Welcome Home!

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Announcements!

Choral Call to Worship

Glory in the Highest

Traditional Puerto Rican Song

Arr. by Gerhard Cartford & R.M. Martinez

*Call to Worship

Congregation: O God, you made of one blood all nations that dwell on the face of the whole earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are near.

Grant that all people everywhere may seek after you and find you. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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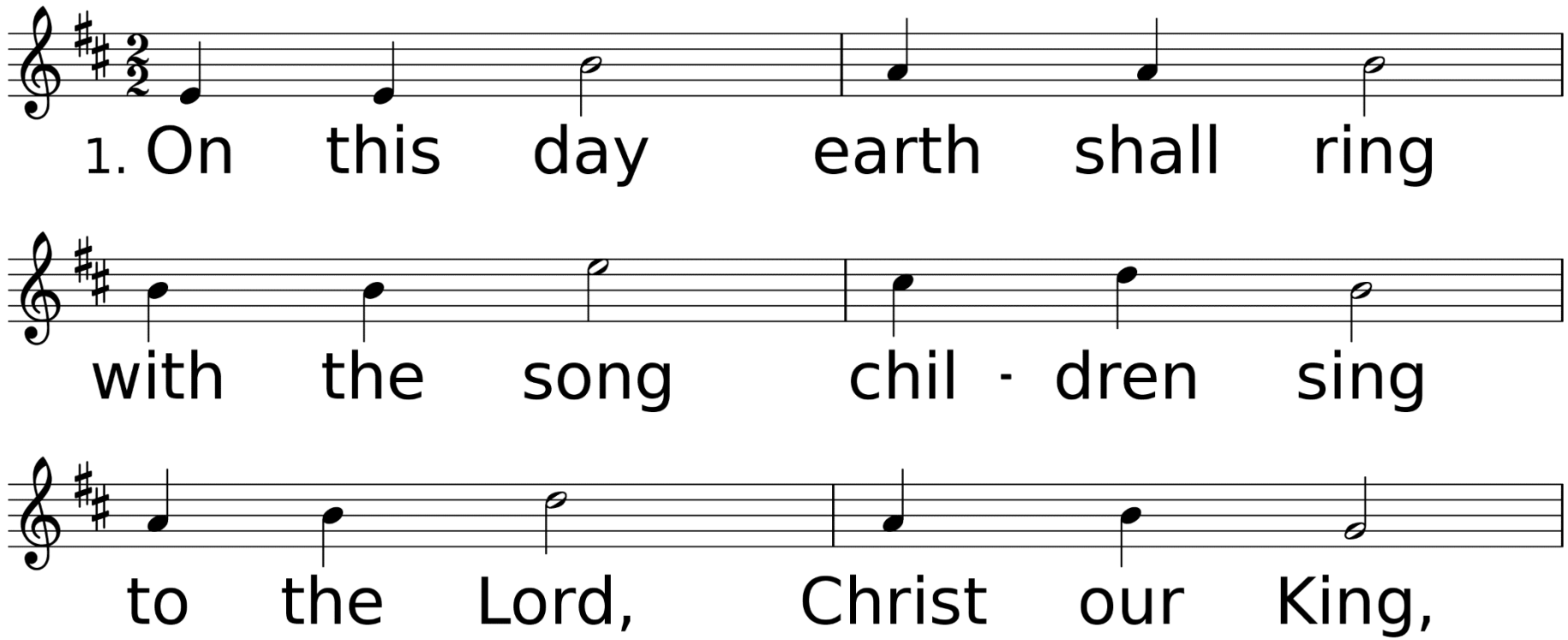

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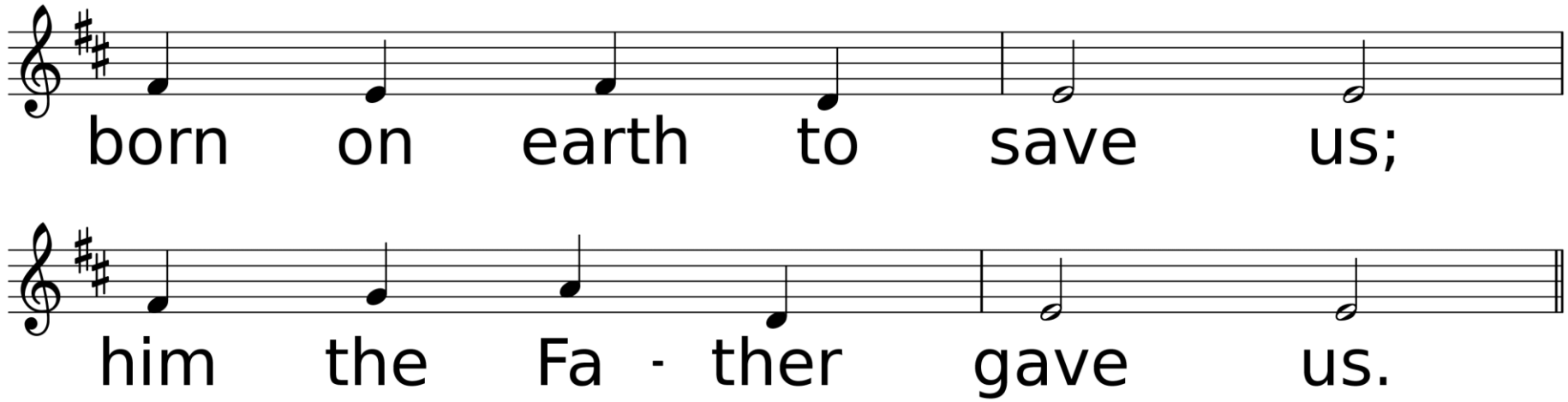
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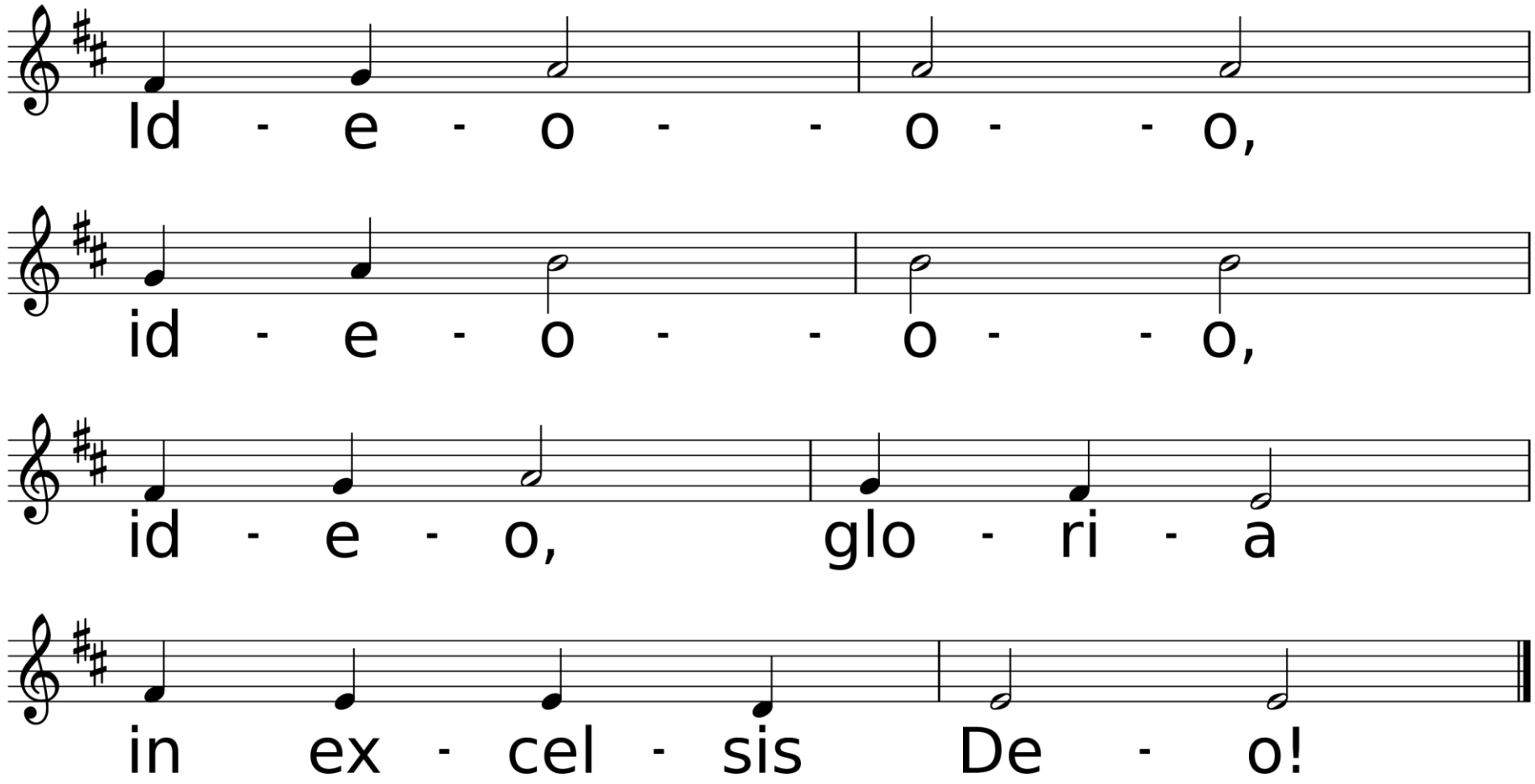
him the Fa - ther gave us.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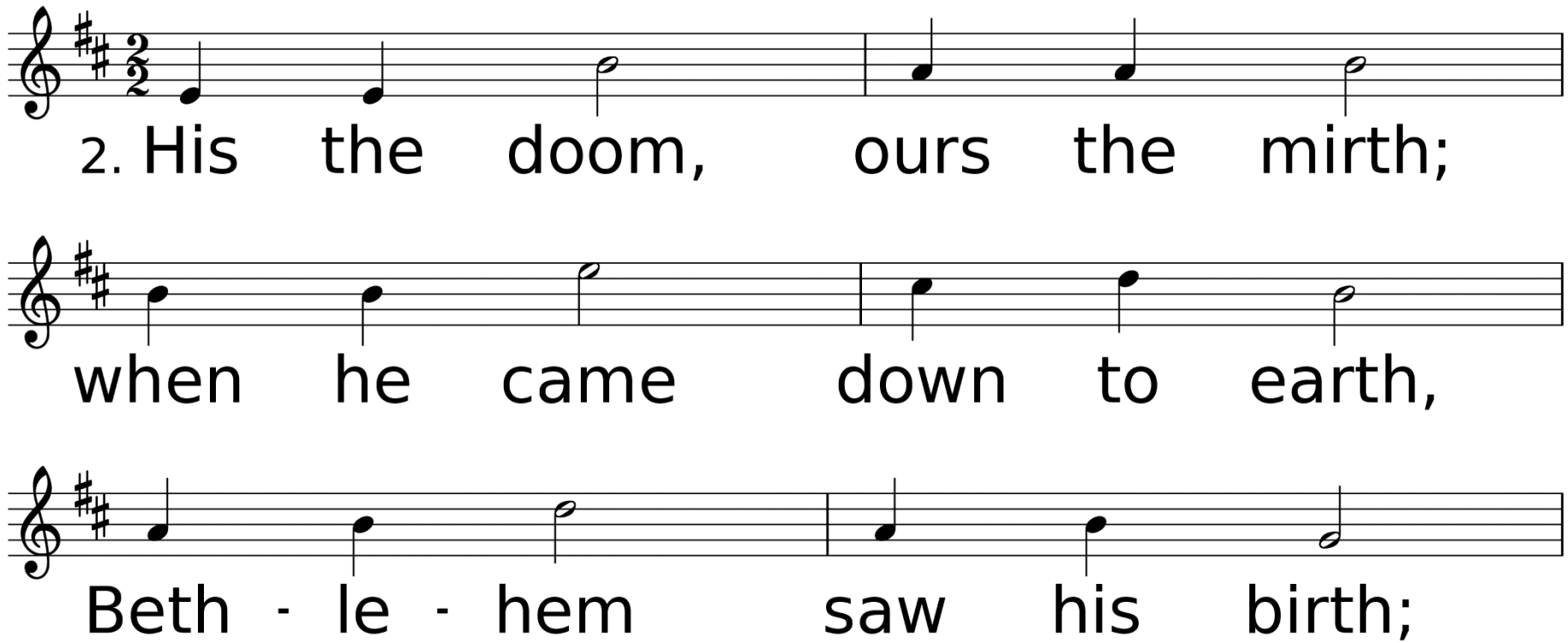
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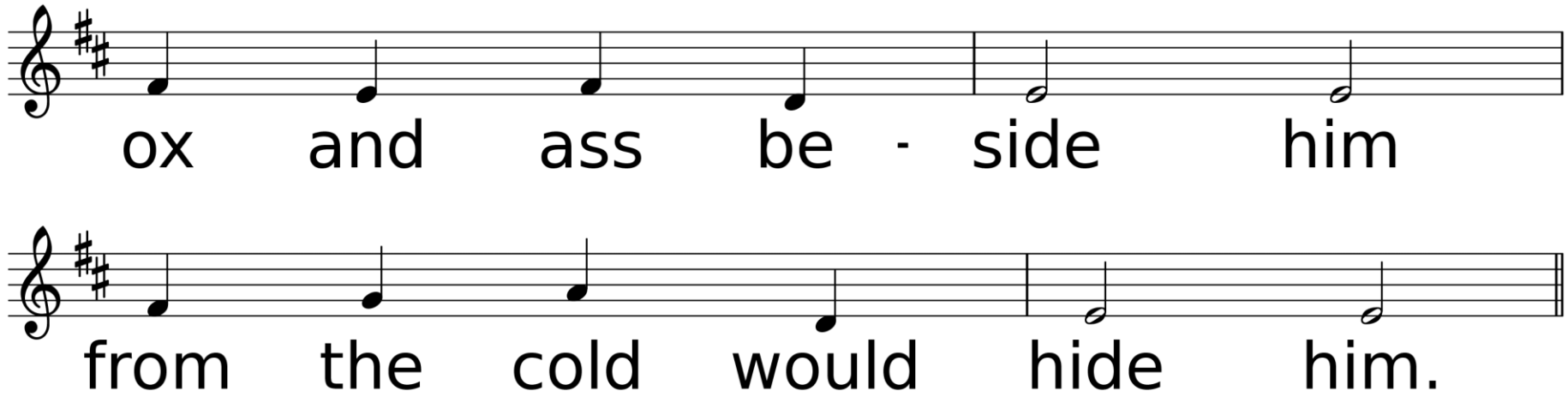
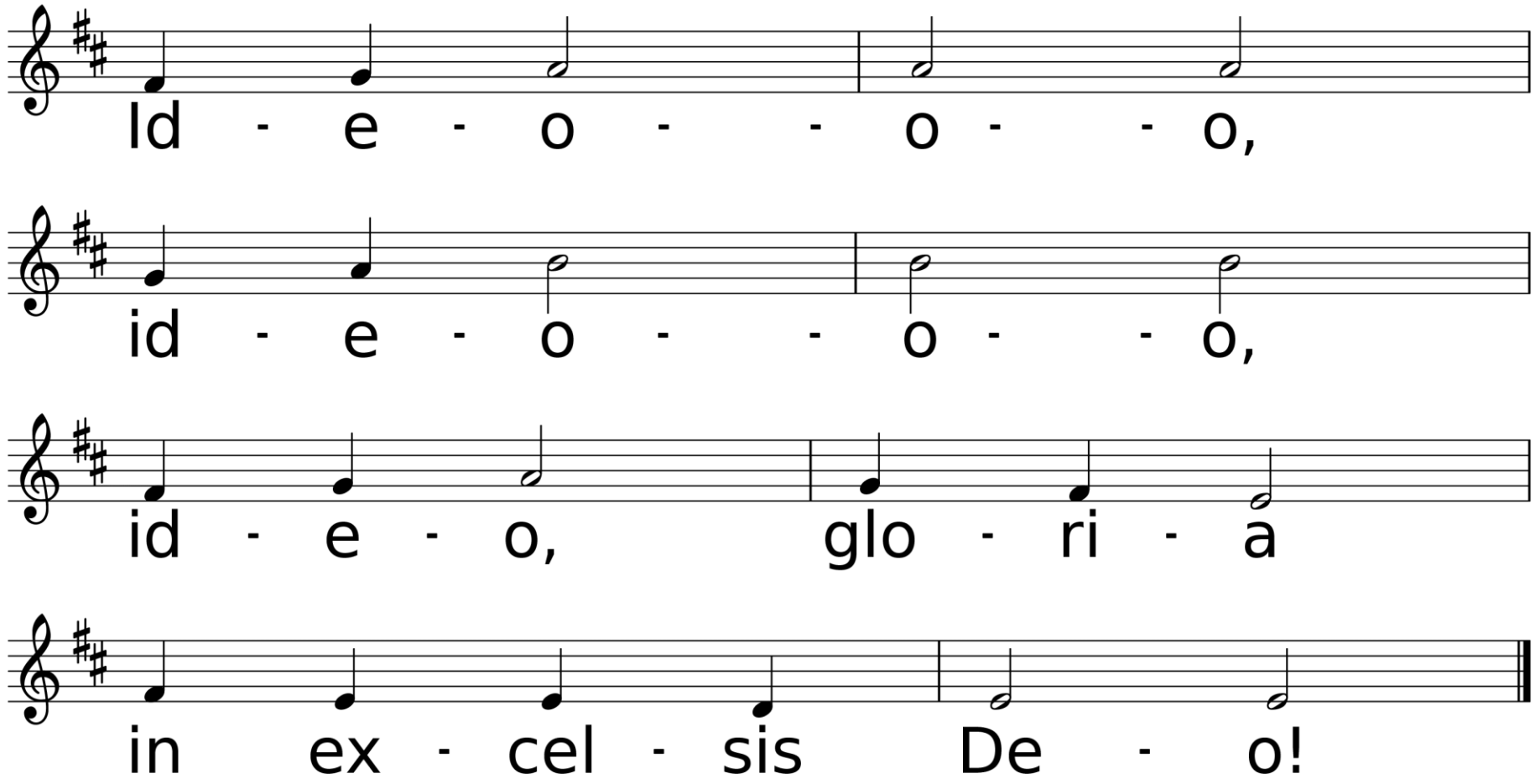
when he came down to earth,
Beth - le - hem saw his birth;


