Welcome Home!

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Candlelight &

Communion Service

Sanctuary & Online

5:30 PM

Announcements

Call to Worship
One Holy Night in Bethlehem

Mary N. Keithahn & John D. Harmon

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not parish, but have everlasting life.

Congregation: Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come and has overcome the world and gained a blessed immortality for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John 1:3-5

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Congregation: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light! Light of the world shine in our lives and shine always in our lives so that others may see you through us! Emmanuel - Thank you for being God among us and in us! Hallelujah! Amen!

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, the newborn King, who is the light of the world. May the Word sent from God lead us to the way of salvation!

*Hymn of Praise

I Love to Tell the Story

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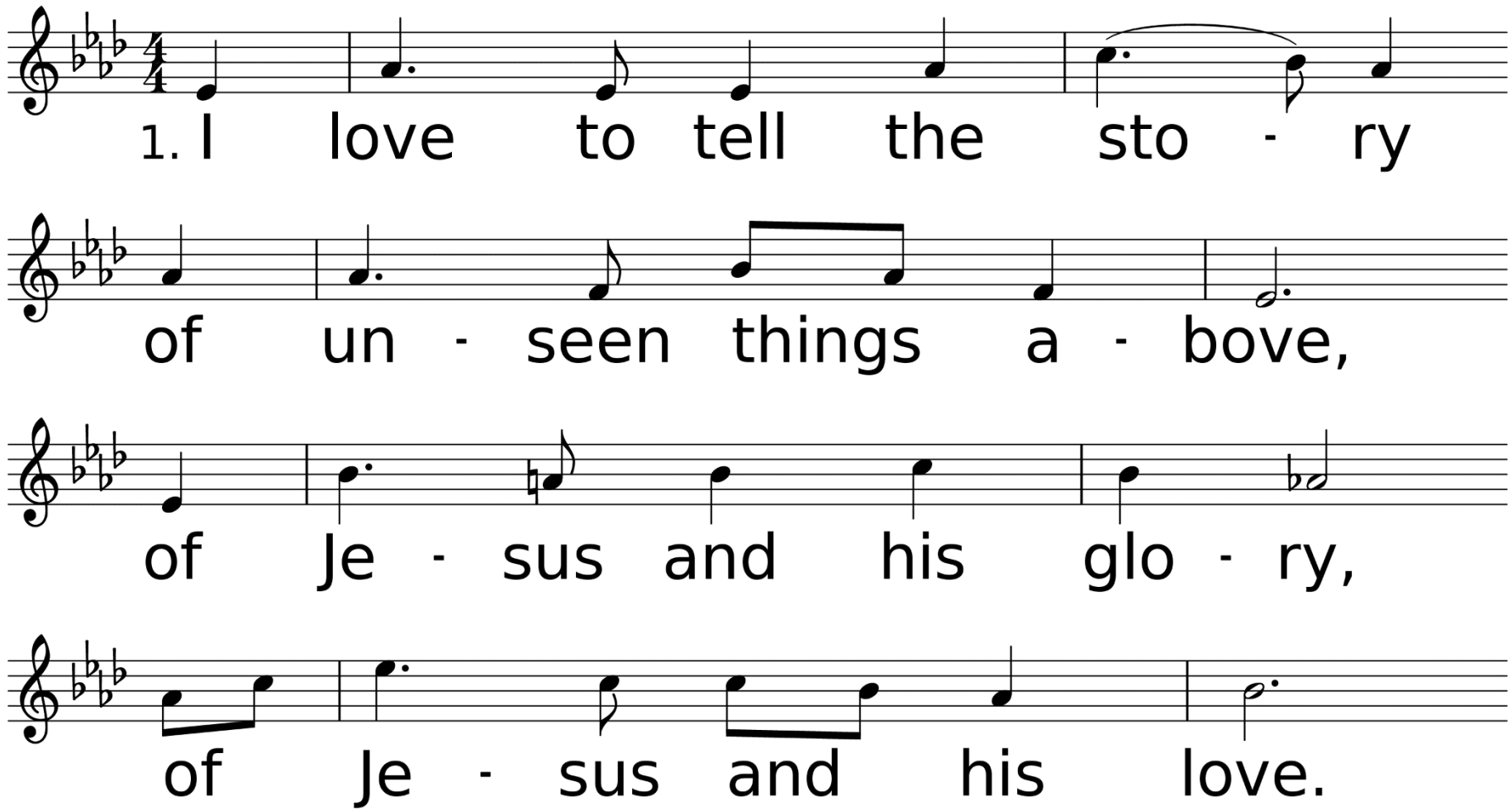

