Welcome Home!

August 29, 2021

10:00 AM Sunday Service

Online & in the Sanctuary

Announcements!

Choral Call To Worship

Bless His Holy Name

Andraé Crouch

Scripture Reading
Luke 24: 13-25

*Call to Worship

Leader: We had hoped that we would be somewhere else by now, that things would be different, that relief would be ours.

Congregation: We hoped for a better year, a better outcome, a better society where people could work together for each other's good. Tell us again about hope, God.

We had hoped that our weariness about the weariness would be replaced with joy and energy, that loss would not be the theme of most stories.

We had hoped for another kind of phone call, another kind of headline, another kind of school year where milestones could be marked with proximity. Tell us again about hope, God.

We had hoped for peace instead of war, flourishing instead of floods, and abundance instead of scarcity.

We hoped that dry bones would fill with life, waves would part for rescue, and the crowd would not insist on putting Love on a cross.

Tell us again about hope, God.

But here we are, in a place that is more chronic than interim. We feel the ache of those traveling to Emmaus who did not yet have hindsight in their corner.

Here we are. Wondering what could have been and should have been, feeling unnerved about how little we feel at the moment. Tell us again about hope, God.

Will you tell us again about hope, God?

~Britney Winn Lee

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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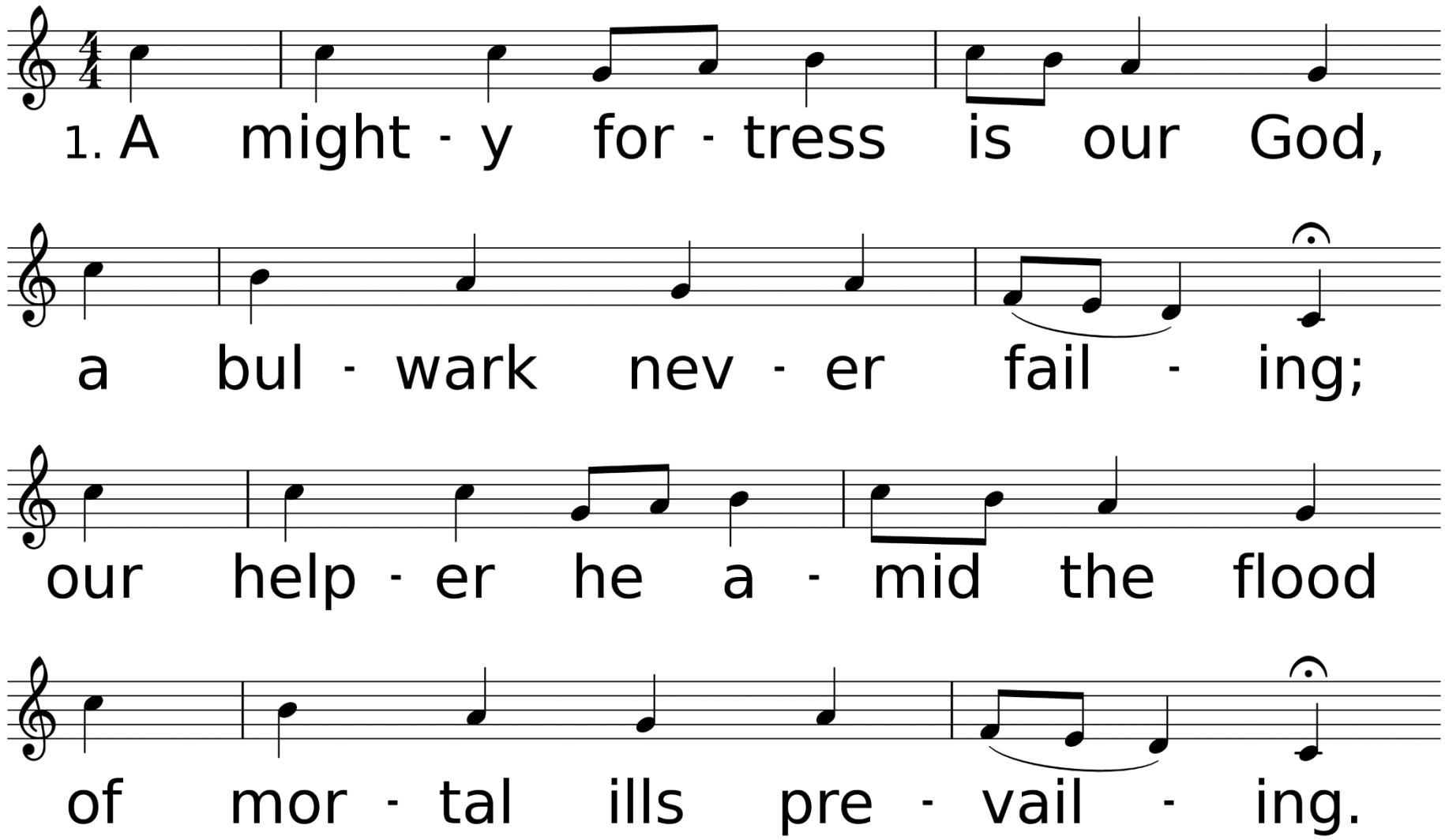

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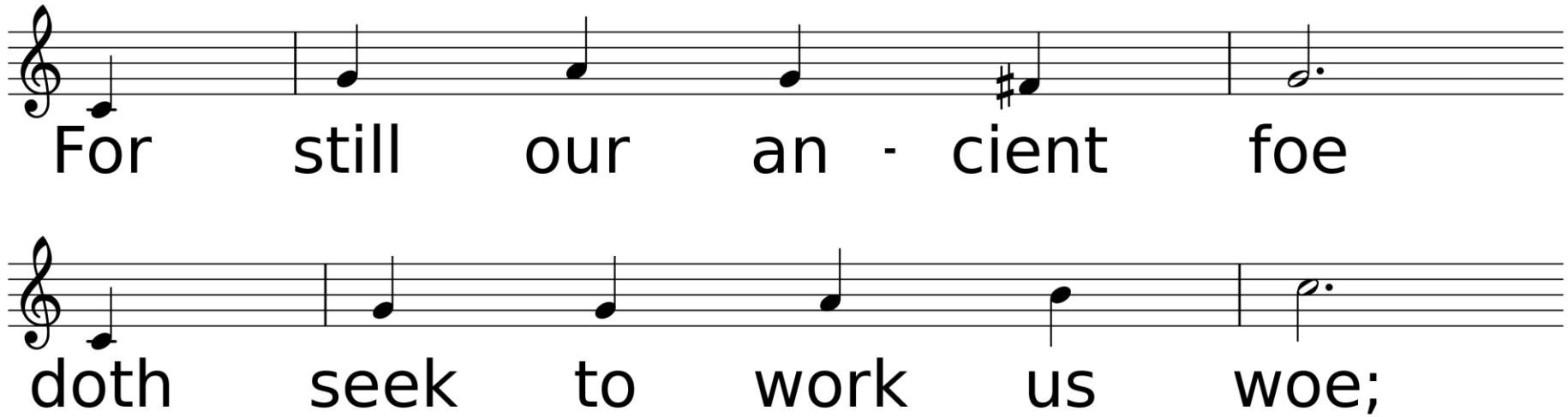
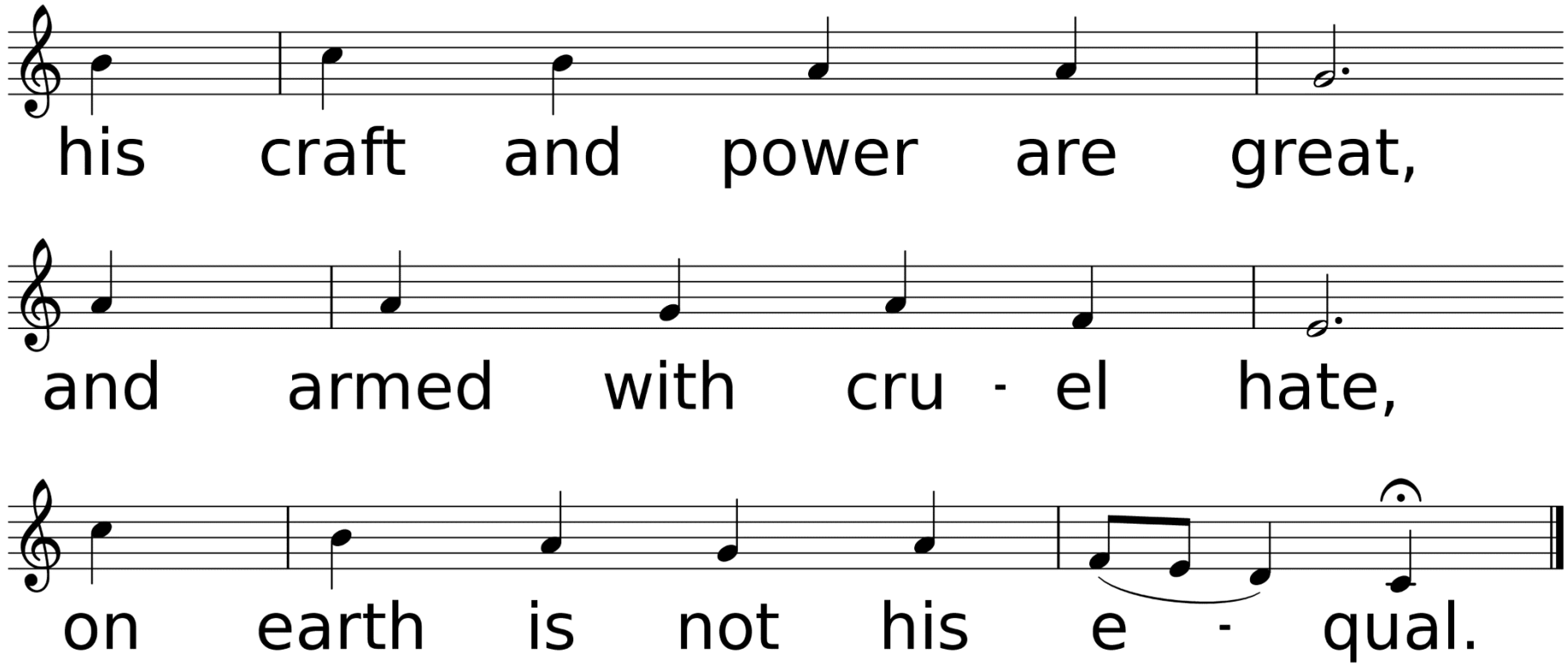
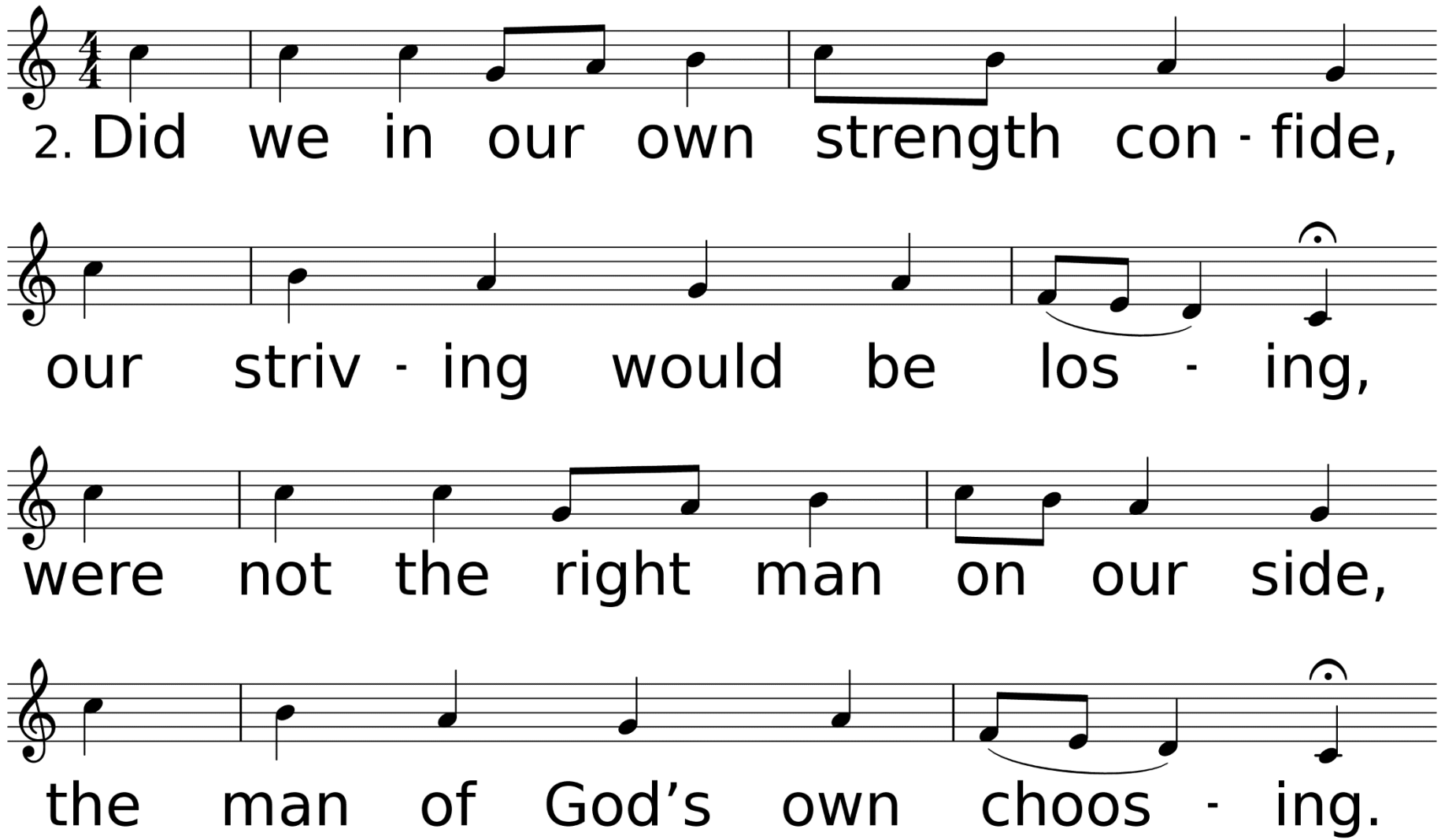
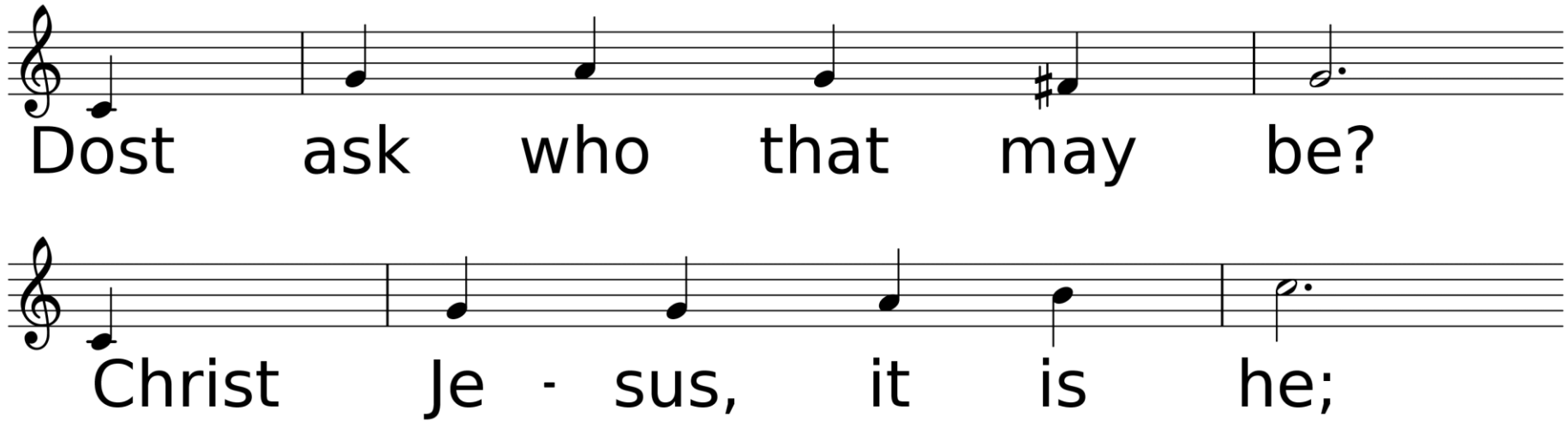
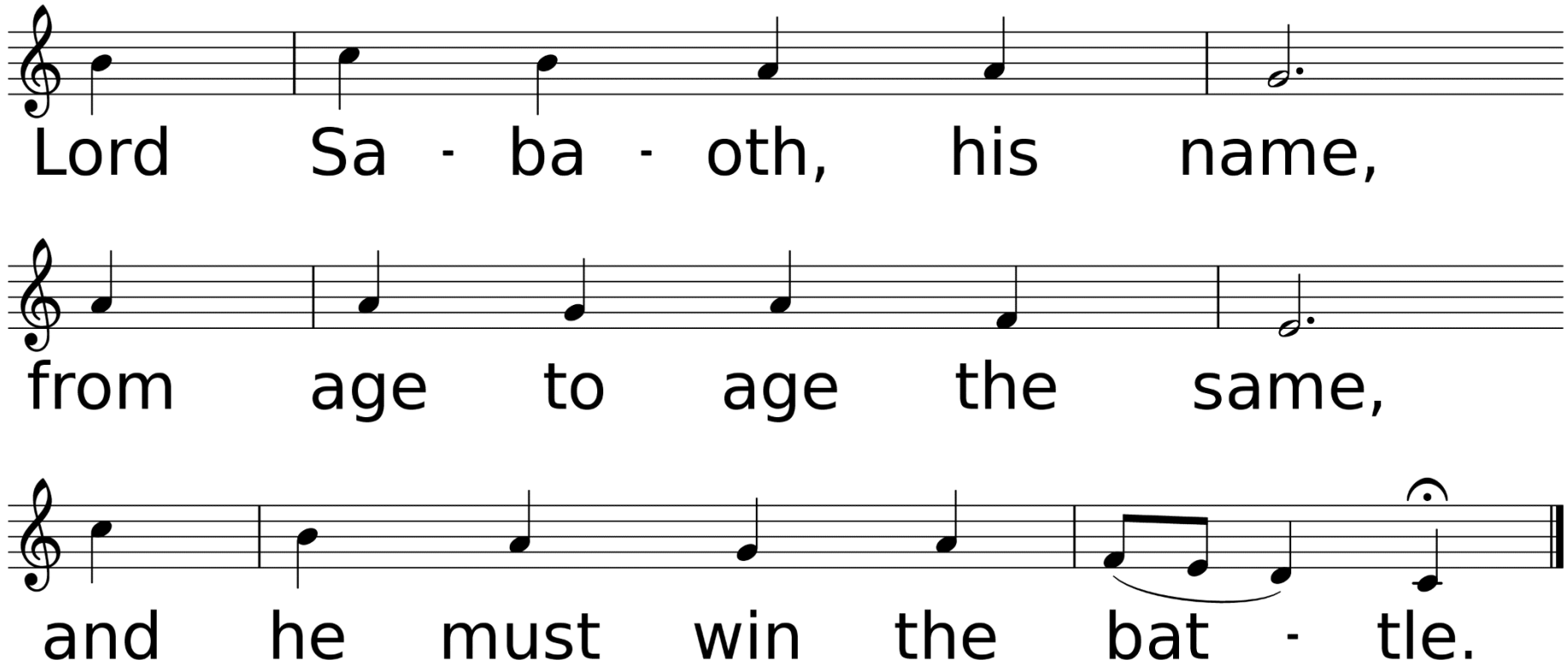
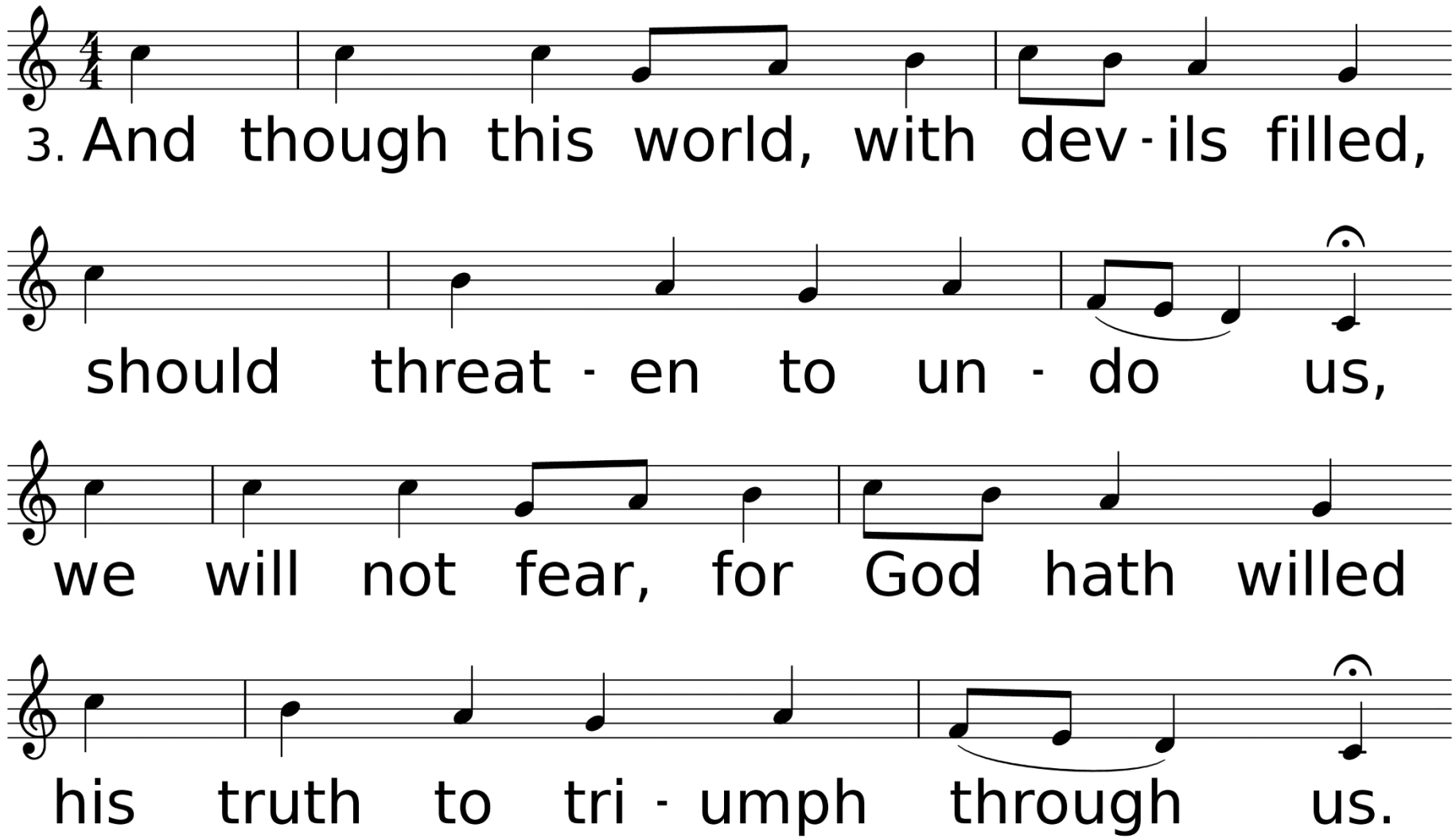

