Welcome!

March 7, 2021

10:00 AM Worship with Communion

Online & in the Sanctuary

Announcements

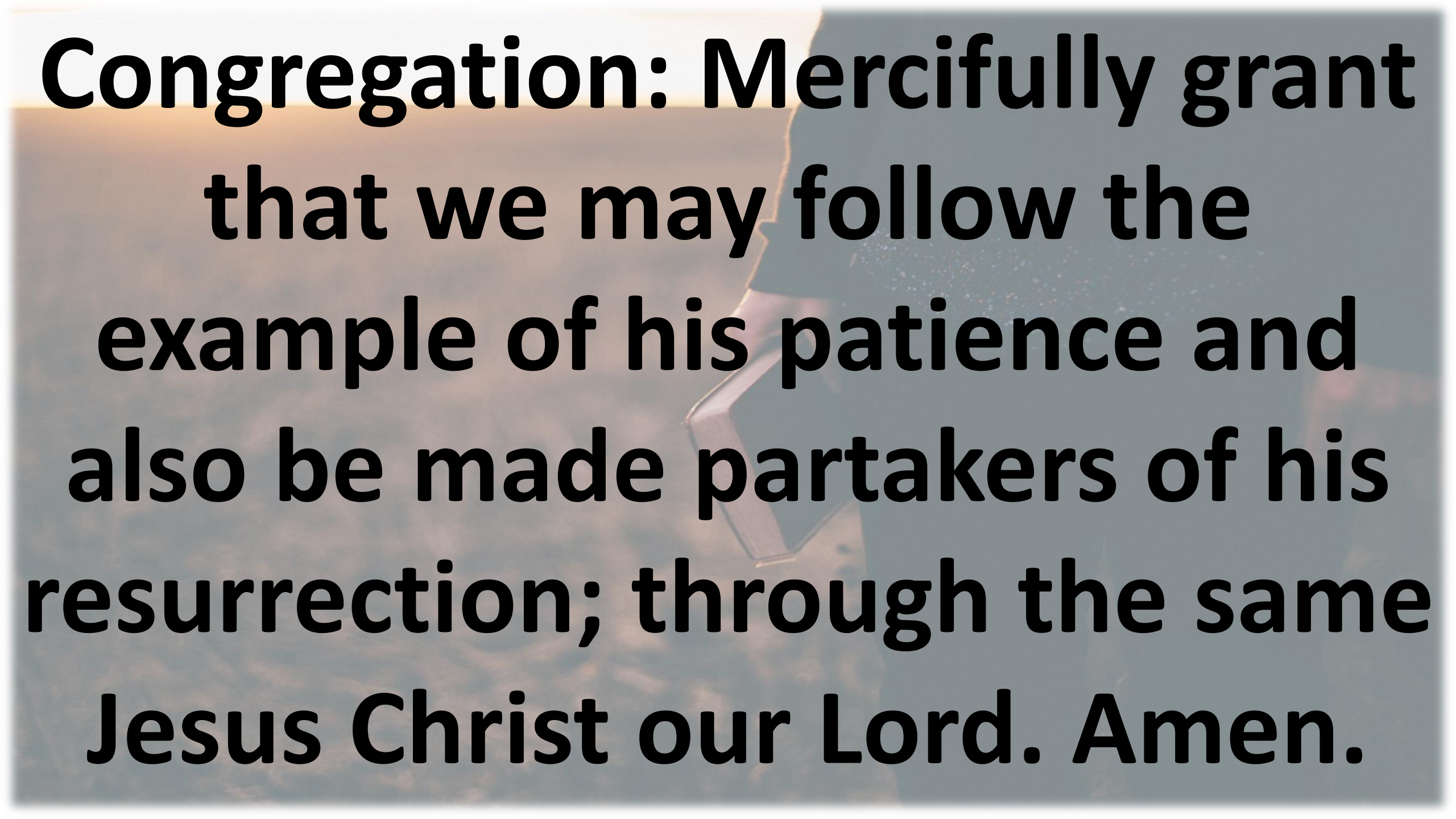
Call to Worship

O Lord, Your Tenderness

Graham Kendrick

*Call to Worship

Leader: Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility.


Congregation: Mercifully grant
that we may follow the
example of his patience and
also be made partakers of his
resurrection; through the same
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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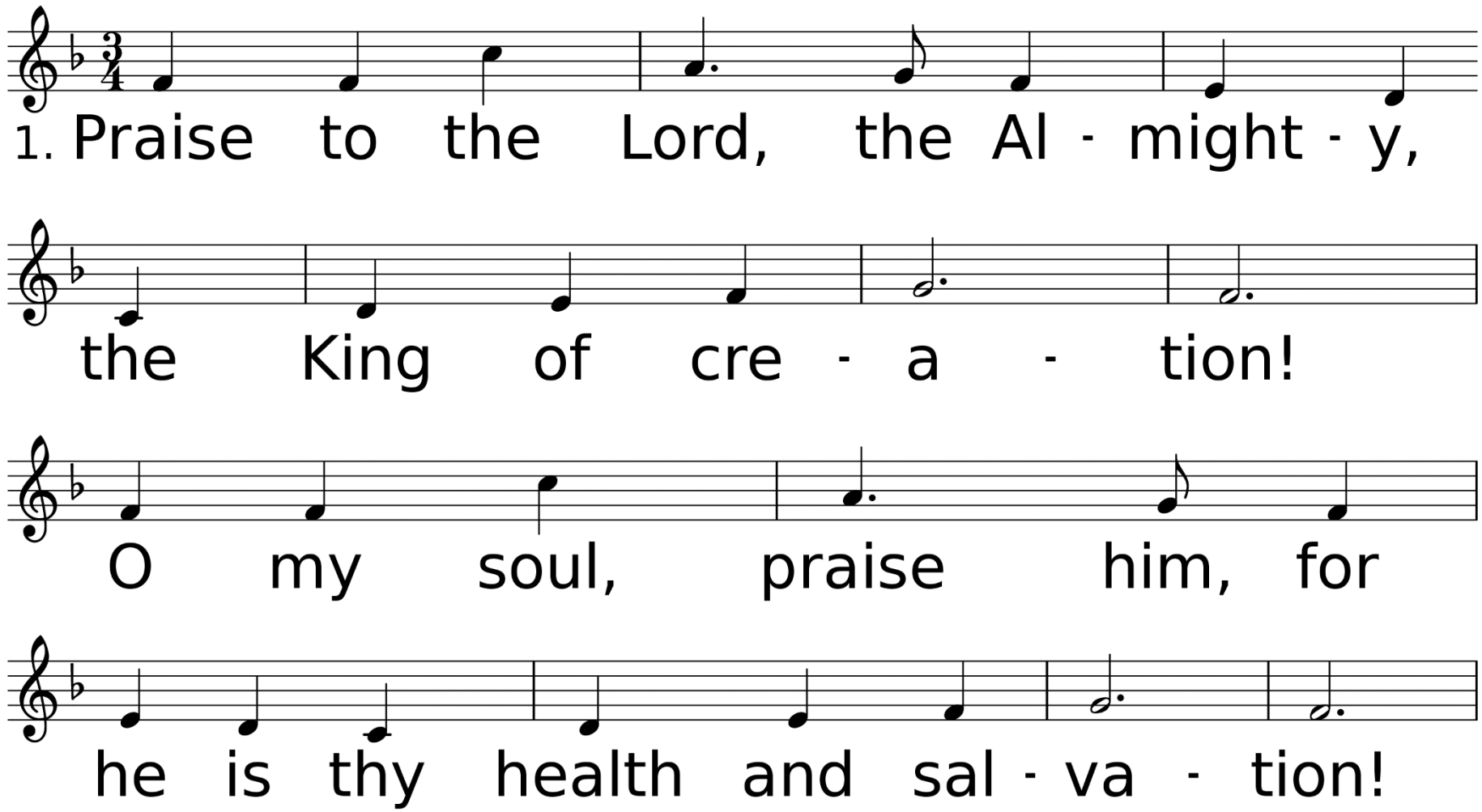

