"Be Careful Who You Ask Directions From!" Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany & Communion Sunday
January 3, 2021
10:00 AM Worship Online &
in the Sanctuary

Welcome!

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
DeRidder, LA

Announcements

Call to Worship

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Brian Wren & Carlton R. Young

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have seen Jesus' star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.

Congregation: He is like showers that water the earth, like rain that falls on the mown grass.

Leader: When a child is born, light shines. When Jesus is born, hope dawns and love arrives.

Congregation: Newborn Jesus, shine upon us. From your cradle and your cross give us love and life!

*Hymn of Praise
The First Noel

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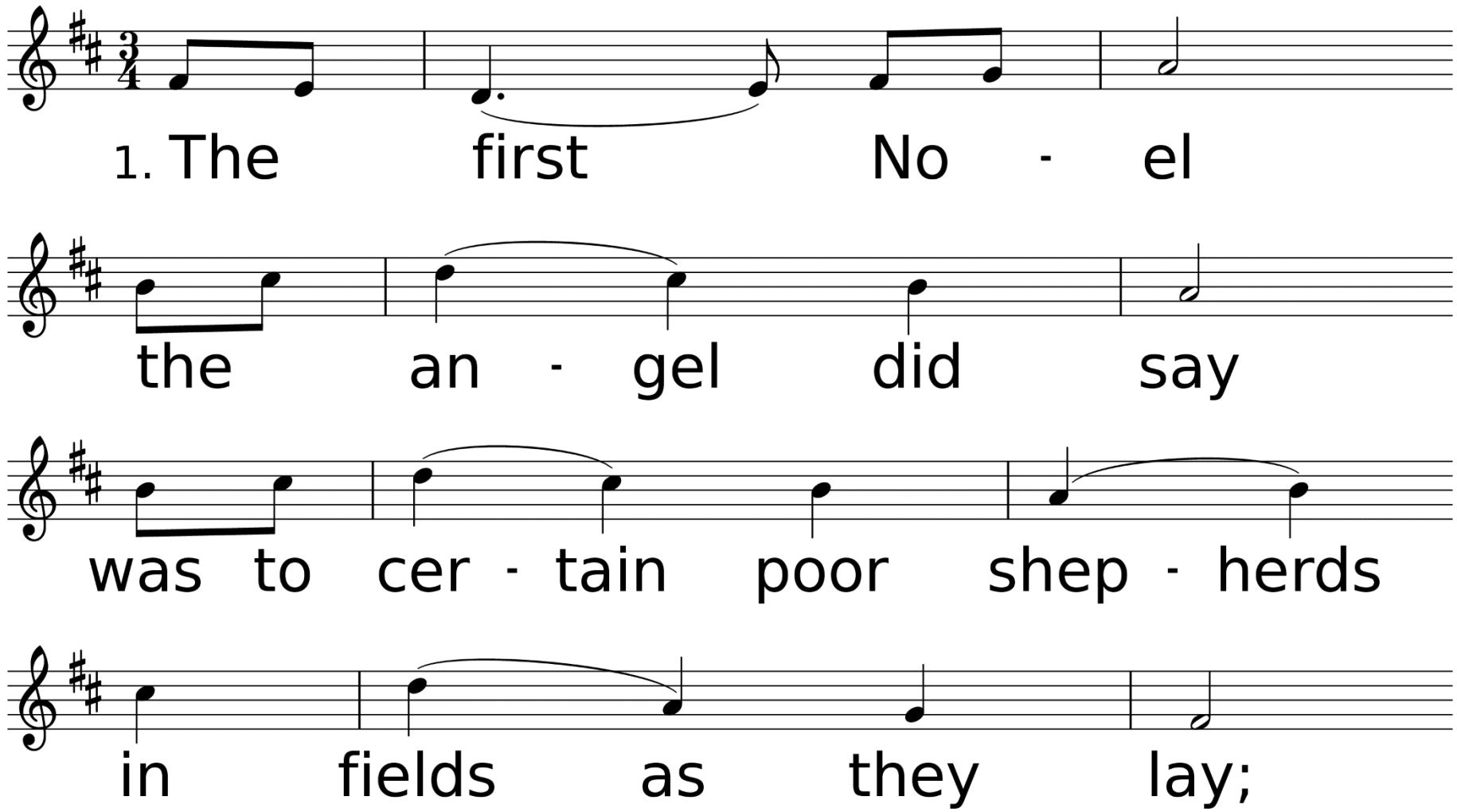

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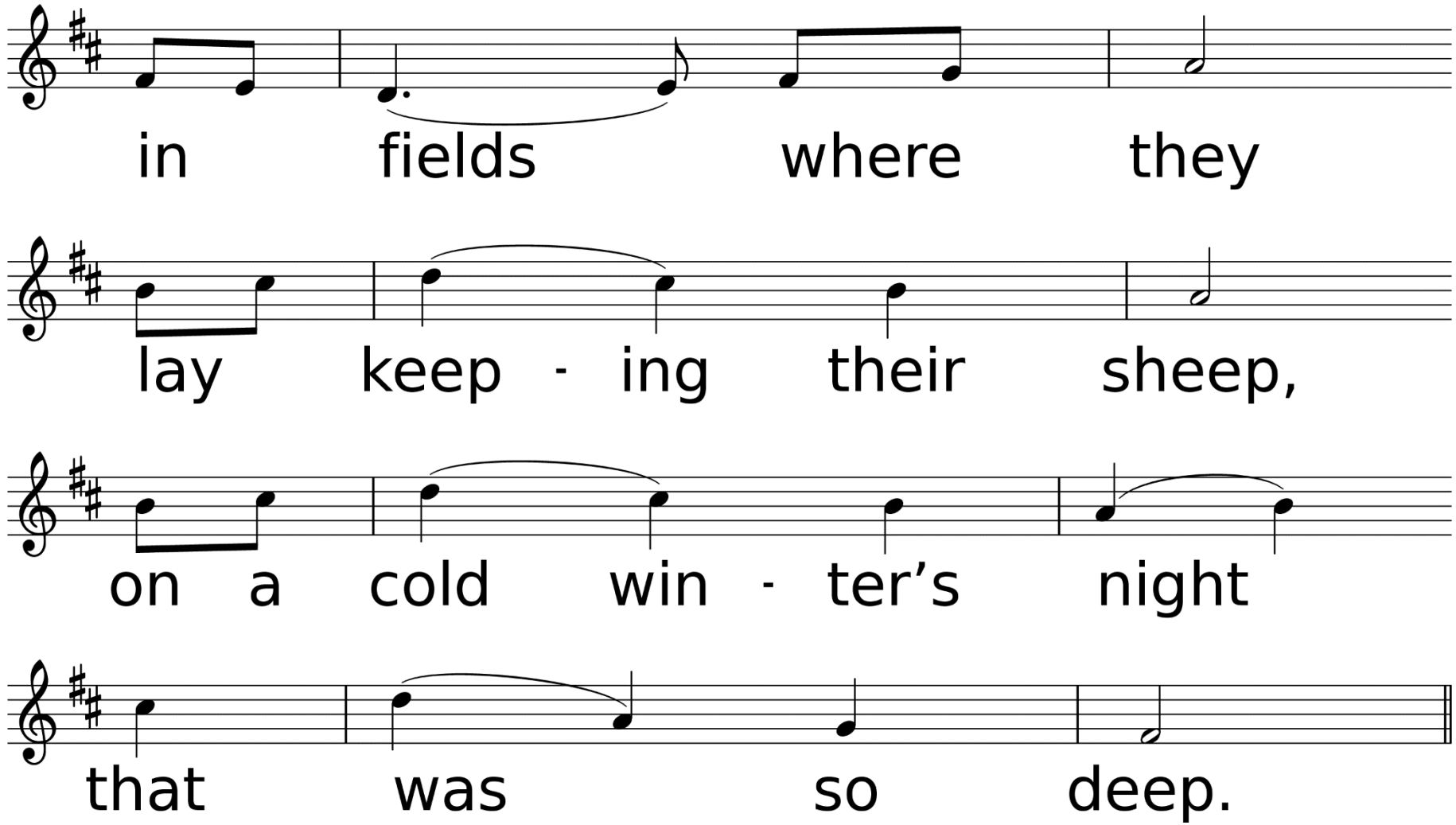
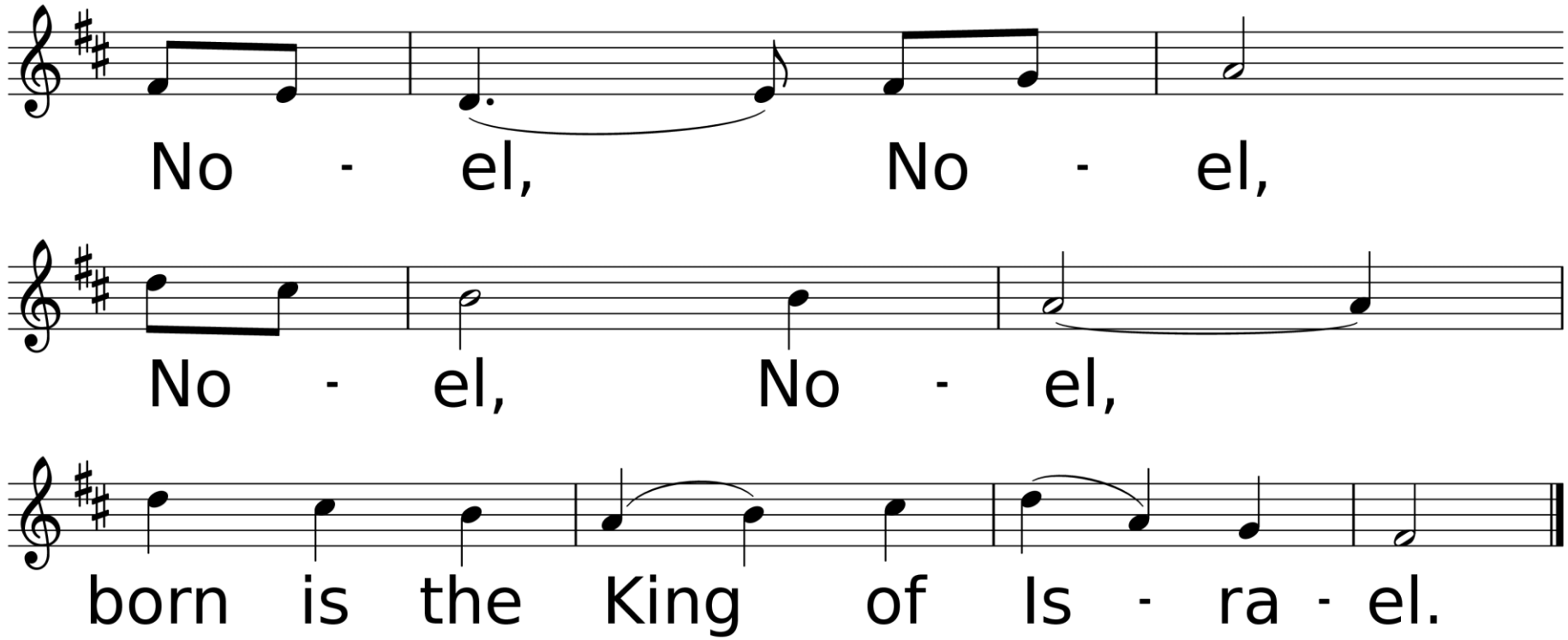

in fields where they
lay keep - ing their sheep,
on a cold win - ter's night
that was so deep.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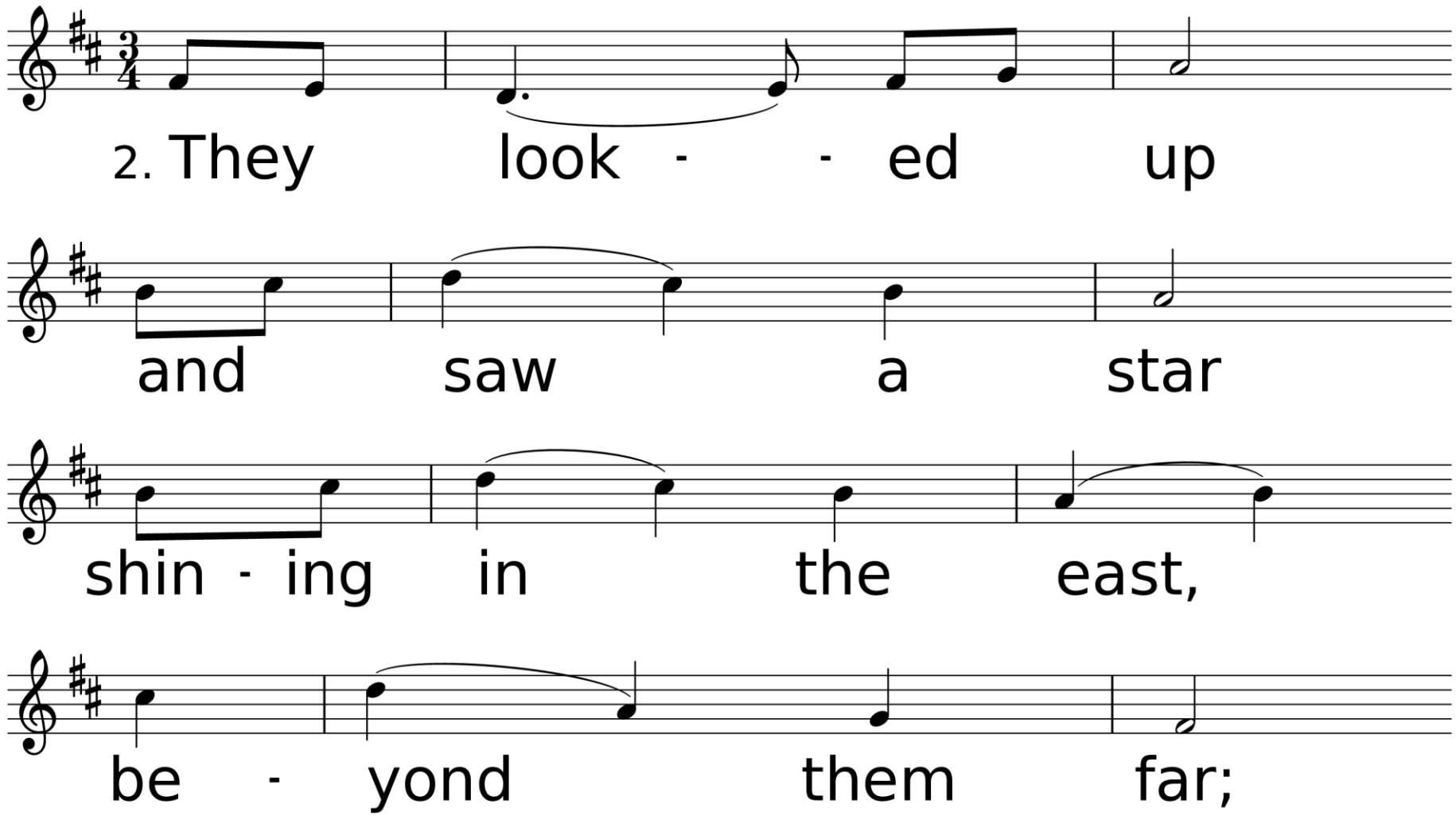
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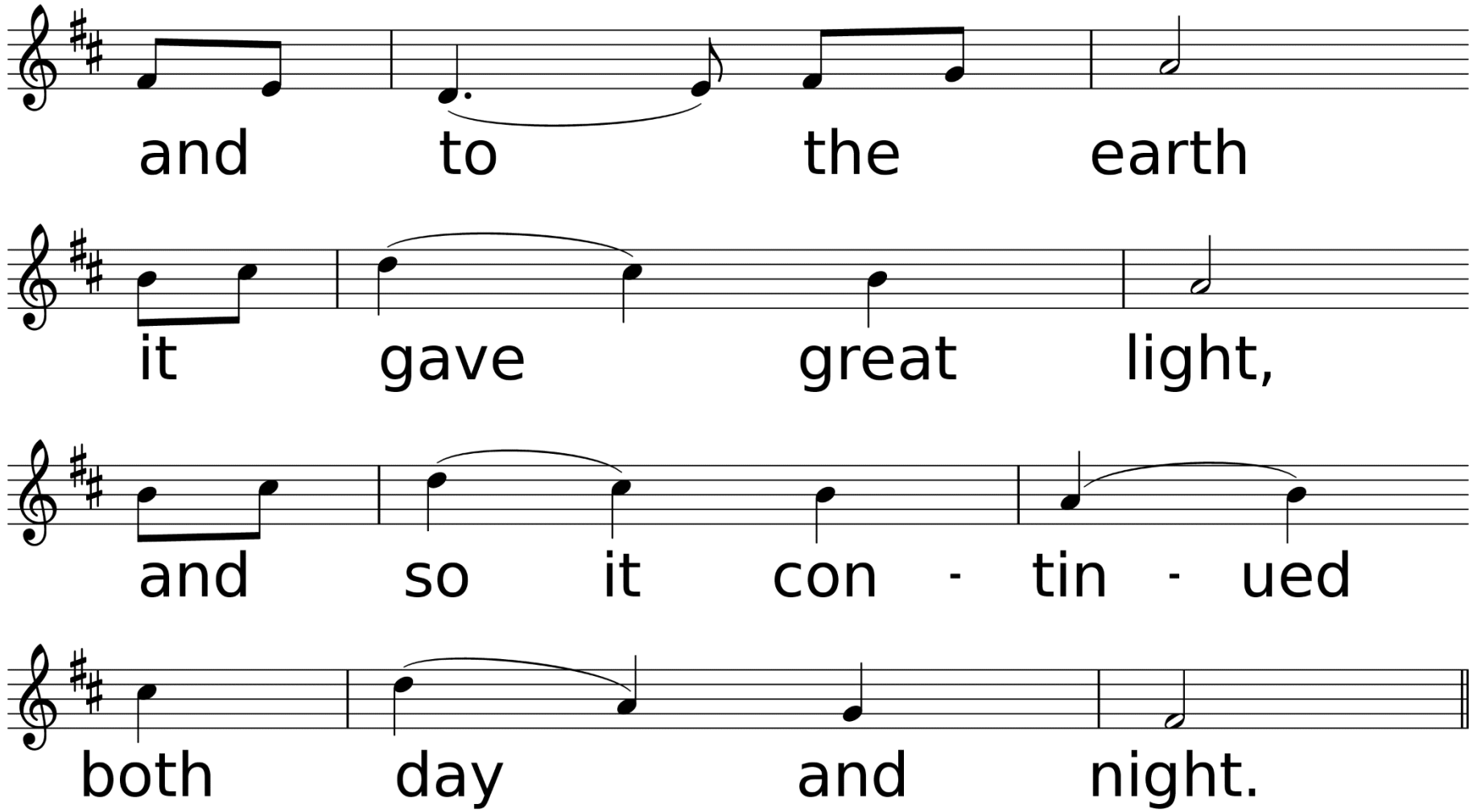
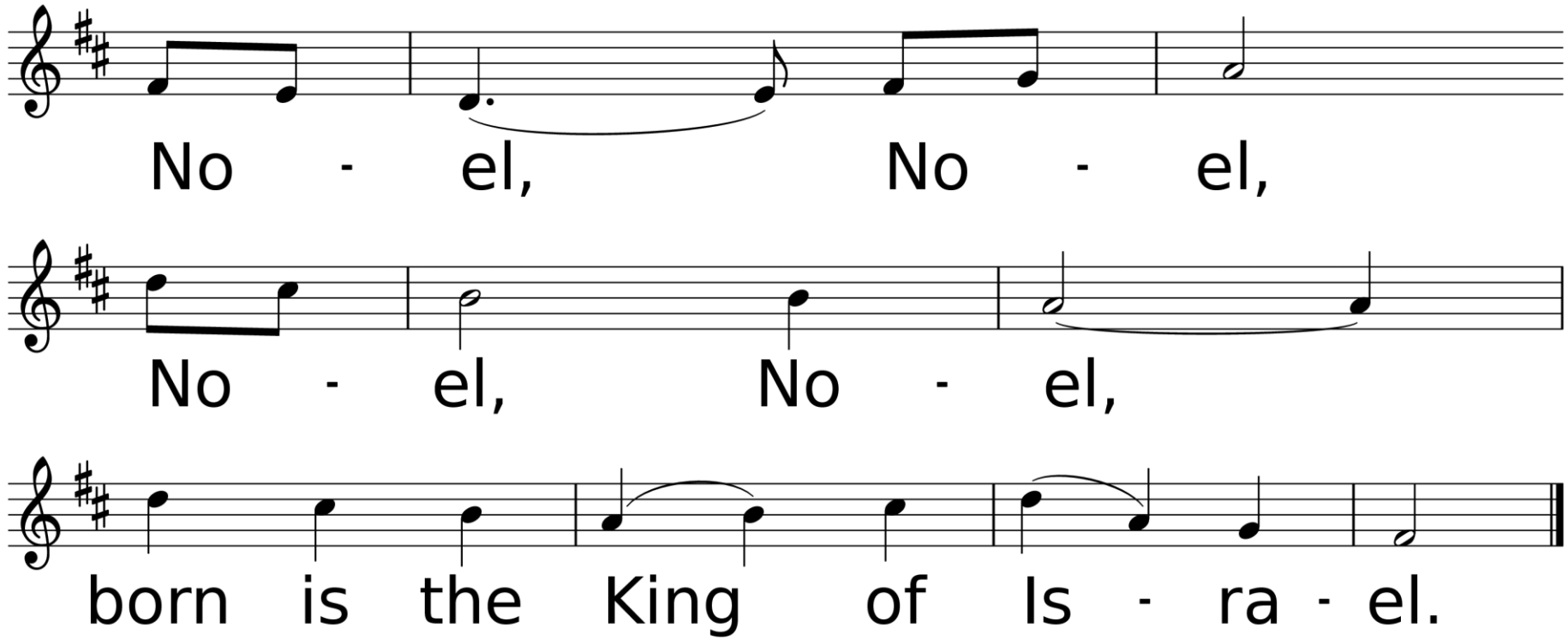
and saw a star
shin - ing in the east,
be - yond them far;


