Welcome Home!

January 21, 2024

10:00 AM Sunday Service

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Announcements

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Choral Call To Worship

God Is So Good

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Congregation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy Jesus Christ,

our savior and Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH, #577, v 1 & 4

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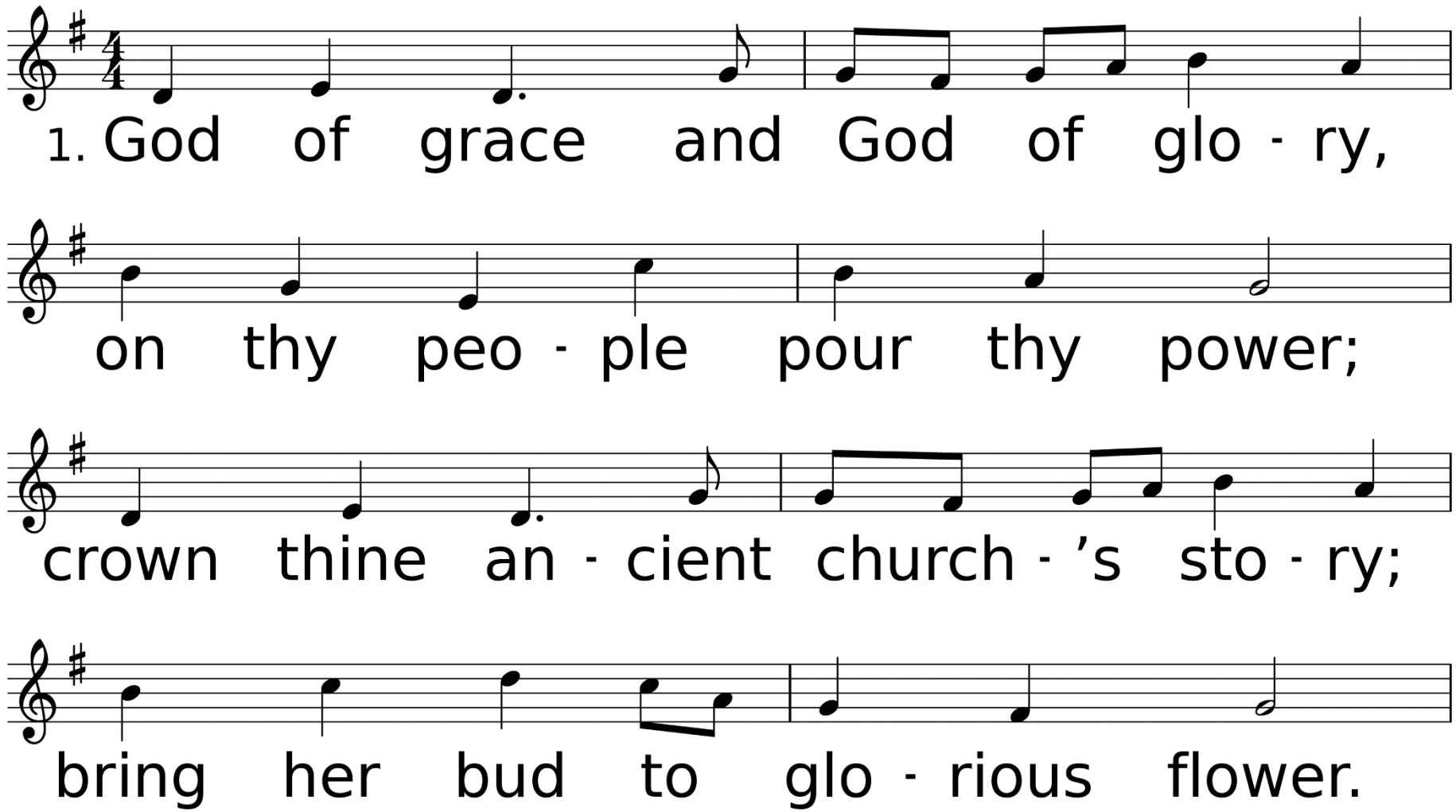

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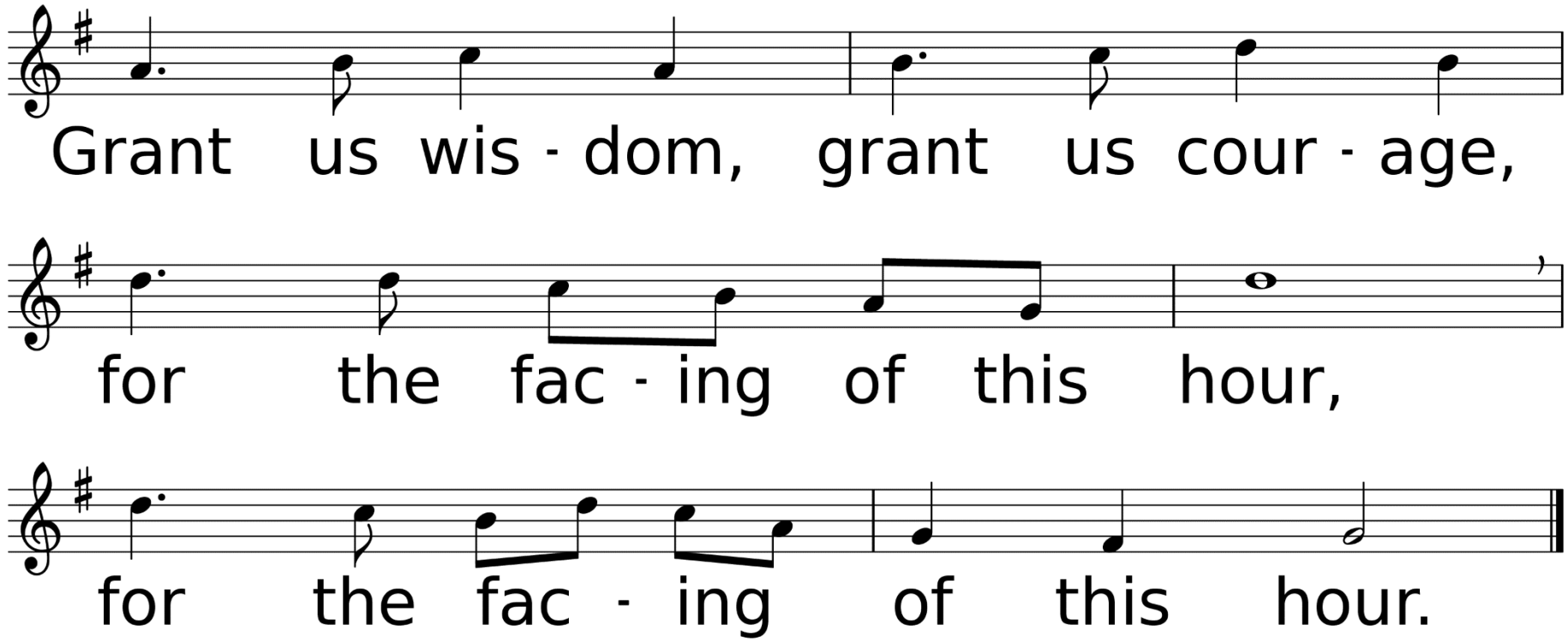
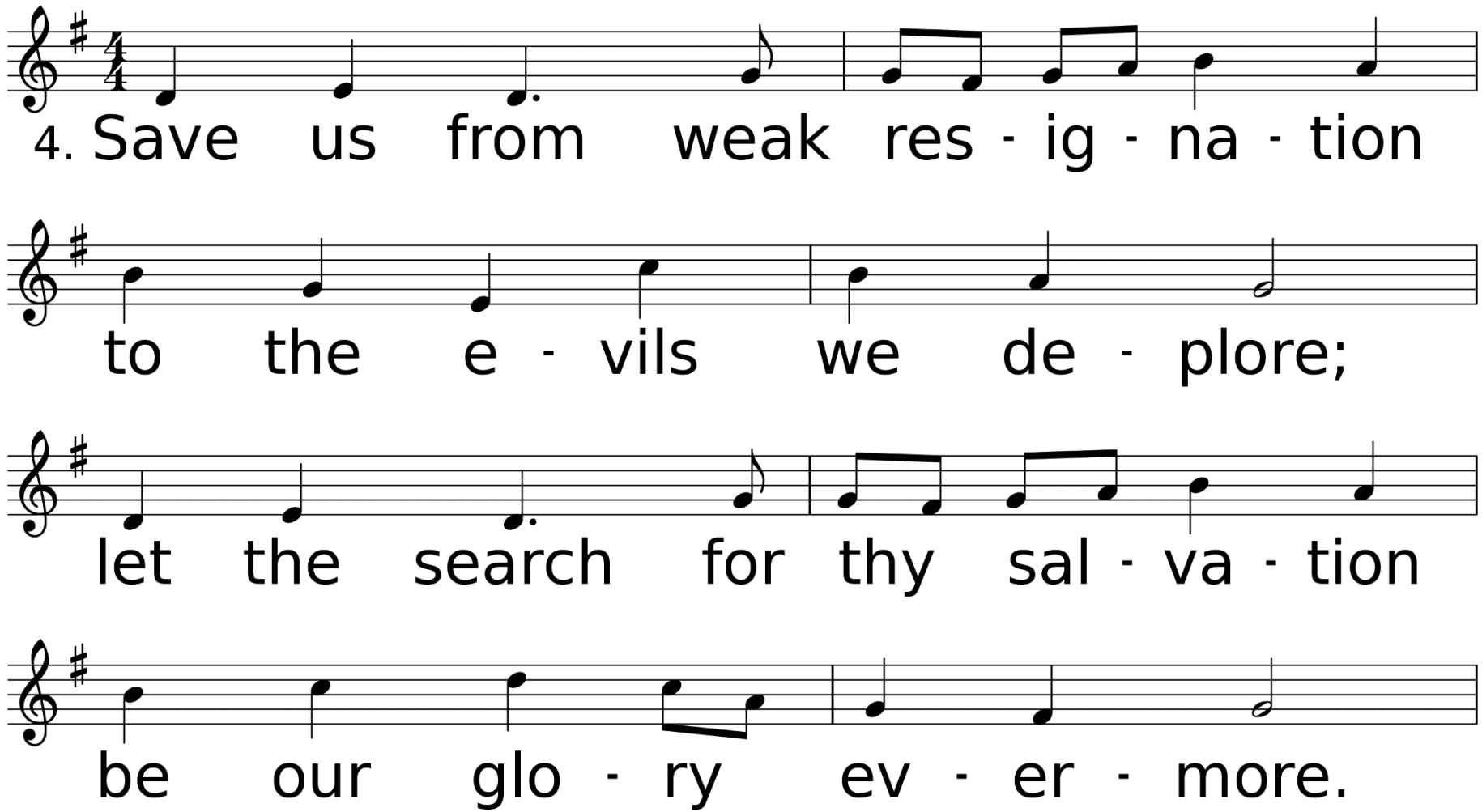
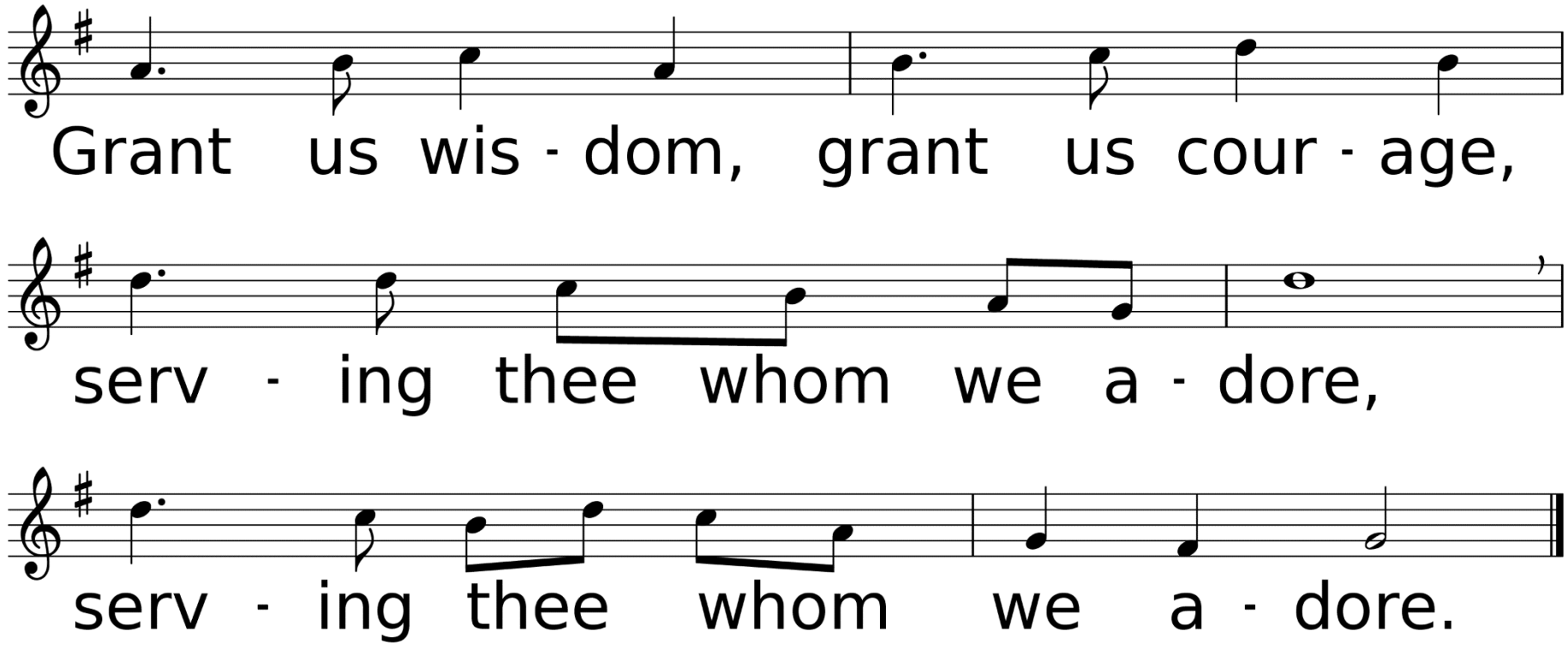

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
for the fac - ing of this hour,
for the fac - ing of this hour.


4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion
to the e - vils we de - plore;
let the search for thy sal - va - tion
be our glo - ry ev - er - more.


Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore,
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*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer Hymn
Grace Greater than Our Sin

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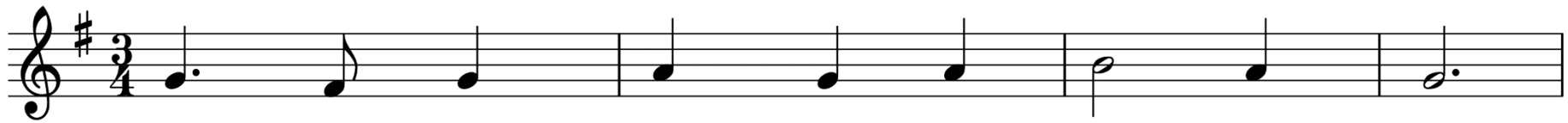
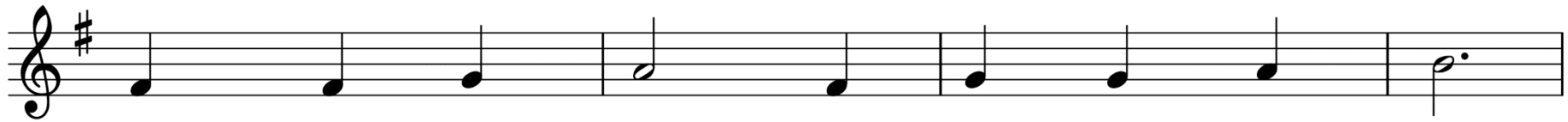
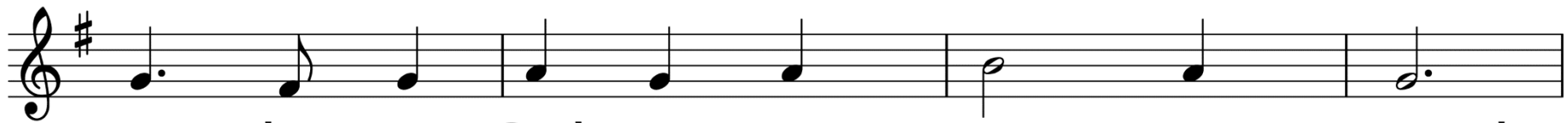


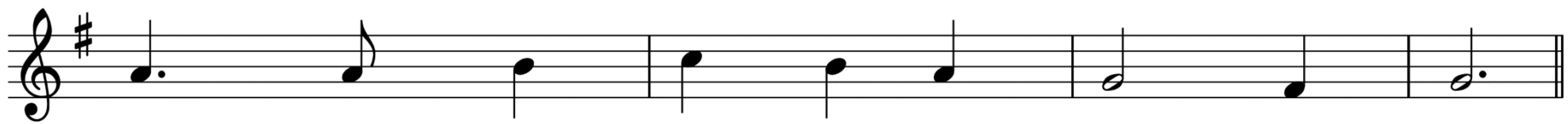
1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,



grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!



Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,



there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

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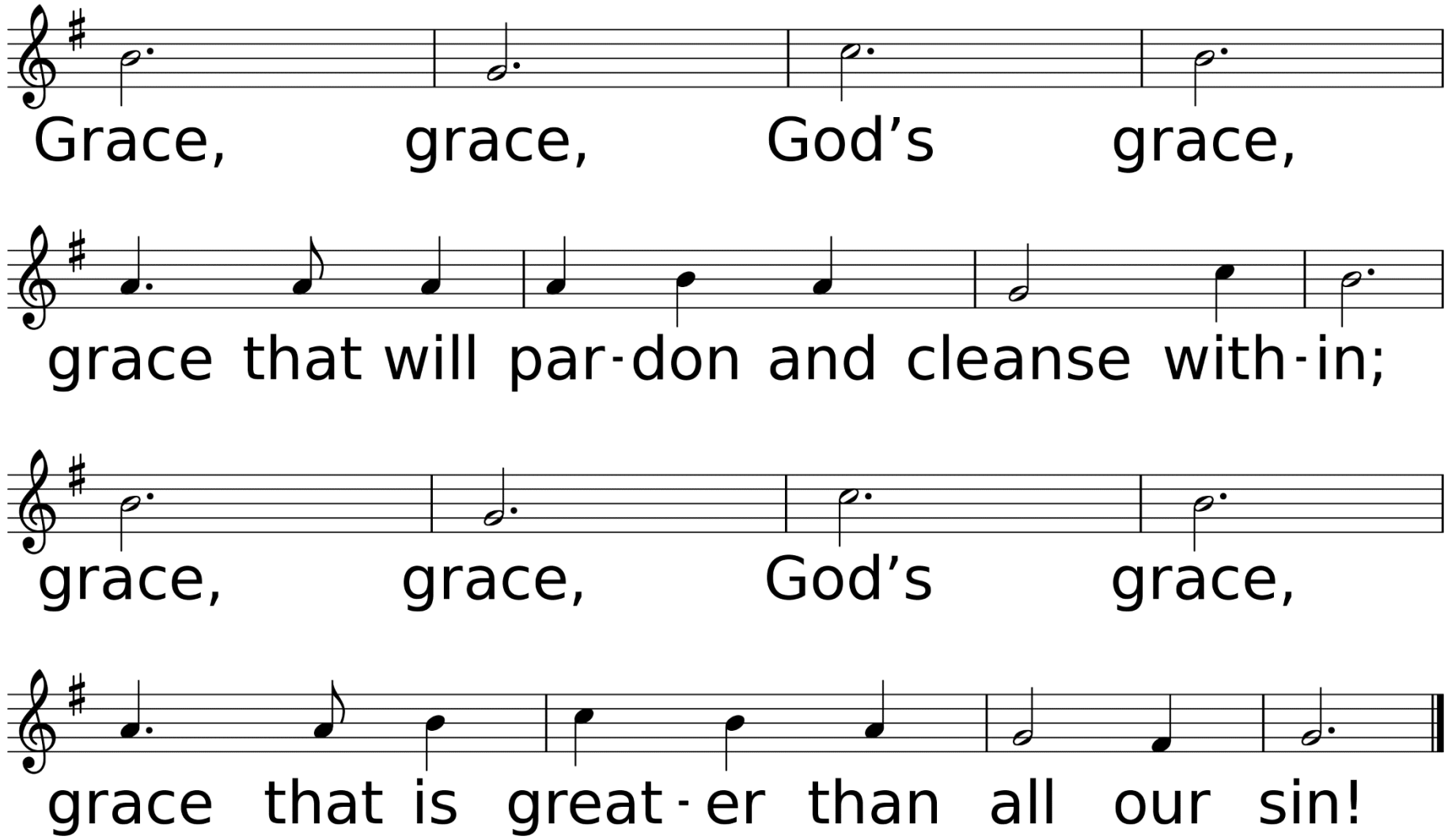
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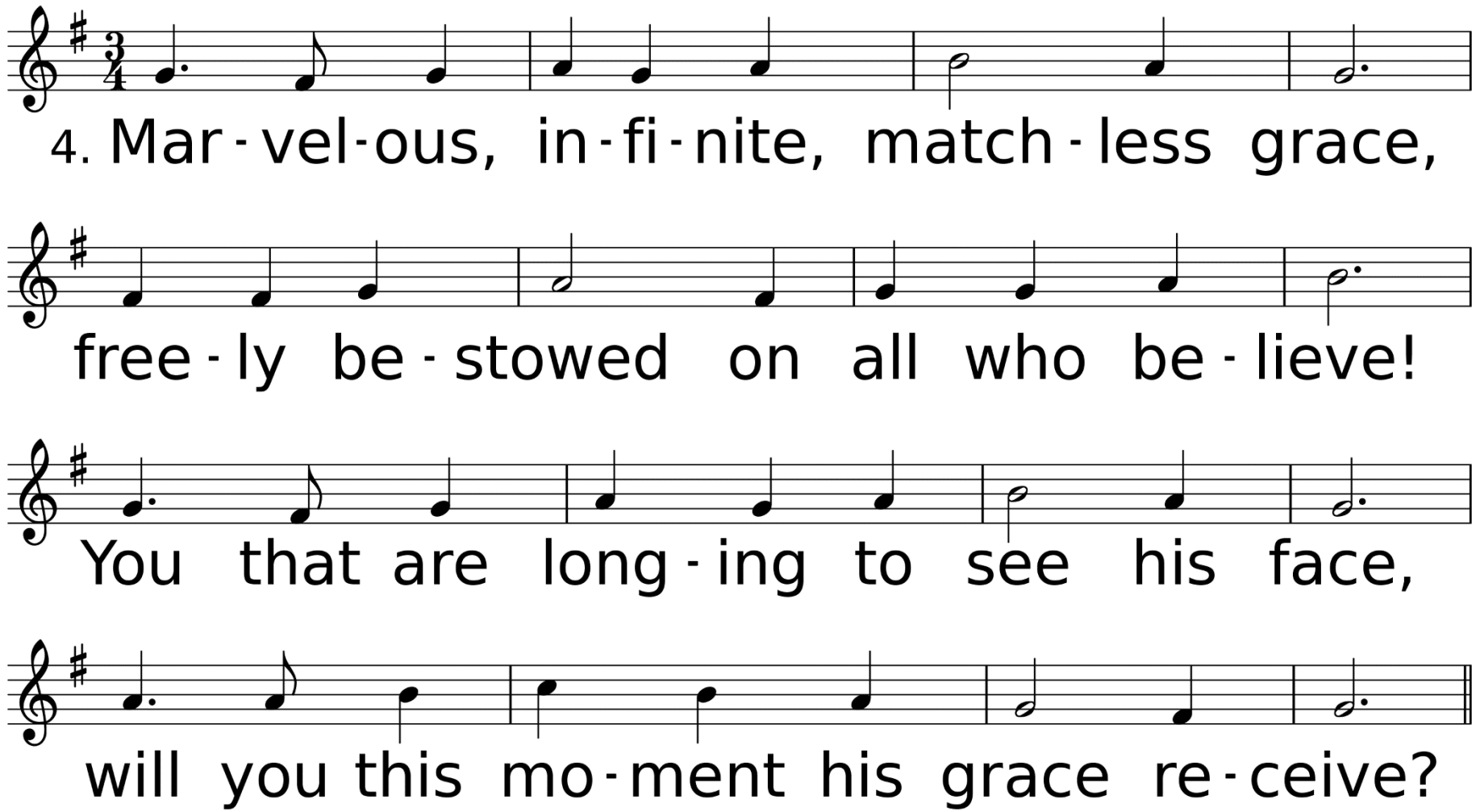
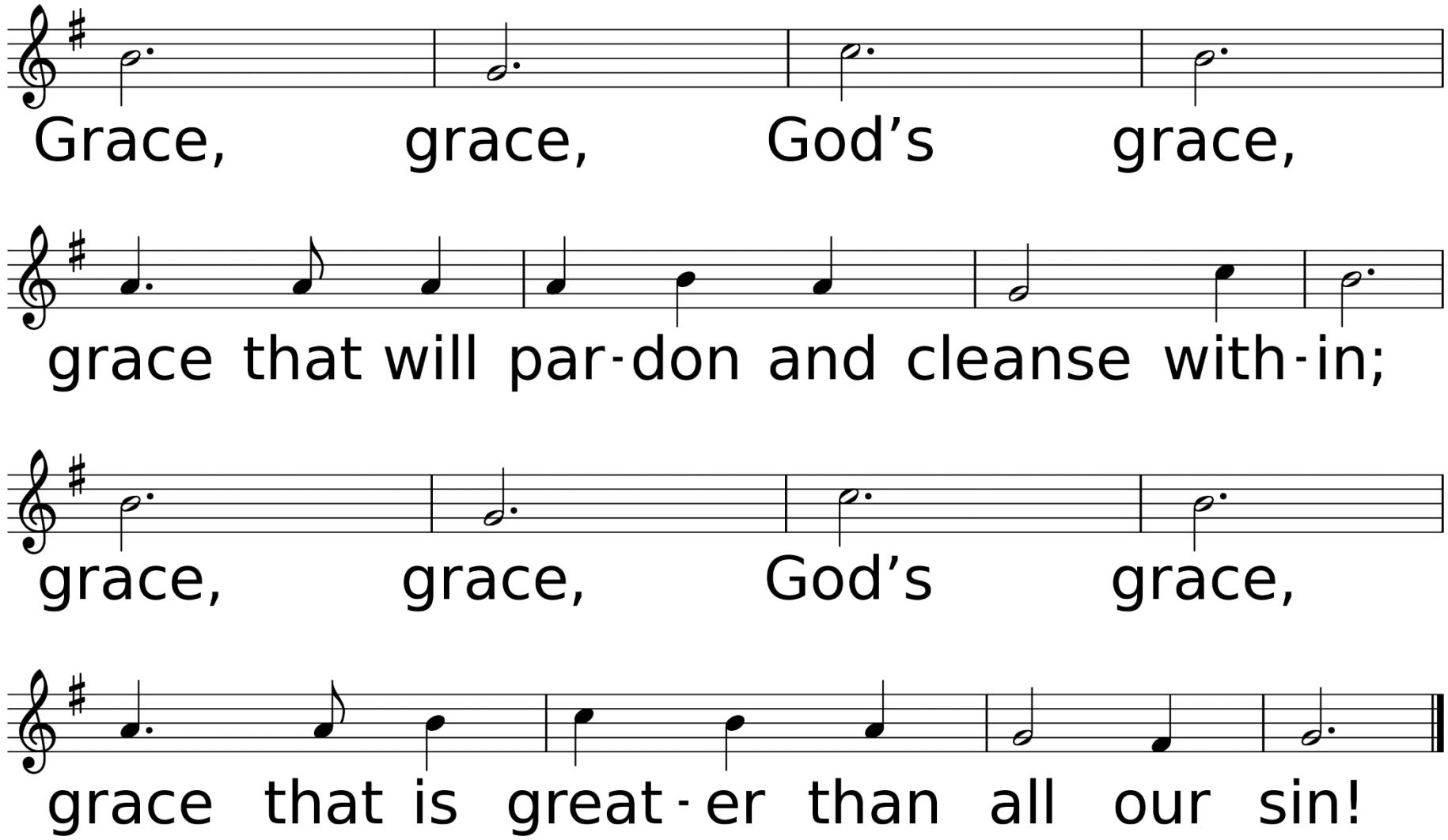
grace that will par-don and cleanse with-in;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is great-er than all our sin!


