Welcome Home!

April 25,2021

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

Peter Scholtes

*Call To Worship

Leader: Sing for joy,
O heavens, and exult,
O earth; break forth,
O mountains, into singing!

Congregation: For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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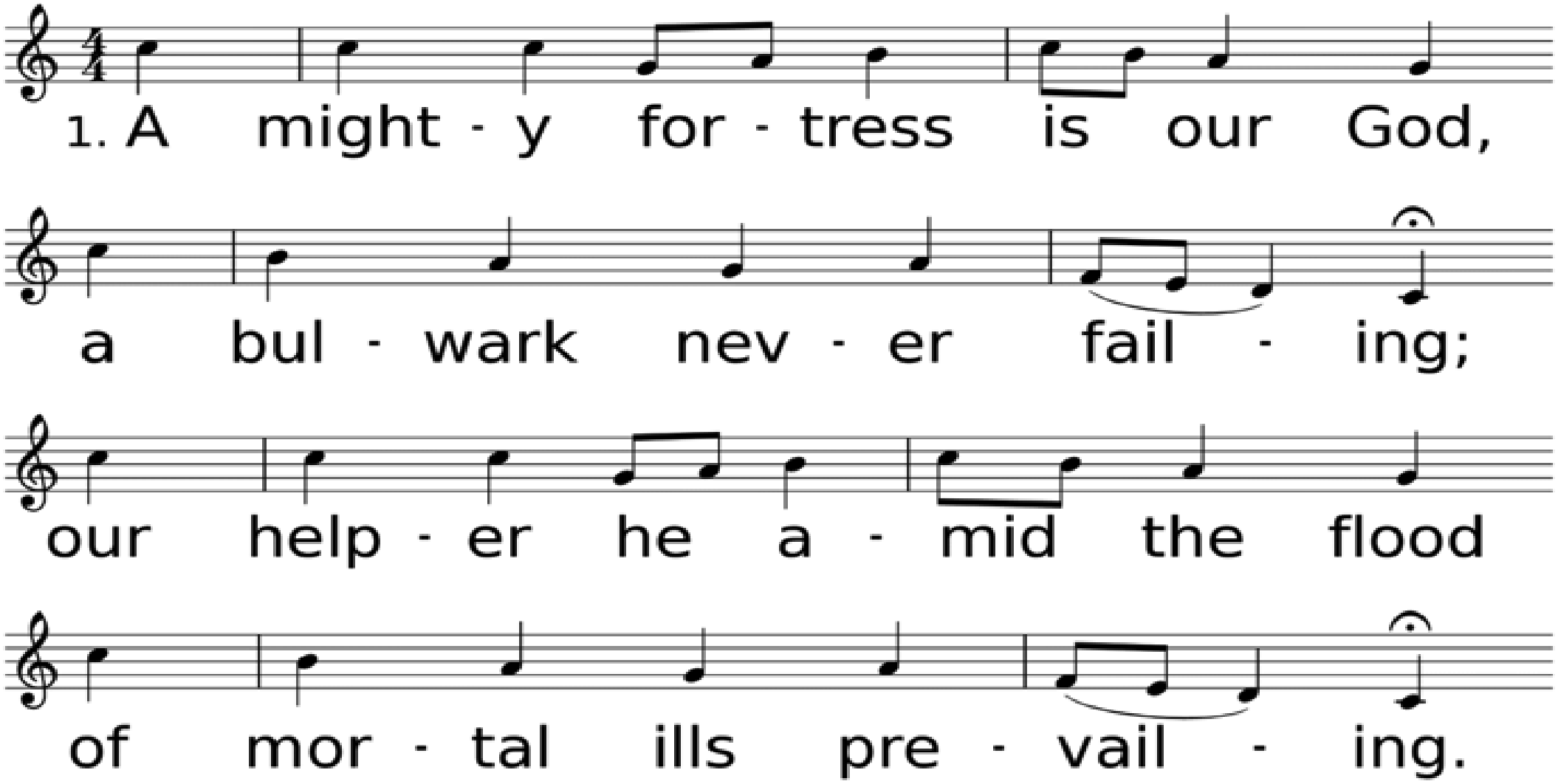

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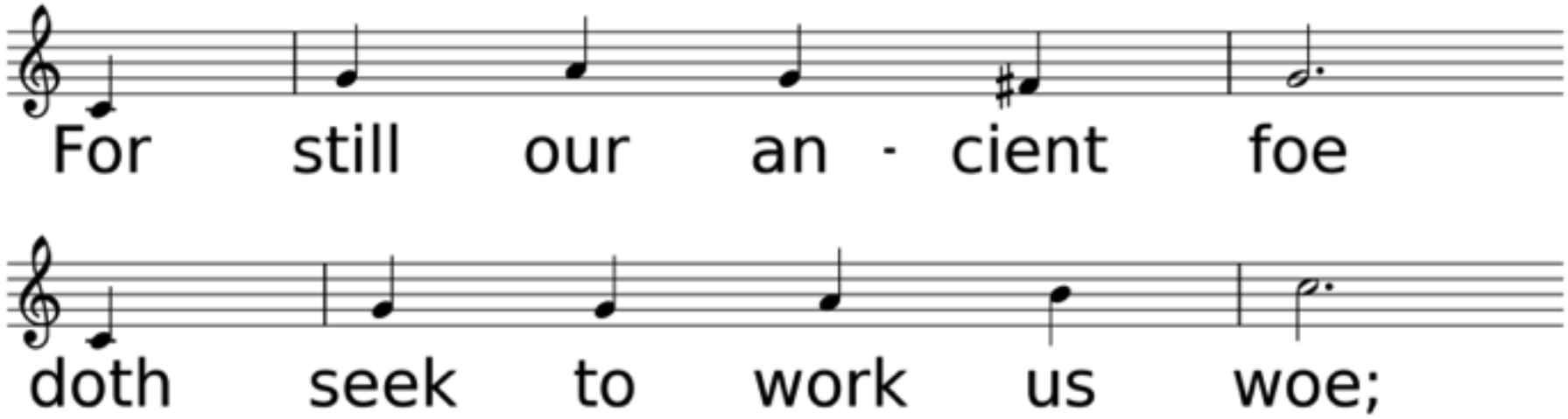
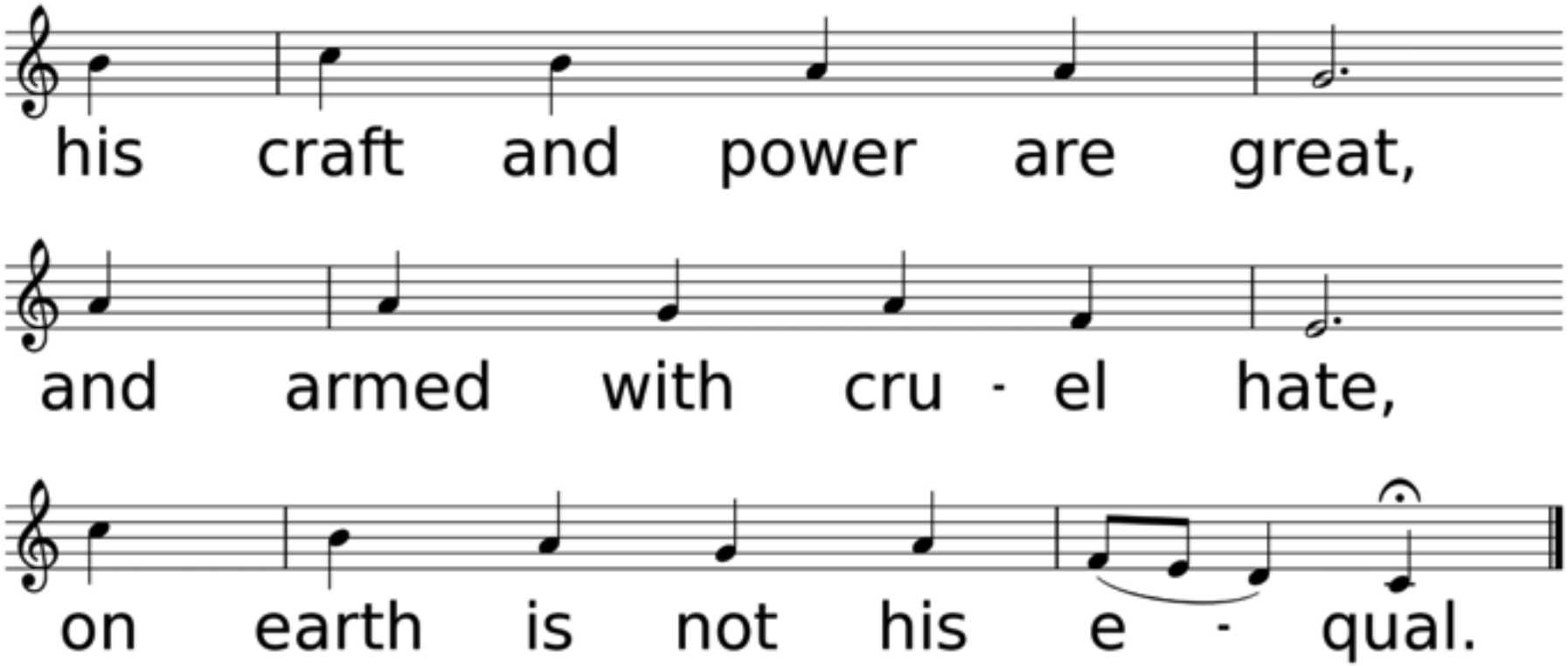
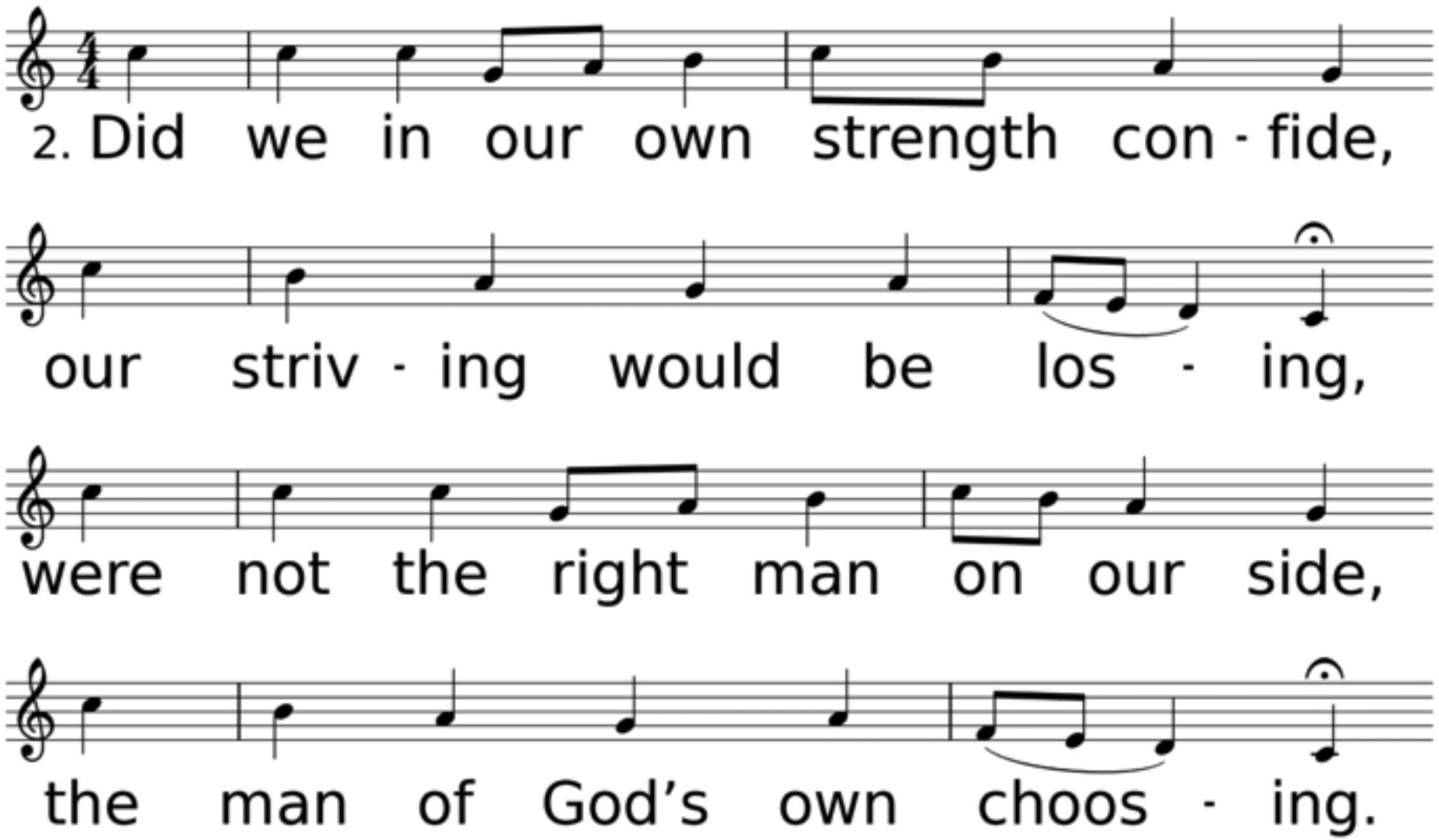
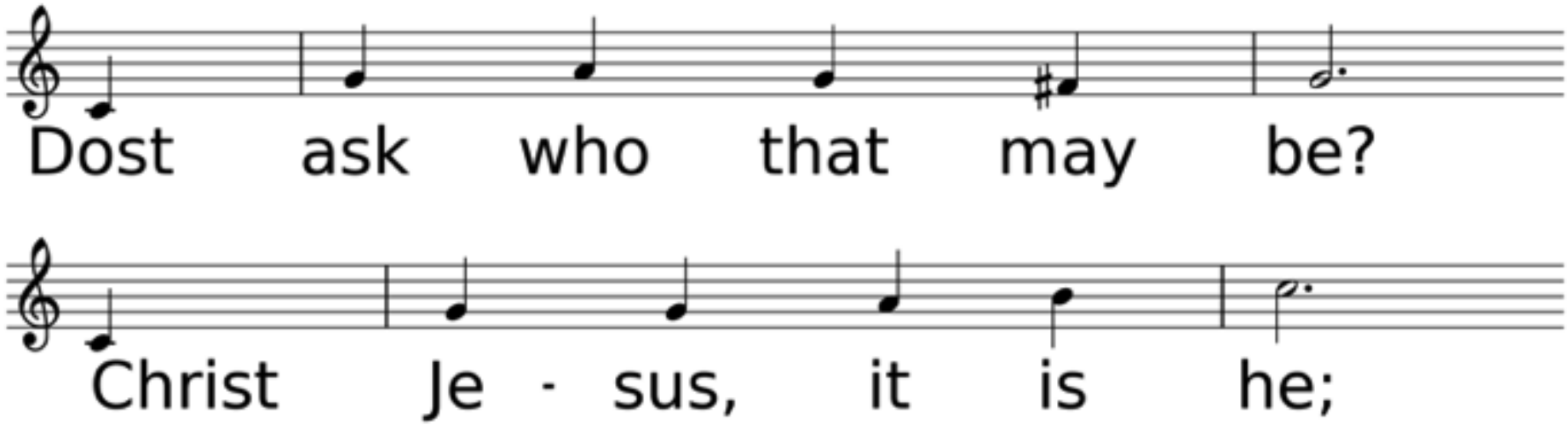
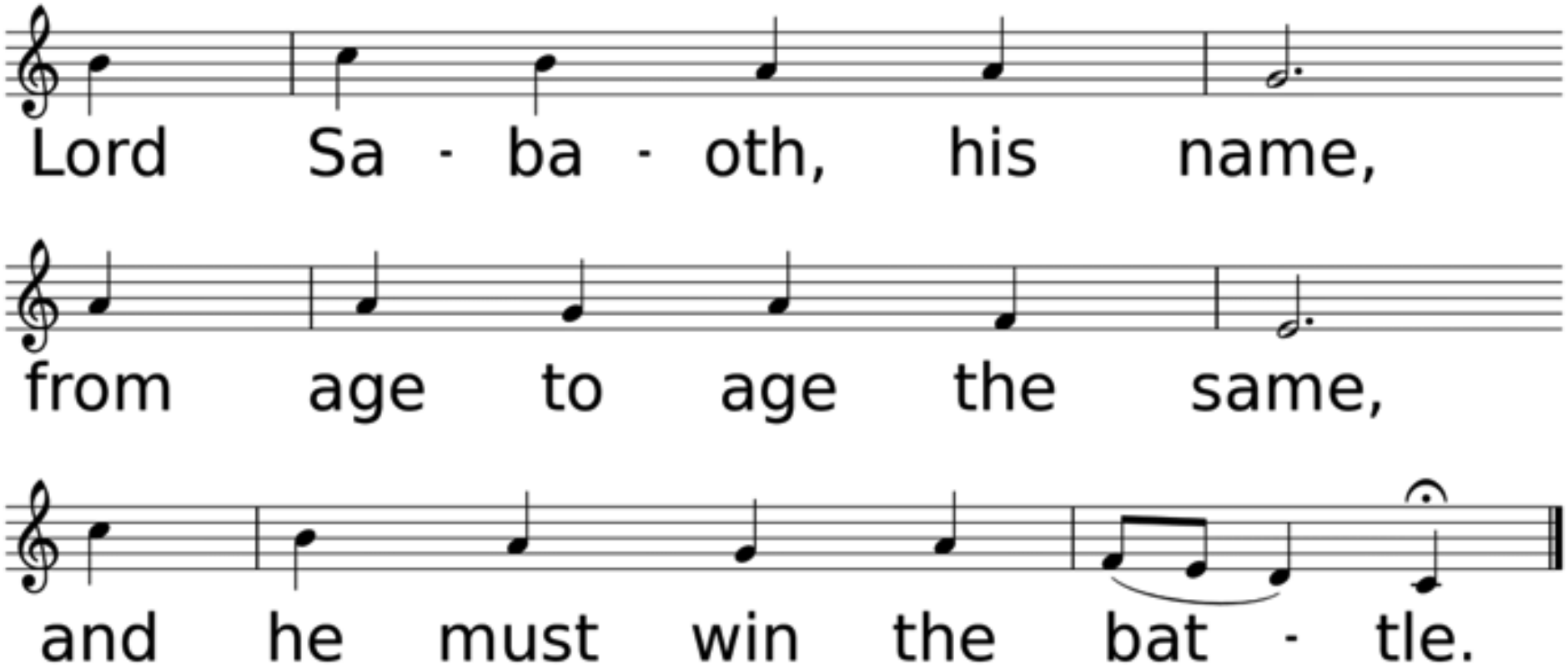
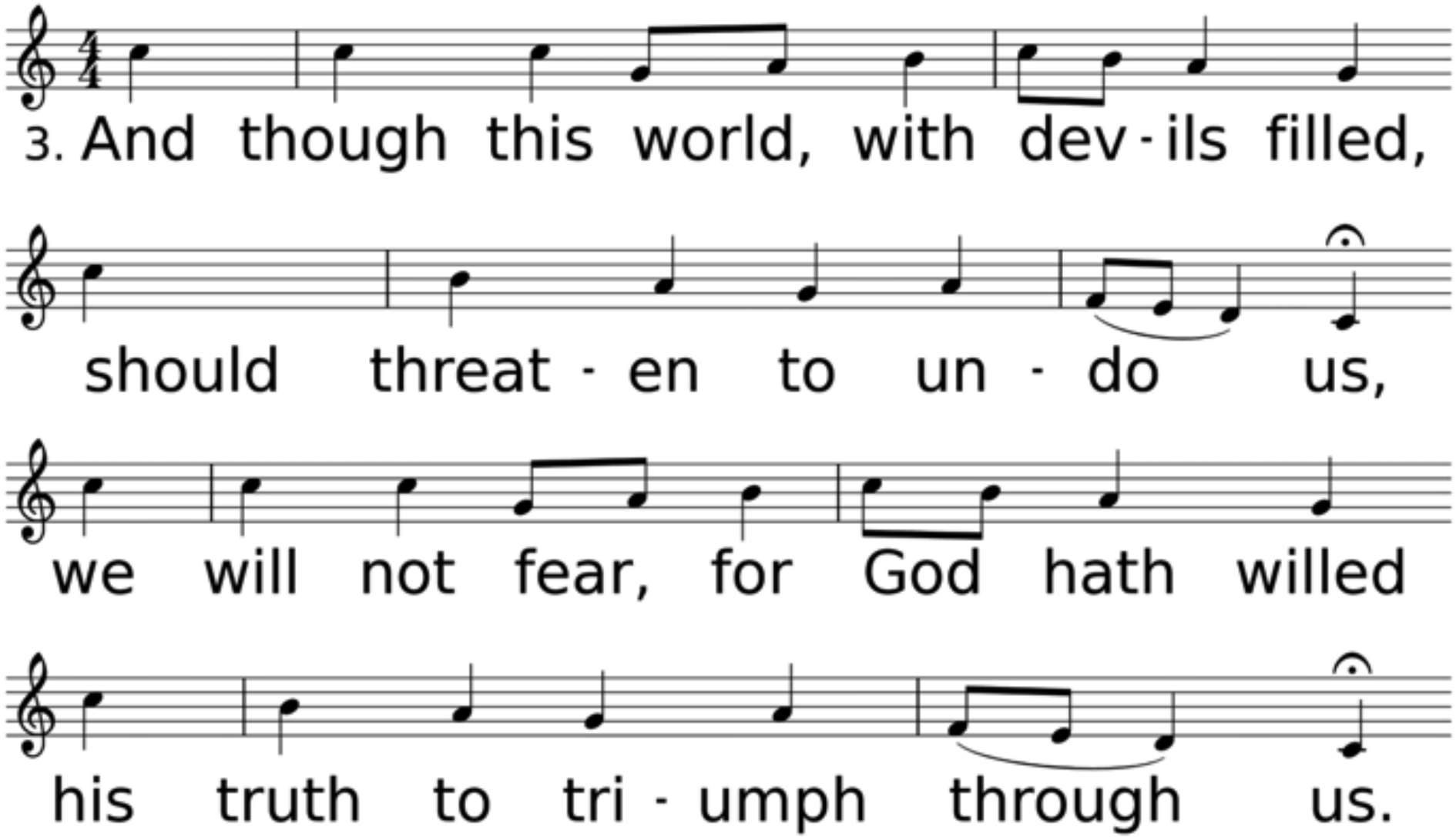

