Welcome Home!

December 26, 2021

Sunday Worship Service

Online & in the Sanctuary

10:00 AM

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

He Is Born

French Carol

Arr. By Jack Schrader

*Call to Worship

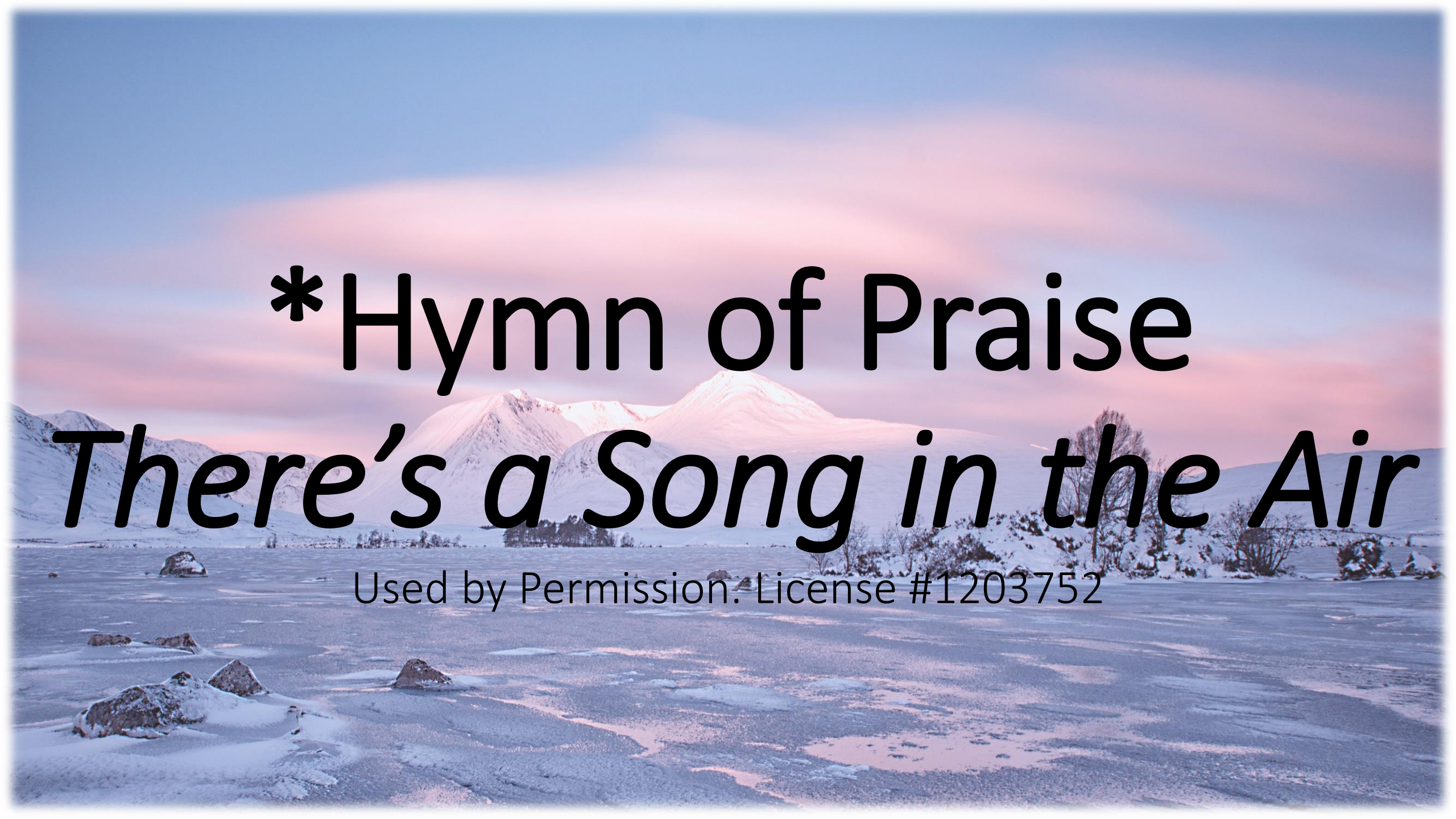
Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

Congregation: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!

Christ is now on earth; exalt him!

O you earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!



*Hymn of Praise

There's a Song in the Air

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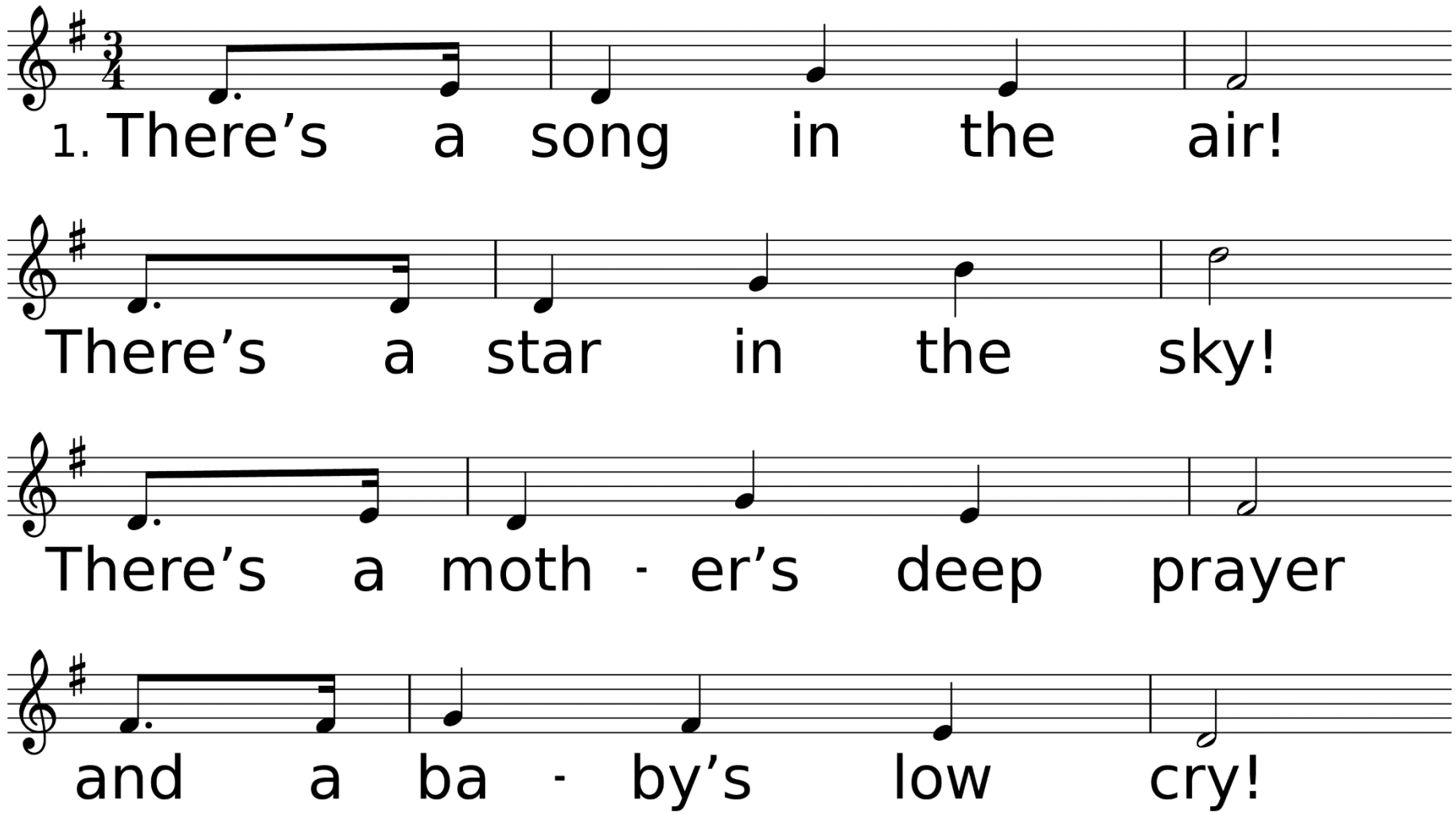

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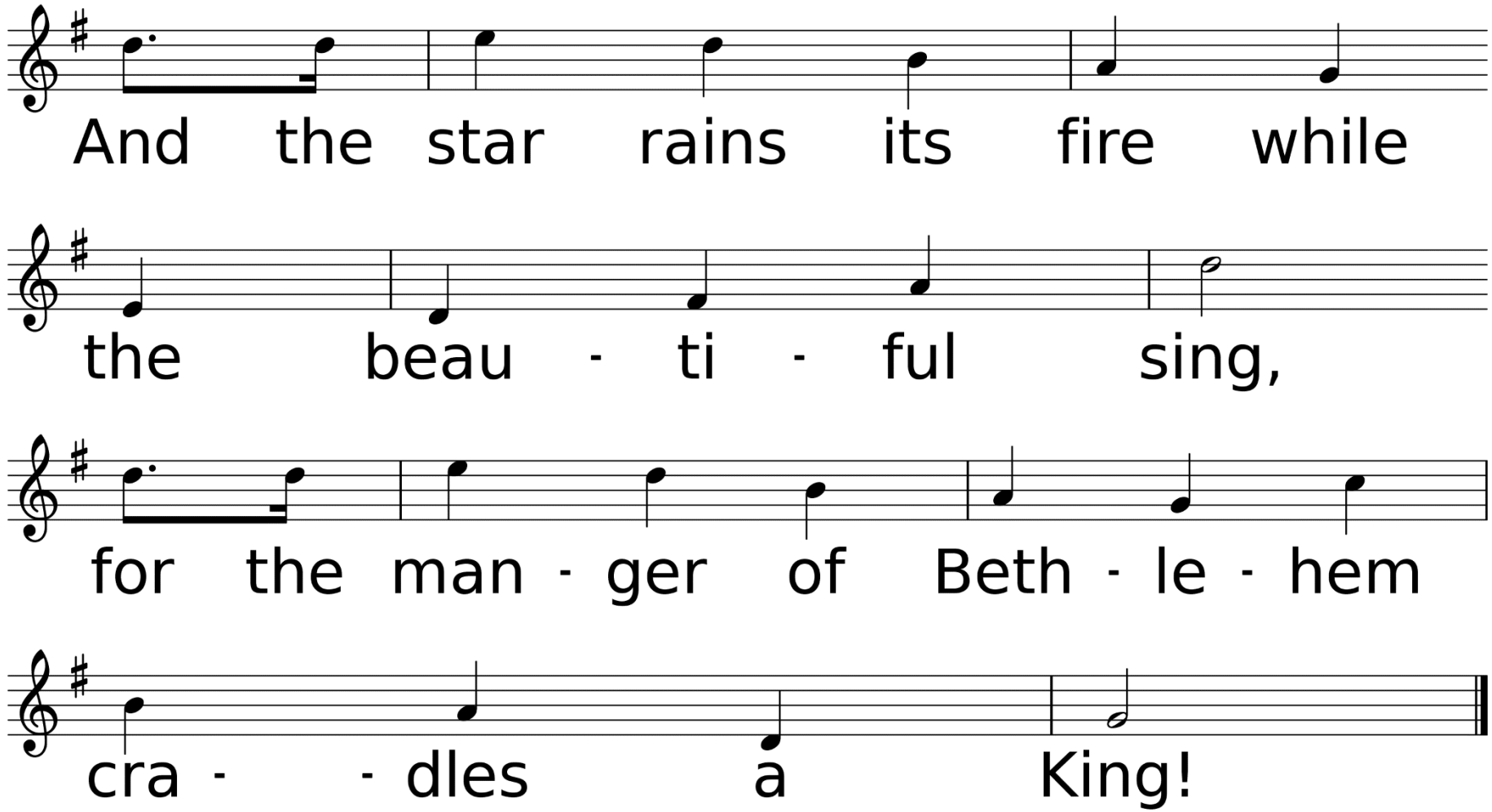
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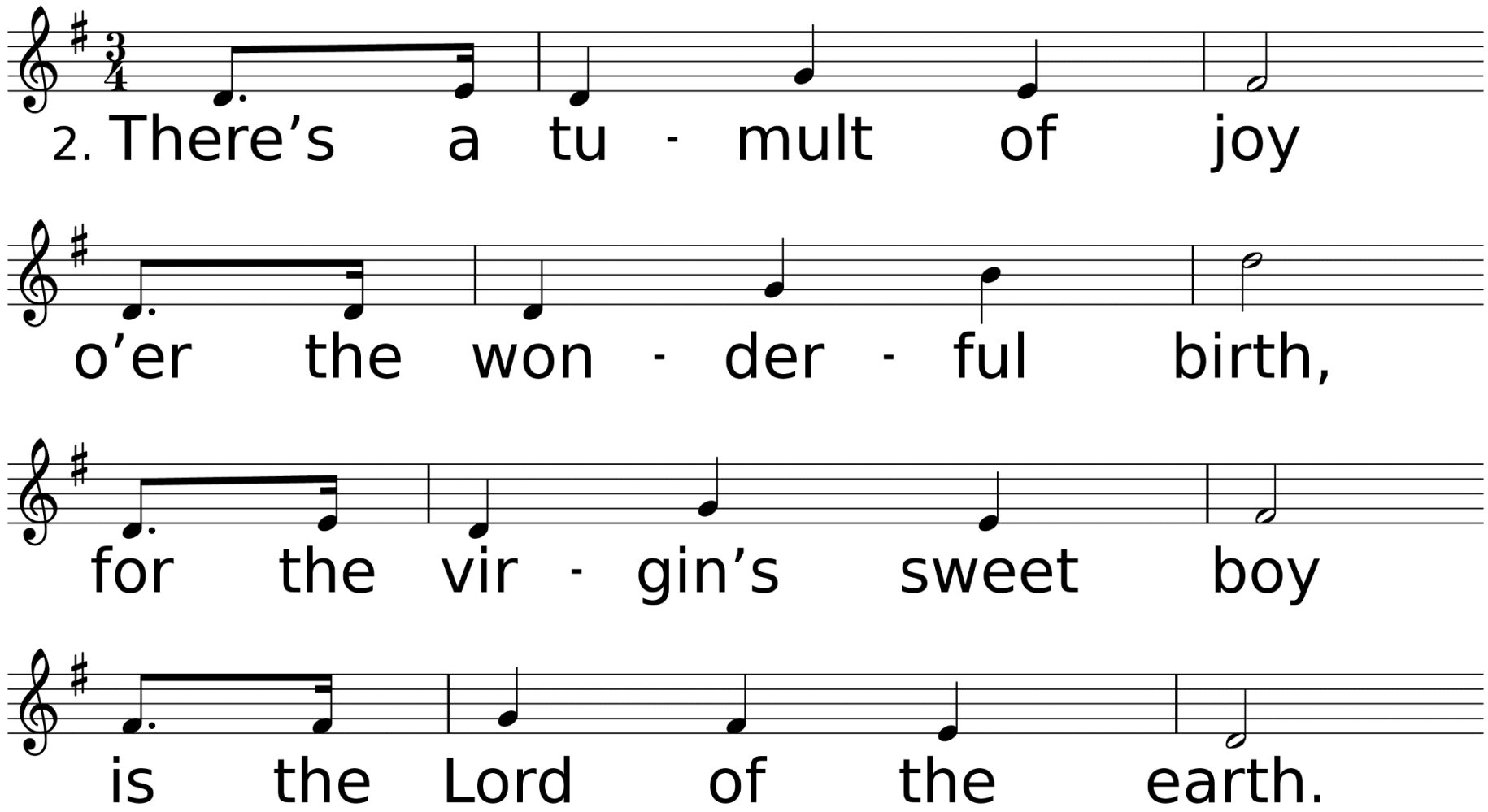
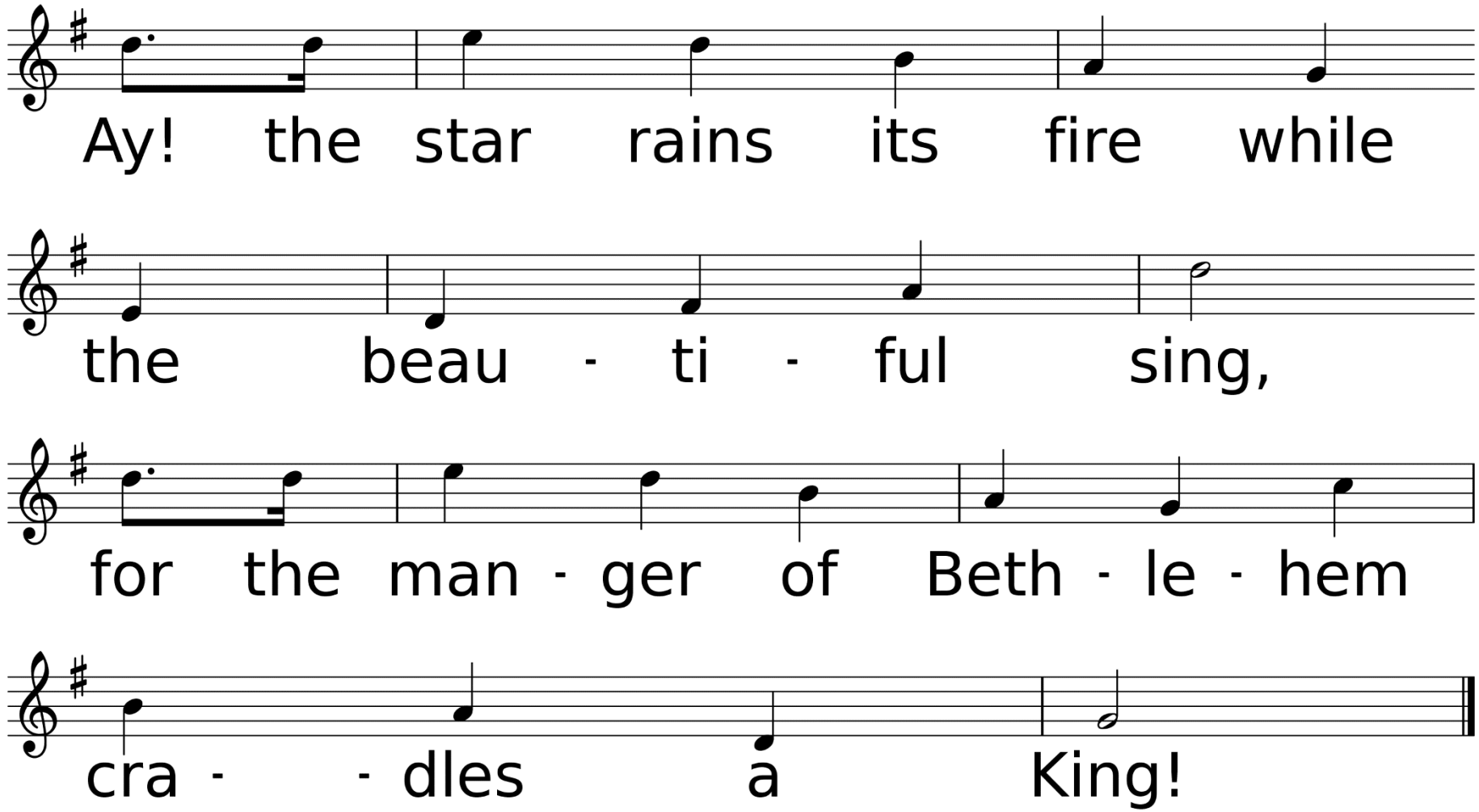
for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem
cra - - dles a King!