4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,
free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!
You that are long - ing to see his face,
will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?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Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

Noisy Offering

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, #94

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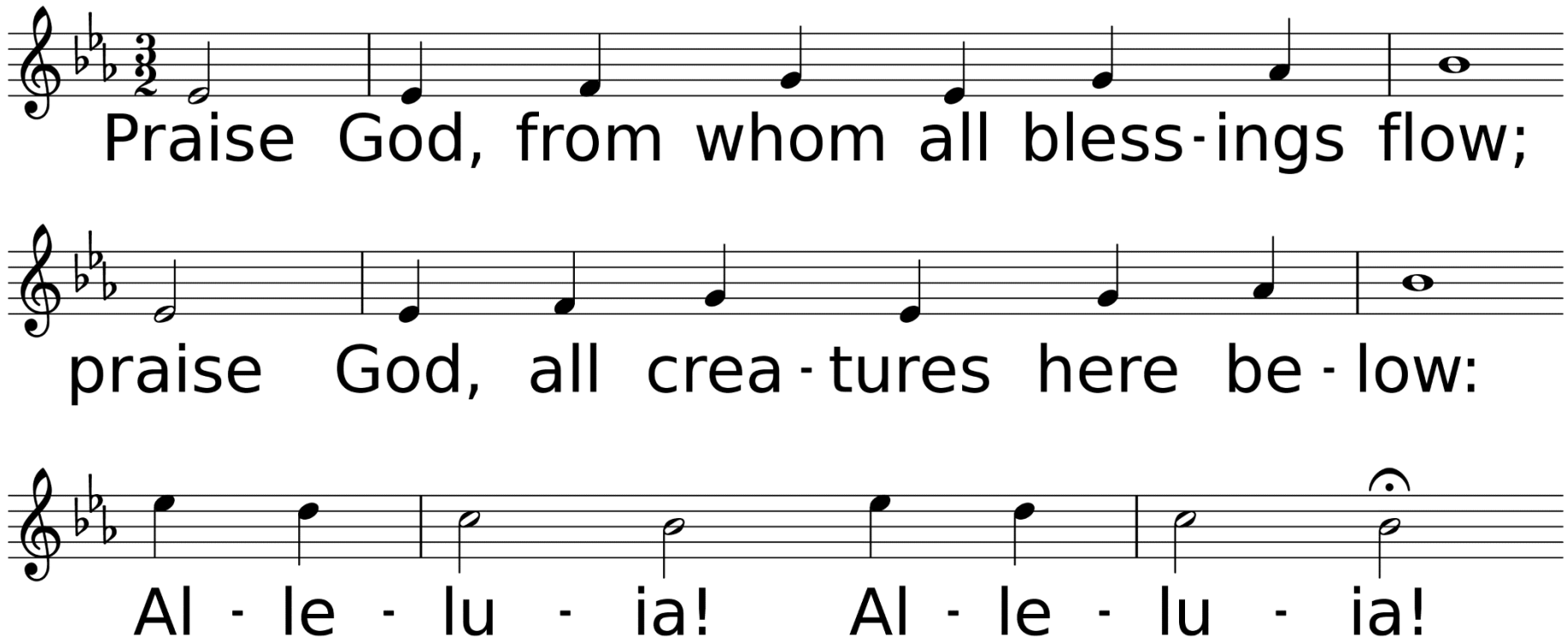

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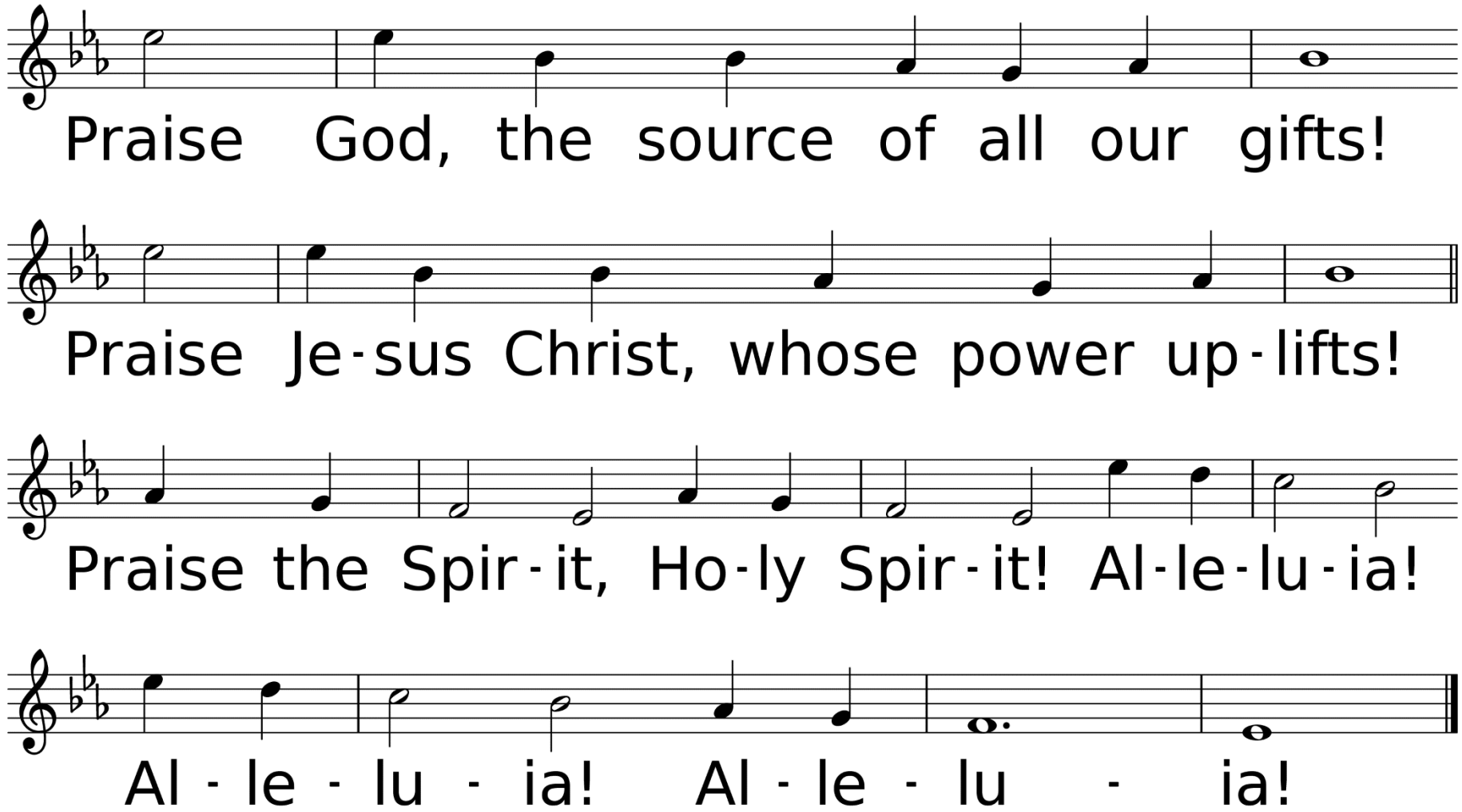
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Lord of the Dance

UMH, #261

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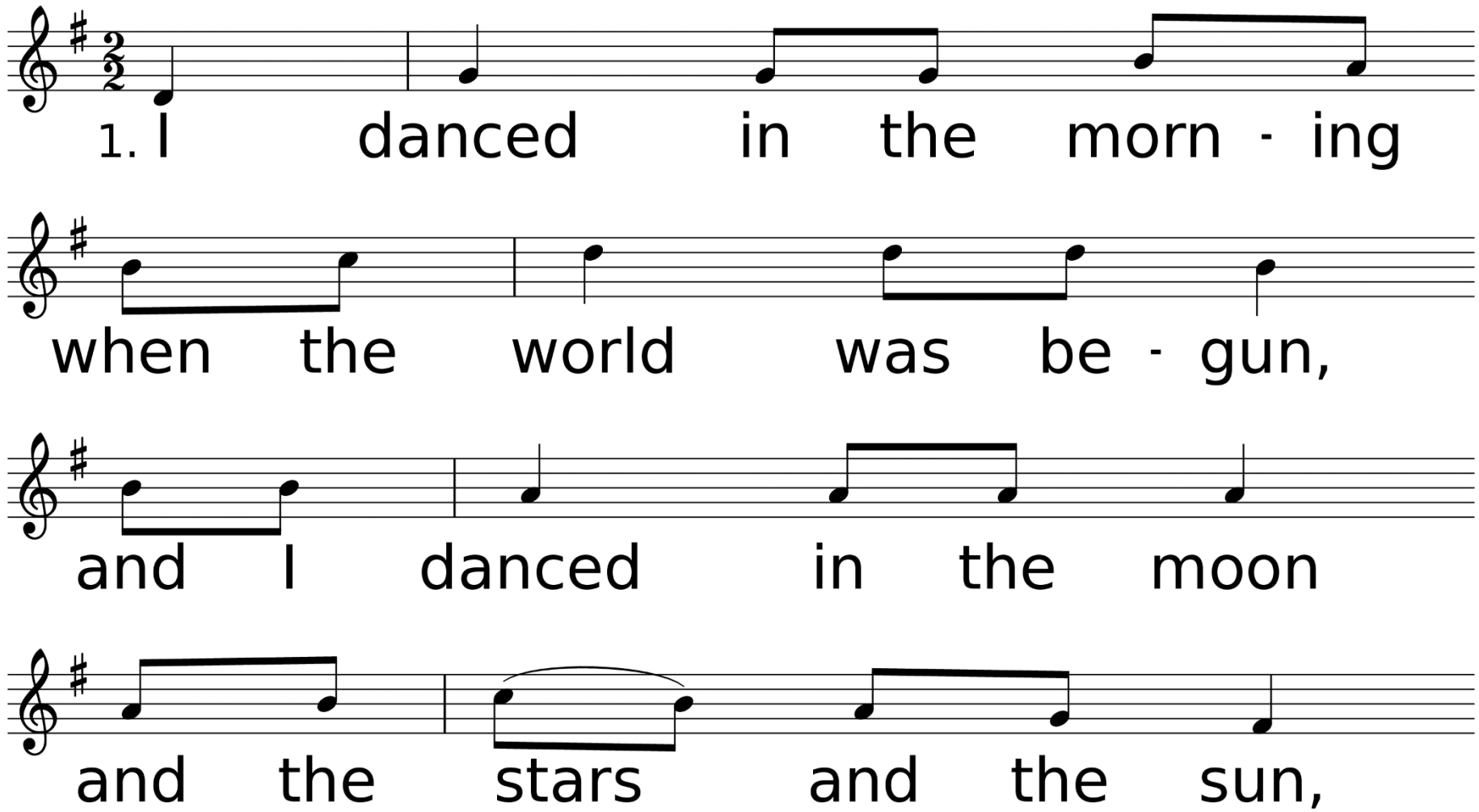