and to the earth
it gave great light,
and so it con - tin - ued
both day and night.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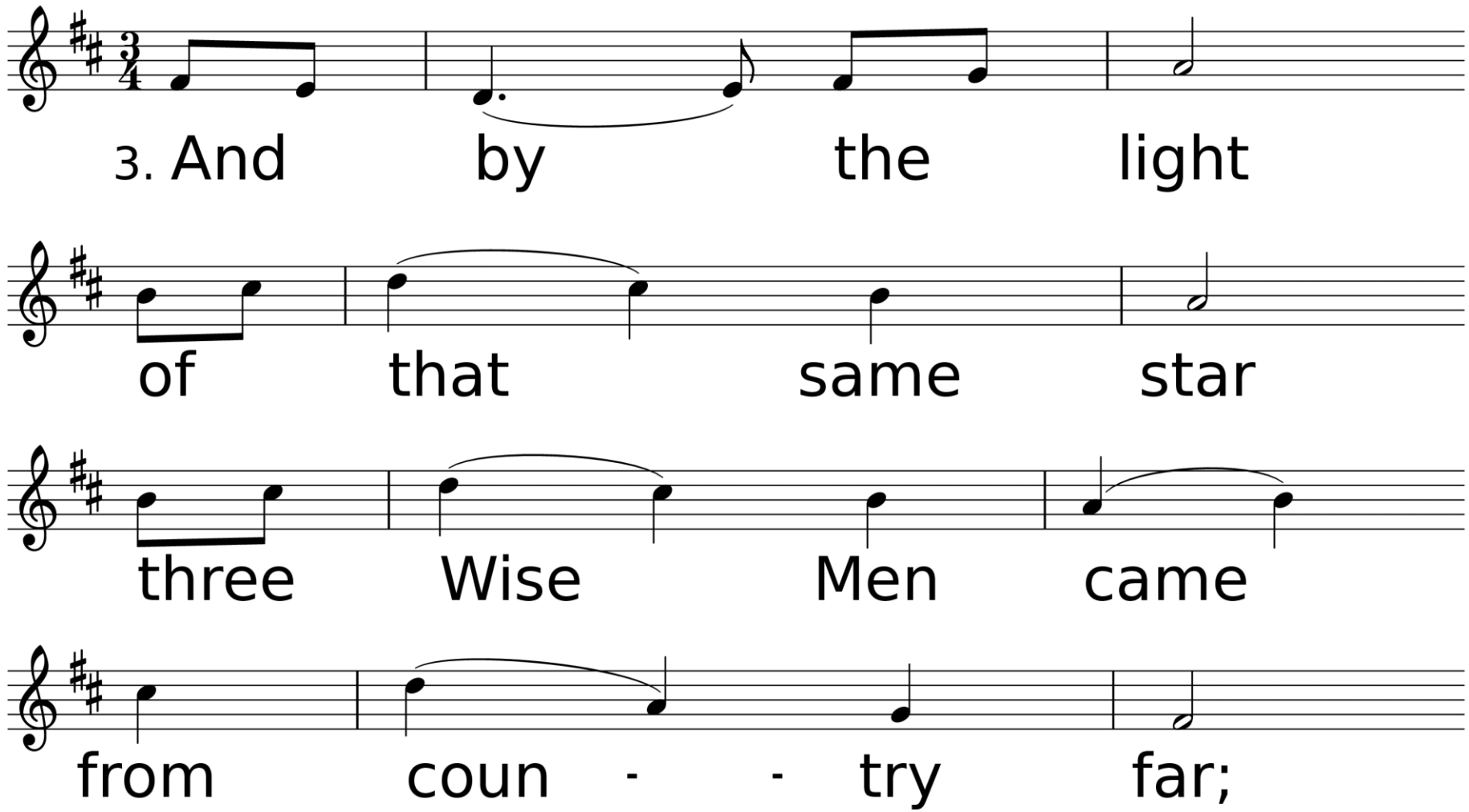
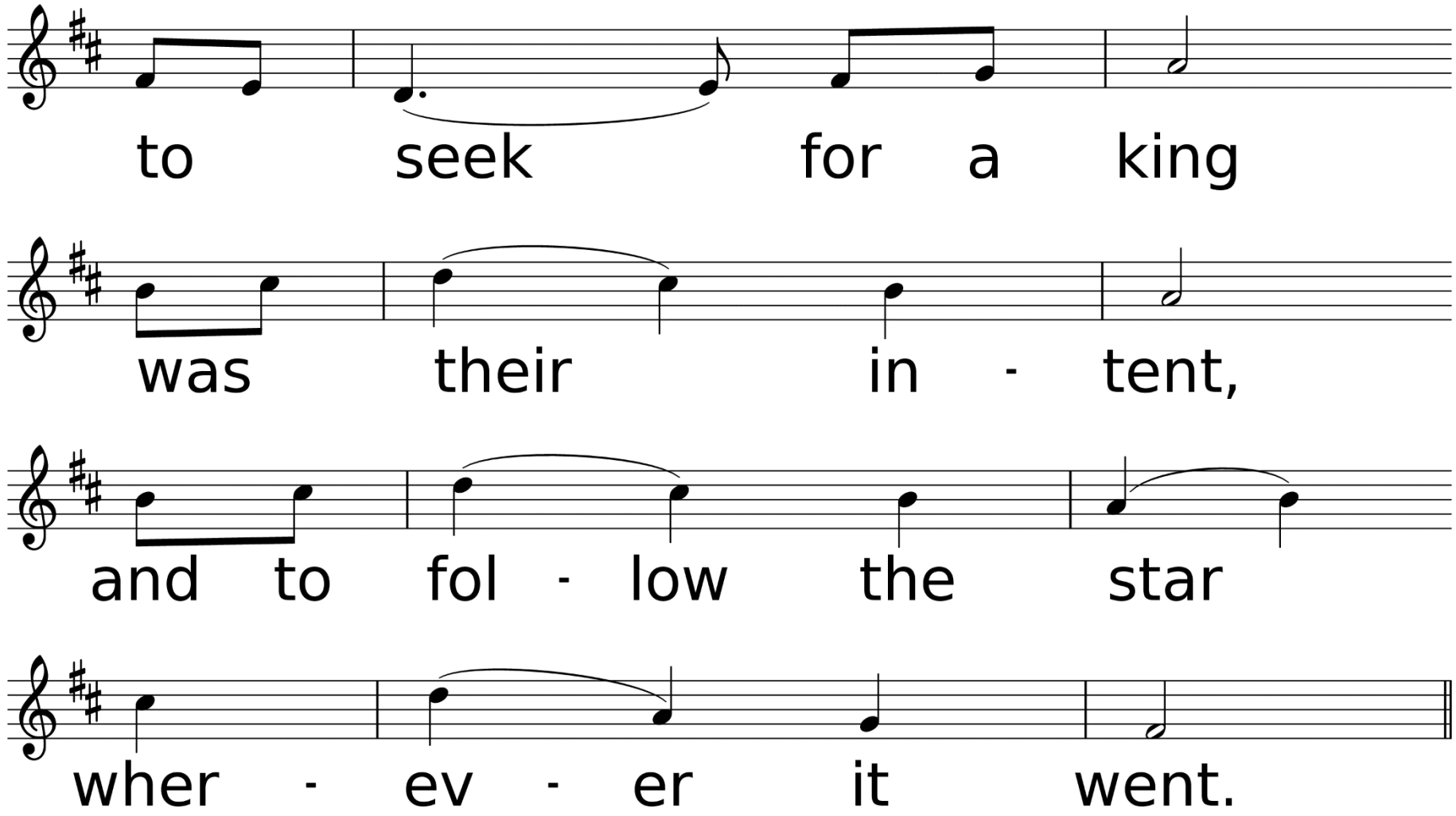
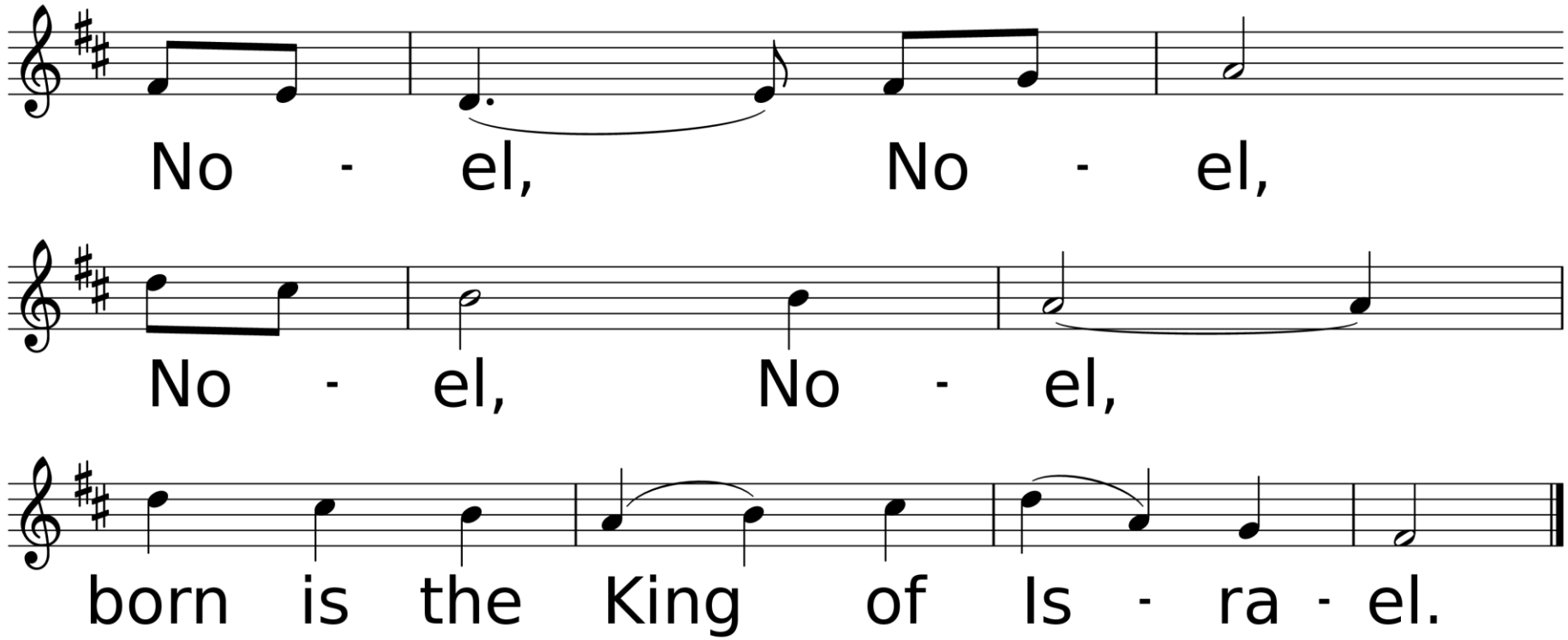