ox and ass be - side him
from the cold would hide him.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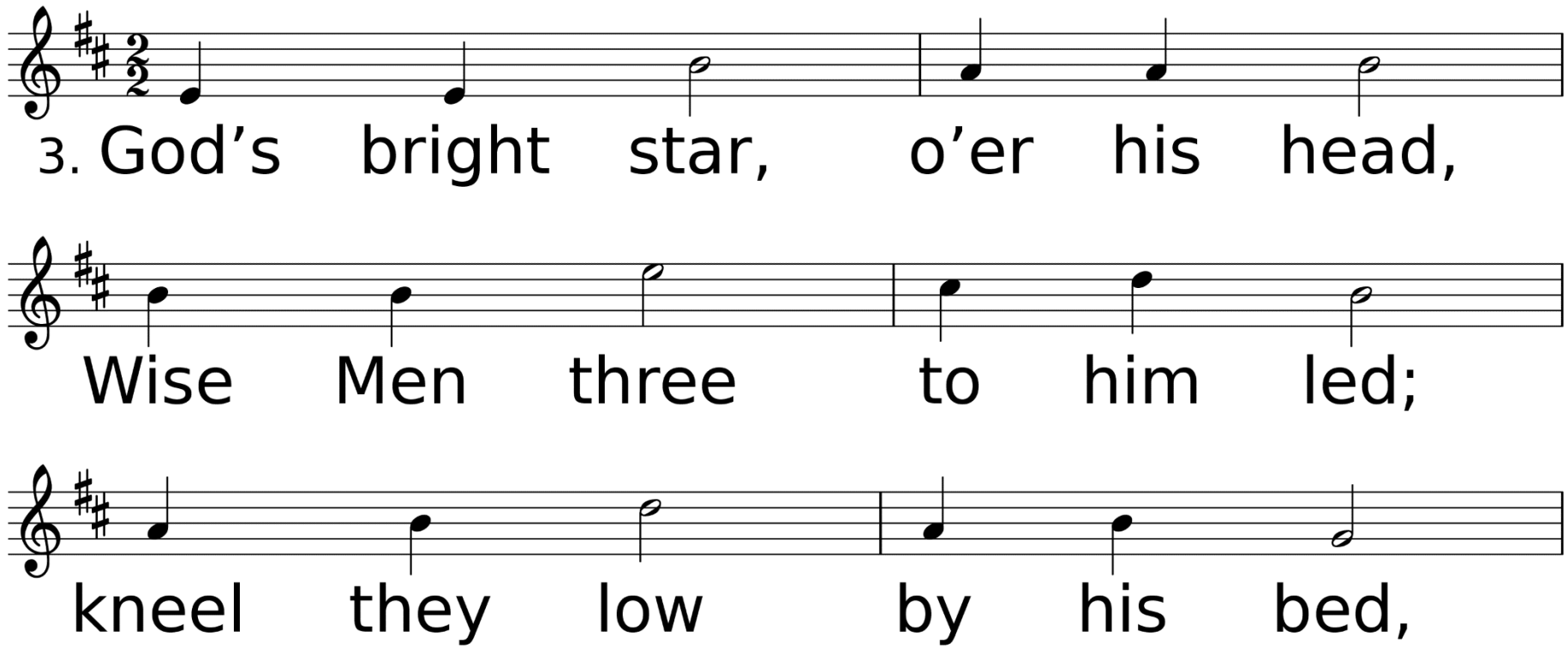
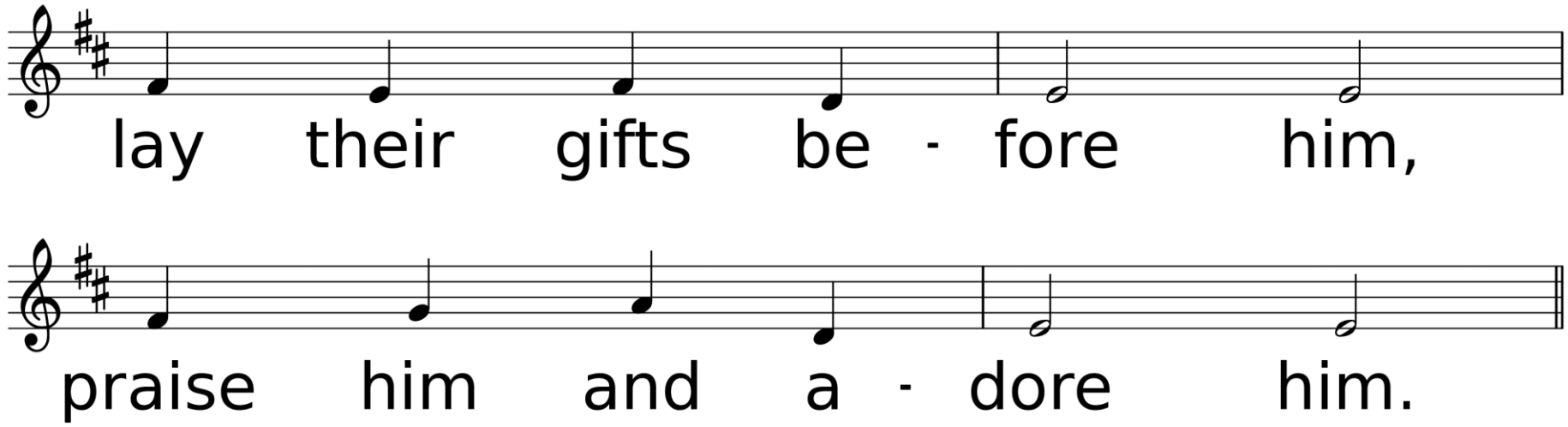
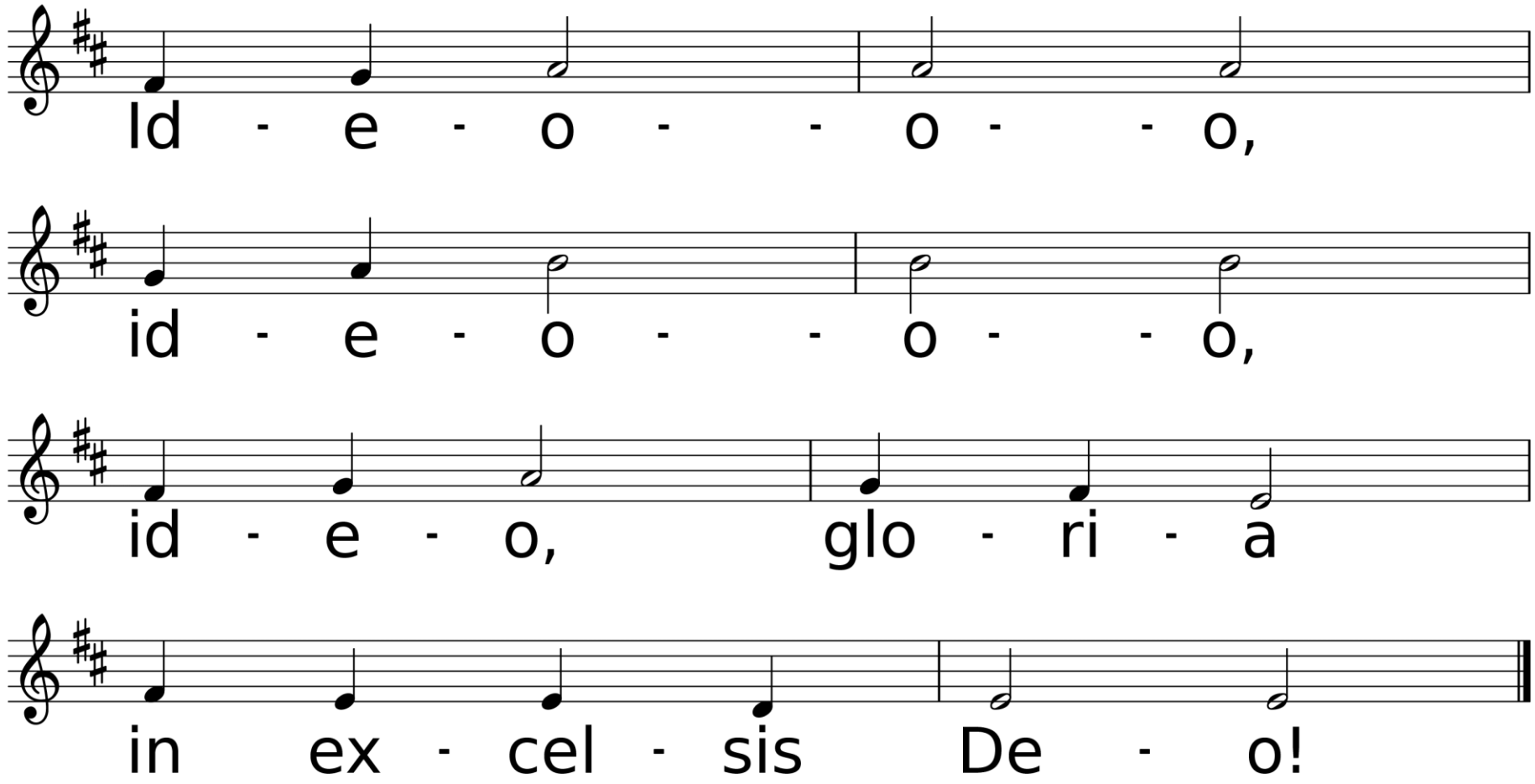

