Welcome Home!

April 4, 2021

10:00 AM Easter Sunday Service with Communion

Online & in the Sanctuary

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ the Lord is Risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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*Hymn of Praise
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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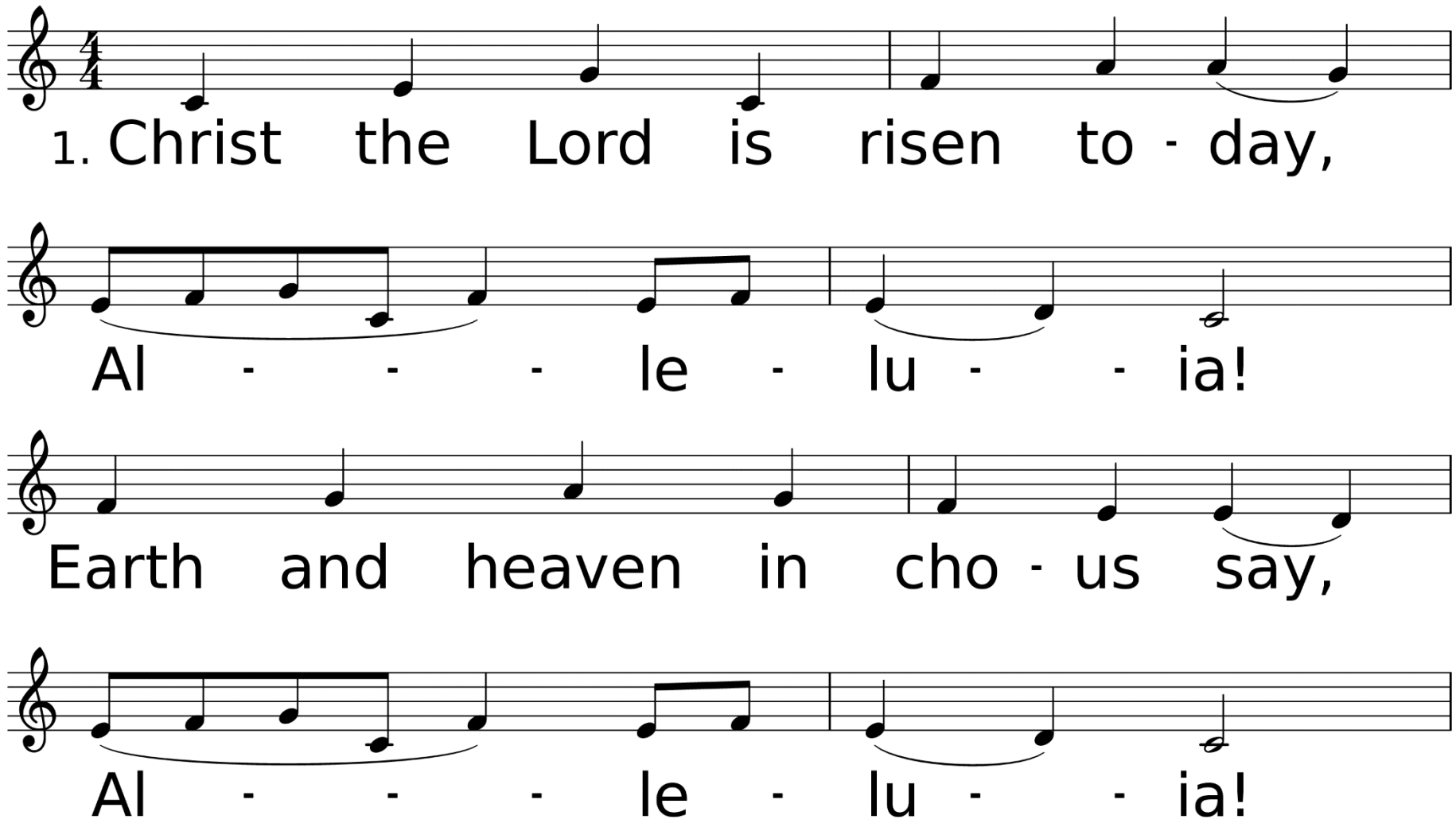
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *United Methodist Hymnal* #302