3. And by the light
of that same star
three Wise Men came
from coun - - try far;


to seek for a king
was their in - tent,
and to fol - low the star
wher - ev - er it went.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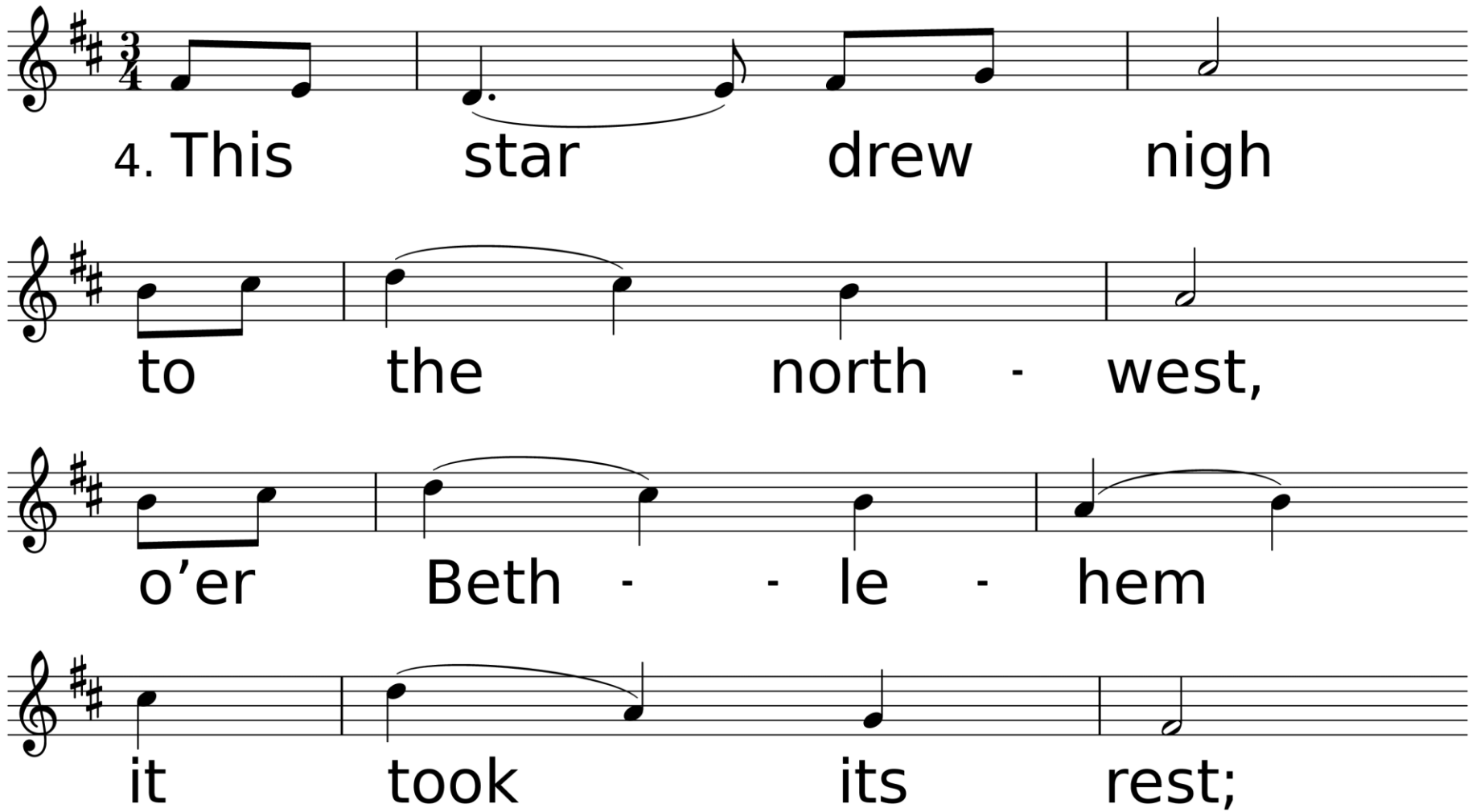
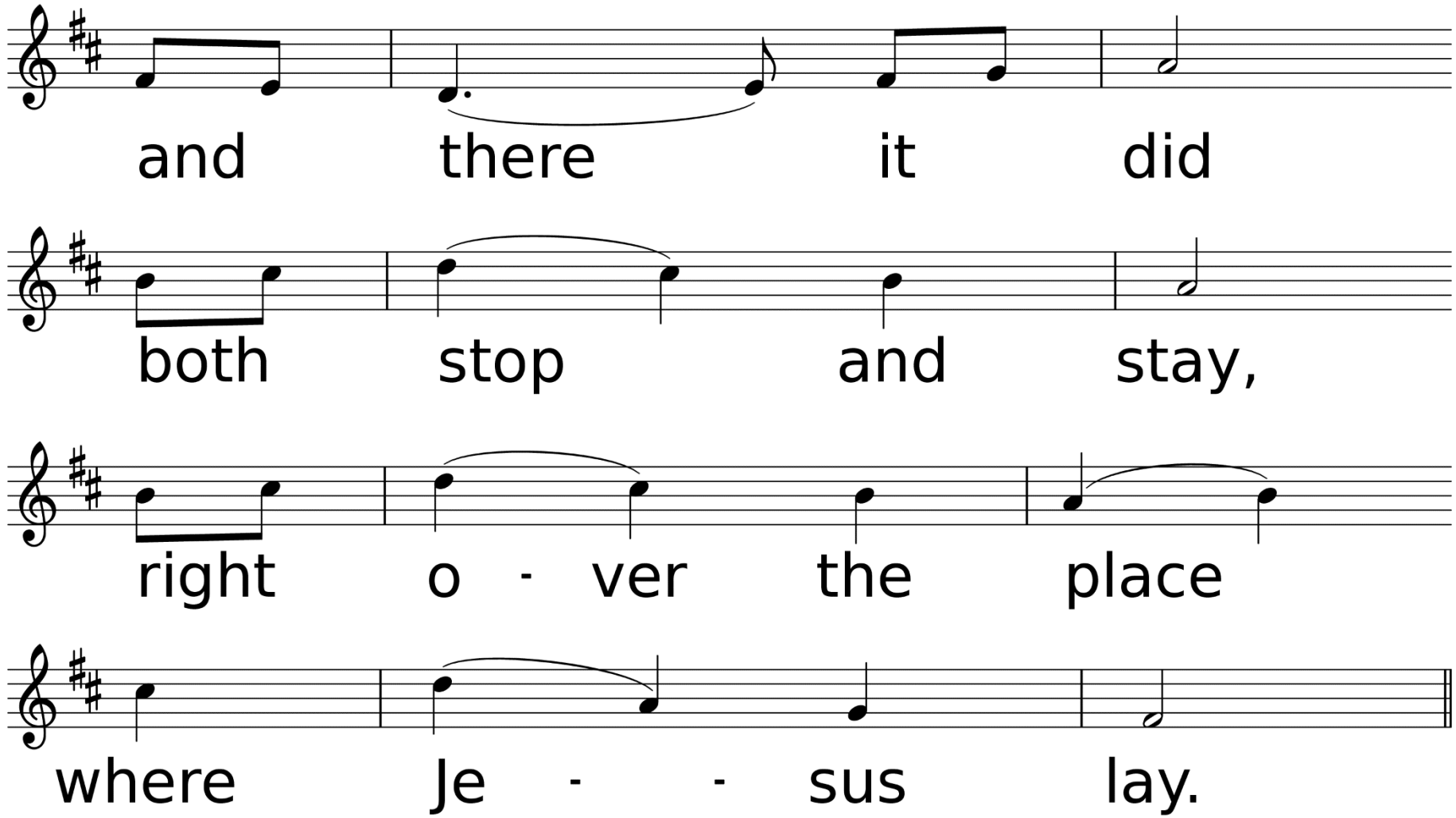
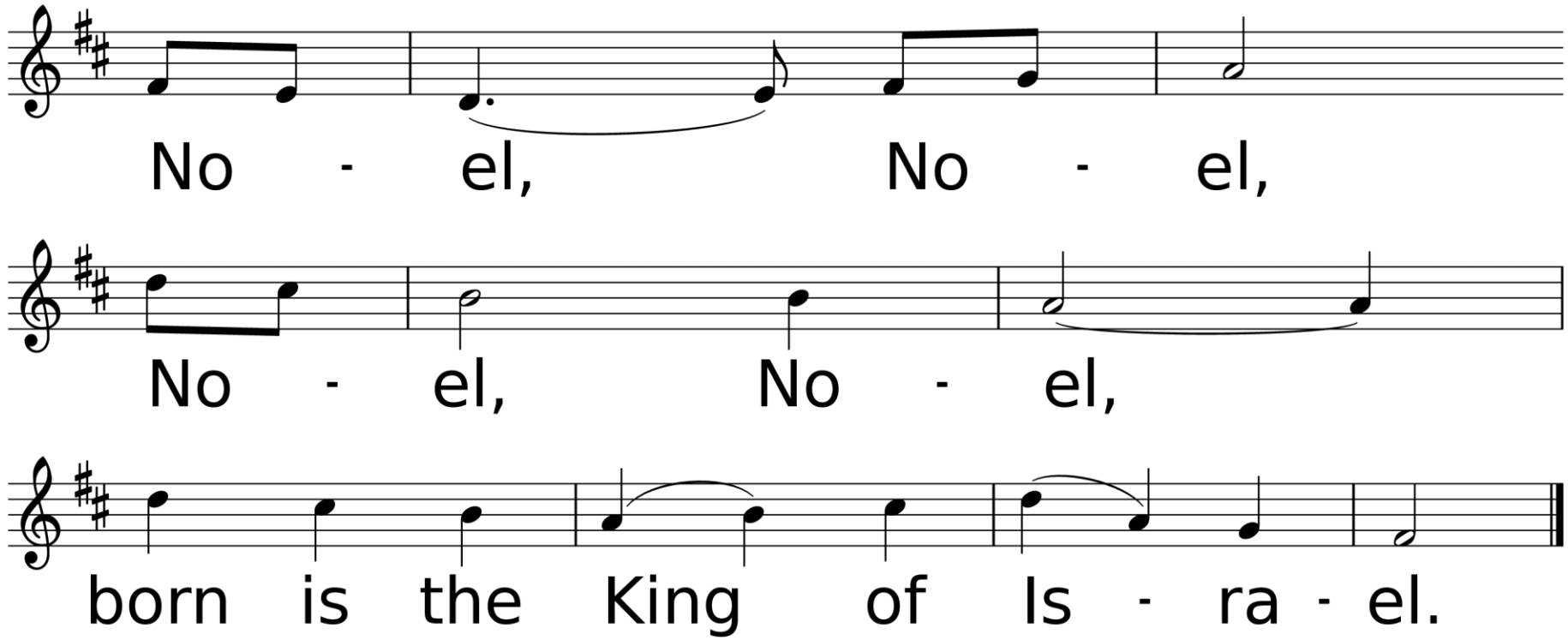

4. This star drew nigh
to the north - west,
o'er Beth - - le - hem
it took its rest;


and there it did
both stop and stay,
right o - ver the place
where Je - - sus lay.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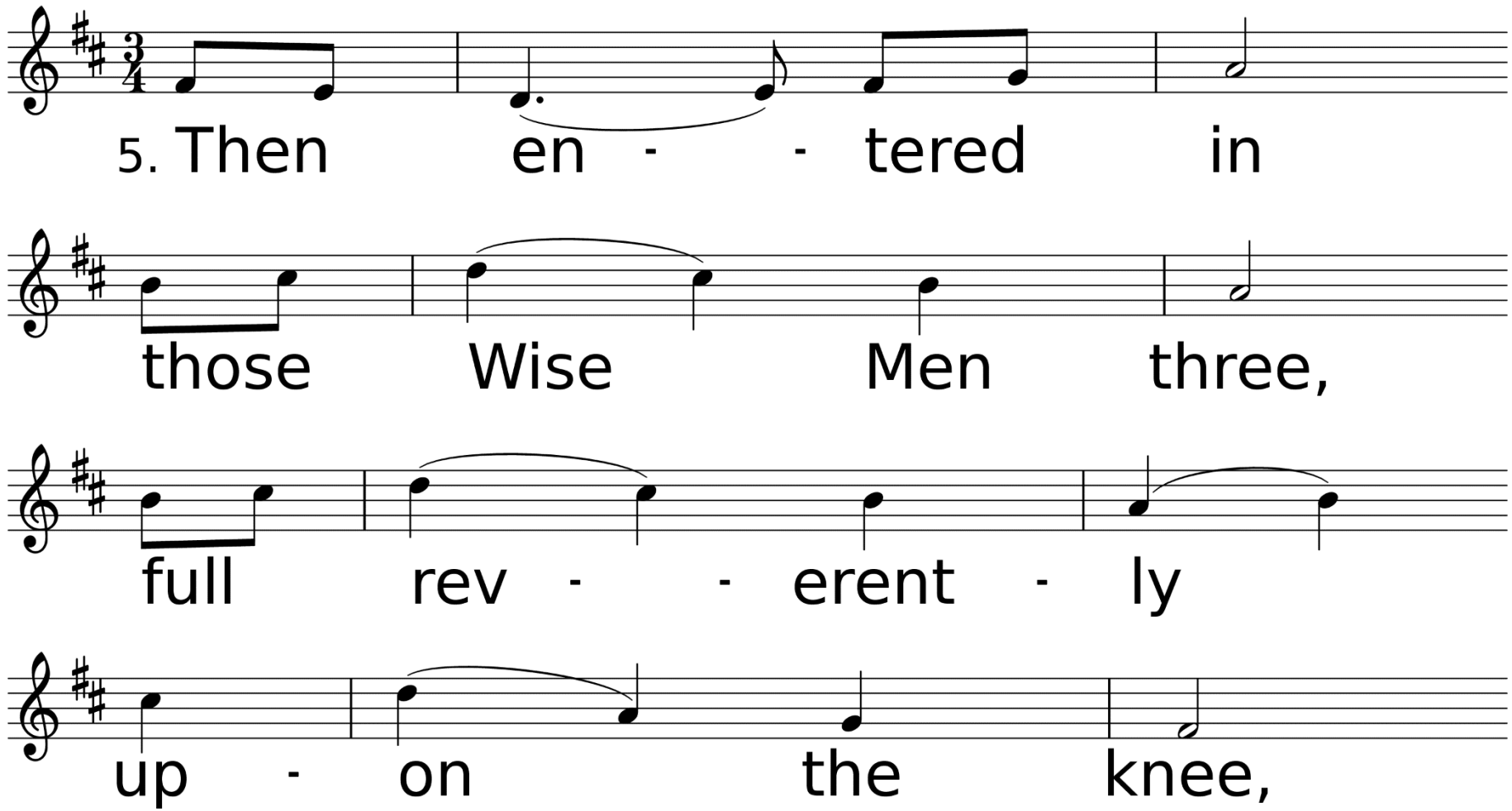
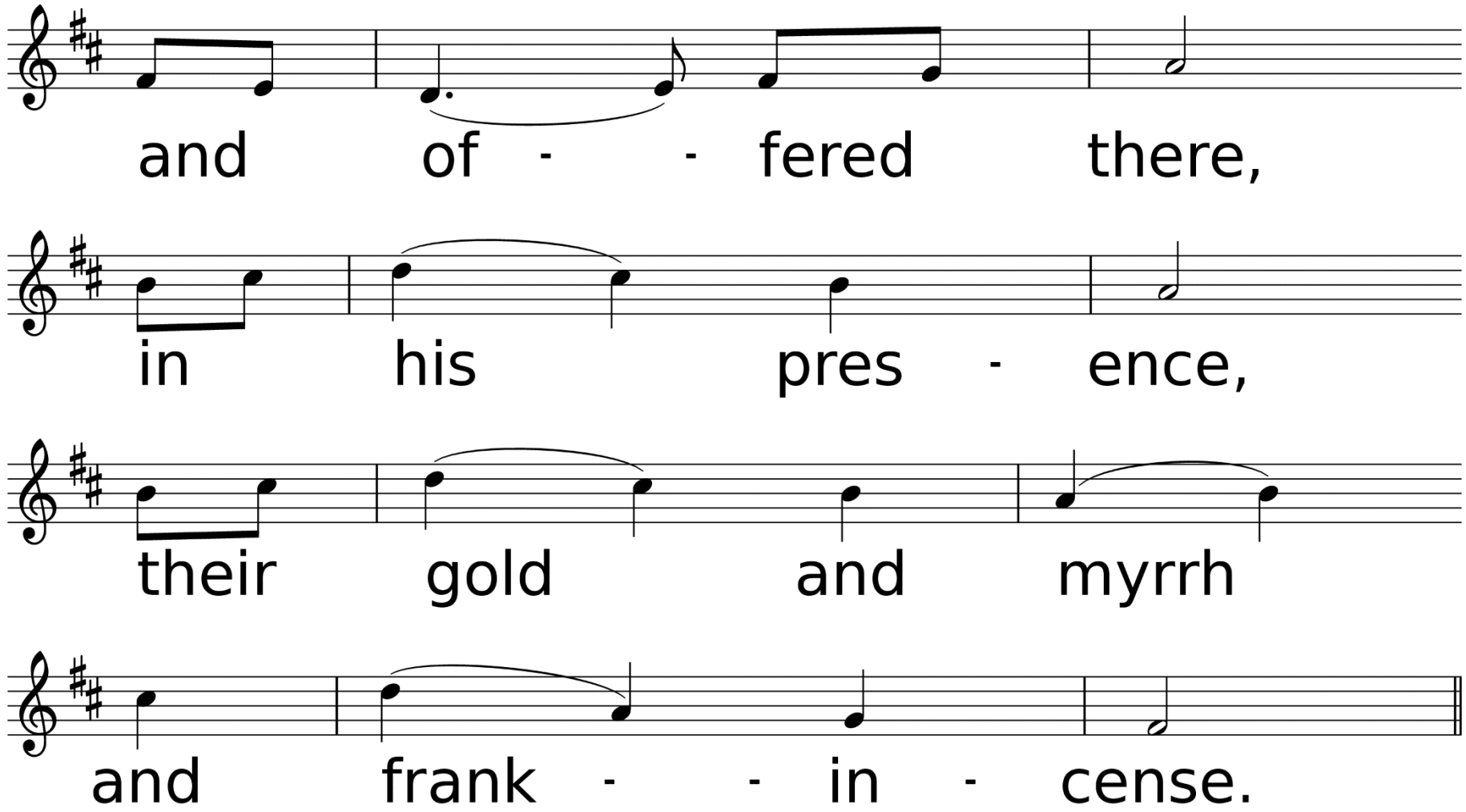
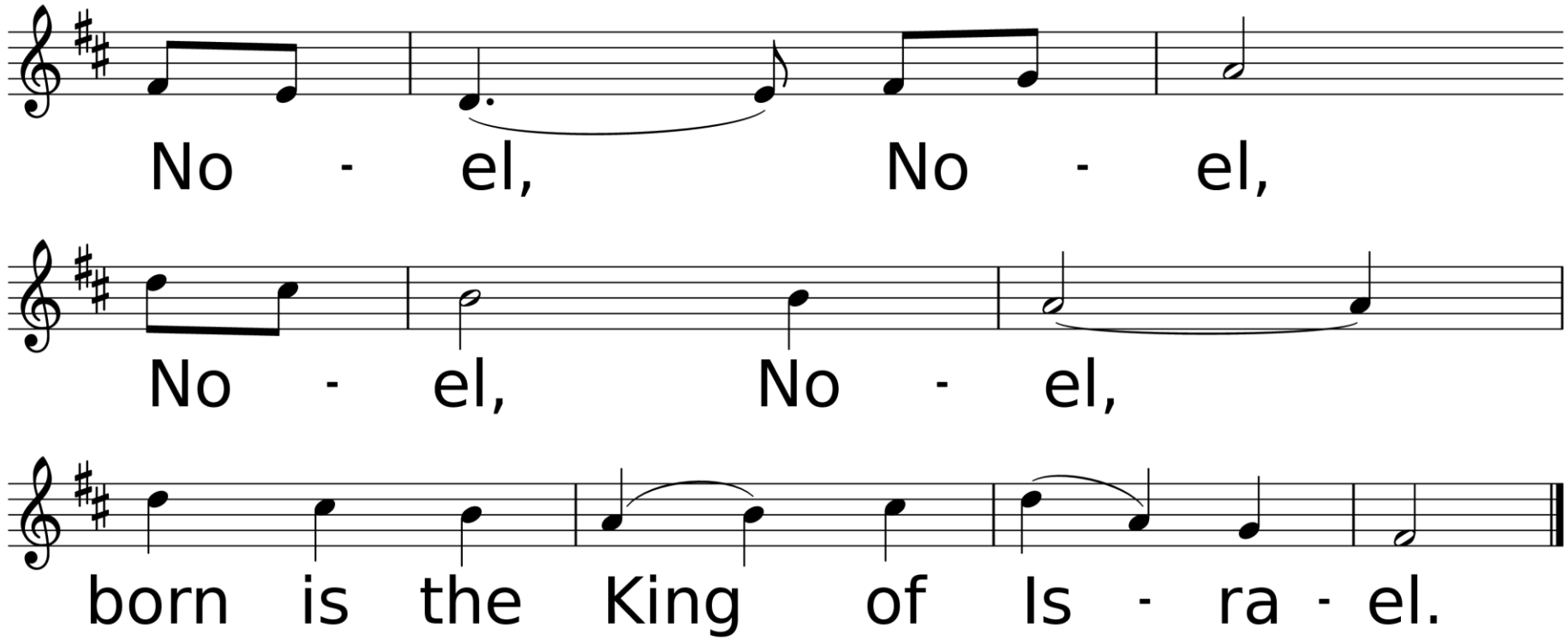

