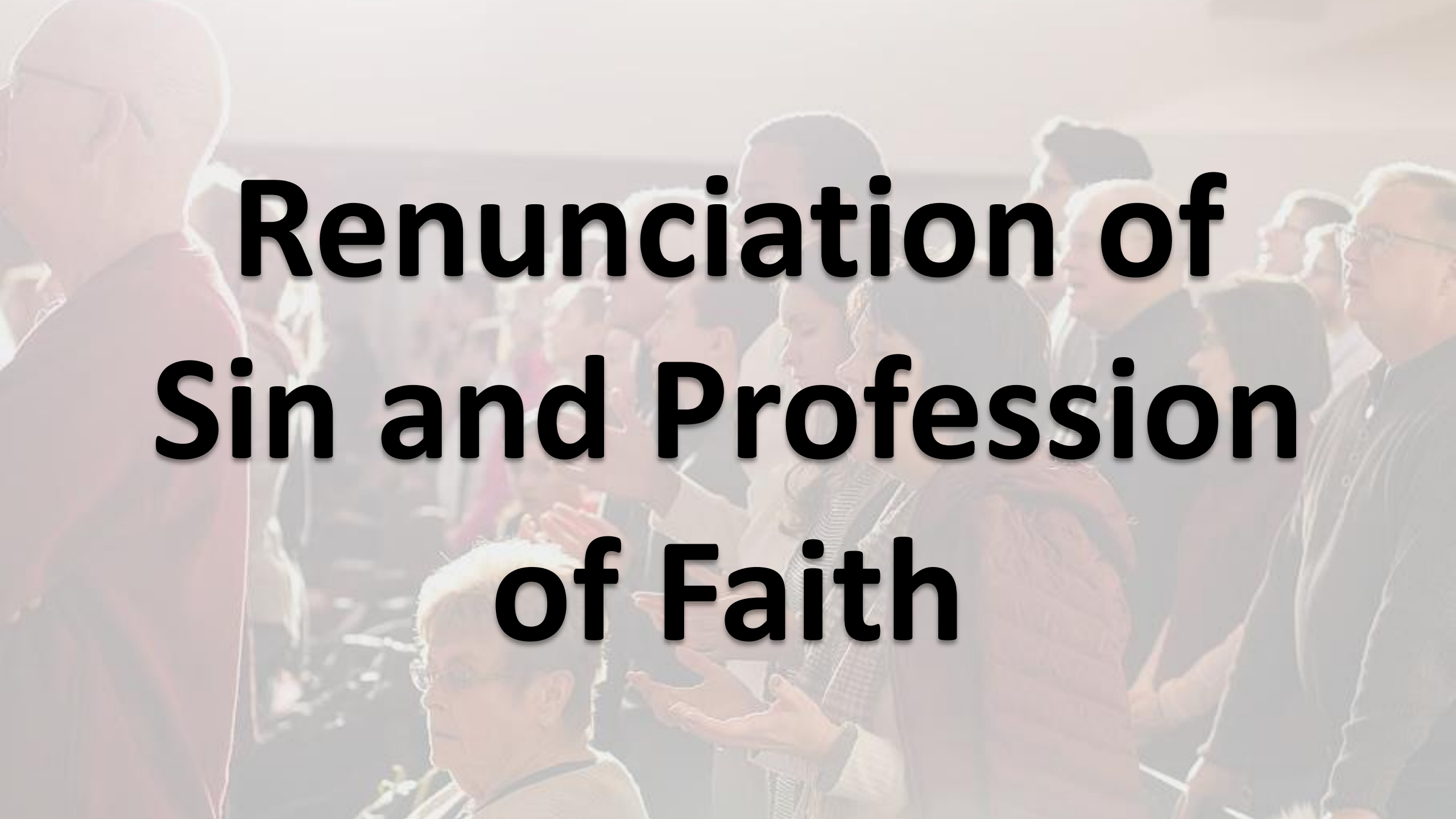
Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at


our baptism, acknowledge
what God is doing for us, and
affirm our commitment to
Christ’s holy church.



Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

<u>I do.</u>

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form they present themselves?

<u>I do.</u>

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to all people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

<u>I will.</u>

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Reaffirmation of Faith

Thanksgiving

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate

in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Anthem
Come, Be Baptized

By Gary Alan Smith

*Hymn of Invitation

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

UMH, # 605

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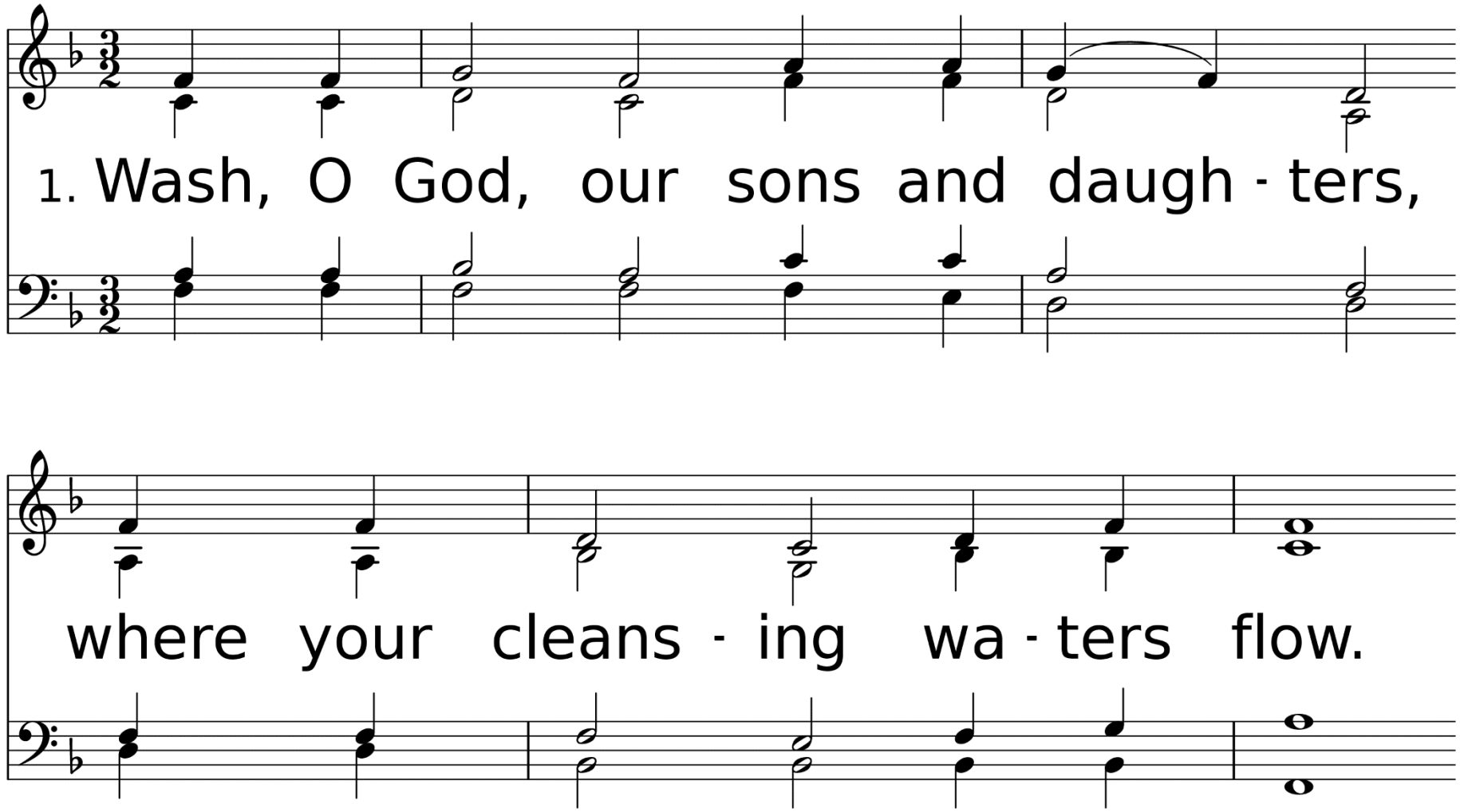
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters *United Methodist Hymnal* #605