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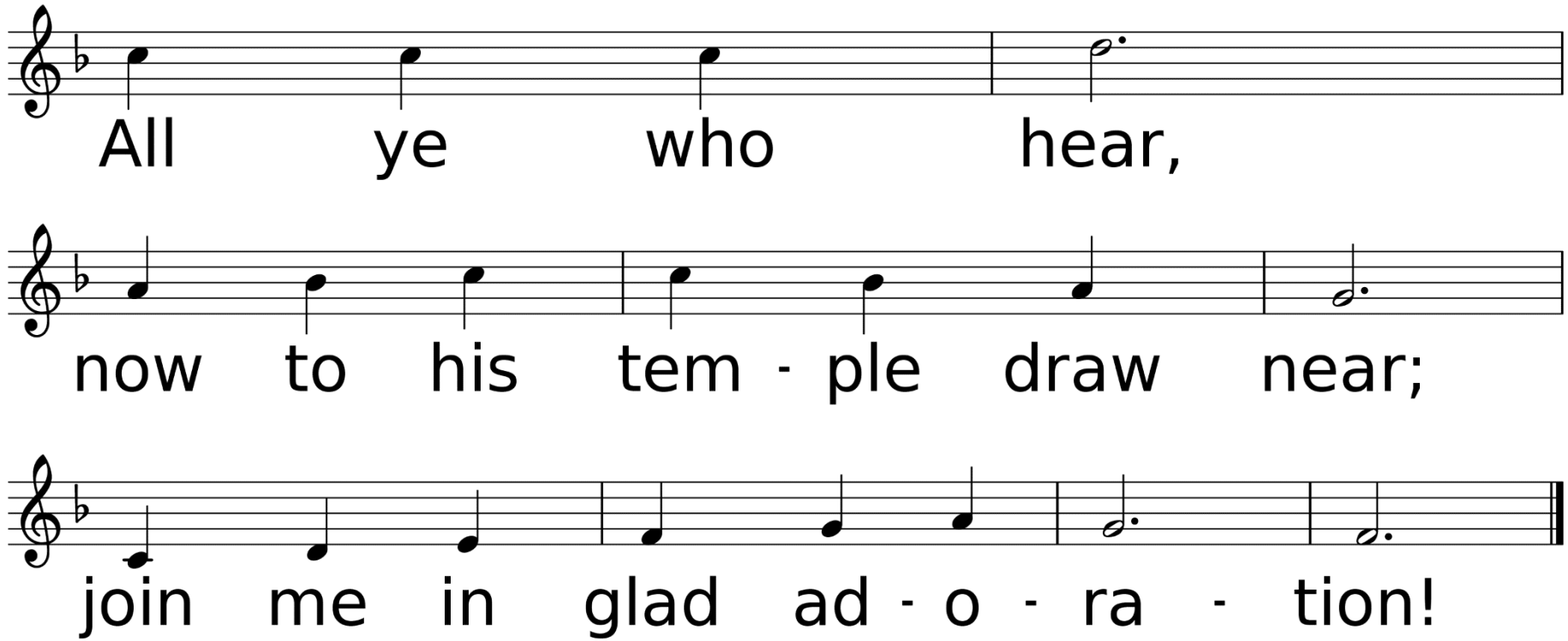
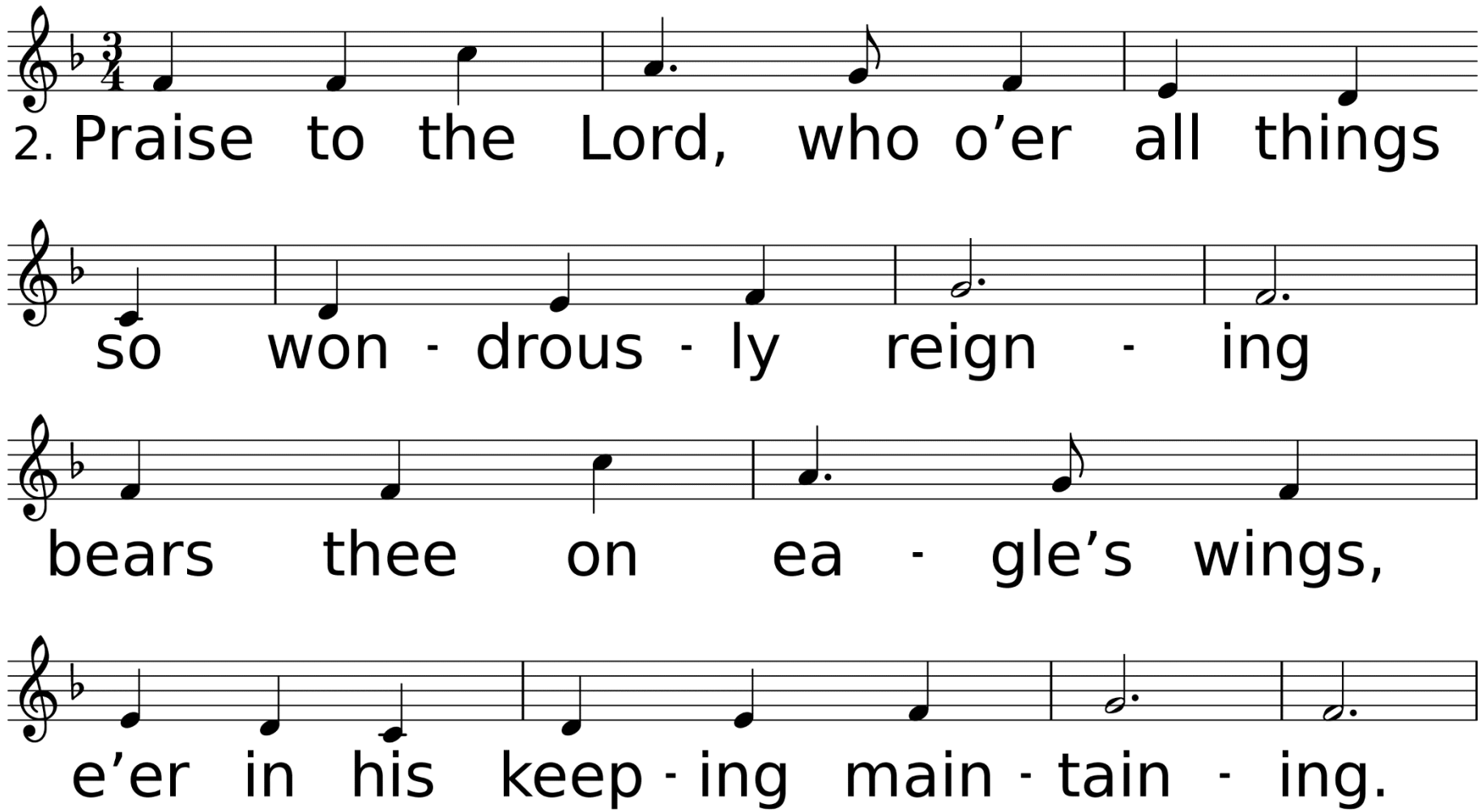
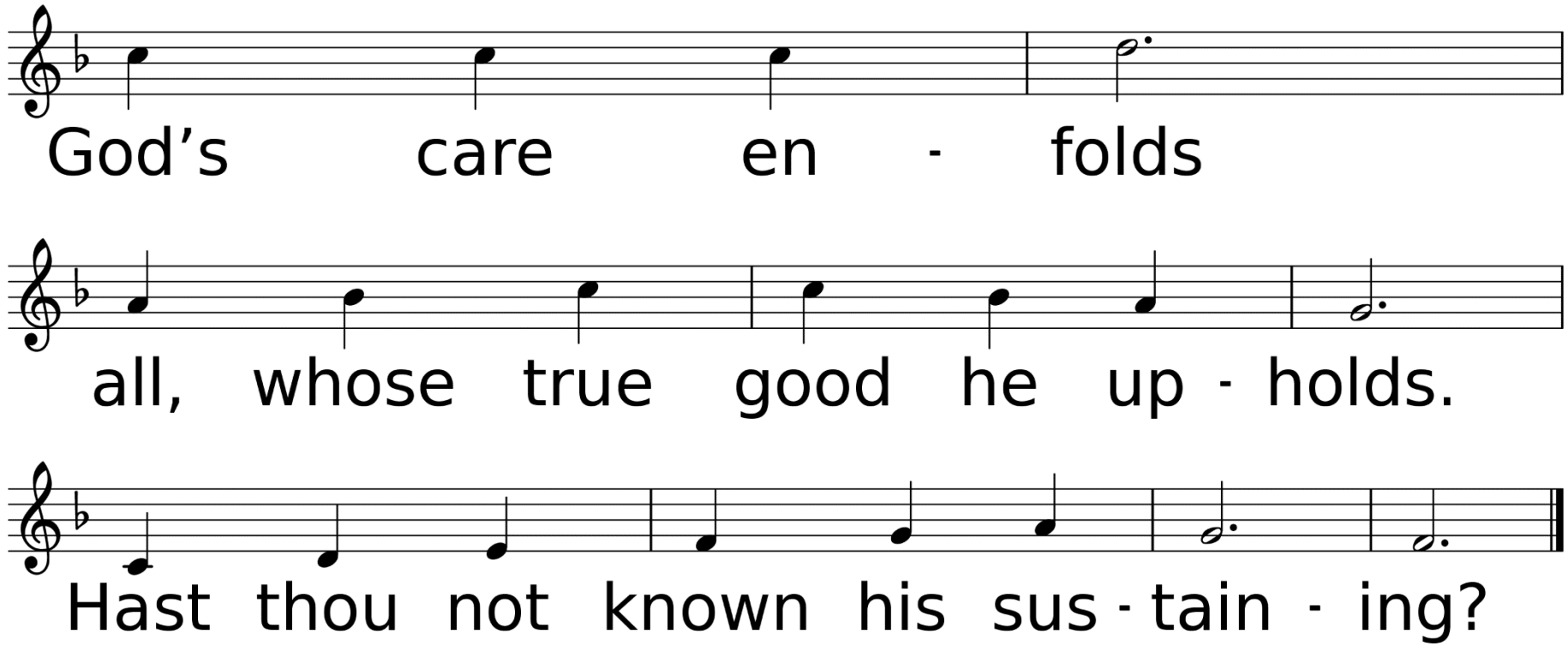
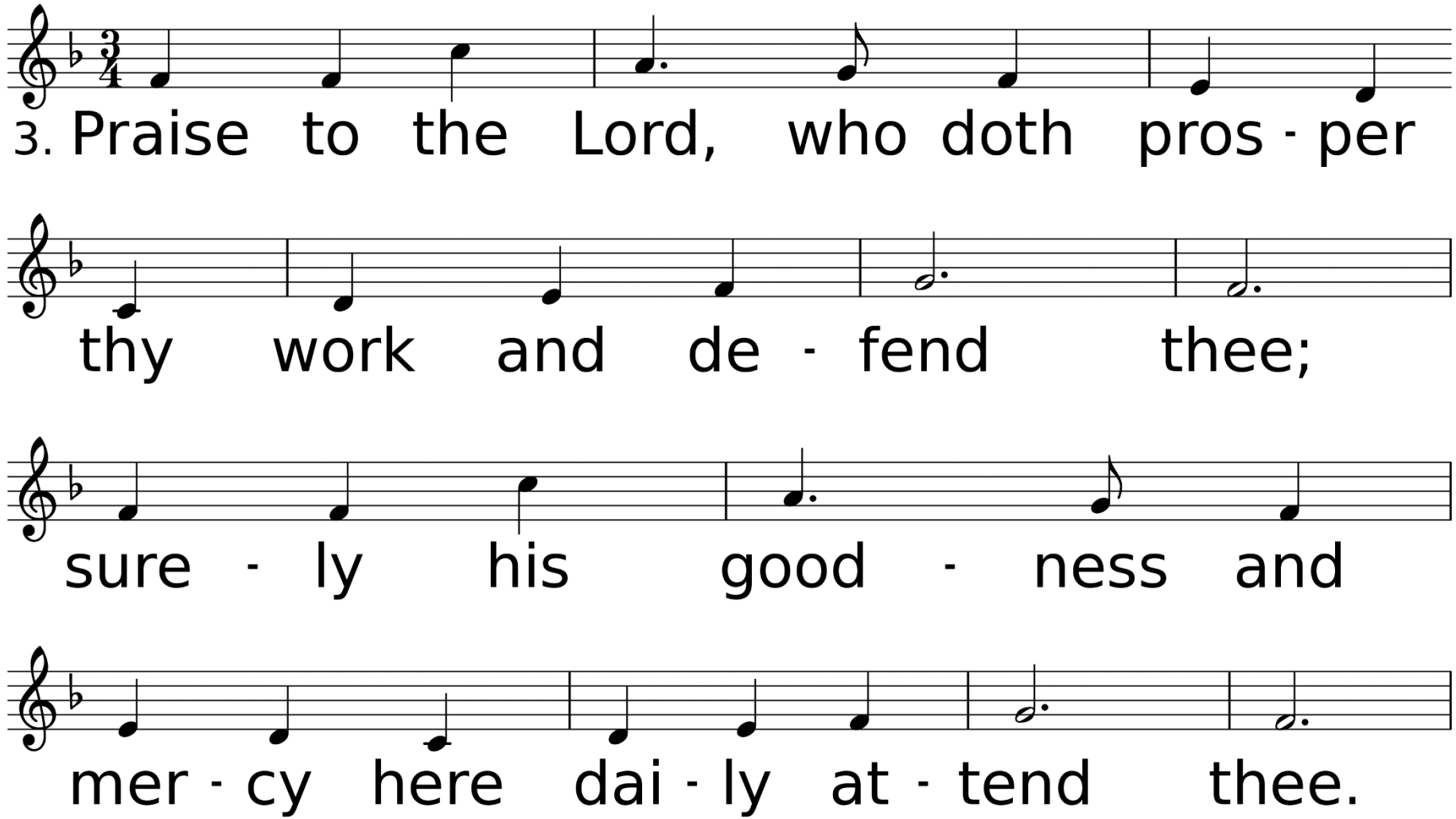
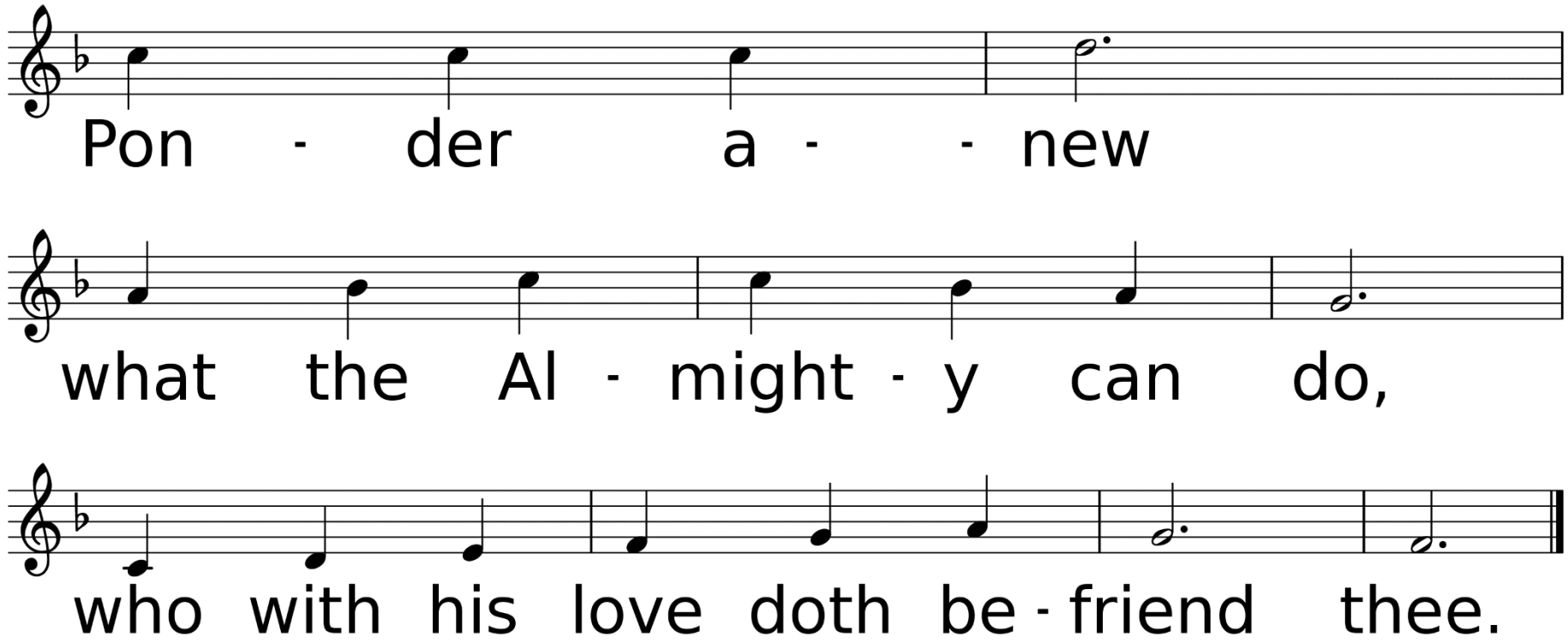
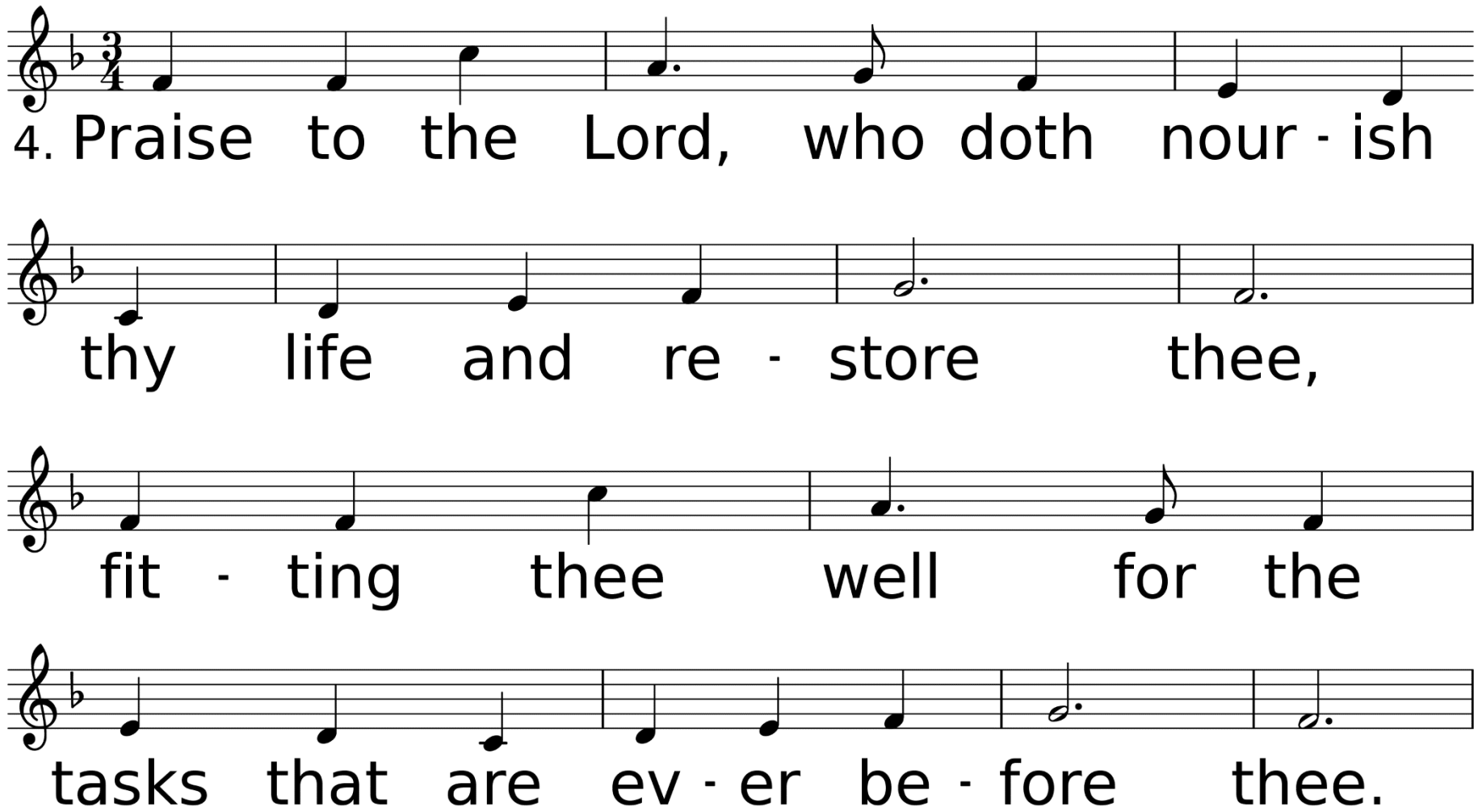