2. There’s a tu - mult of joy
o’er the won - der - ful birth,
for the vir - gin’s sweet boy
is the Lord of the earth.


Ay! the star rains its fire while
the beau - ti - ful sing,
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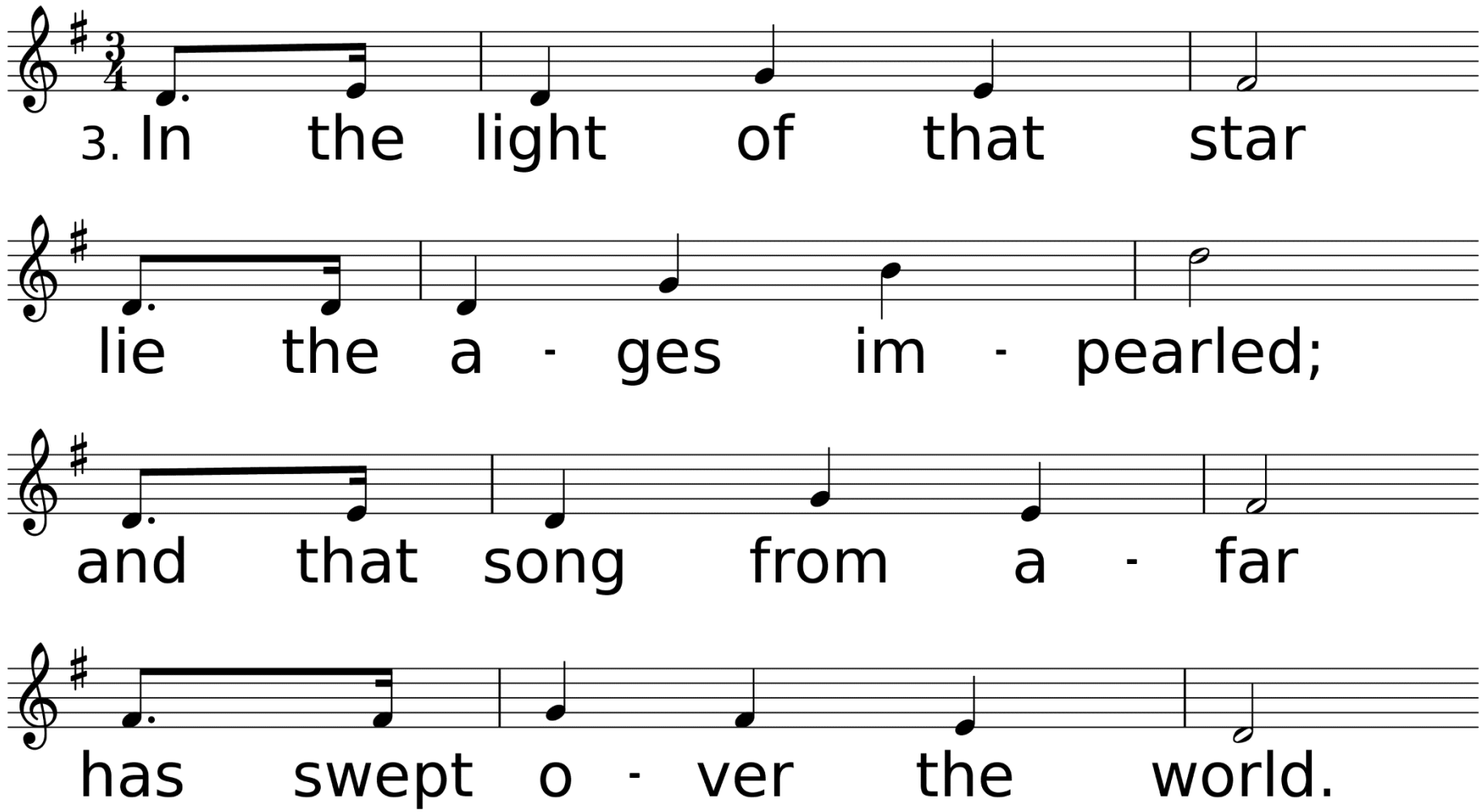
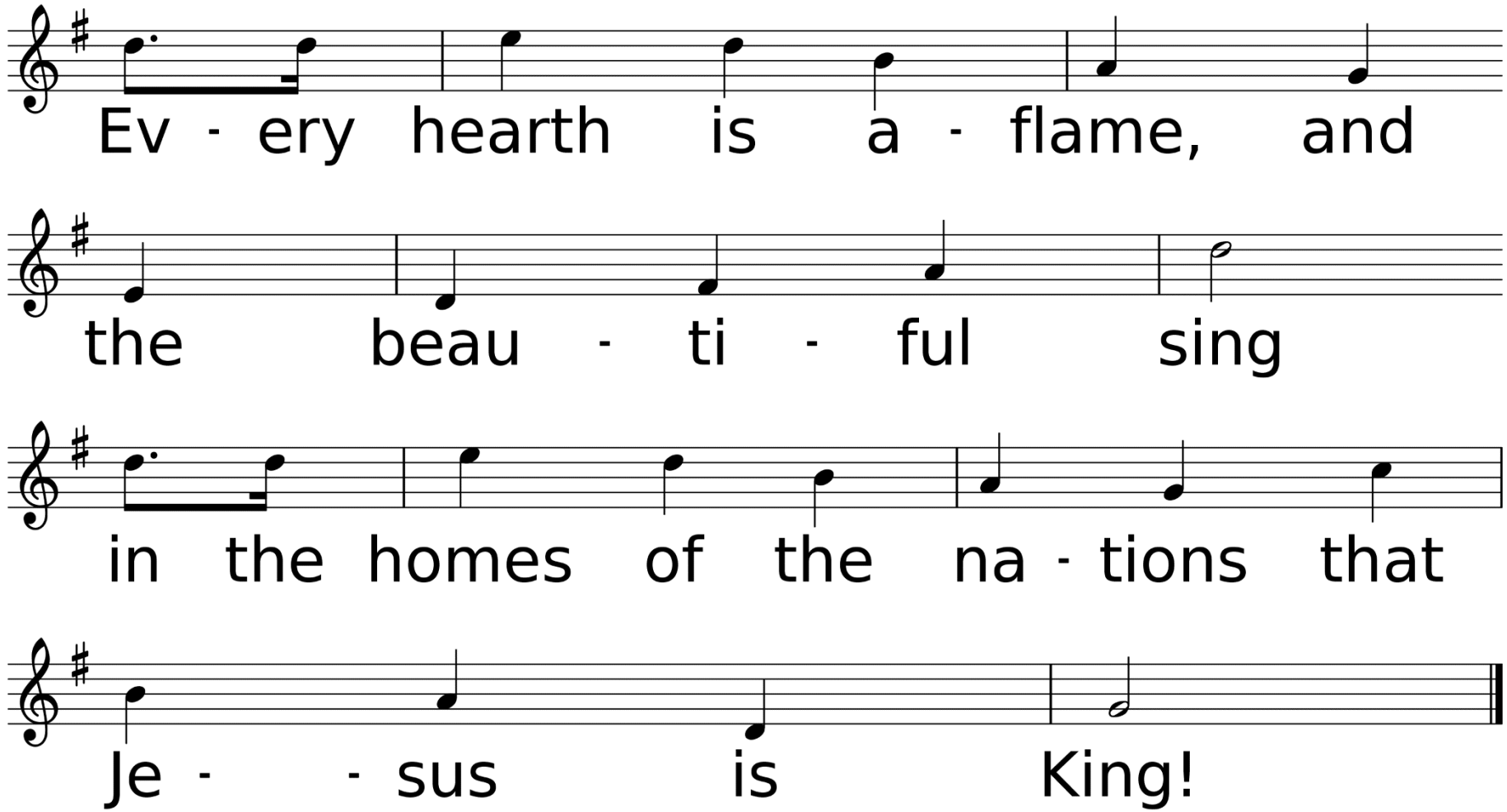
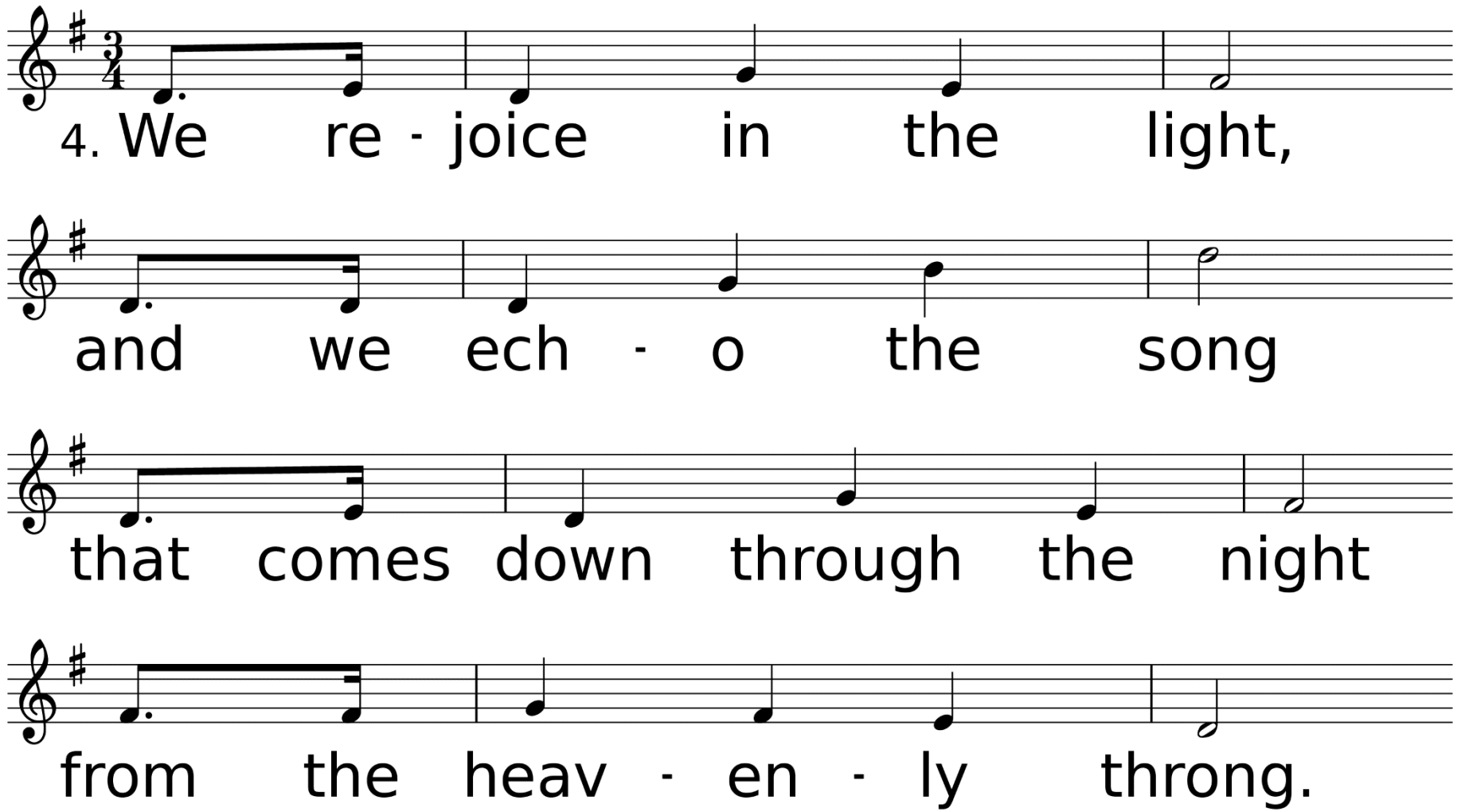
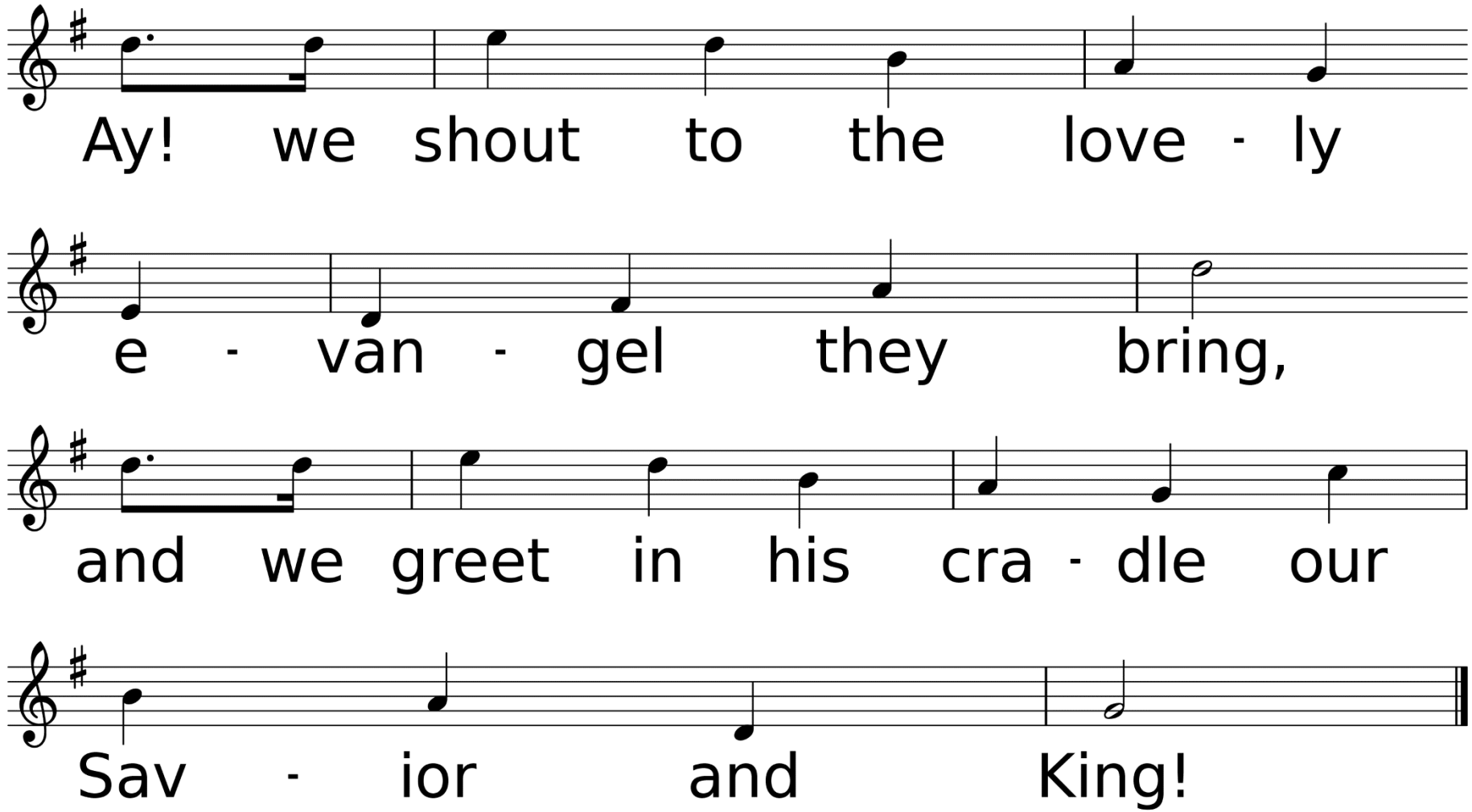
cra - - dles a King!


3. In the light of that star
lie the a - ges im - pearled;
and that song from a - far
has swept o - ver the world.


Ev - ery hearth is a - flame, and
the beau - ti - ful sing
in the homes of the na - tions that
Je - - sus is King!


4. We re - joice in the light,
and we ech - o the song
that comes down through the night
from the heav - en - ly throng.


Ay! we shout to the love - ly
e - van - gel they bring,
and we greet in his cra - dle our
Sav - ior and King!