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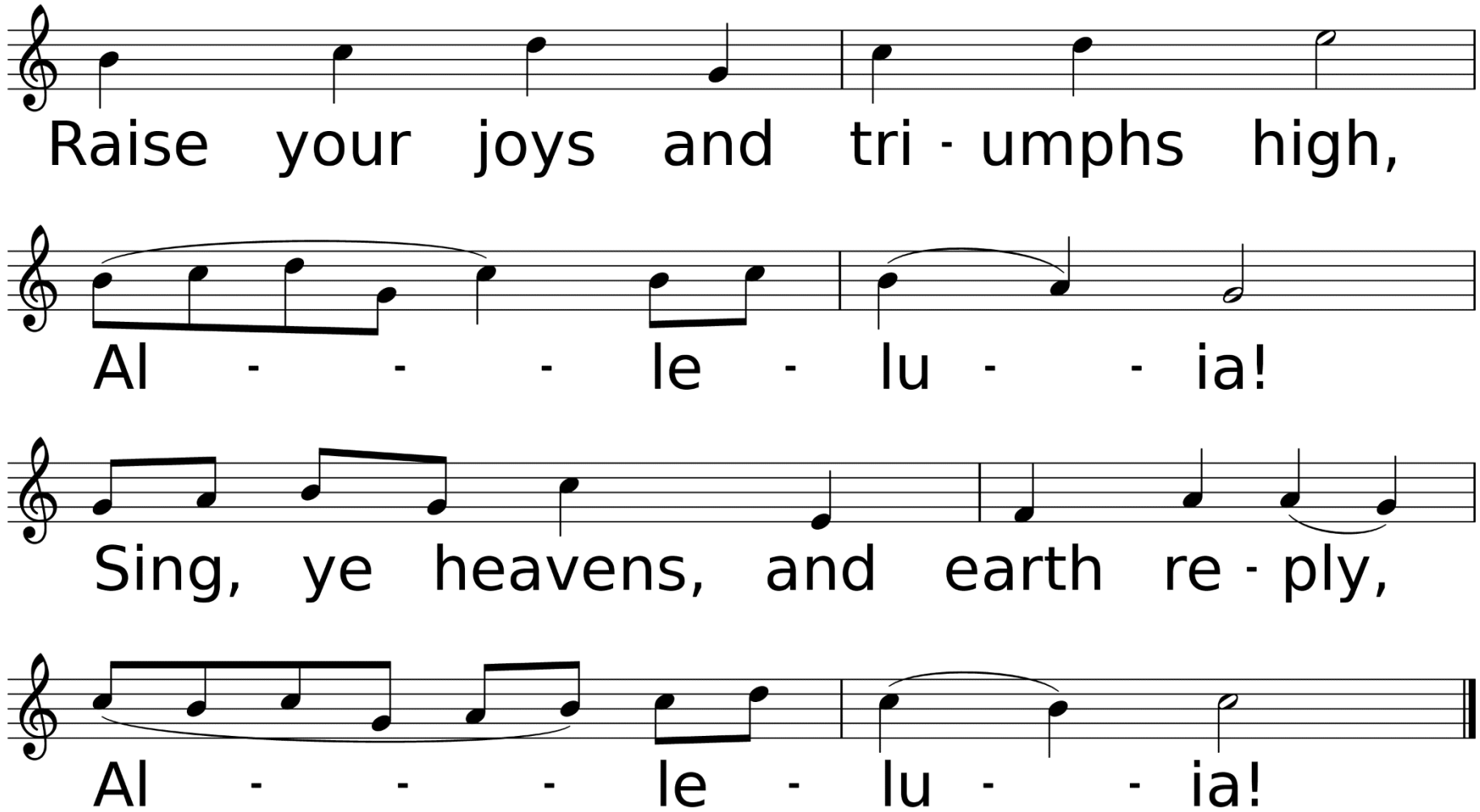
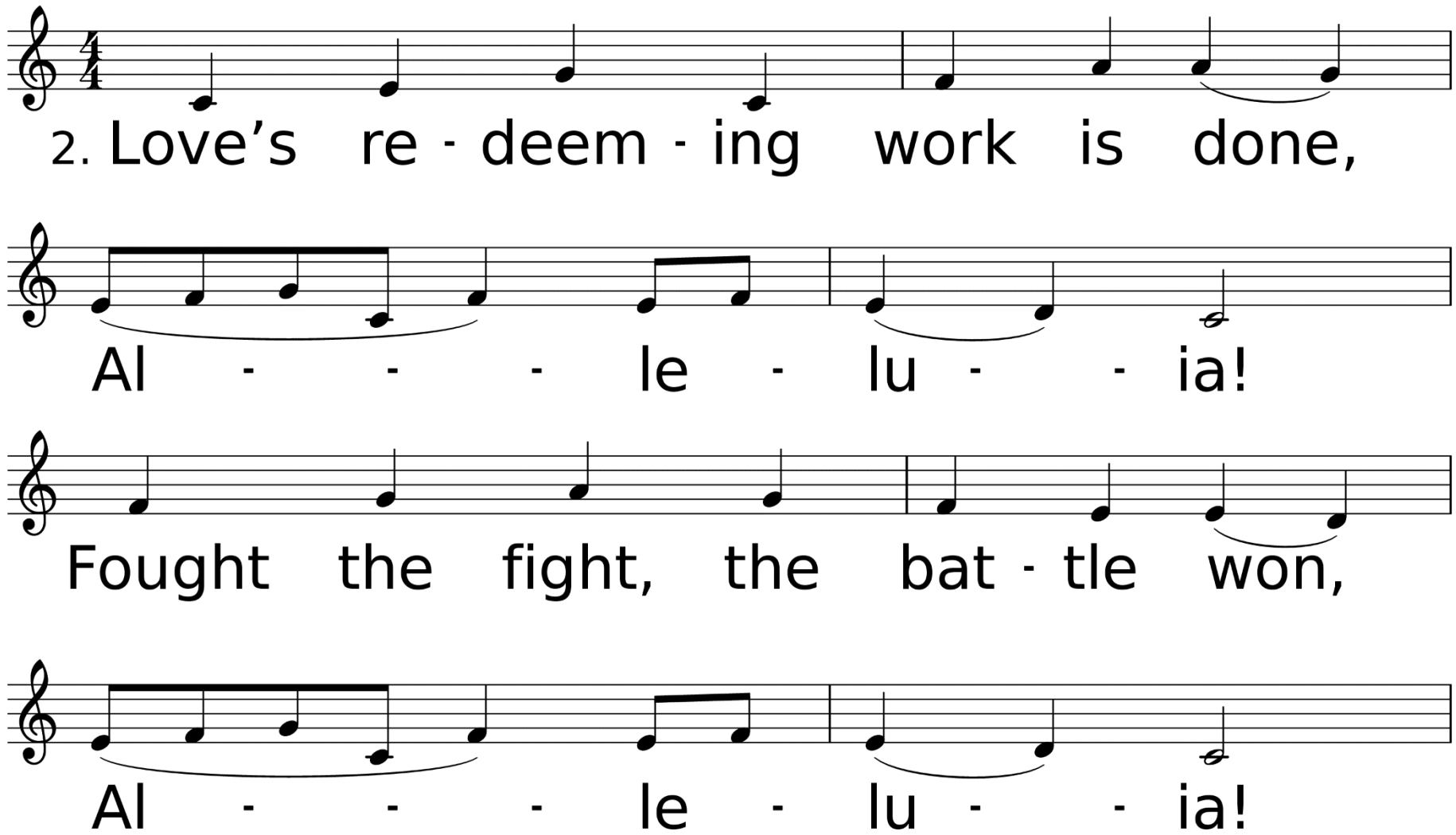
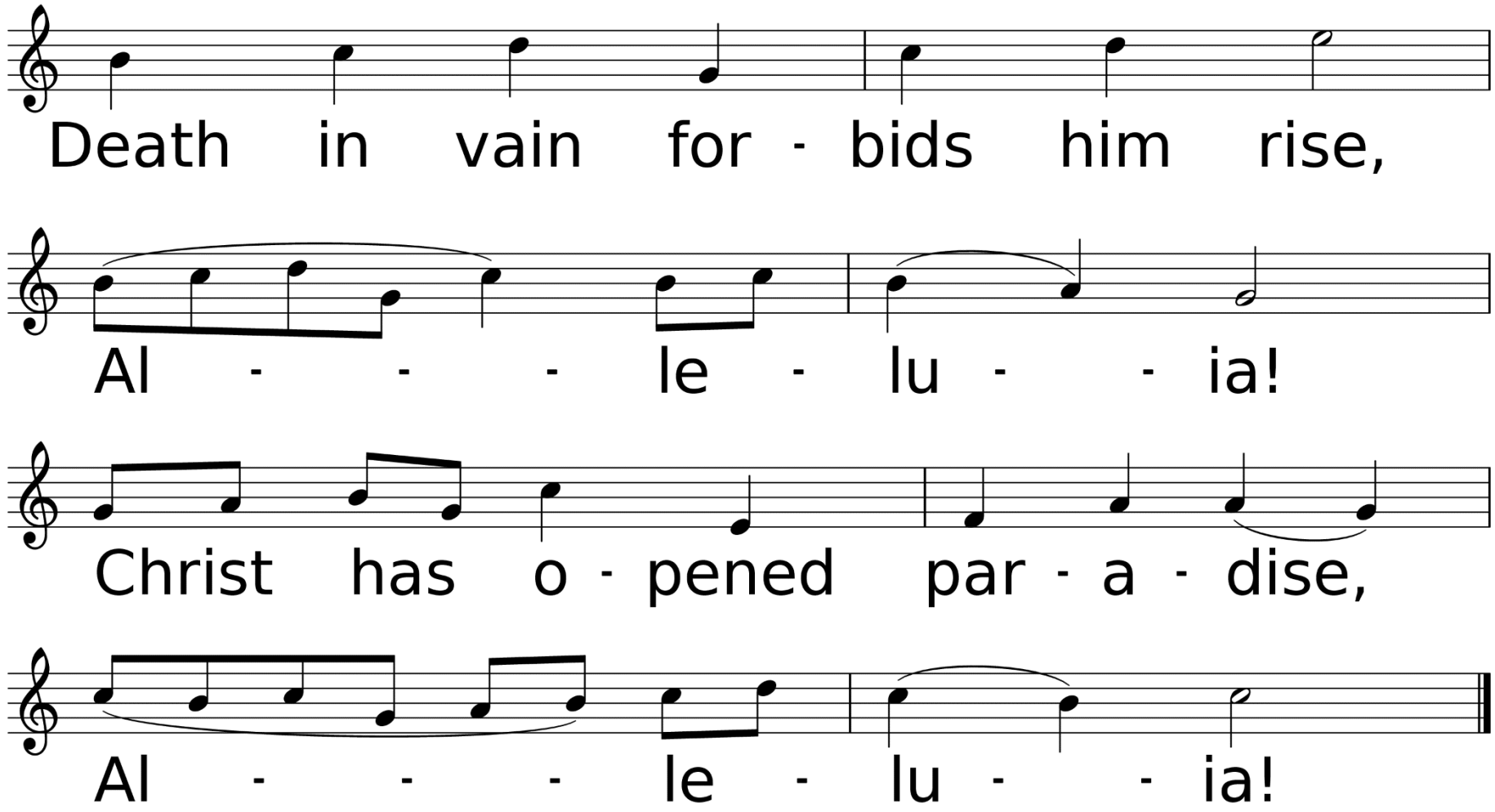
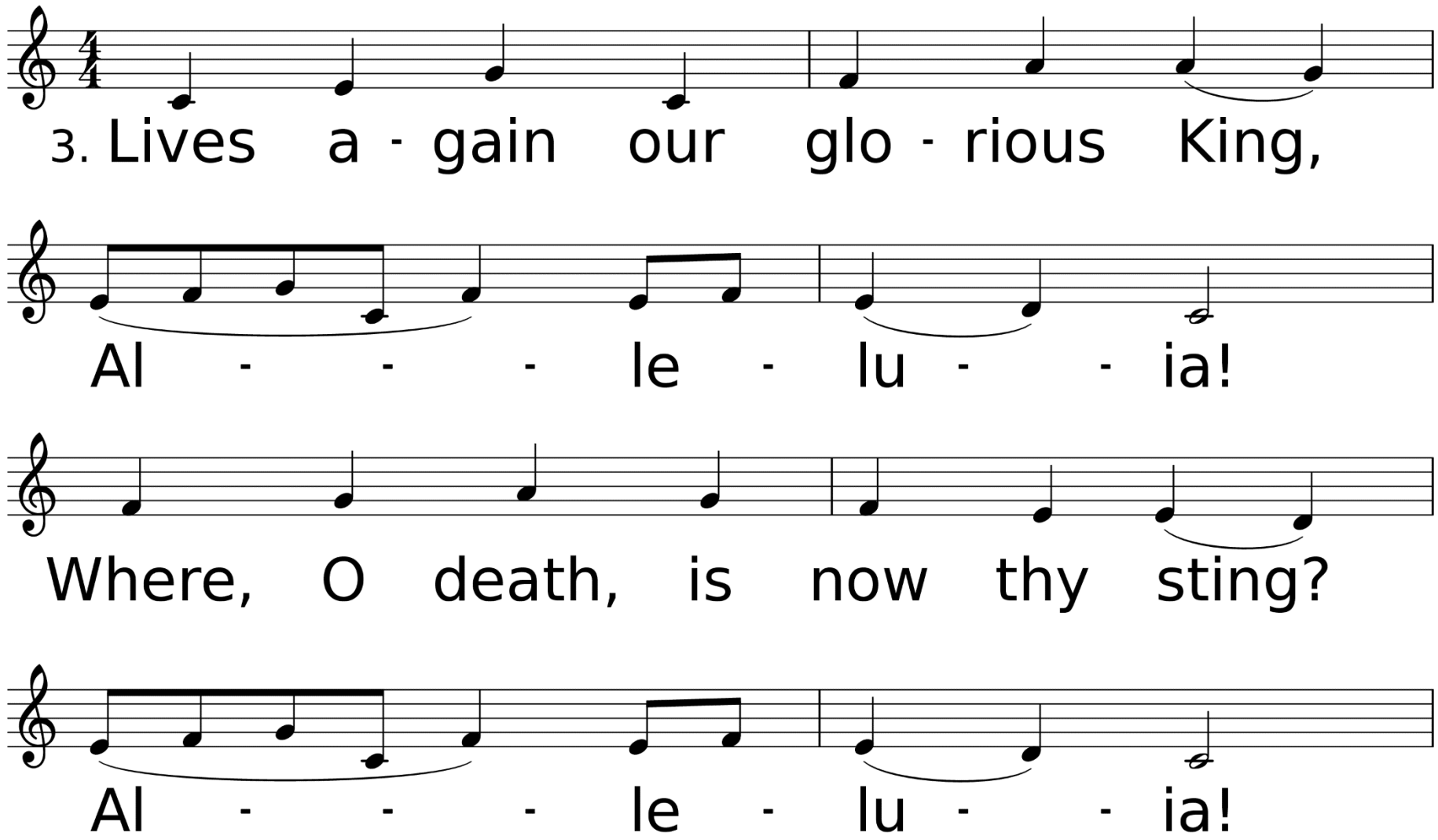
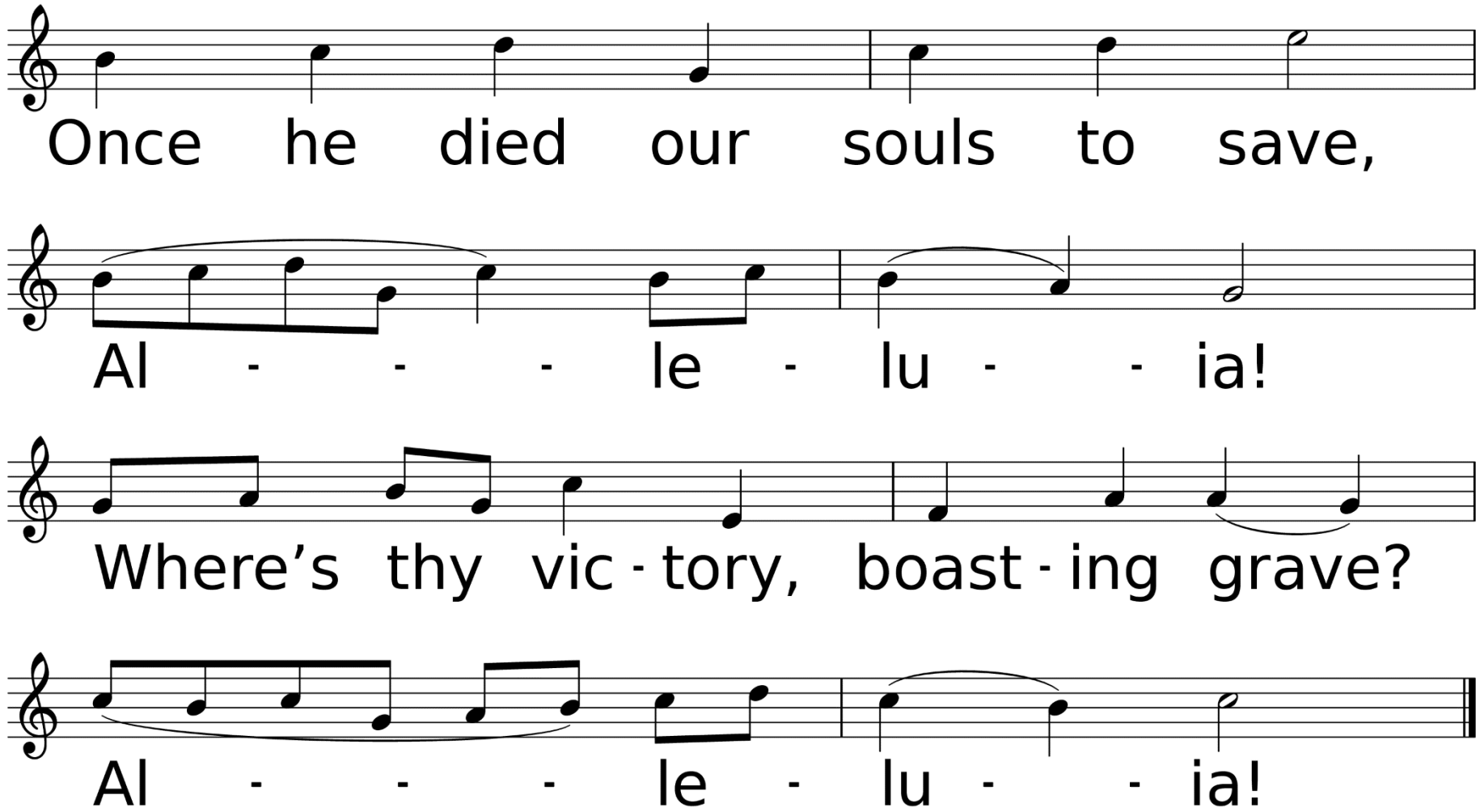
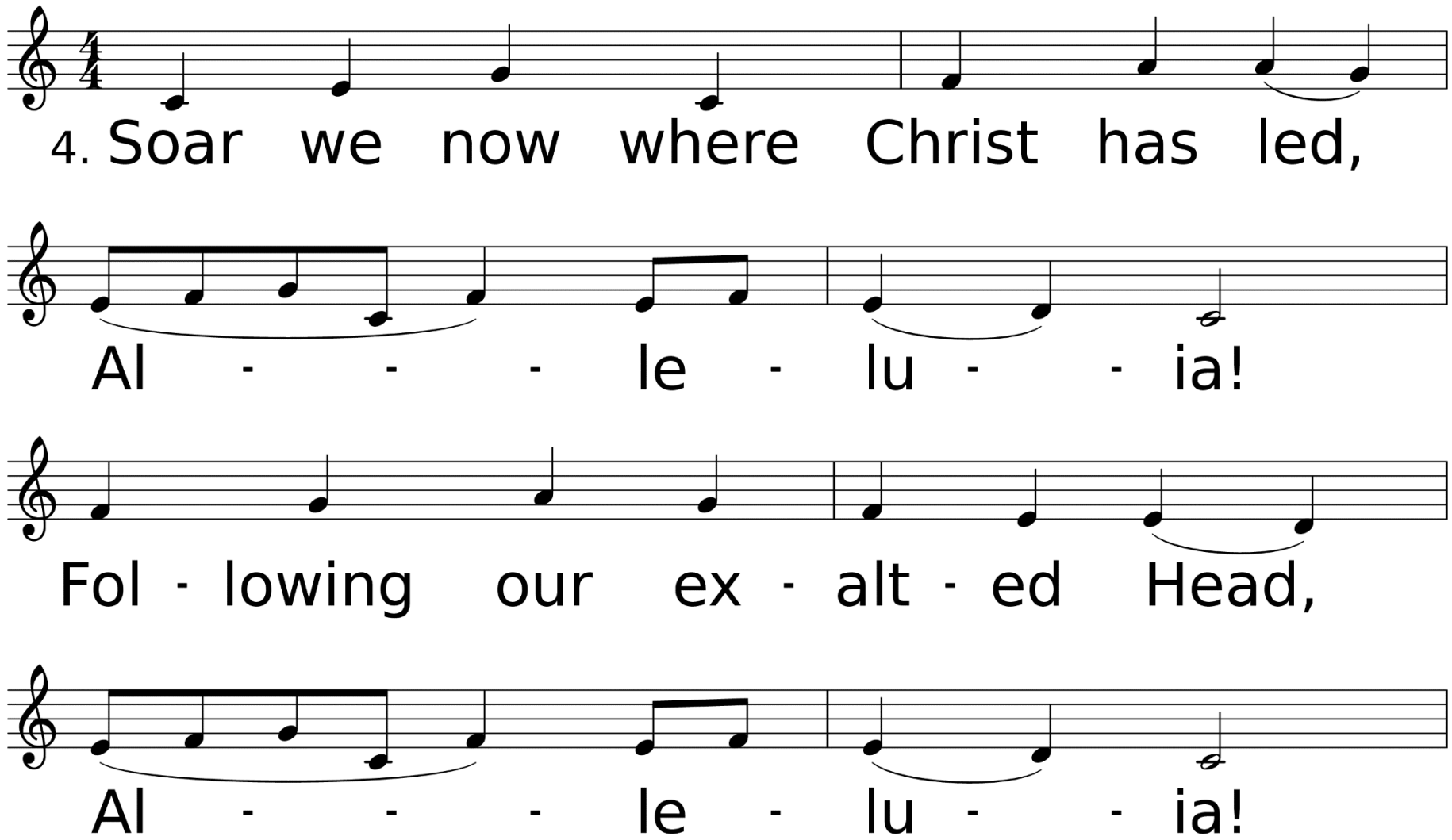