All ye who hear,
now to his tem - ple draw near;
join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

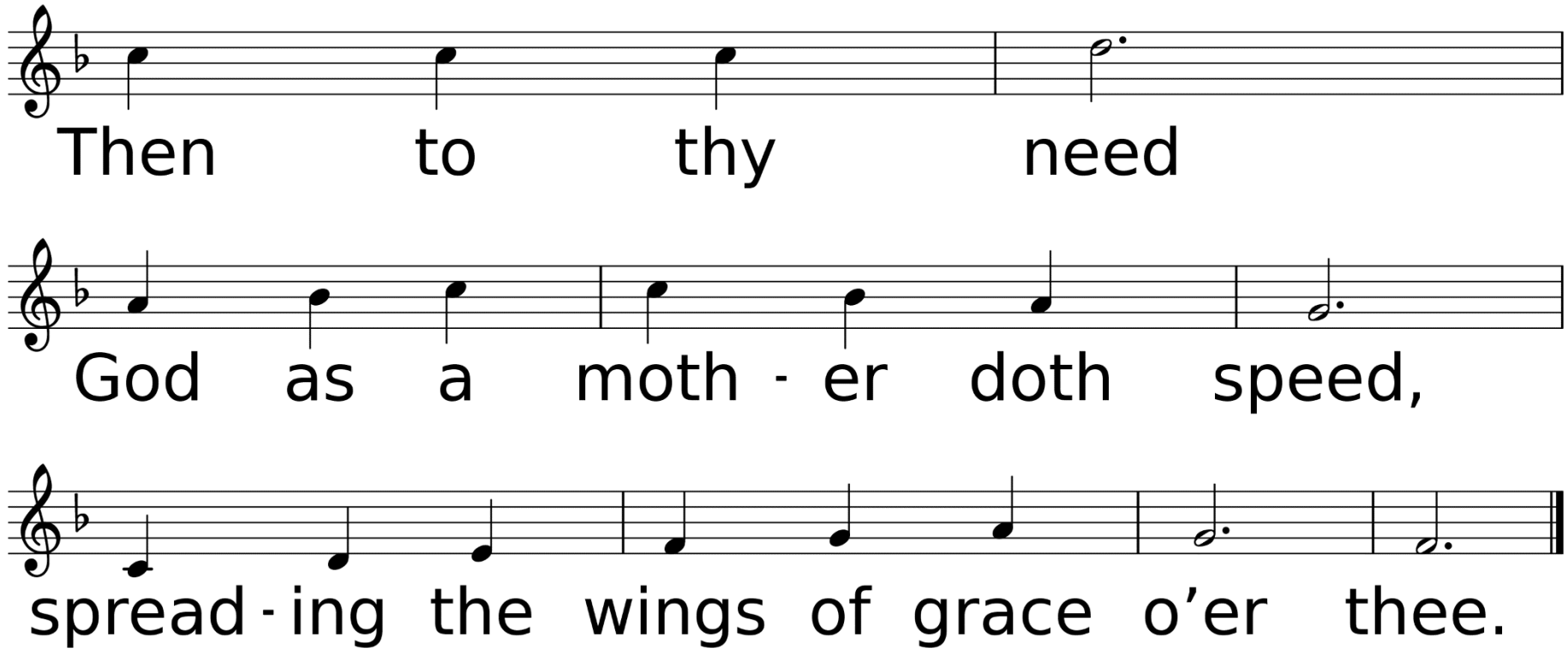

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so won - drous - ly reign - ing
bears thee on ea - gle's wings,
e'er in his keep - ing main - tain - ing.

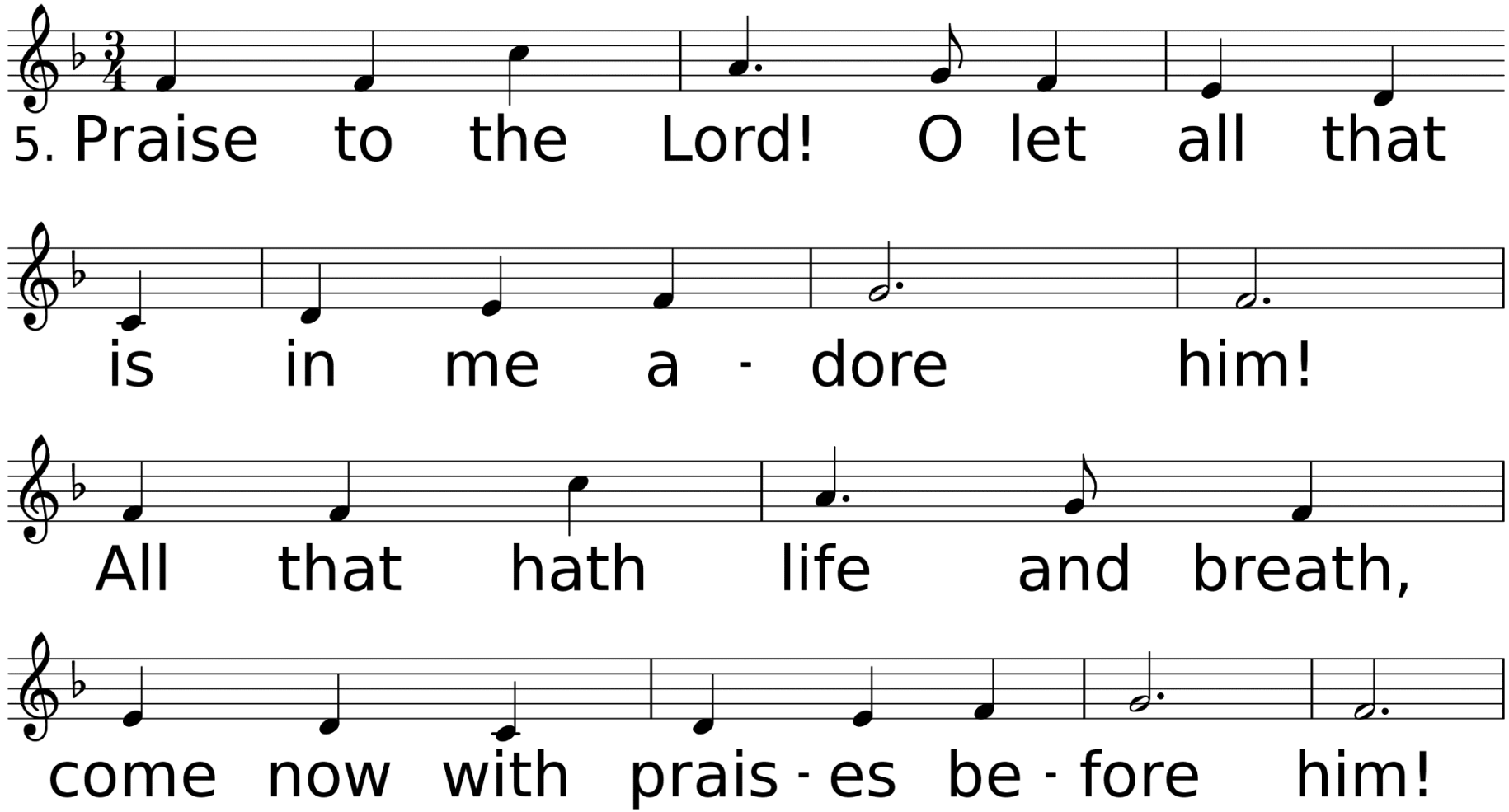

God’s care en - folds
all, whose true good he up - holds.
Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?

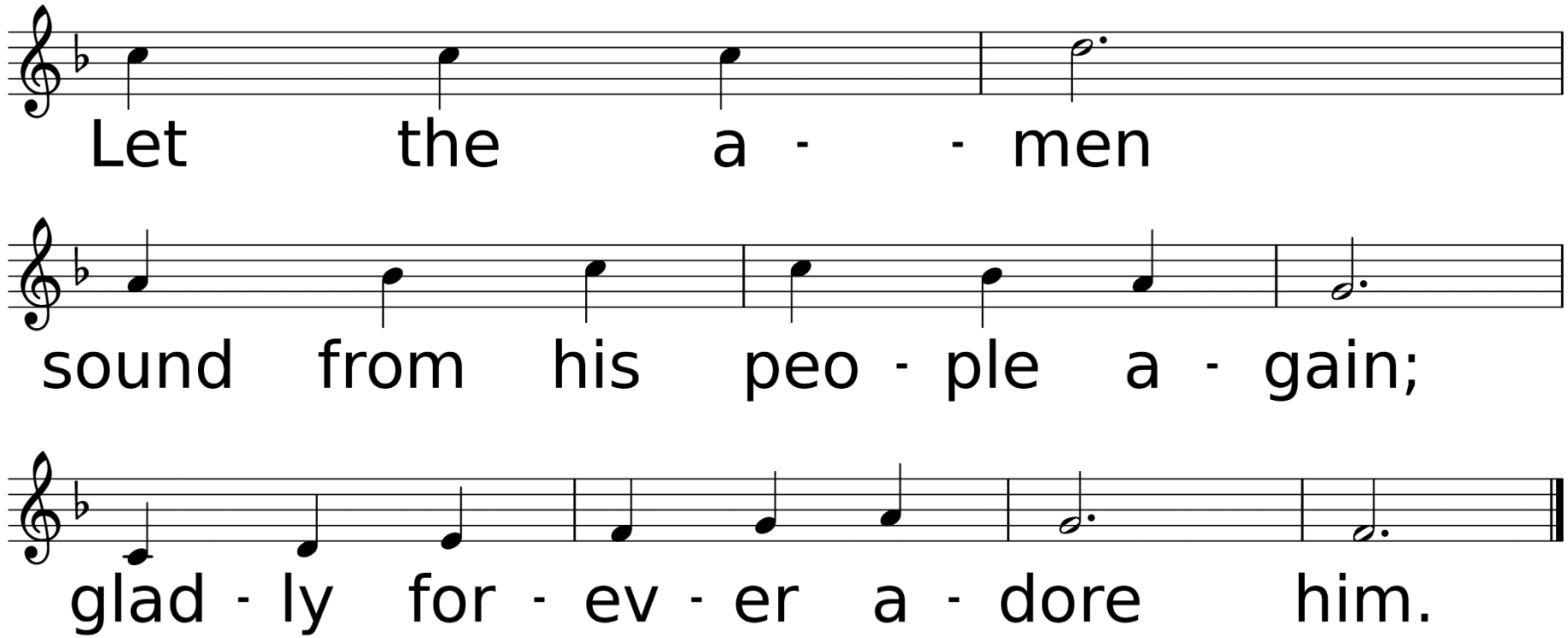

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per
thy work and de - fend thee;
sure - ly his good - ness and
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.


Pon - der a - - new
what the Al - might - y can do,
who with his love doth be - friend thee.


4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish
thy life and re - store thee,
fit - ting thee well for the
tasks that are ev - er be - fore thee.


Then to thy need
God as a moth - er doth speed,
spread - ing the wings of grace o’er thee.


5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me a - dore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with prais - es be - fore him!