For still our an - cient foe
doth seek to work us woe;

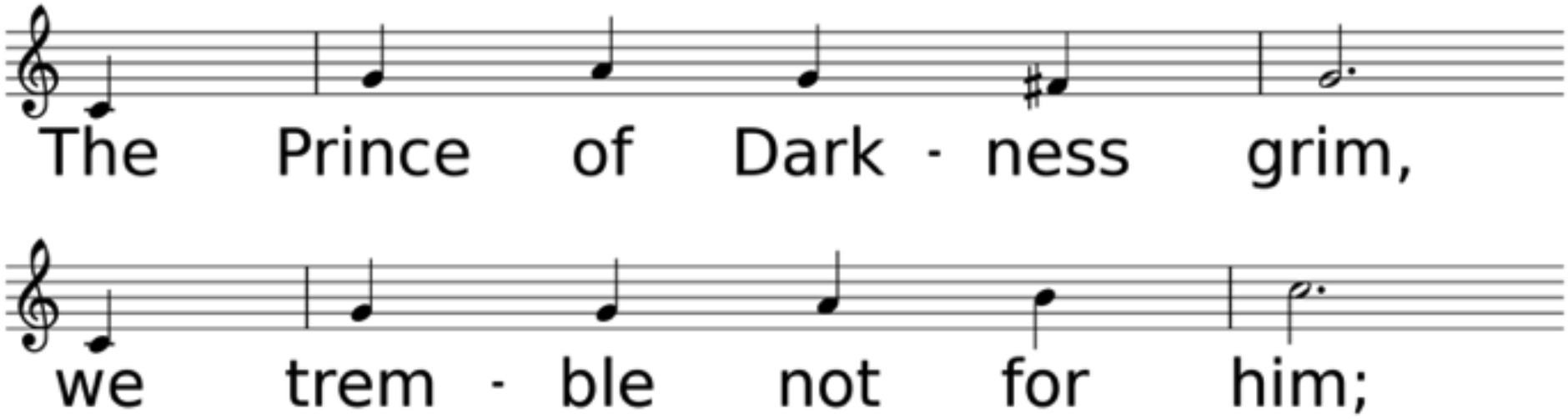

his craft and power are great,
and armed with cru - el hate,
on earth is not his e - qual.

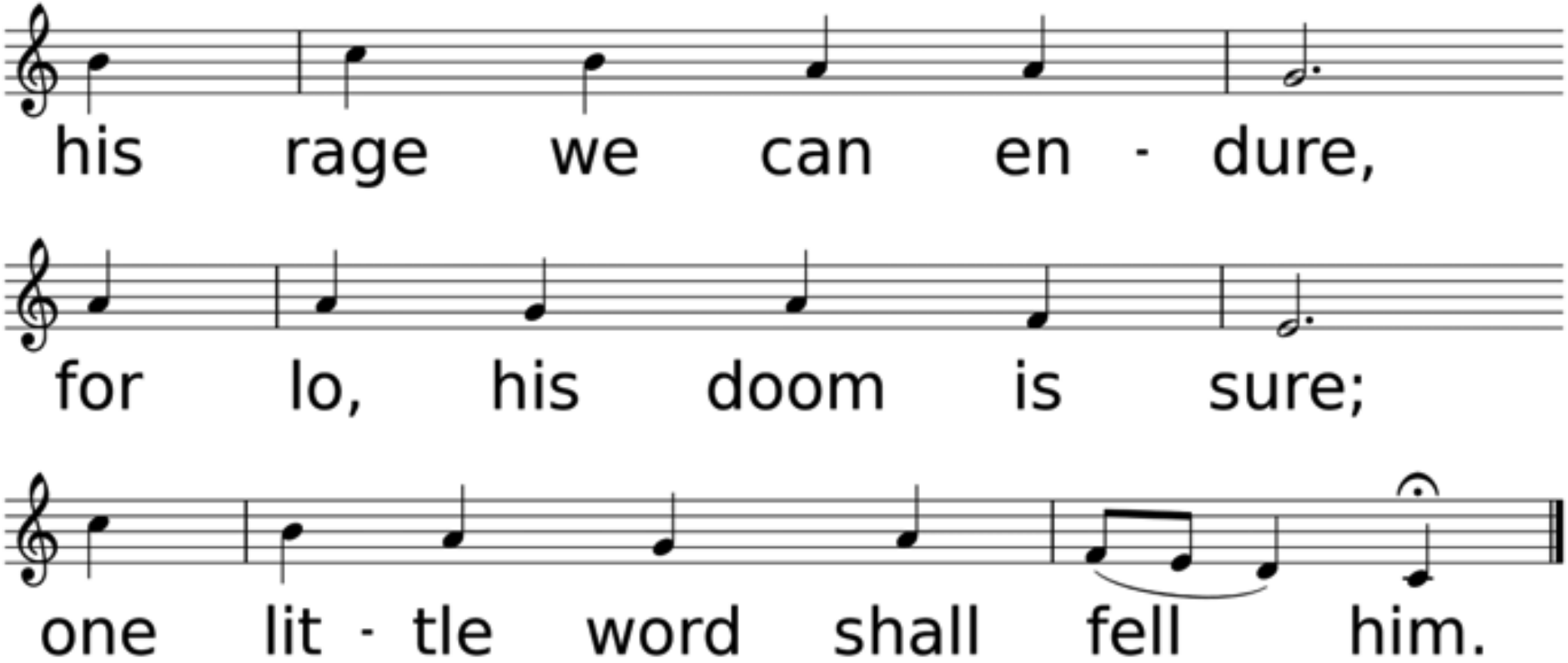

2. Did we in our own strength con - fide,
our striv - ing would be los - ing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choos - ing.

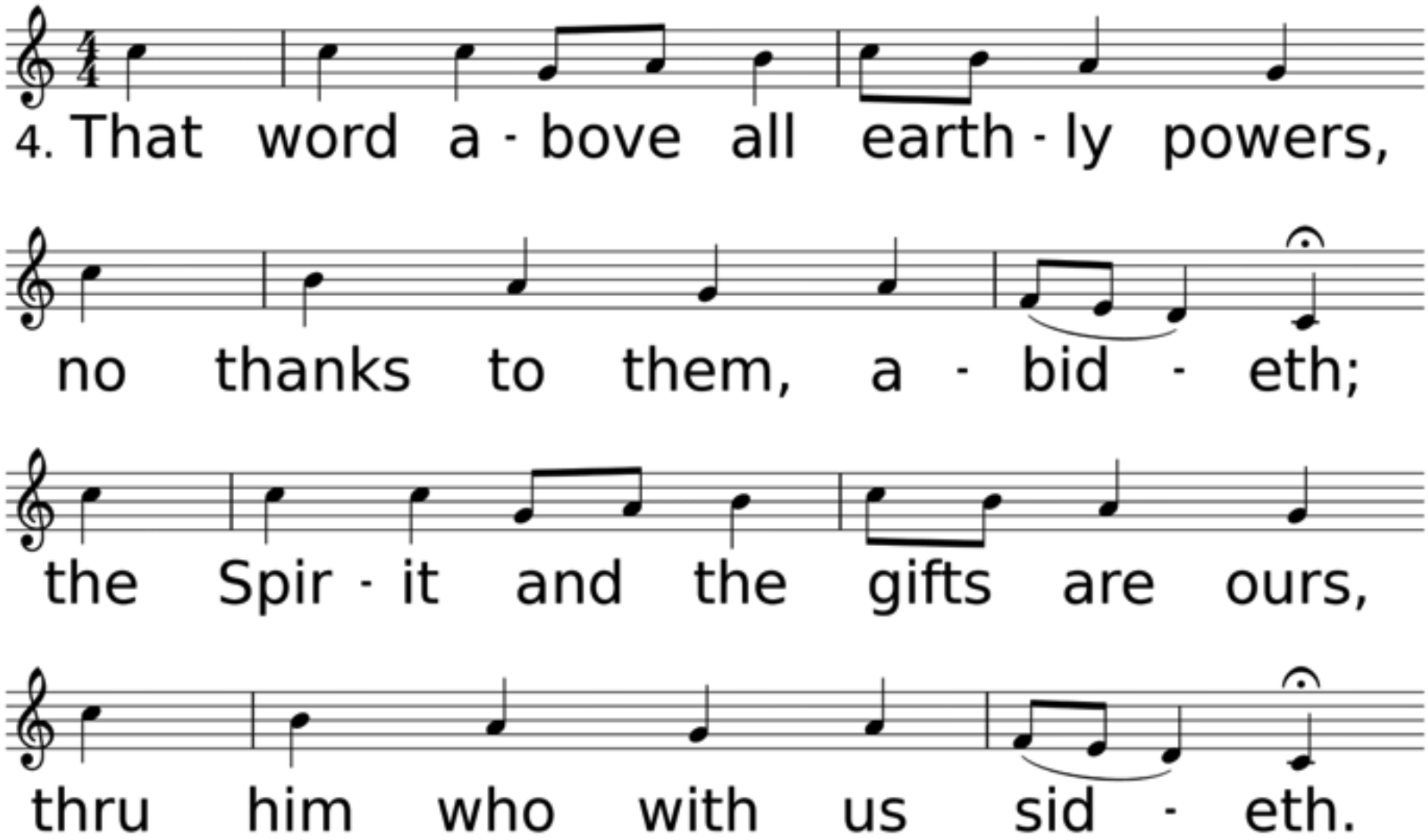

Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Je - sus, it is he;

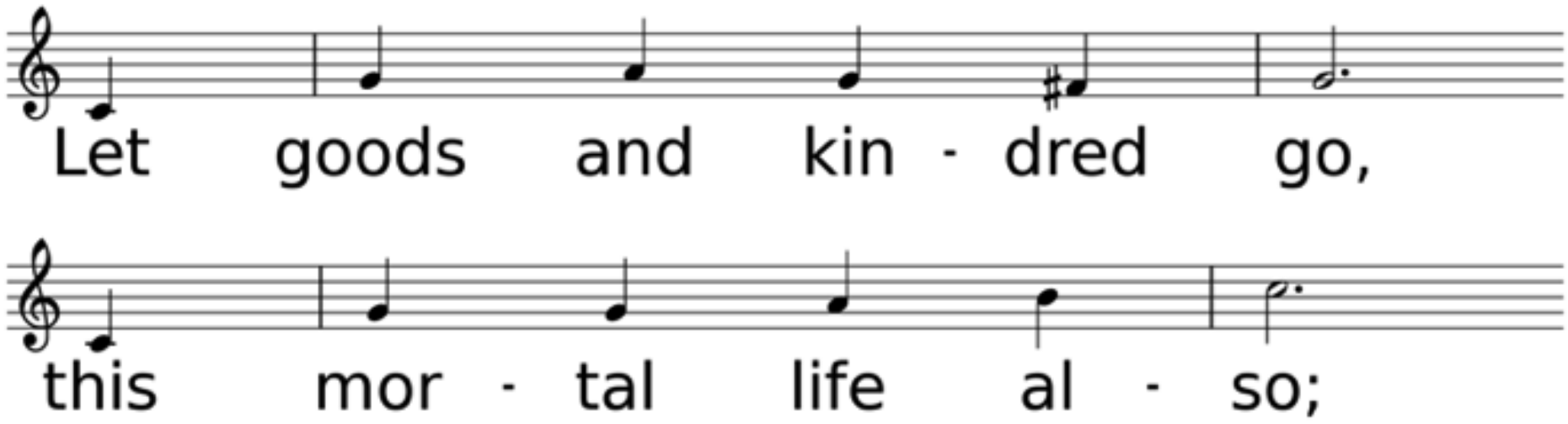

Lord Sa - ba - oth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the bat - tle.

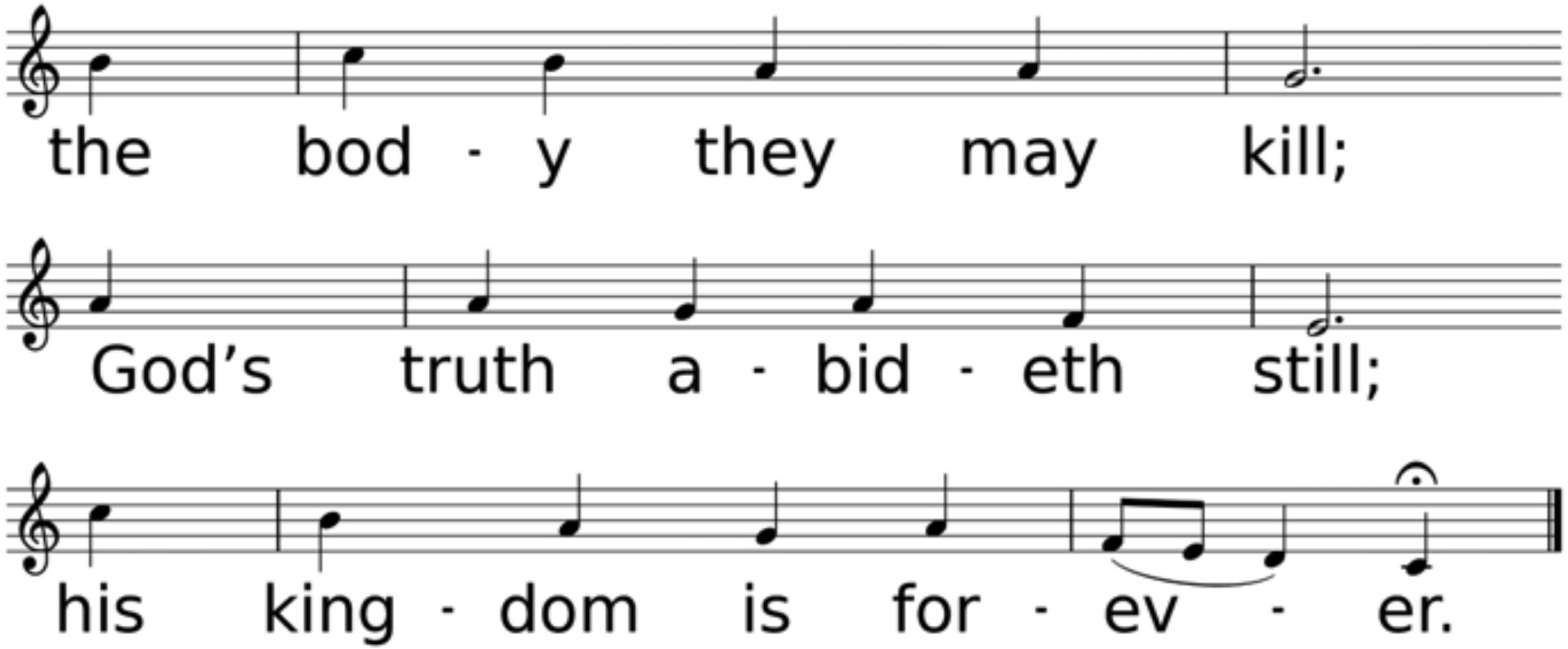

3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled,
should threat - en to un - do us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to tri - umph through us.


The Prince of Dark - ness grim,
we trem - ble not for him;


his rage we can en - dure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one lit - tle word shall fell him.


4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers,
no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;
the Spir - it and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sid - eth.


Let goods and kin - dred go,
this mor - tal life al - so;


the bod - y they may kill;
God's truth a - bid - eth still;
his king - dom is for - ev - er.