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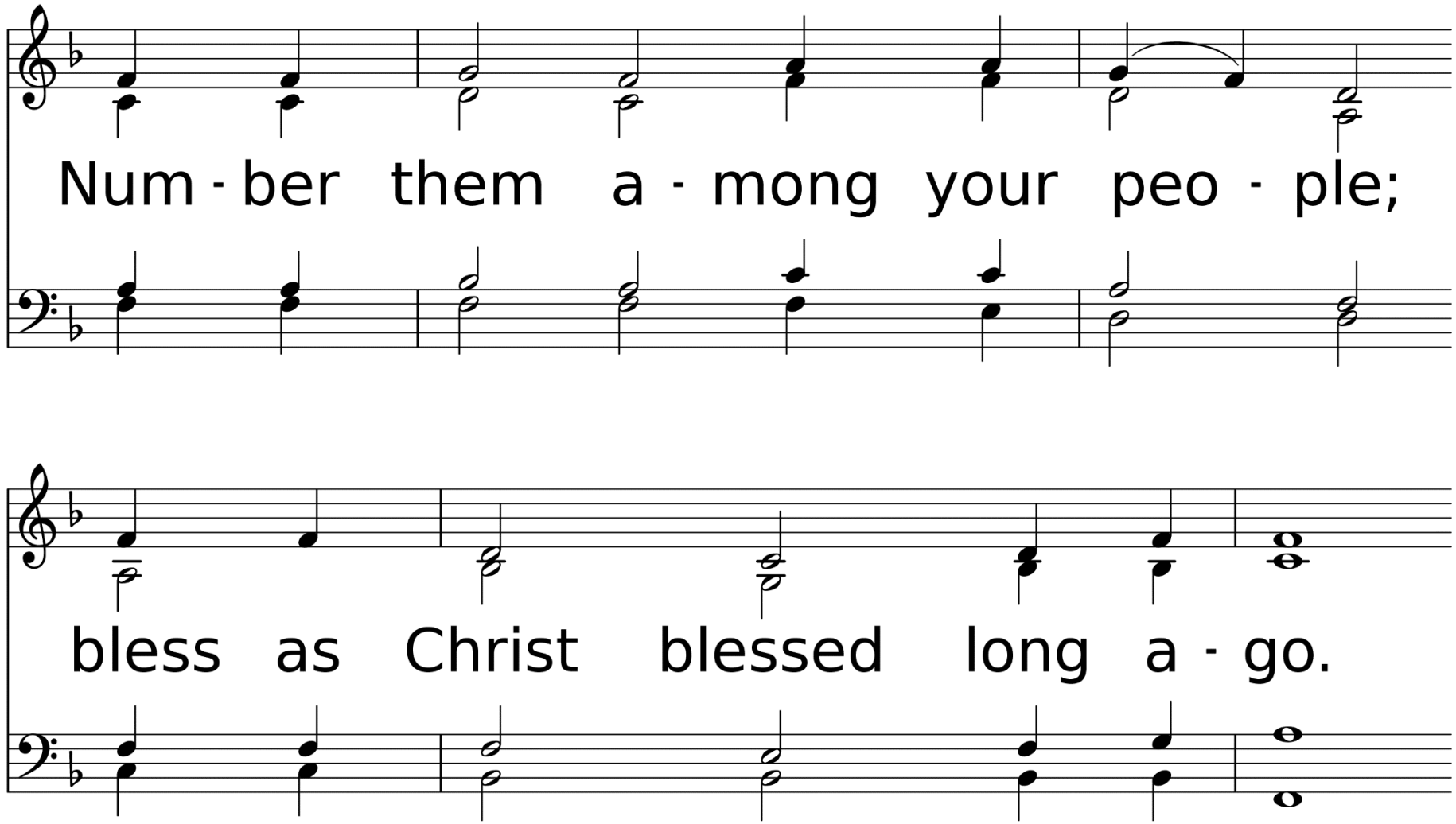
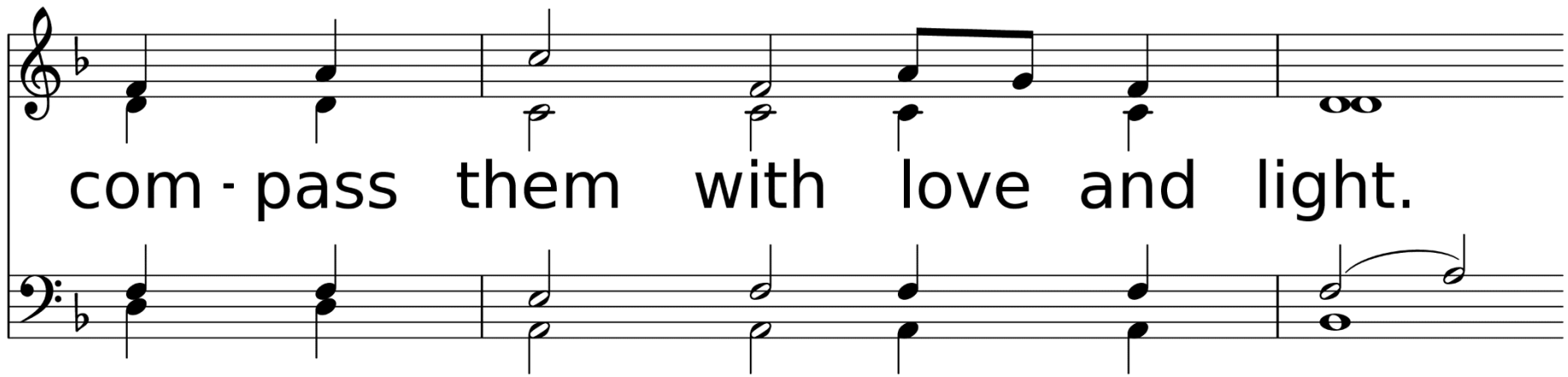