For still our an - cient foe
doth seek to work us woe;

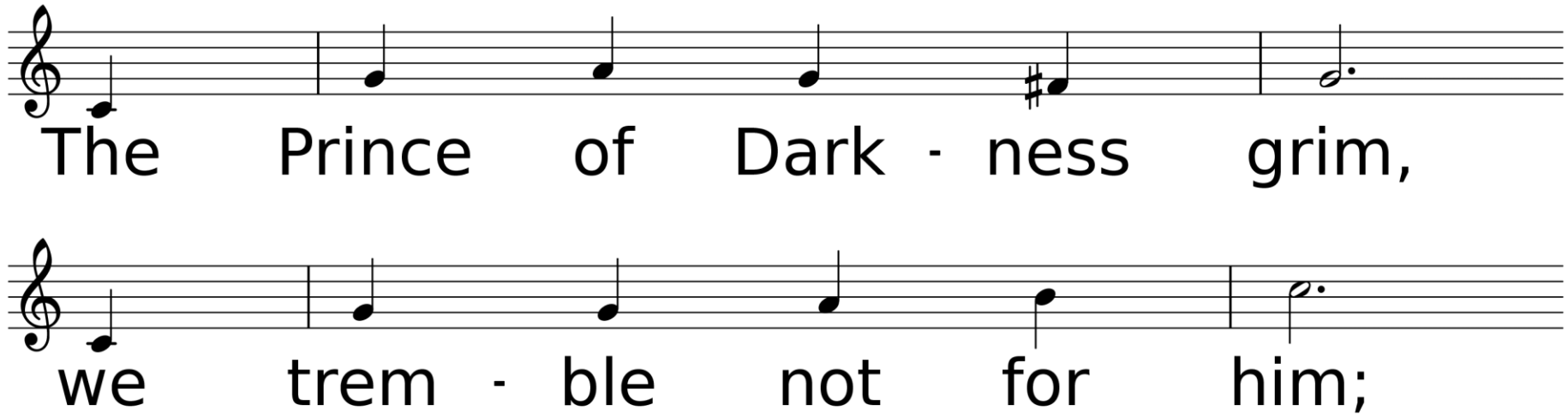

his craft and power are great,
and armed with cru - el hate,
on earth is not his e - qual.

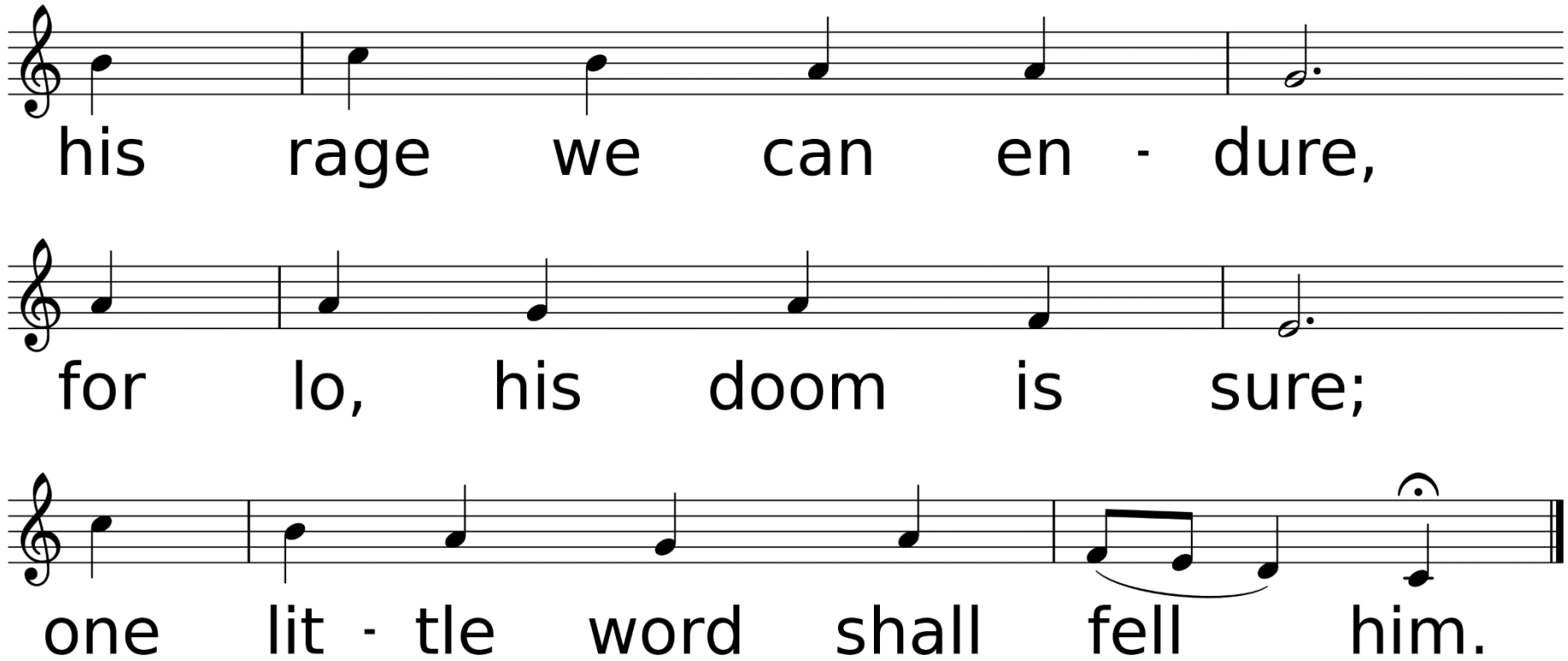

2. Did we in our own strength con - fide,
our striv - ing would be los - ing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God’s own choos - ing.

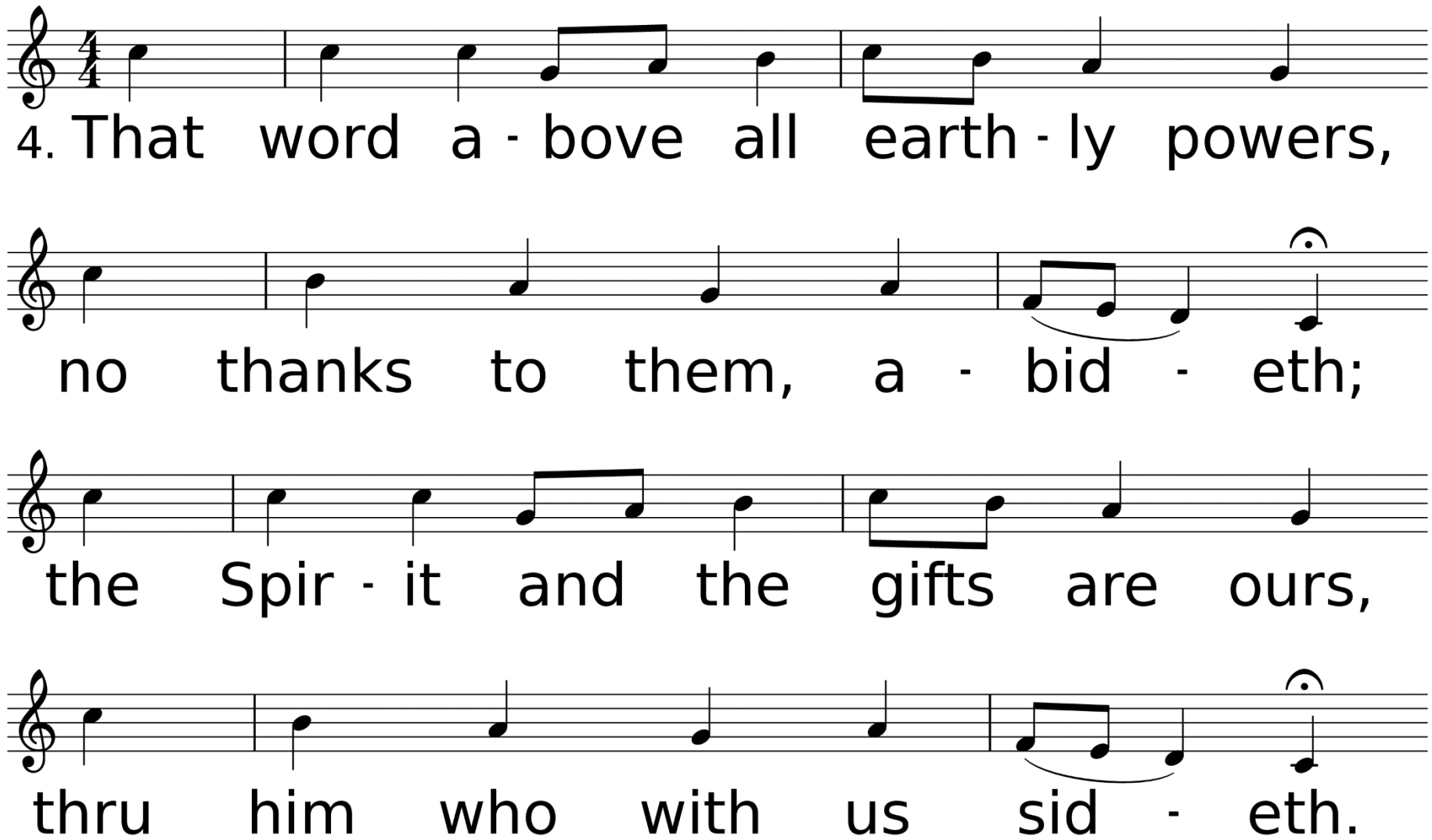

Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Je - sus, it is he;

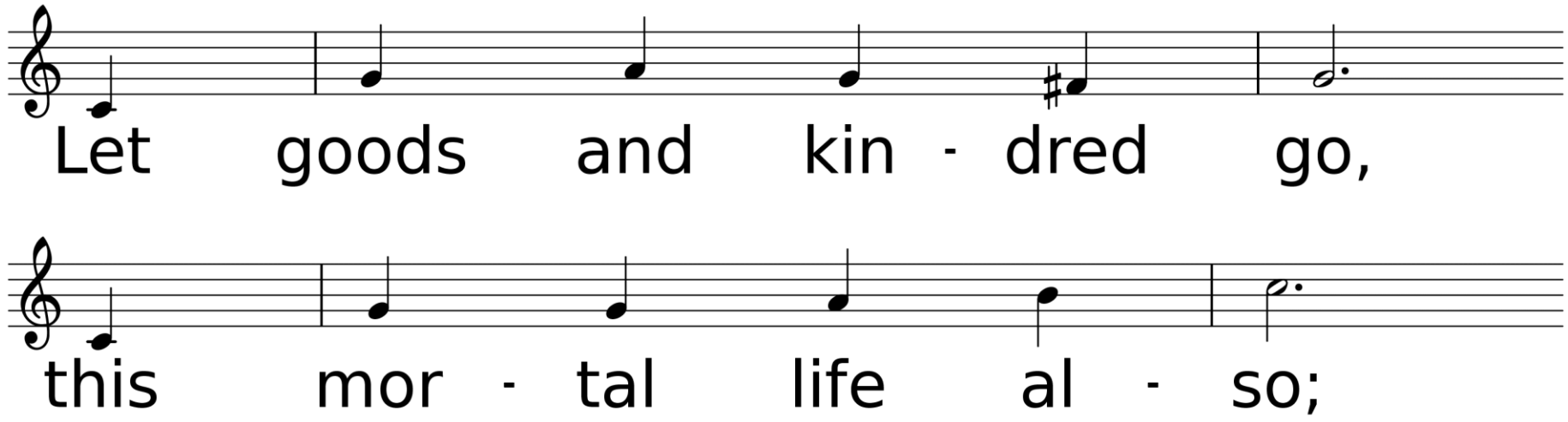

Lord Sa - ba - oth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the bat - tle.