5. Then en - - tered in
those Wise Men three,
full rev - - erent - ly
up - on the knee,


and of - - fered there,
in his pres - ence,
their gold and myrrh
and frank - - in - cense.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*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

Marty Smith
Dana Morrow
Nolan Stringfellow
(M. Bailey)
Jimmy Hooks
Keith Woodard
(M. Allen)
Patricia Launey
(M. Launey)
Larry Jones
The Redlich Family
(M. Brister)
Anna Wiggins
Mary Ann Greer
(S. Chavez)

Johnny Cunningham
(G. Bailey)
John Nelson
Erik Wiley
(S. Jones)
Gervis Bailey
(K. Bailey)
John Raimer
(L. Waughtal)
Brenda Cantrell
(S. Slover)
Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)
Hannah Woodard
(J. Schwarze)
Kayetha Wilson

Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Neely Biggs
(M. & P. Launey)
Hurricane Recovery Efforts
All Emergency Personnel
The Military
City of DeRidder
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Our Enemies
Our Church
Those Who Have Hurt Us

Sung Response
Seek Ye First

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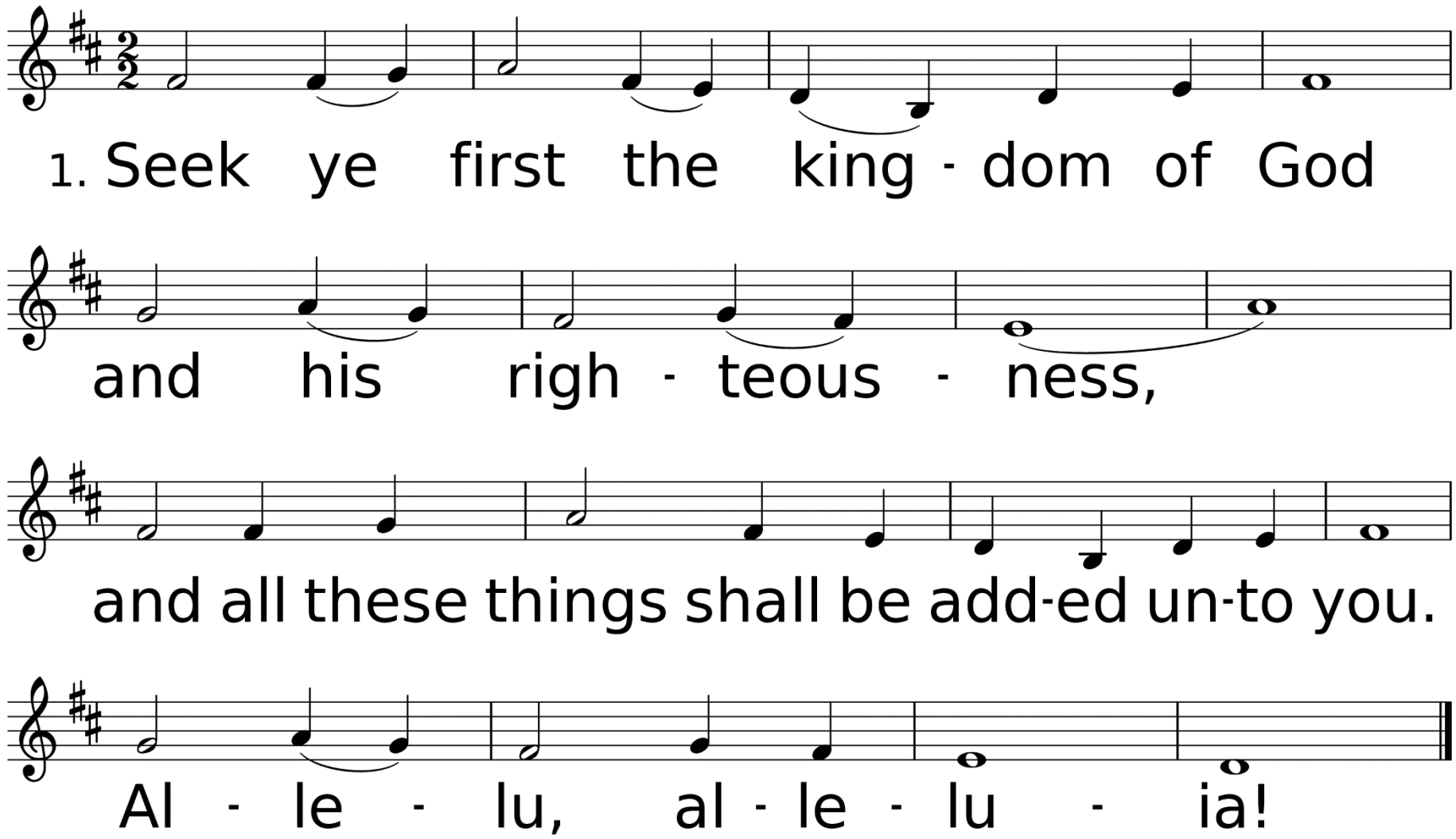

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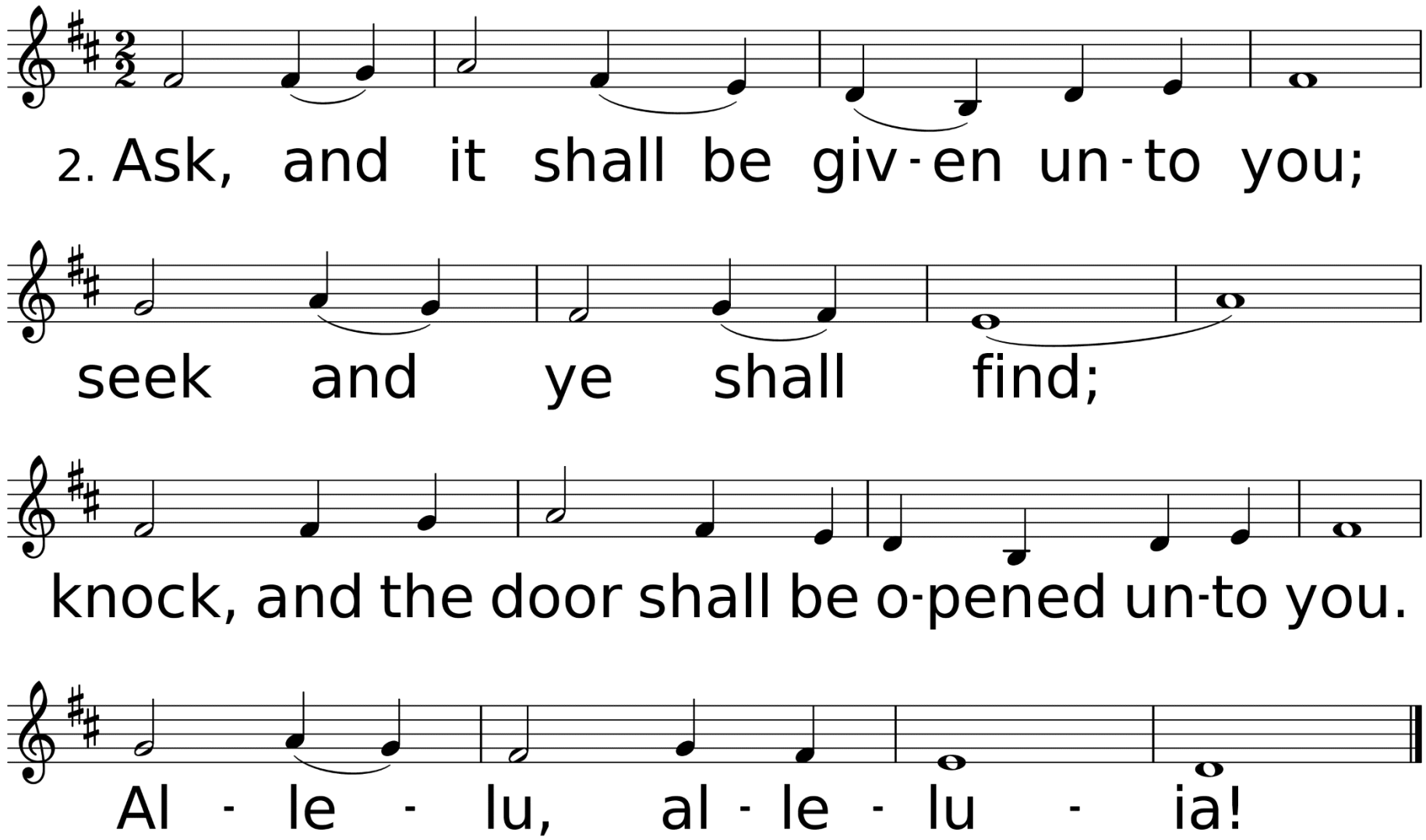
2. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you.
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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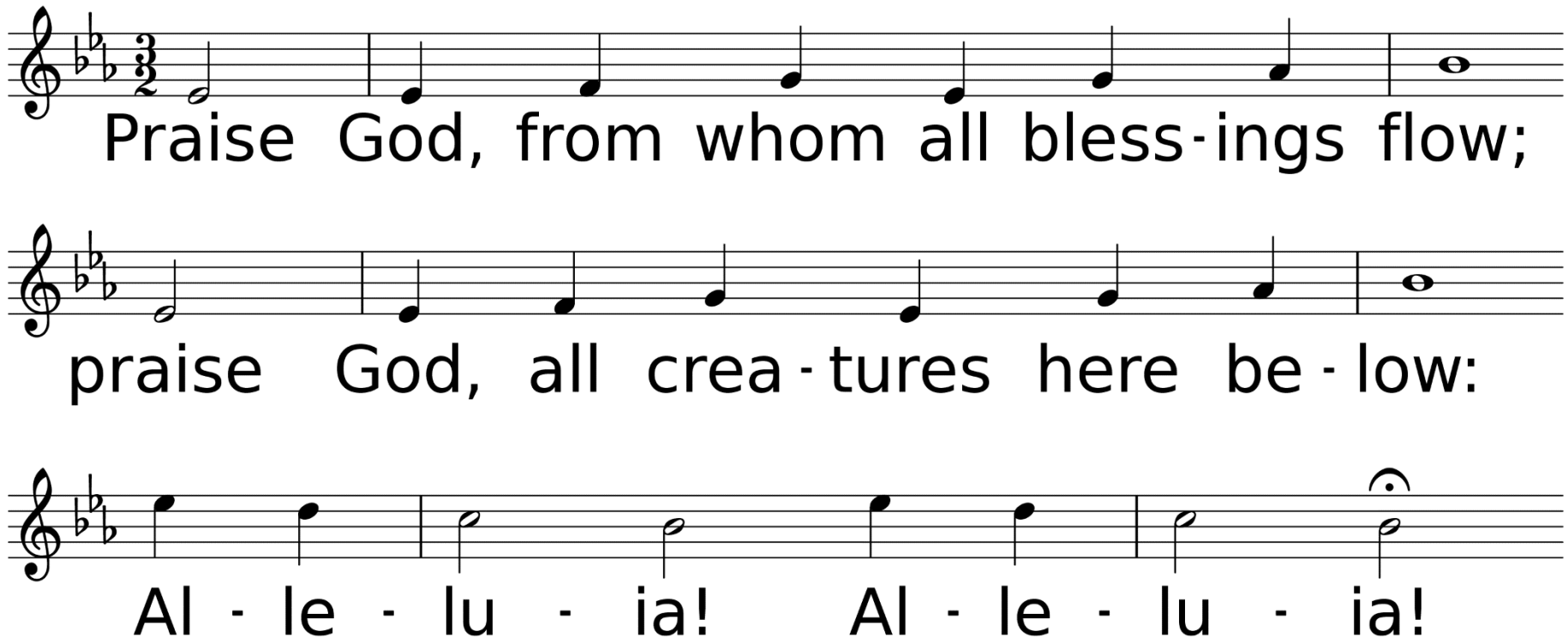

