Welcome Home!

September 5, 2021
Communion Sunday
Service Online & in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM

Announcements

Choral Call To Worship

Lord, You Are So Precious to Me

Graham Hendrick

*Call to Worship

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;

open my ears that I may hear their cries;

Open my heart so that they need not be without help in times of hardship or distress;

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,

nor afraid to defend the poor because of
the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope
and faith are needed,
And use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears
that I may this coming day be able to do
some work of peace for you. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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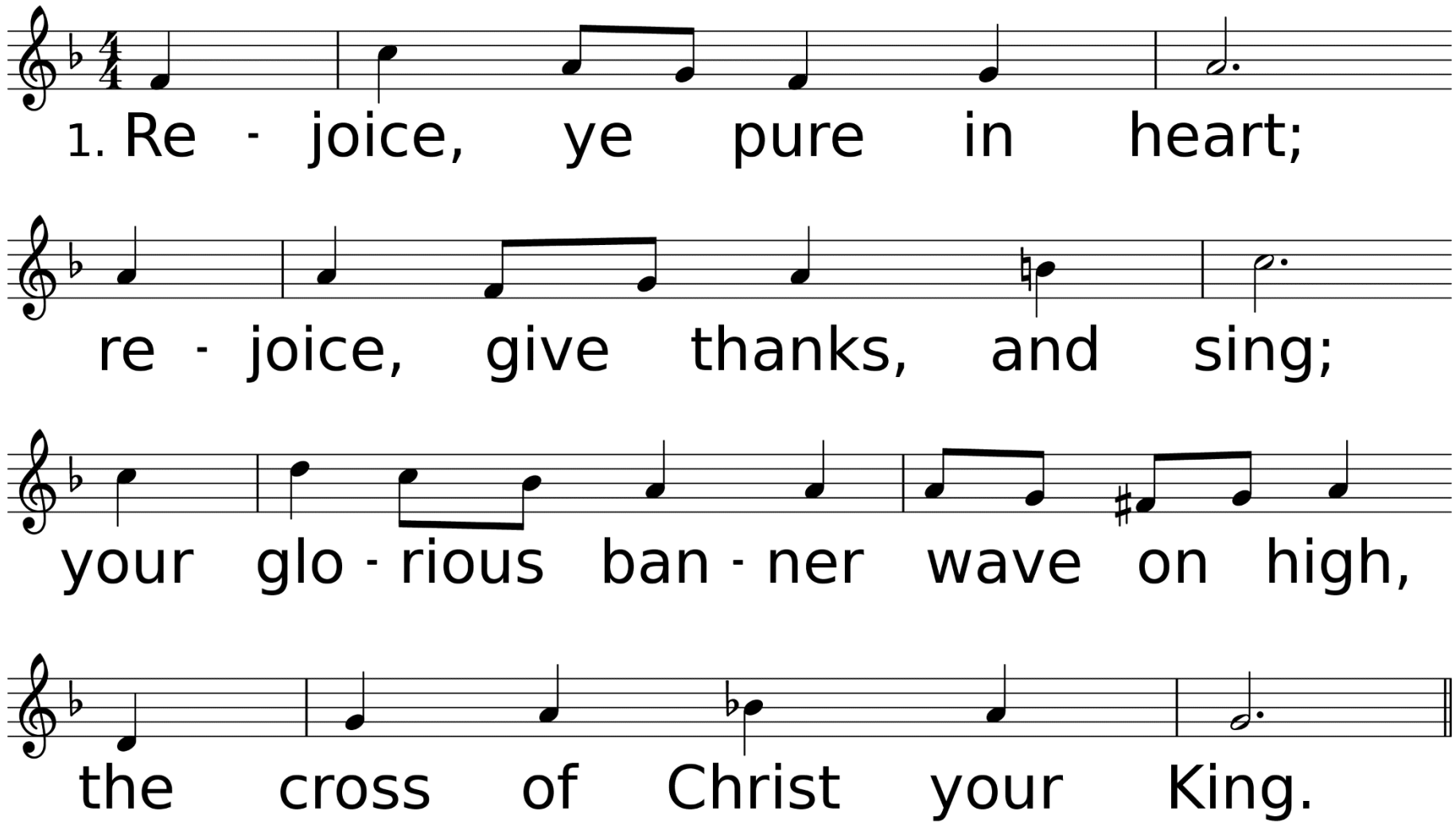

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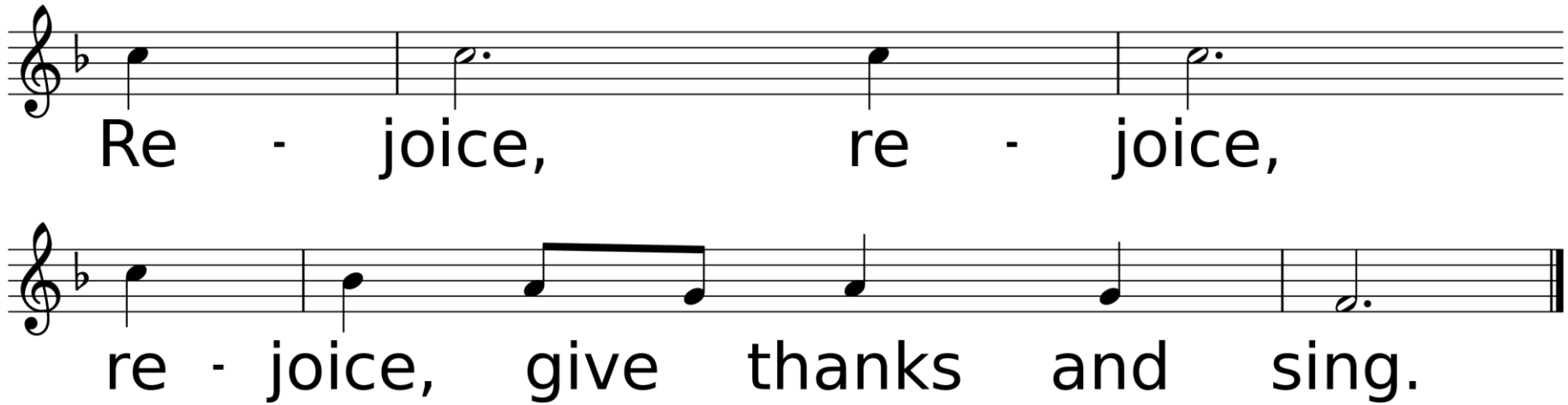
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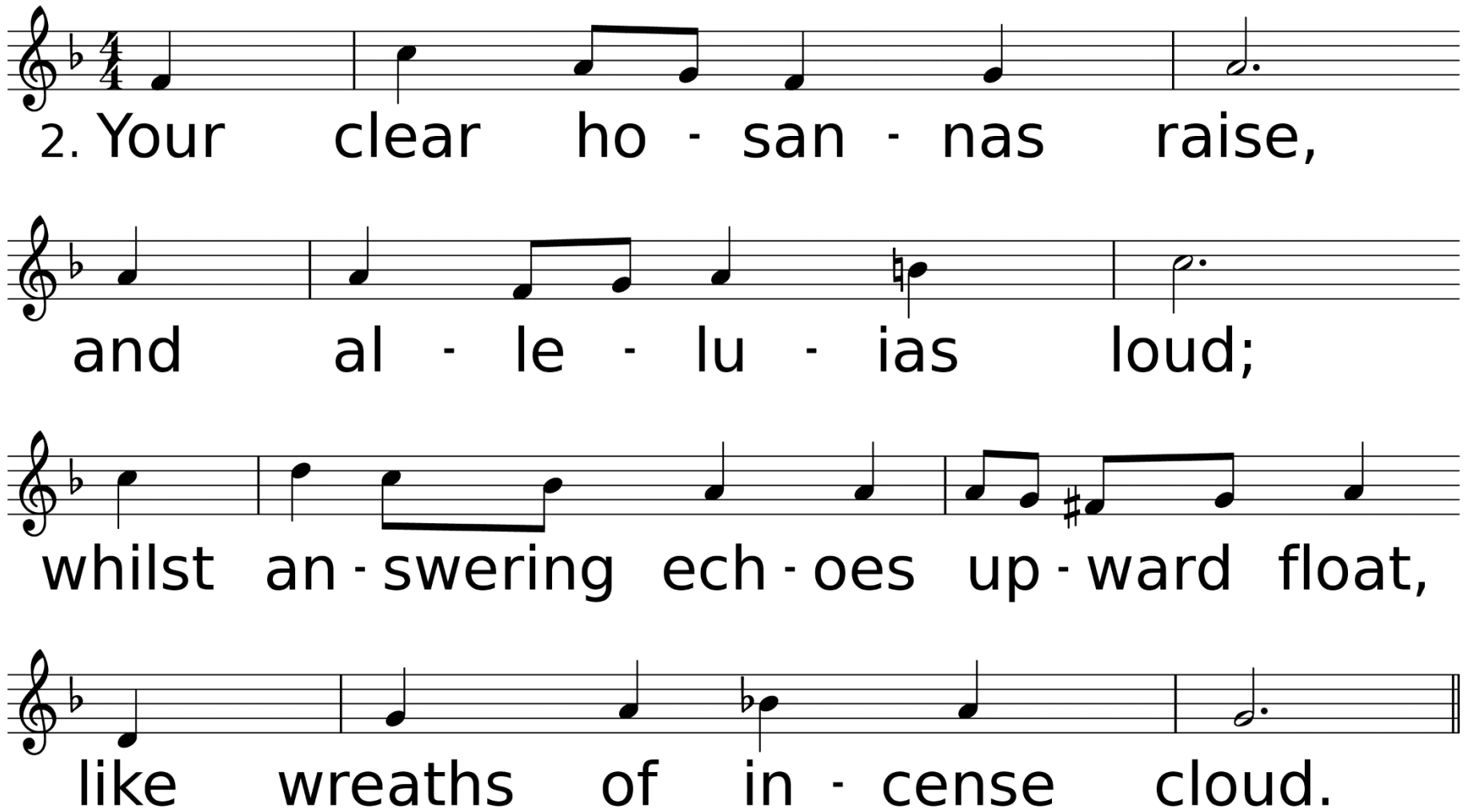
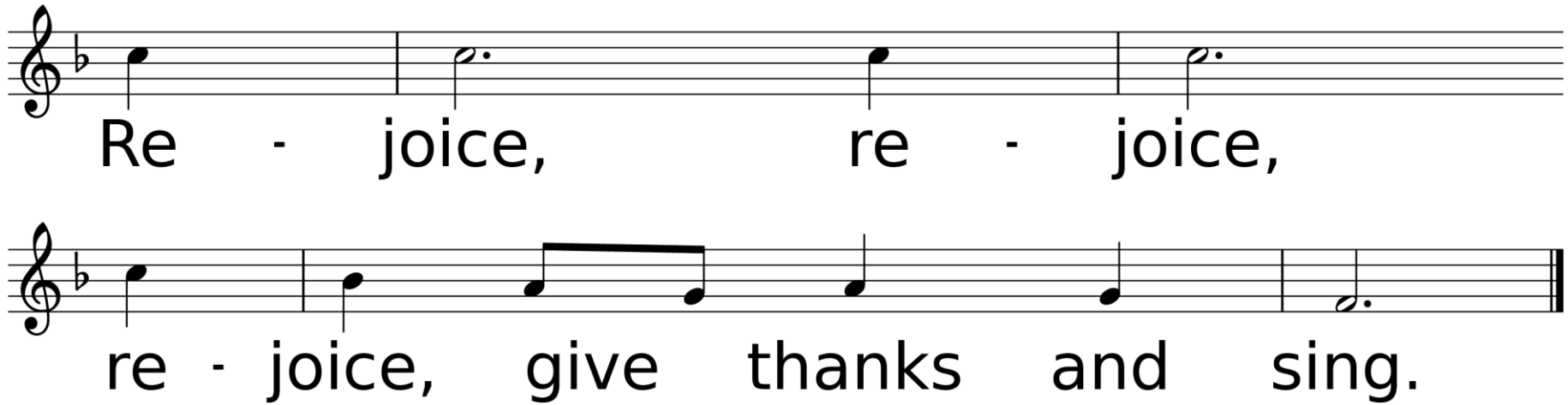

