Welcome Home!

July 25, 2021
10:00 AM Sunday Service
Online & in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Adger M. Pace/ R. Fisher Boyce

*Call to Worship

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things! God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

Congregation: The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Leader: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Congregation: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Amen.

* Hymn Of Praise Angels from the Realms of Glory

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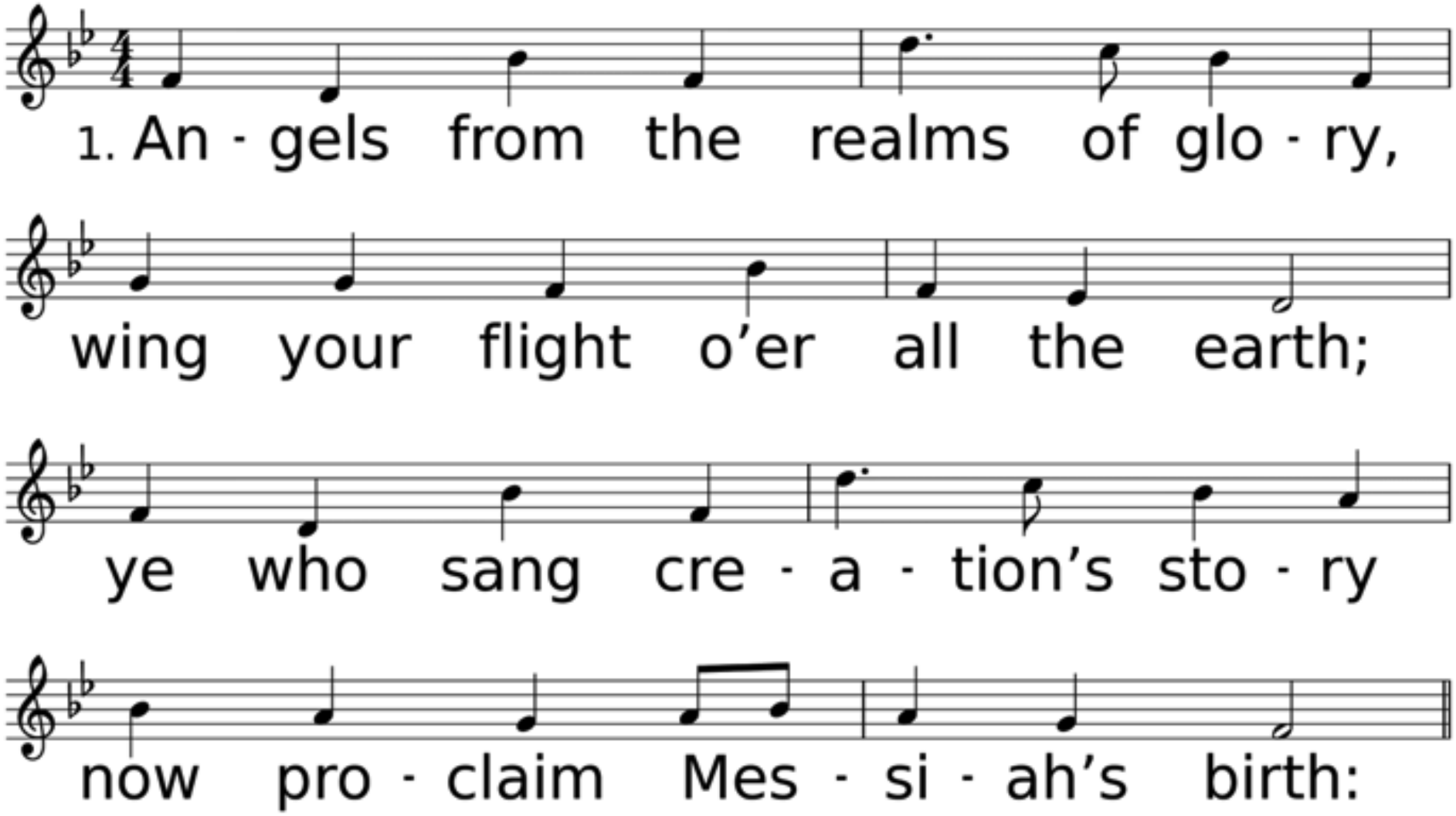

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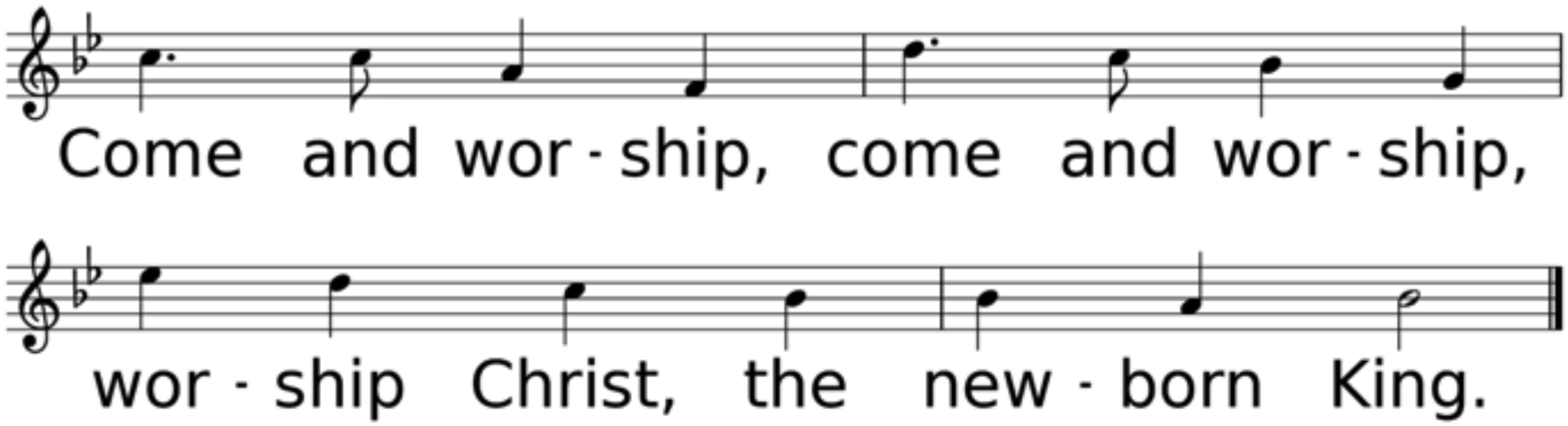
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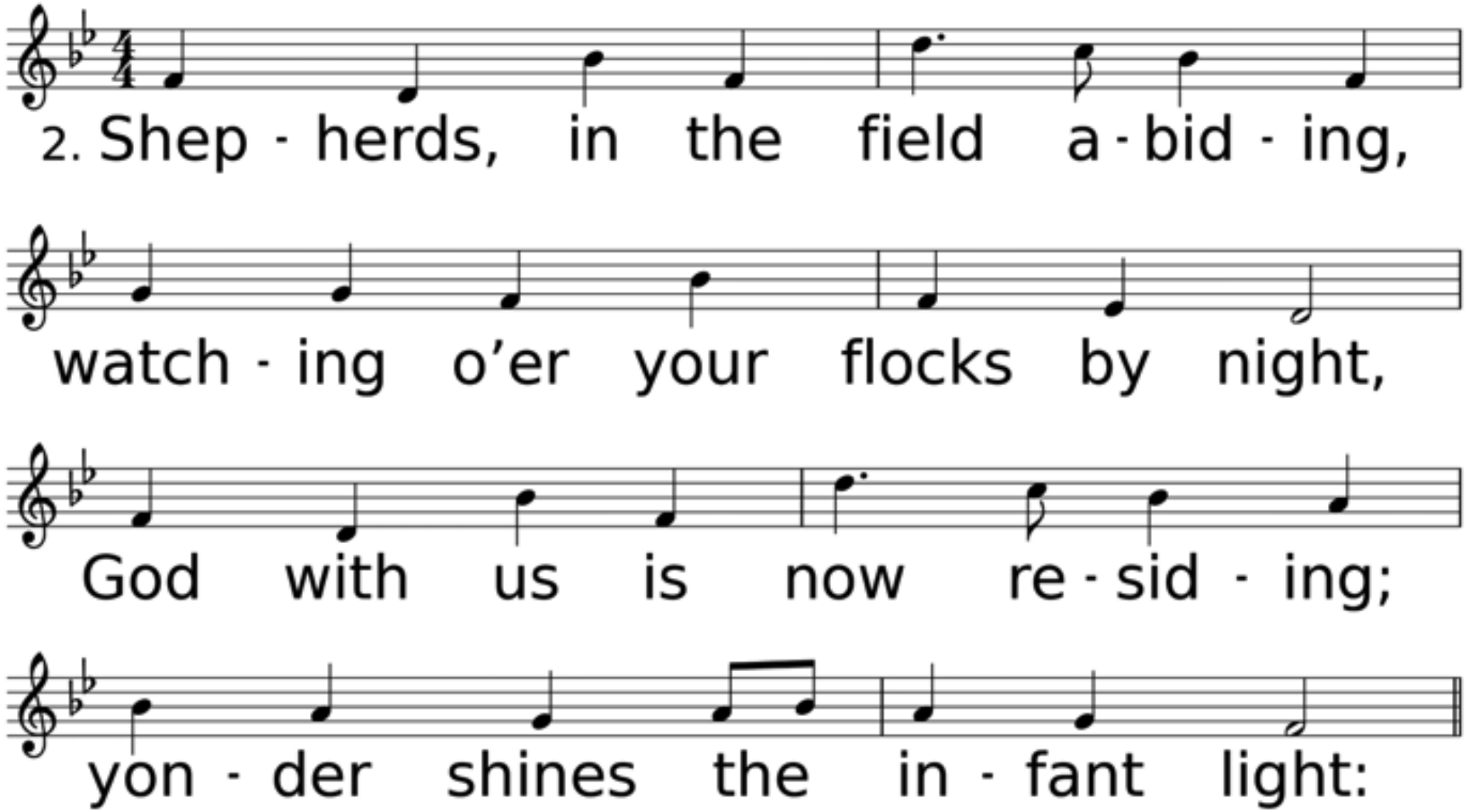
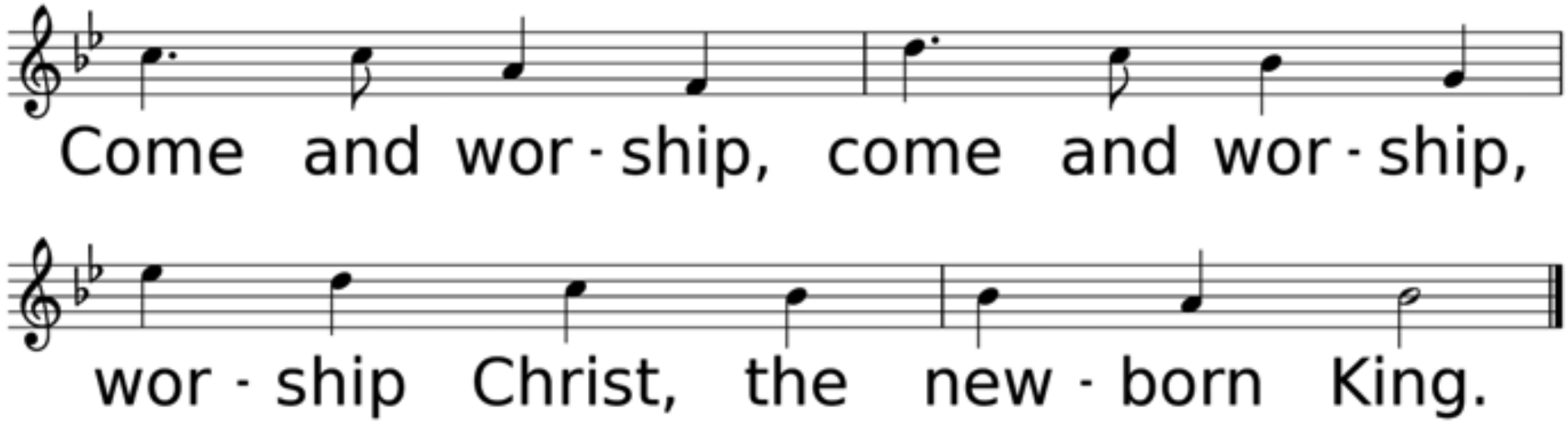