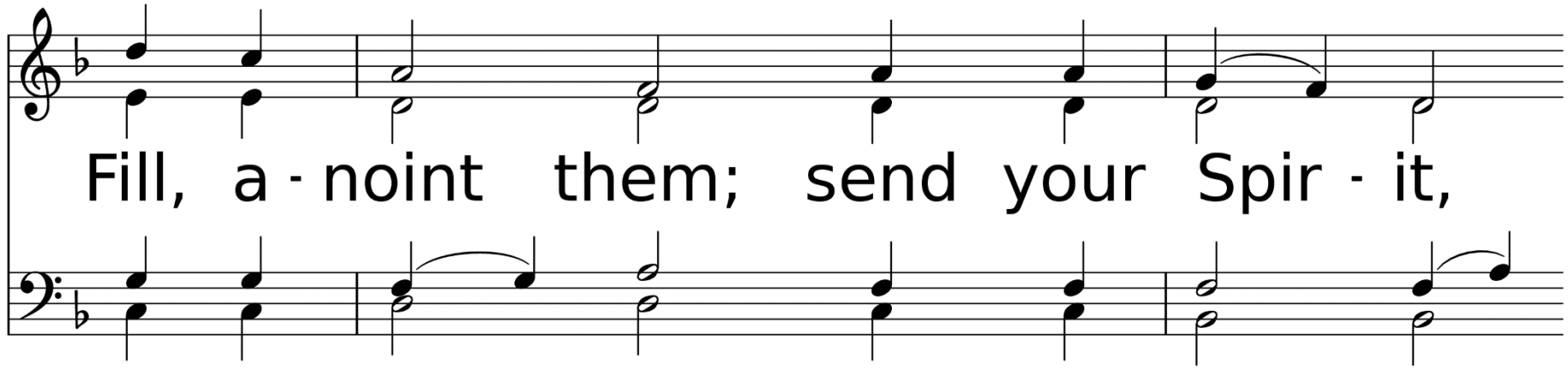
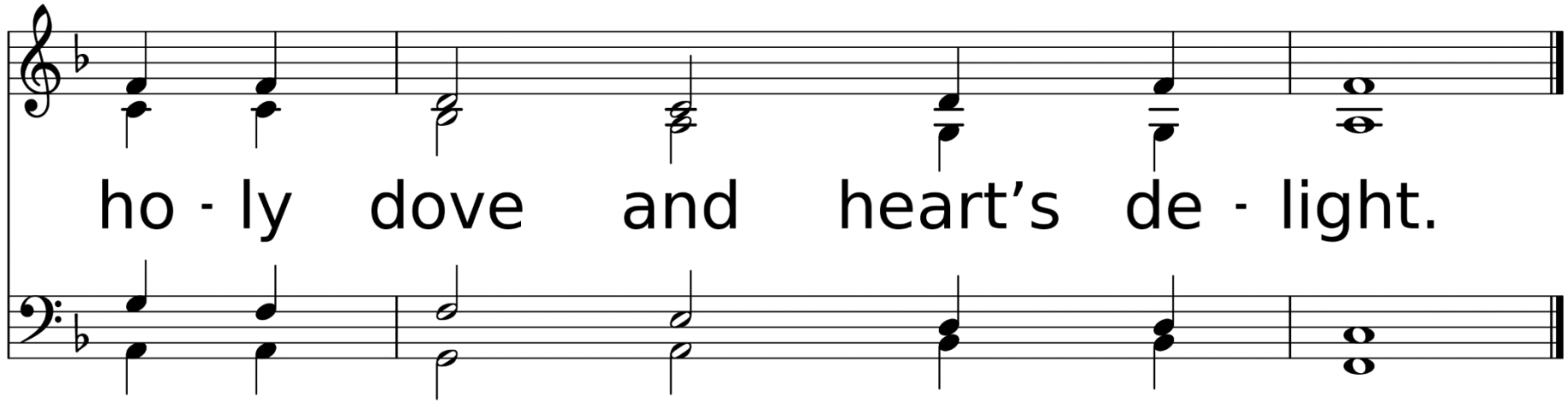
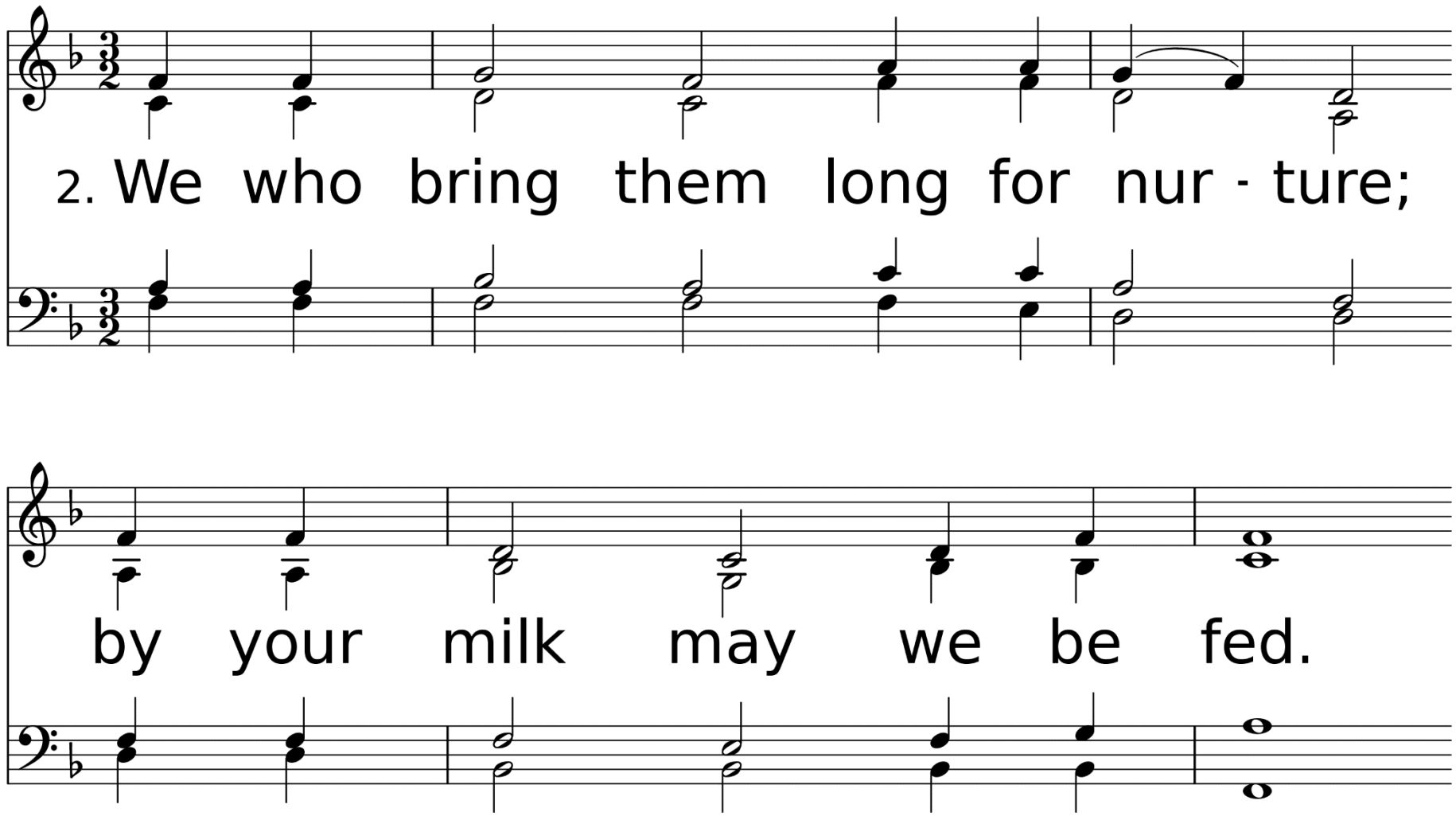

Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple;
bless as Christ blessed long a - go.

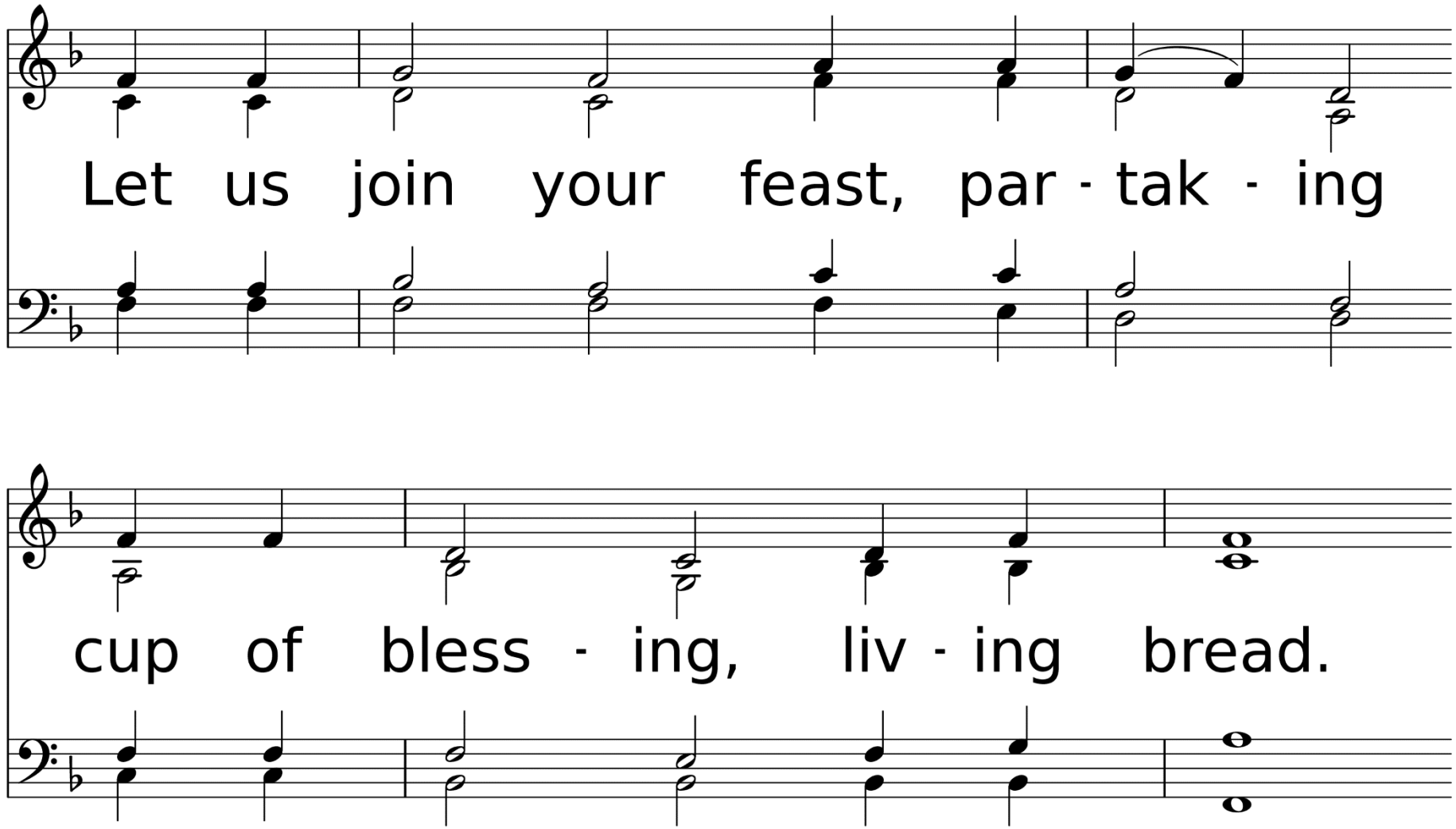
Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling;

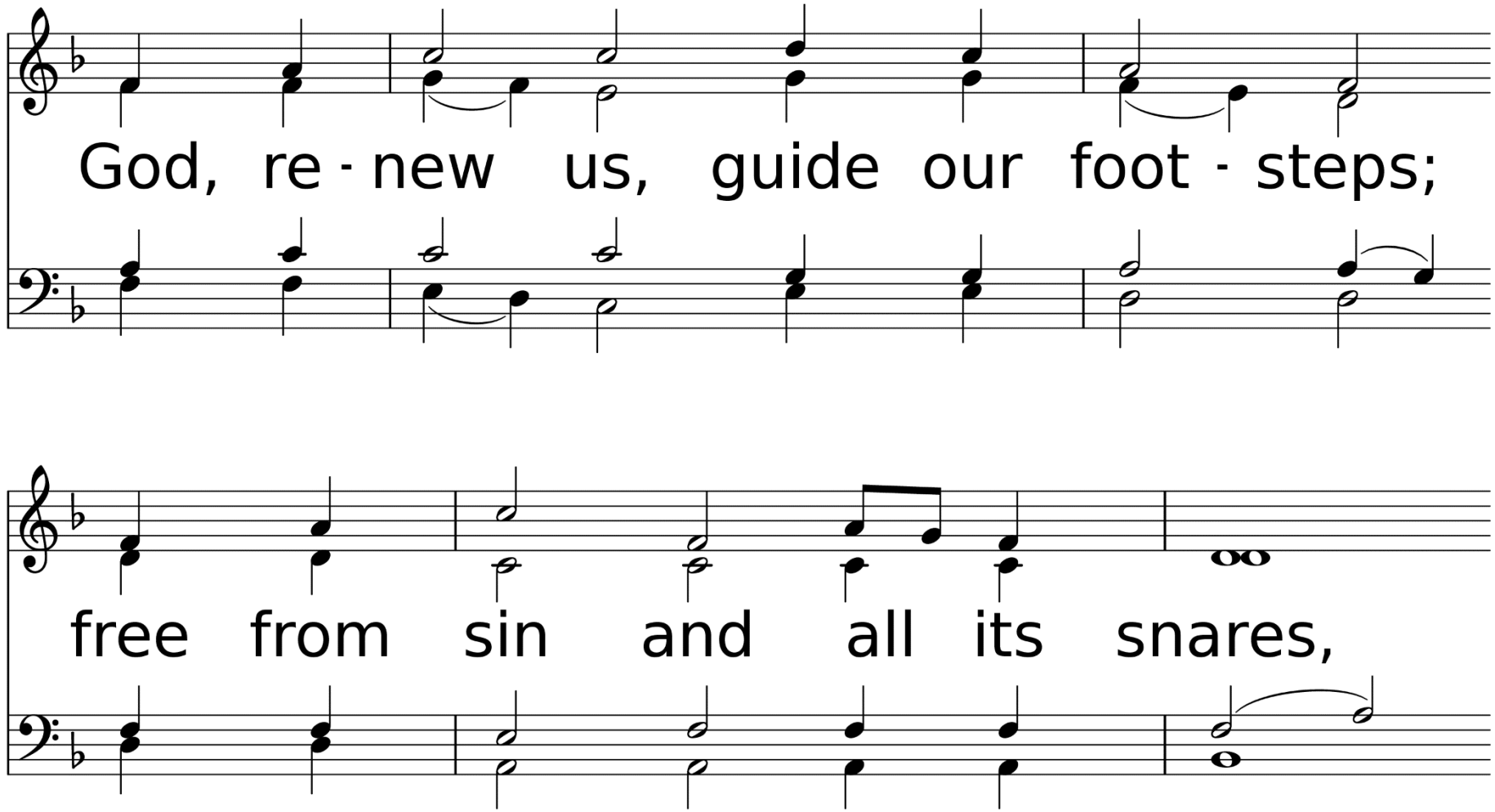

com-pass them with love and light.

