Welcome Home!

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion

Sanctuary & Online

10:00 AM

Prelude

The Little Drummer Boy

Hand Bell Ensemble

Henry Onorati, Harry Simeone

Arr. by Tammy Waldrop

Announcements!

Choral Call to Worship

Were You There on That Christmas Night

Natalie Sleeth

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congregation: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

Let us dance with delight in the Lord
and let our hearts be filled with
rejoicing,
for eternal salvation has appeared on
the earth. Alleluia!

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Betty & Scotty Nease

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.

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!

(From *Advent Christmas and Epiphany* & partly written by Rev. Laraine Waughtal)

*Hymn of Praise

What Child Is This

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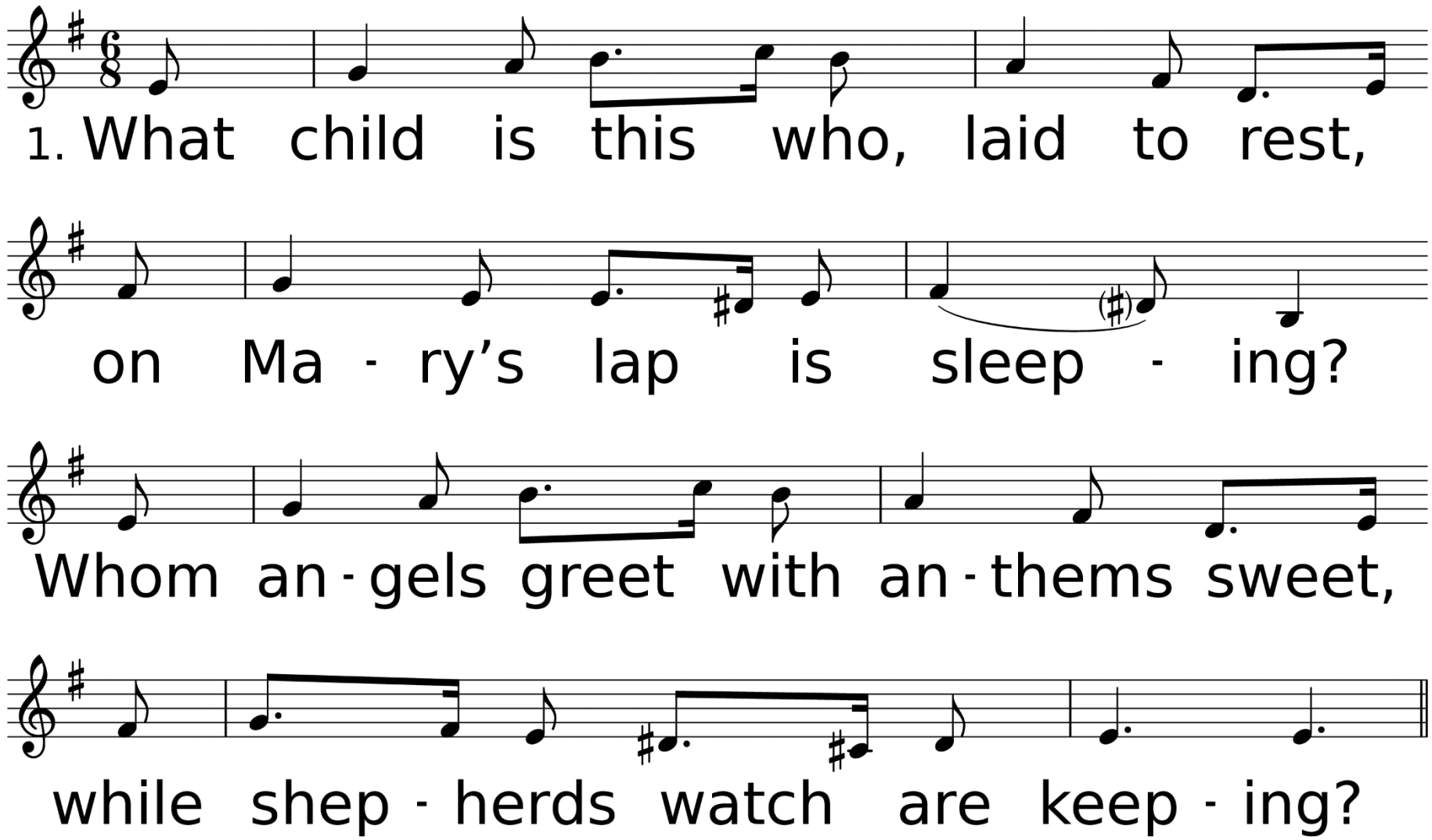

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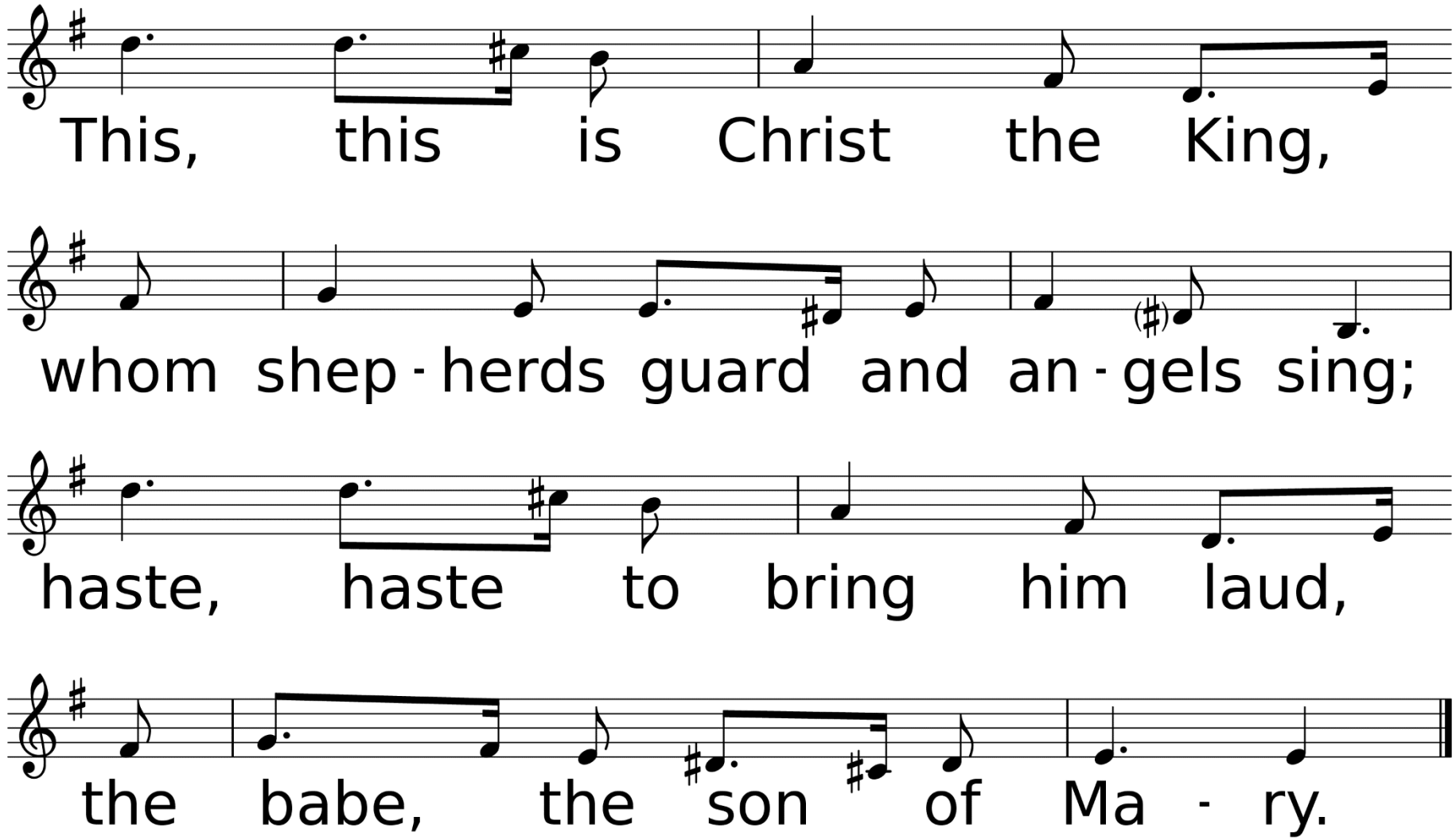
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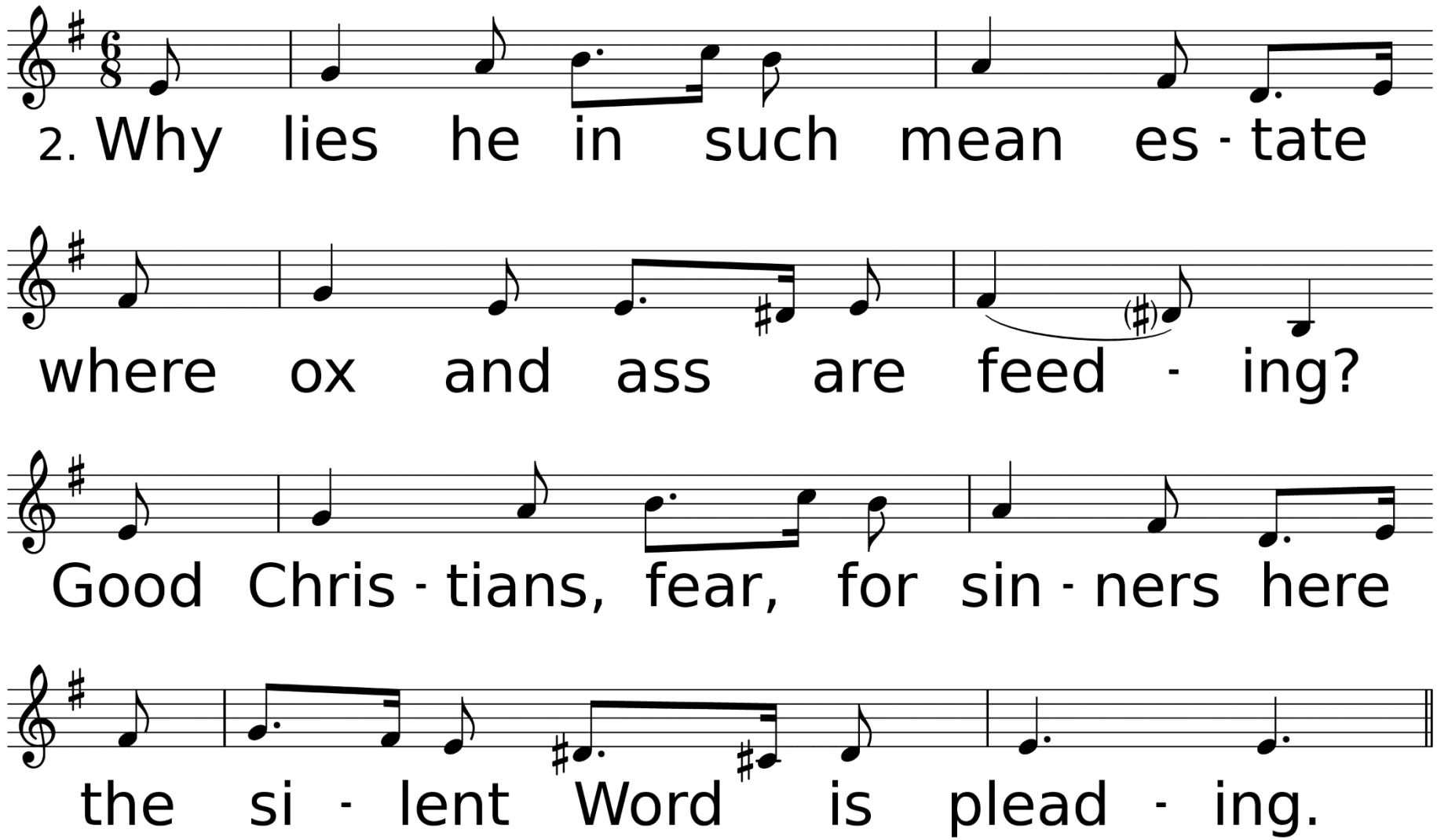
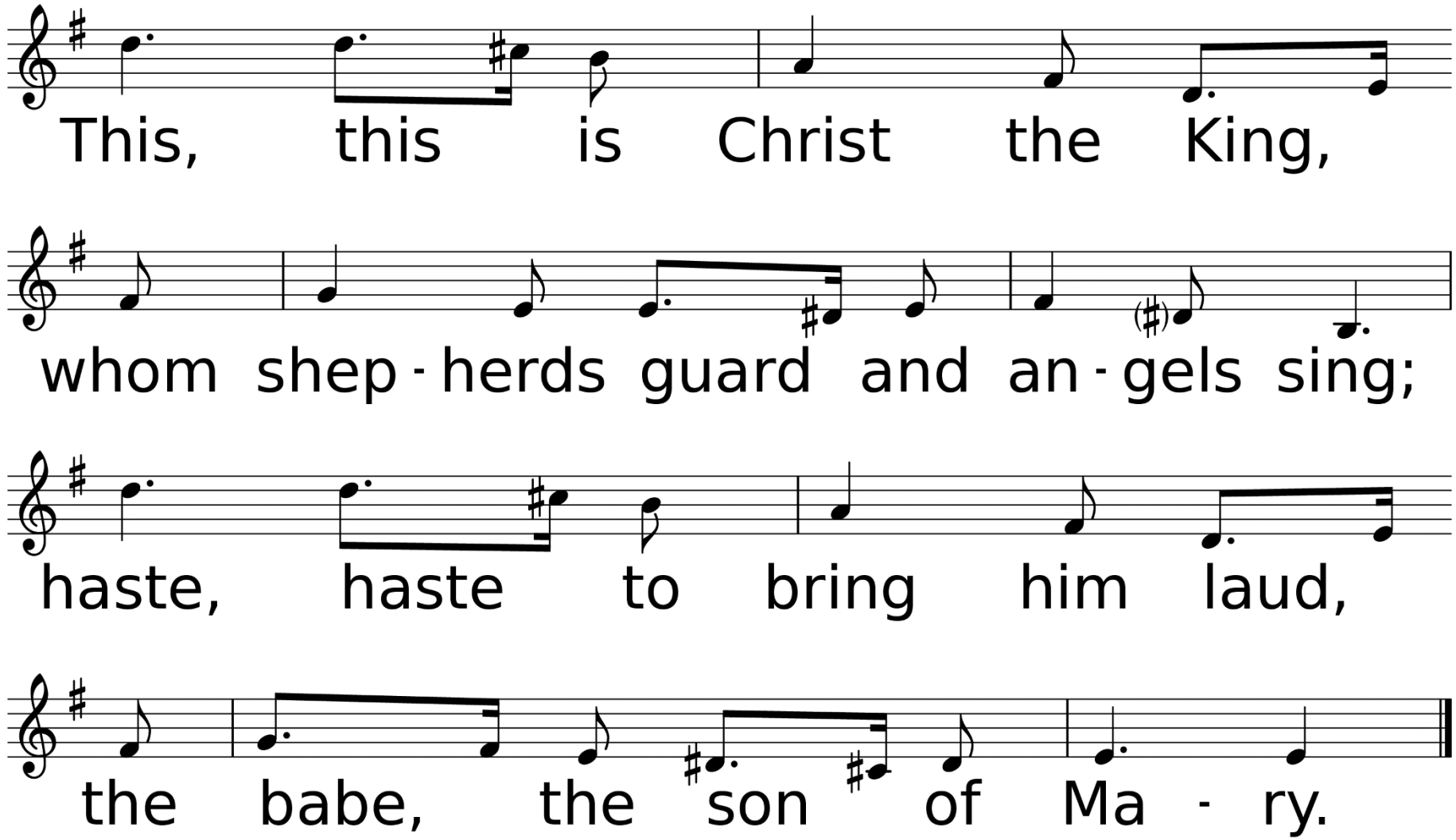
whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Ma - ry.