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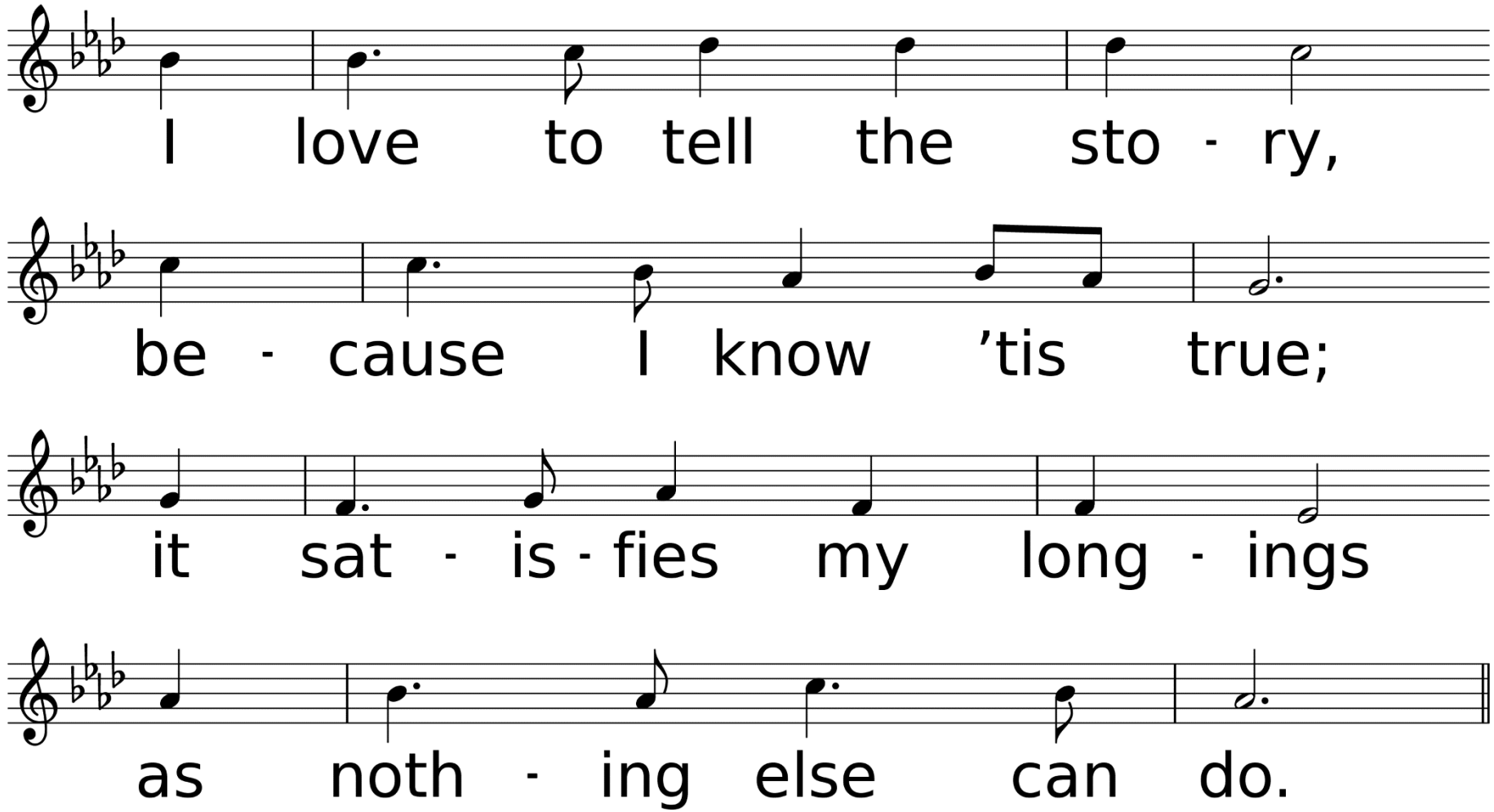
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be - cause I know 'tis true;
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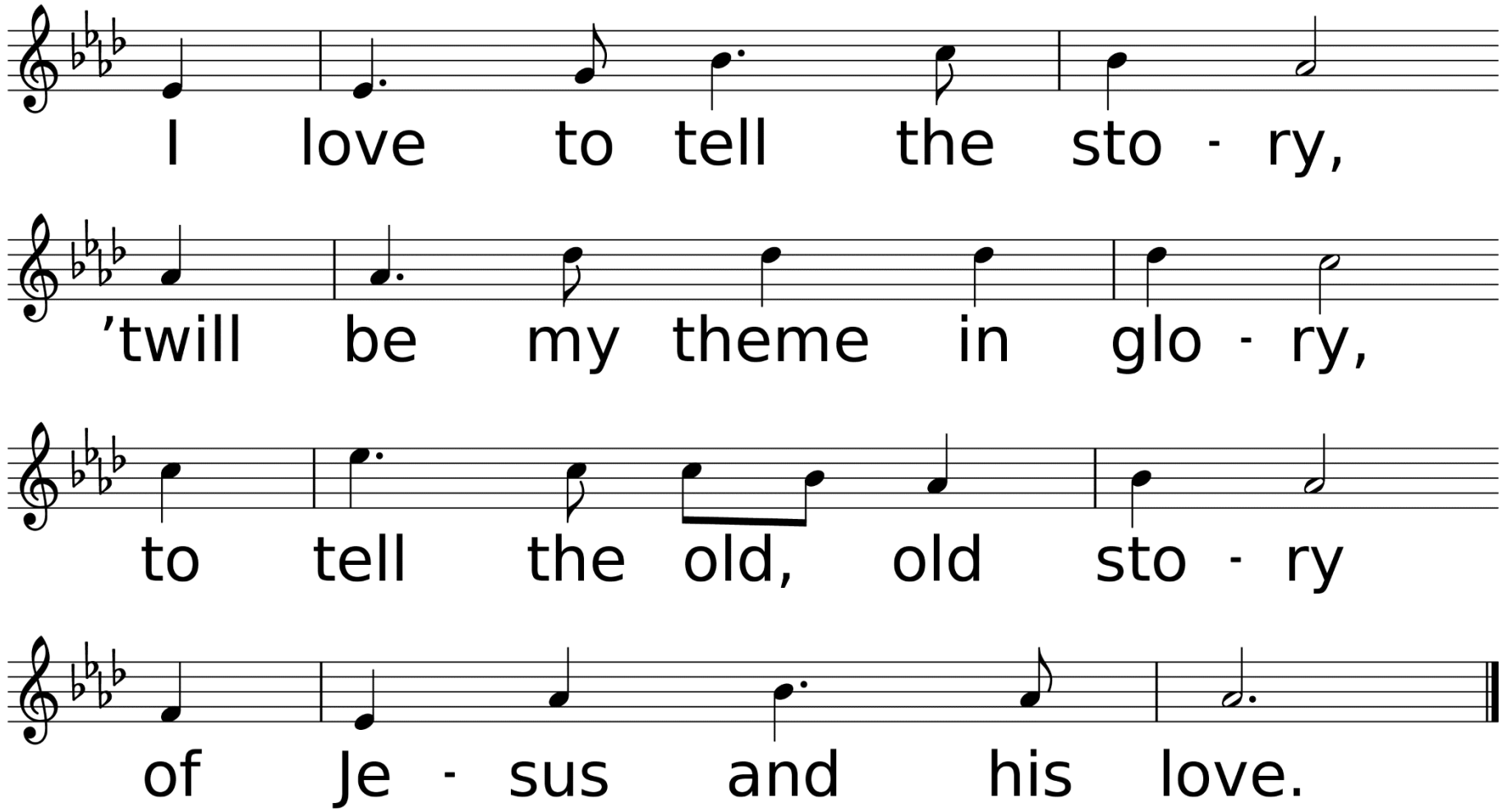
as noth - ing else can do.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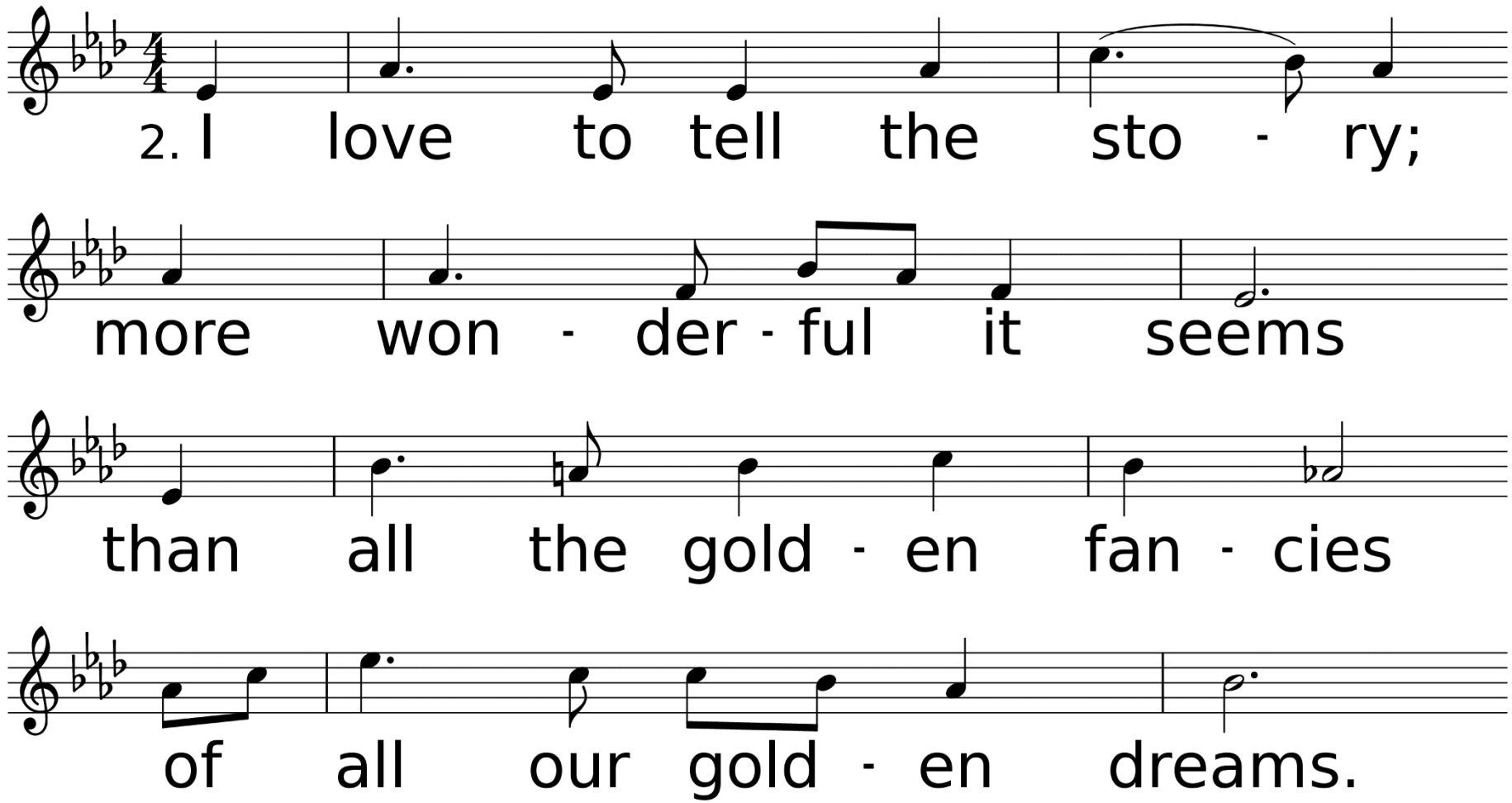
to tell the old, old sto - ry
of Je - sus and his love.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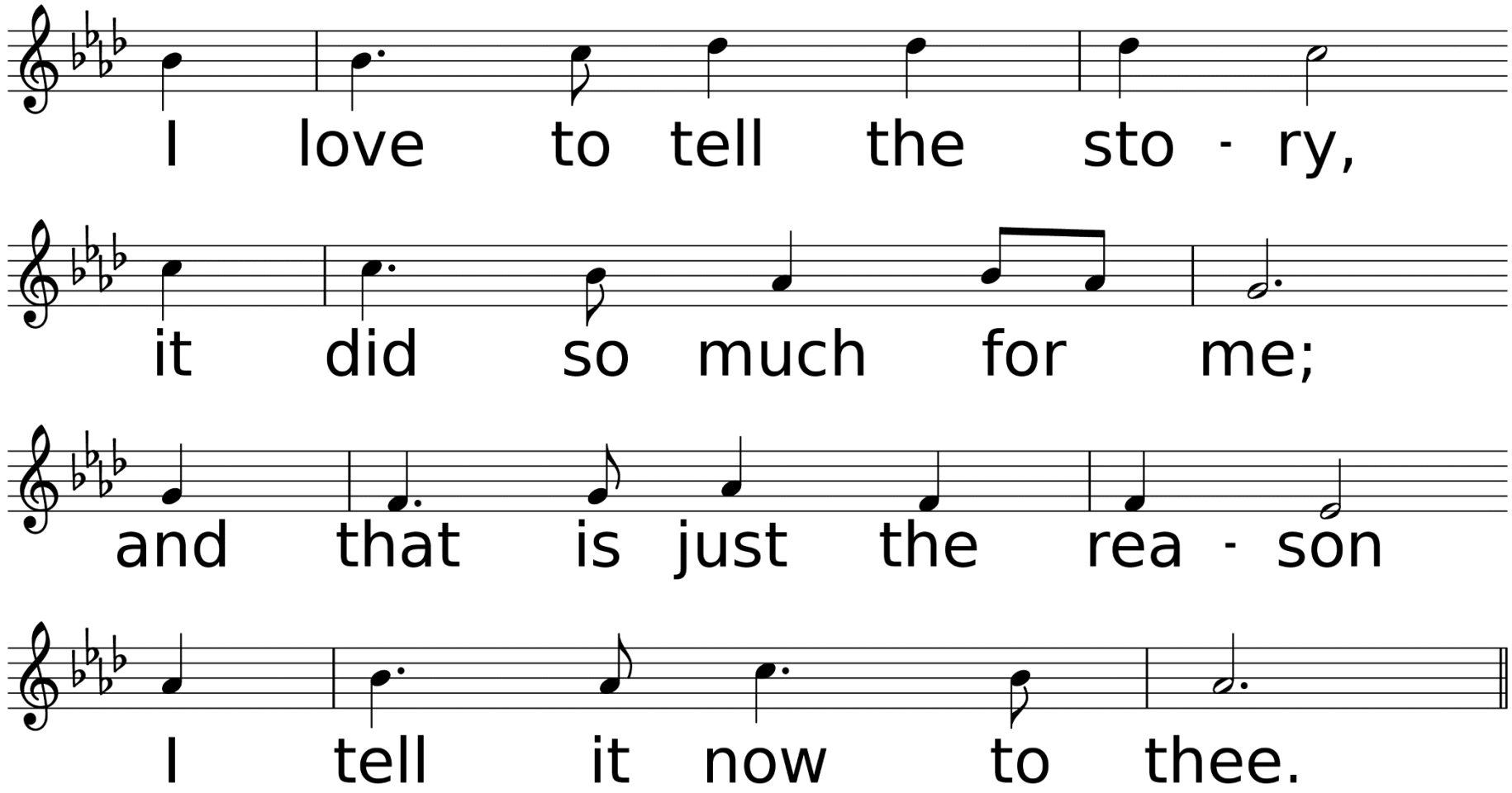
than all the gold - en fan - cies
of all our gold - en dreams.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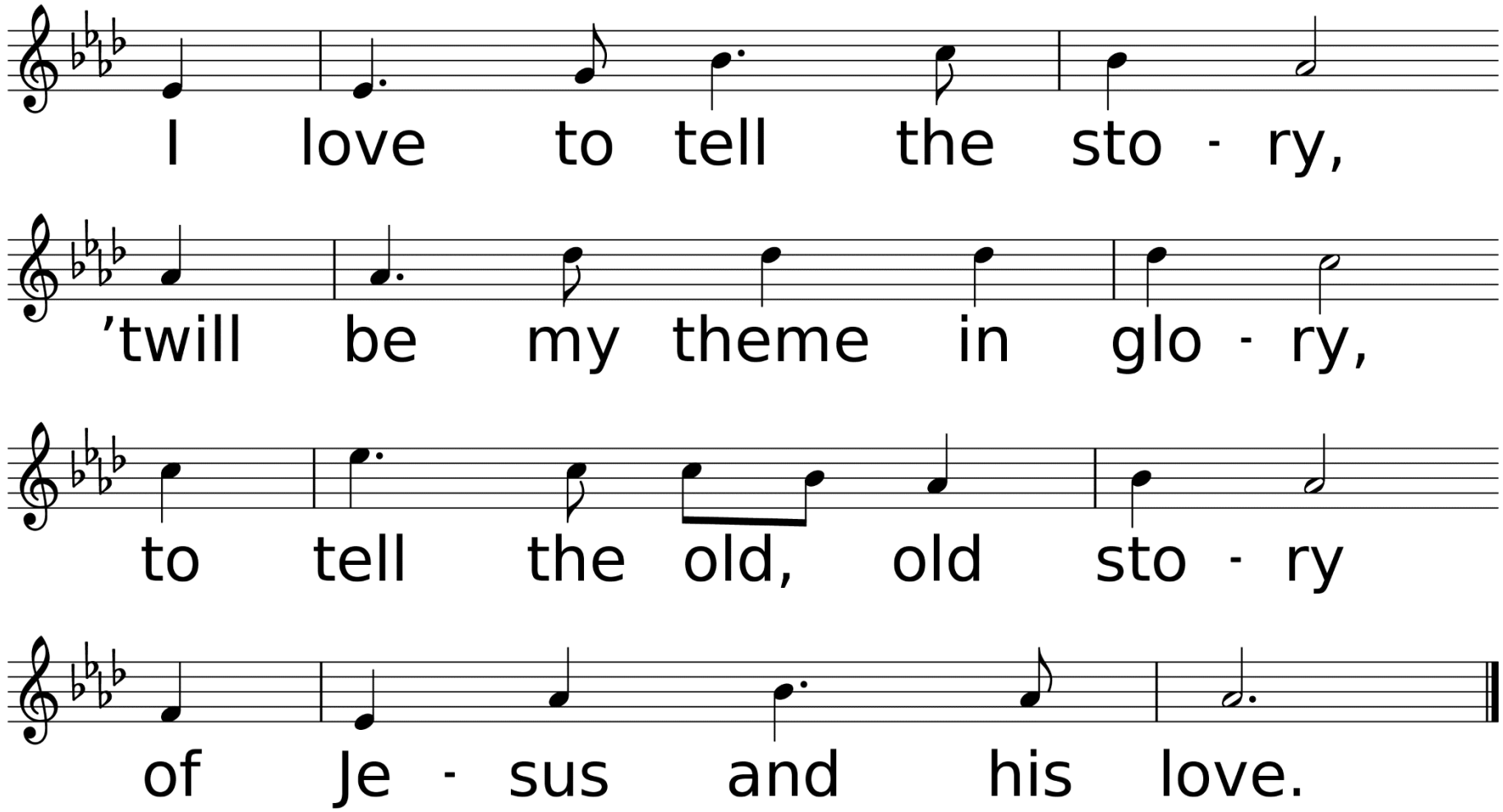
it did so much for me;
