“While Wandering in the Wilderness, Surround Yourself with Good People”

Exodus 18:1,5-27

Twentieth Day after Pentecost
October 18, 2020
10:00 AM Worship Online & in the Sanctuary

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Announcements

Call to Worship
A Shield About Me

Donn Thomas & Charles Williams

Call to Worship

Leader: With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high,

Congregation: who created all things, the merciful Father, Source of all goodness.

Leader: With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ,

Congregation: the Redeemer from sin, who restores our true nature, the perfect and mysterious Word.

Leader: With all our heart, we take refuge in the One who embraces the universe,

Congregation: who at all times and in all places responds to our needs, the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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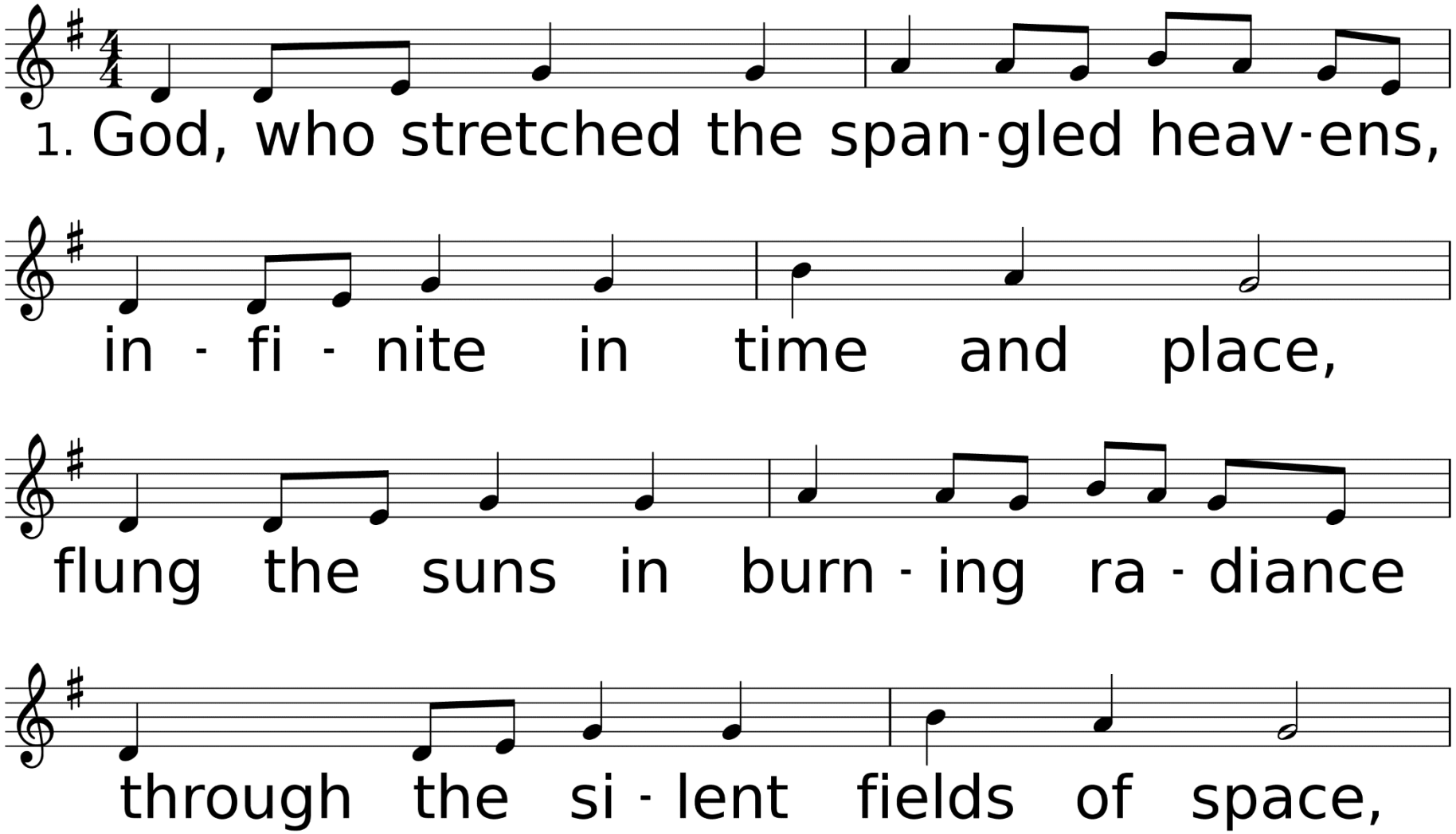