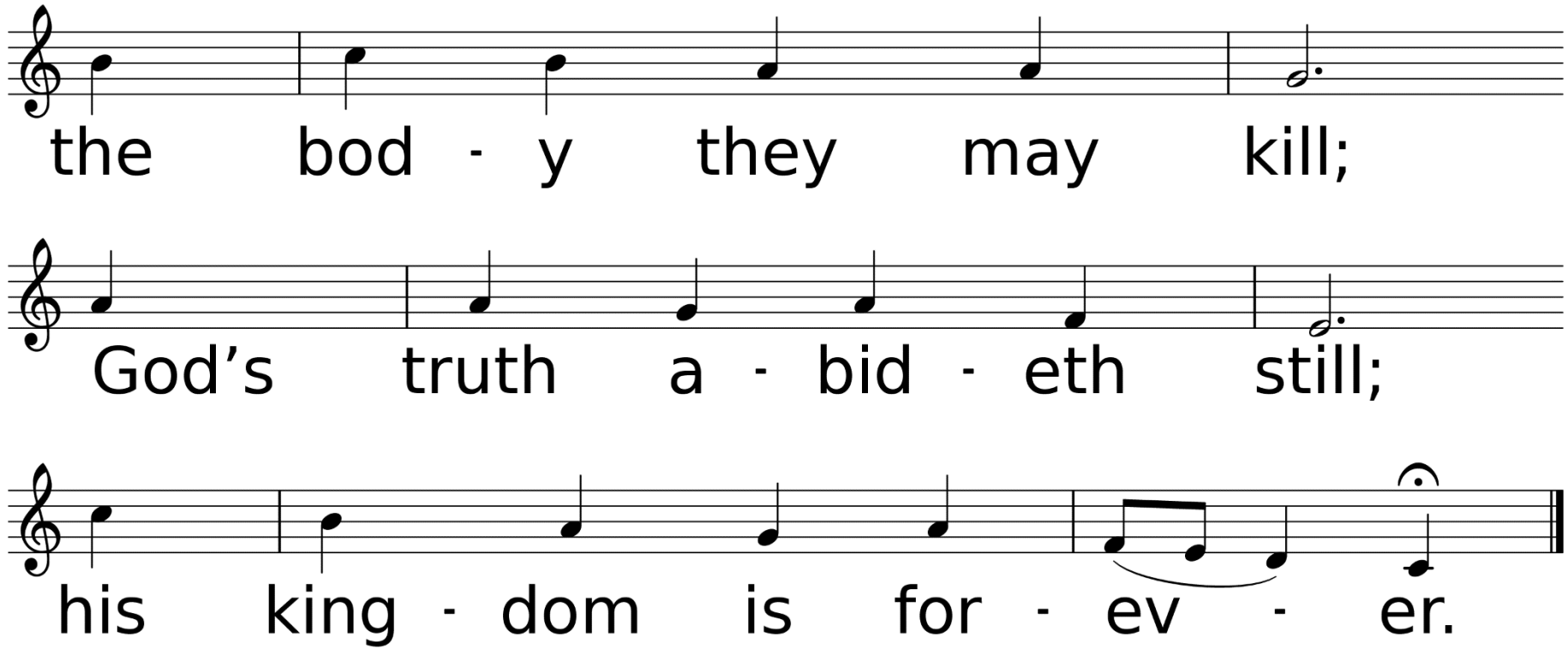

3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled,
should threat - en to un - do us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to tri - umph through us.


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

Congregation: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Dennis & Helen Teel
(L. Waughtal)
Dennis Bevers
(J. Schwarze)
Friends & Family of Douglas
"Art" Howell
(T. Craig)
Amie Biggs Lewis
(D. McCullough)
Tom Witt
(J. Rathburn)
Morgan Witt
(J. Rathburn)
Family of Ms. Faircloth
Daisy Geiger
Becky Hammerschmidt
Dick Myers
Friends & Family of Frank Hensley
(L. Schultz)
Donna McCullough

Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)
Kelley & Mark Allen
Kay Broussard
(J. Porter)
Anthony Lee
(son of Brenda Lee)
Teles Ami
(S. Hill)
Julie Dunan Ami grandson
Howard Thorne
Charlene Blevins
(B. Vaughn)
Chad Windborne
(J. Schwarze)
Alex Baker
(C. Scott)
Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)
Robert Chavez
Lloydell Mullican
(C. White)

Neely Biggs
(P. Launey)
Jared Jones
(C. Slover)
Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Carolyn Sharp
(sister of J. Porter)
Beverly Shelton
(sister of M. Mistrzak)
Kent Koehler & kids
(brother of K. Allen)
MaryAnn Greer
(S. Chavez)
Richard Oliver
Margaretta Mayes
(C. Slover)
Leighann Lovett
(B. Nease)
Carol Downs Montgomery
(J. Blankenship)
Kayetha Wilson

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(M. Bailey)
Lydia Derouen
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Sharon Dukes
Marie Williams
Kathy Enochs
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Velva Day
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(J. Schwarze)
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Joan Faulk
(M. Brister)
Laila Prather
(R. Prather)

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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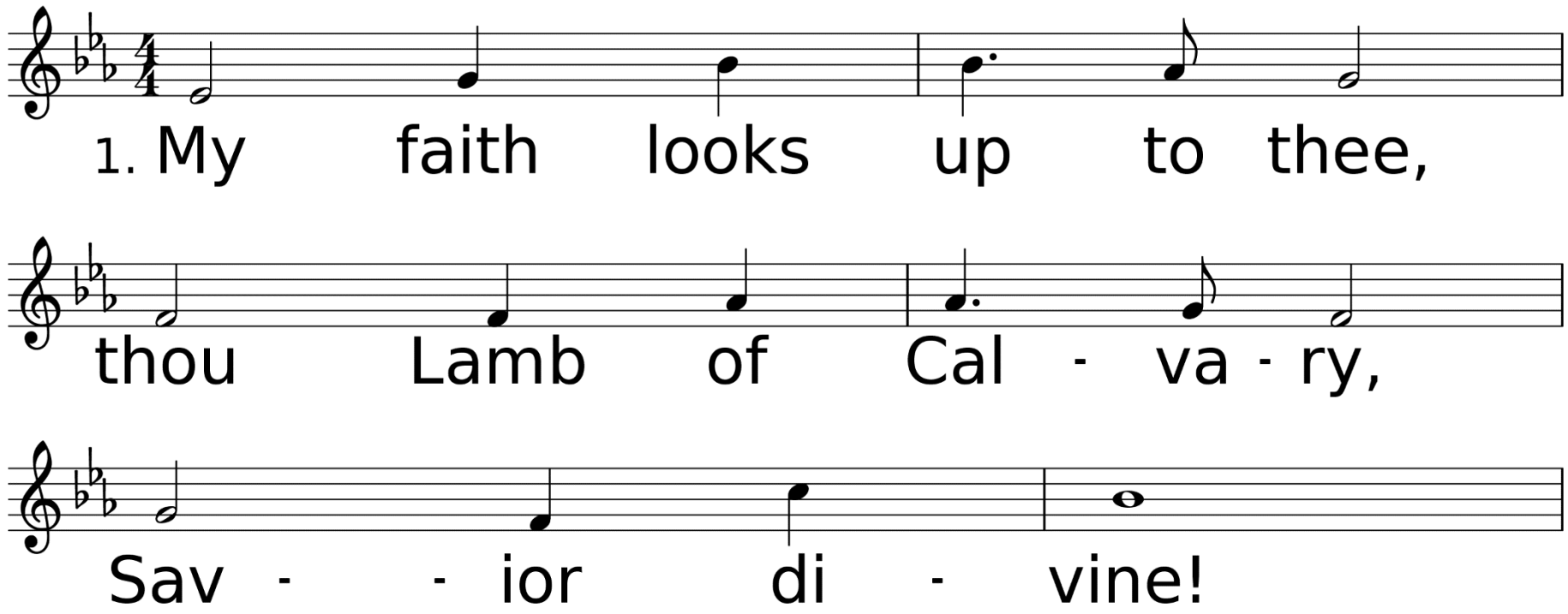

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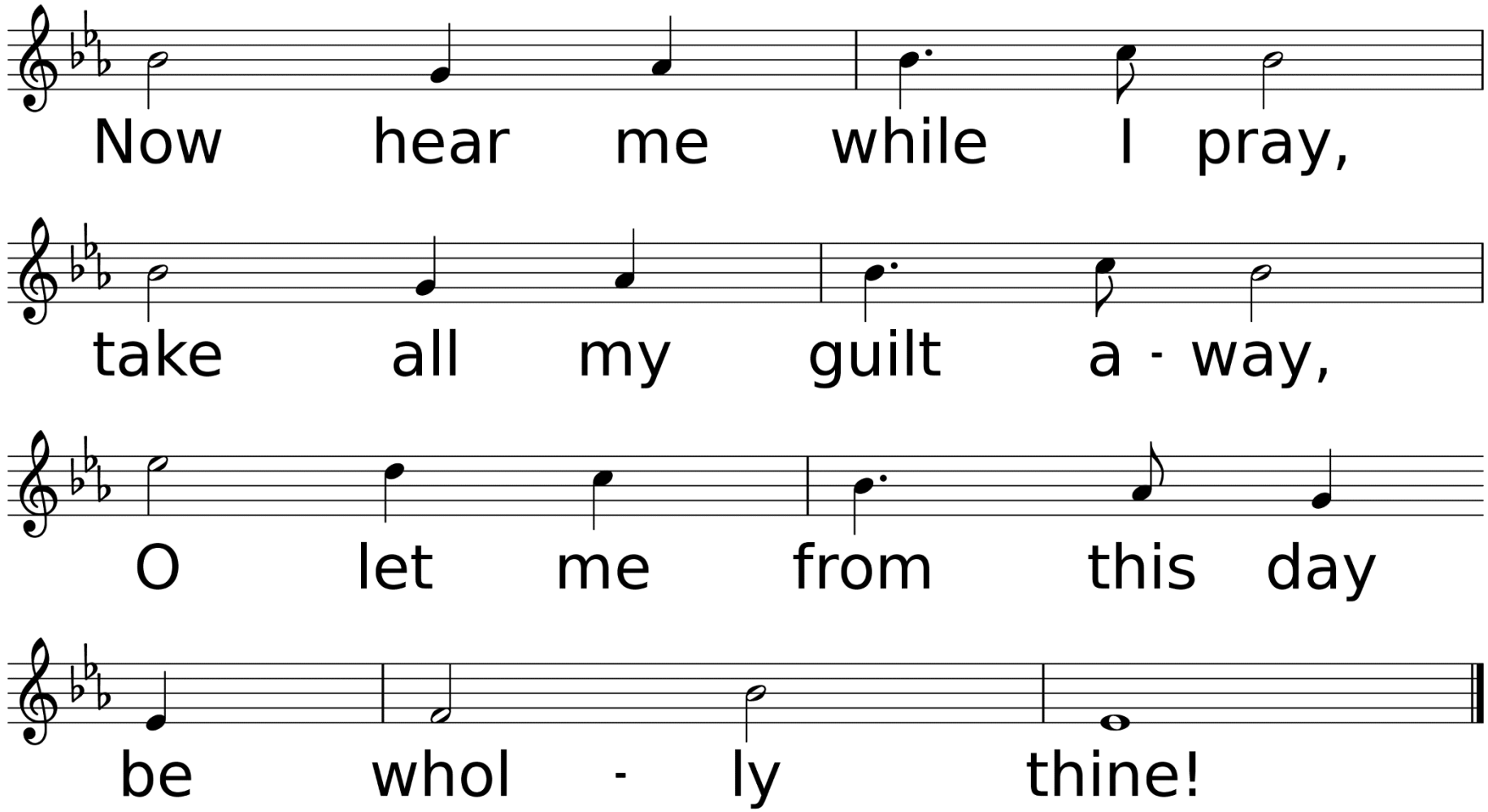
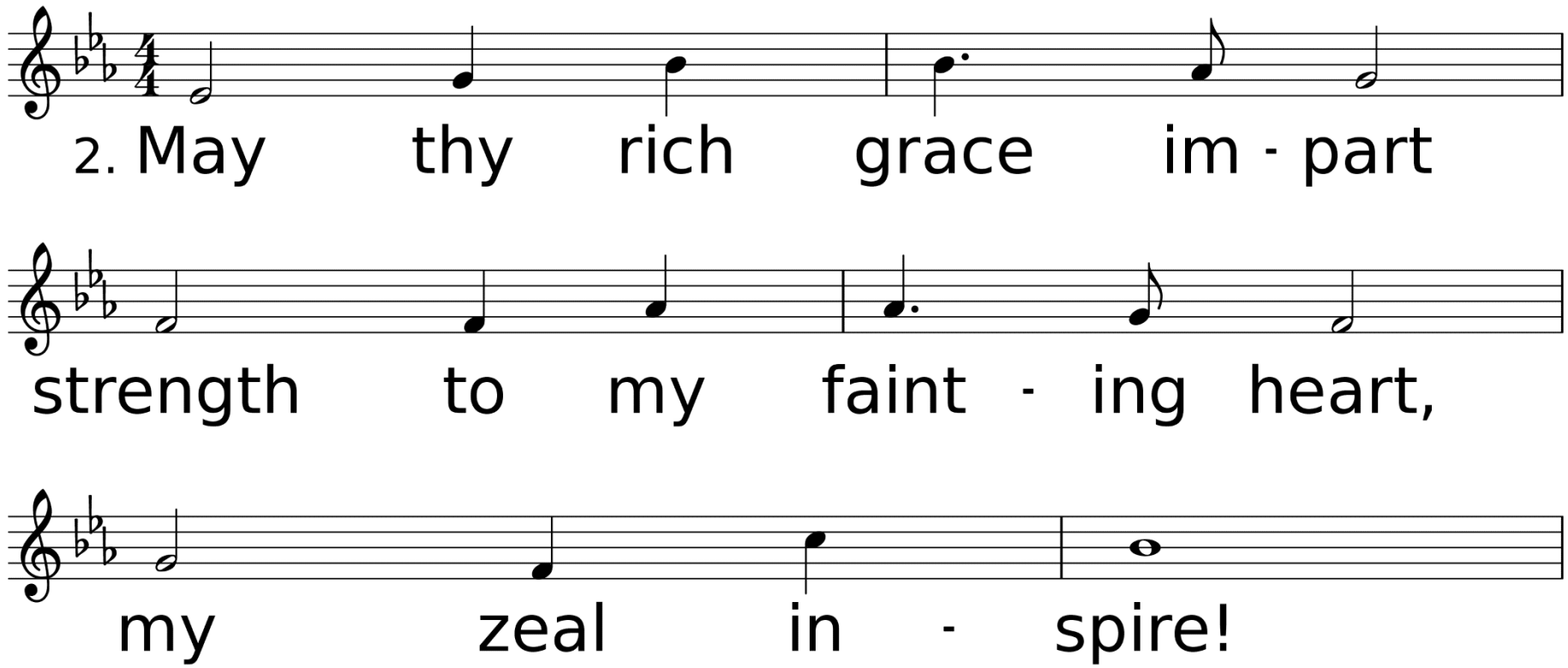
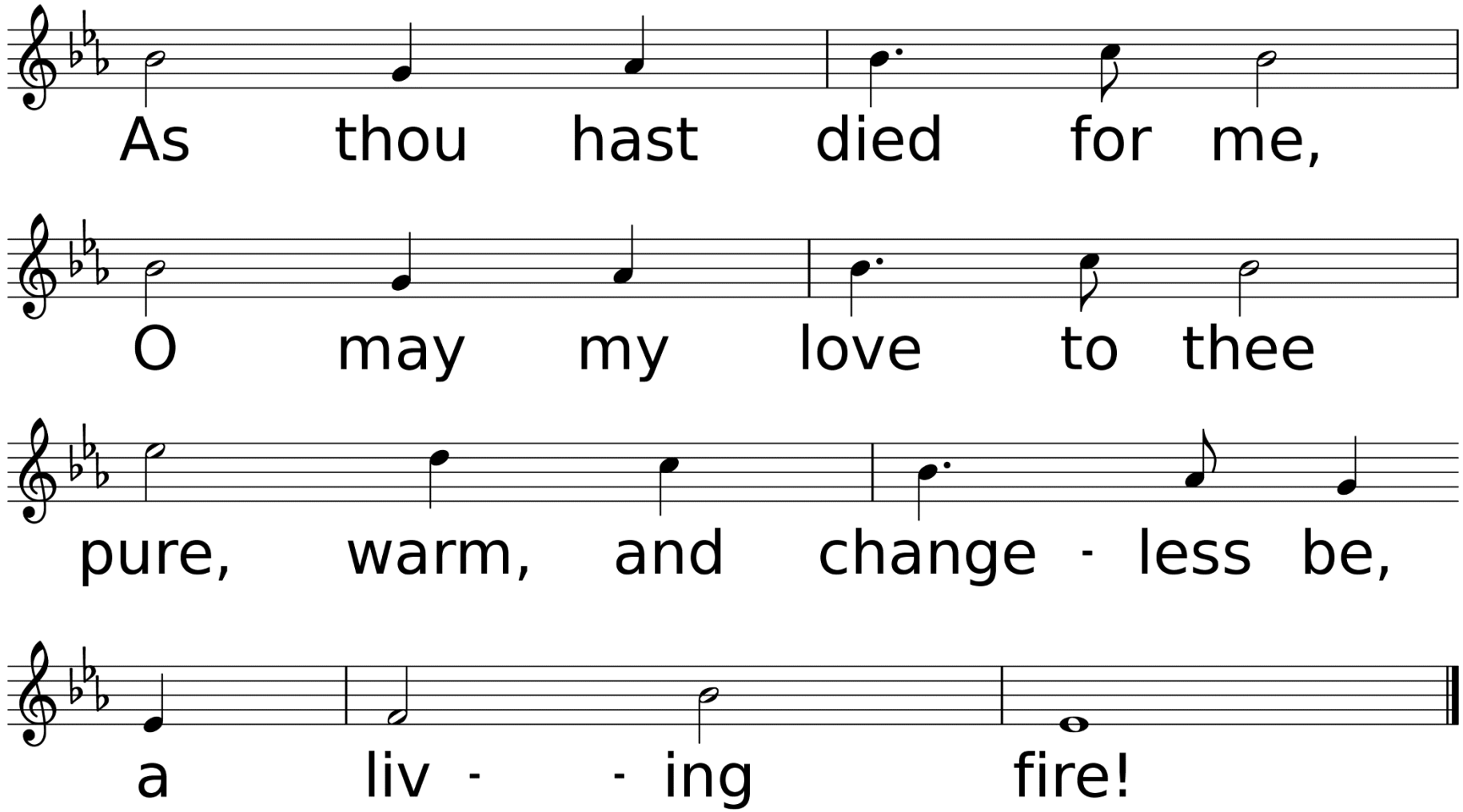
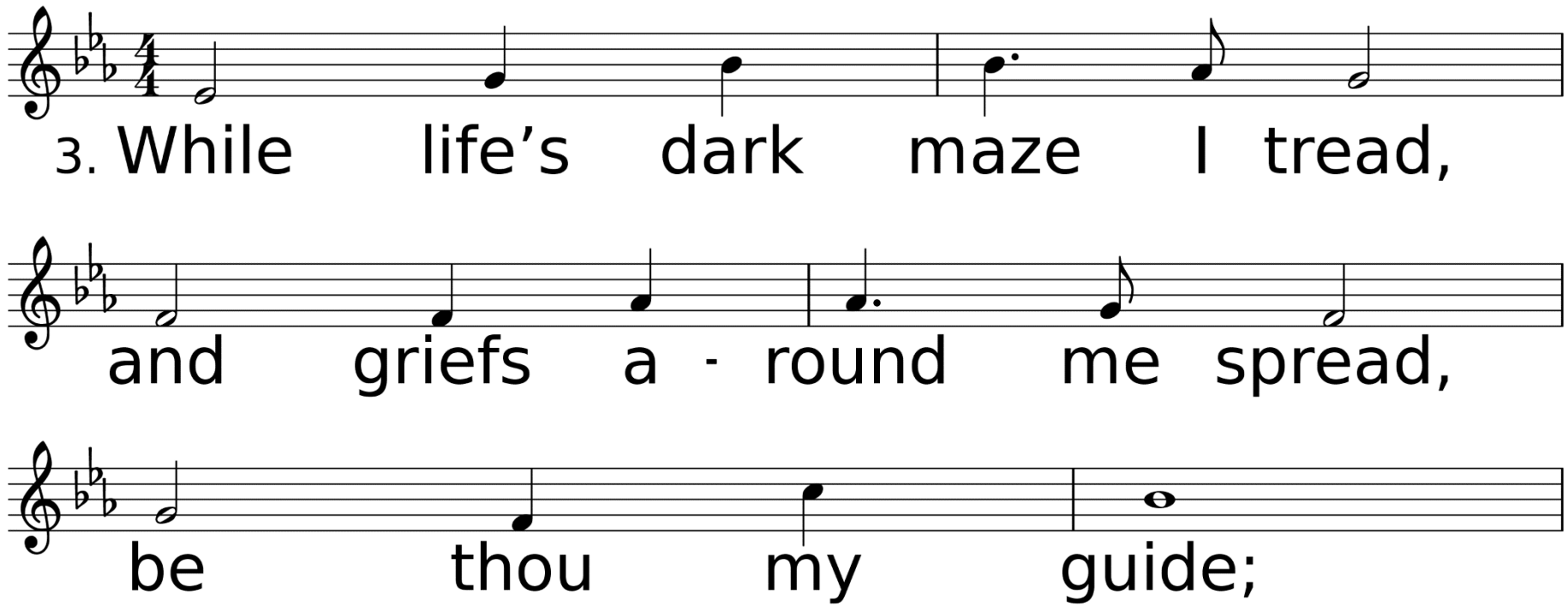
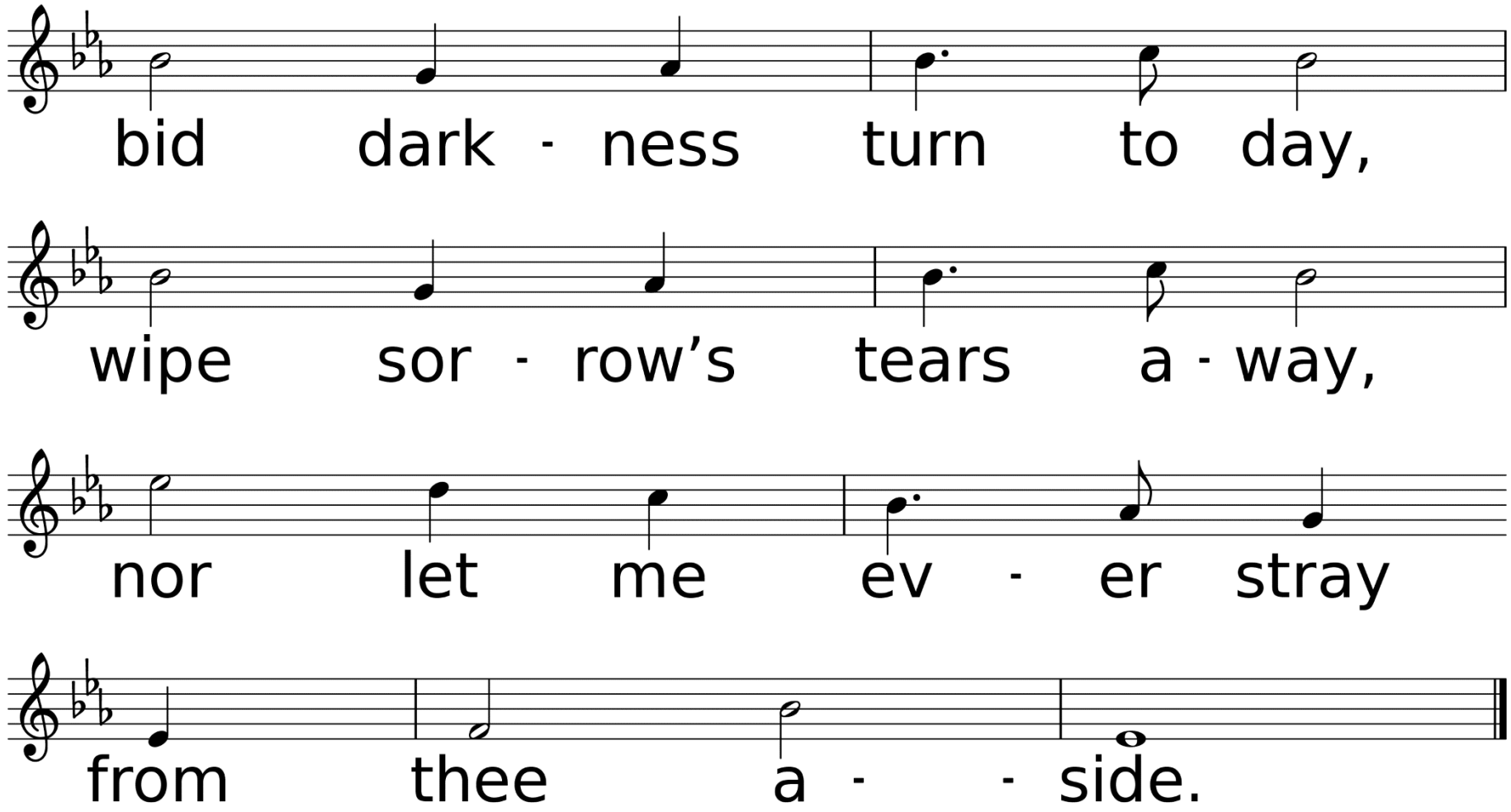

Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt a - way,
O let me from this day
be whol - ly thine!


2. May thy rich grace im - part
strength to my faint - ing heart,
my zeal in - spire!


As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and change - less be,
a liv - - ing fire!


3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs a - round me spread,
be thou my guide;


bid dark - ness turn to day,
wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
nor let me ev - er stray
from thee a - - side.

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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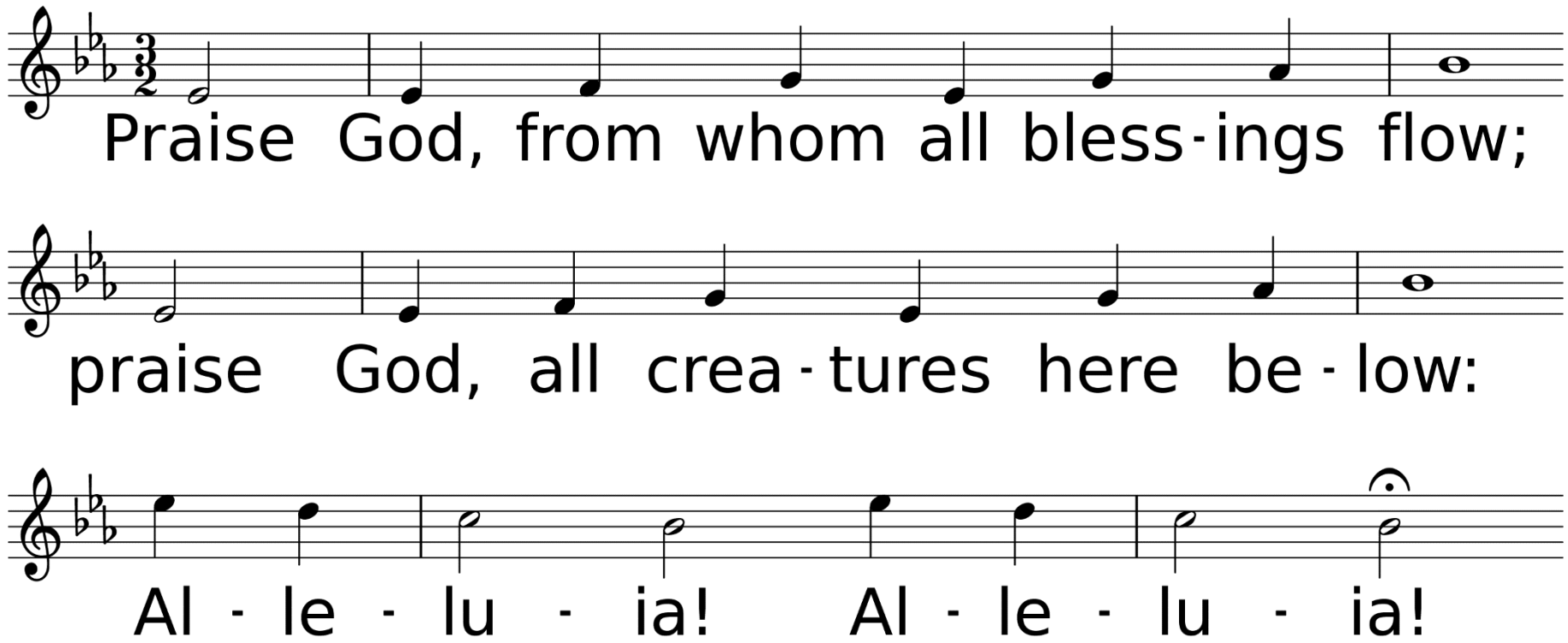

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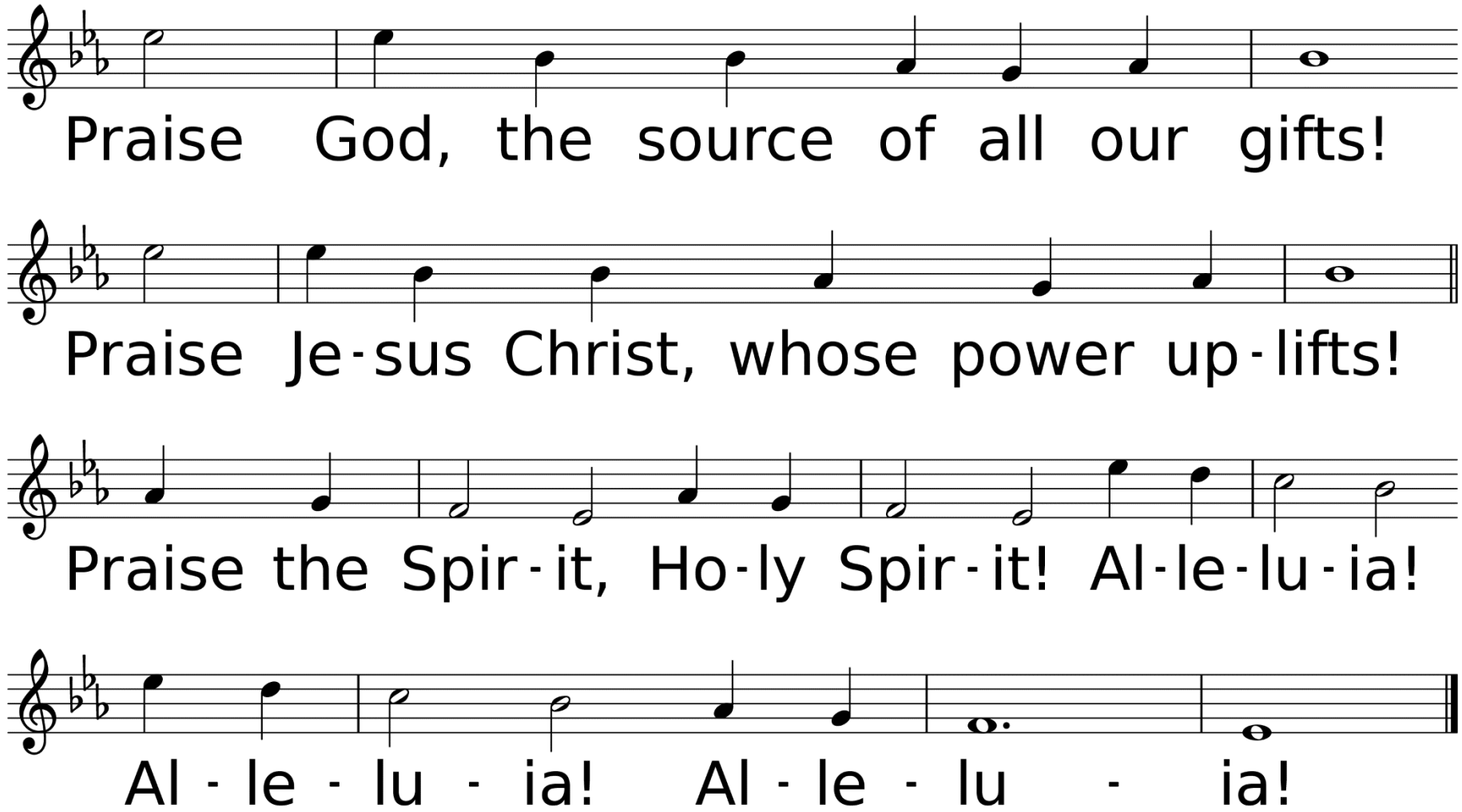
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

God Will Take Care of You

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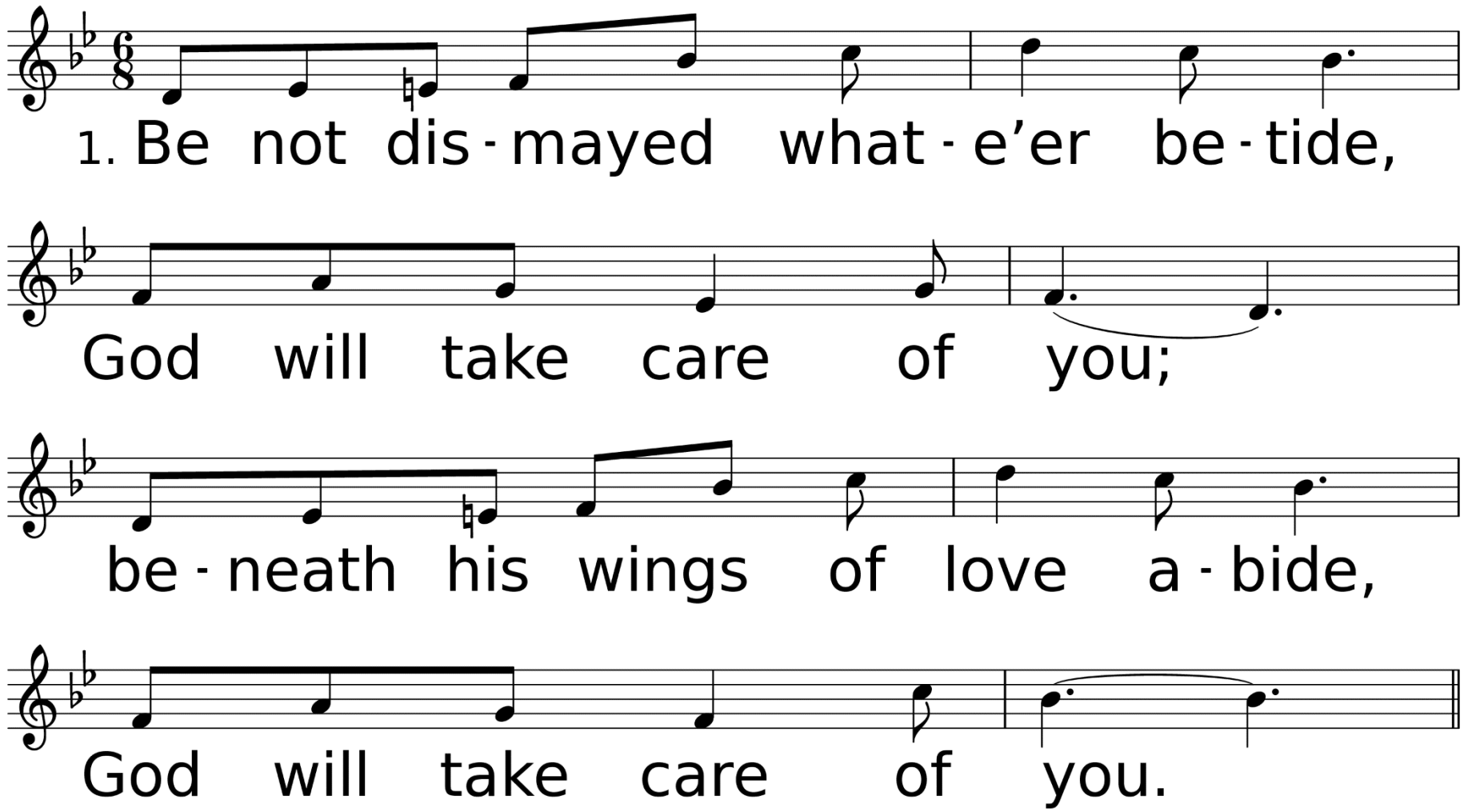