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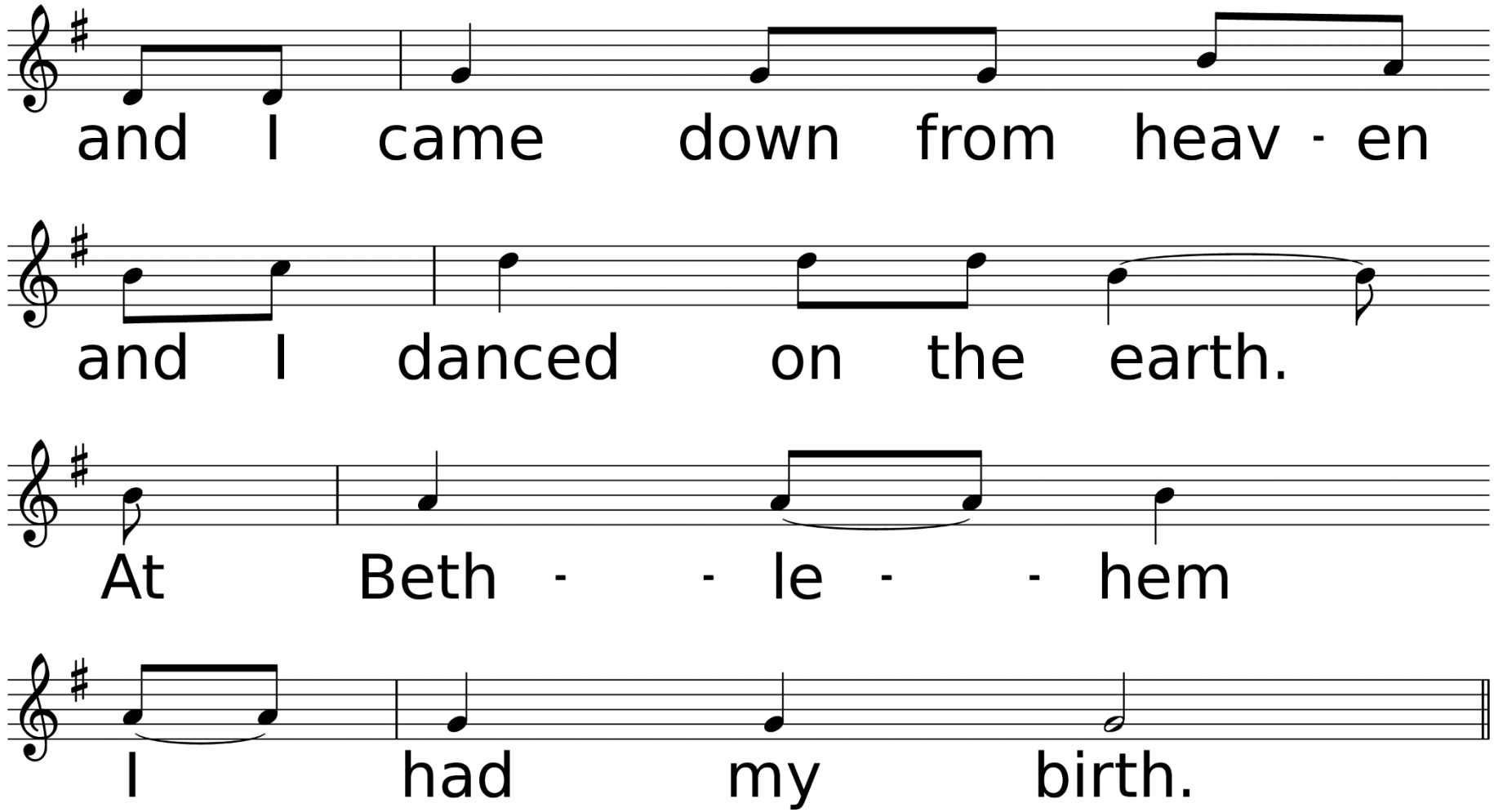
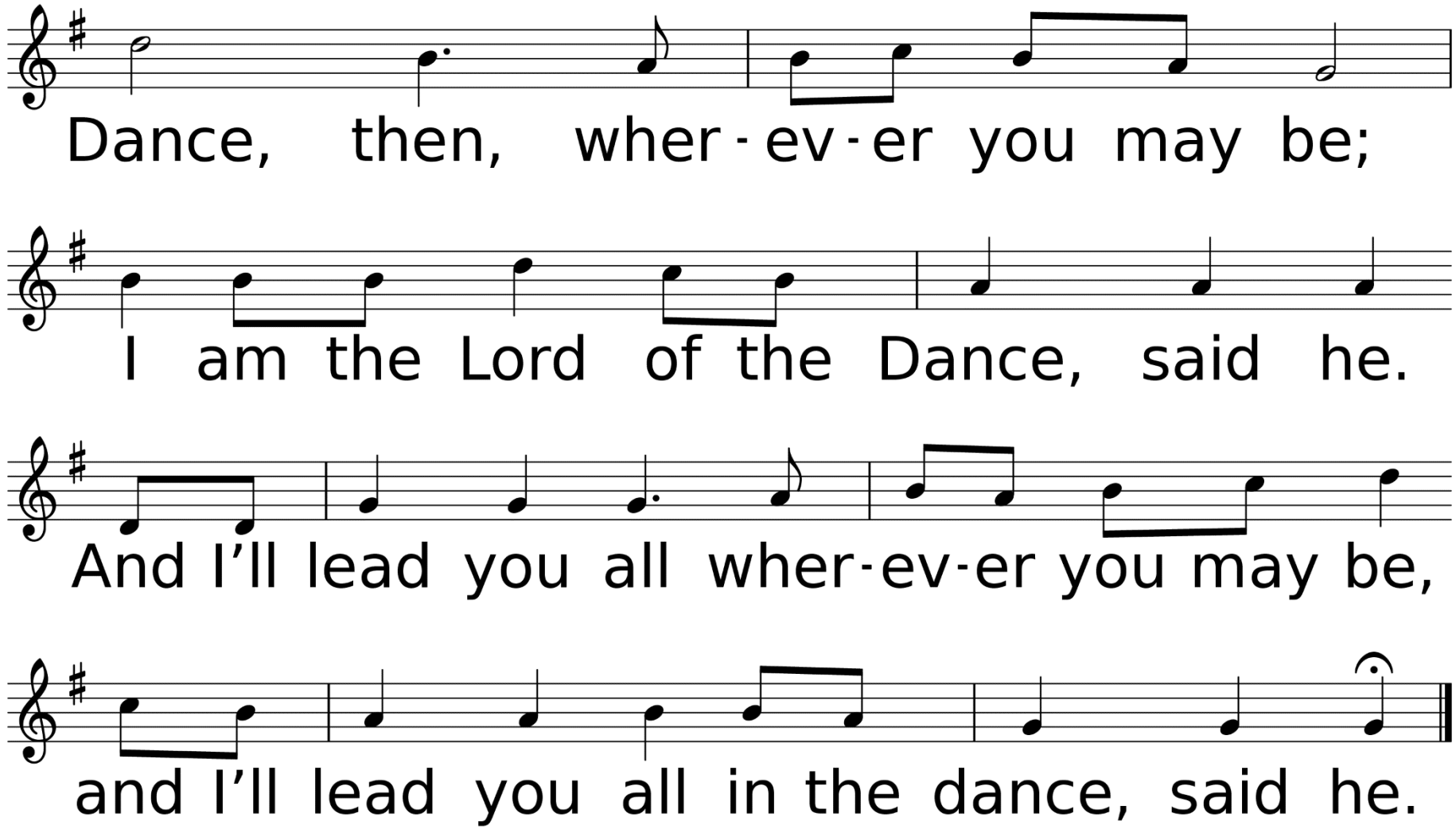
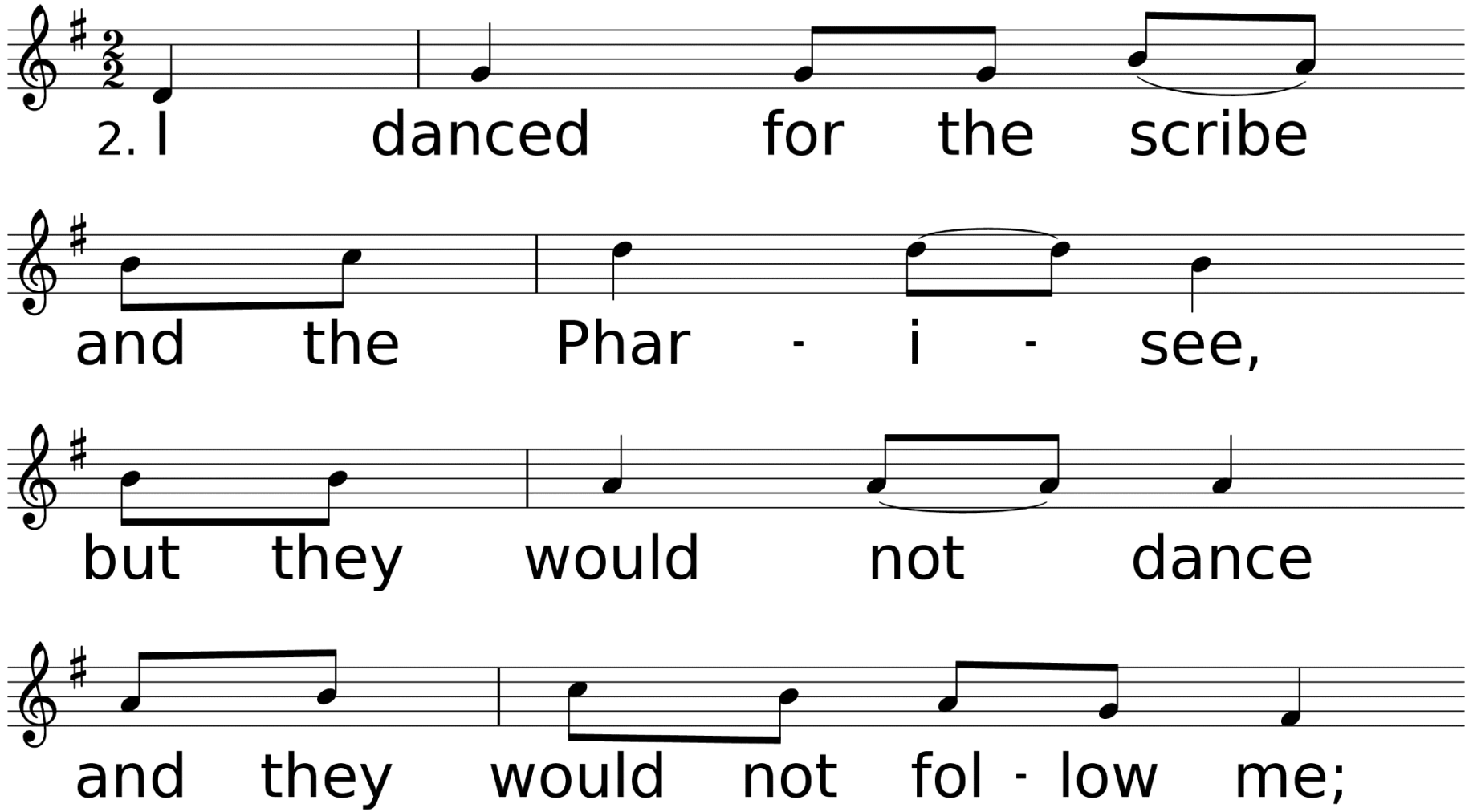
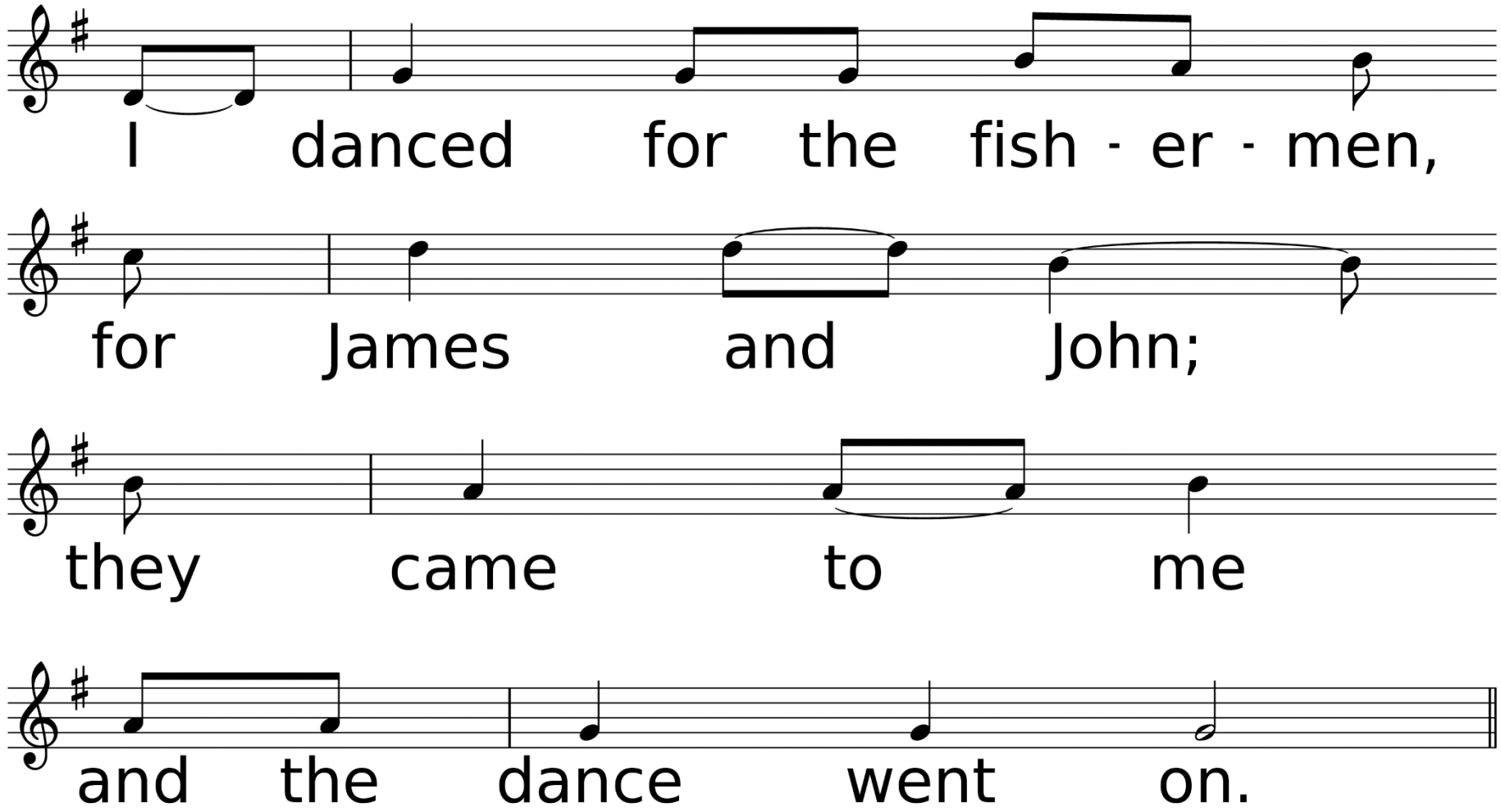
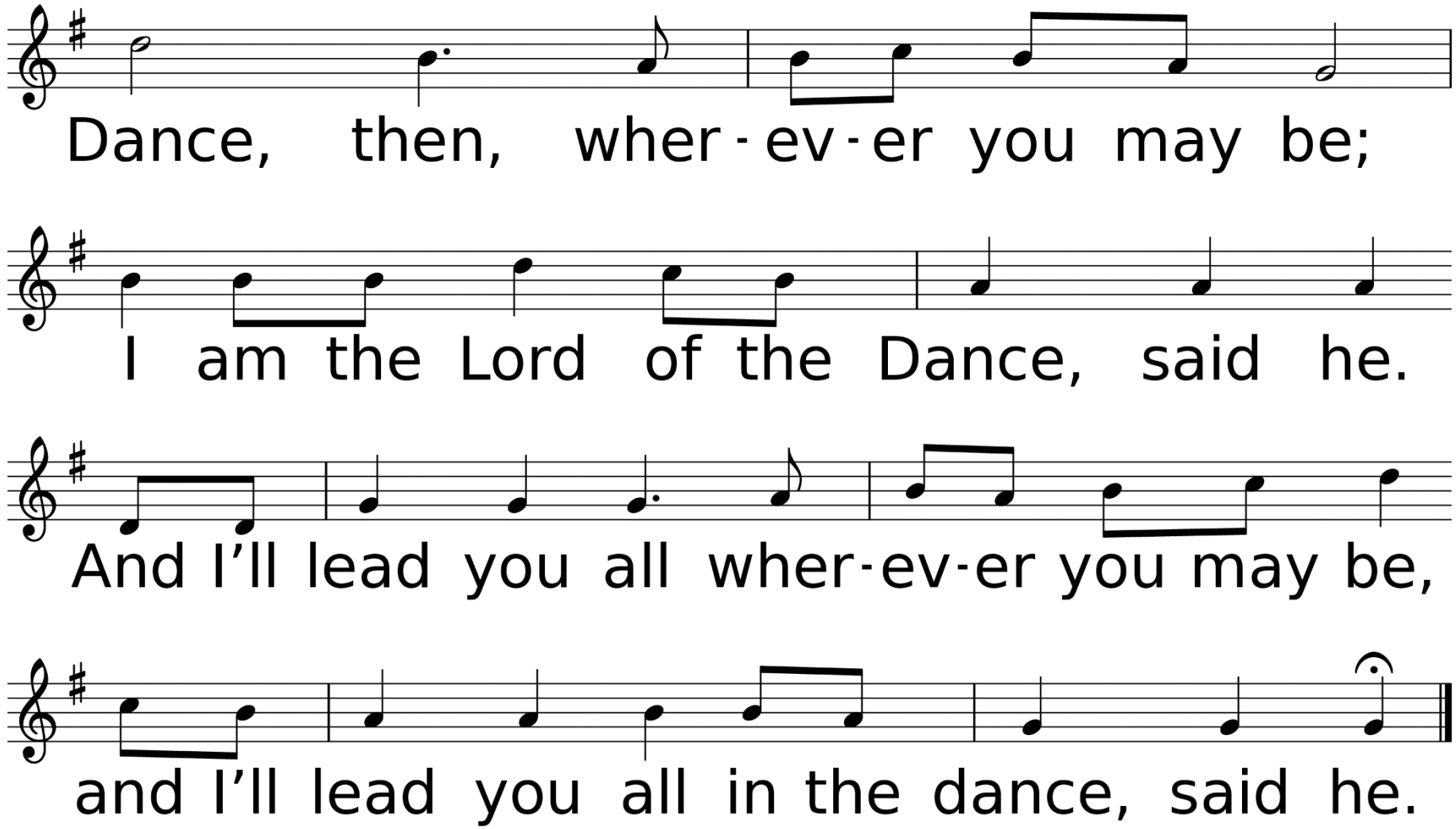

and I came down from heav - en
and I danced on the earth.
At Beth - - le - - hem
I had my birth.


Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wher-ev-er you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.