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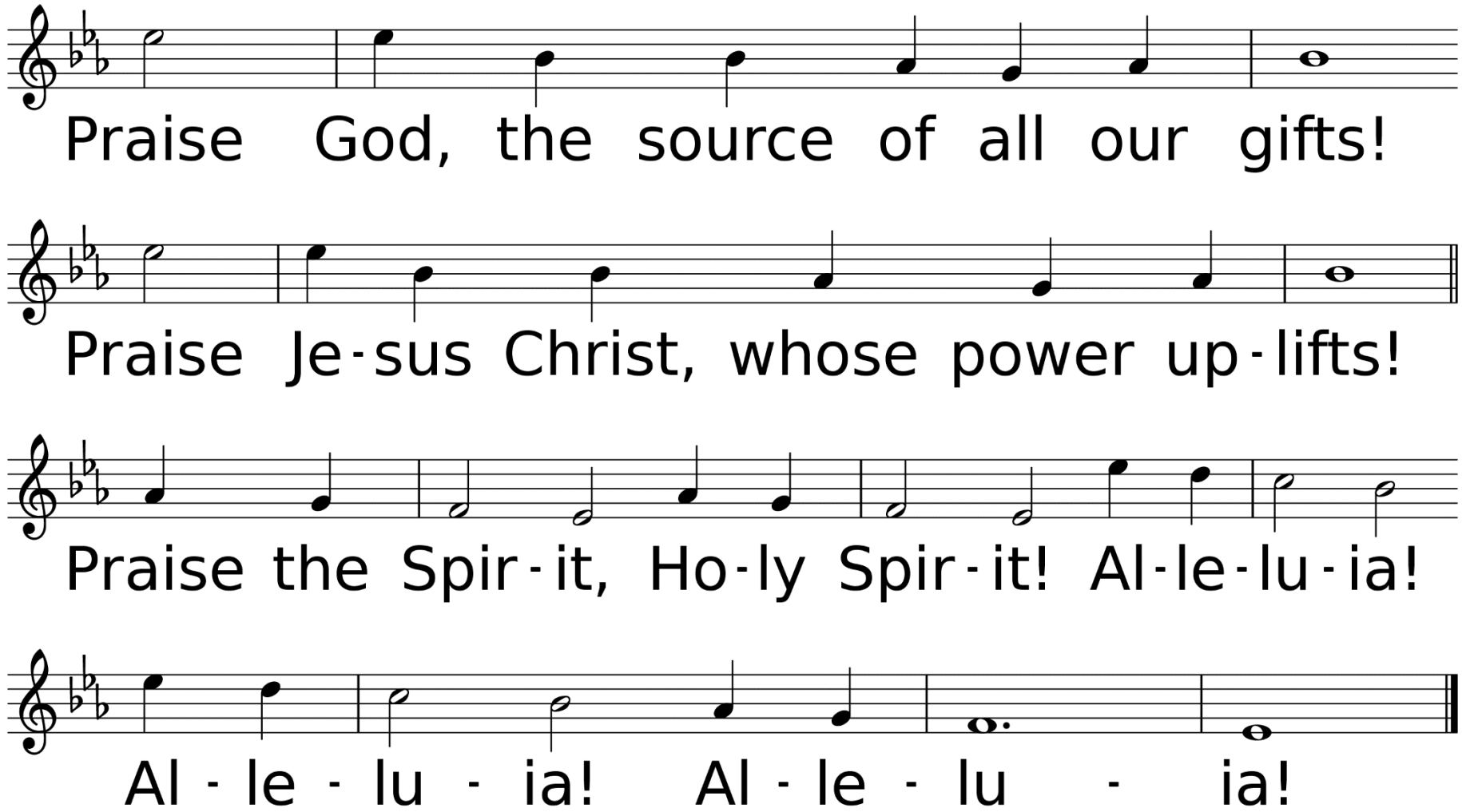
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of Faith

We Three Kings

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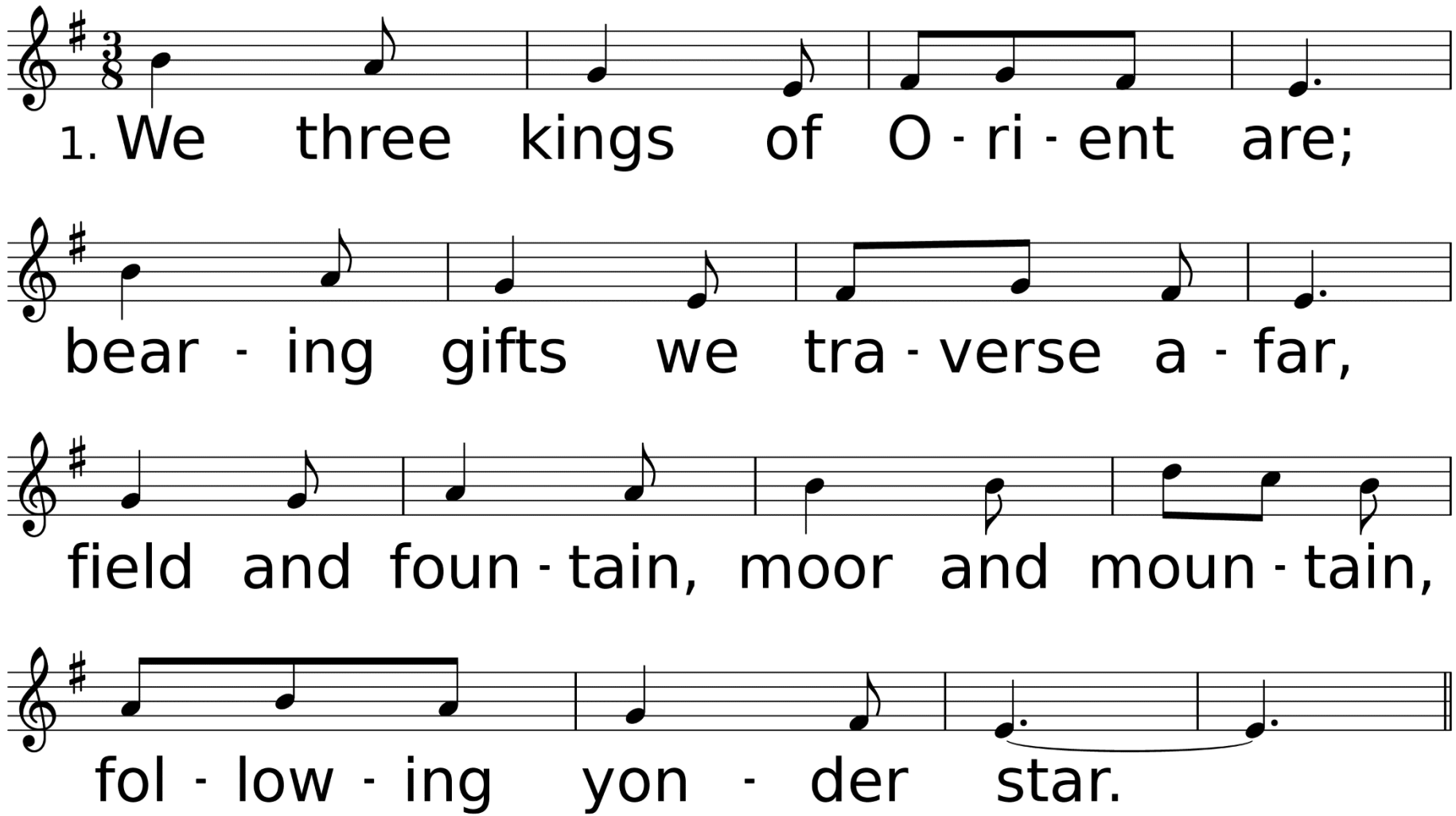

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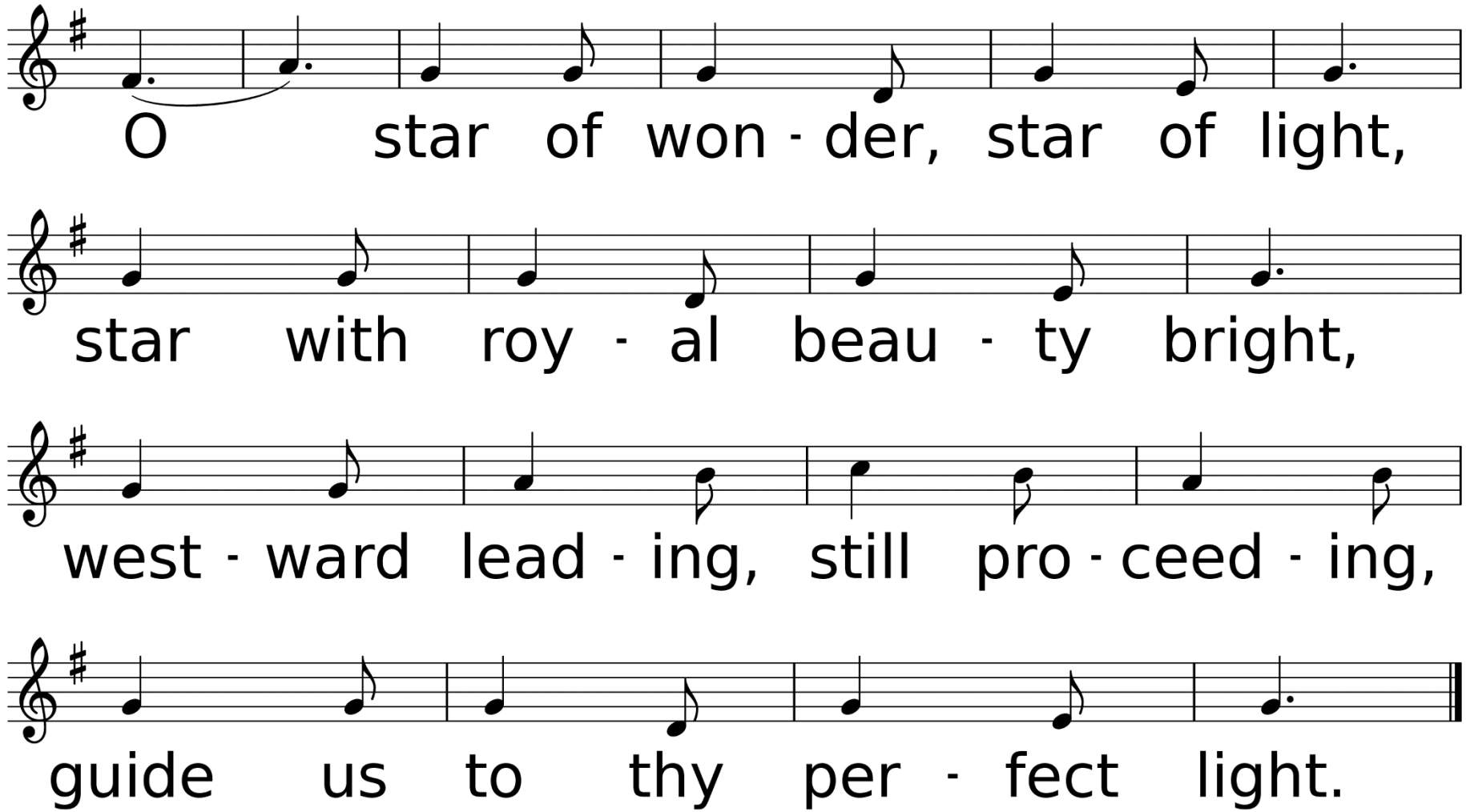
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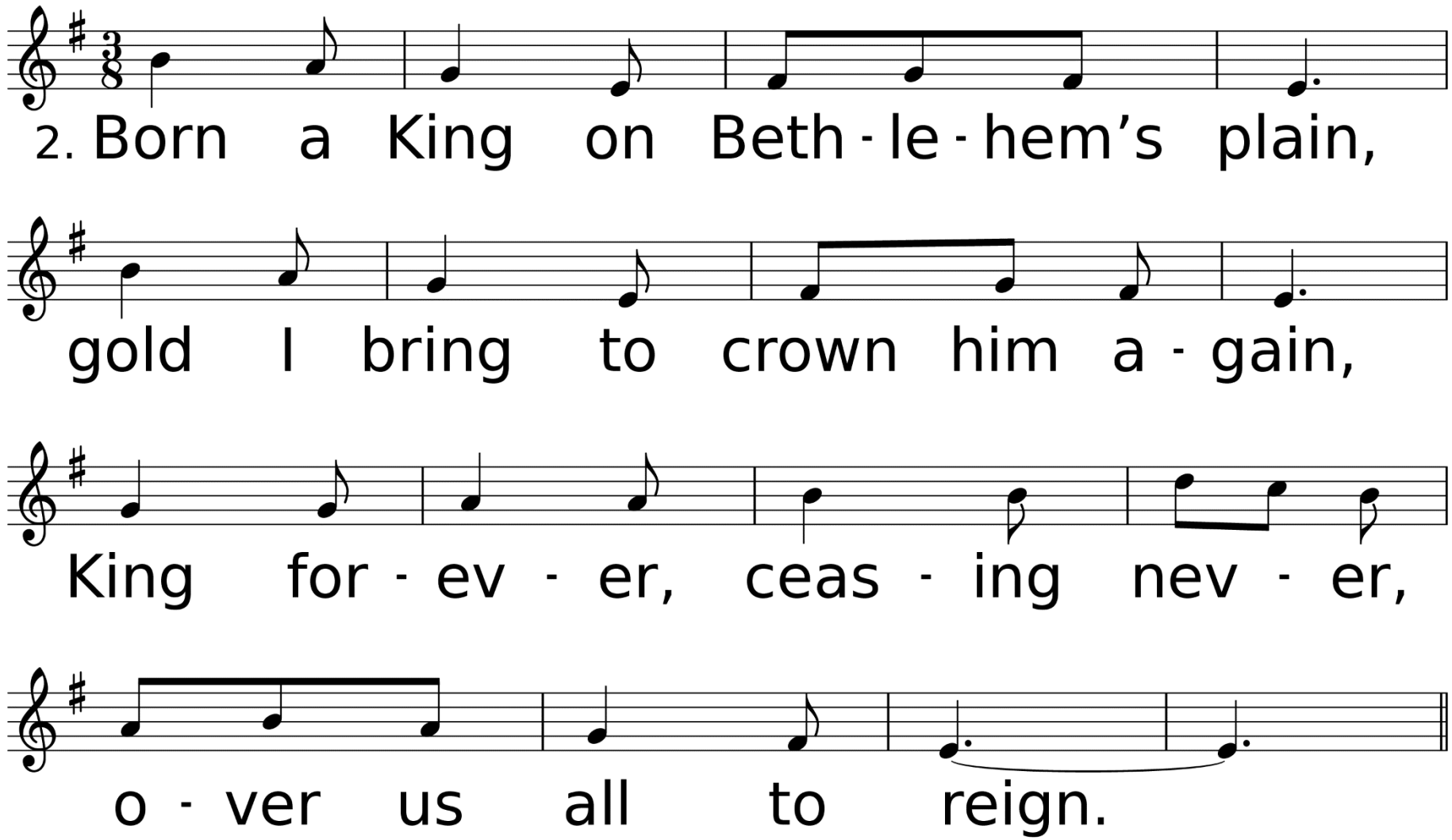
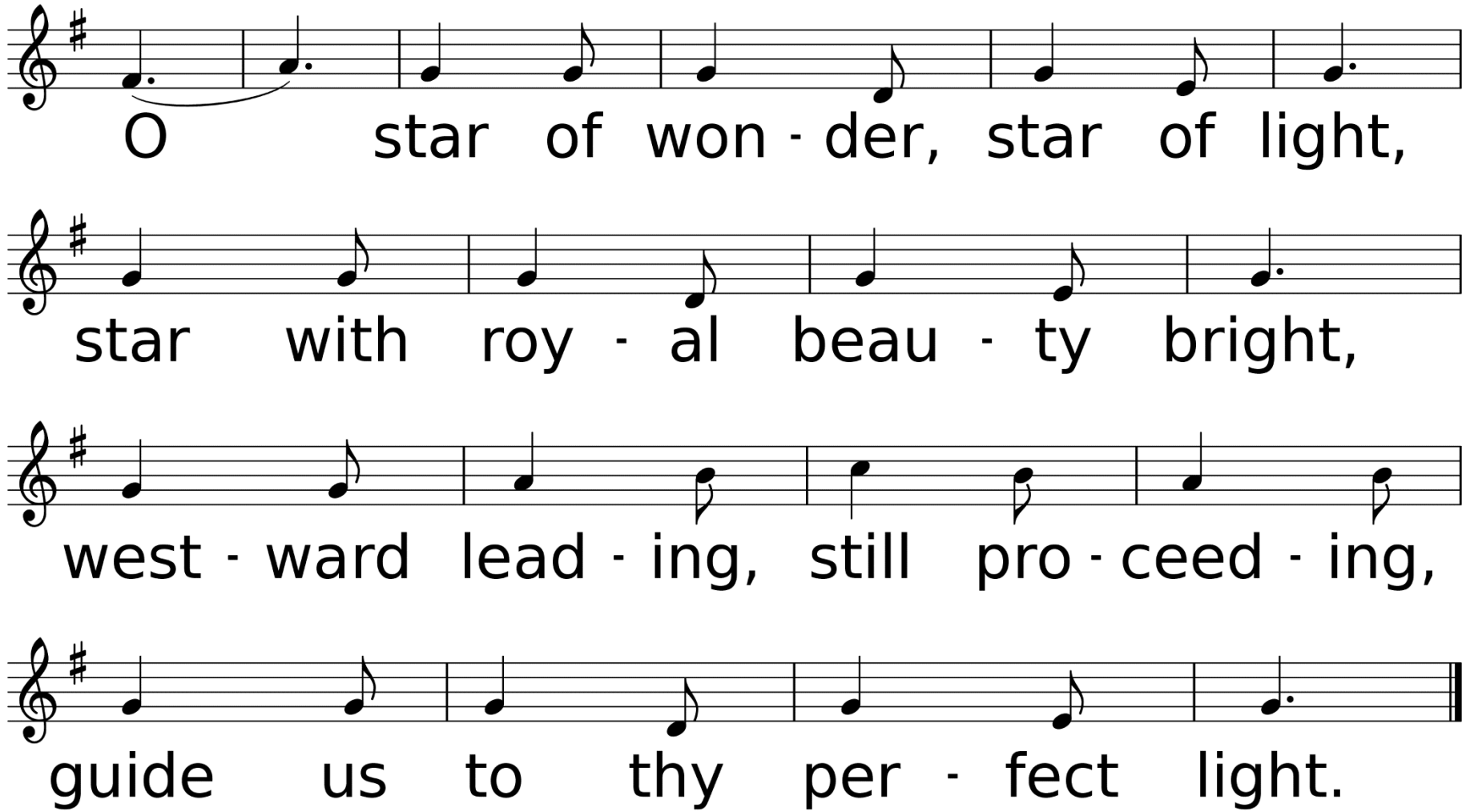
star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing,
guide us to thy per - fect light.