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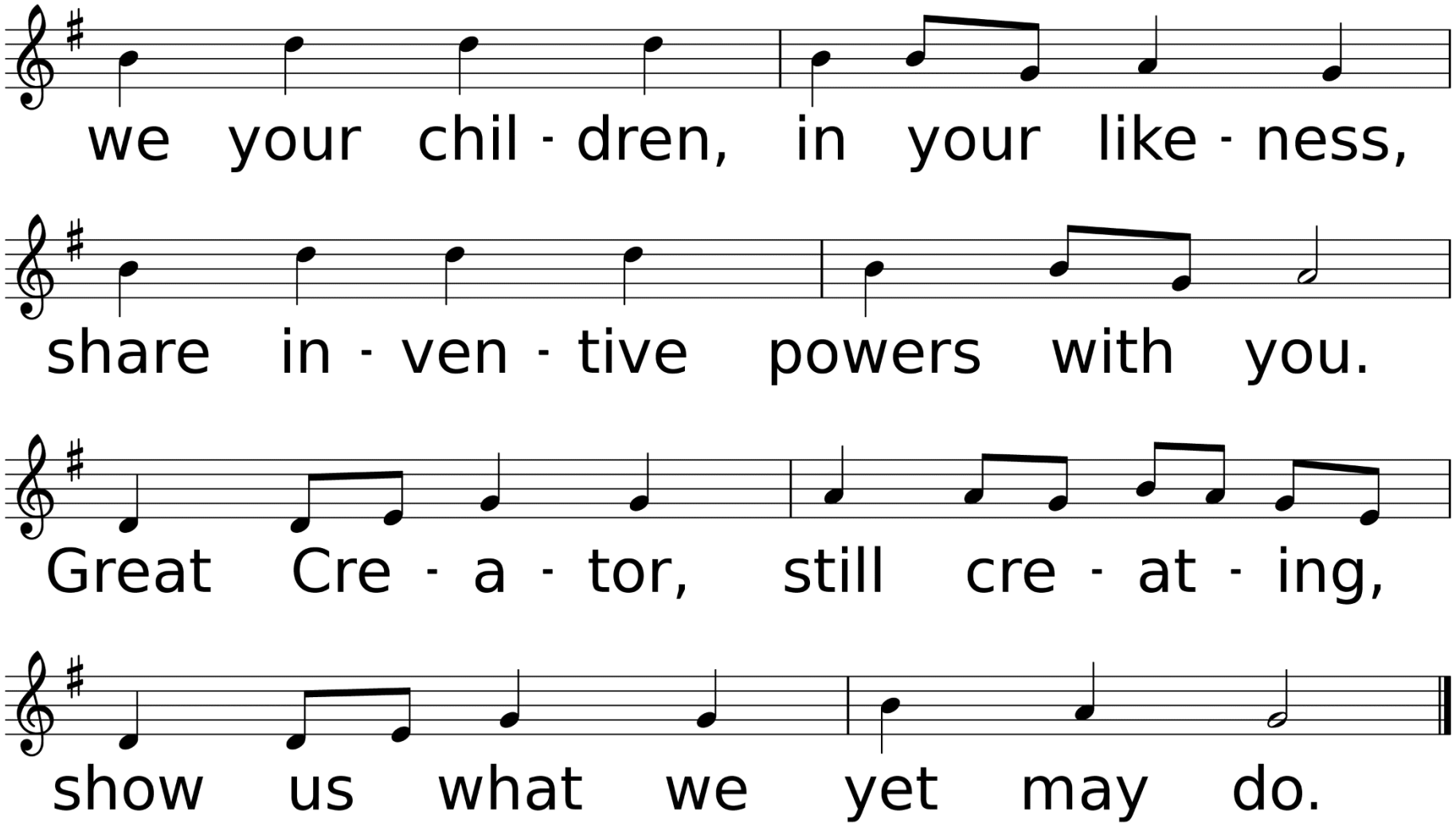
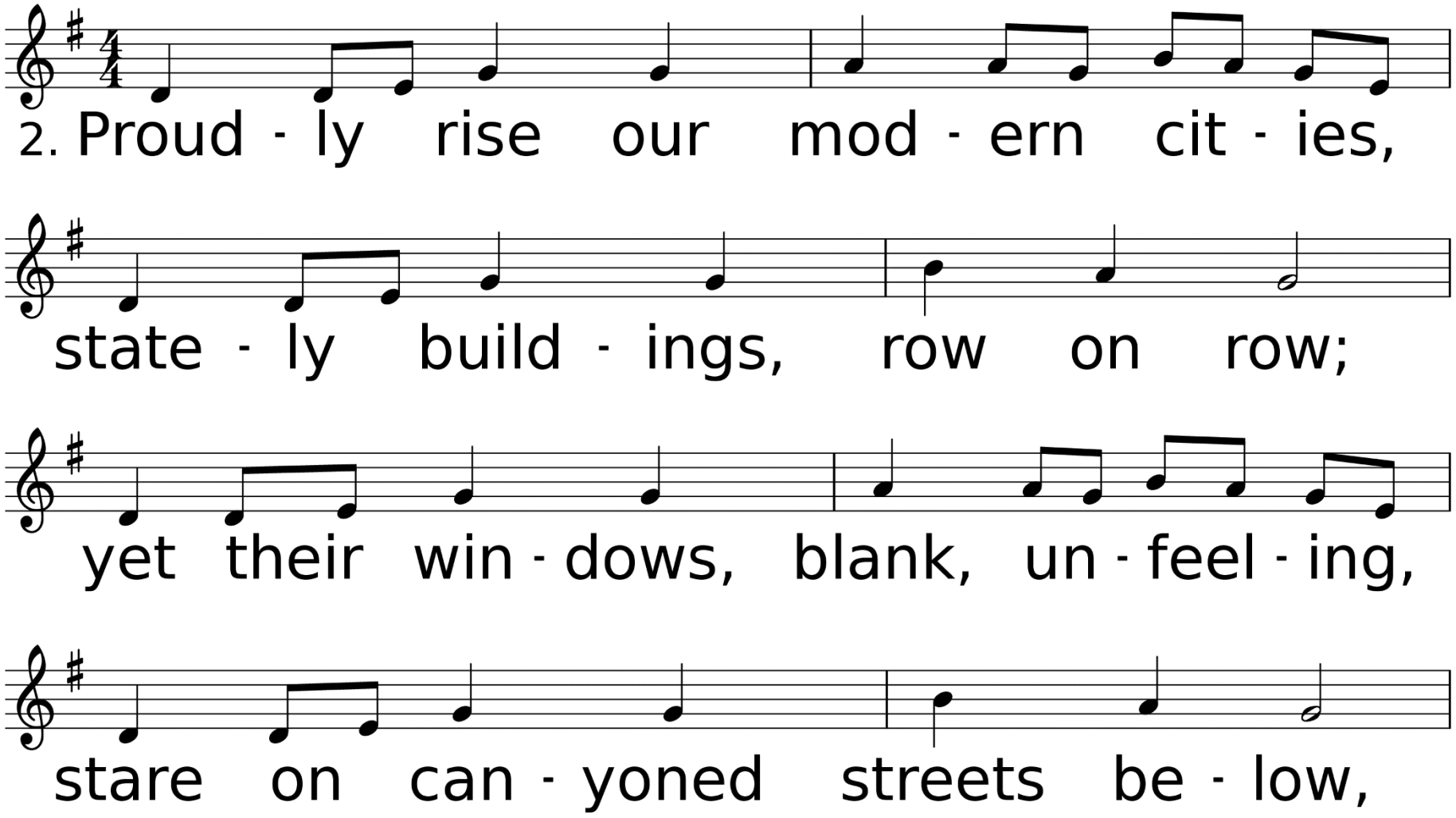
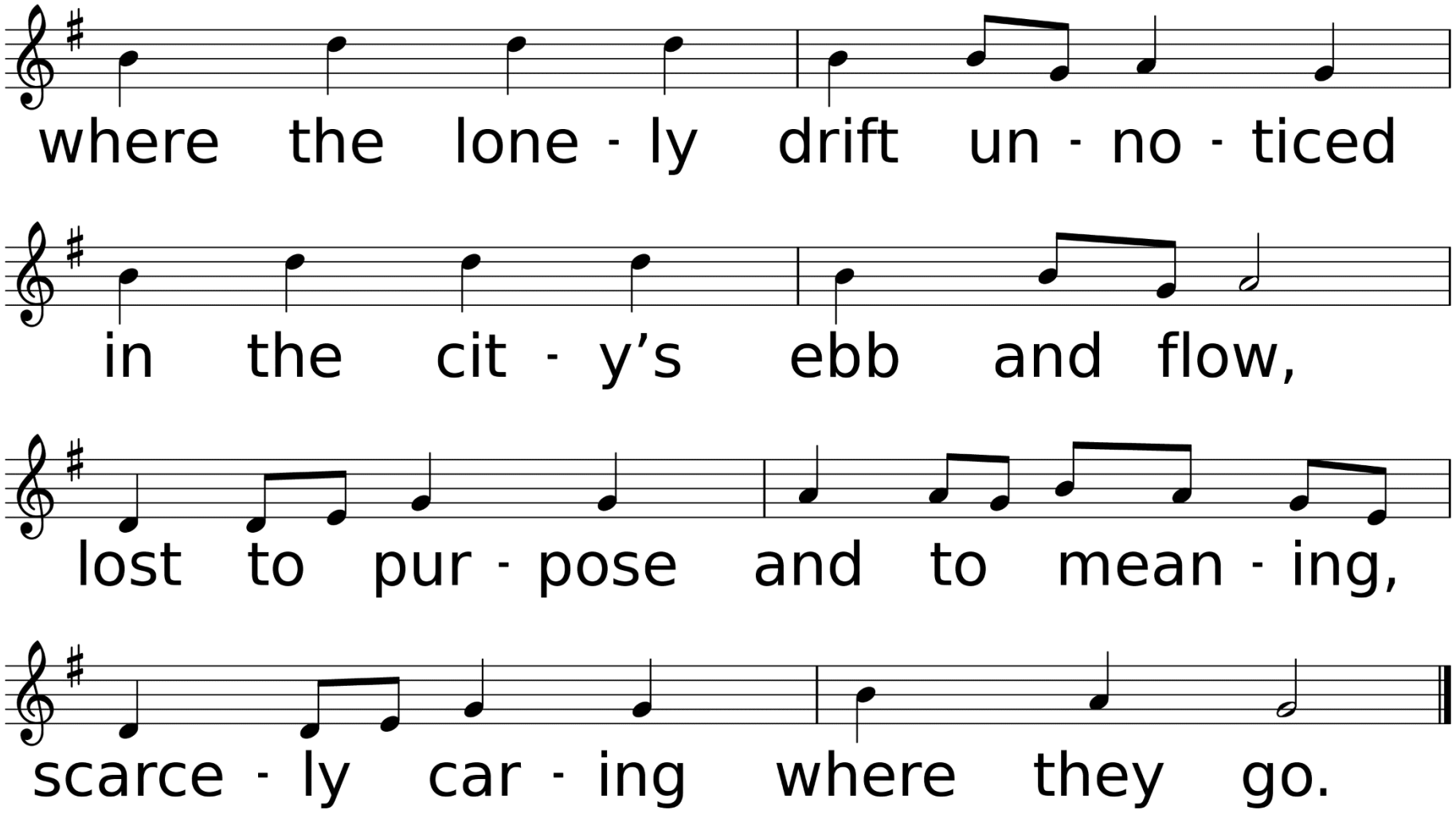
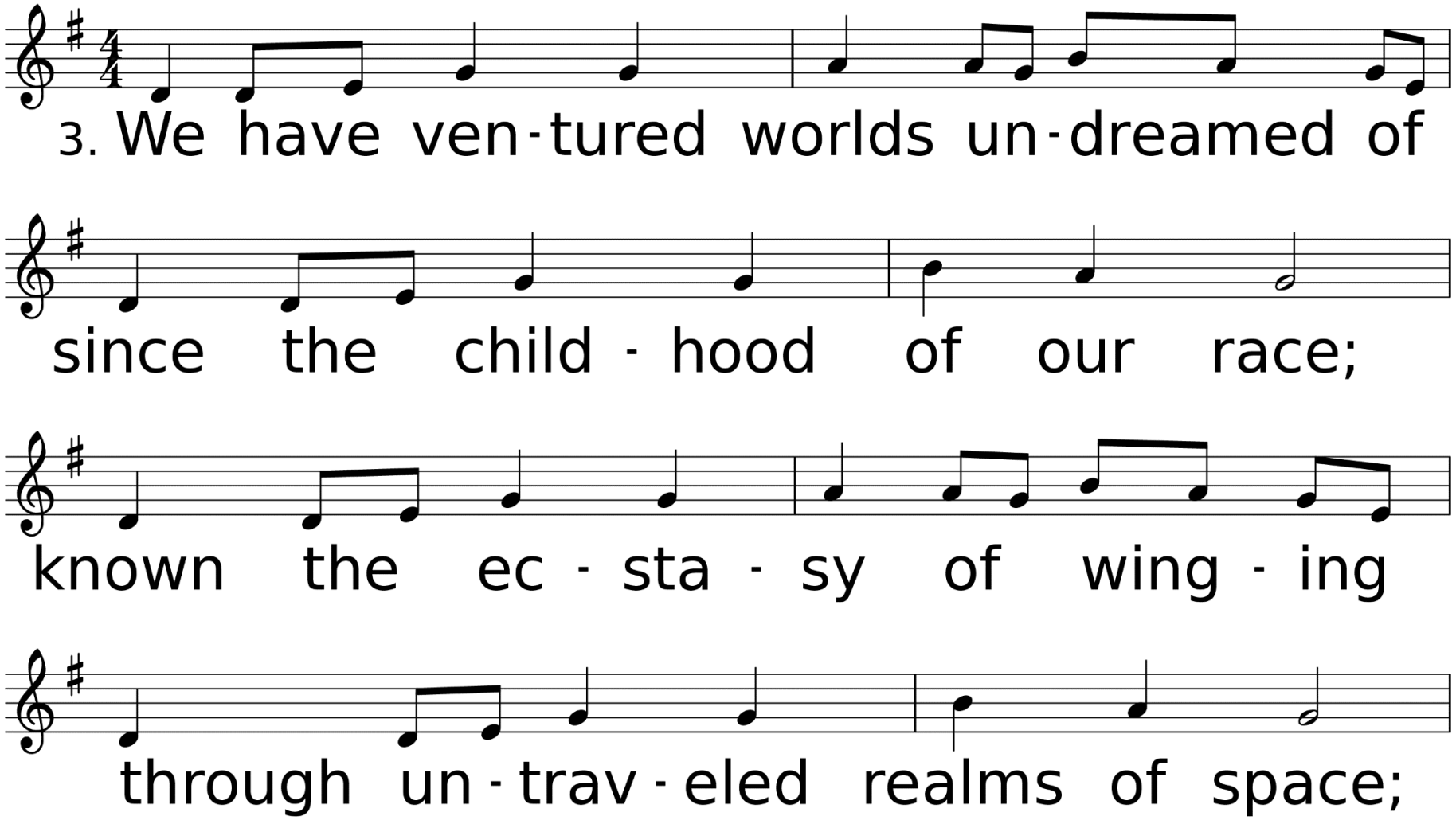
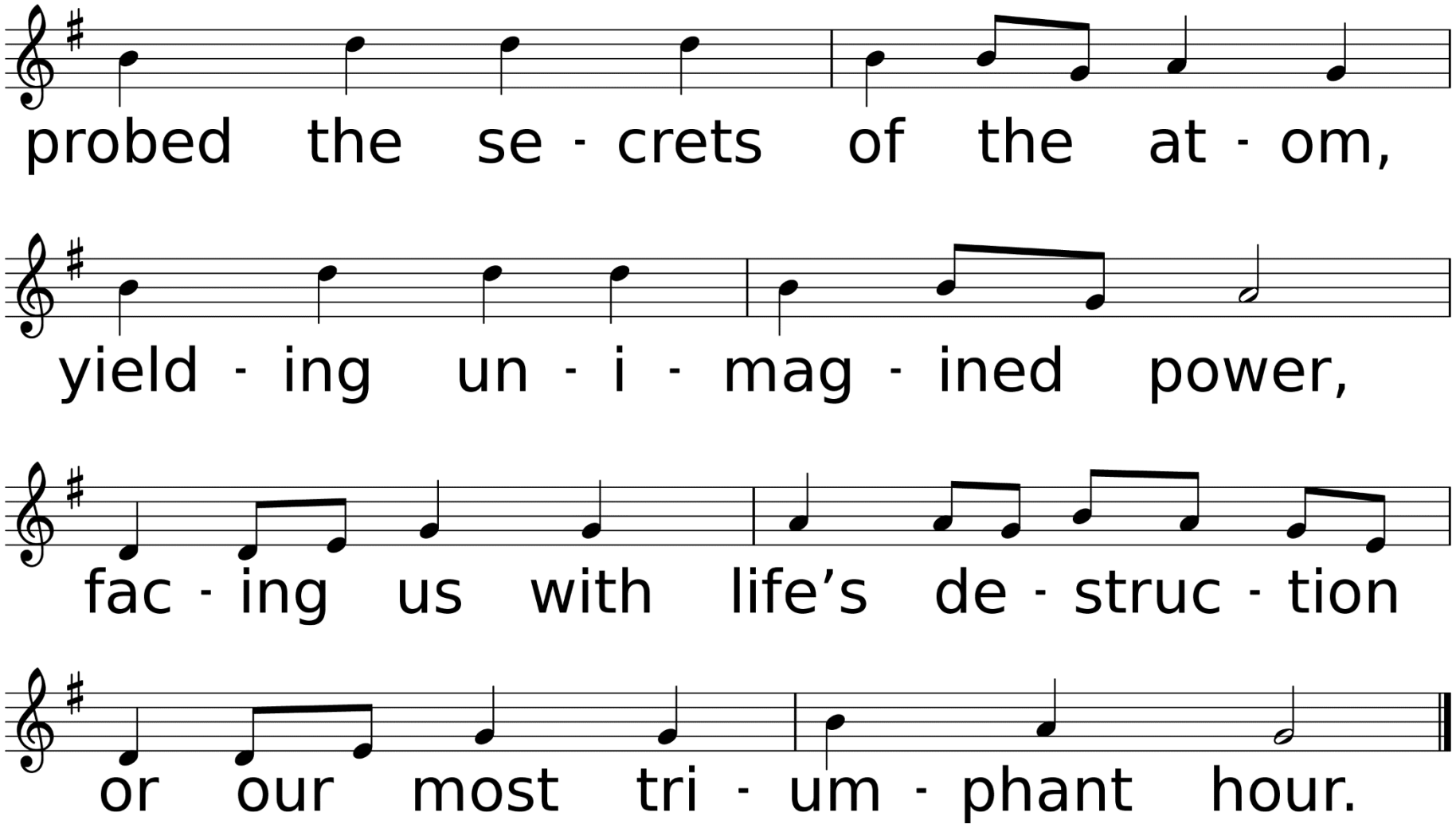
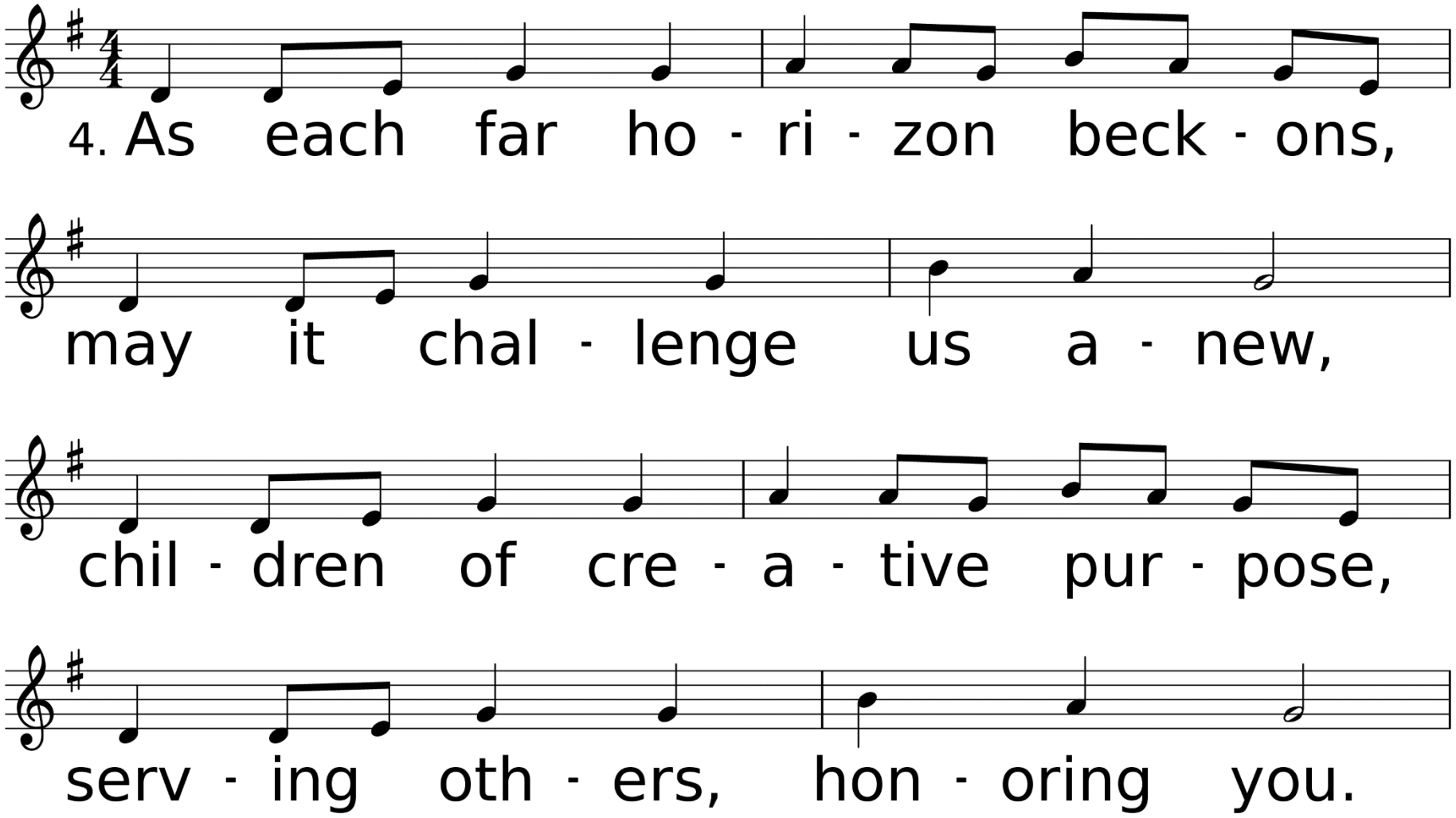