2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing,
watch - ing o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now re - sid - ing;
yon - der shines the in - fant light: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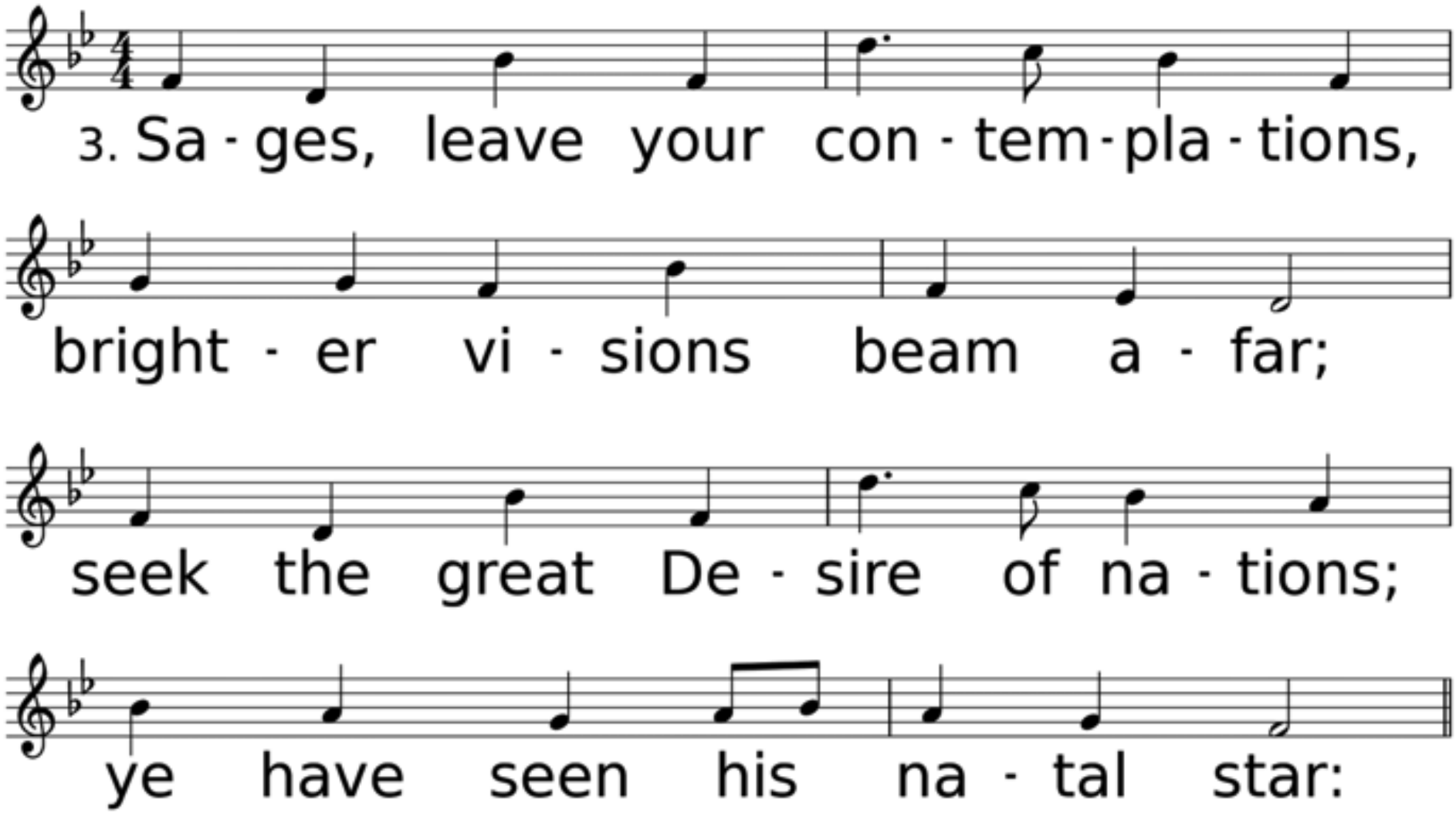
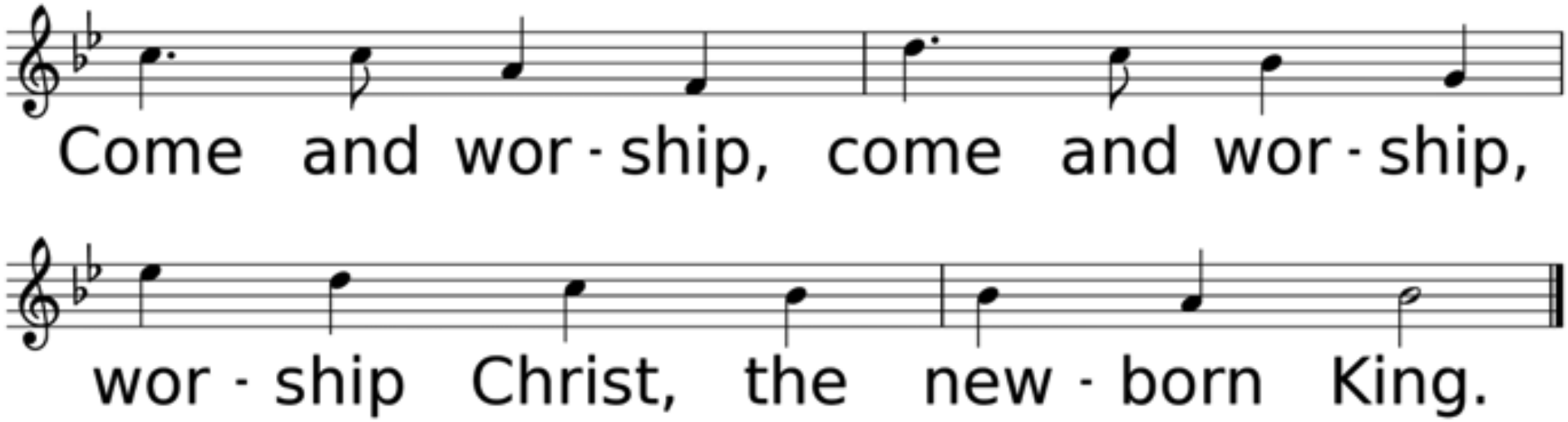

3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions,
bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
ye have seen his na - tal star: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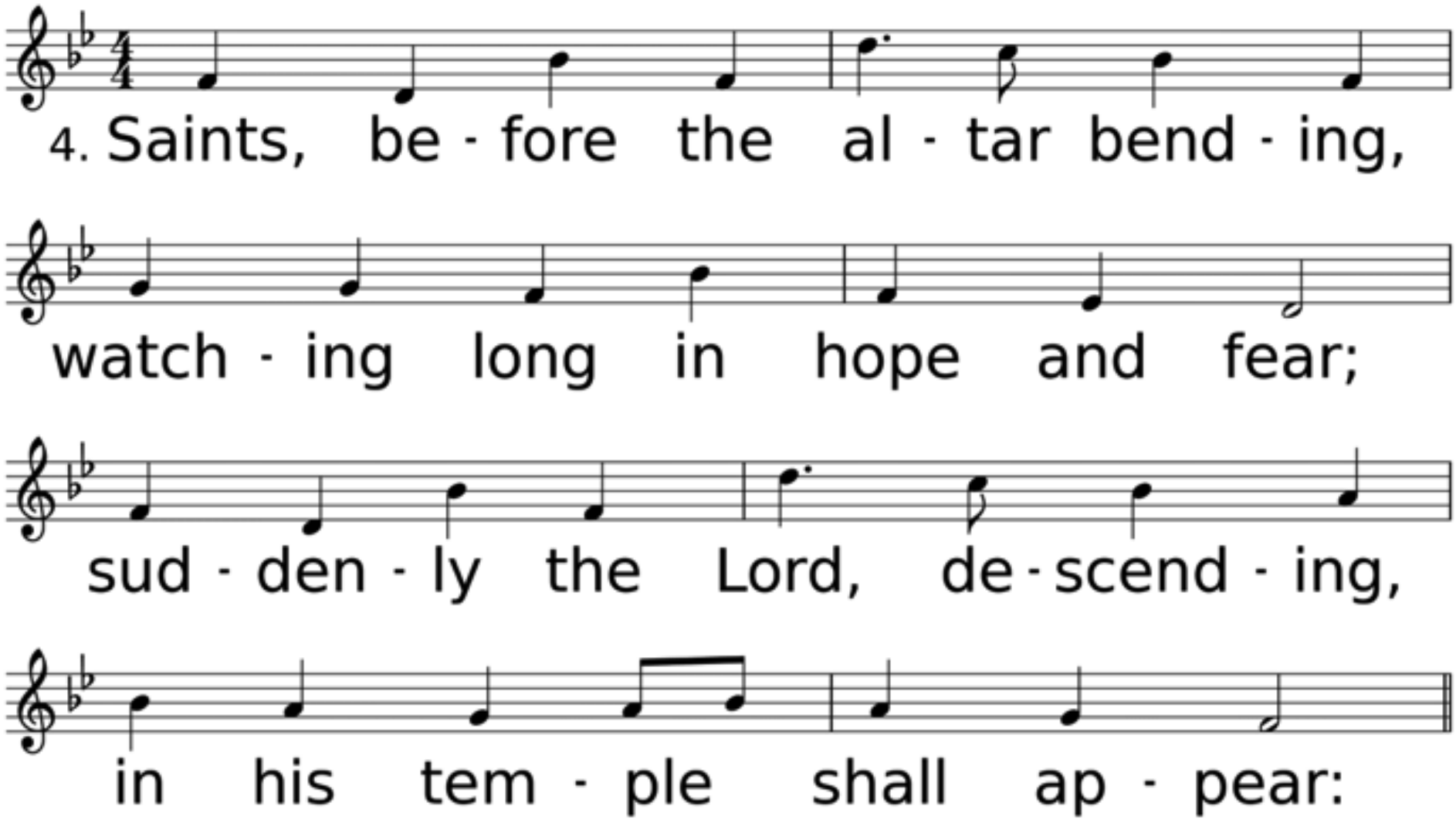
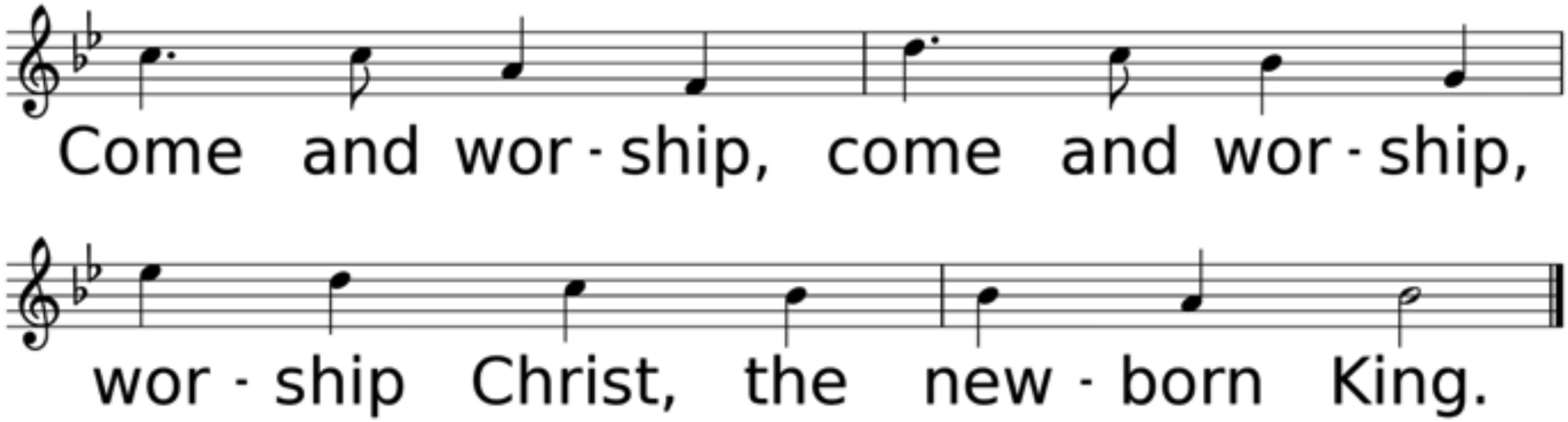

4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing,
watch - ing long in hope and fear;
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear: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*Affirmation of Faith

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 Our Joys and Concerns

The Family of Joyce Sanders
The McFee's family and friends
Gary Bouregeois
(Hammerschmidt's neighbor)
Bob Demombreun
Carolyn Sharp
(J. Porter)
Beverly Shelton
(M. Mistrzak)
Cindy Bankston
Kent Koehler & Kids
(K. Allen)
Kimberl McAfee's Father
(G. Beal)
MaryAnn Greer
(S. Chavez)
Analise Dobbs
(M. Allen)

Stingfellow Family
(M. Bailey)
Richard Oliver
(L. Oliver)
Margaretta Mayes
(C. Slover)
Leighan Lovett
(B. Nease)
Bruce Buchanan
(B. Haynes)
Donna McCullough
Kay Broussard
(J. Porter)
Patricia Launey
Lori Woodard
(J. Schwarze)
Jerry Willbanks
Hilda Hamilton
Brian Hughes

John Nelson
Anna Wiggins
Judy Barbay
(L Schultz)
Robert Chavez
Lloydell Mullican
(C. White)
Wayne Kaylor
(K. Allen)
Joan Faulk
(M. Brister)
Carol Downs Montgomery
(J. Blankenship)
Devon Woodard
(M. Bailey)
Laila Prather
(R. Prather)
Anthony Lee
(B. Lee)

Howard Thorne
Velva Day
(P. Blanton)
Cathy Lott
(D & V Allen)
Charlene Blevins
(B. Vaughn)
Chad Windborne
(J. Schwarze)
Alex Baker
(C. Scott)
Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)
Ronnie Cuevas
(M. Bailey)
Lydia Derouen
(D.&V. Allen)
May Scarborough
(M. Bailey)
Douglas “Art” Howell
(T. Craig)
Kayetha Wilson

Billy O’Neal
Ronnie Perkins
(C. White)
Robert Chavez
Neely Biggs
(M.&P. Launey)
The Colvin Family
(A&J. Carpenter)
Kelley & Mark Allen
Frank Morales
(J. Bailey)
Angela Mallett
(J. Schwarze)
Connie DeConte
(A. Carpenter)
Nephew of Ron & Linda Kern
Gaylynn Taylor
(M. Brister)
Andrew Palmer
(T. Craig)
Cathy Lay
(M. Brister)