Let the a - - men
sound from his peo - ple a - gain;
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

*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 of Our Joys & Concerns

Family & Friends of Iva Green
(S. Wertz)
Leslie Teel
(L. Waughtal)
Grandbaby Silas
(J. & B. Booth)
The Colvin Family
(A. & J. Carpenter)
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(C. Slover)
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(J. Schwarze)
Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Hurricane 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

Near to the Heart of God

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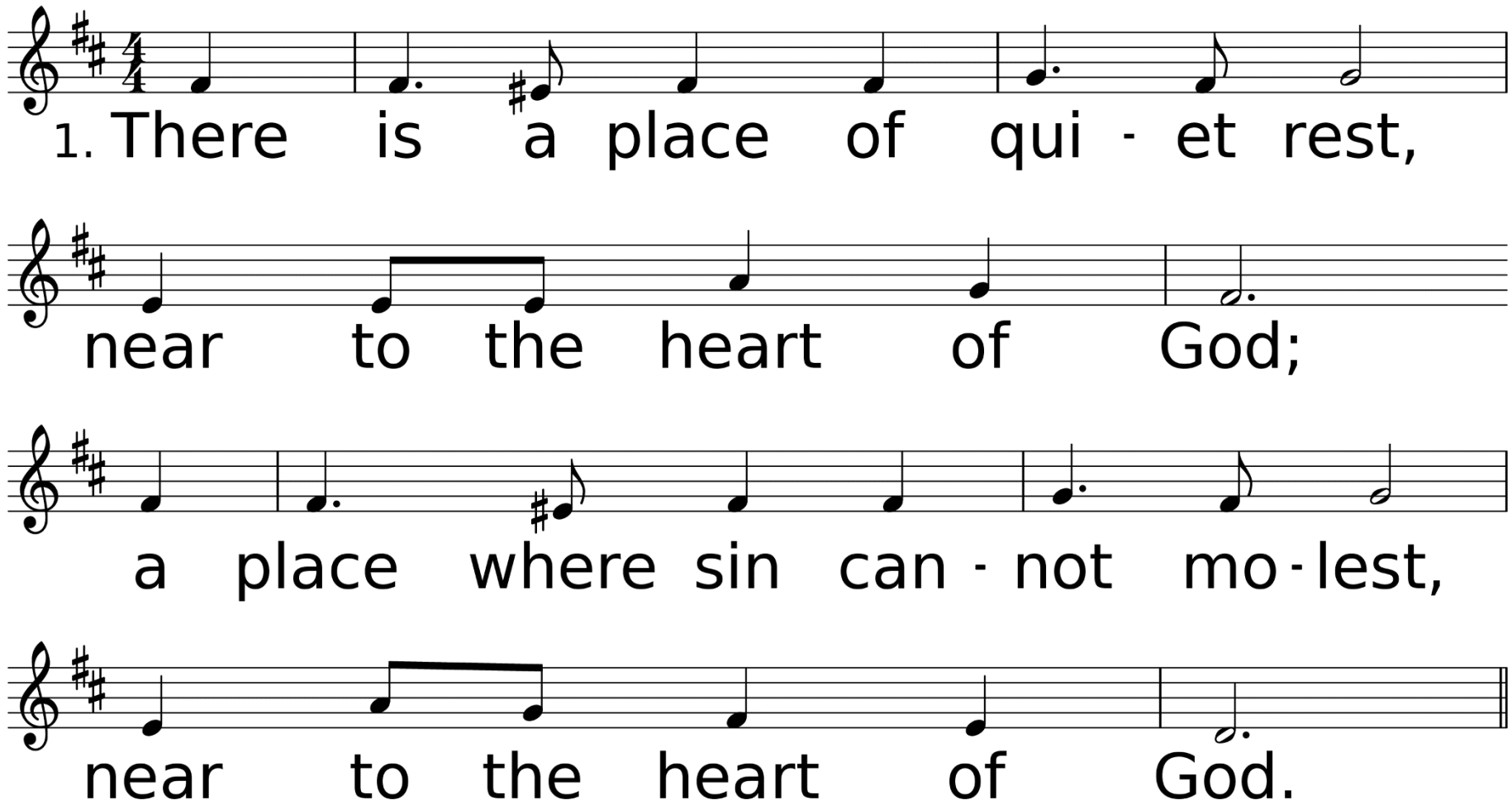

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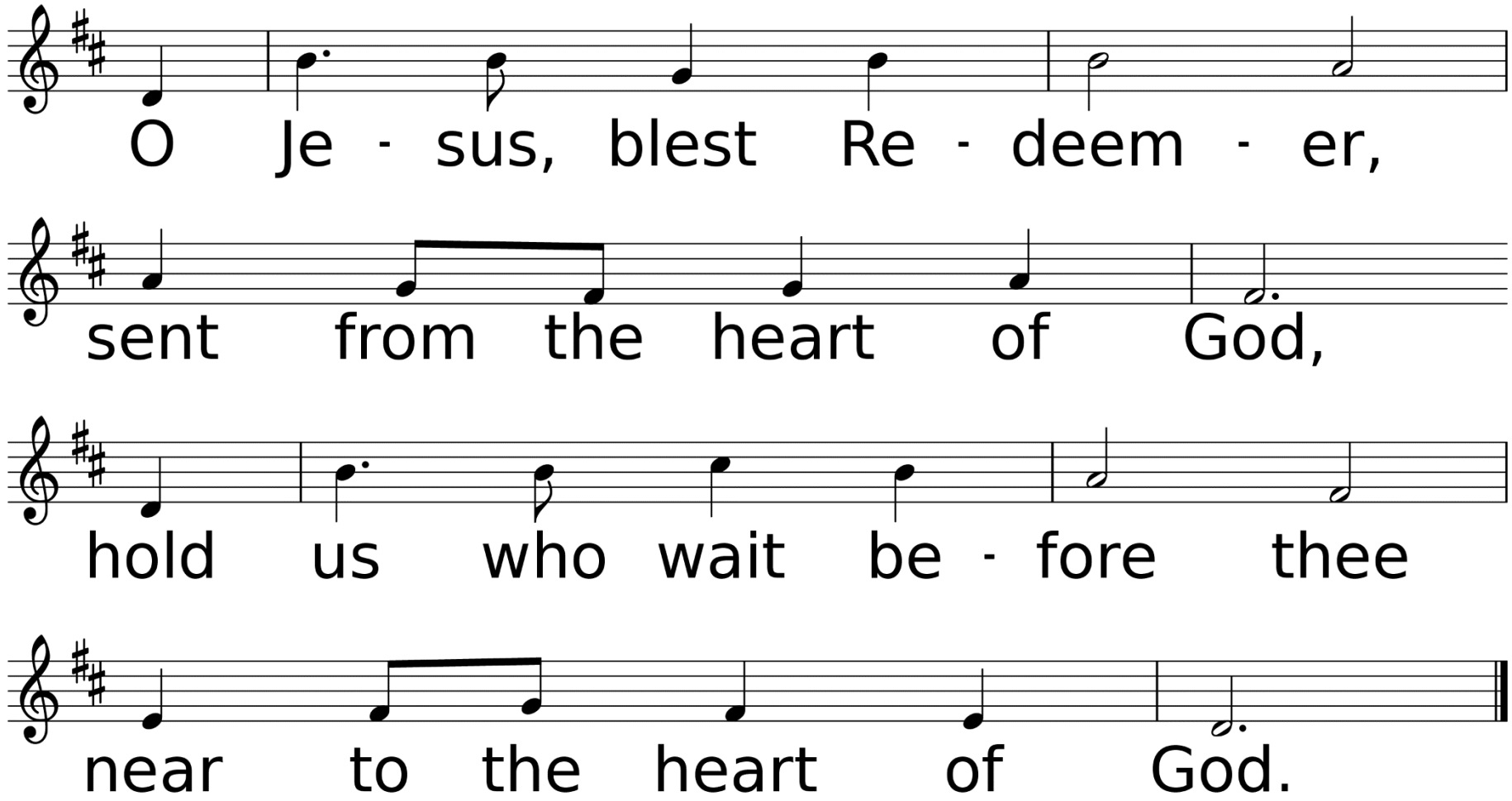
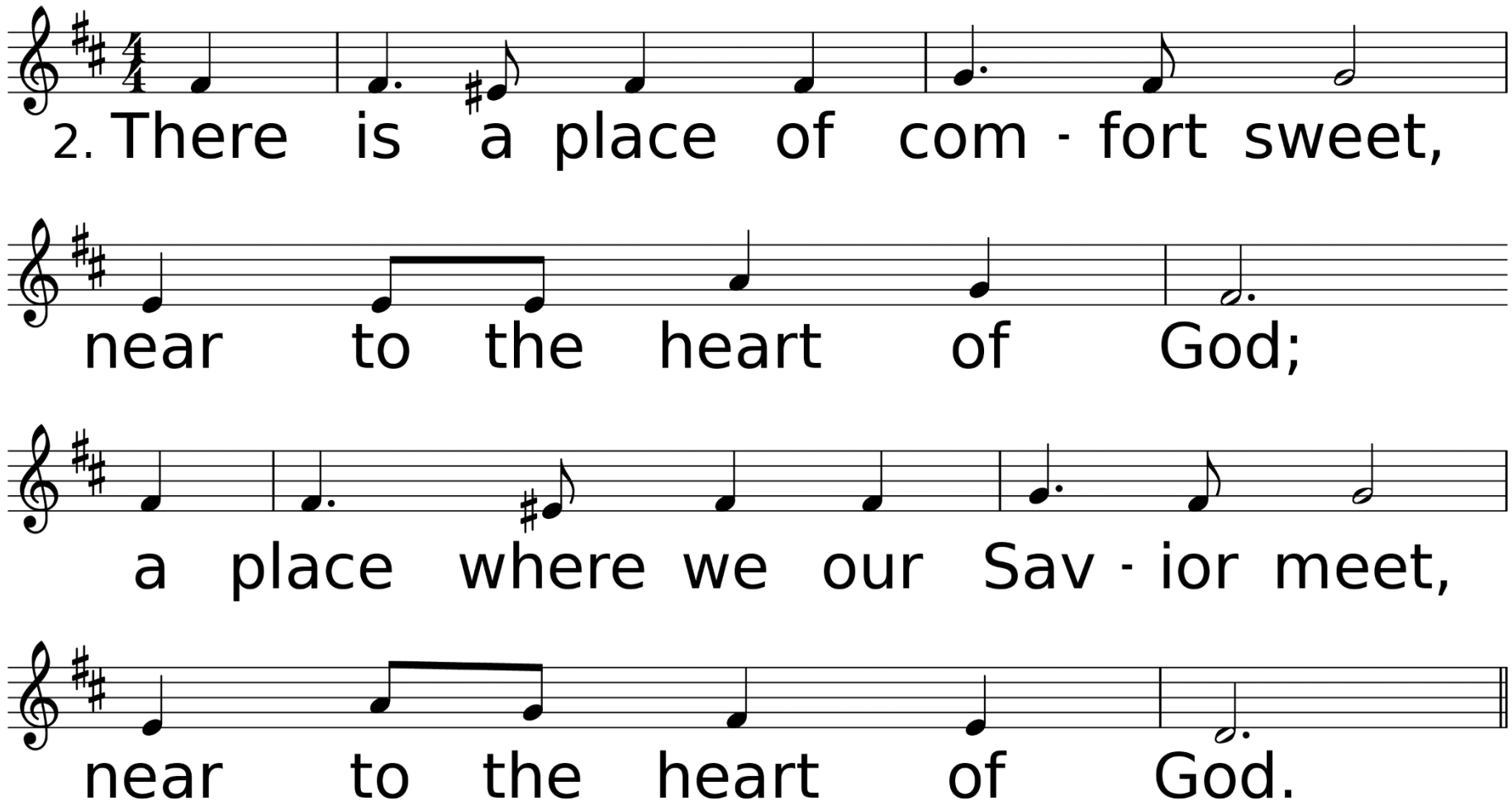
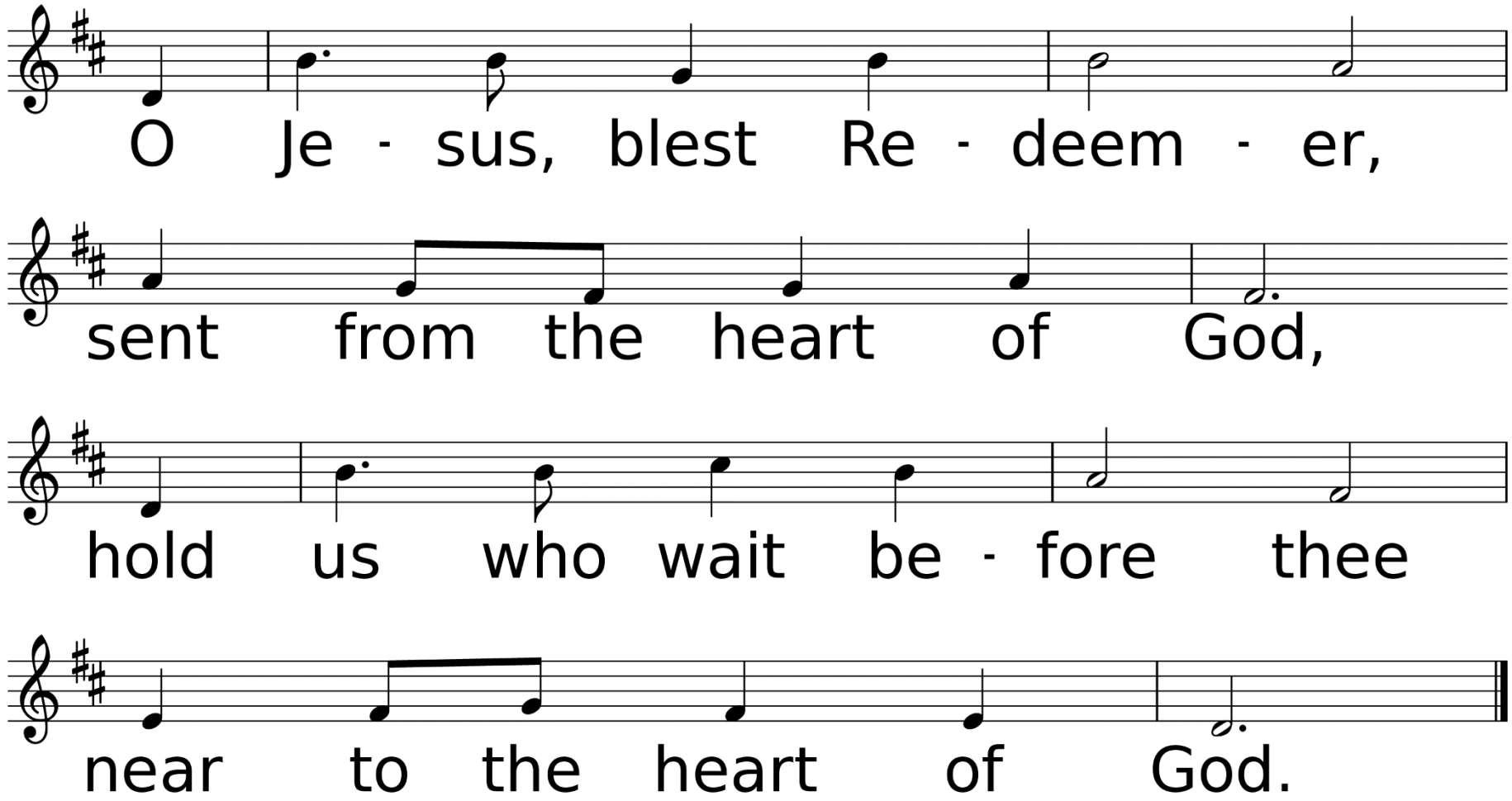

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait be - fore thee
near to the heart of God.