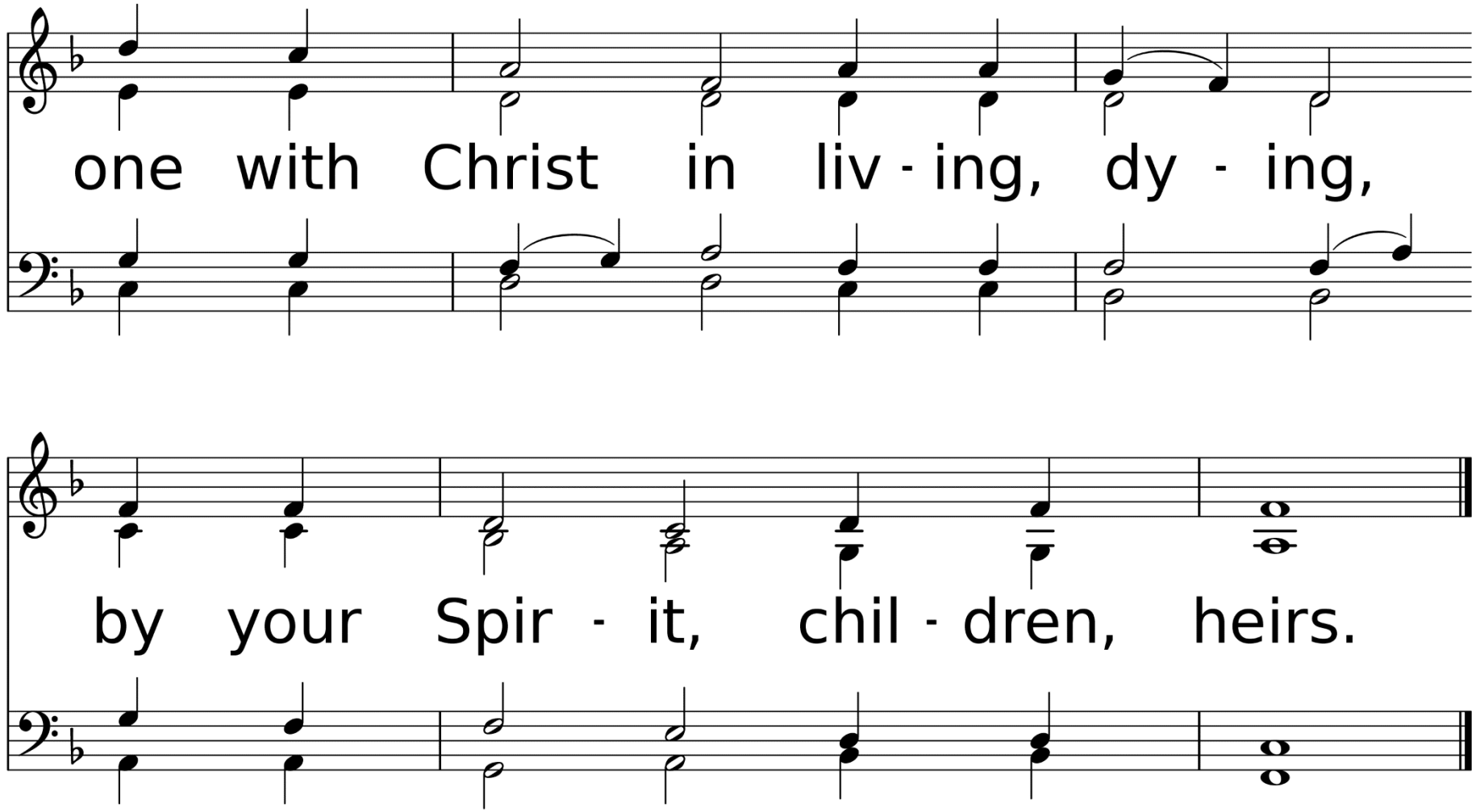

Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it,

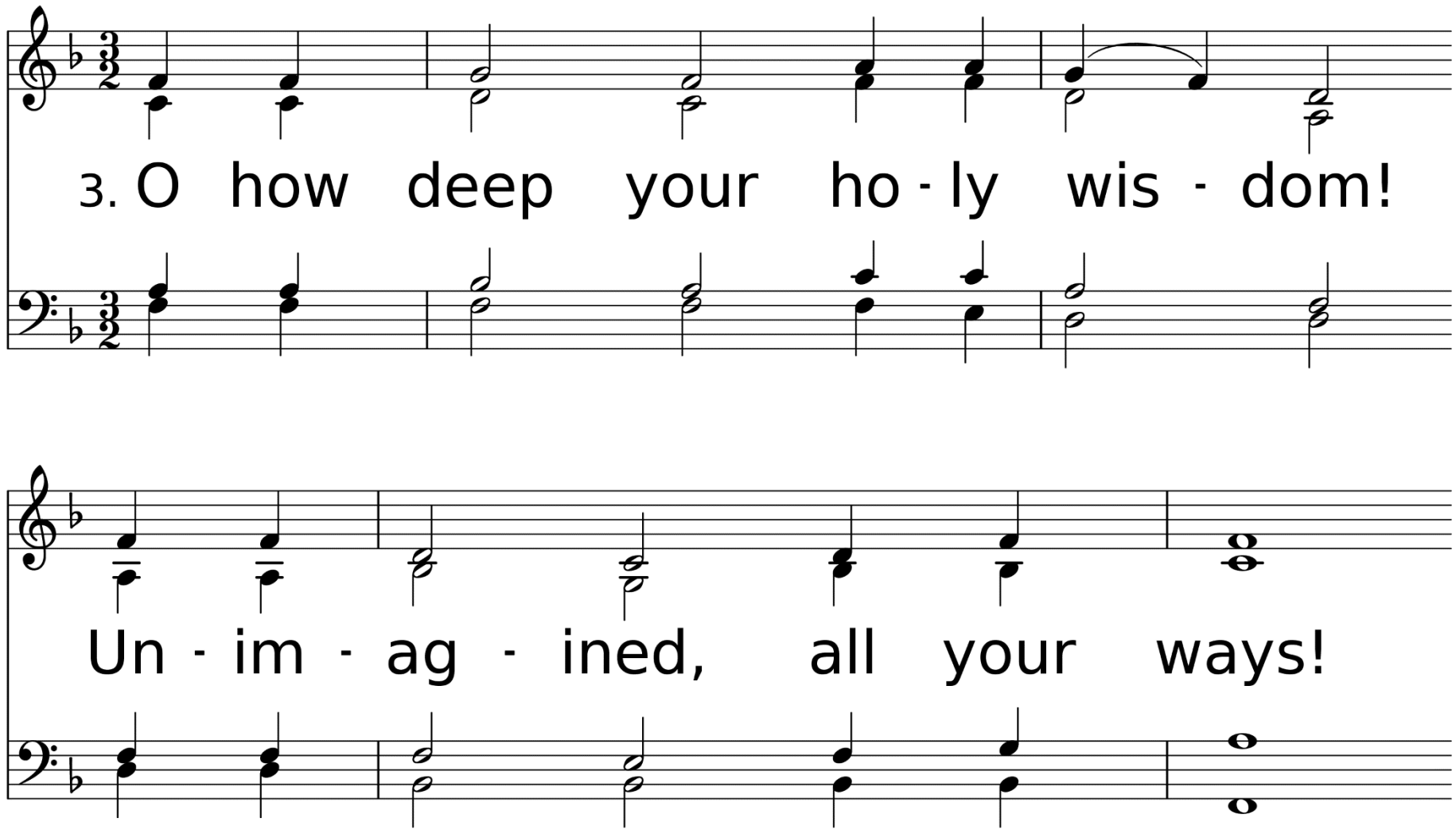

ho - ly dove and heart’s de - light.