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

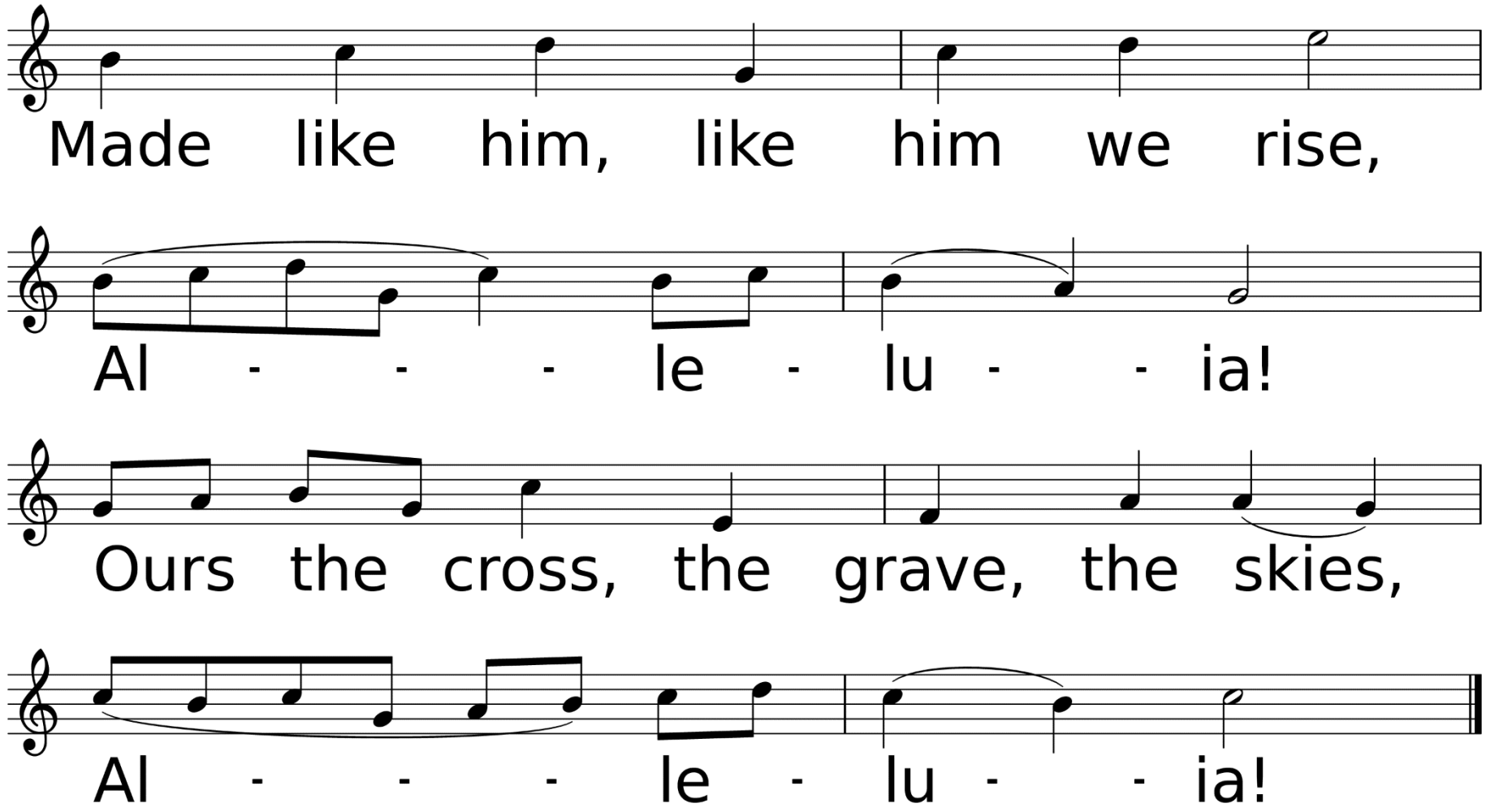

2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

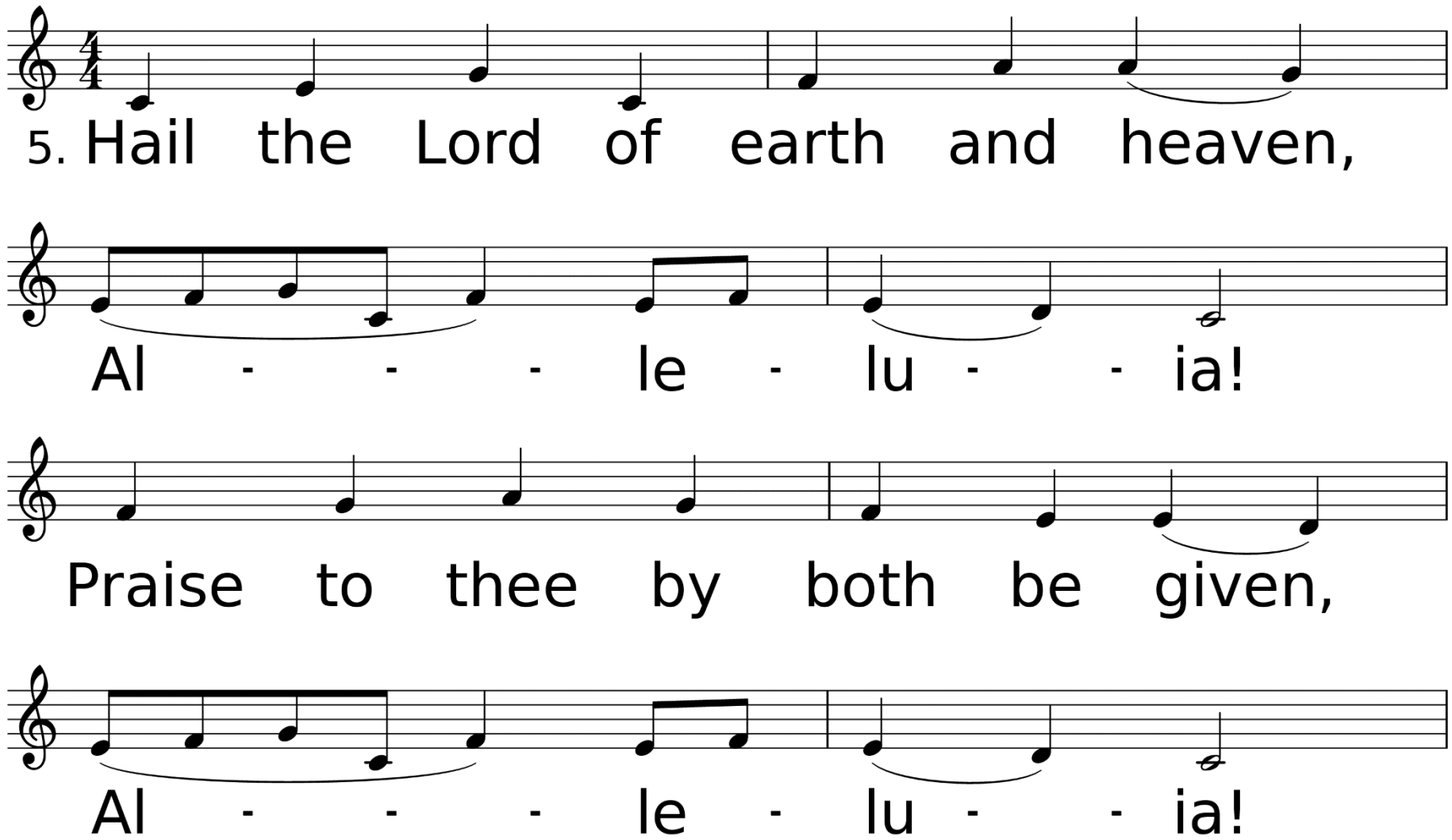

Death in vain for - bids him rise,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

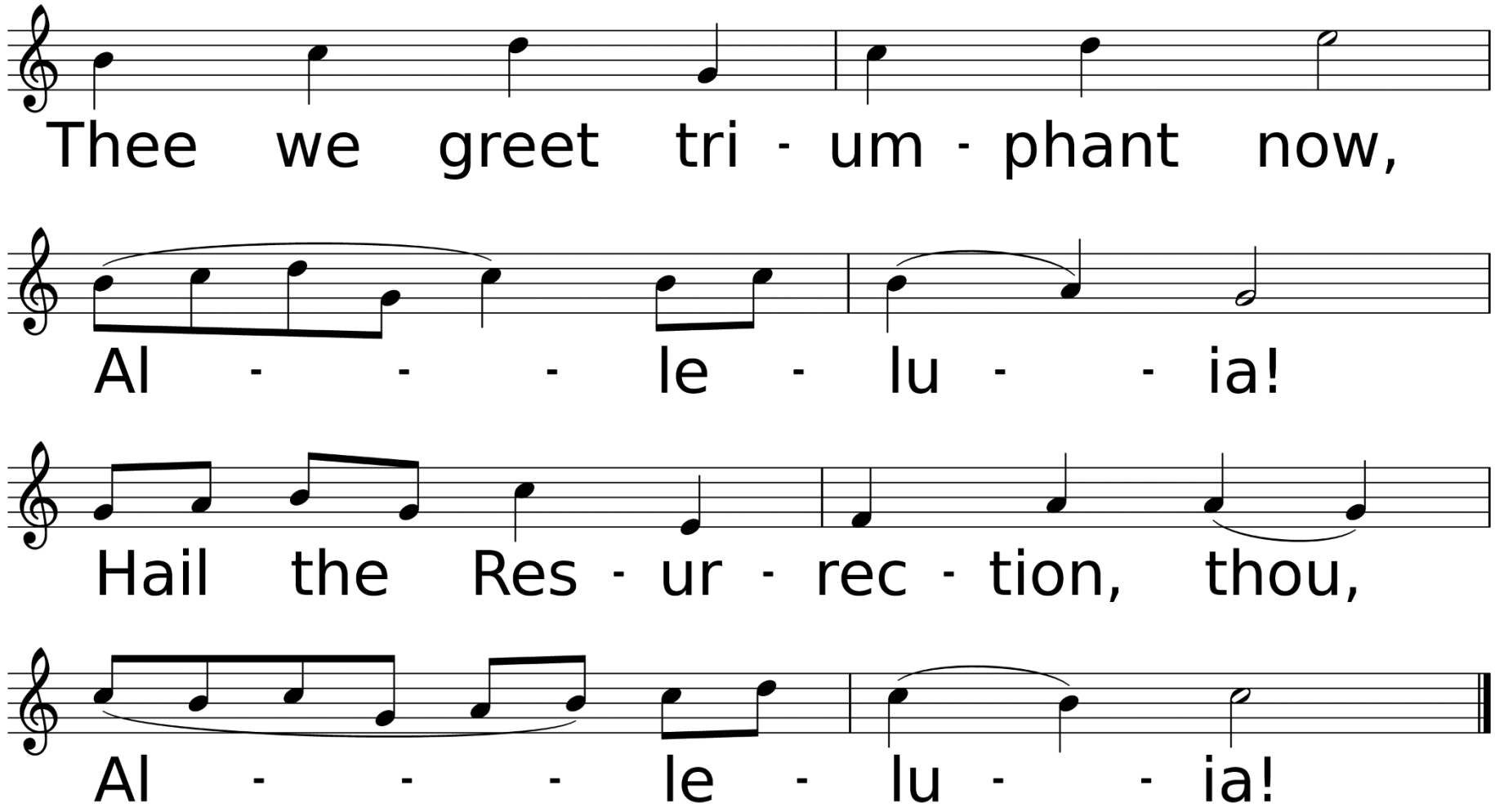

3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

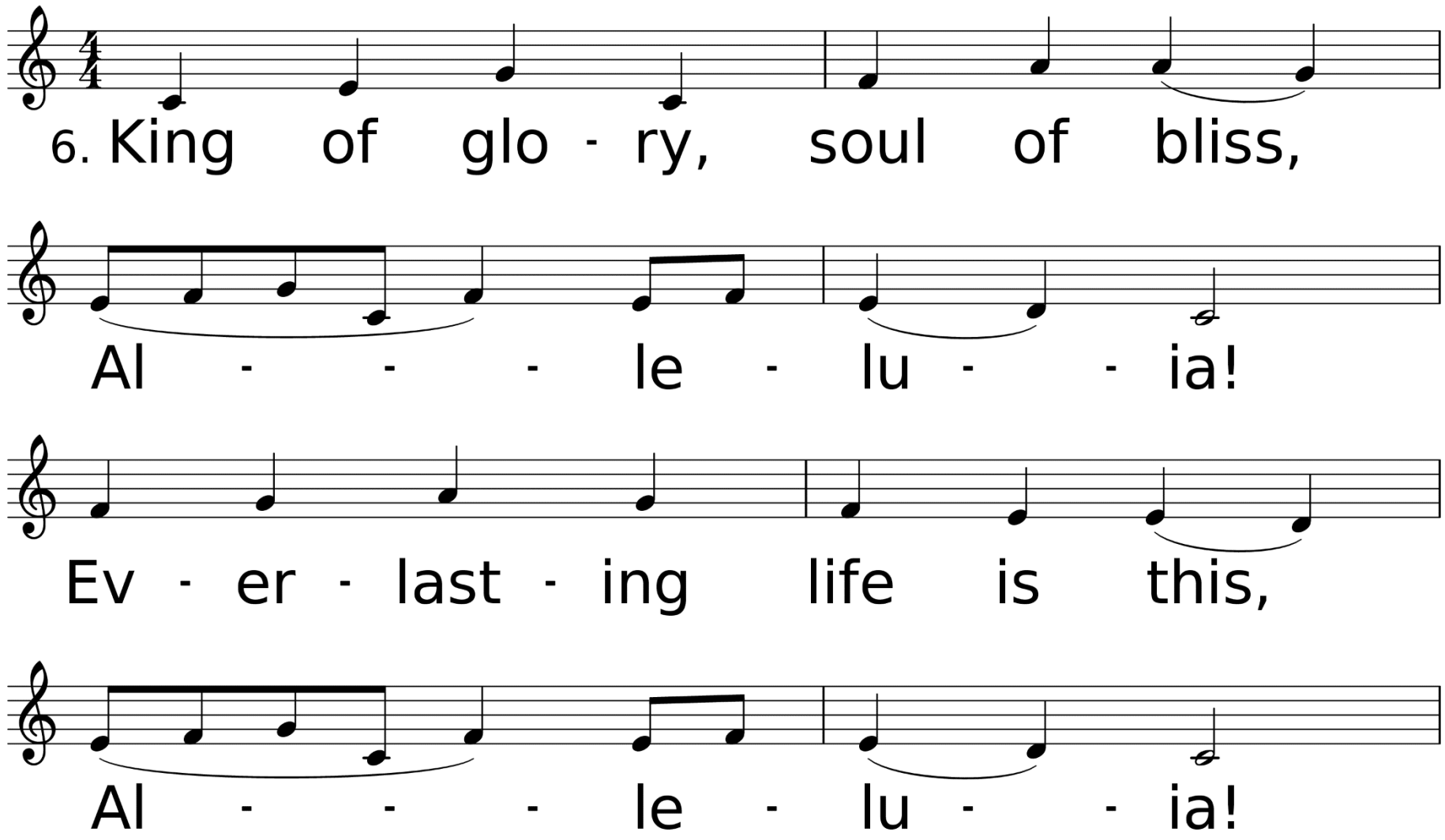

Once he died our souls to save,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave?
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

