Welcome Home!

October 2, 2022

Sunday Worship Service

Sanctuary & Online

10:00 AM

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

I Go to the Rock

Dottie Rambo

*Call to Worship

Congregation: Eternal God, hallowed be your name. Early in the morning, before we begin our work, we praise your glory. Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers. Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness.

Deliver us from all captivity. Like the birds of the sky, give us wings of freedom to begin a new journey. As a mighty stream running continuously, restore justice and freedom day by day. We thank you for the gift of this morning, and a new day to work with you. Amen.

(Masao Takenaka, Japan, 20th Cent., alt.)

*Hymn of Praise
Marching to Zion

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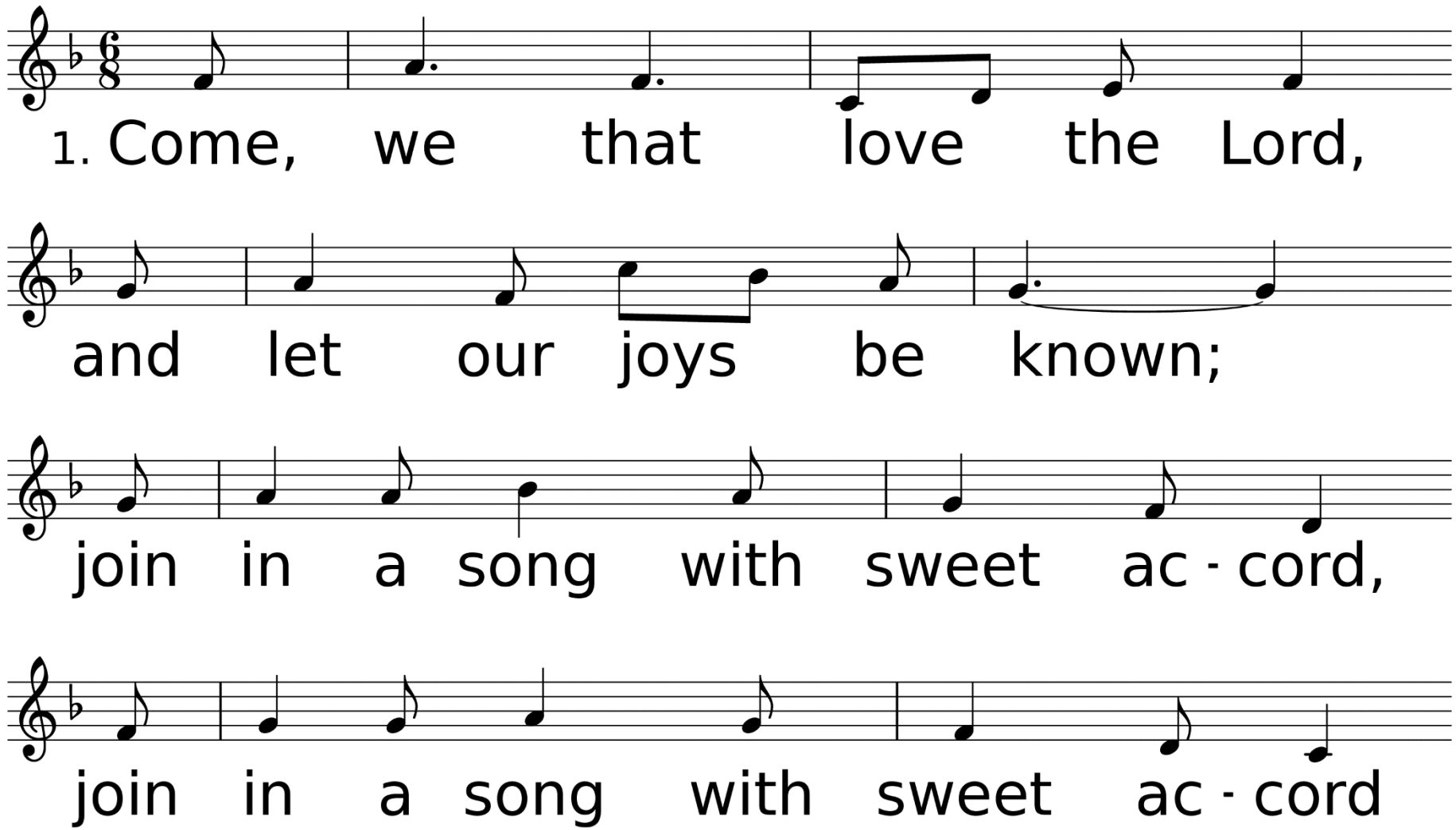

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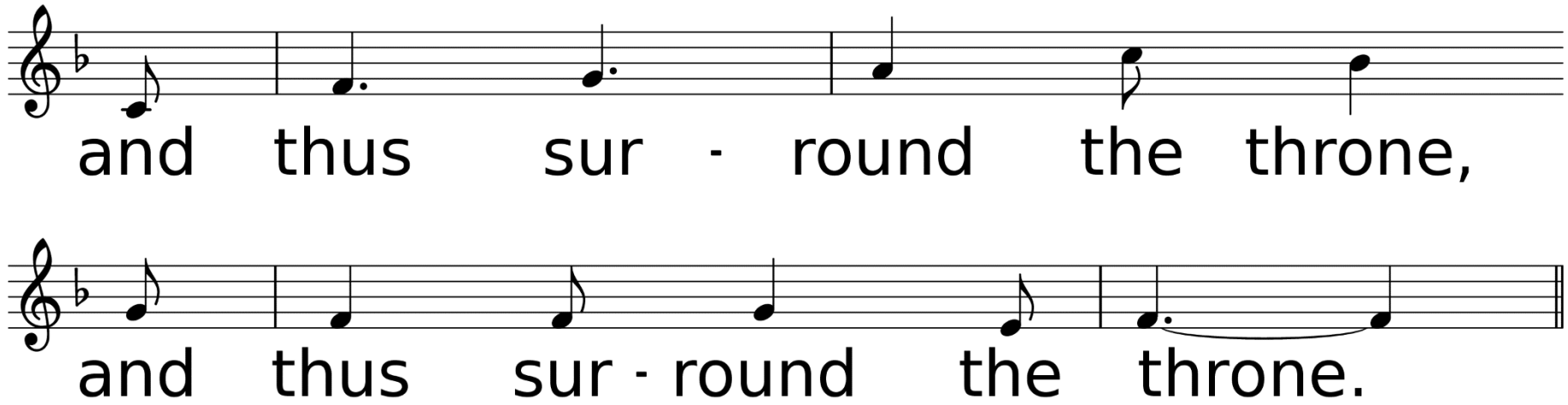
MUSIC (MARCHING TO ZION, SM with refrain): Robert Lowry, 1867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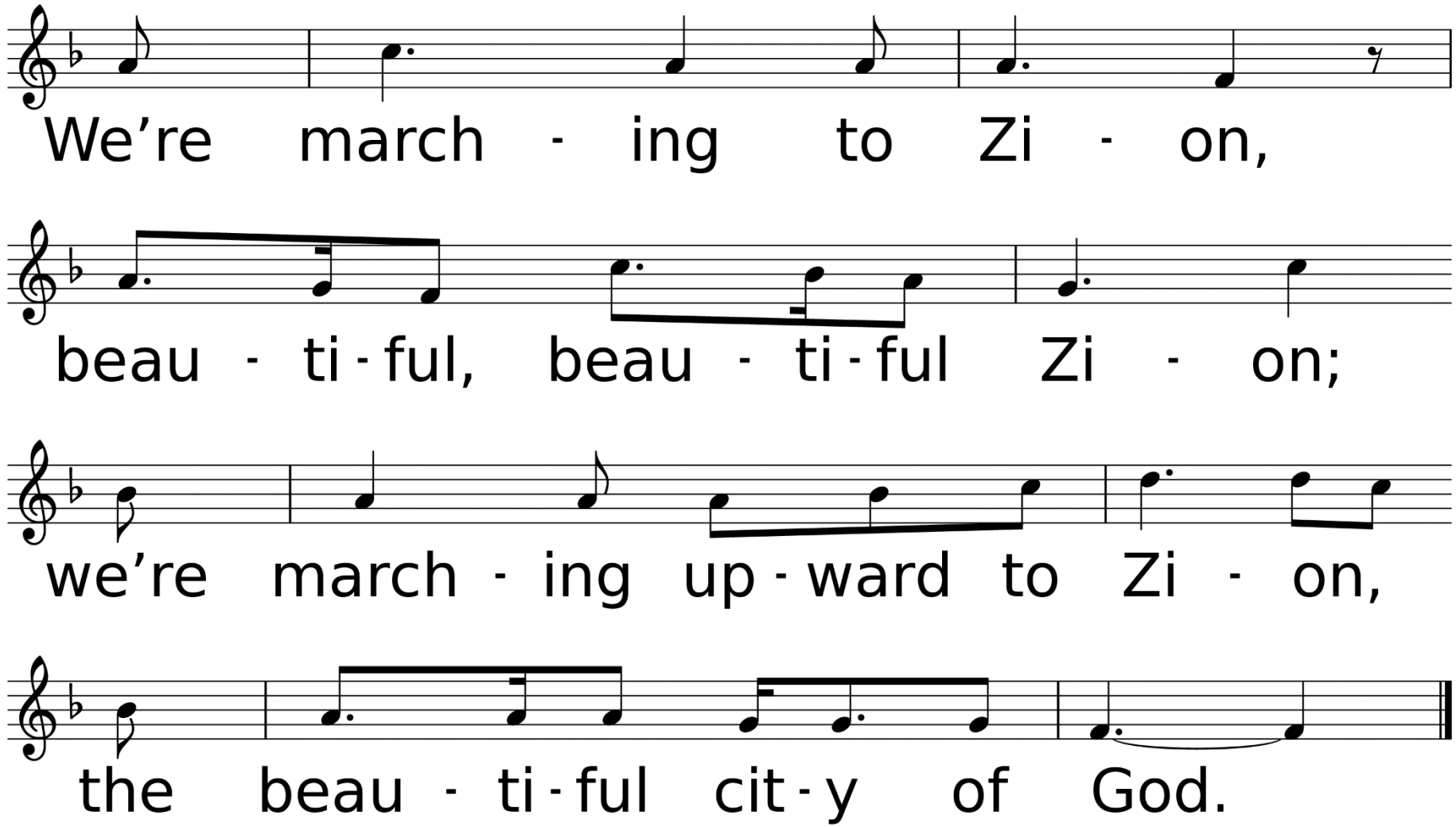
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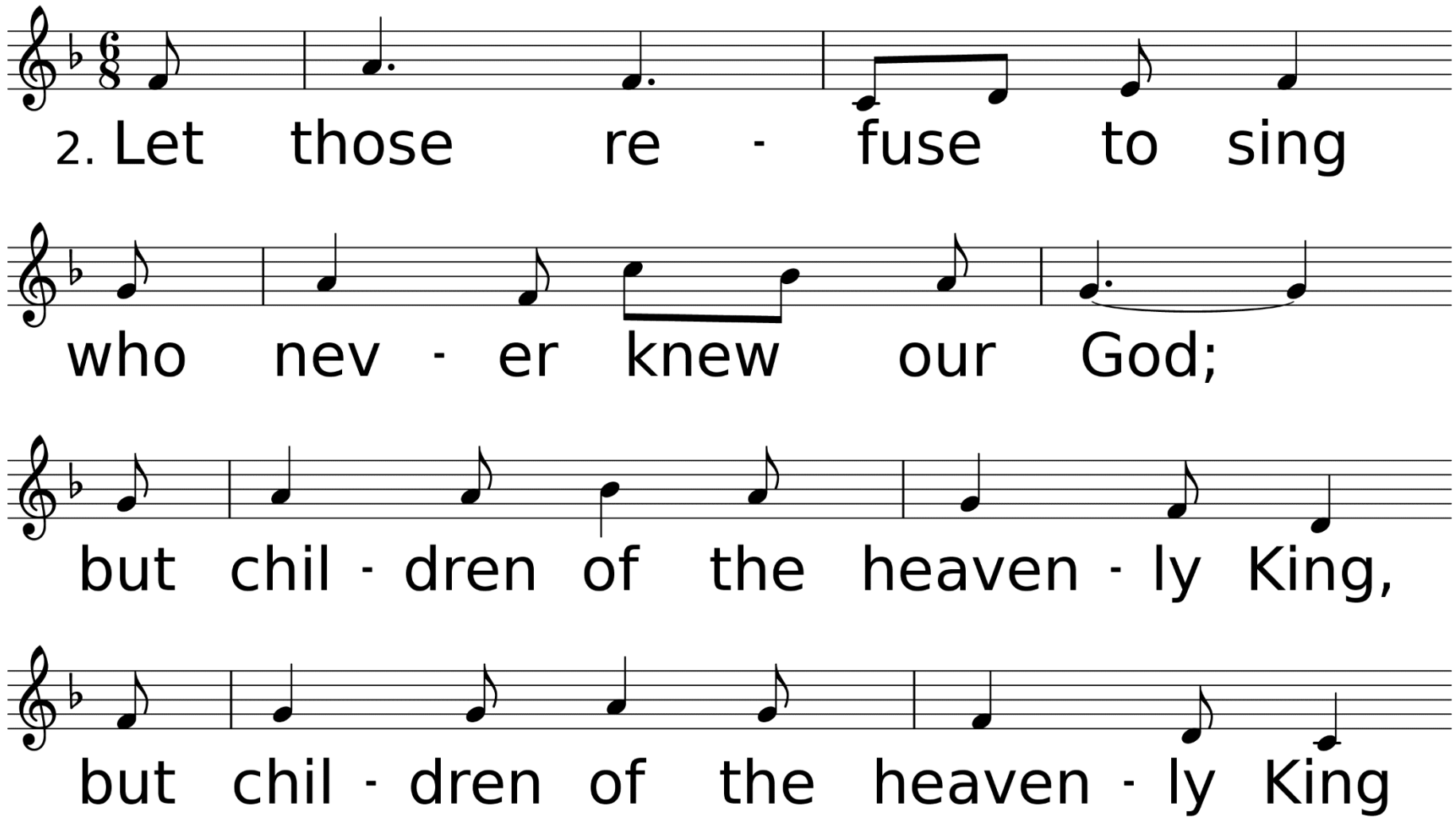
the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.