we your chil - dren, in your like - ness,
share in - ven - tive powers with you.
Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing,
show us what we yet may do.

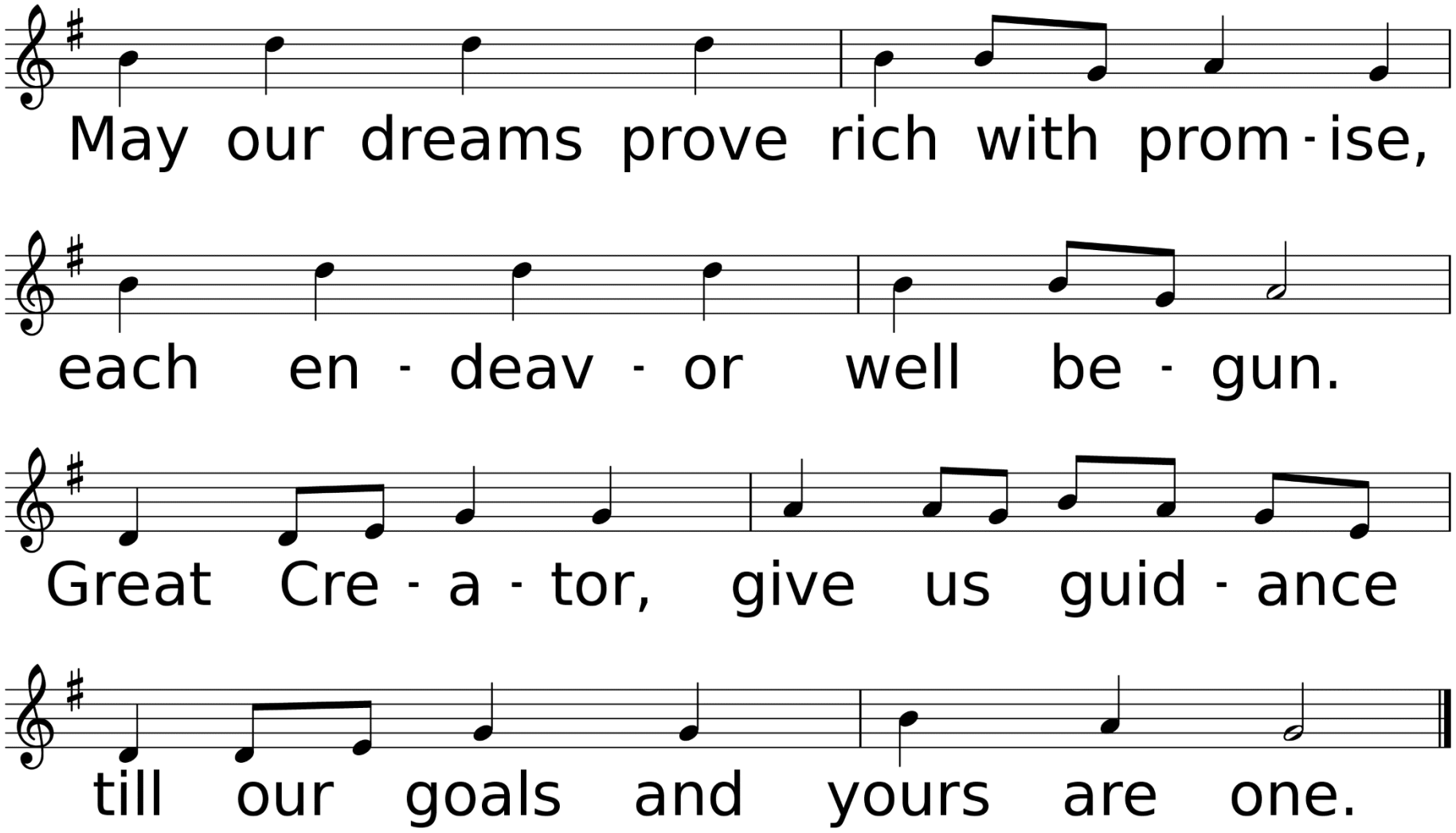

2. Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies,
state - ly build - ings, row on row;
yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing,
stare on can - yoned streets be - low,


where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed
in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing,
scarce - ly car - ing where they go.


3. We have ven-tured worlds un-dreamed of
since the child-hood of our race;
known the ec-sta-sy of wing-ing
through un-trav-eled realms of space;

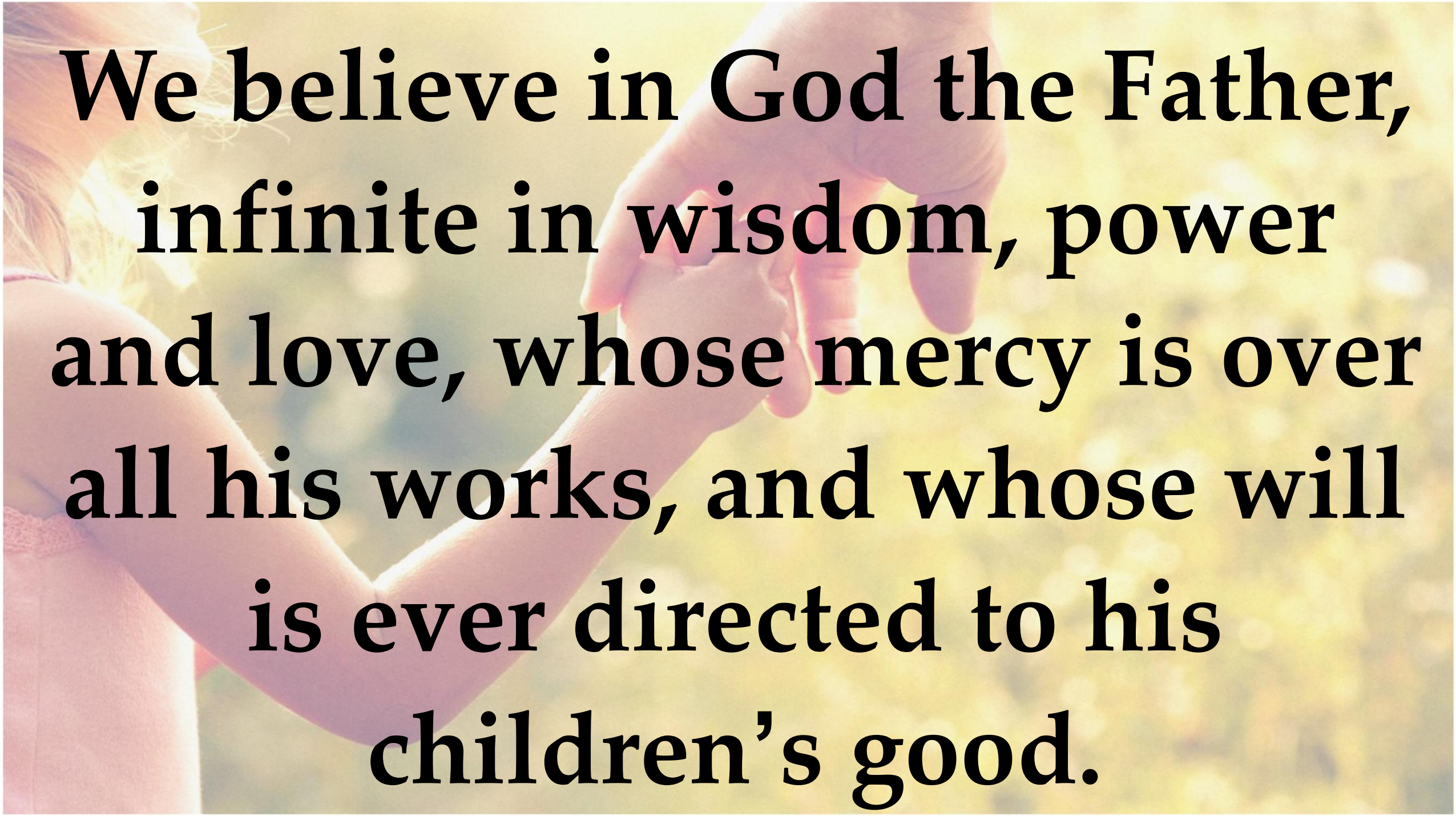

probed the se - crets of the at - om,
yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion
or our most tri - um - phant hour.


4. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons,
may it chal - lenge us a - new,
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,
serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.


May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise,
each en - deav - or well be - gun.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance
till our goals and yours are one.