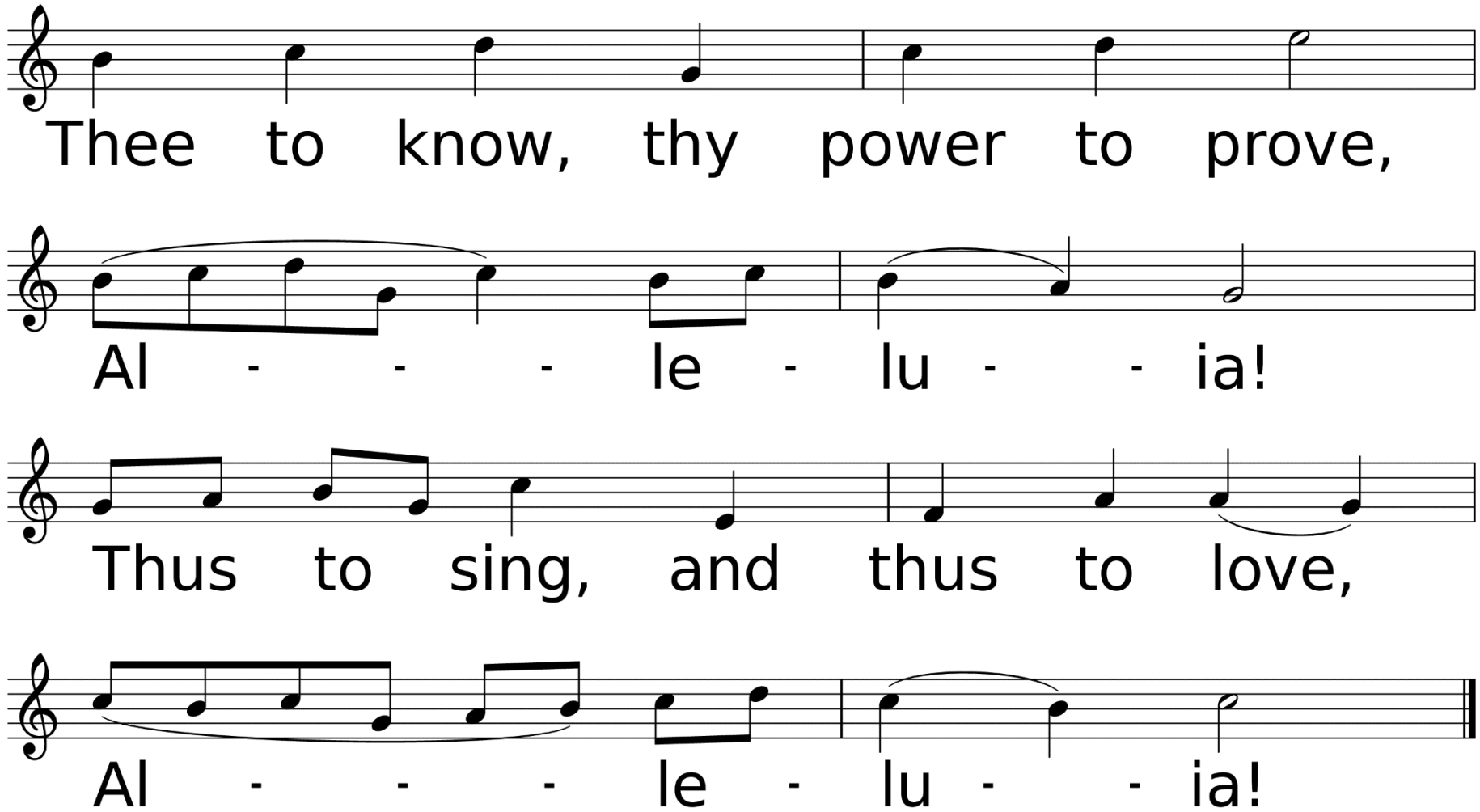

4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Made like him, like him we rise,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Praise to thee by both be given,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Ev - er - last - ing life is this,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Thee to know, thy power to prove,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: 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

Douglas "Art" Howell
(T. Craig)
Lydia Derouen
(D. & V. Allen)
Velva Day
(P. Blanton)
Allen Penton
(M. Bailey)
Connie DeConte
(A. Carpenter)
Becky Akard
(P. Blanton)
Nephew of Ron & Linda Kern
Billy O'Neal

Ronnie Perkins
(C. White)
Andrew Palmer
(T. Craig)
Cathy Lay
(M. Brister)
Gaylynn Taylor
(M. Brister)
Sheldon Glago
(J. Porter)
The Colvin Family
(A. & J. Carpenter)
Mike Harper
(C. Slover)
Kelley & Mark Allen

Shirley Kost
(L. Waughtal)
Cross Thomason
Frank Morales
(J. Bailey)
Angela Mallett
(J. Schwarze)
Chad Windborne
(J. Schwarze)
Alex Baker
(C. Scott)
Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)
Charlene Blevins
(B. Vaughn)

Mary Ann Greer
(S. Chavez)
Erik Wiley
(S. Jones)
Gervis Bailey
(K. Bailey)
John Nelson
Anna Wiggins
Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)
Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Kayetha Wilson
Jimmy Hooks
Neely Biggs
(M. & P. Launey)

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
Were You There

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Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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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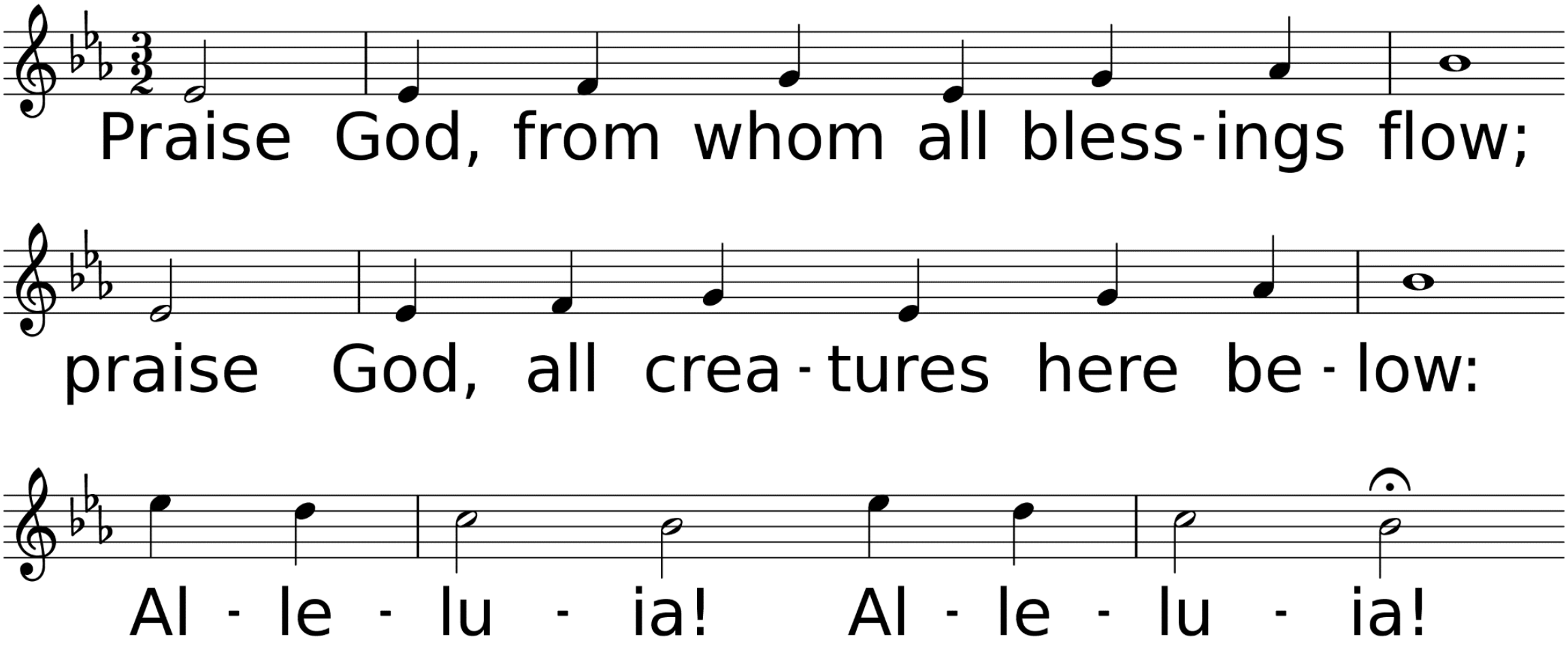
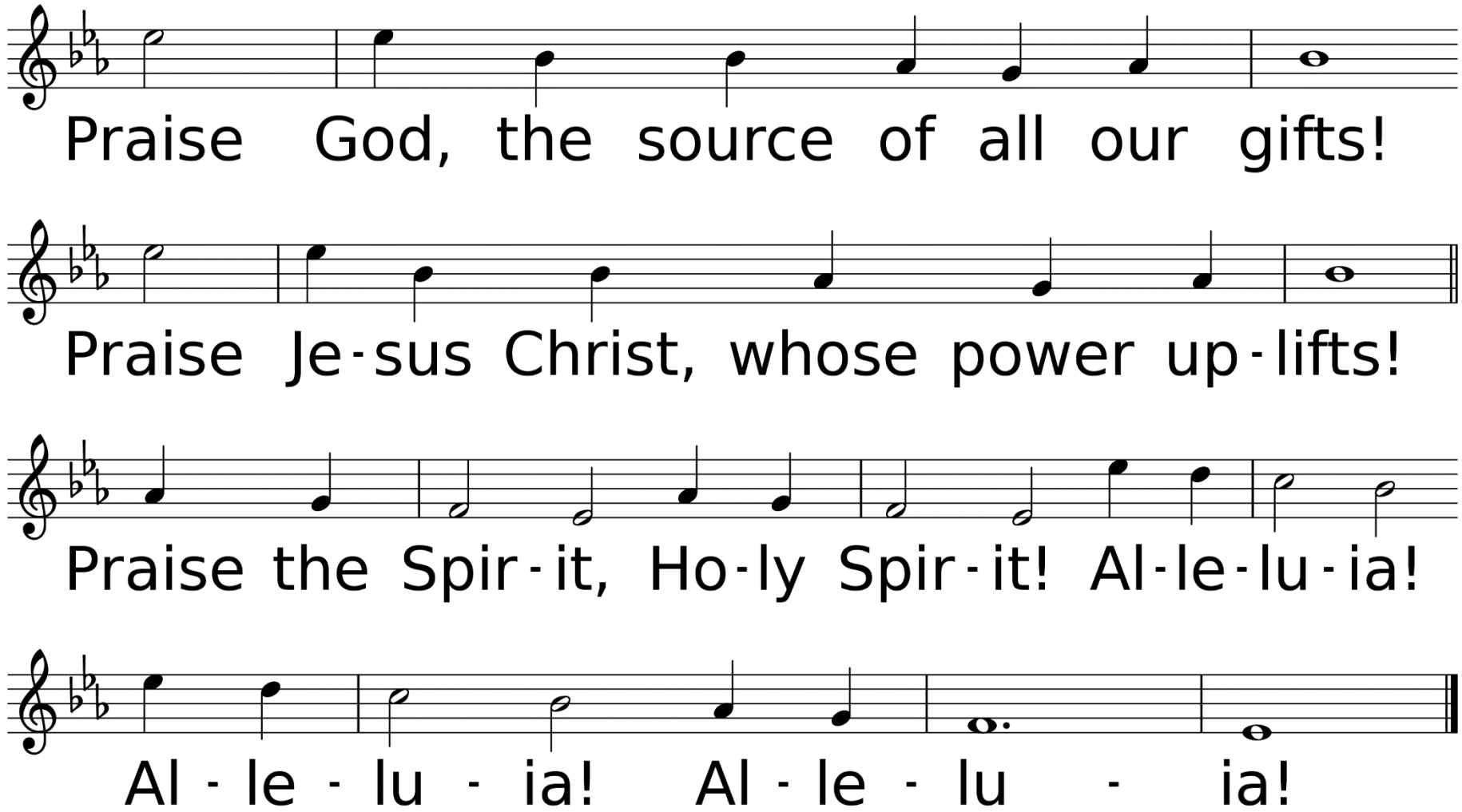

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
praise God, all crea-tures here be-low:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!