2. Let those re - fuse to sing
who nev - er knew our God;
but chil - dren of the heaven - ly King,
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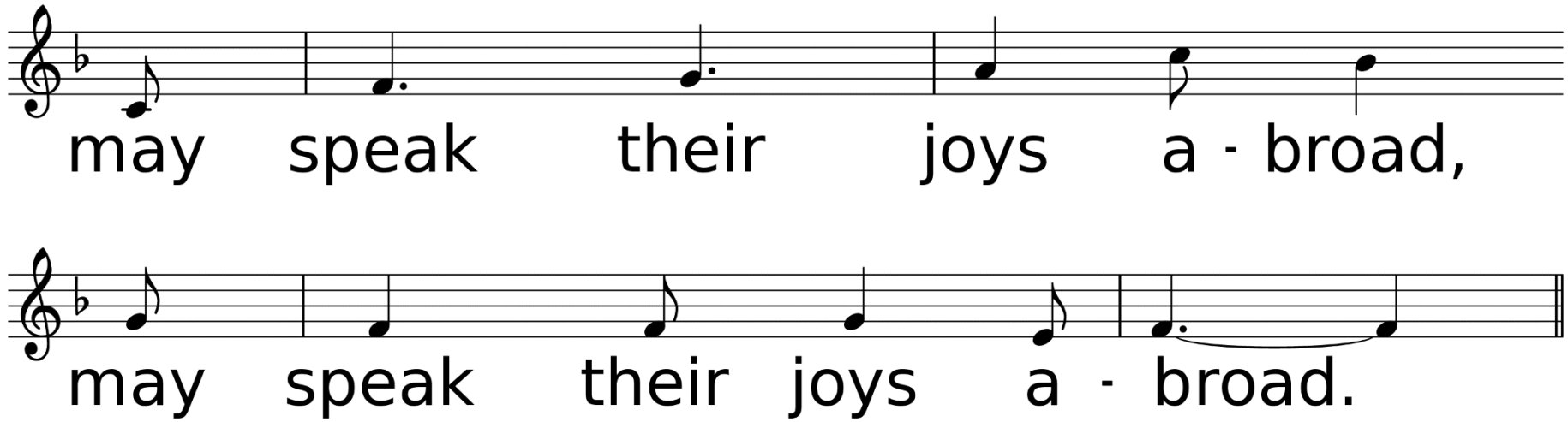
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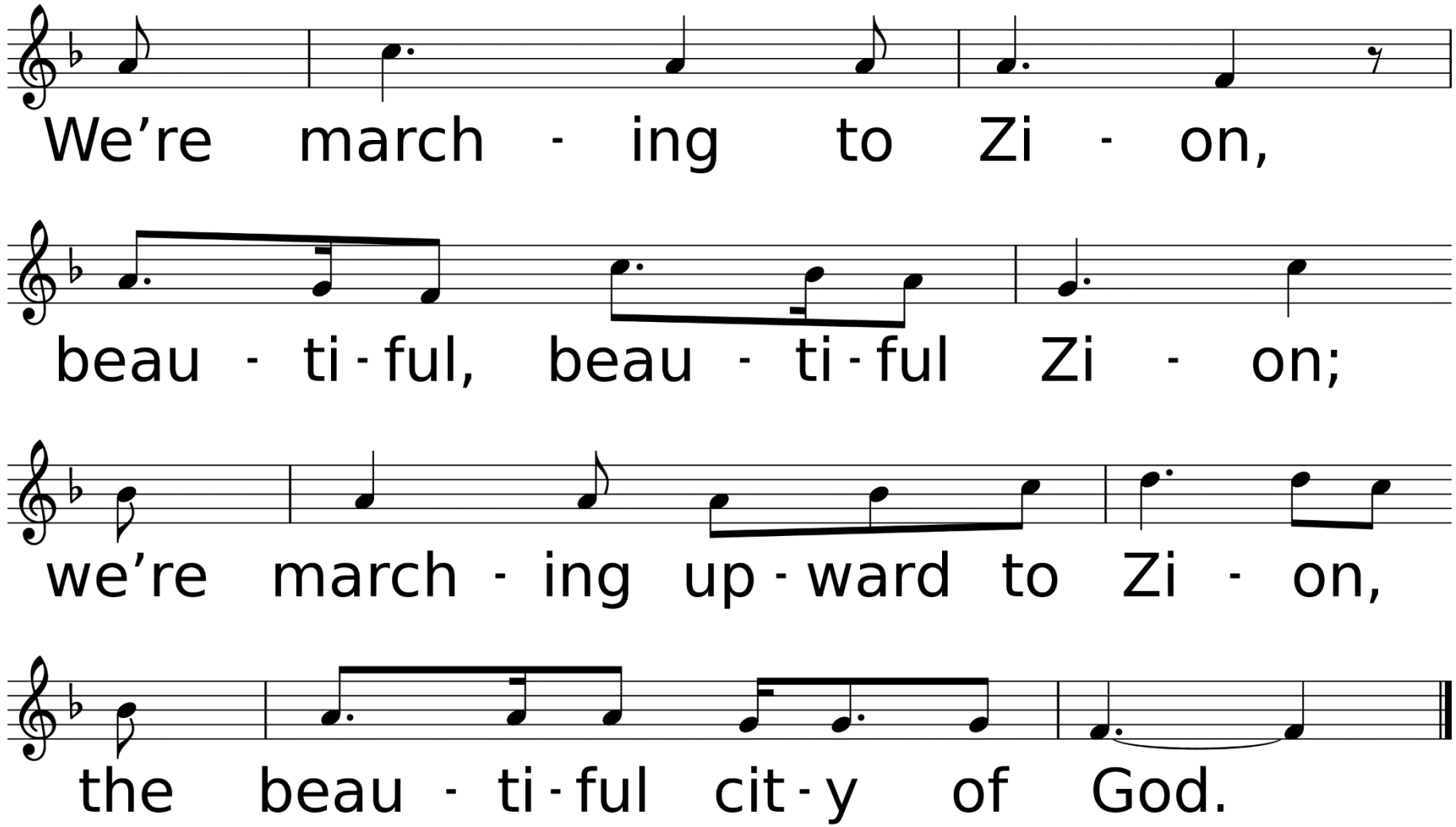
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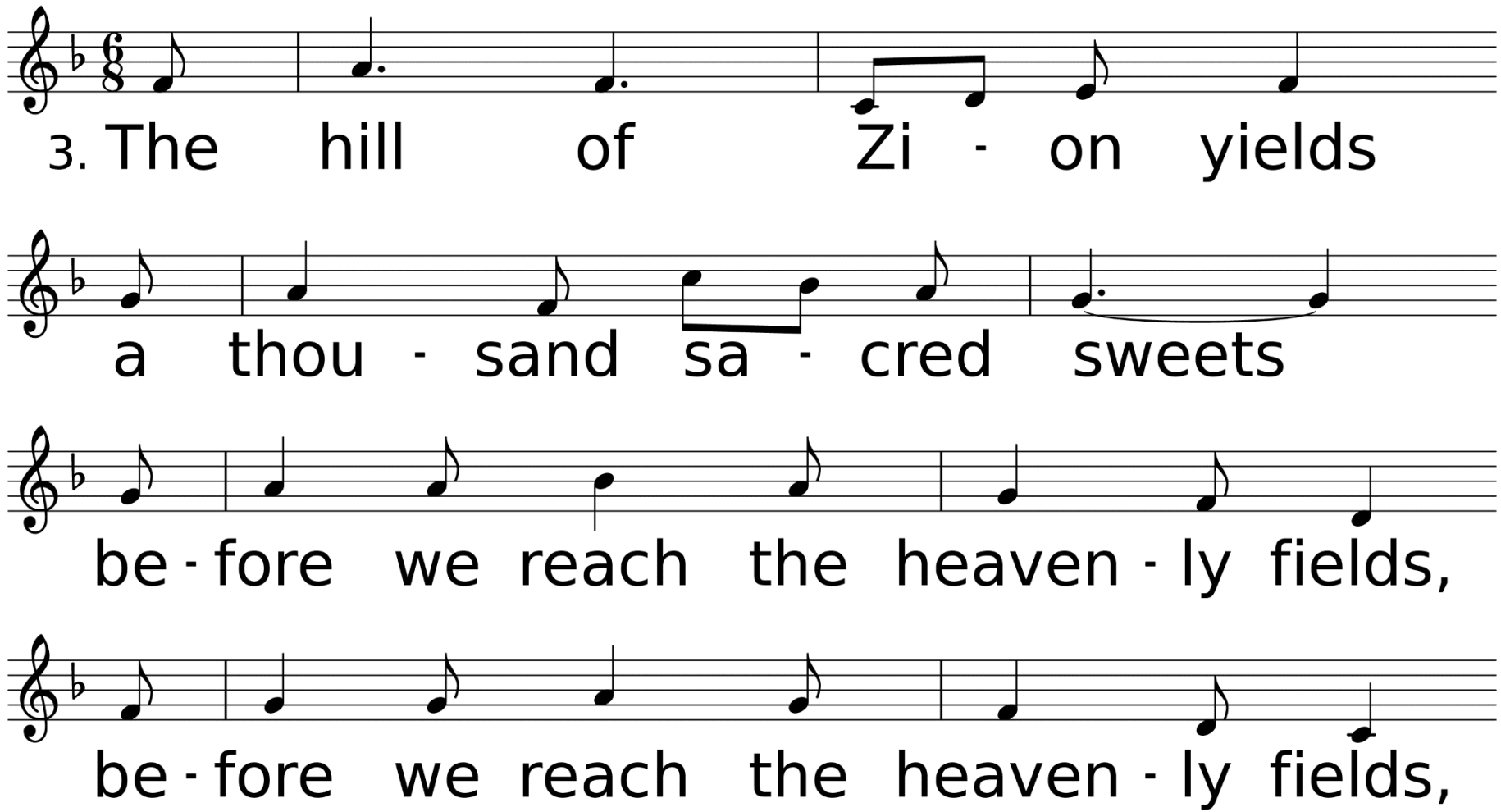
3. The hill of Zi - on yields
a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
be - fore we reach the heaven - ly fields,
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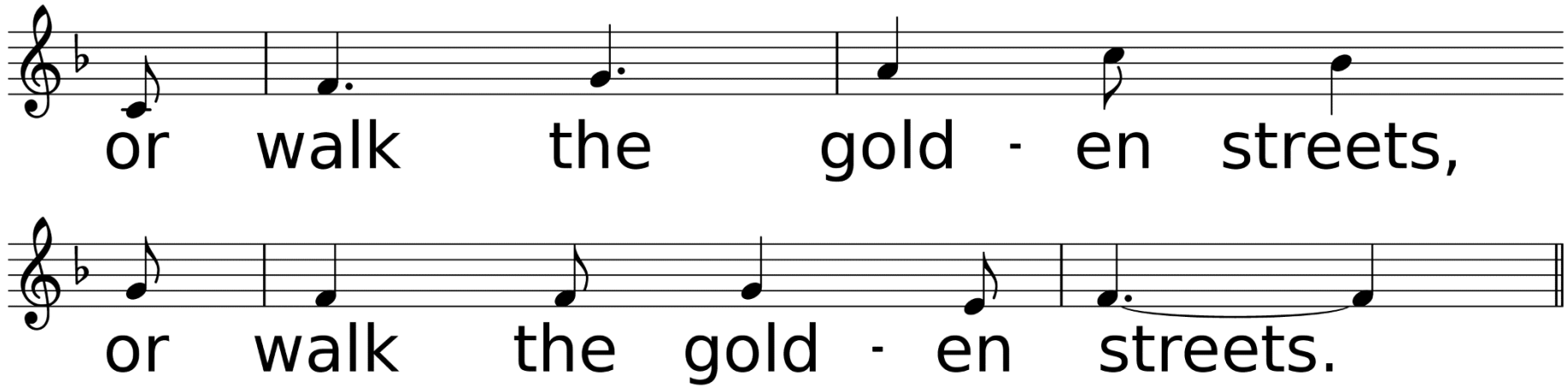
or walk the gold - en streets,
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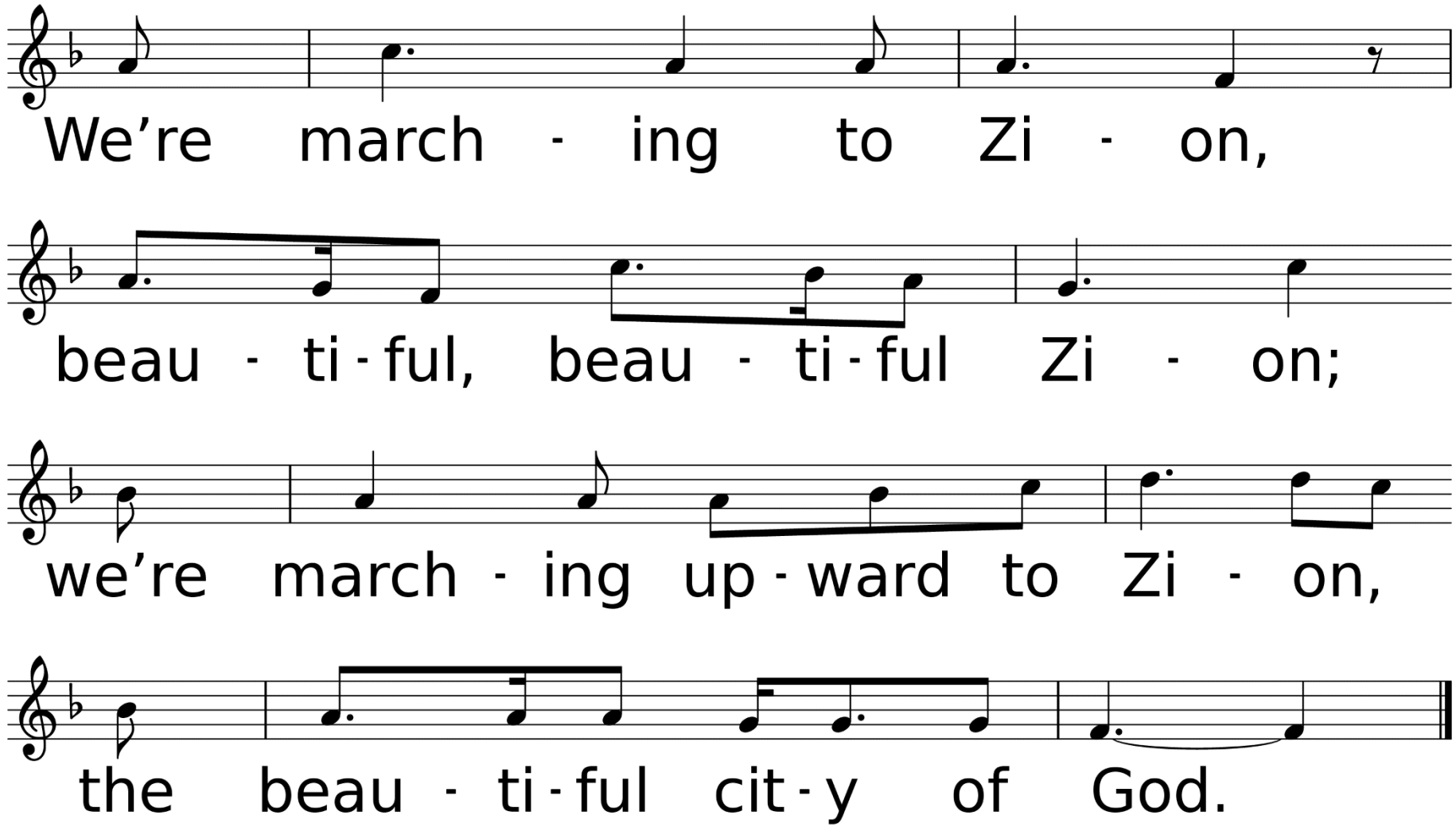
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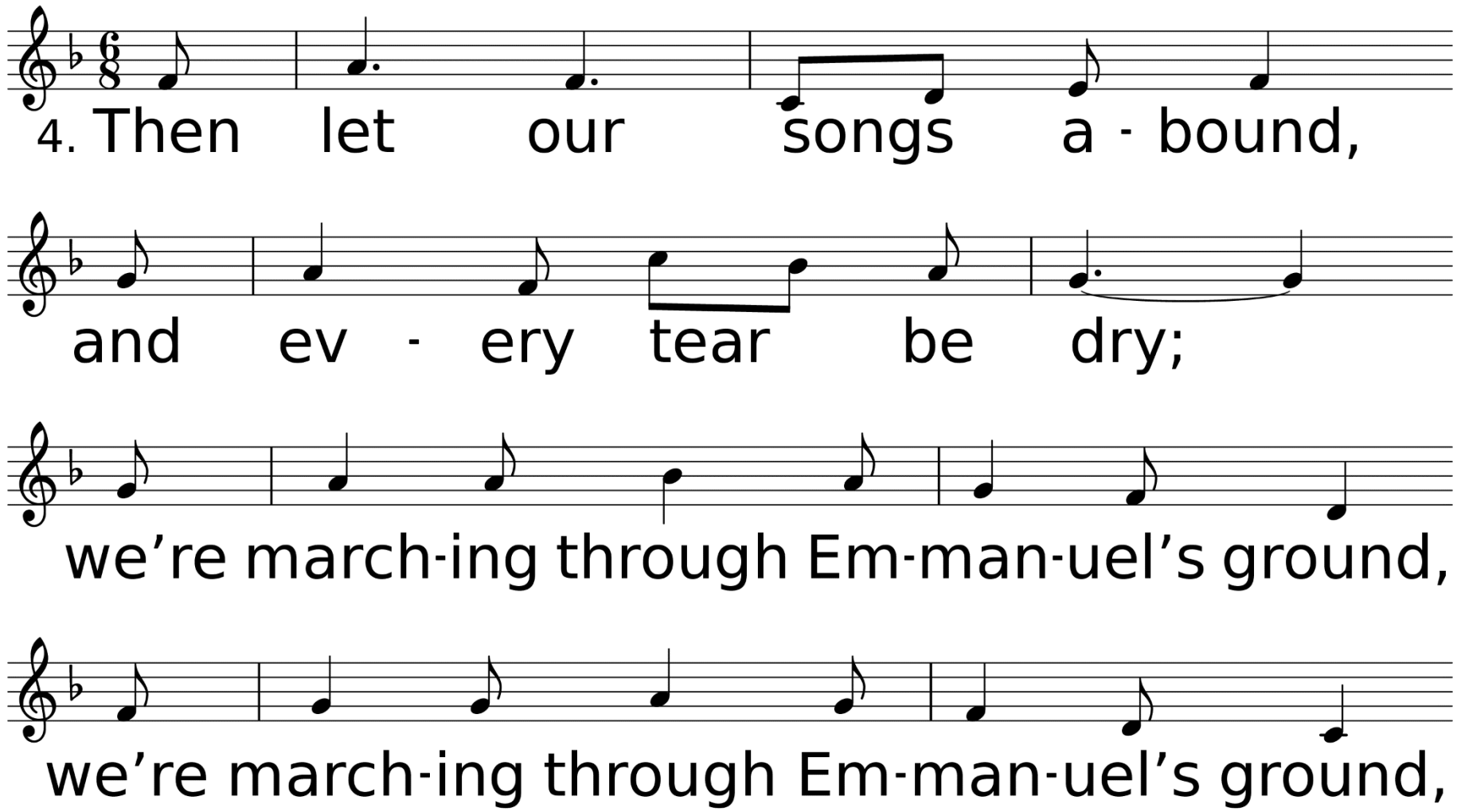
4. Then let our songs a - bound,
and ev - ery tear be dry;
we're march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground,
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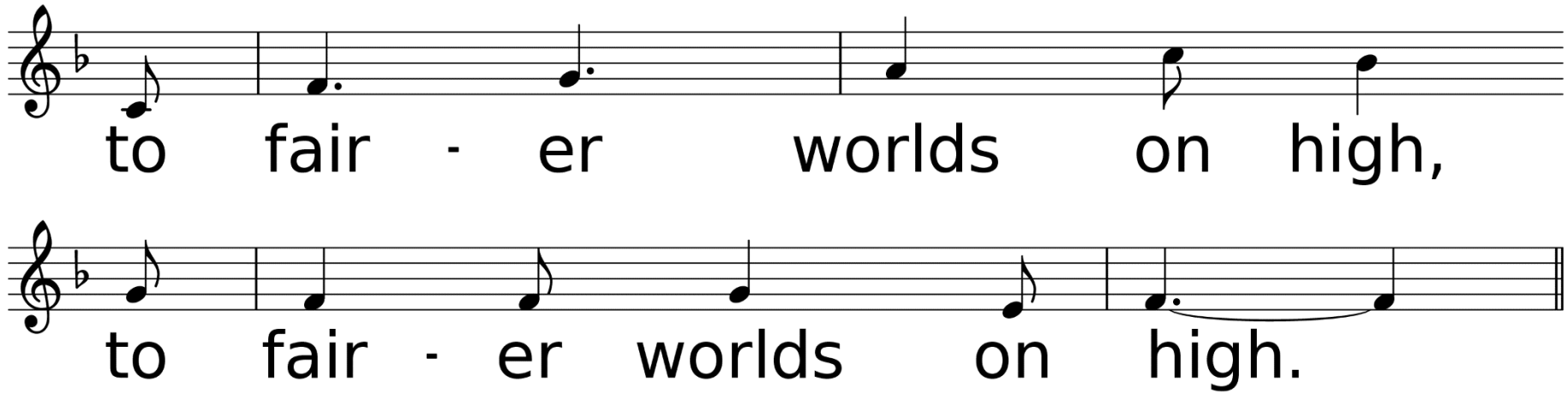
to fair - er worlds on high,
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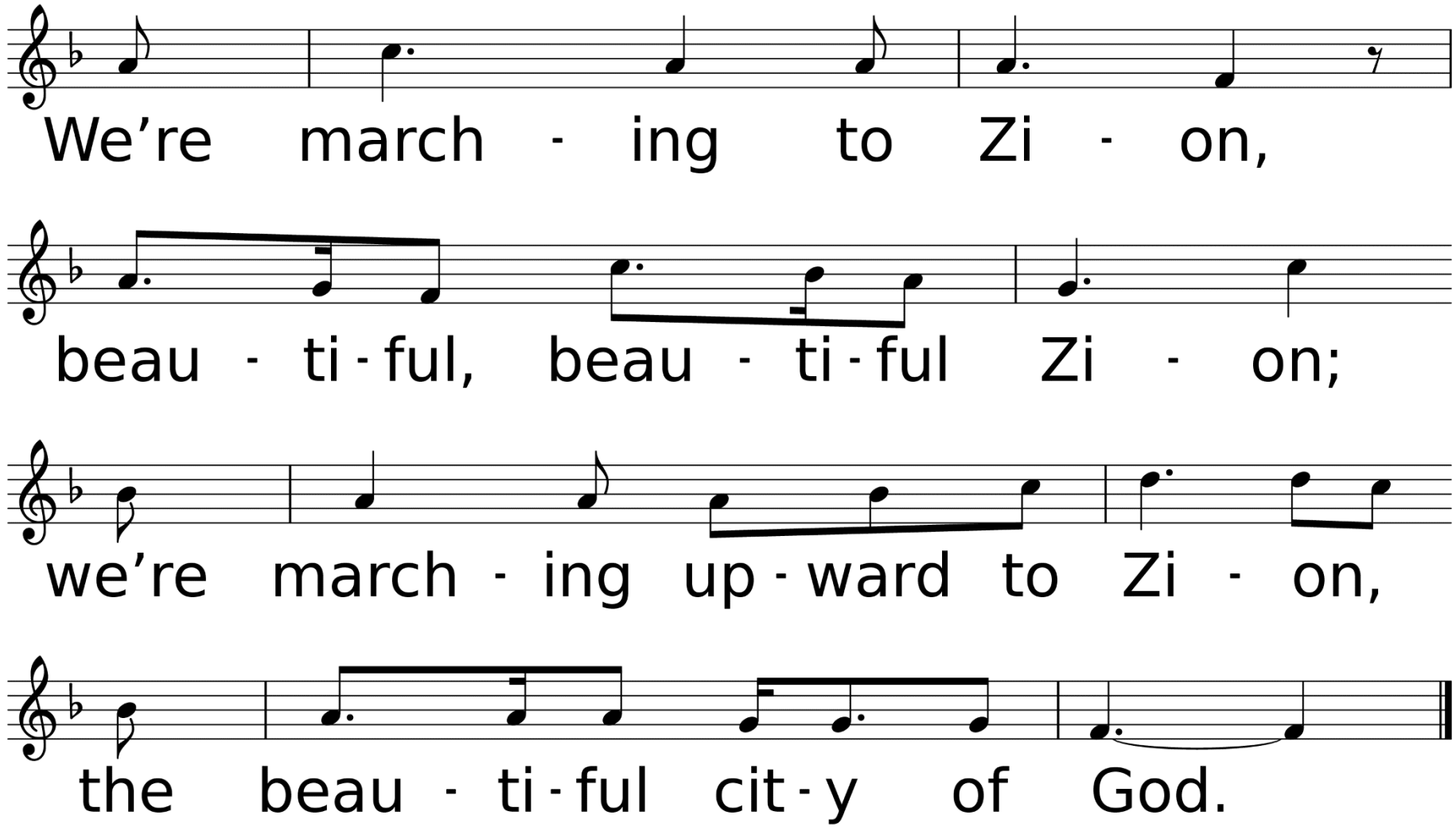
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*Affirmation of Faith