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
In the Bleak Midwinter

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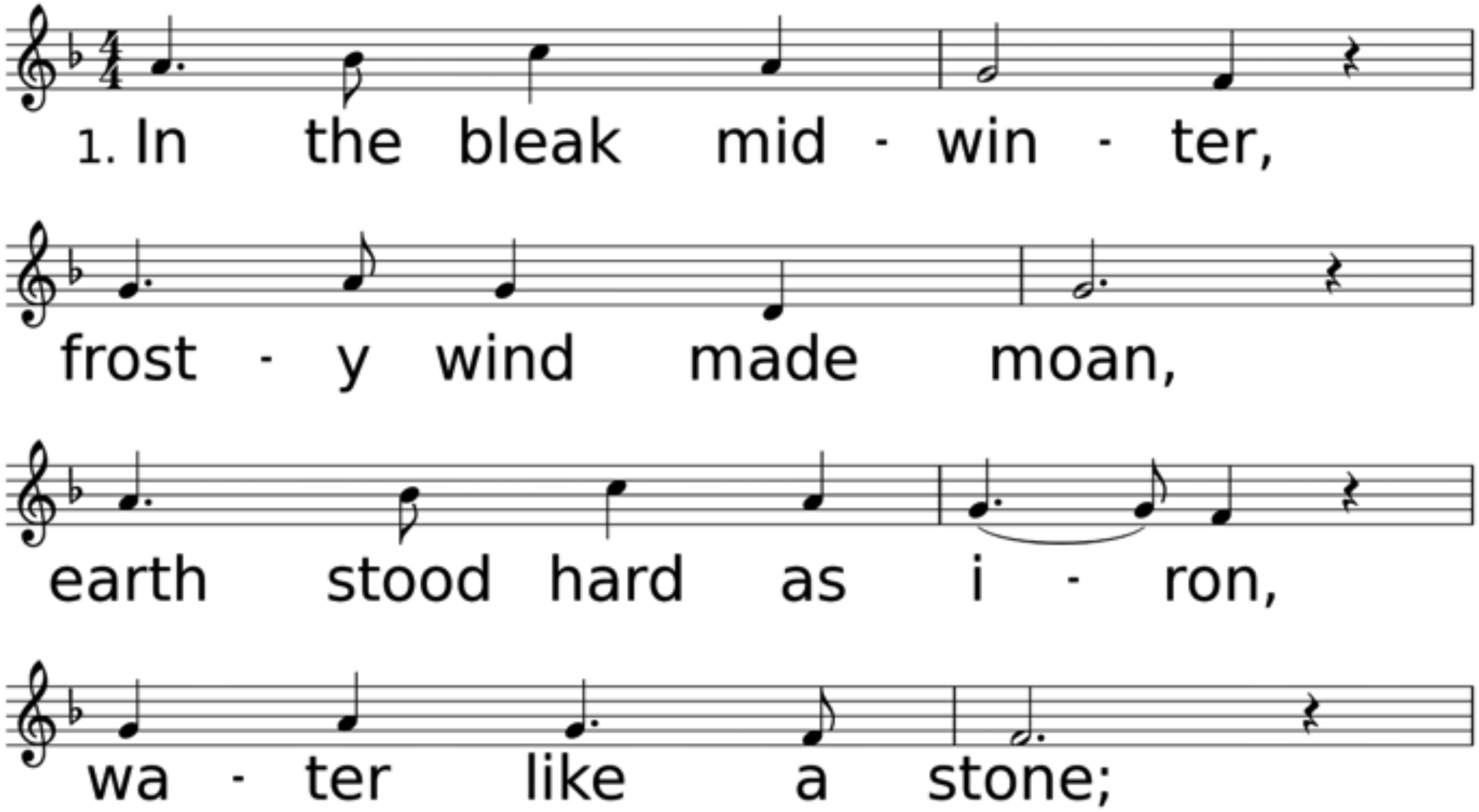

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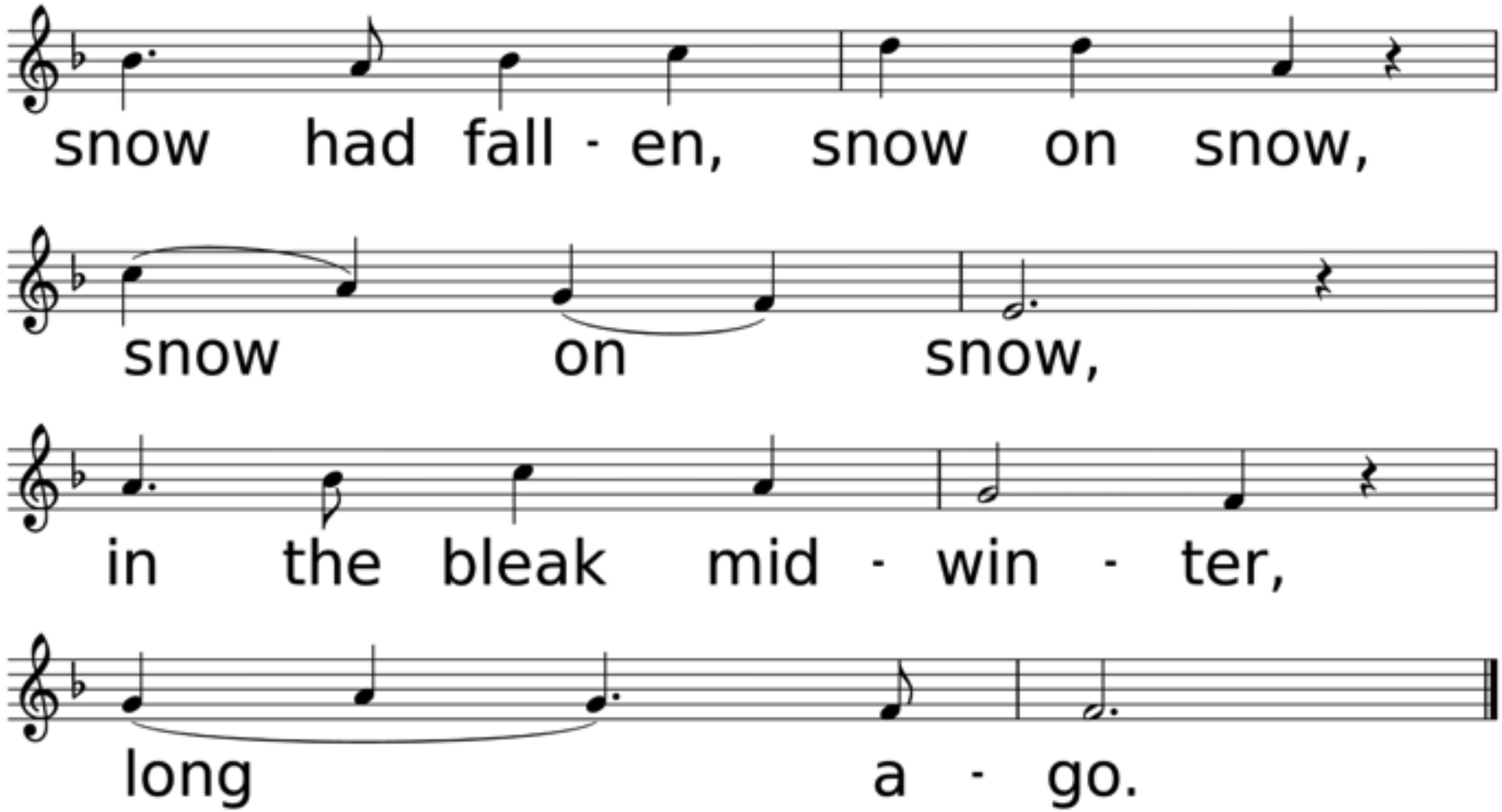
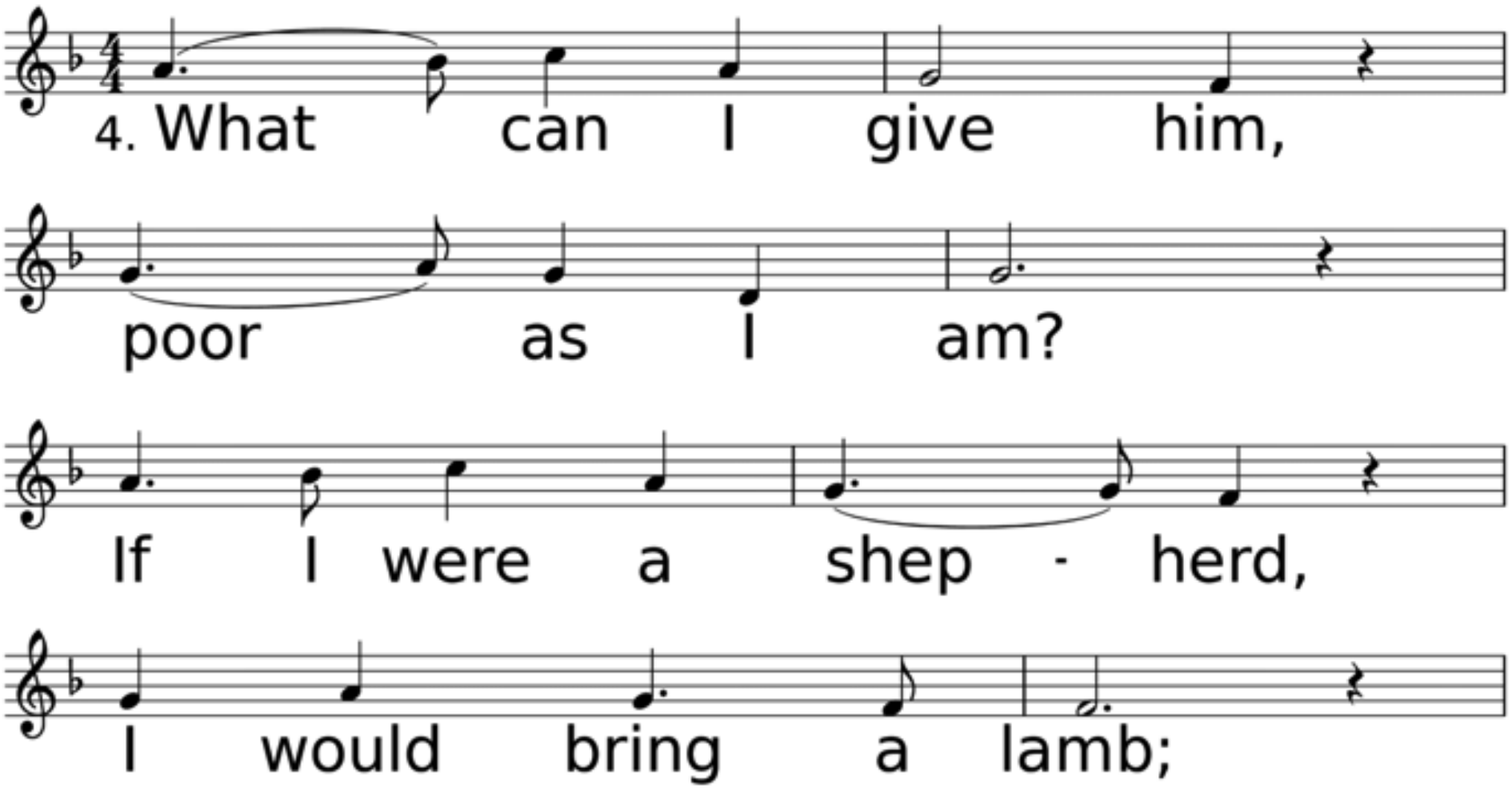
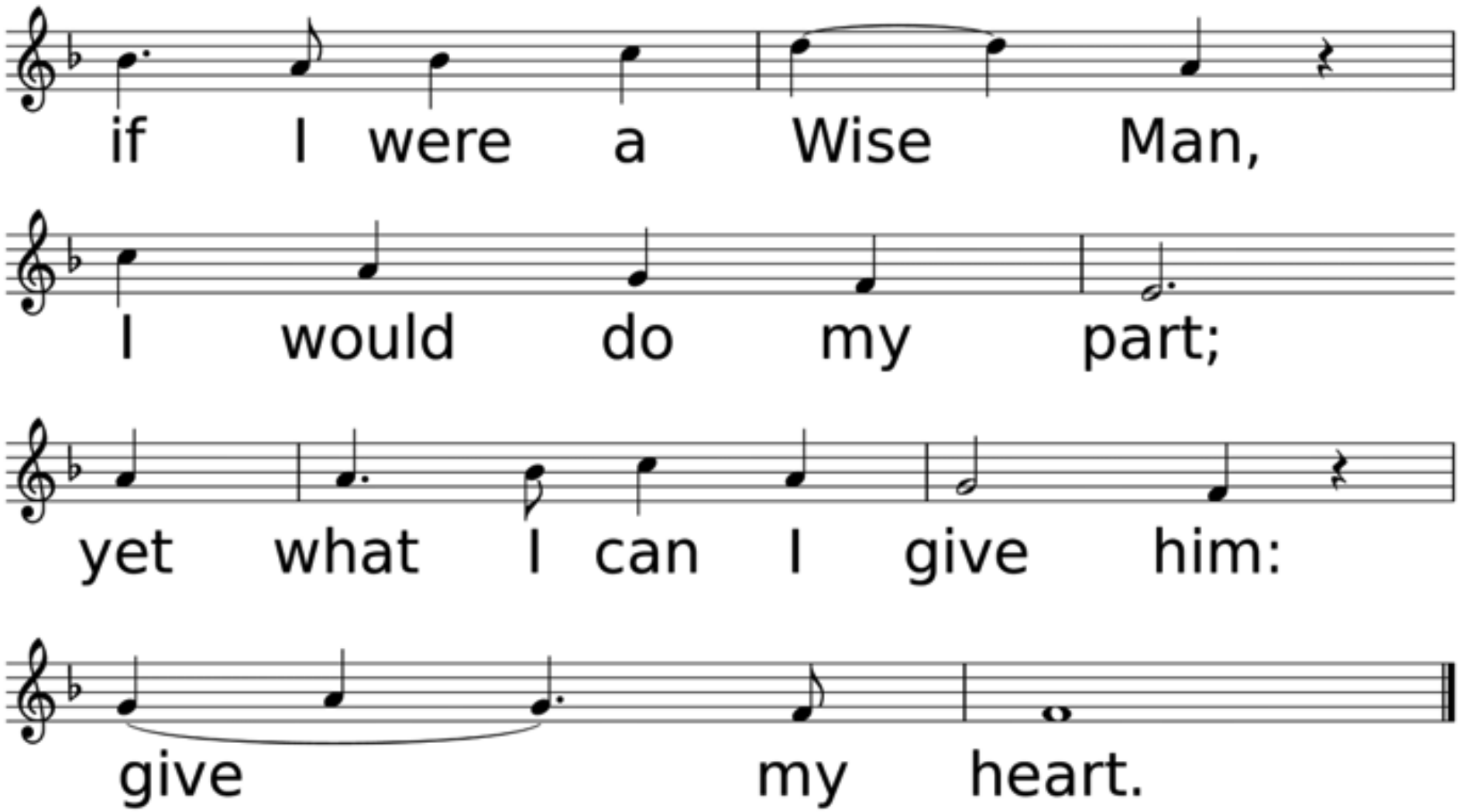

snow had fall - en, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter,
long a - go.


4. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shep - herd,
I would bring a lamb;


if I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him:
give my heart.