*Affirmation of Faith

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


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 of our Joys & Concerns

Elizabeth & Dale Vincent
Belinda Green
(D. Penney)
Family of Cala Sue Atteberry
(S. Wertz)
Gervis Bailey
(K. Bailey)
Elizabeth & Spencer Fielding
(E. Tepley)
Janet Oliver
Family of Cala Sue Atteberry
(S. Wertz)
The Gravelle Family
(J. & M. Reech)
Esther Lopez

Joyce & Doyle Whitehead
(L. Schultz)
Robert Lewis & Family
(K. Allen)
Sue Kent
(K. Allen)
John Raimer
(L. Waughtal)
Brenda Cantrell
(S. Slover)
Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)
Don Sandstrum
(D. Penney)
Hannah Woodard
(J. Schwarze)

Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Kayetha Wilson
Neely Biggs
(M. & P. Launey)
All Involved with Hurricane Delta & Laura Recovery Efforts
All Emergency Personnel
The Military
City of DeRidder
State of Louisiana
The United States of America
Our World
Our Enemies
Our Church
Those Who Have Hurt Us

Sung Response
What Wondrous Love is This

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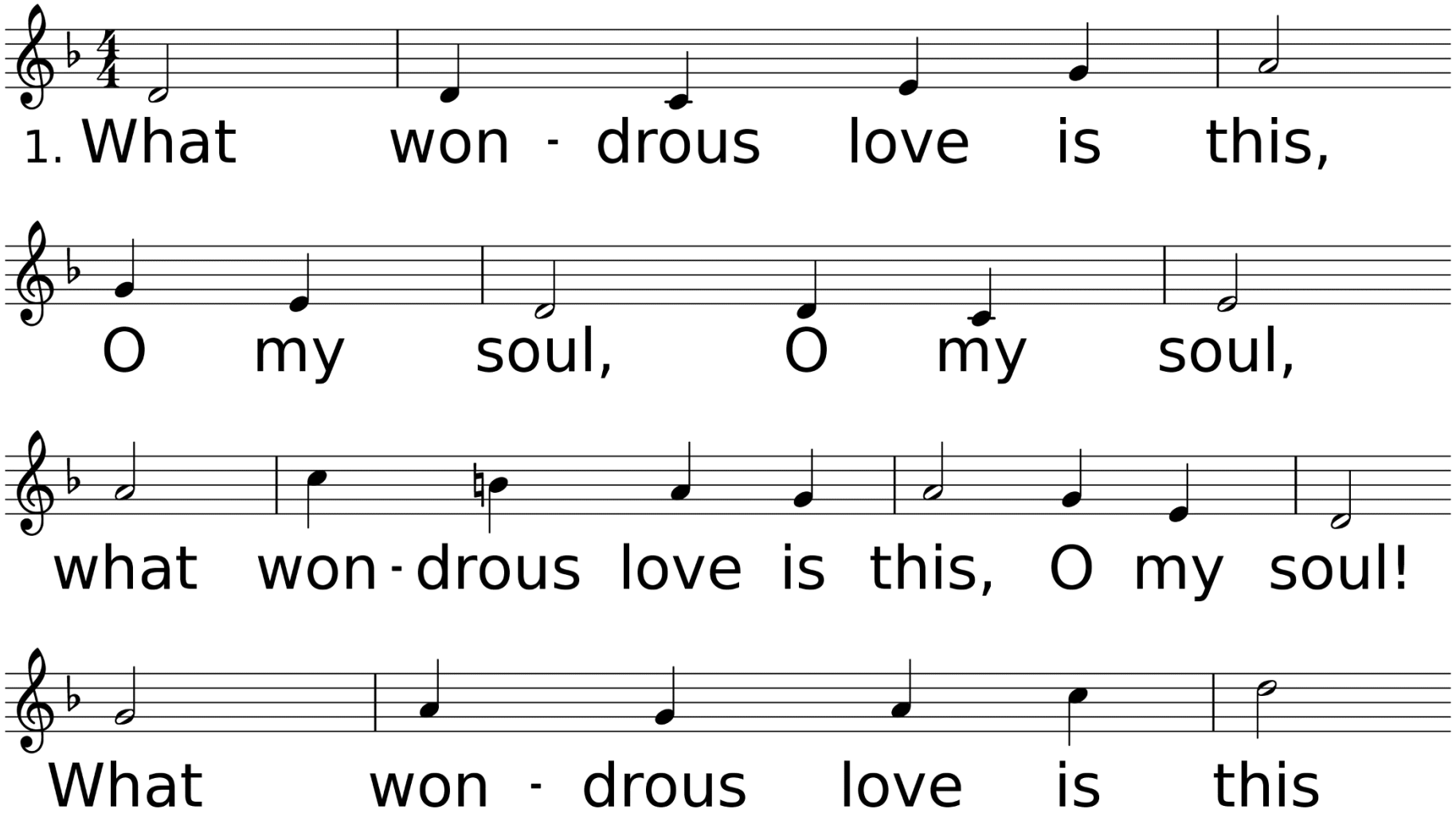

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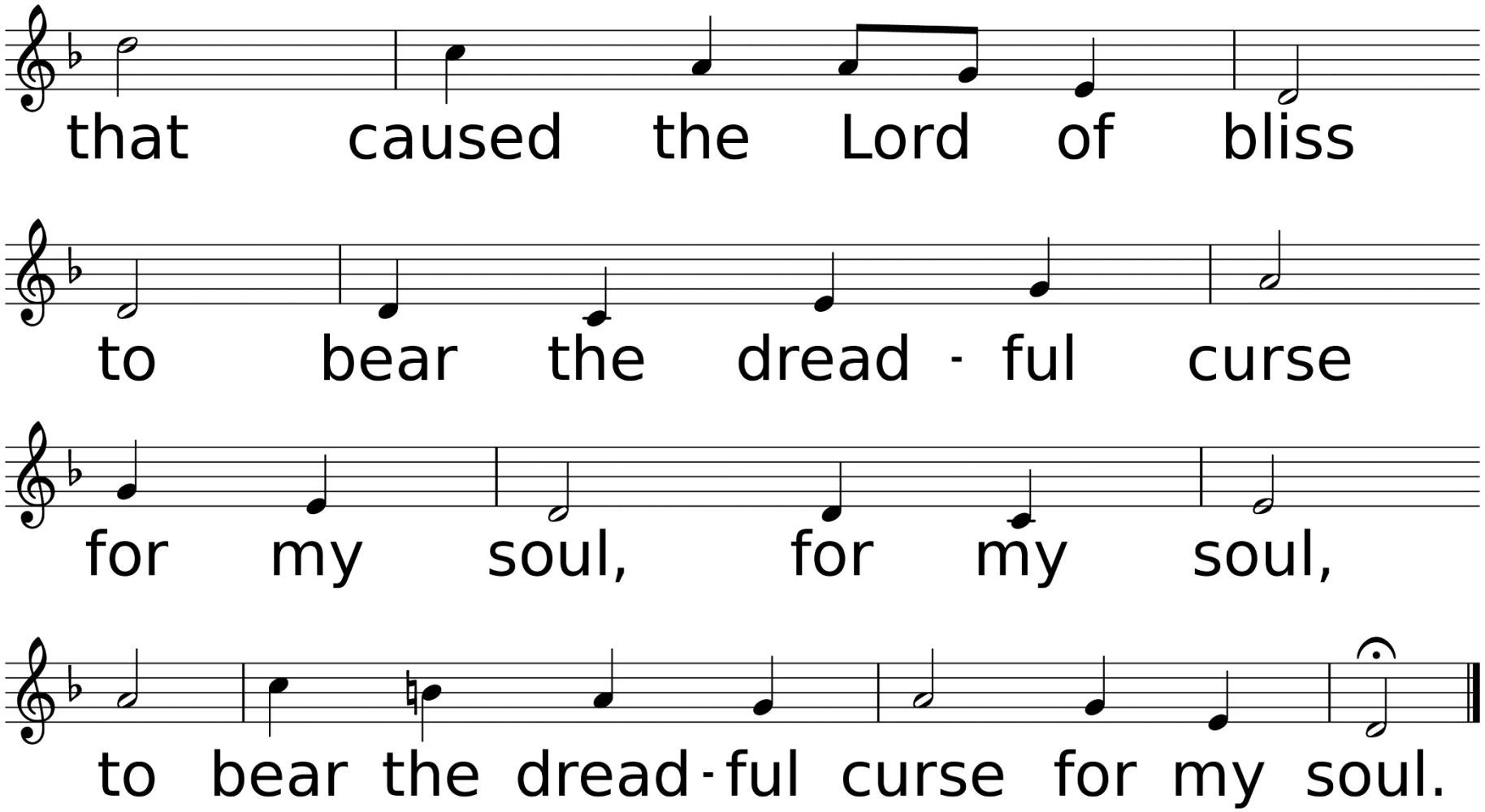
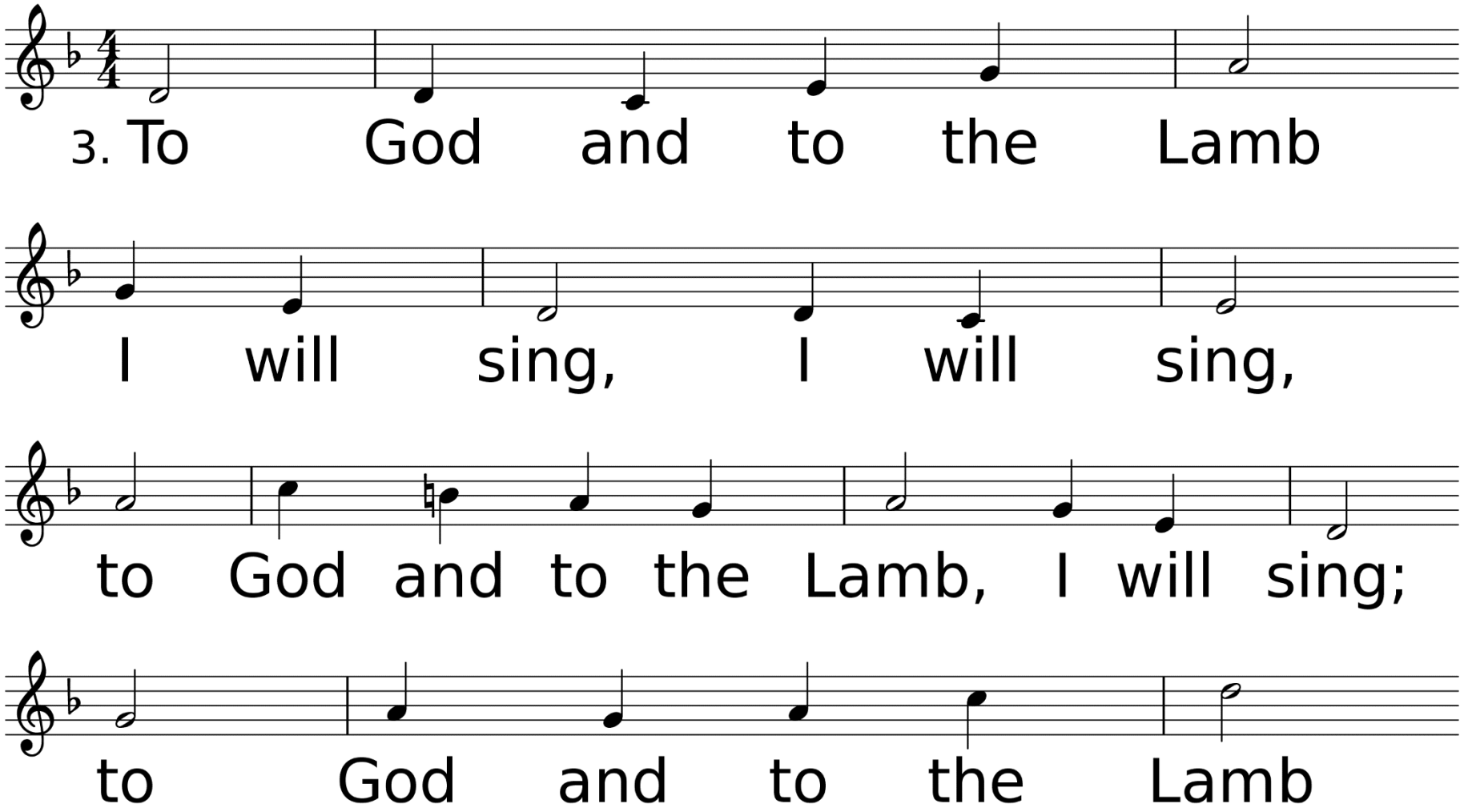

that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dread - ful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.