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Frances Cole
Ellie Lunsford
Bill & Dianne Penney
Everett Brister
Carol Pendary
Frank Sadler
Jimmy Markle
Sandy Blakeway
Jared Jones
Analise Dobbs
Kelly Bailey Family
Glen Reichley
Jerry Noland
Rodney Faris
Richie Blankenship
Dick & Cheri Neely
Margaret Ward

Cathy Scott
Brenda Jones
Lorri Woodward
Donna McCullough
Anna Wiggins
Sarah Biggs
Neely Biggs
Gail Hicks
Todd Hicks
Marcia & Roy Ades
Elizabeth Vincent
Bart Fazio
Sharon Dukes
Billie Zachary
Mary Allen
Christina Benton
Emilia Anderson

Helen Johnson
Michael Wolfe
Derek Townsend
Jinger Myers
Liz & Don Savant
Kimberly Marshall
Kelley Allen & Family
Brandon Brister
Freeney Children
Rita Brewer
Landon Clark
Joan Mays
Brenda Penney
Barbara Senters
Billy Blancet
Bob Baldares, Sr.
Eddie Kilman

Bill & Marilyn Kenney
Eleanor Marcello Jones
Woodie Blanks
John Flynn
Hannah Woodard
Grace Cooley
Carol Minchew
Amber Goodwin
Lydia Derouen
Ruth Wells
Amie Biggs Lewis
John Nelson
MaryAnn Greer
Carol Baldares
Charlene Blevins
Alex Baker