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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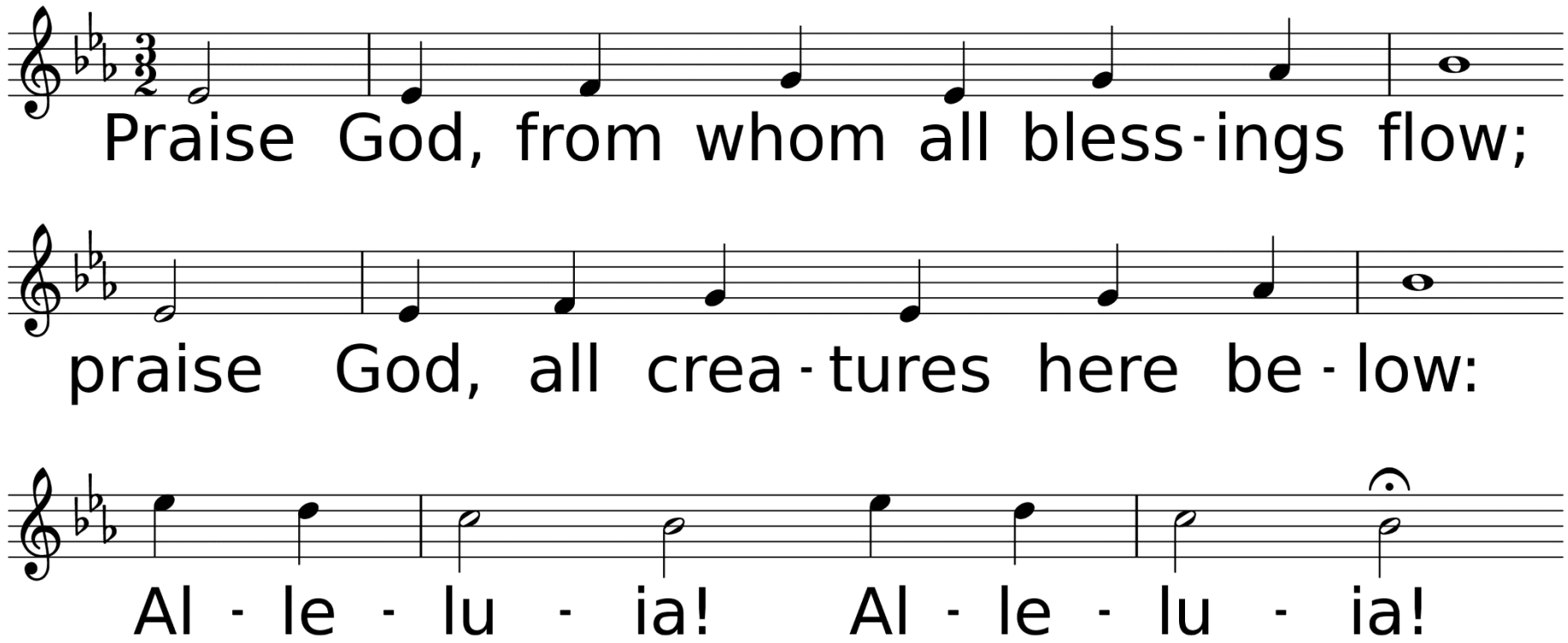

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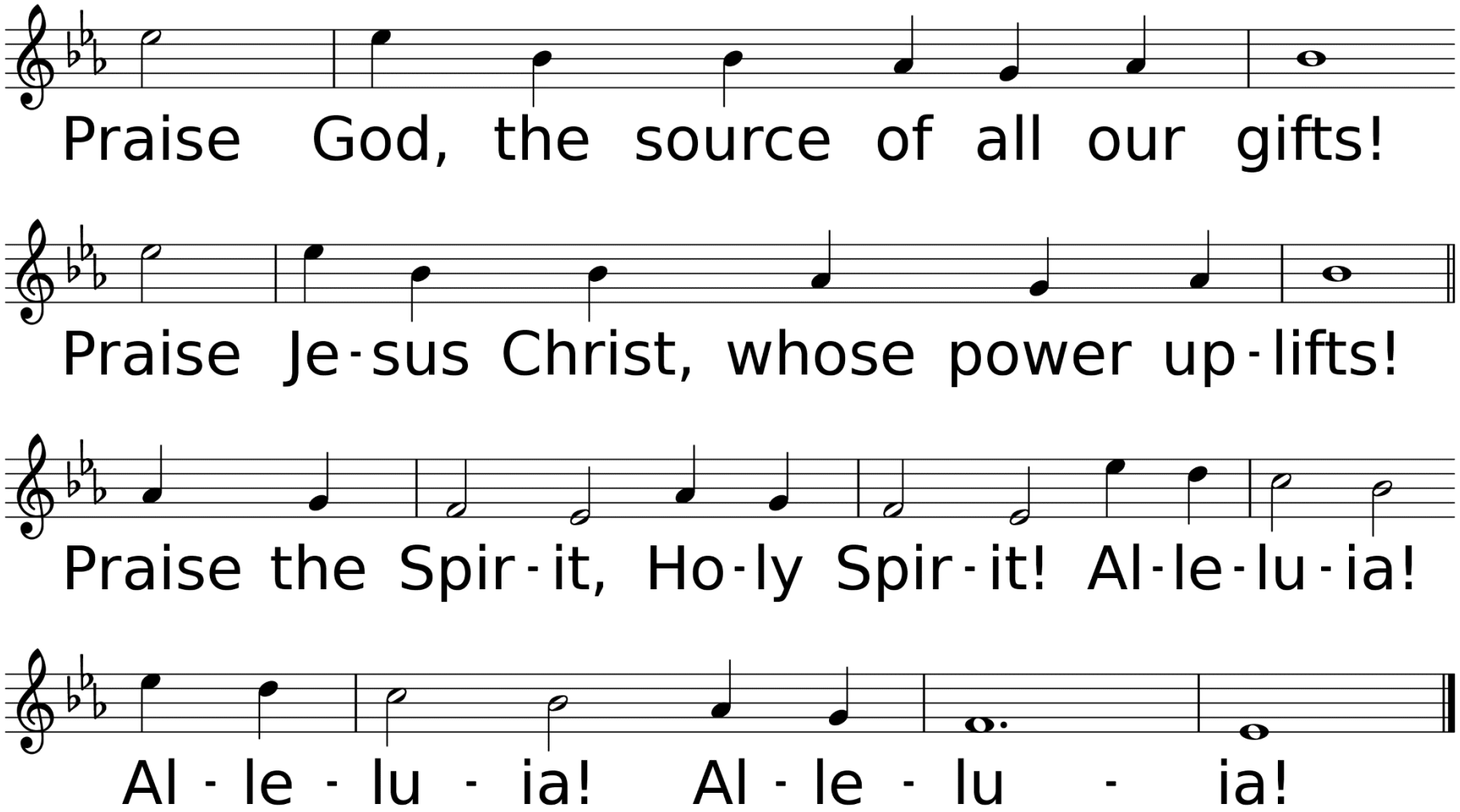
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal for Childrens Church

Hymn of Faith

We Three Kings

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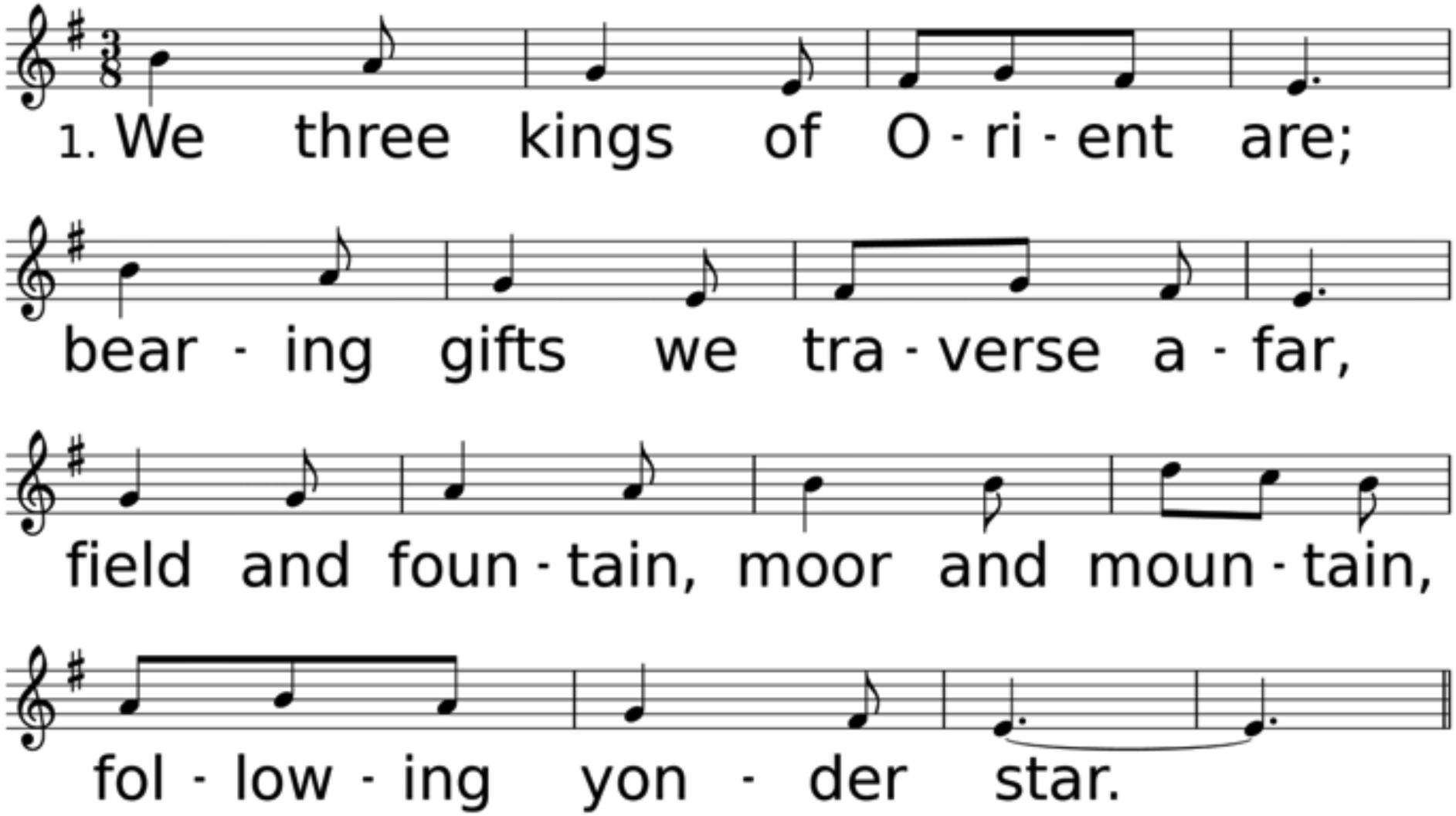