2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er,
o - ver us all to reign.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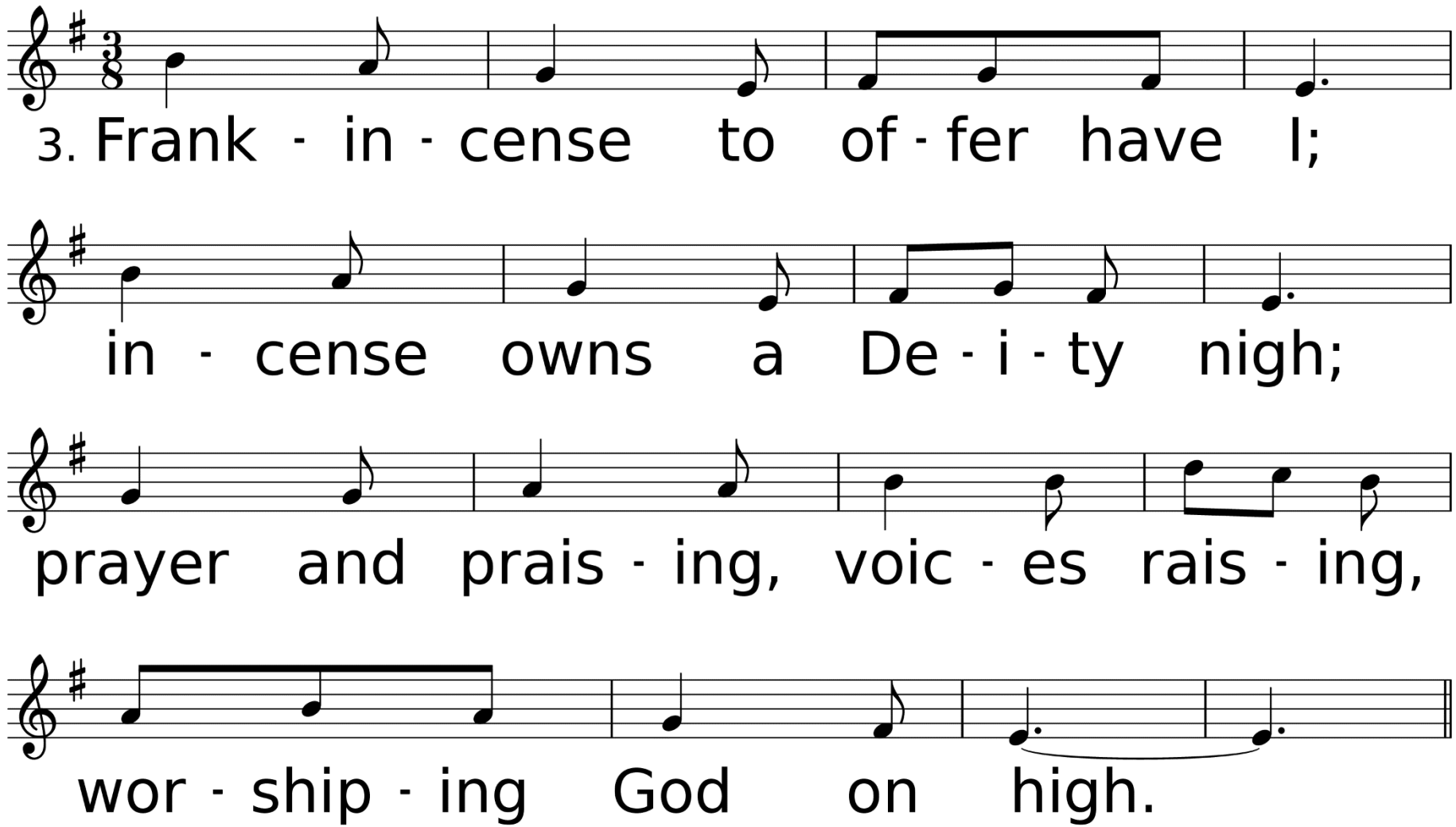
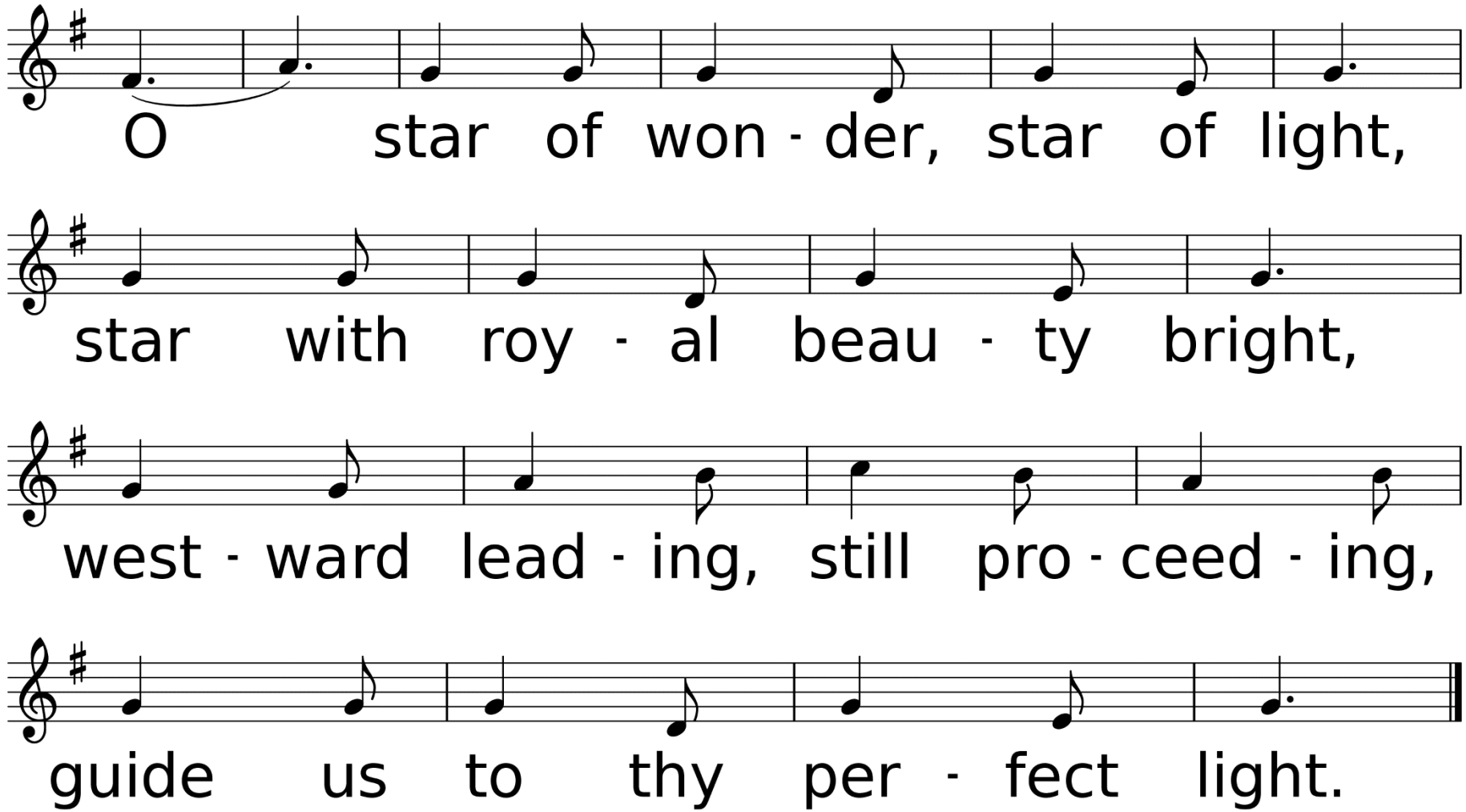

3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I;
in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing,
wor - ship - ing God on high.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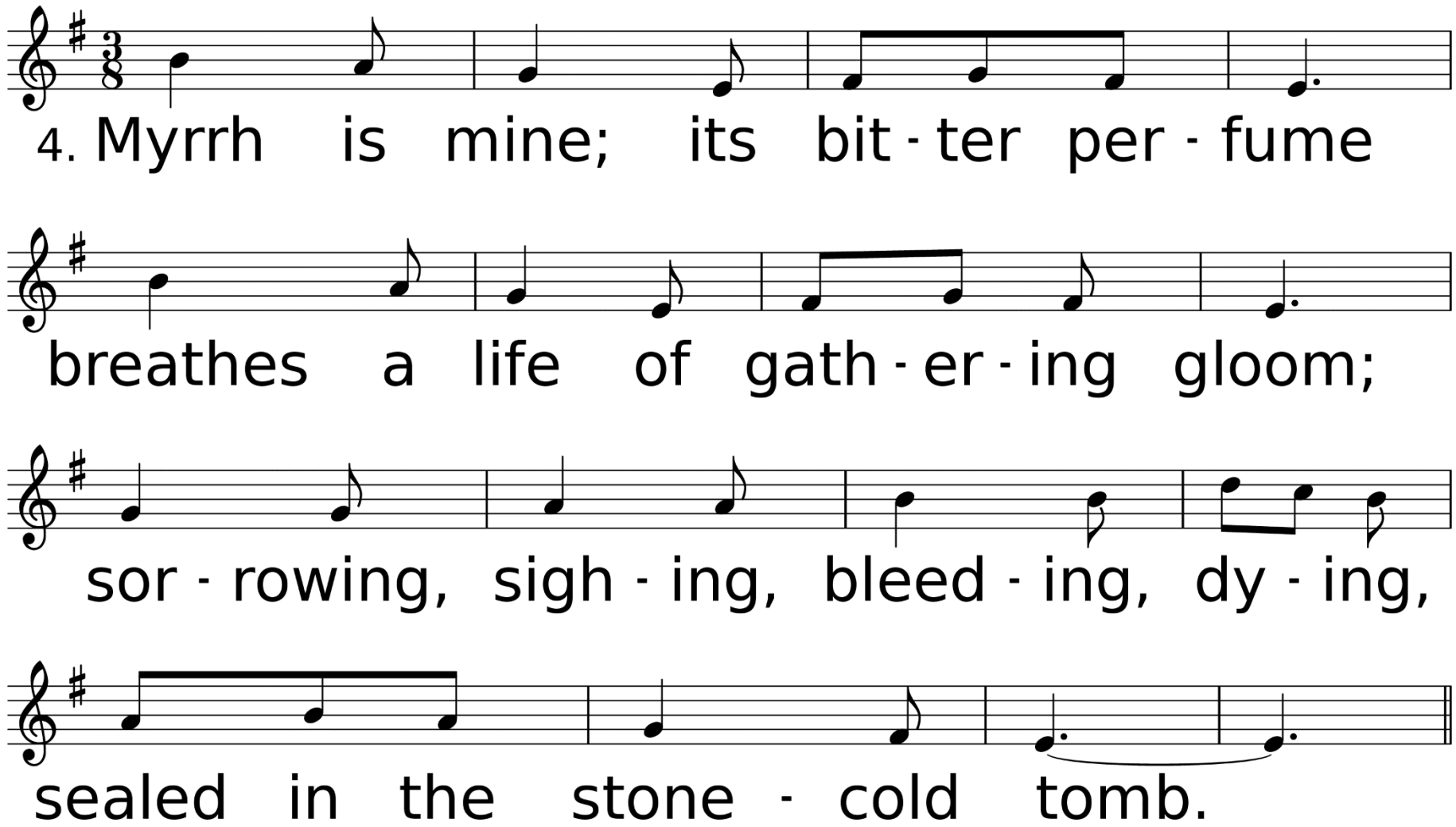
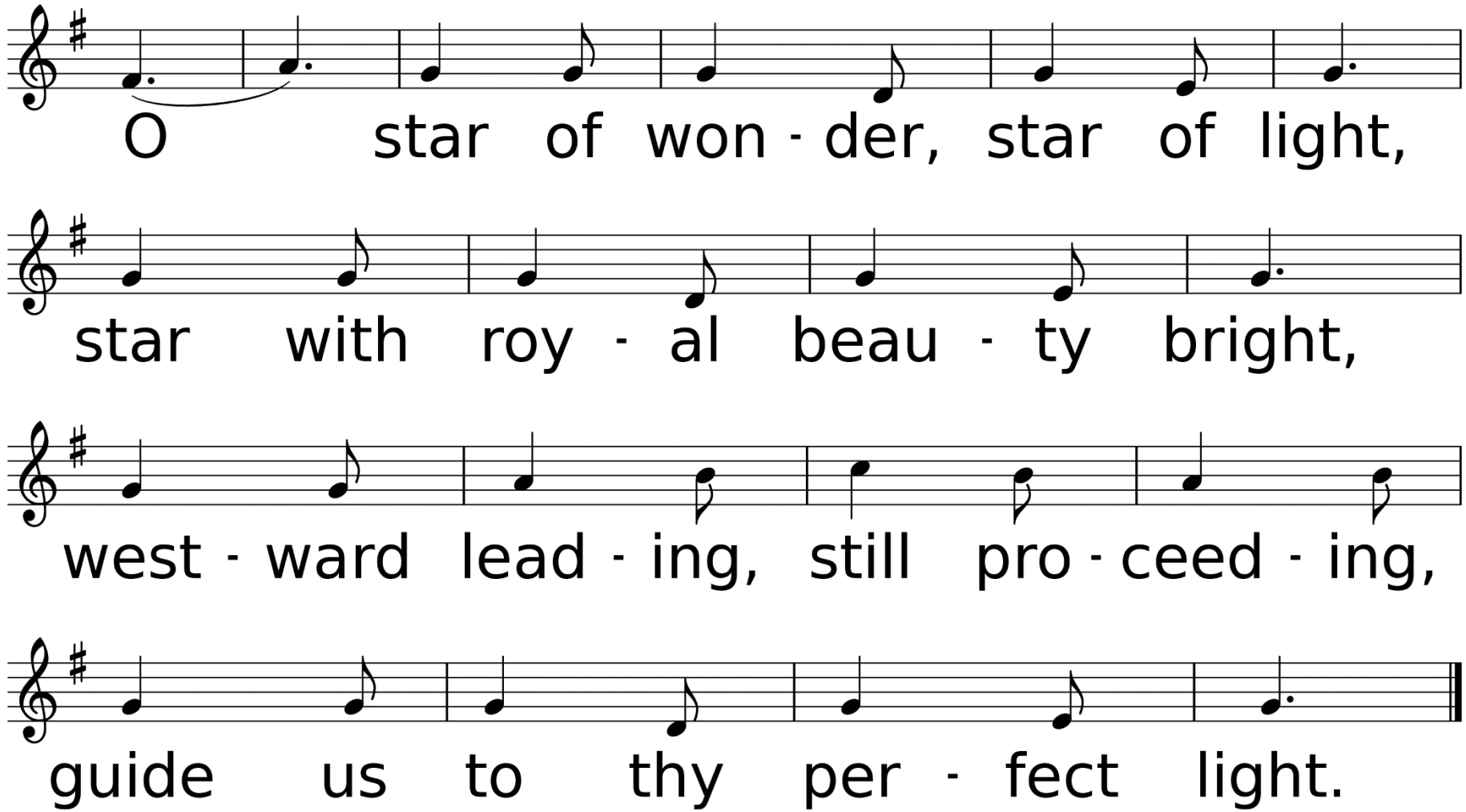