Ukraine, 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

Spirit Song

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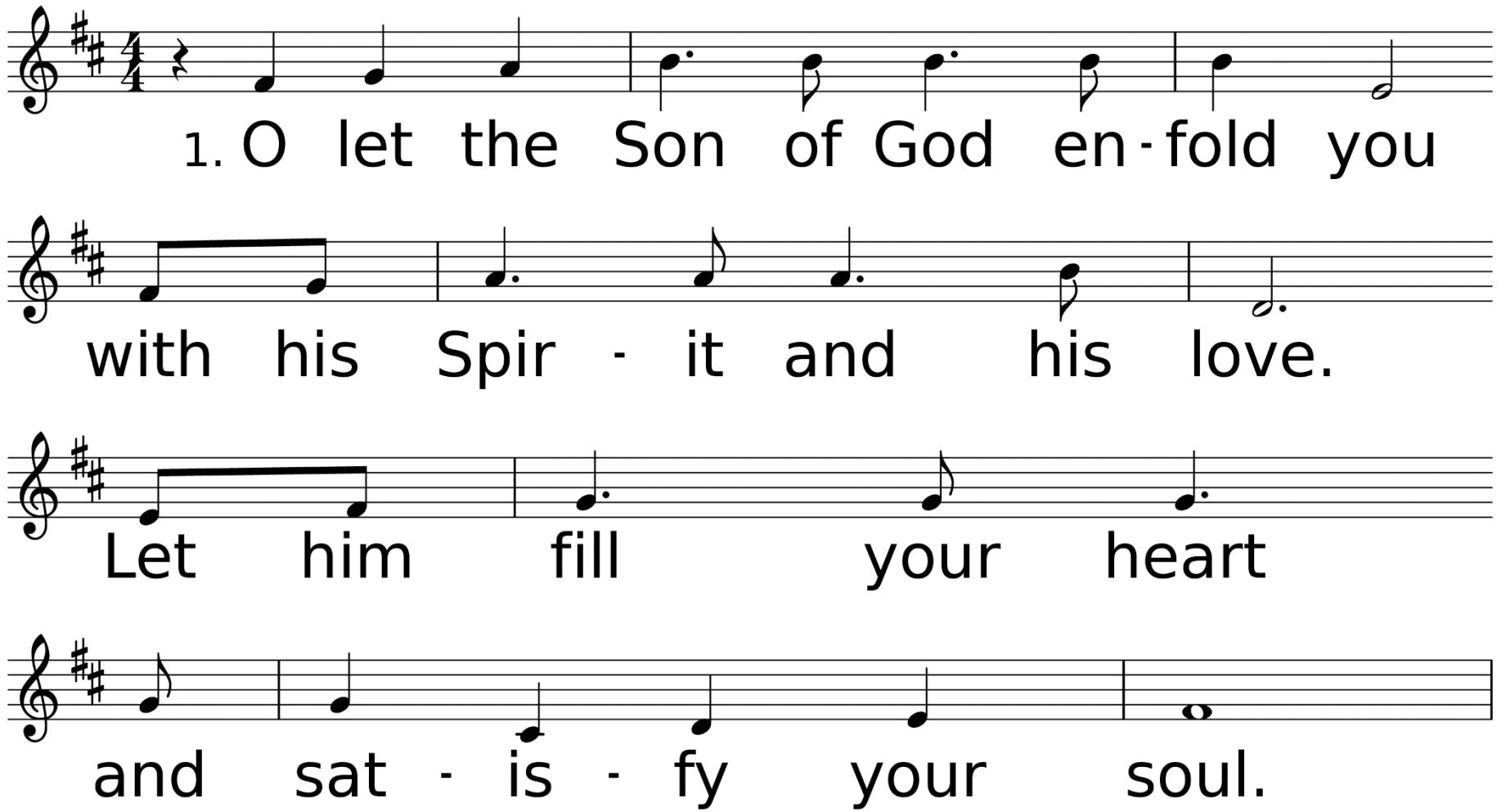

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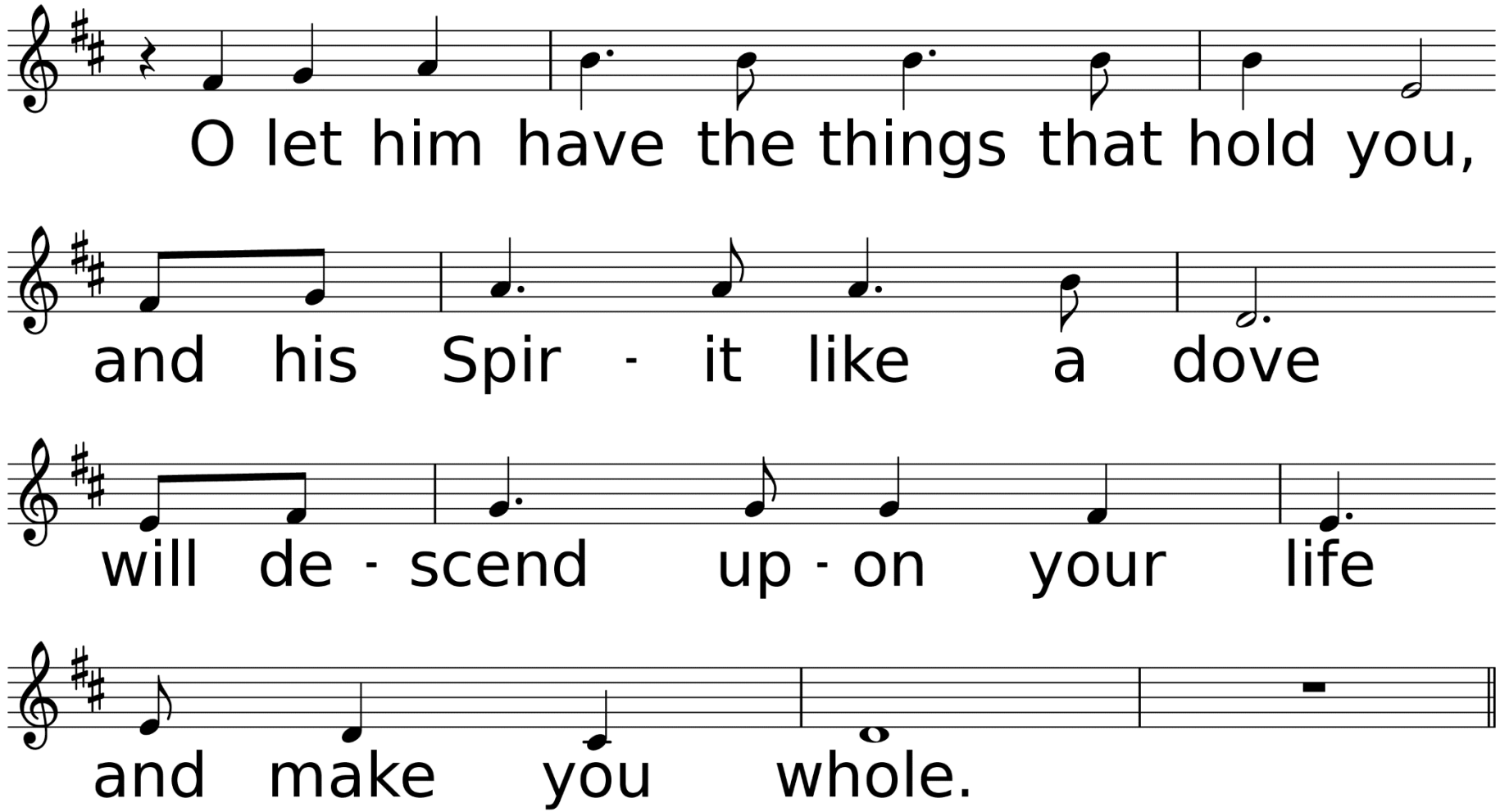
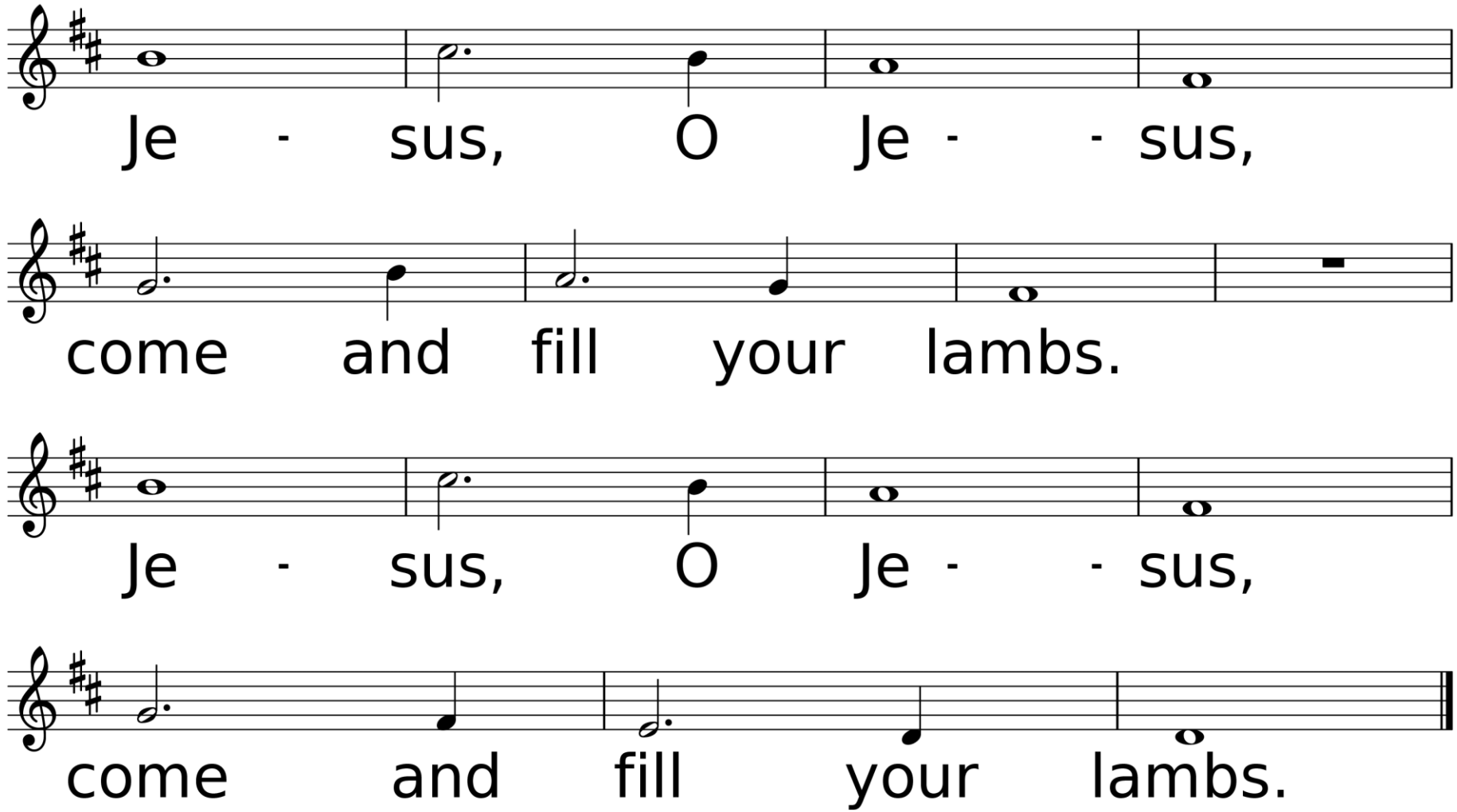