2. I danced for the scribe
and the Phar - i - see,
but they would not dance
and they would not fol - low me;


I danced for the fish - er - men,
for James and John;
they came to me
and the dance went on.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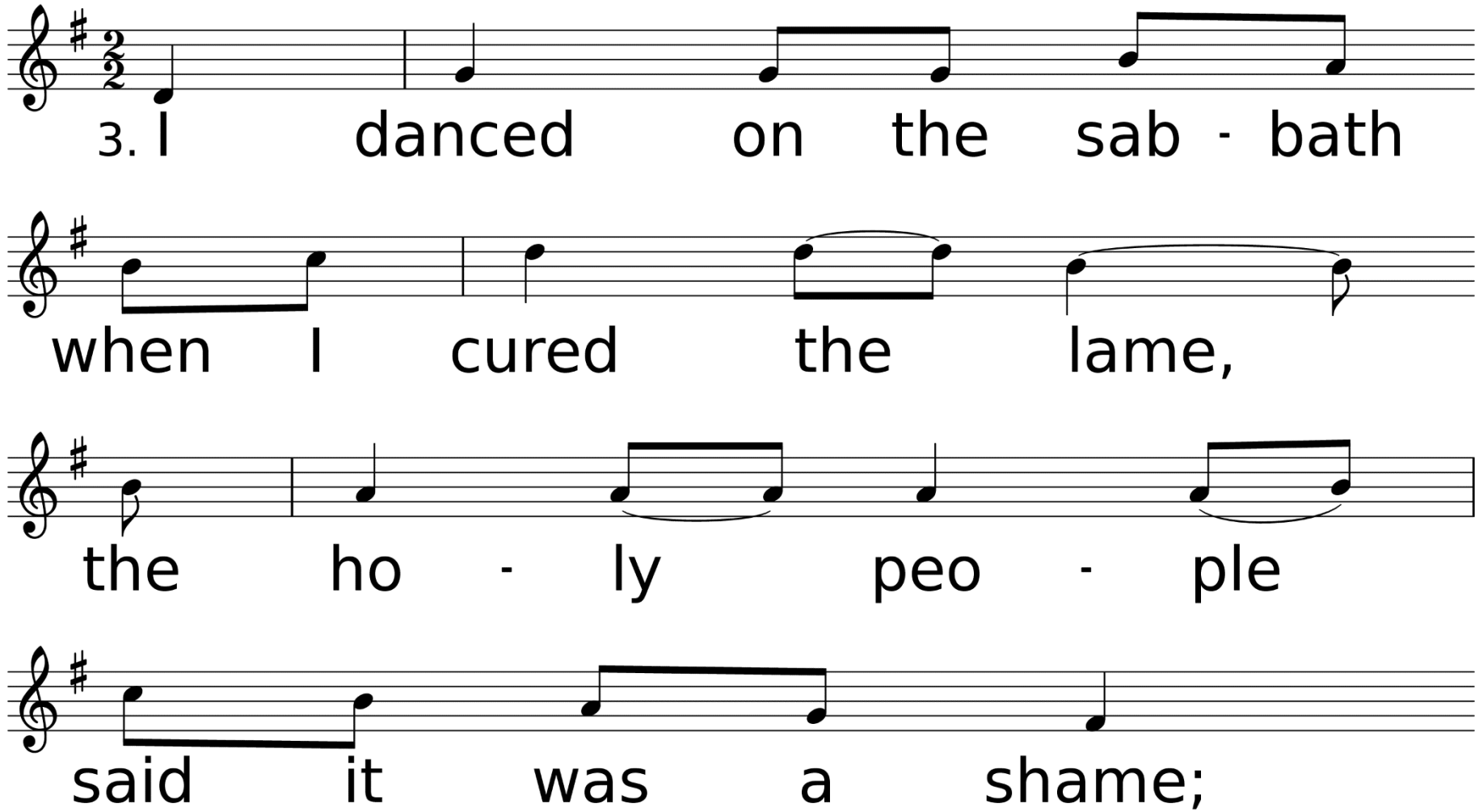
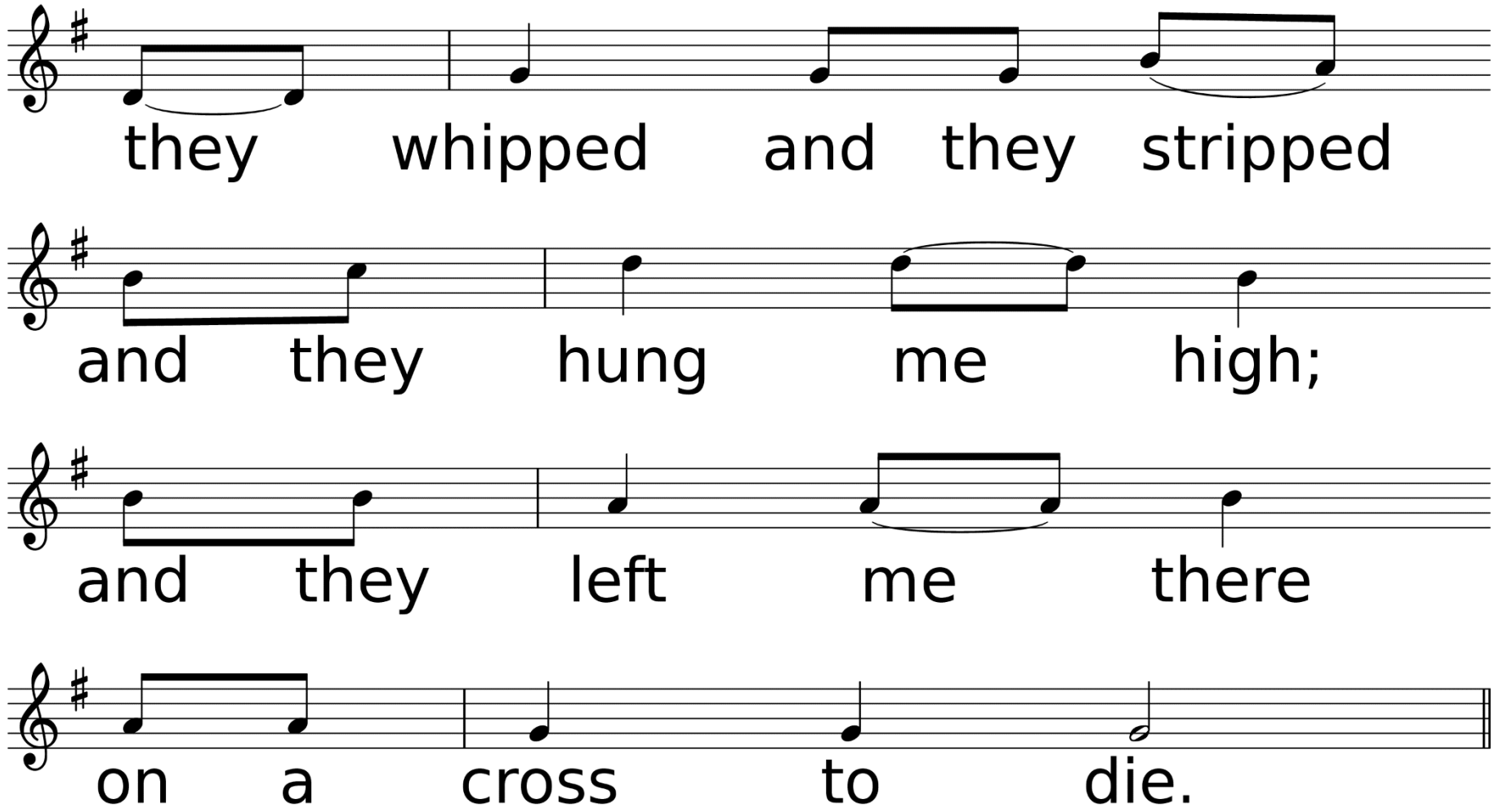
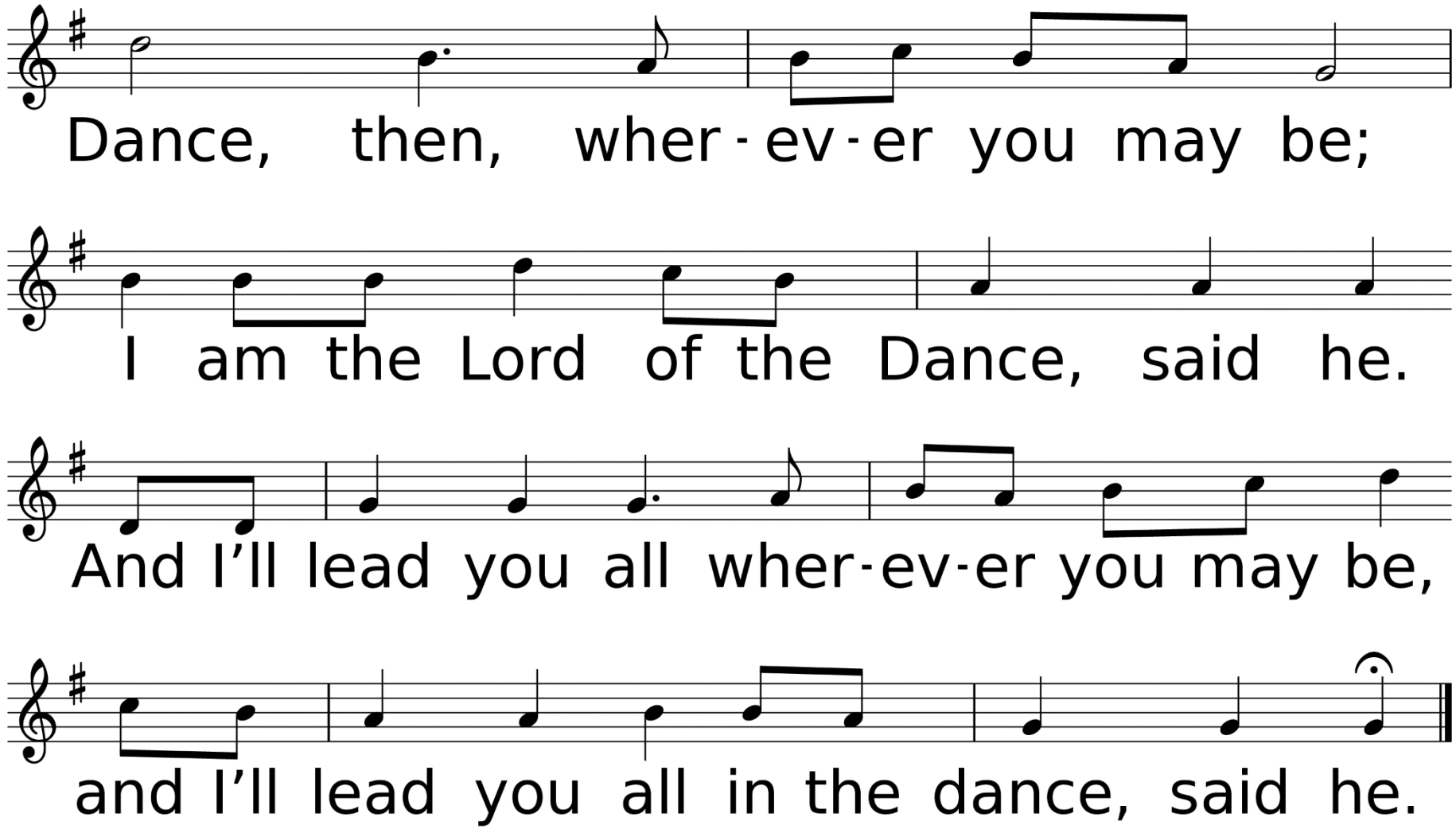