3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb

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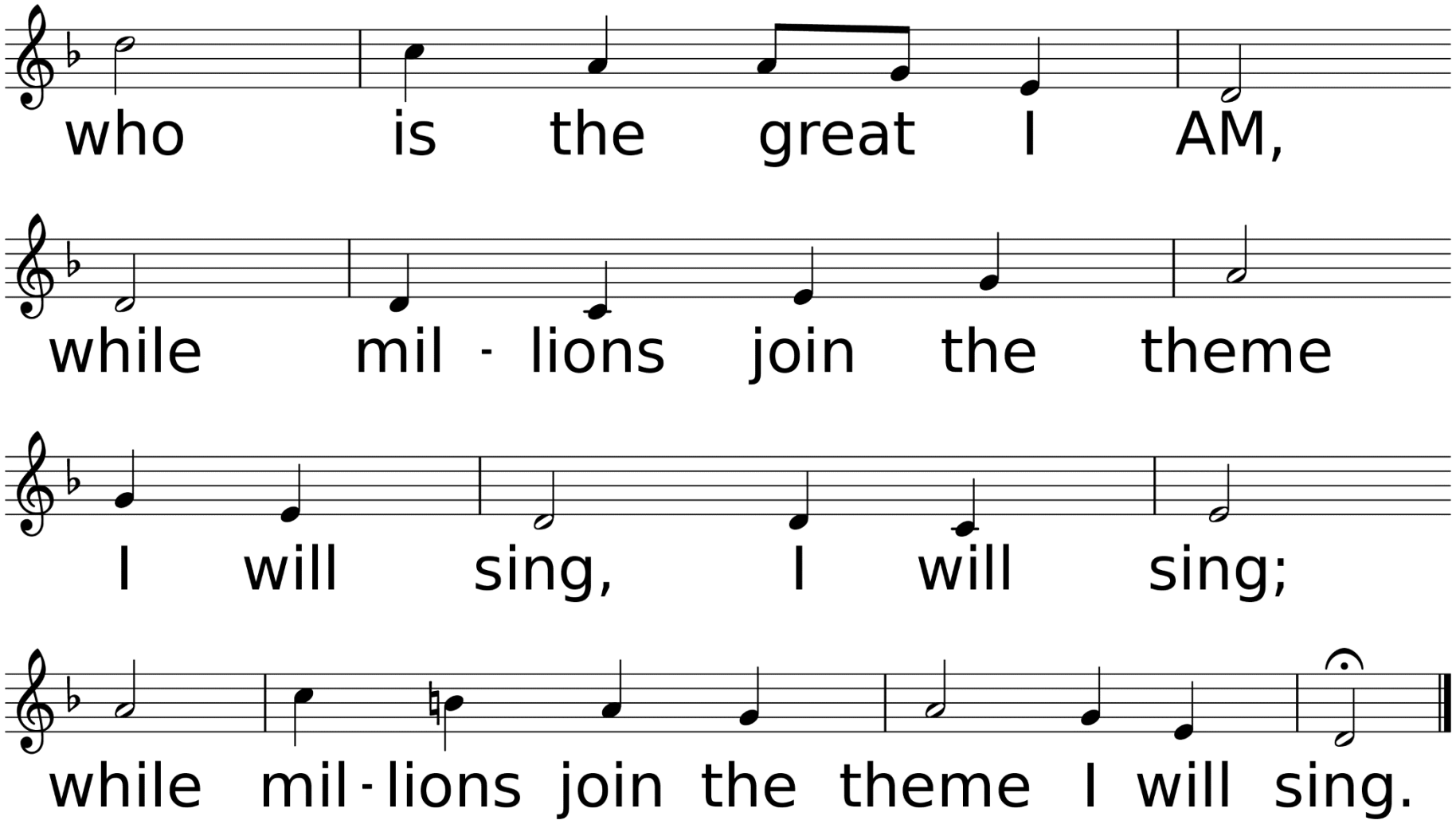

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God’s Tithes & Gifts

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Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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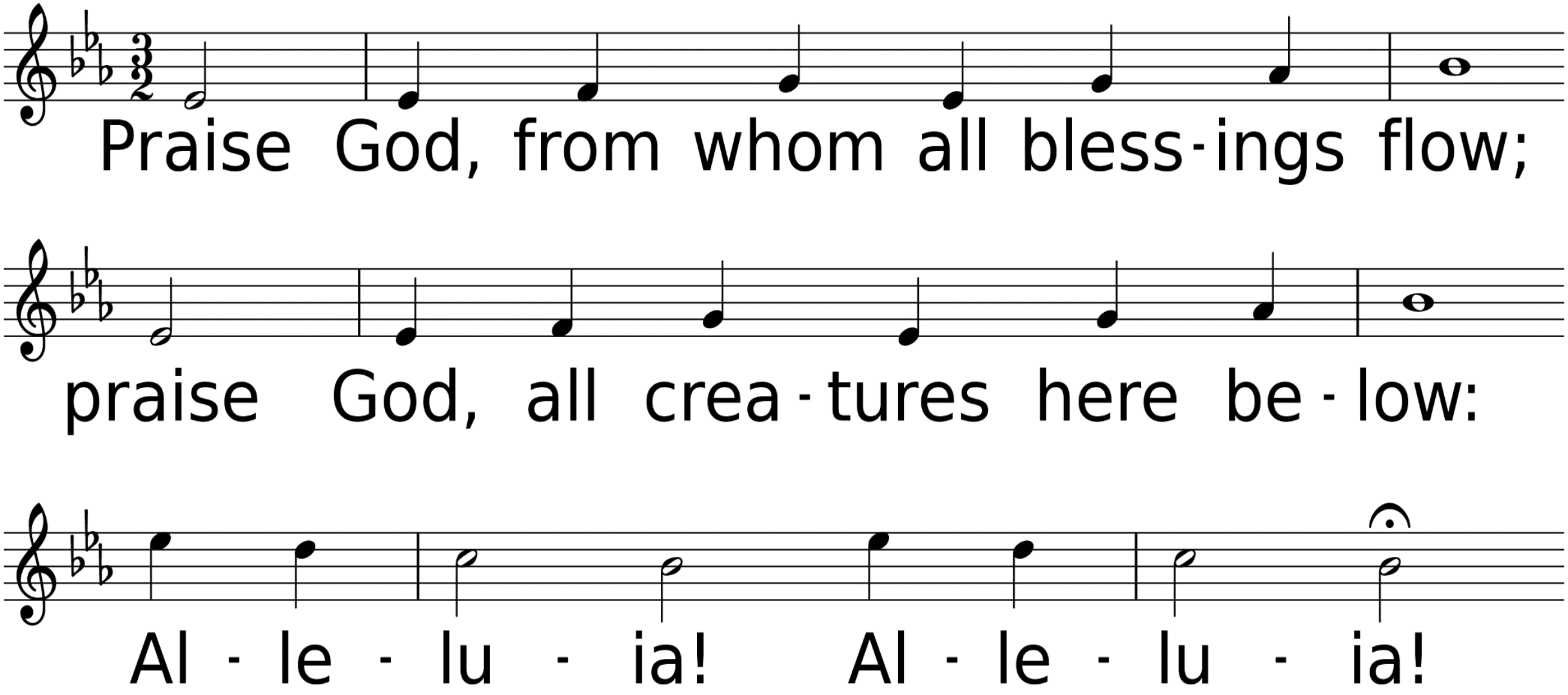
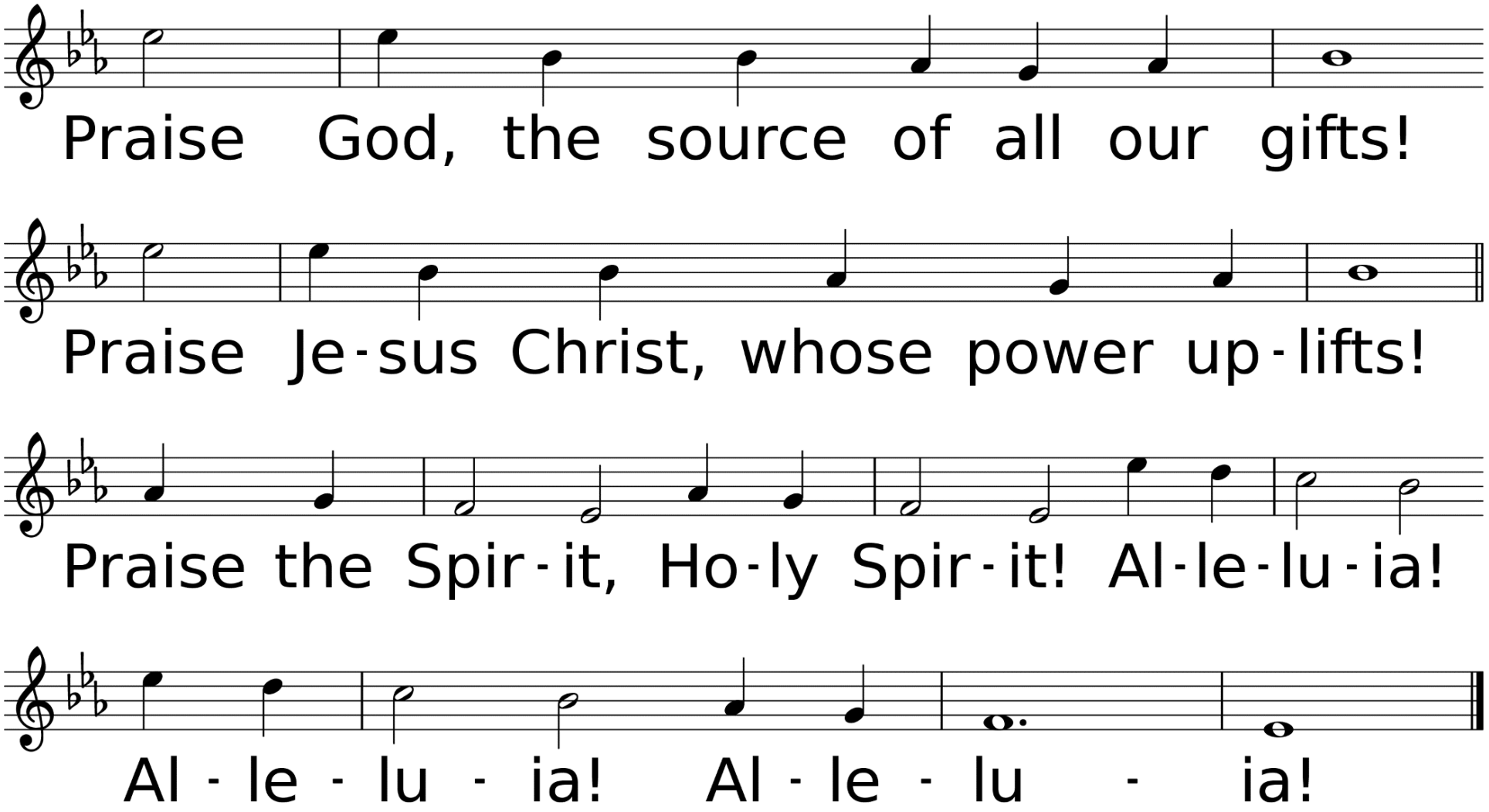

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
praise God, all crea-tures here be-low:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *United Methodist Hymnal* #94



Hymn of Faith

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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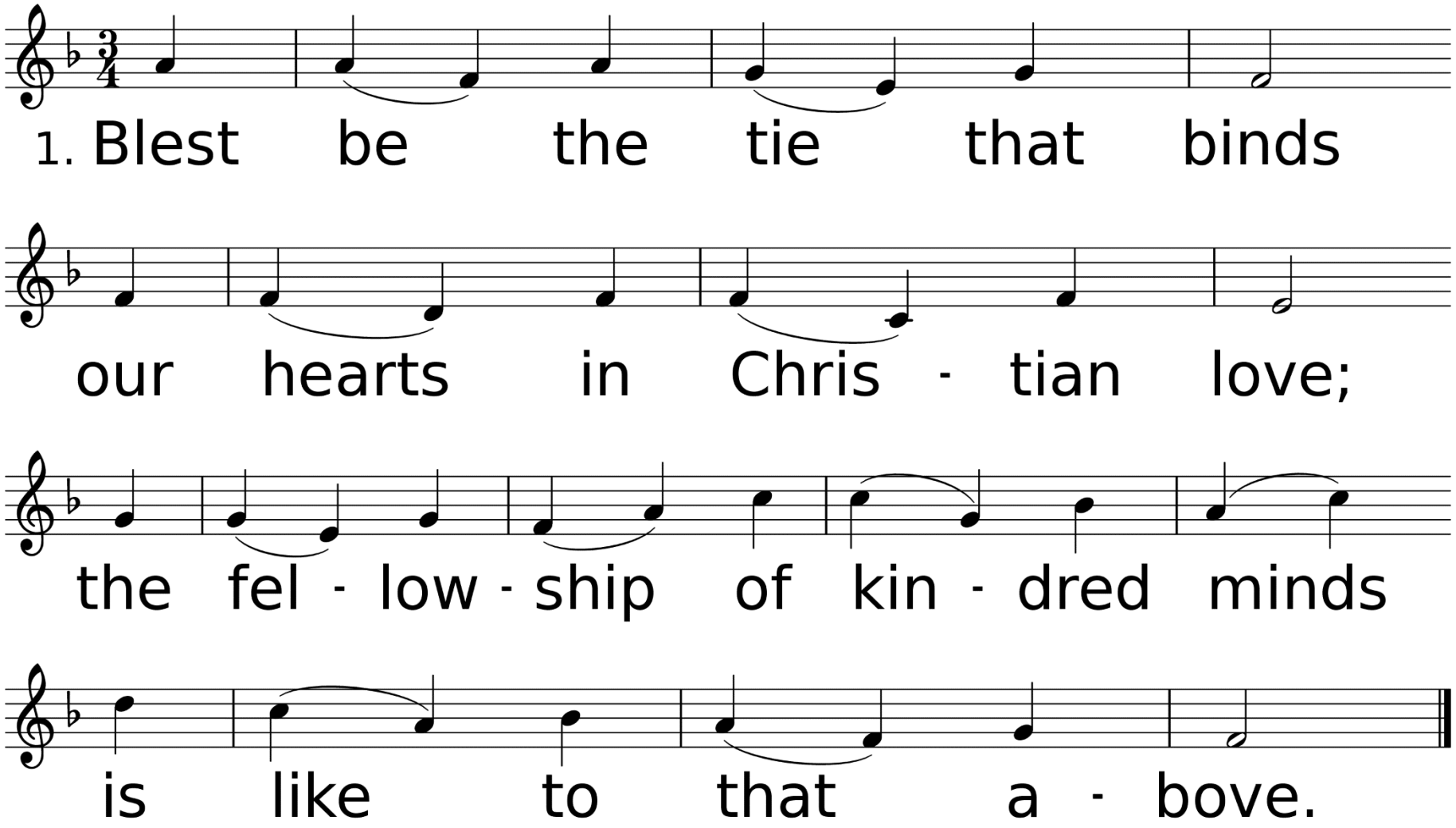
Blest Be the Tie That Binds *United Methodist Hymnal* #557