O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spir - it like a dove
will de - scend up - on your life
and make you whole.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come and fill your lambs.
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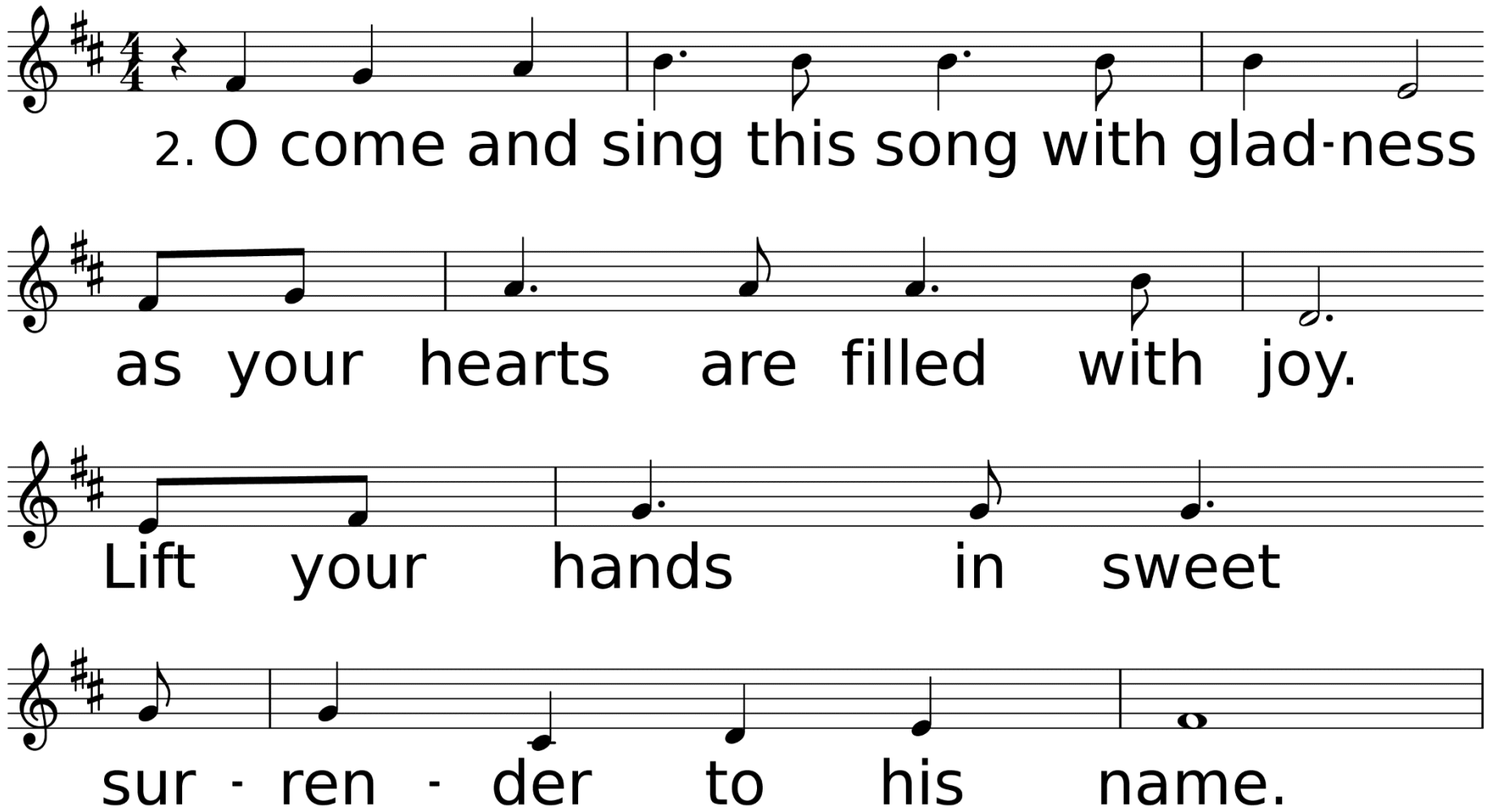
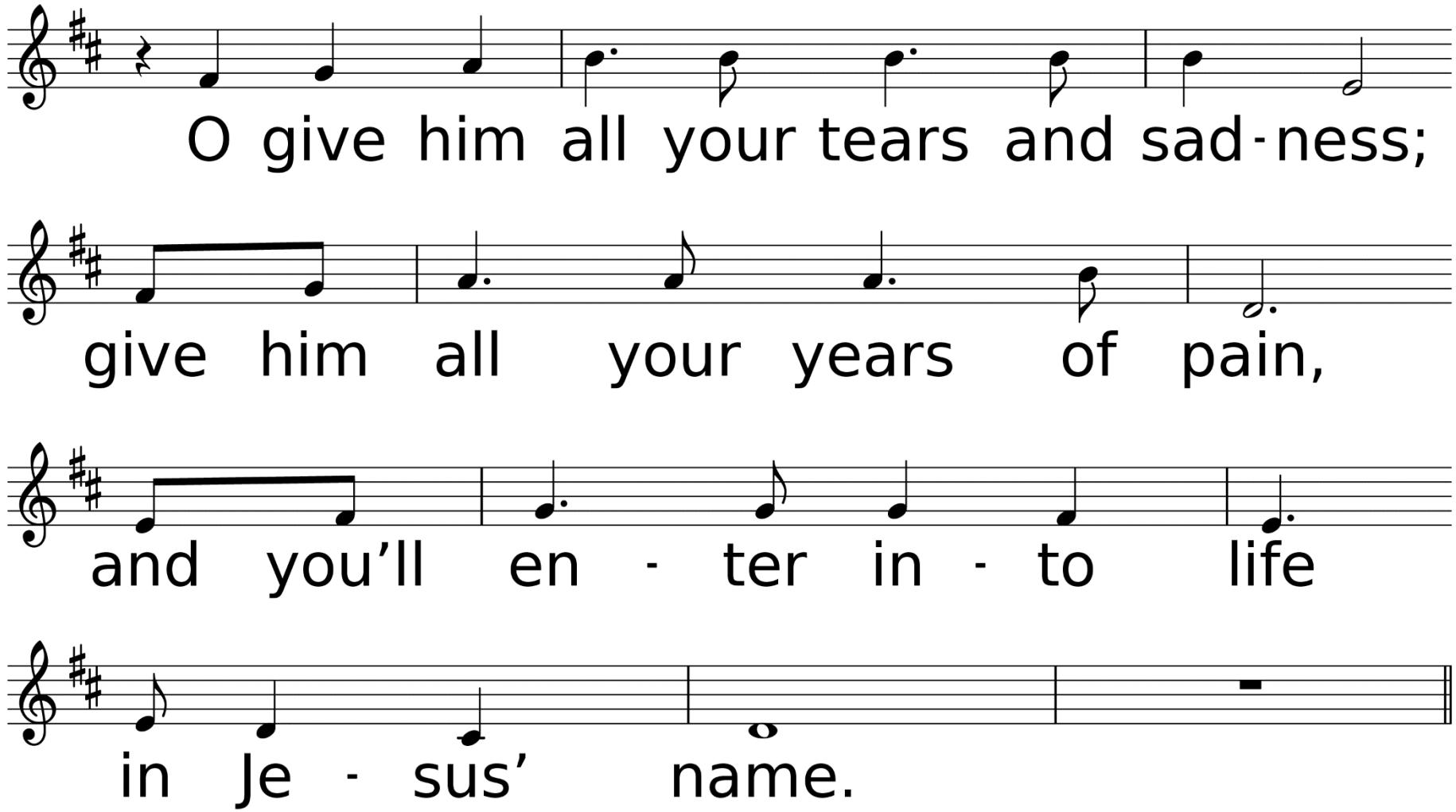
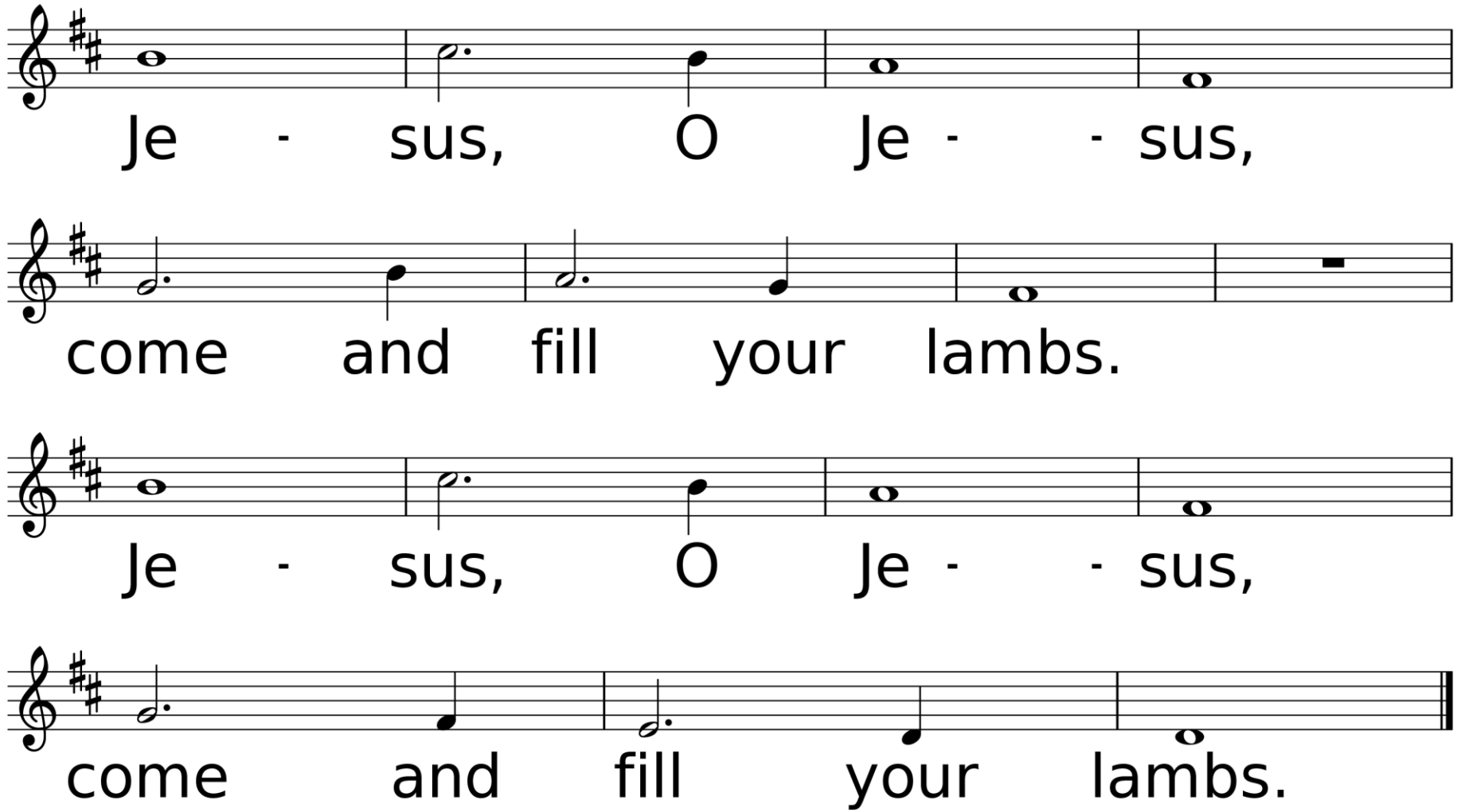

2. O come and sing this song with glad-ness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet
sur - ren - der to his name.


O give him all your tears and sad-ness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll en - ter in - to life
in Je - sus' name.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Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

Ted Hammerschmidt

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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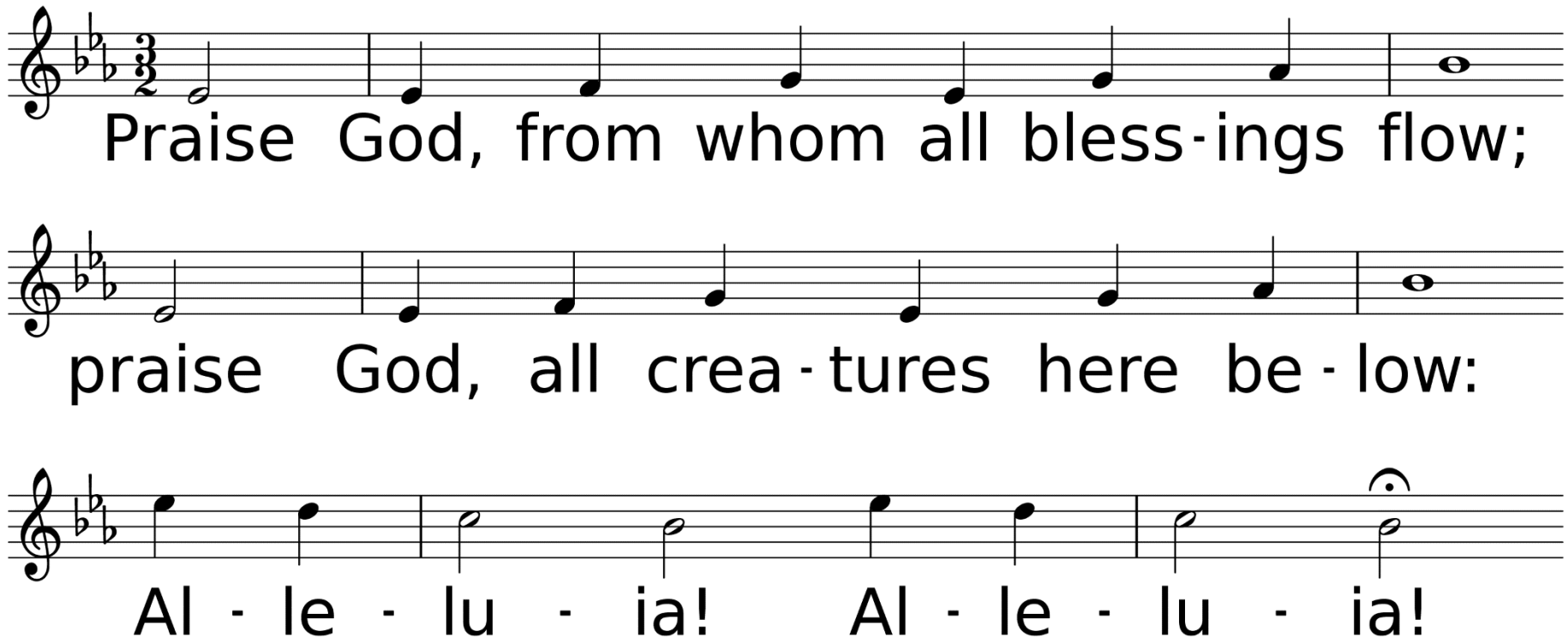