3. I danced on the sab - bath
when I cured the lame,
the ho - ly peo - ple
said it was a shame;


they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me high;
and they left me there
on a cross to die.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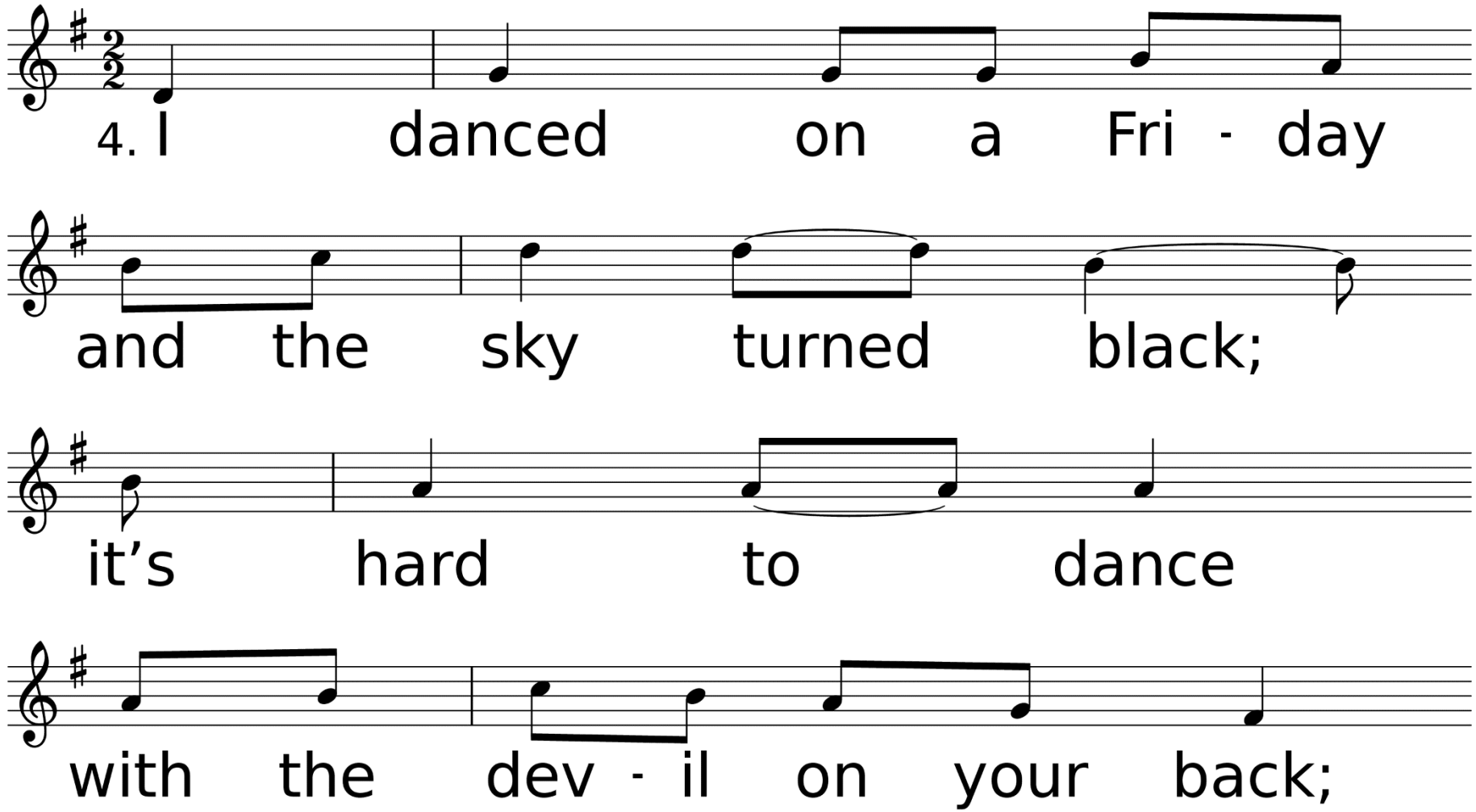
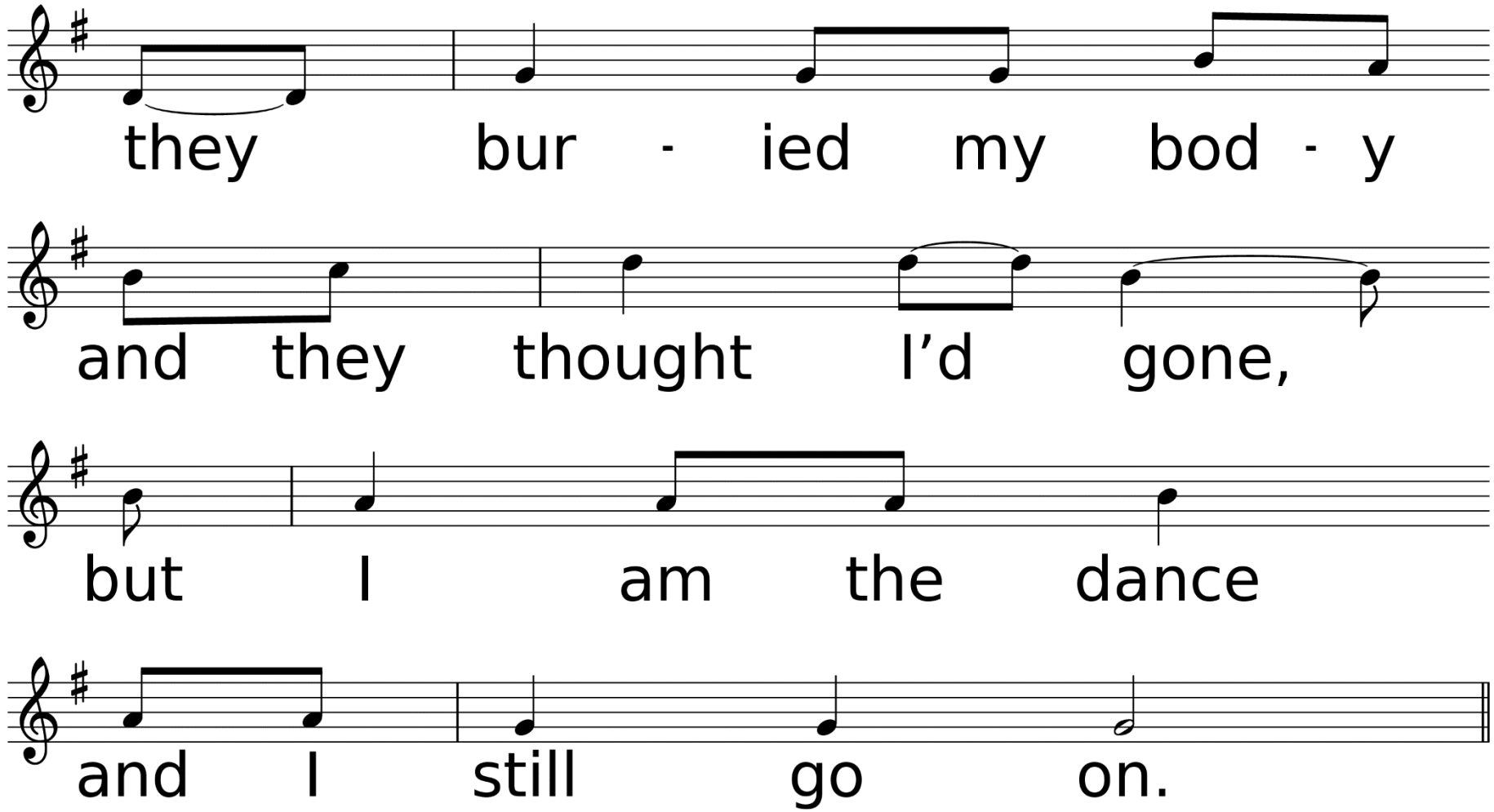
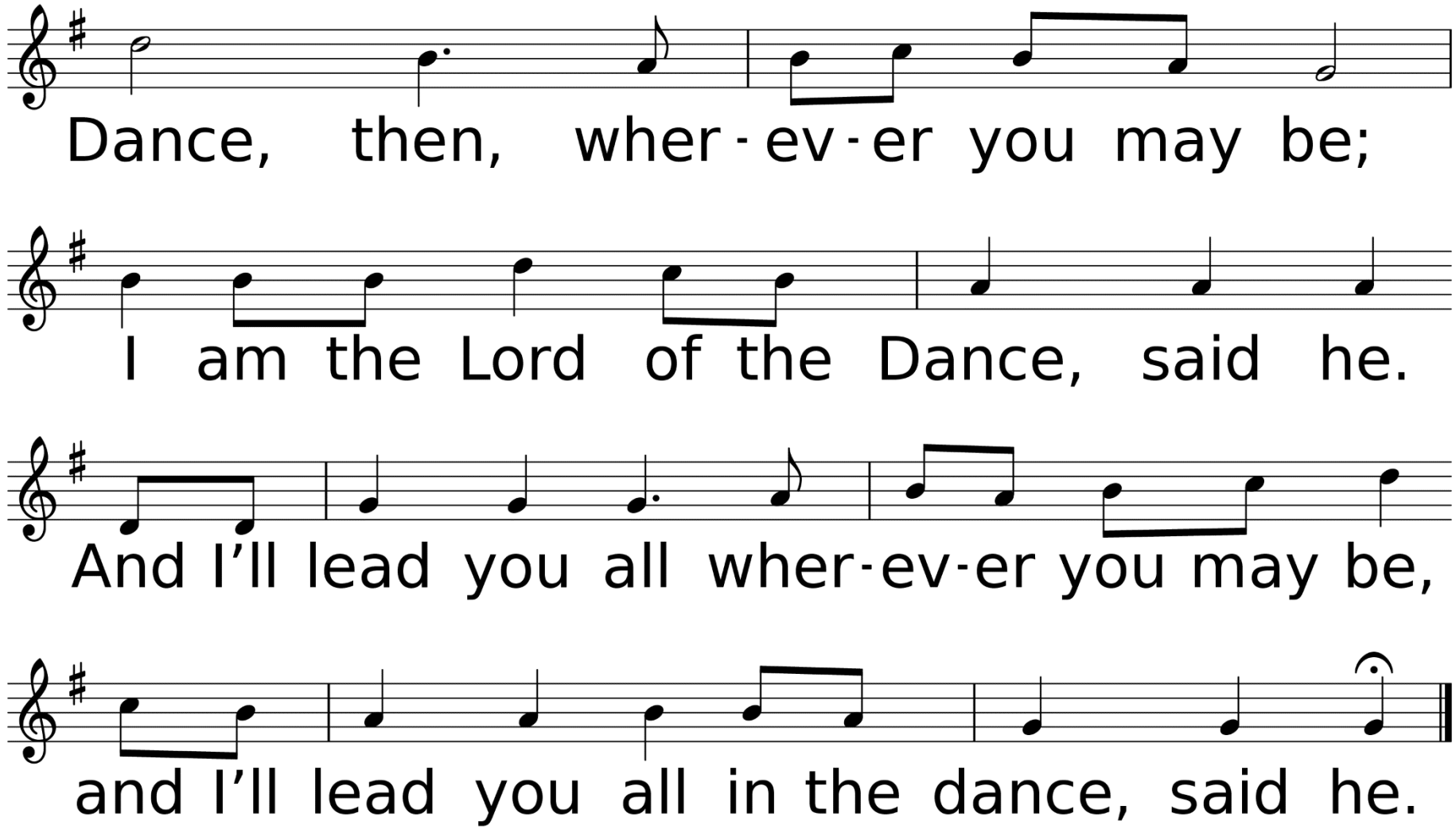

4. I danced on a Fri - day
and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the dev - il on your back;


they bur - ied my bod - y
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance
and I still go on.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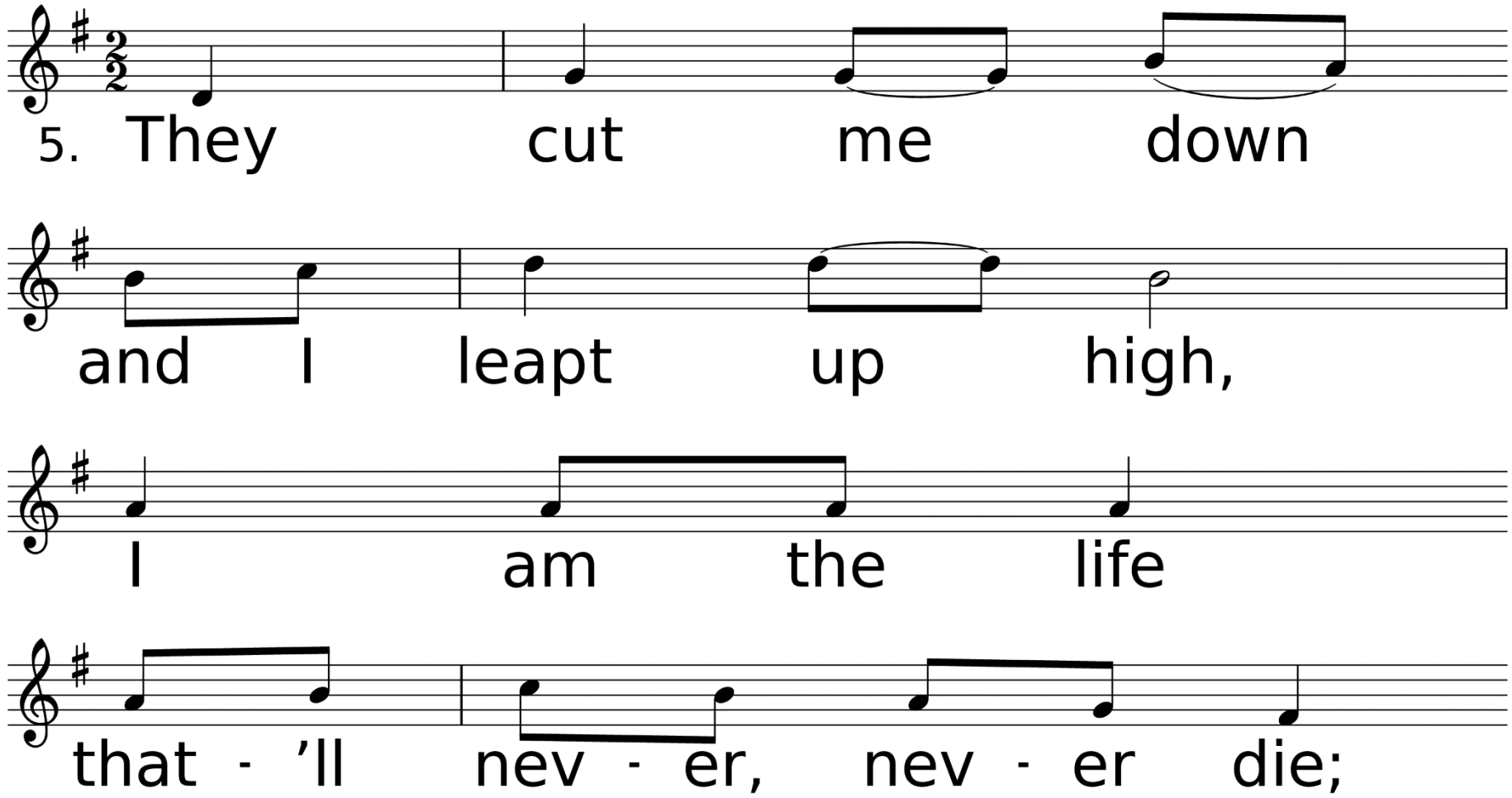
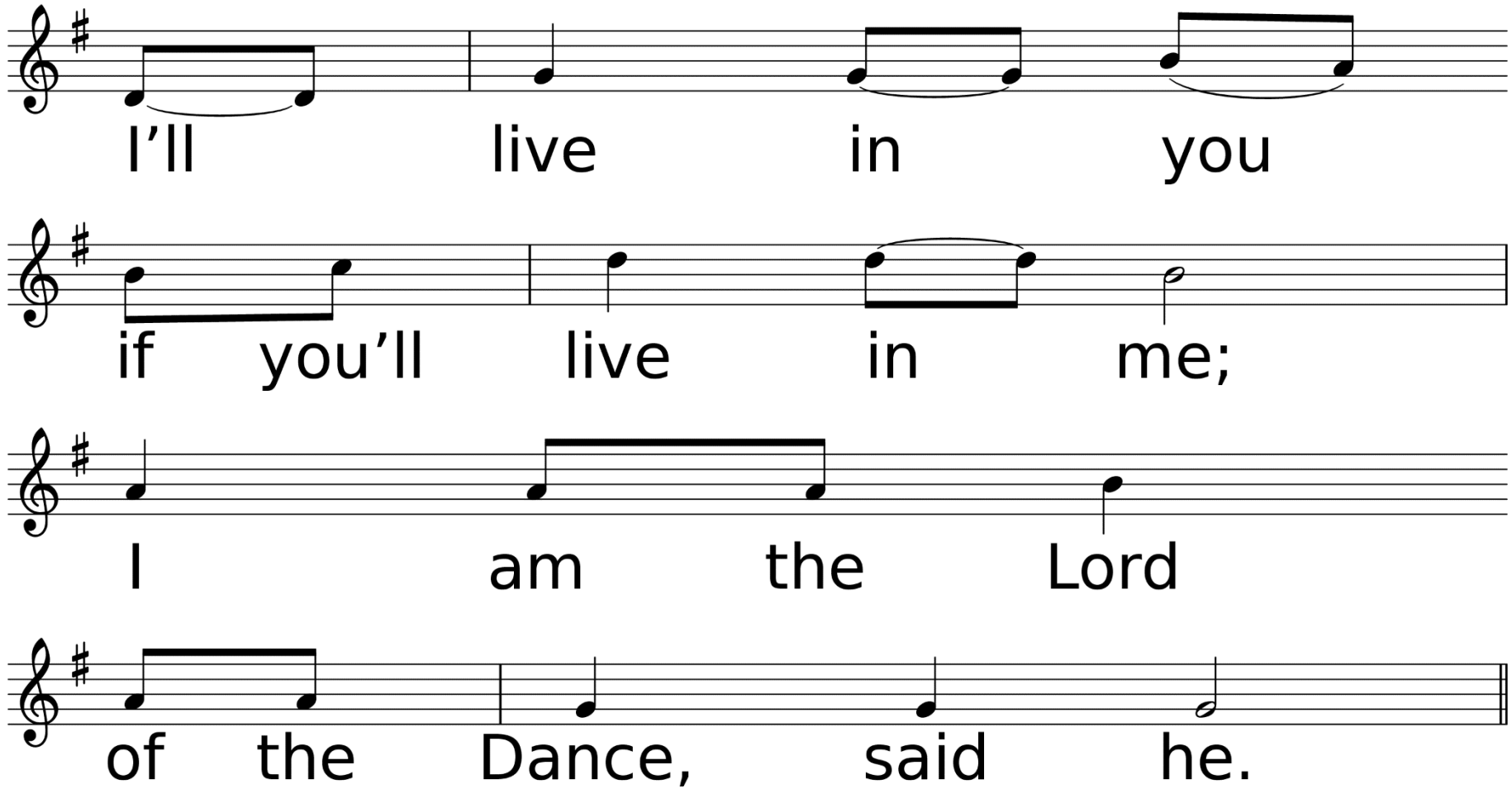
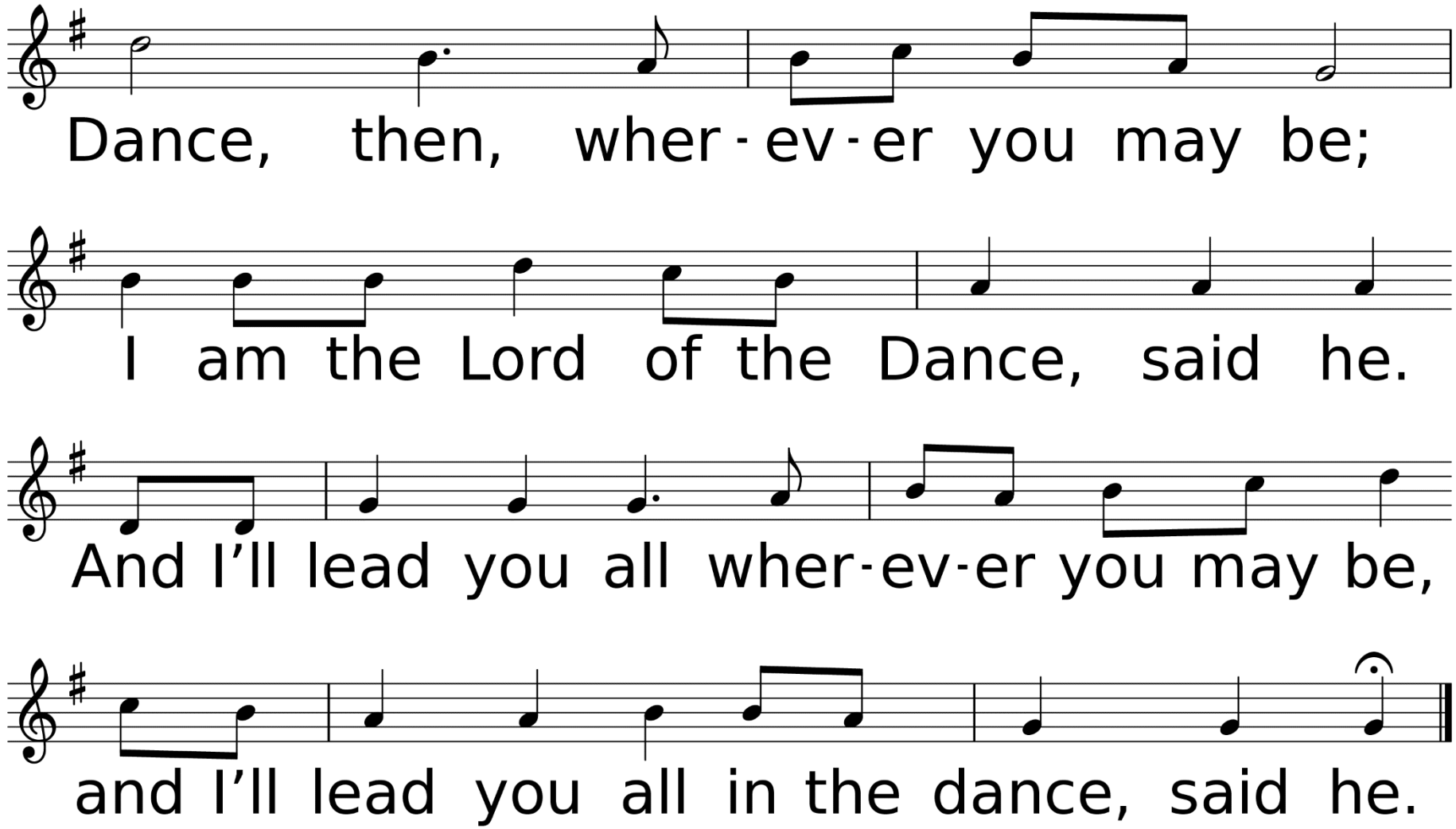