and that is just the rea - son
I tell it now to thee.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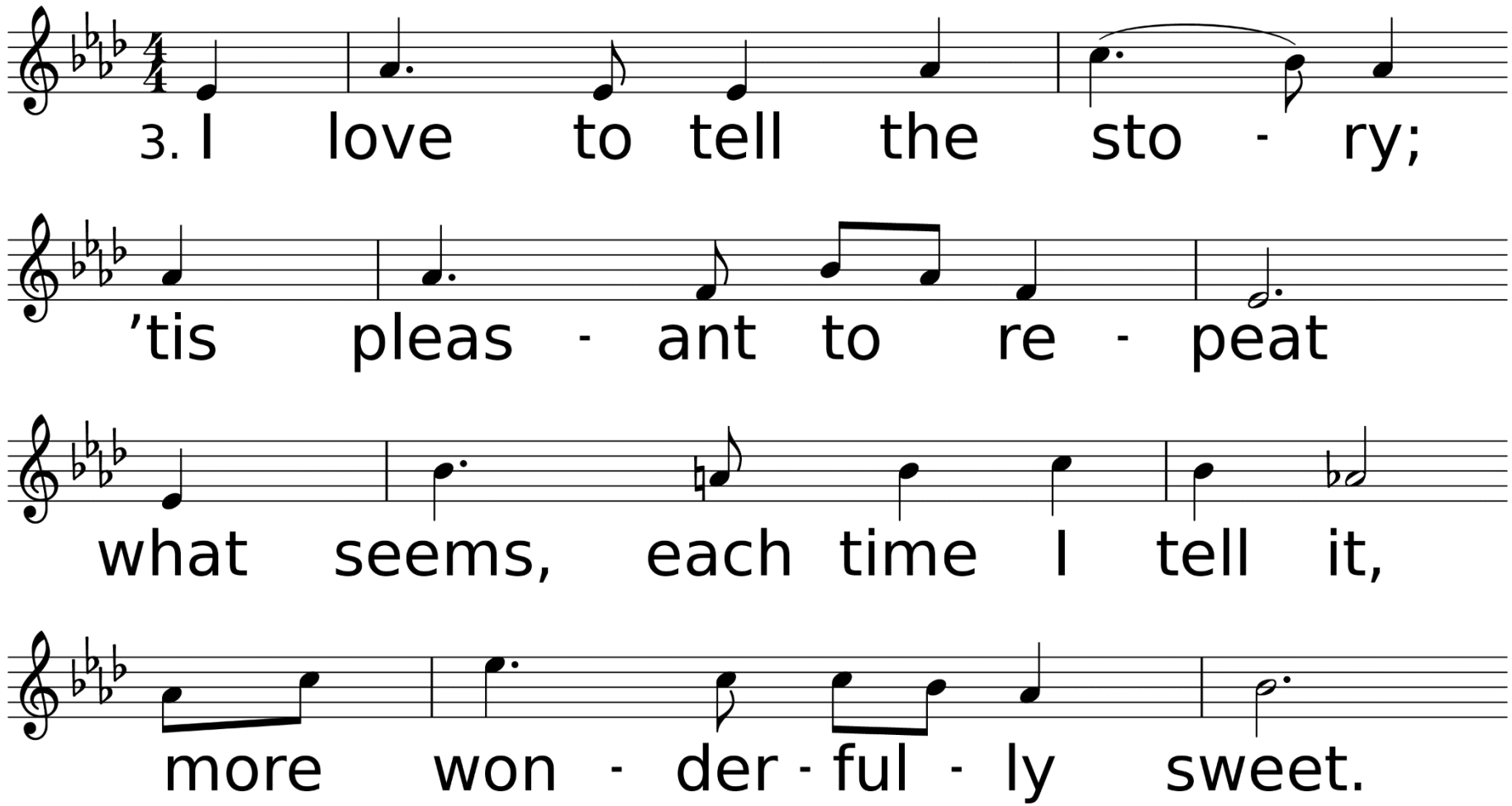
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what seems, each time I tell it,
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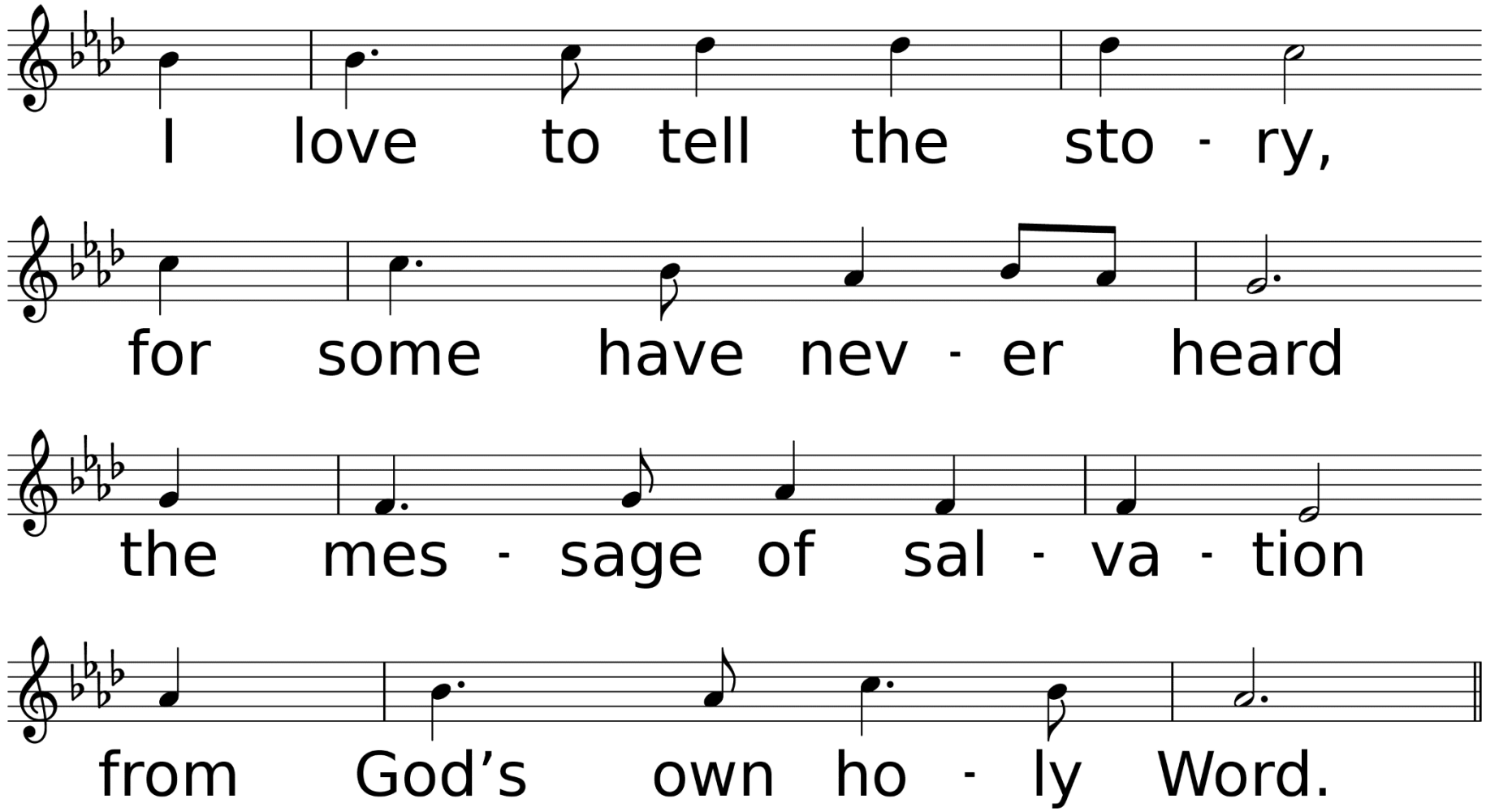
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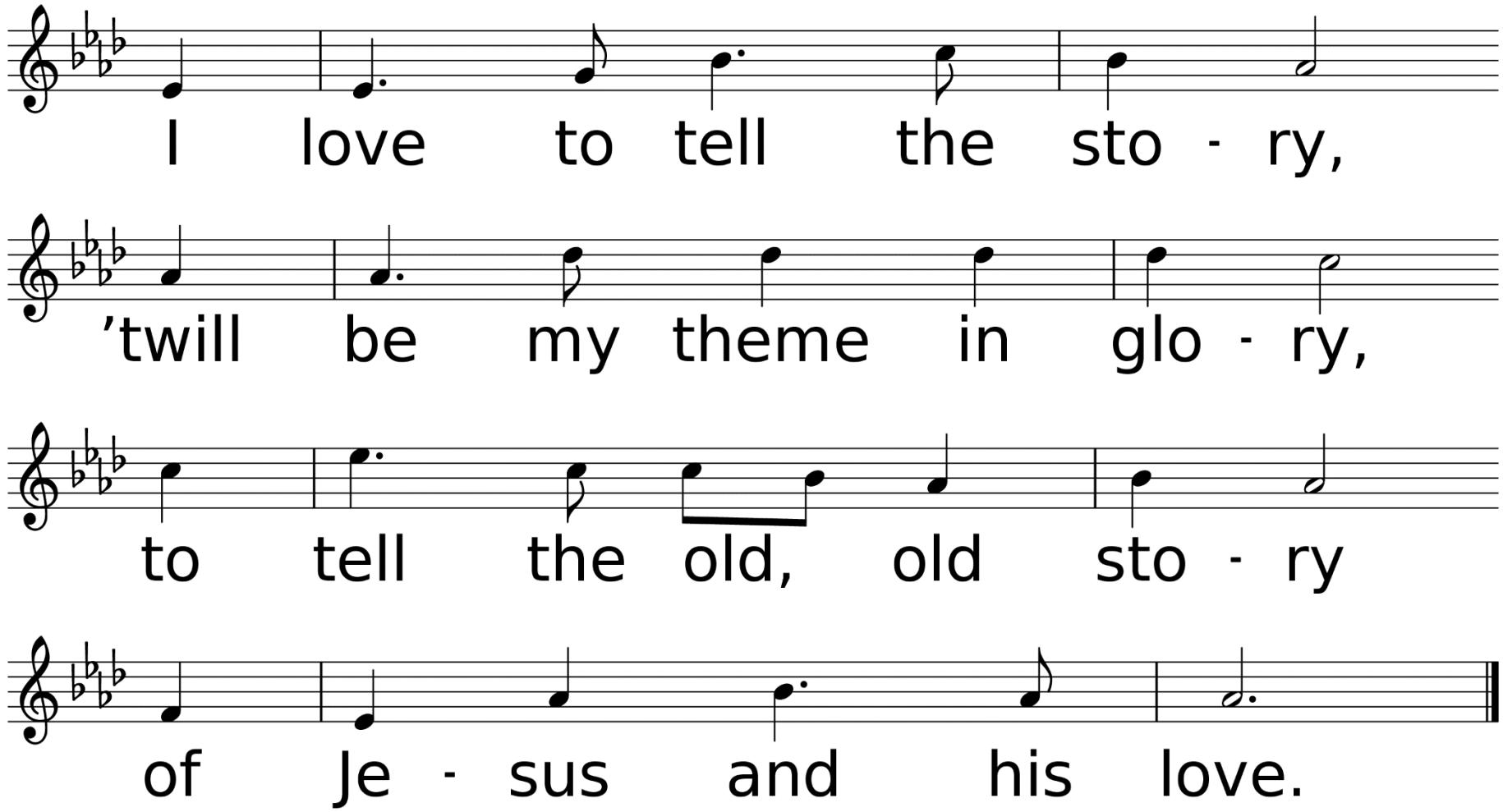
for some have nev - er heard
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion
from God's own ho - ly Word.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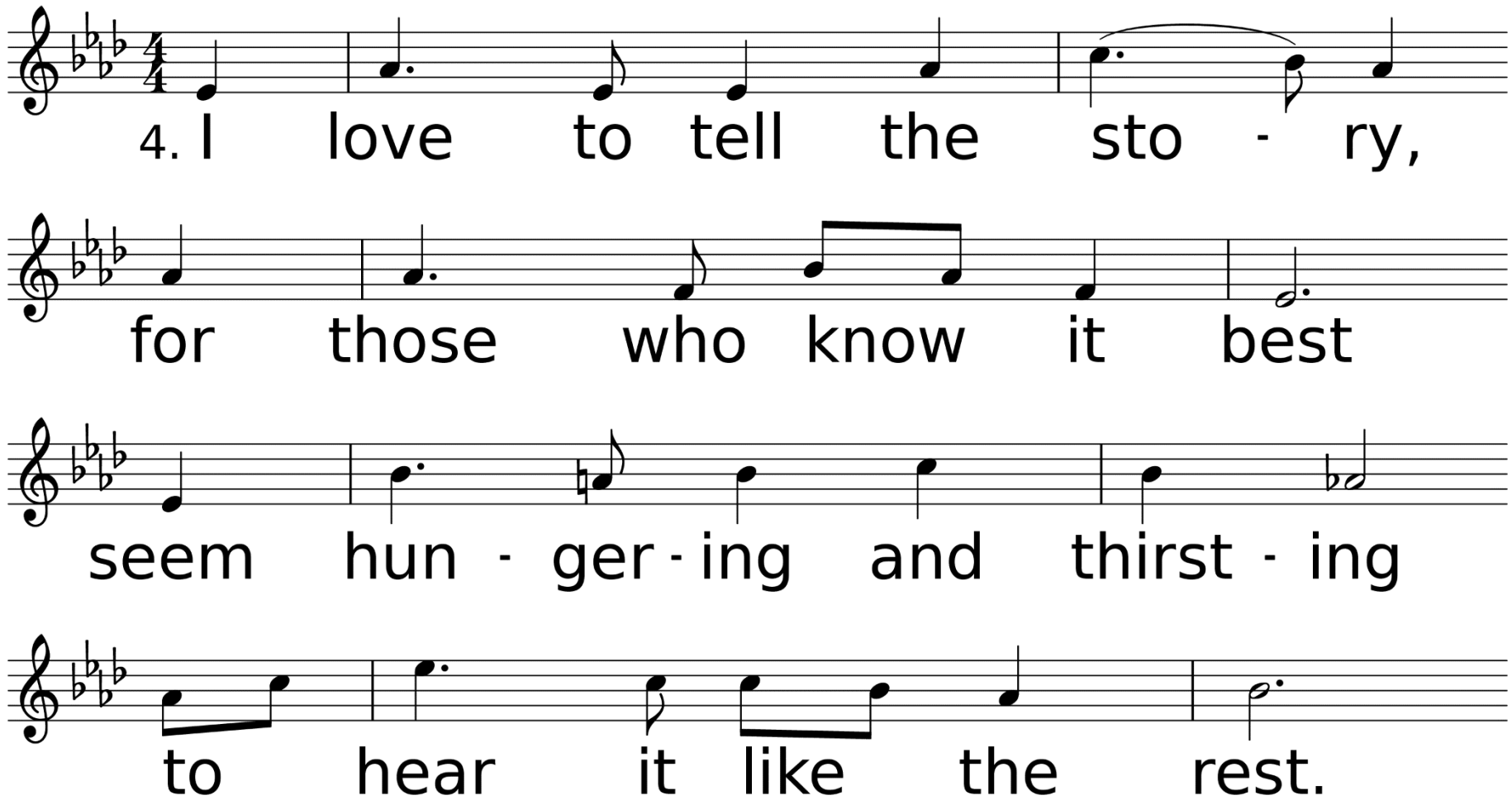
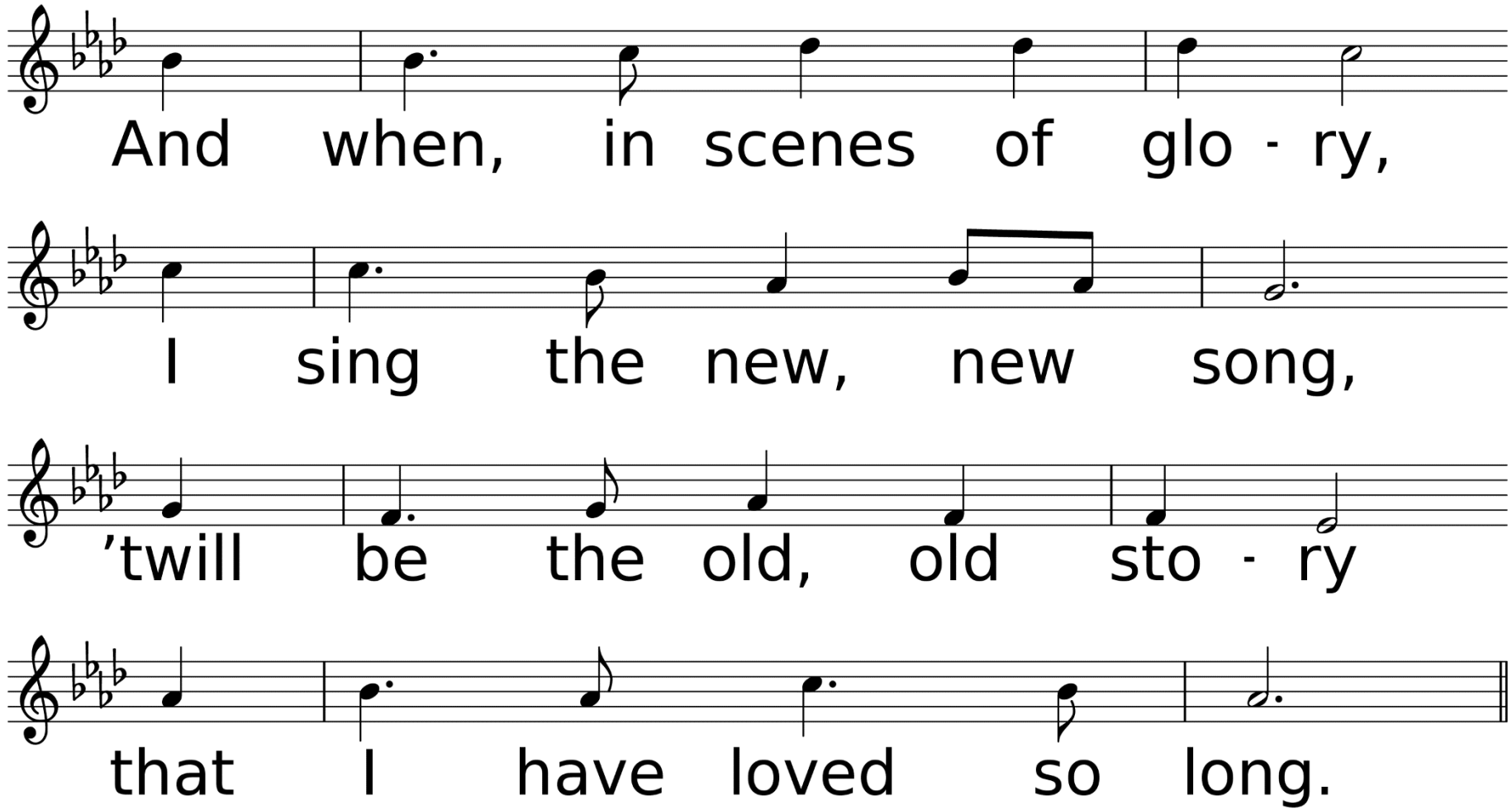
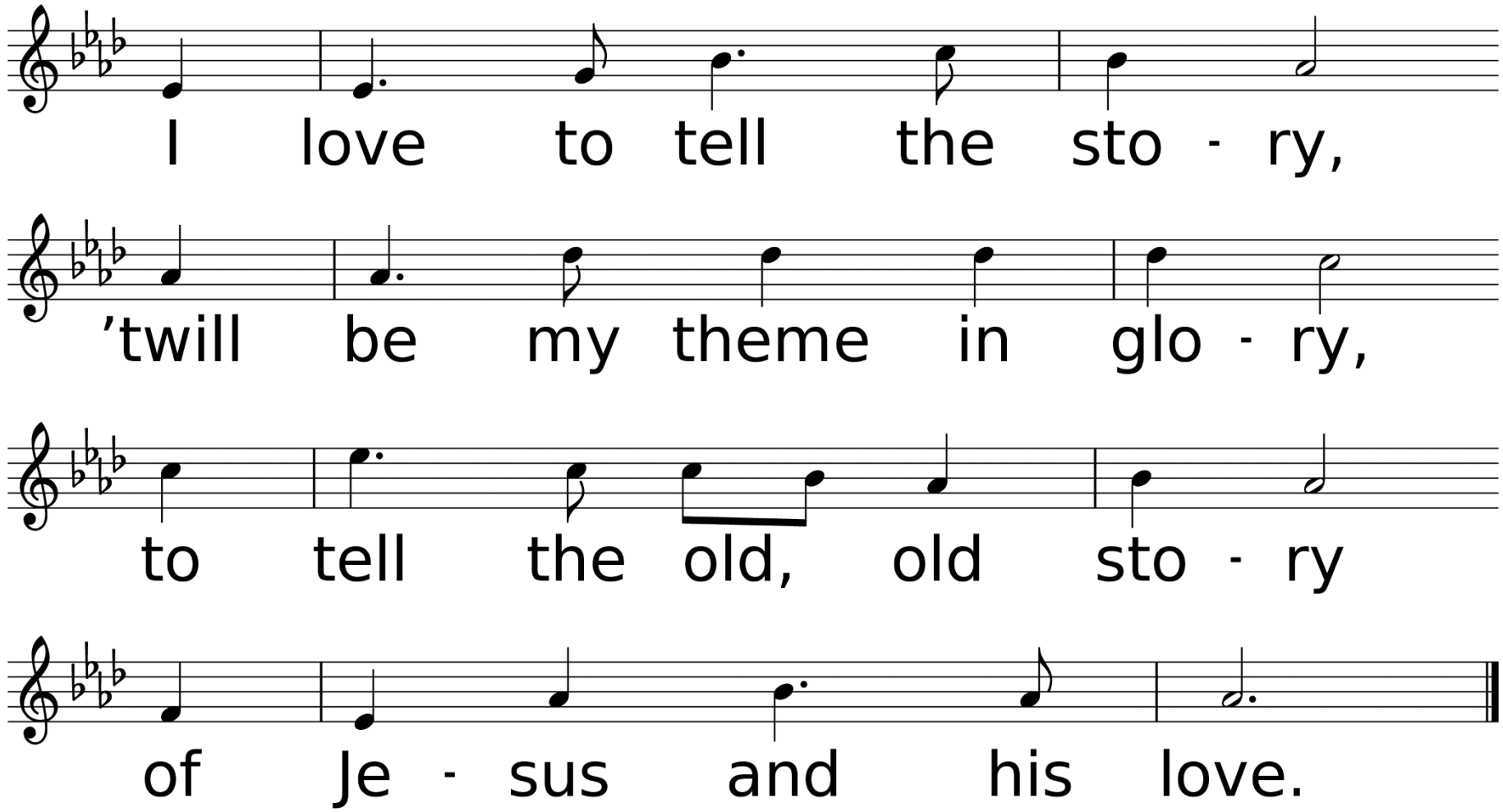