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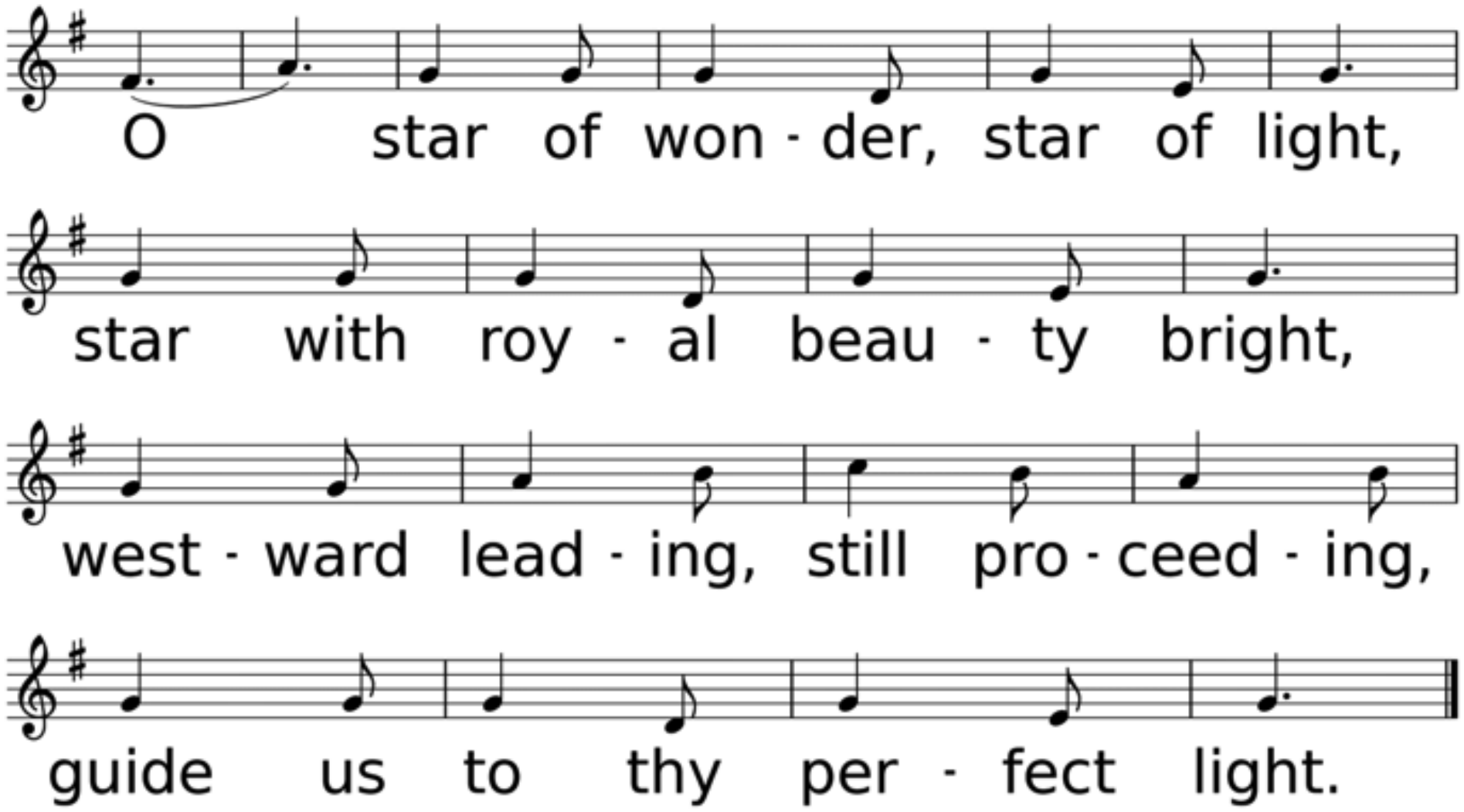
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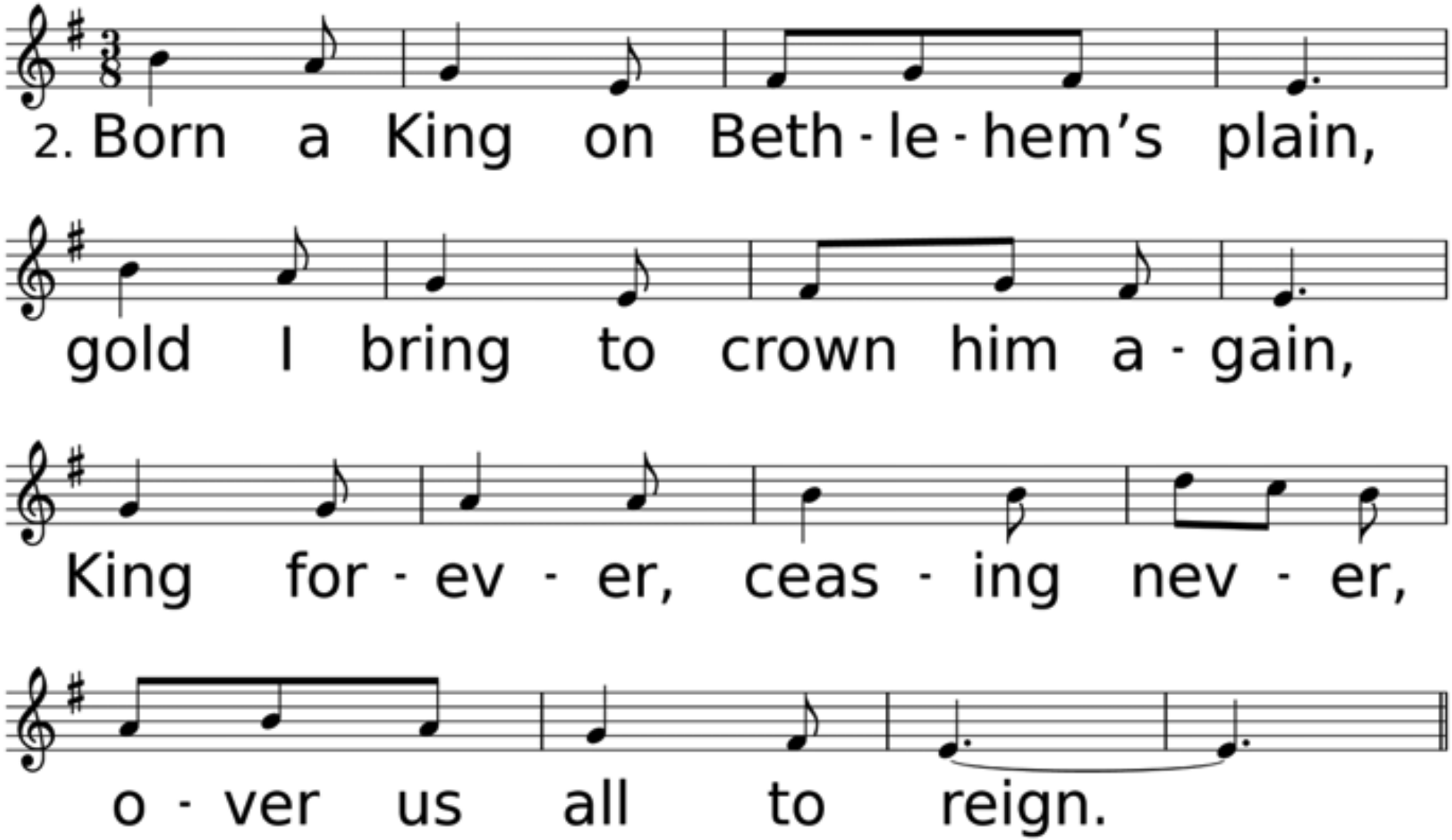
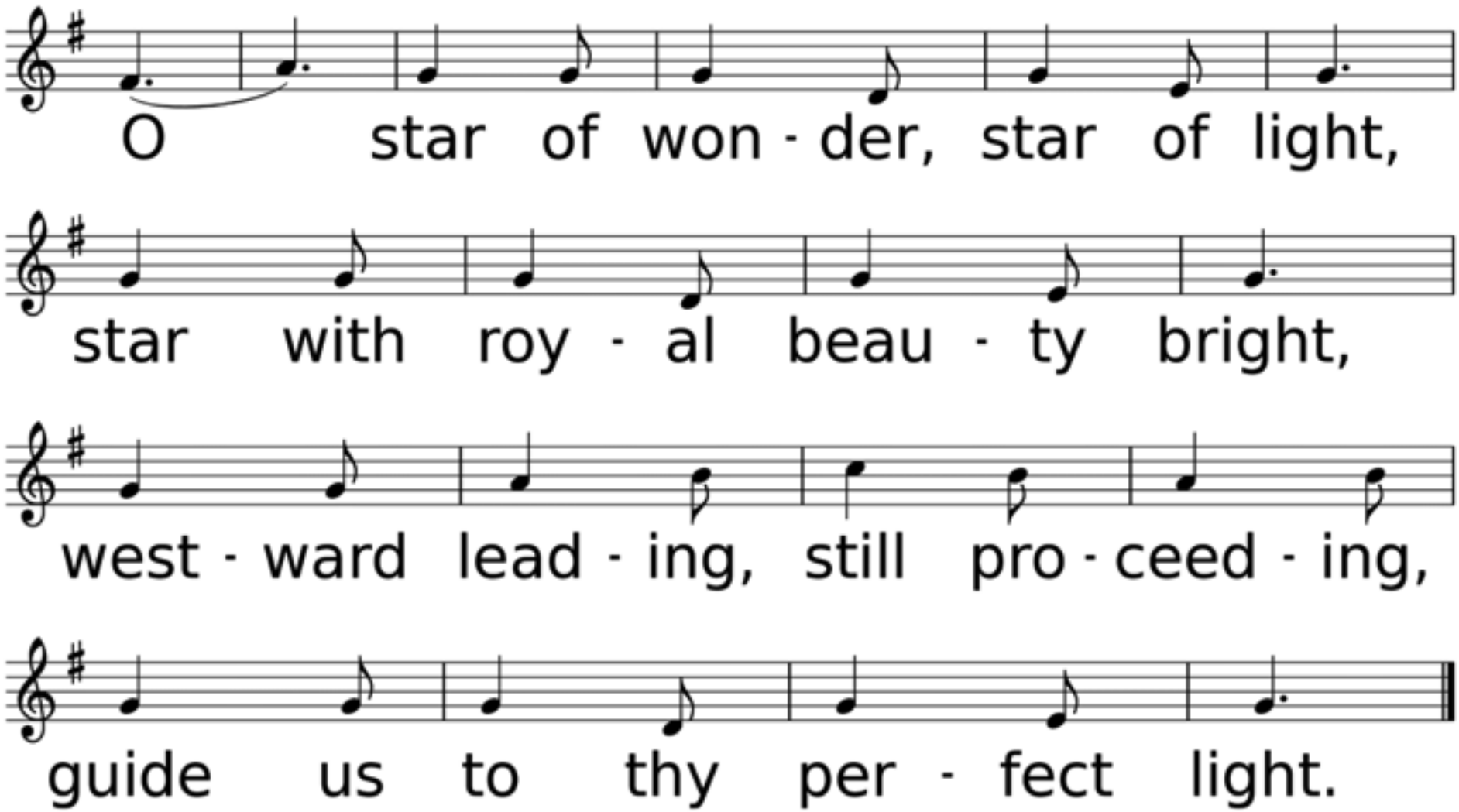
star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing,
guide us to thy per - fect light.


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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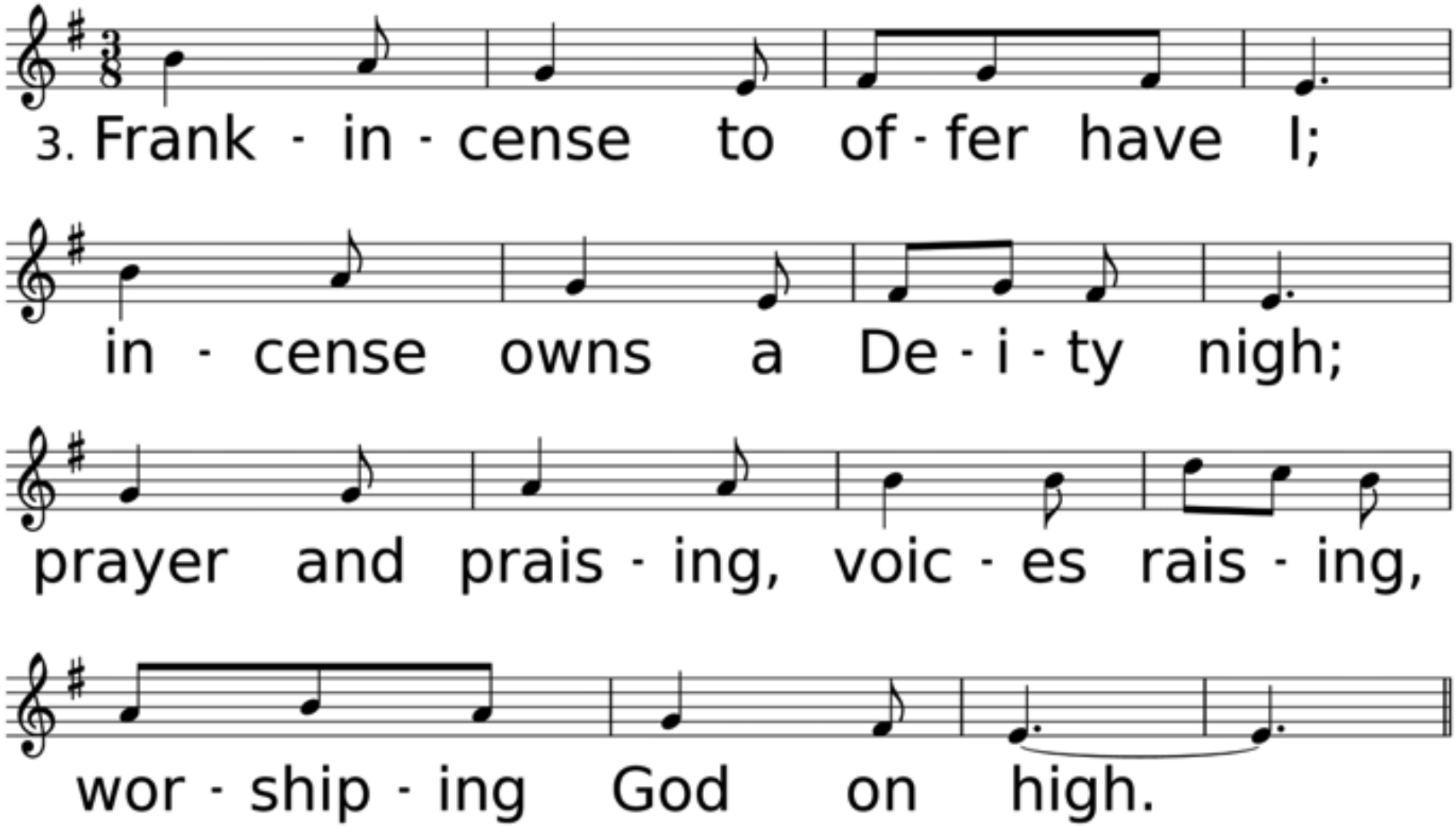
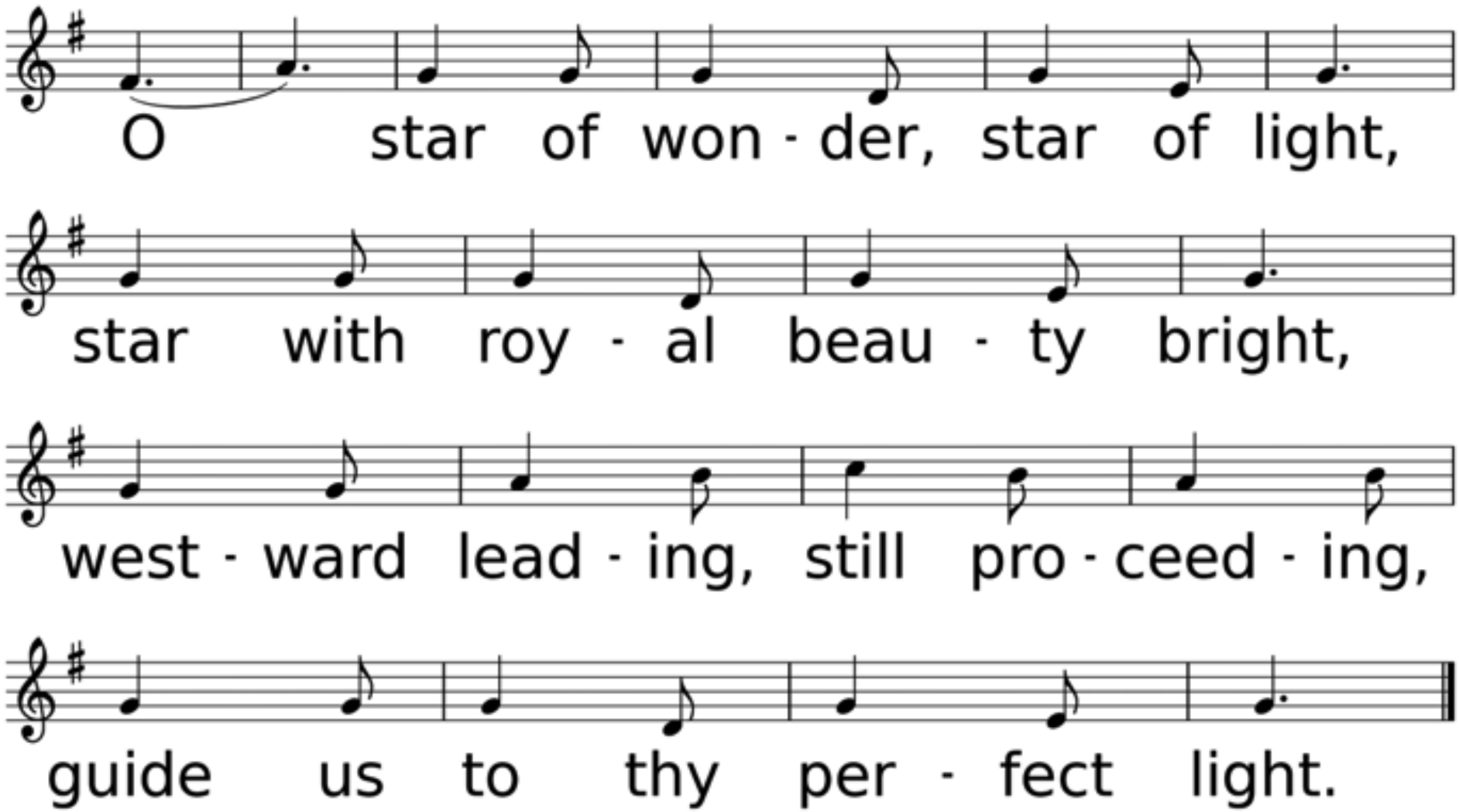