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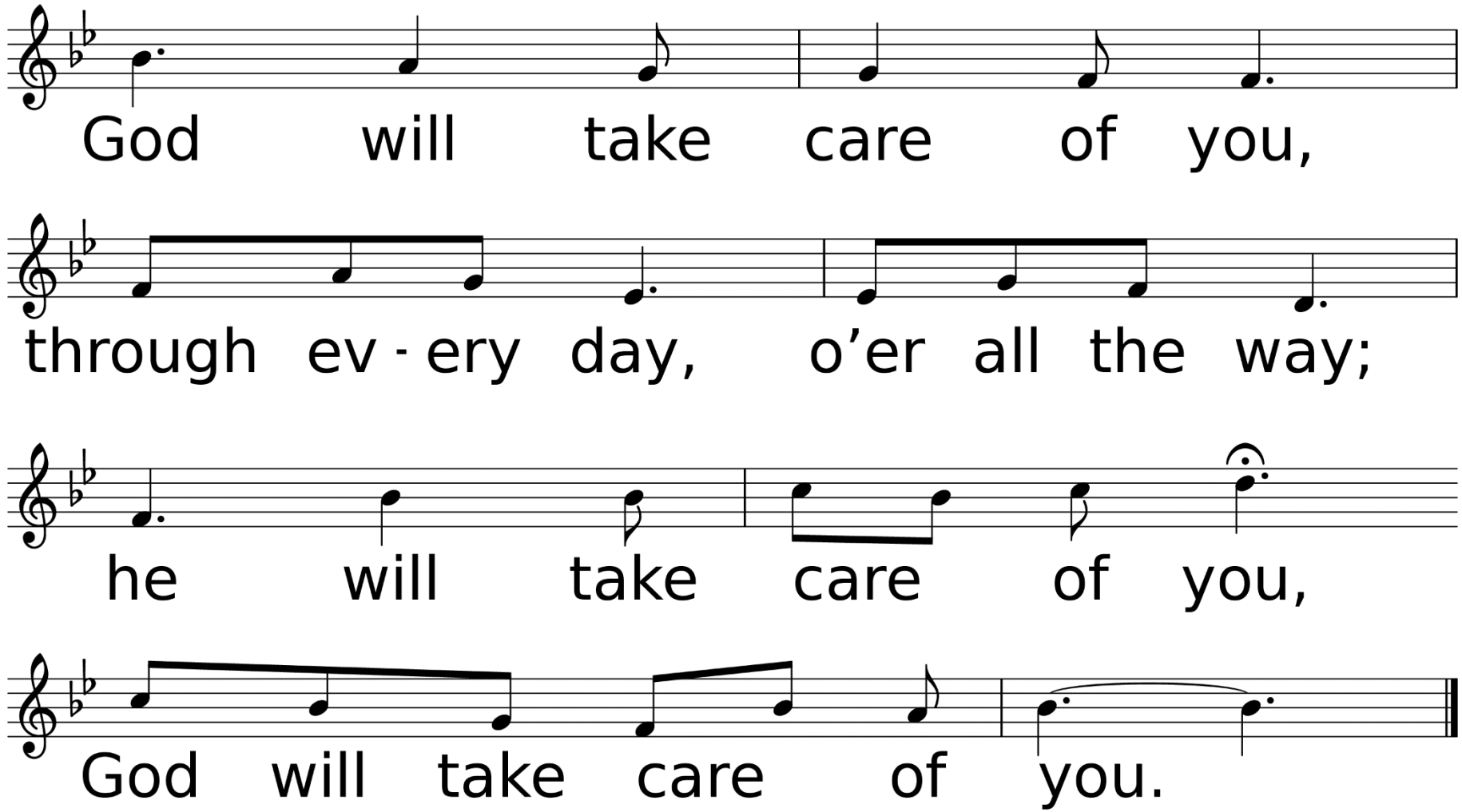
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through ev - ery day, o’er all the way;
he will take care of you,
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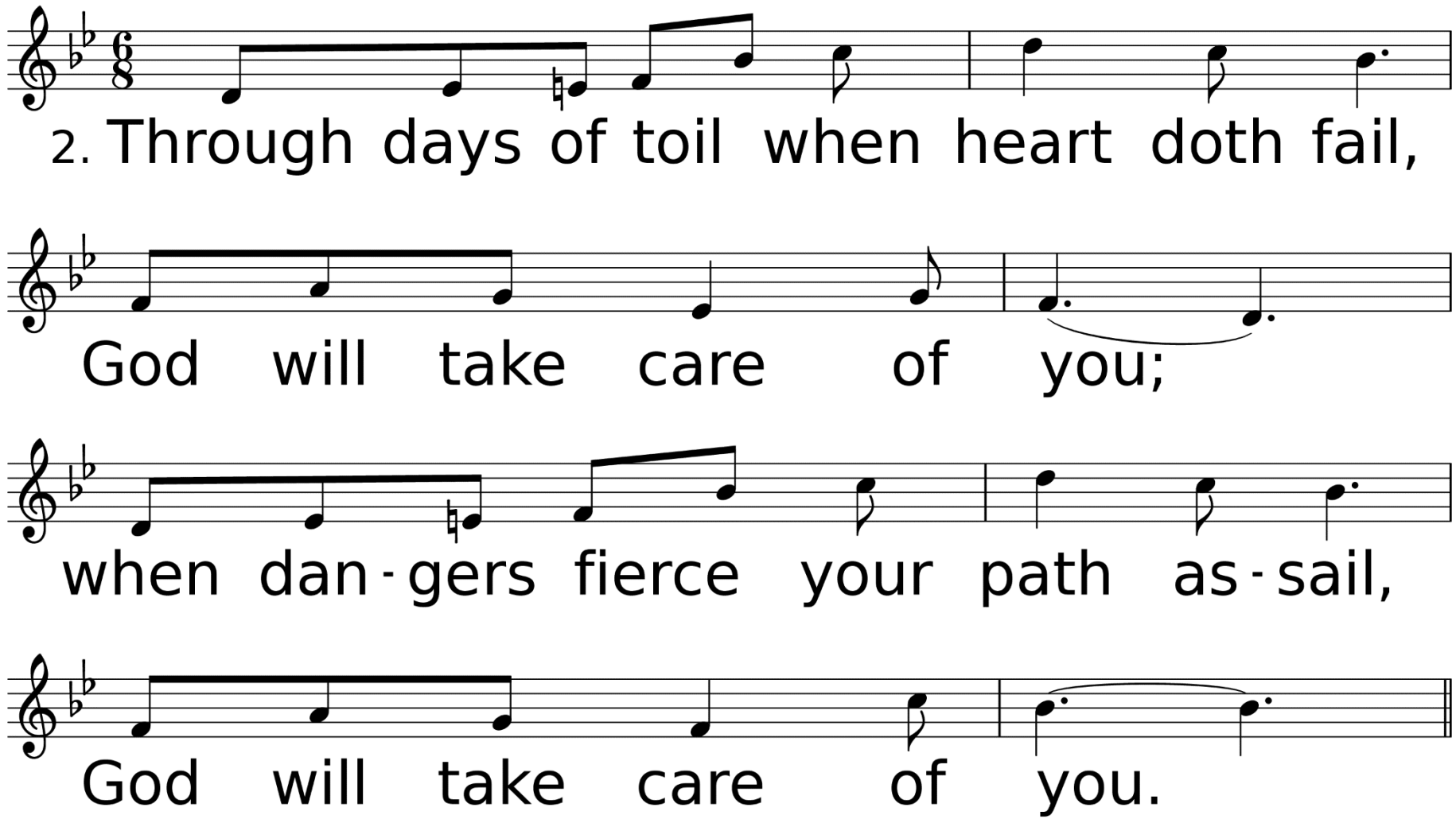
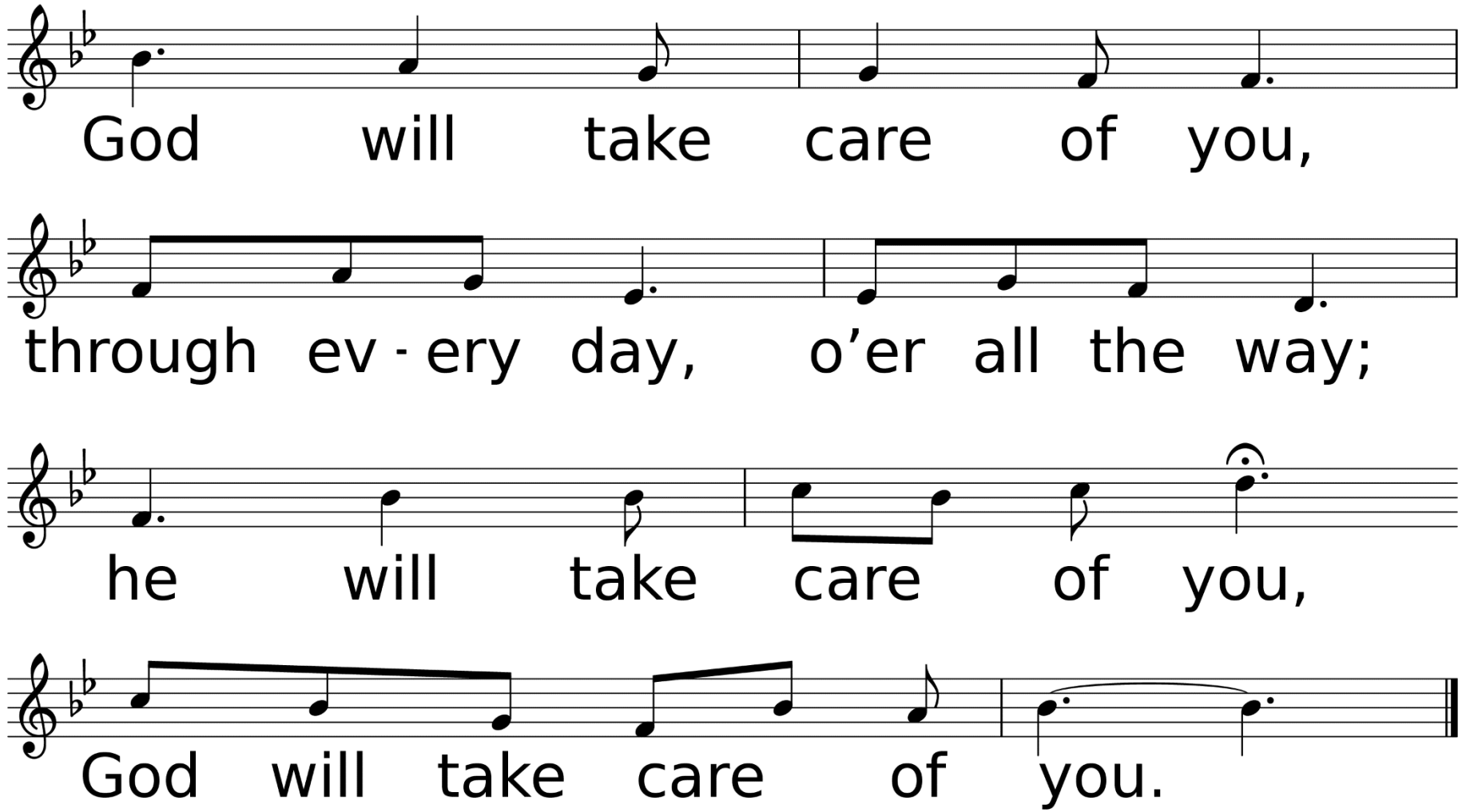

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail,
God will take care of you.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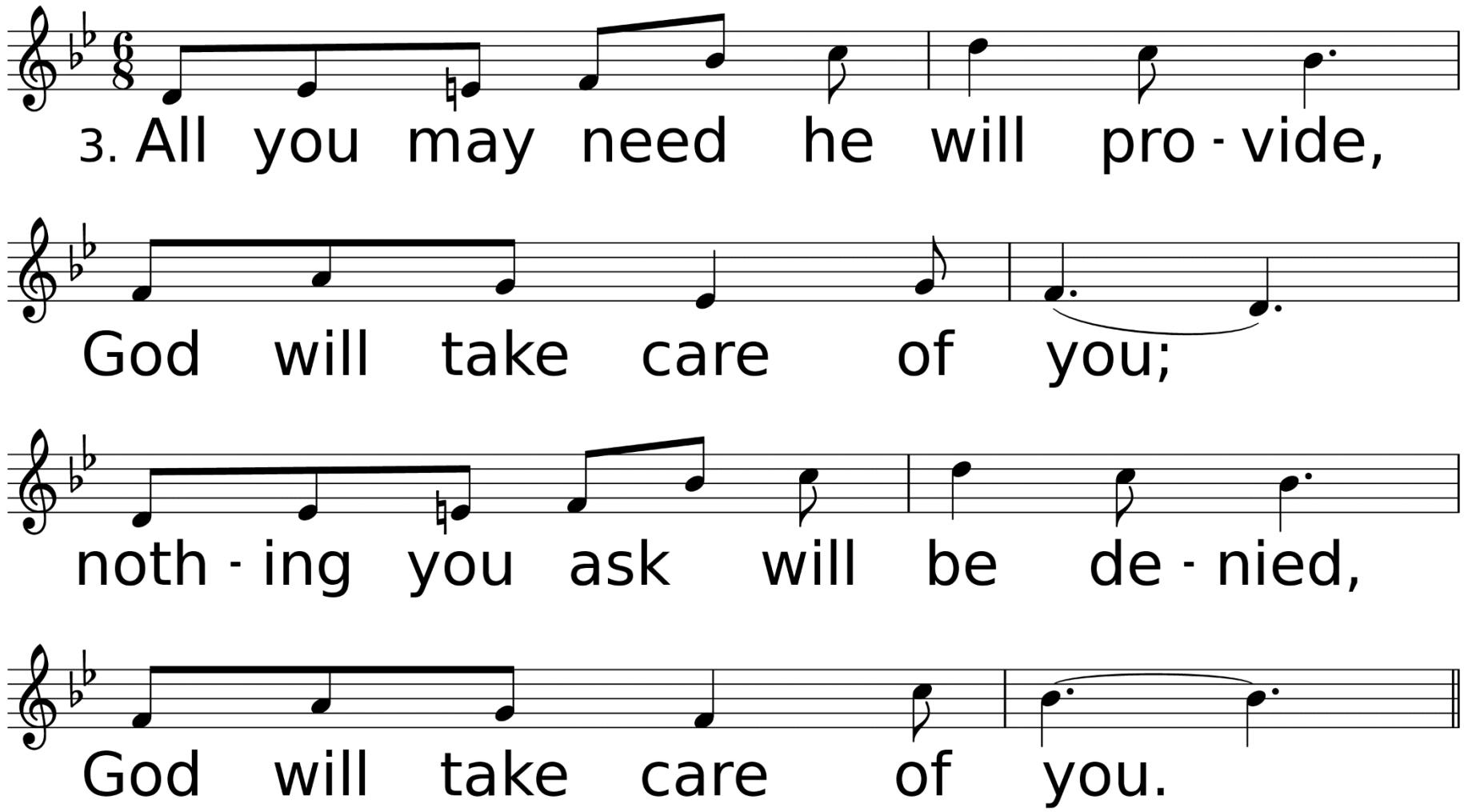
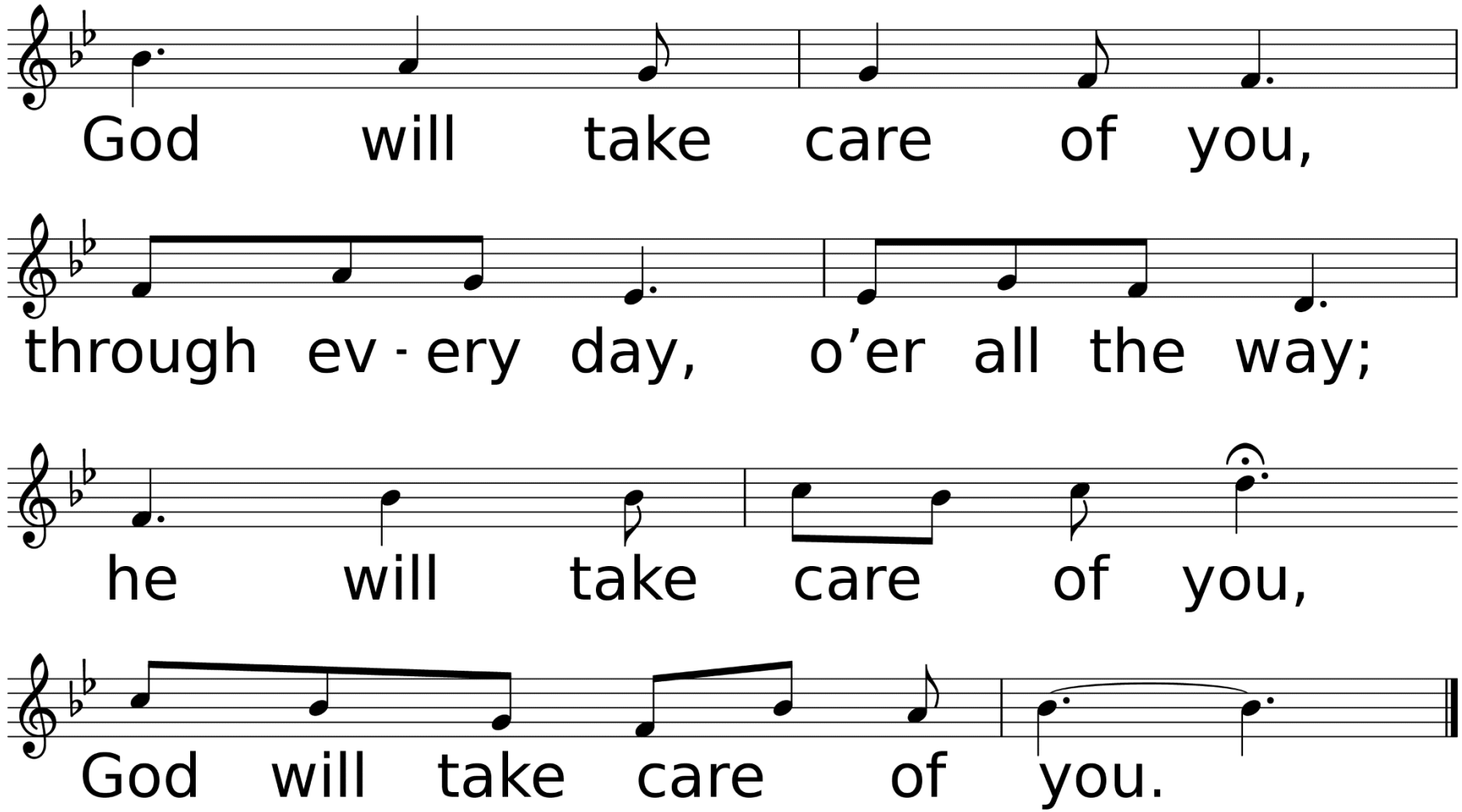