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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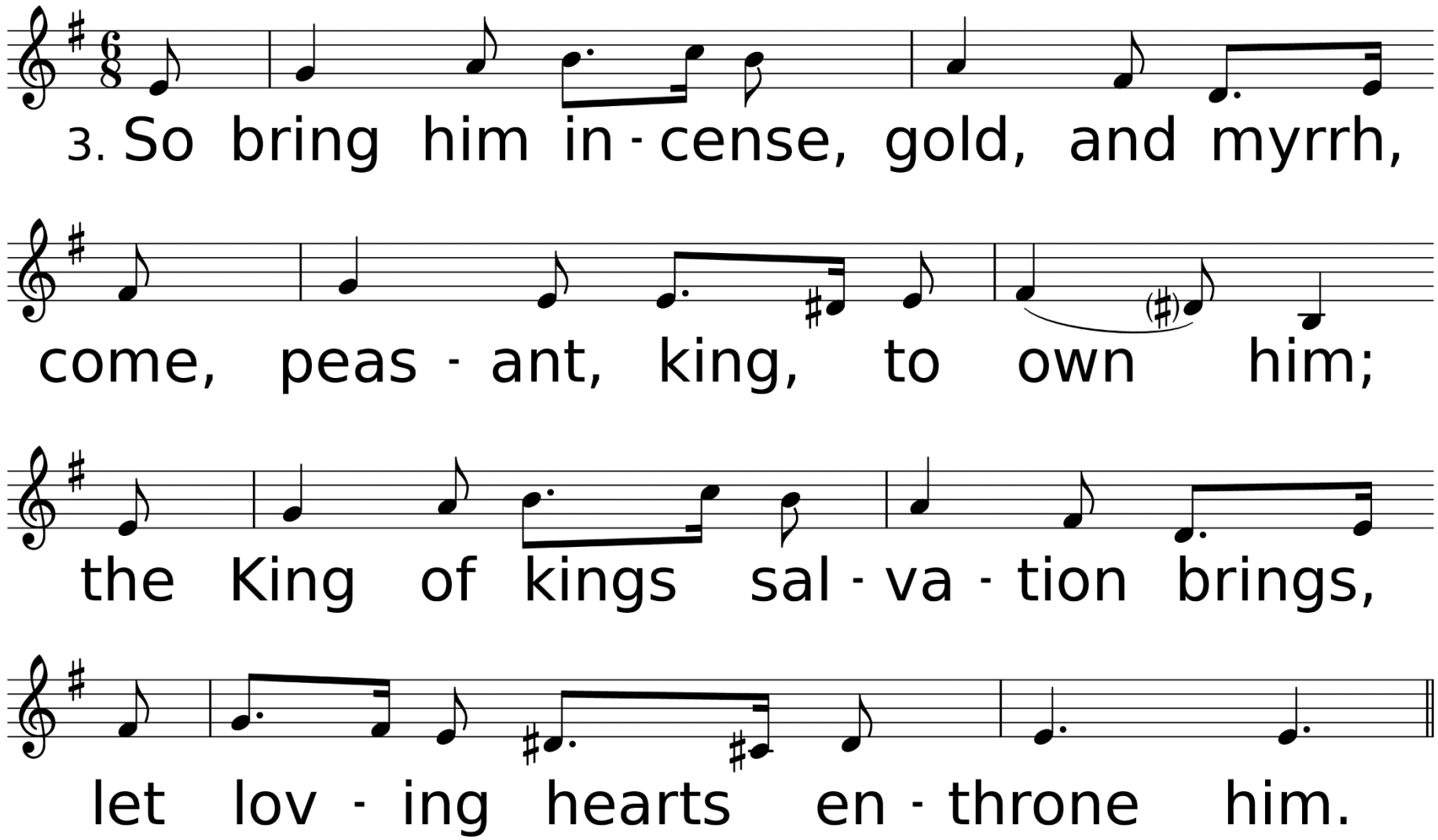
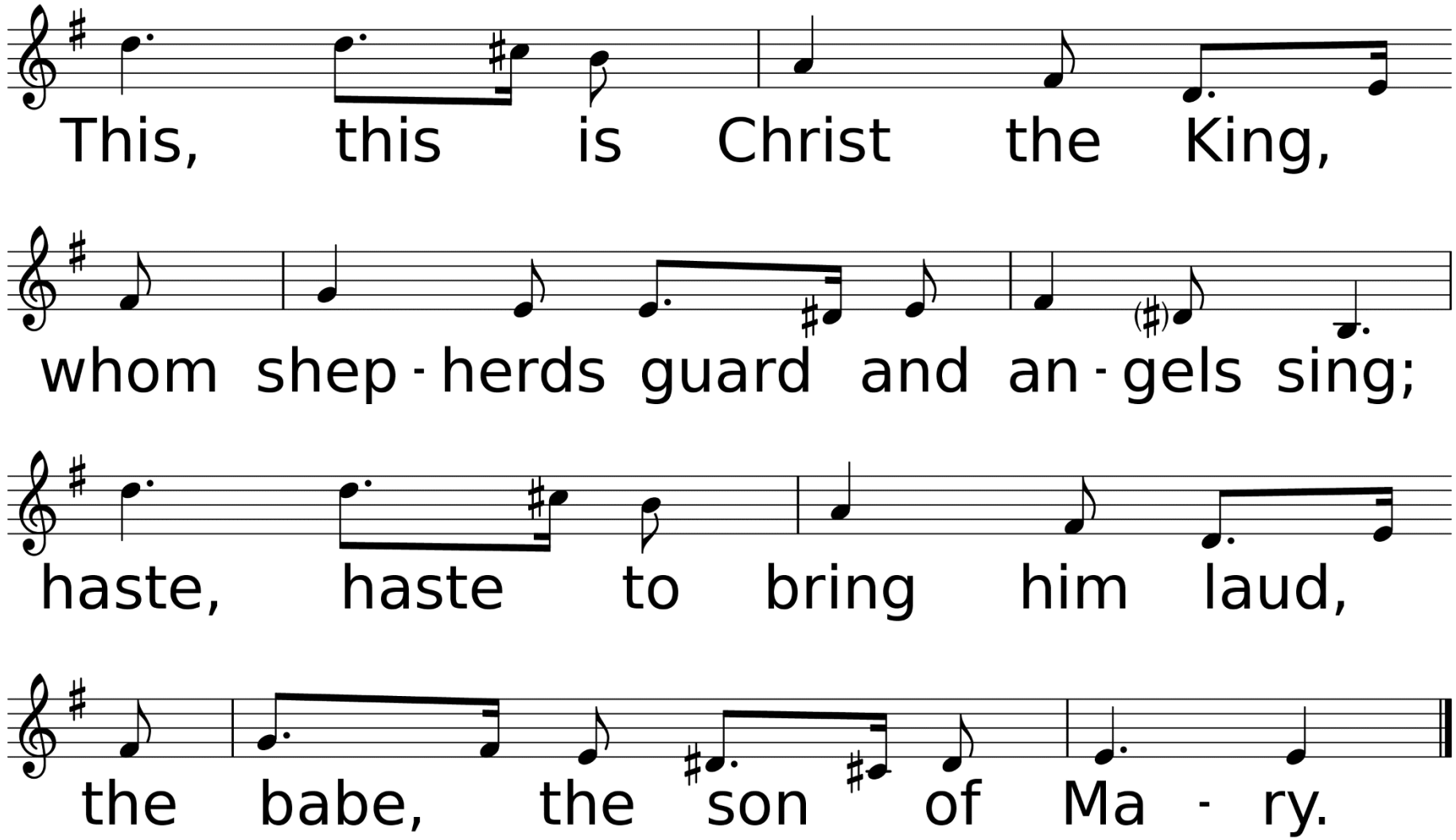

3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peas - ant, king, to own him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings,
let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.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*Affirmation of Faith

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

Lauren Rudy
Janet Oliver
Jenney Hammerschmidt
Julie Porter
Alec Michael Marque
Merle Stout
Michael Haushalter
John Vincent
Mike Harris
Jimmy Hicks
Stephanie Chavez
Pat Benigno
Billie Kees
Cindy Iles
Amber Goodwin
Tammy Wiggins & Family
Wendy Connelly
Brendan Wells
Bill & Marilyn Kenney

John Giles
Charles Simpson
Anna Wiggins
Janice Vinyard
Edison Doyle
John Sandlin
Lydia Murray
Marcia & Roy Ades
Jana Fransen
Deborah Kern
Friends & Family of Daniel Hicks
Sarah Cooley
JoAnna Tanner
Carol Minchew
Ellie Lunsford
Phyllis Blanton
Rodney Faris
Everett Brister
Eva Bebe

Lizzie Simmons
Jimmy Markle
Sandy Blakeway
Elizabeth Brown Hilborn
Jerry Noland
Glen Reichley
Kelly Bailey Family
Margaret Ward
Lorri Woodward
Sarah Biggs
Neely Biggs
Todd Hicks
Bob Evans
Frances Jouban
Jared Jones
Gail Hicks
Bart Fazio
Sharon Dukes

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Brandon Brister
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Grace Cooley
Ruth Wells
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John Nelson
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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
Away in a Manger

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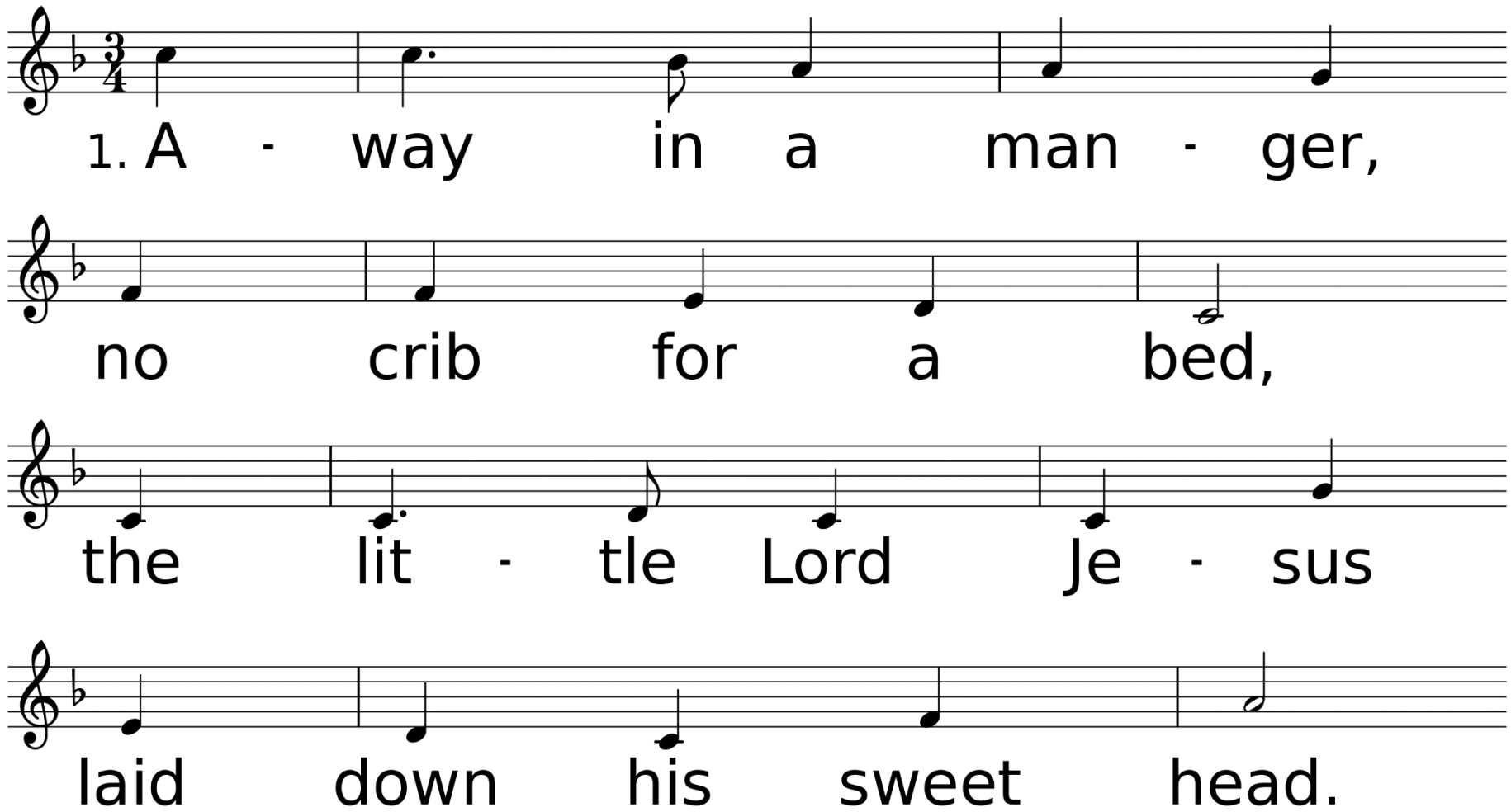