*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

Rev. Mike Hannah
(L. Waughtal)
Tornado Victims & UMCOR
Elizabeth & Dale Vincent
Francis Slover
(S. Chavez)
Honduras Mission Trip
(S. Hill)
Margaretta Mayes
(C. Slover)
Mike Teel
(L. Waughtal)
Donna McCullough
Sonny Lambert
(J. Vinyard)

Samantha Louque
(S. Hill)
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)

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(M. Bailey)
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(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
What Child Is This

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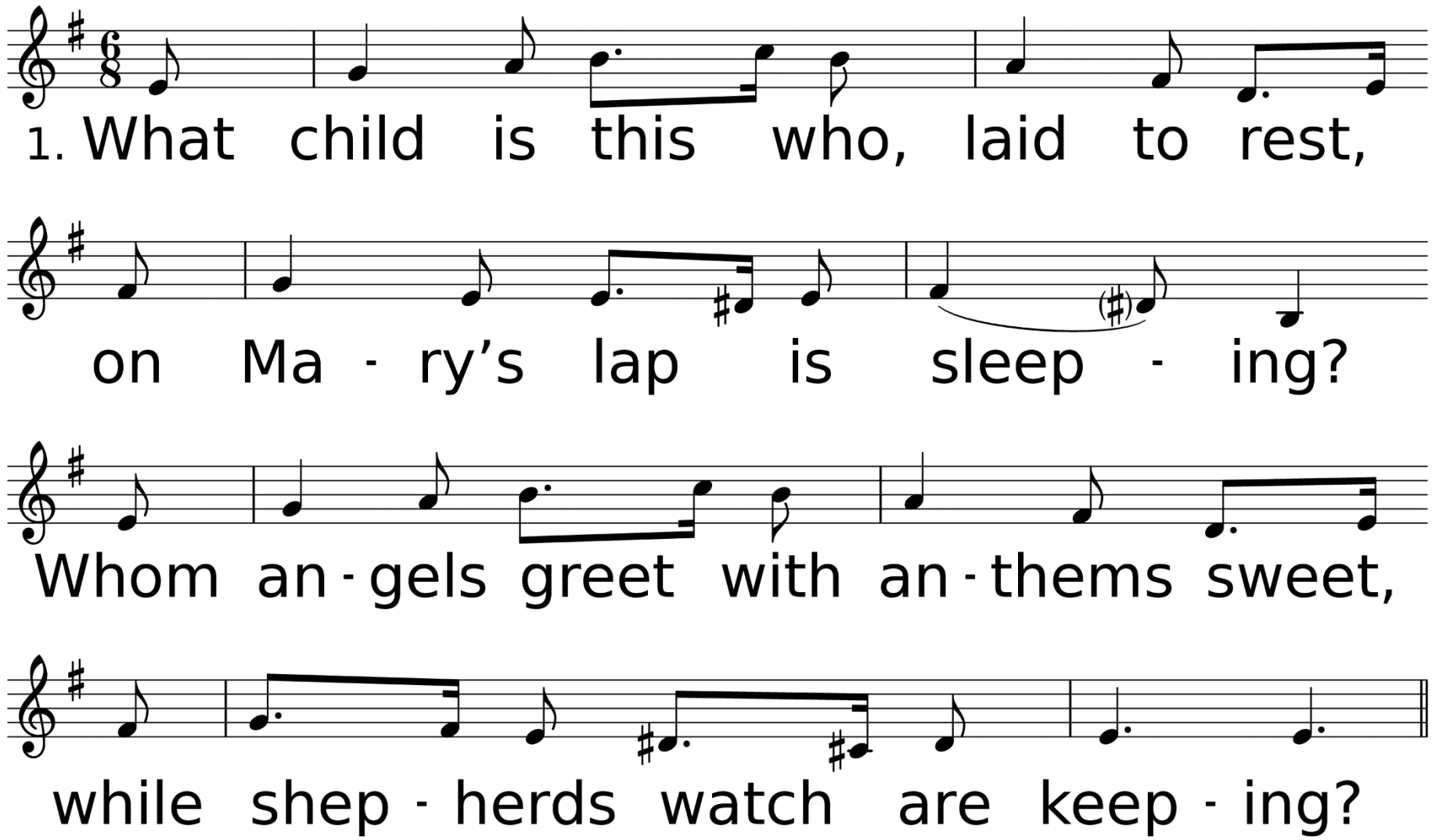

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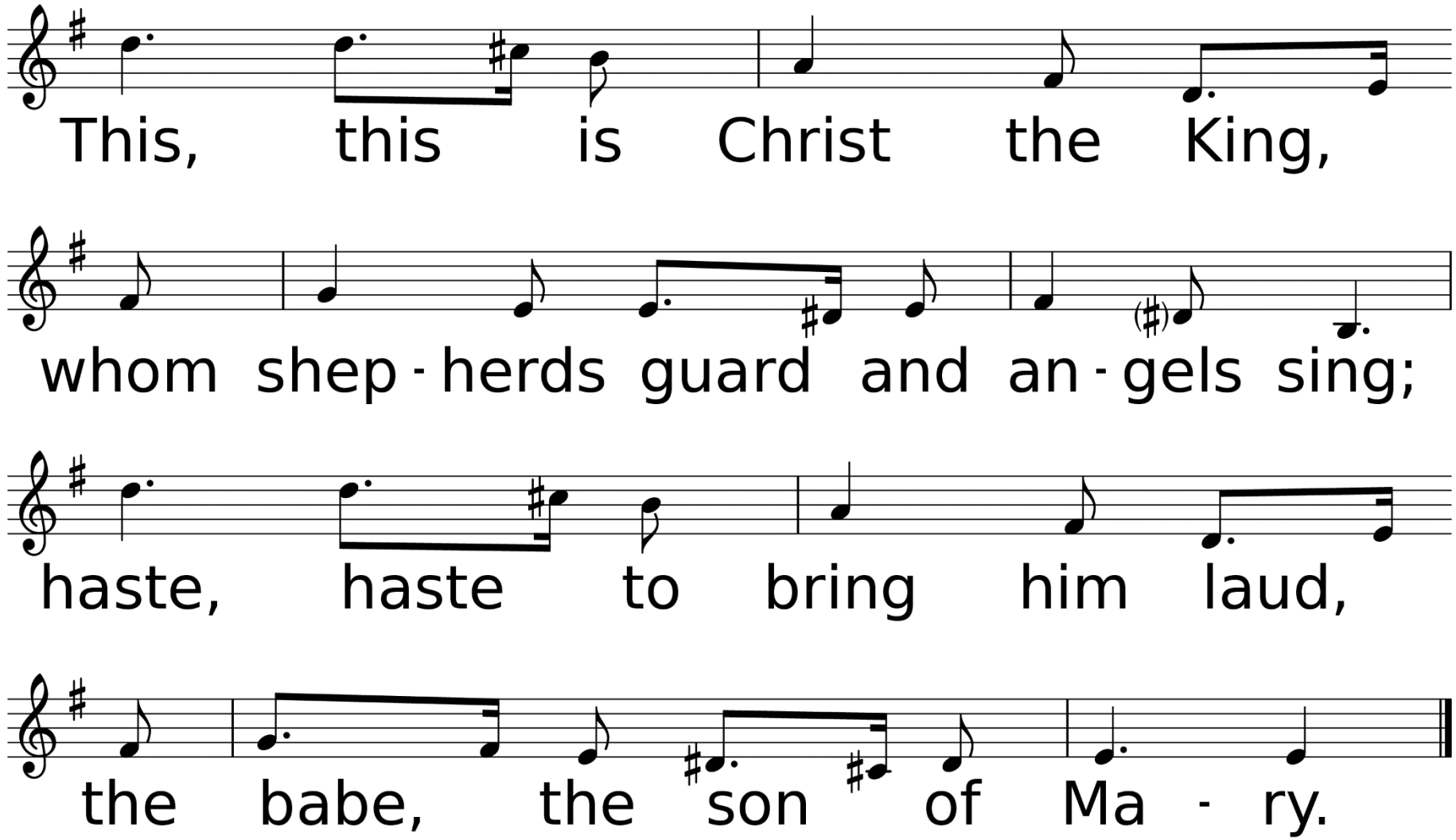
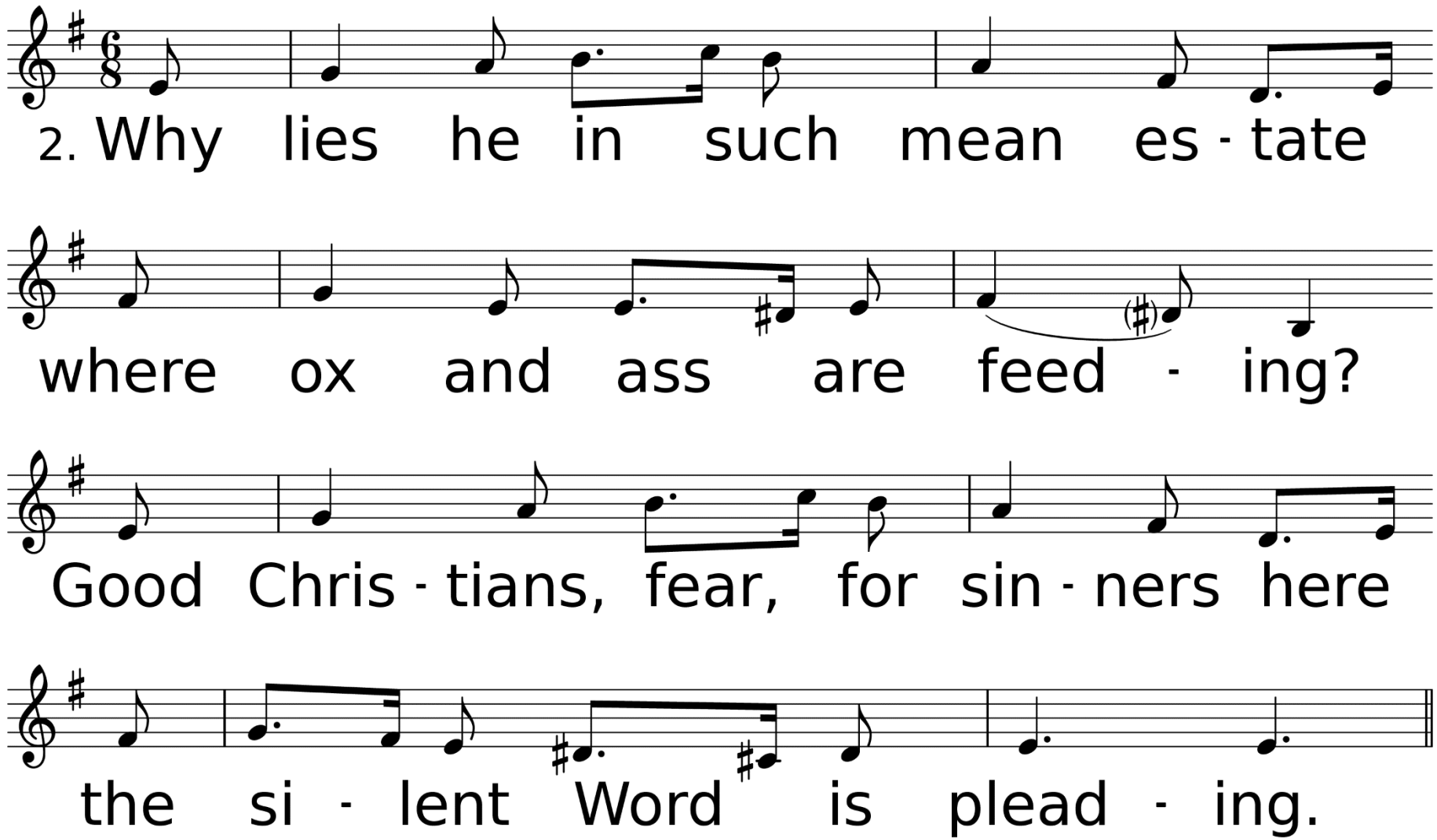
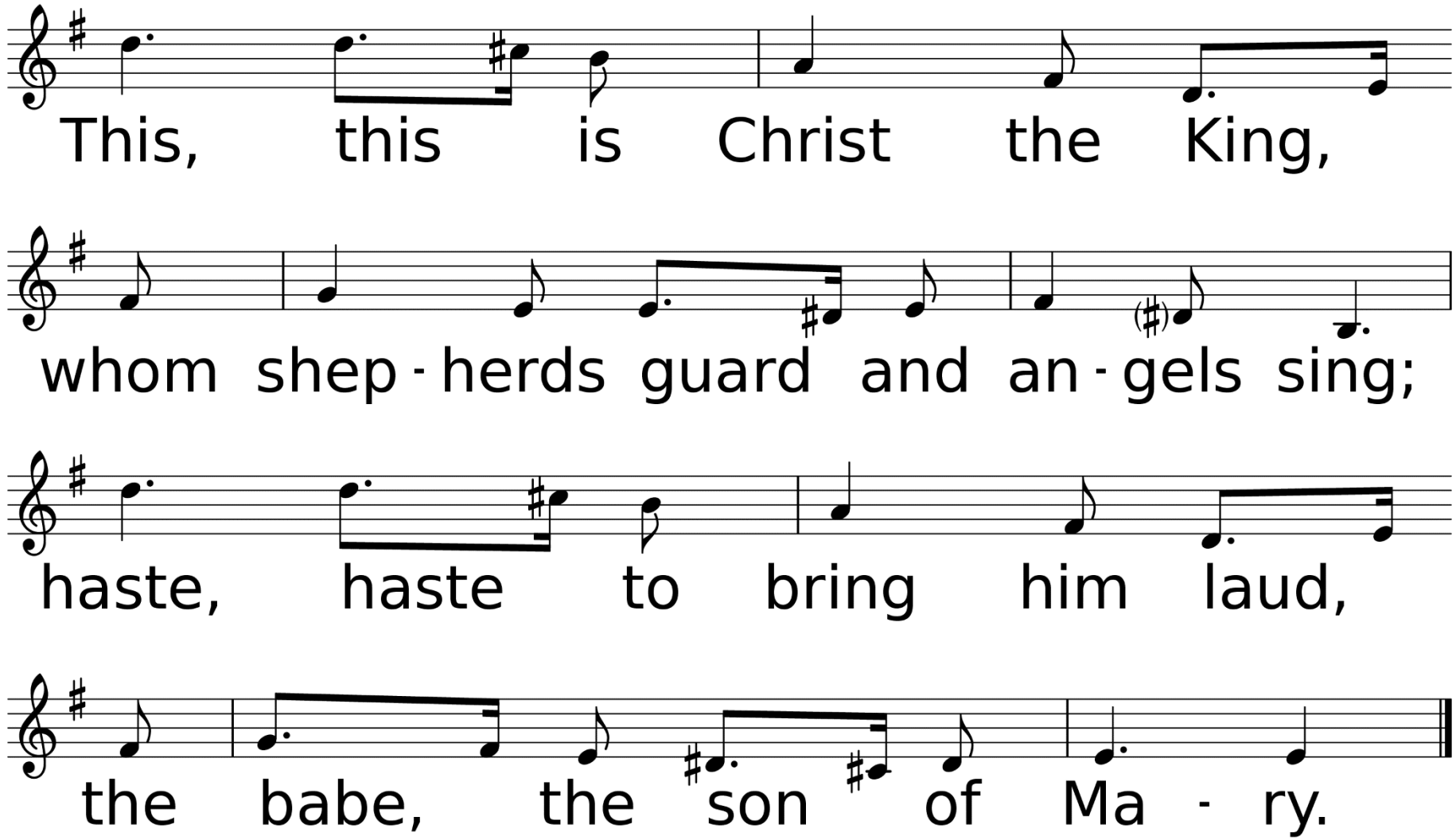

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Ma - ry.