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

Congregation: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Sharing of our Joys & Concerns

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(L. Schultz)
Alydia Moore
(L. Schultz)
Angie DeWitt
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Howard Thorne
Velva Day
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Cross Thomason
Frank Morales
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Cathy Lay
(M. Brister)
Gaylynn Taylor
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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

Call to Prayer Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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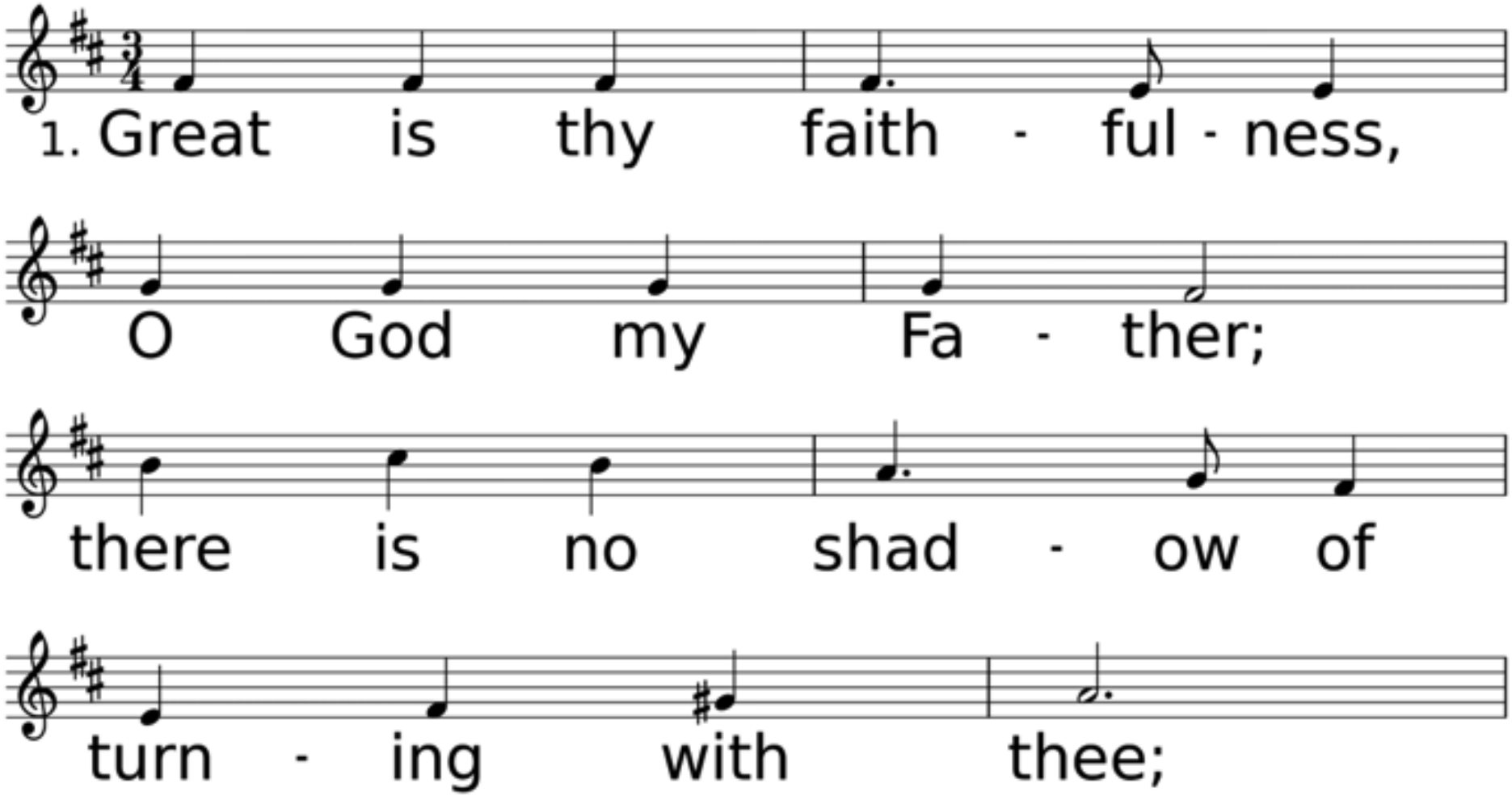

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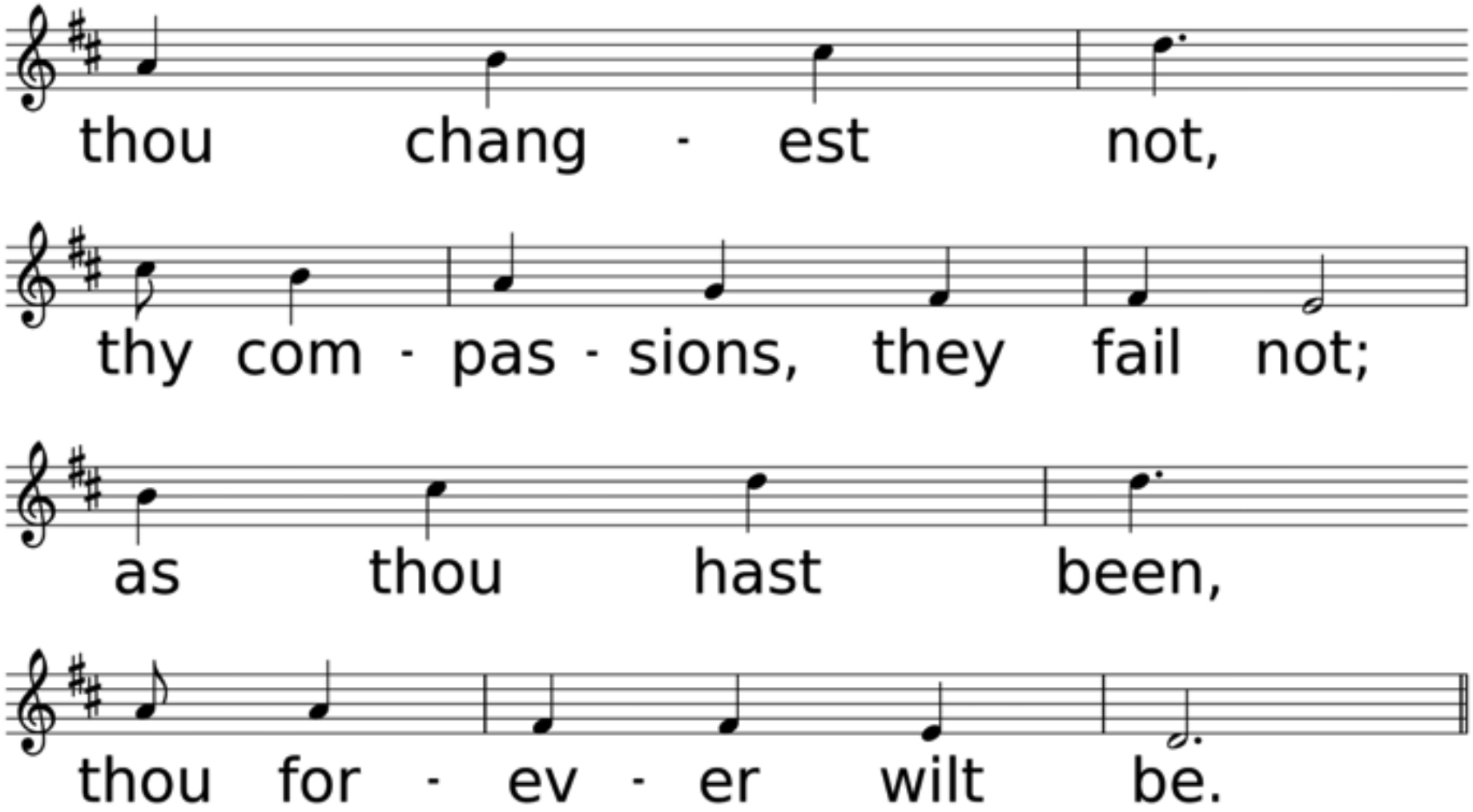
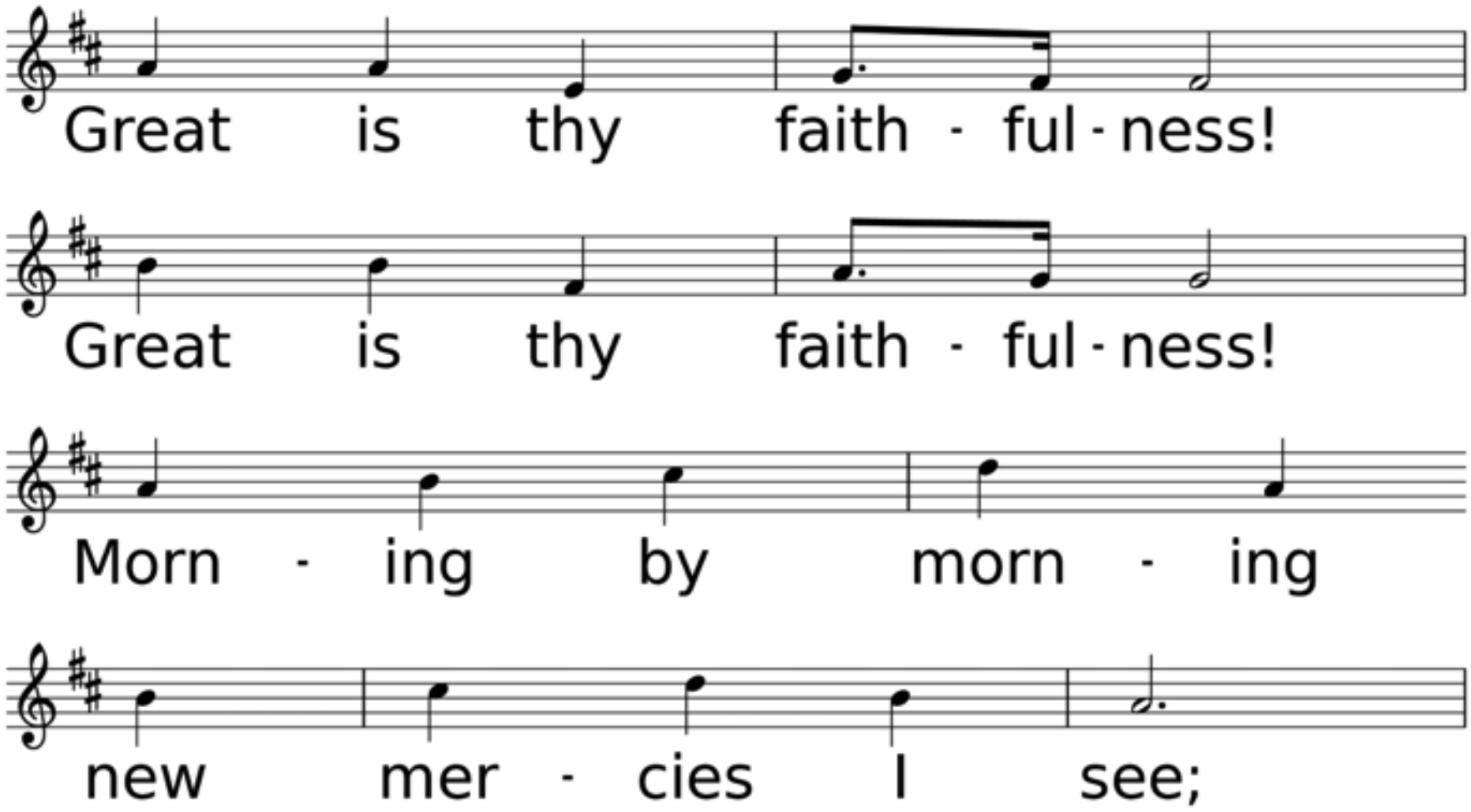
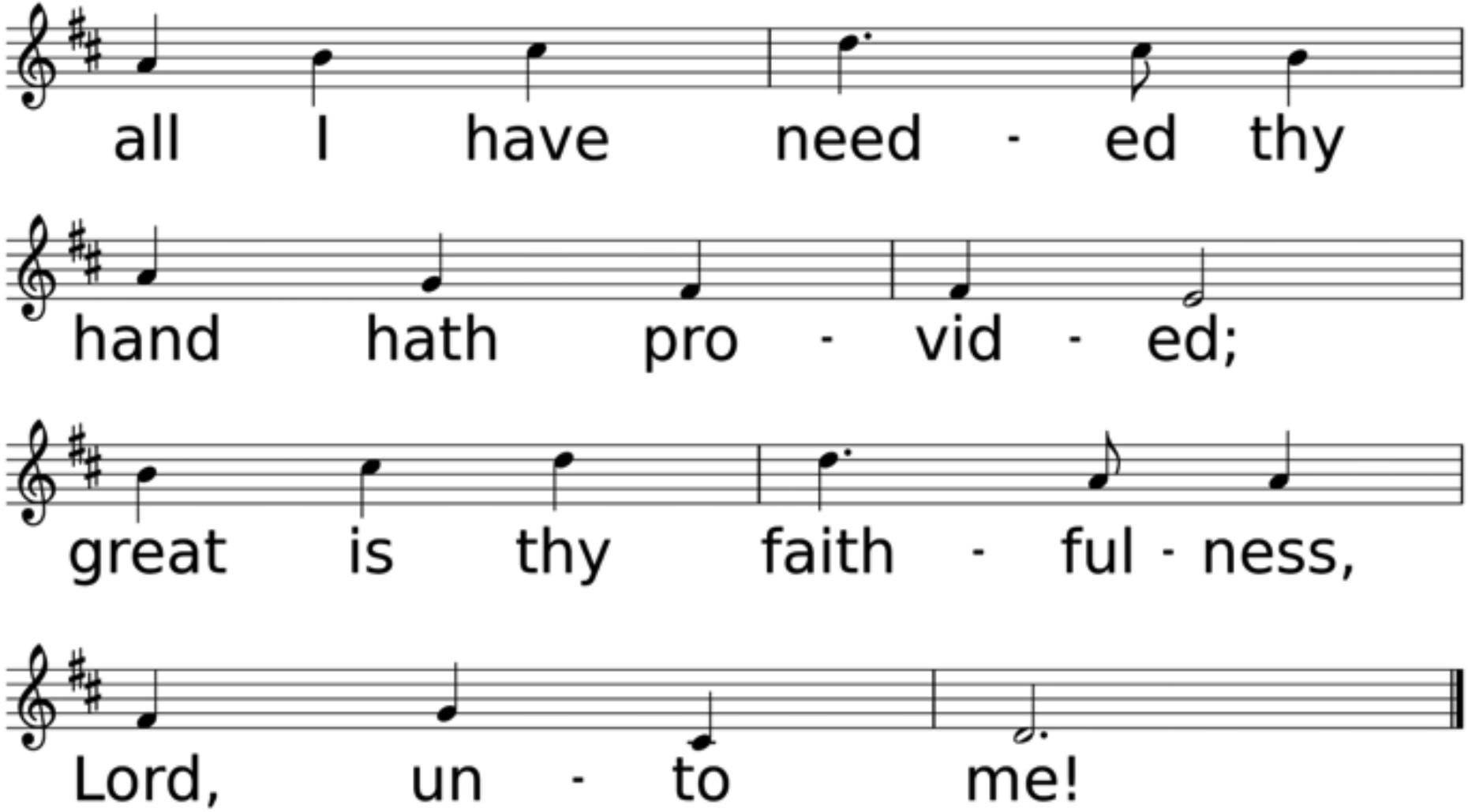

thou chang - est not,
thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou for - ev - er wilt be.


Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing
new mer - cies I see;


all I have need - ed thy
hand hath pro - vid - ed;
great is thy faith - ful - ness,
Lord, un - to me!

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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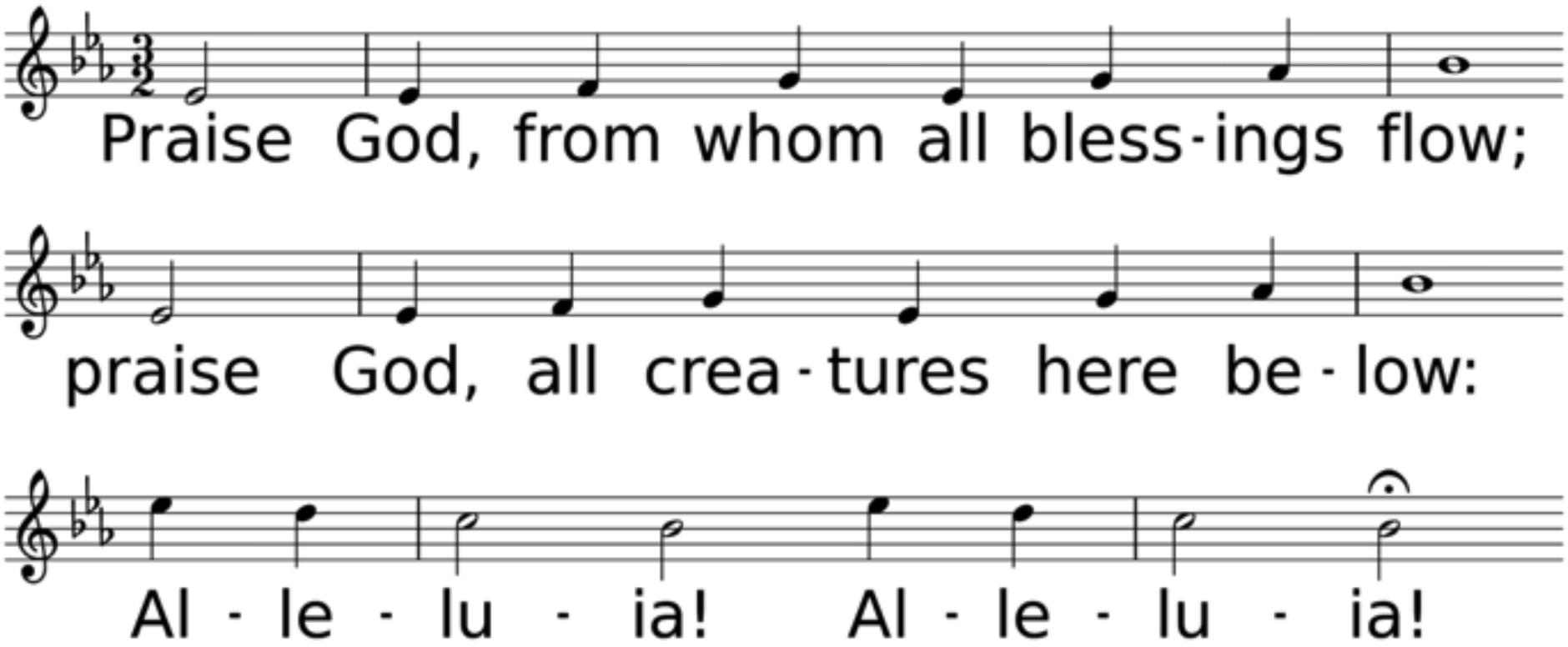