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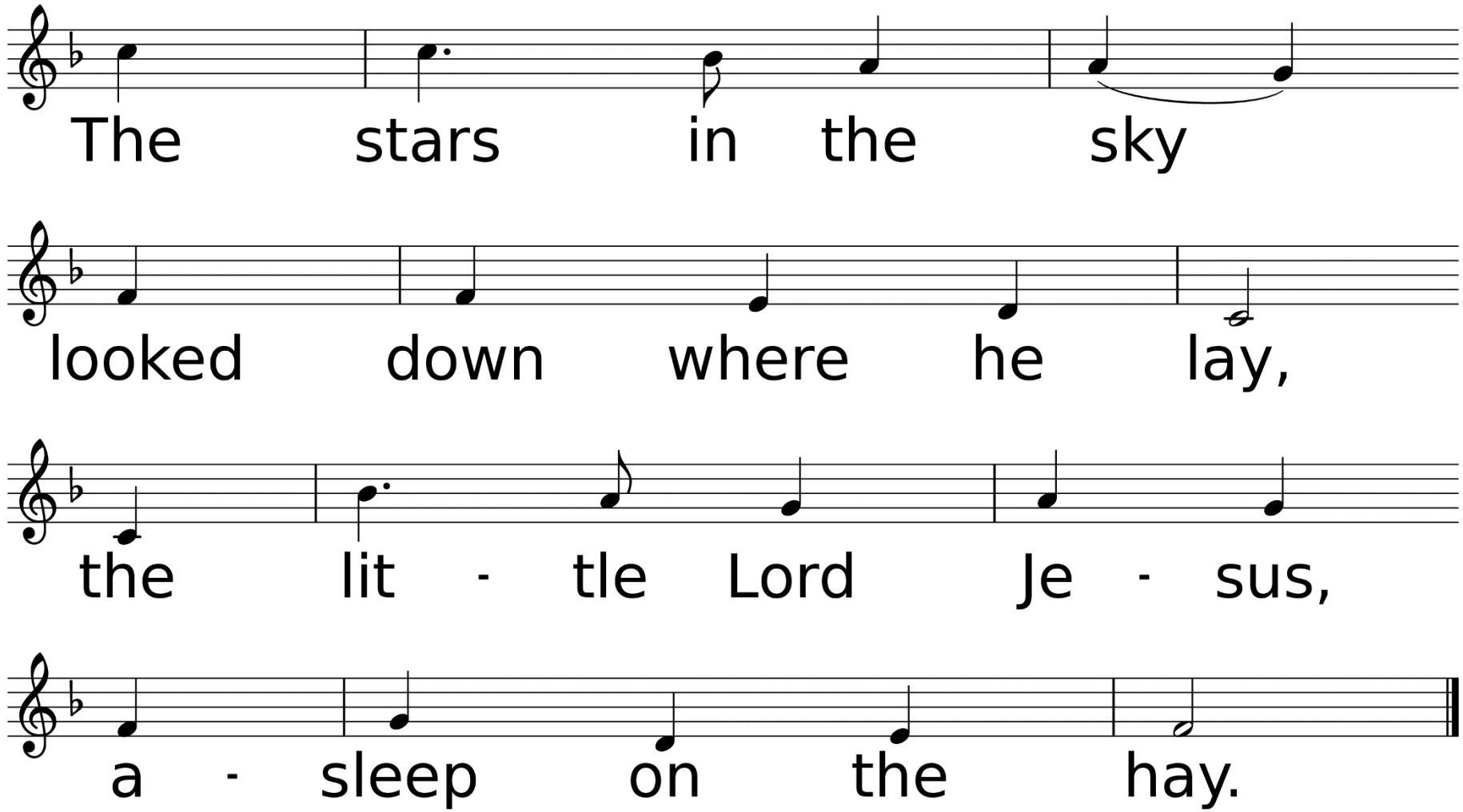
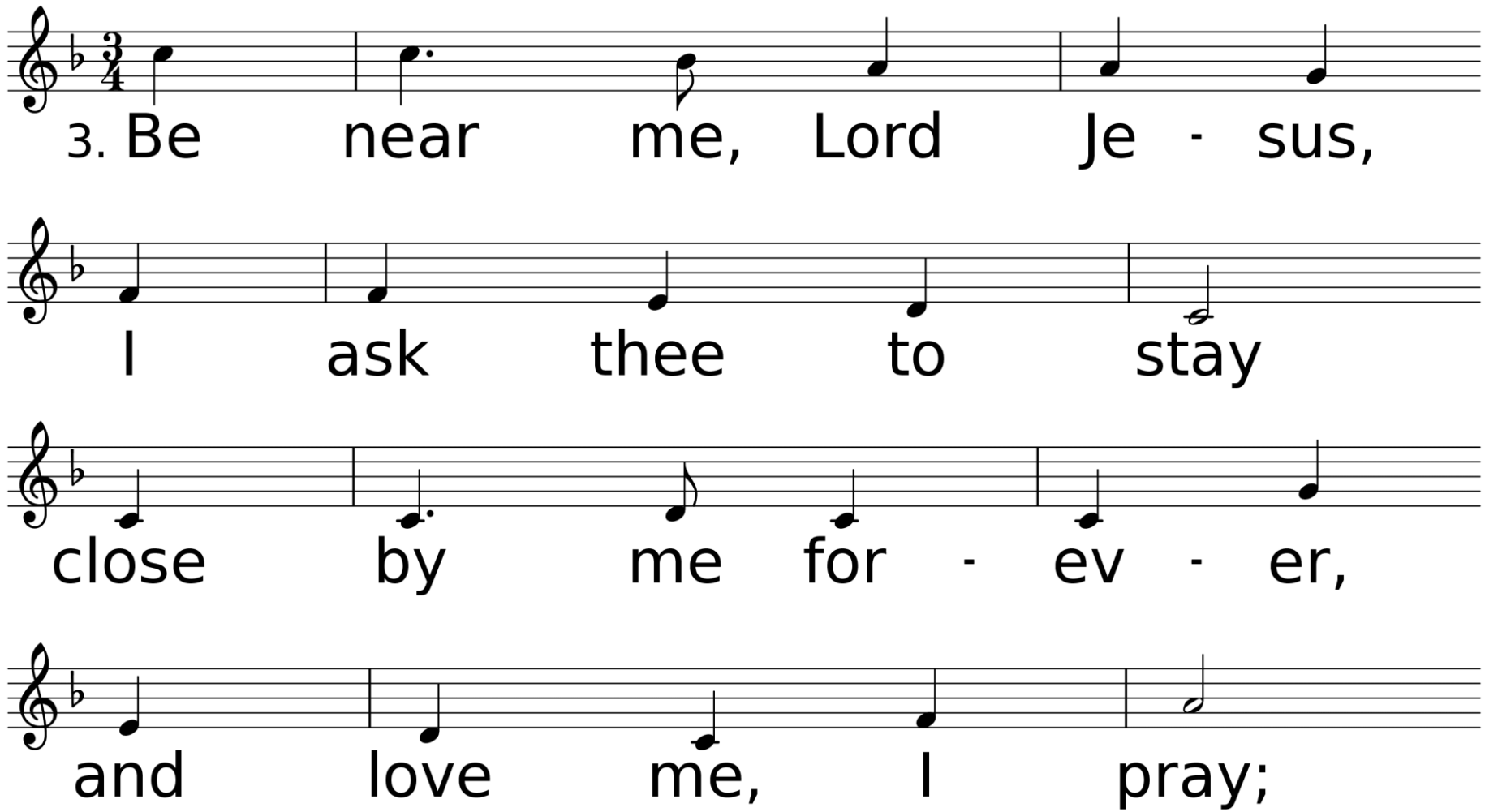
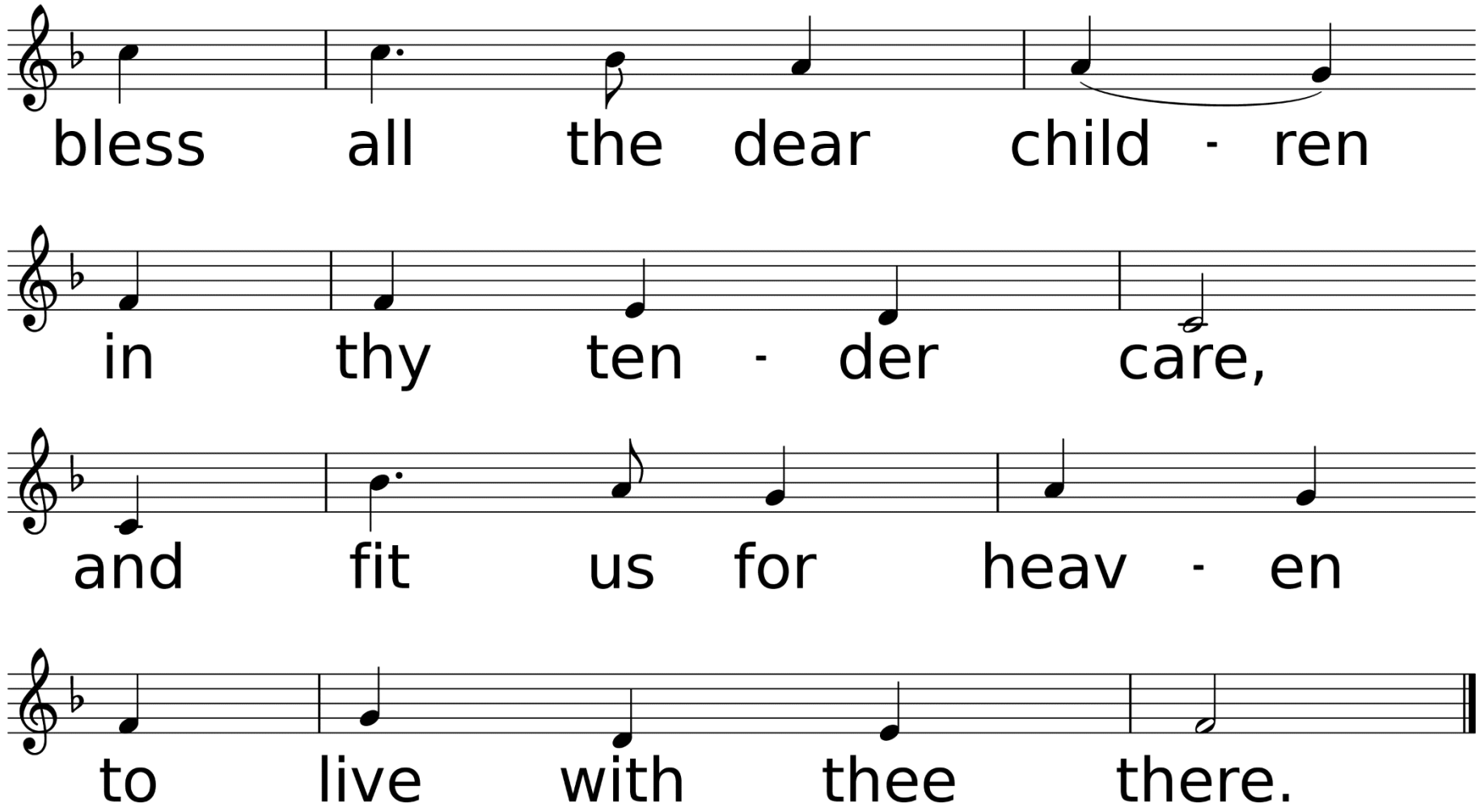

The stars in the sky
looked down where he lay,
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus,
a - sleep on the hay.


3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus,
I ask thee to stay
close by me for - ev - er,
and love me, I pray;


bless all the dear child - ren
in thy ten - der care,
and fit us for heav - en
to live with thee there.

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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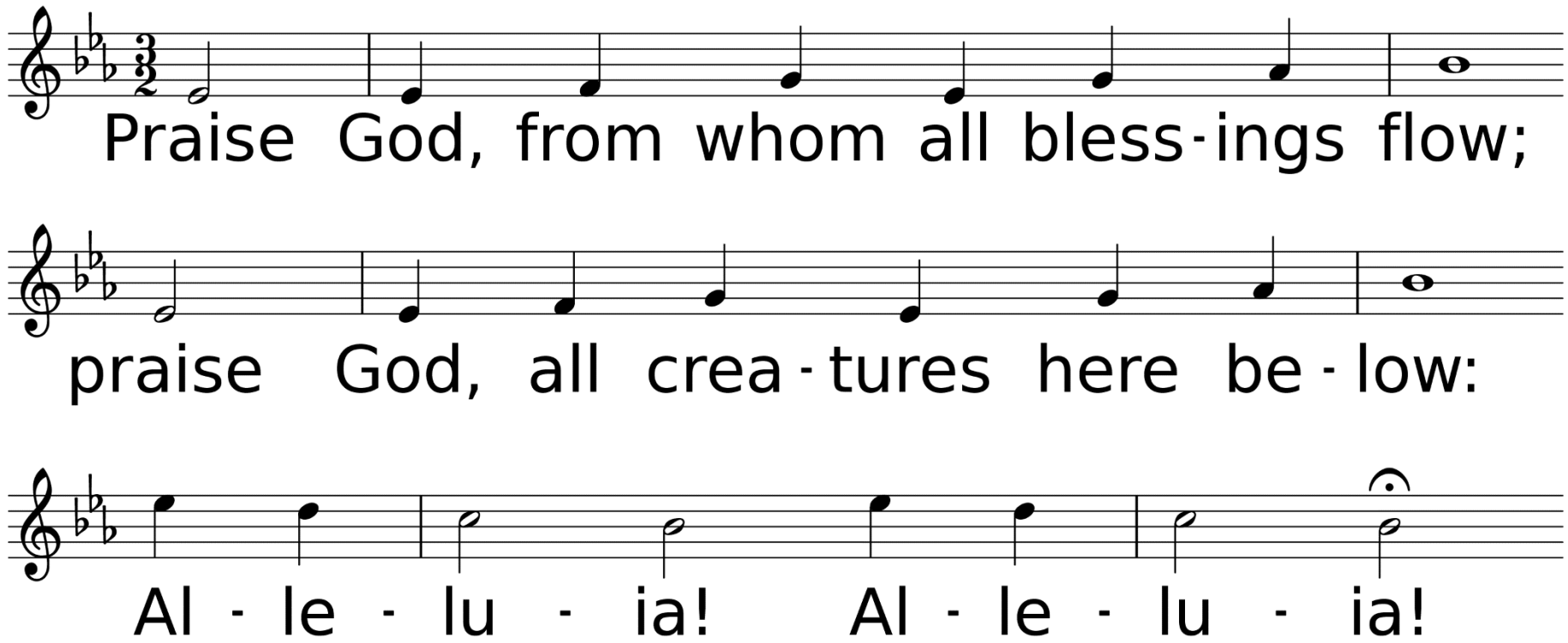
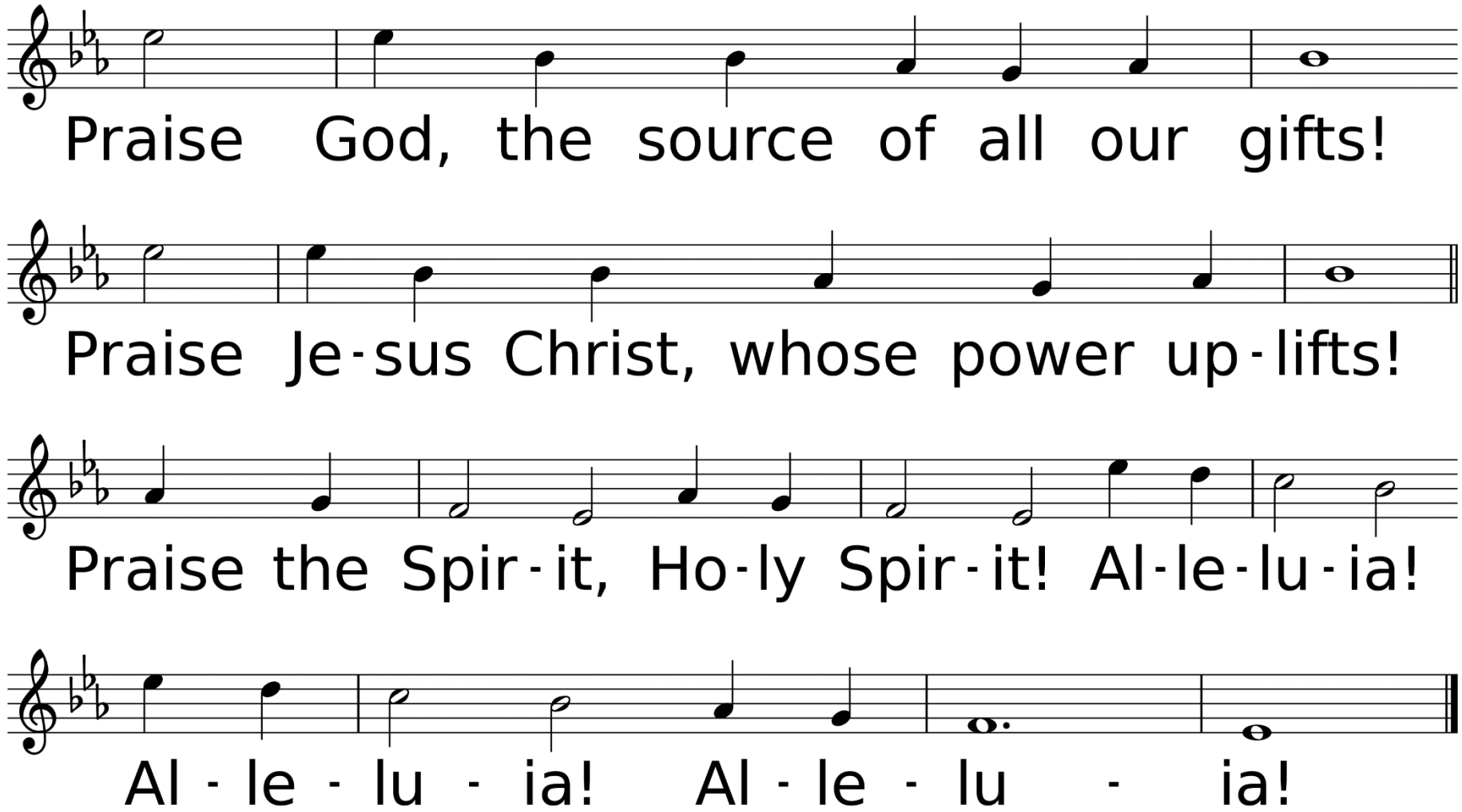


WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978; adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House,
MUSIC (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88.44.88 with Refrain): Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906