2. There is a place of com - fort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Sav - ior meet,
near to the heart of God.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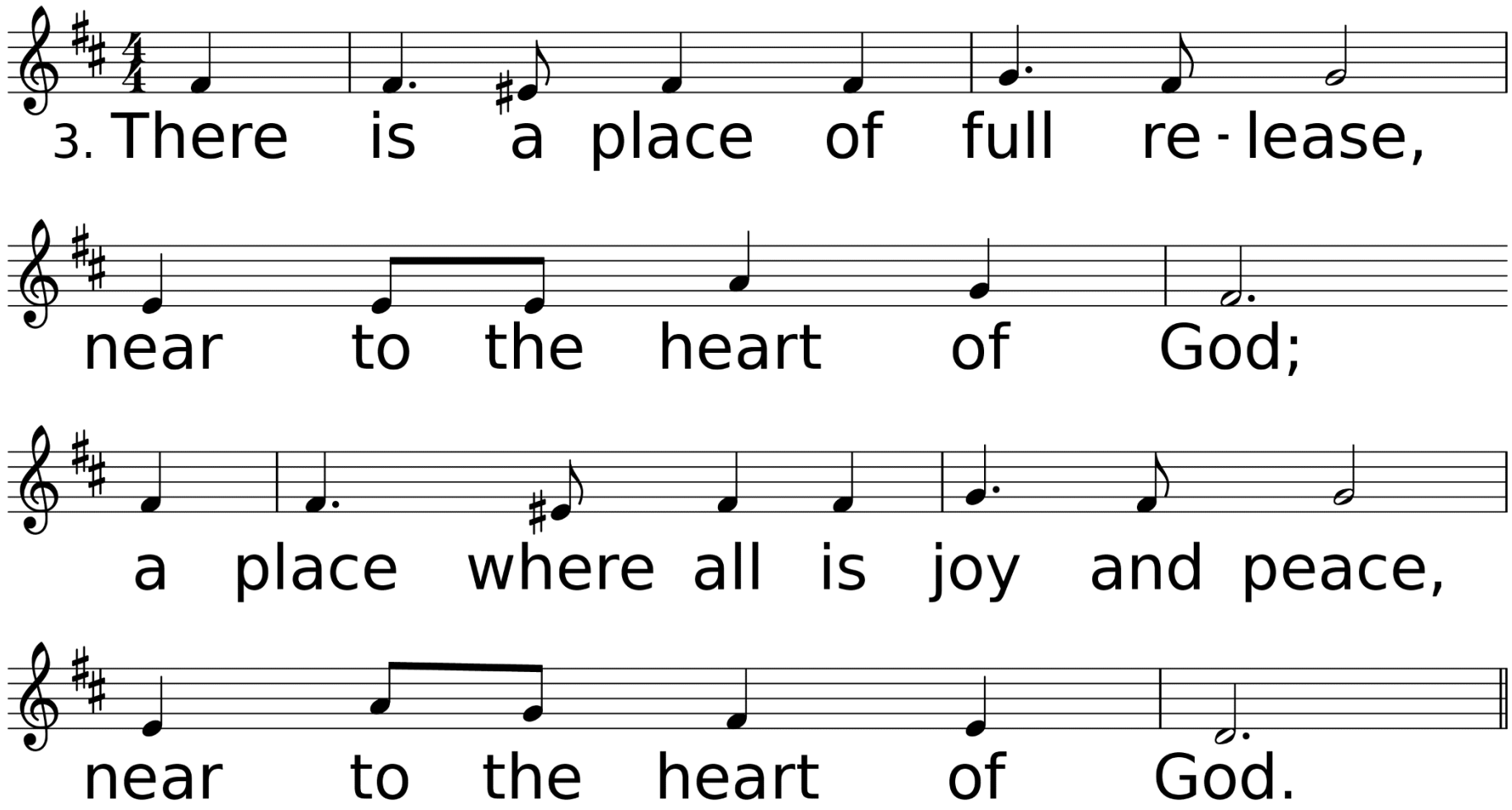
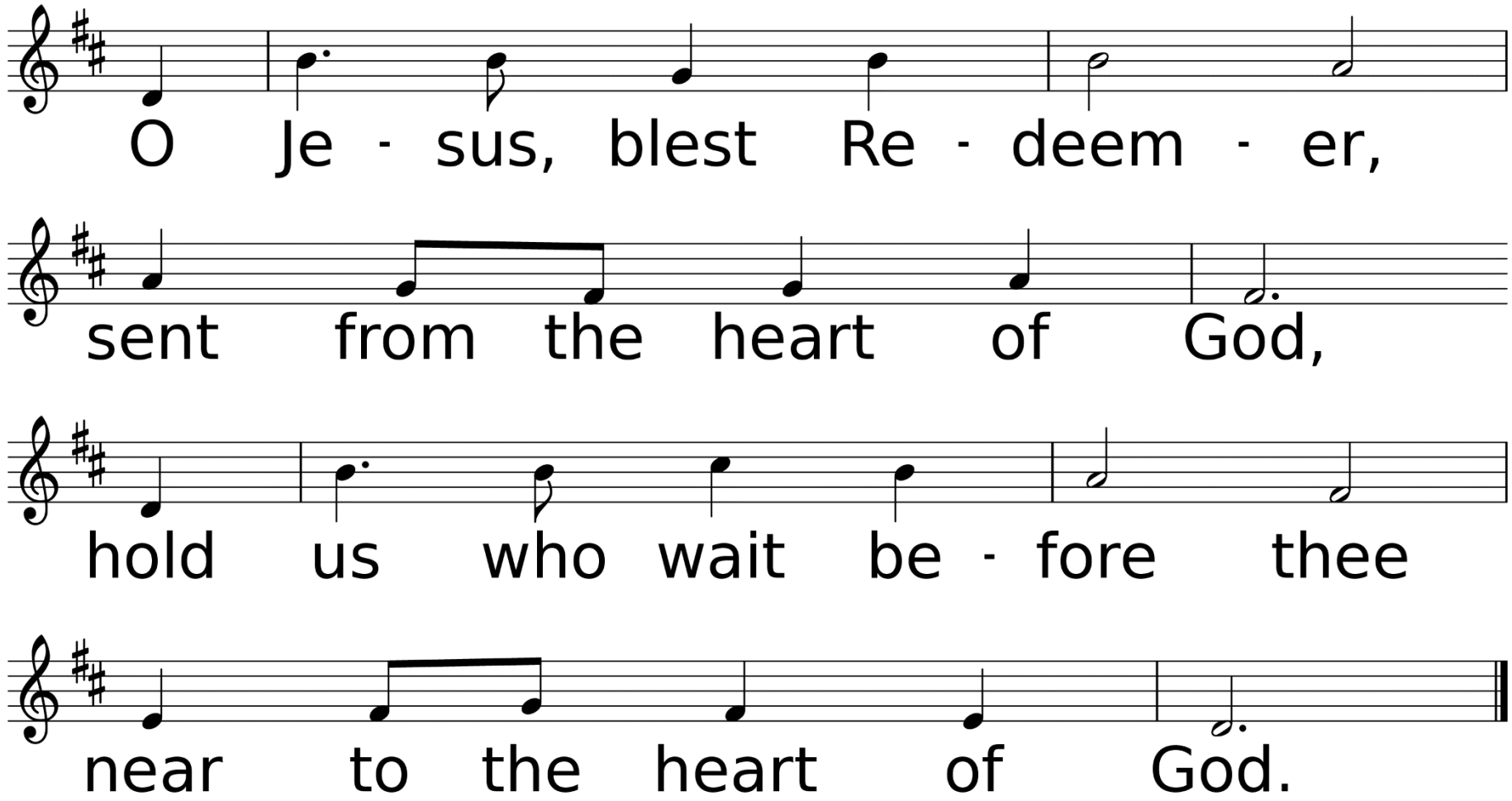

3. There is a place of full re - lease,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.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Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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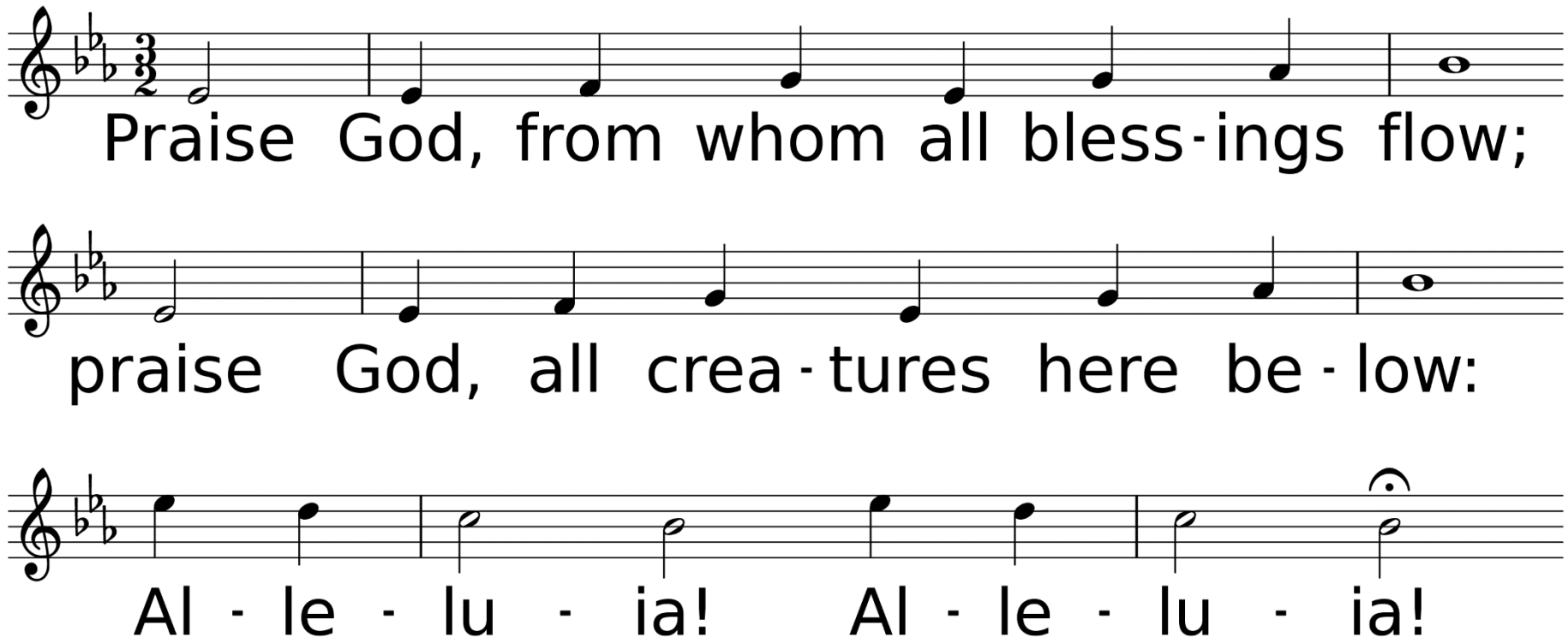