4. I love to tell the sto - ry,
for those who know it best
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing
to hear it like the rest.


And when, in scenes of glo - ry,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old sto - ry
that I have loved so long.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*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 Our Joys and Concerns

Family & Friends of George Jouban (M. Cobb)
Rev. Mike Hannah (L. Waughtal)
Tornado Victims & UMCOR
Elizabeth & Dale Vincent
Francis Slover (S. Chavez)
Jake Cobb (S. Chavez)
Honduras Mission Trip (S. Hill)
Margaretta Mayes (C. Slover)

Donna McCullough
Sonny Lambert (J. Vinyard)
Samantha Louque (S. Hill)
Mike Teel (L. Waughtal)
Charlene Hughes (T. Parris)
Amanda & Walter Smith (T. Hammerschmidt)
Eleanor Marcello Jones
Roy Ades
Dick Neely (J. & L. Oliver)
Joan Mays (L. Waughtal)

Bob Baldares, Sr. (M. & J. Bailey)
Darrell Midkiff (P. Blanton)
Seth McCullough (McCullough Family)
David & Charlotte Butler (B. Hammerschmidt)
Laura Moses
Carol Baldares (M. & J. Bailey)
Judy Barbay (L. Schultz)
Anthony Lee (son of Brenda Lee)
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)
John Nelson
Andrew Palmer (T. Craig)
Cathy Lott (D. & V. Allen)
Joy and Jerry Jones
Amie Biggs Lewis (D. McCullough)
Dennis Bevers (J. Schwarze)

Don Savant (L. Savant)
Eddie Kilman (B. Kilman)
Keith Nelson (M. Nelson)
Neely Biggs (P. Launey)
Mary Scarborough (M. Bailey)
Marie Williams
Anna Wiggins
Sharon Dukes
Kayetha Wilson
Jeff Stuhlman (K. Allen)
Mark & Kelley Allen
Beverly Shelton (sister of M. Mistrzak)

MaryAnn Greer (S. Chavez)
Richard Oliver
Lori Woodard (J. Schwarze)
Jerry Willbanks
Brian Hughes
Robert Chavez
Carol Downs Montgomery (J. Blankenship)
Devon Woodard (M. Bailey)
Laila Prather (R. Prather)
Howard Thorne
Kathy Enochs (D. & V. Allen)
Angela Mallett (J. Schwarze)

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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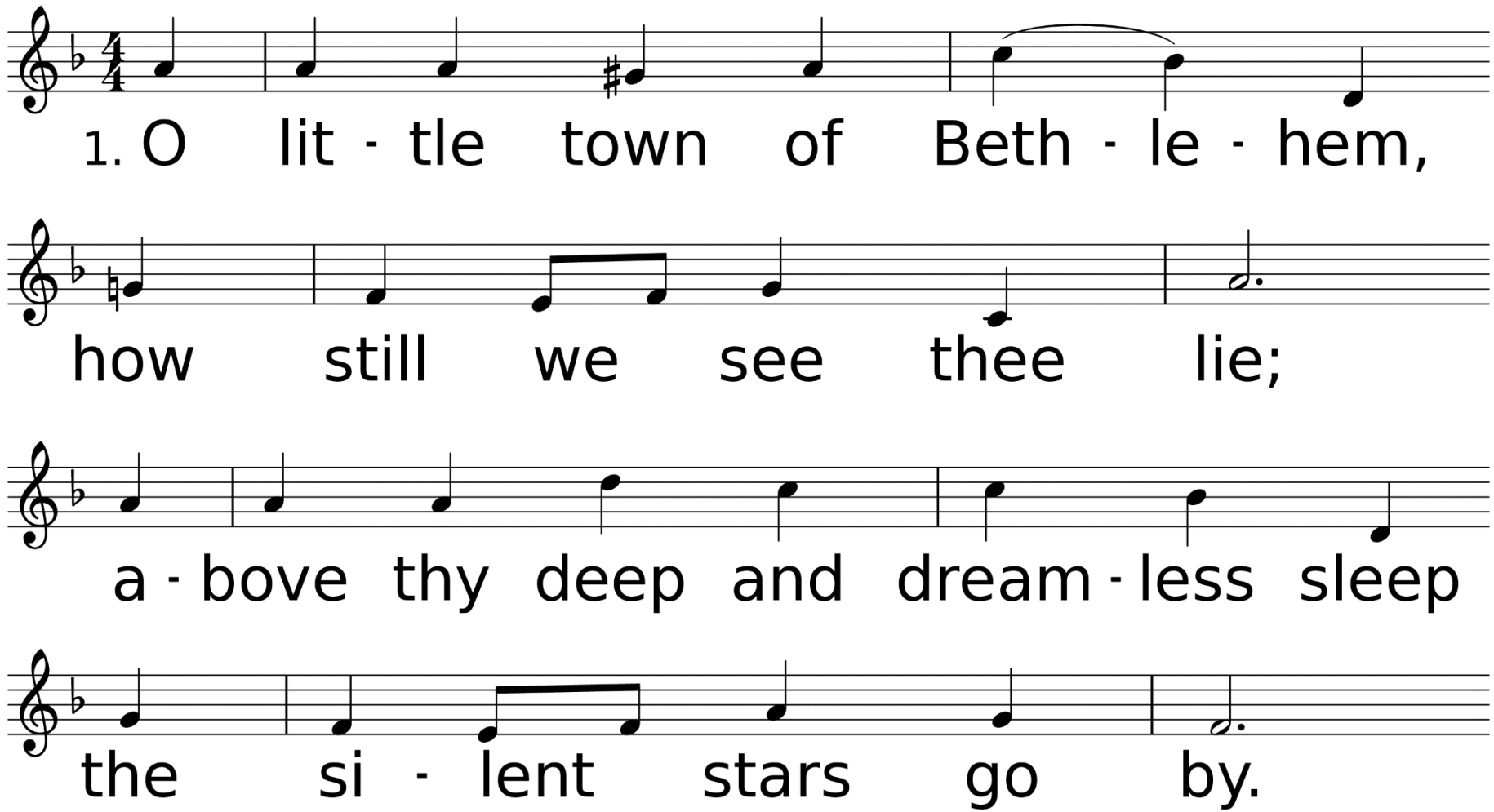

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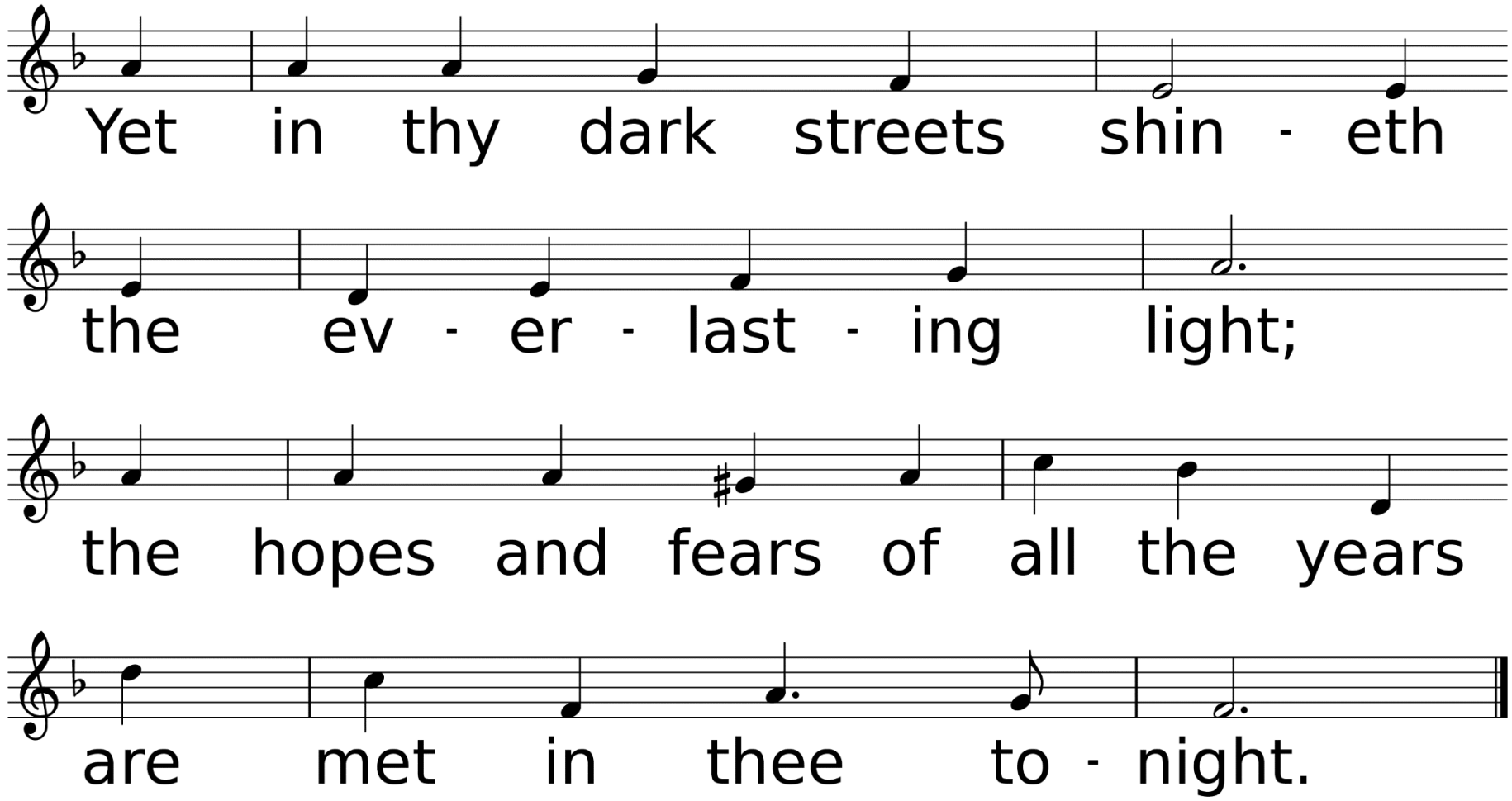
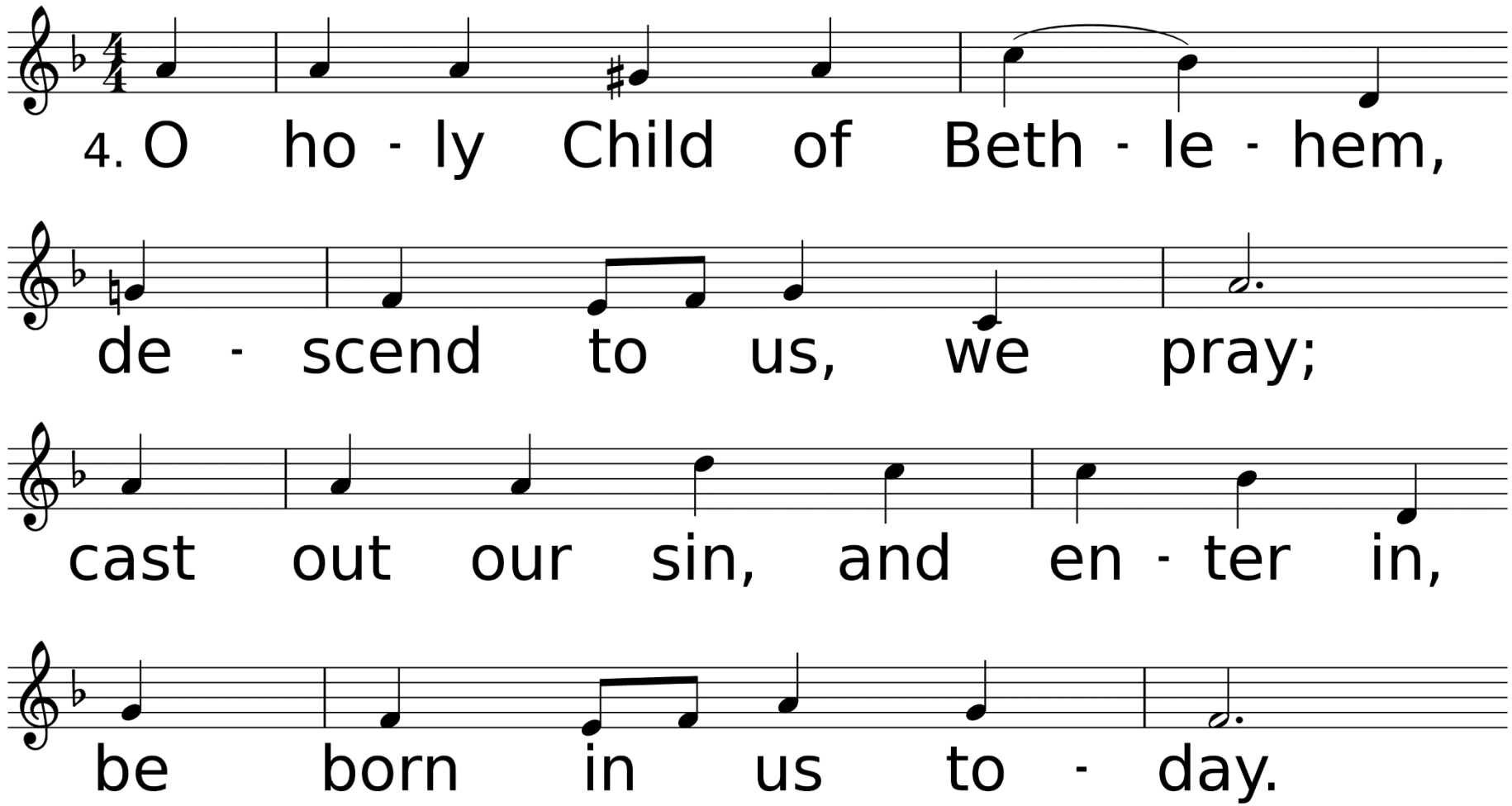
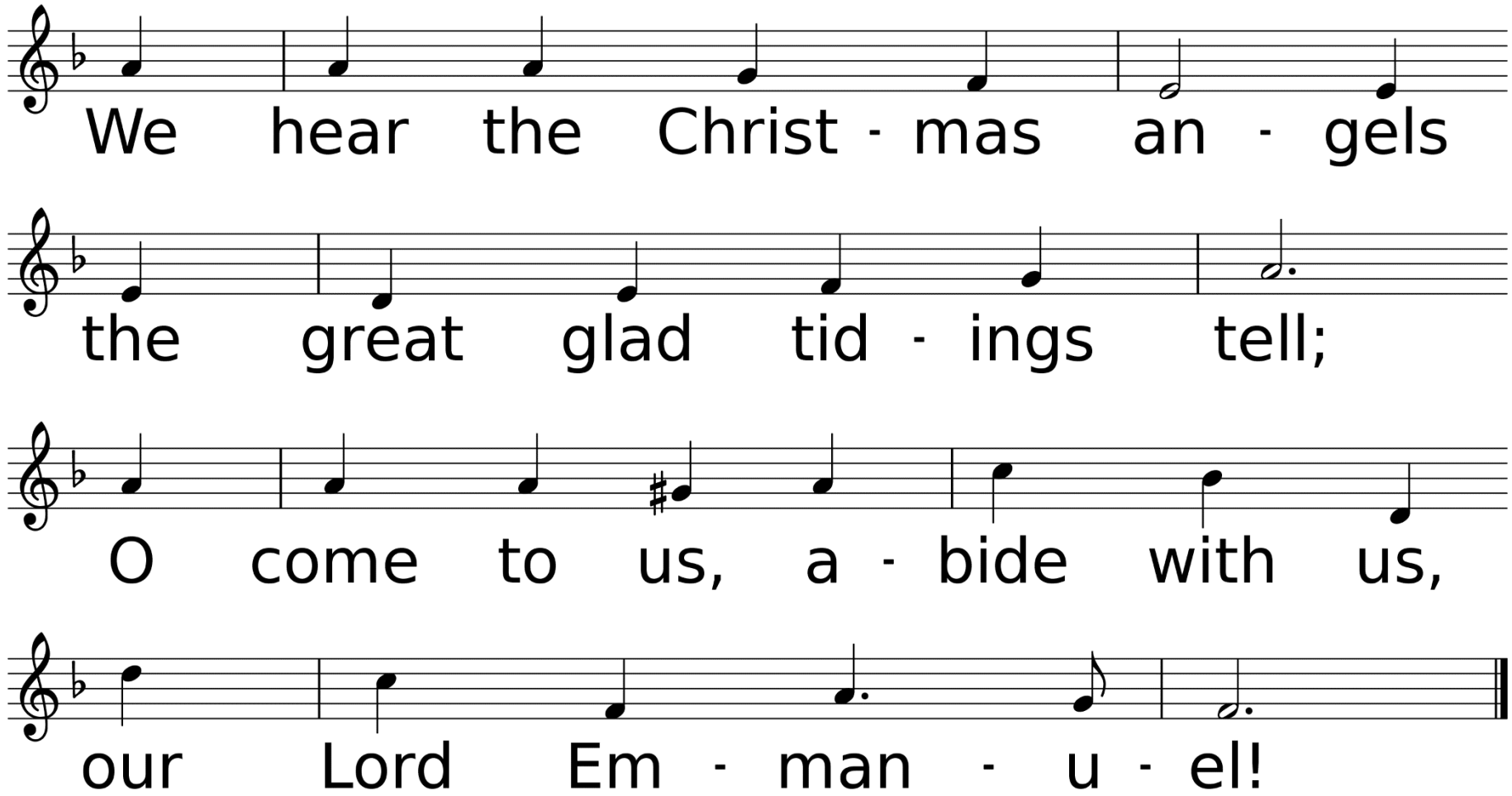

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth
the ev - er - last - ing light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee to - night.


4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem,
de - scend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and en - ter in,
be born in us to - day.