2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate
where ox and ass are feed - ing?
Good Chris - tians, fear, for sin - ners here
the si - lent Word is plead - ing.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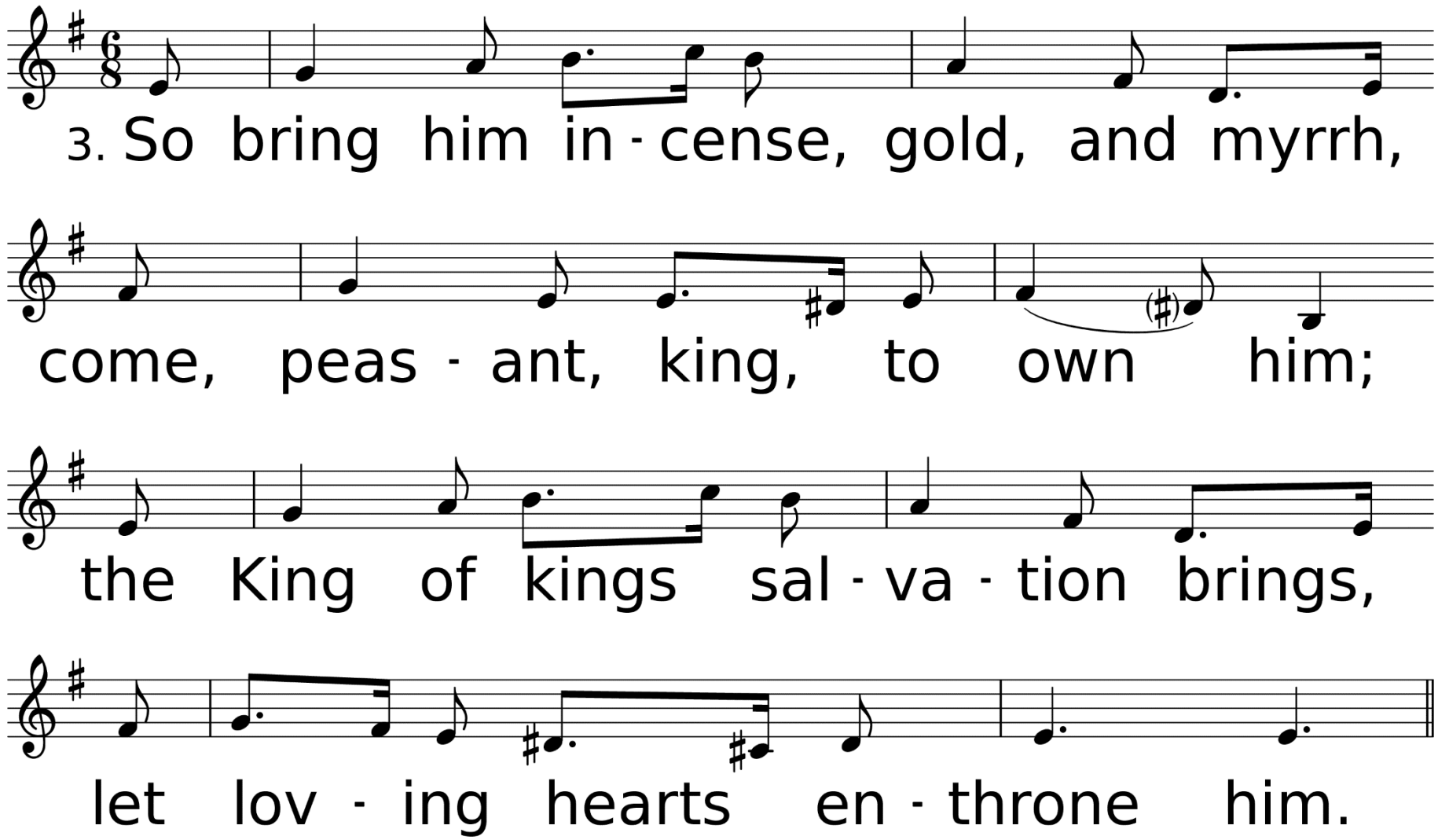
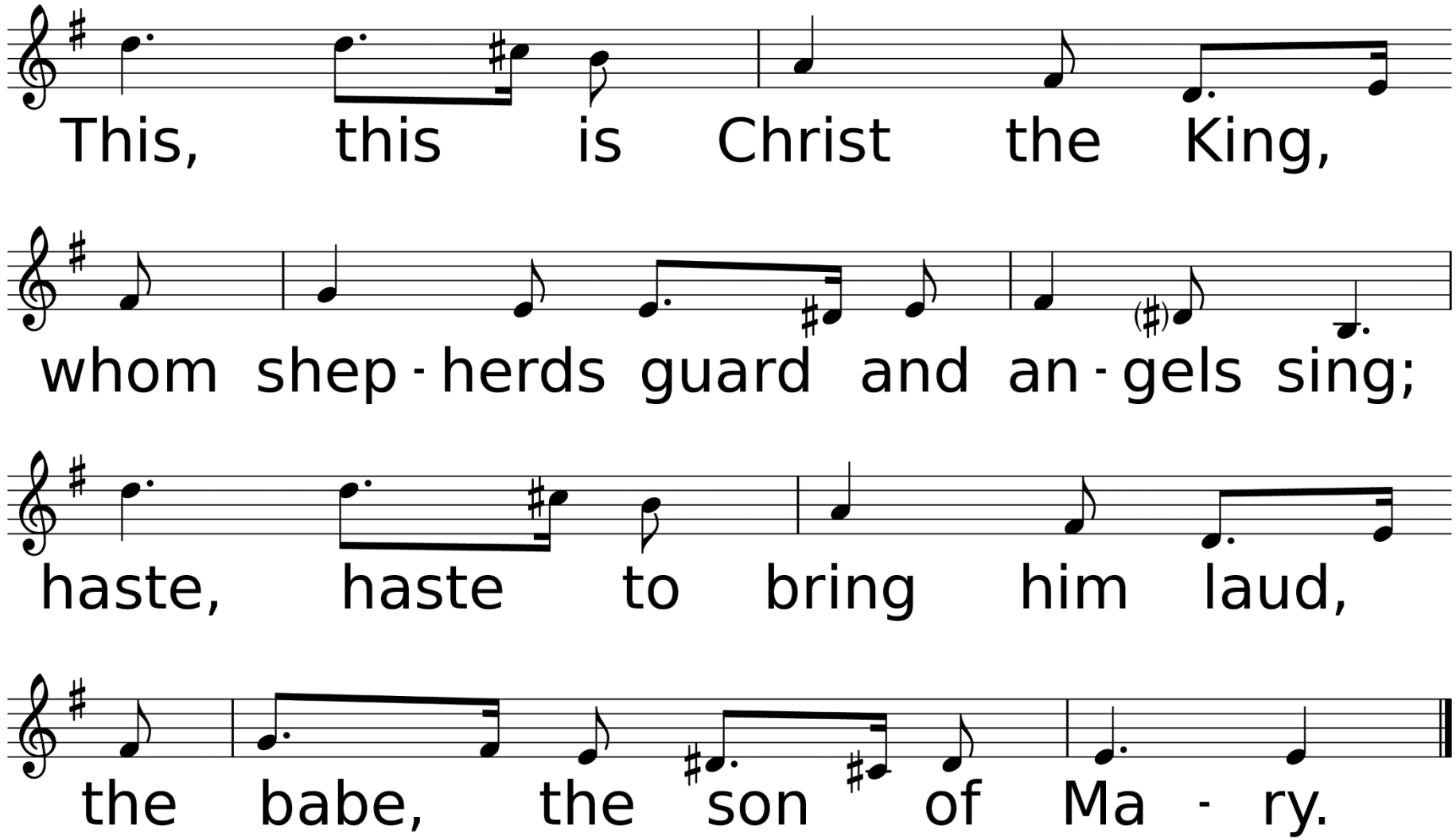

3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peas - ant, king, to own him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings,
let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.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Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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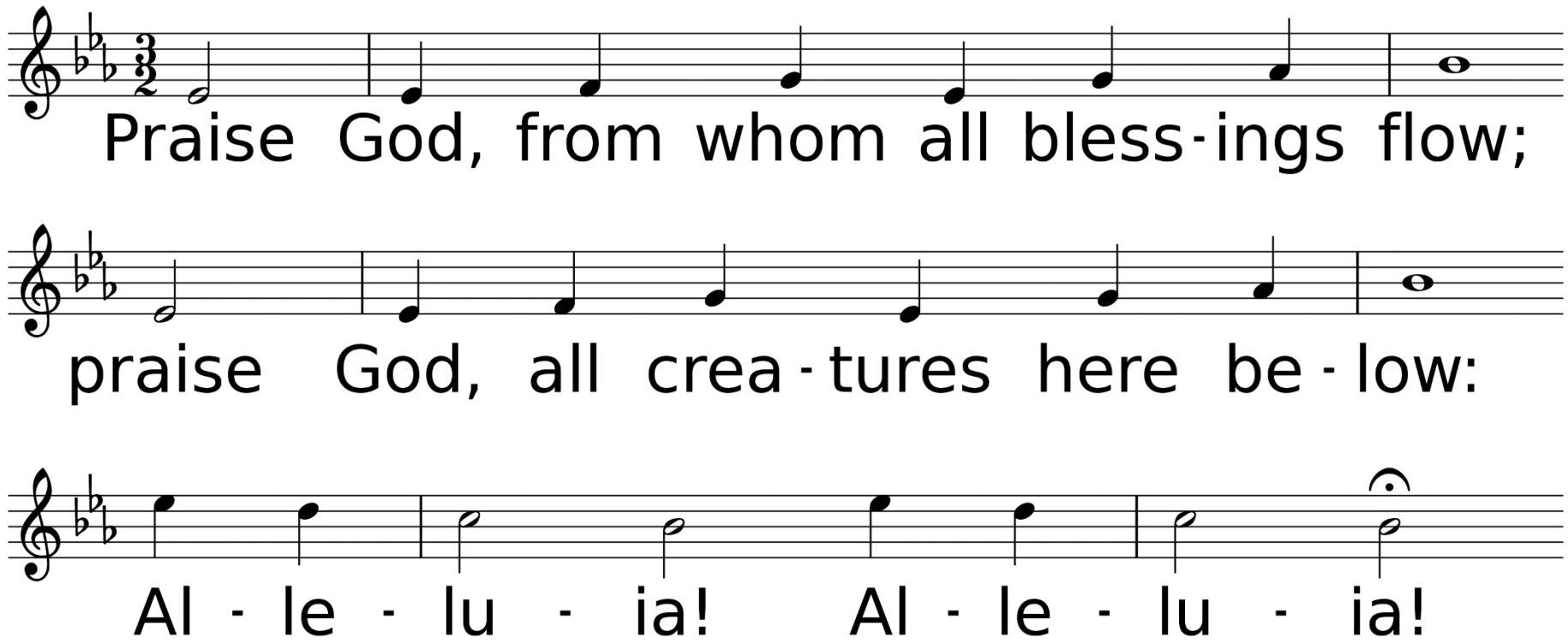

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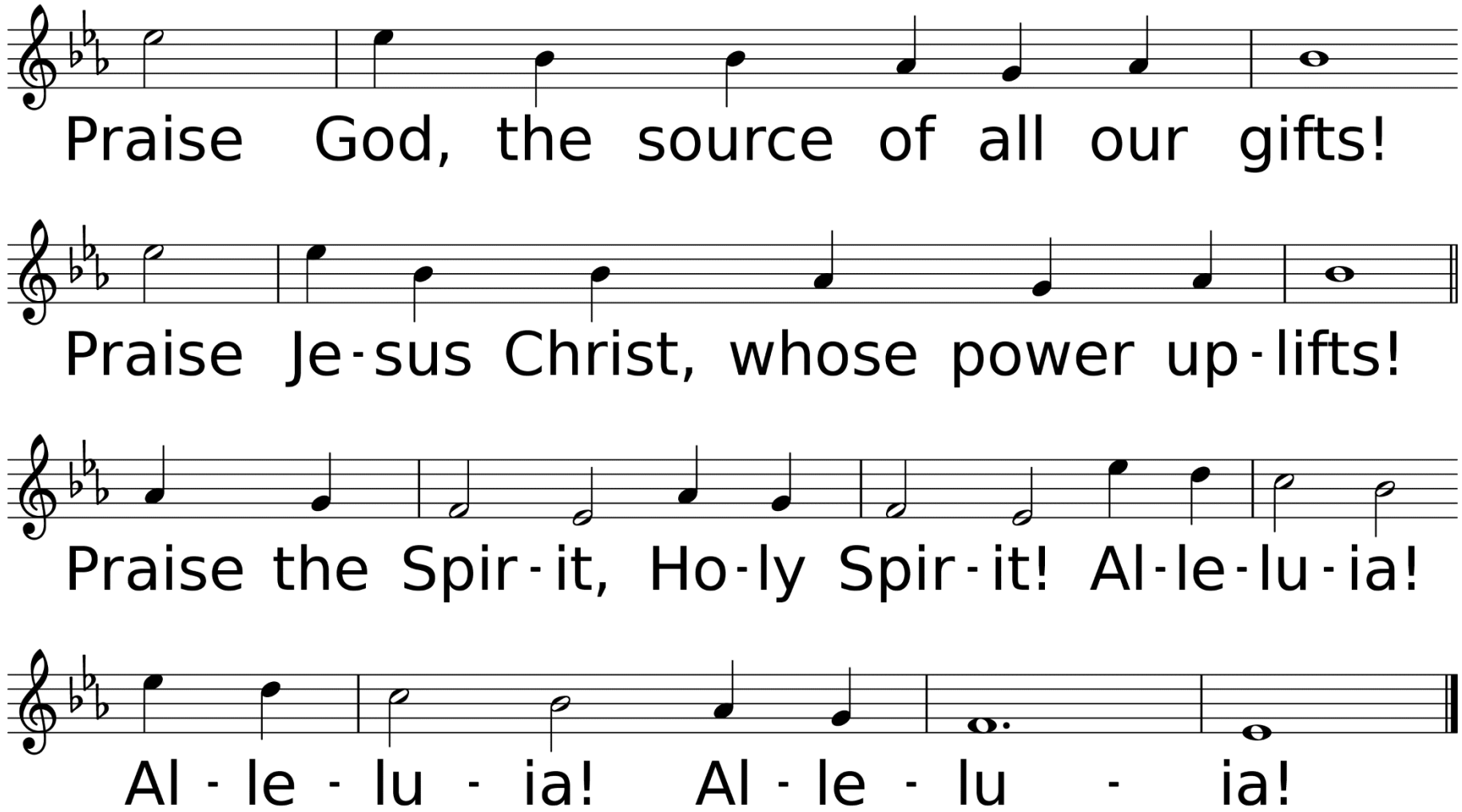
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Joy to the World

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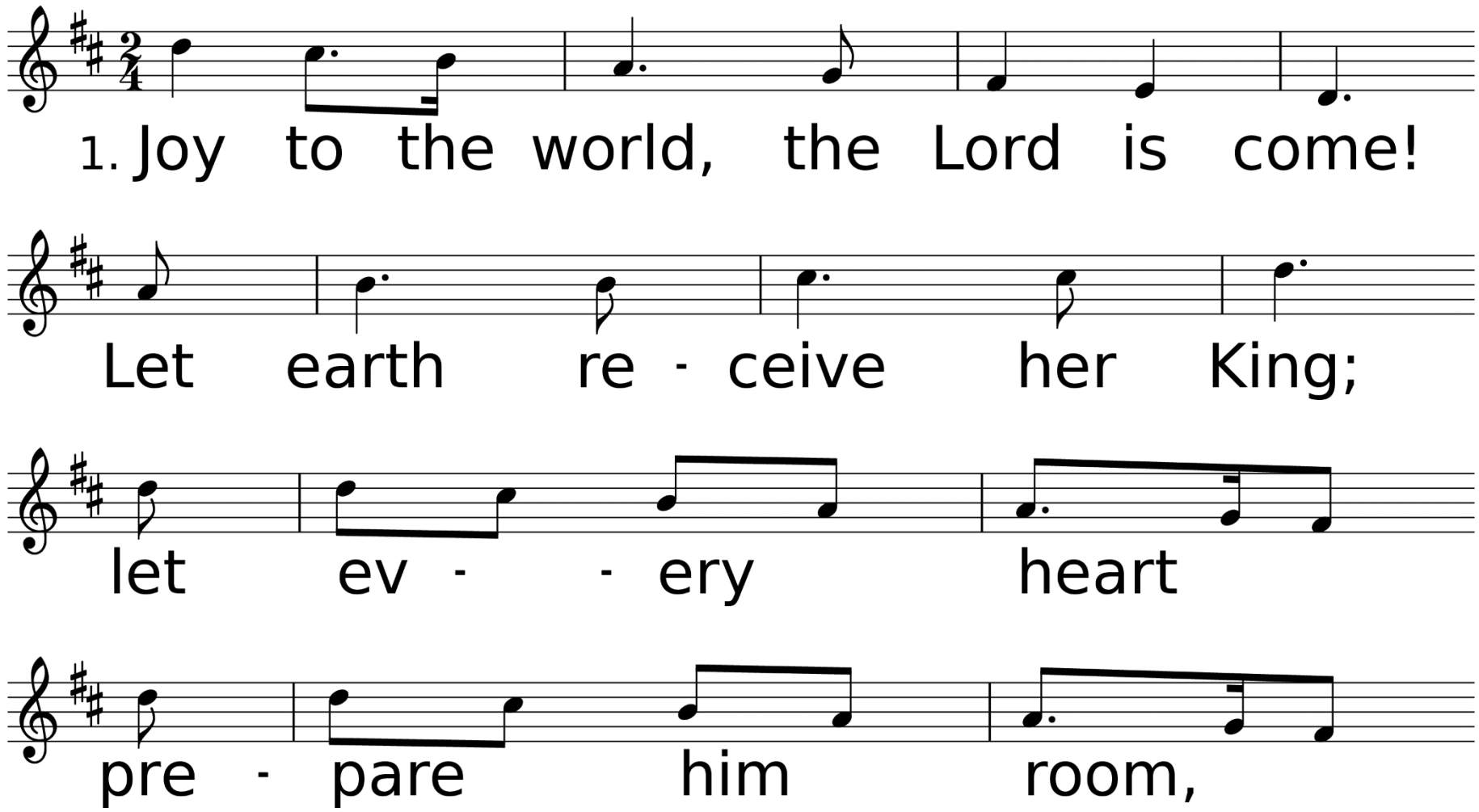