2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise,
and al - le - lu - ias loud;
whilst an - swering ech - oes up - ward float,
like wreaths of in - cense cloud.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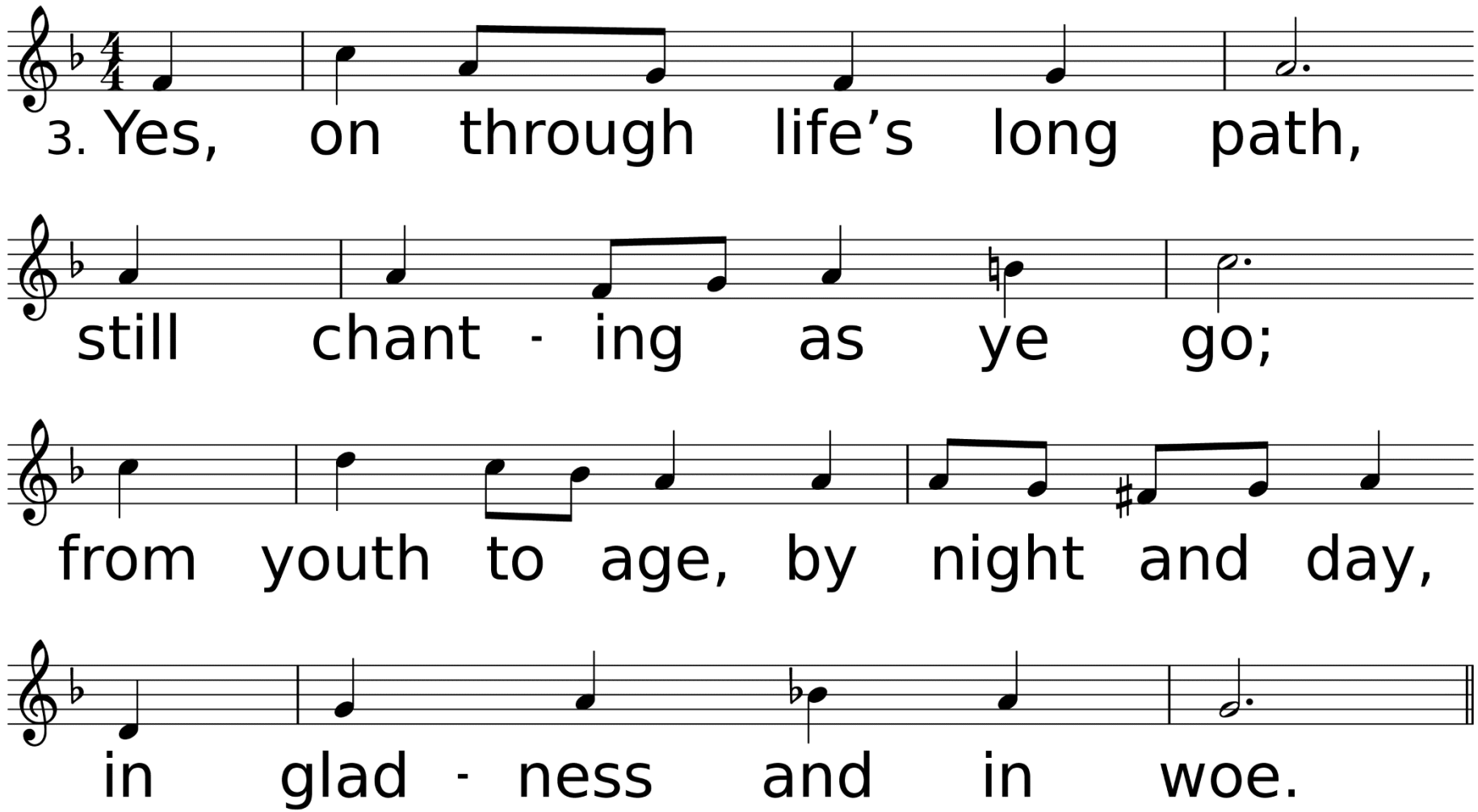
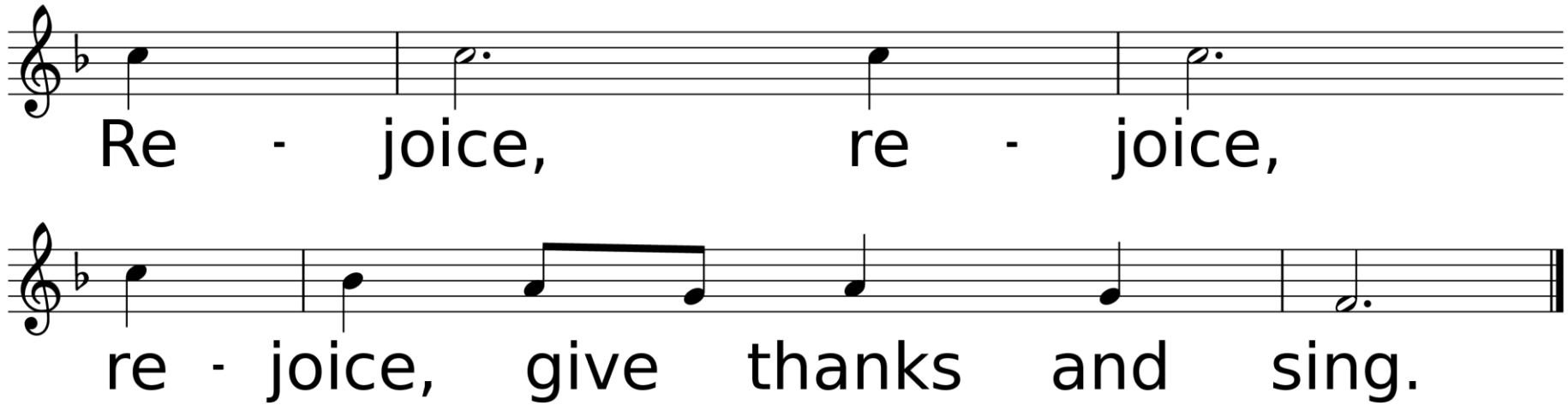

3. Yes, on through life's long path,
still chant - ing as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in glad - ness and in woe.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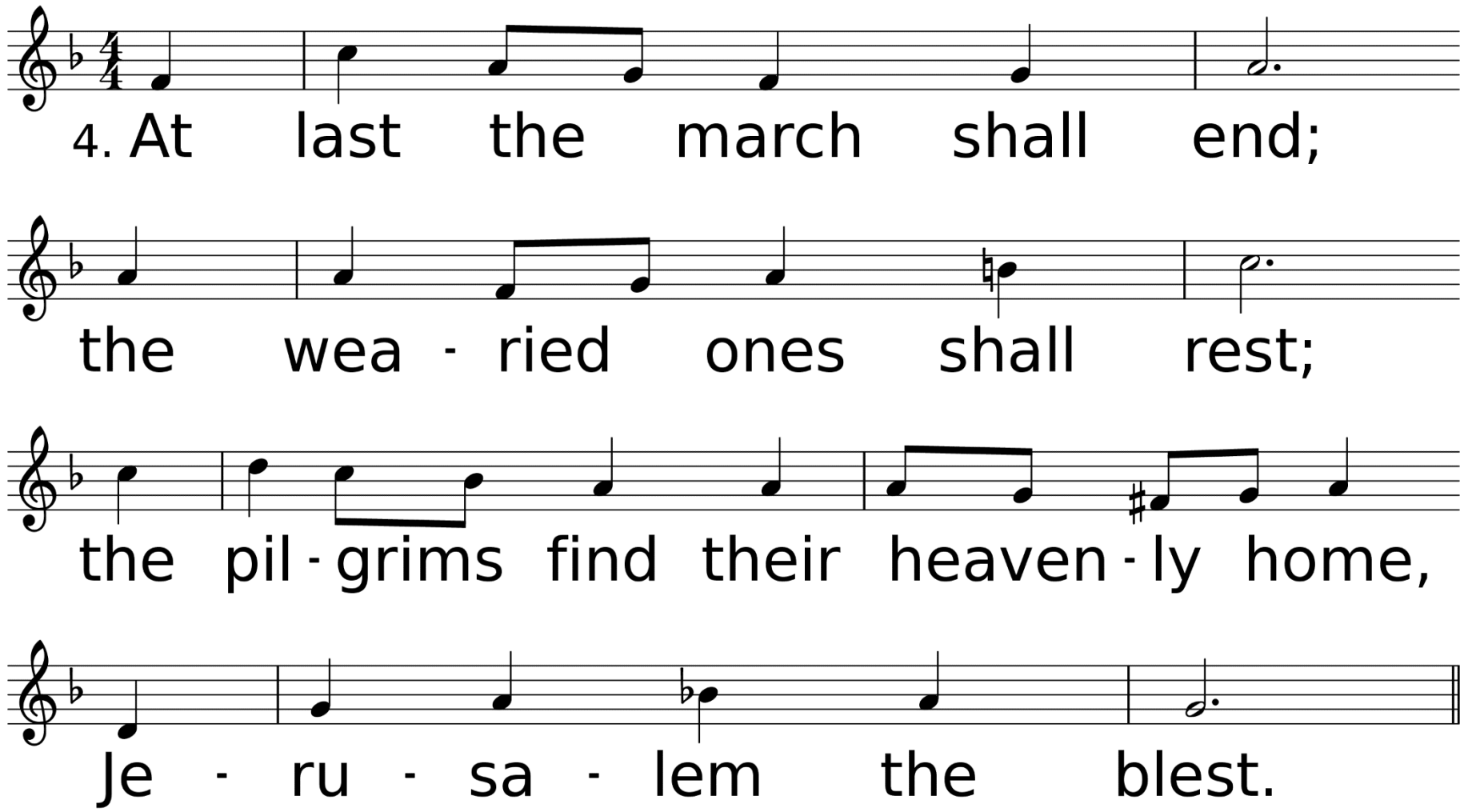
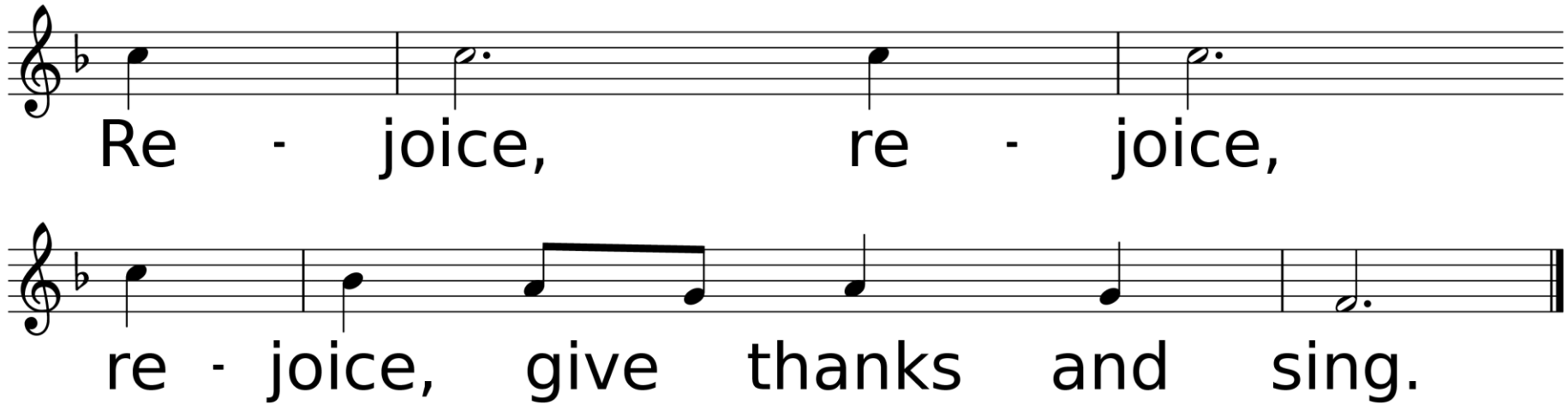

4. At last the march shall end;
the wea - ried ones shall rest;
the pil - grims find their heaven - ly home,
Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.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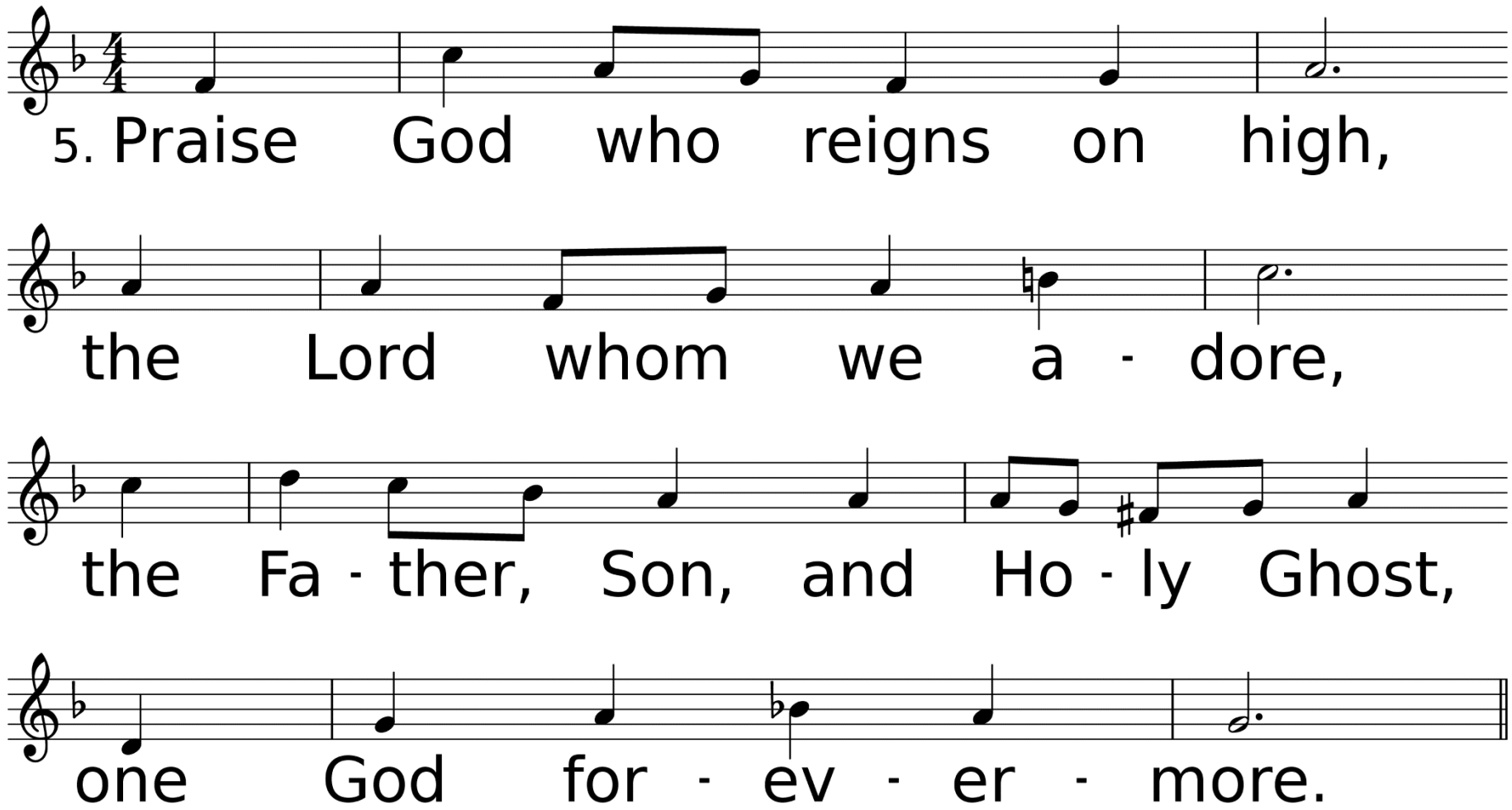
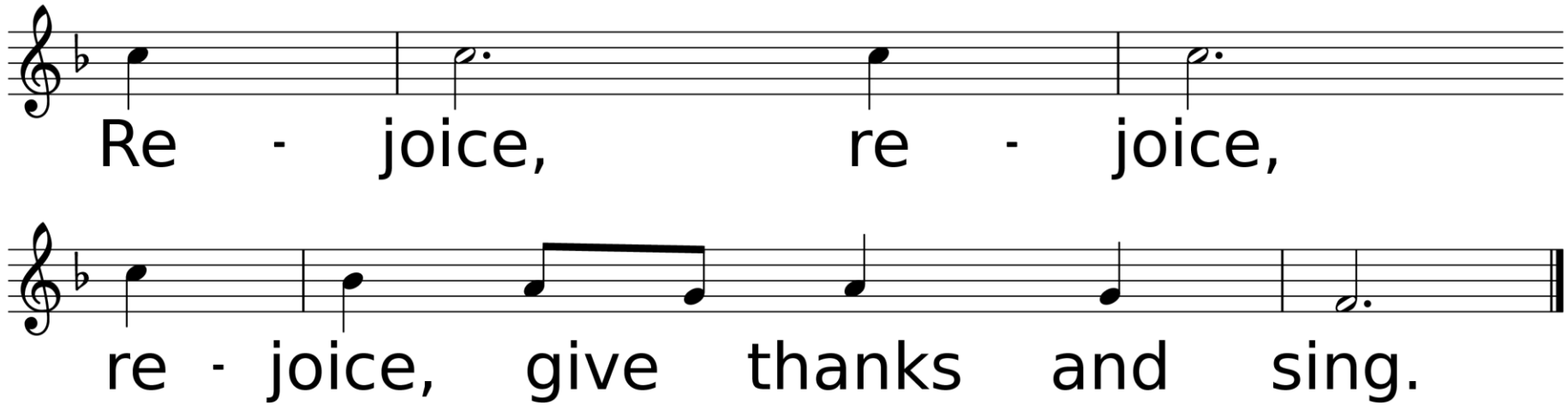

5. Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we a - dore,
the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
one God for - ev - er - more.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*Affirmation of Faith

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

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

Mary Allen
Donna McCullough
Family & Friends of
Helen Sharber
(E. Tepley)
Bob Baldares, Sr.
(M. & J. Bailey)
Carol Baldares
(M. & J. Bailey)
Friends & Family of
Curtis Huffman
(L. Schultz)
Dennis & Helen Teel
(L. Waughtal)
Dennis Bevers
(J. Schwarze)
Friends & Family of
Douglas "Art"
Howell
(T. Craig)

Daisy Geiger
Becky Hammerschmidt
Dick Myers
Amie Biggs Lewis
(D. McCullough)
Angela Mallett
(J. Schwarze)
Connie DeConte
(A. Carpenter)
Billy O'Neal
Ronnie Perkins
(C. White)
Andrew Palmer
(T. Craig)
Anna Wiggins
Sharon Dukes
Howard Thorne

Cathy Lay
(M. Brister)
Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)
Kelley & Mark
Allen
Anthony Lee
(son of Brenda Lee)
Teles Ami
(S. Hill)
Julie Dunan Ami
grandson
Charlene Blevins
(B. Vaughn)
Chad Windborne
(J. Schwarze)
Alex Baker
(C. Scott)

Ronnie Cuevas
(M. Bailey)
Lydia Derouen
(D. & V. Allen)
Mary Scarborough
(M. Bailey)
Marie Williams
Kathy Enochs
(V. Allen)
Bambi Hardesty
Velva Day
(P. Blanton)
John Nelson
The Colvin Family
(A. & J. Carpenter)
Kent Koehler & kids
(brother of K. Allen)
Lori Woodard
(J. Schwarze)

Joy and Jerry Jones
Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)
Neely Biggs
(P. Launey)
Jared Jones
(C. Slover)
Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)
Beverly Shelton
(sister of M.
Mistrzak)
MaryAnn Greer
(S. Chavez)
Richard Oliver
Margaretta Mayes
(C. Slover)
Leighann Lovett
(B. Nease)

Jerry Willbanks
Brian Hughes
Robert Chavez
Lloydell Mullican
(C. White)
Carol Downs
Montgomery
(J. Blankenship)
Devon Woodard
(M. Bailey)
Joan Faulk
(M. Brister)
Laila Prather
(R. Prather)
Kayetha Wilson
Nephew of Ron
& Linda Kern

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

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

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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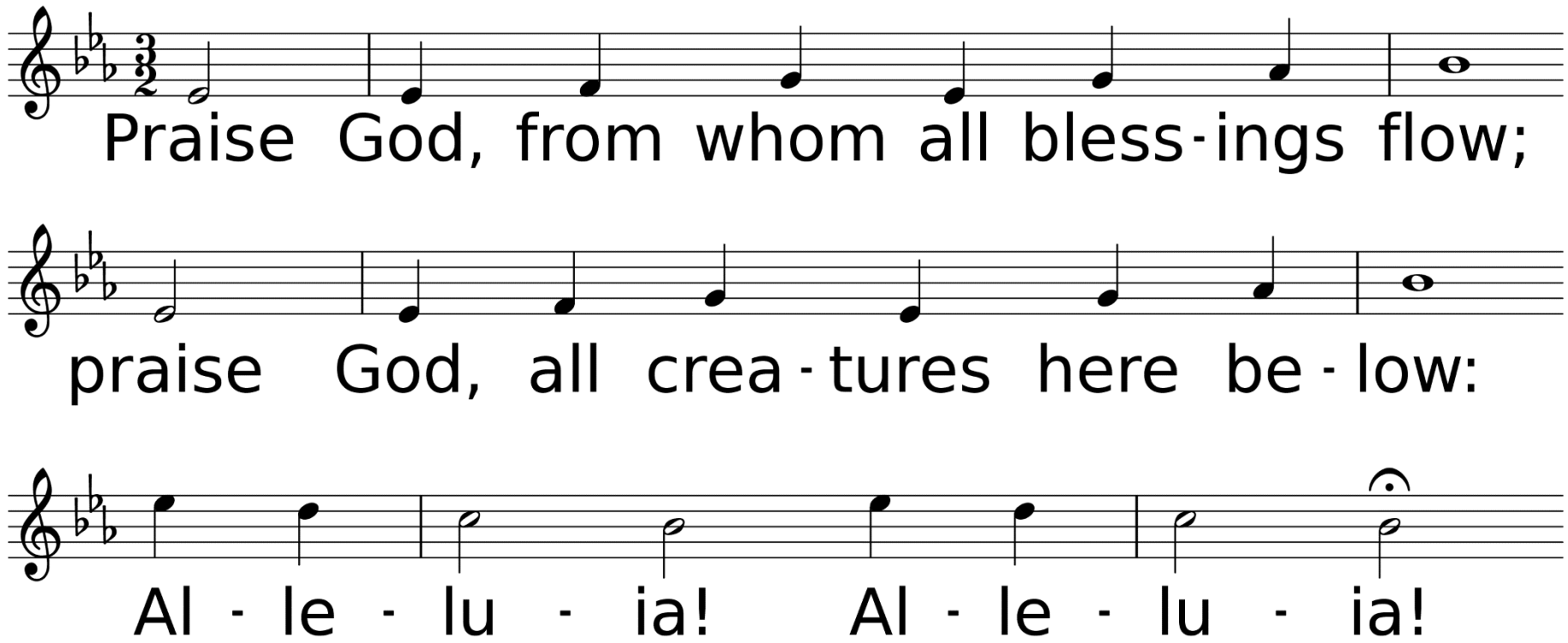

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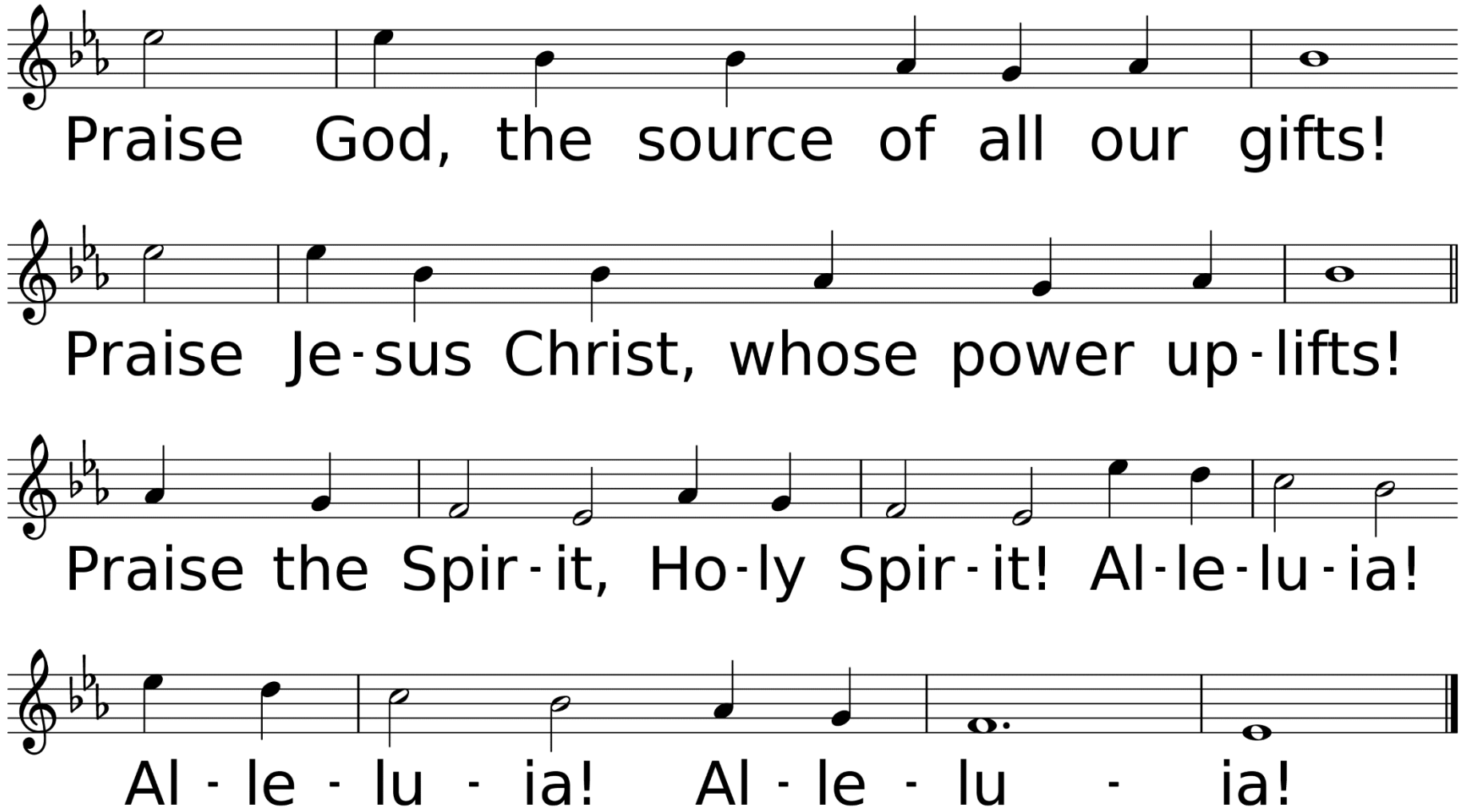
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of Faith

The Voice of God Is Calling

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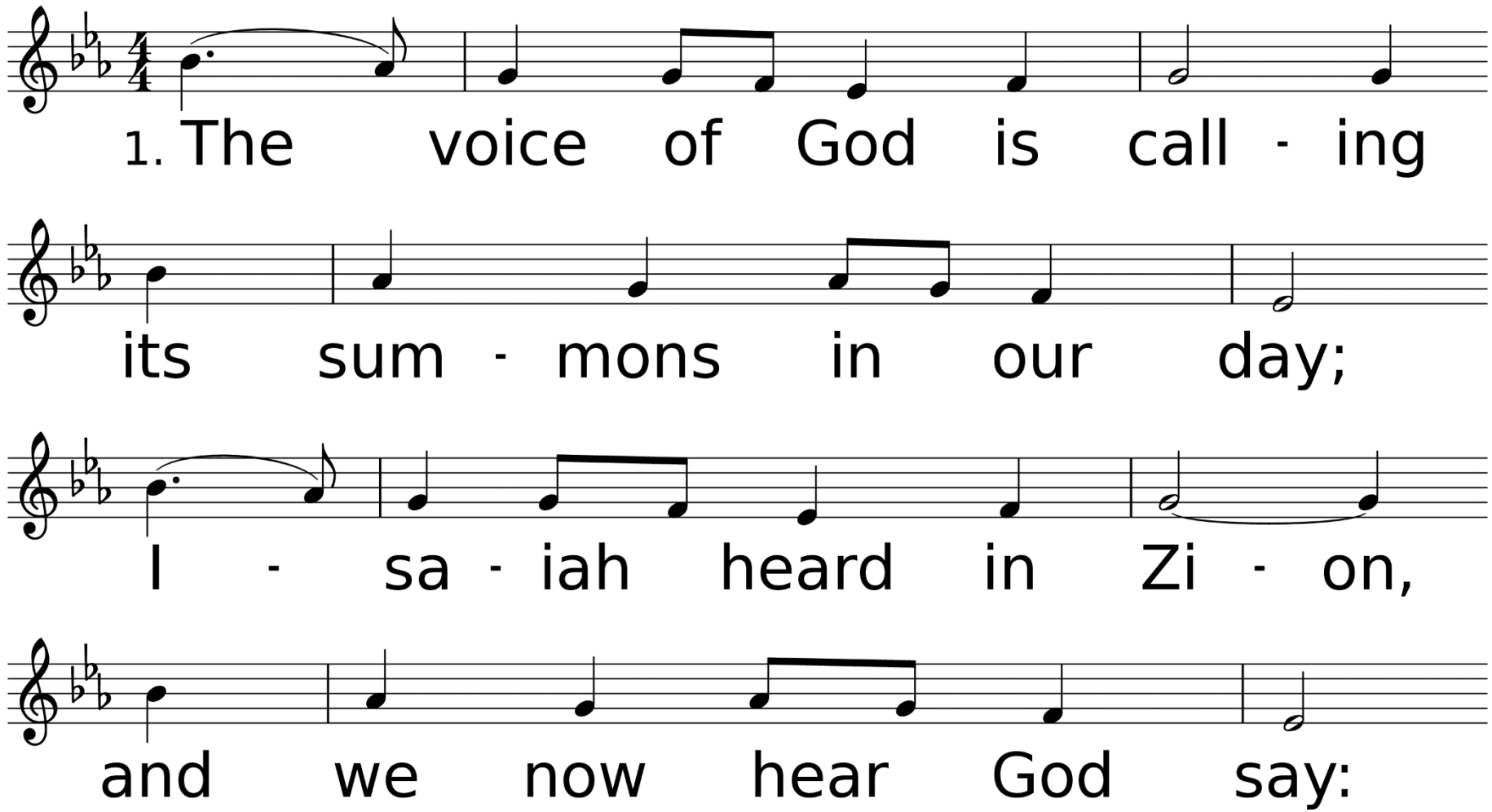