3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I;
in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing,
wor - ship - ing God on high.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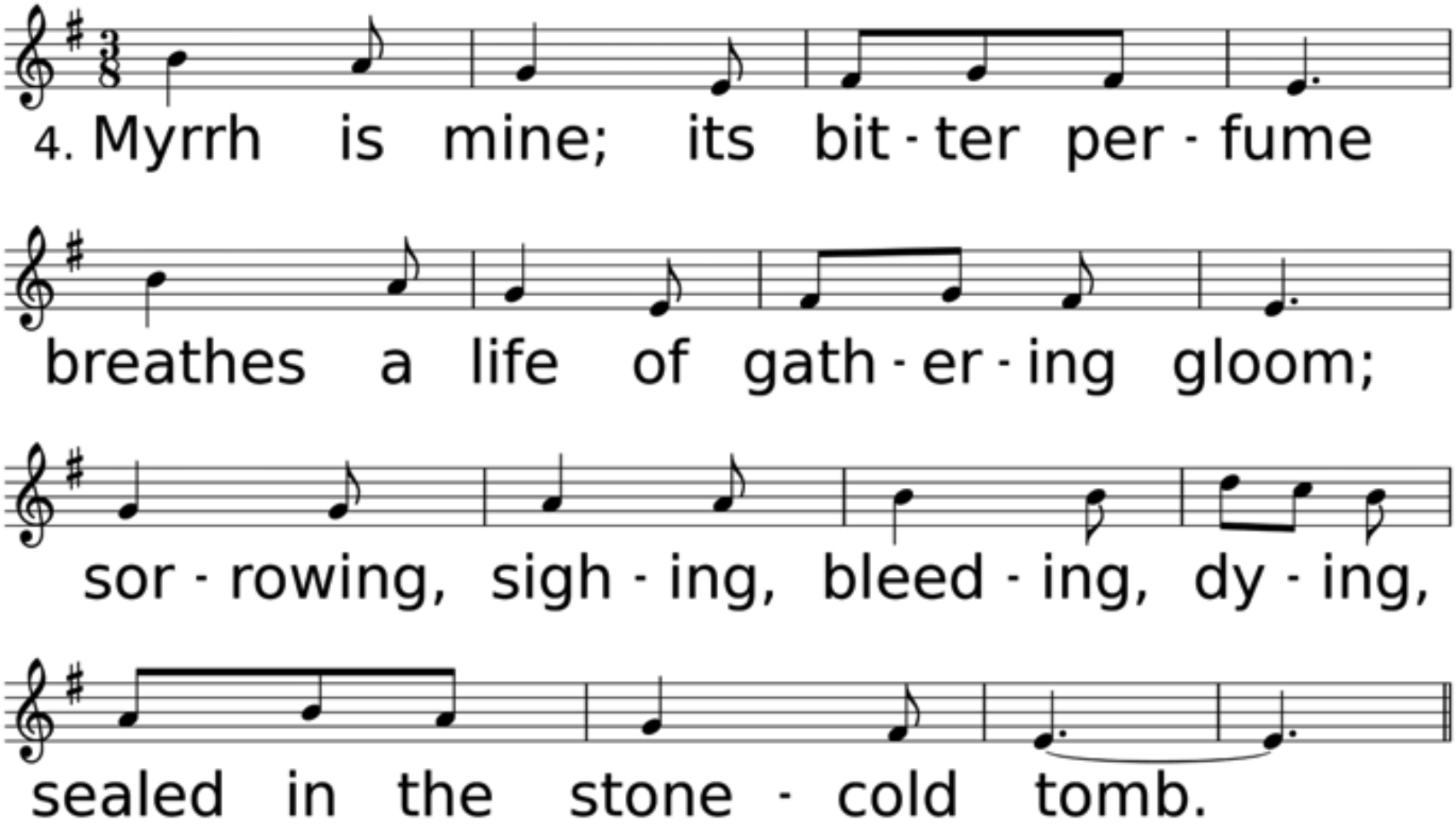
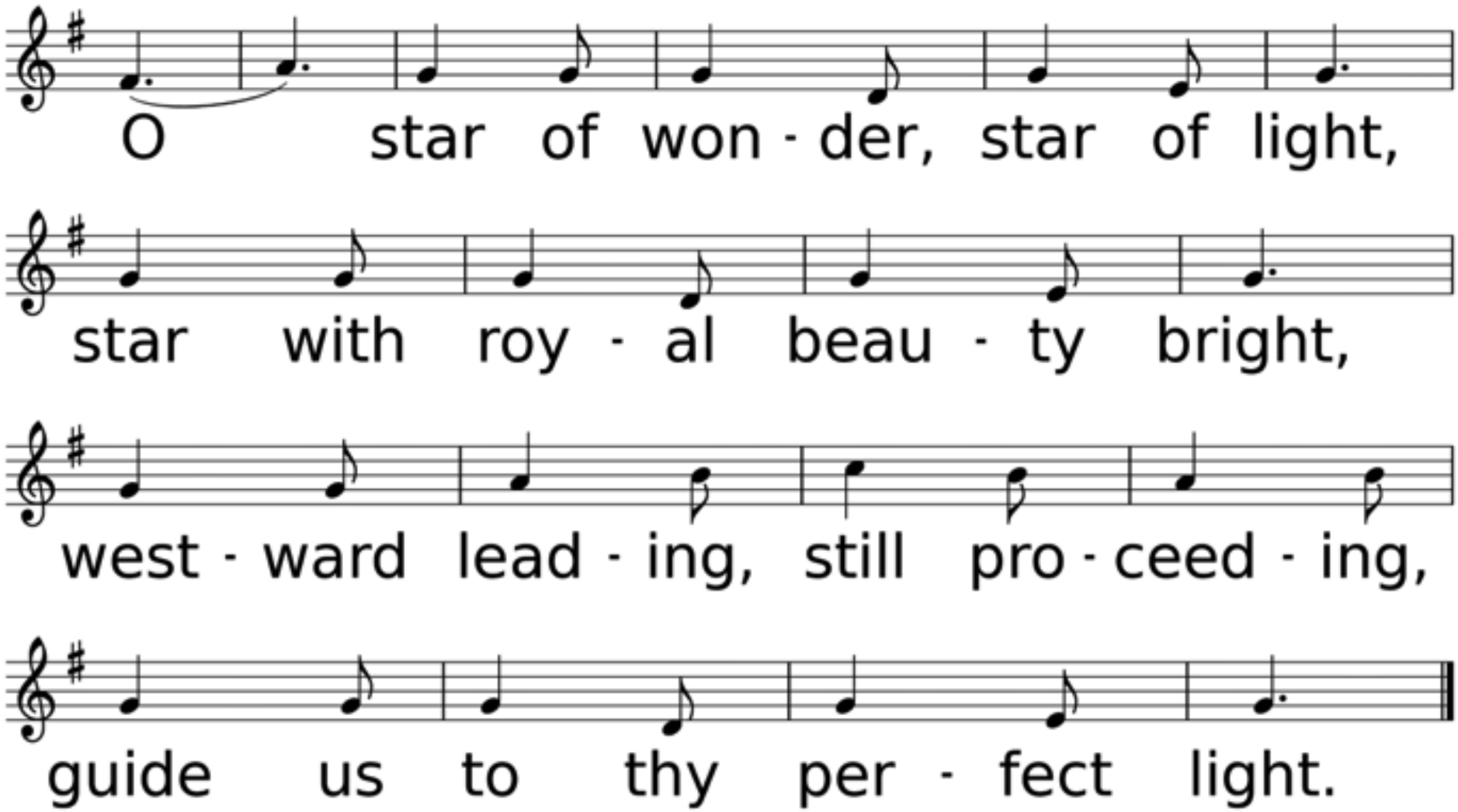

4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume
breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
sealed in the stone - cold tomb.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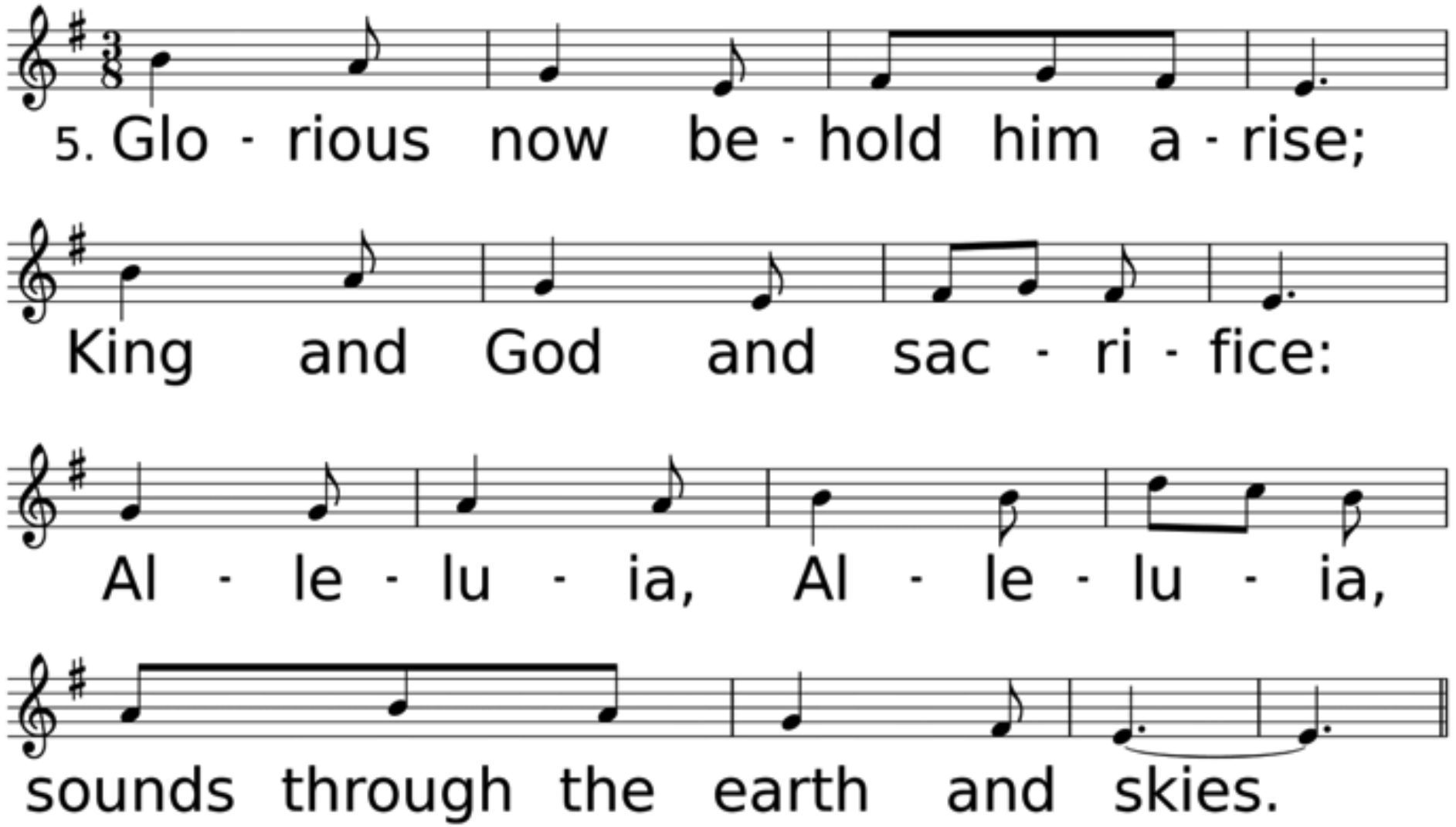
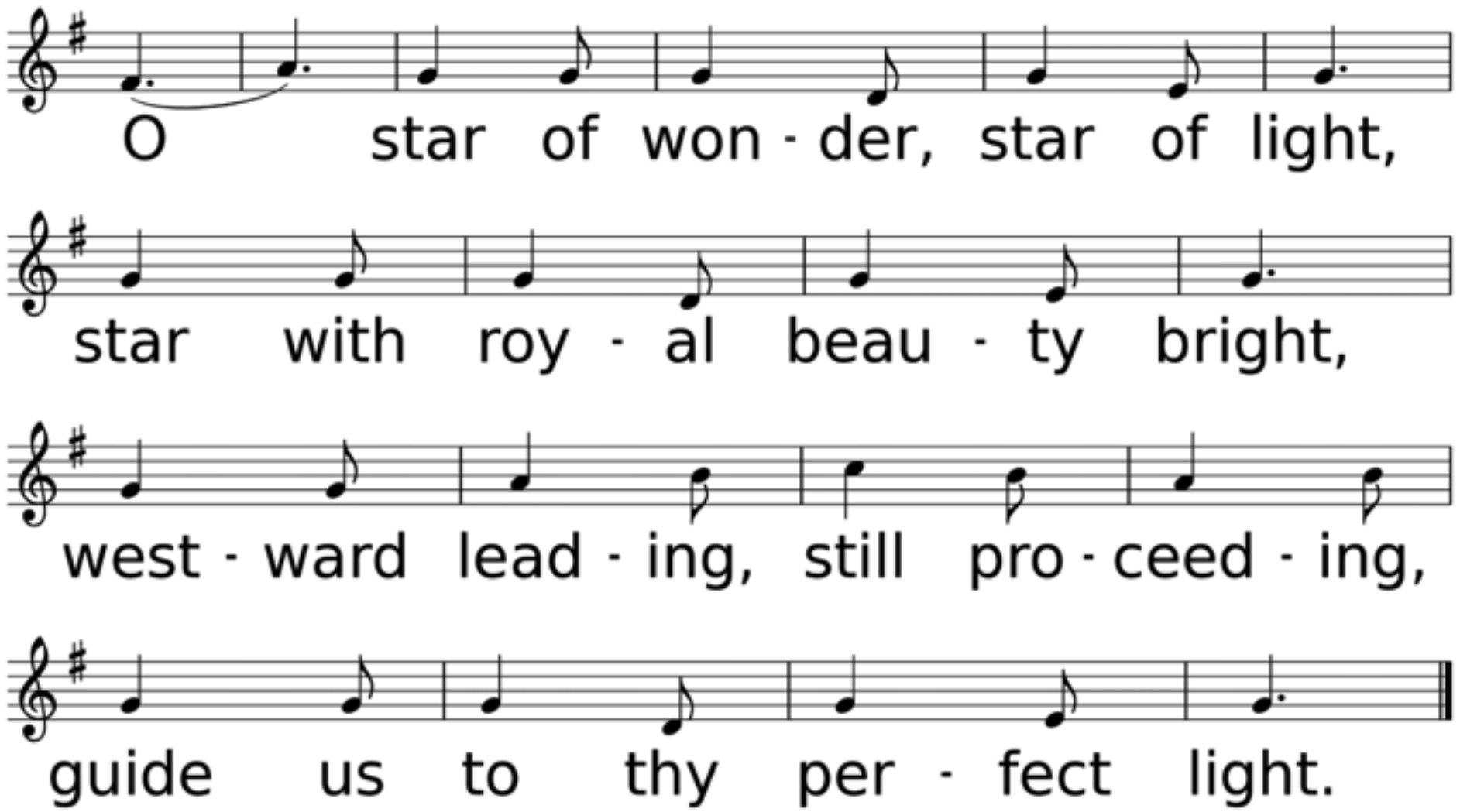