3. All you may need he will pro - vide,
God will take care of you;
noth - ing you ask will be de - nied,
God will take care of you.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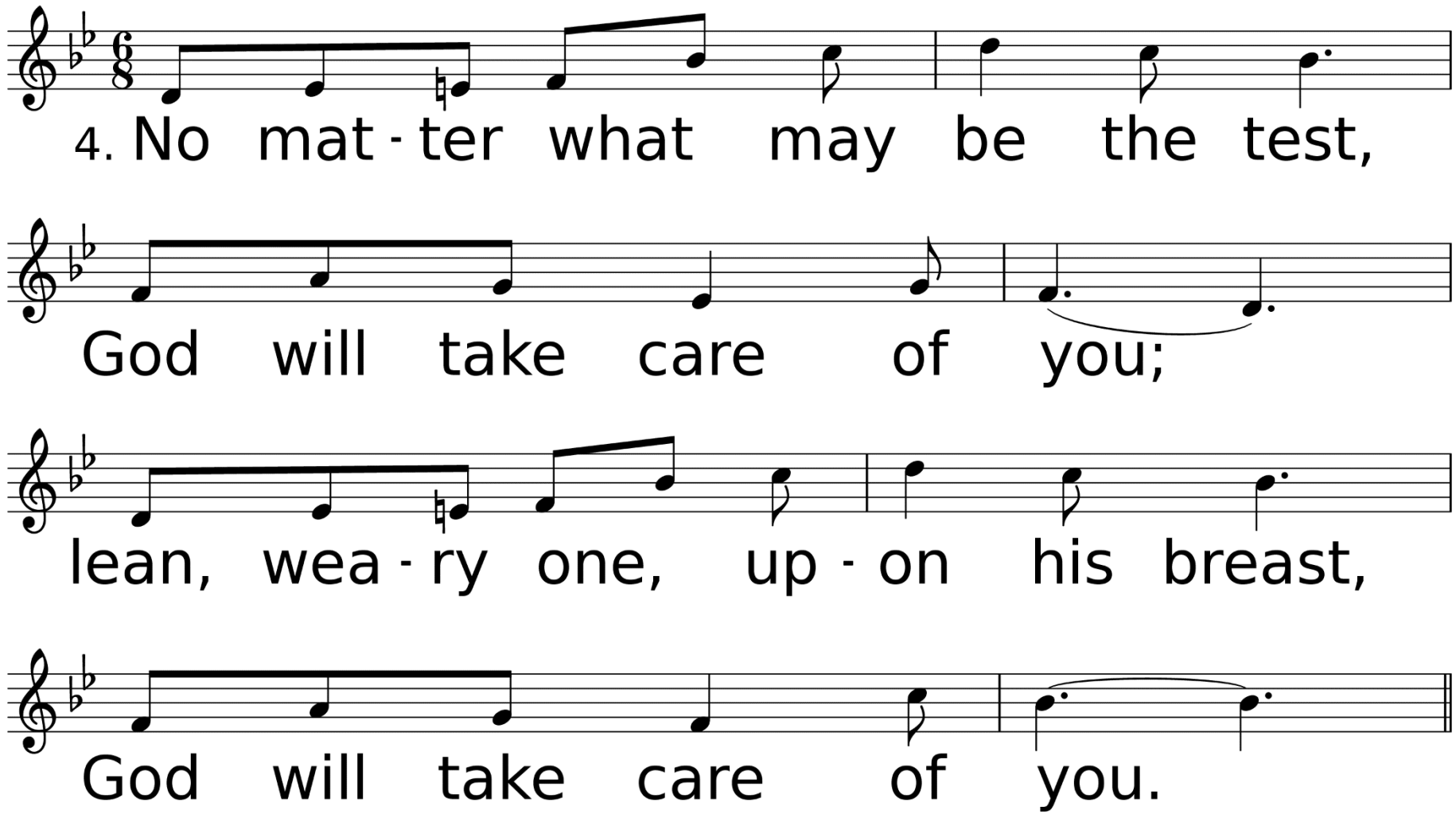
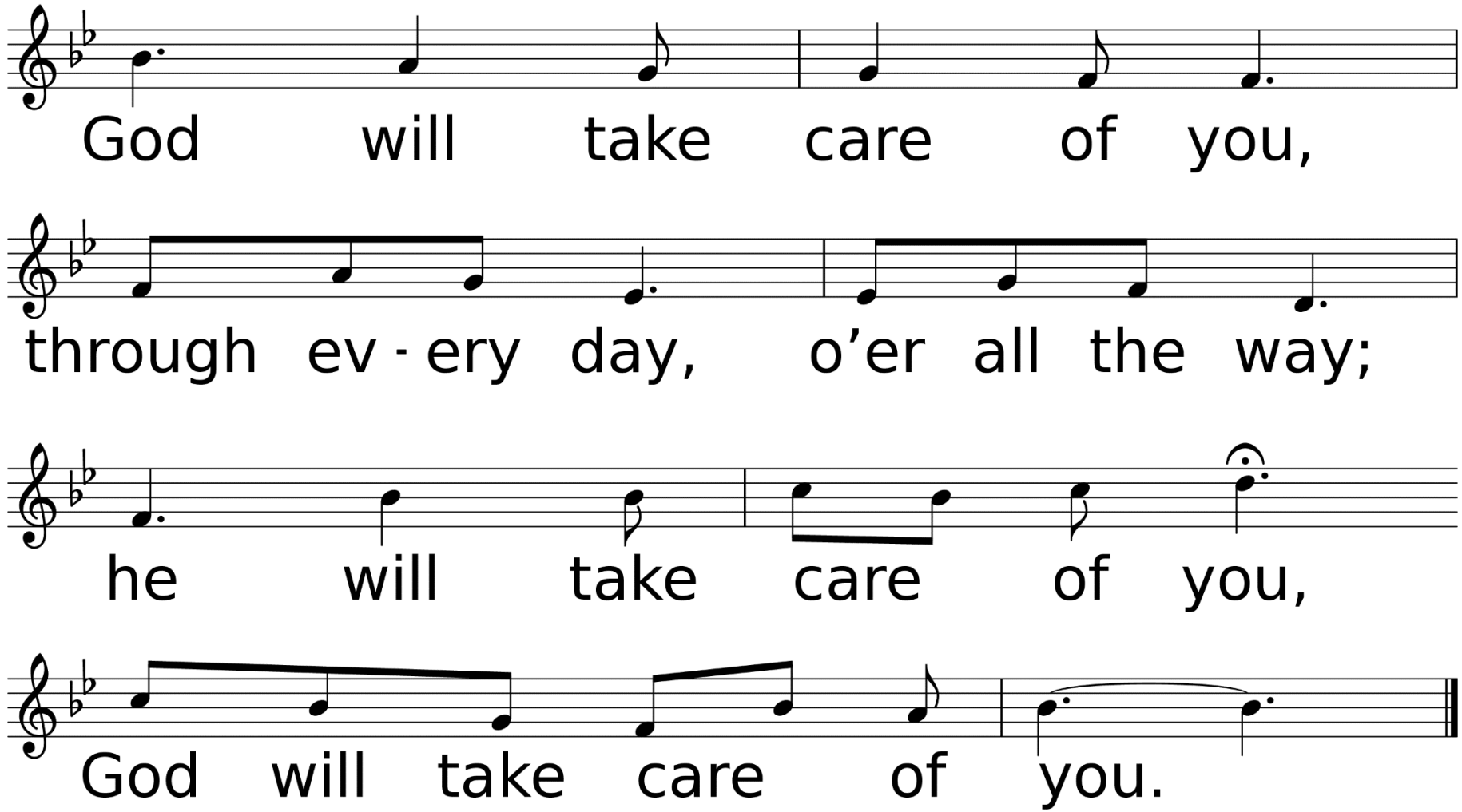

4. No mat - ter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, wea - ry one, up - on his breast,
God will take care of you.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Scripture Reading
1 Kings 19:3-13a

Then he (Elijah) was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree.

He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”

He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord

Is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire;

And after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

“God, Our Savior, is in the Whispers”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

'Till the Storm Passes By

Mosie Lister

And Jesus asks, “What are you discussing together?” It is on this road, as we walk and review all that was and wasn’t, that you join us. Before we can even utter “Where has God gone?” you are here. “This is not the end,” you insist; you incarnate. Death is not where it culminates. Violence is not our best, disease is not our last, and fear is not our truth. Are not our hearts burning within us?

It is on this road where you teach us the mysteries of a story that came before us and will sustain after us-a story of exodus and homecoming, of resurrection and renewal.

Where you show us how goodness and suffering can be held together by God-made hands; how we have never-not for one second-been alone. Are not our hearts burning within us?

It is from this road that you rejoin us at the table, the Body and Blood holding the blood and body, as you did before when you promised Love would win.

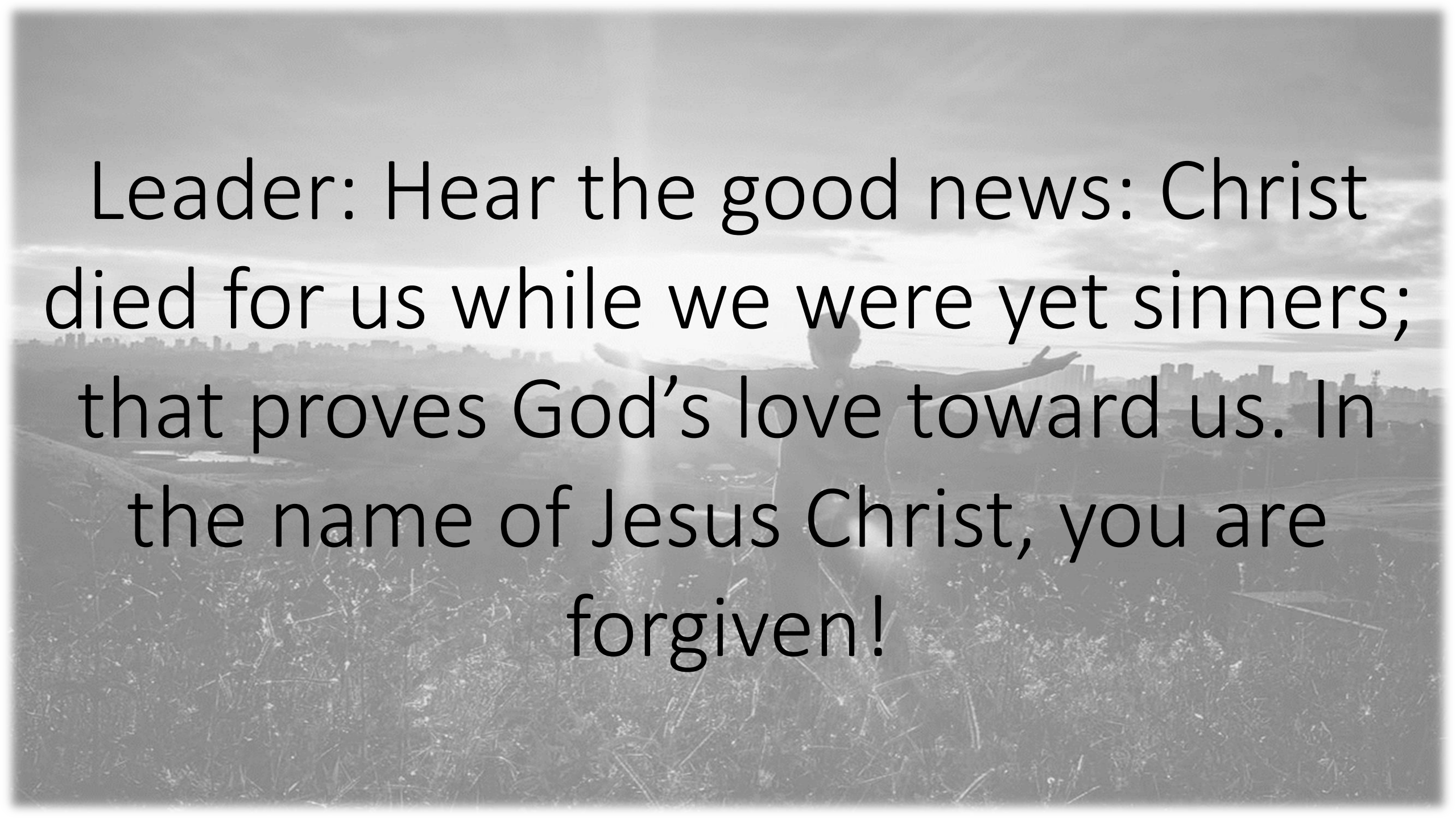
We were not ready for the trauma that came with thinking we had lost the Light. Give us today the bread we need for today that it may nourish us towards healing even as we are hurting. Are not our hearts burning within us?