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-9)
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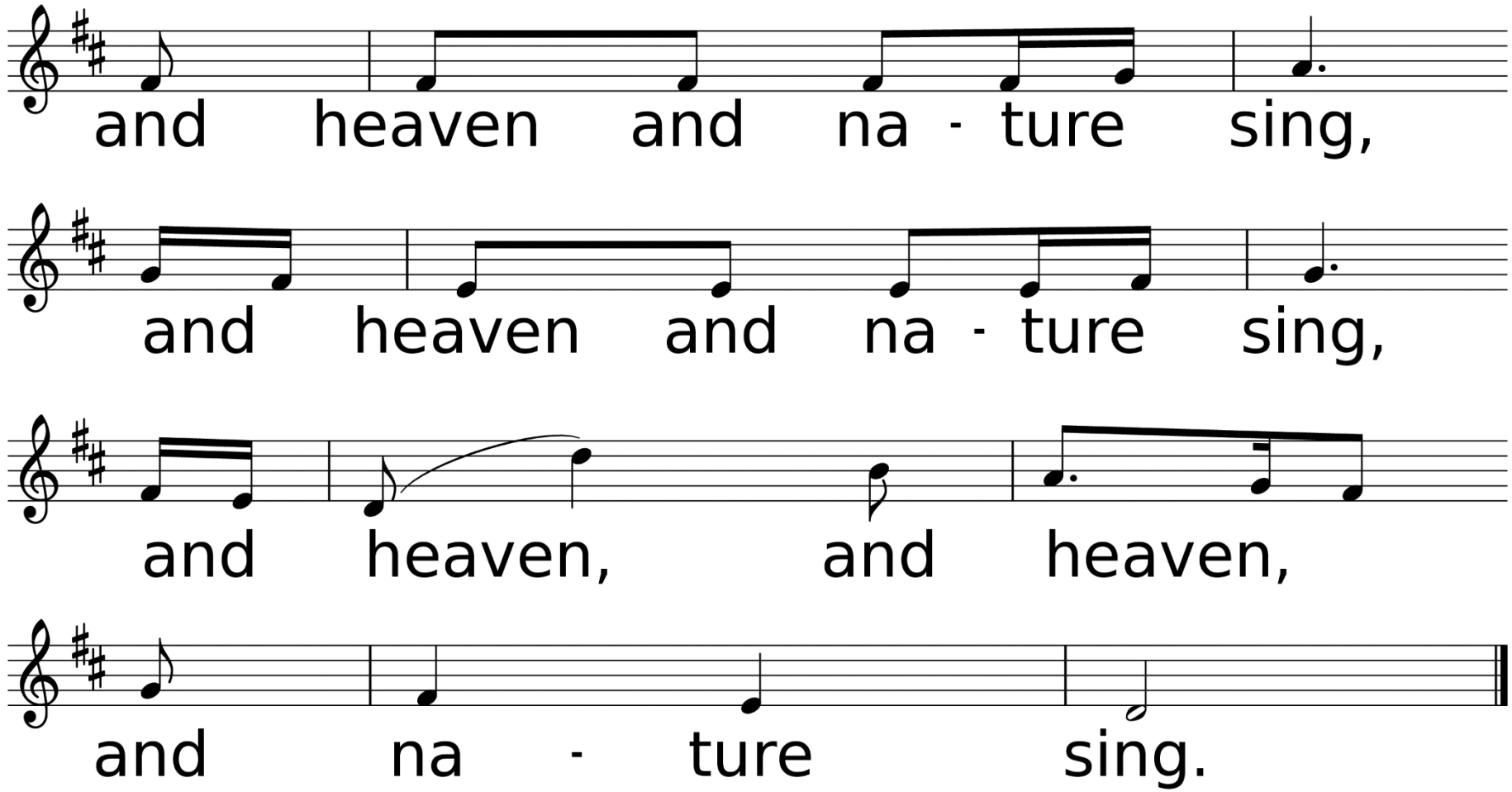
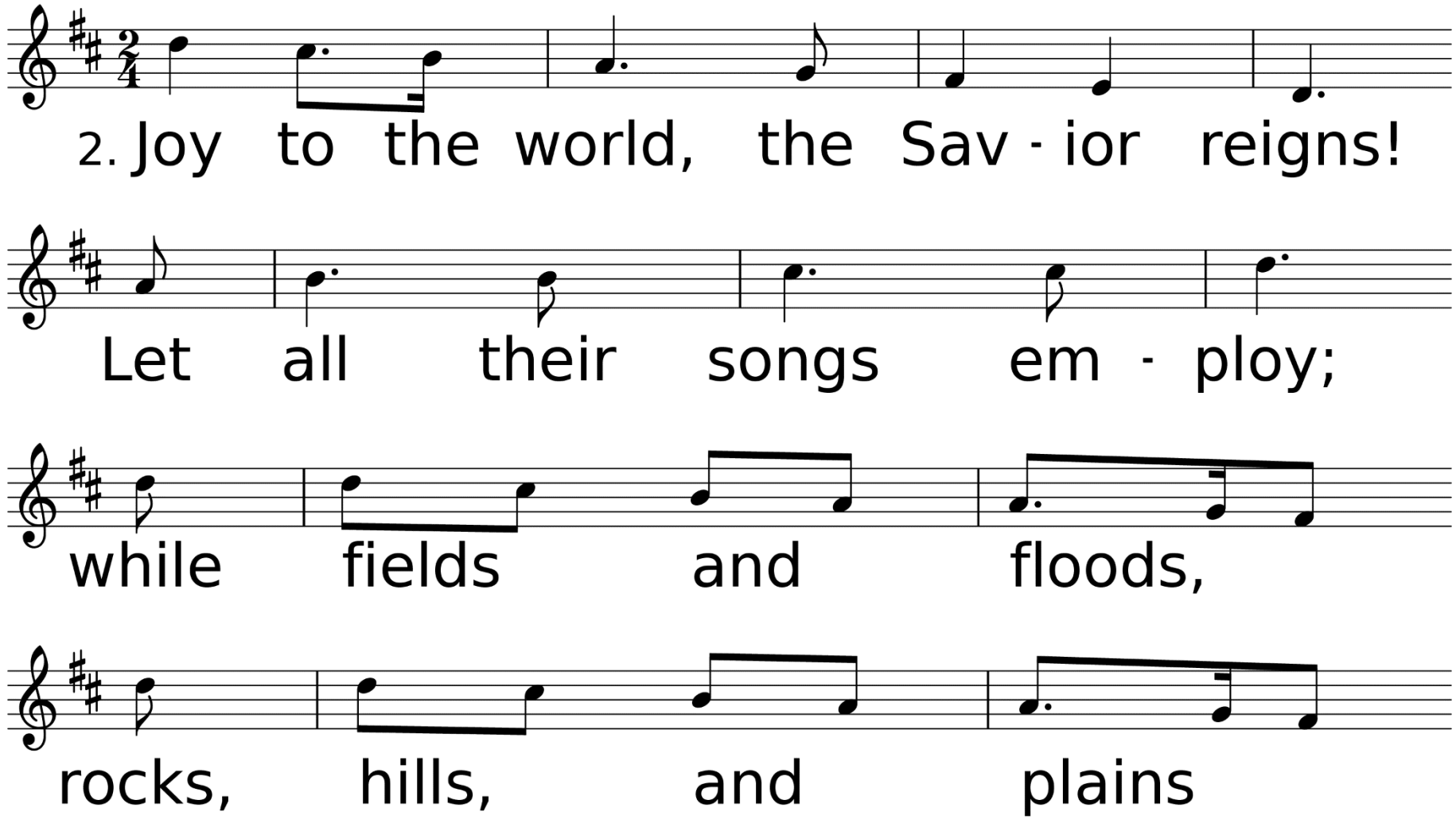
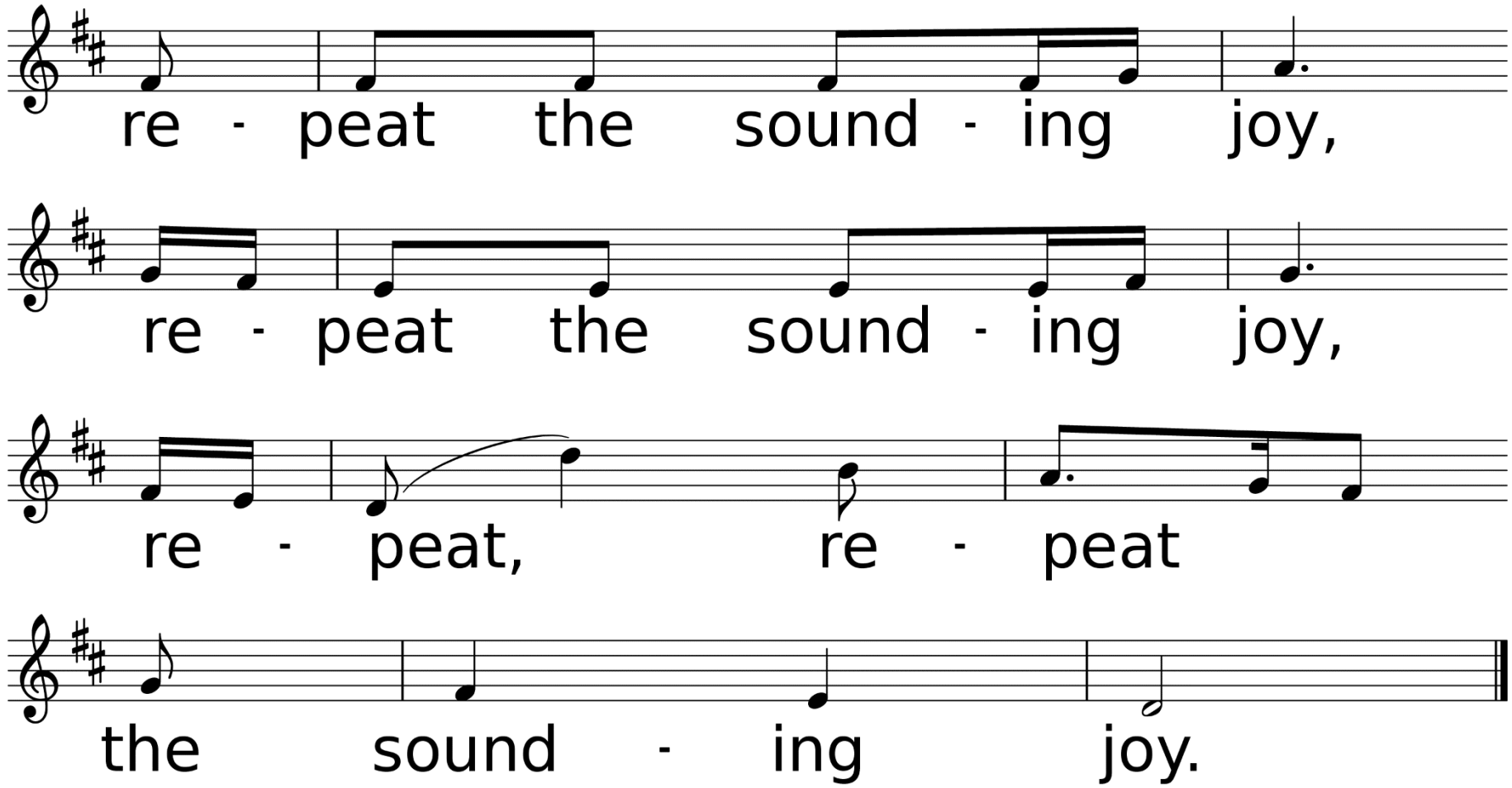

and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and na - ture sing.


2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
Let all their songs em - ploy;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains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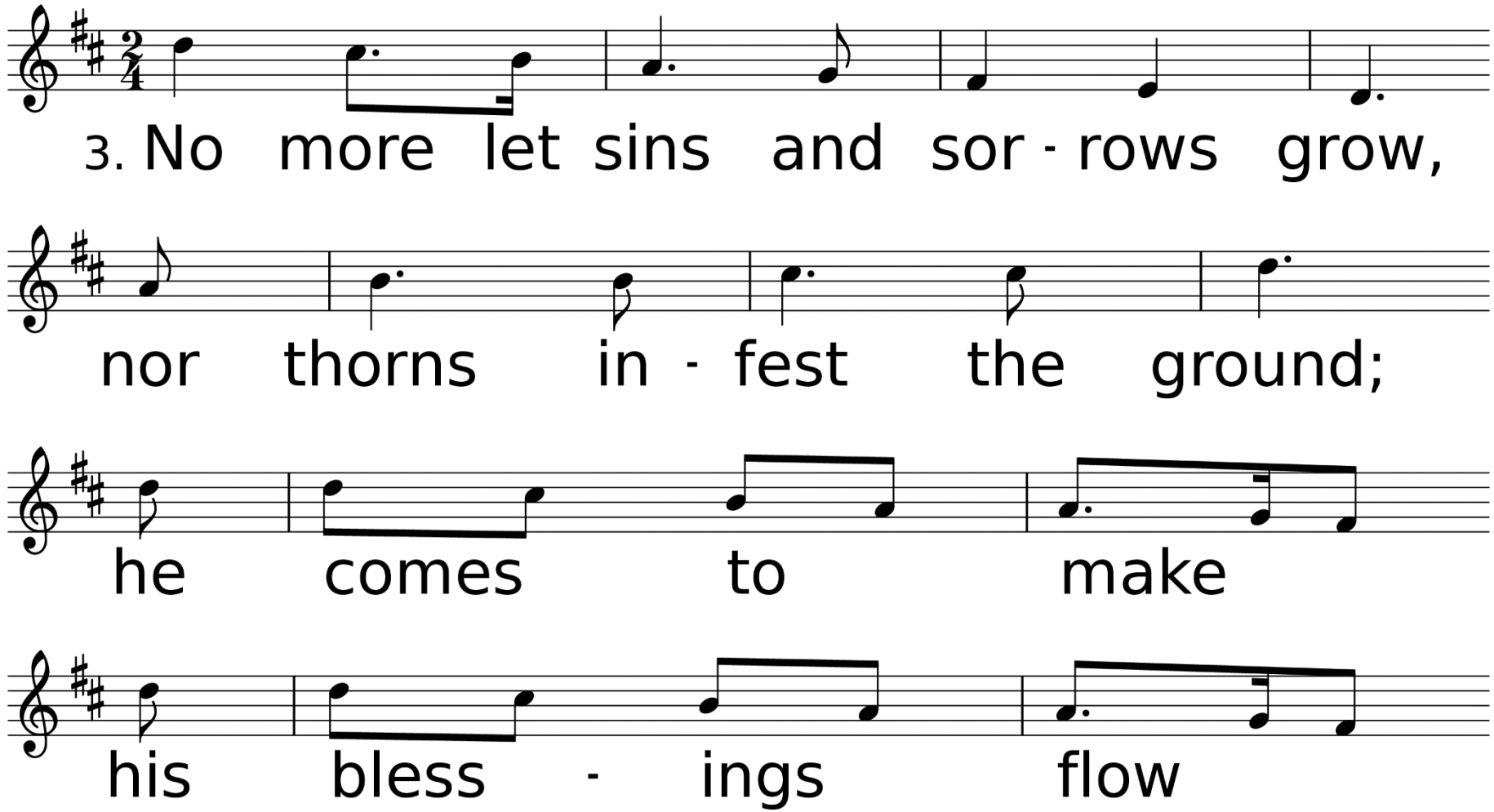
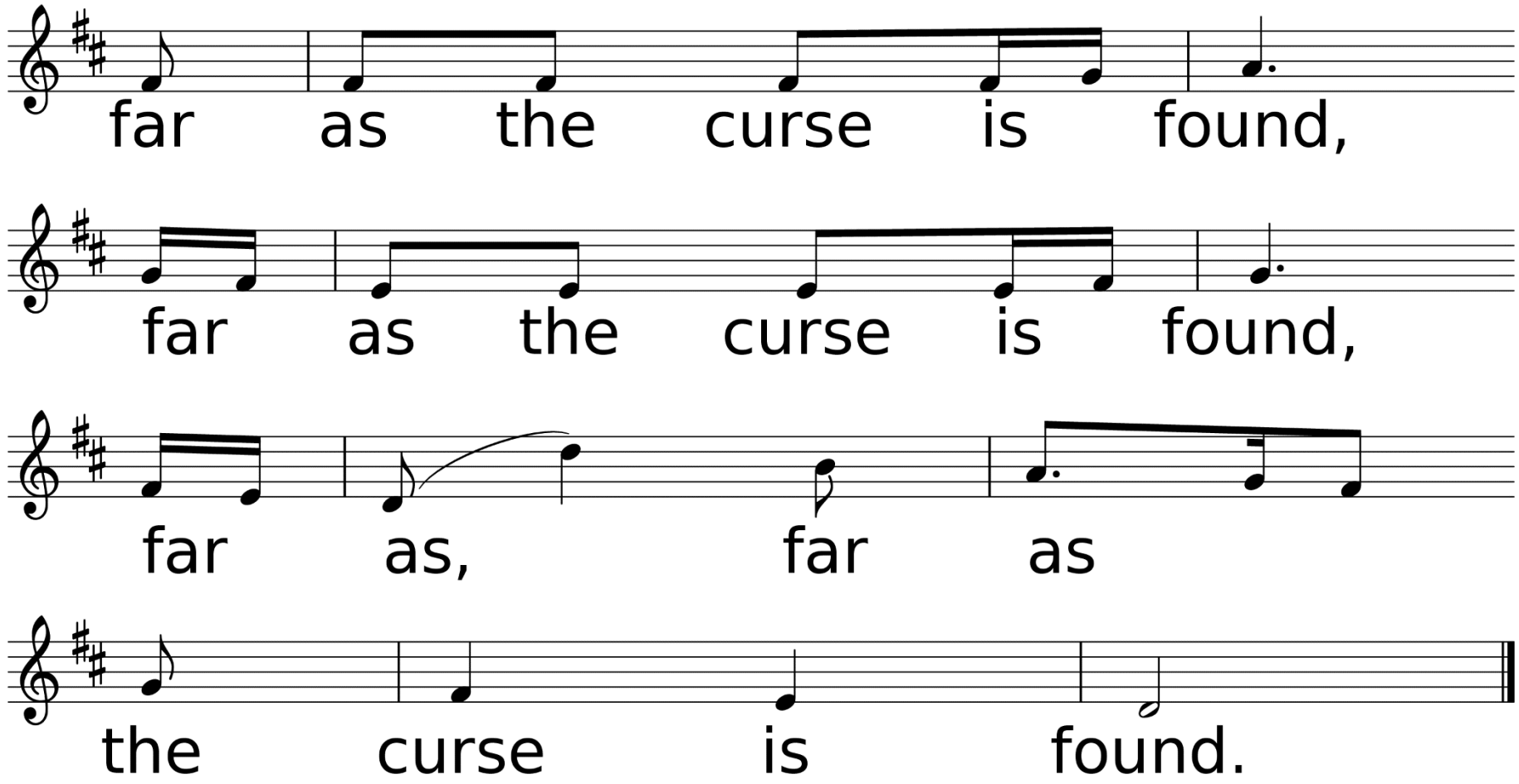
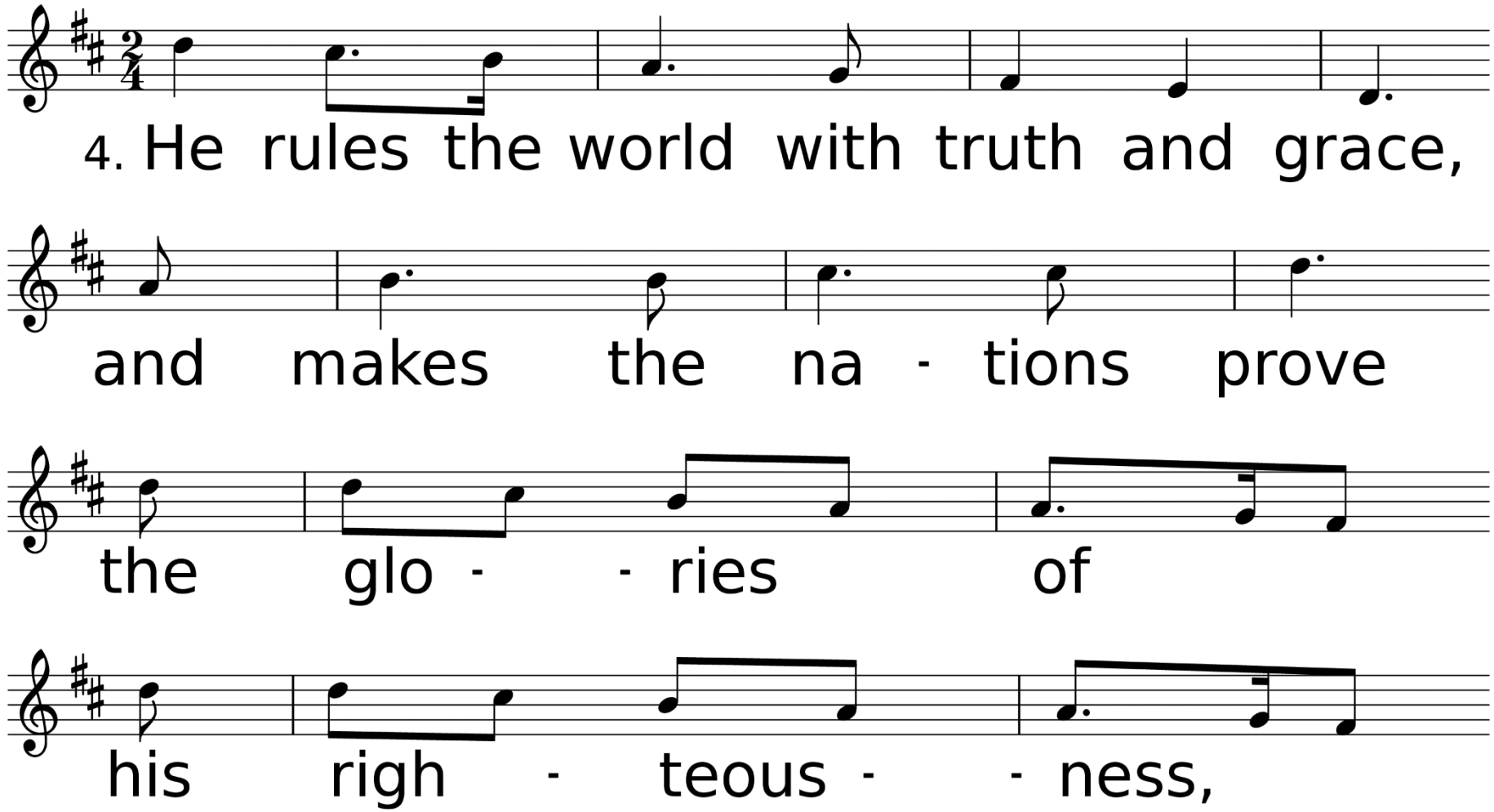
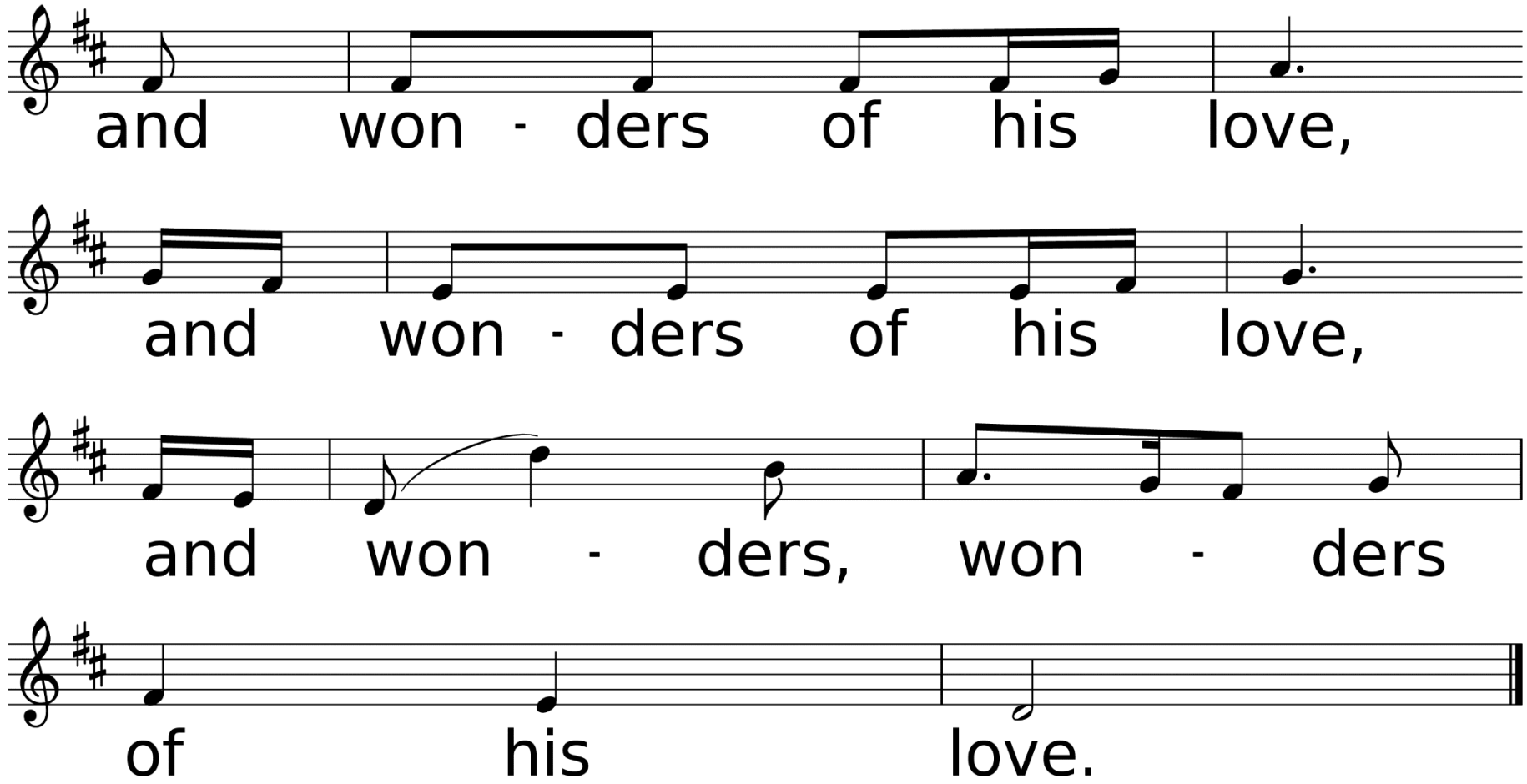
the sound - ing joy.