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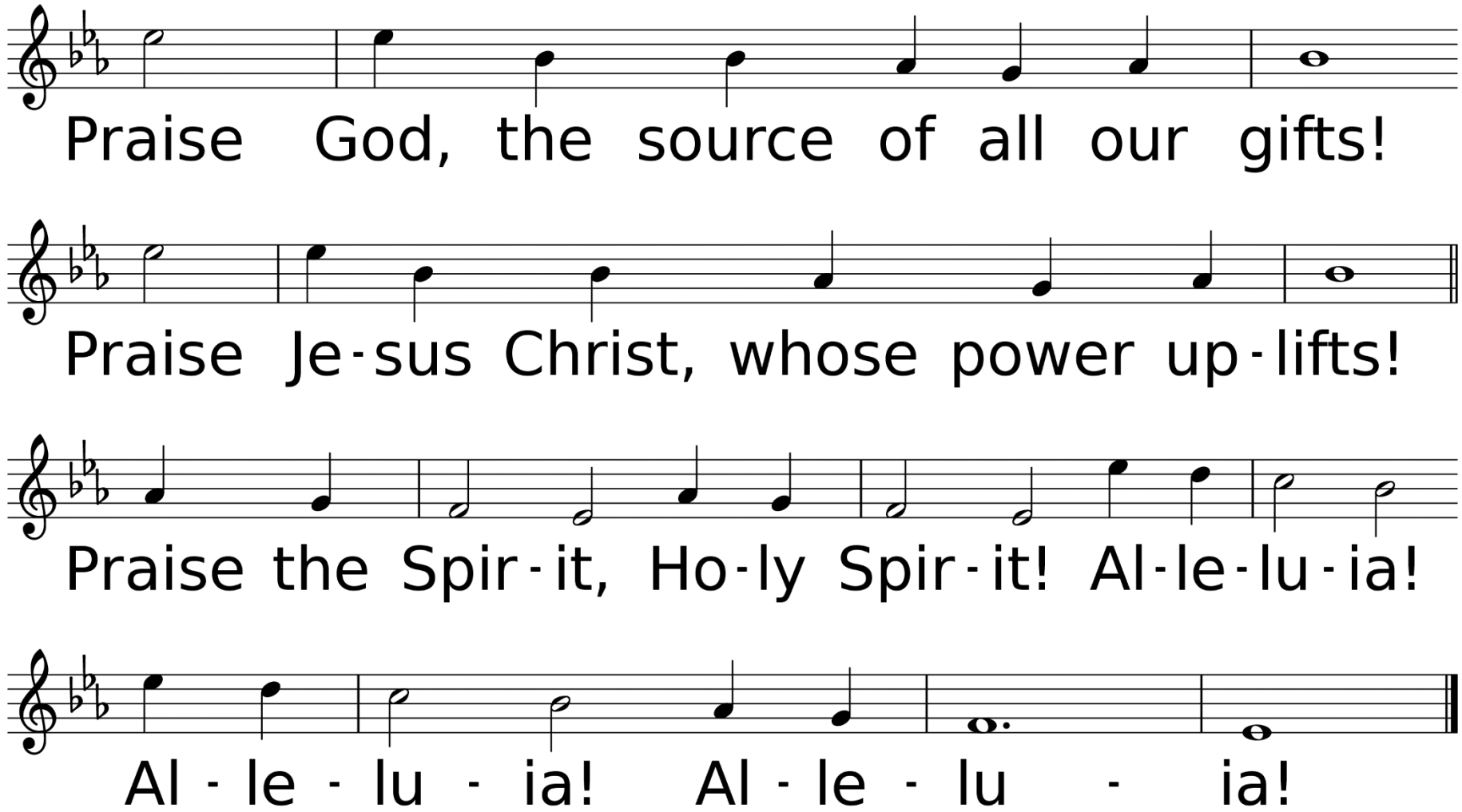
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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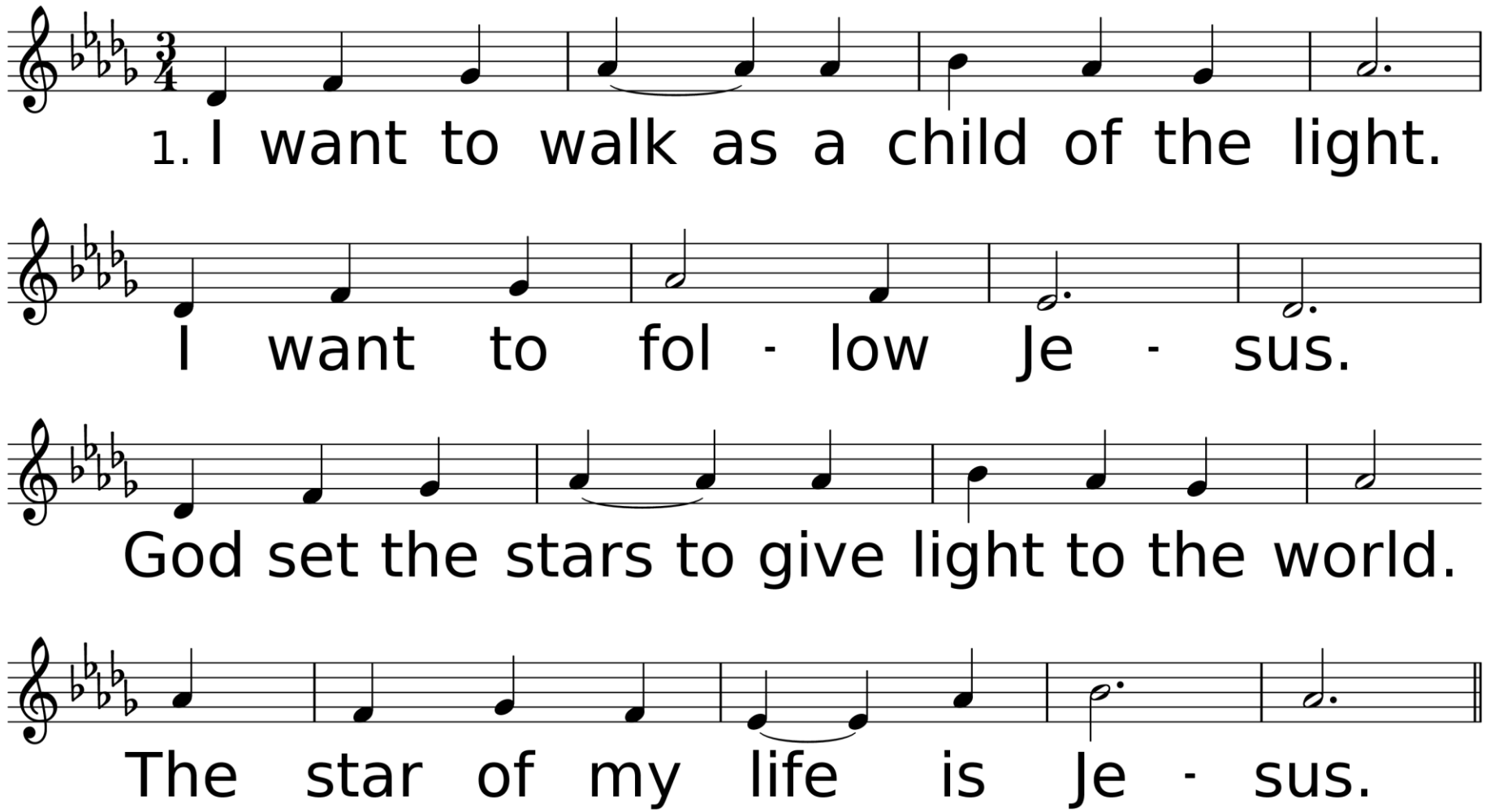

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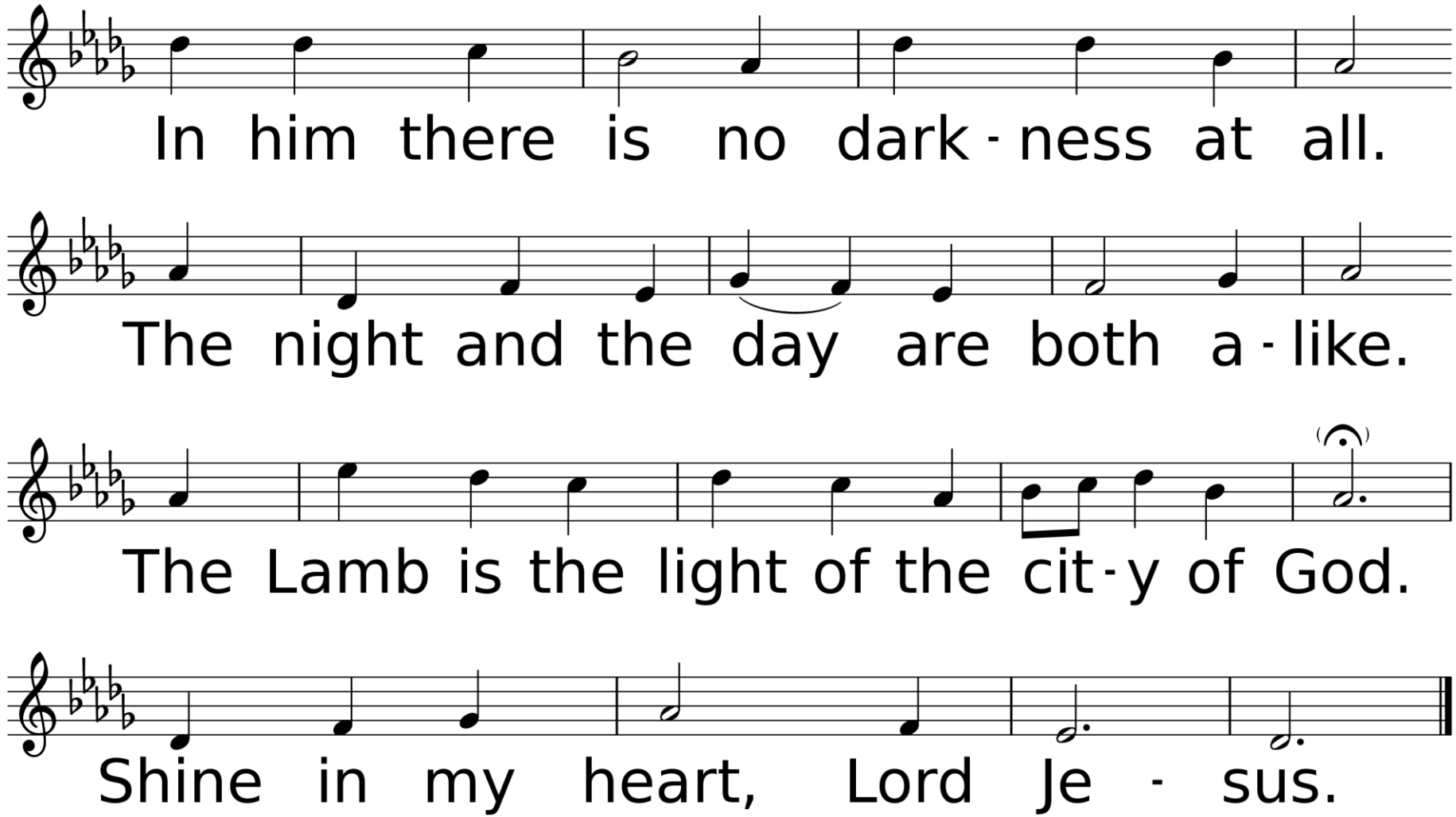
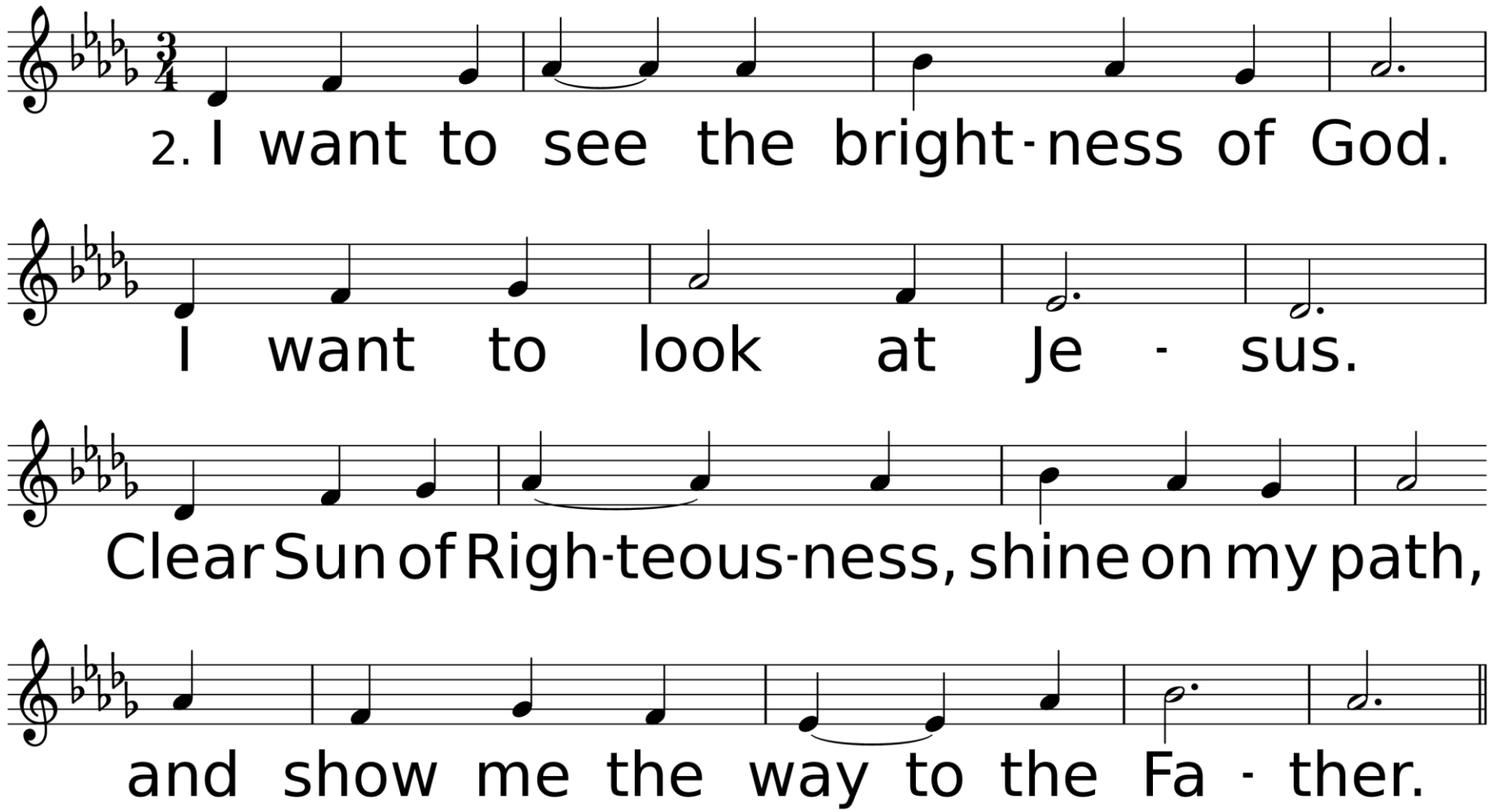
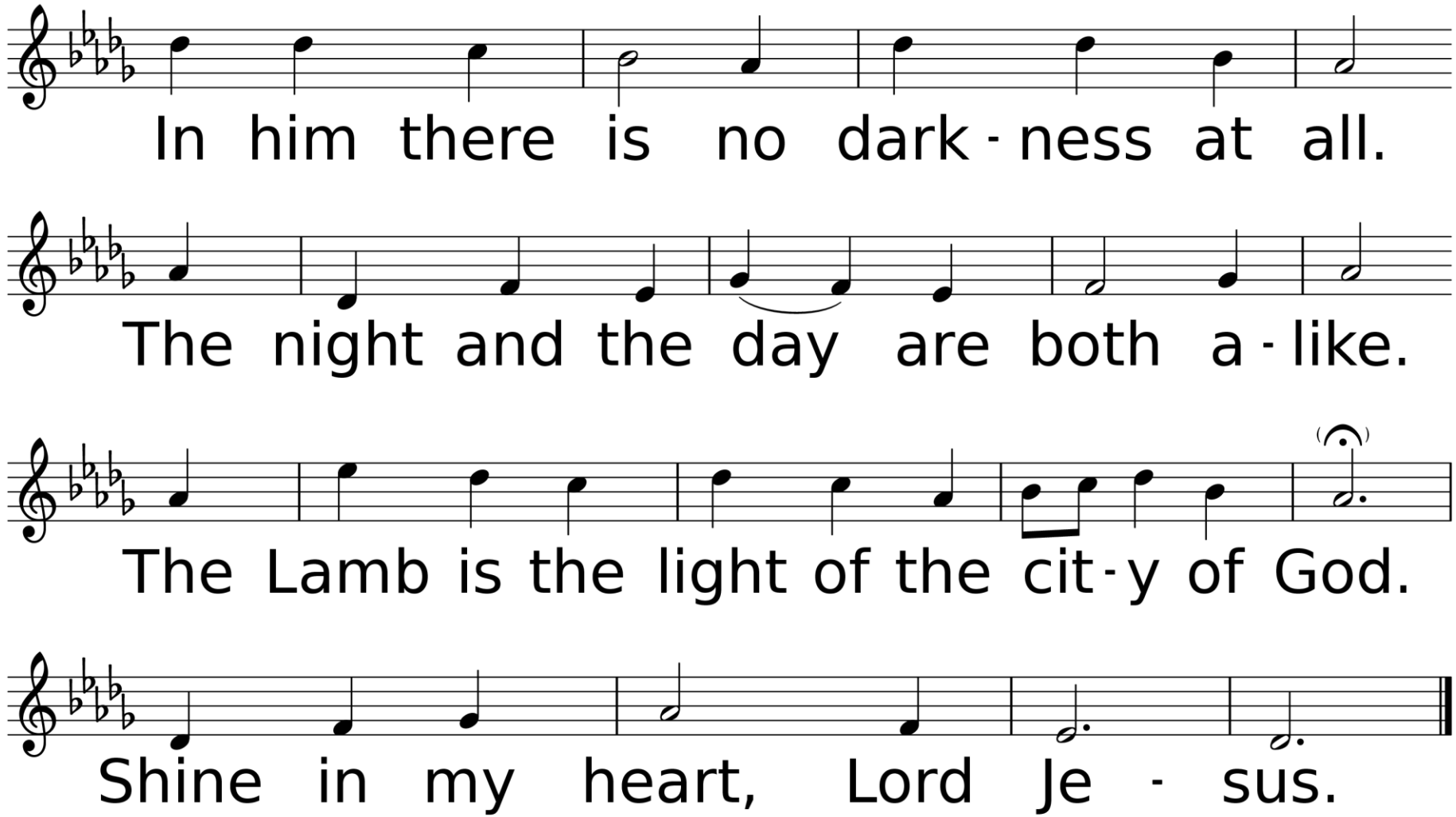