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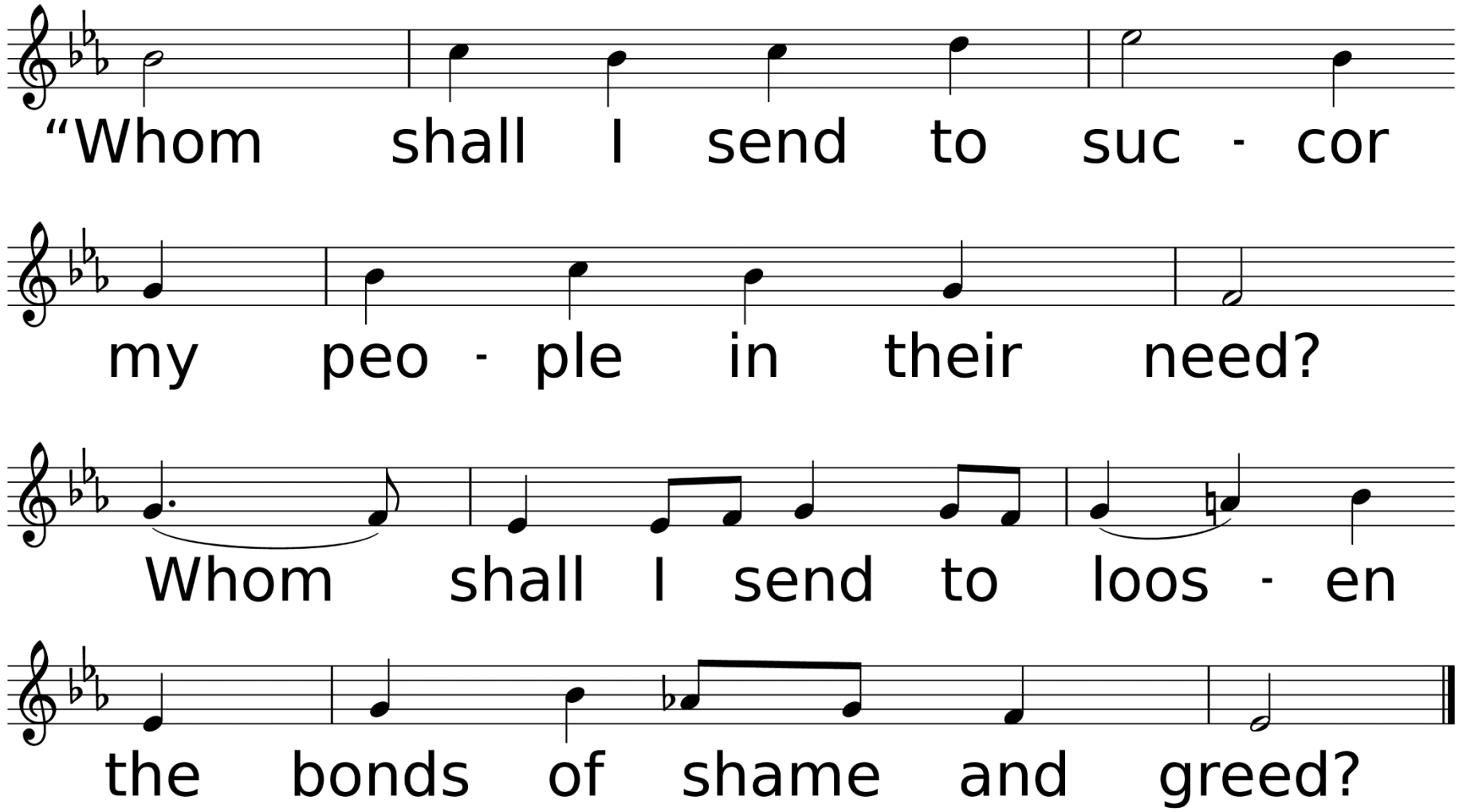
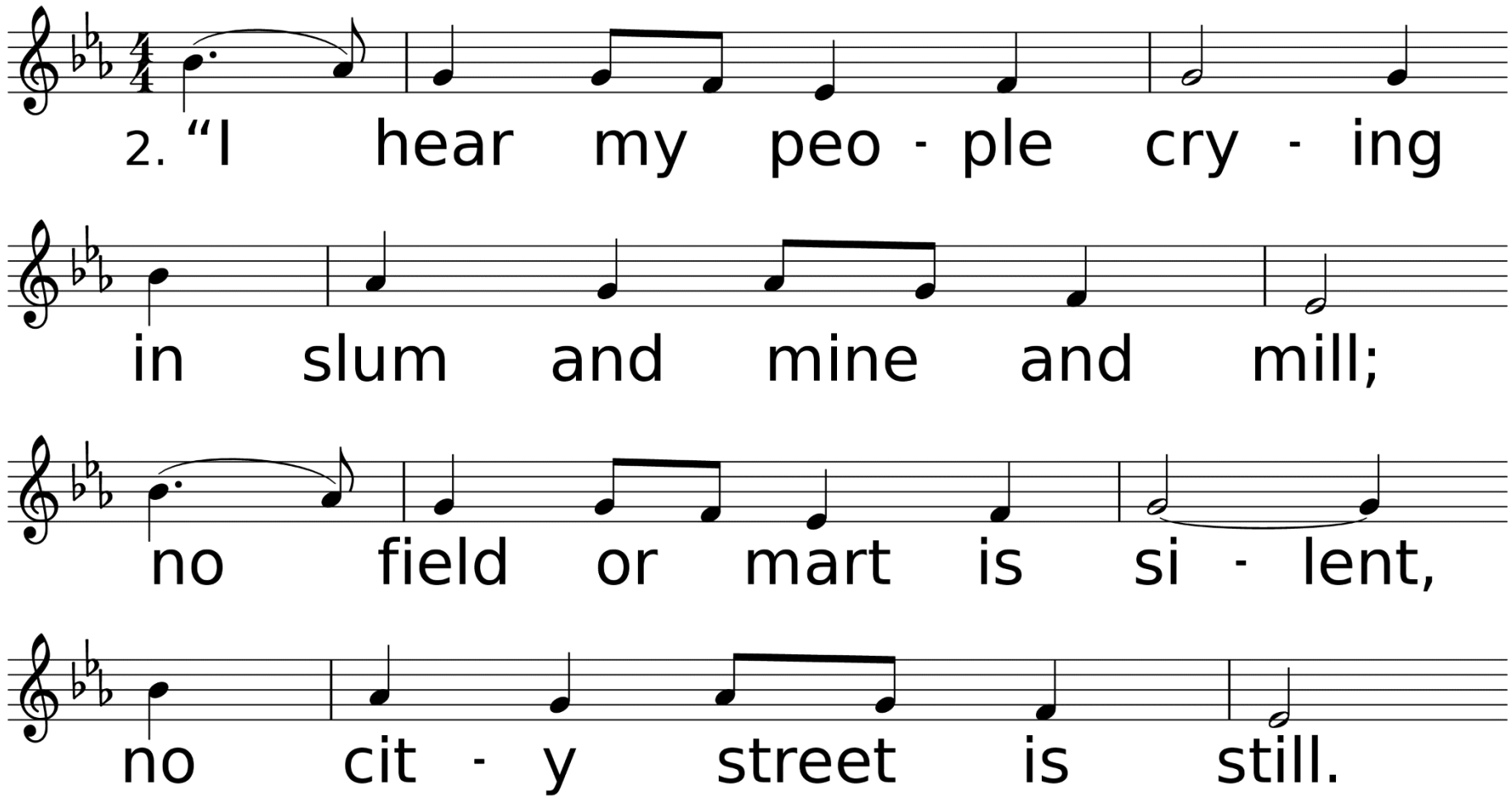
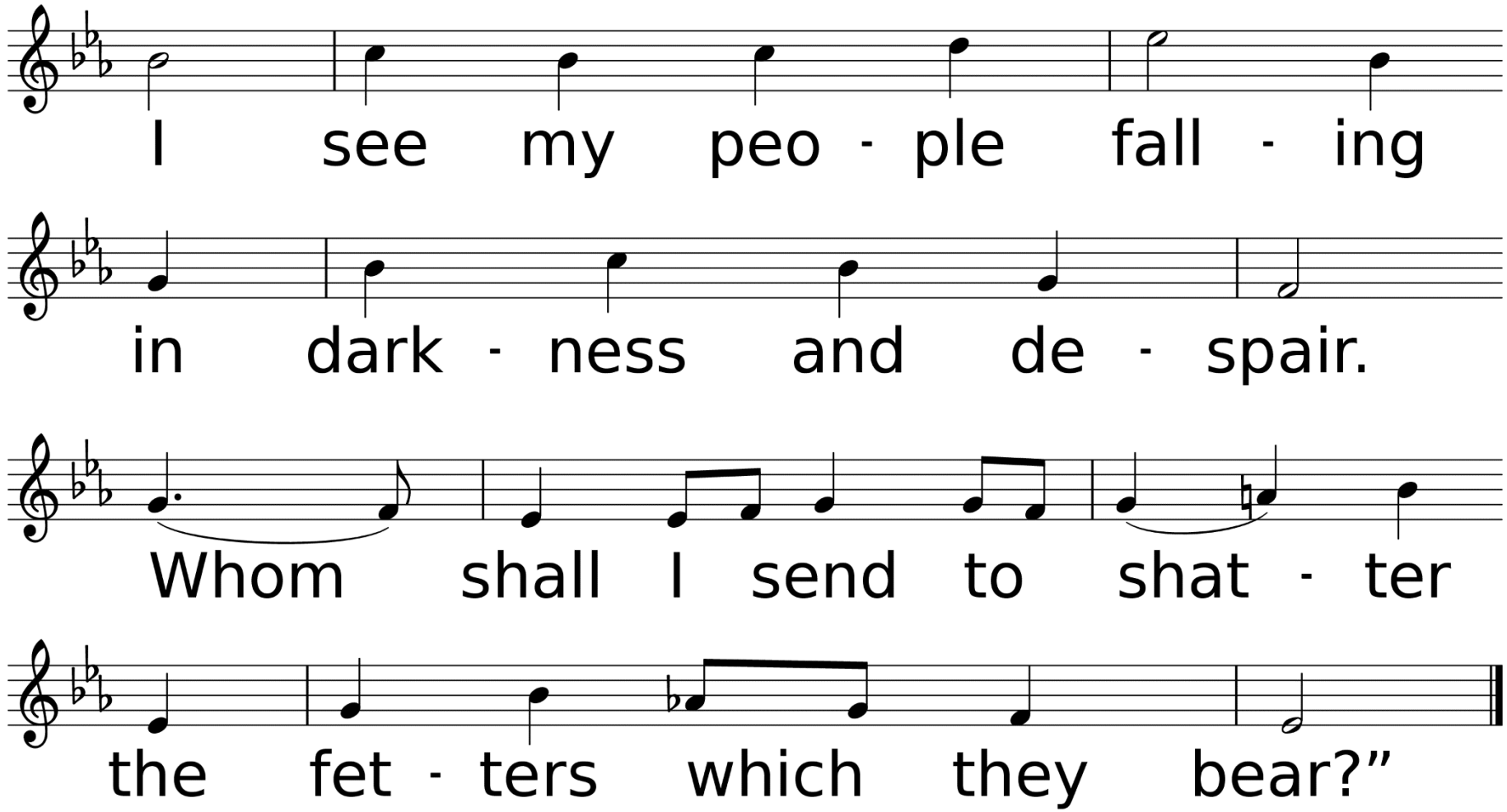
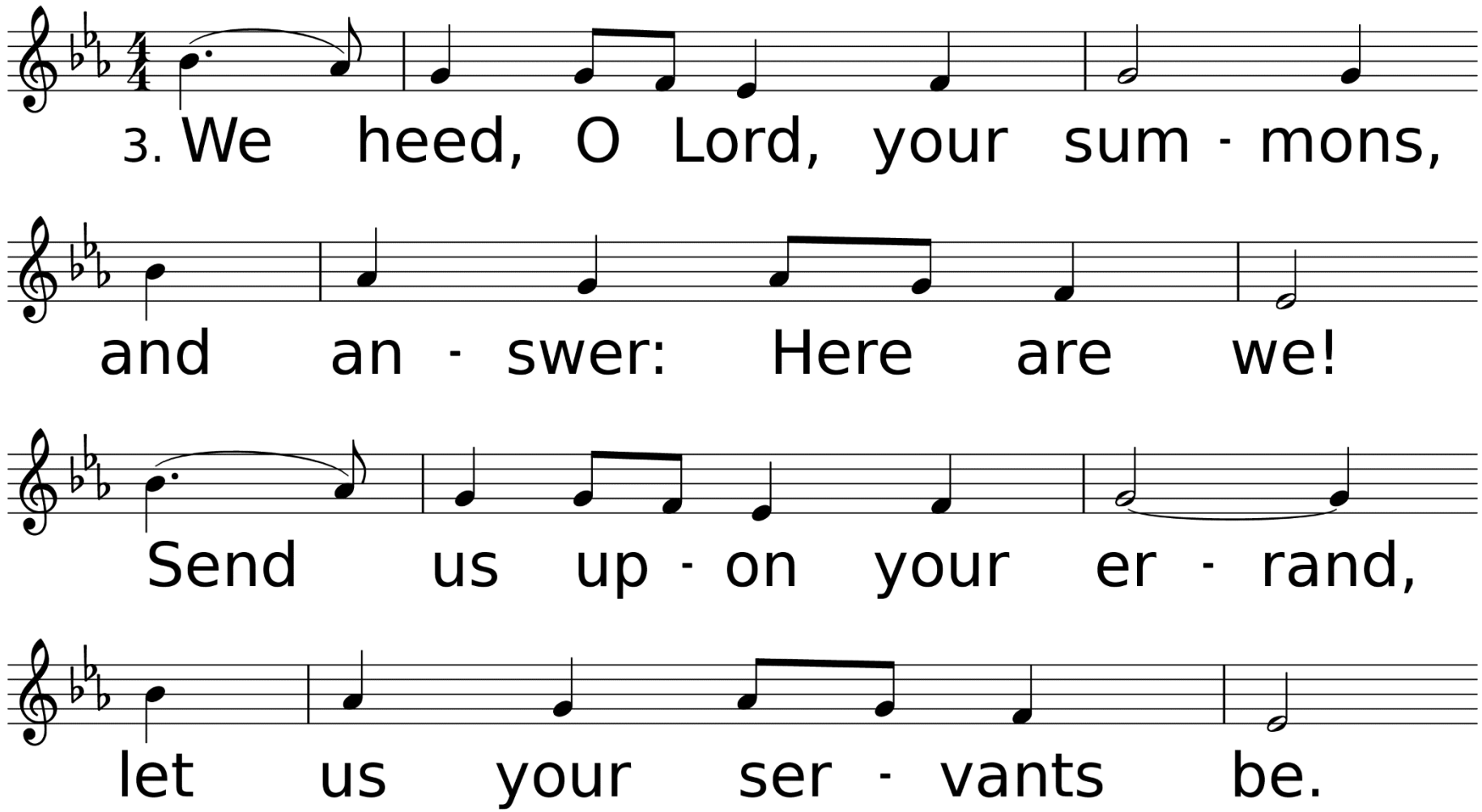
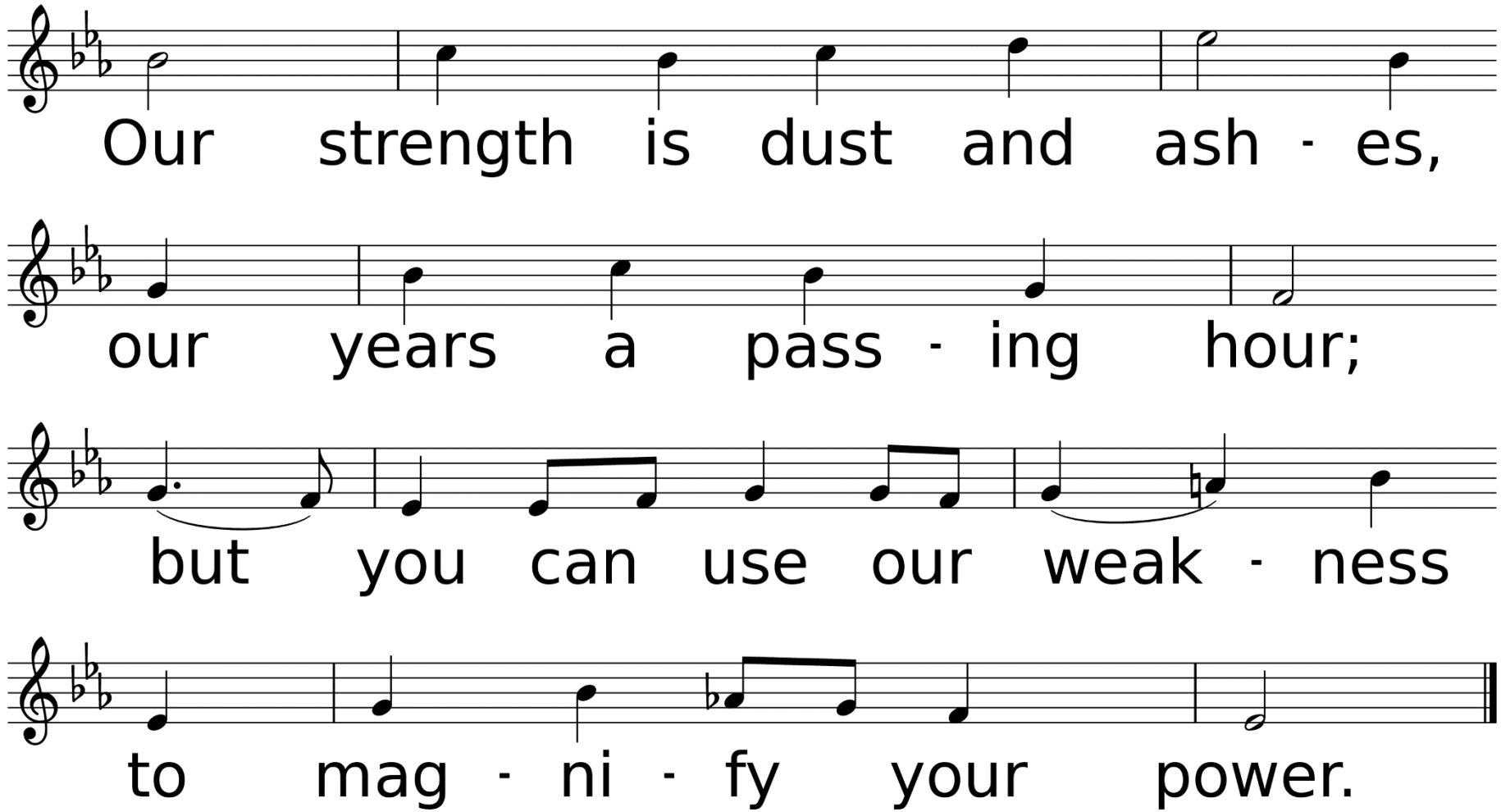
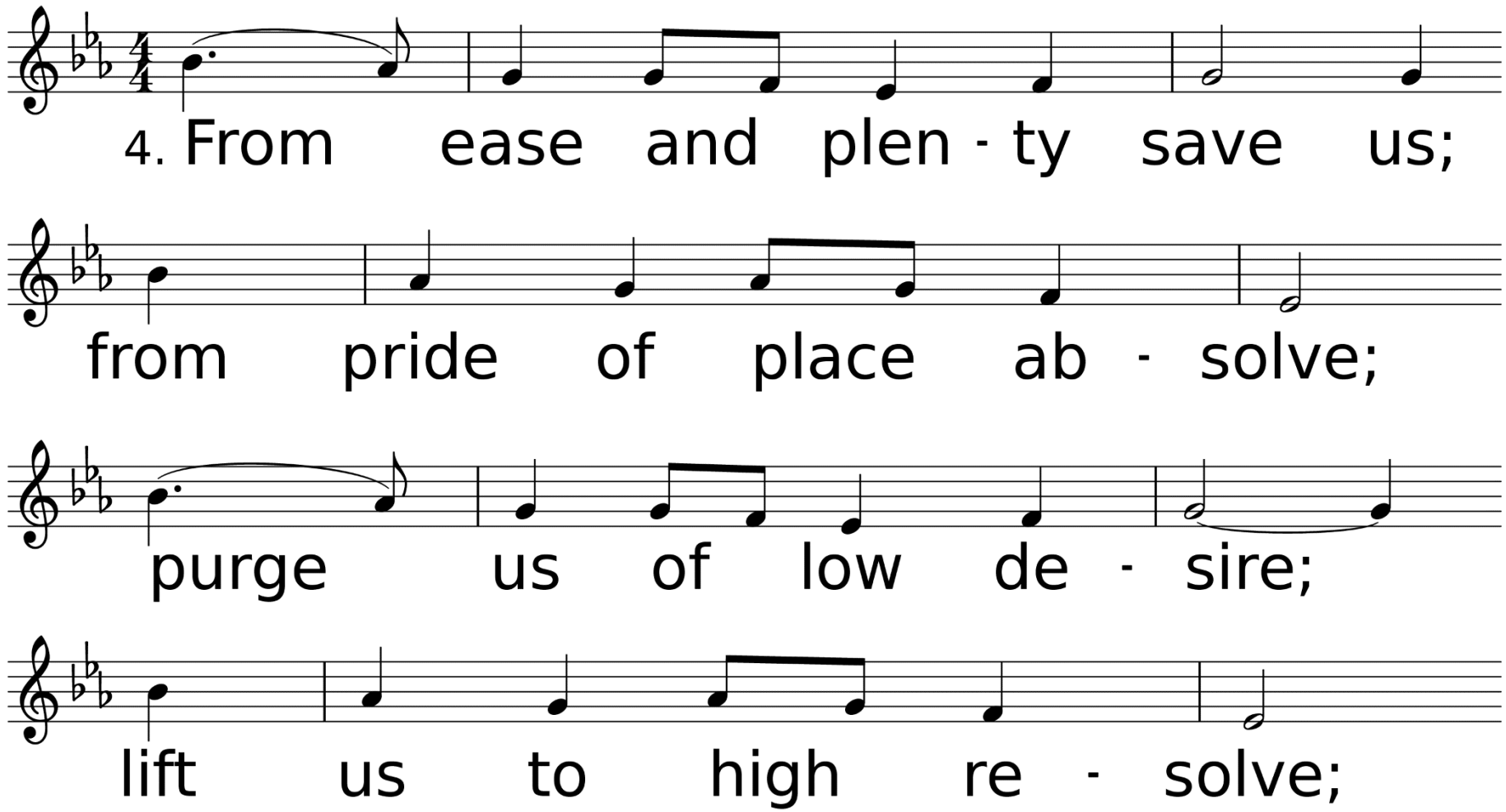