3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
nor thorns in - fest the ground;
he comes to make
his bless - ings flow


far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as
the curse is found.


4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the na - tions prove
the glo - - ries of
his righ - teous - - ness,


and won - ders of his love,
and won - ders of his love,
and won - ders, won - ders
of his love.

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:22-38

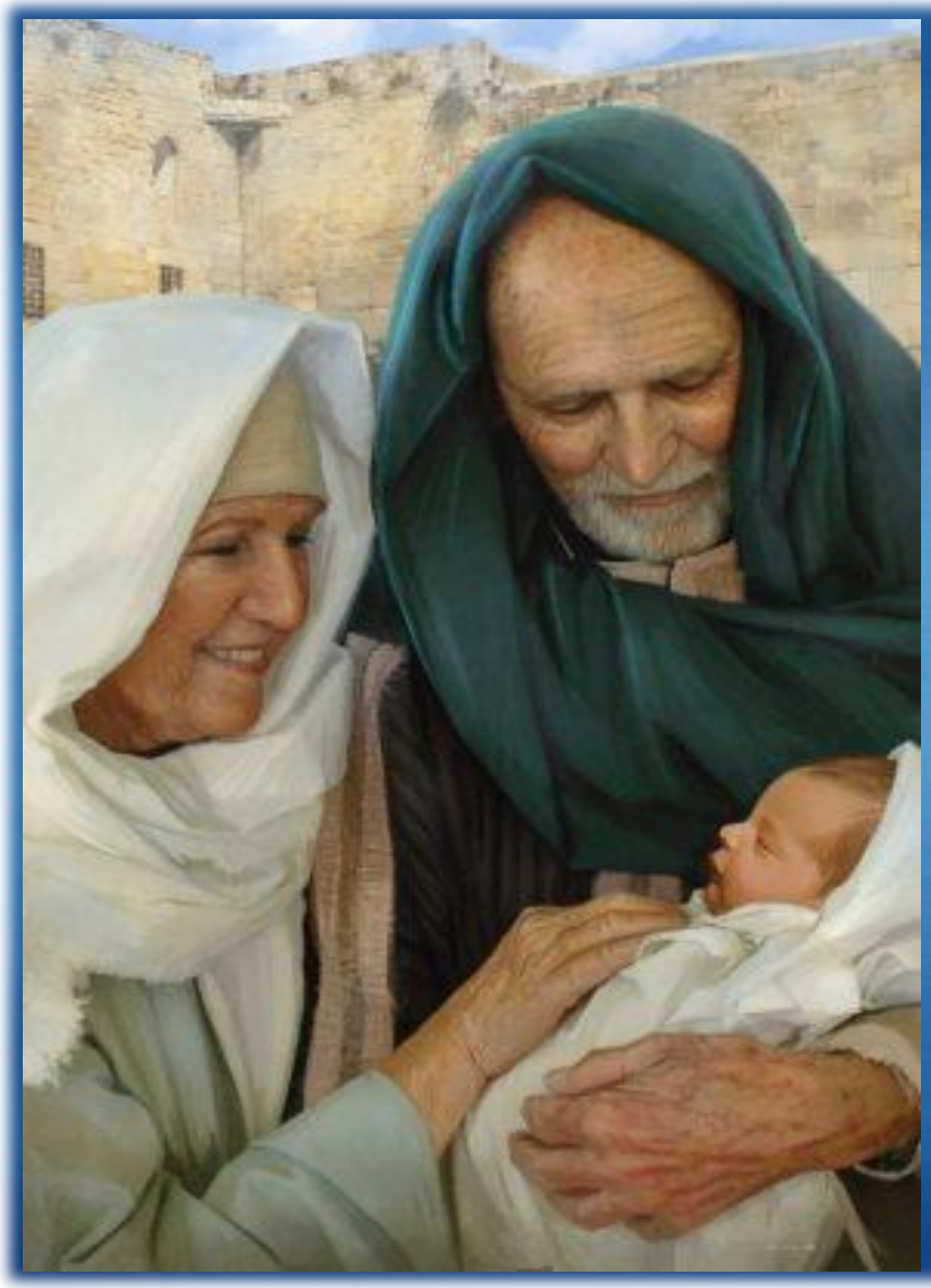
When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



"Presented and Consecrated to God"