We hear the Christ - mas an - gels
the great glad tid - ings tell;
O come to us, a - bide with us,
our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

10% of tonight's offering will go to the Methodist Children's Home & Foster Families

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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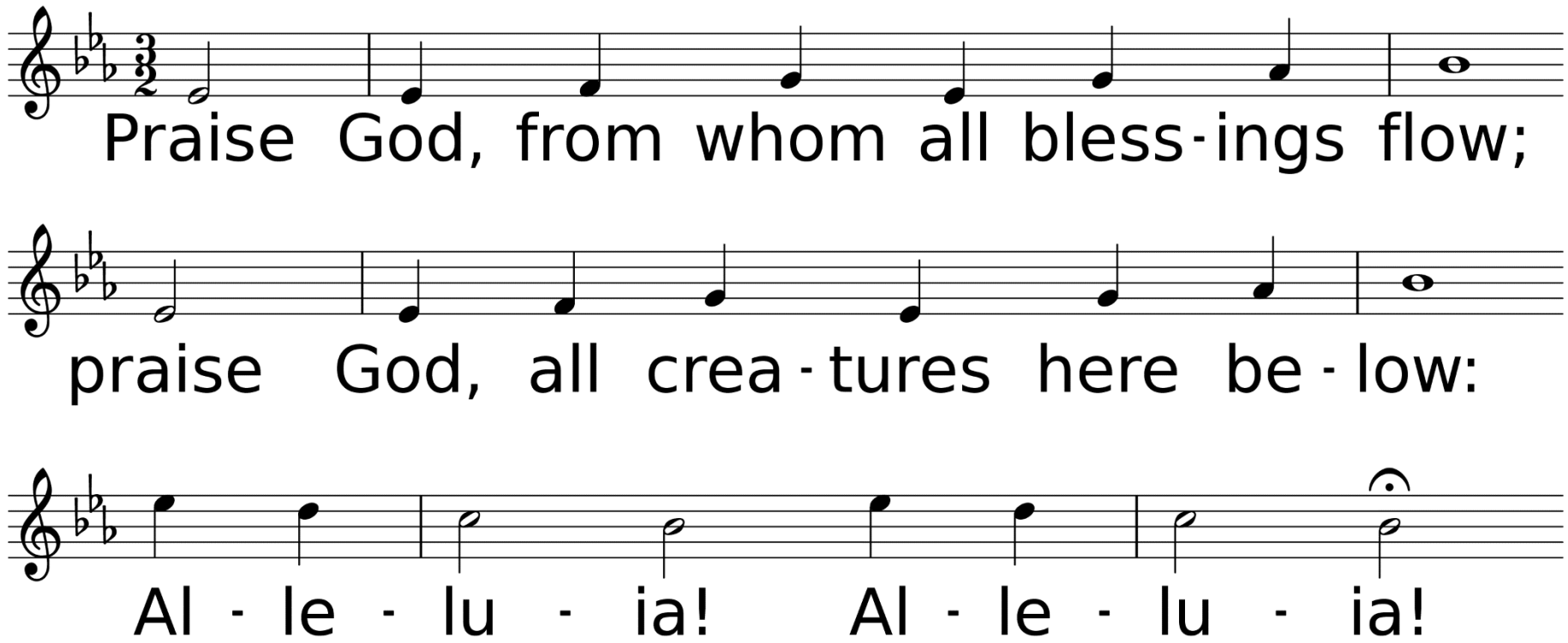

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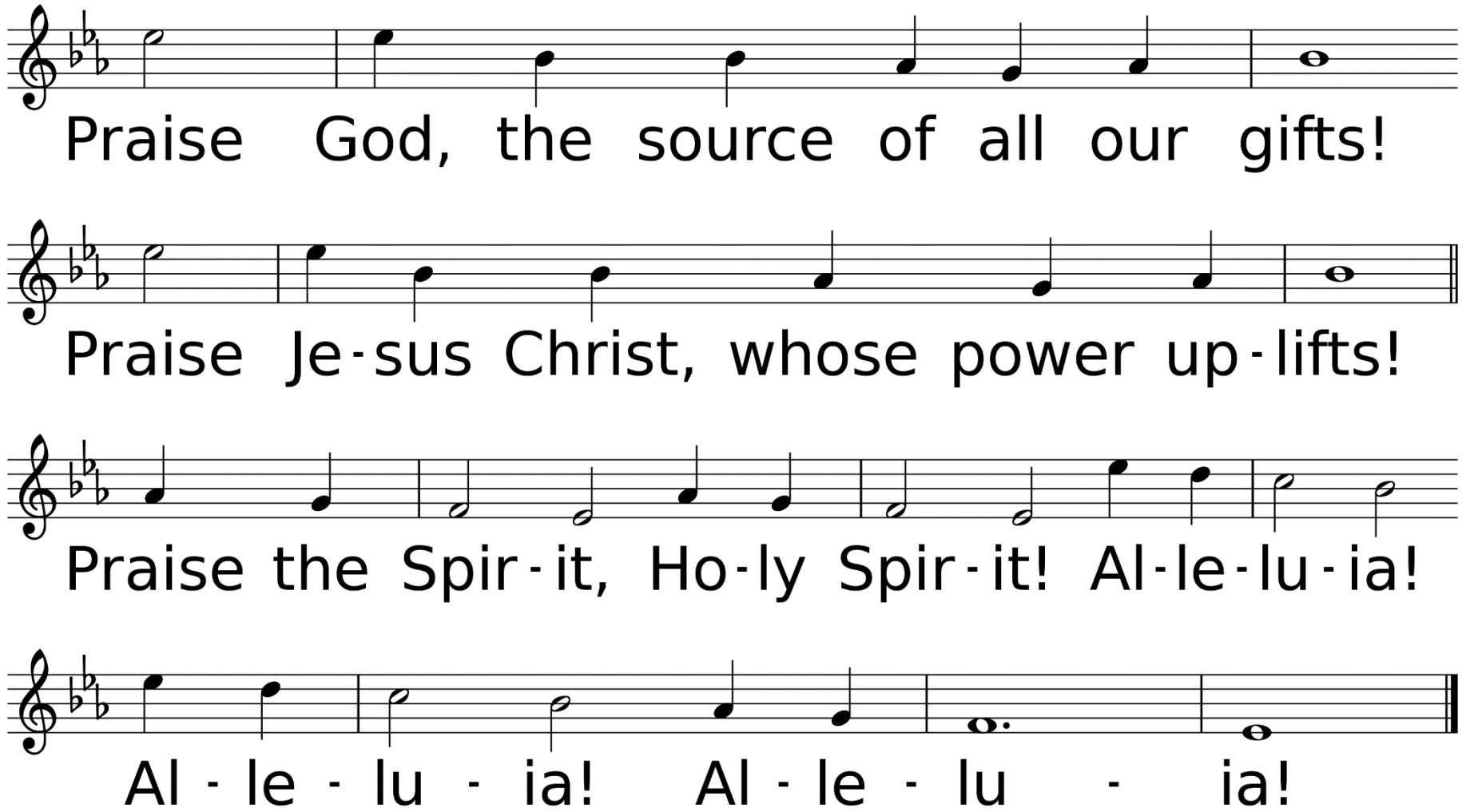
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children's Time

Hymn of Faith

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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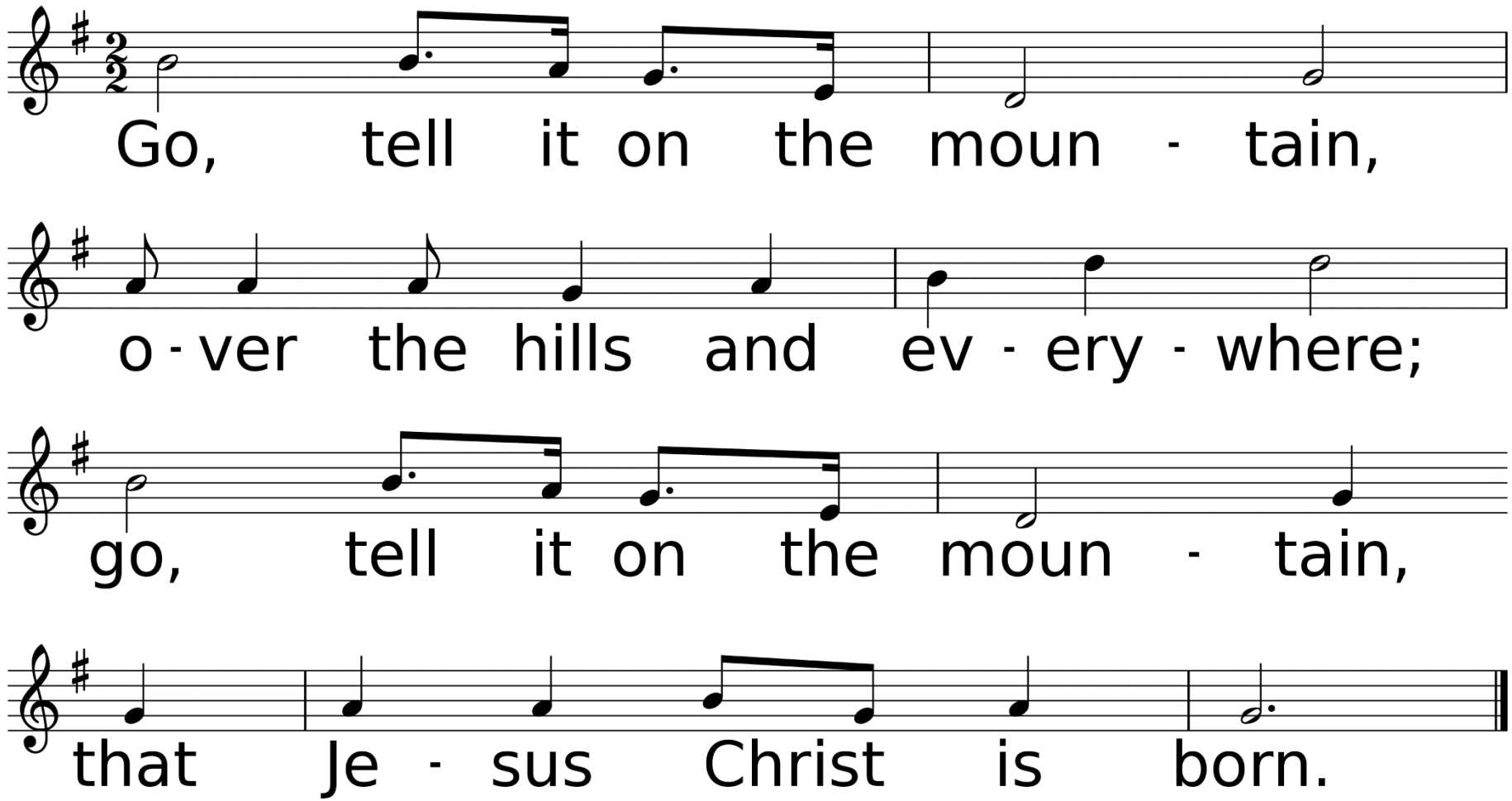