"Whom shall I send to suc - cor
my peo - ple in their need?
Whom shall I send to loos - en
the bonds of shame and greed?

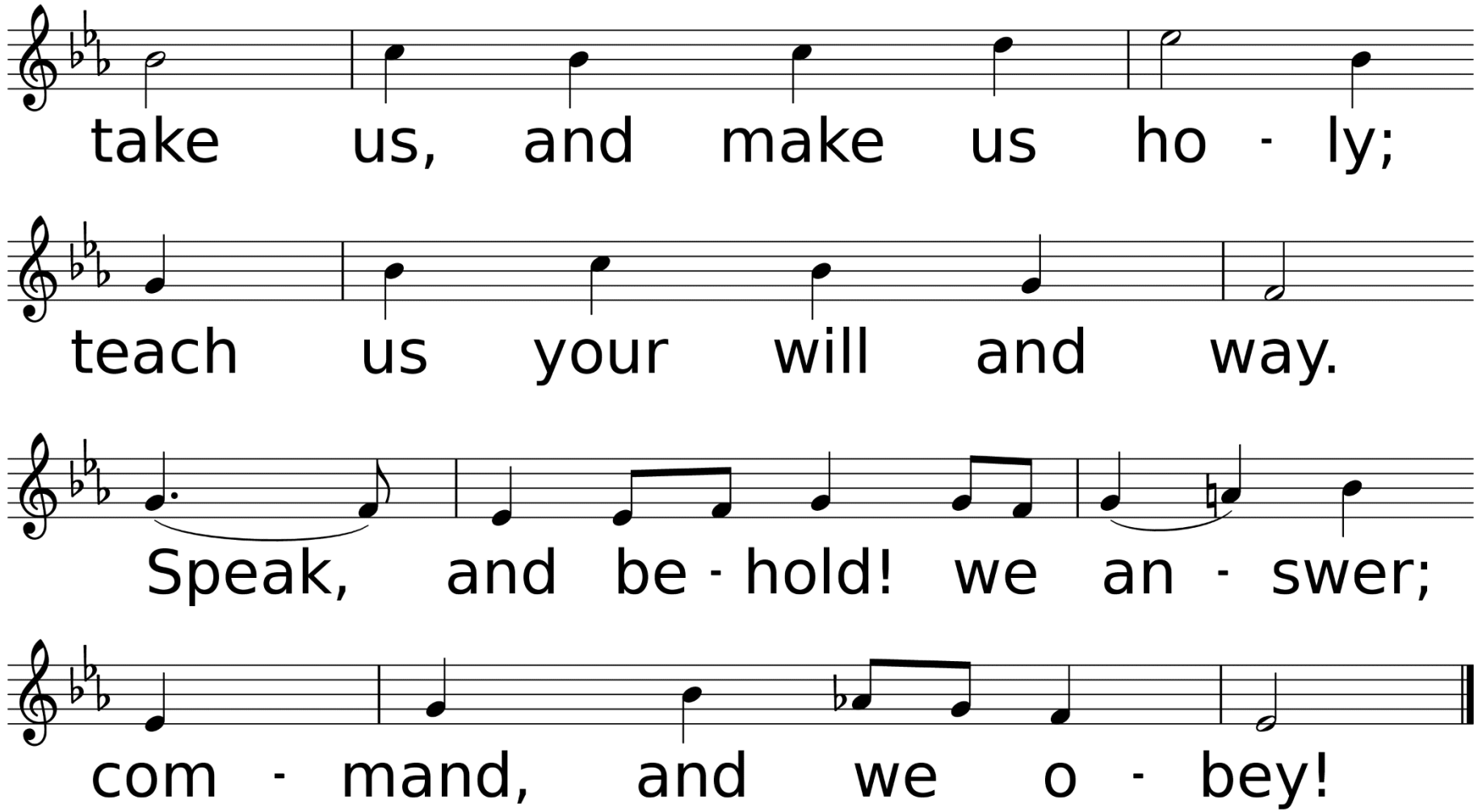

2. "I hear my peo - ple cry - ing
in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is si - lent,
no cit - y street is still.

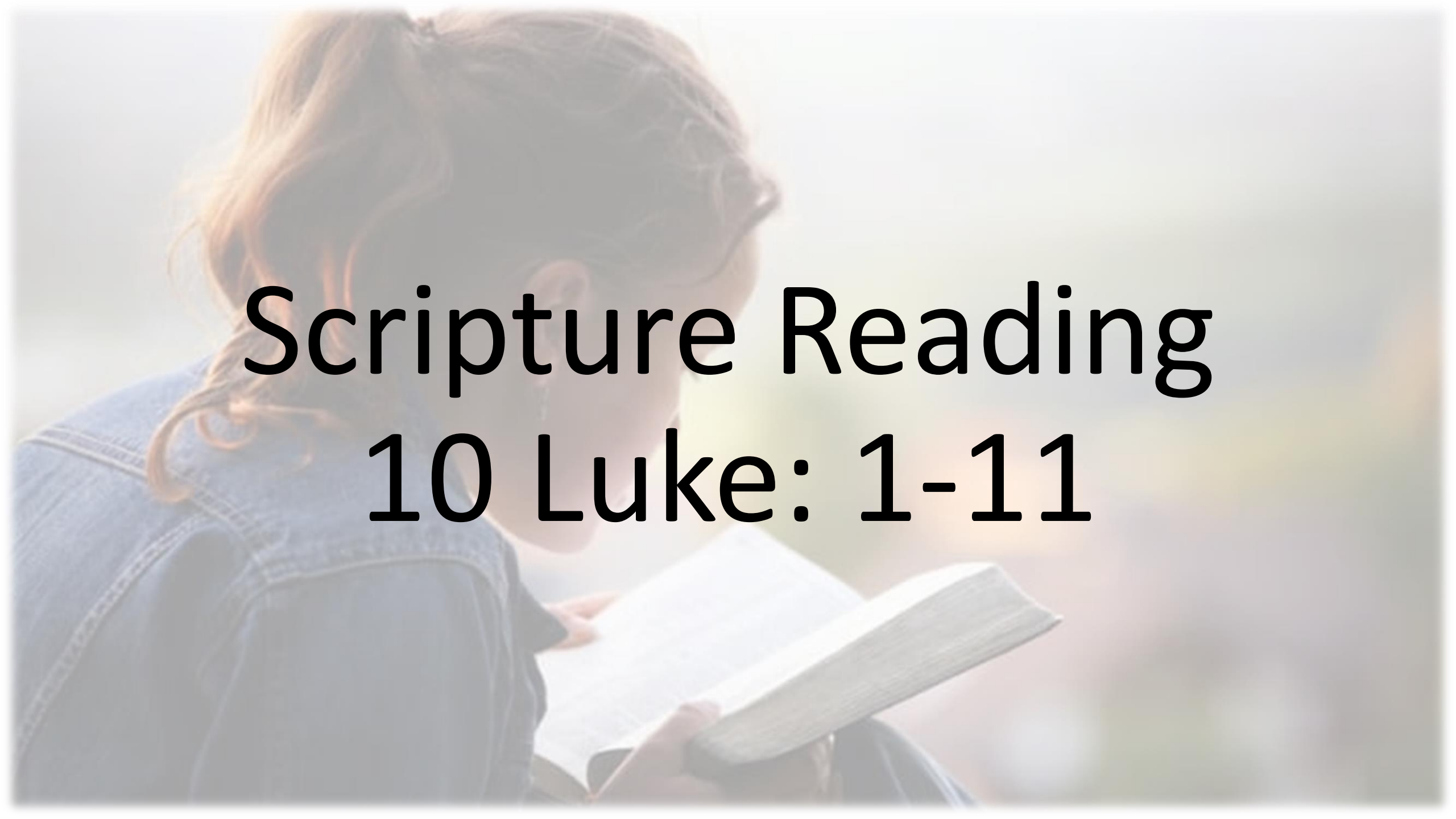

I see my peo - ple fall - ing
in dark - ness and de - spair.
Whom shall I send to shat - ter
the fet - ters which they bear?”


3. We heed, O Lord, your sum - mons,
and an - swer: Here are we!
Send us up - on your er - rand,
let us your ser - vants be.


Our strength is dust and ash - es,
our years a pass - ing hour;
but you can use our weak - ness
to mag - ni - fy your power.


4. From ease and plen - ty save us;
from pride of place ab - solve;
purge us of low de - sire;
lift us to high re - solve;


take us, and make us ho - ly;
teach us your will and way.
Speak, and be - hold! we an - swer;
com - mand, and we o - bey!