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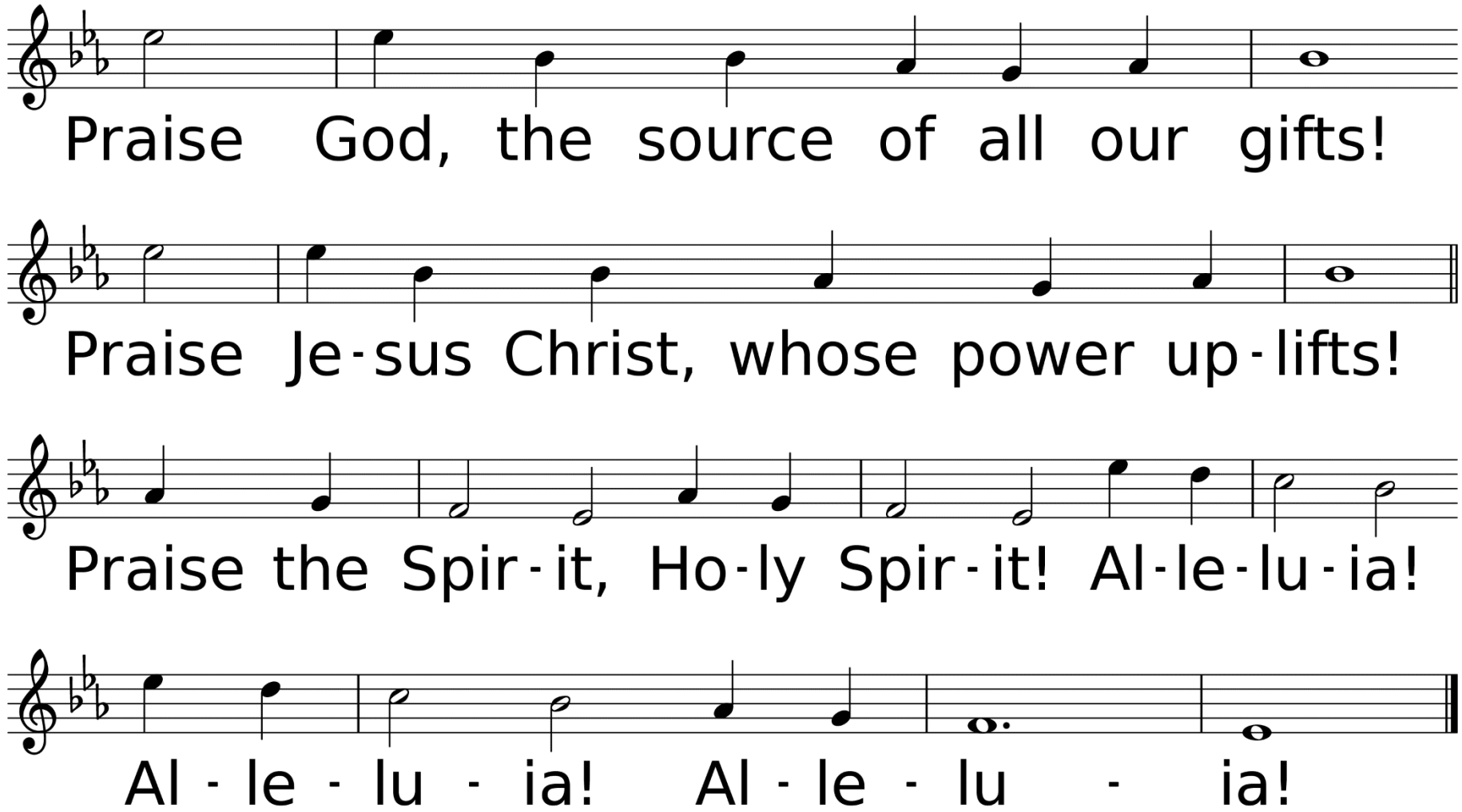
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of Faith

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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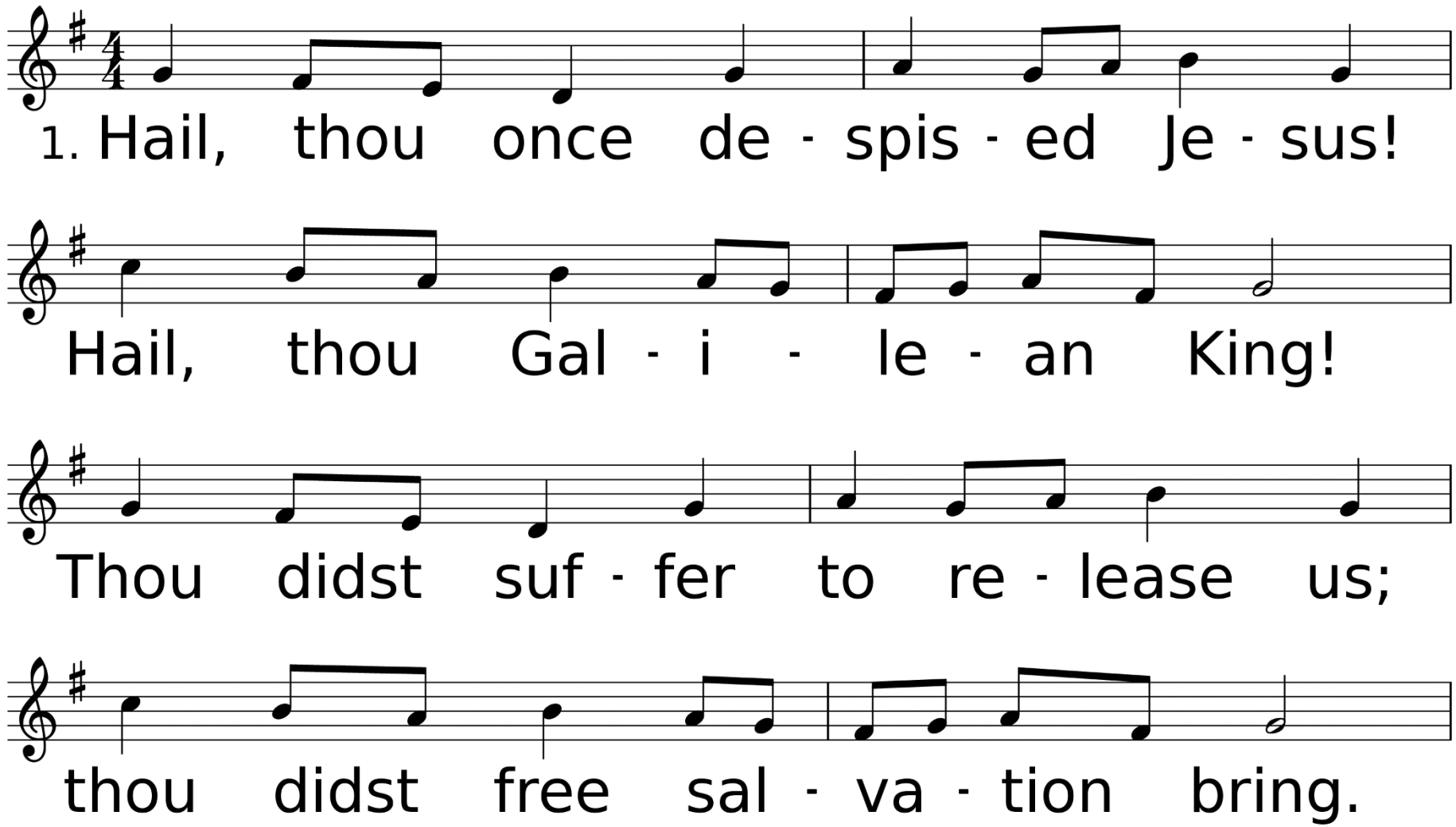