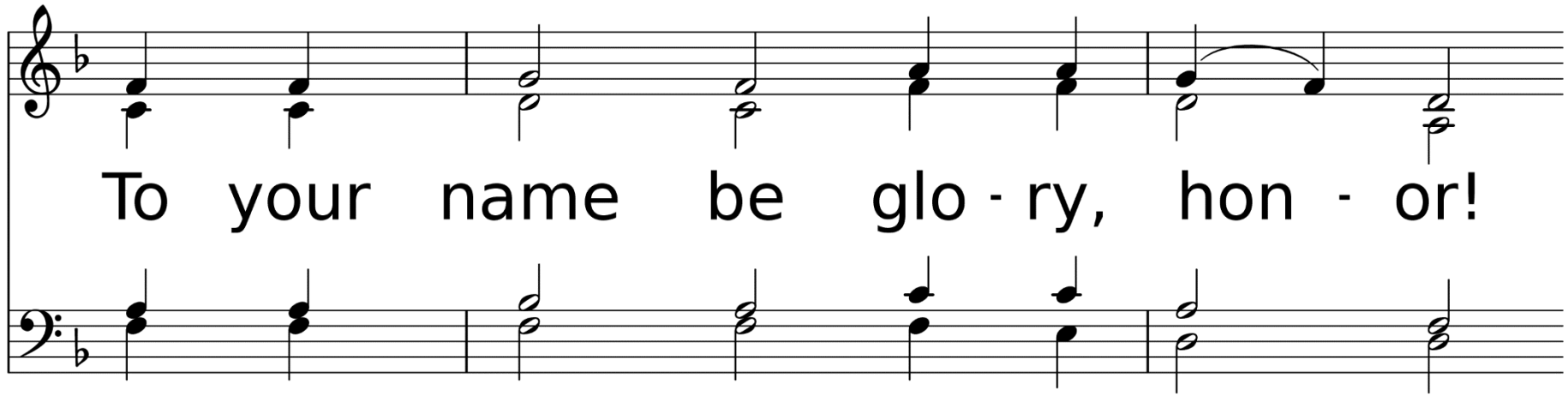

2. We who bring them long for nur - ture;
by your milk may we be fed.

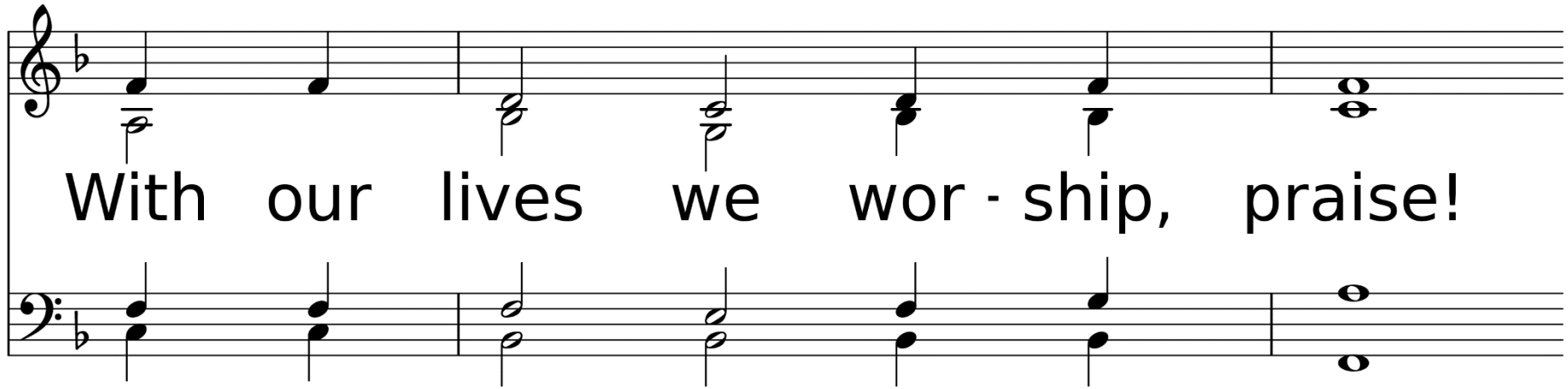

Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing
cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.

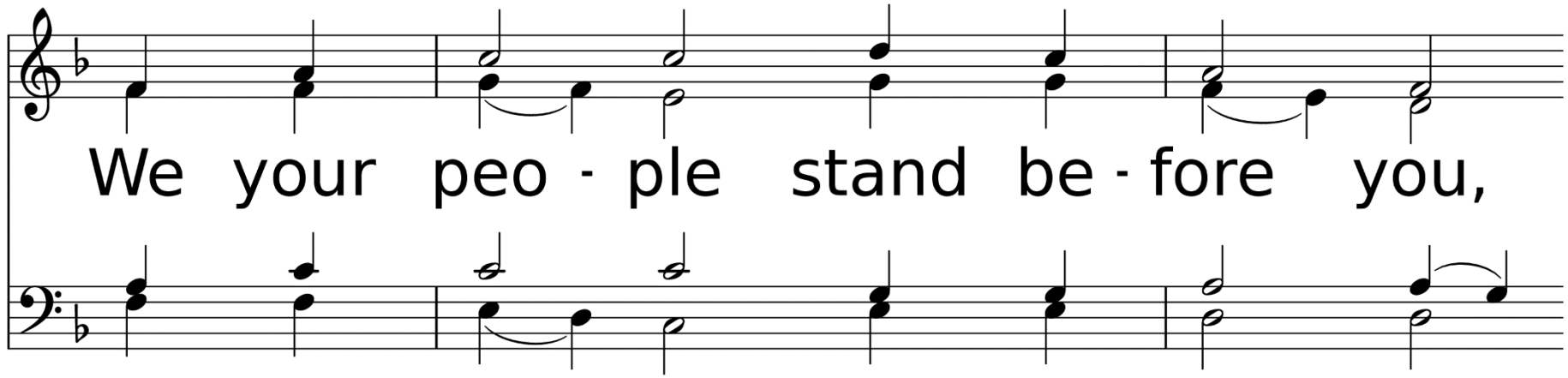

God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps;
free from sin and all its snares,

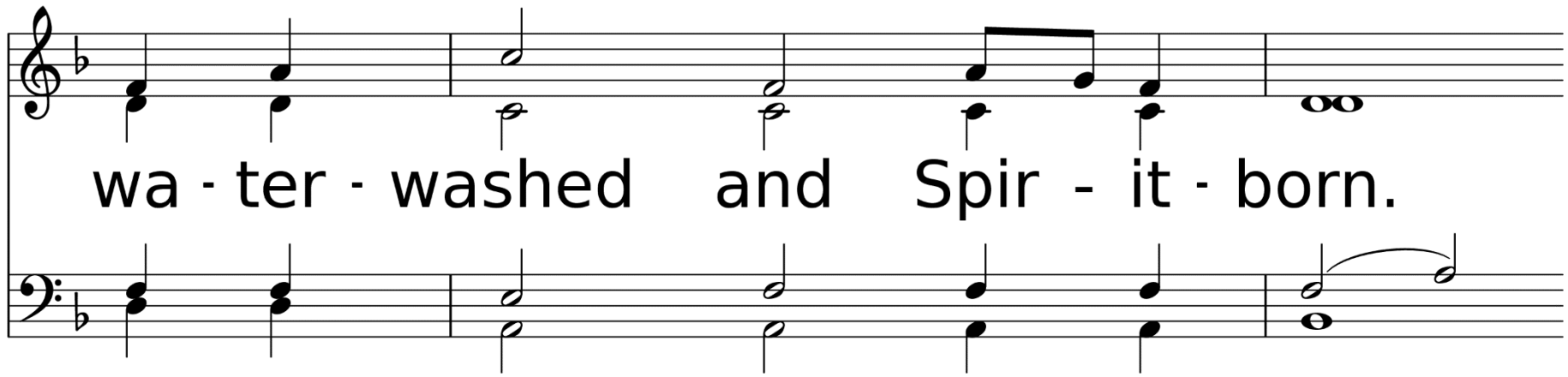

one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing,
by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.