5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise;
King and God and sac - ri - fice:
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
sounds through the earth and skies.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Scripture Reading
Luke 2:8-21

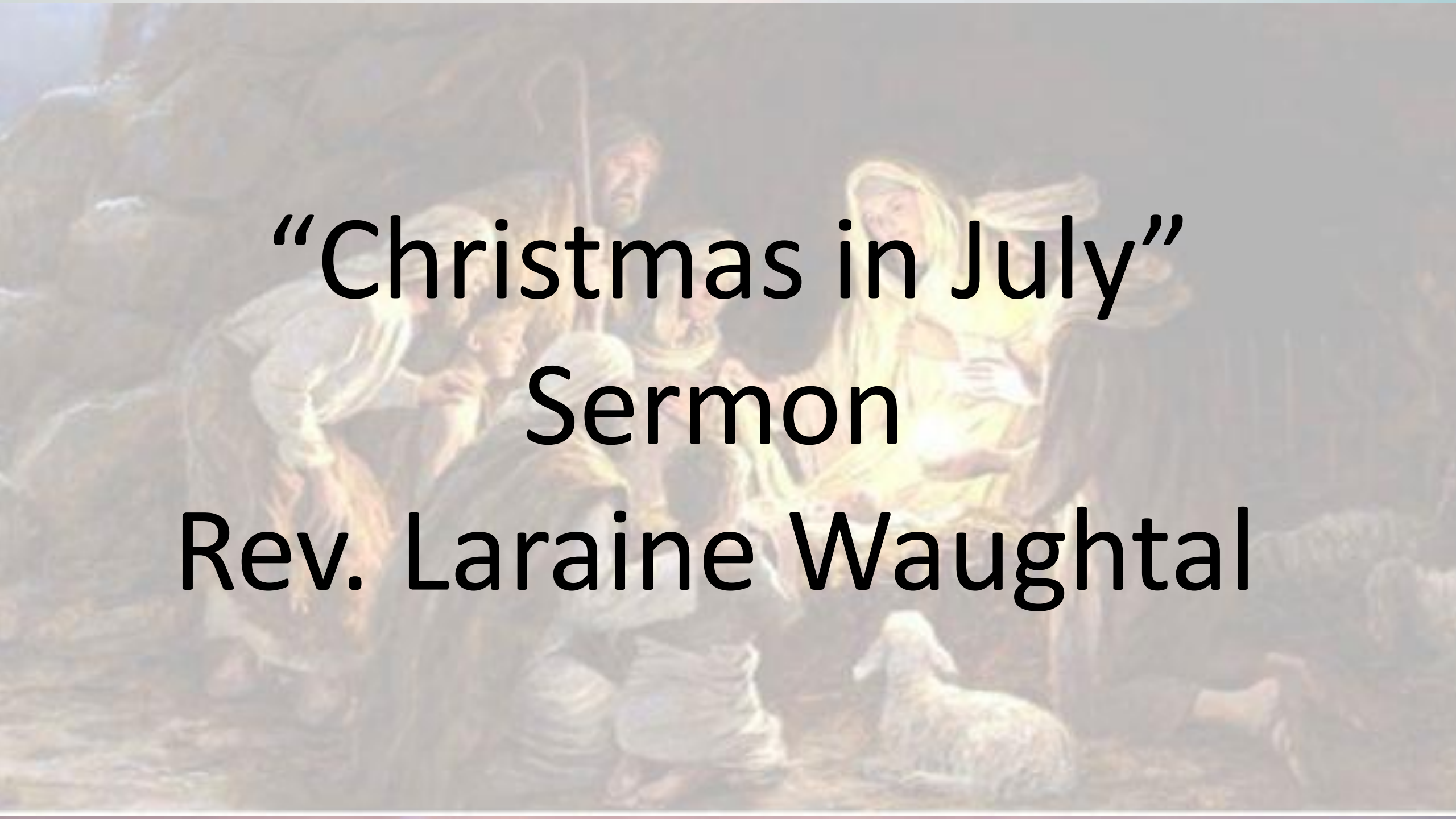
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for

see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly

host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



“Christmas in July” Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Angels We Have Heard on High

Words by: Philip P. Bliss/ James McGranaham

*Hymn of Invitation Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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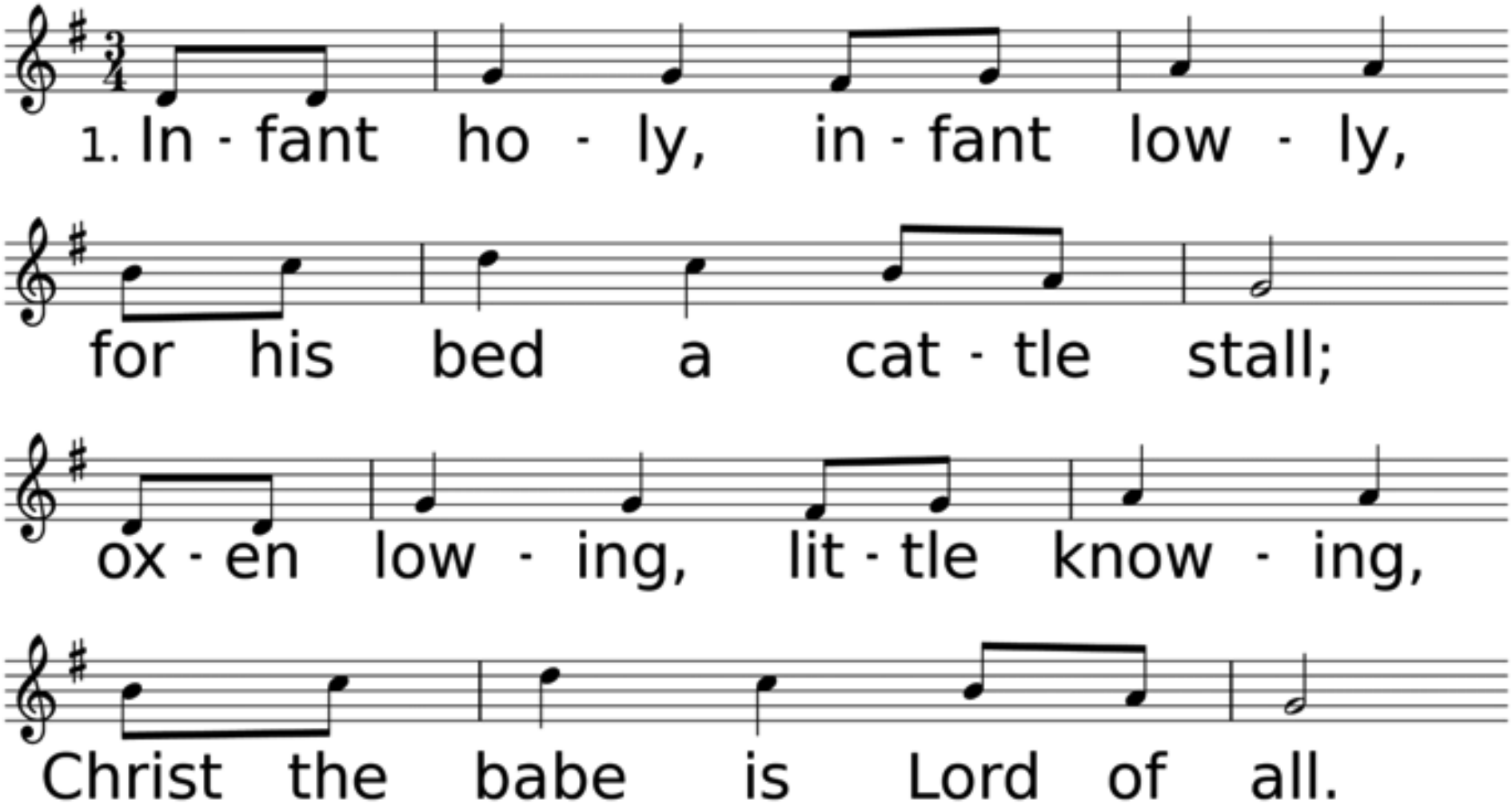