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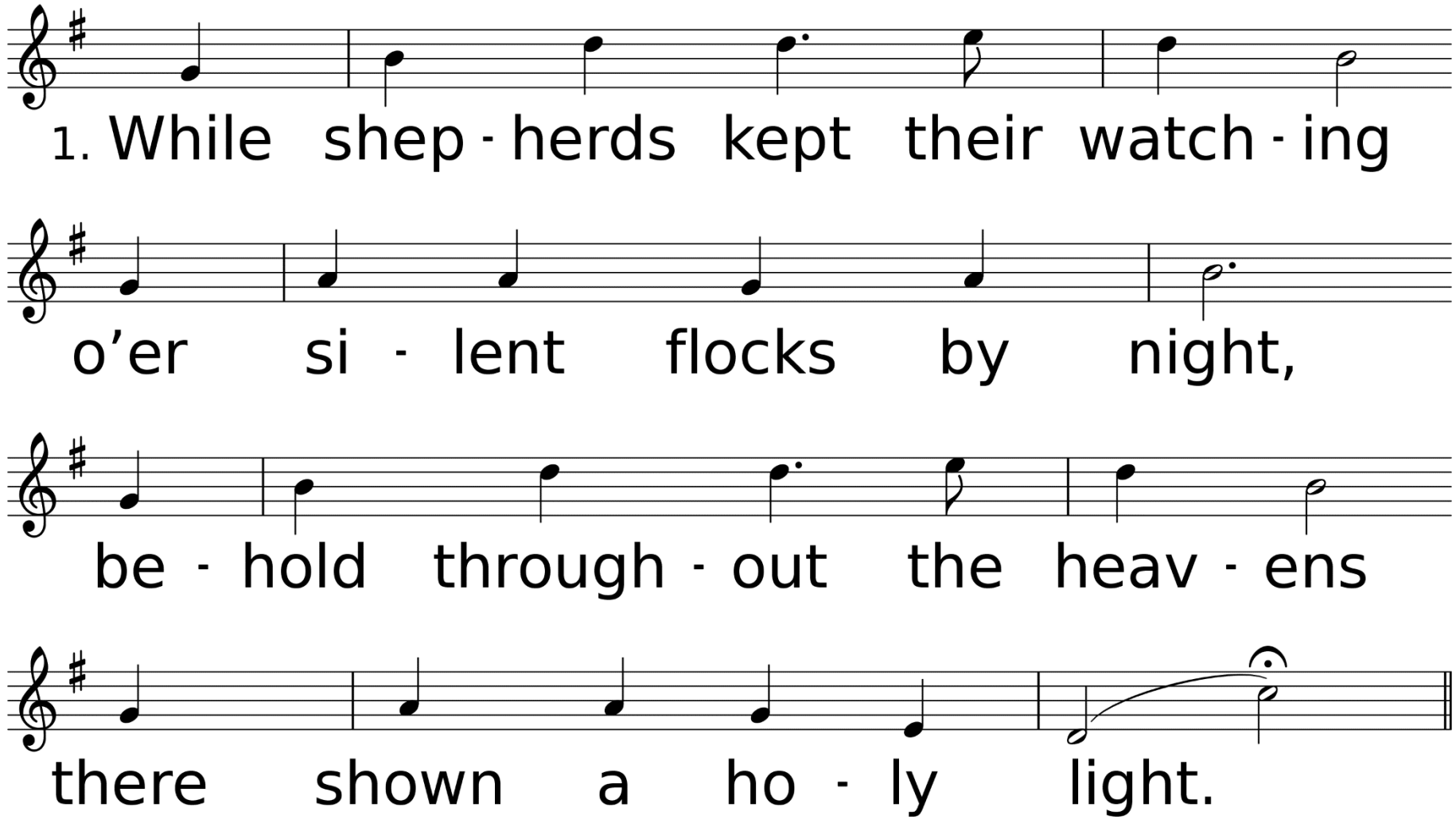
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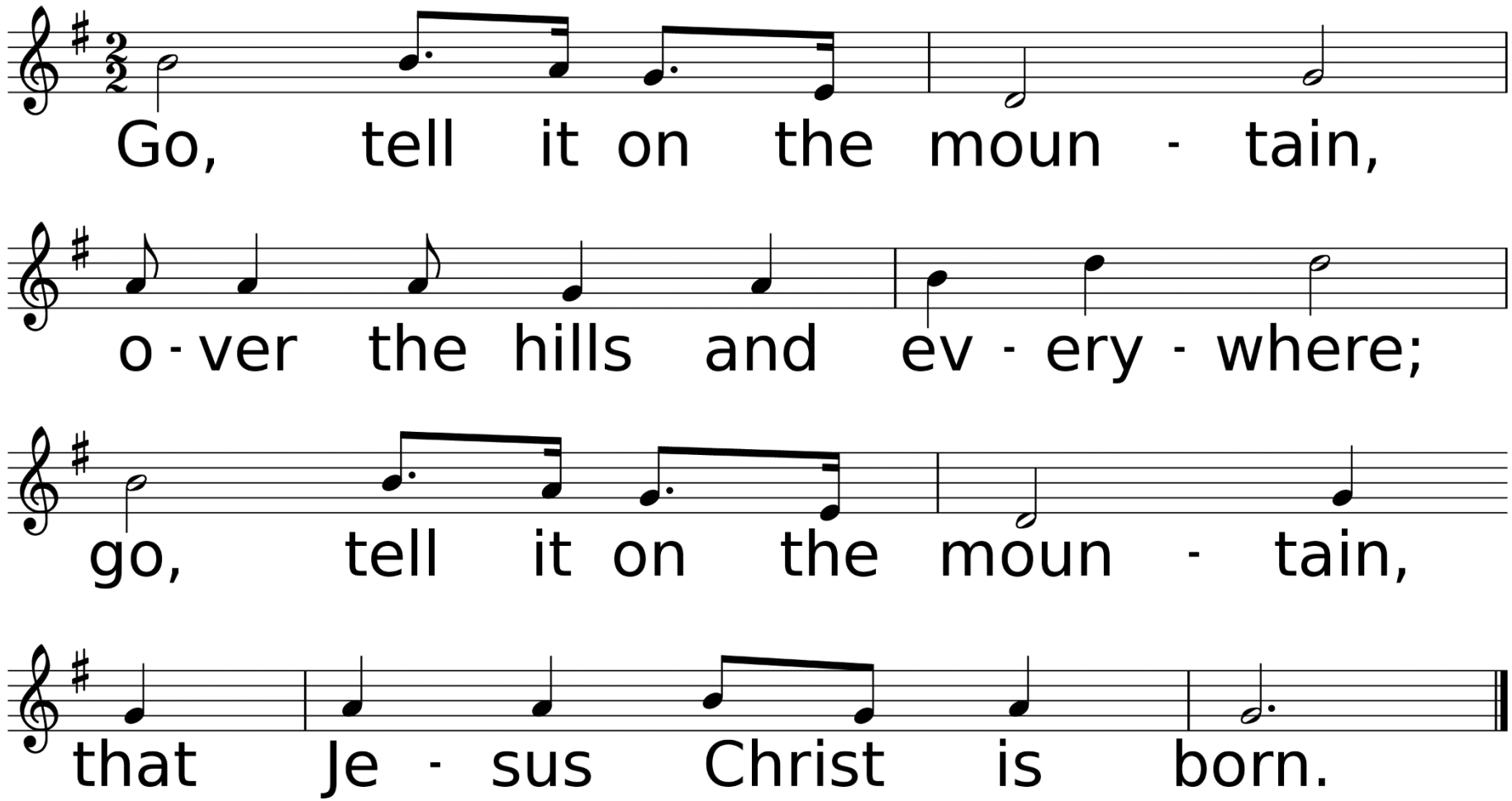
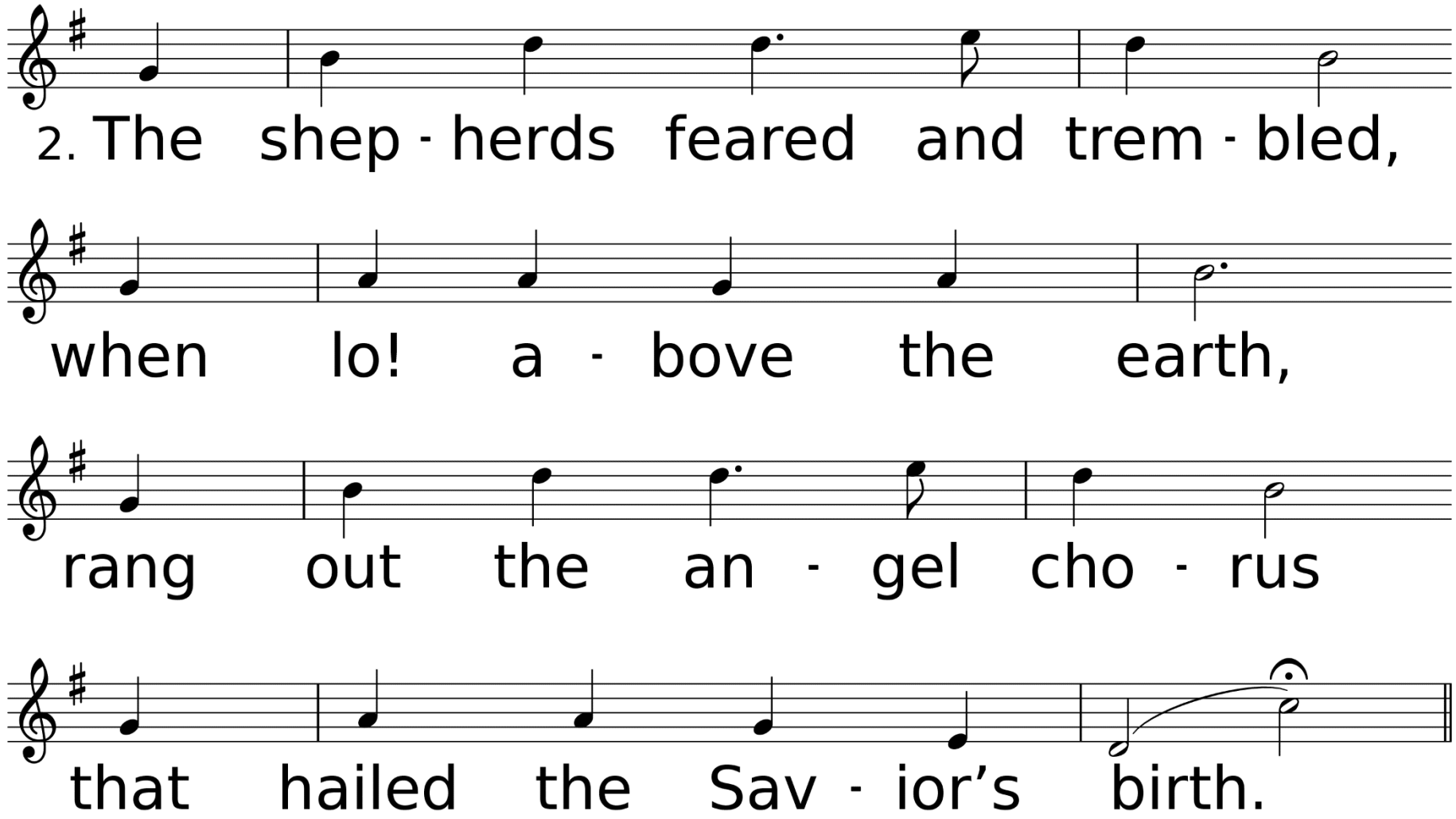
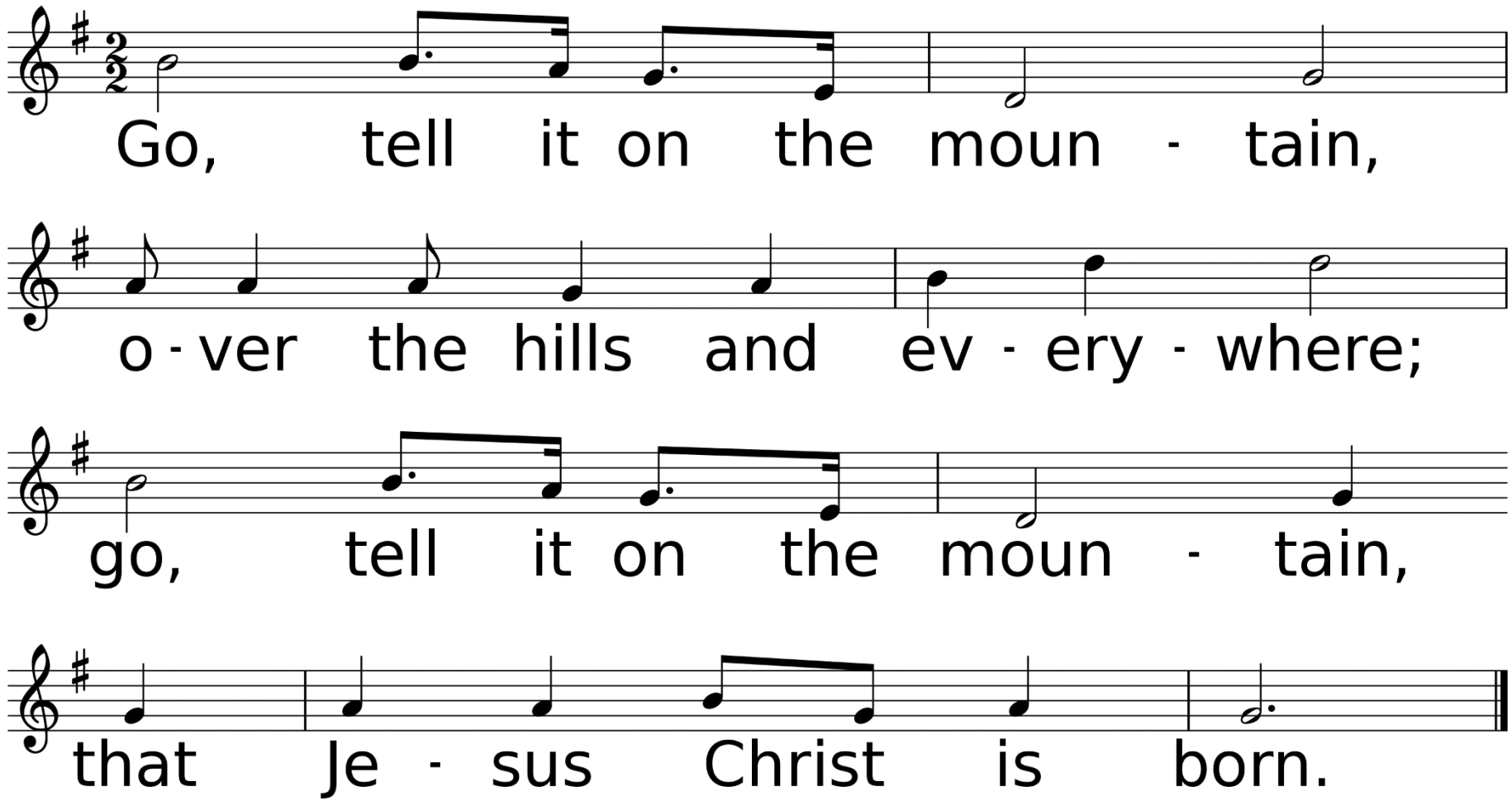
o’er si - lent flocks by night,
be - hold through - out the heav - ens
there shown a ho - ly light.


Go, tell it on the moun - tain,
o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
go, tell it on the moun - tain,
that Je - sus Christ is born.


2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled,
when lo! a - bove the earth,
rang out the an - gel cho - rus
that hailed the Sav - ior's birth.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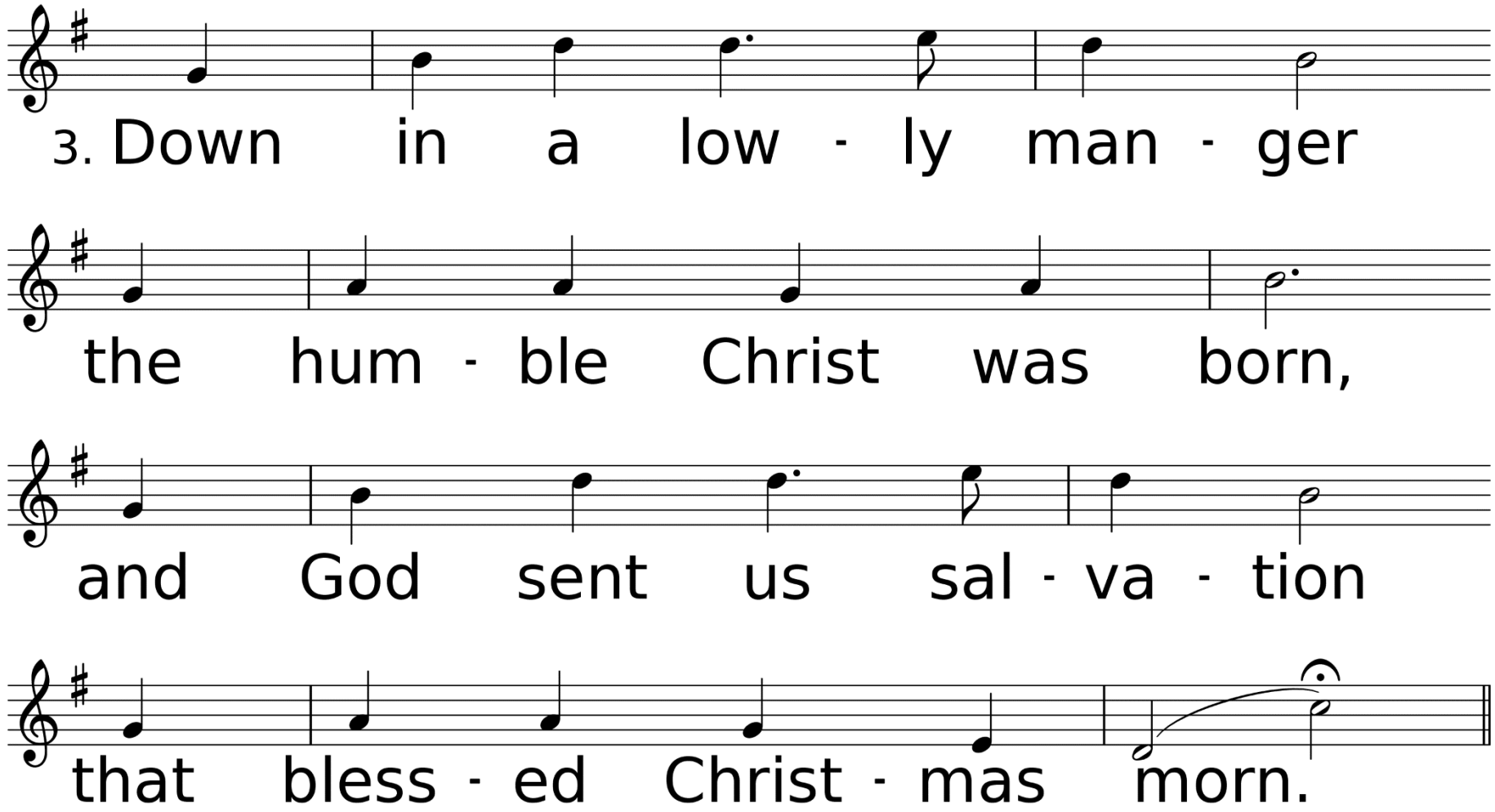
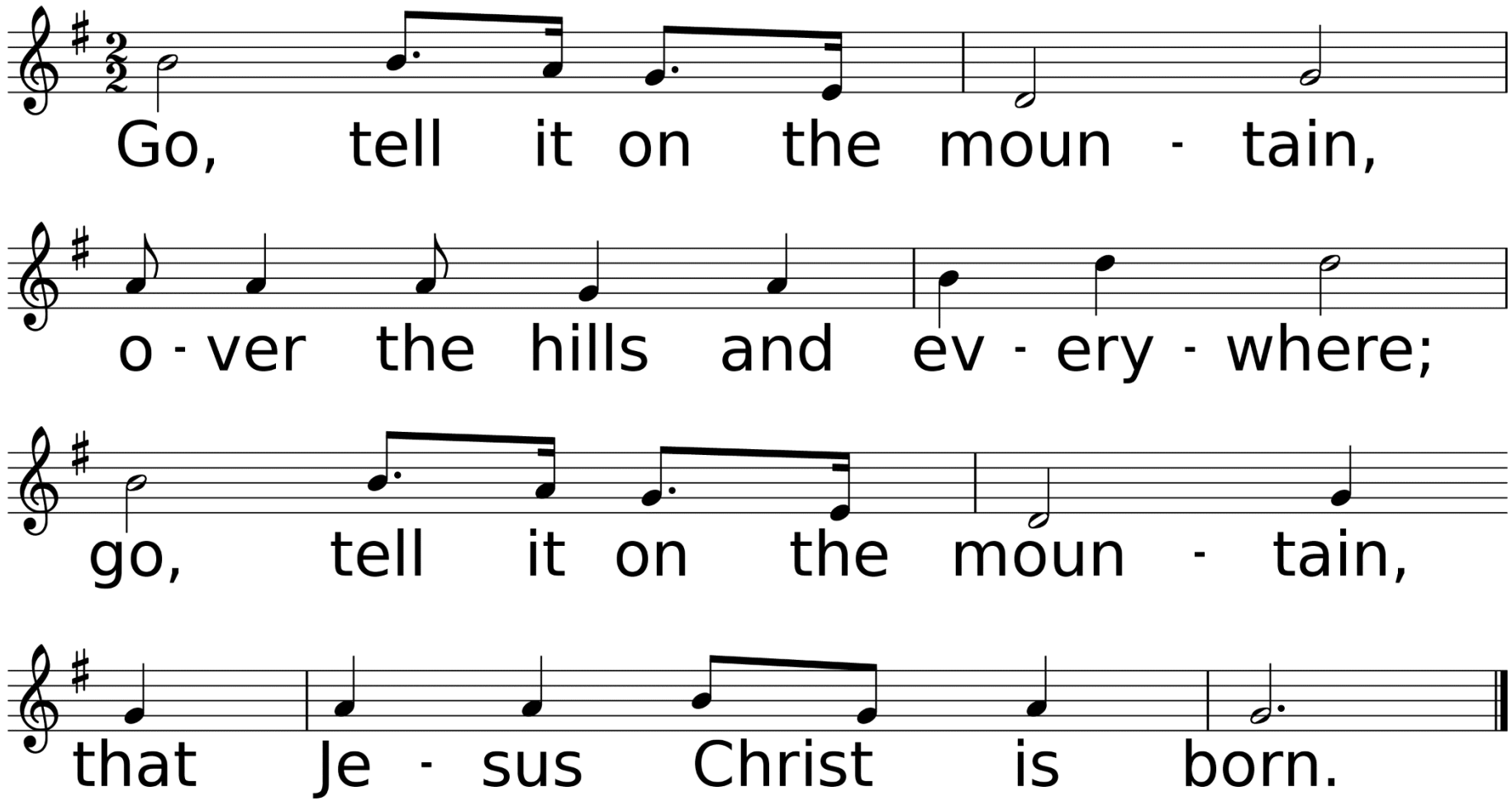

3. Down in a low - ly man - ger
the hum - ble Christ was born,
and God sent us sal - va - tion
that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.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Scripture Reading
Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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.

“Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Invitation to Holy Communion

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements

Anthem

The First Noel/ Pachelbel's Canon

Music by Johann Pachelbel
Arr. by Michael Clawson

*Lighting of the Candles

Hand Bell Choir & Organ

Traditional Carol

Arr. By John Calvin Schwarze

Silent Night, Holy Night

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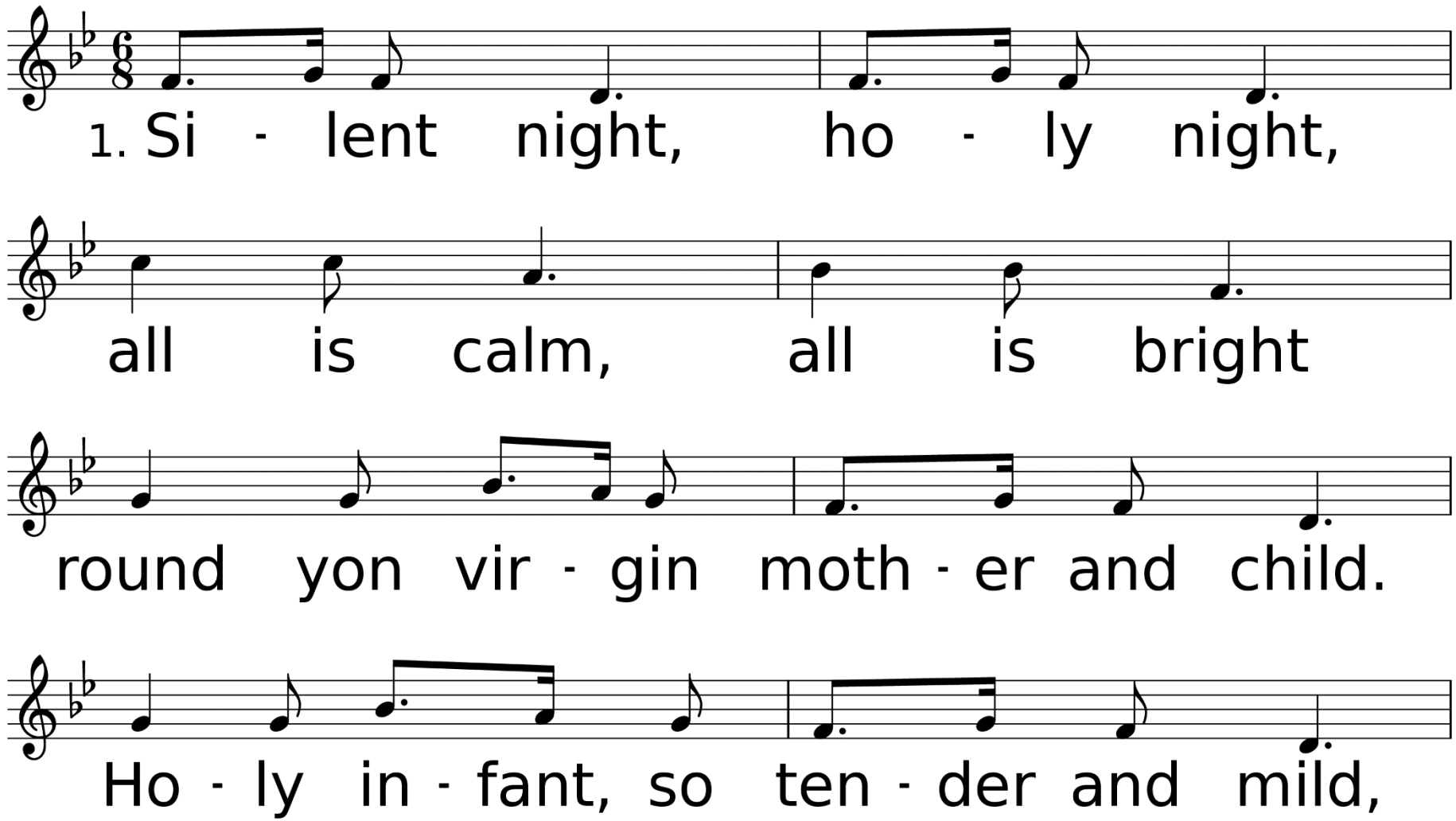

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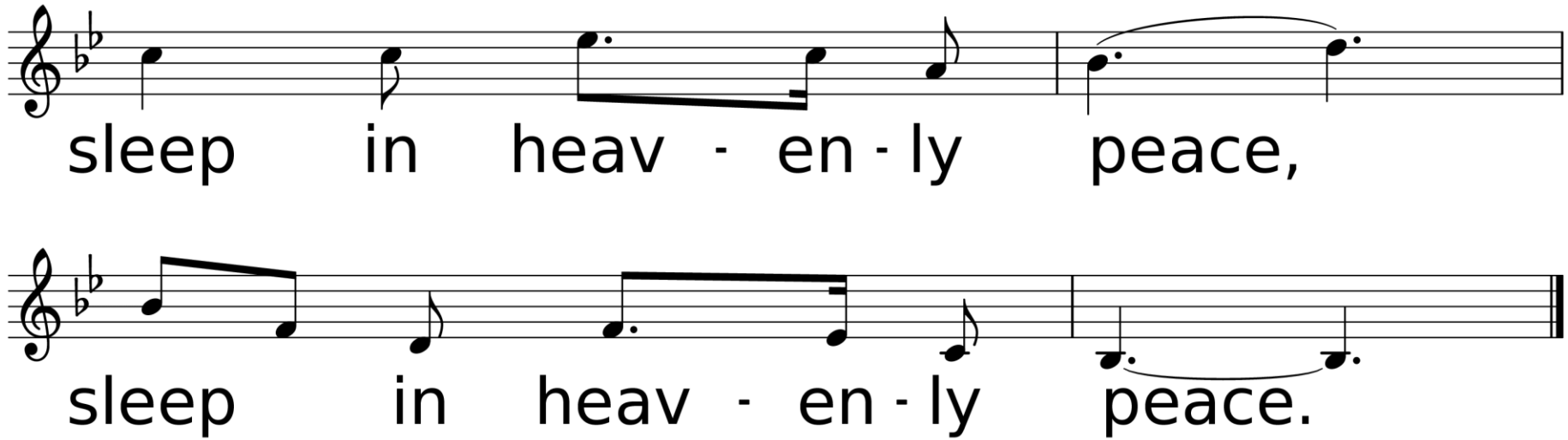
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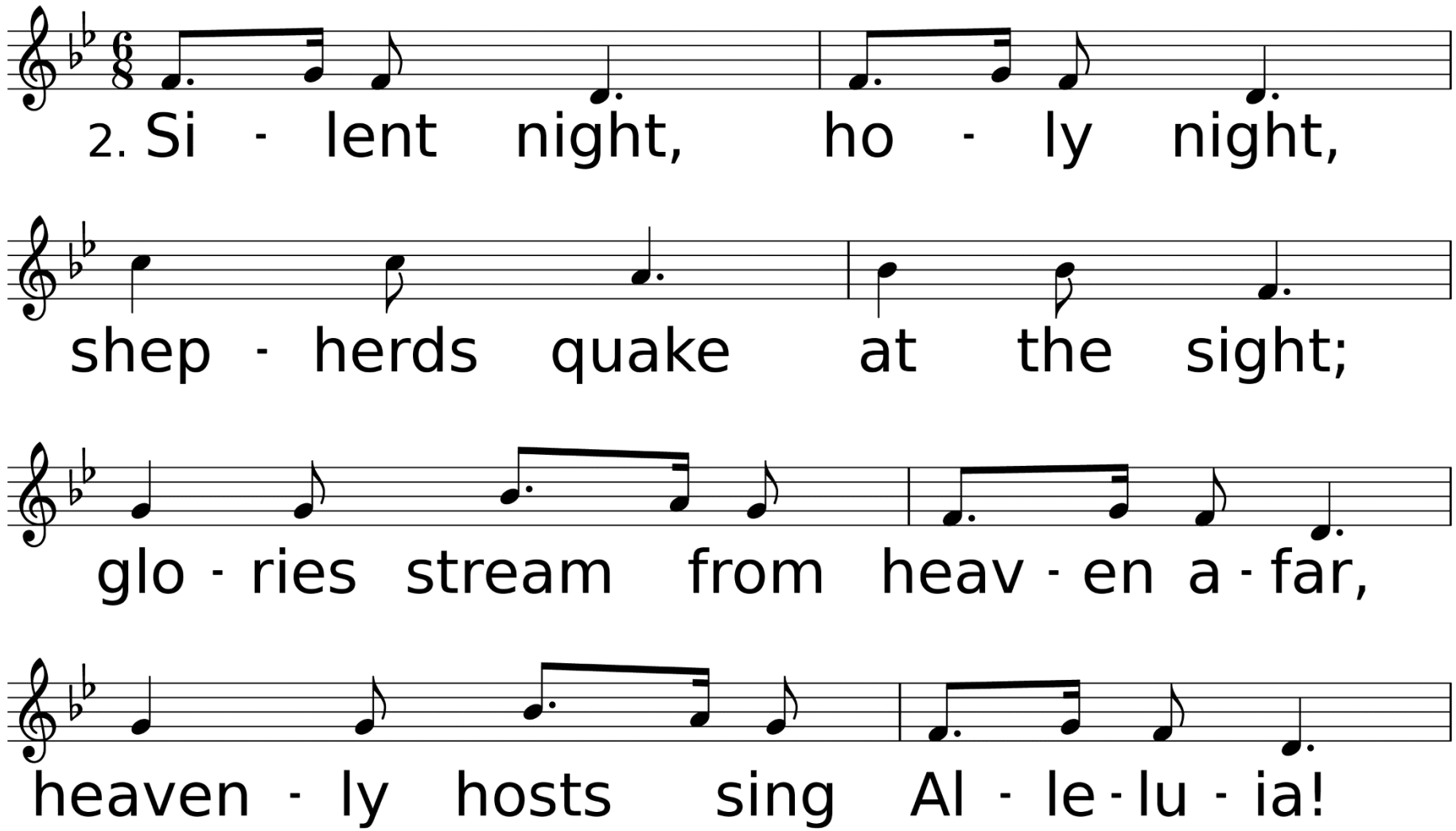
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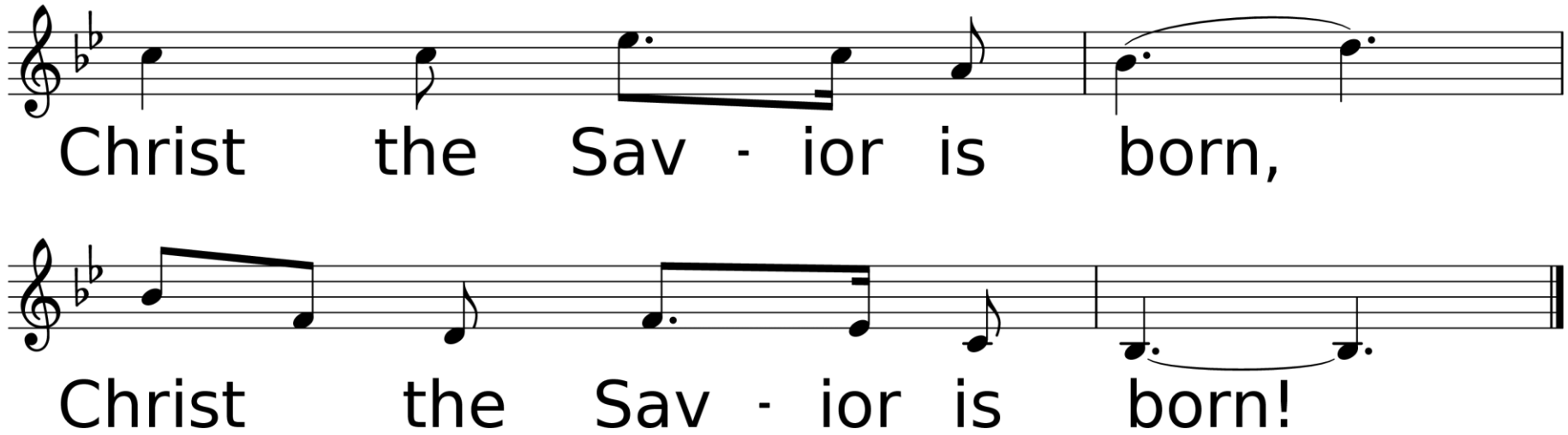
shep - herds quake at the sight;
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
heaven - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!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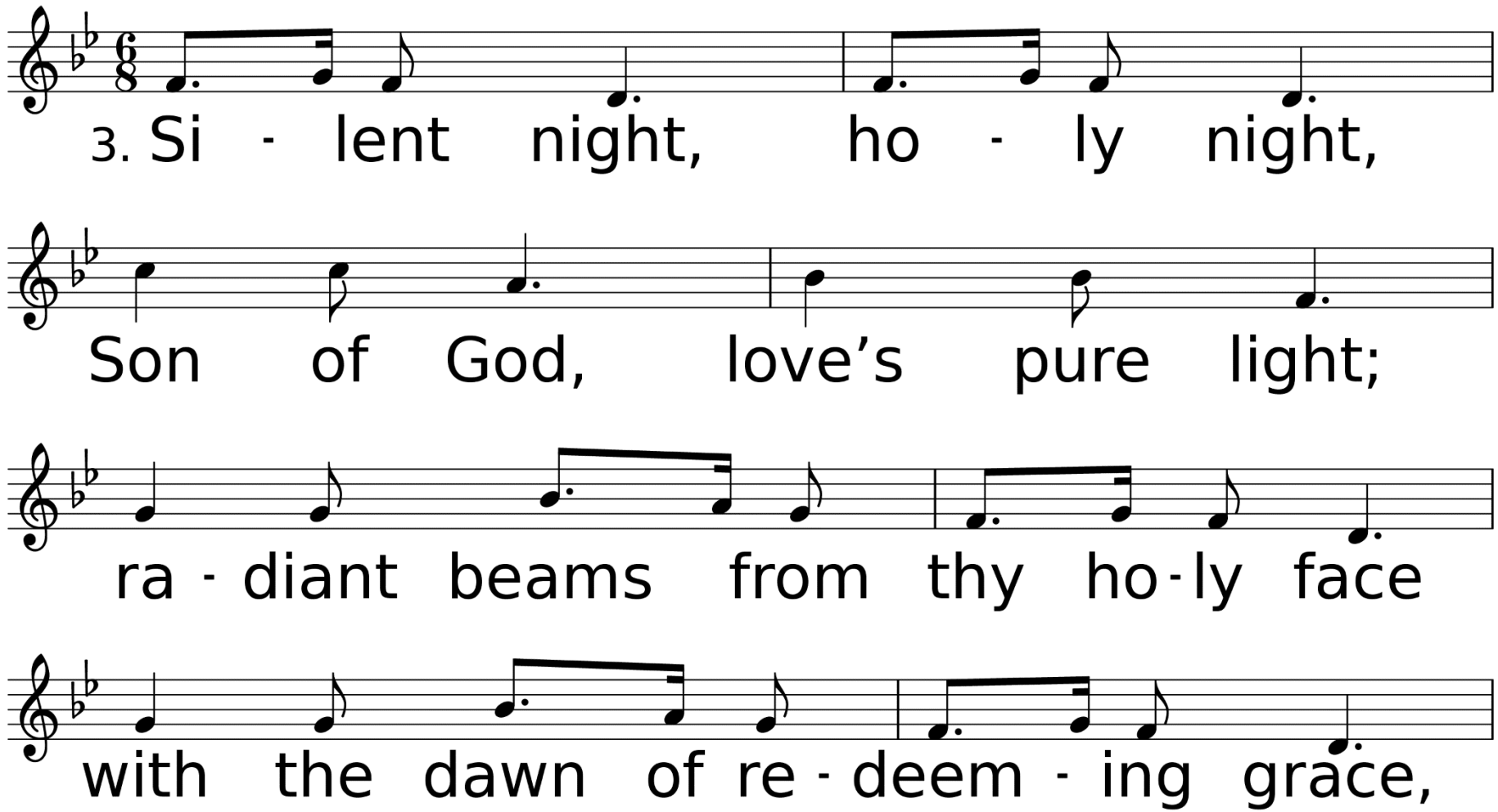
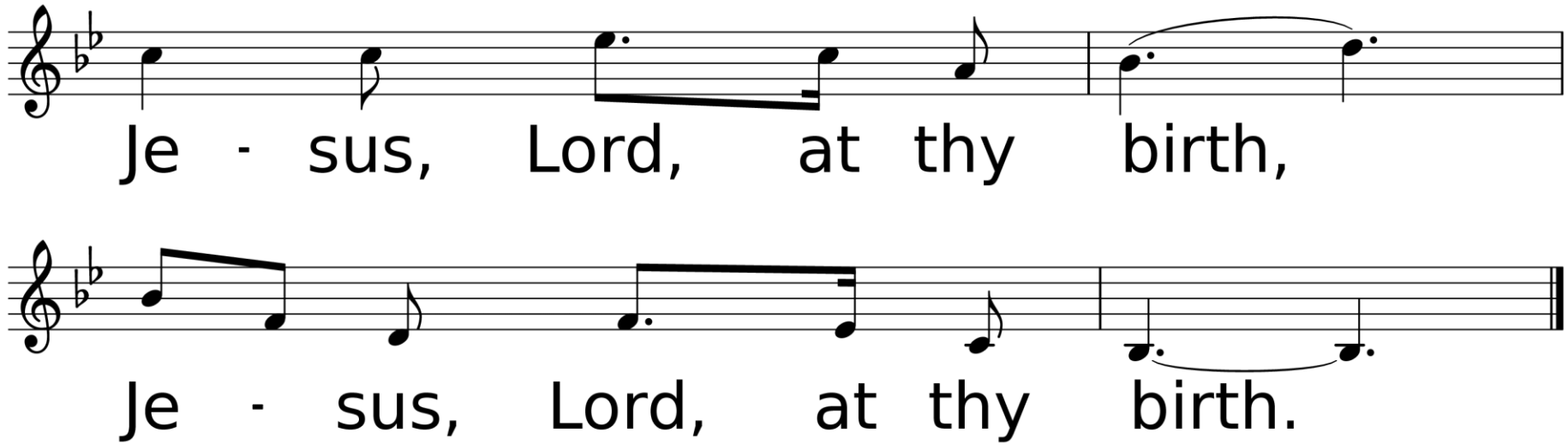