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

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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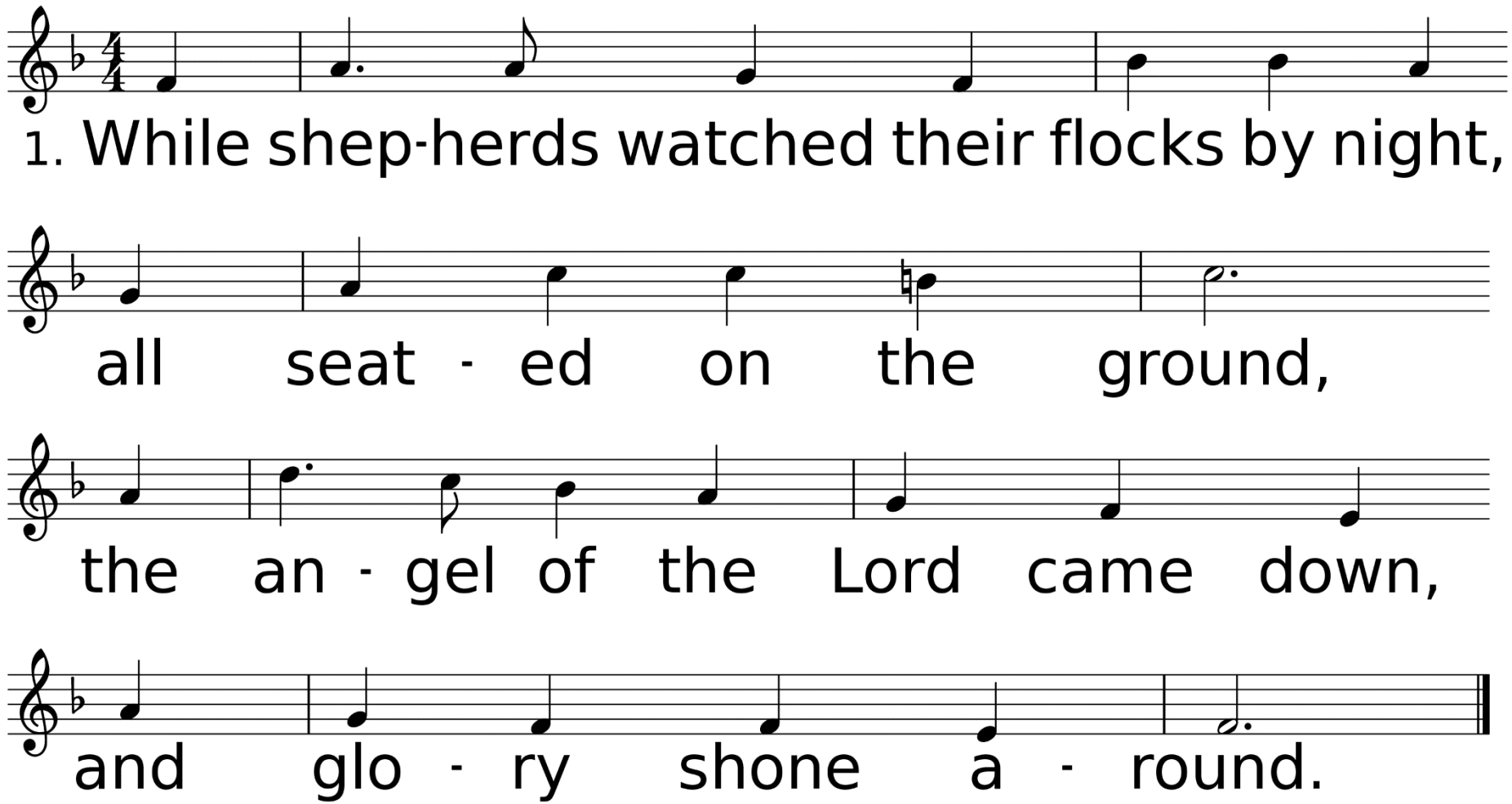

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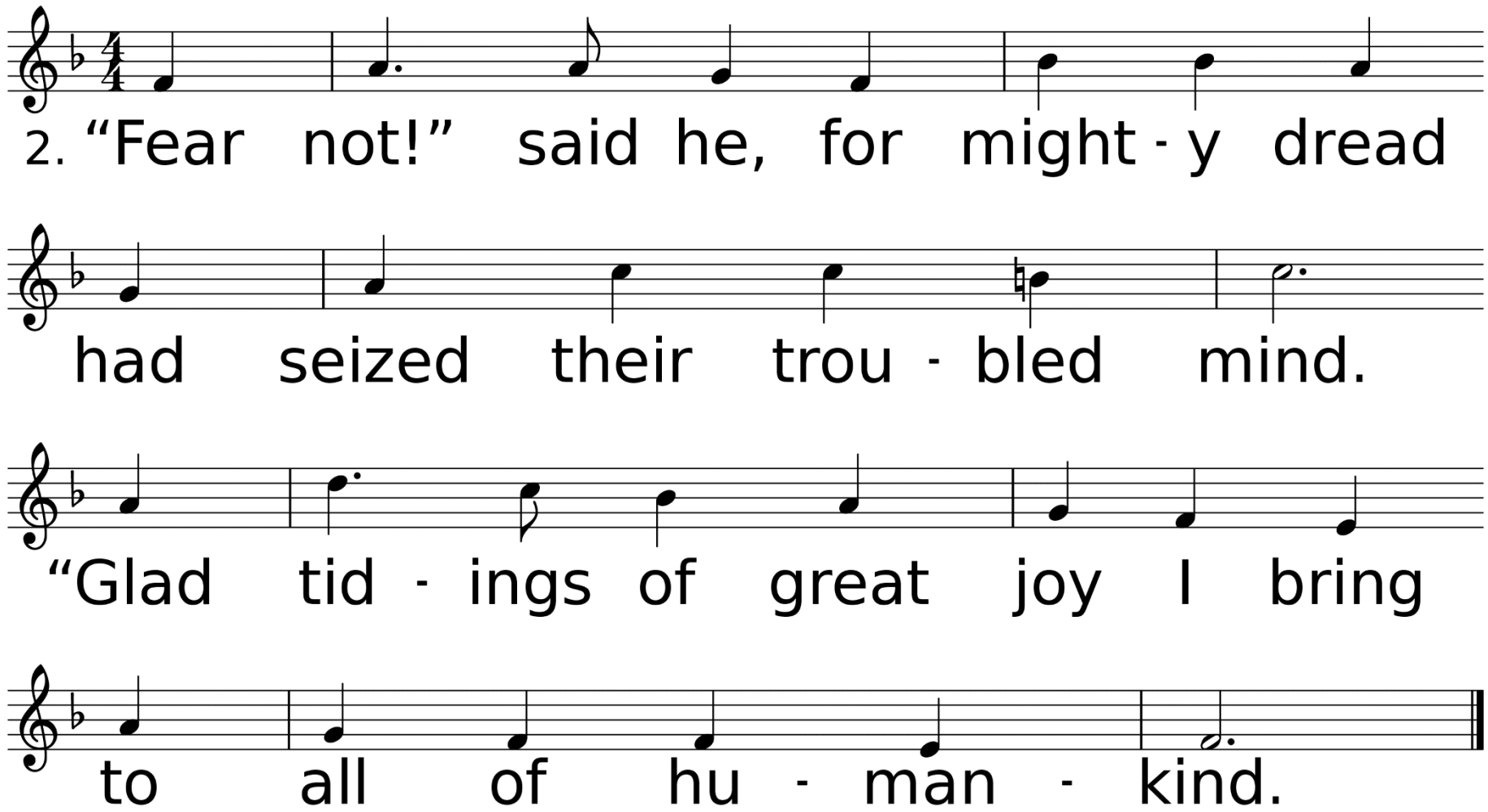
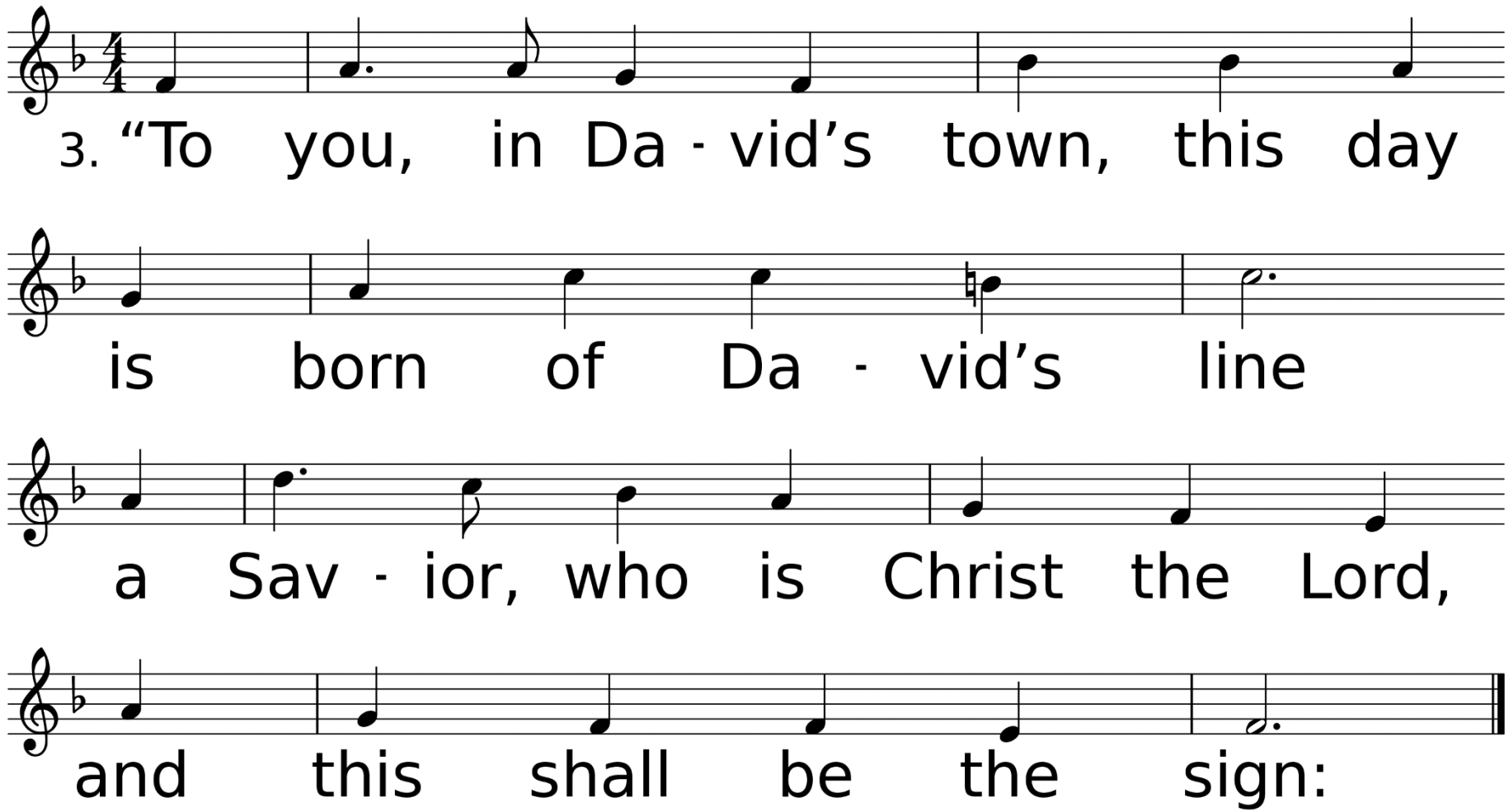
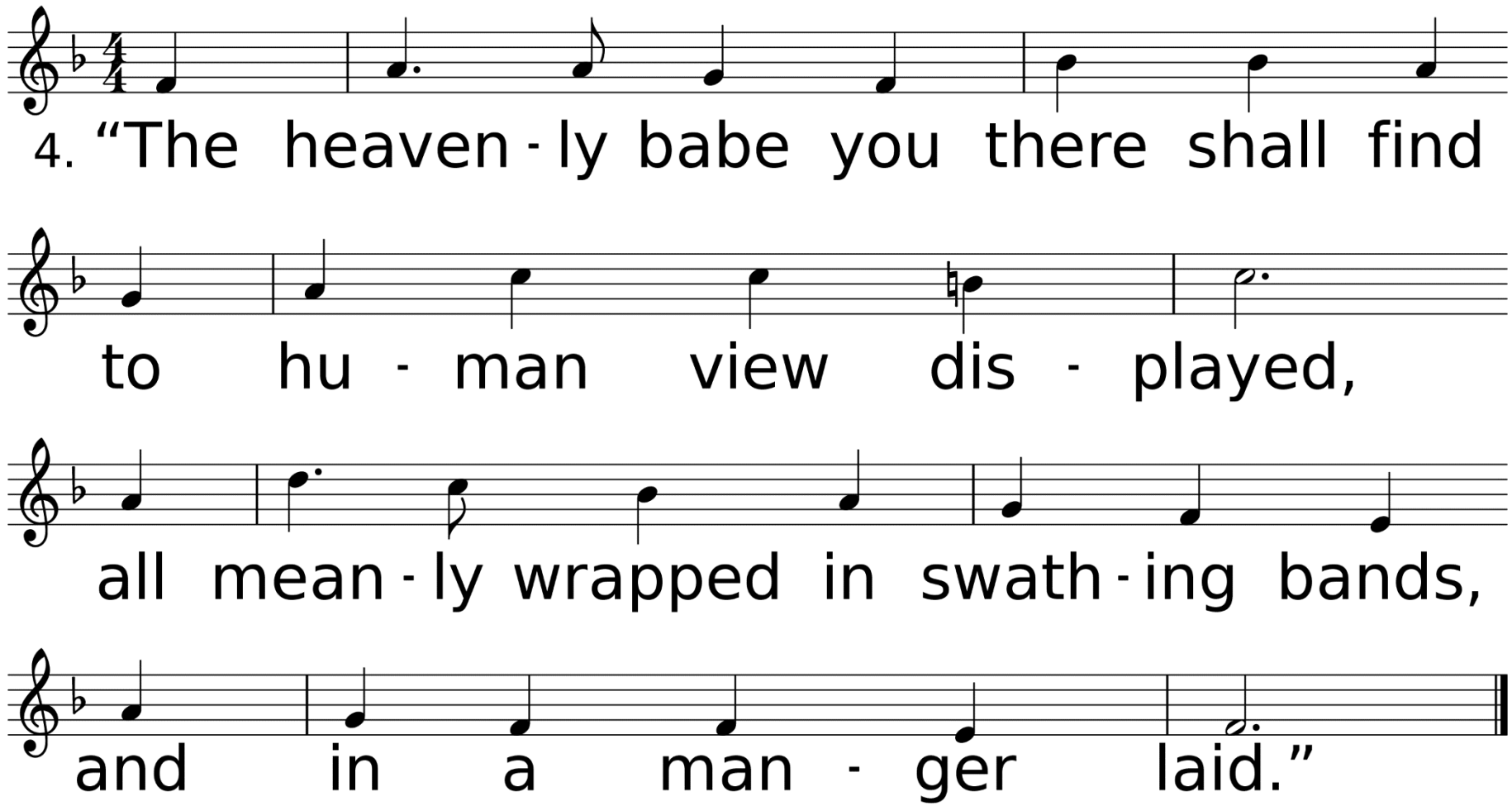
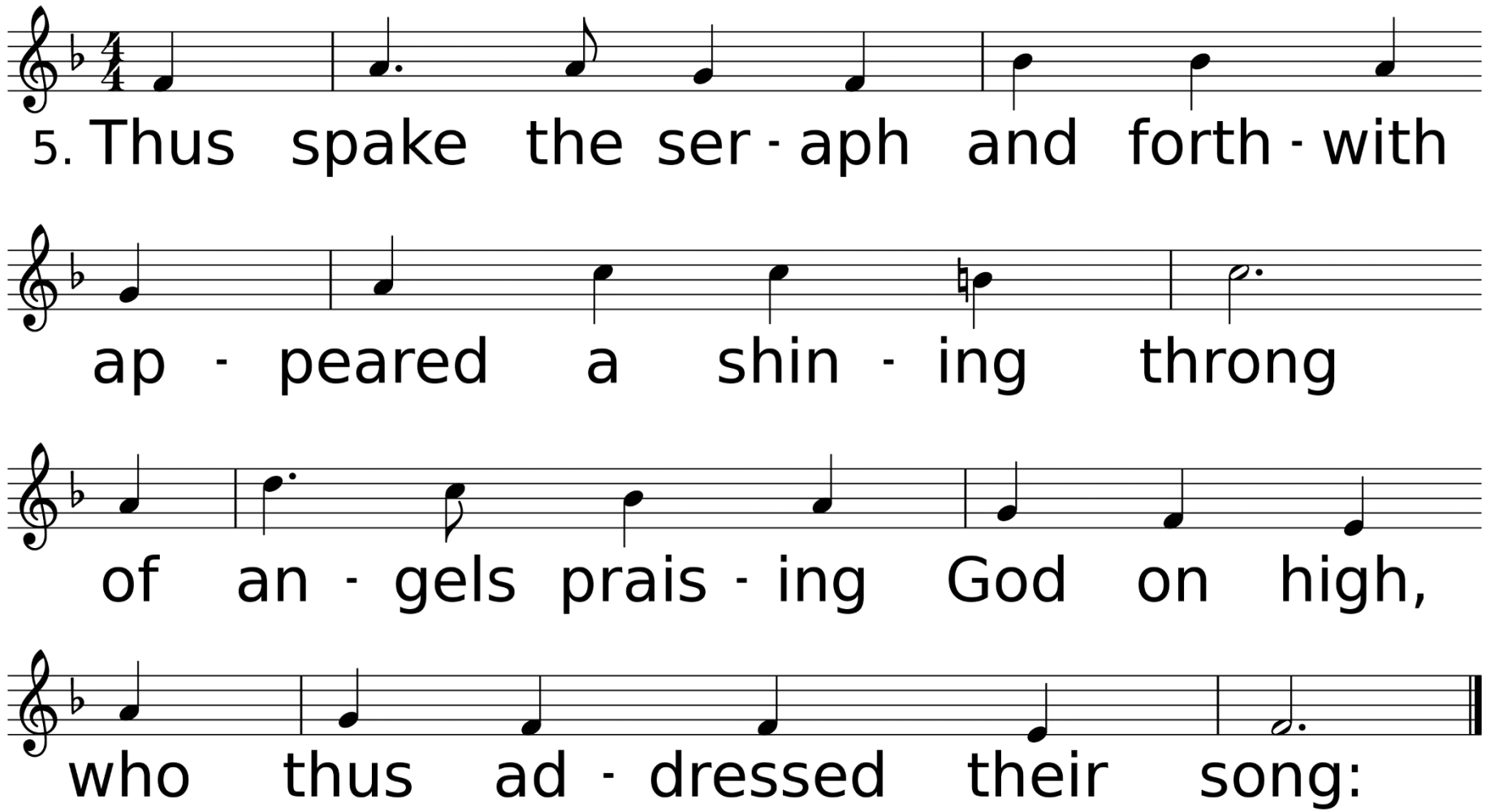
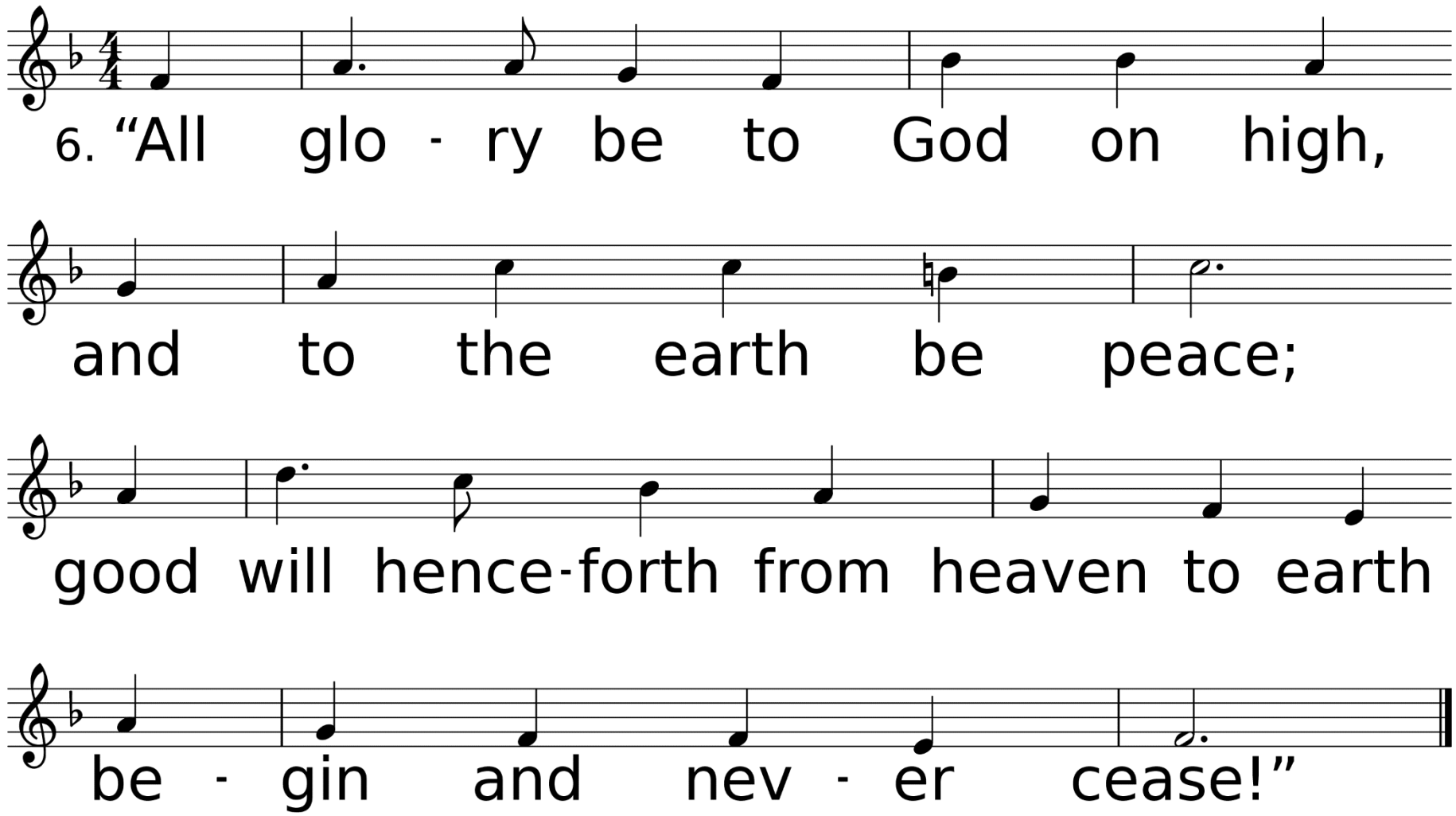