Praise God, 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

Lift High the Cross

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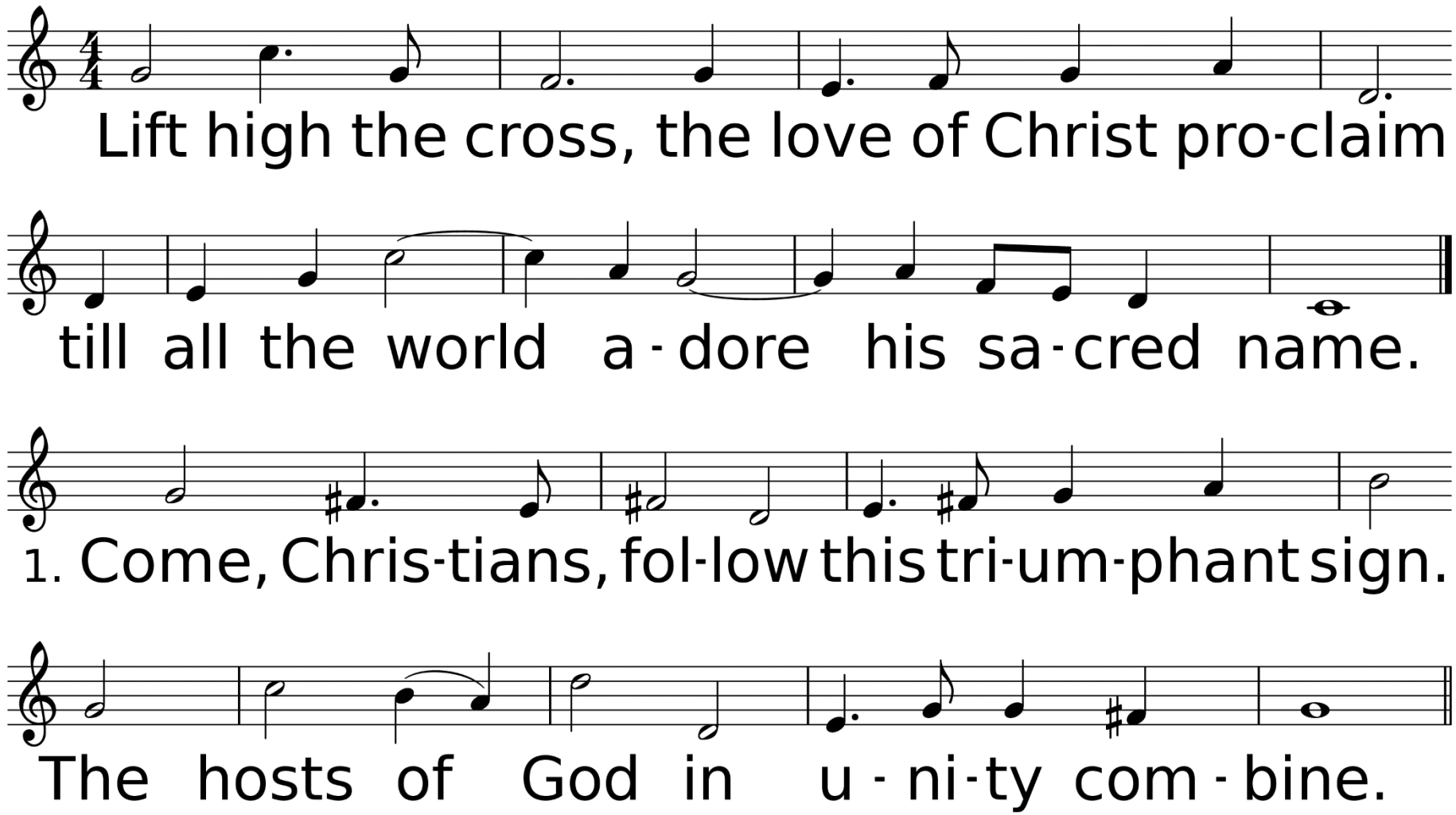

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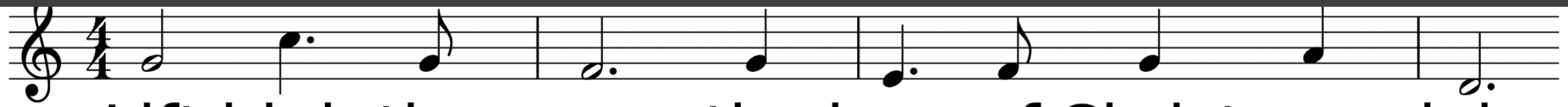
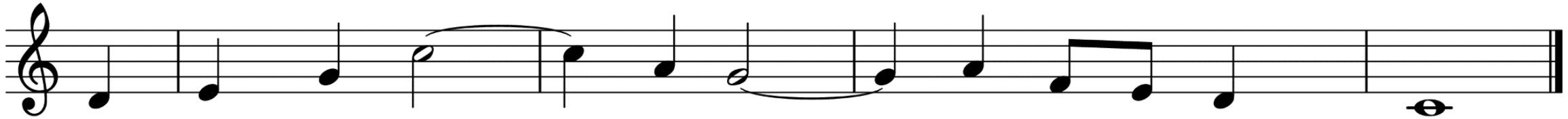
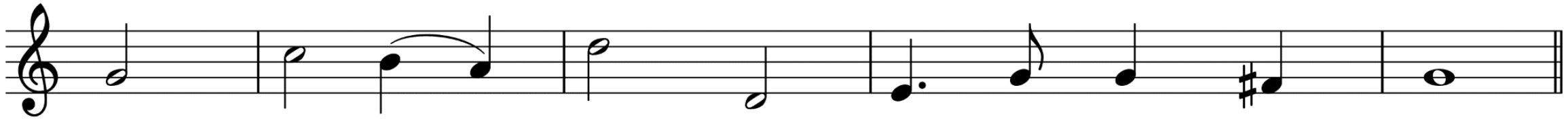


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim

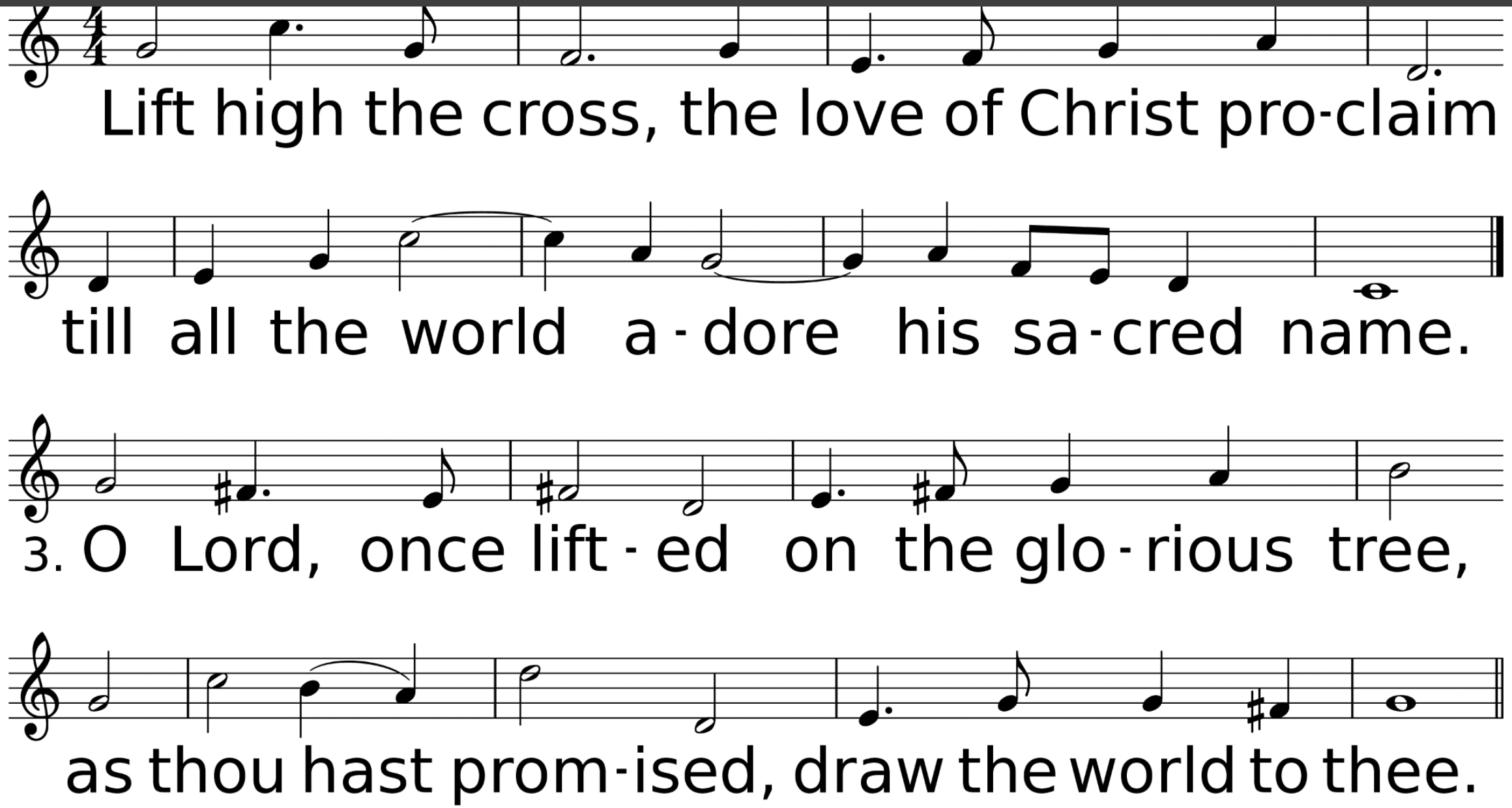


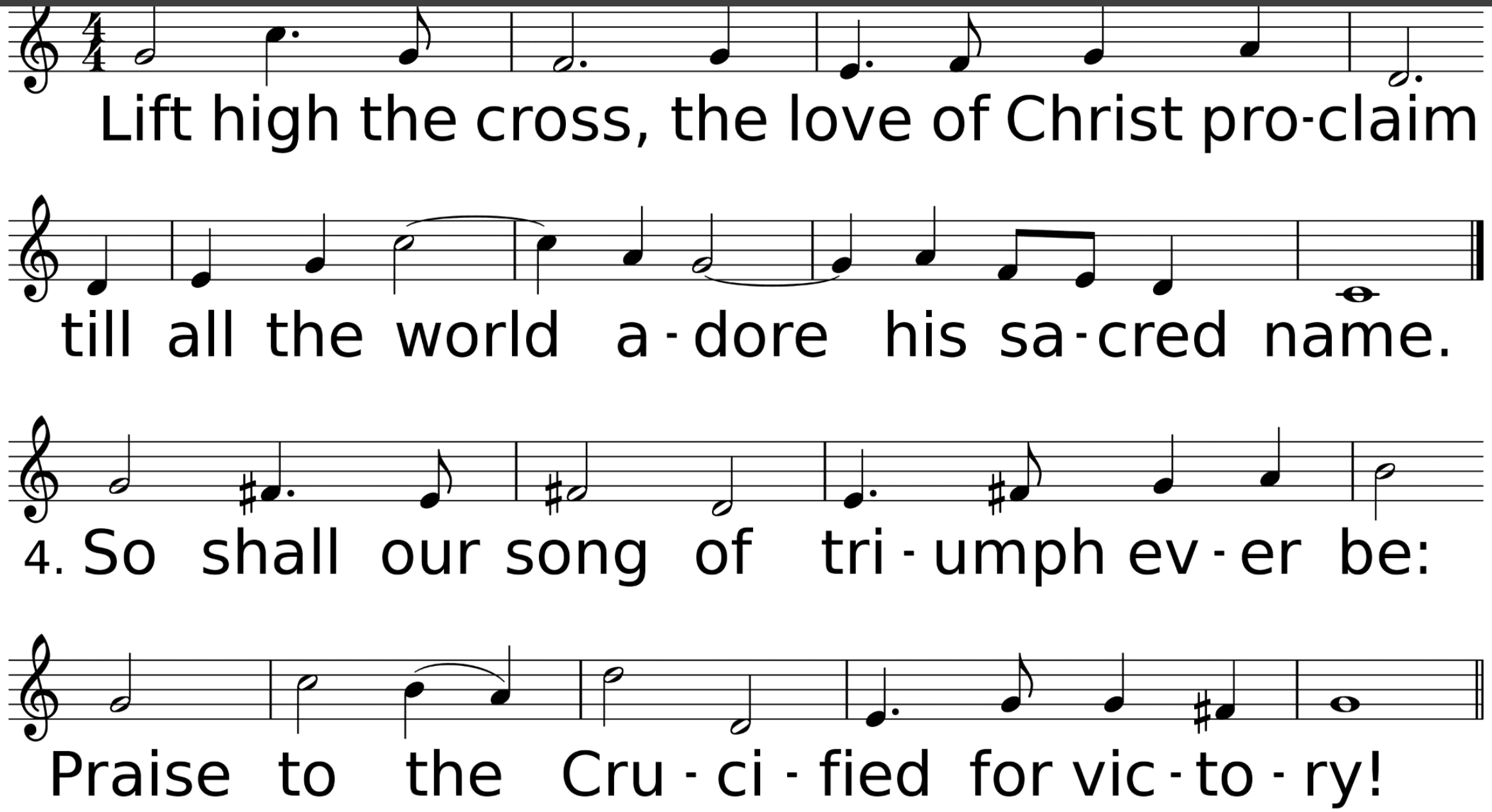
till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied



bears on the brow the seal of him who died.