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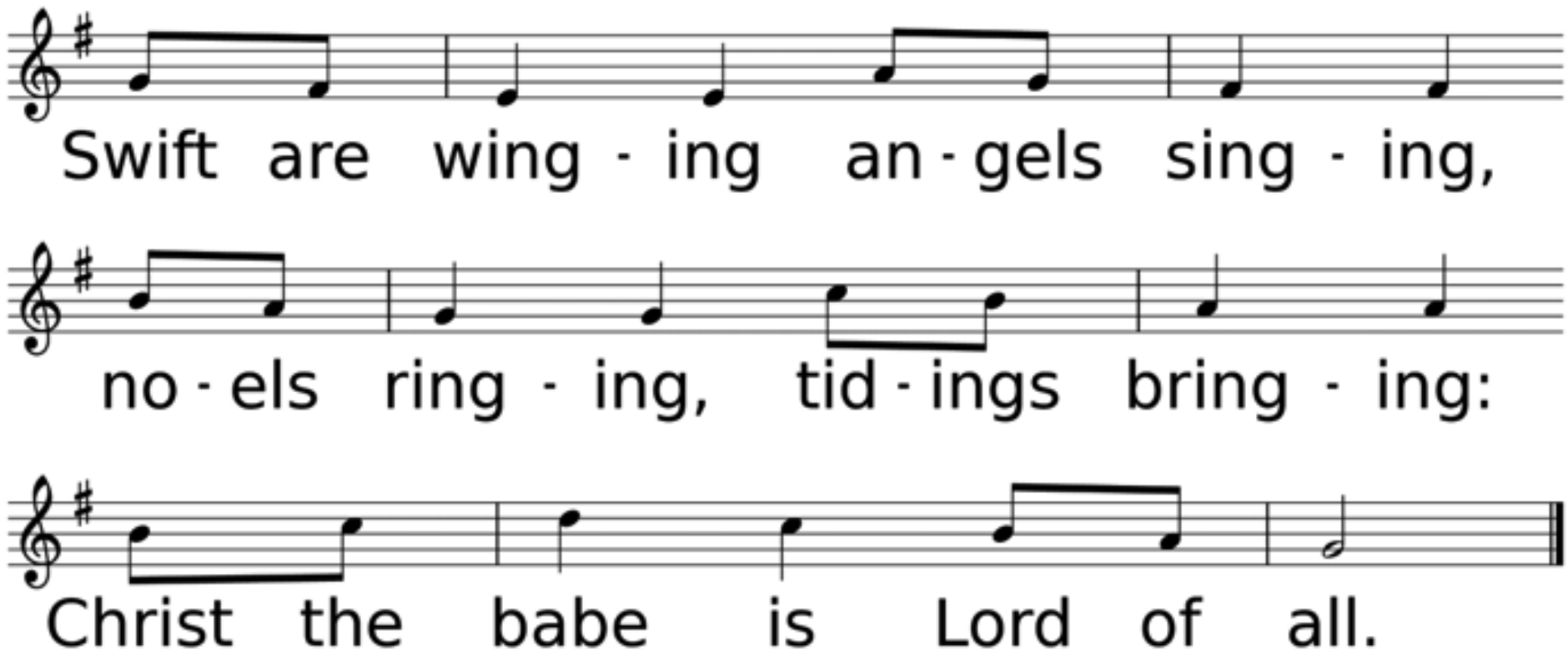
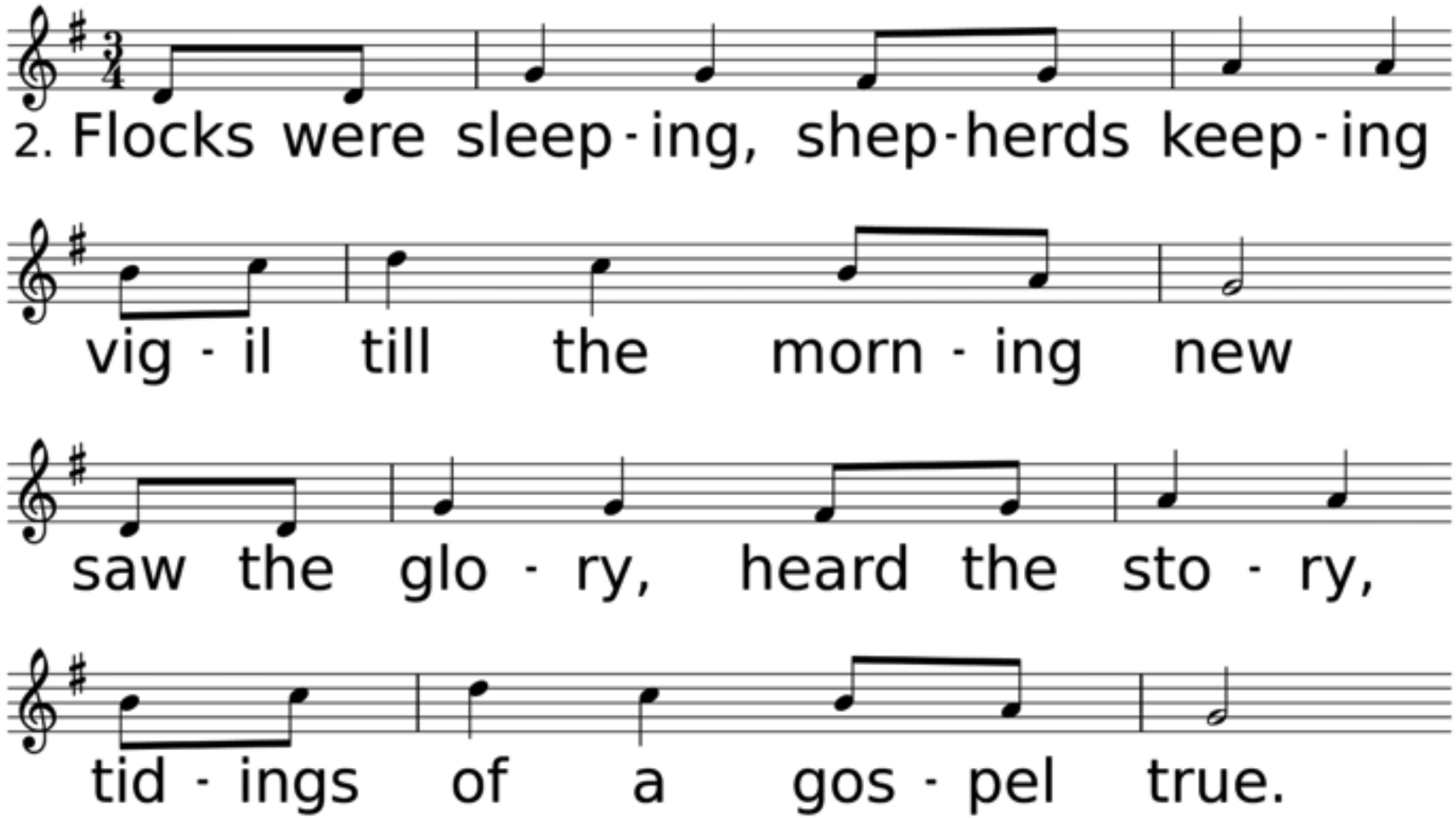
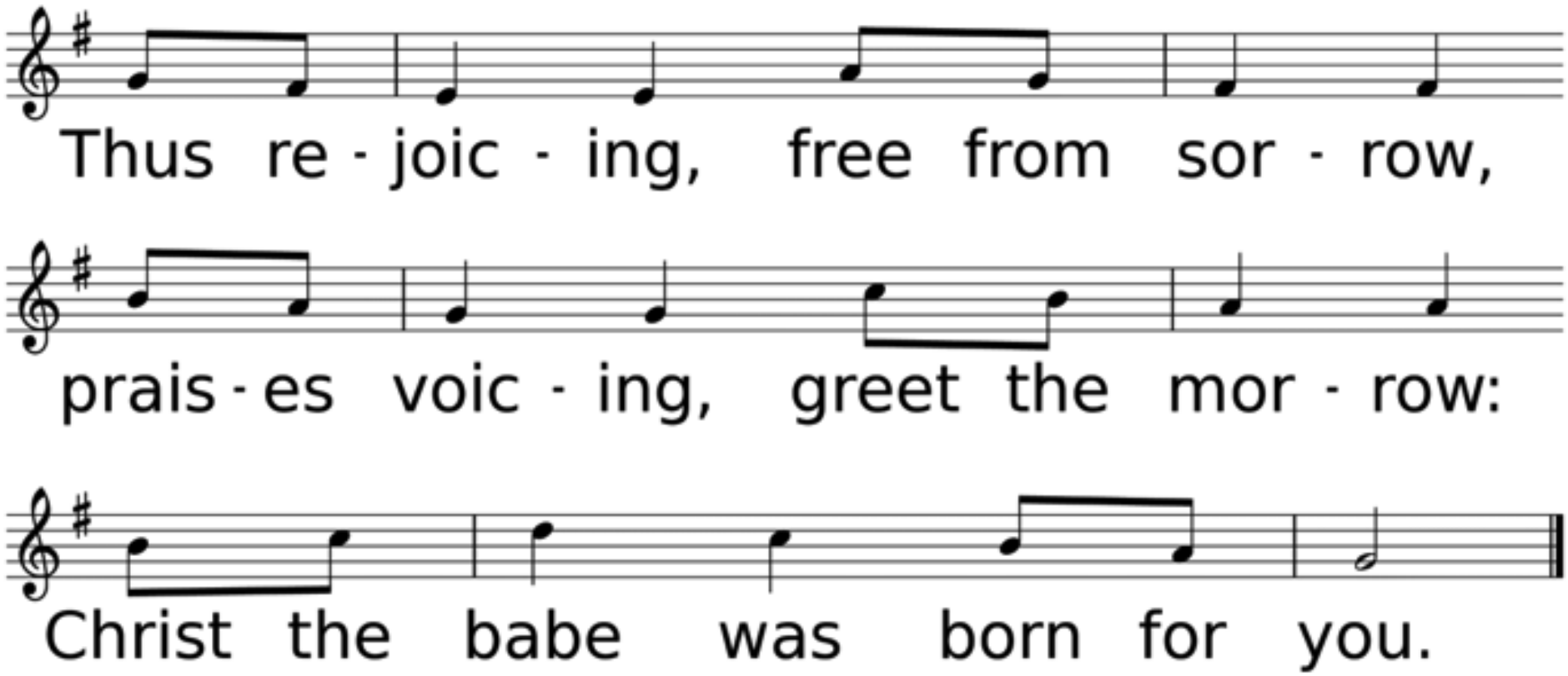

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing,
no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.


2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing
vig - il till the morn - ing new
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry,
tid - ings of a gos - pel true.


Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row,
prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:
Christ the babe was born for you.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

Joy to the World

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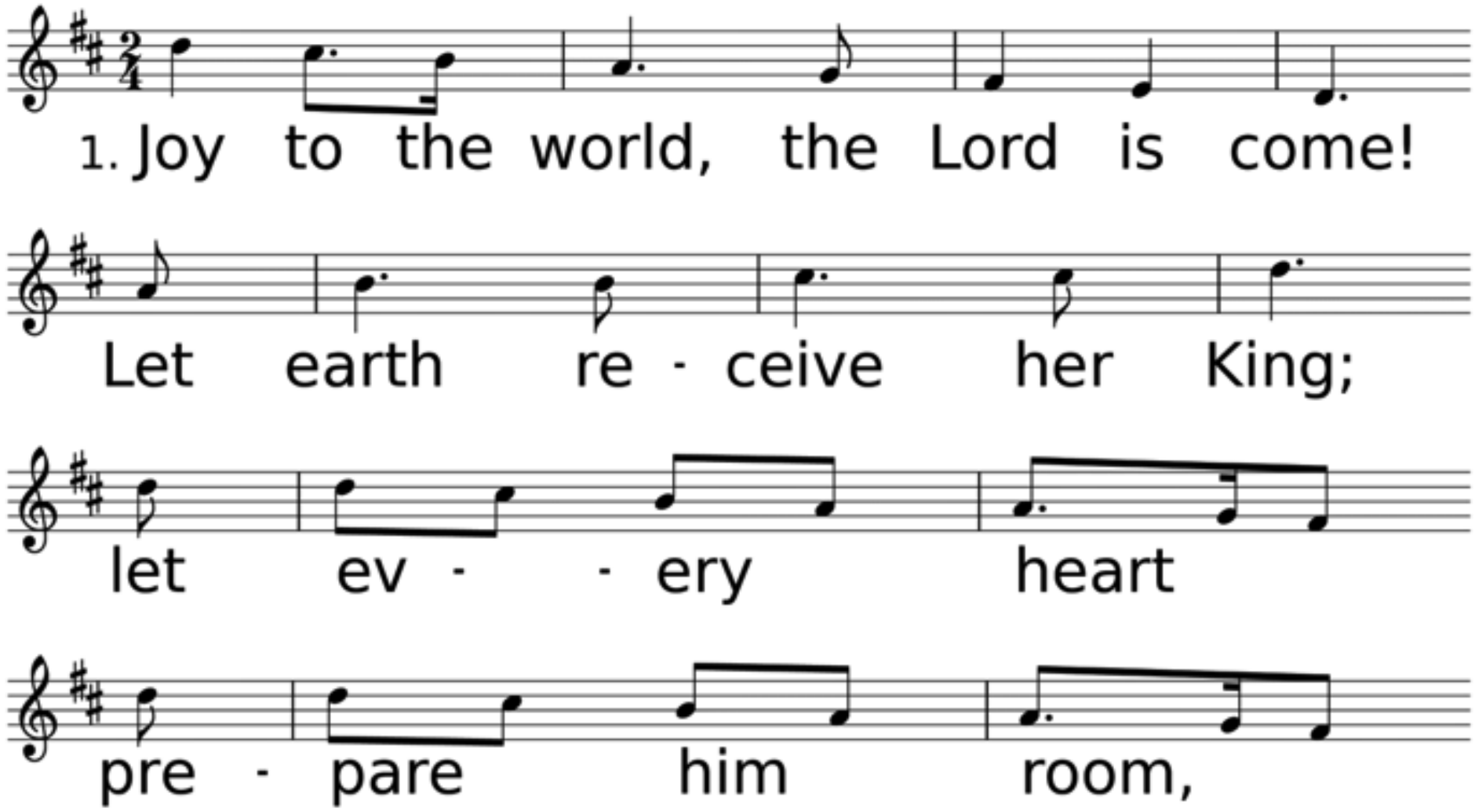

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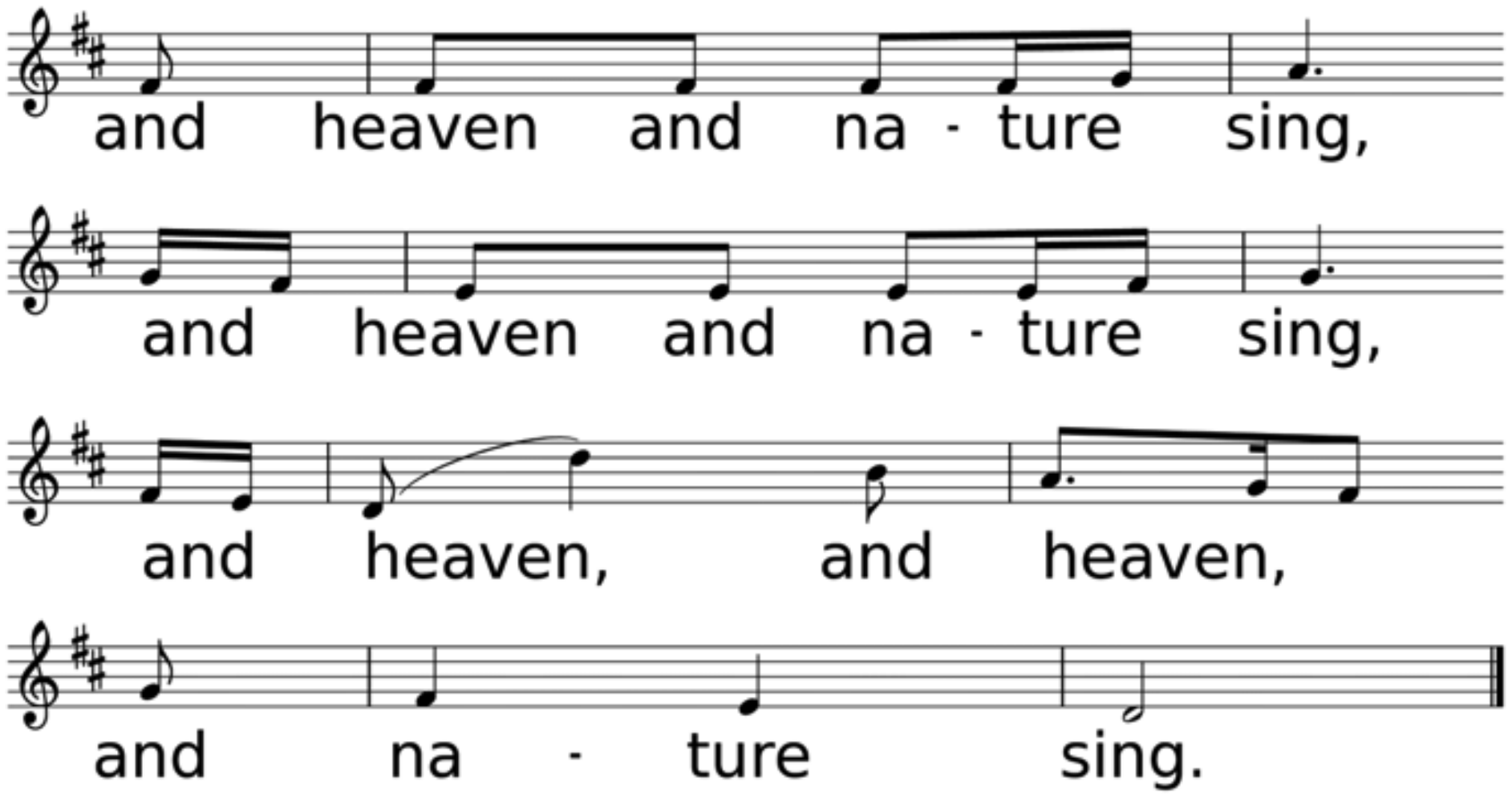
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and na - ture sing.

Thank you for joining us today!