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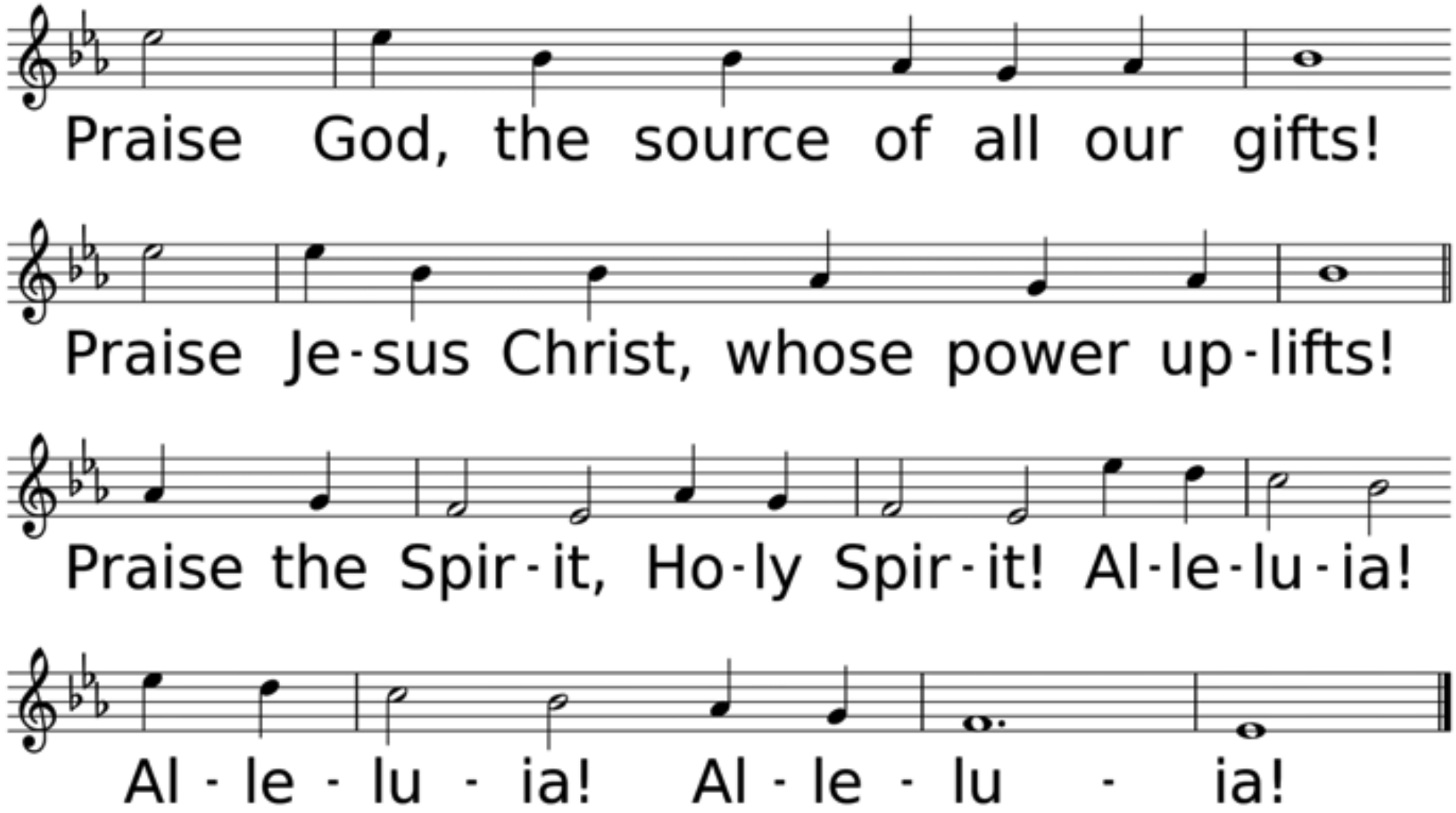
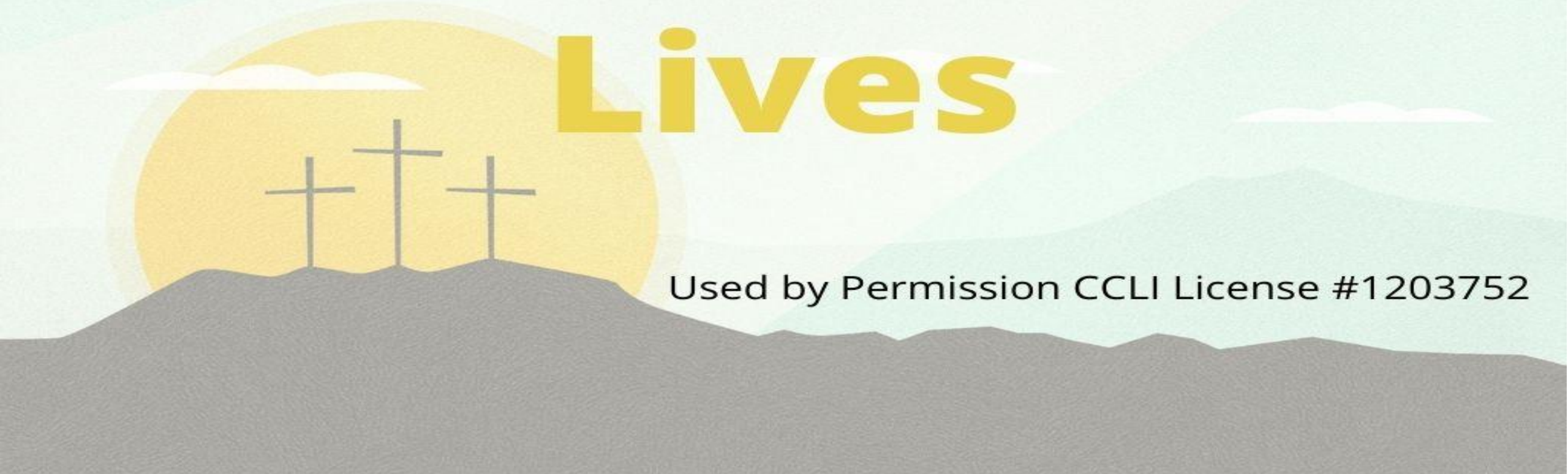

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Because He Lives



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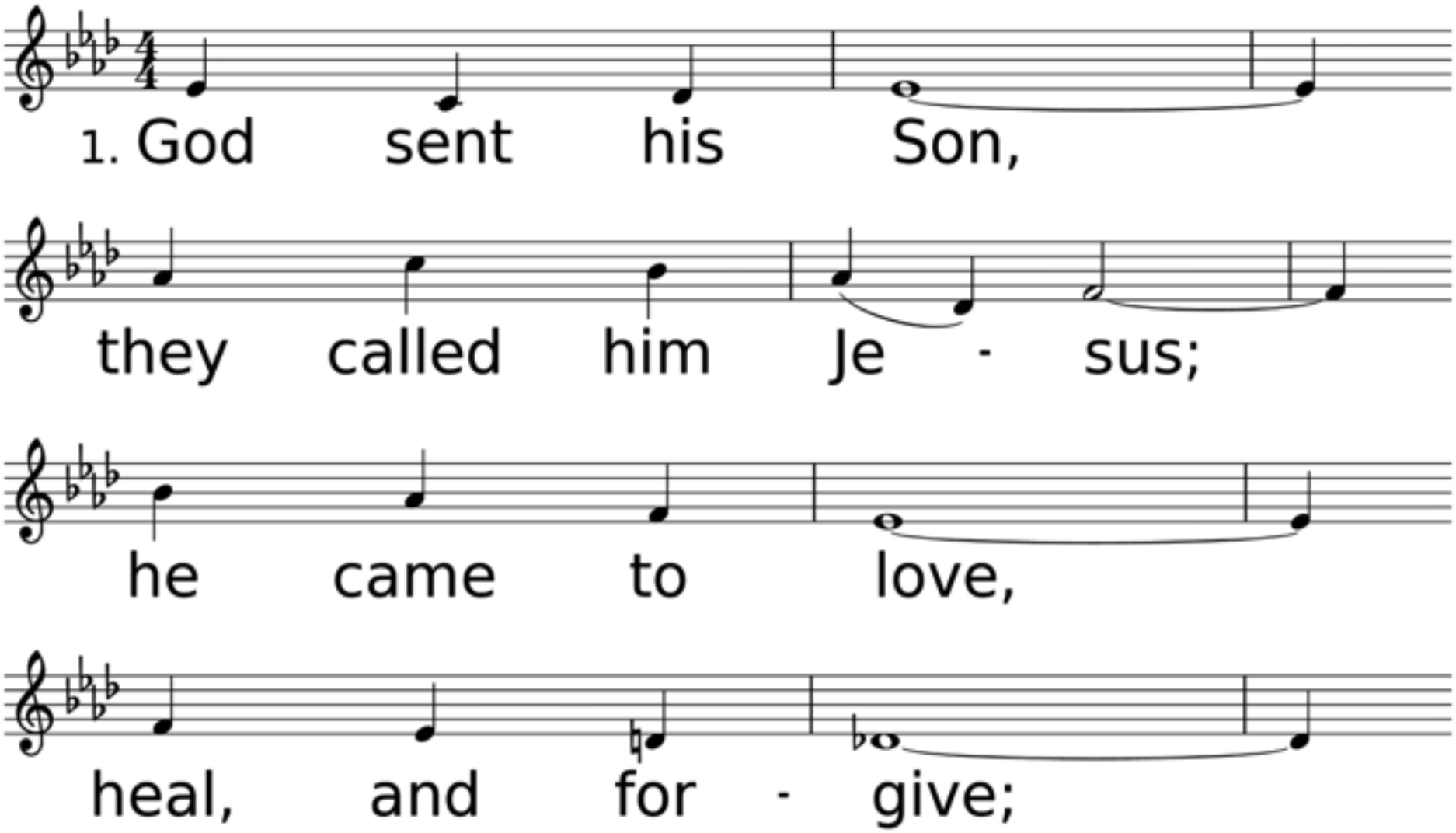

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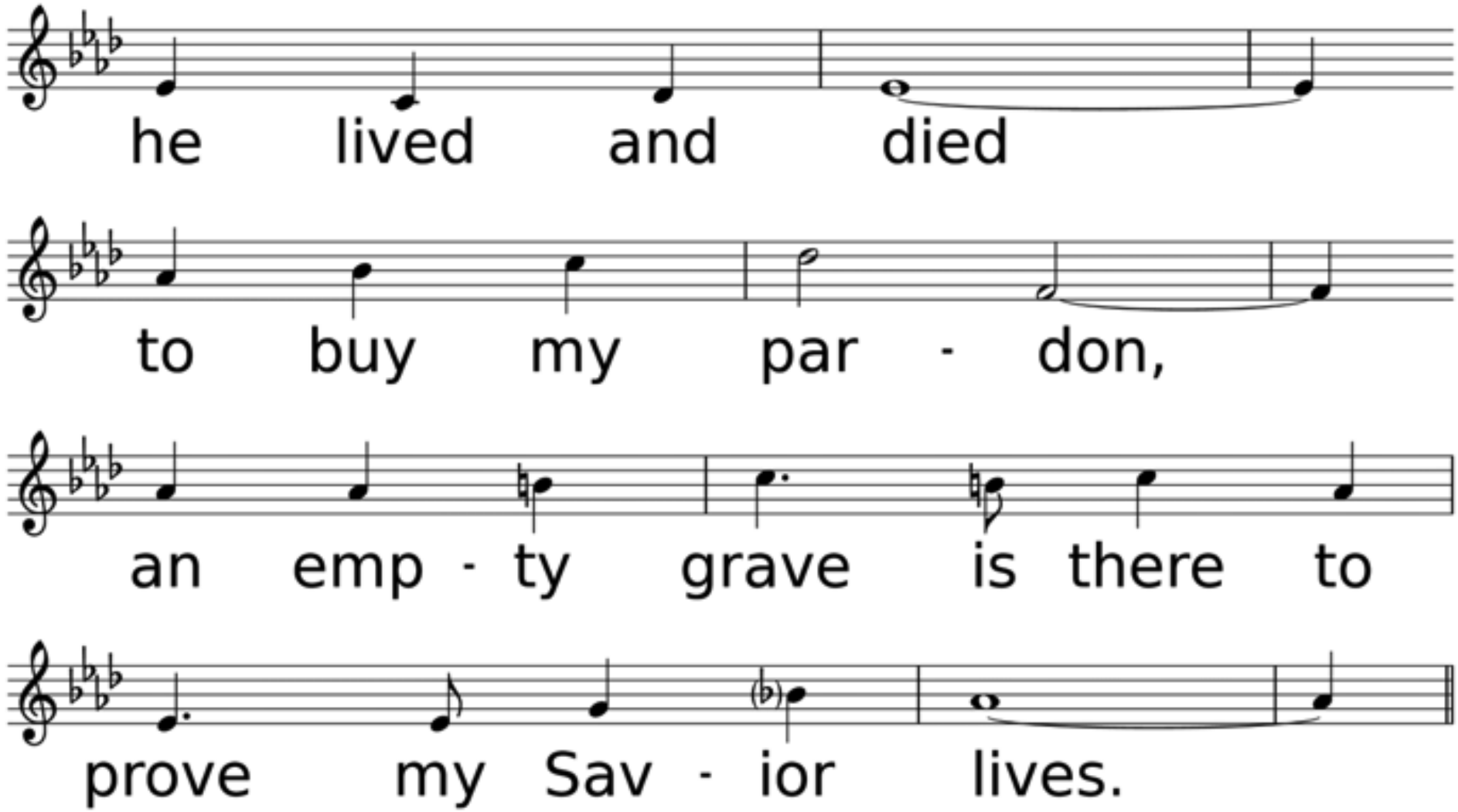
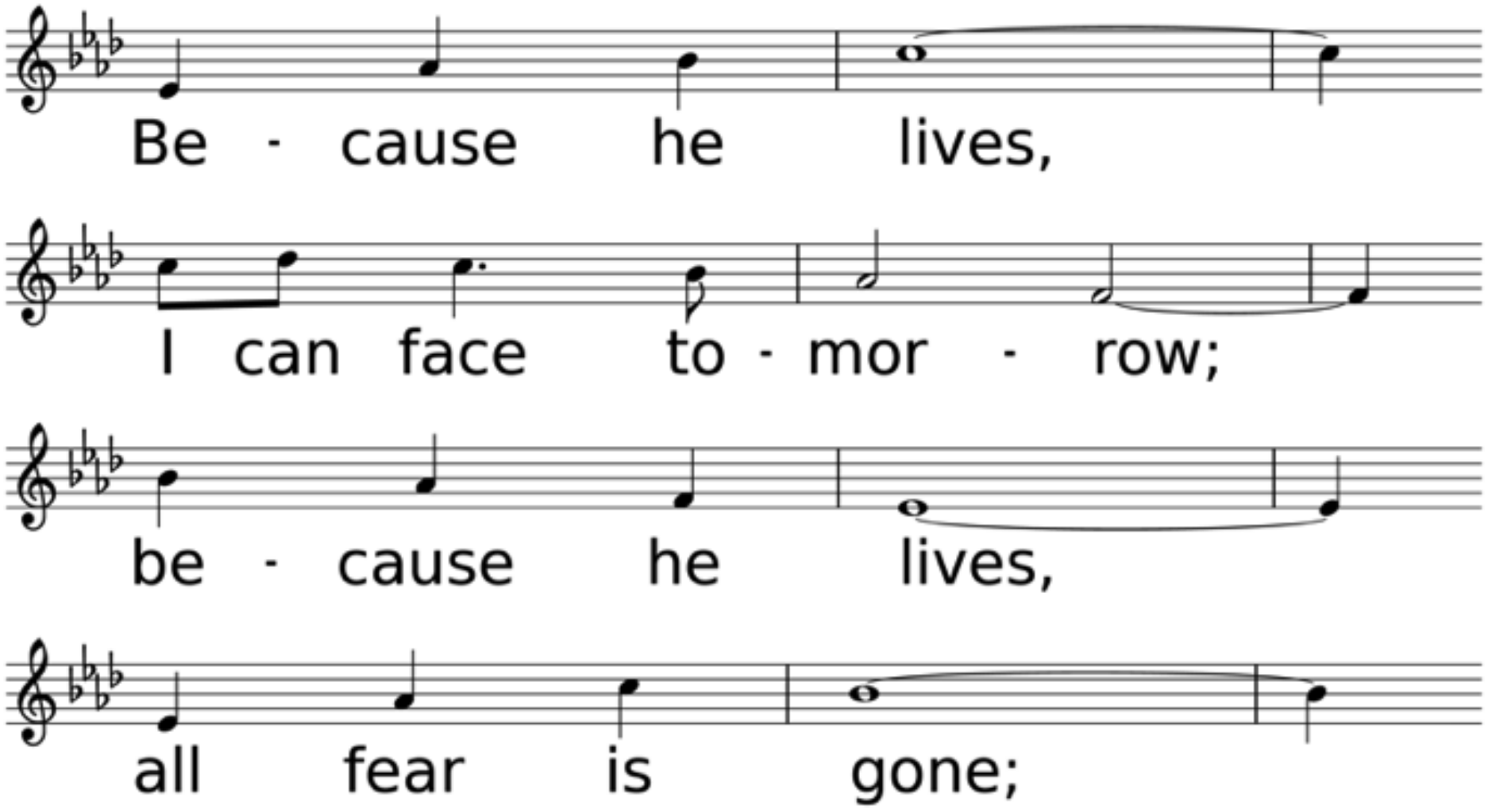
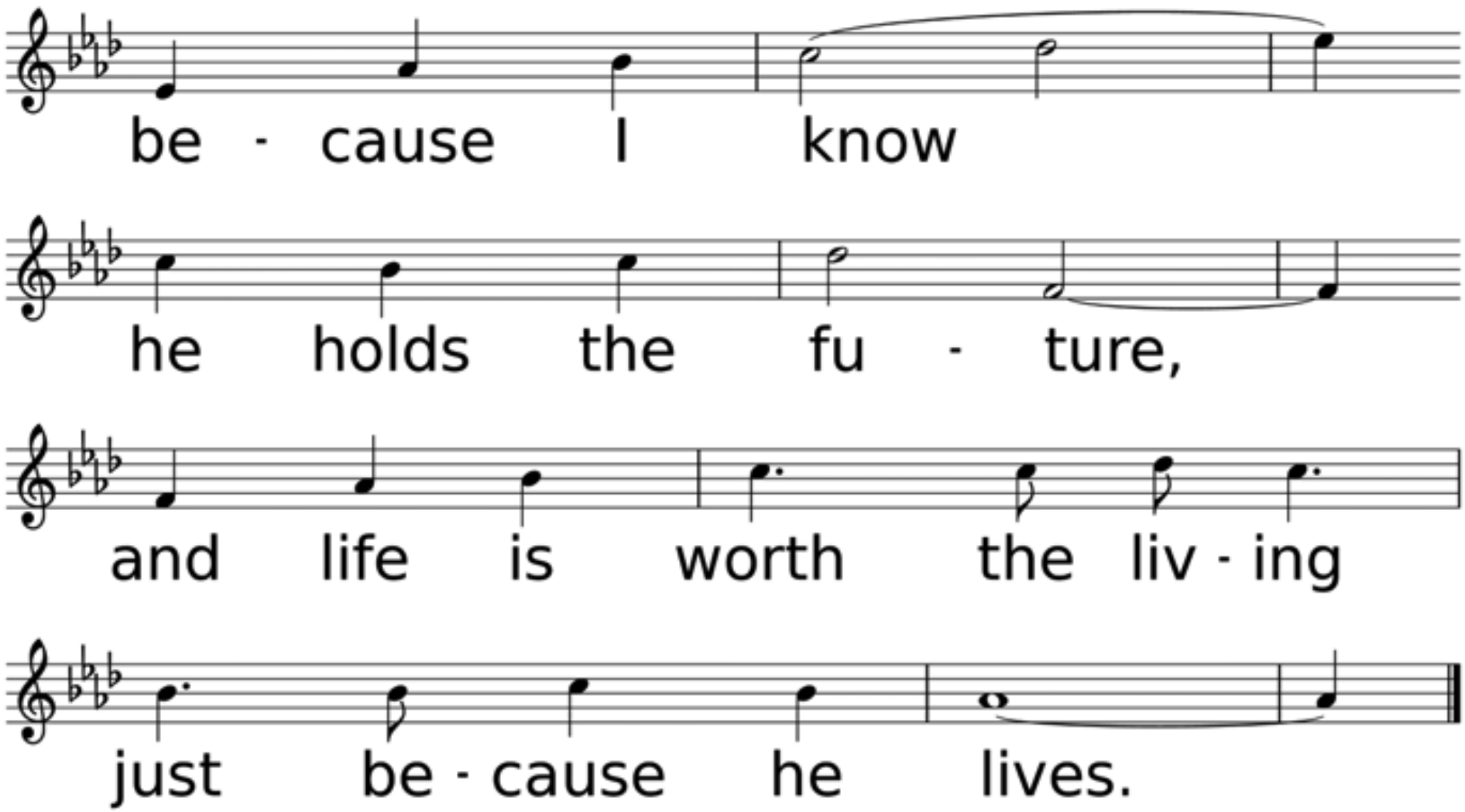
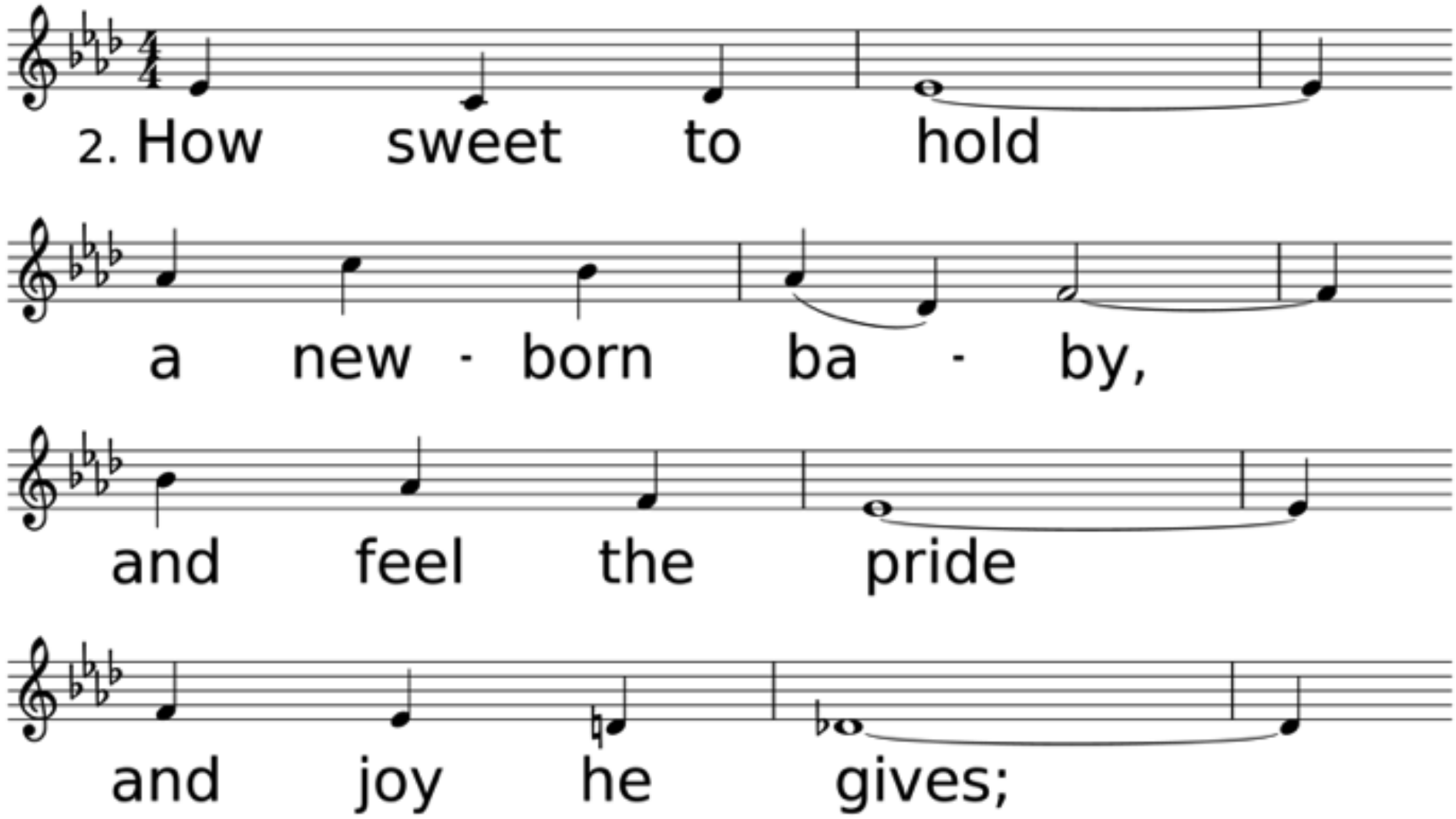
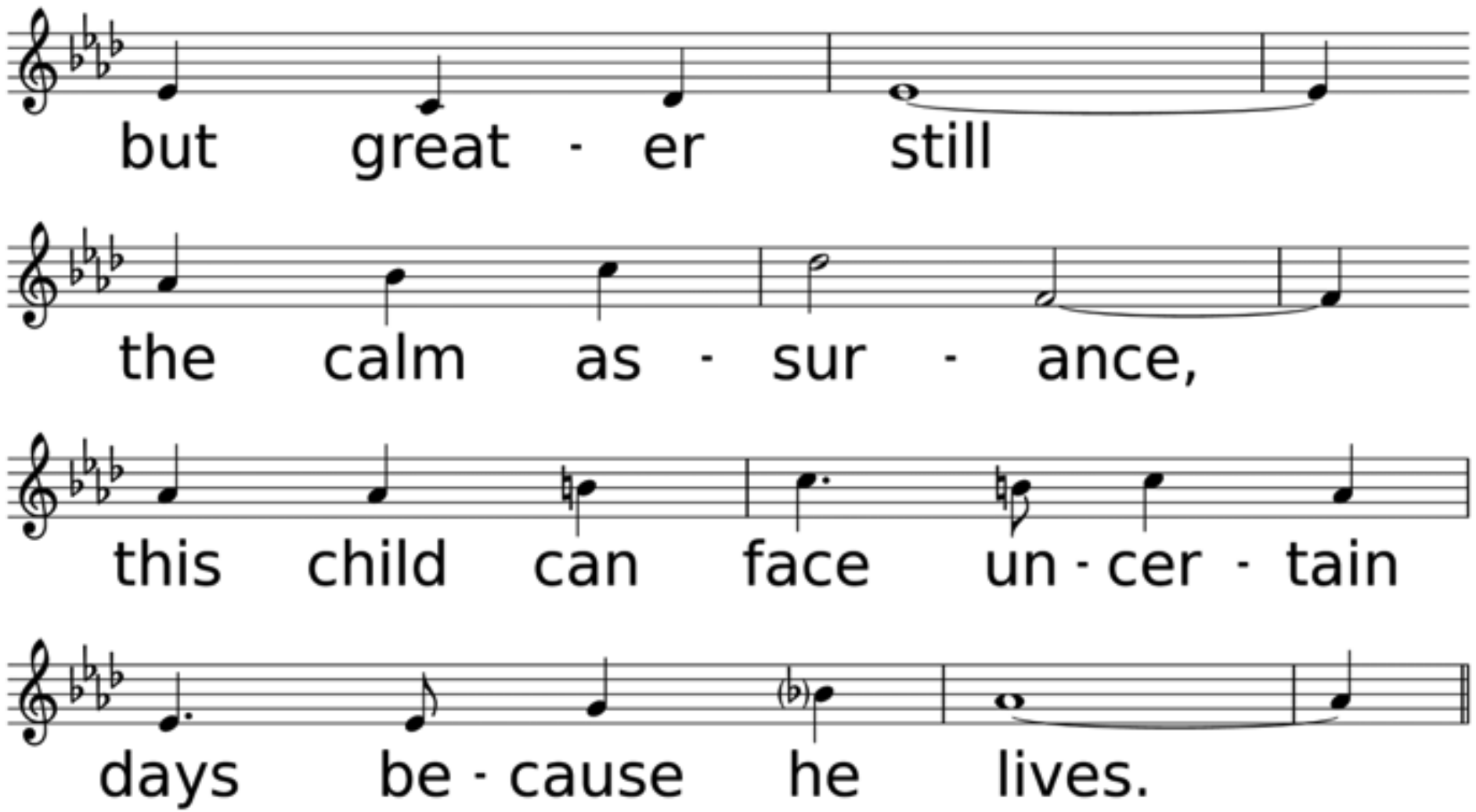
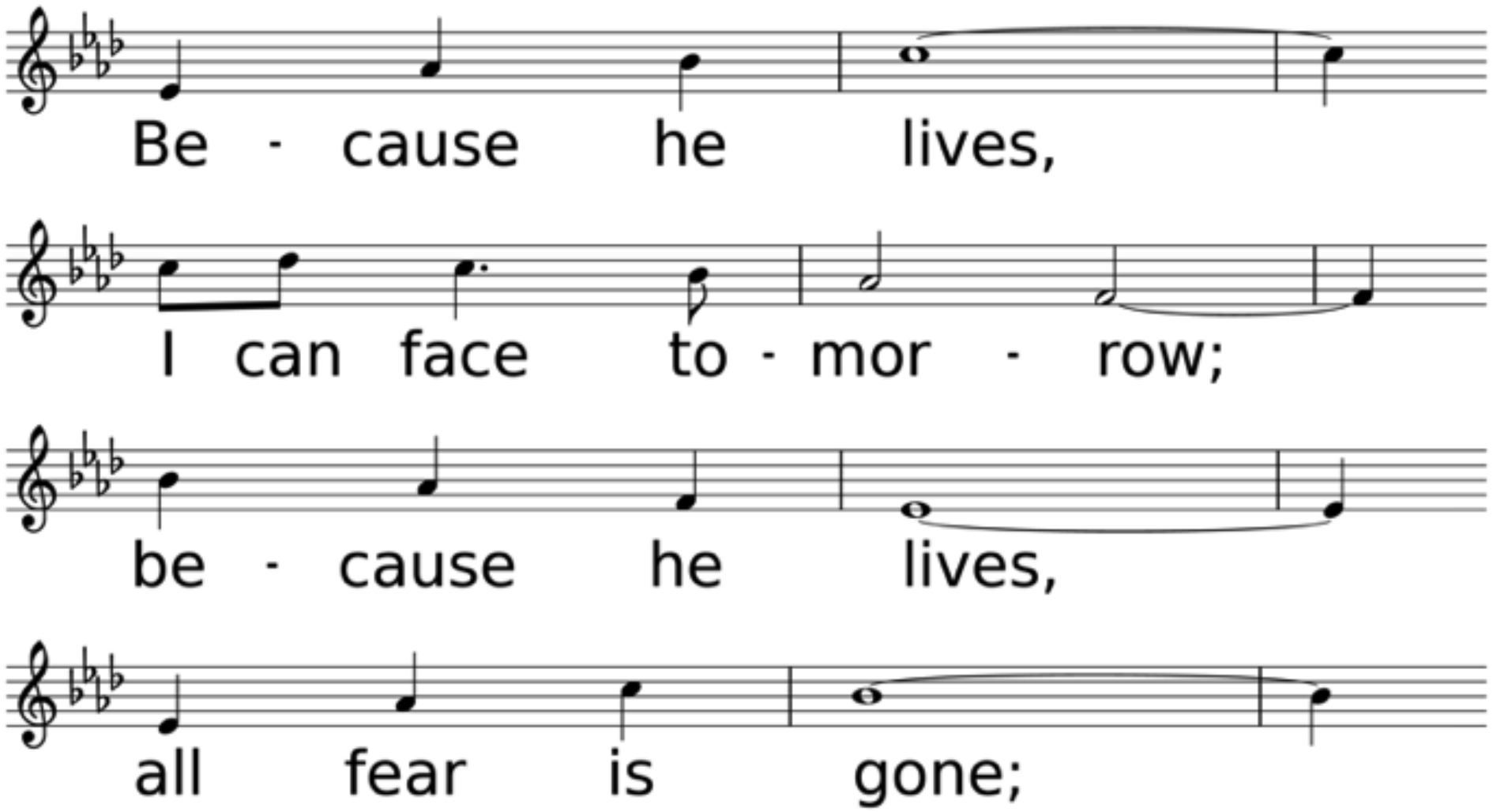