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.
3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
as thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:
Praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Lift High the Cross

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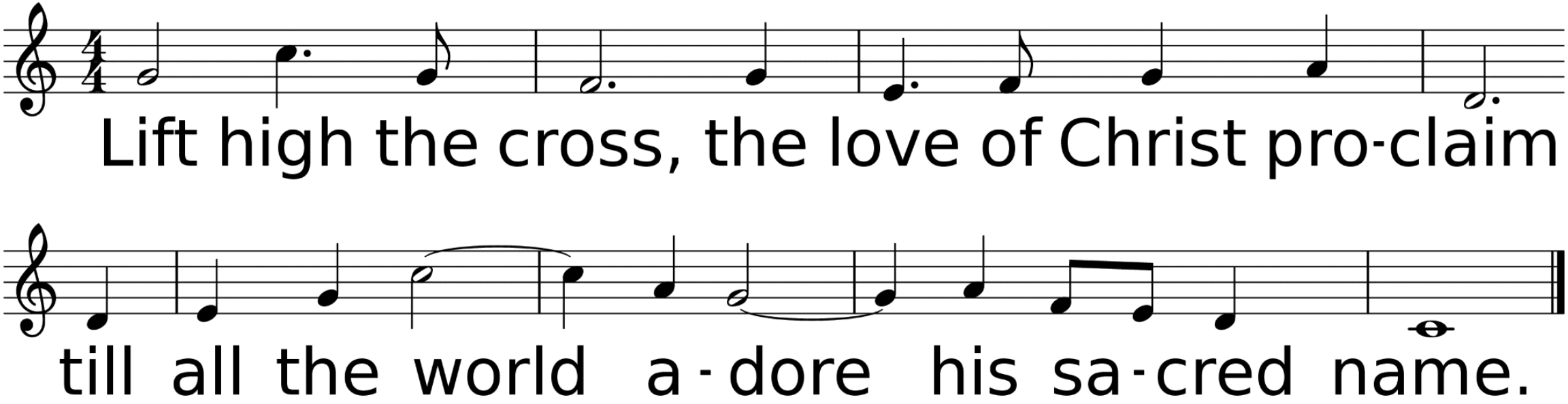


Scripture Reading
John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

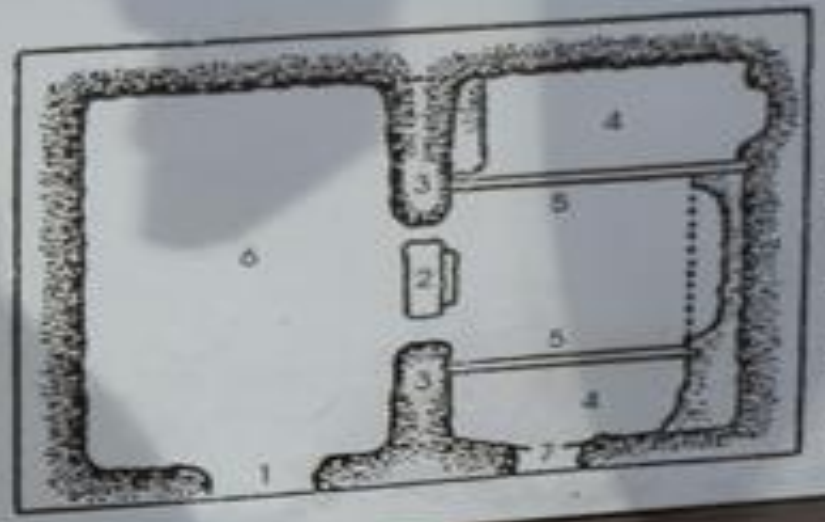
When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

“What or Who Are You Looking For?”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Diagram of the Tomb



1 Entrance to antechamber
2 Low threshold to burial chamber
3 Low rock walls
4 Loculus (burial niche)
5 Slit for vertical stone slab
6 Antechamber (weeping chamber)
7 Small window

"HE IS NOT HERE-
FOR HE IS RISEN"

Anthem

An Easter Carol

Gordon Young

Invitation to Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Leader: By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

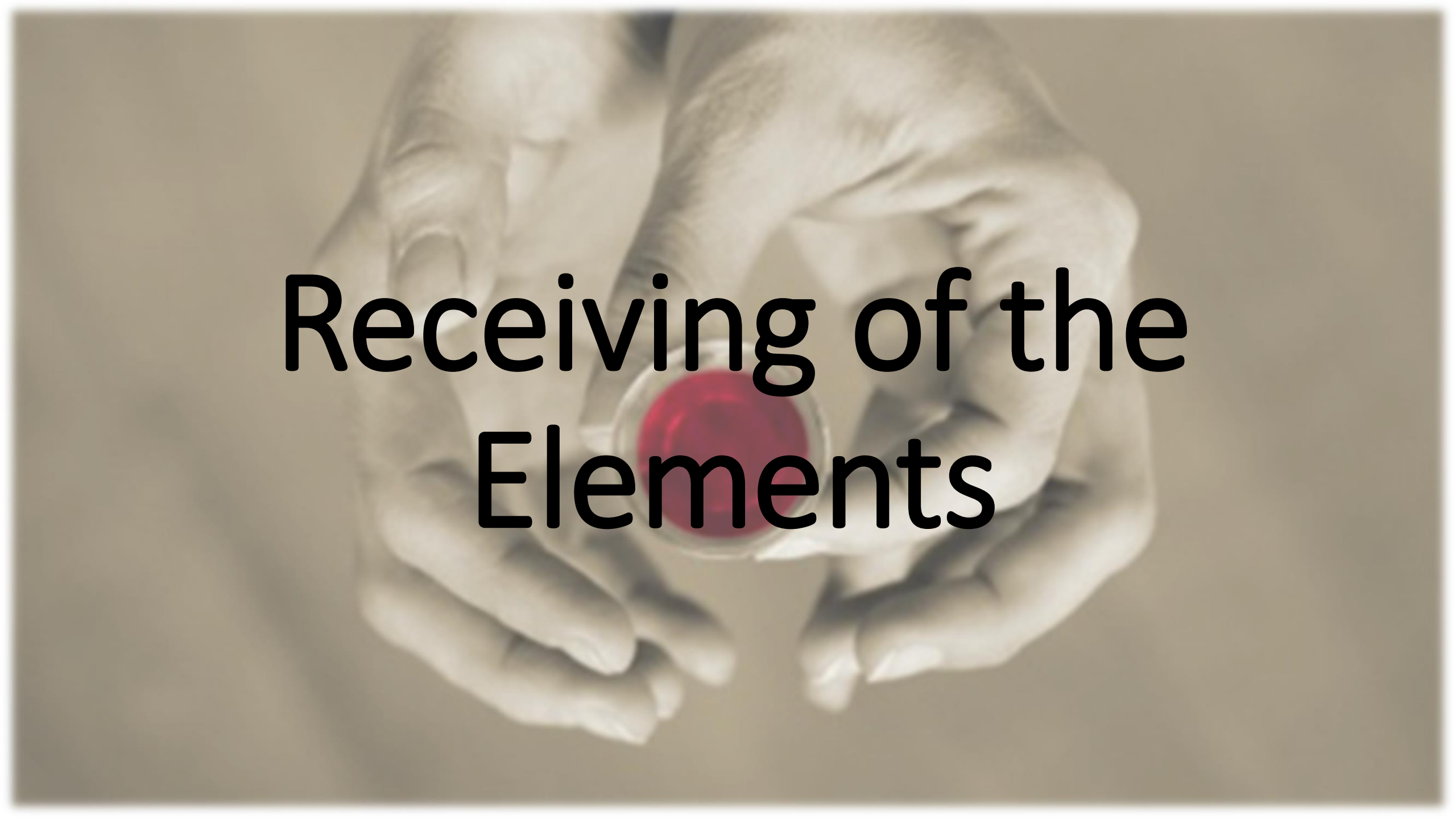
On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.



Receiving of the Elements

*Hymn of Invitation

Come Christians, Join to Sing

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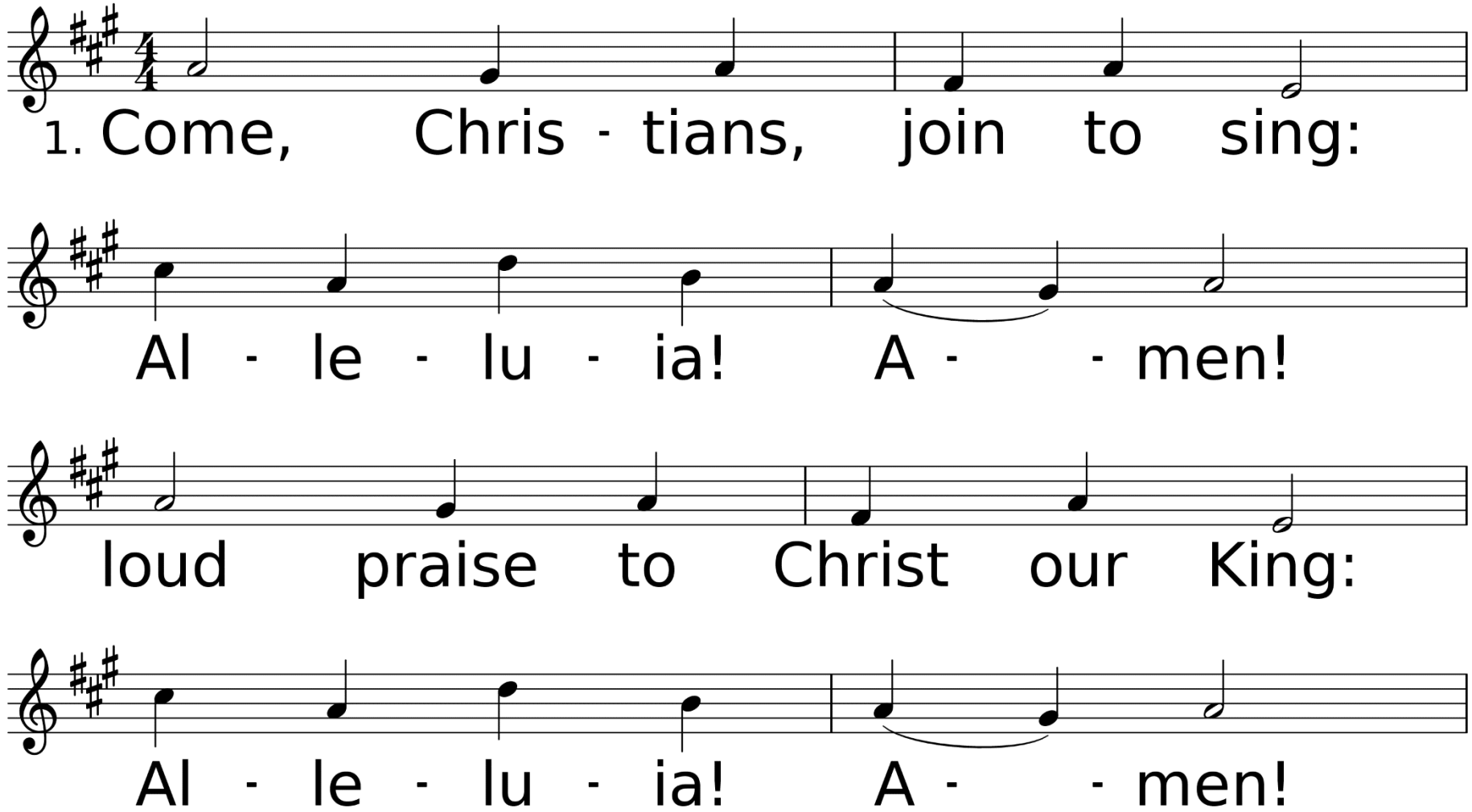