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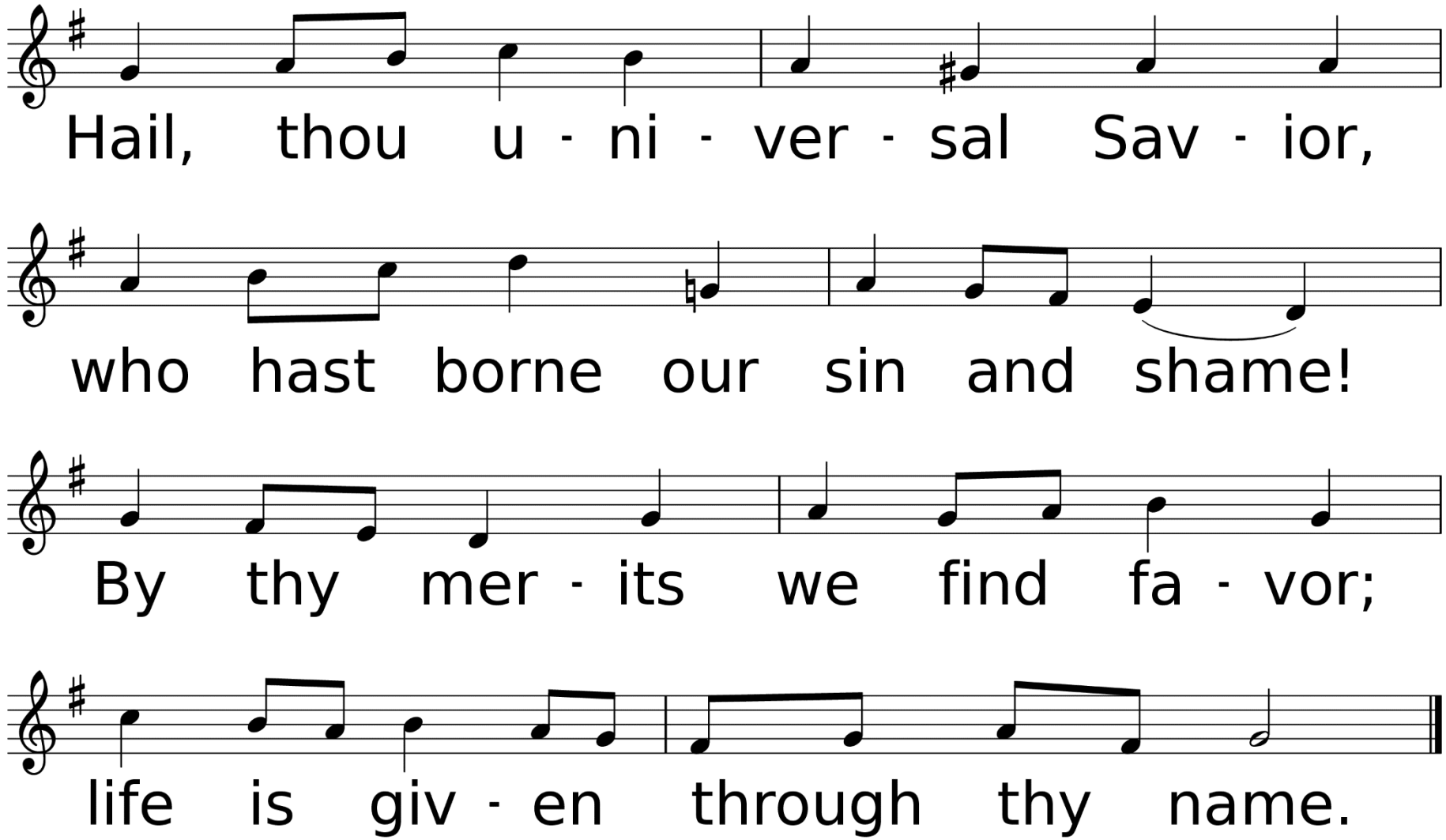
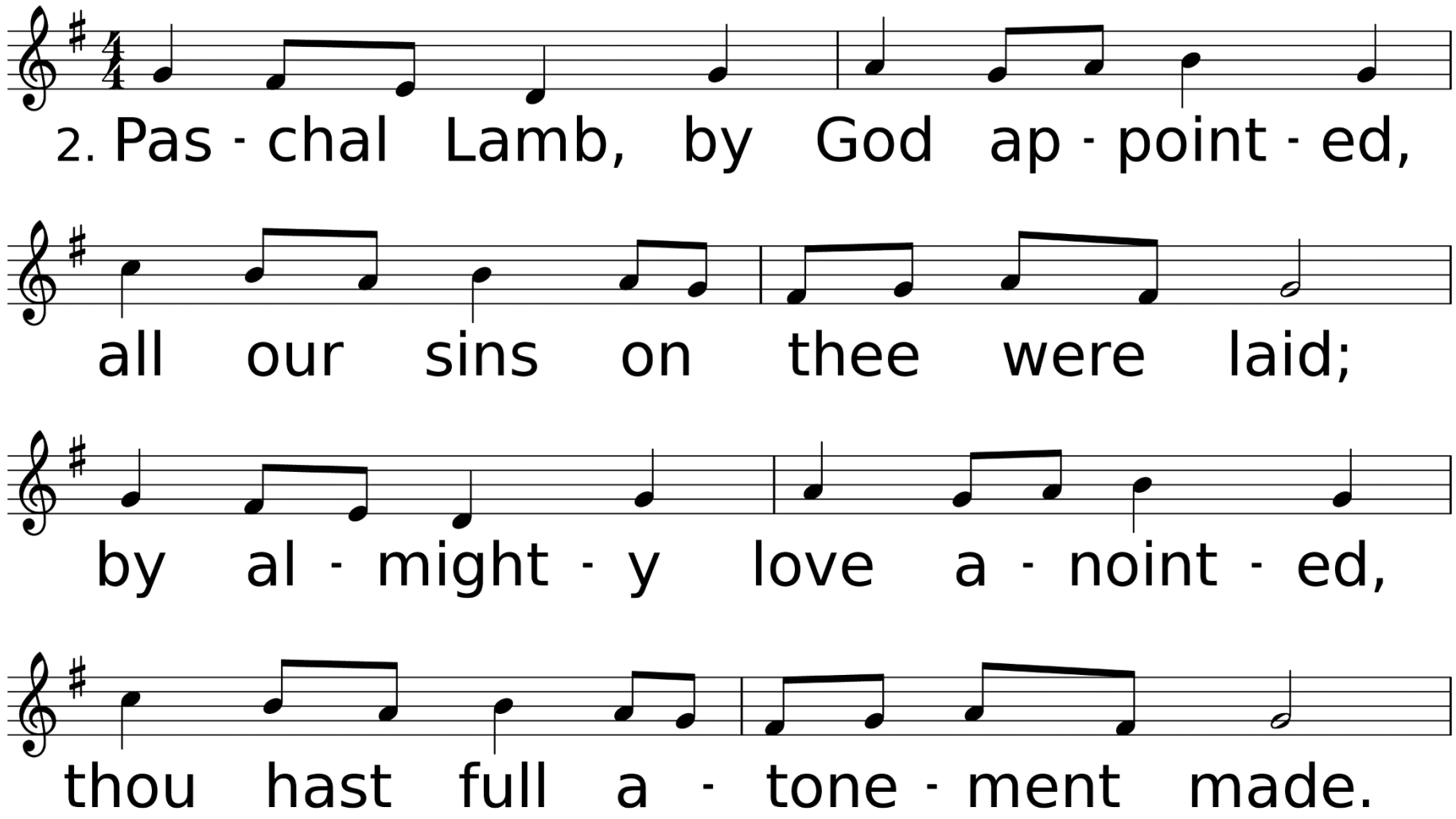
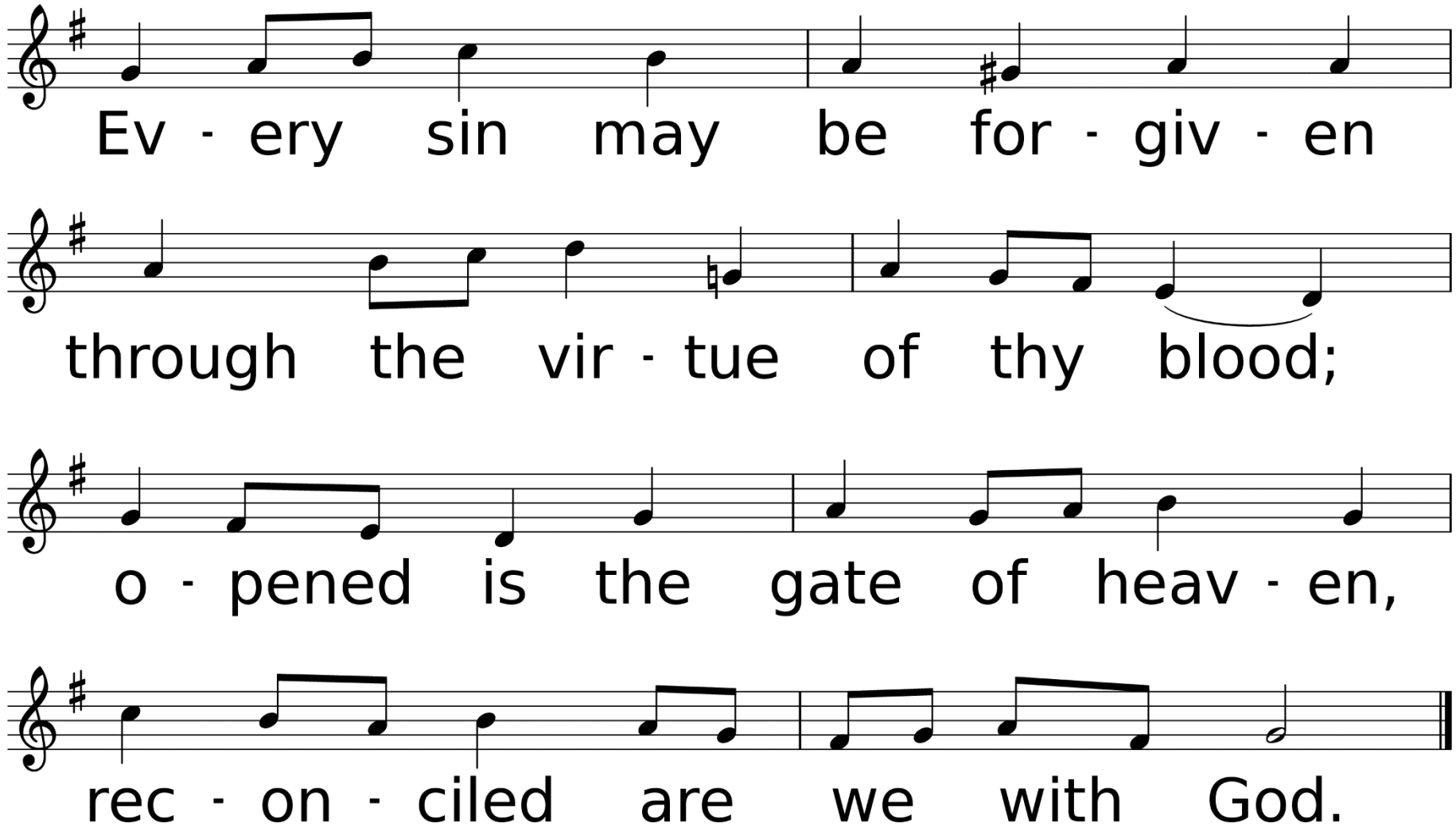
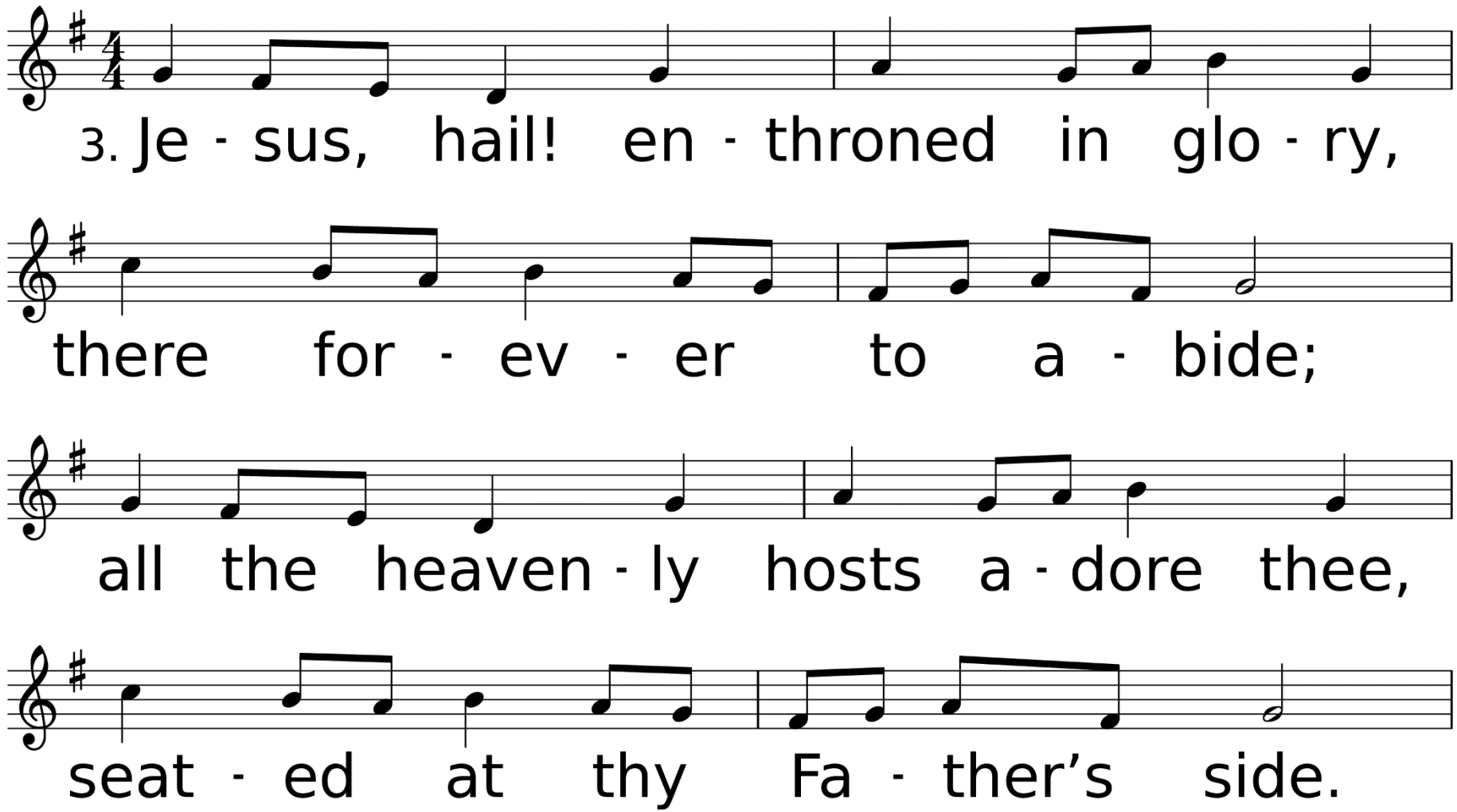
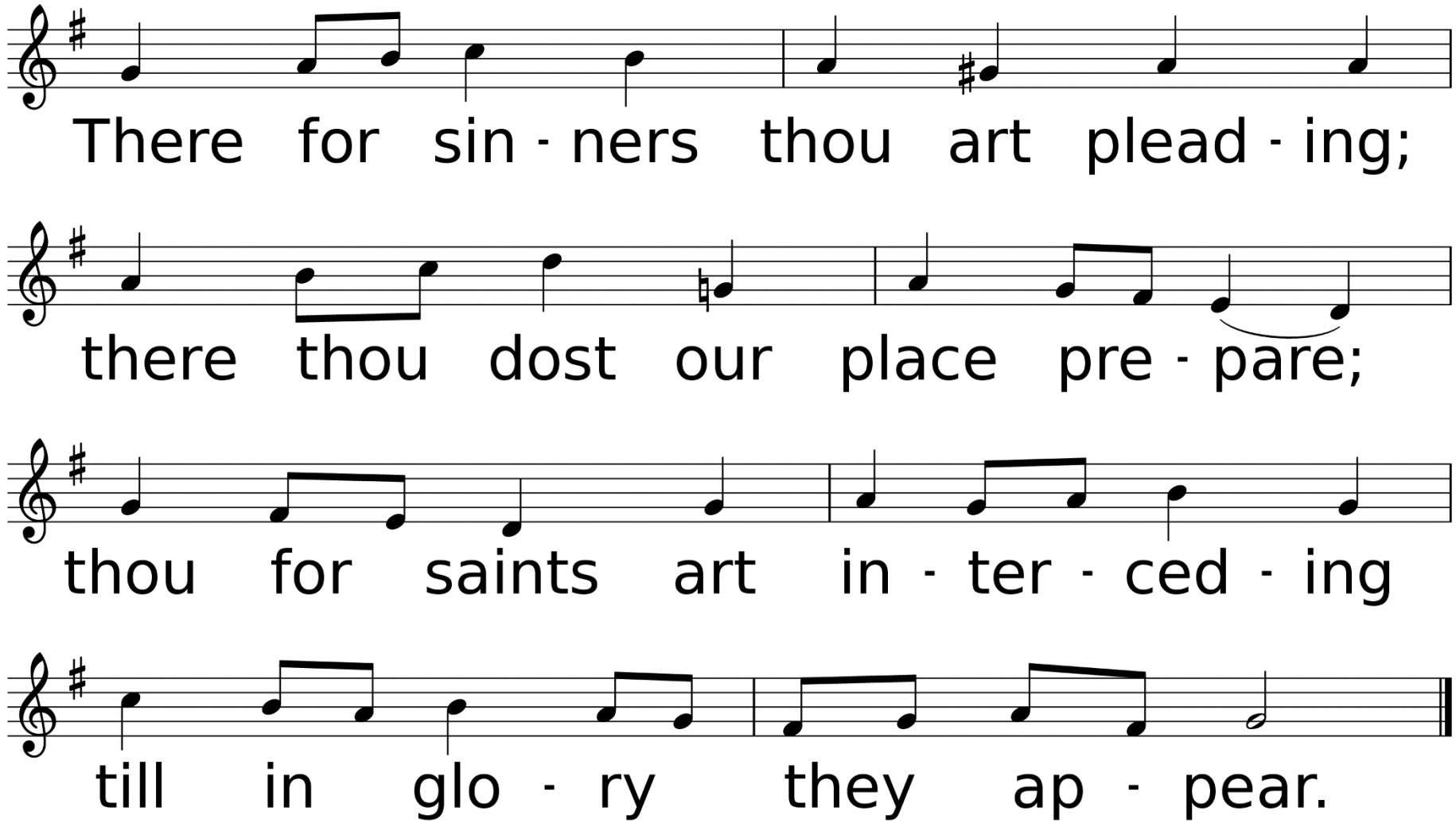
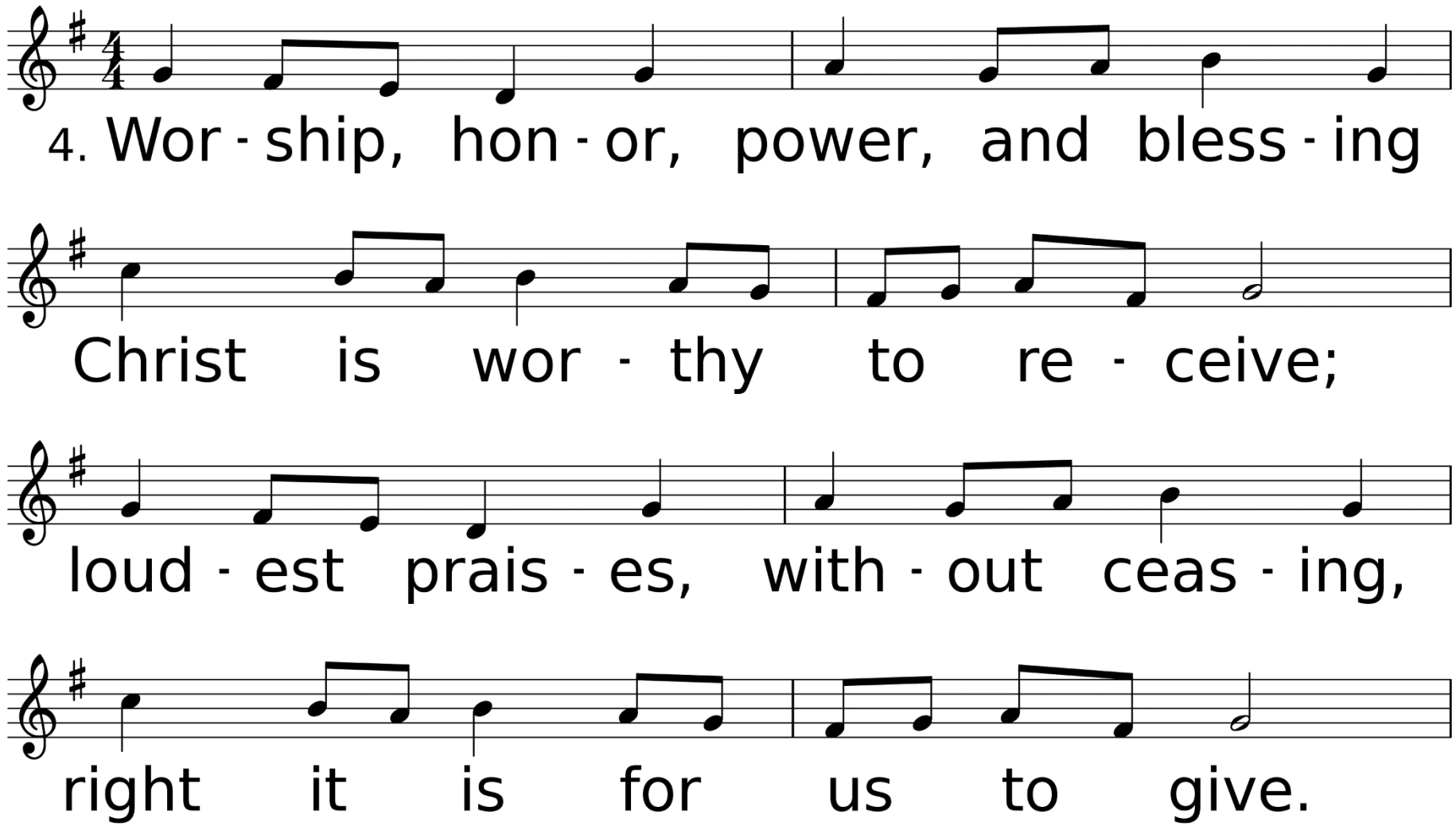

Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
who hast borne our sin and shame!
By thy mer - its we find fa - vor;
life is giv - en through thy name.