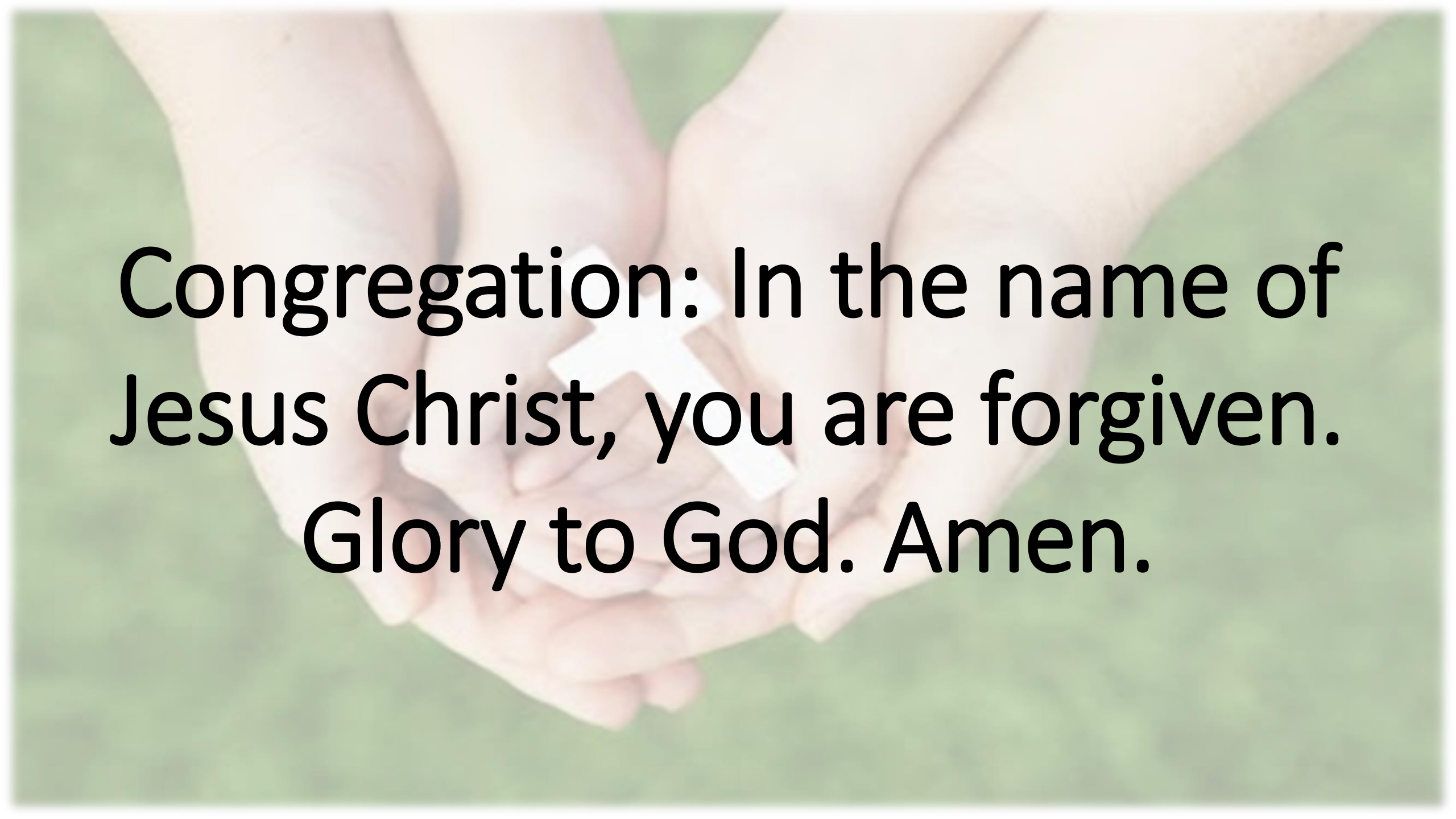
~Britney Winn Lee

Invitation
to Holy
COMMUNION
WHILE THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS
AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING, TAKE
AND EAT THIS IS MY BODY. THEN HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE

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.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements

*Hymn of Invitation

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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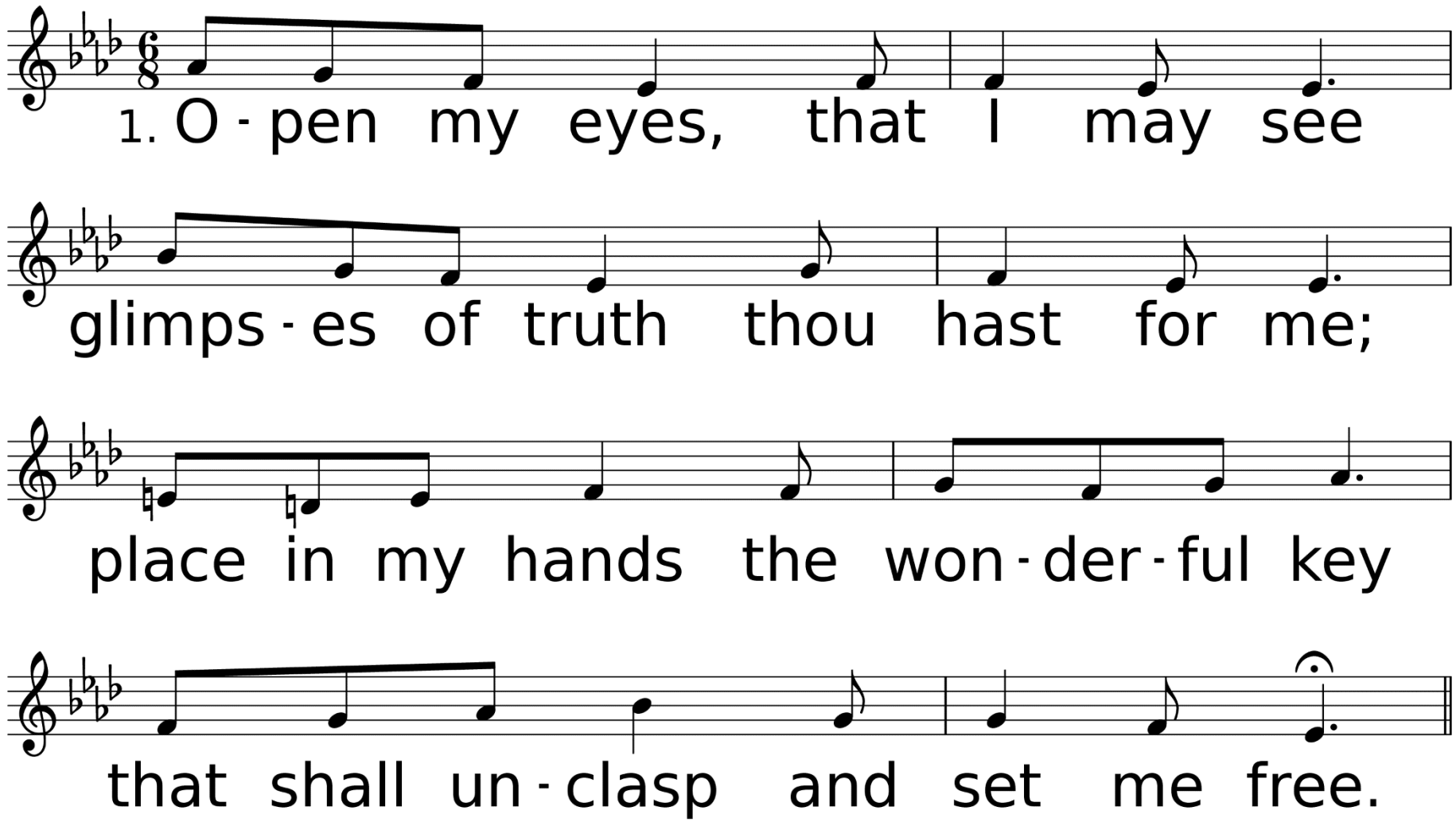

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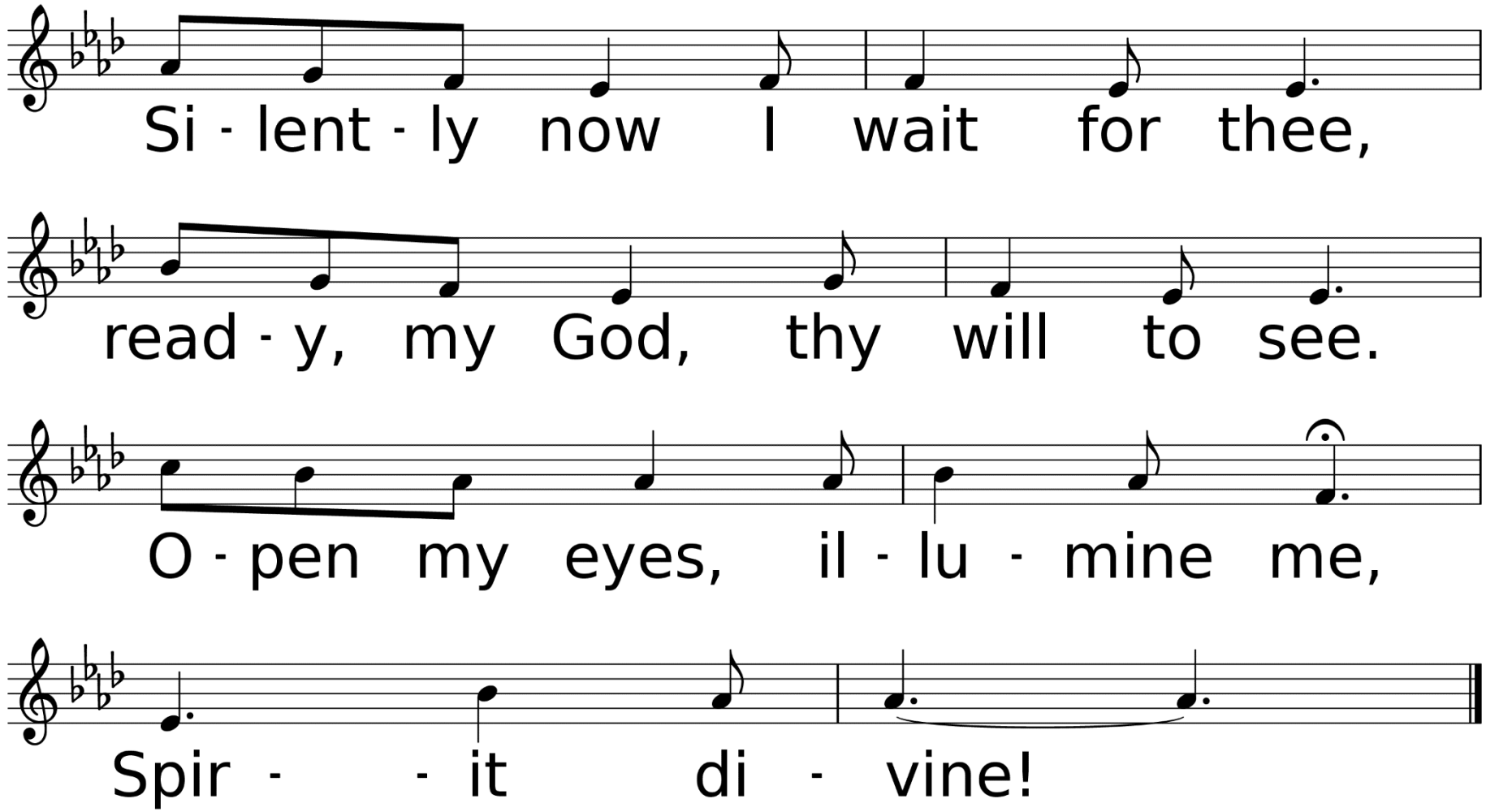
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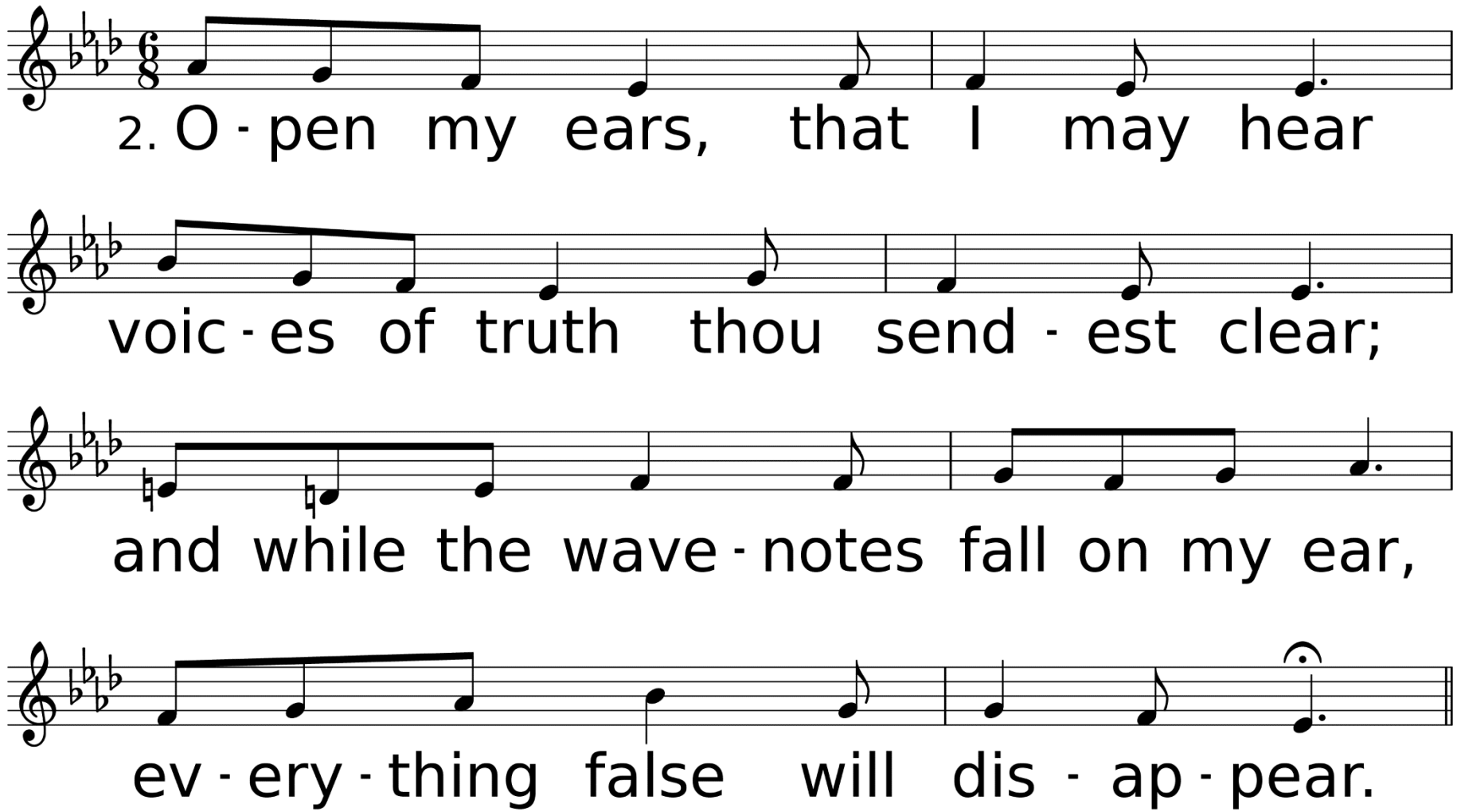
read - y, my God, thy will to see.
O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me,
Spir - - it di - vine!


2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear
voic - es of truth thou send - est clear;
and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.