2. "Fear not!" said he, for might - y dread
had seized their trou - bled mind.
"Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring
to all of hu - man - kind.


3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day
is born of Da - vid's line
a Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign:


4. "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find
to hu - man view dis - played,
all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,
and in a man - ger laid."


5. Thus spake the ser - aph and forth - with
ap - peared a shin - ing throng
of an - gels prais - ing God on high,
who thus ad - dressed their song:


6. "All glo - ry be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will hence-forth from heaven to earth
be - gin and nev - er cease!"

Scripture Readings
Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

"God's Relationship With *US* as Family"

Sermon

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Invitation to
Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Congregation: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: **The Lord be with you.**

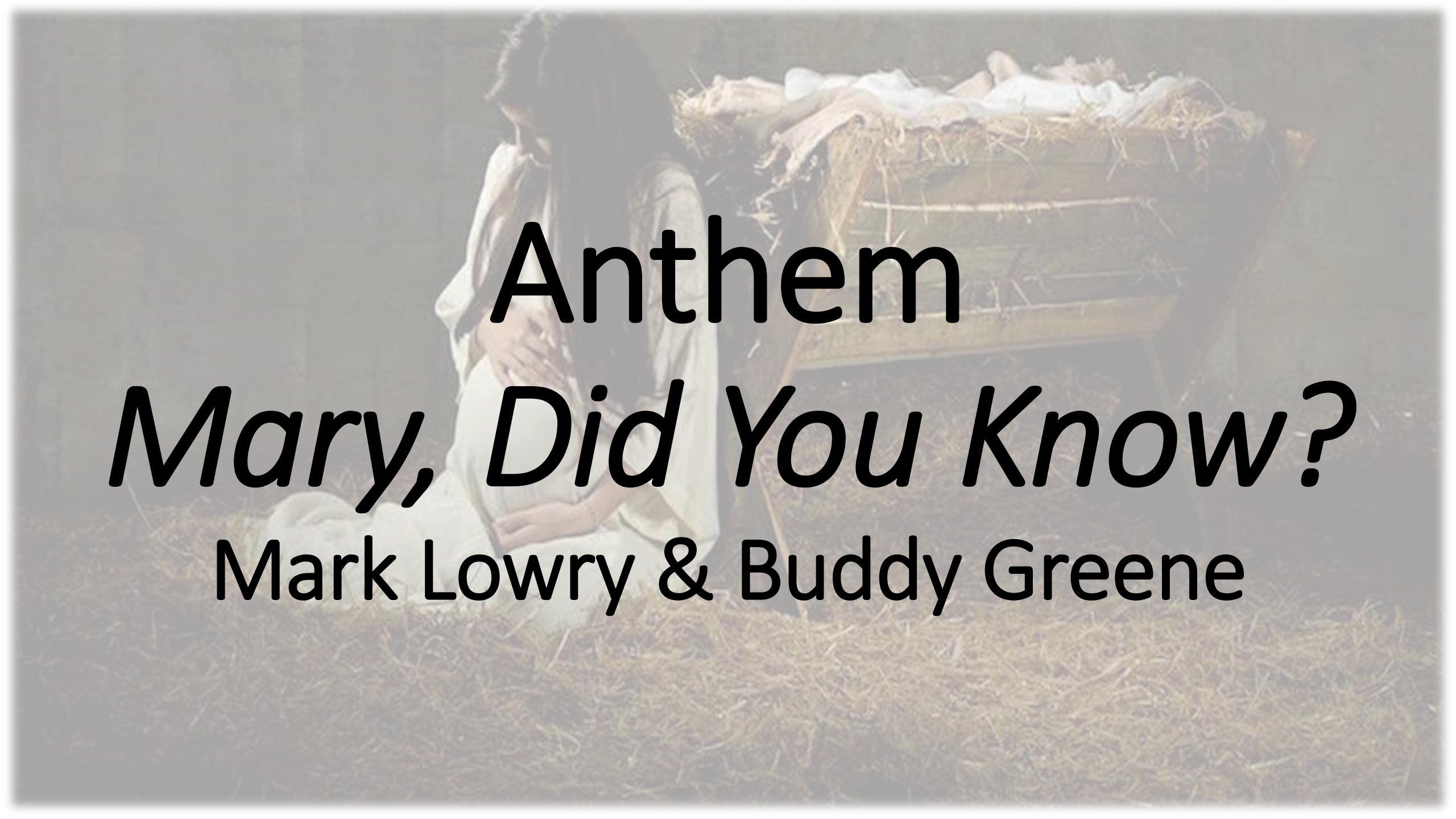
Congregation: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements



Anthem

Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

*Hymn of Invitation

Silent Night, Holy Night

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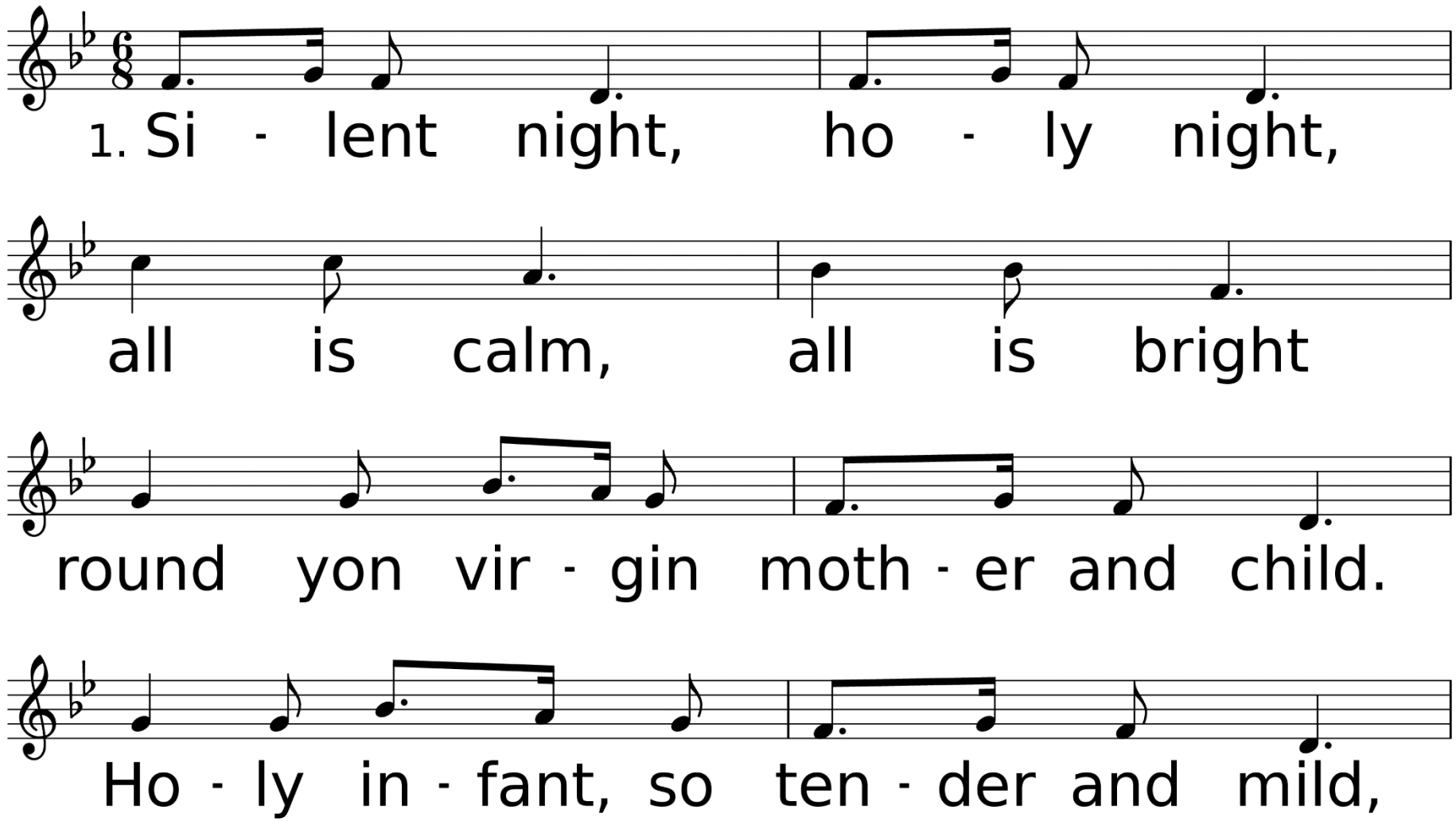