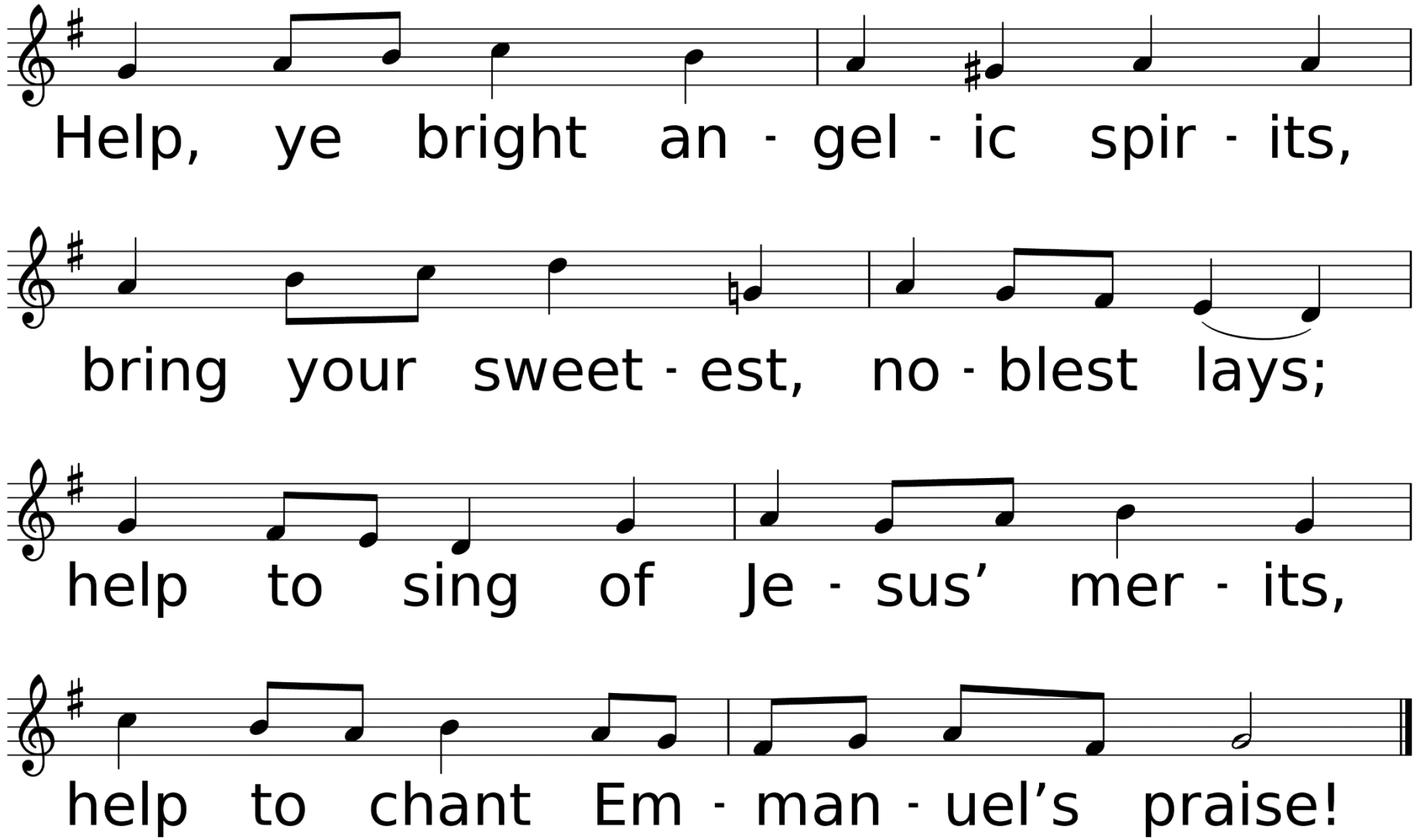

2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
thou hast full a - tone - ment made.


Ev - ery sin may be for - giv - en
through the vir - tue of thy blood;
o - pened is the gate of heav - en,
rec - on - ciled are we with God.


3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry,
there for - ev - er to a - bide;
all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.


There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing;
there thou dost our place pre - pare;
thou for saints art in - ter - ced - ing
till in glo - ry they ap - pear.


4. Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing
Christ is wor - thy to re - ceive;
loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,
right it is for us to give.


Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,
bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;
help to sing of Je - sus' mer - its,
help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

“Through Foolishness, We Are Saved”

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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Anthem
O Christ, the Healer

F.P. GREEN/*GEISTLICHE LIEDER* (1543), HARM. BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

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

Just As I Am

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1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee,

Refrain: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down; now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,

Refrain: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Benediction
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*Sending Forth

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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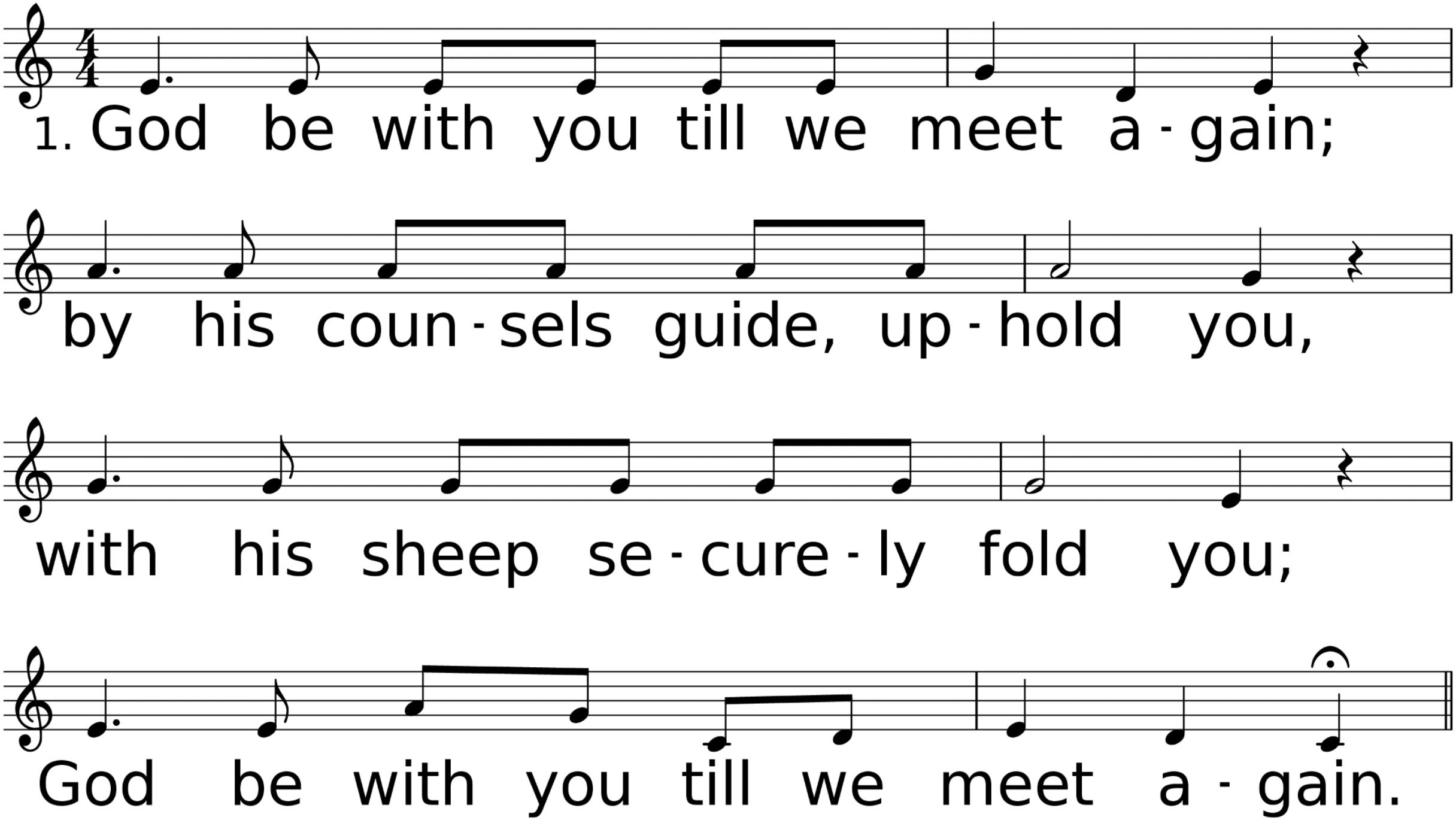
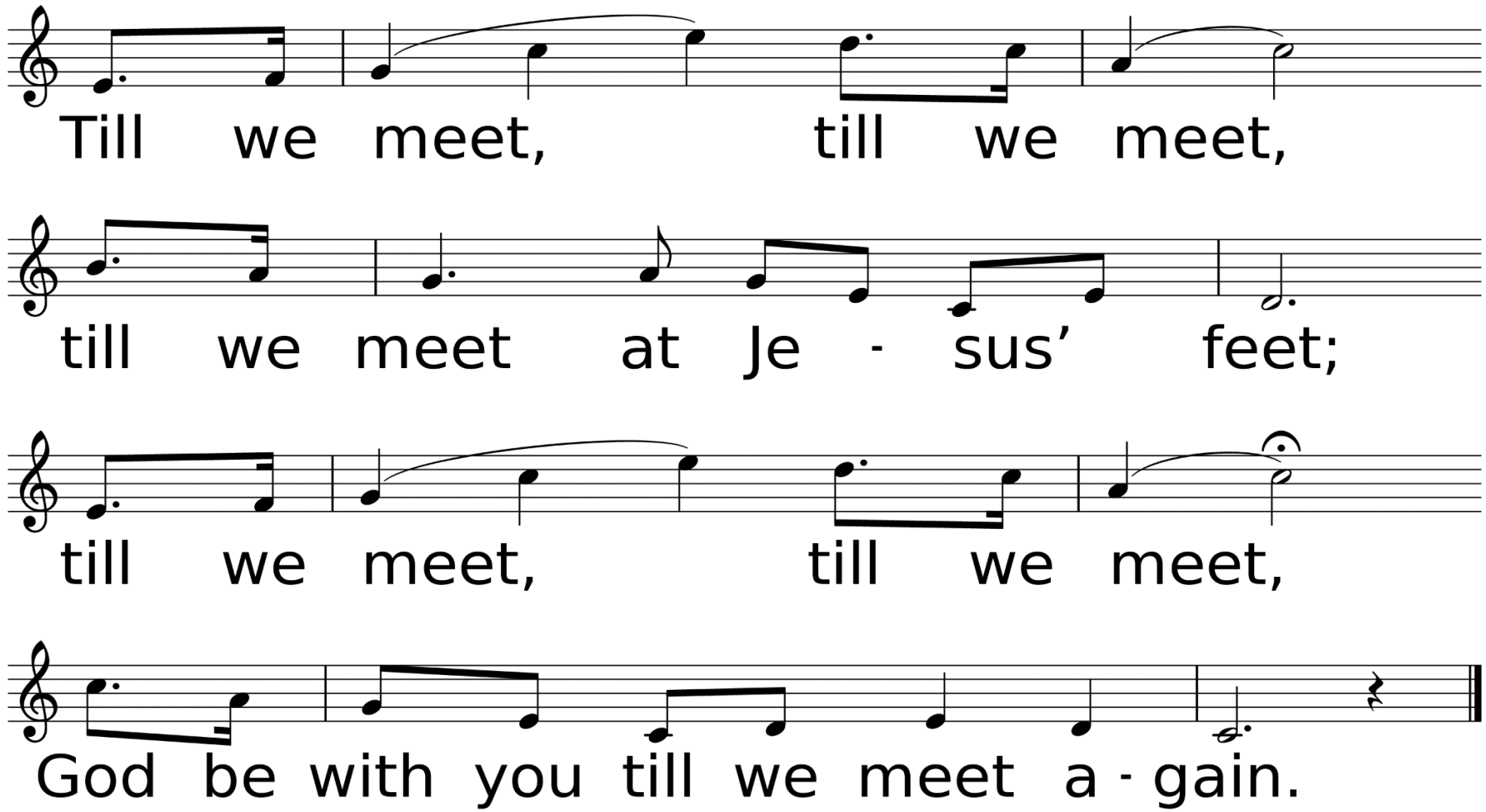

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you;
God be with you till we meet a - gain.


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!