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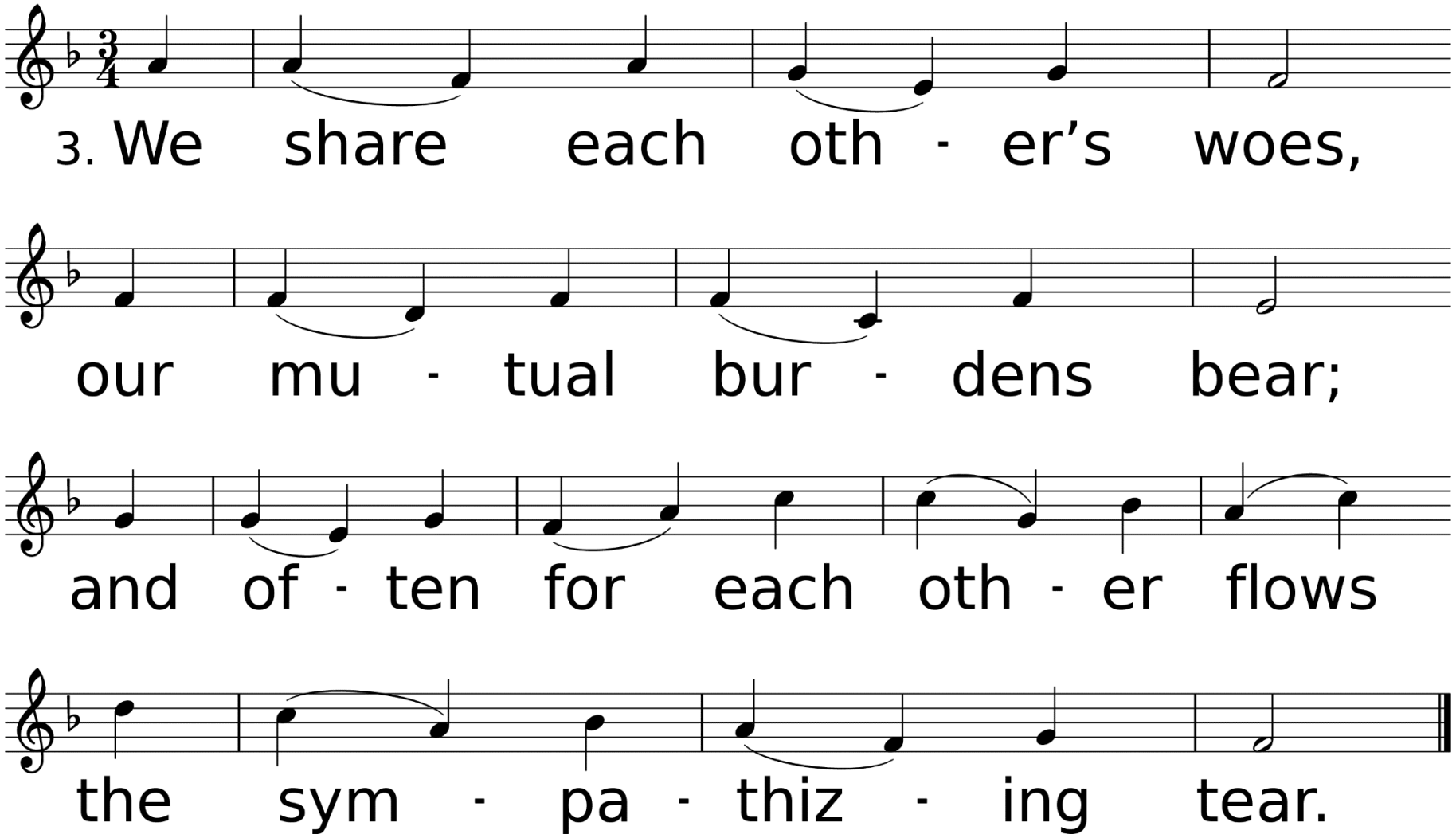
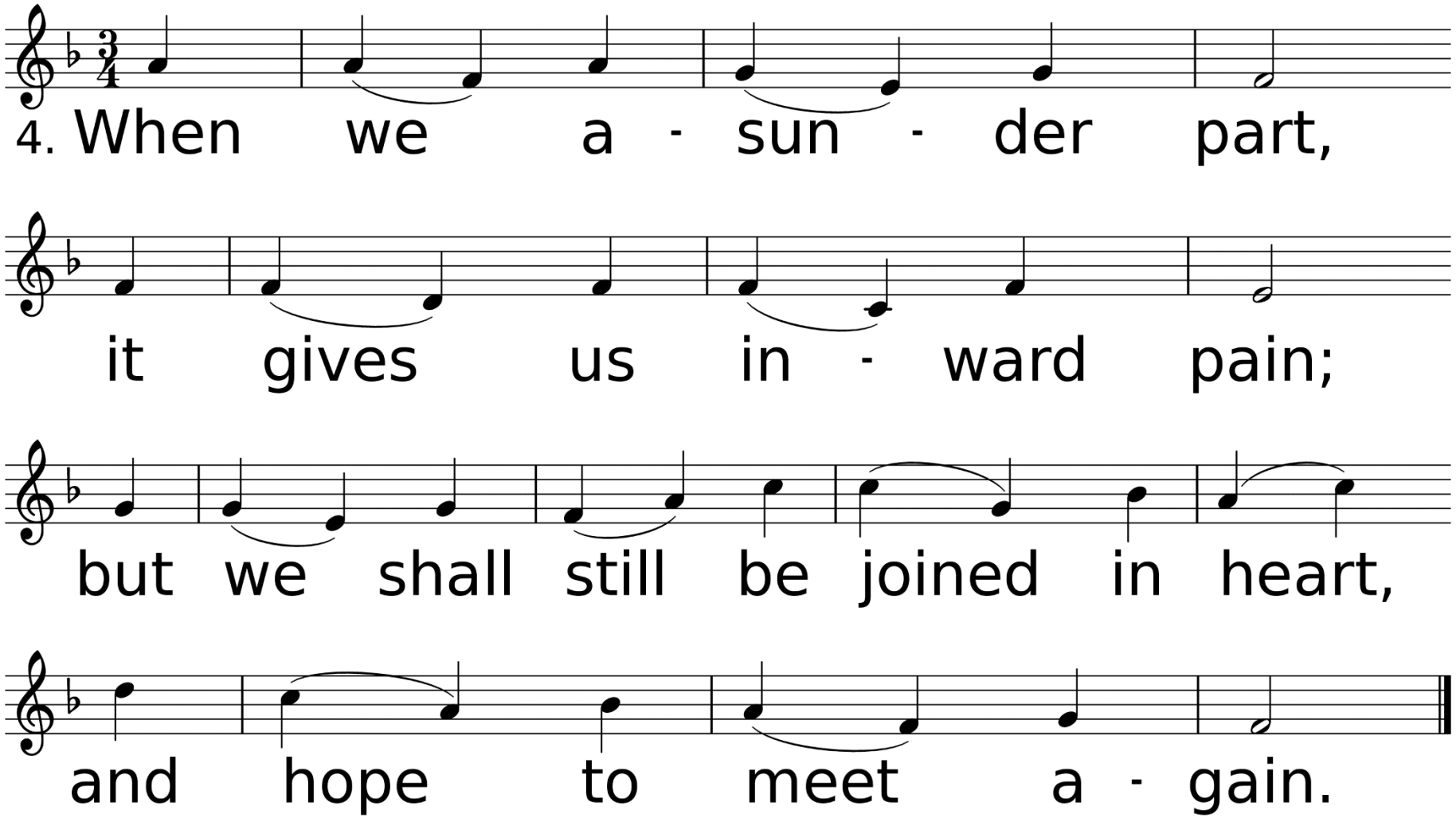

3. We share each oth - er's woes,
our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
and of - ten for each oth - er flows
the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.


4. When we a - sun - der part,
it gives us in - ward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet a - gain.

Scripture Reading
Exodus 18:1,5-27

Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses ’father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. Jethro, Moses ’father-in-law, came into the wilderness where Moses was encamped at the mountain of God, bringing Moses ’sons and wife to him. He sent word to Moses, “I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, with your wife and her two sons.”

Moses went out to meet his father-in-law; he bowed down and kissed him; each asked after the other’s welfare, and they went into the tent. Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel’s sake, all the hardship that had beset them on the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the Egyptians.

Jethro said, “Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from the Egyptians, when they dealt arrogantly with them.” And Jethro, Moses ’father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses ’father-in-law in the presence of God.

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses ’ father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, “What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?”

Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.”

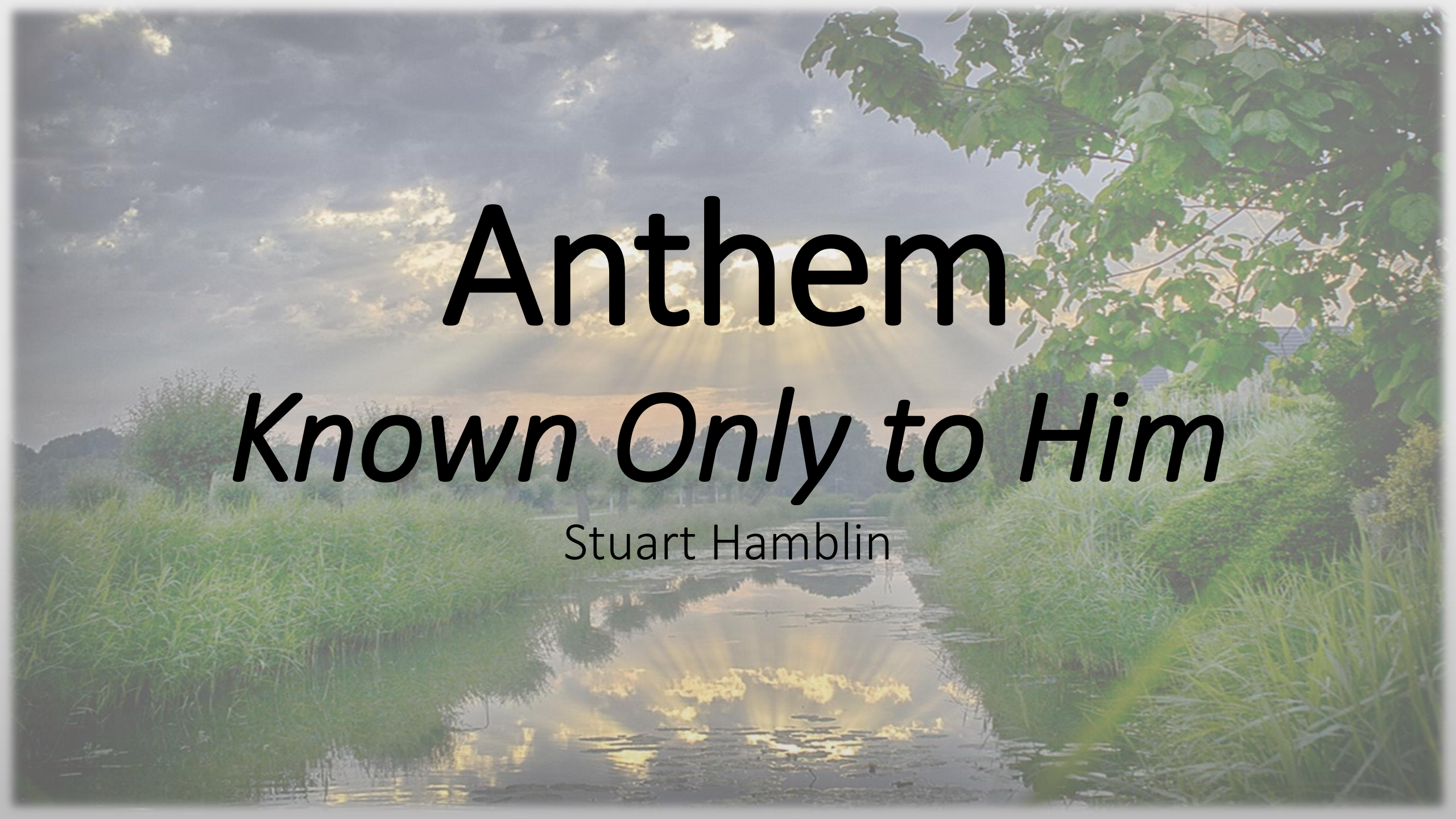
Moses ’father-in-law said to him, “What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do.