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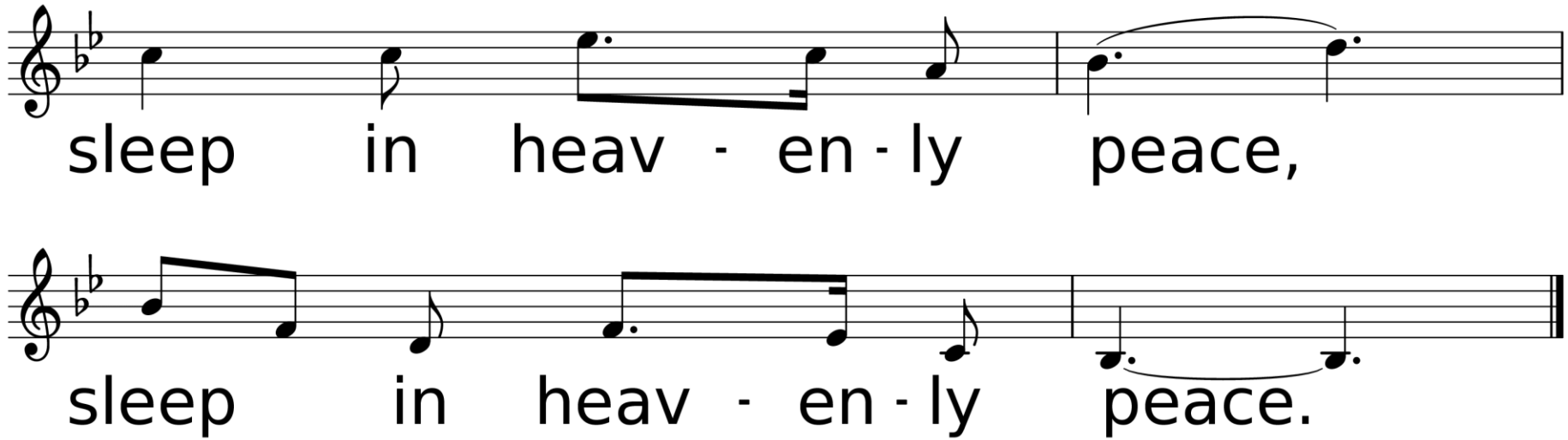
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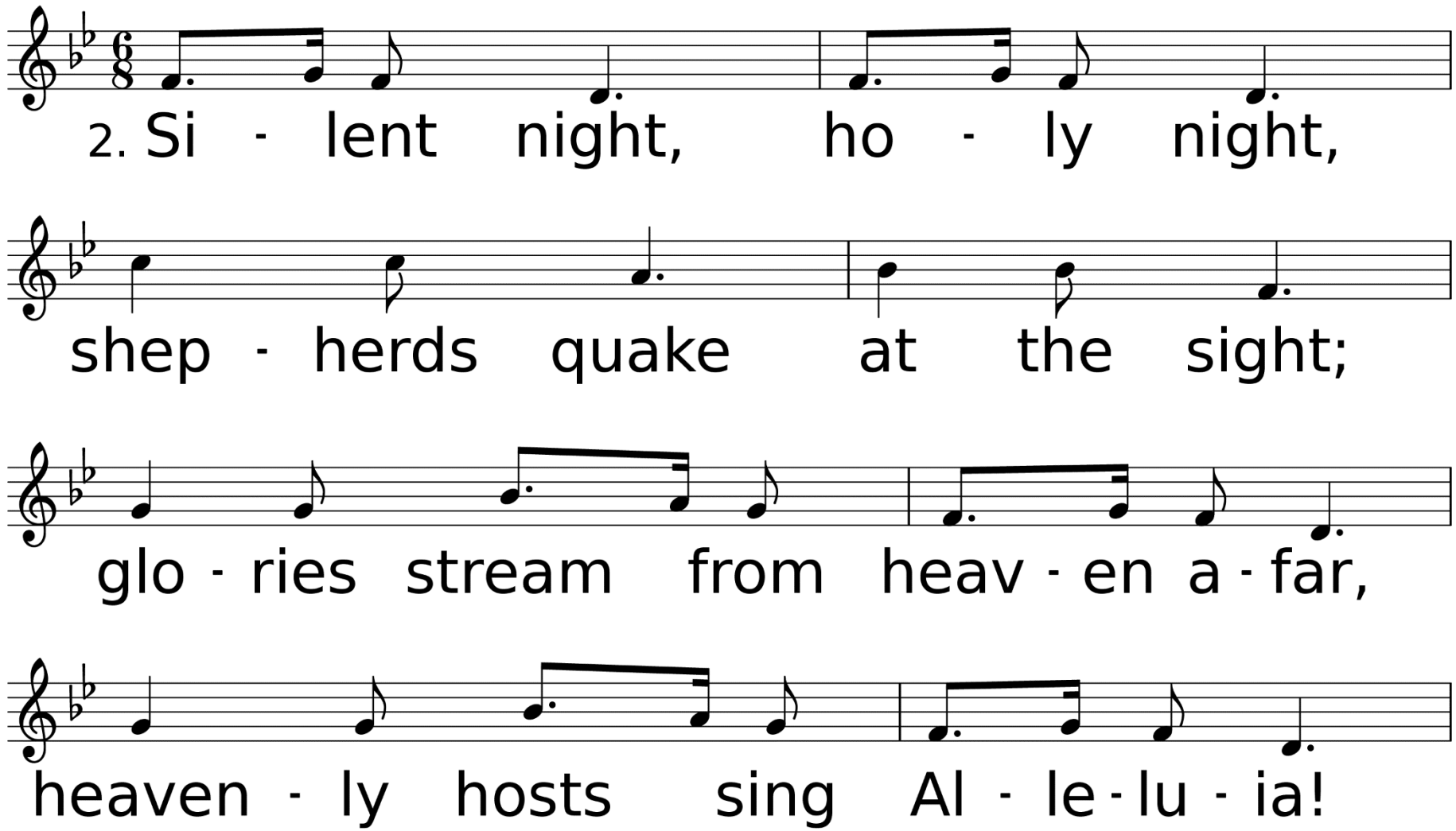
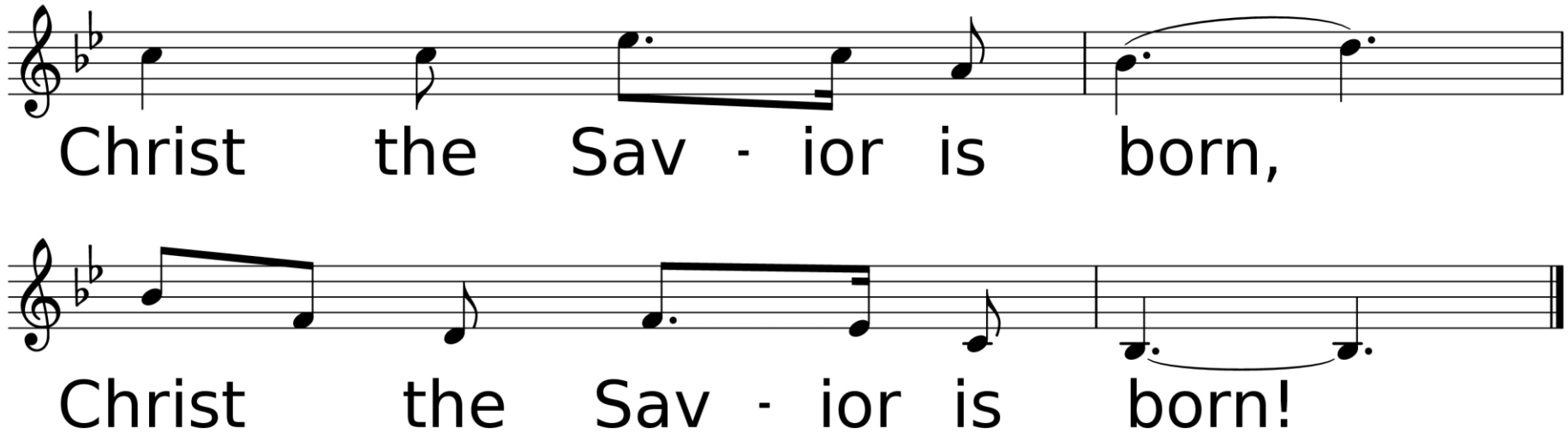

2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
shep - herds quake at the sight;
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
heaven - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!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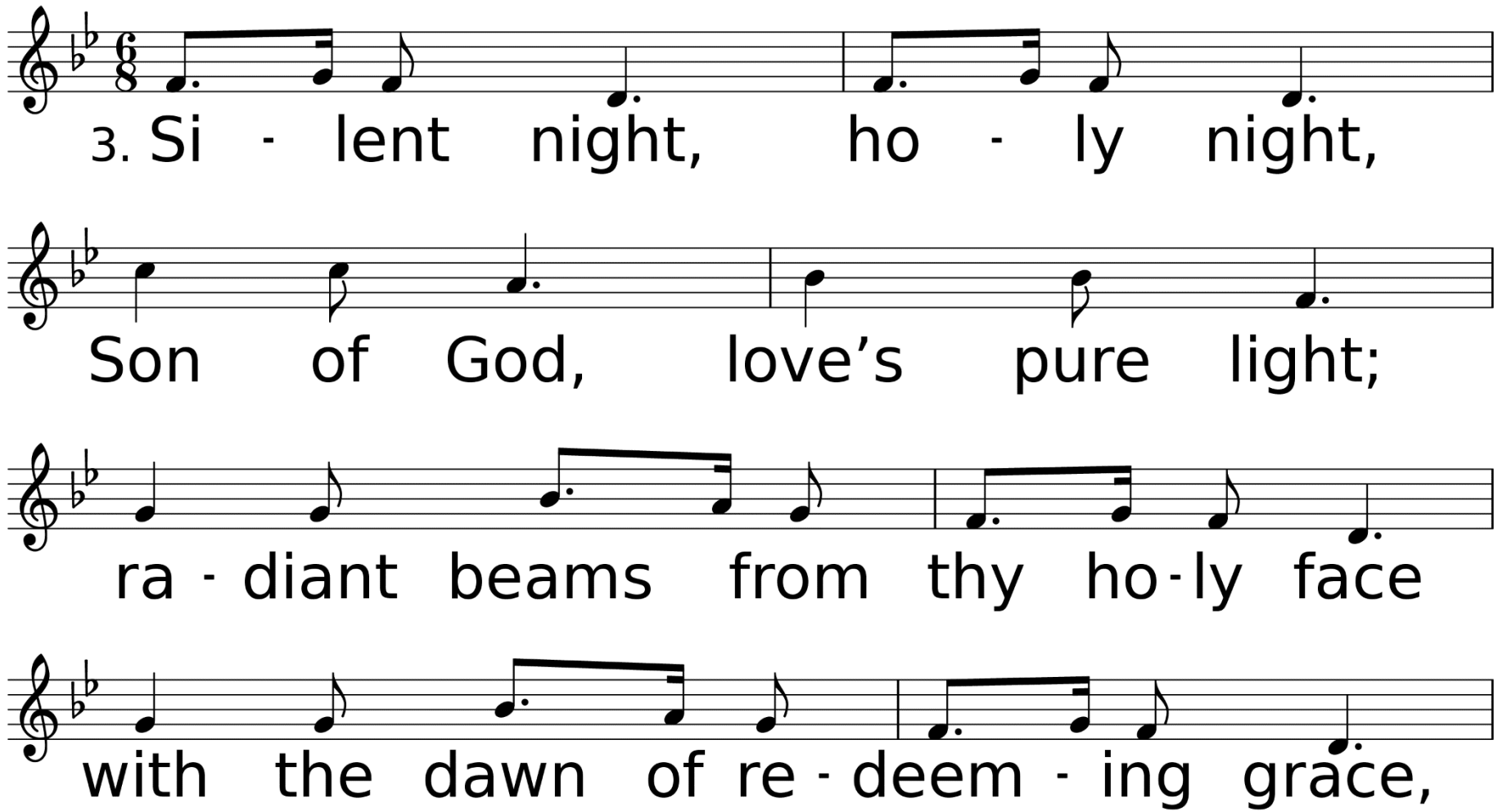
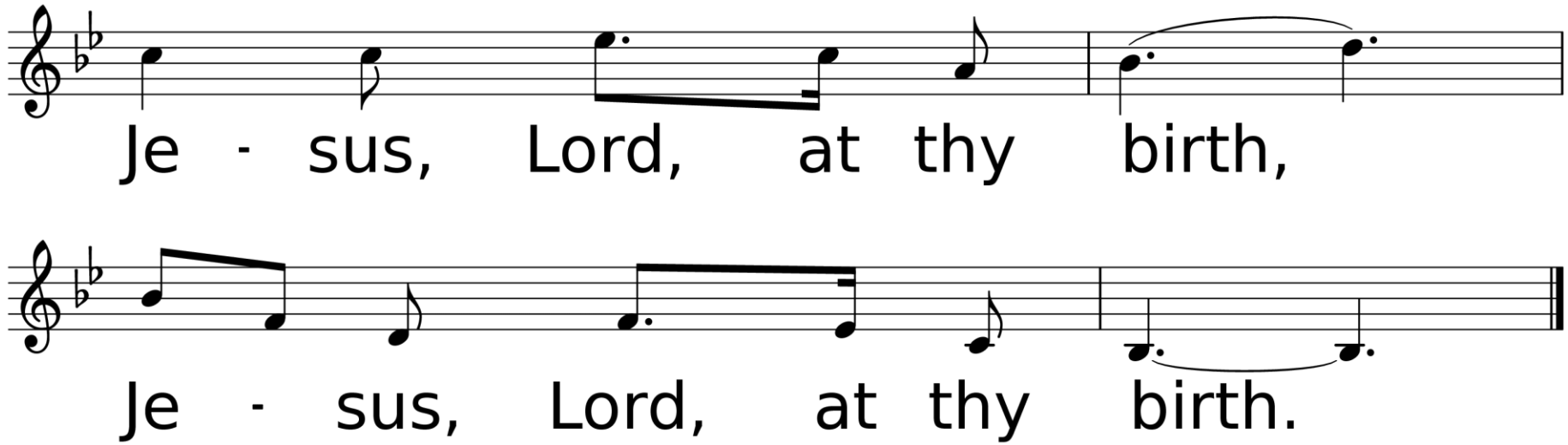

3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,


Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,
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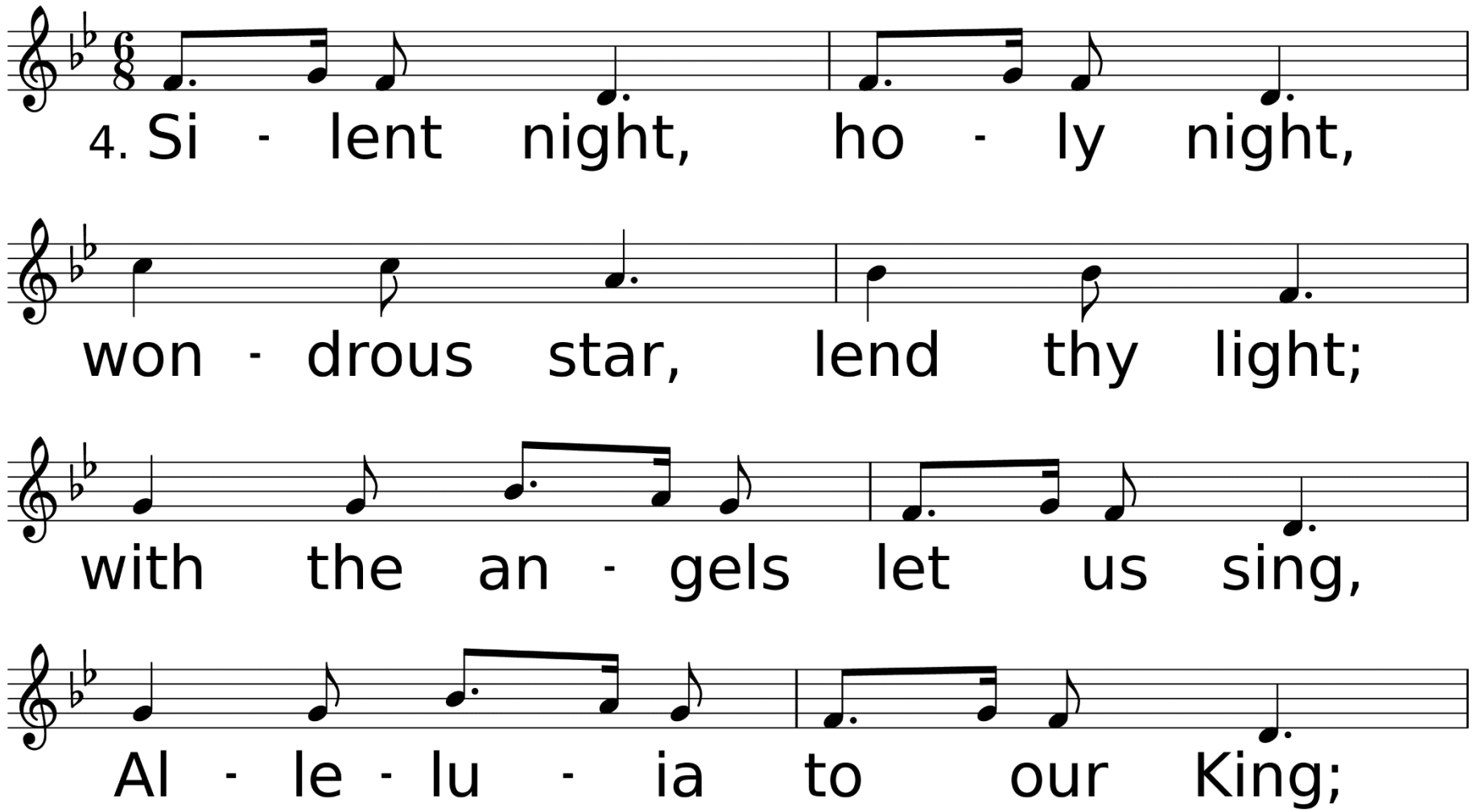
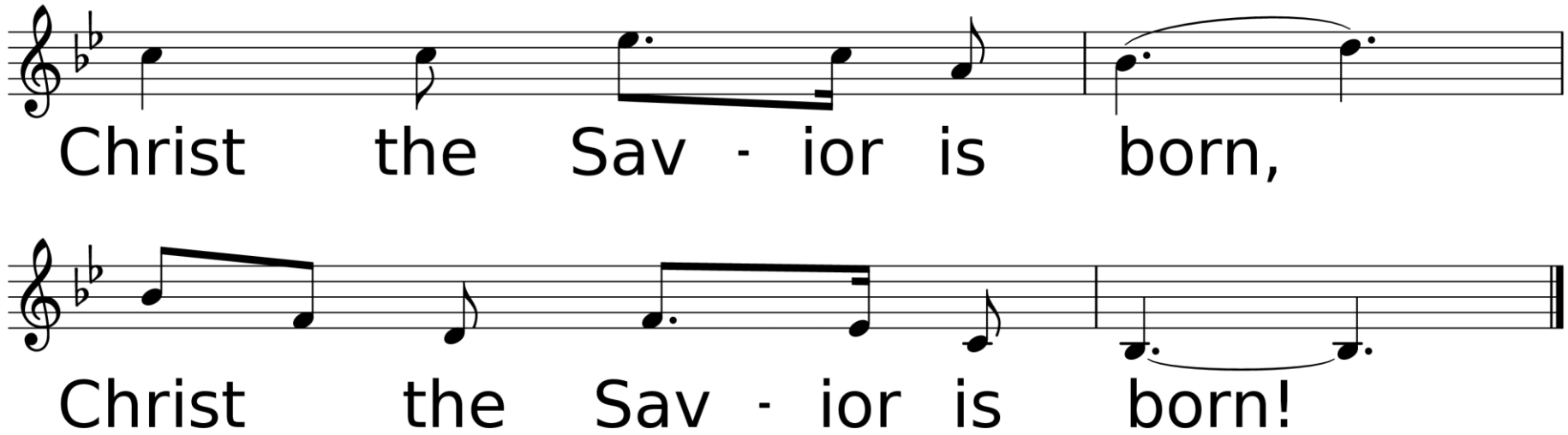