3. God’s bright star, o’er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,


lay their gifts be - fore him,
praise him and a - dore him.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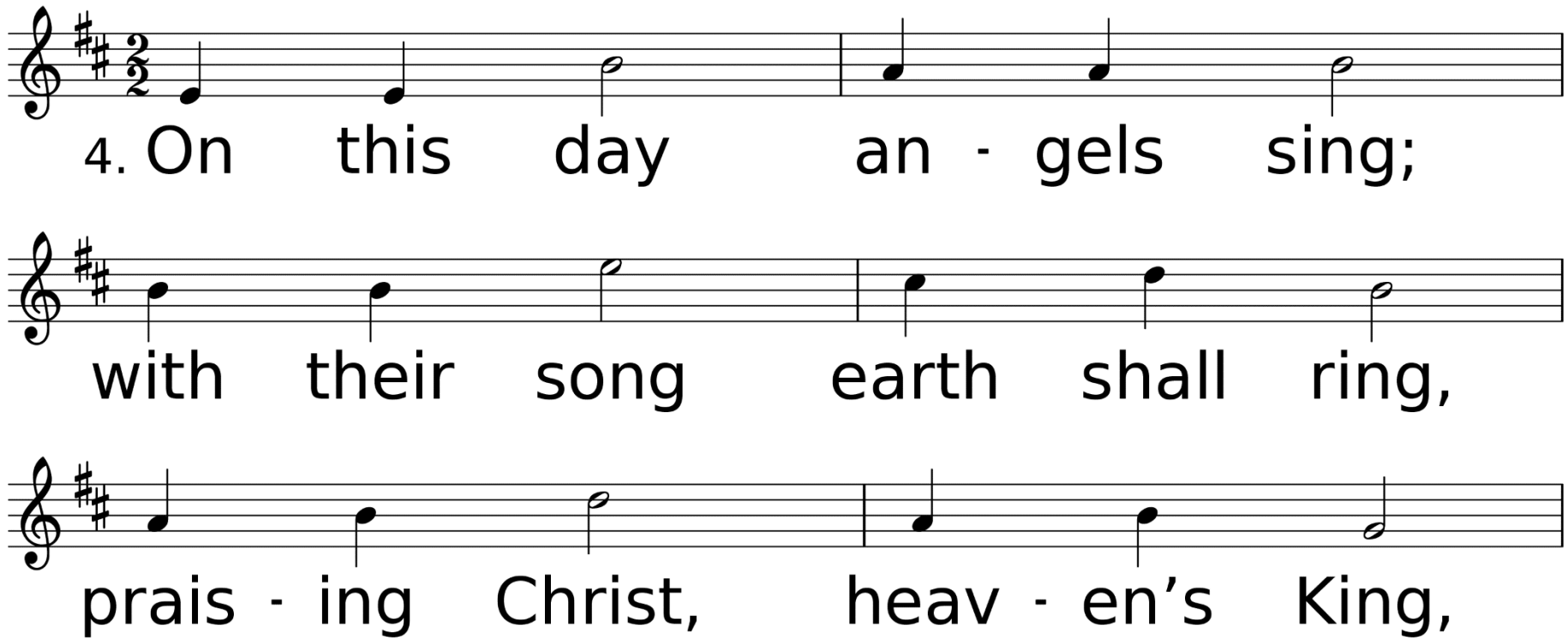
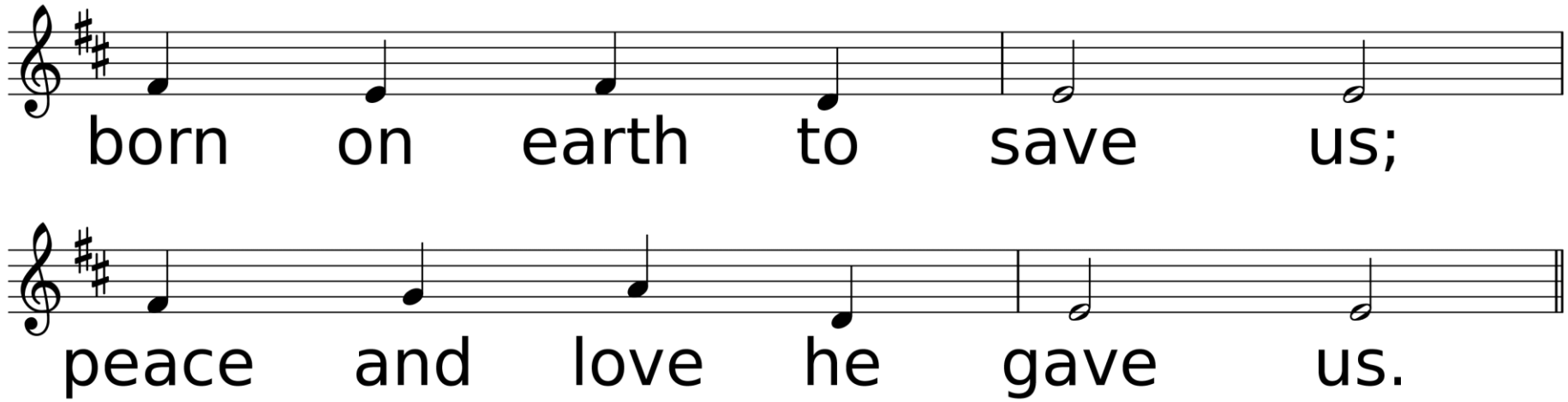
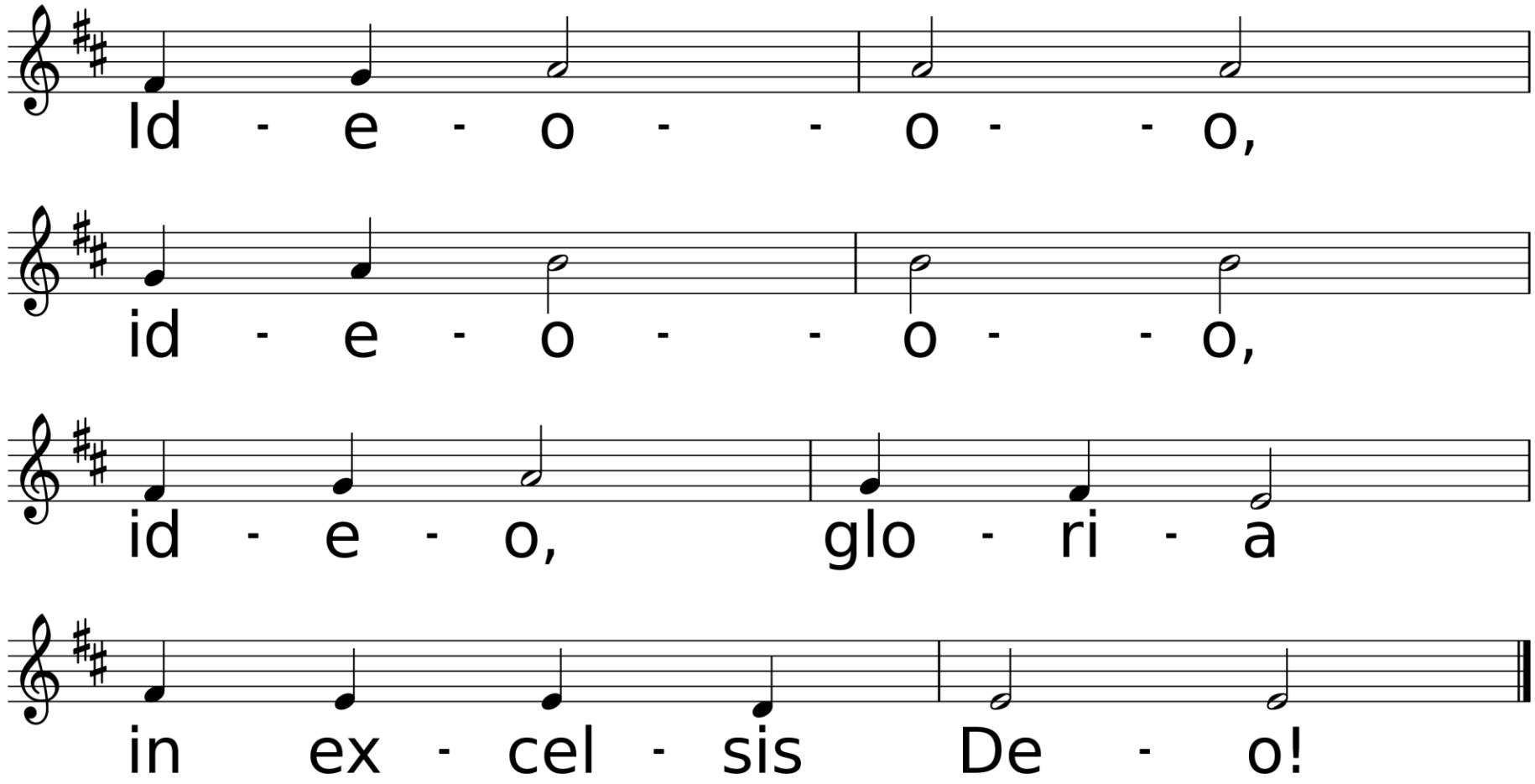