Scripture Reading
10 Luke: 1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;

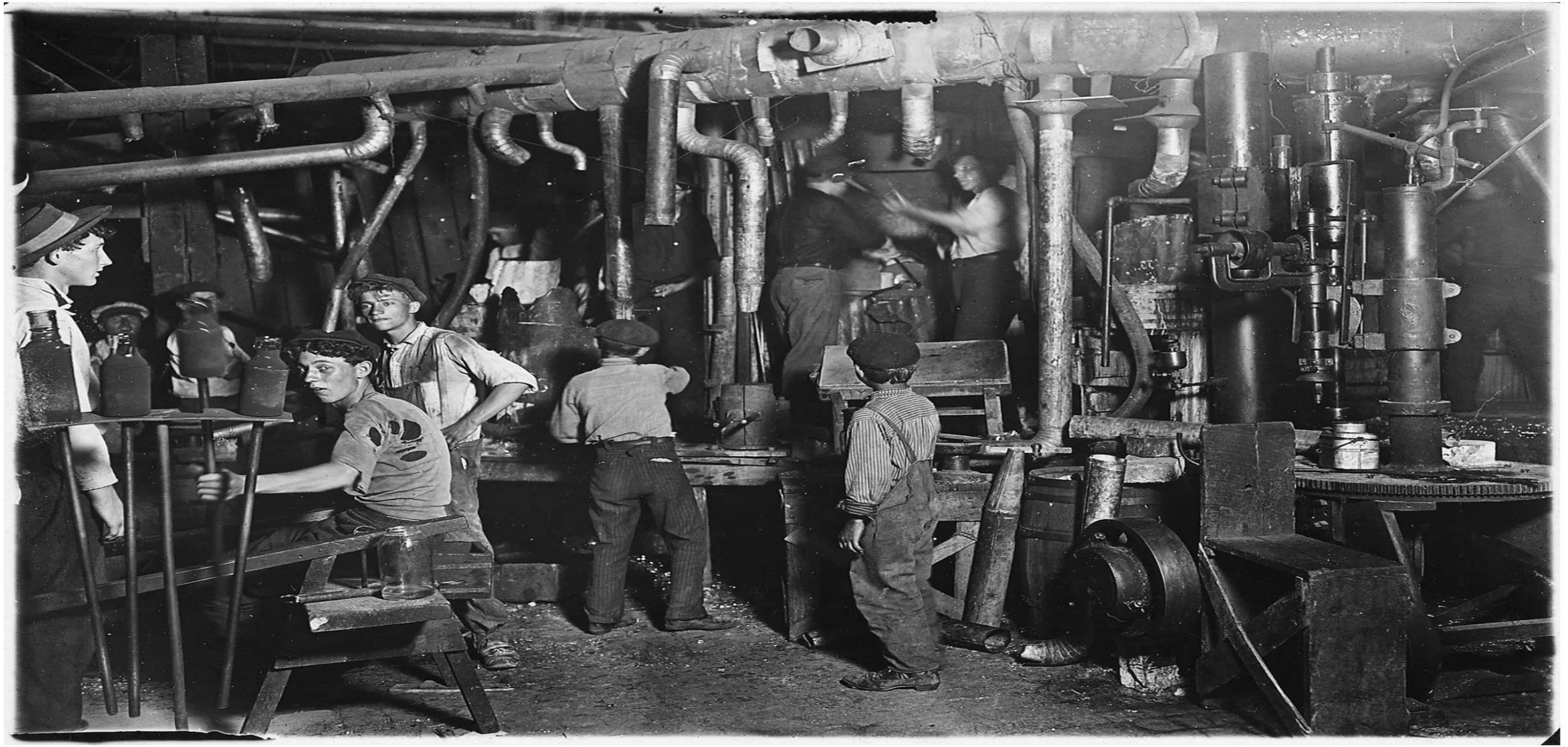
cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

“Who Are You Working For?”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Inside the American Waltham Watch Company factory in the late 1800s. Image: Digital Commonwealth



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These boys were seen at 9 at night, working in an Indiana Glass Works factory, August 1908.

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MCLC & Children’s & Youth Ministry in the Gym

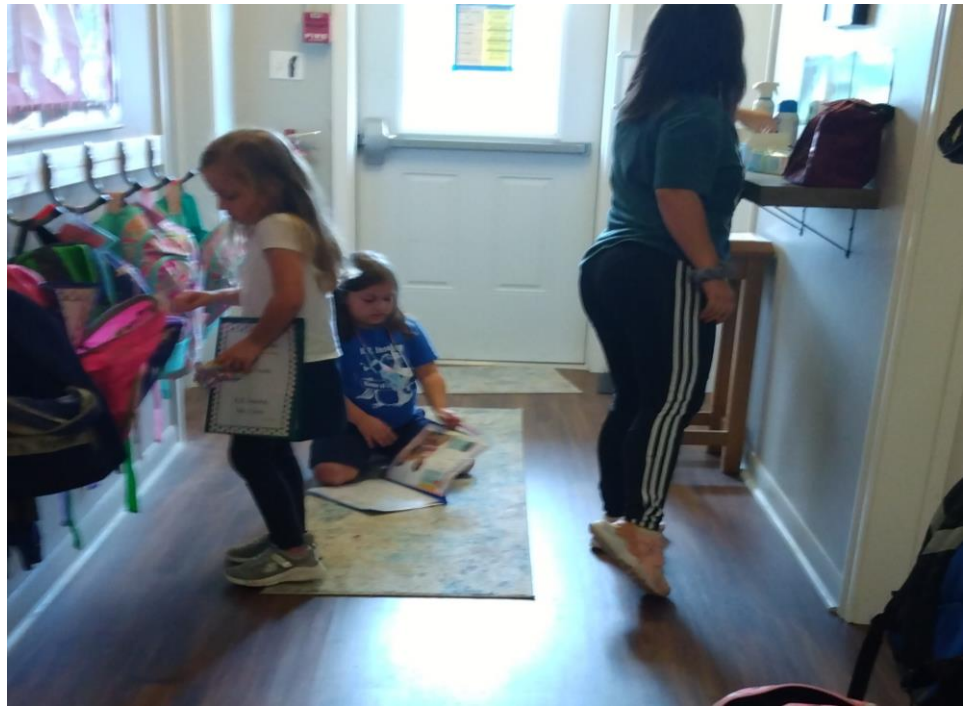
MCLC at Christmas Time

Hurricane Laura Recovery Efforts

United Methodist Women

Circles on a Mission 2021!