5. They cut me down
and I leapt up high,
I am the life
that - ’ll nev - er, nev - er die;


I'll live in you
if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.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Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see,

was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, “Samuel!”

And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.

So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

“Listen to What is Being Said; Not What you Expect to Hear”

Sermon
Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Somebody Bigger Than You and I

By Johnny Lange, Hy Heath, and Sonny Burke

*Hymn of Invitation

Pass It On

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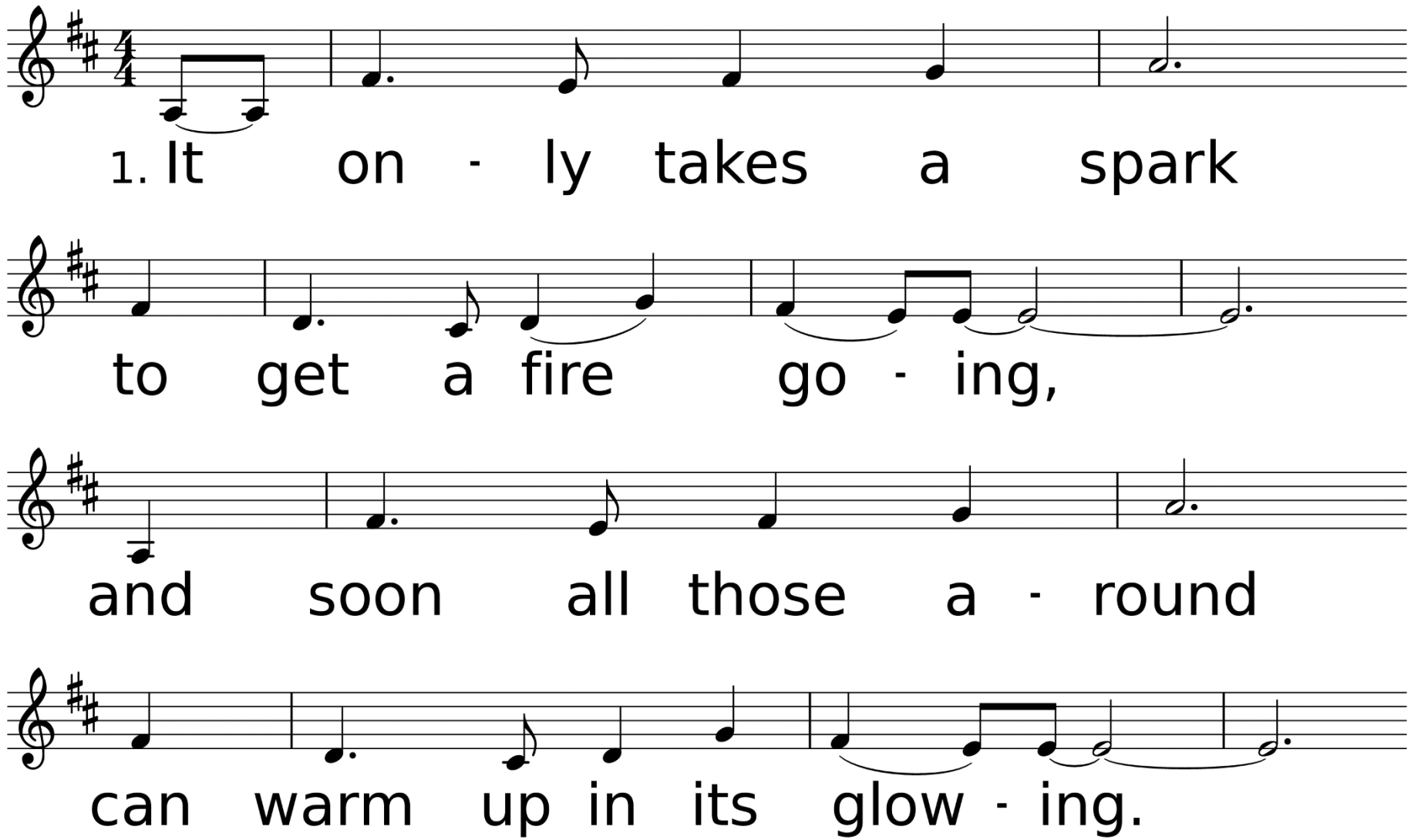

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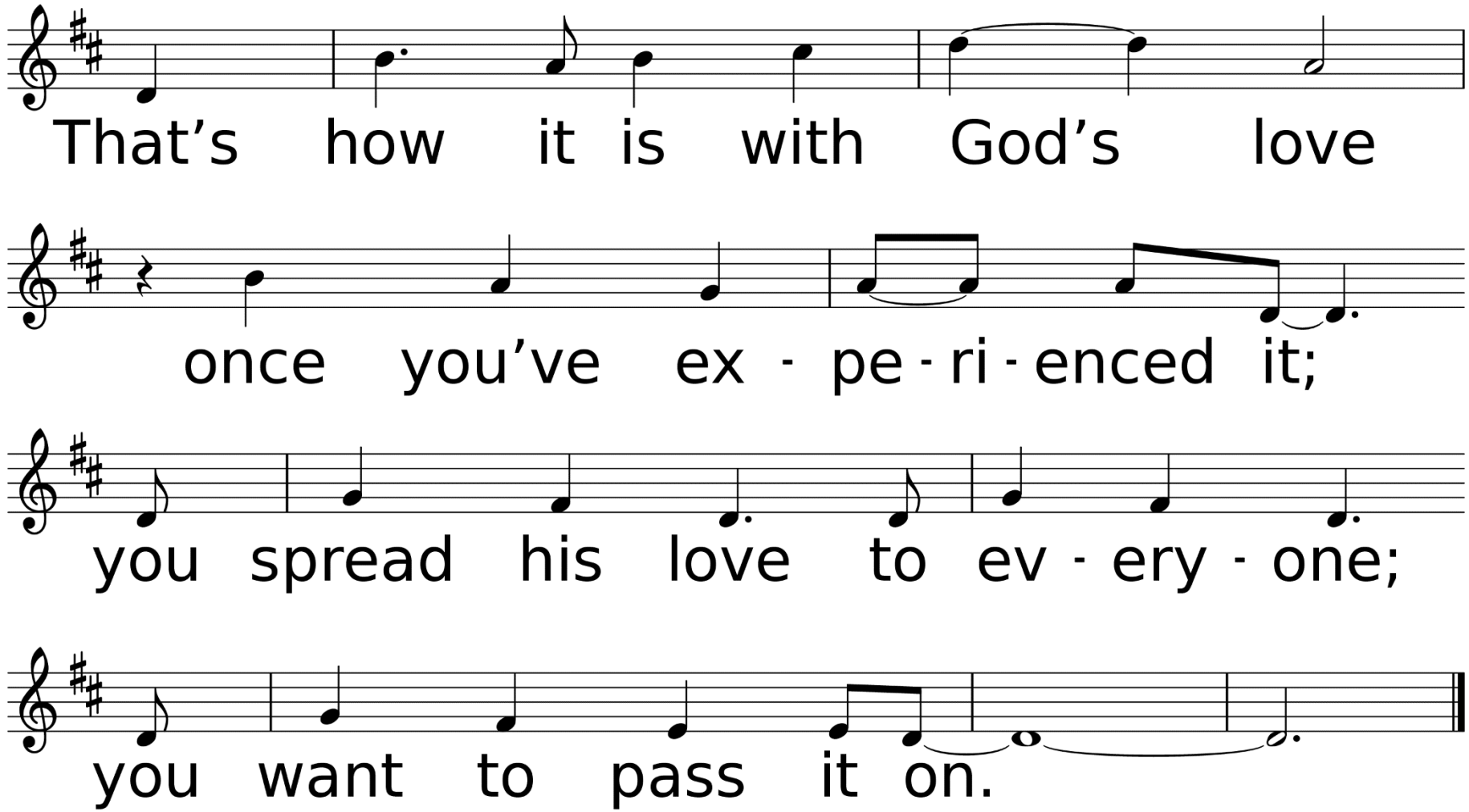
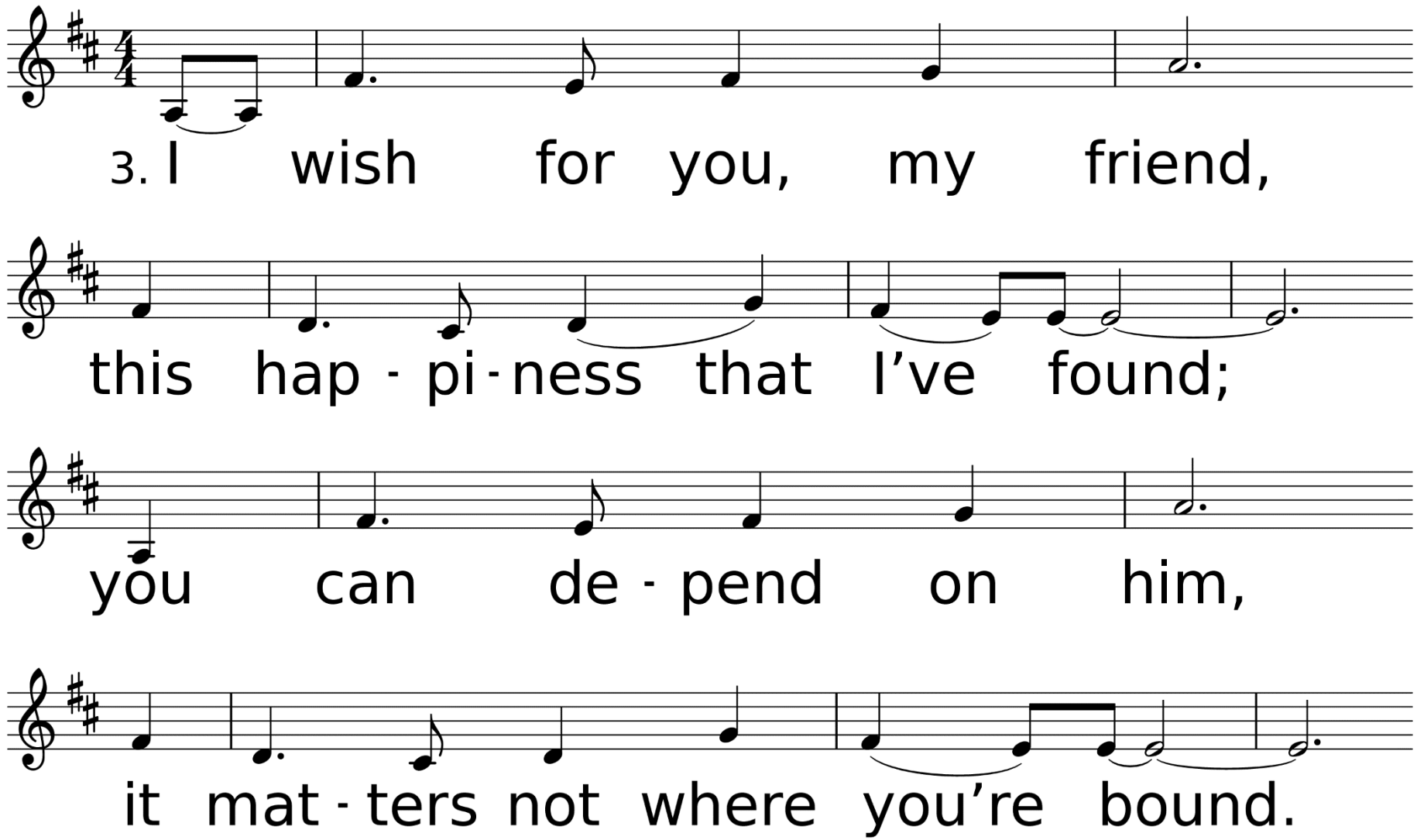
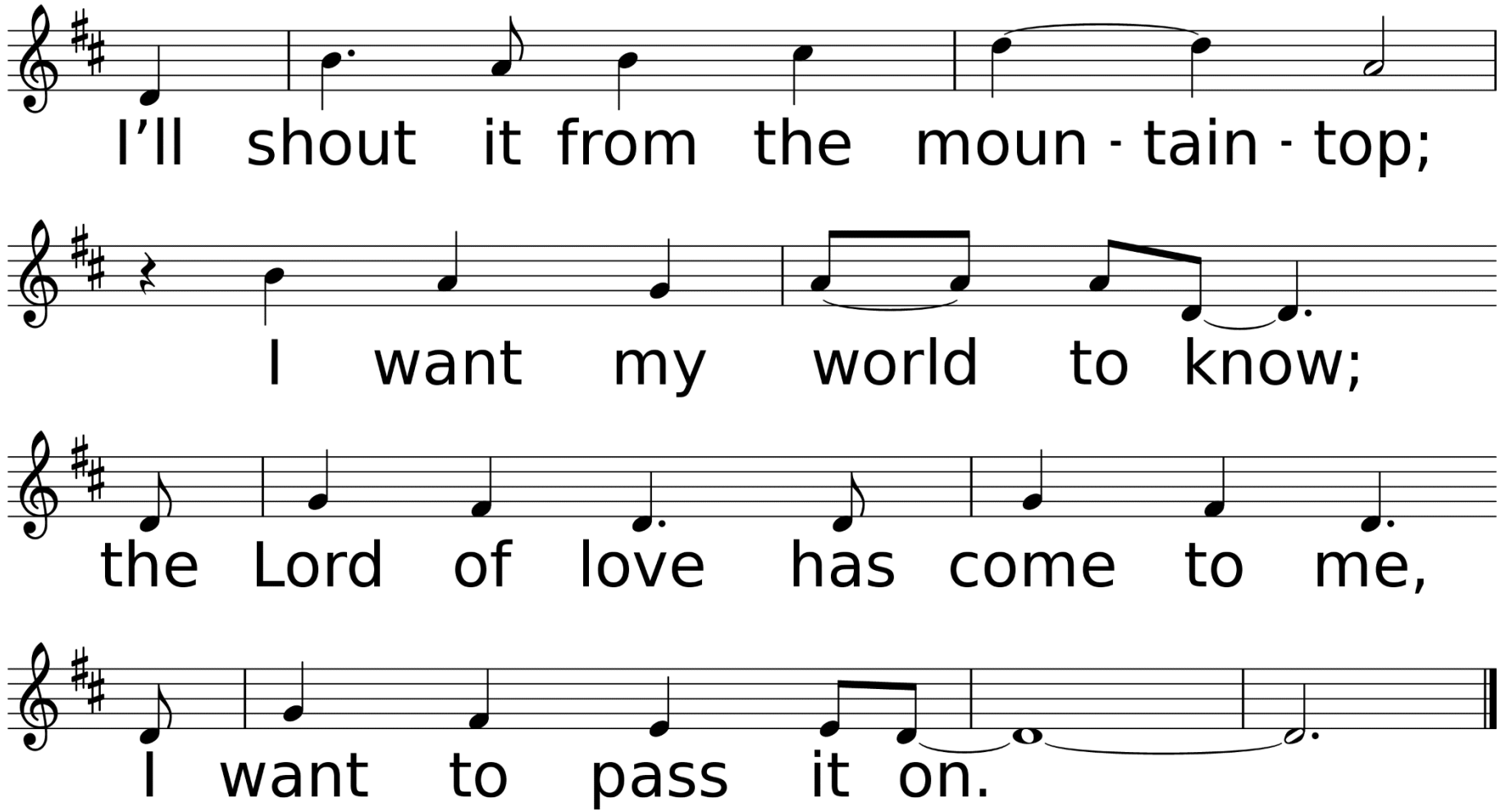
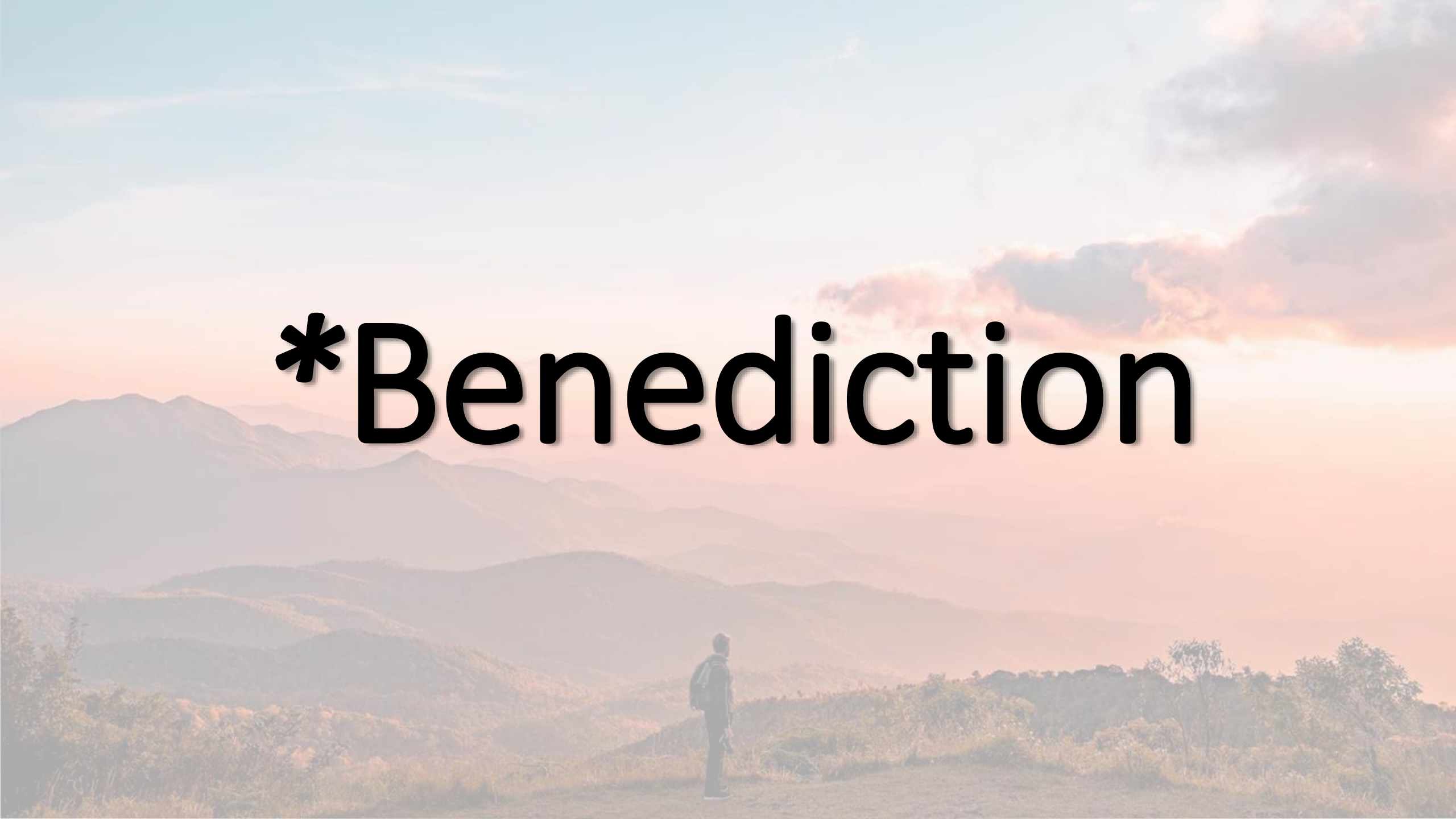