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant & Chris Eaton

*Hymn of Invitation

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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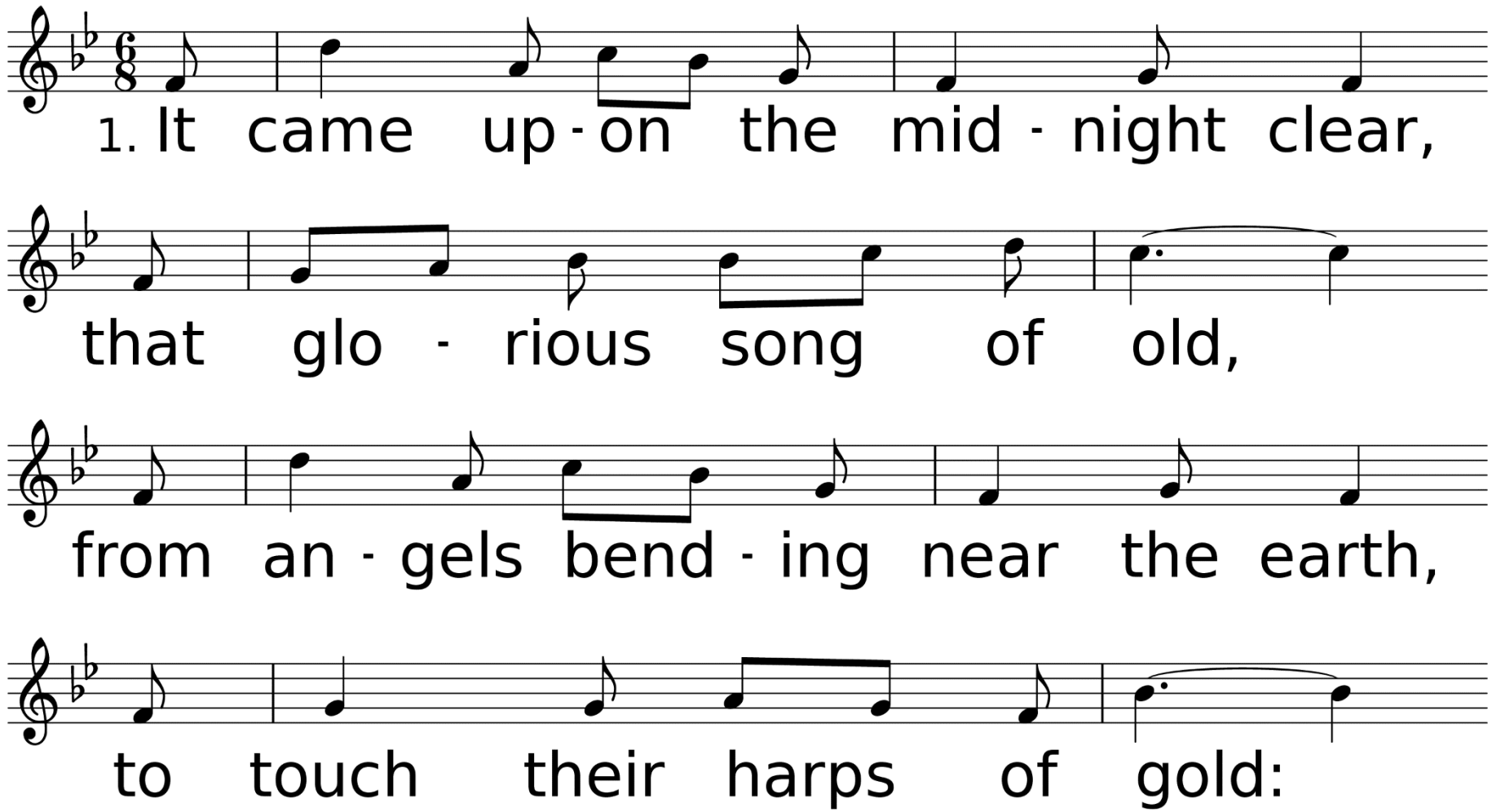
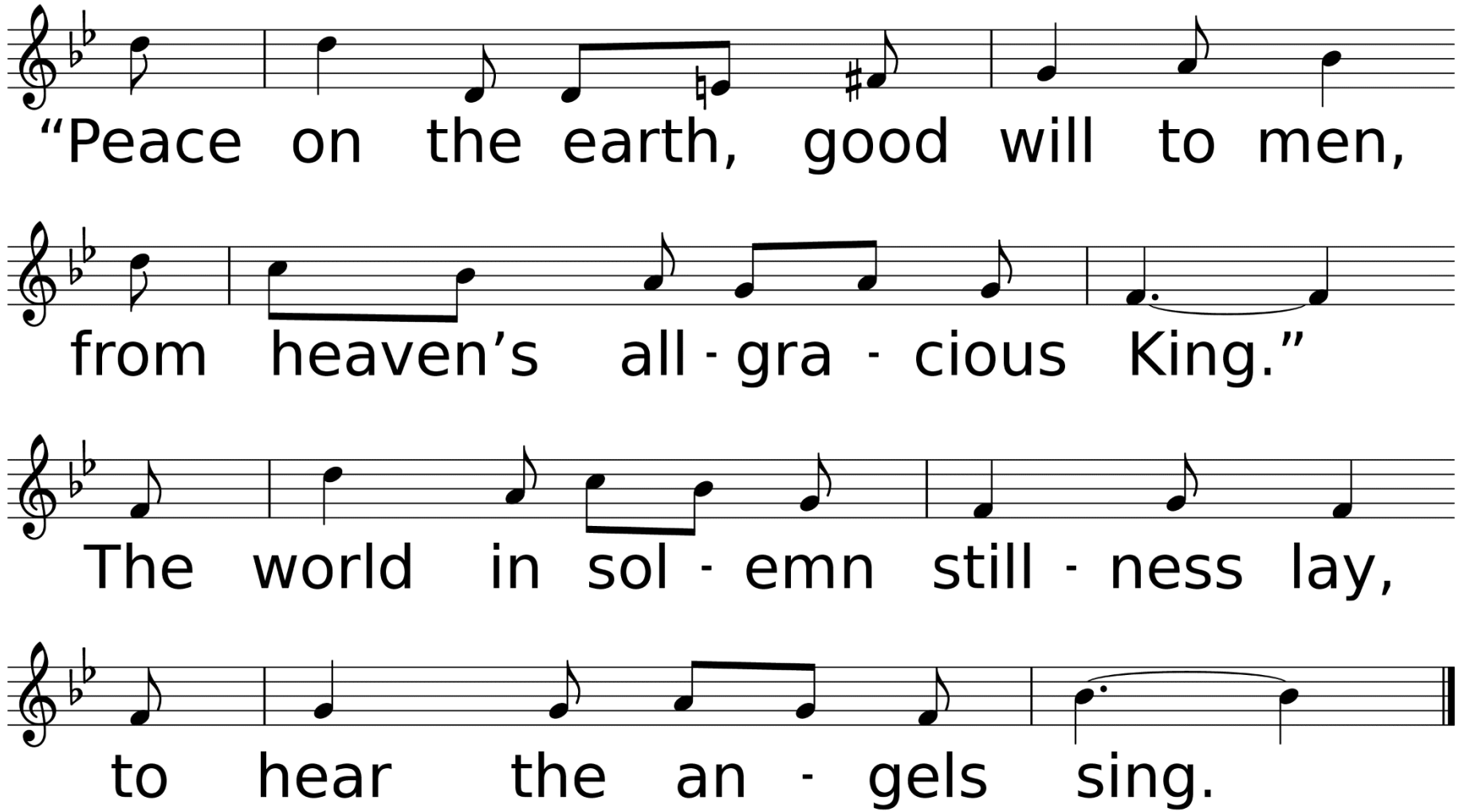
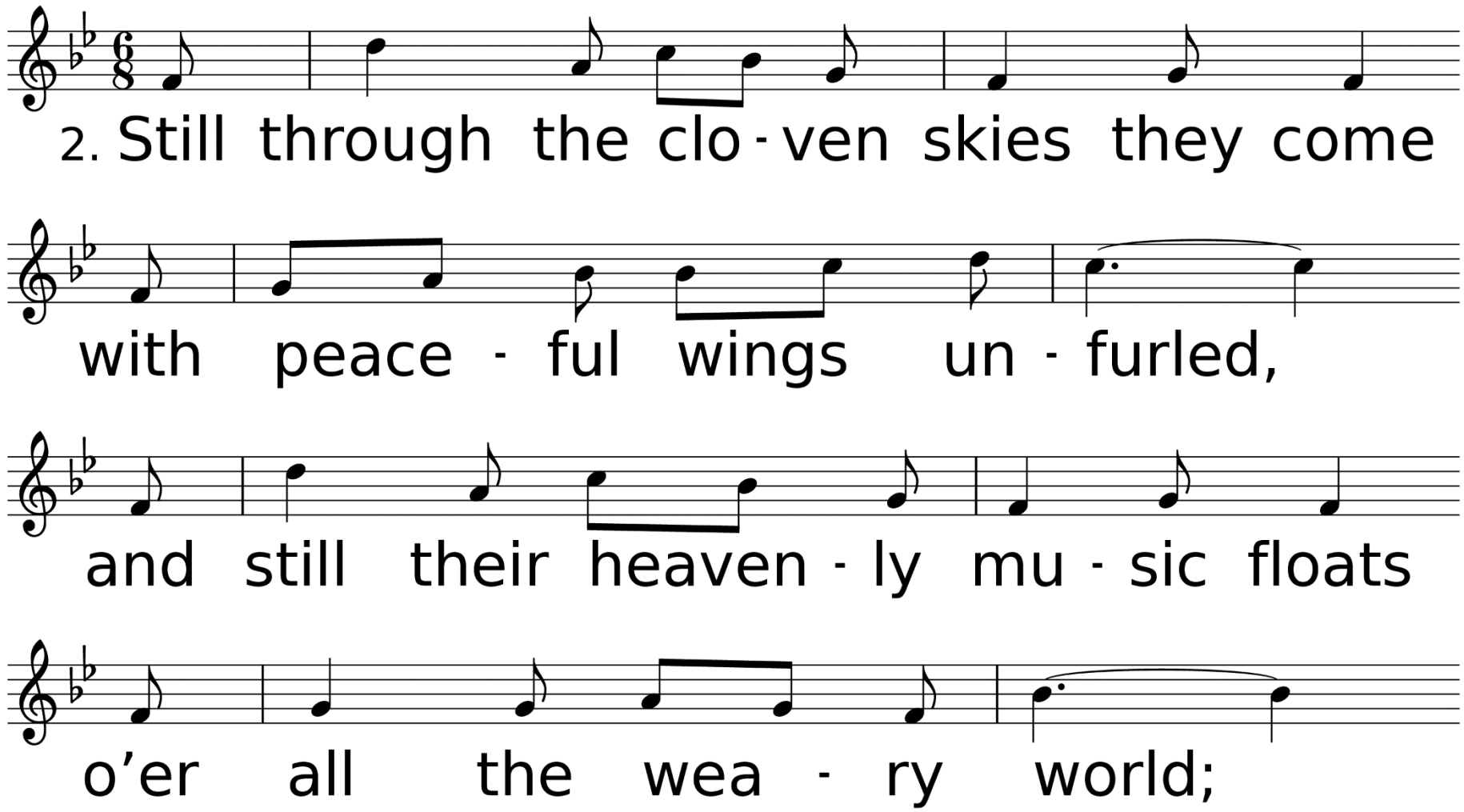
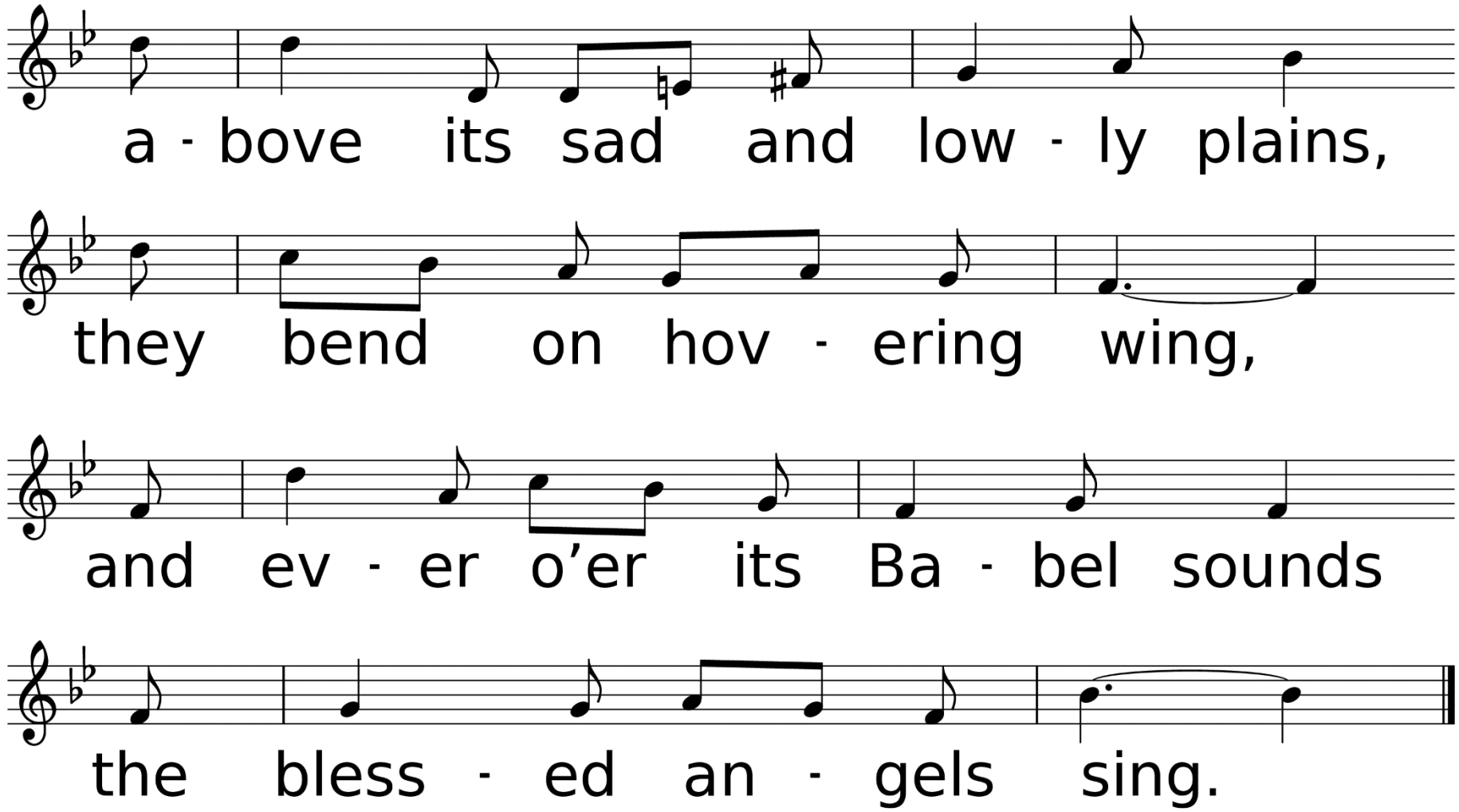
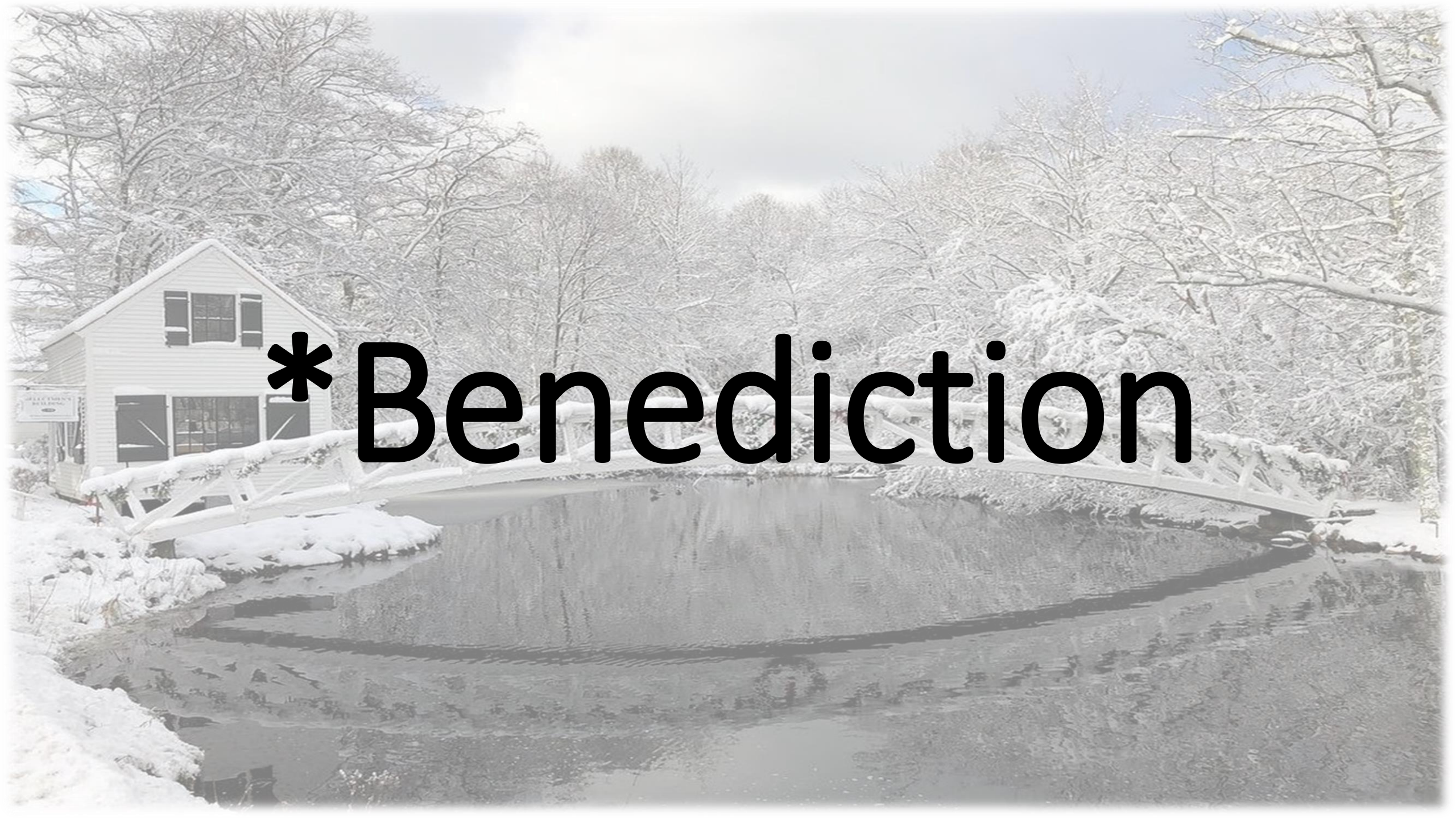


WORDS: Edmund H. Sears, 1849 (Lk. 2:8-14)
MUSIC (CAROL, CMD): Richard Storrs Willis, 1850


"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all - gra - cious King."
The world in sol - emn still - ness lay,
to hear the an - gels sing.


2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come
with peace - ful wings un - furled,
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats
o’er all the wea - ry world;


a - bove its sad and low - ly plains,
they bend on hov - ering wing,
and ev - er o’er its Ba - bel sounds
the bless - ed an - gels sing.



*Benediction

*Sending Forth

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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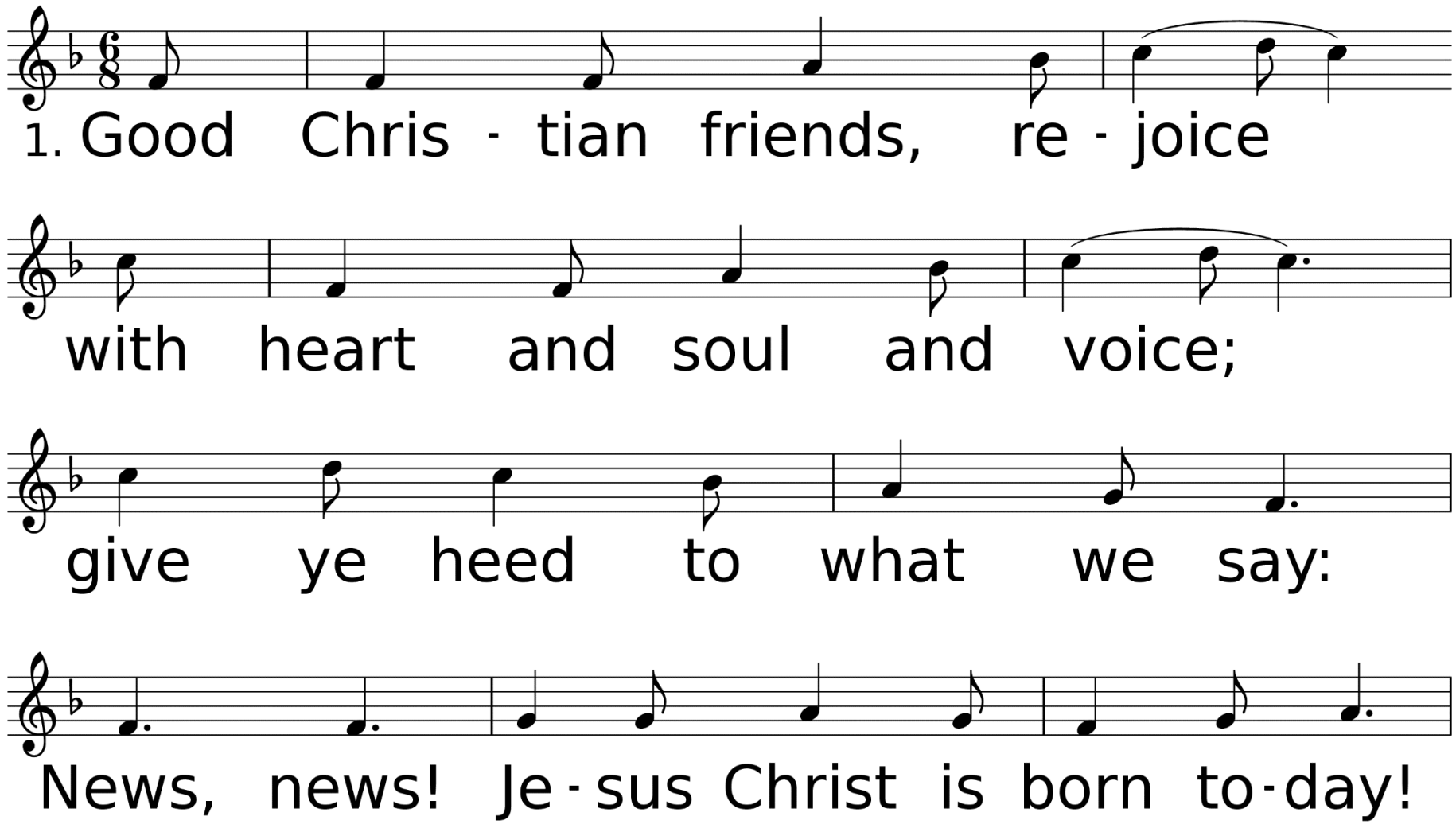