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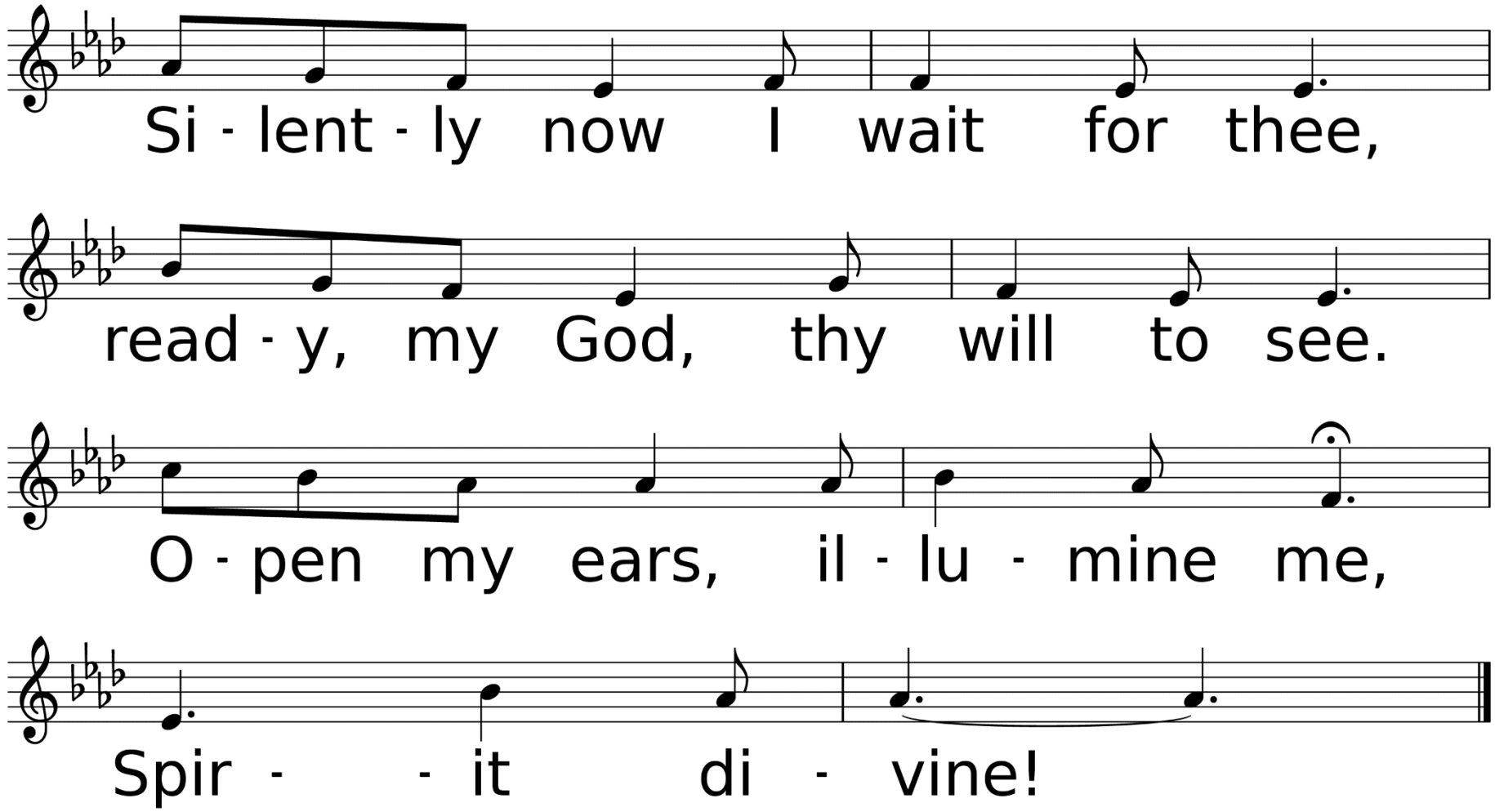
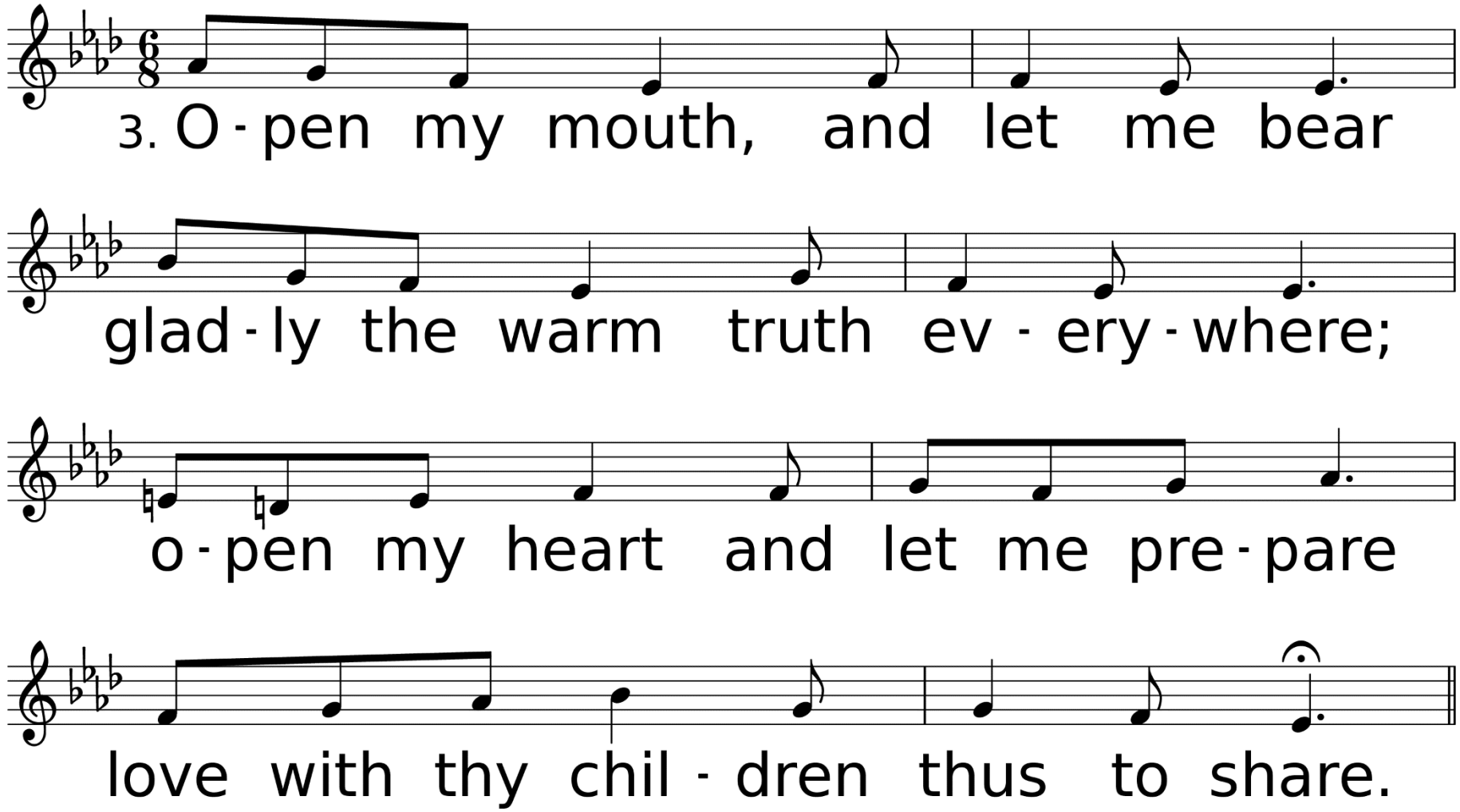
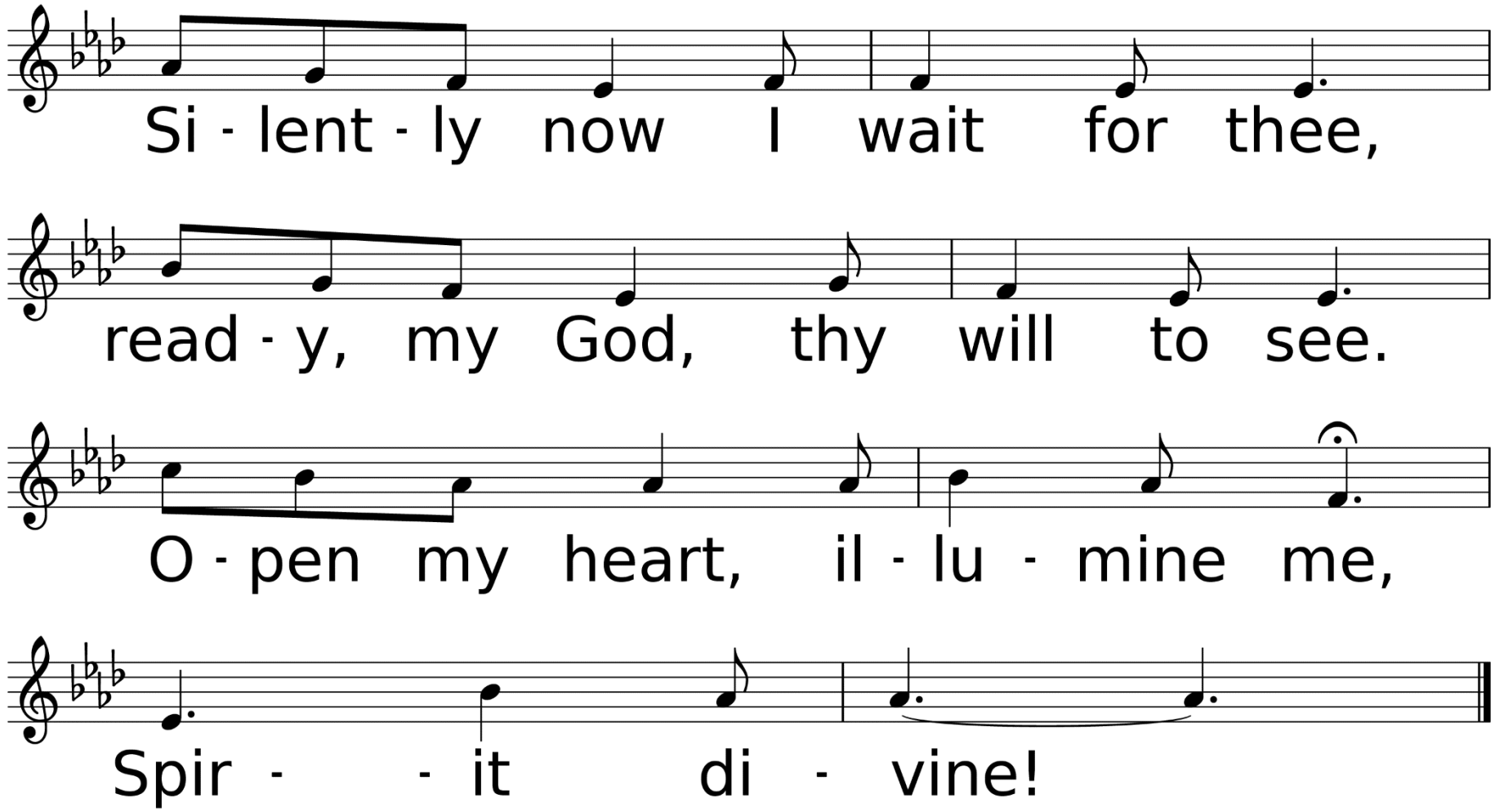



3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear
glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;
o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.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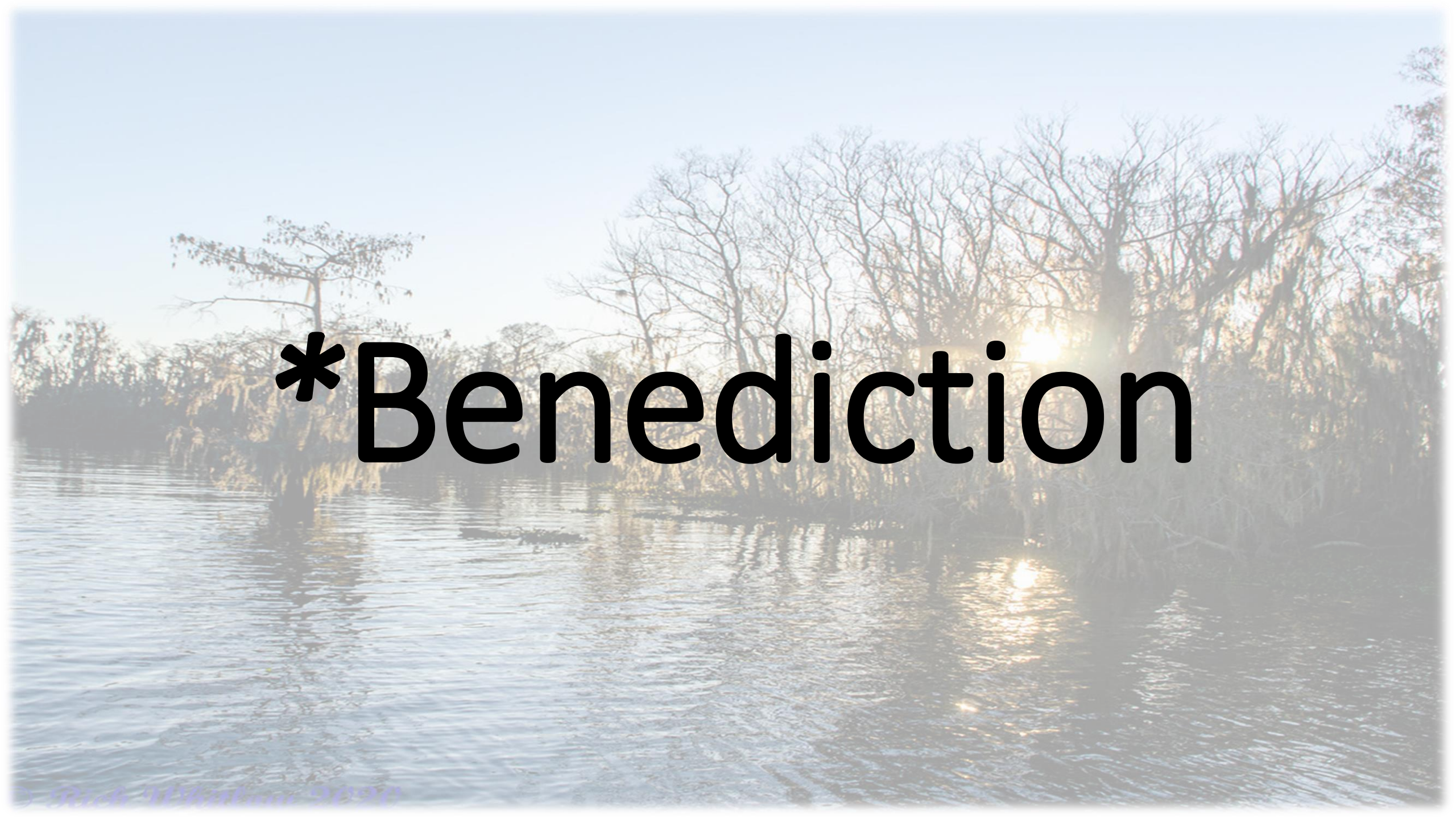

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

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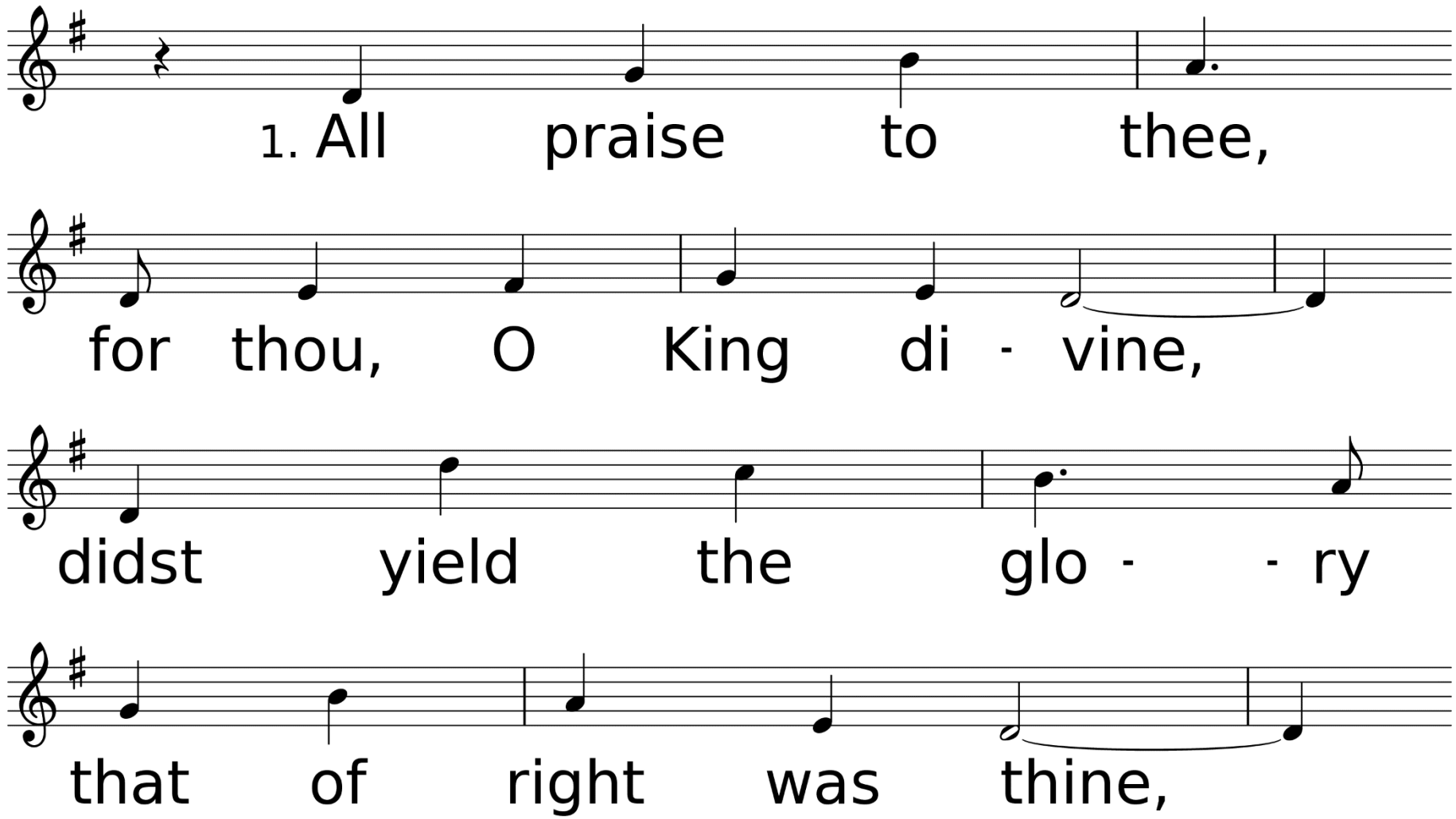

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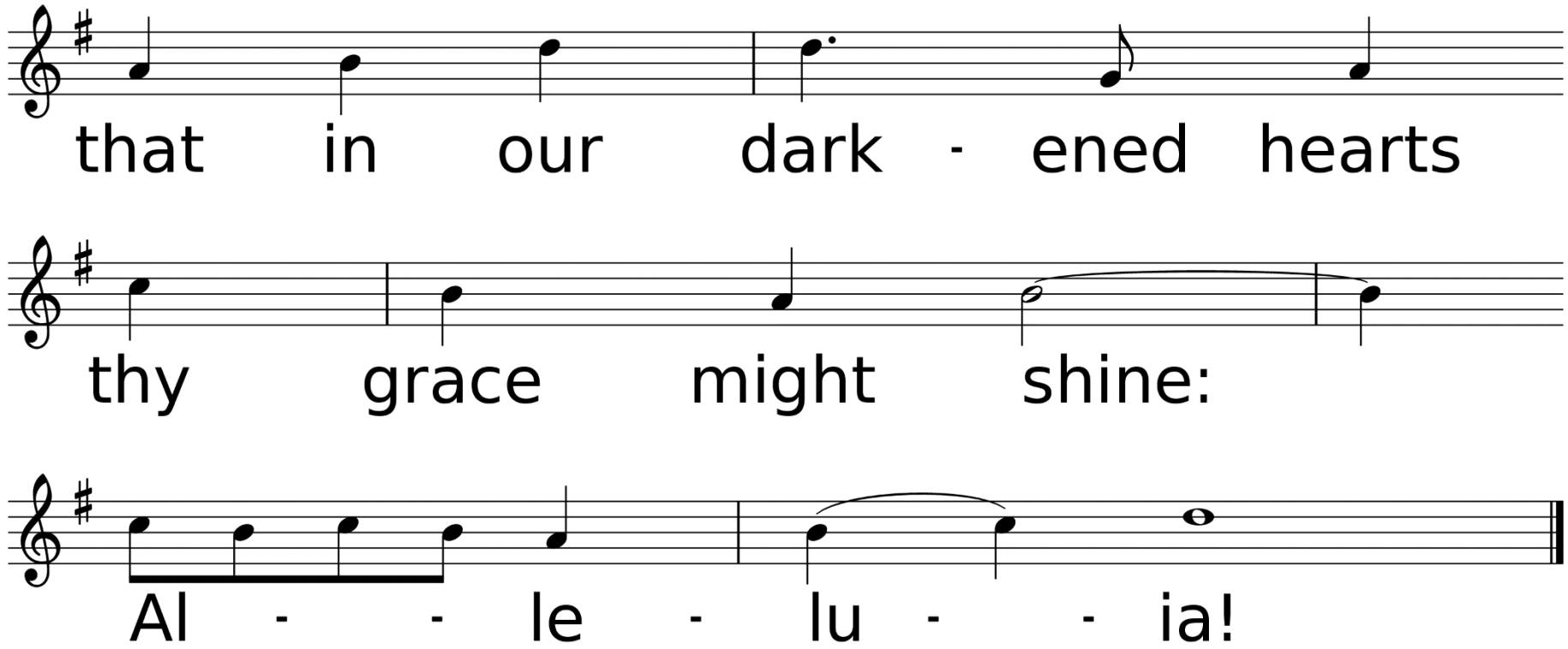
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thy grace might shine:
Al - - le - lu - - ia!

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