4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
won - drous star, lend thy light;
with the an - gels let us sing,
Al - le - lu - ia to our King;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*Benediction

*Sending Forth *Joy to the World*

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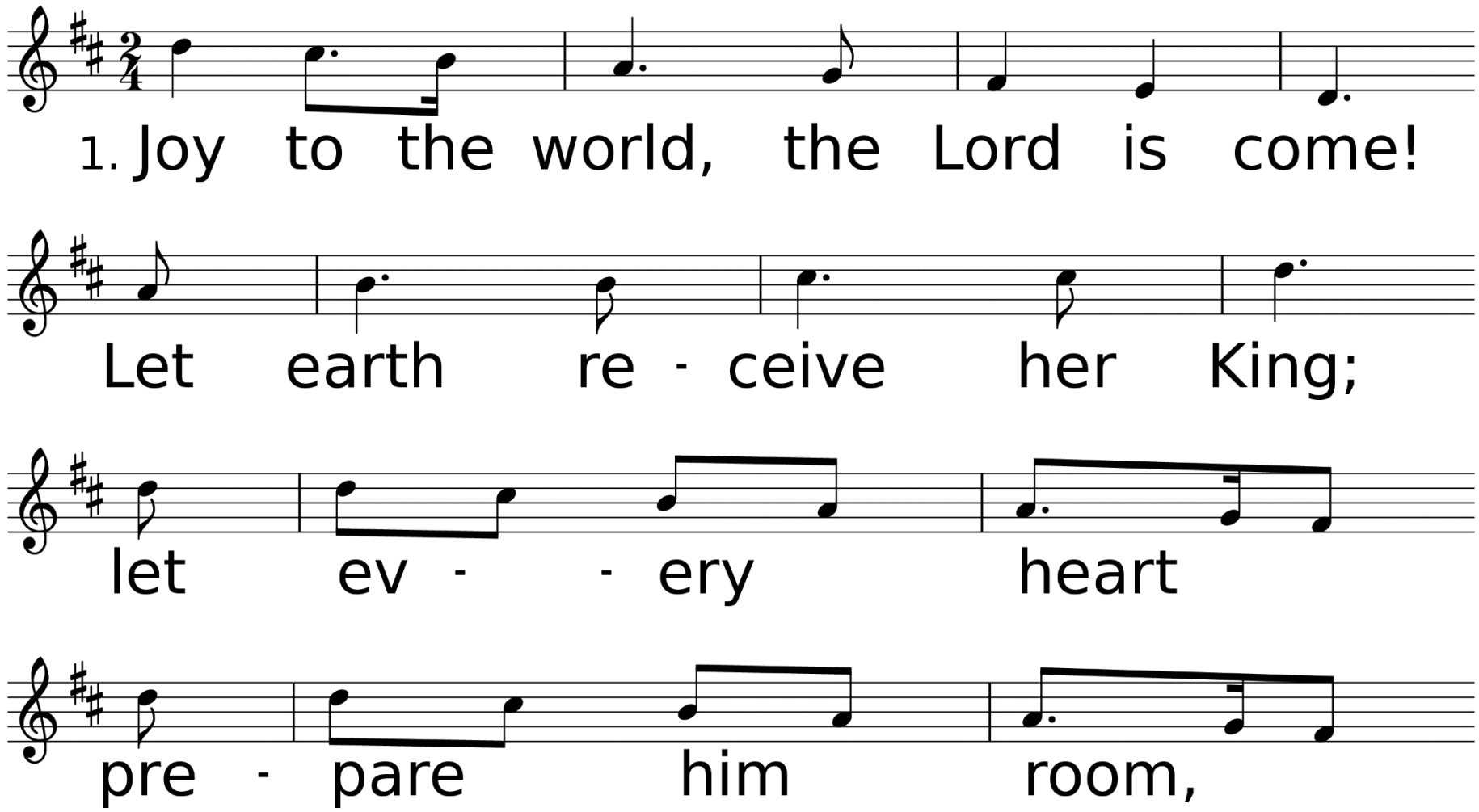

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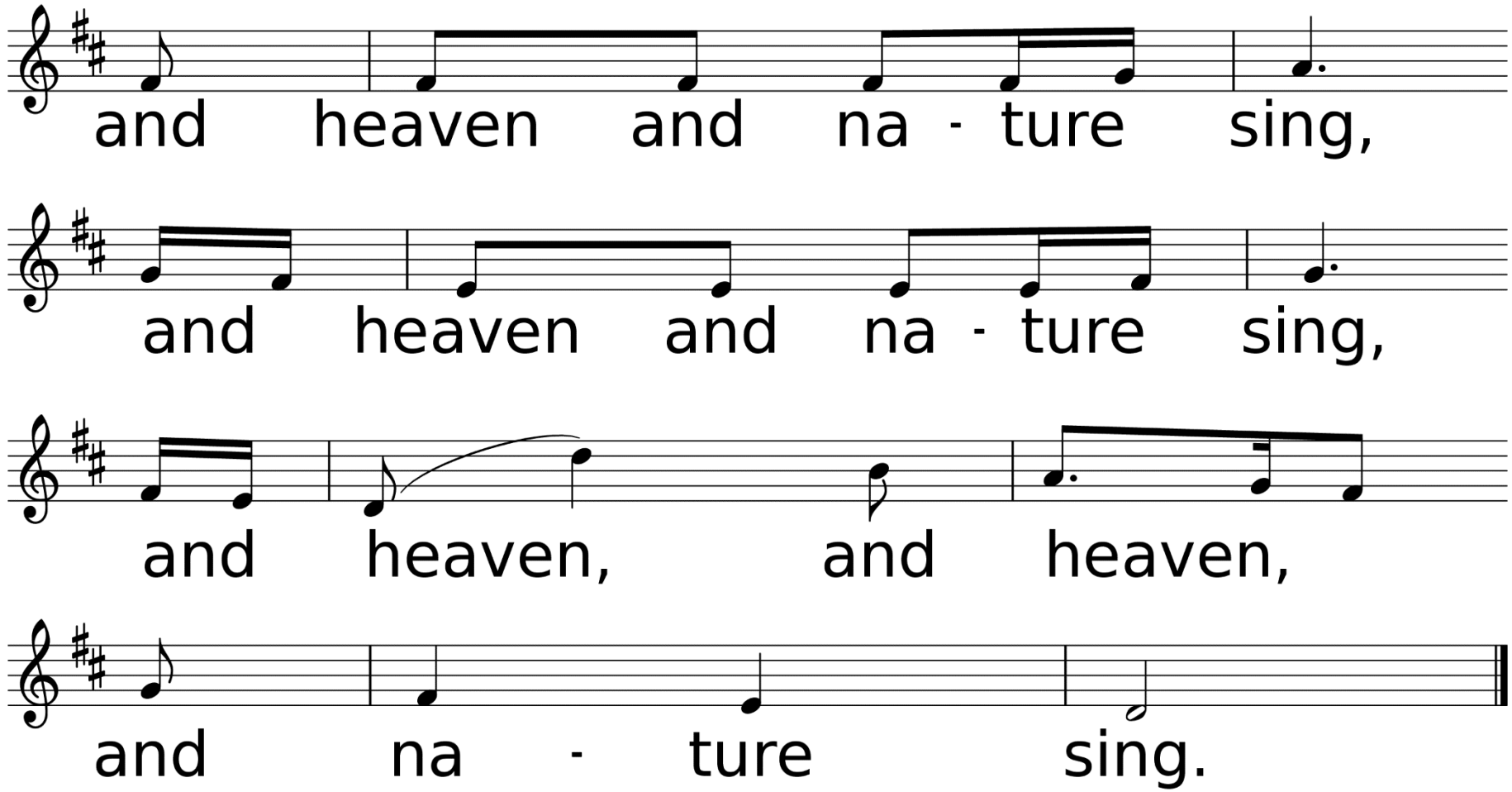
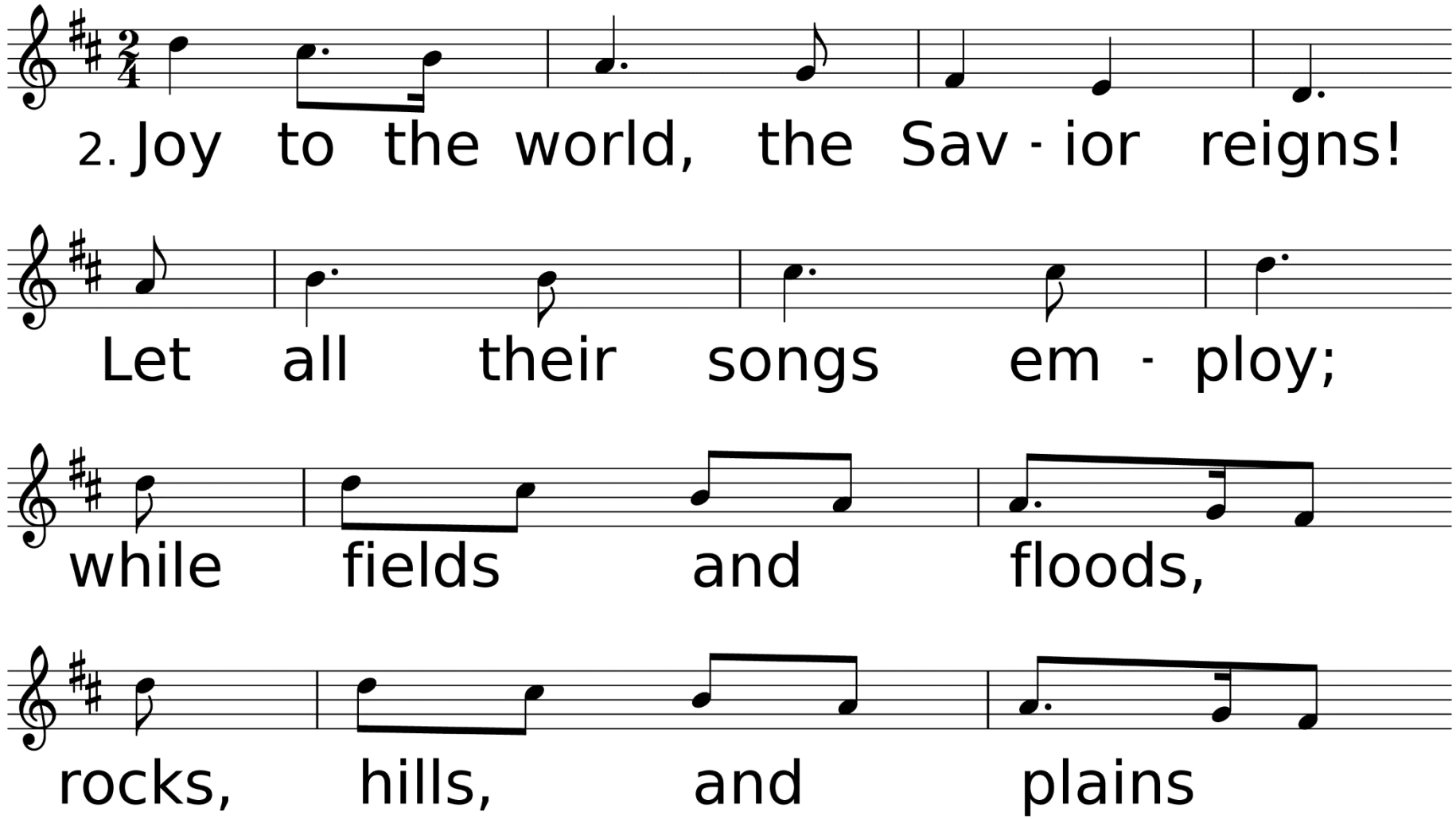
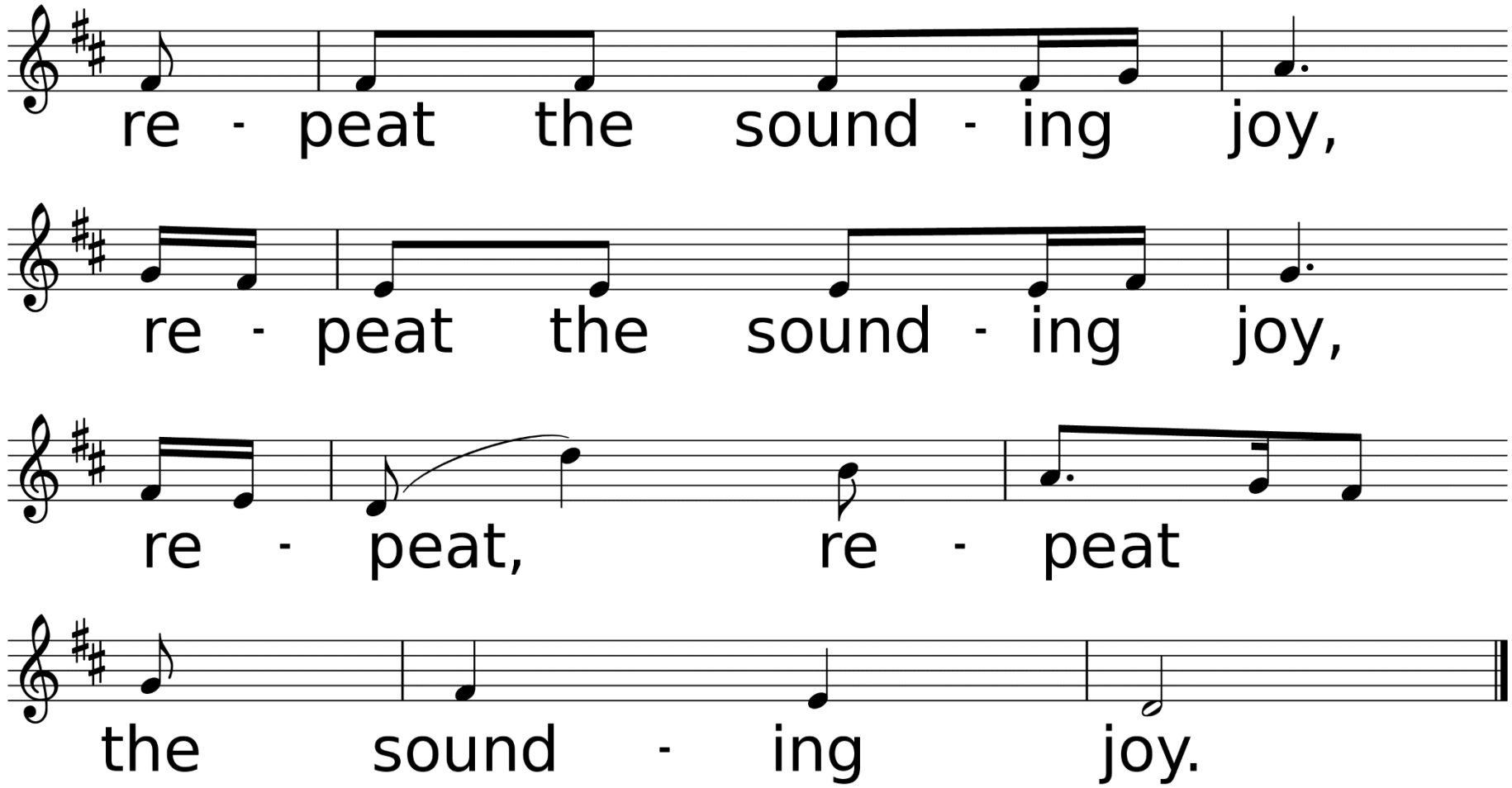

and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and na - ture sing.