4. On this day an - gels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
prais - ing Christ, heav - en’s King,


born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.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*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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Anna Wiggins
Family & Friends of Pam Harris
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Ricky Deggs
Laura Lane
Jana Fransen
Dave Bacon
Joan Ragan
Tommy & Linda Willis
Zoe Booth
Lauren Rudy
Larry McDonald
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Mike Harris
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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

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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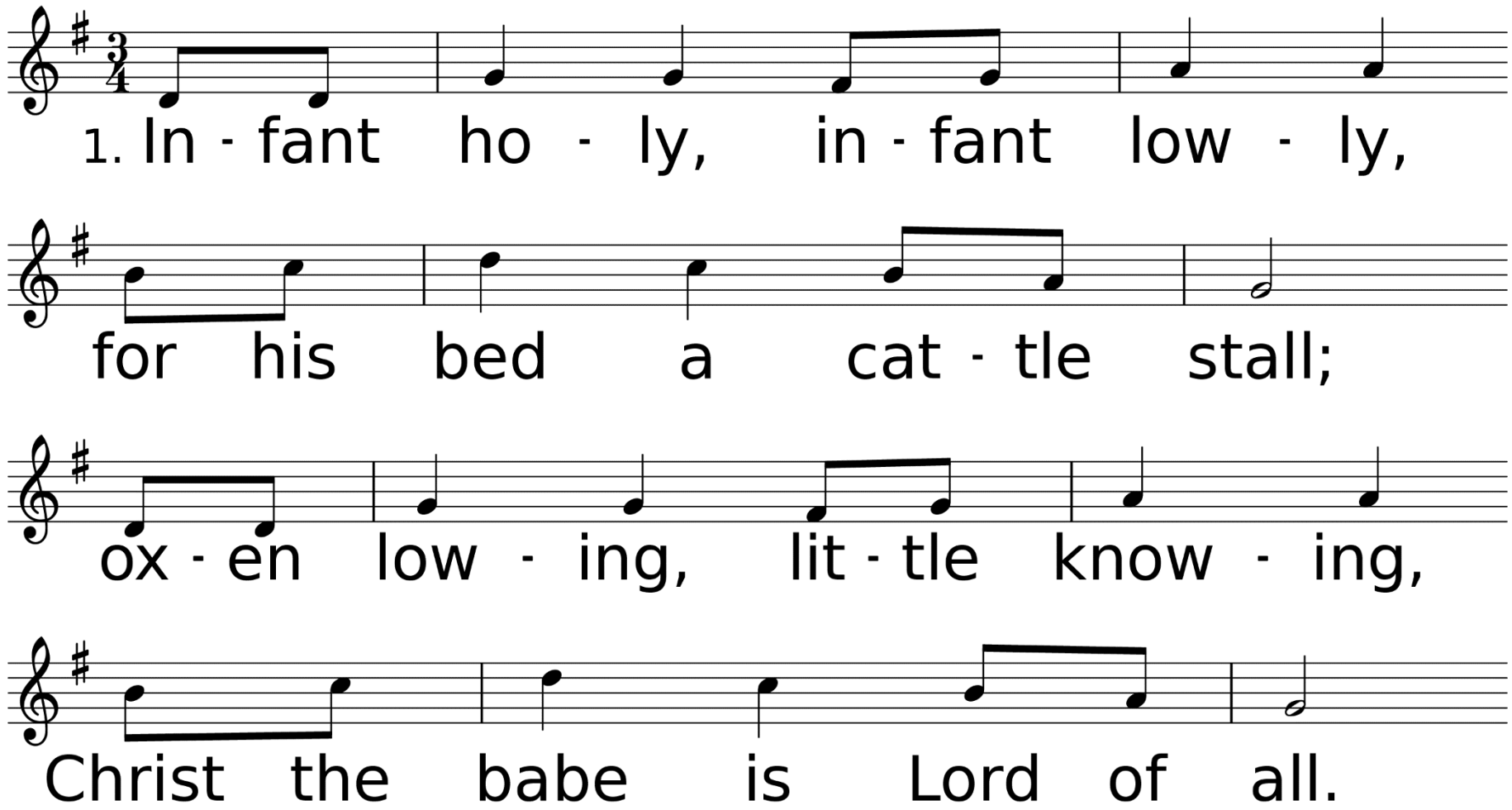

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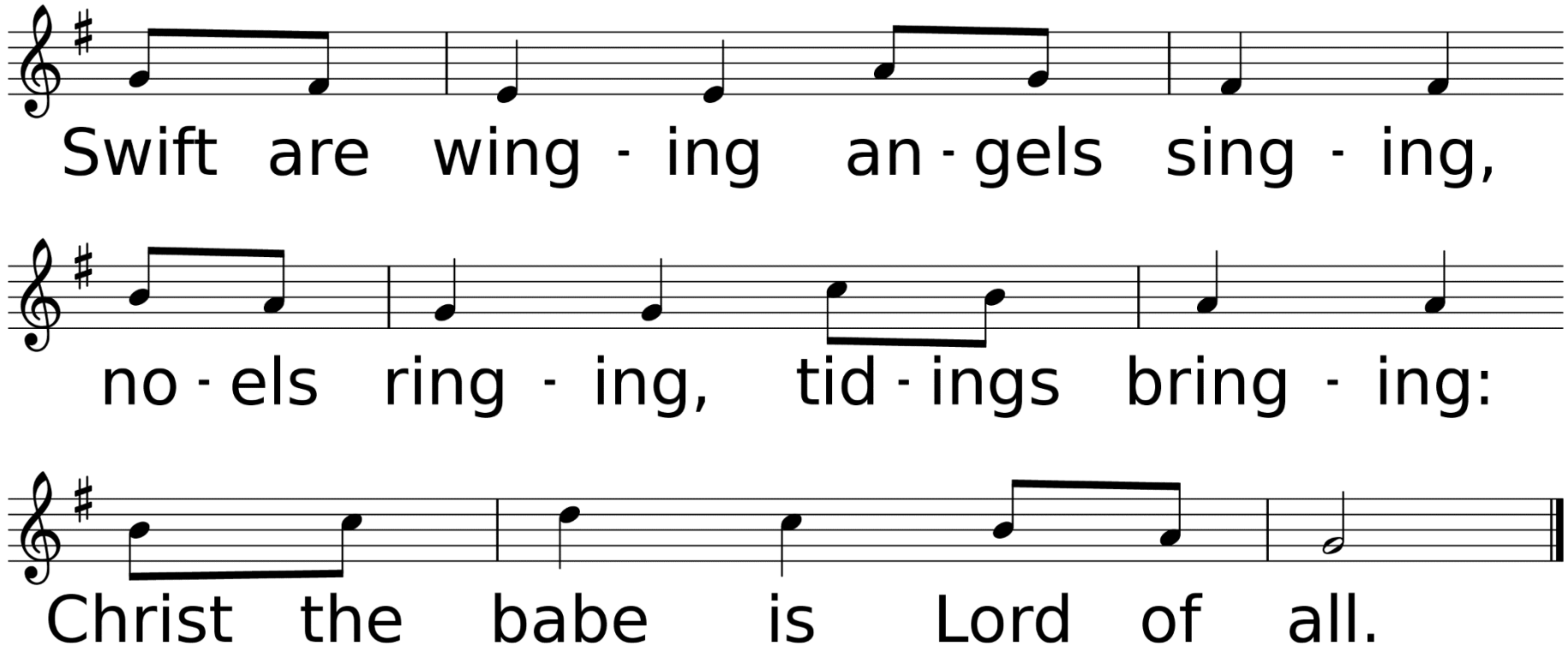
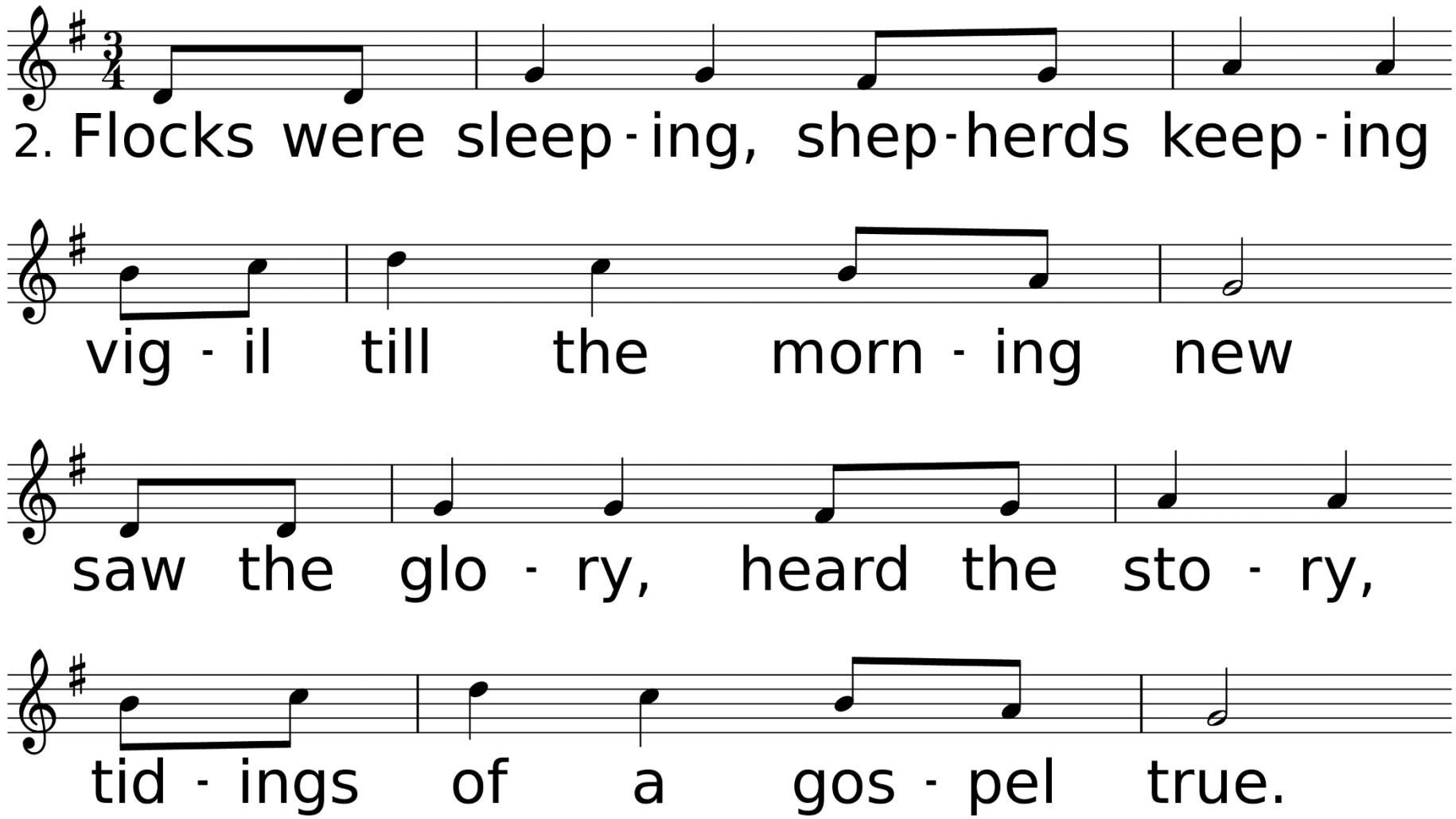
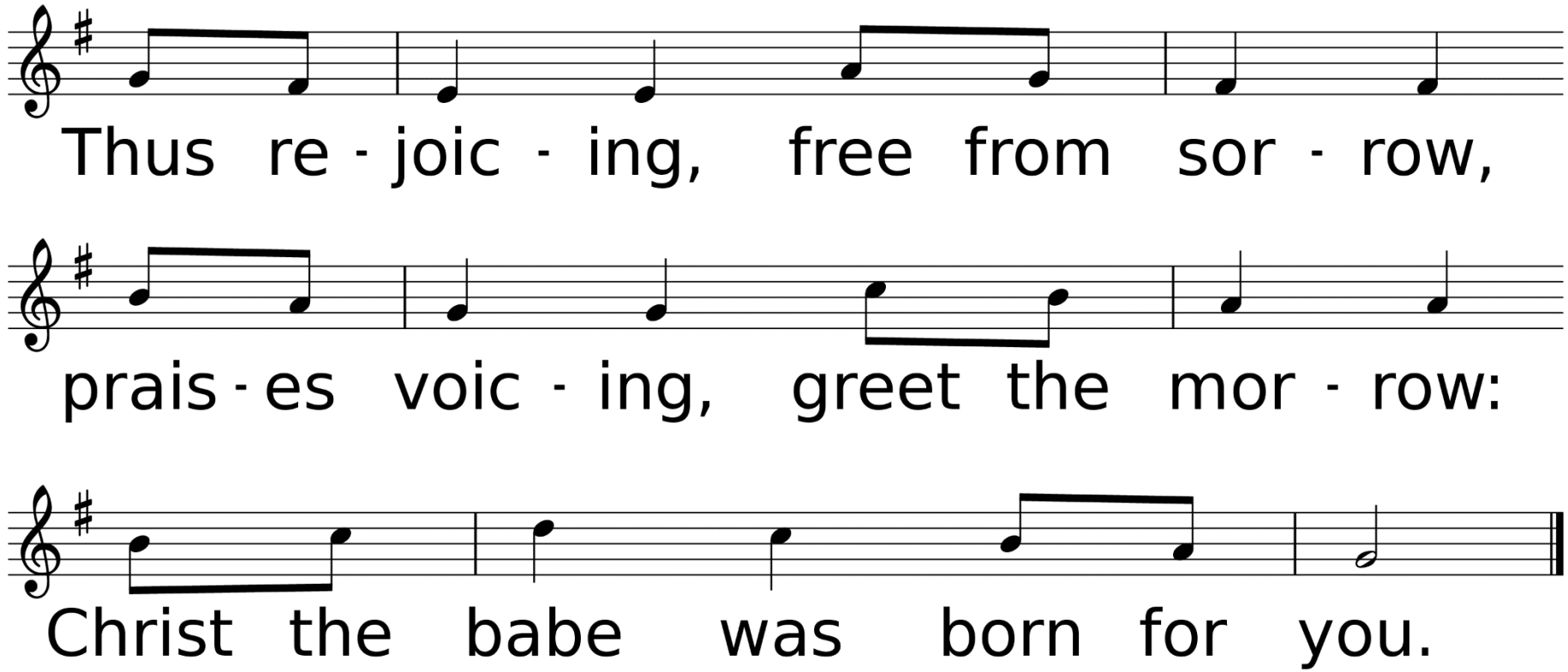