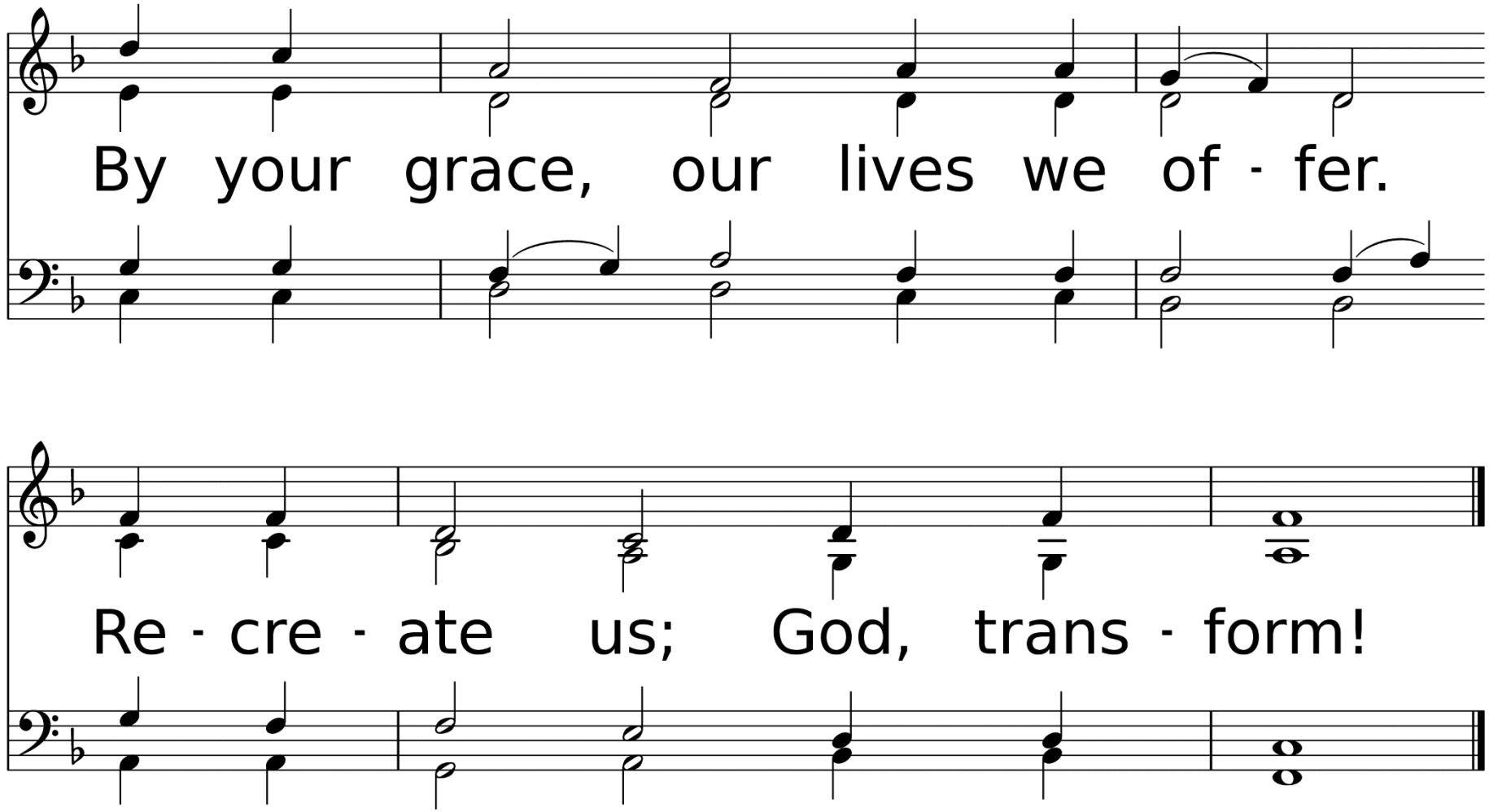

3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom!
Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!

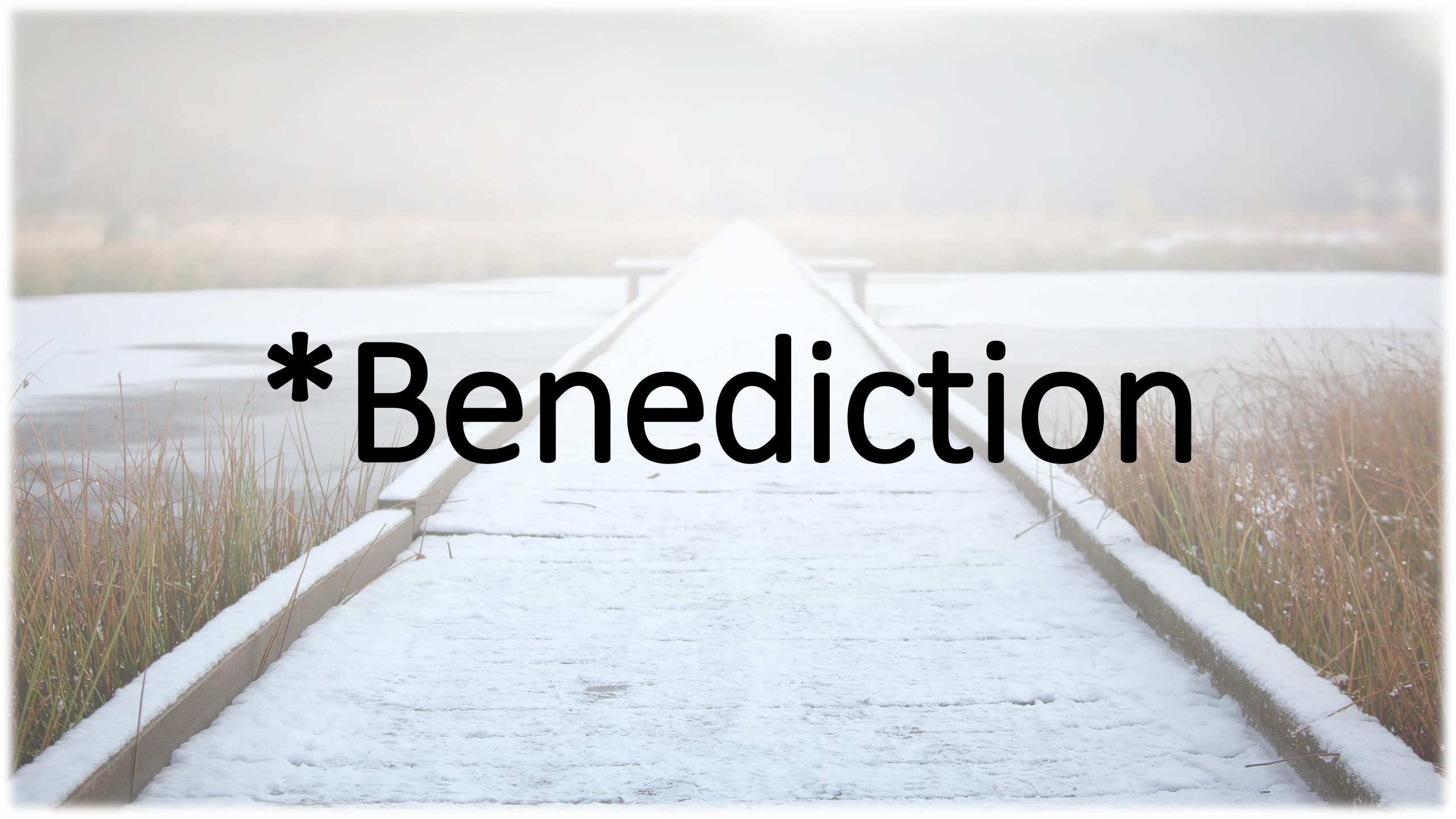

To your name be glo - ry, hon - or!


With our lives we wor - ship, praise!


We your peo - ple stand be - fore you,


wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.


By your grace, our lives we of - fer.
Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!