Wesley Education Center



Anthem

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

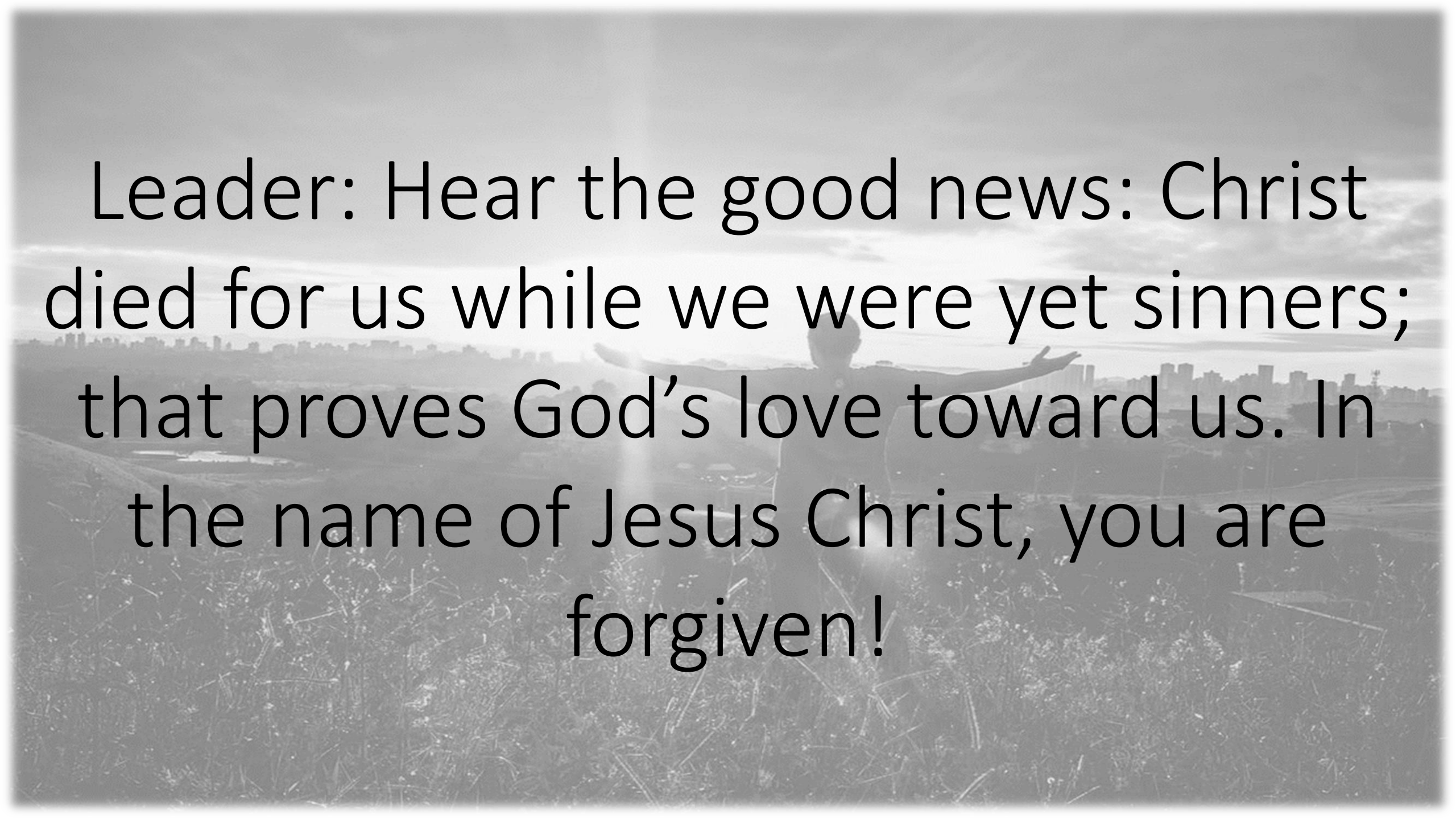
Attr. to Daniel March/W.A. Mozart

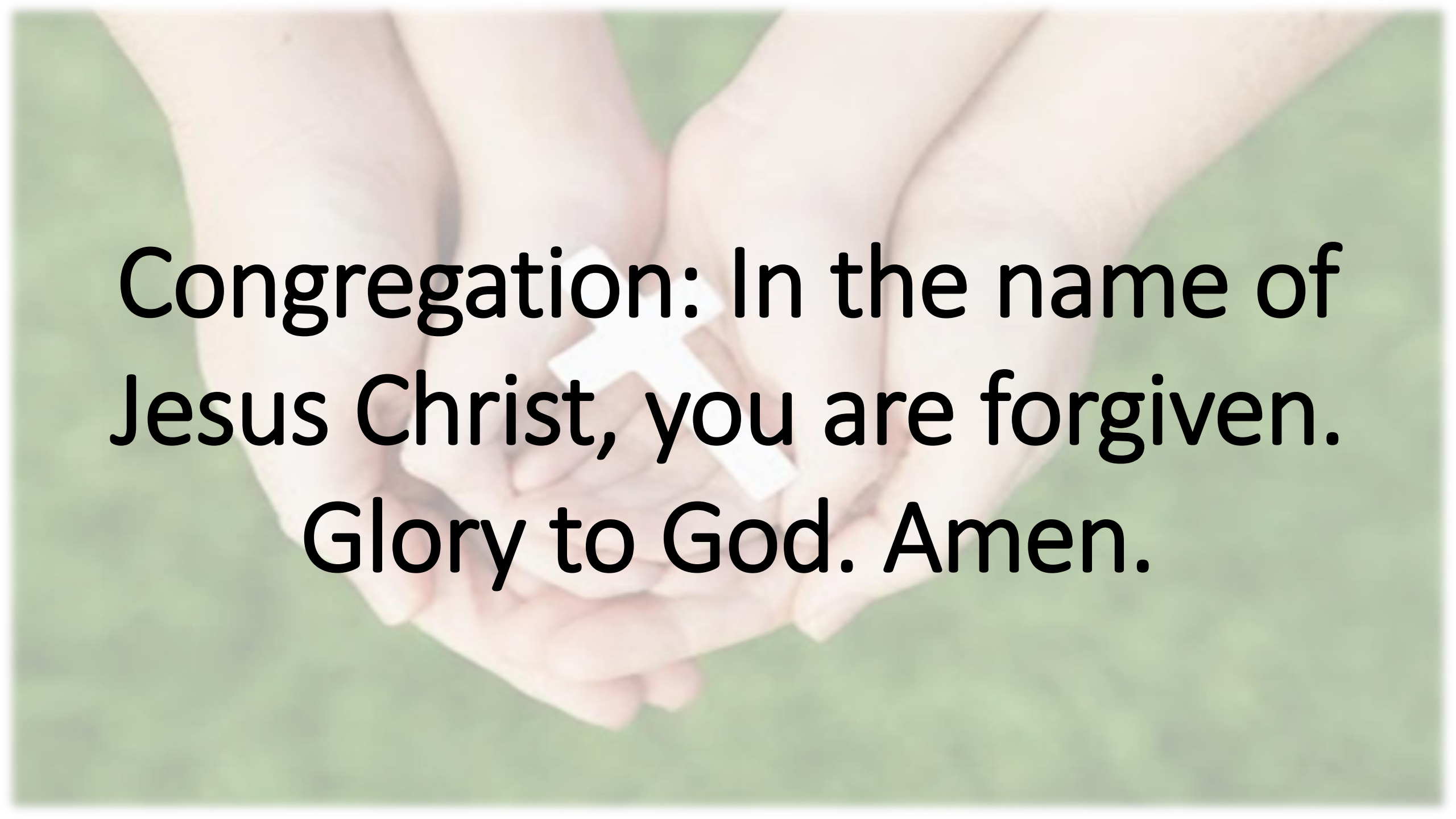
Arr. By Hubert P. Main

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

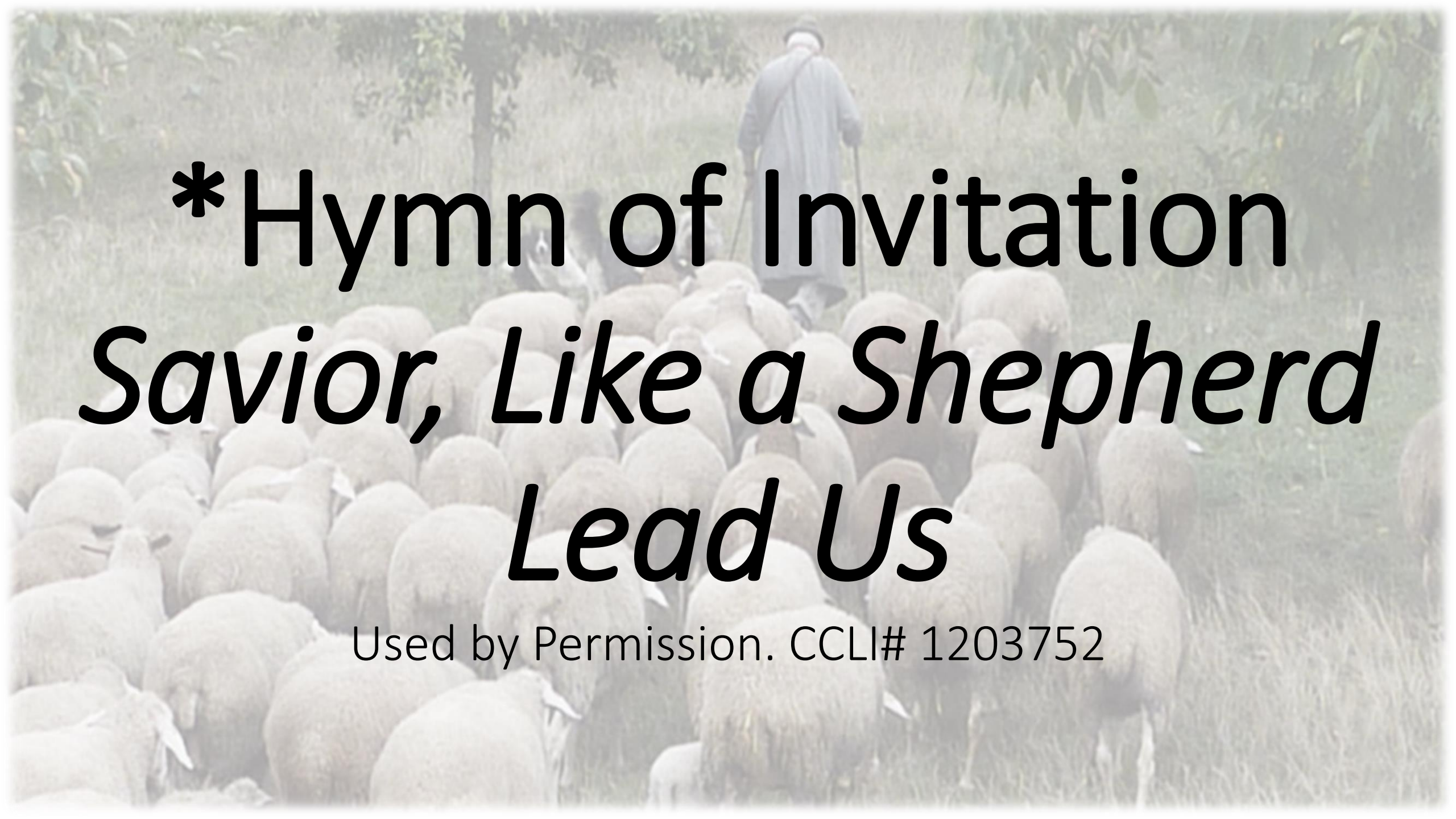
Congregation: Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive 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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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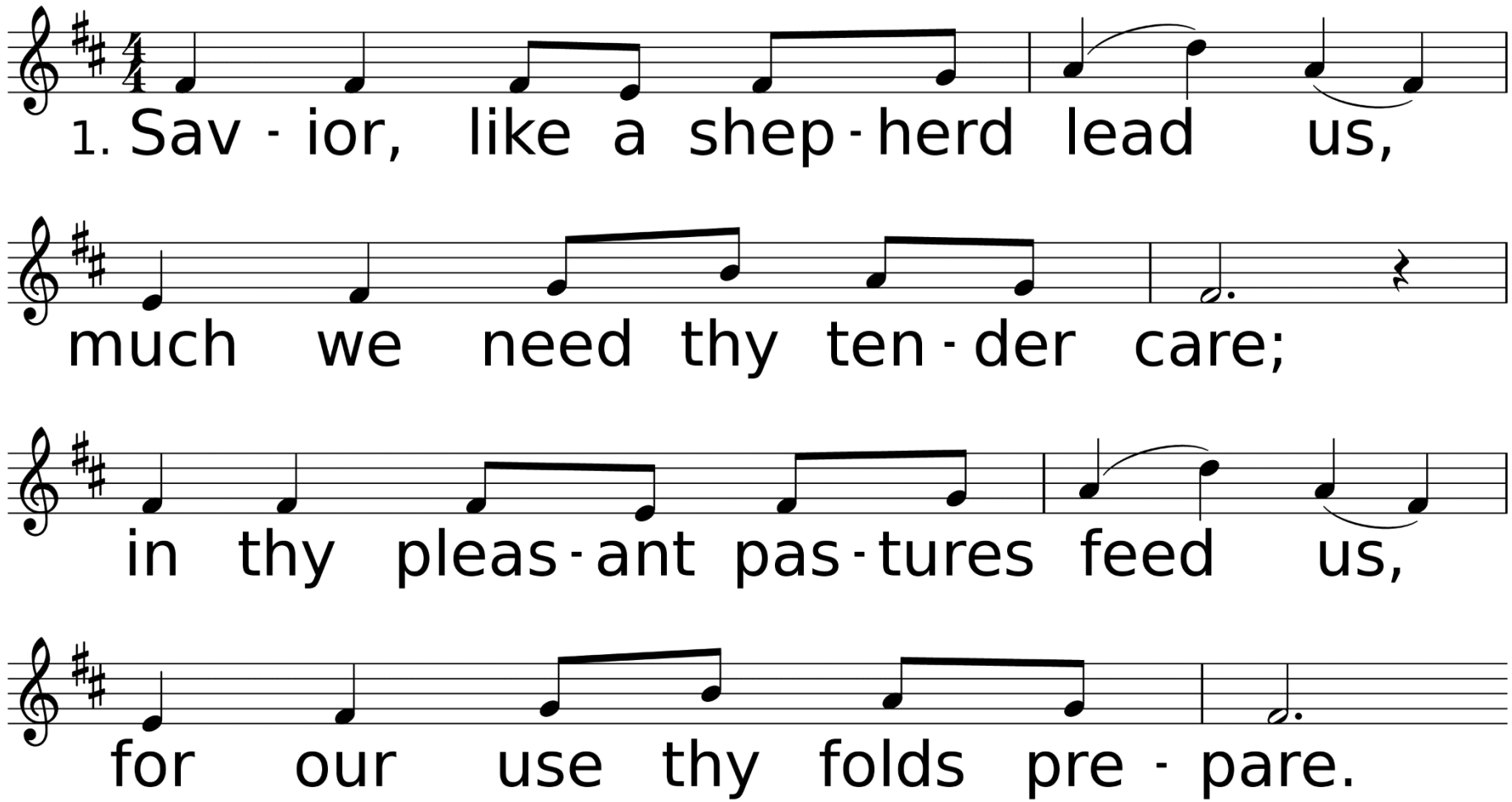

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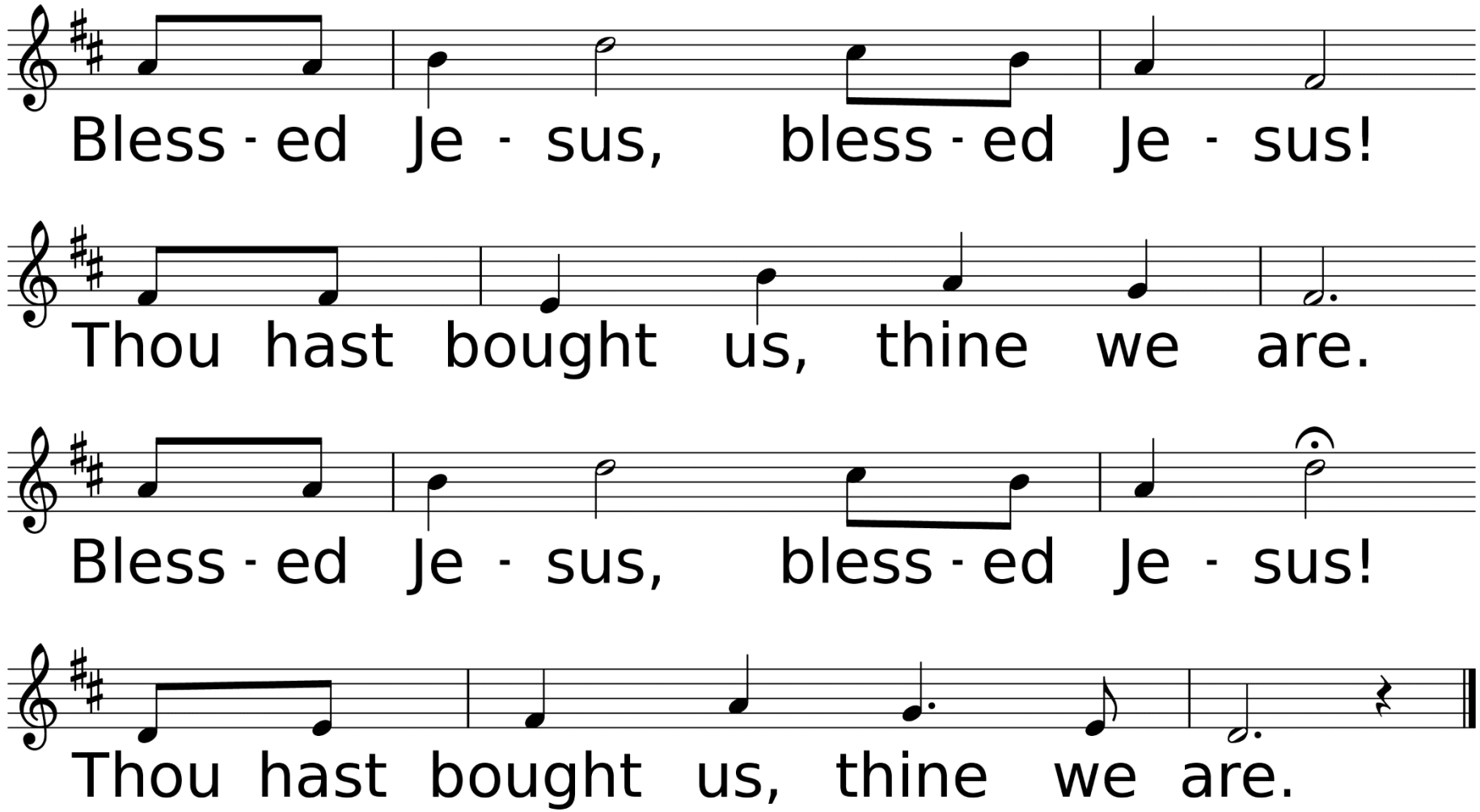
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Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
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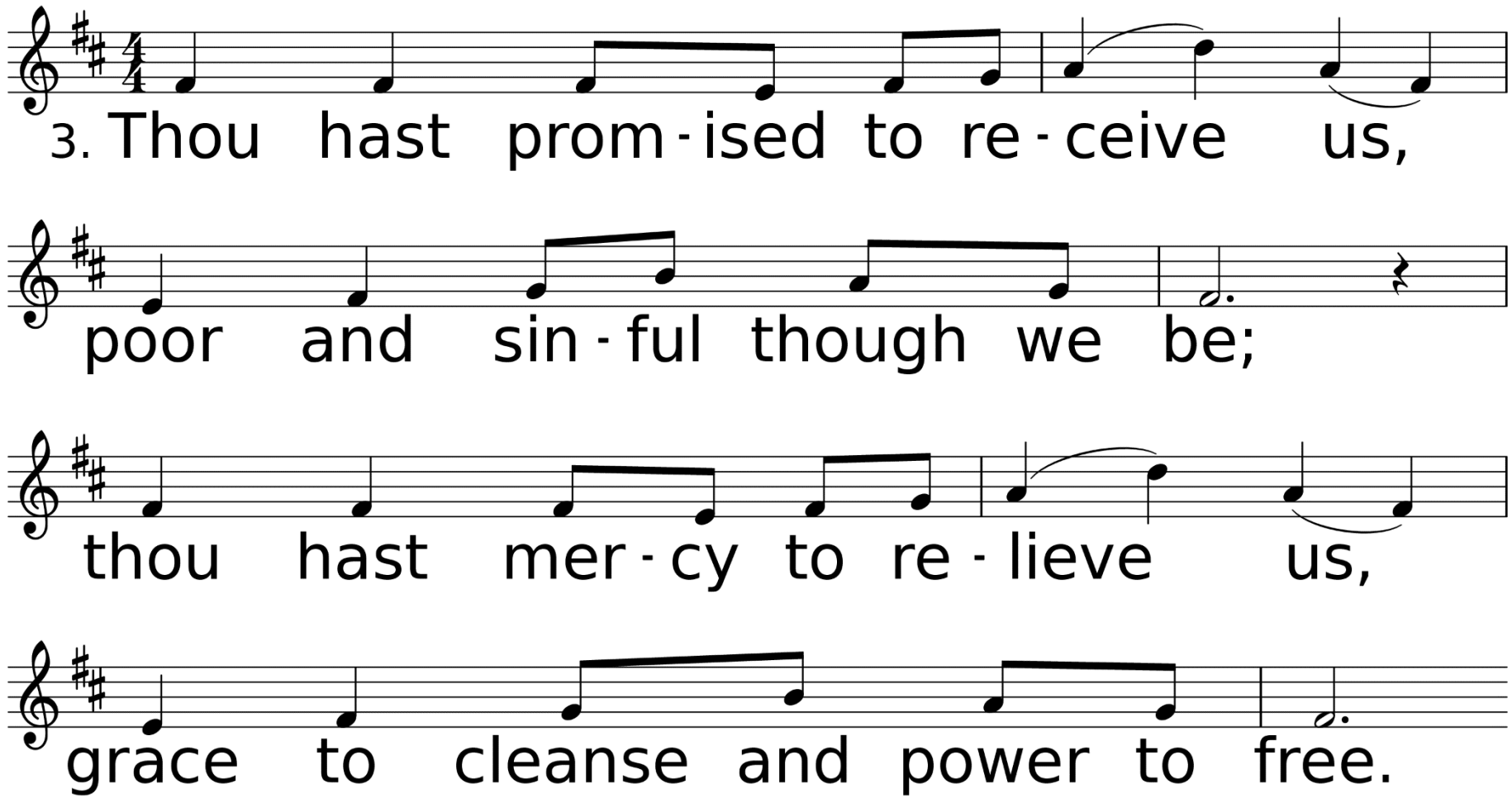
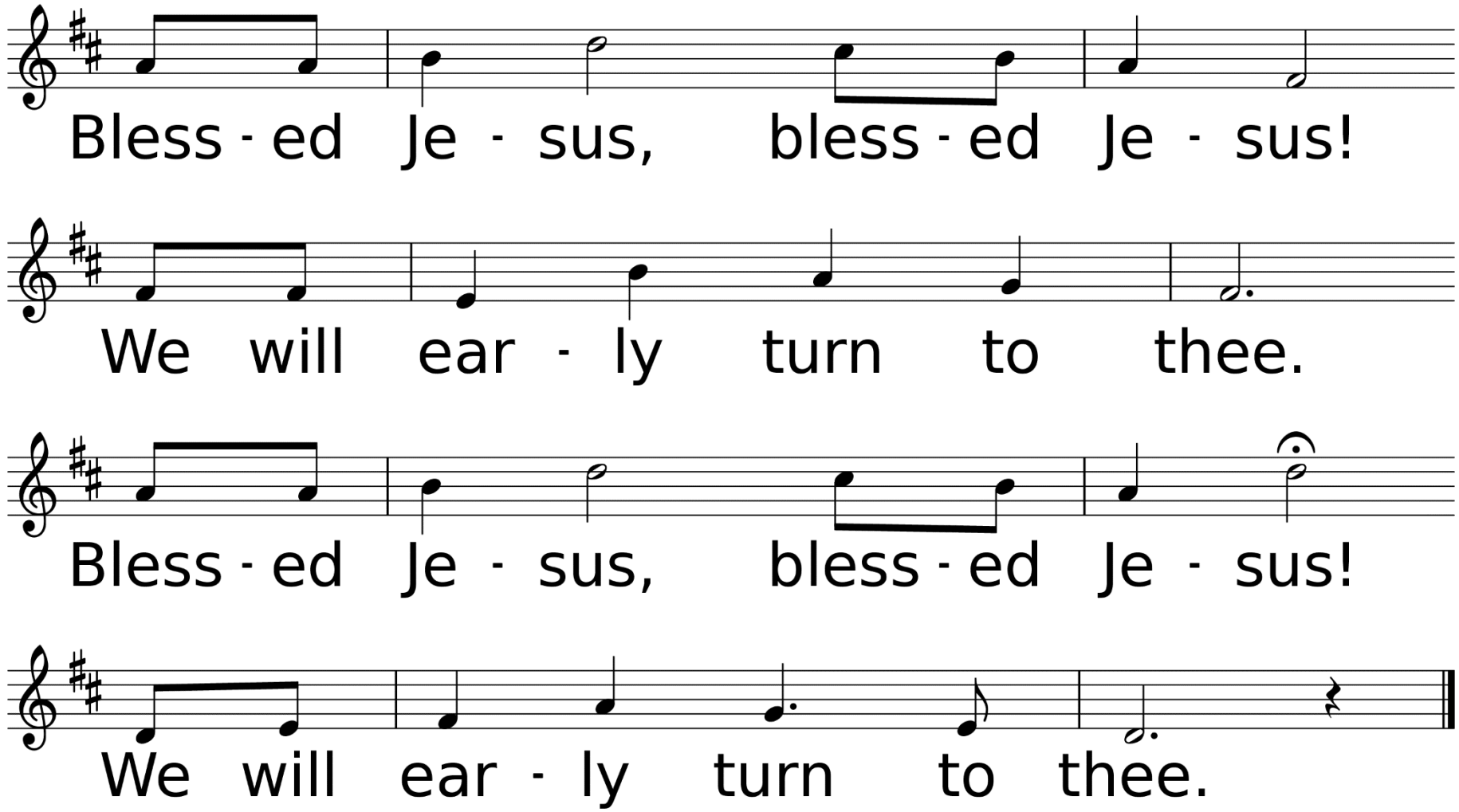

3. Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us,
poor and sin-ful though we be;
thou hast mer-cy to re-lieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.


Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus!
We will ear - ly turn to thee.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus!
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*Benediction

*Sending Forth

I Love to Tell the Story

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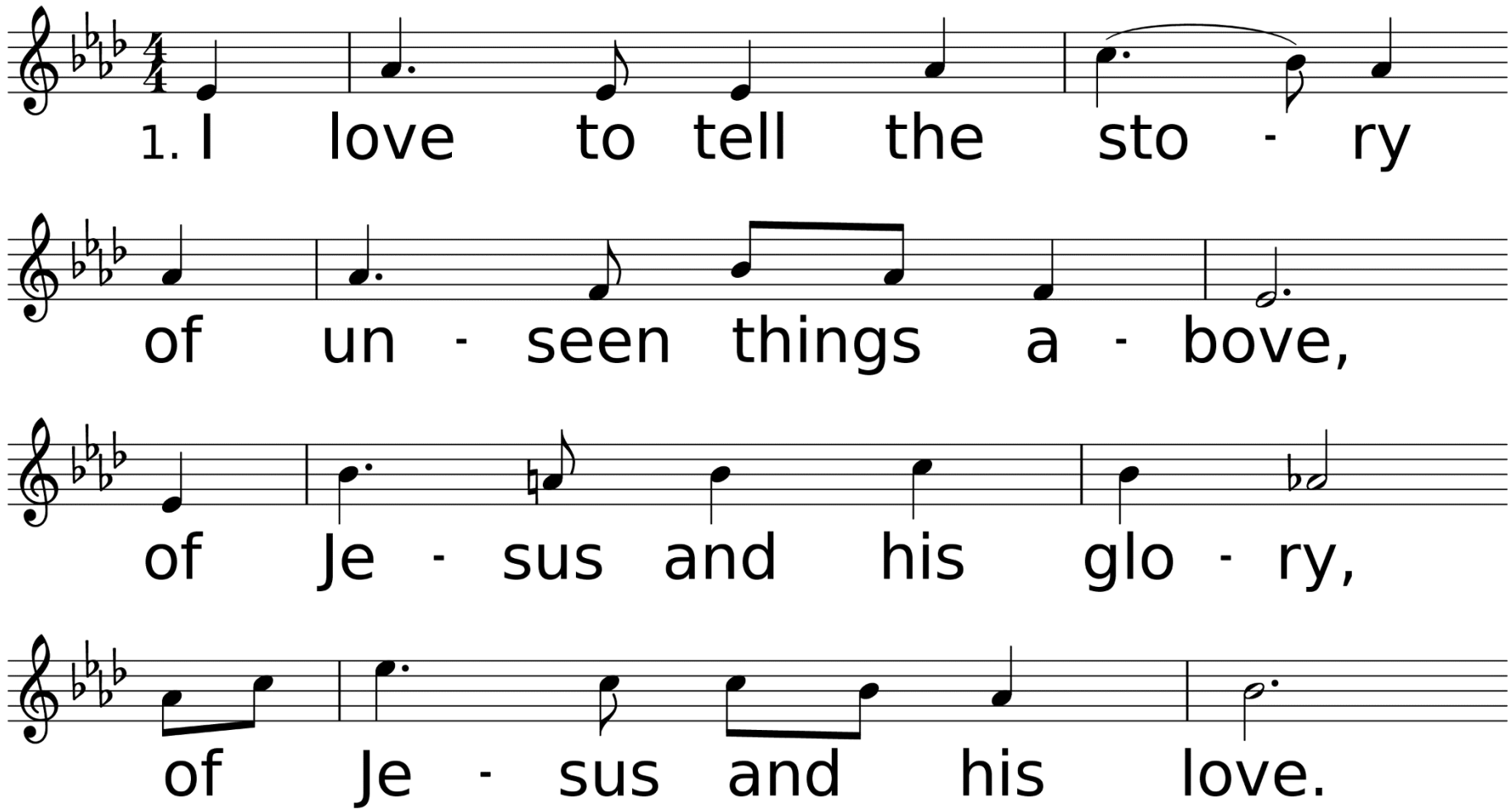

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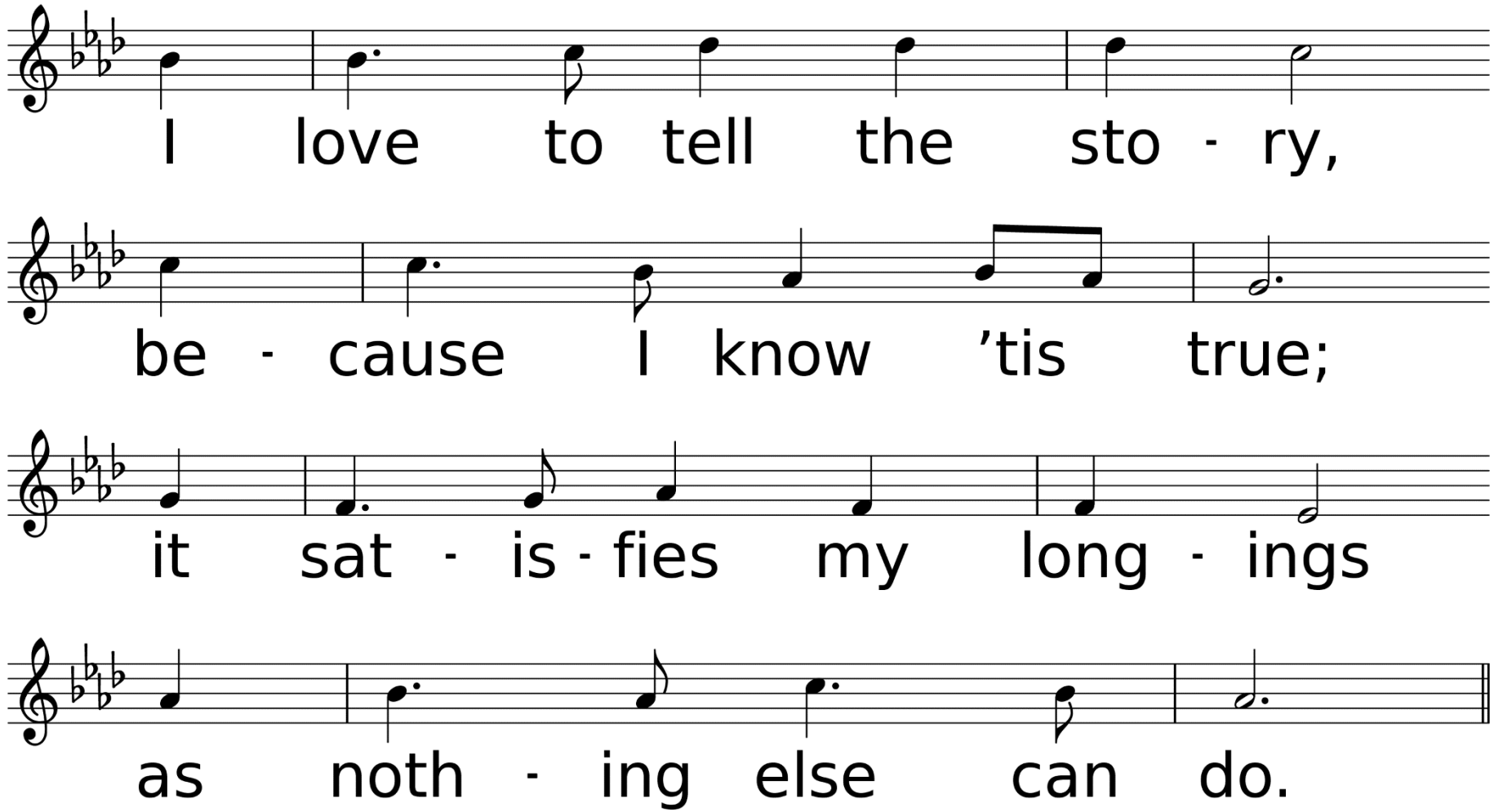
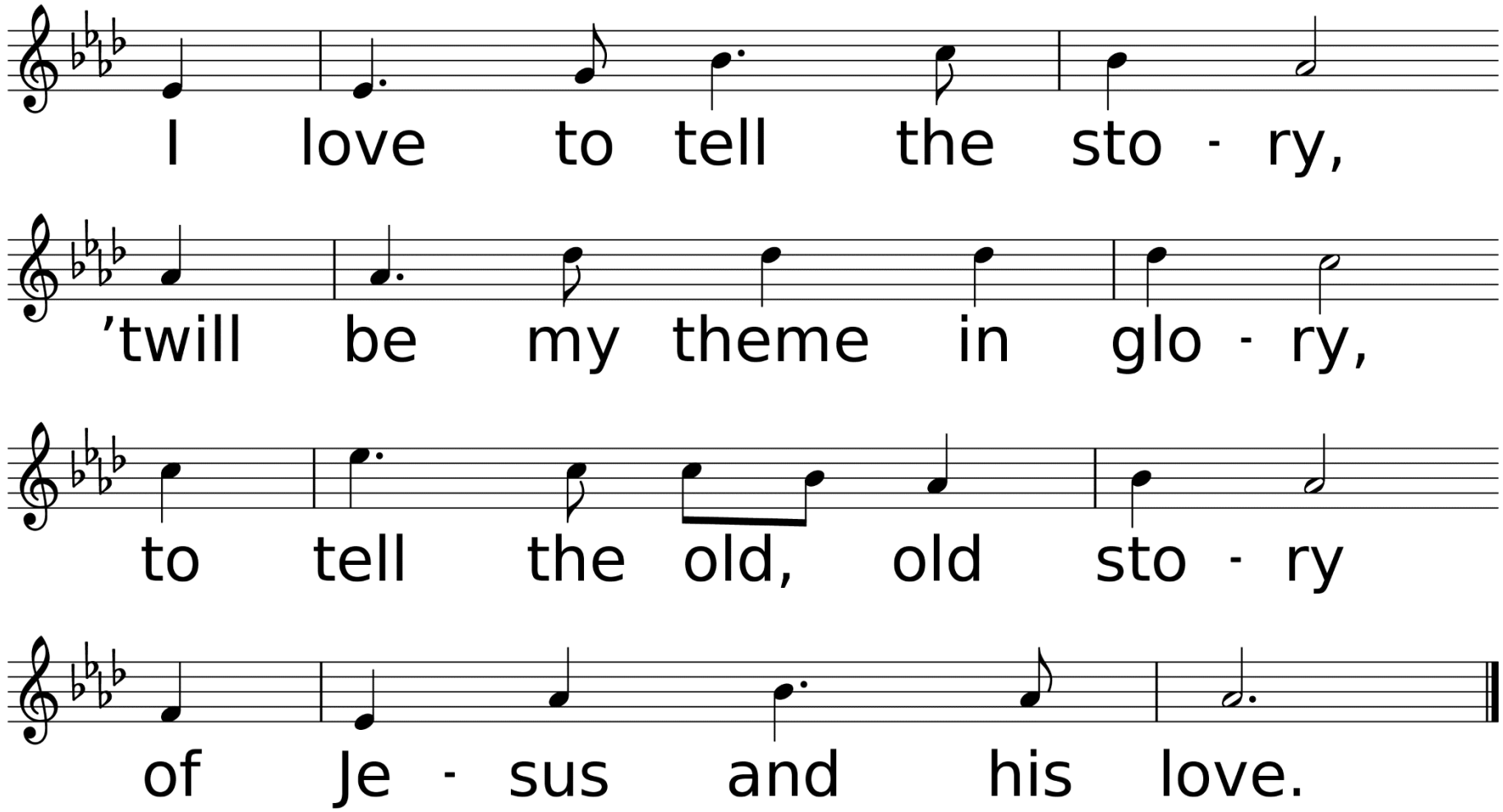

I love to tell the sto - ry,
be - cause I know 'tis true;
it sat - is - fies my long - ings
as noth - ing else can do.


I love to tell the sto - ry,
'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
to tell the old, old sto - ry
of Je - sus and his love.

Thank you for joining us today!