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing,
no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.


2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing
vig - il till the morn - ing new
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry,
tid - ings of a gos - pel true.


Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row,
prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:
Christ the babe was born for you.

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer
& Return of God's Tithes & Gifts
with *Noisy Offering!!!*

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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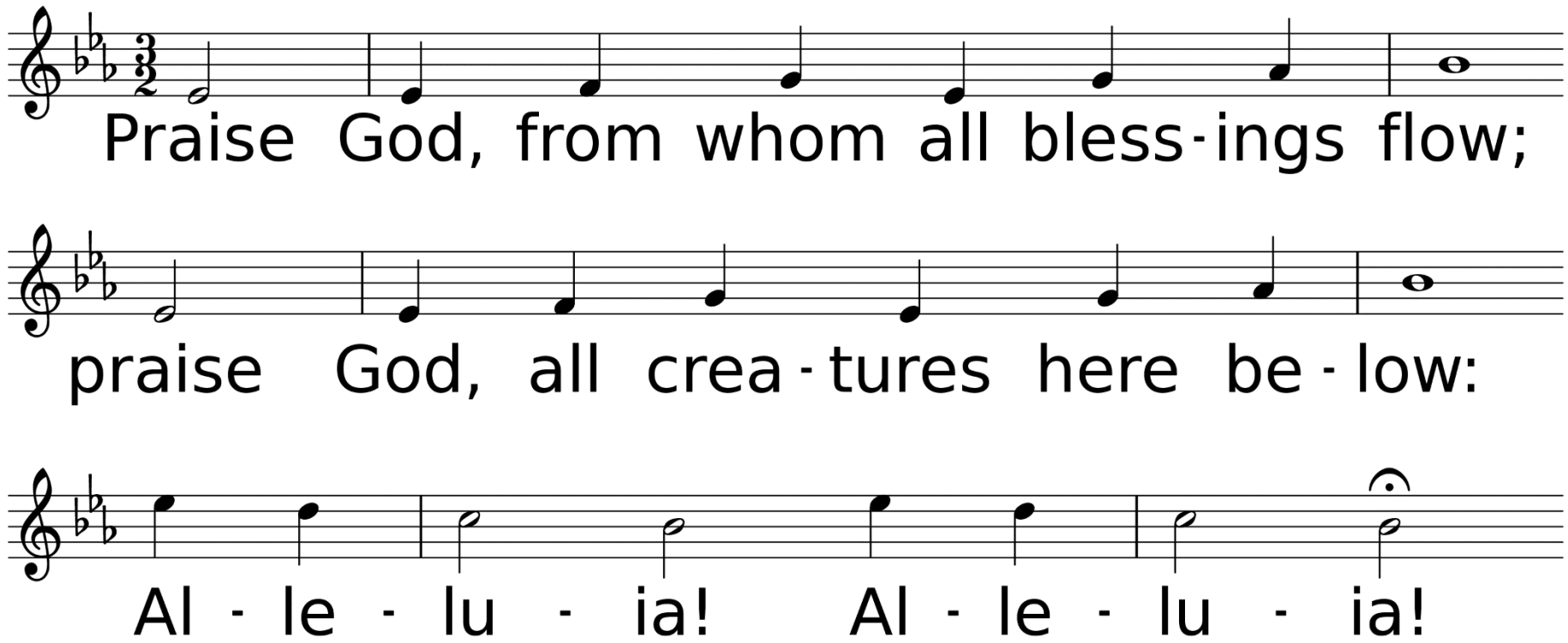

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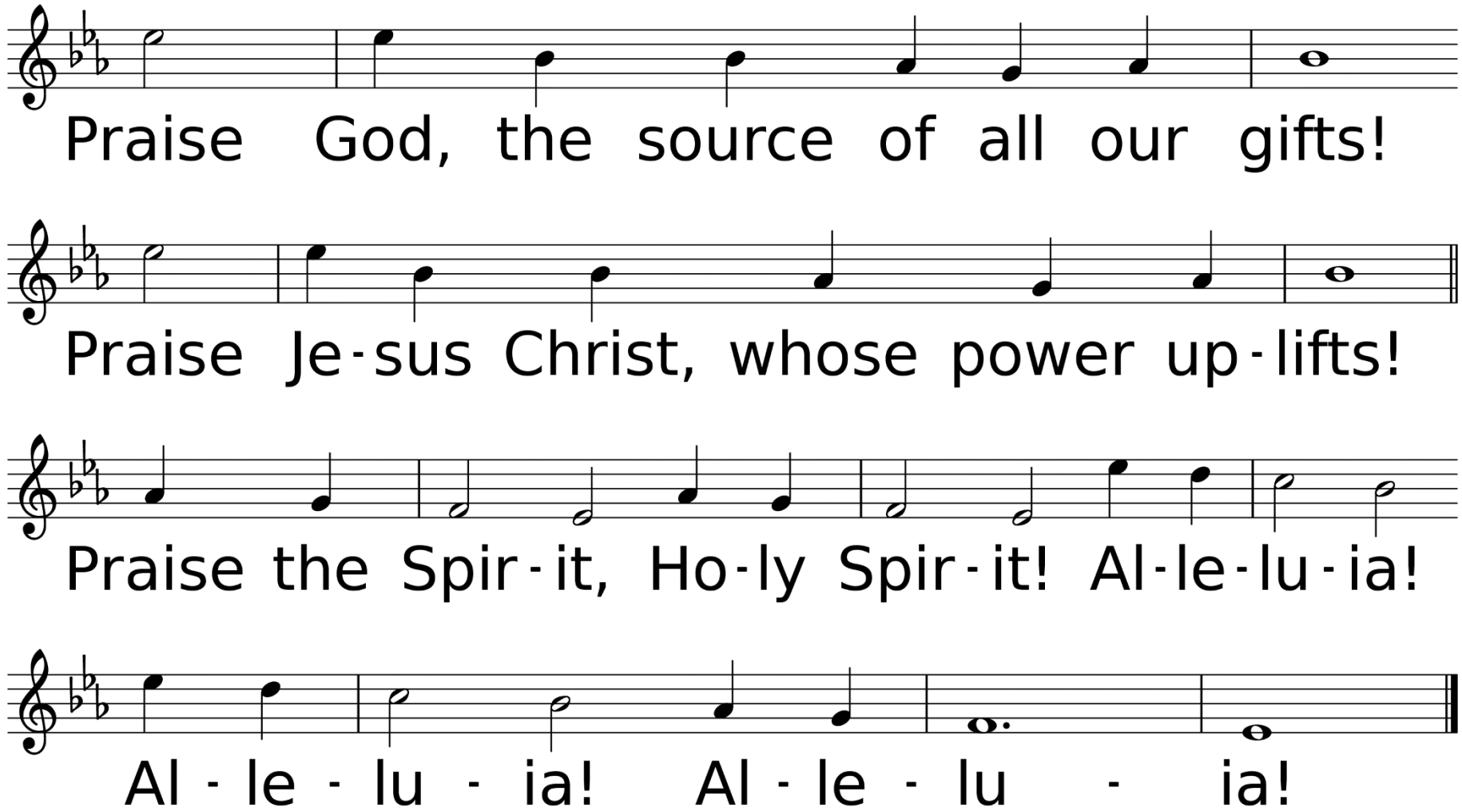
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Once in Royal David's City

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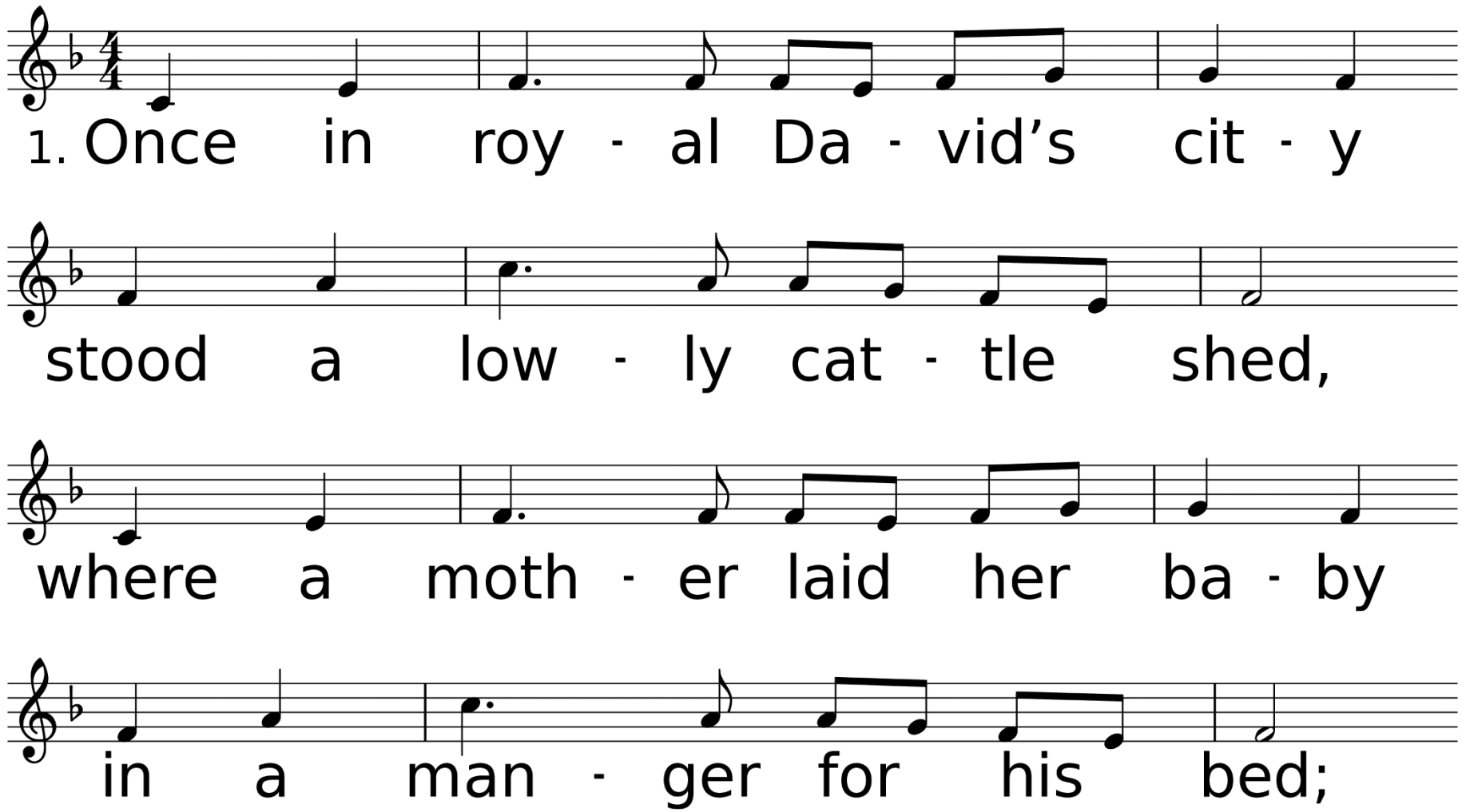