he lived and died
to buy my par - don,
an emp - ty grave is there to
prove my Sav - ior lives.


Be - cause he lives,
I can face to - mor - row;
be - cause he lives,
all fear is gone;


be - cause I know
he holds the fu - ture,
and life is worth the liv - ing
just be - cause he lives.


2. How sweet to hold
a new - born ba - by,
and feel the pride
and joy he gives;


but great - er still
the calm as - sur - ance,
this child can face un - cer - tain
days be - cause he lives.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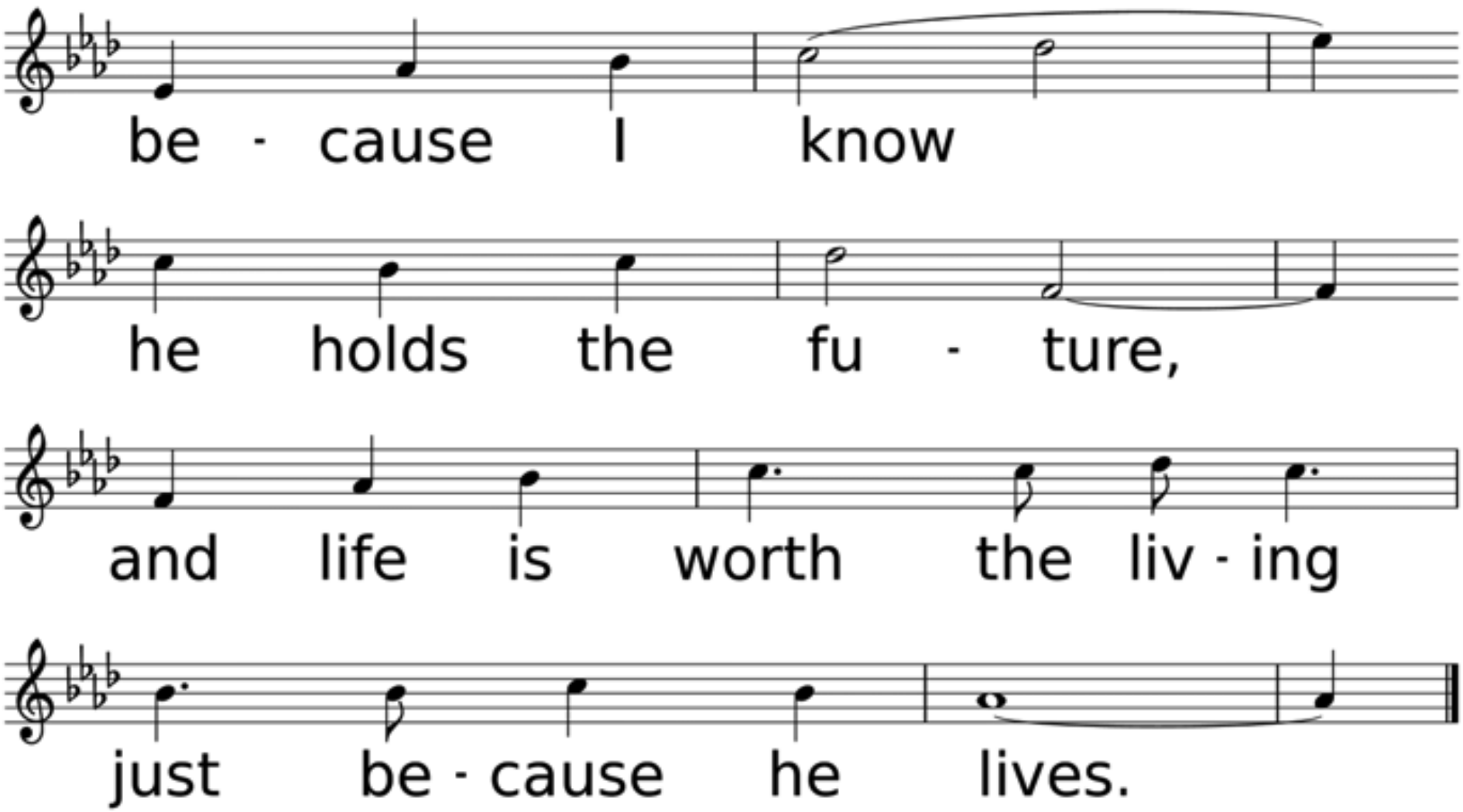
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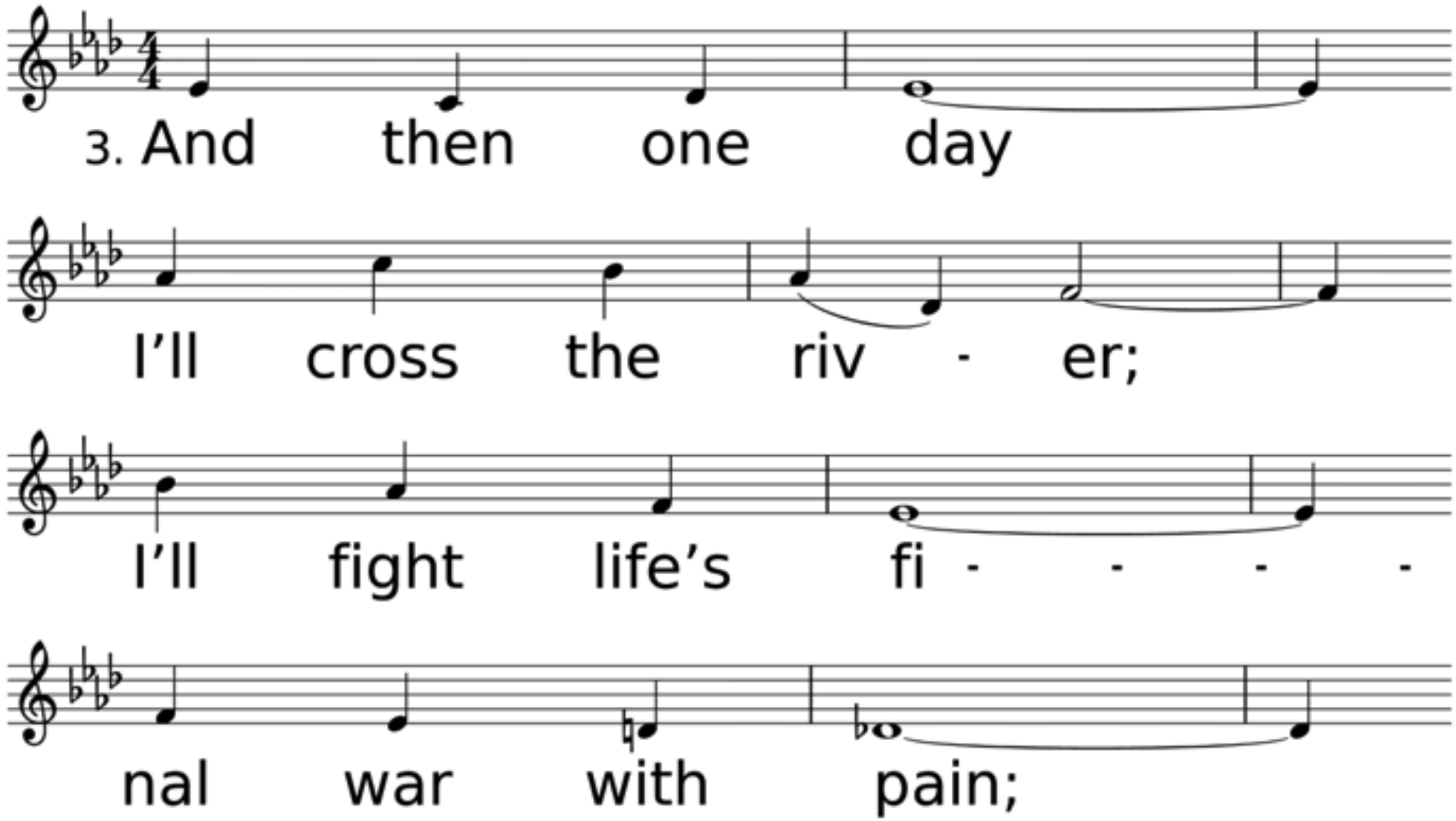
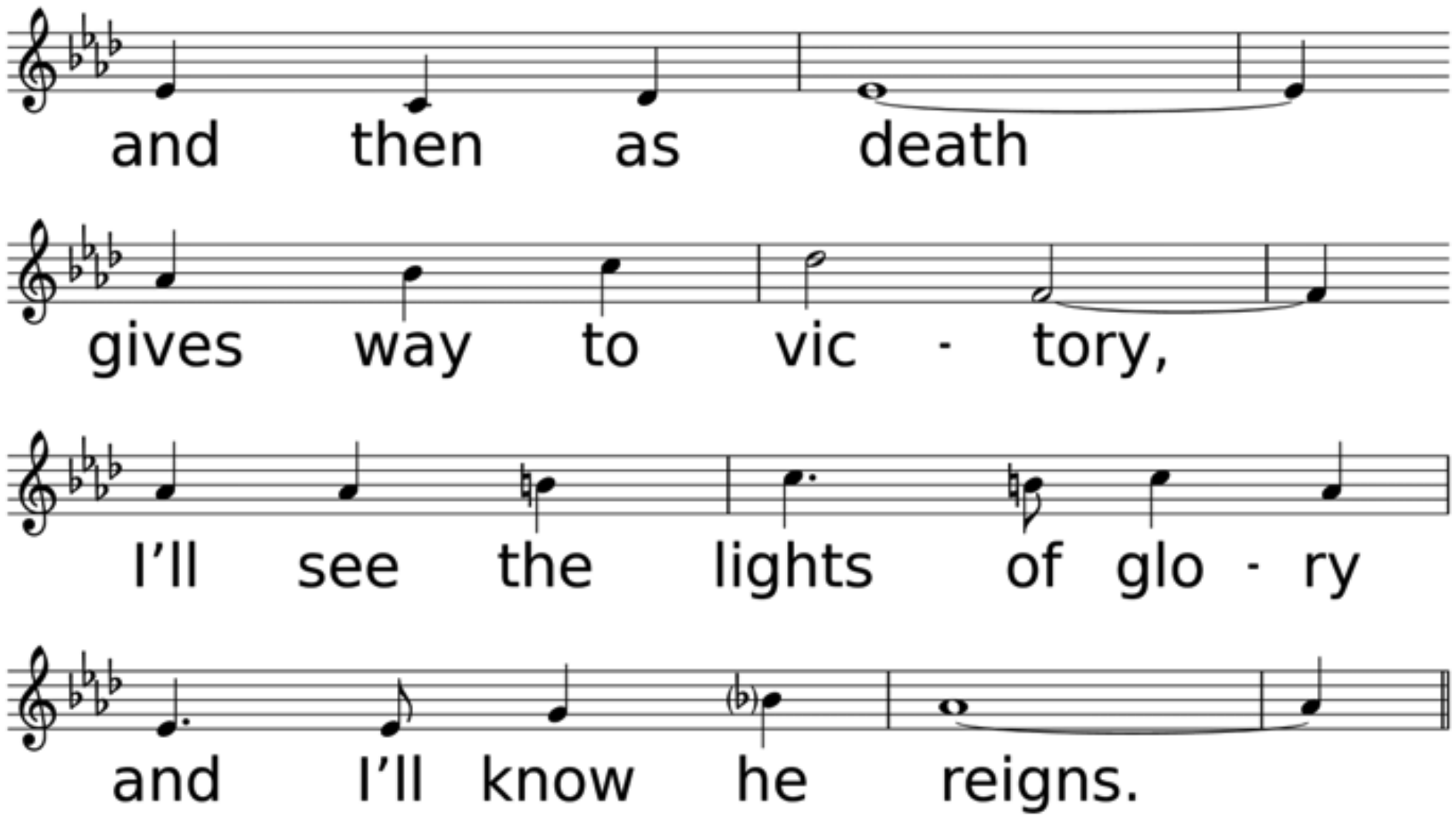
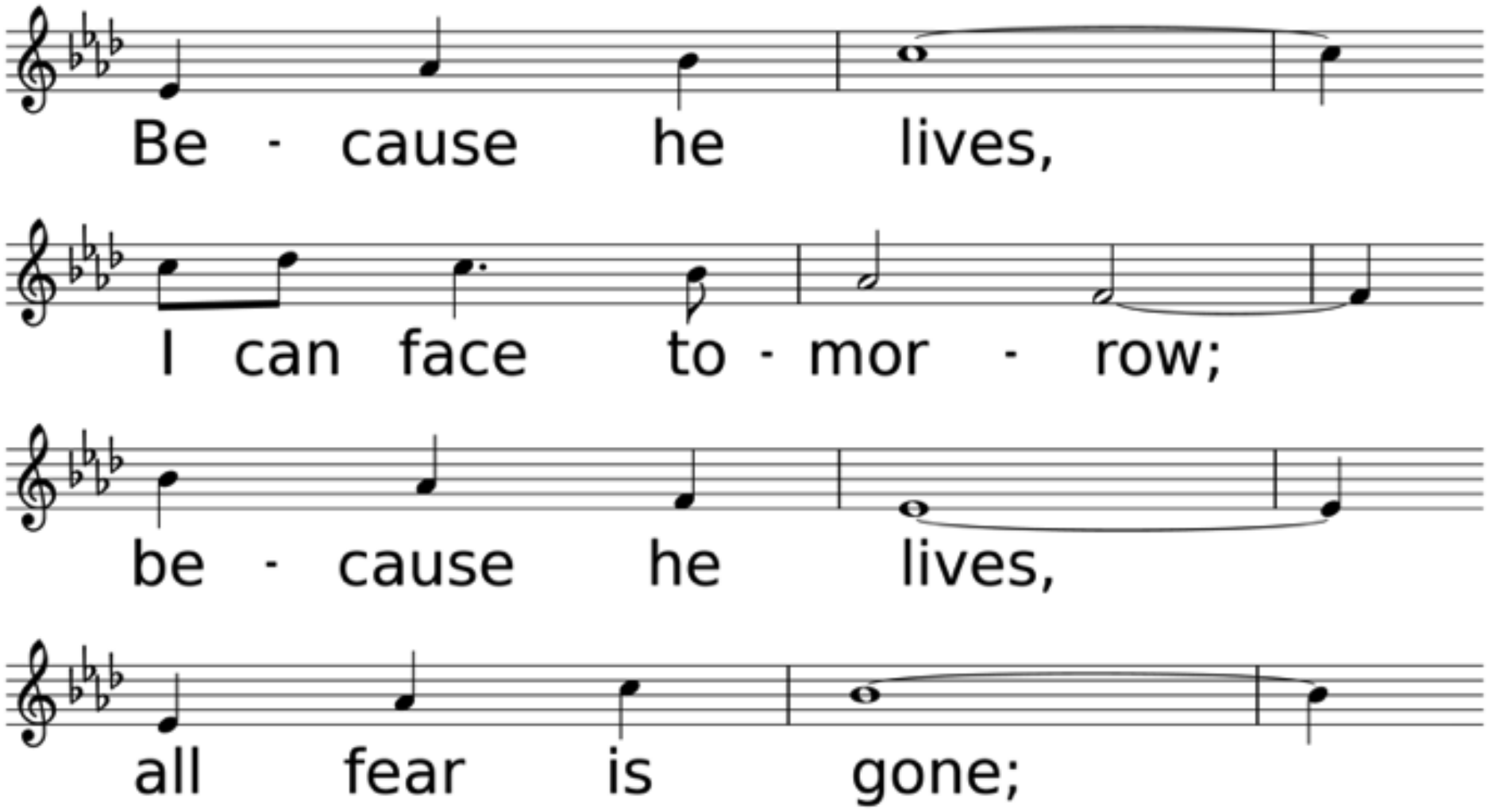
he holds the fu - ture,
and life is worth the liv - ing
just be - cause he lives.