You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves.

So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.” So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

“While Wandering in the Wilderness, Surround Yourself with Good People”



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Known Only to Him

Stuart Hamblin

*Hymn of Invitation

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

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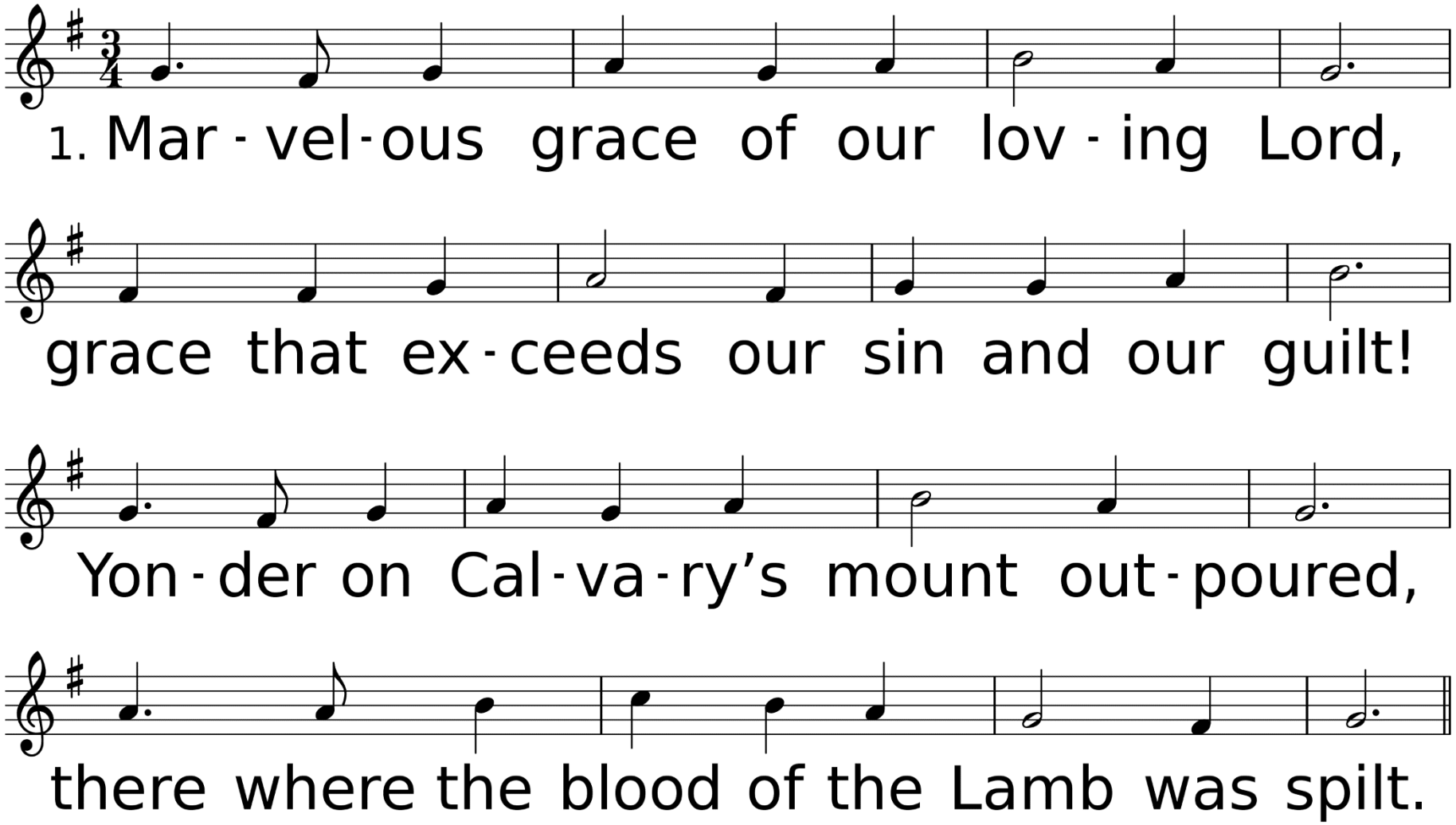

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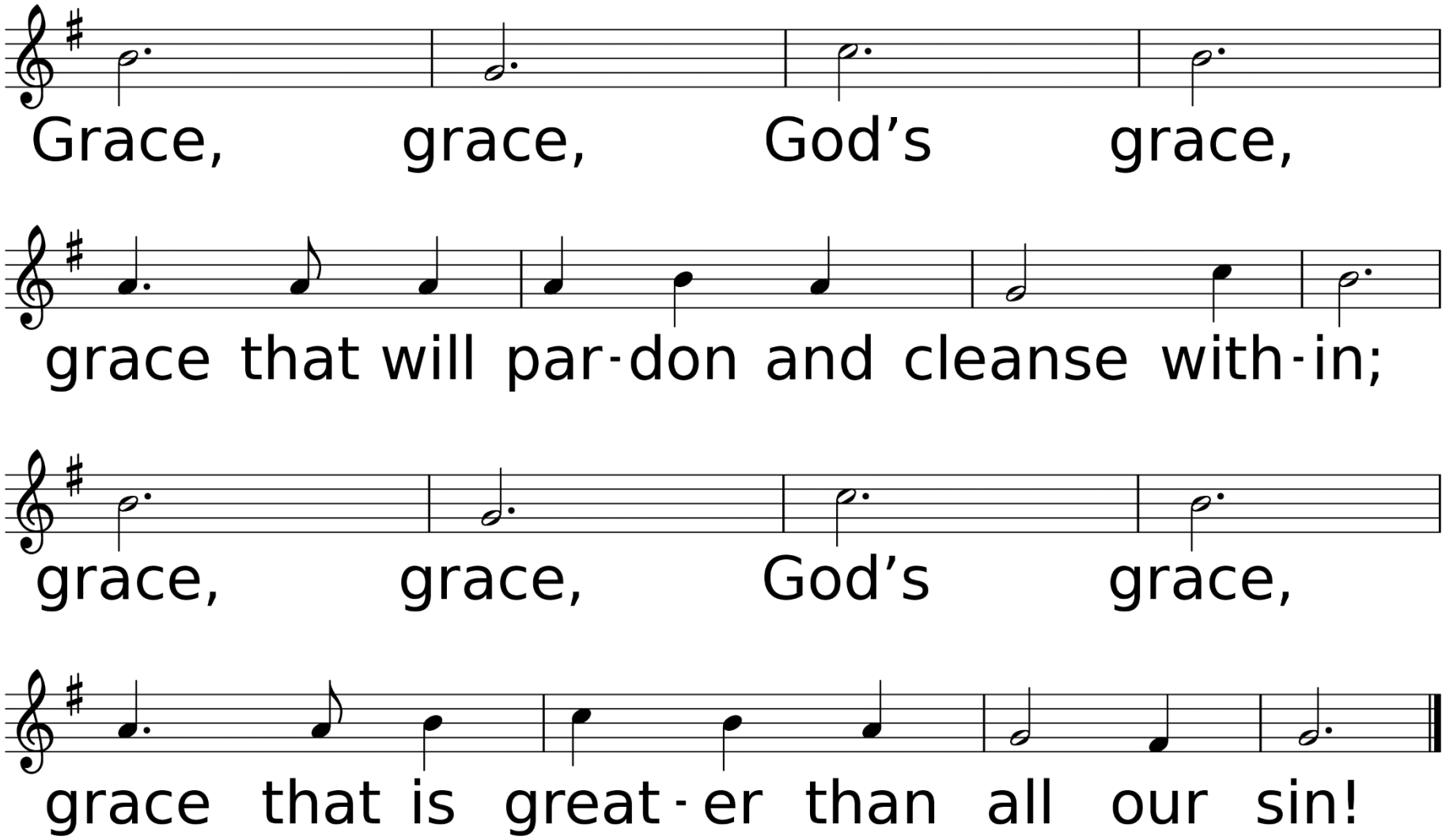

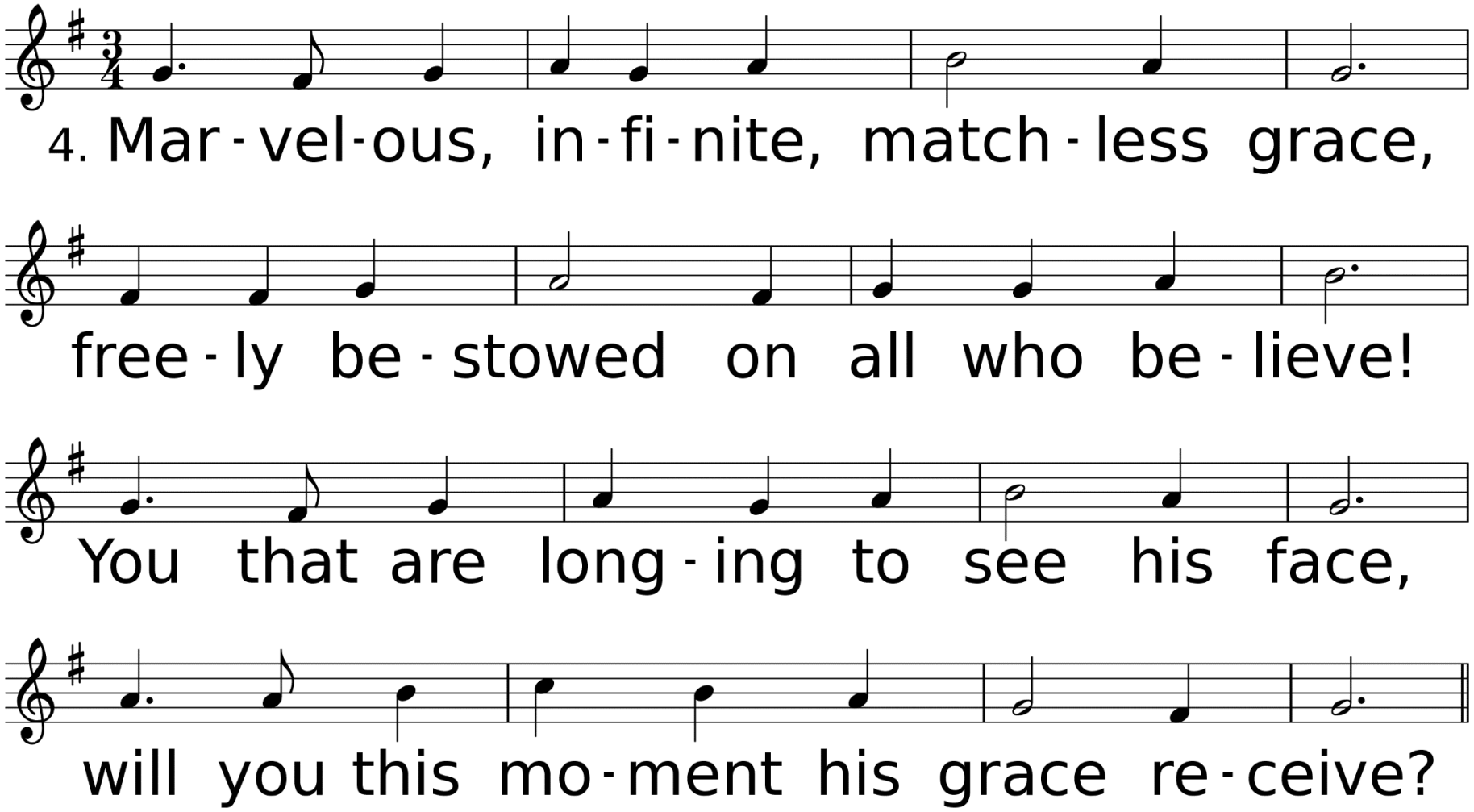
4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,
free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!
You that are long - ing to see his face,
will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