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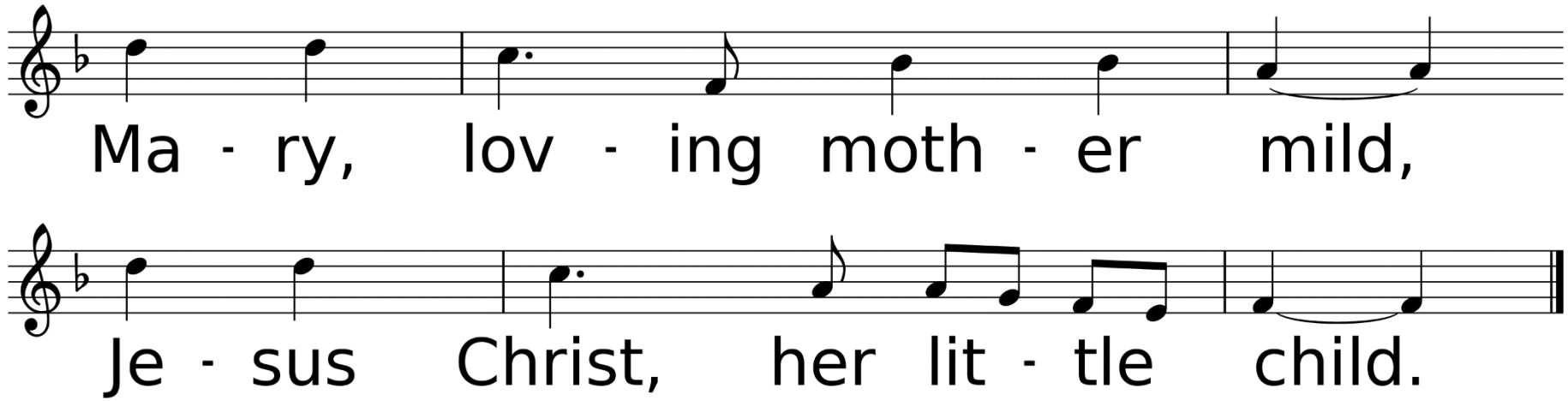
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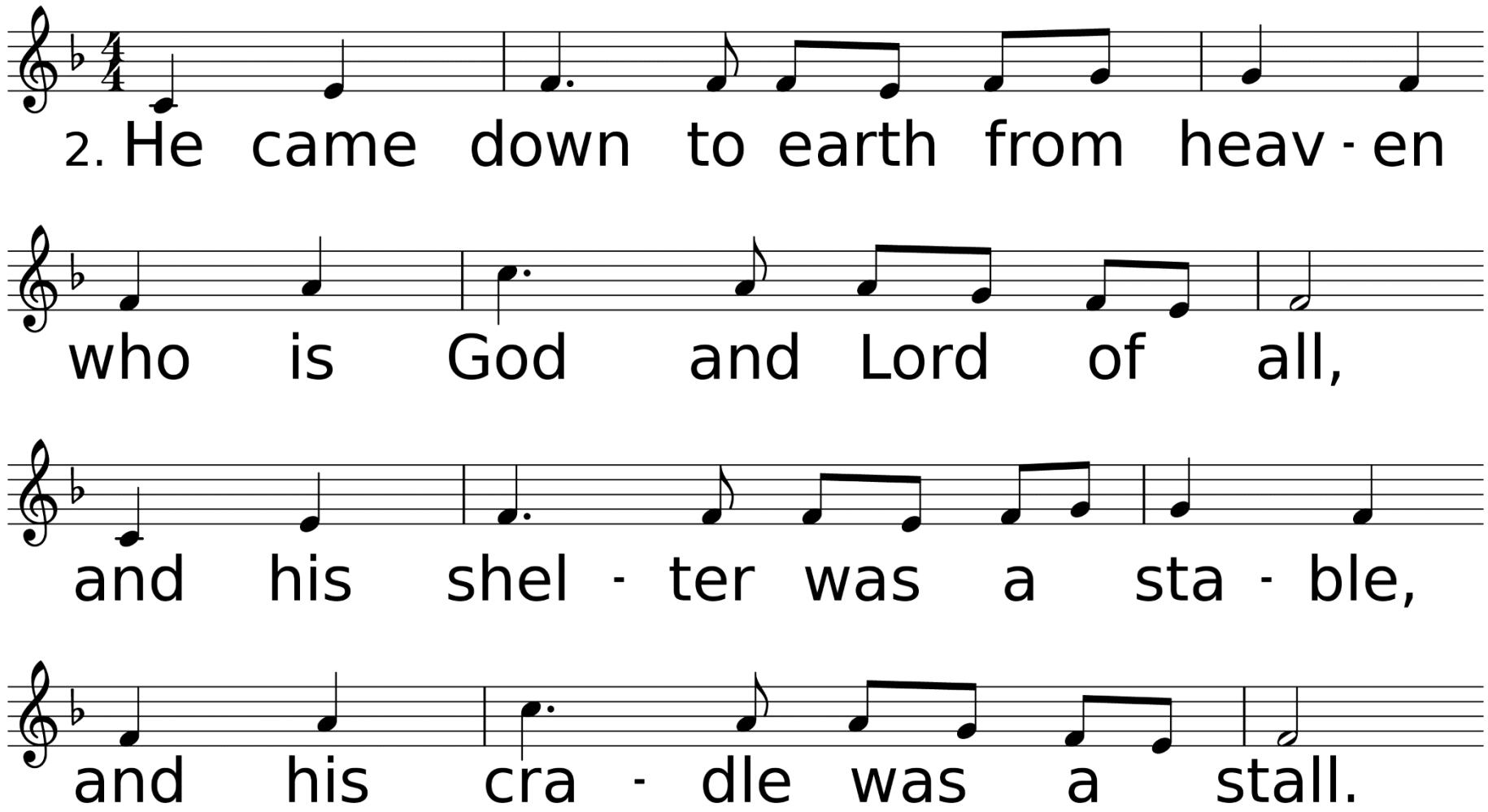
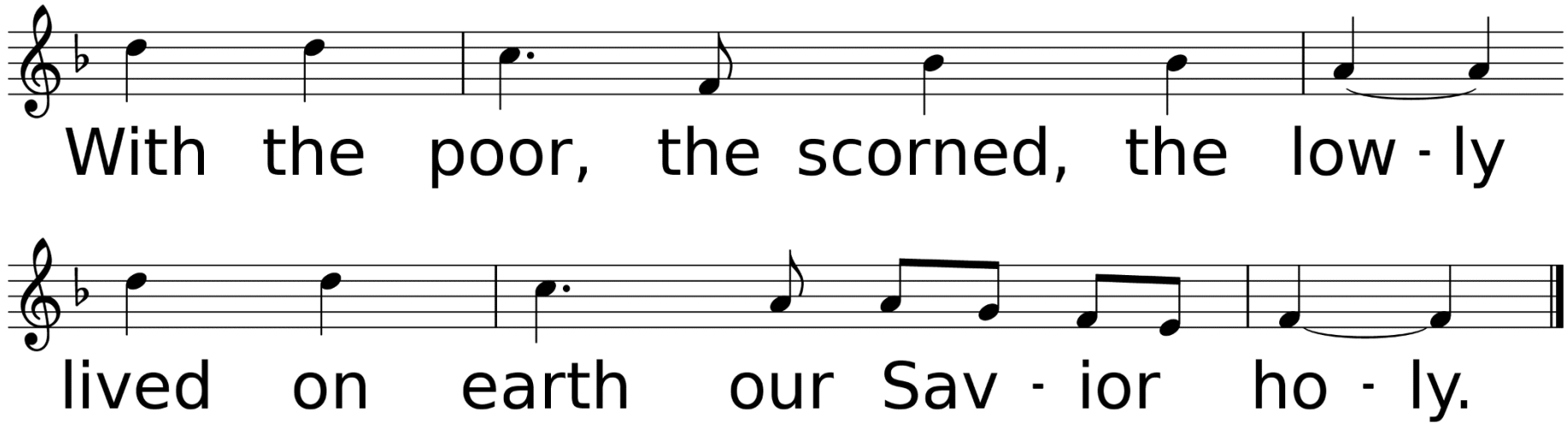
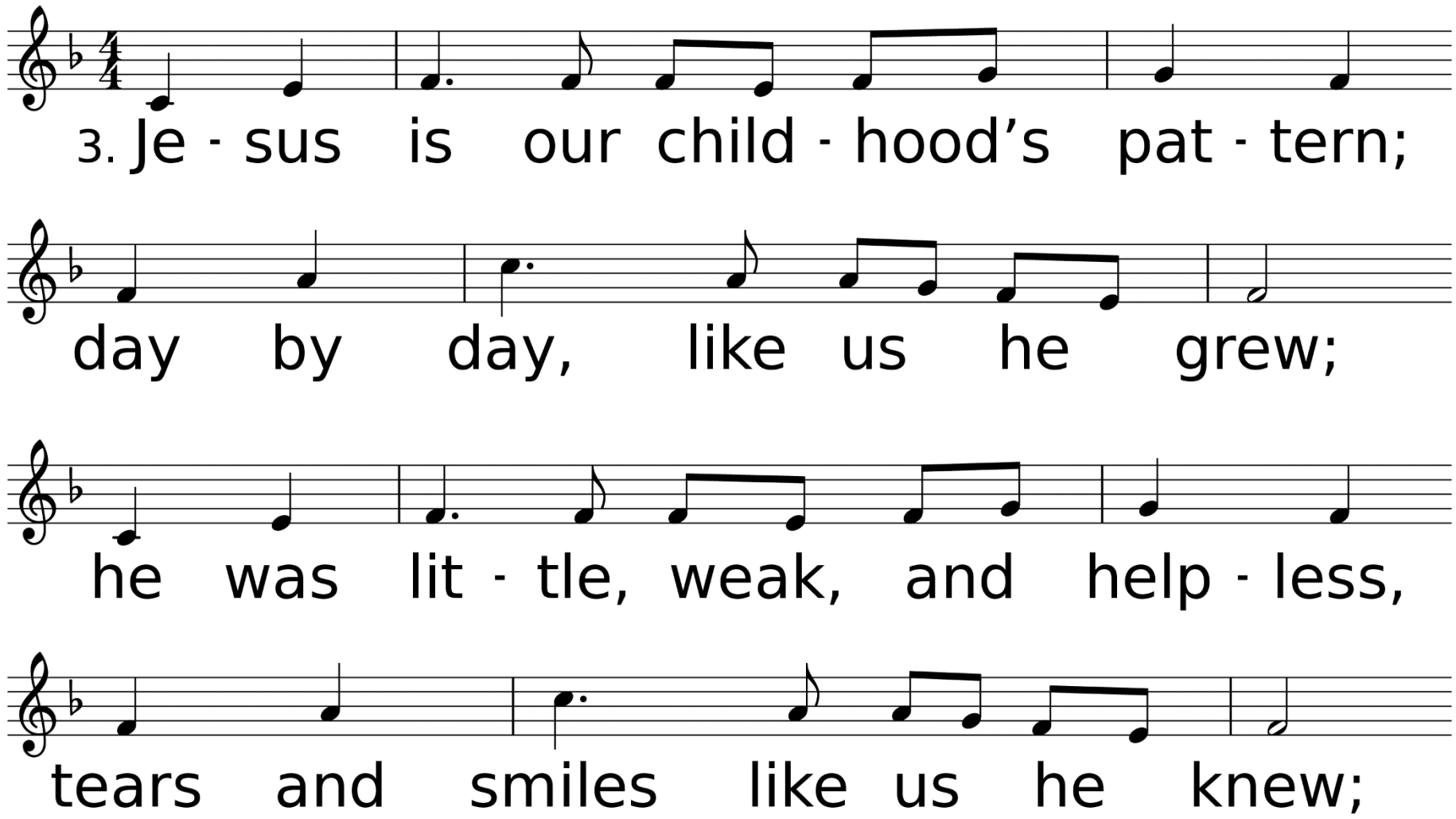
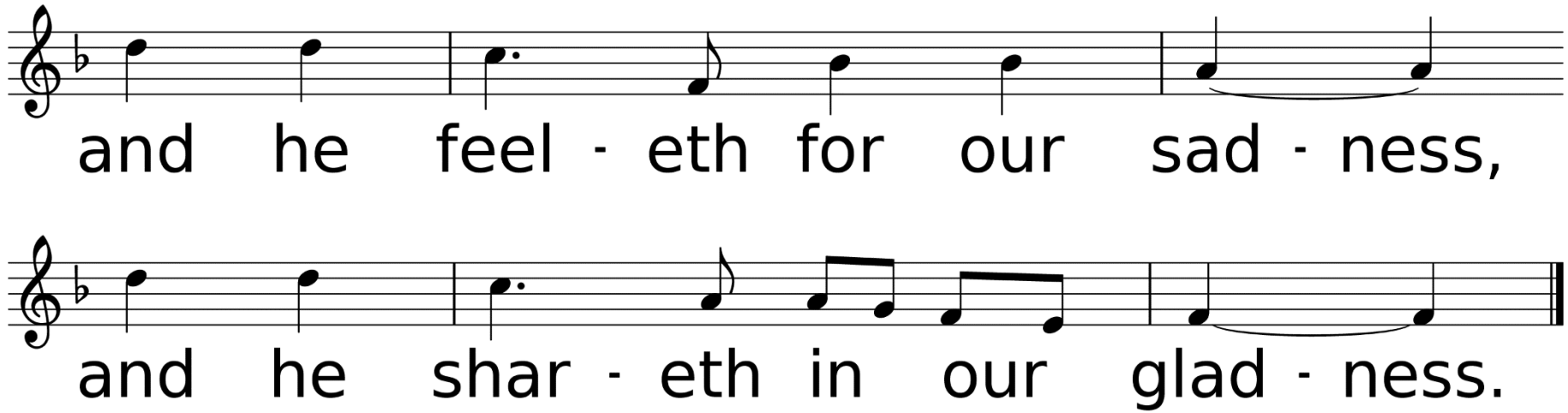
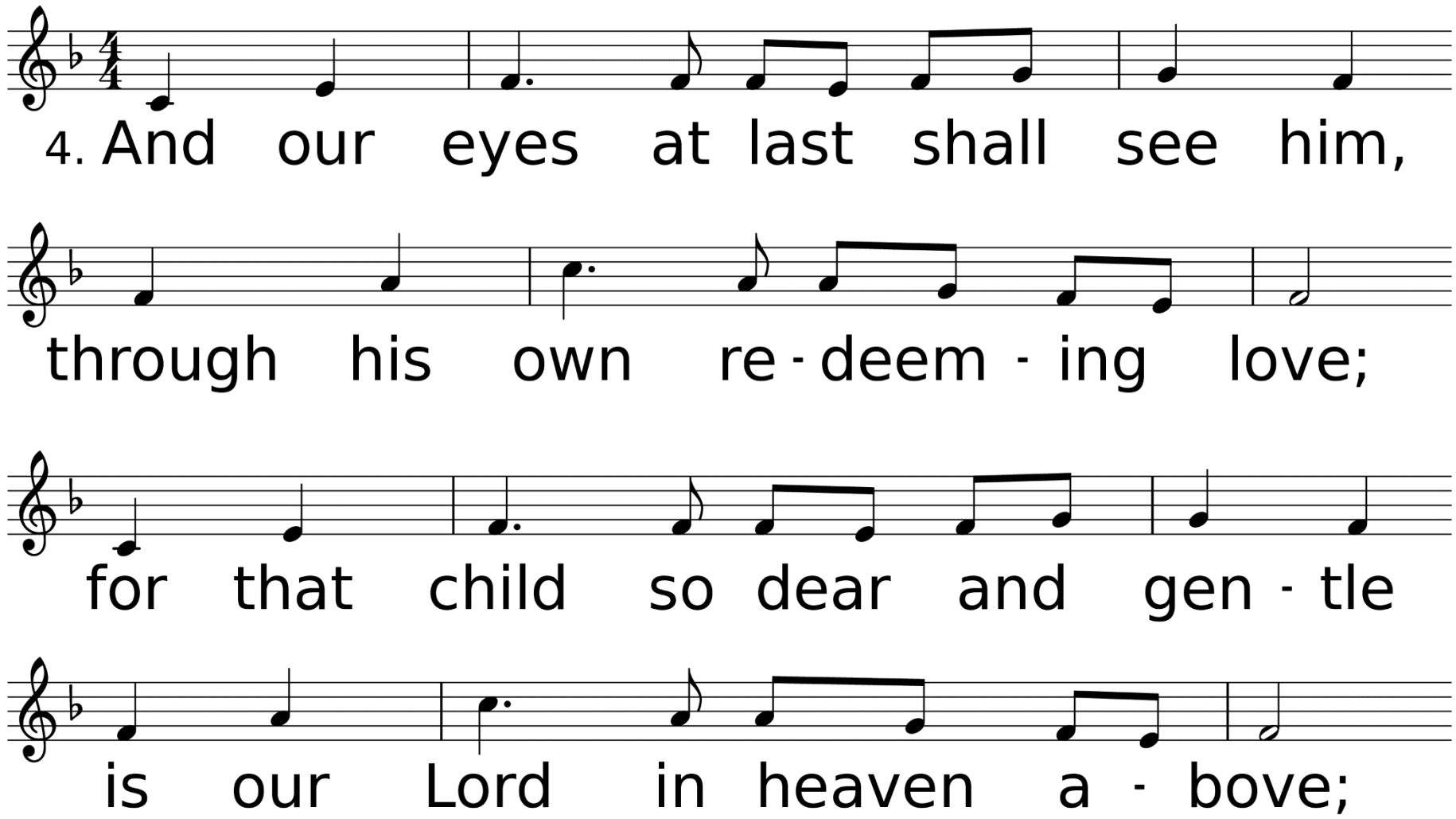
Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.