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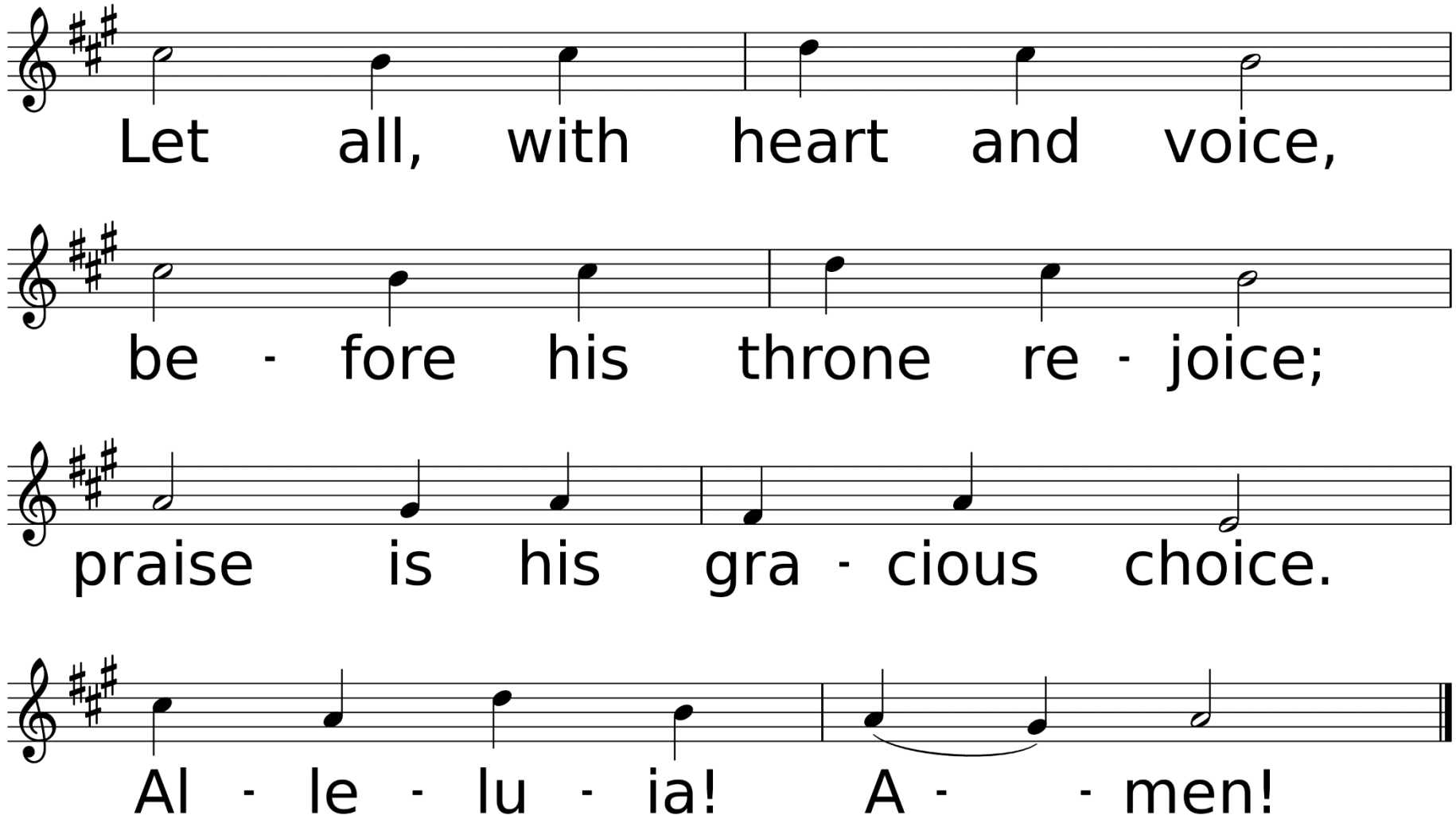
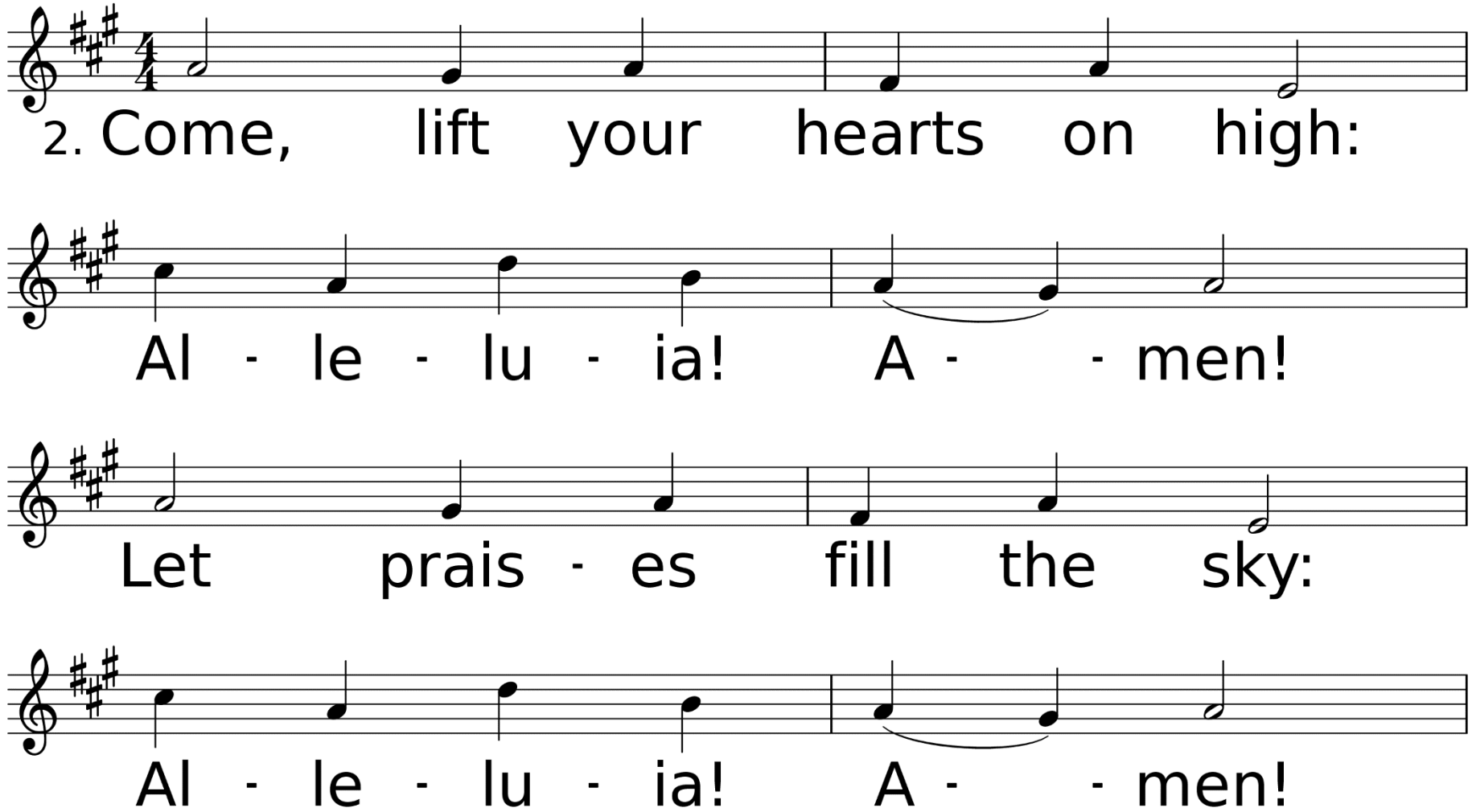
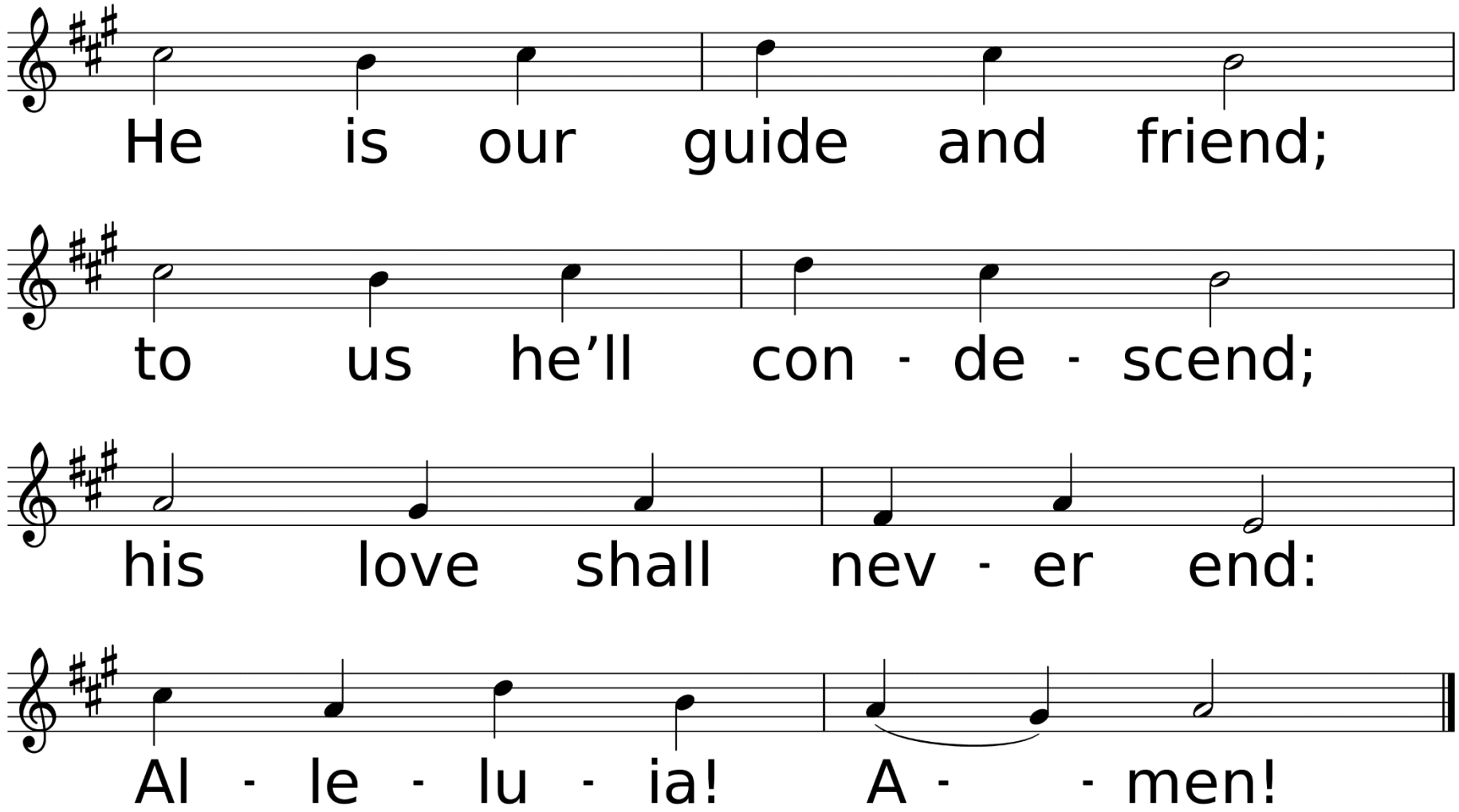

Let all, with heart and voice,
be - fore his throne re - joice;
praise is his gra - cious choice.
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


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!

Benediction

*Sending Forth

Standing on the Promises

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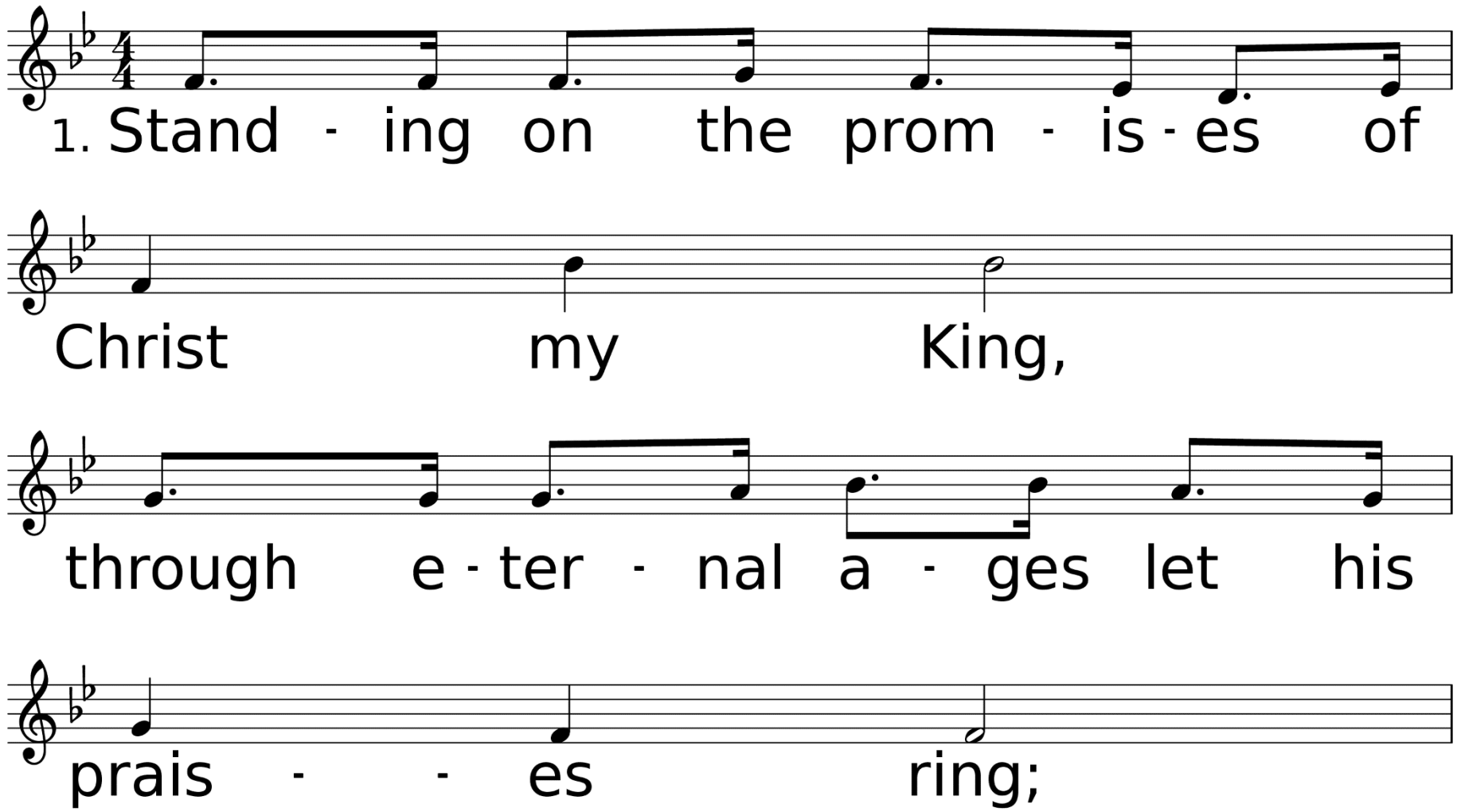