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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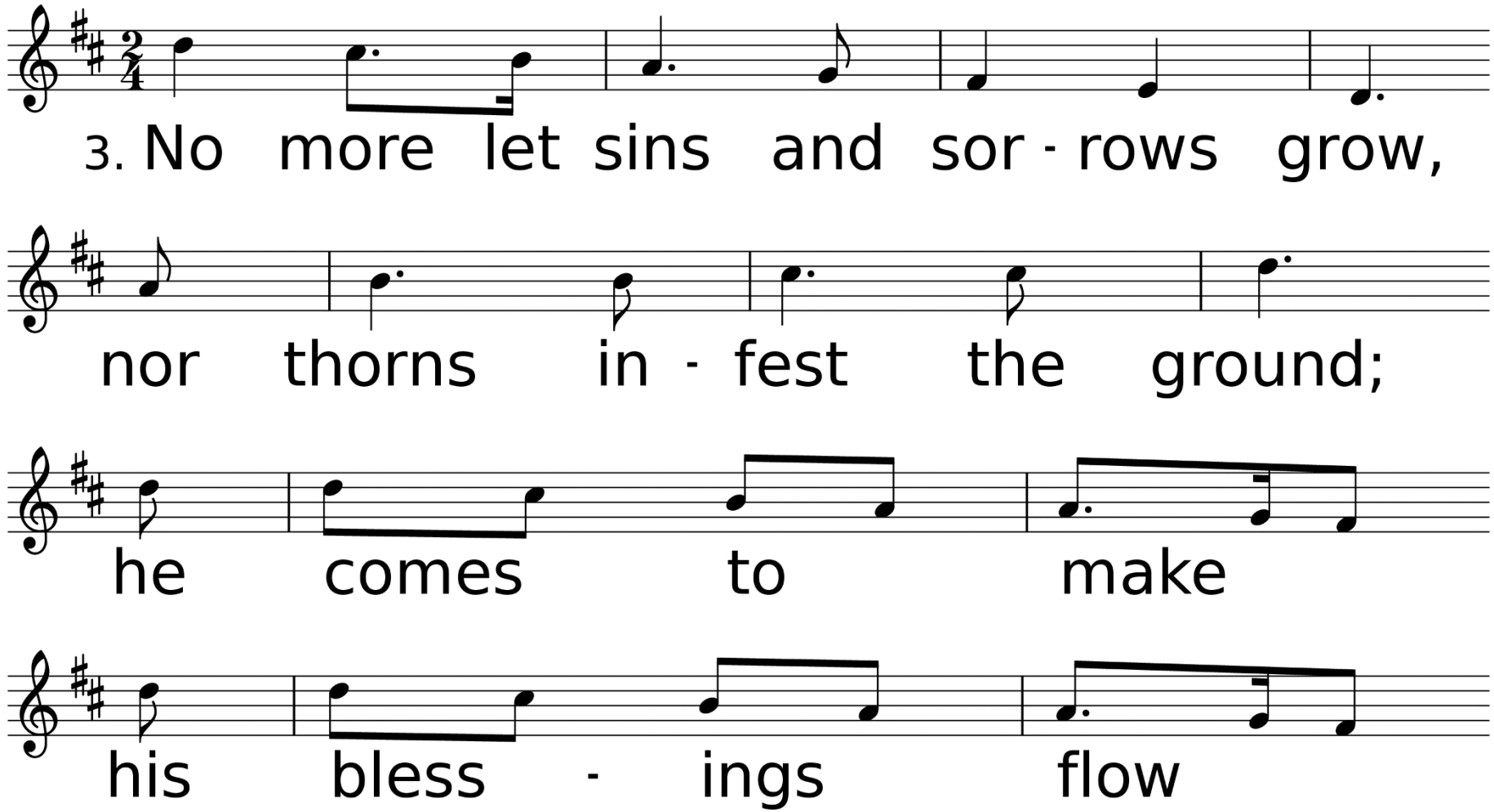
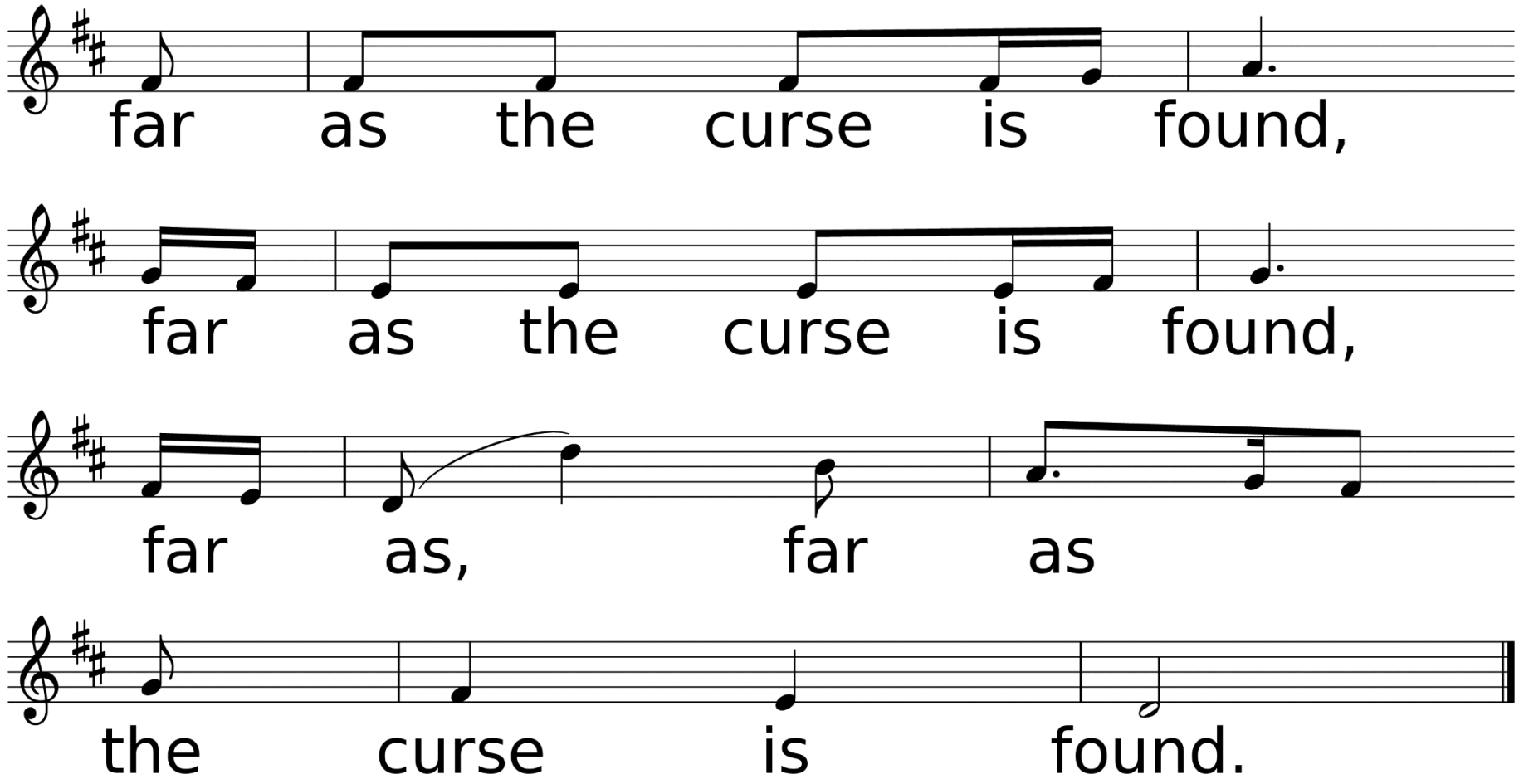
the sound - ing joy.


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,
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far as, far as
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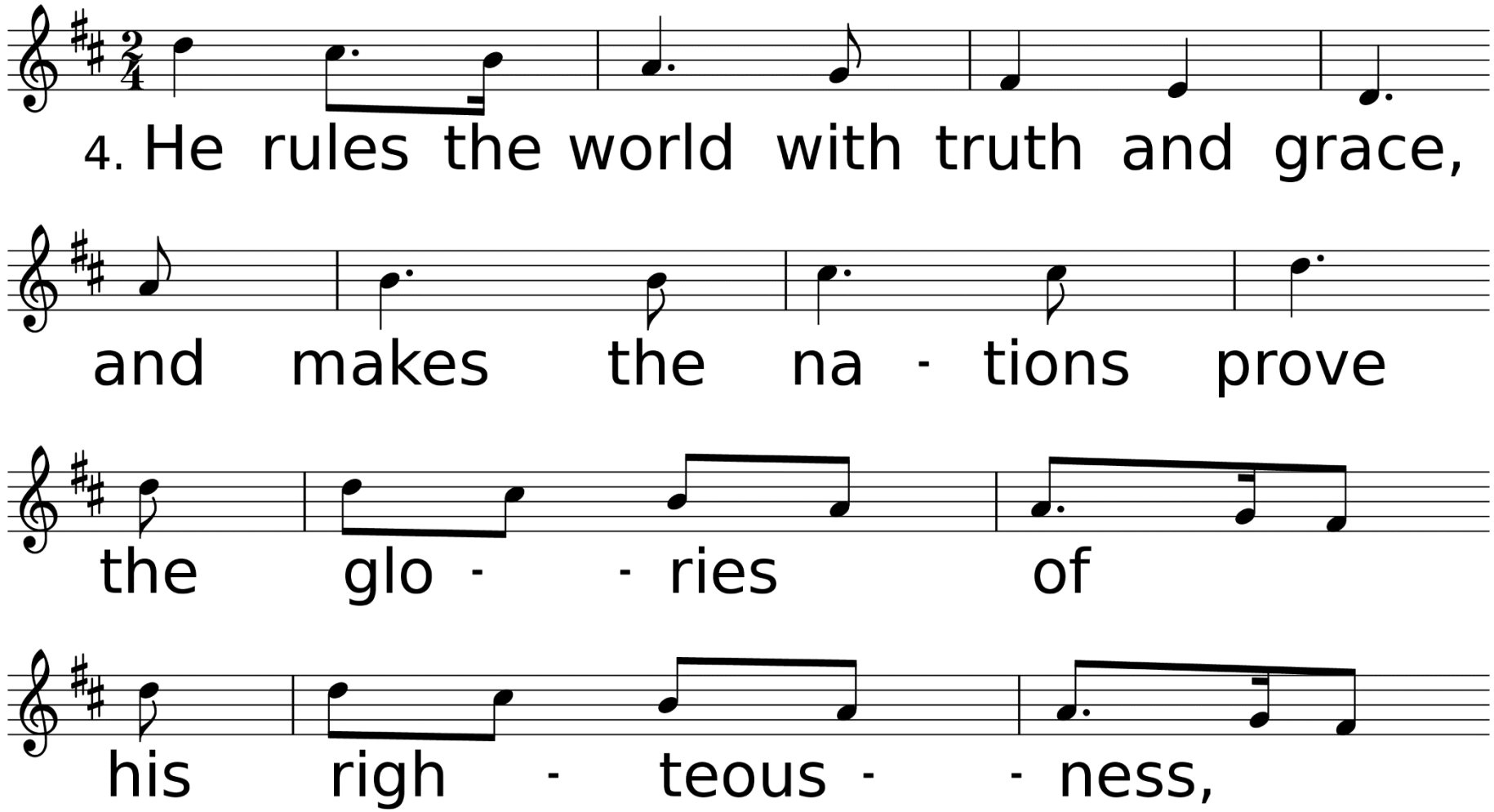
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the na - tions prove
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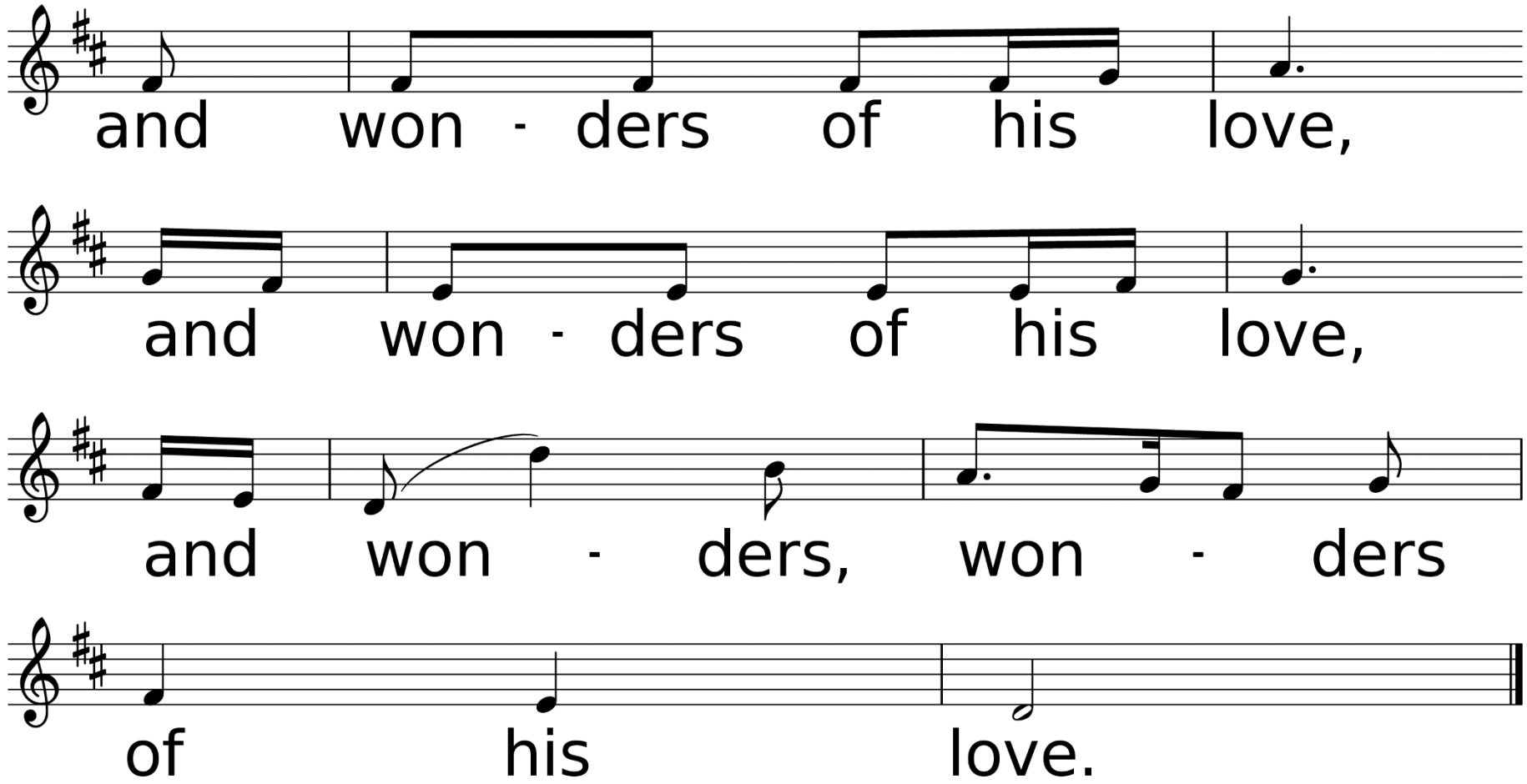
his righ - teous - - ness,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Thank you for joining us this evening.
Merry Christmas!