4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume
breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
sealed in the stone - cold tomb.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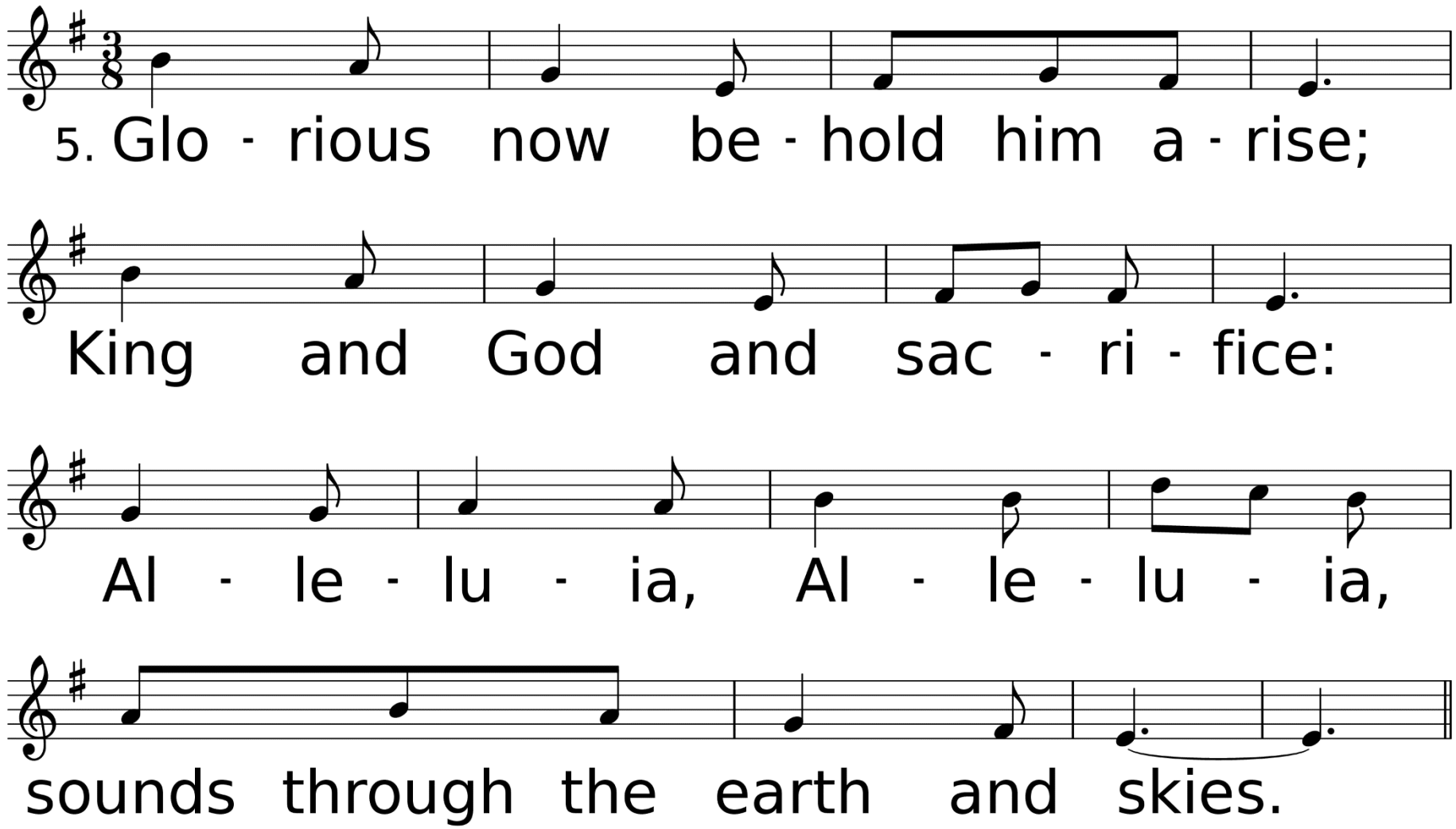
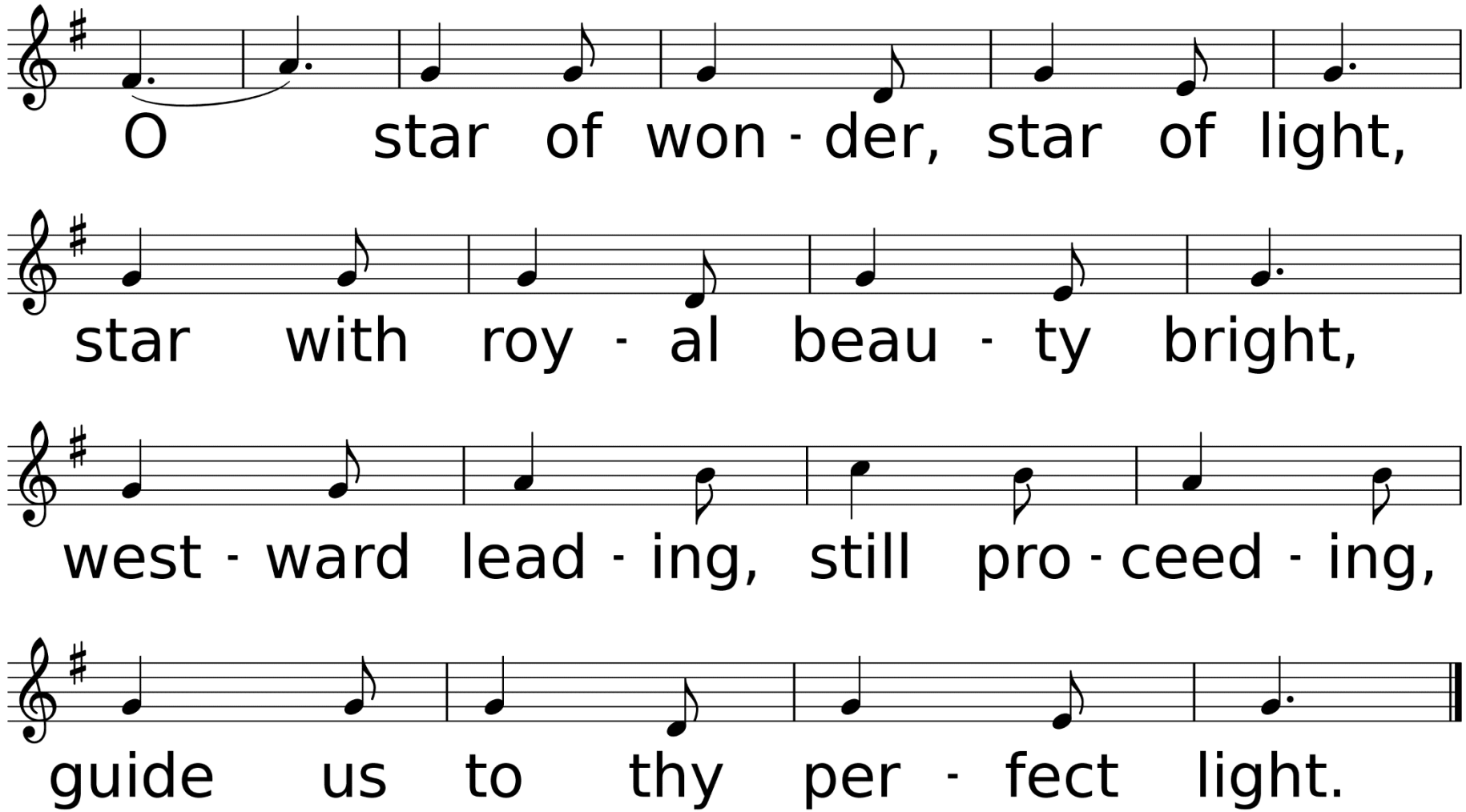

5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise;
King and God and sac - ri - fice:
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
sounds through the earth and skies.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Scripture Reading
Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

"Be Careful Who You Ask Directions From!" Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Baby, What You Goin' To Be

Natalie Sleeth

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Congregation: Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements

*Hymn of Invitation

Only Trust Him

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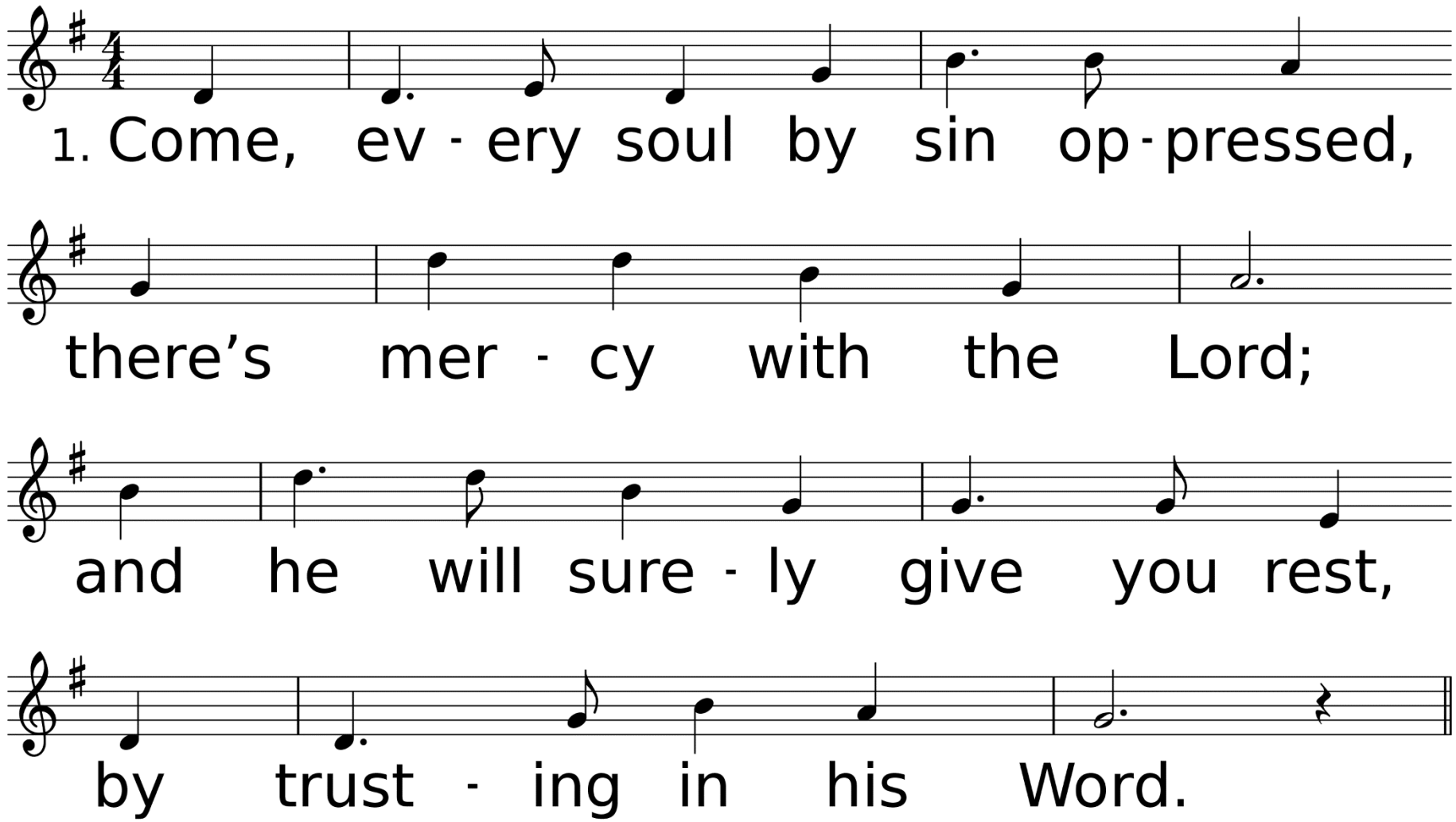

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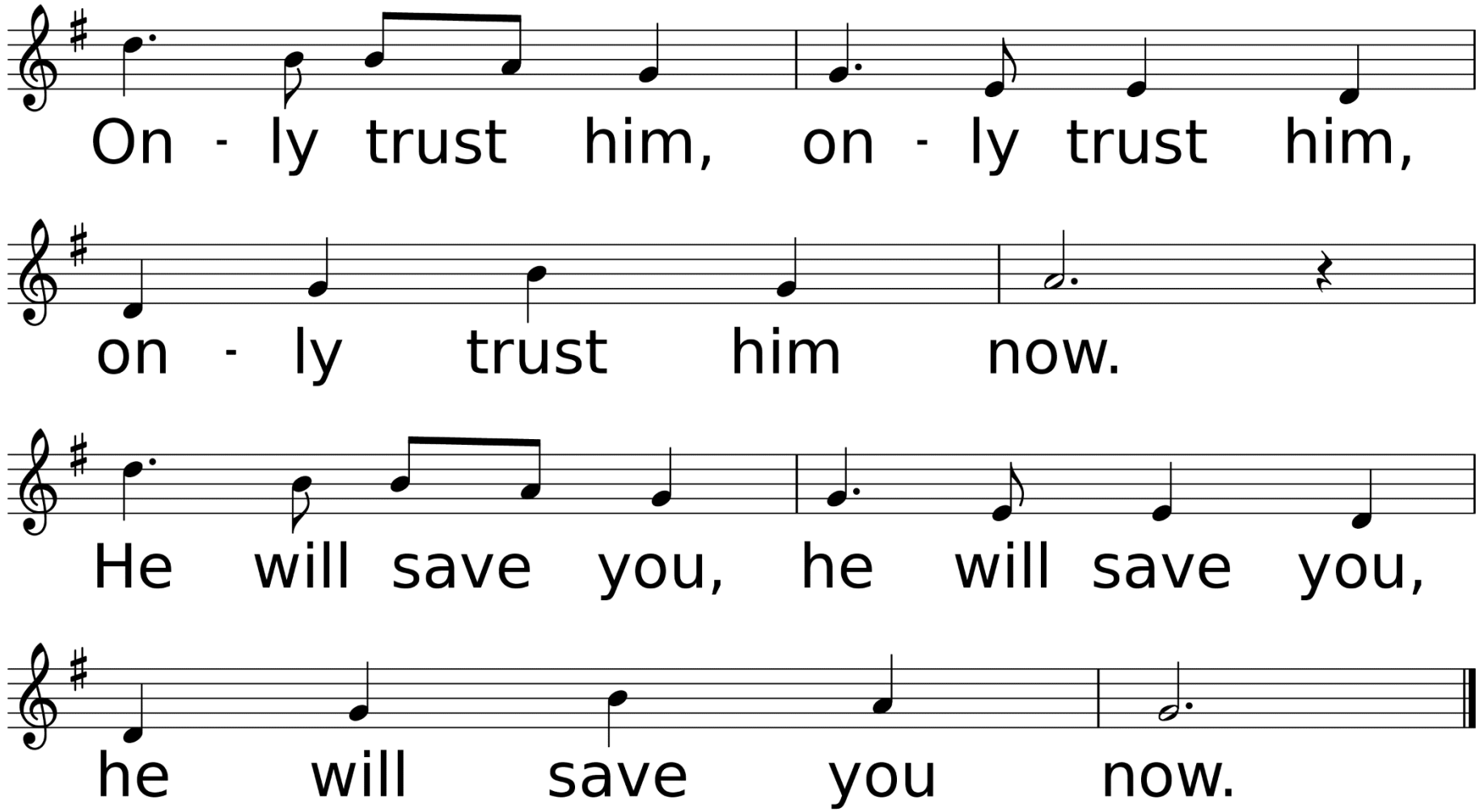
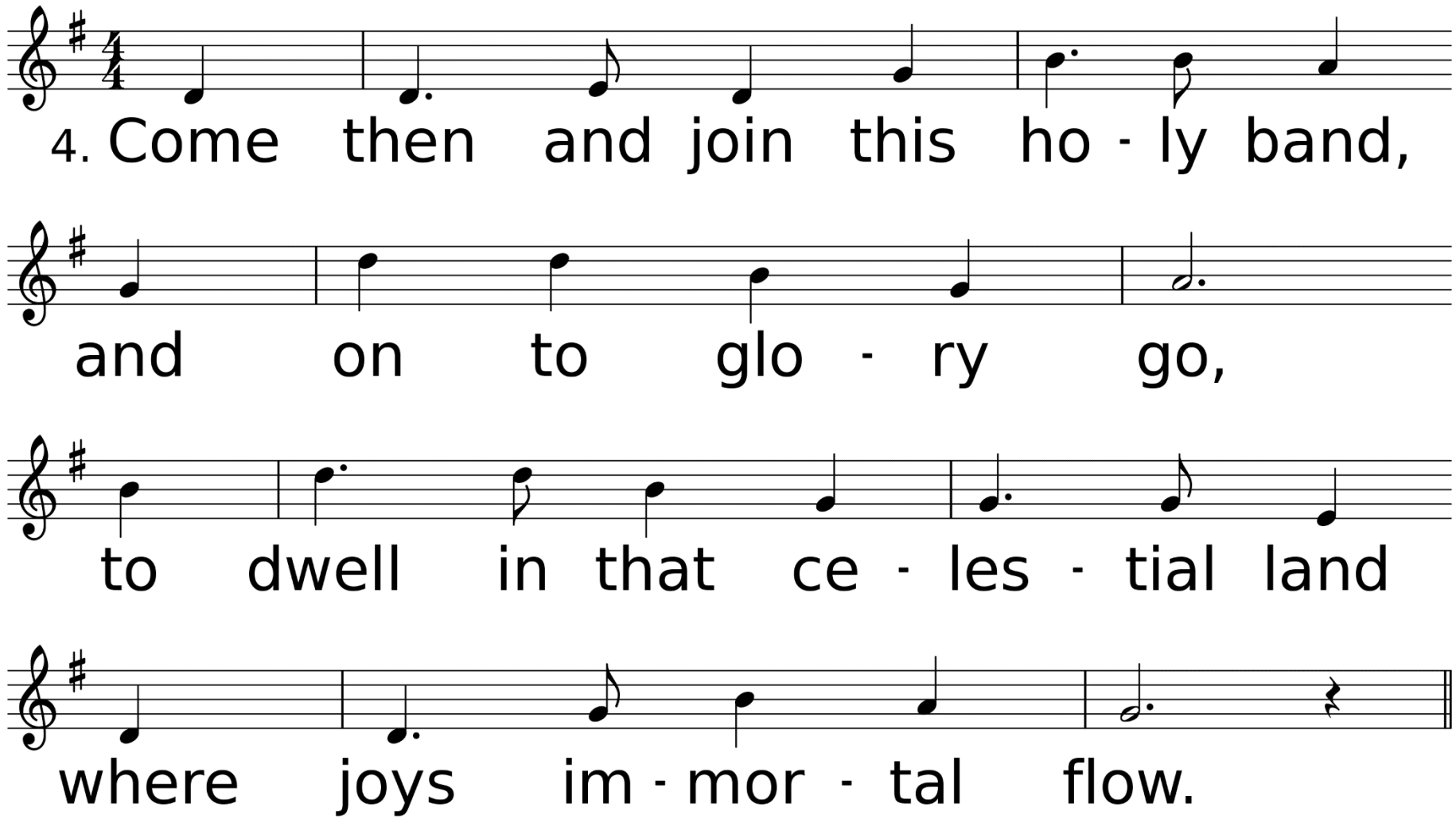
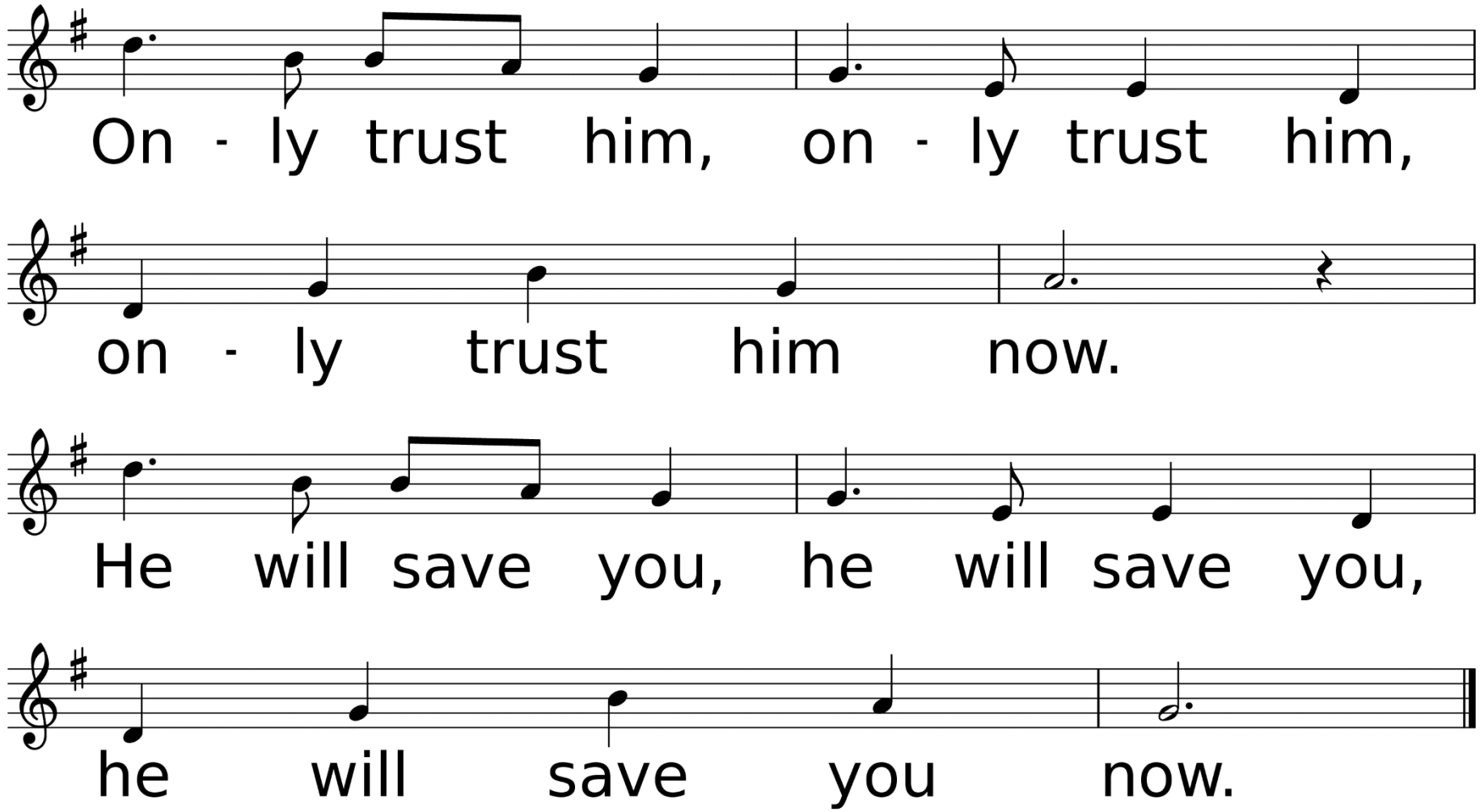