3. And then one day
I'll cross the riv - er;
I'll fight life's fi - - - -
nal war with pain;


and then as death
gives way to vic - tory,
I'll see the lights of glo - ry
and I'll know he reigns.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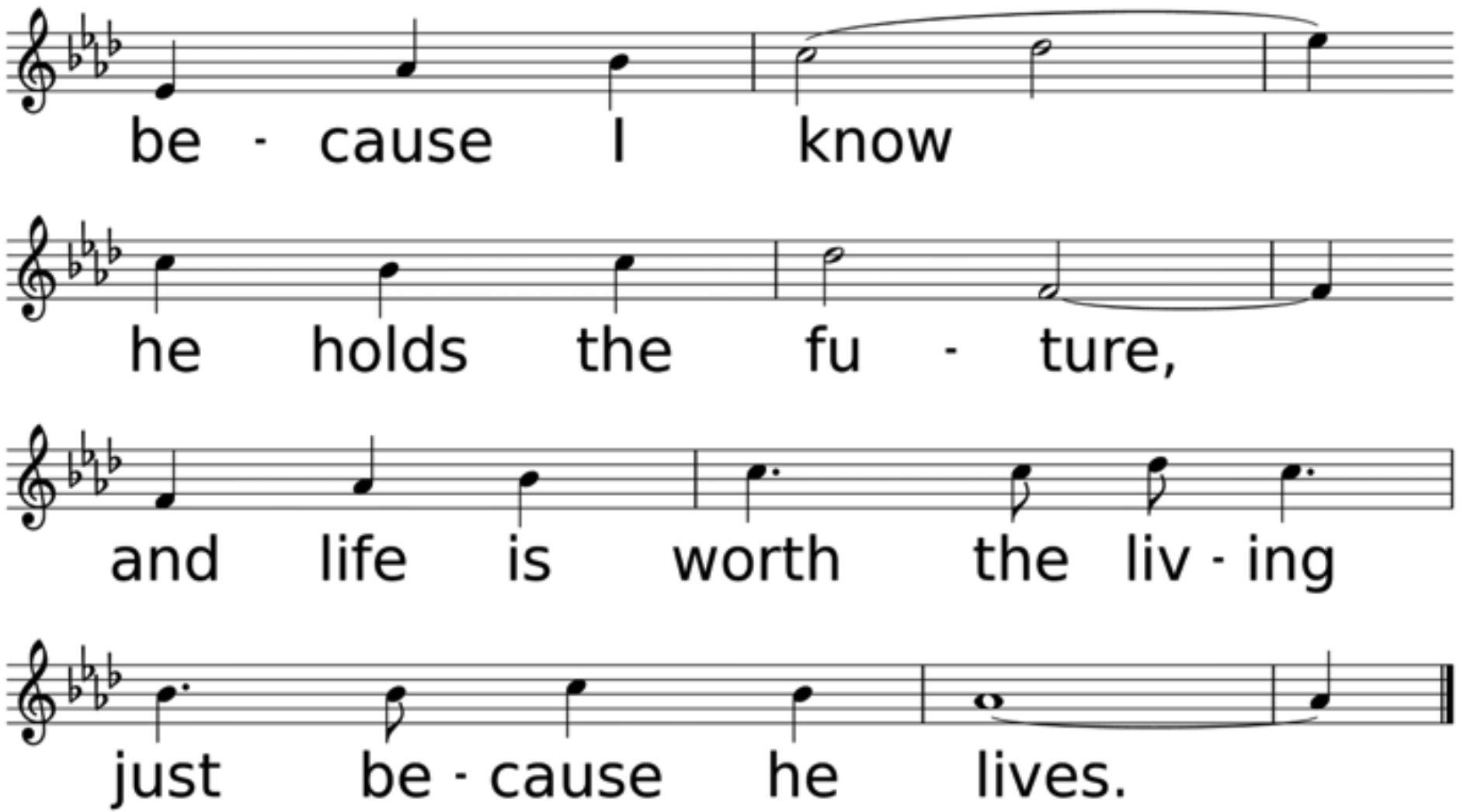
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1 John

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

"God is Greater Than Our Hearts"

Sermon Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Your Love, O God

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*Hymn of Invitation

The Old Rugged Cross

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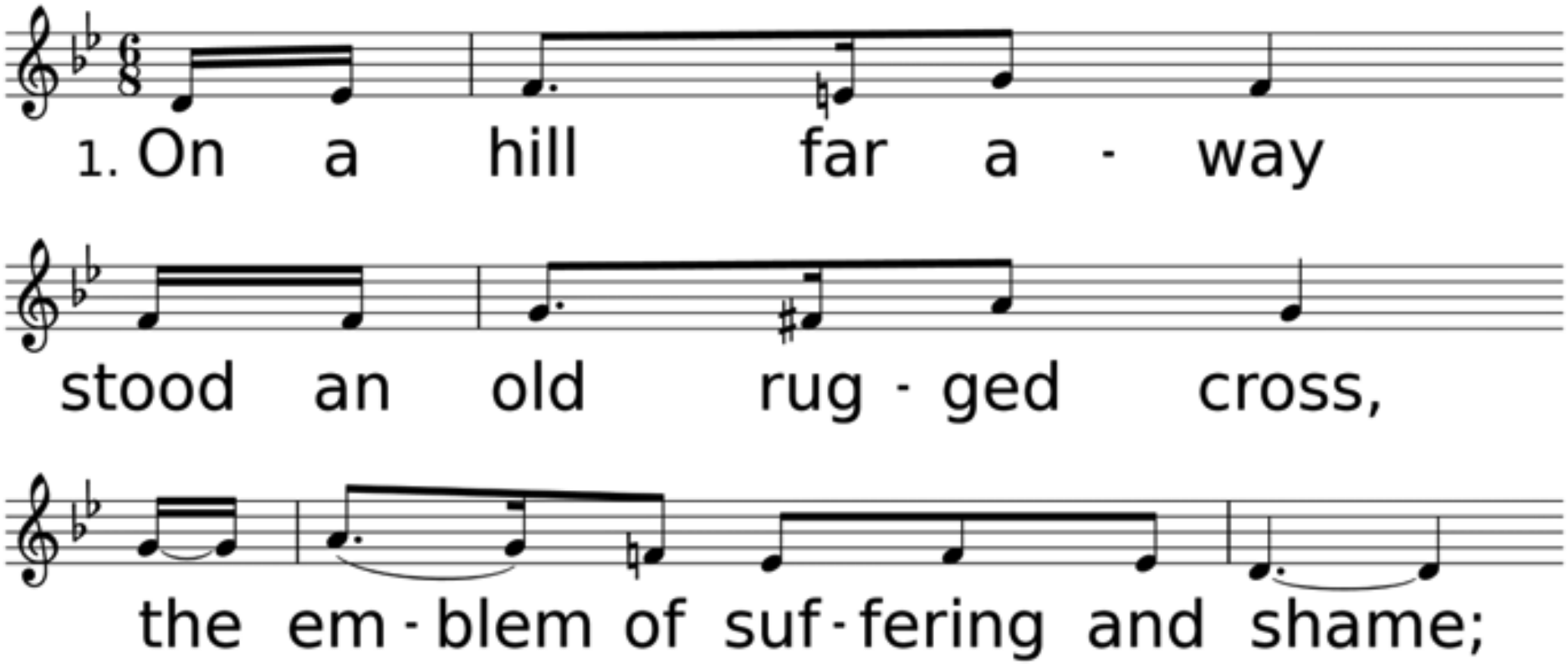