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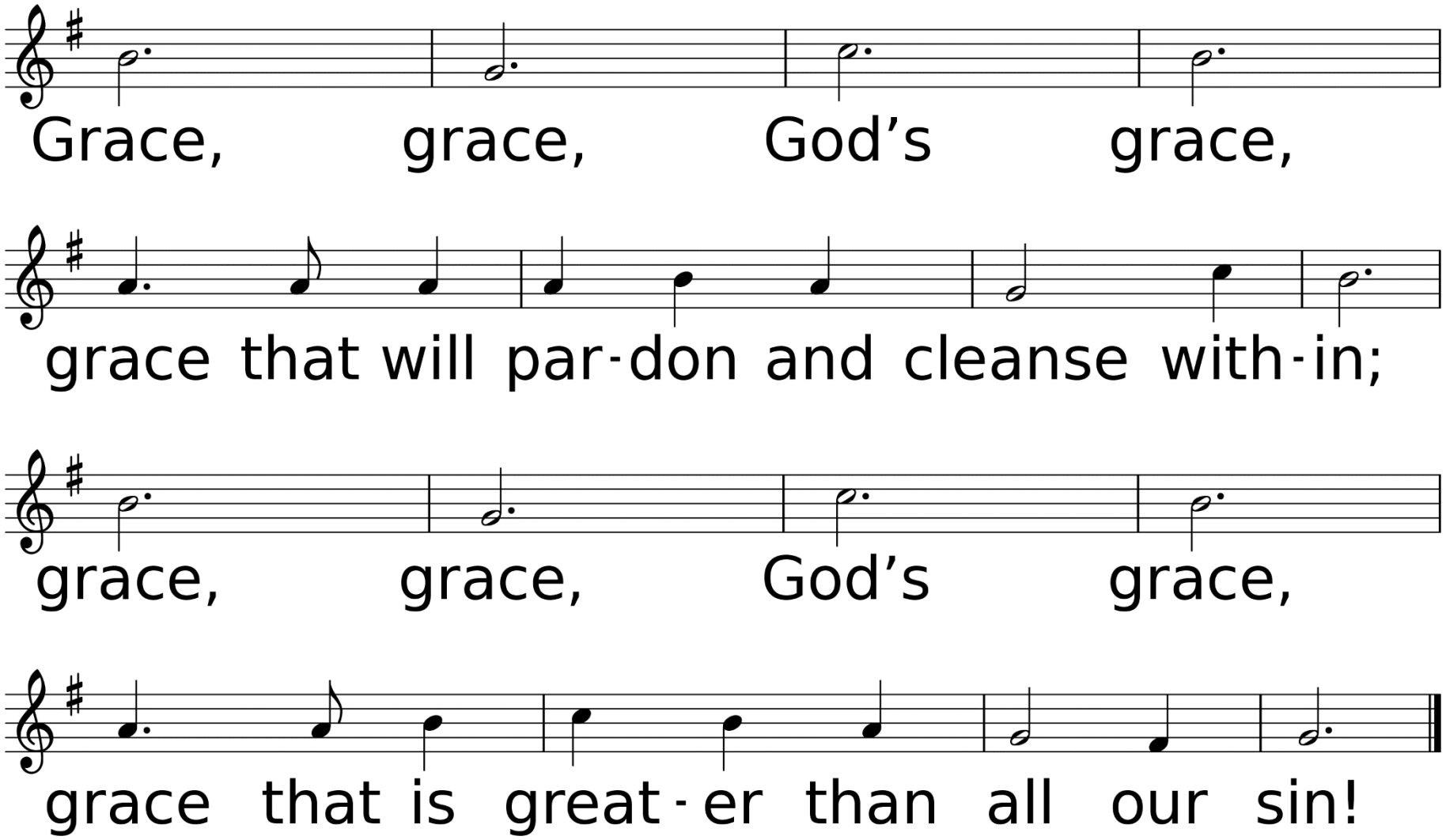

Benediction

*Sending Forth

God Be With You till We Meet Again

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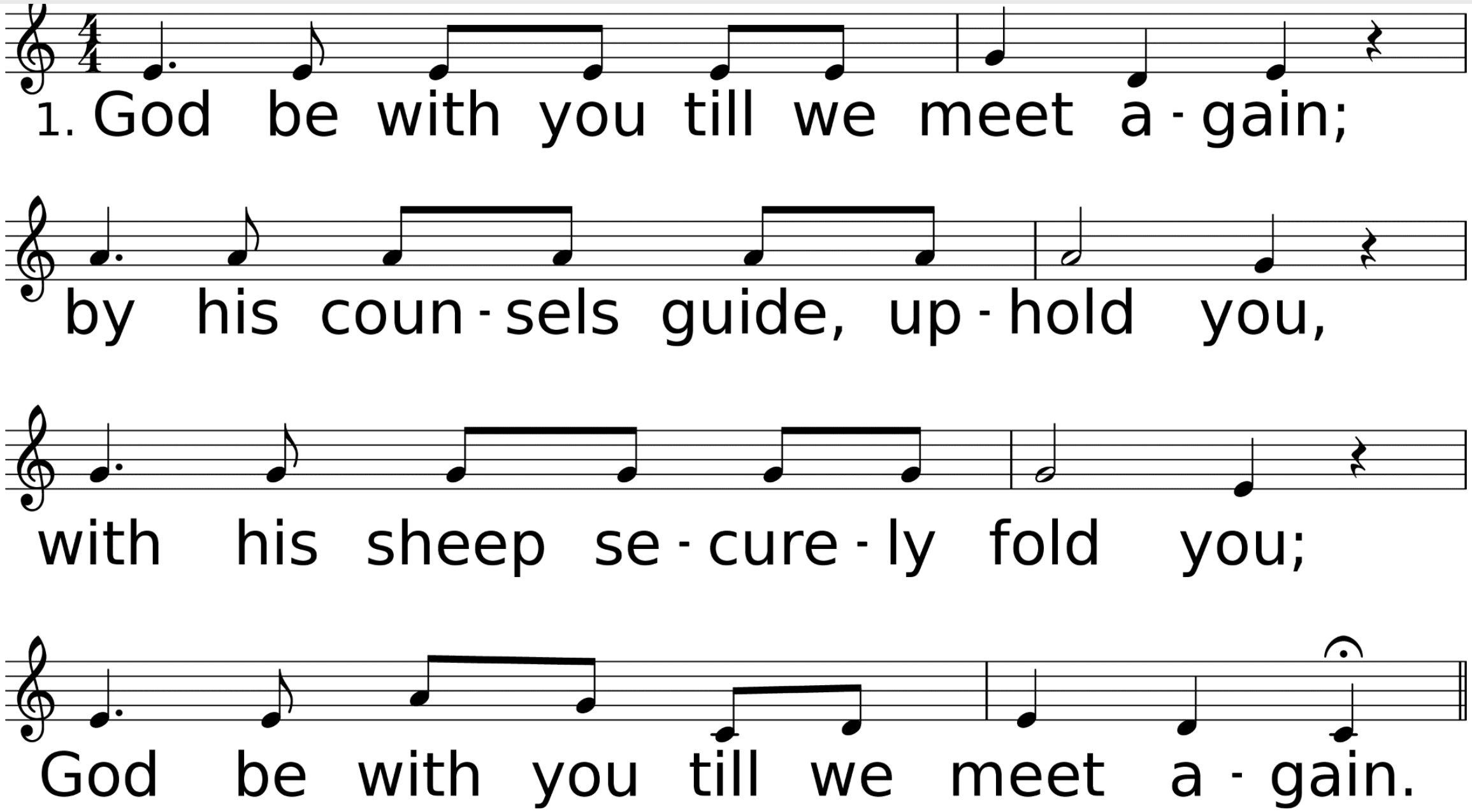
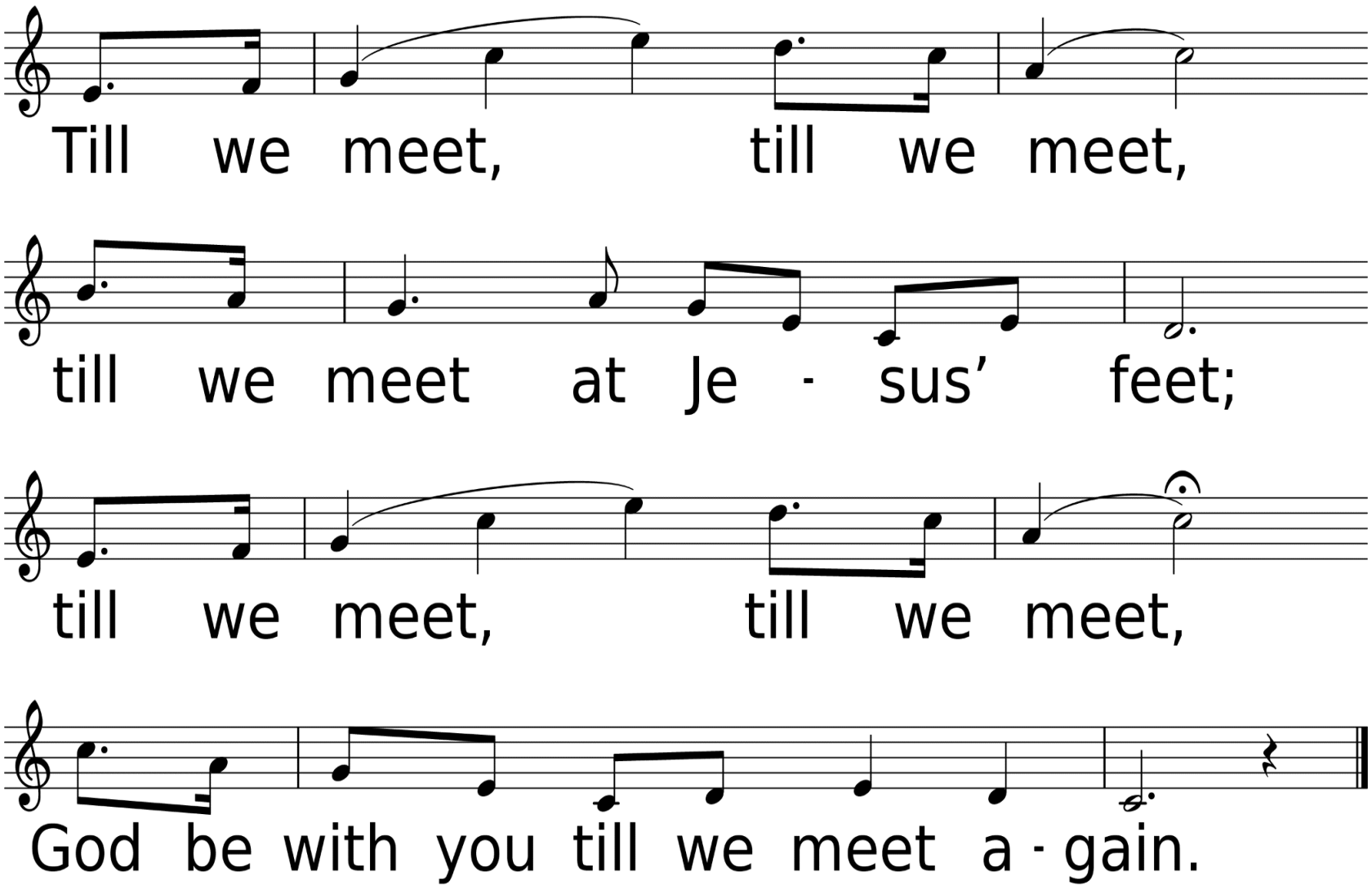

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you;
God be with you till we meet a - gain.


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.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!