That's how it is with God's love
once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it;
you spread his love to ev - ery - one;
you want to pass it on.


3. I wish for you, my friend,
this hap - pi - ness that I've found;
you can de - pend on him,
it mat - ters not where you're bound.


I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.



*Benediction

*Sending Forth
God be with You till We Meet Again
UMH #672, V. 1

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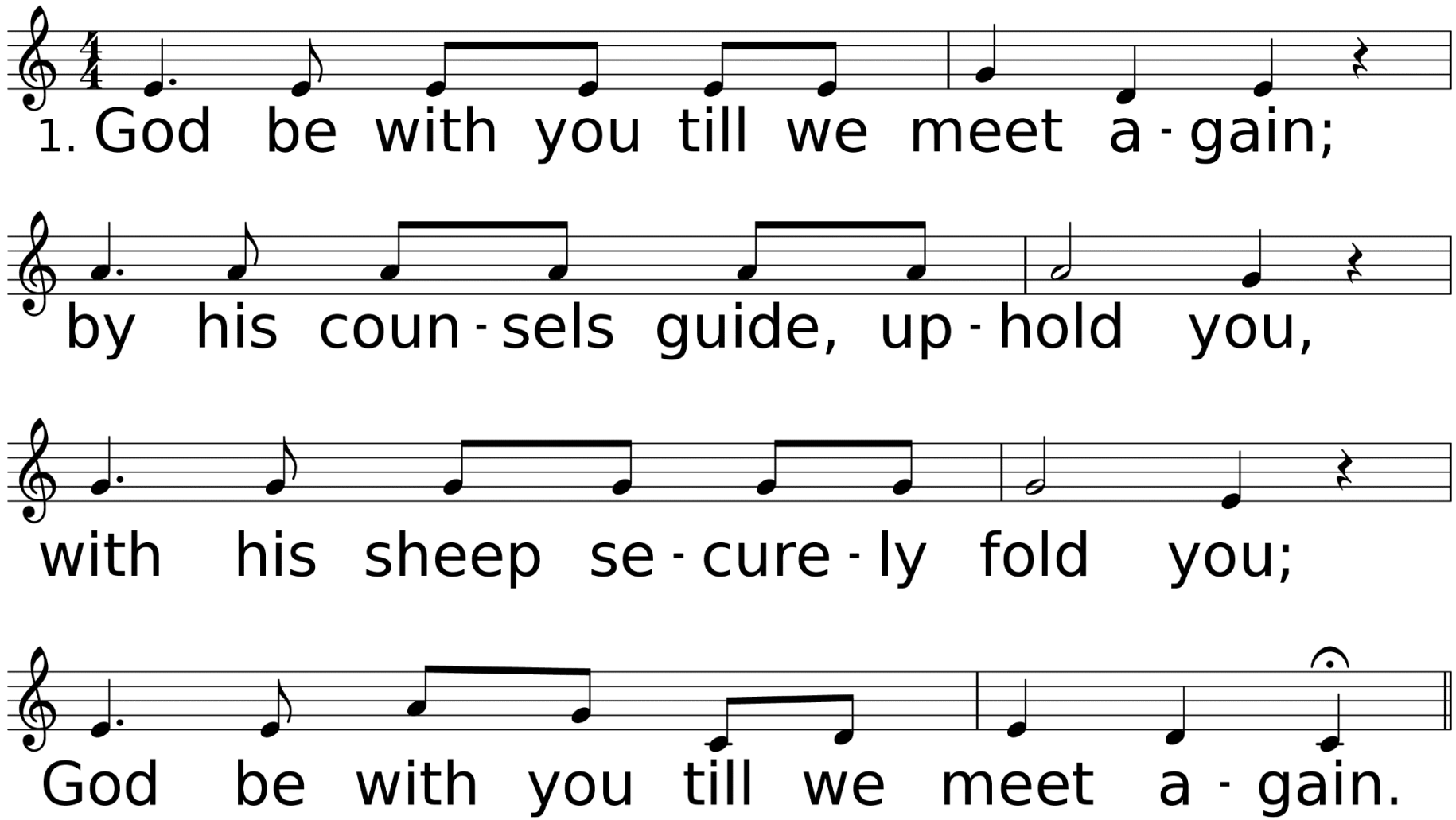

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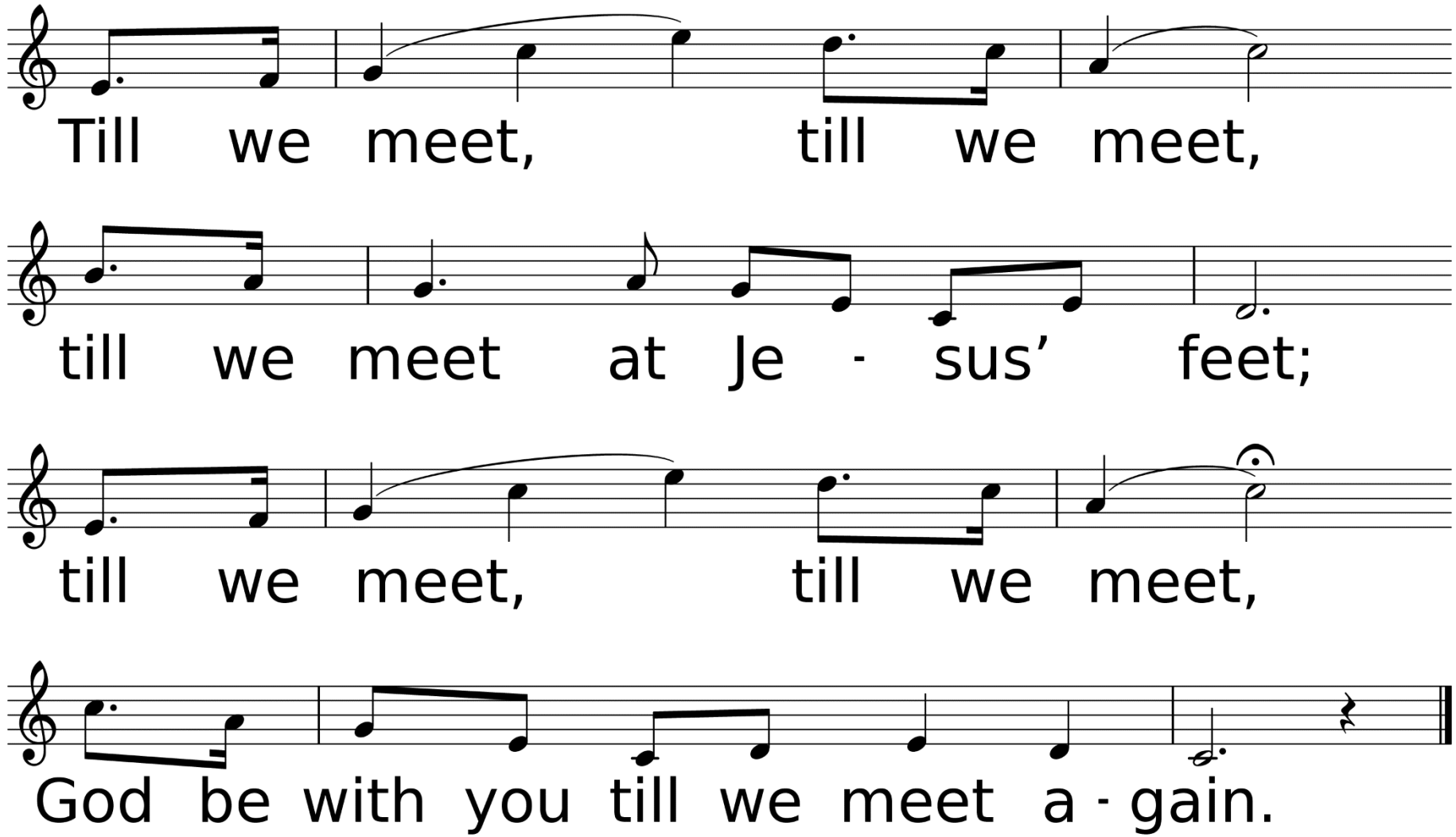
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Thank you for joining us today!

Communion is offered after the service on the altar rail