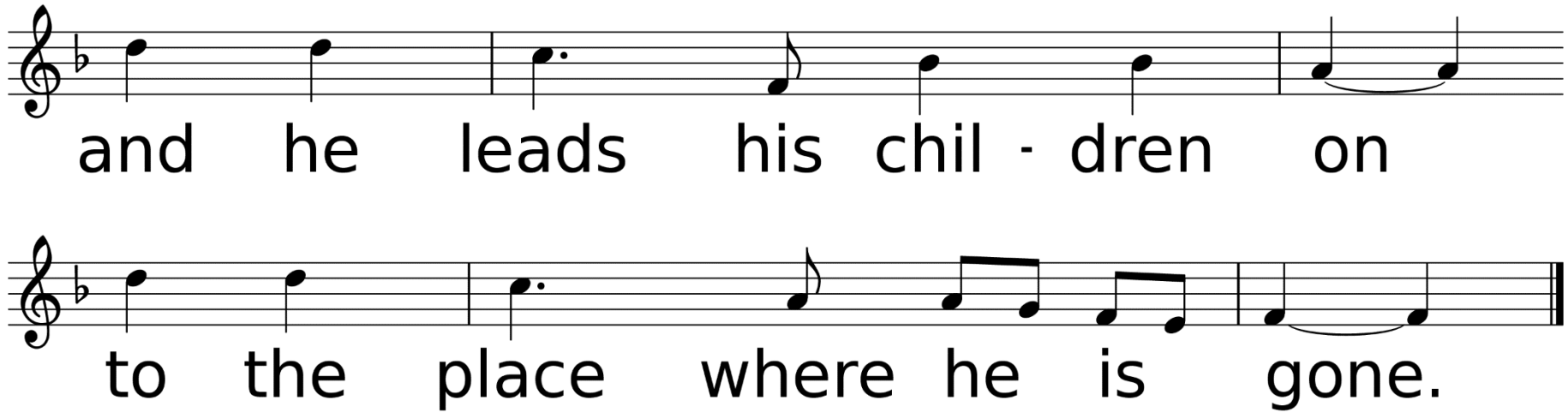

2. He came down to earth from heav - en
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
and his cra - dle was a stall.

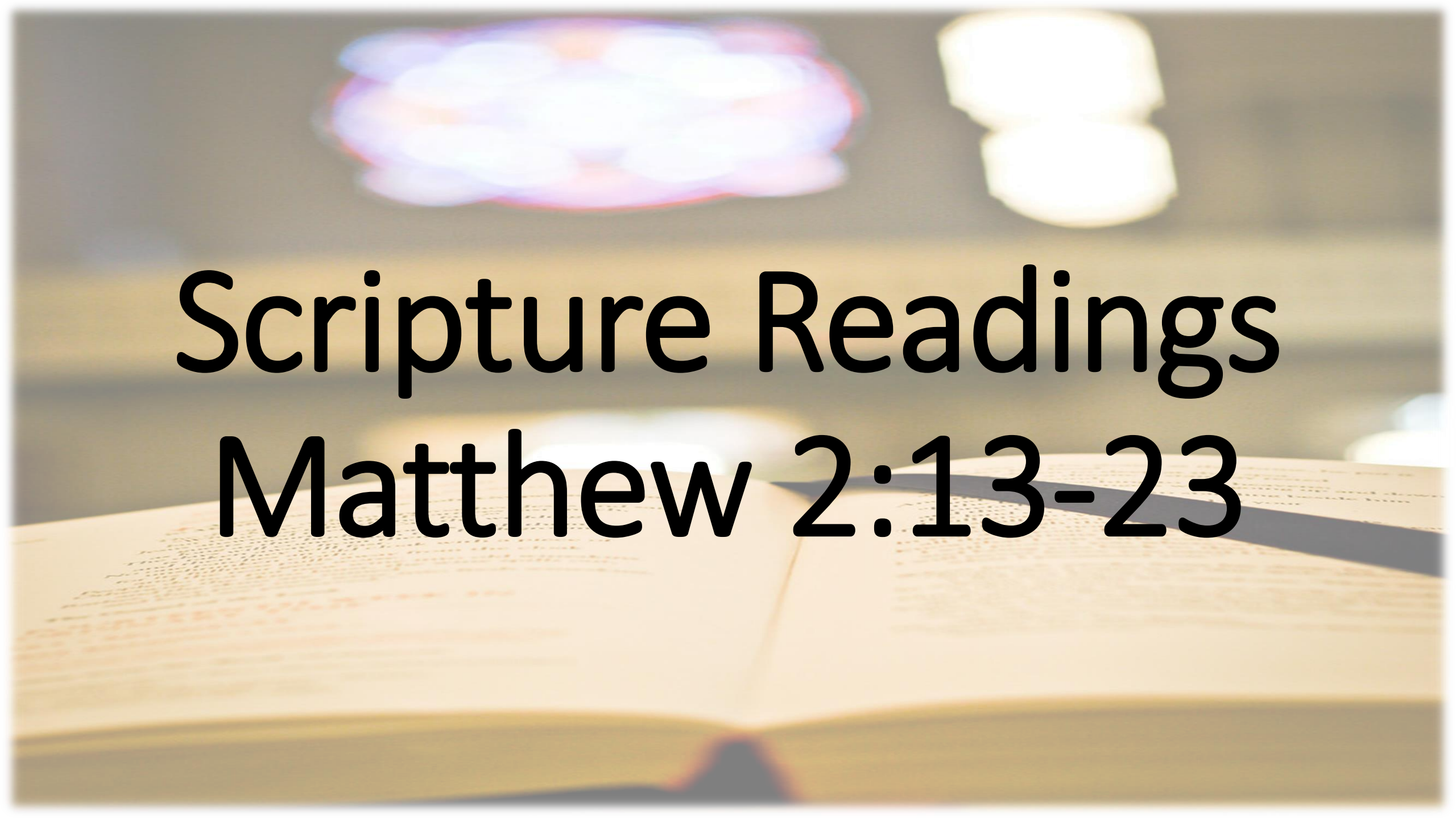

With the poor, the scorned, the low - ly
lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.