In him there is no dark - ness at all.
The night and the day are both a - like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.


2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
I want to look at Je - sus.
Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Fa - ther.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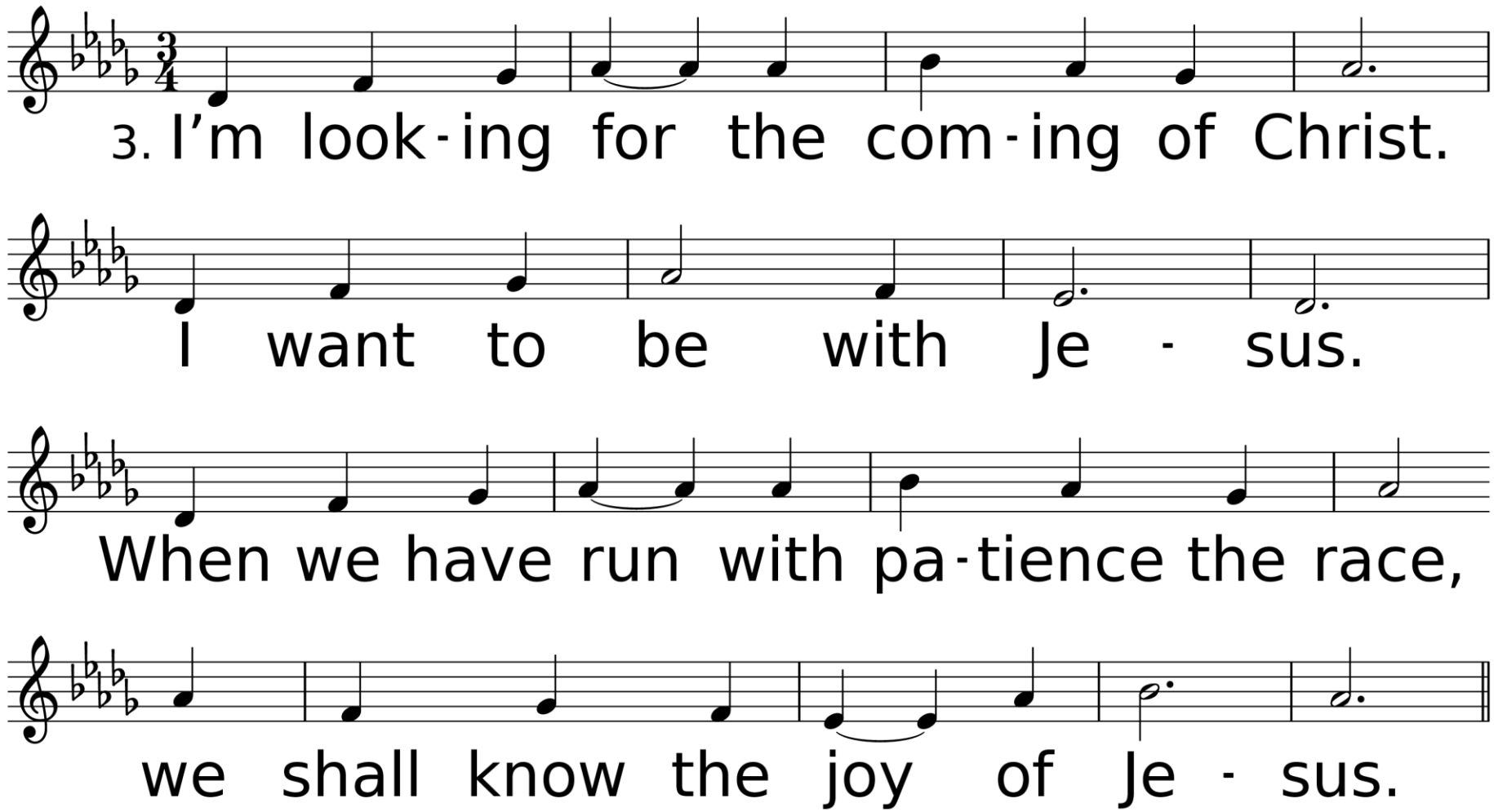
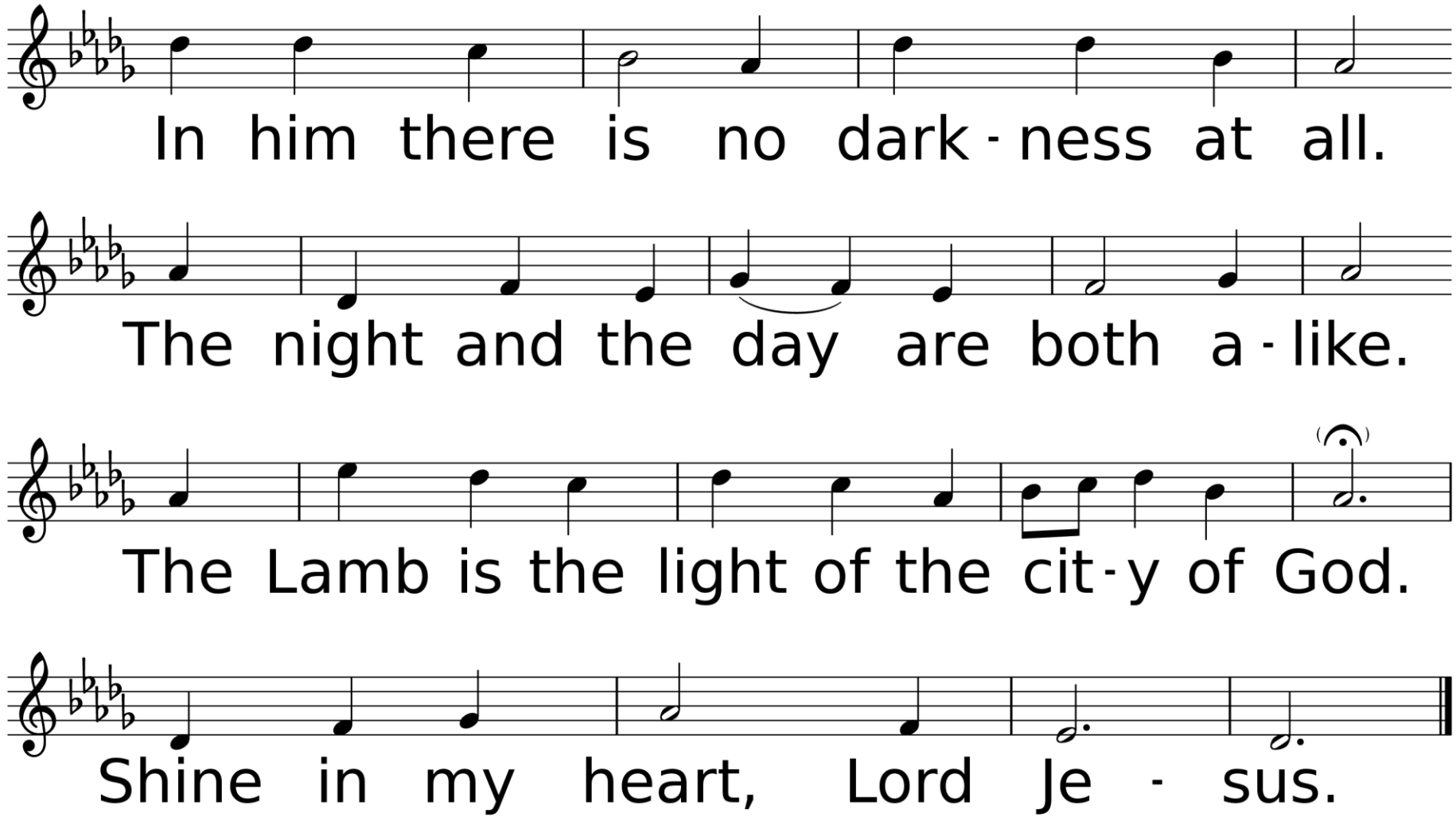

3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.
I want to be with Je - sus.
When we have run with pa-tience the race,
we shall know the joy of Je - sus.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Scripture Readings

Gayle Bailey

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Move Closer to the Light”