On - ly trust him, on - ly trust him,
on - ly trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you,
he will save you now.


4. Come then and join this ho - ly band,
and on to glo - ry go,
to dwell in that ce - les - tial land
where joys im - mor - tal flow.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Benediction

*Sending Forth

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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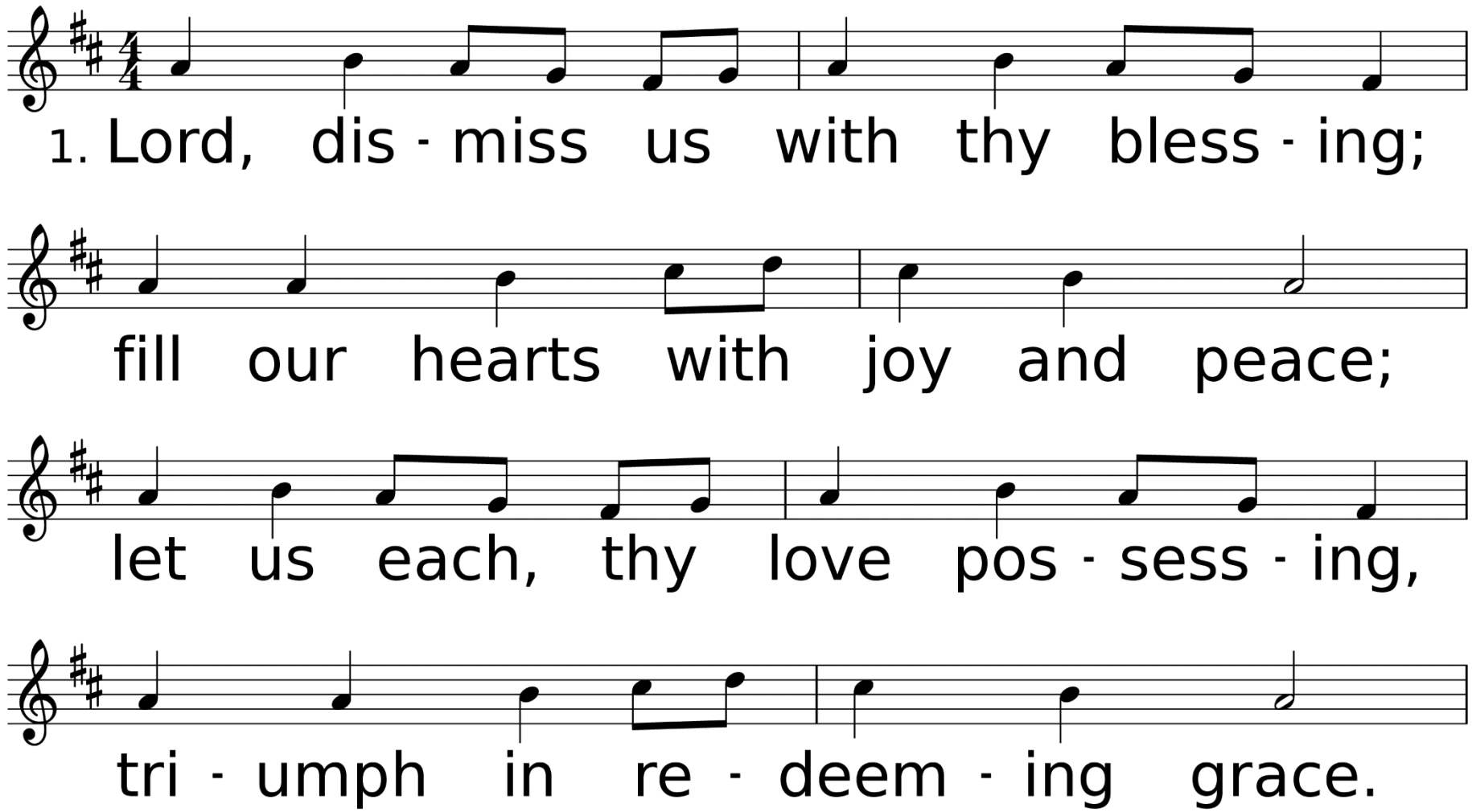
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing *United Methodist Hymnal* #671



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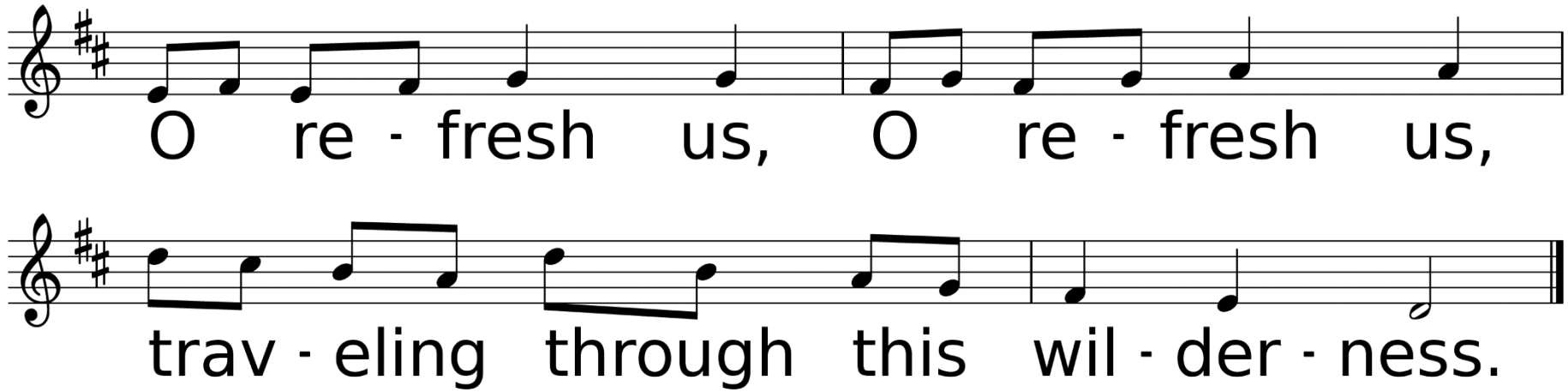
O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us,
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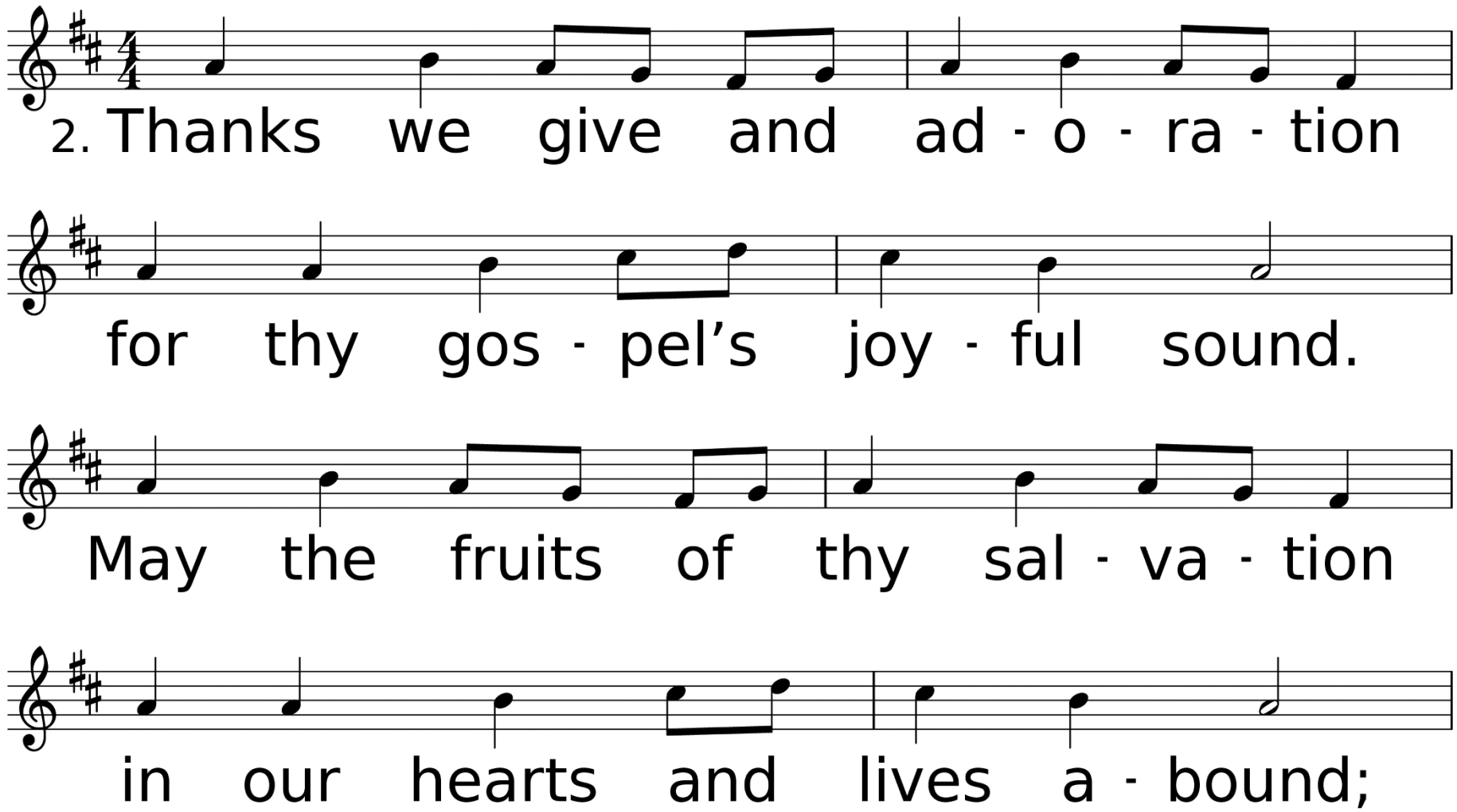
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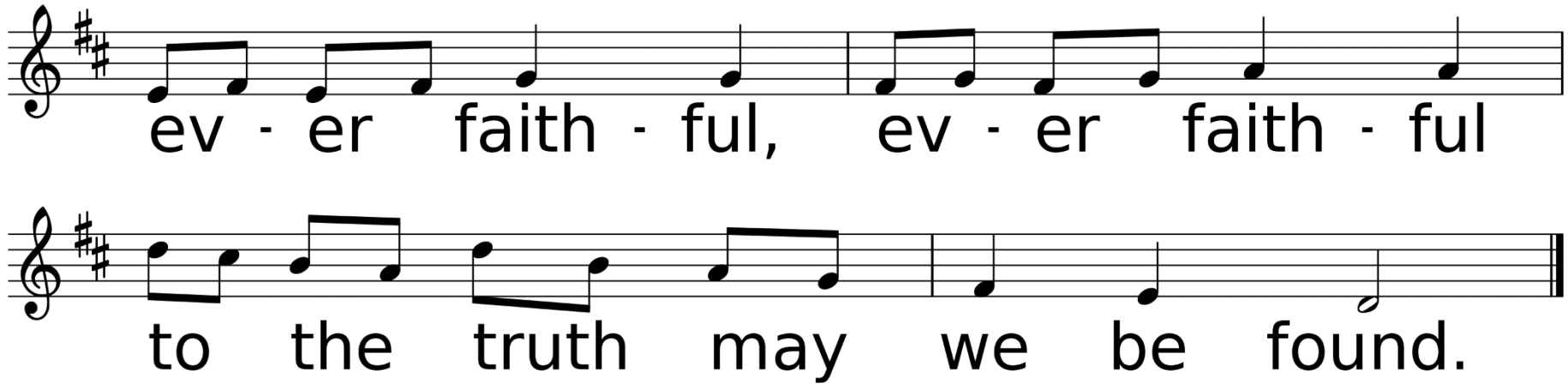
for thy gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
May the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
in our hearts and lives a - bound;


ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful
to the truth may we be found.

Have a great week!