*Benediction

*Sending Forth

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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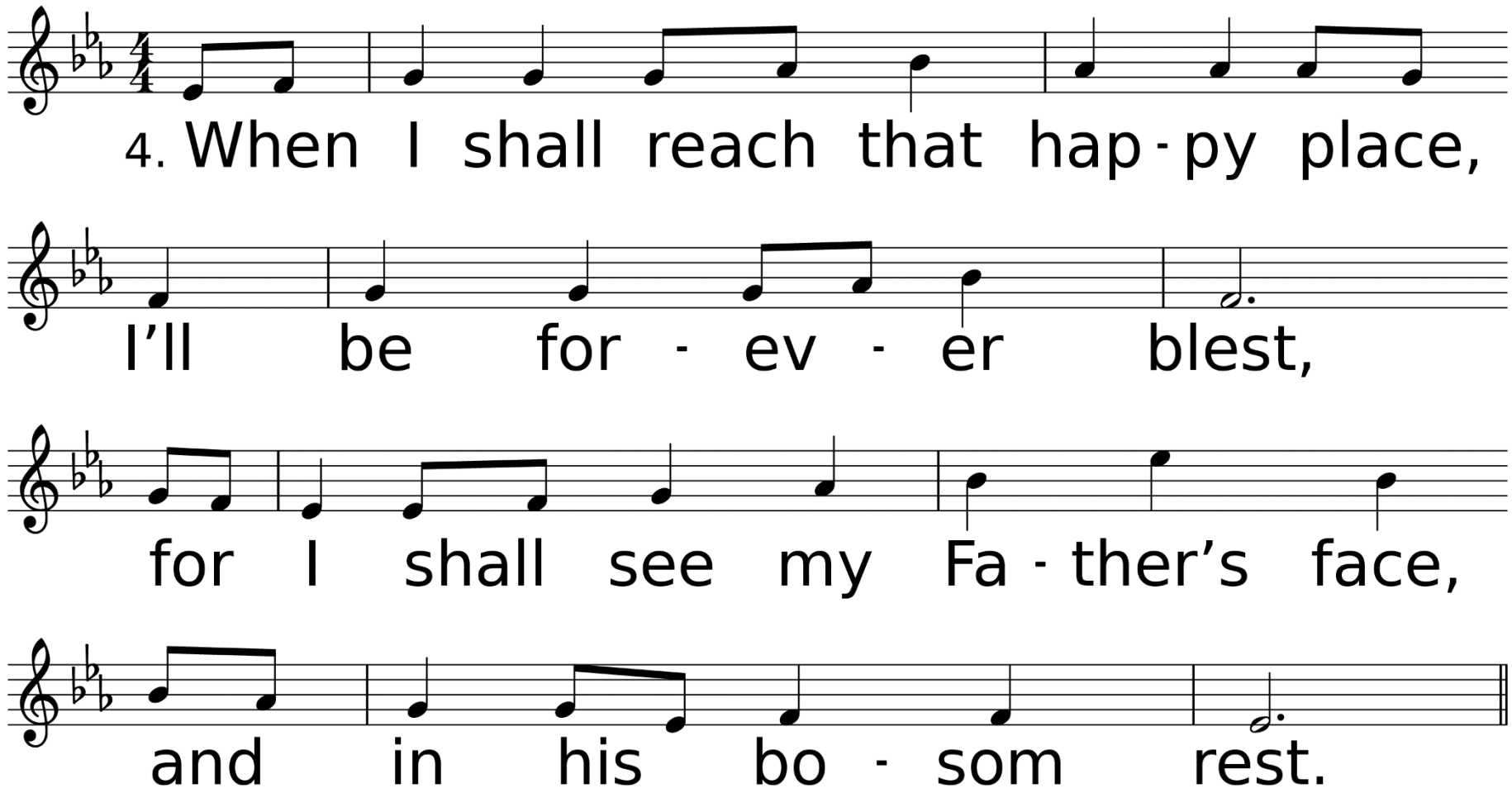
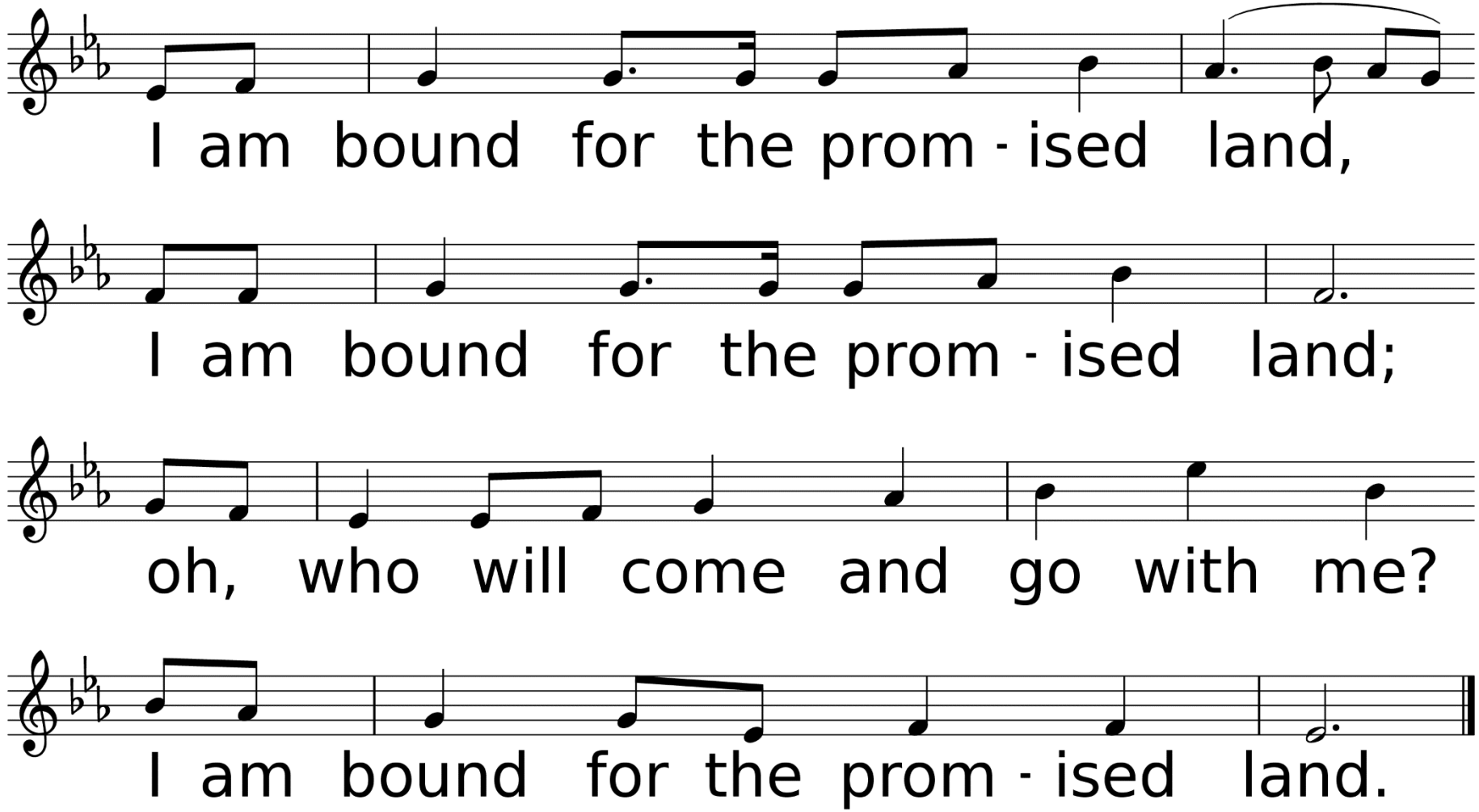

4. When I shall reach that hap - py place,
I’ll be for - ev - er blest,
for I shall see my Fa - ther’s face,
and in his bo - som rest.


I am bound for the prom - ised land,
I am bound for the prom - ised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Thank you for joining us today.

Have a great week!