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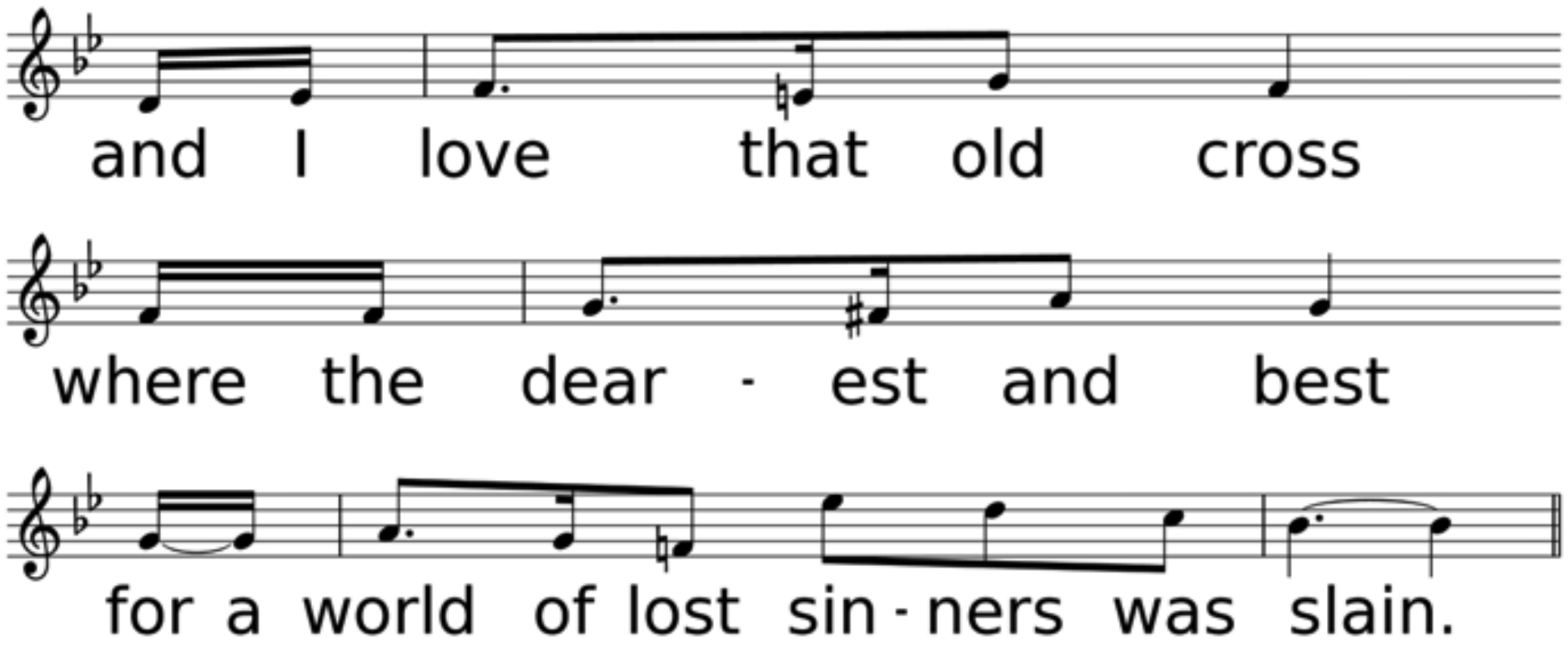
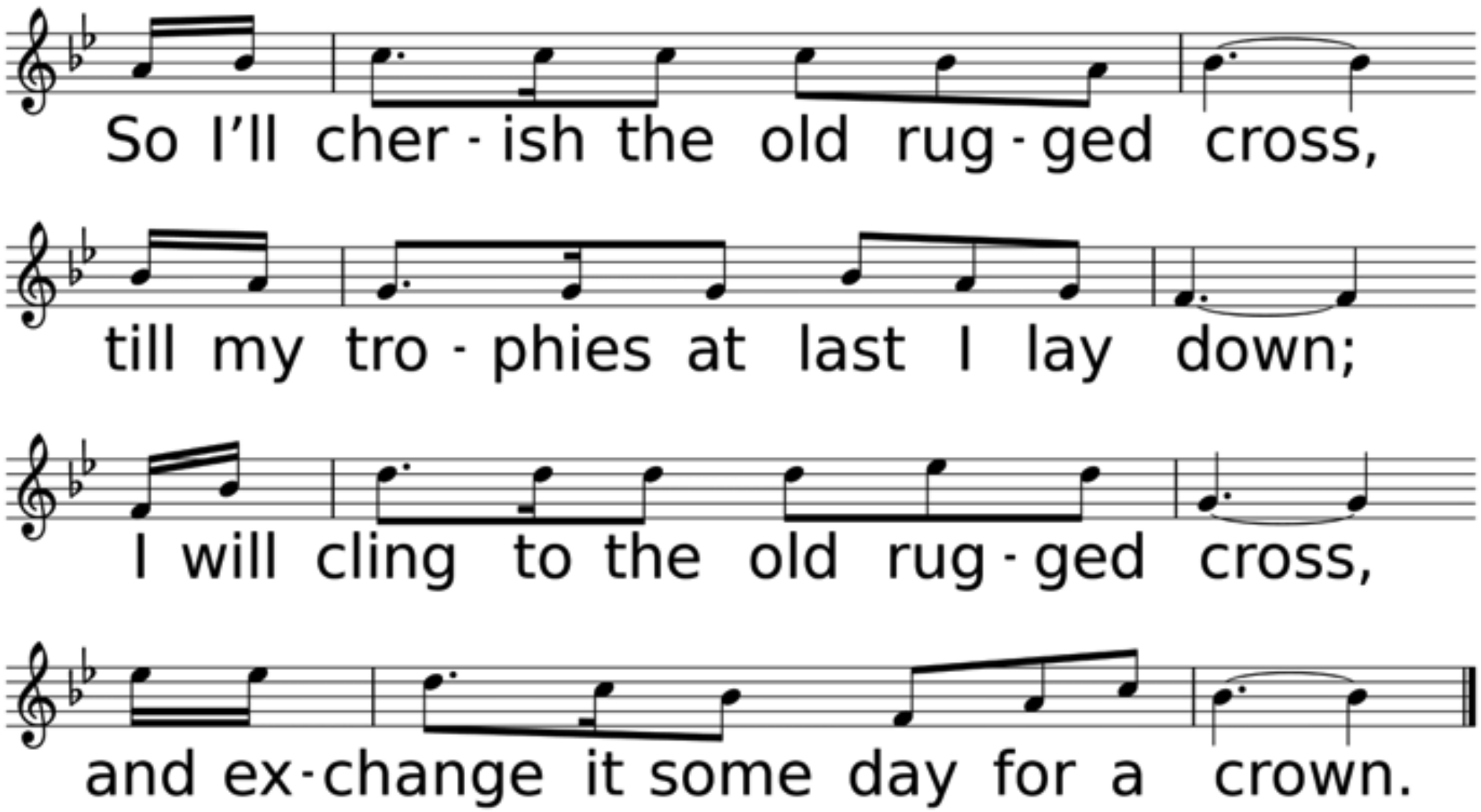
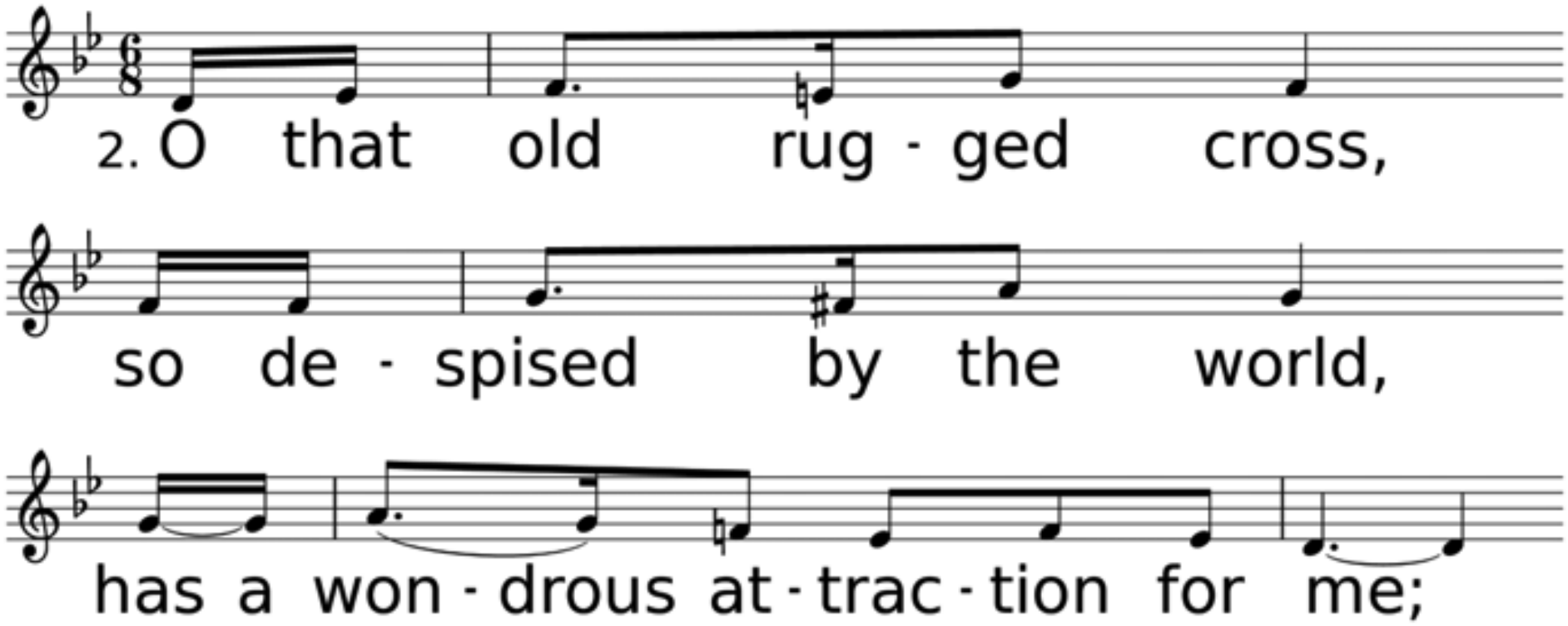
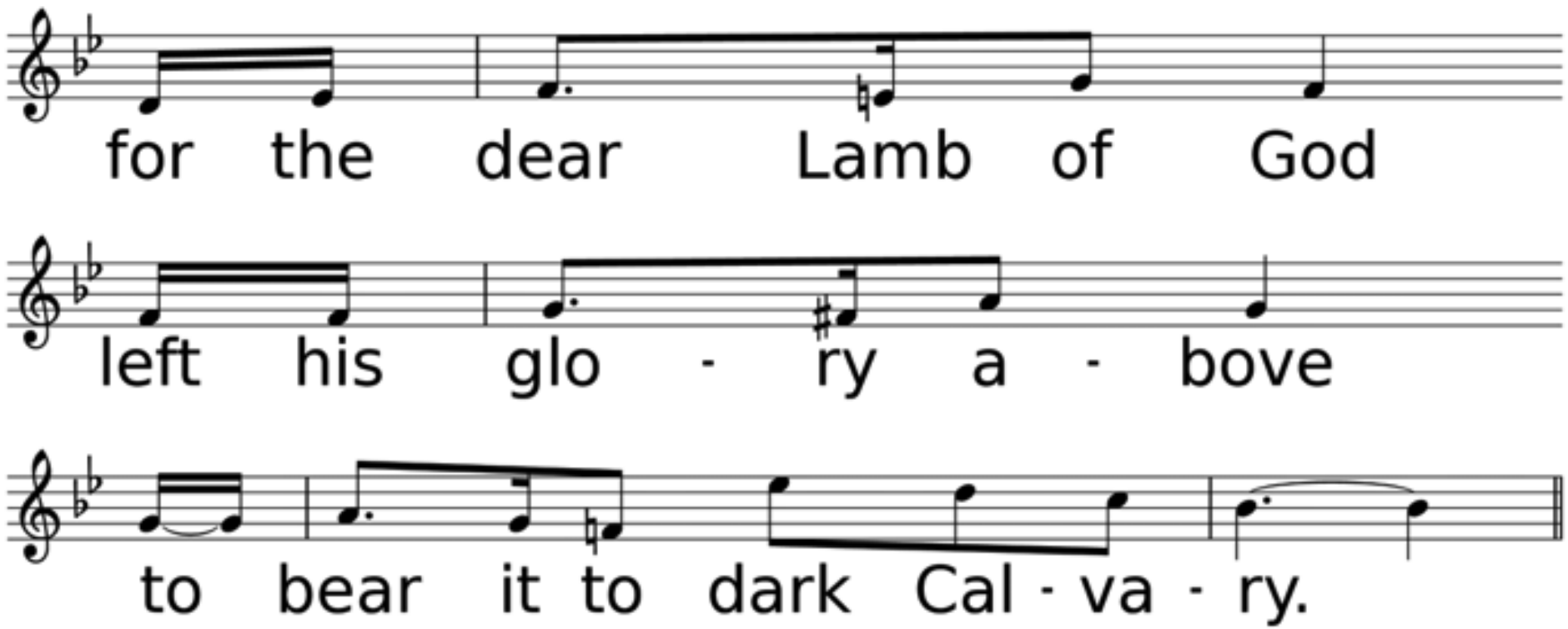
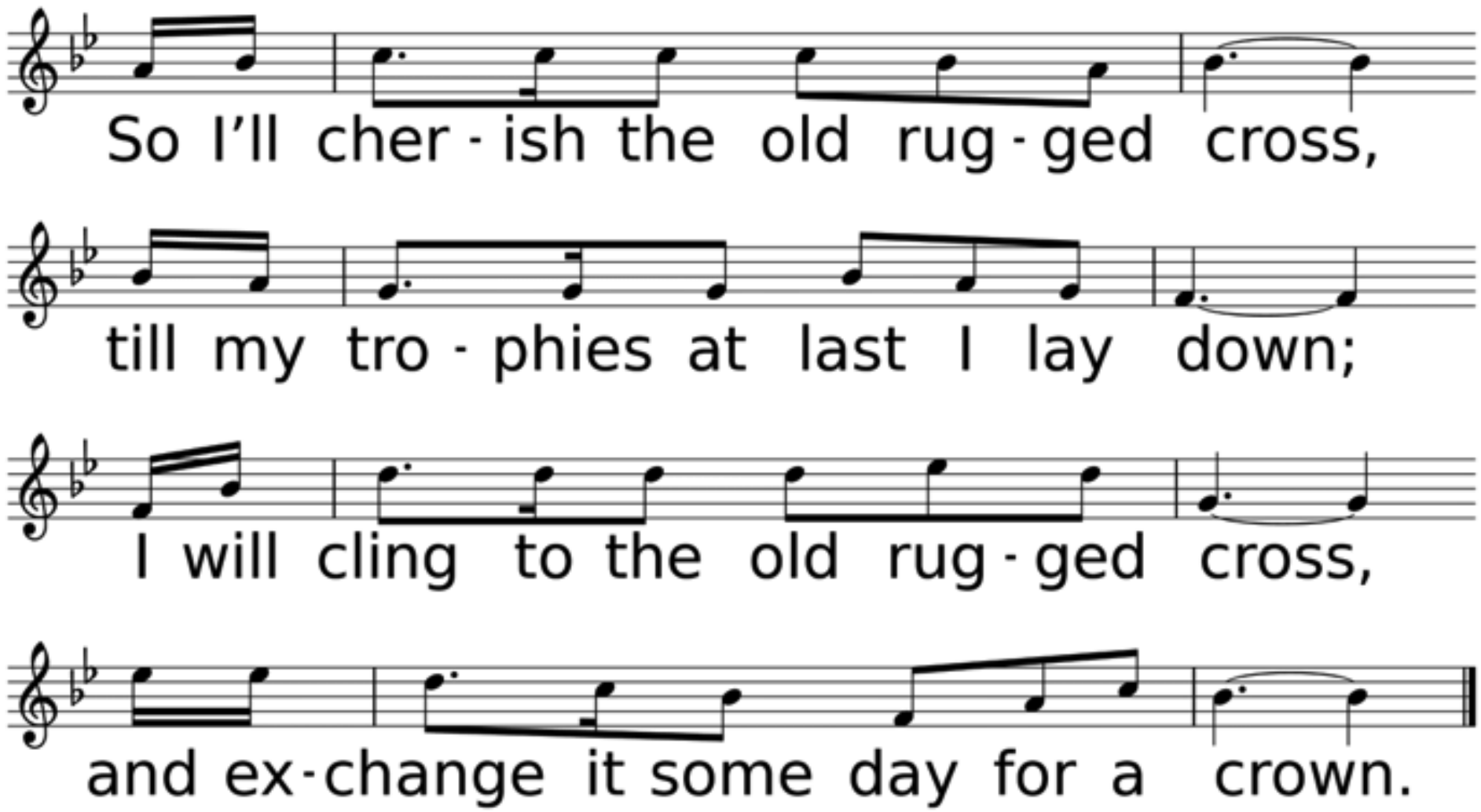

and I love that old cross
where the dear - est and best
for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.


So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
till my tro - phies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
and ex - change it some day for a crown.


2. O that old rug - ged cross,
so de - spised by the world,
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;


for the dear Lamb of God
left his glo - ry a - bove
to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.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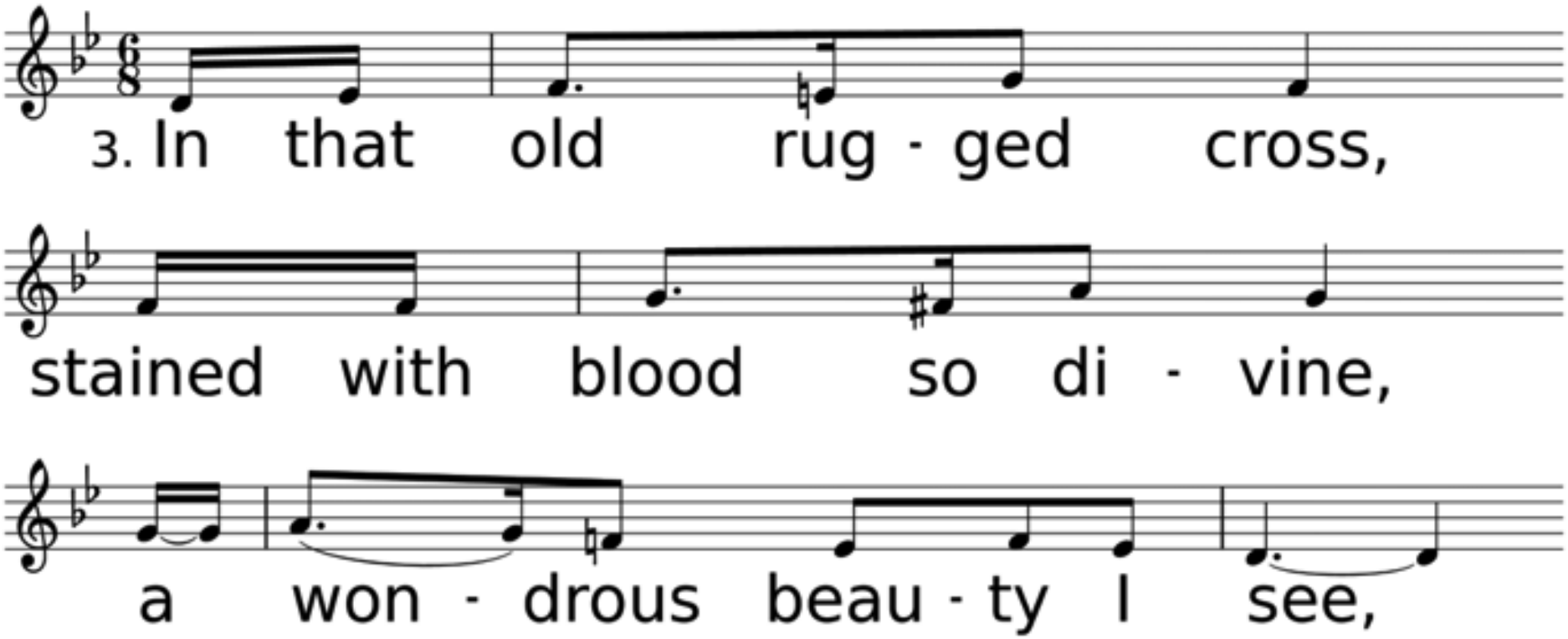
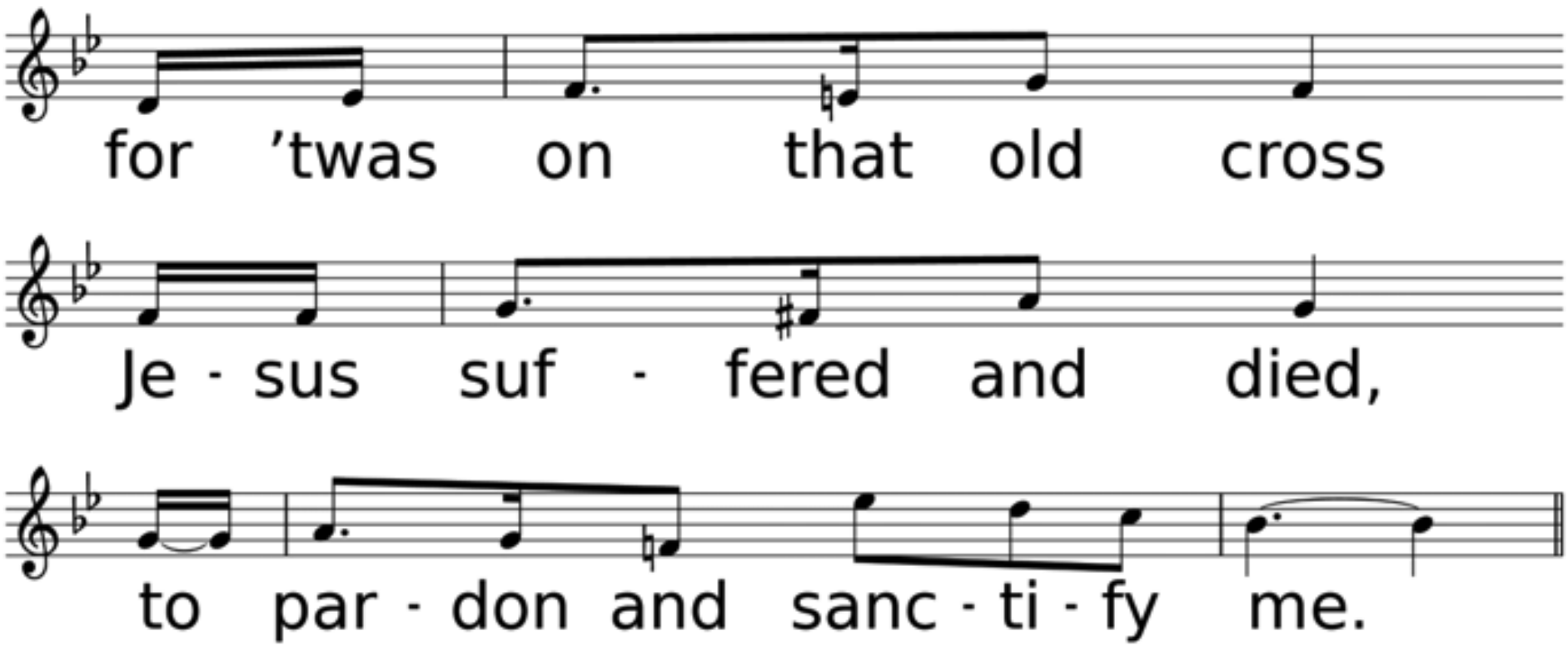
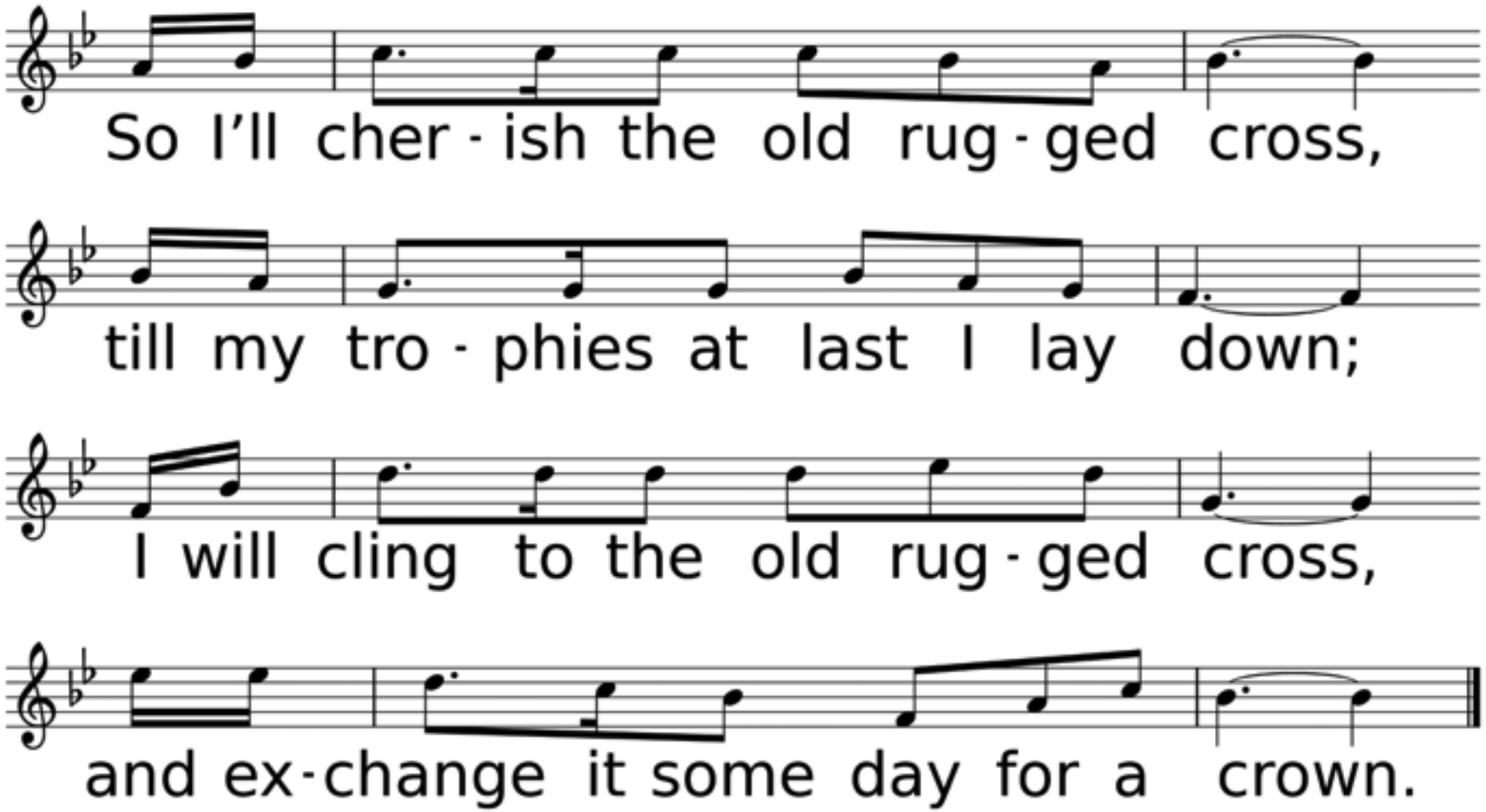