3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,


Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,
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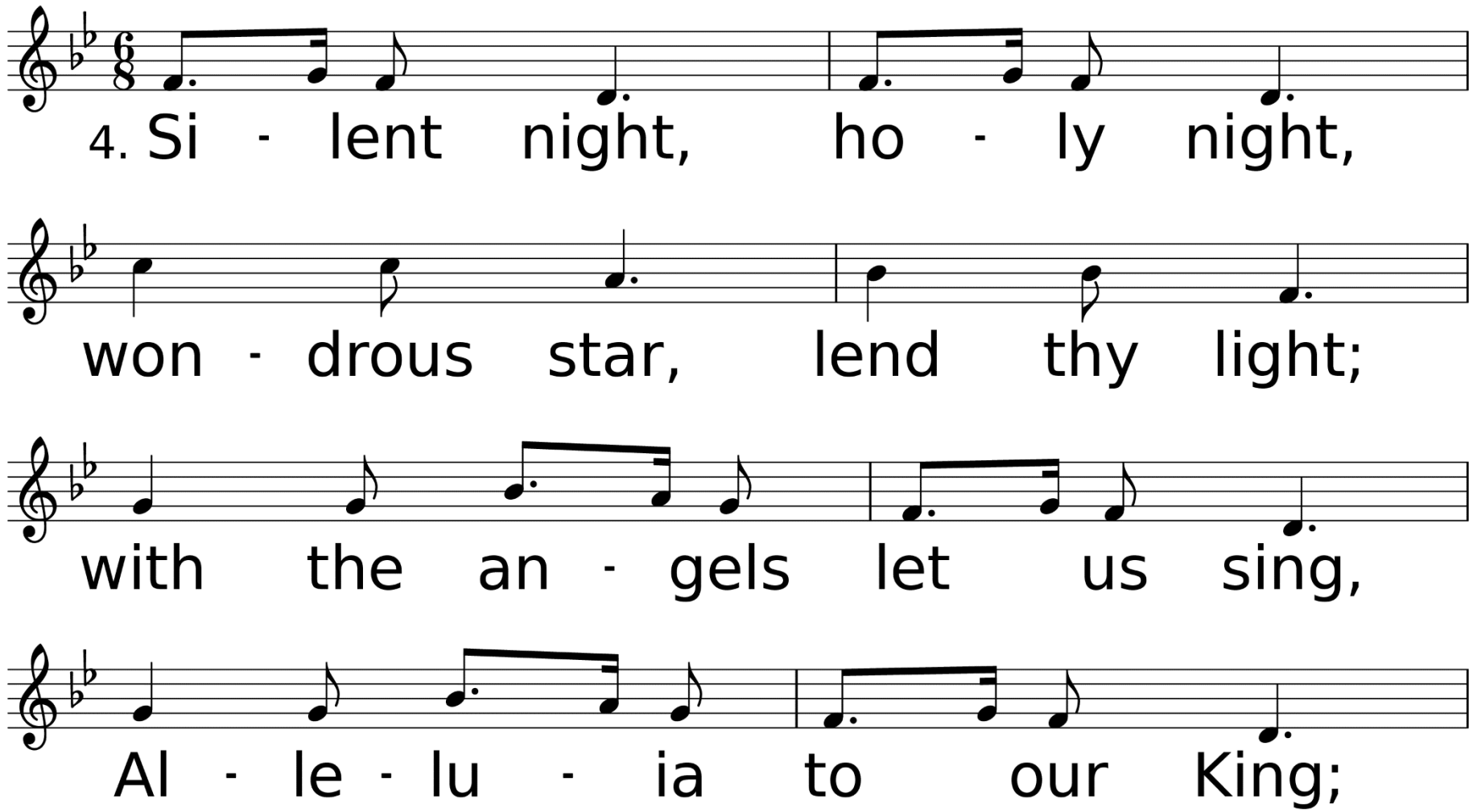
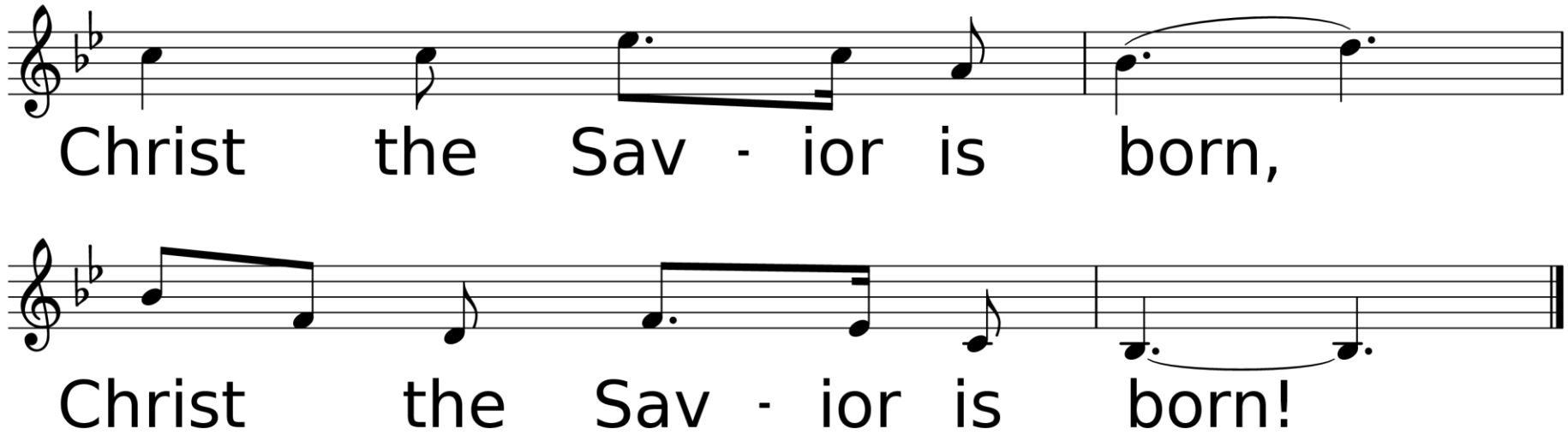

4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
won - drous star, lend thy light;
with the an - gels let us sing,
Al - le - lu - ia to our King;


Christ the Sav - ior is born,
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*Benediction

*Sending Forth *Joy to the World*

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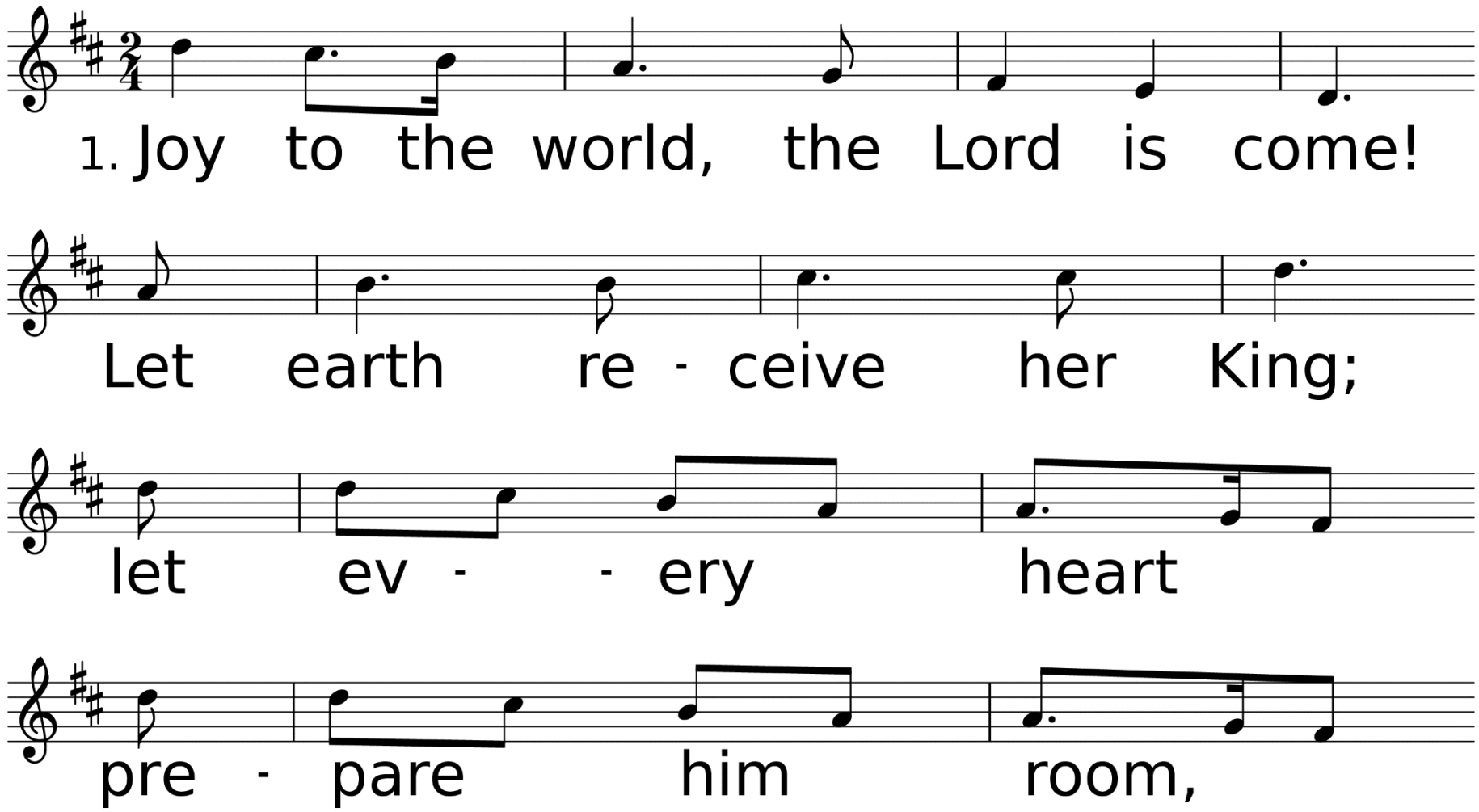

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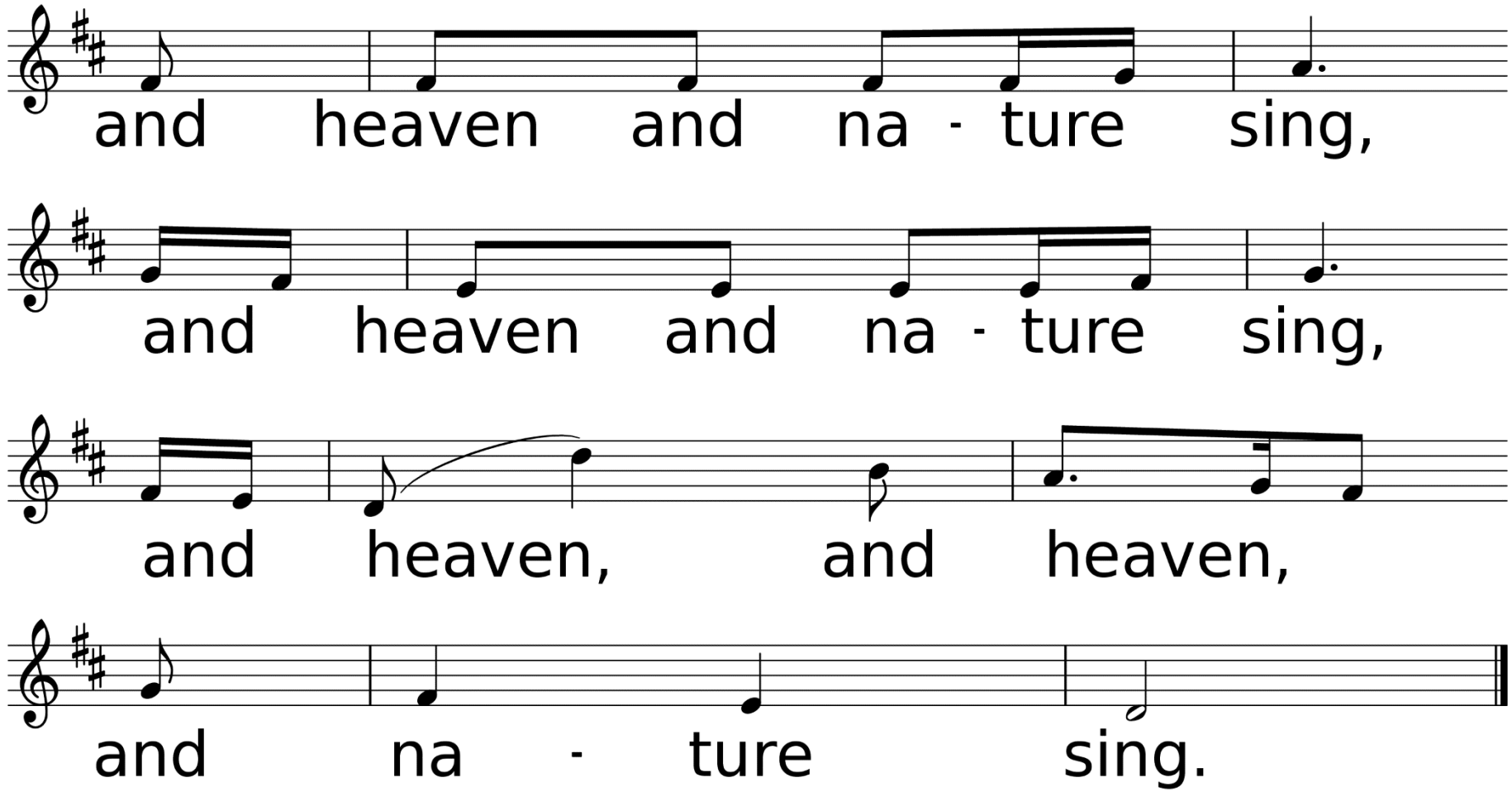
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and na - ture sing.

Merry Christmas!