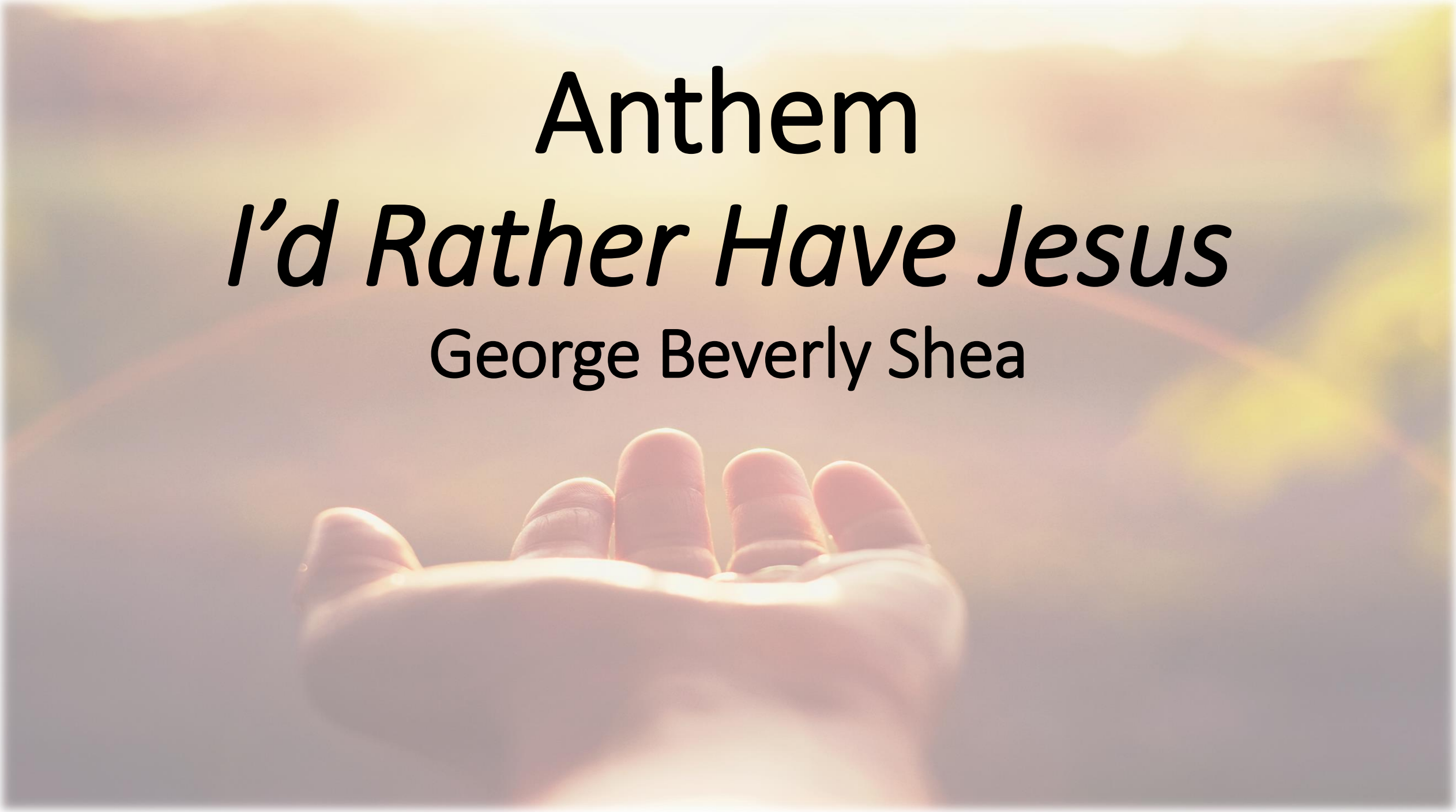
Sermon

Guest Speaker: Catherine Beal

Anthem

I'd Rather Have Jesus

George Beverly Shea



*Hymn of Invitation

God of Grace and God of Glory

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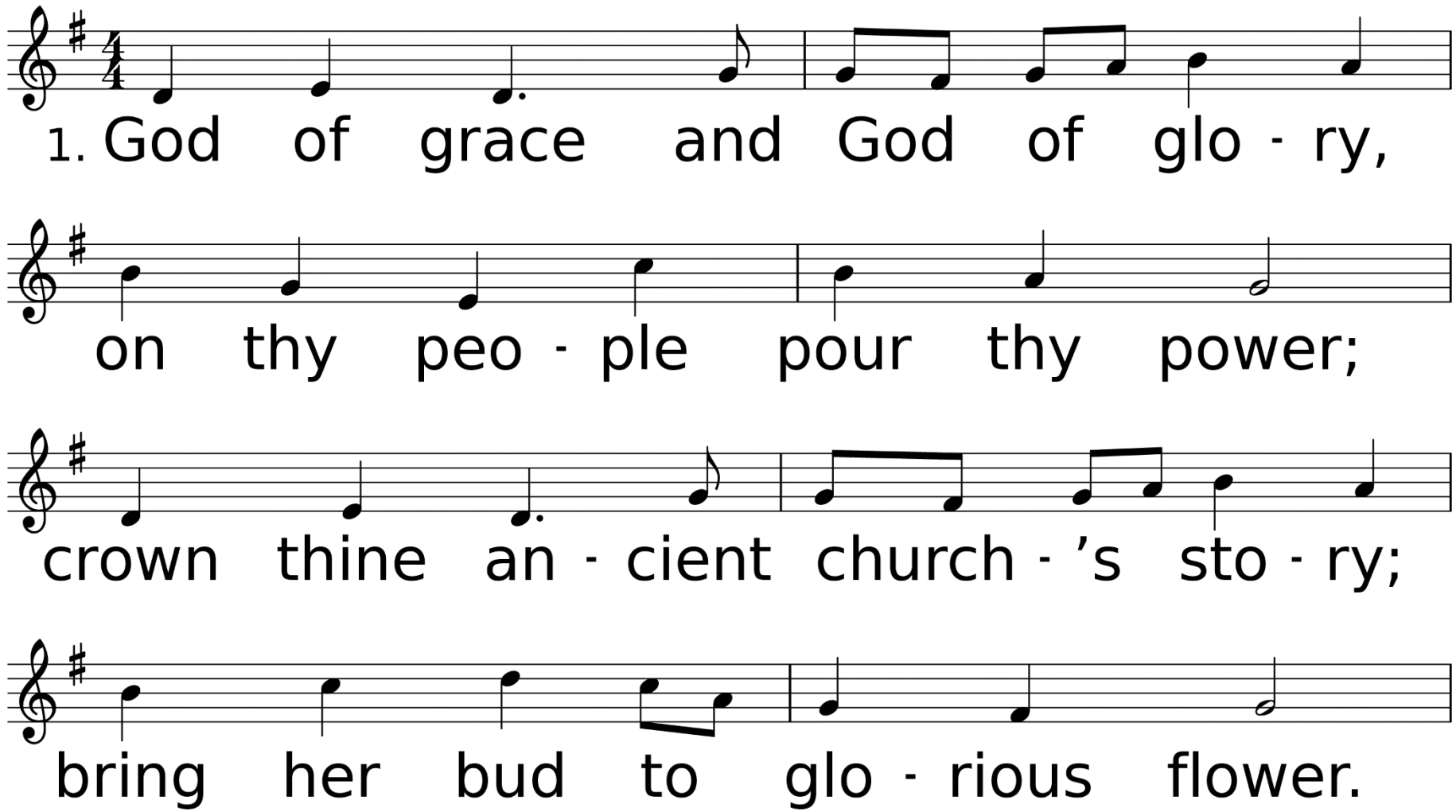

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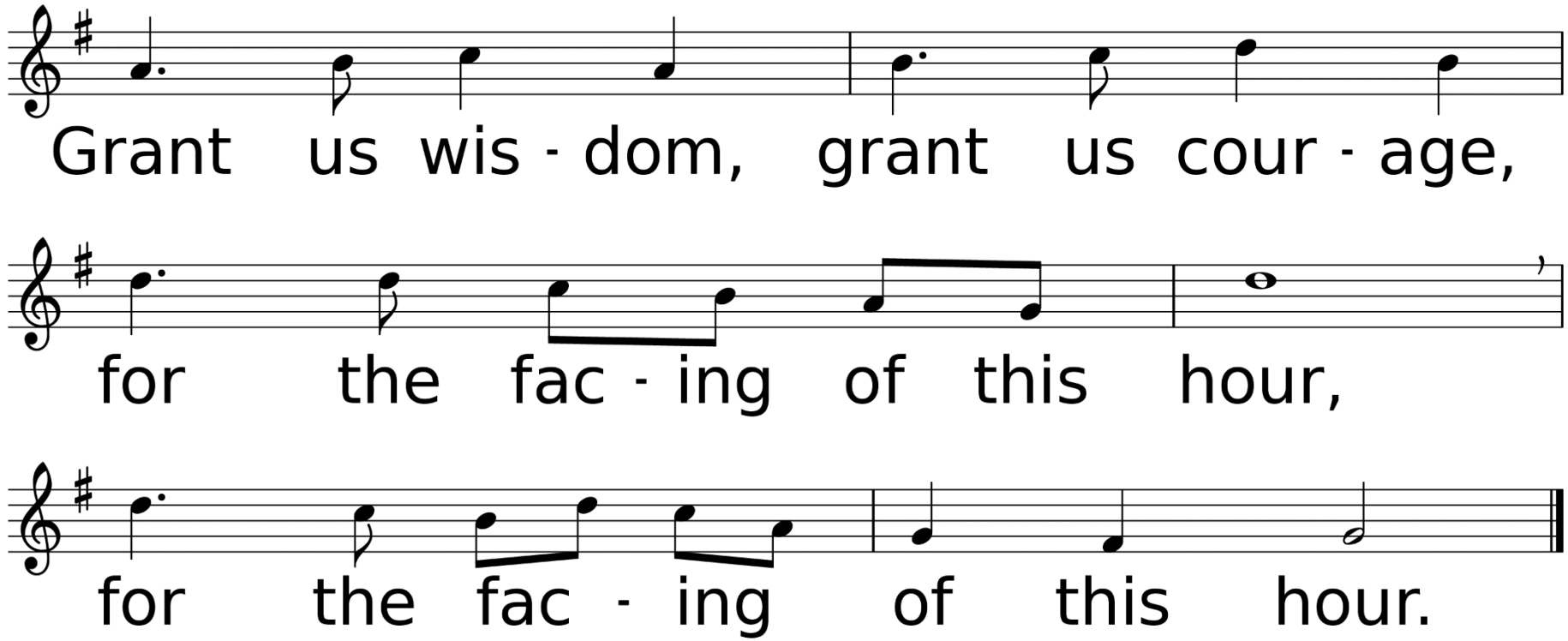
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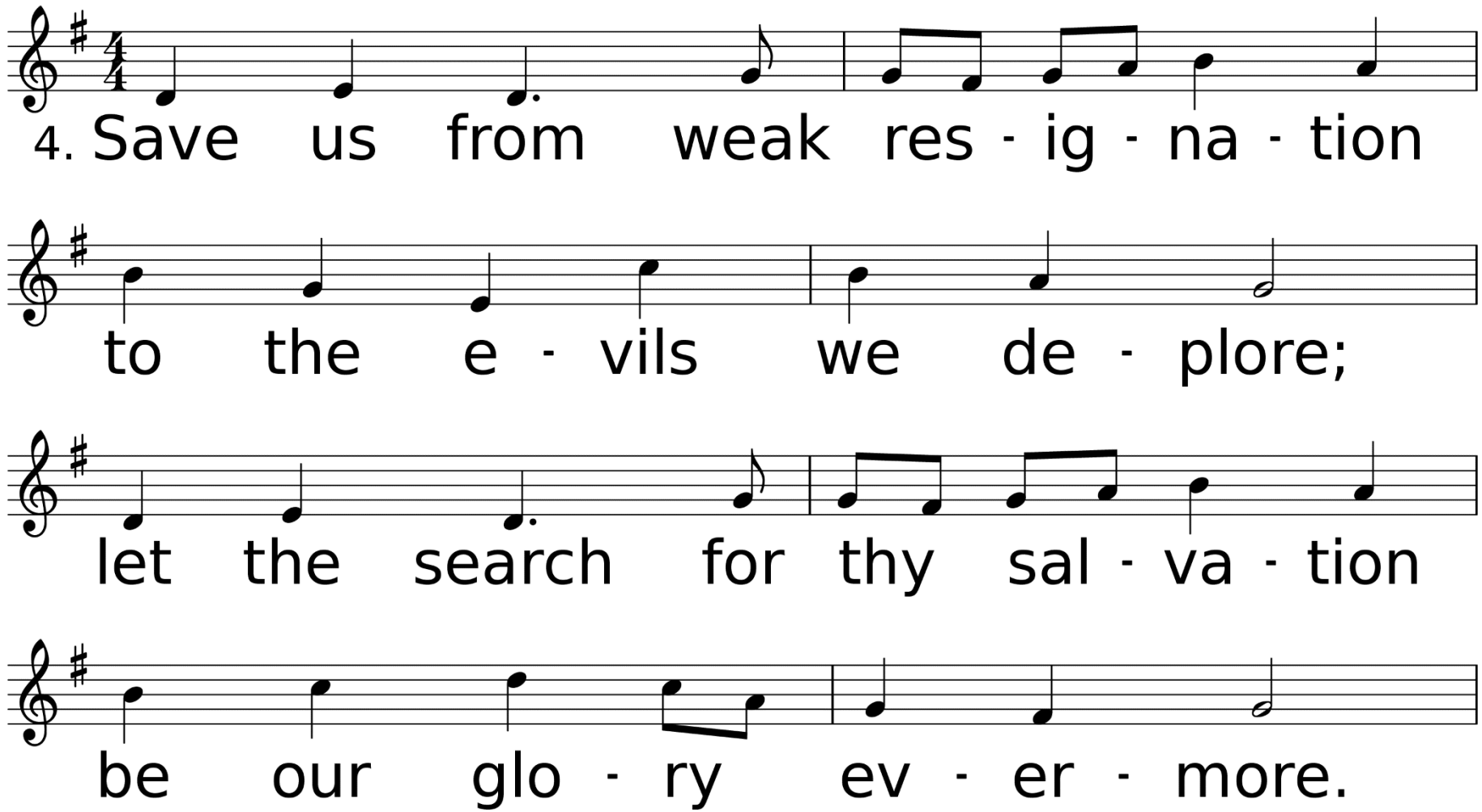
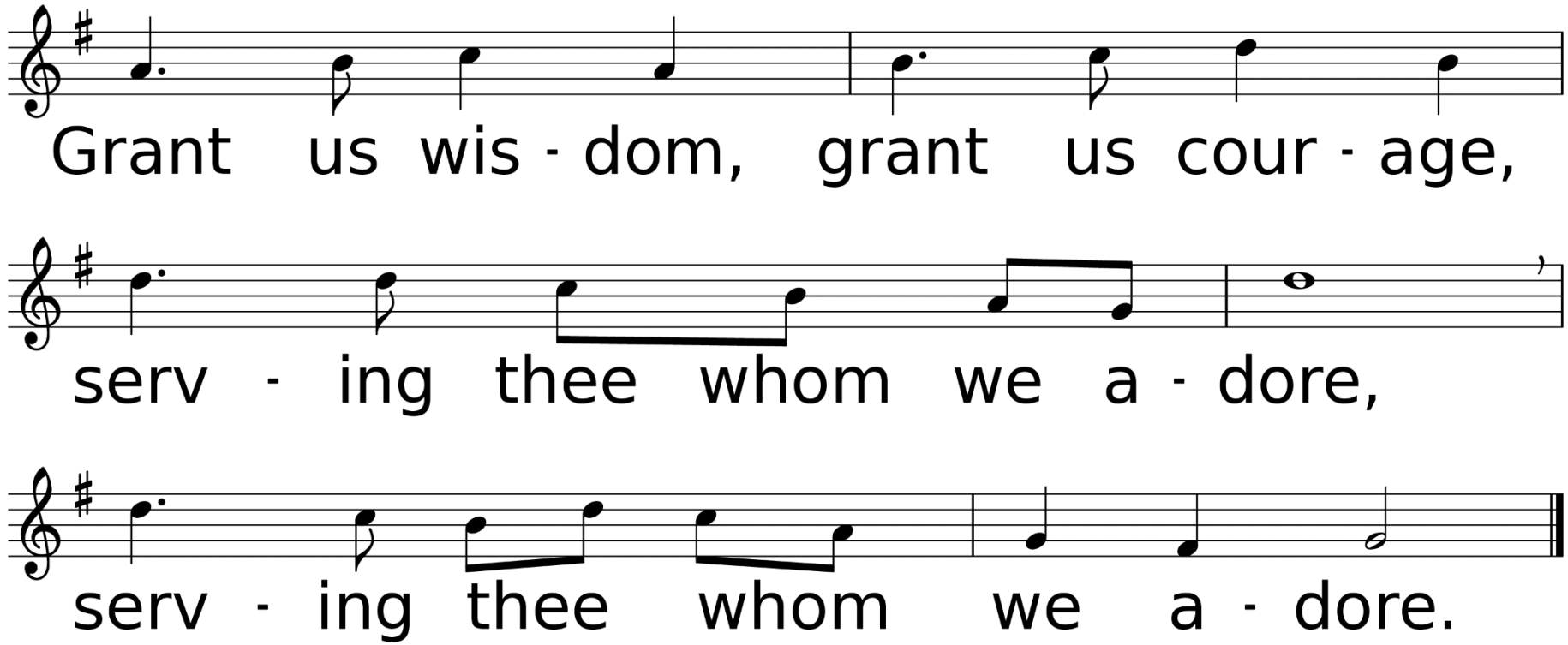
for the fac - ing of this hour,
for the fac - ing of this hour.


4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion
to the e - vils we de - plore;
let the search for thy sal - va - tion
be our glo - ry ev - er - more.


Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore,
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

*Benediction

John Schwarze

*Sending Forth
The Little Light of Mine

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This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine.

Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;

everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine.

Thank you for
joining us today!