3. In that old rug - ged cross,
stained with blood so di - vine,
a won - drous beau - ty I see,


for 'twas on that old cross
Je - sus suf - fered and died,
to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.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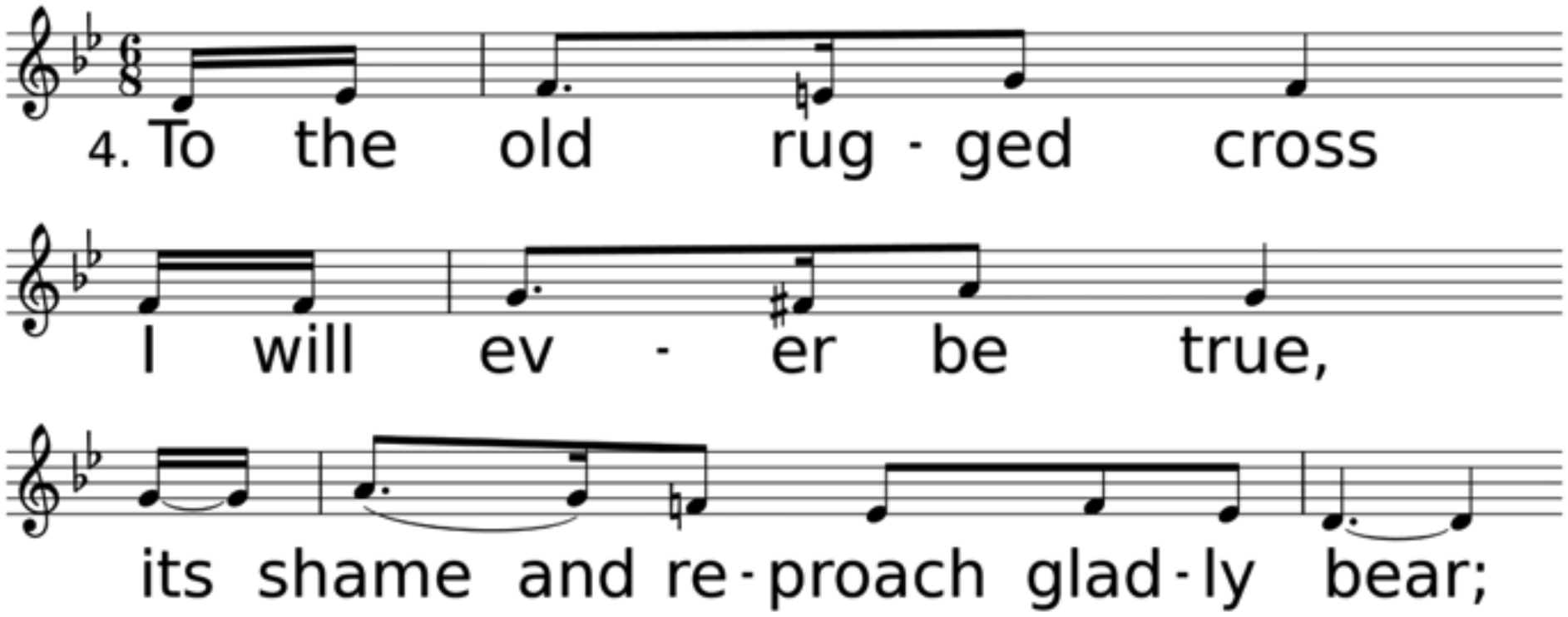
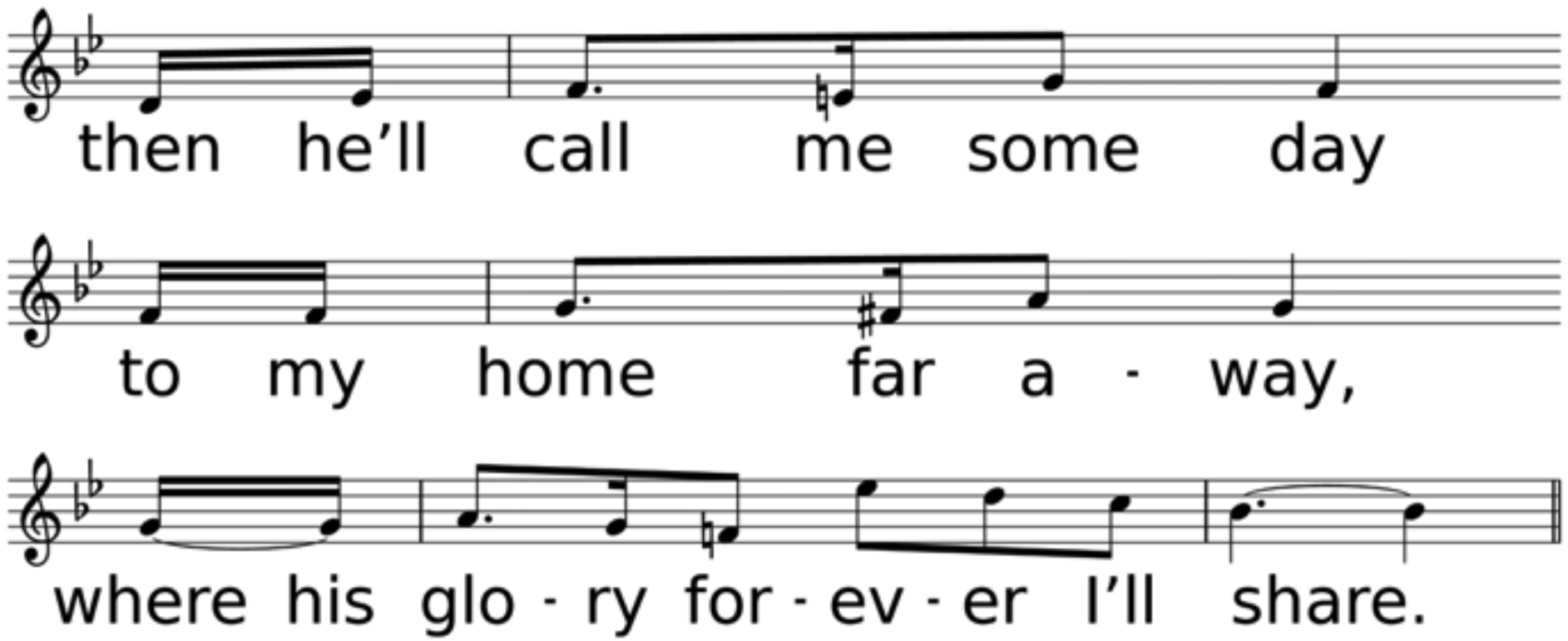
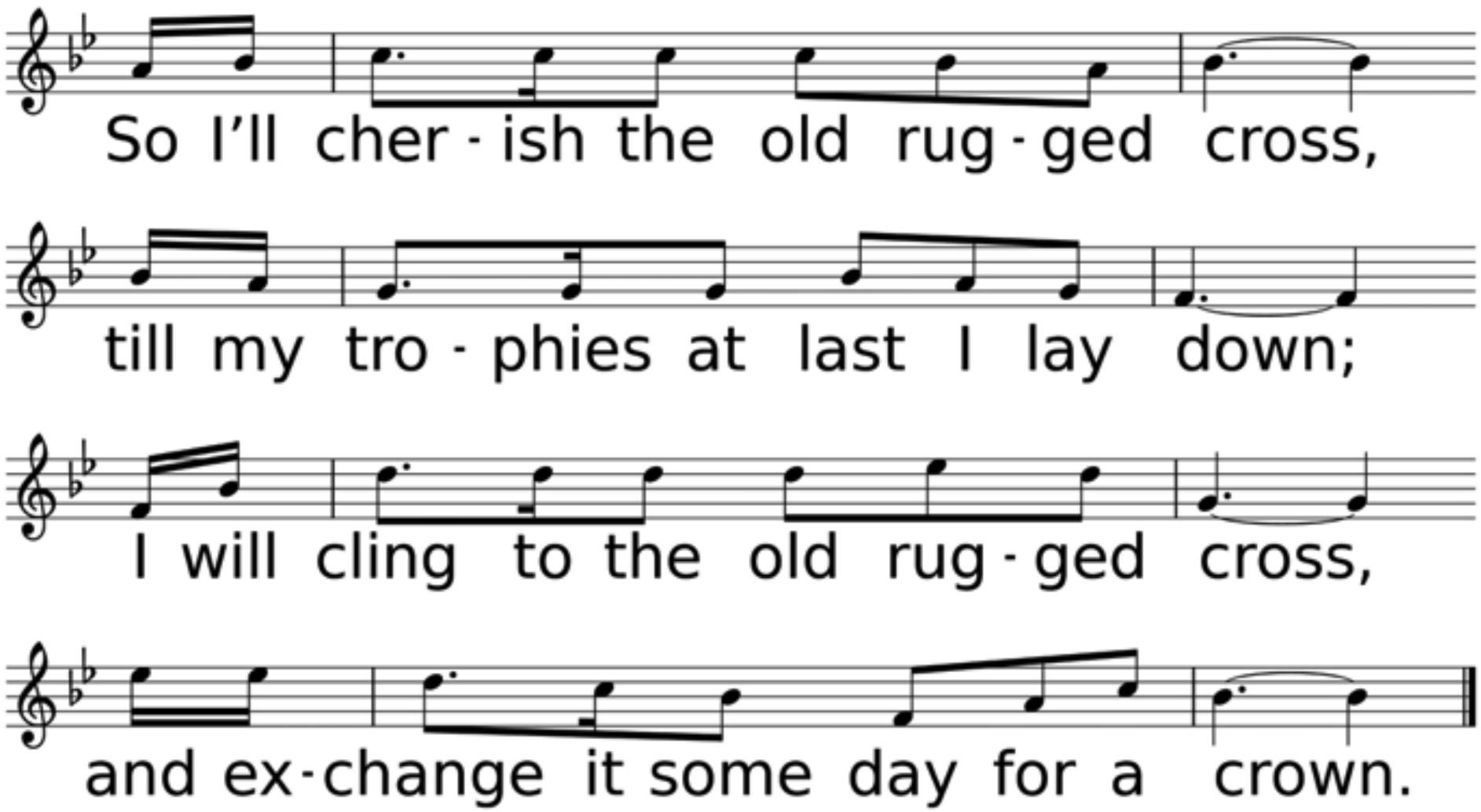
till my tro - phies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
and ex - change it some day for a crown.


4. To the old rug - ged cross
I will ev - er be true,
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;


then he'll call me some day
to my home far a - way,
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.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*Benediction

*Sending Forth

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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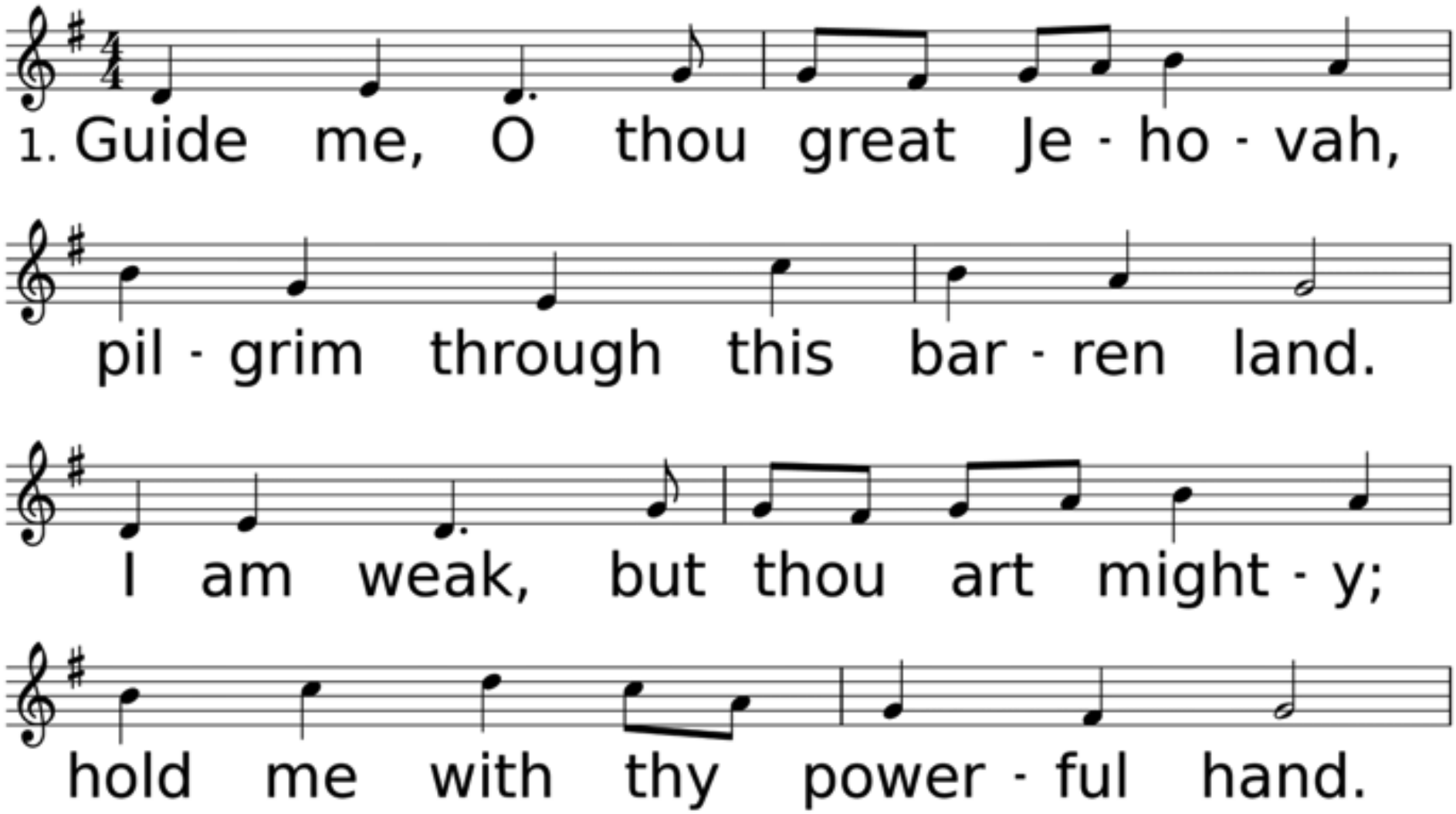

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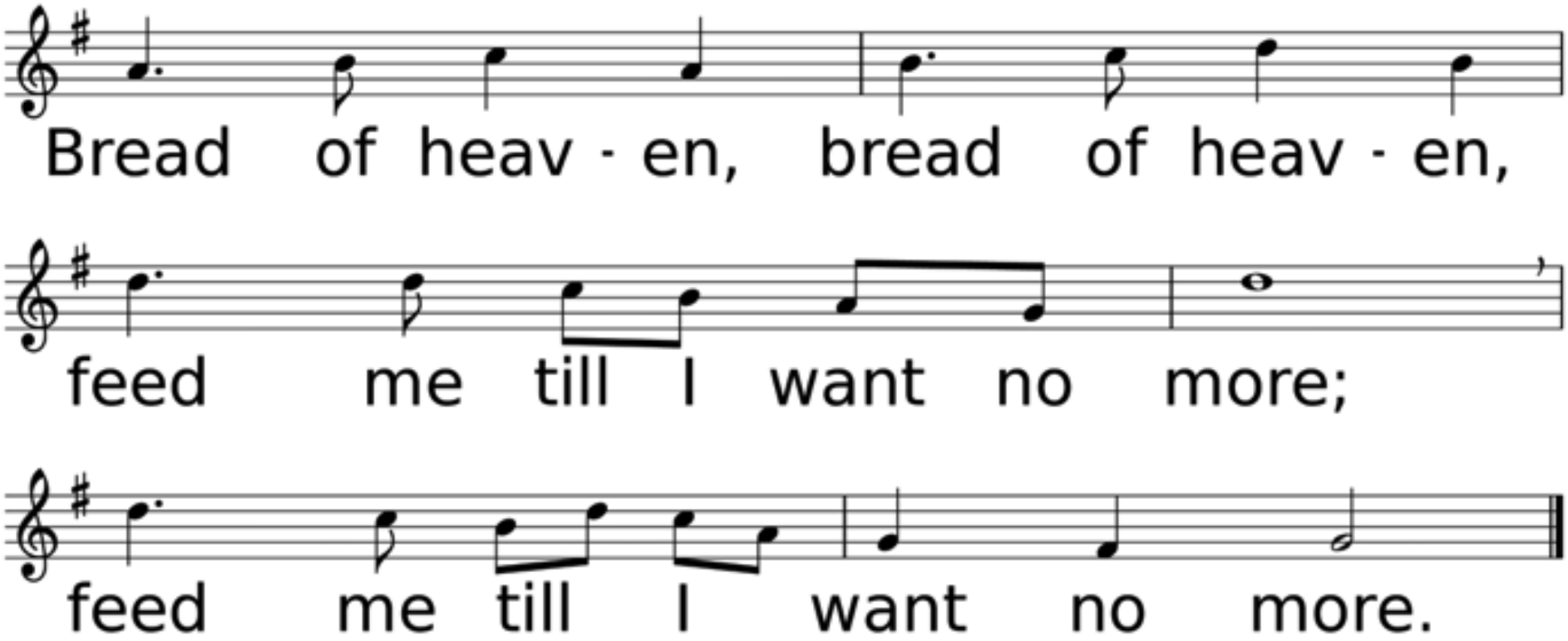
Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

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