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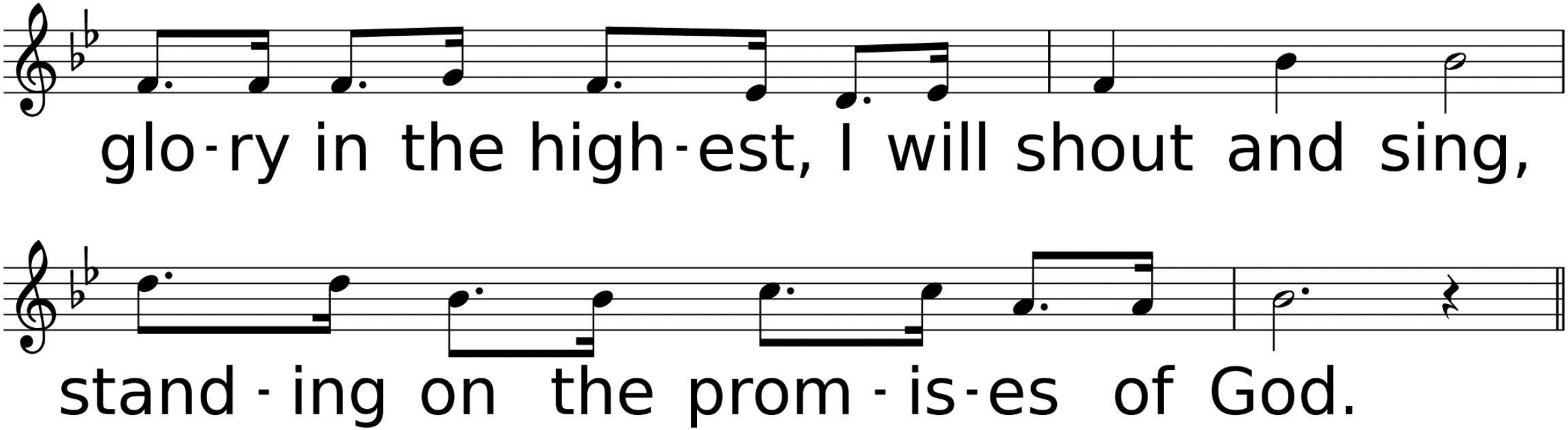
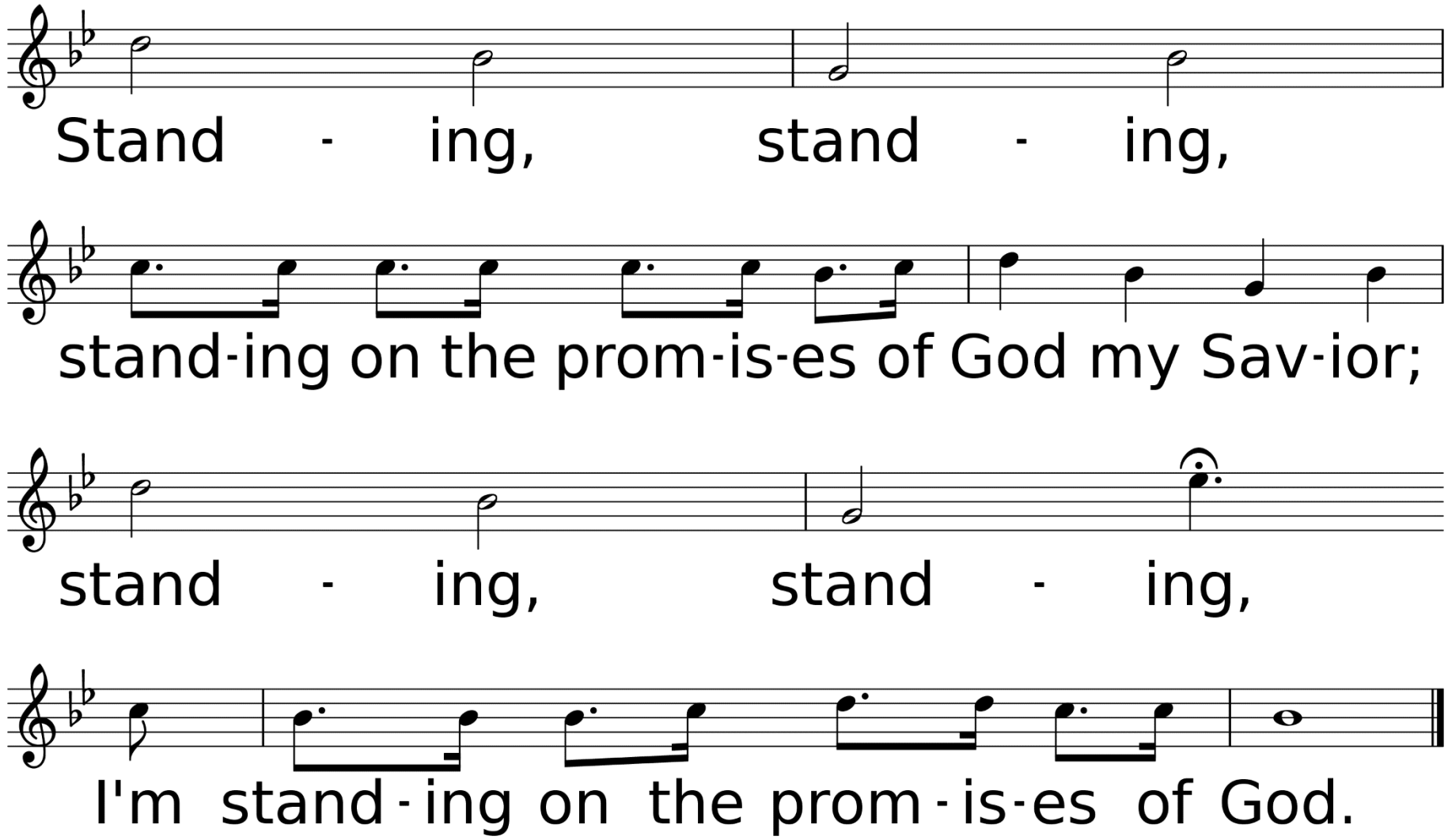
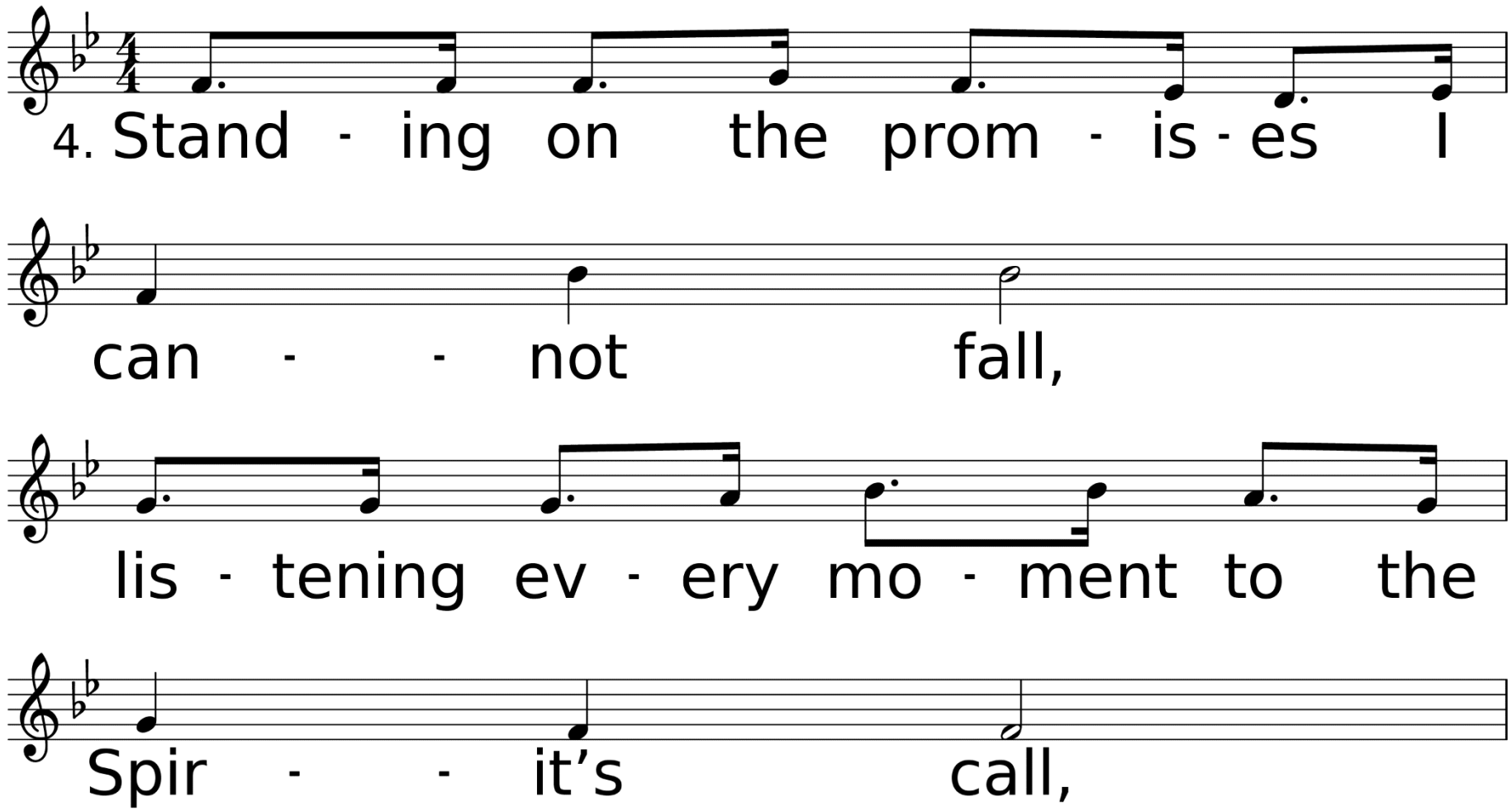

glo-ry in the high-est, I will shout and sing,
stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.


Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior;
stand - ing, stand - ing,
I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.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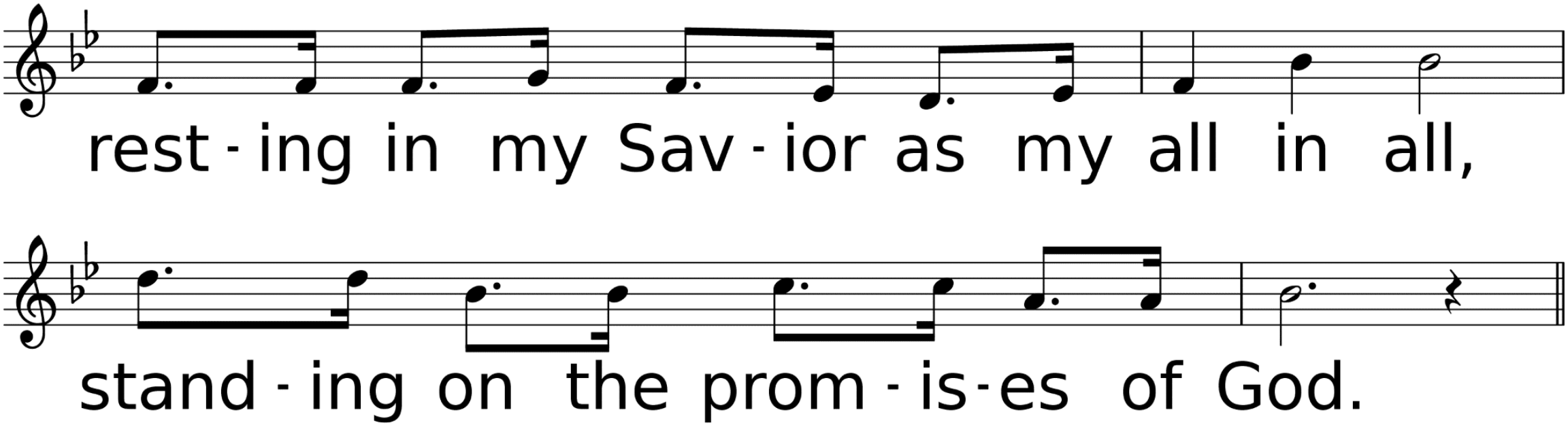

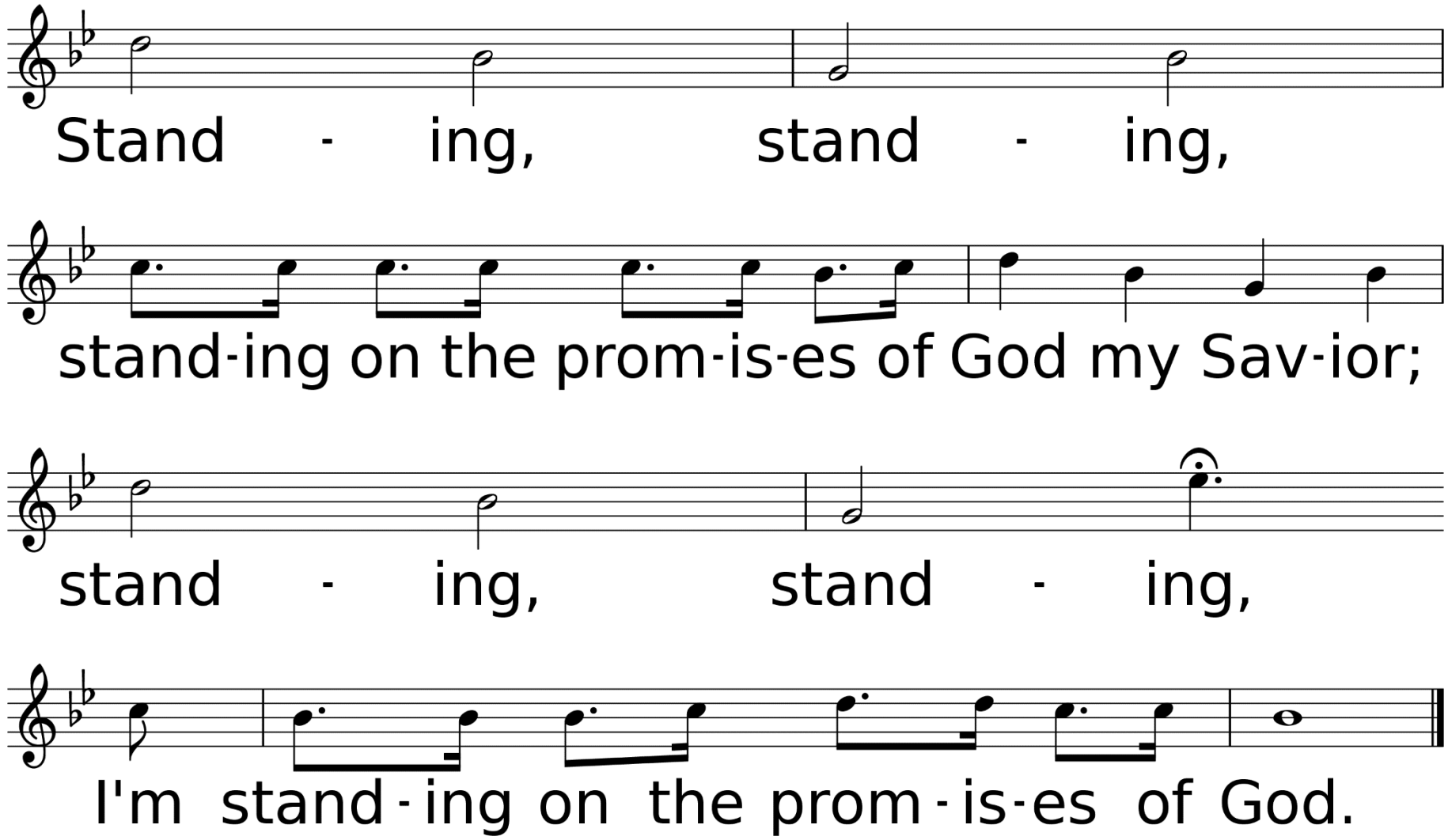
Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior;
stand - ing, stand - ing,
I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.

Happy Easter!
Thank you for joining us today!