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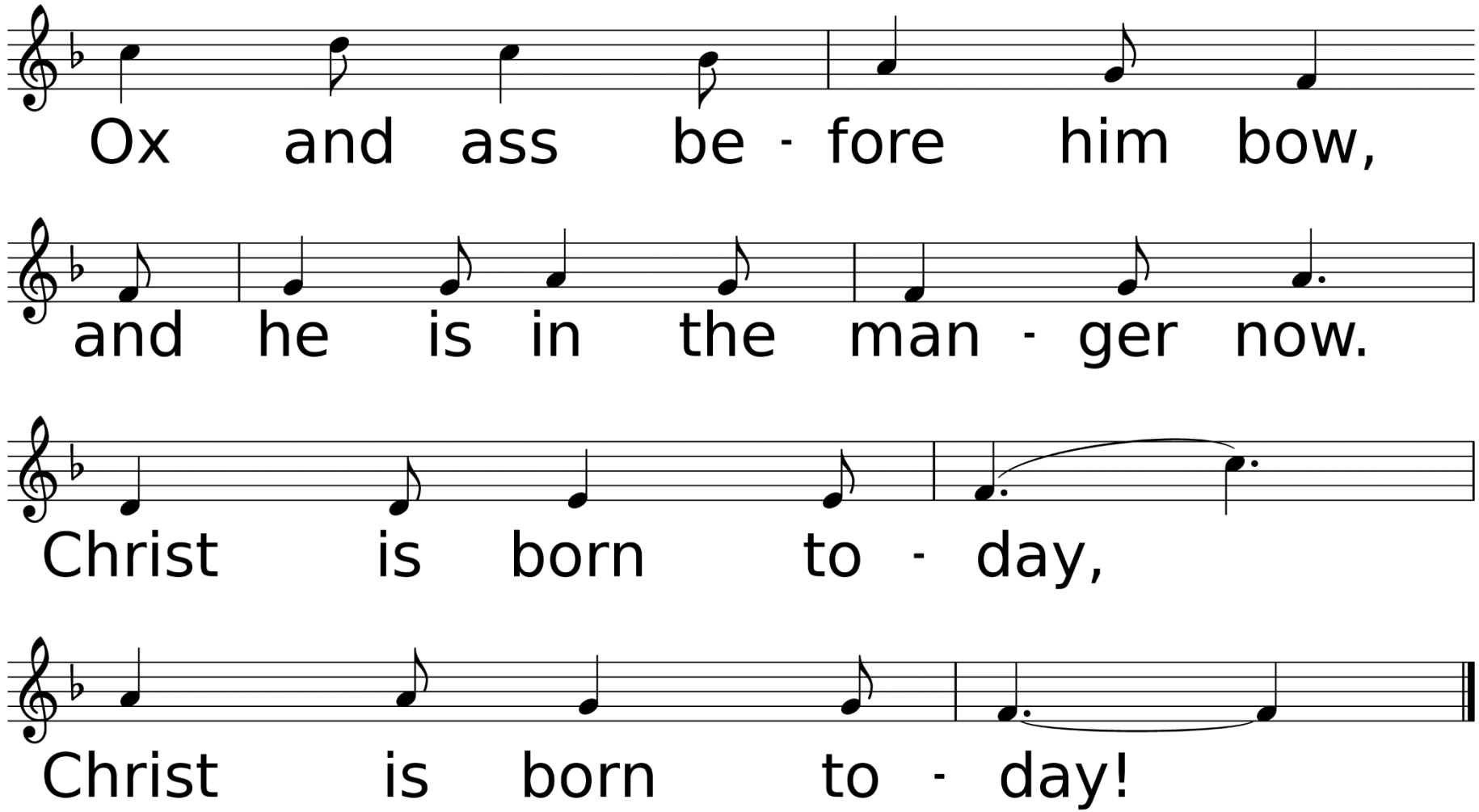
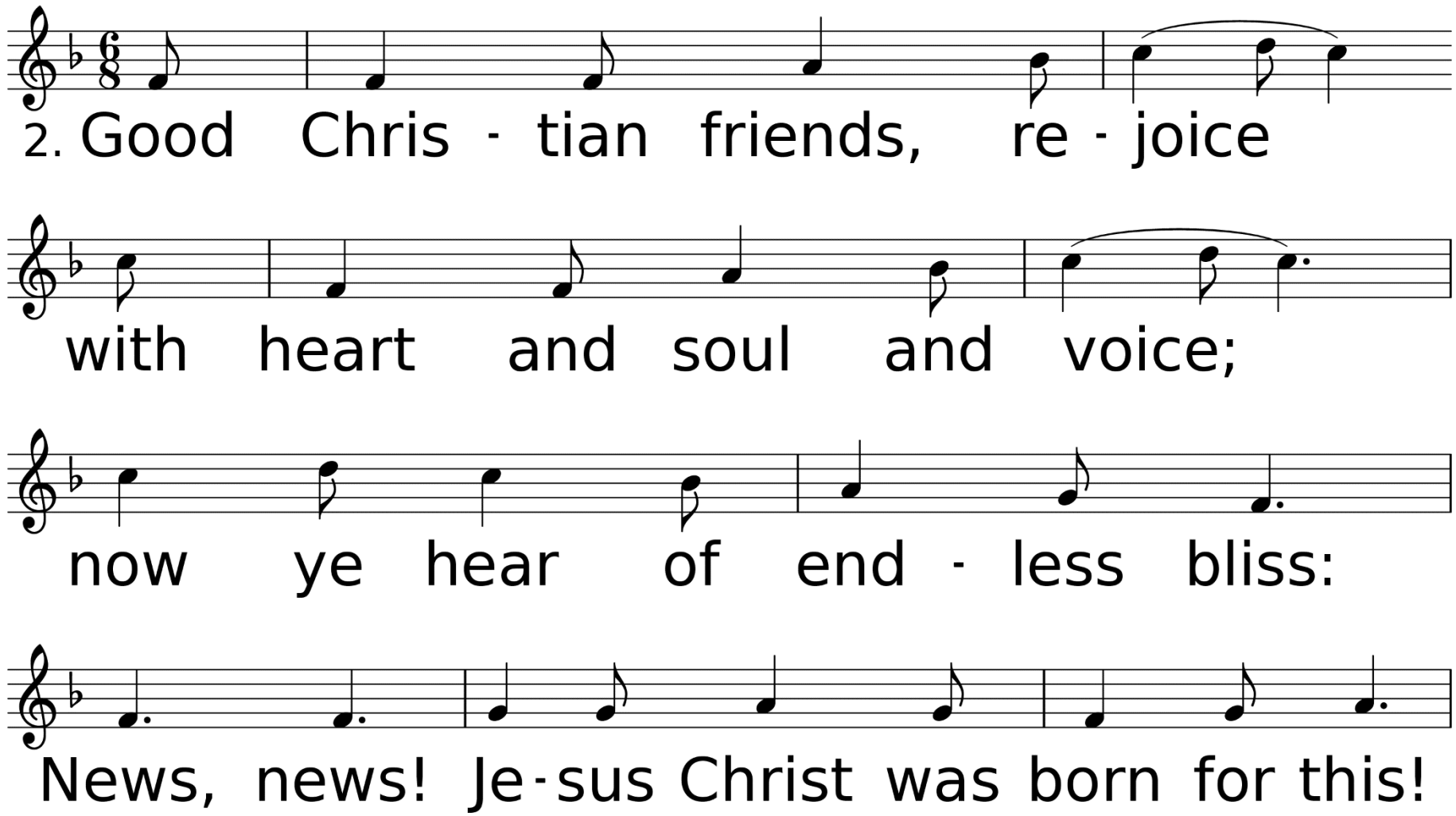
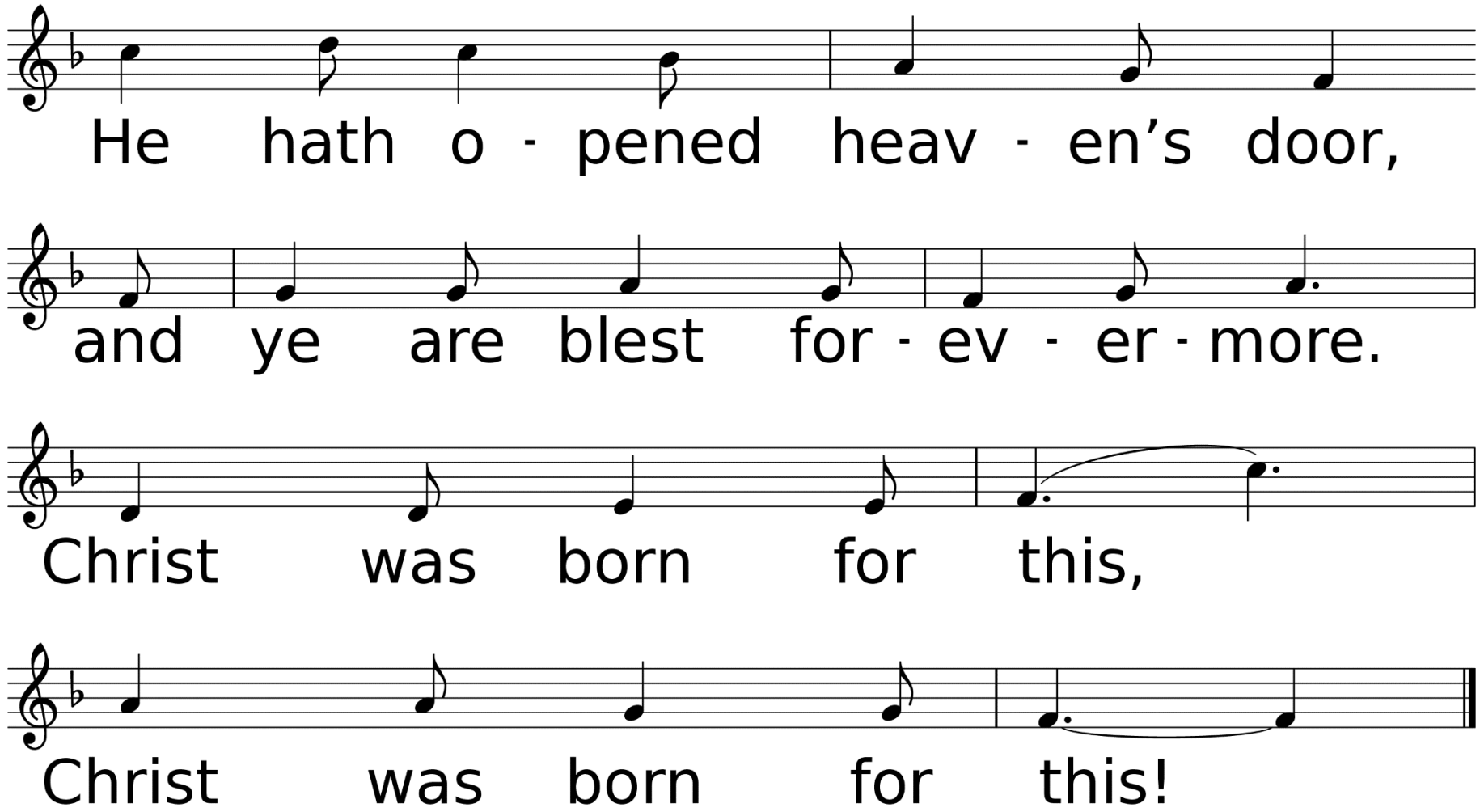

Ox and ass be - fore him bow,
and he is in the man - ger now.
Christ is born to - day,
Christ is born to - day!


2. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of end - less bliss:
News, news! Je - sus Christ was born for this!


He hath o - pened heav - en's door,
and ye are blest for - ev - er - more.
Christ was born for this,
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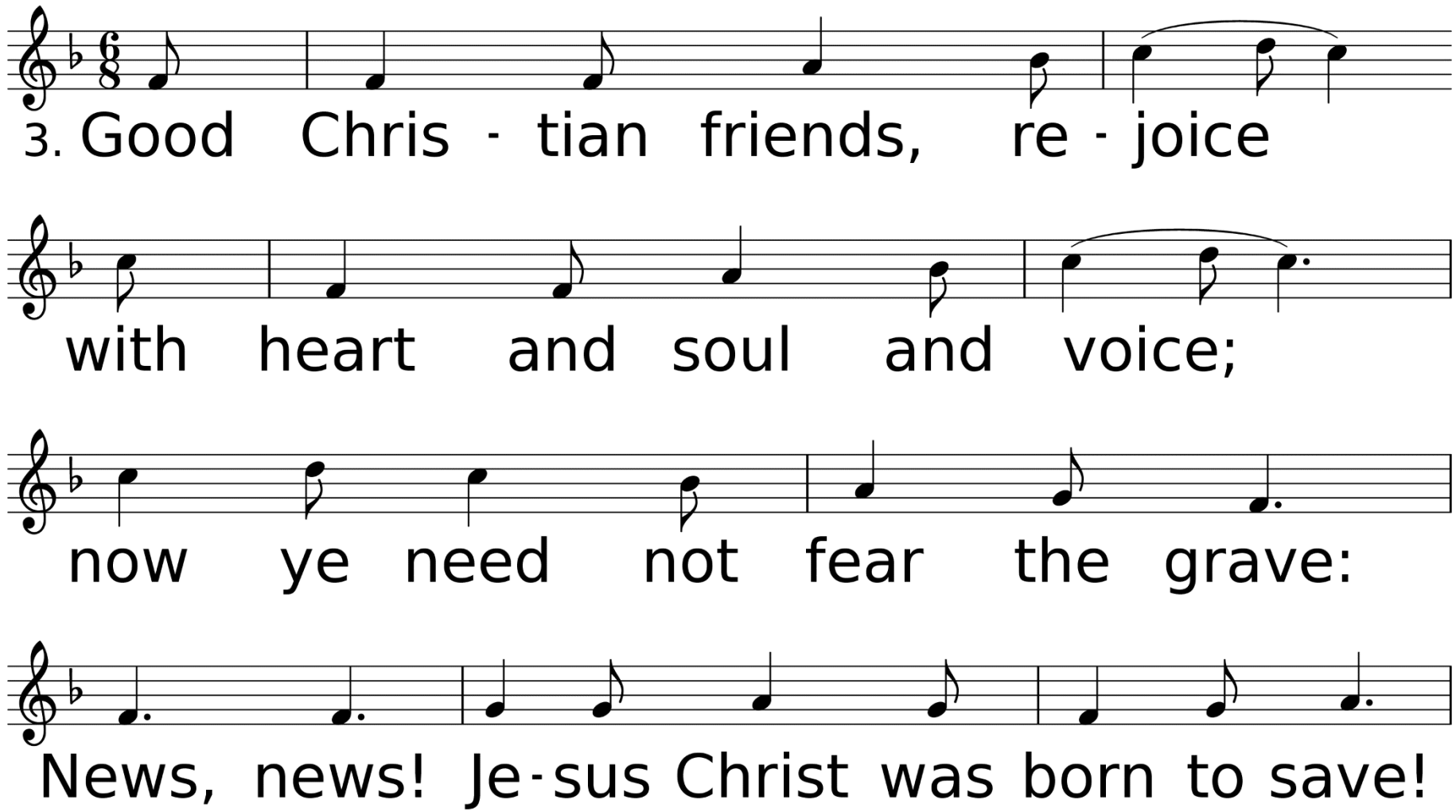
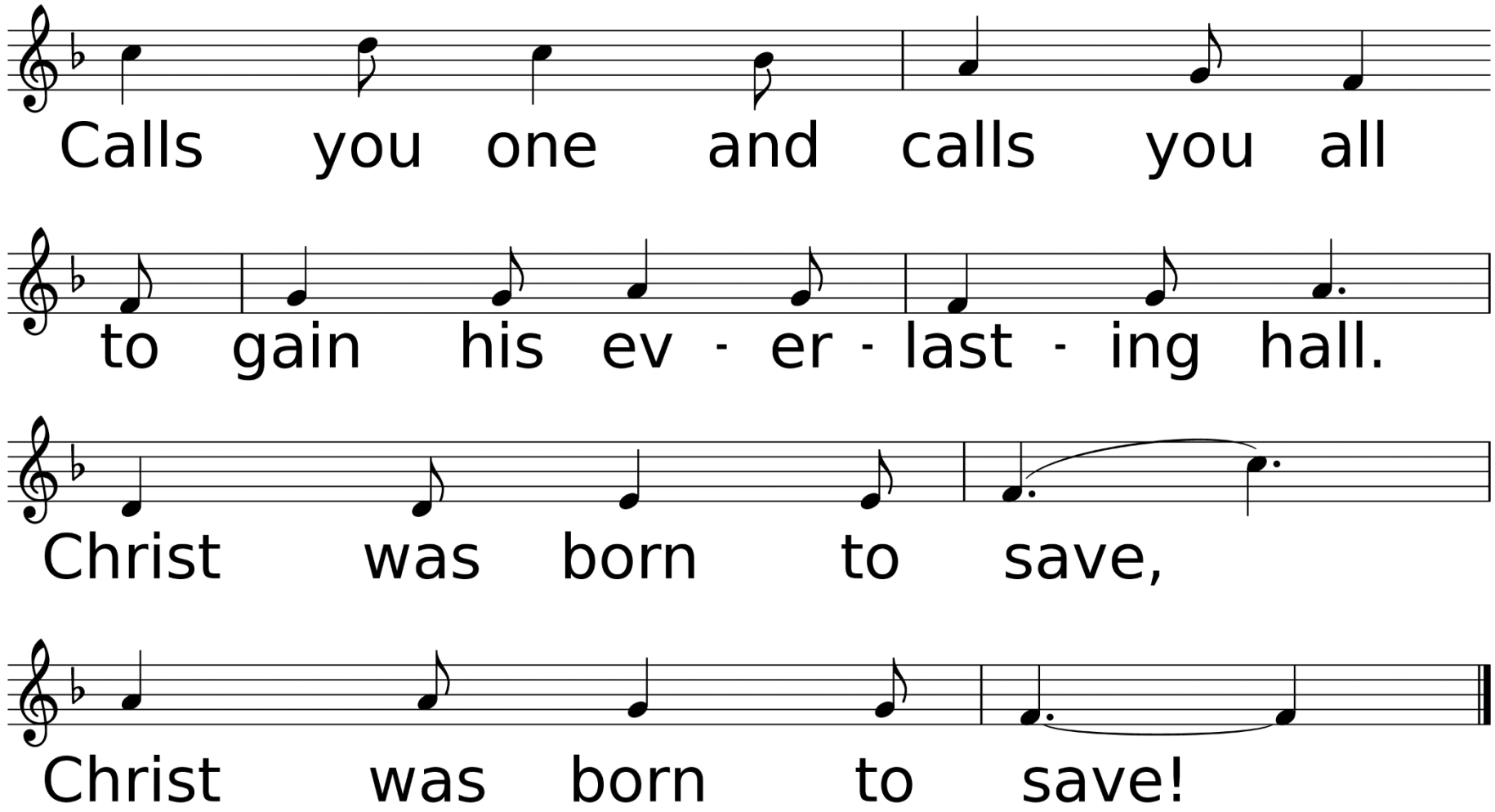

3. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
News, news! Je-sus Christ was born to save!


Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.
Christ was born to save,
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Thank you for joining us today.

Happy New Year!