3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern;
day by day, like us he grew;
he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
tears and smiles like us he knew;


and he feel - eth for our sad - ness,
and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.


4. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own re - deem - ing love;
for that child so dear and gen - tle
is our Lord in heaven a - bove;


and he leads his chil - dren on
to the place where he is gone.



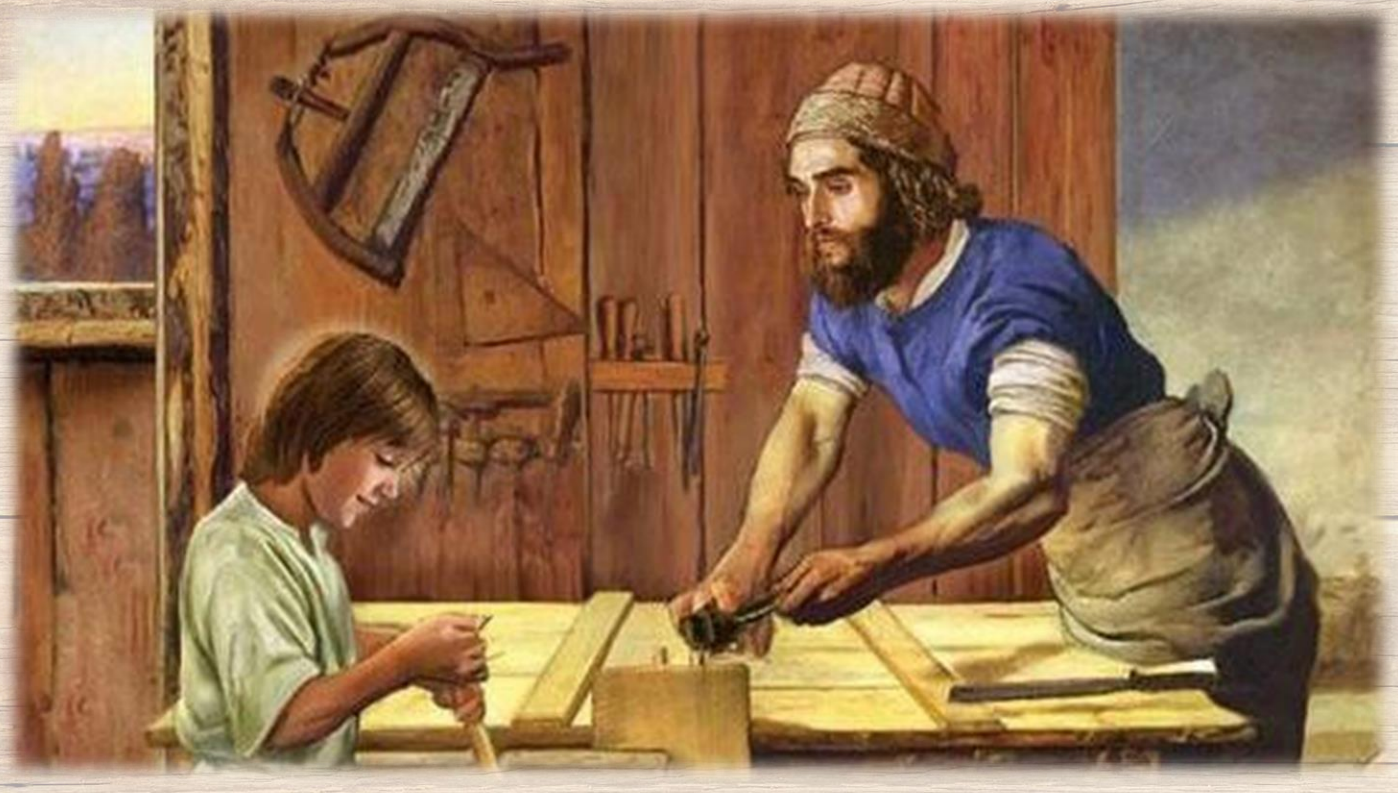
Scripture Readings
Matthew 2:13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there.

Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.



“God’s Relationship with the Family – Bringing Us Safely Home”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Let Rain Come Down Today

Thurlow Weed

*Hymn of Invitation

Grace Greater than Our Sin

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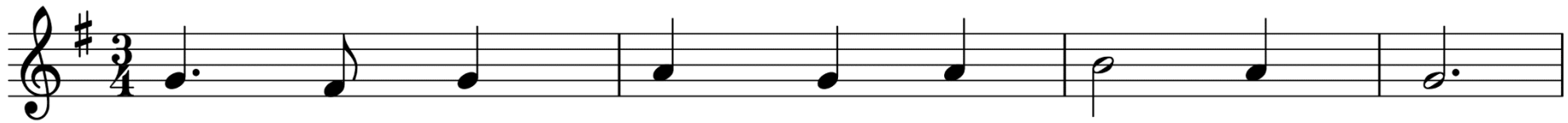

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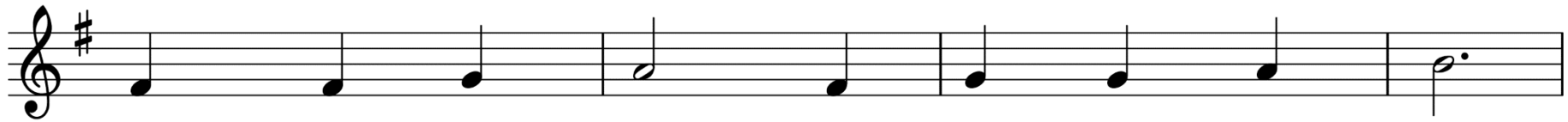
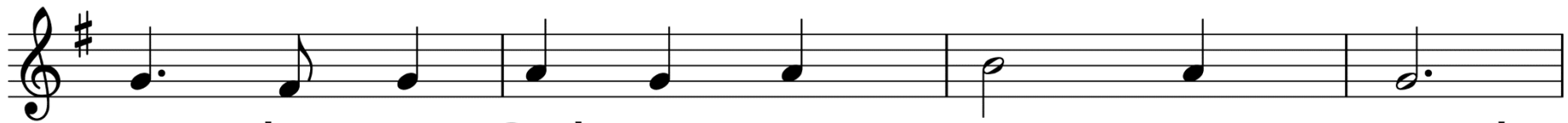
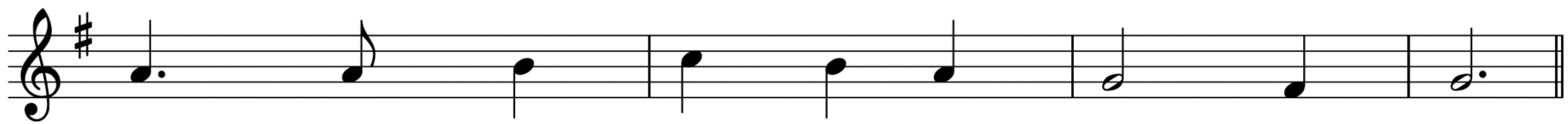


grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!



Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,



there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

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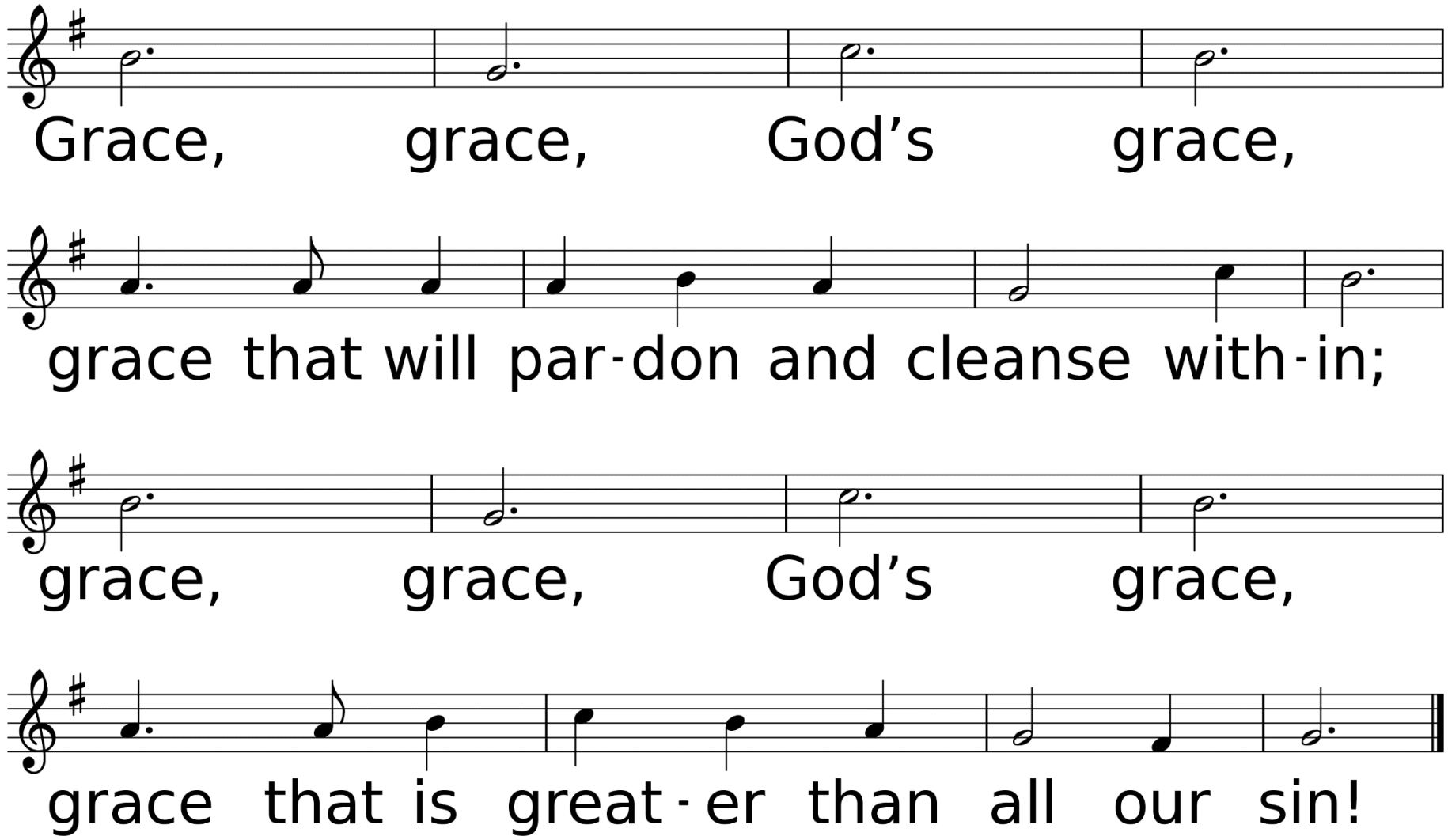
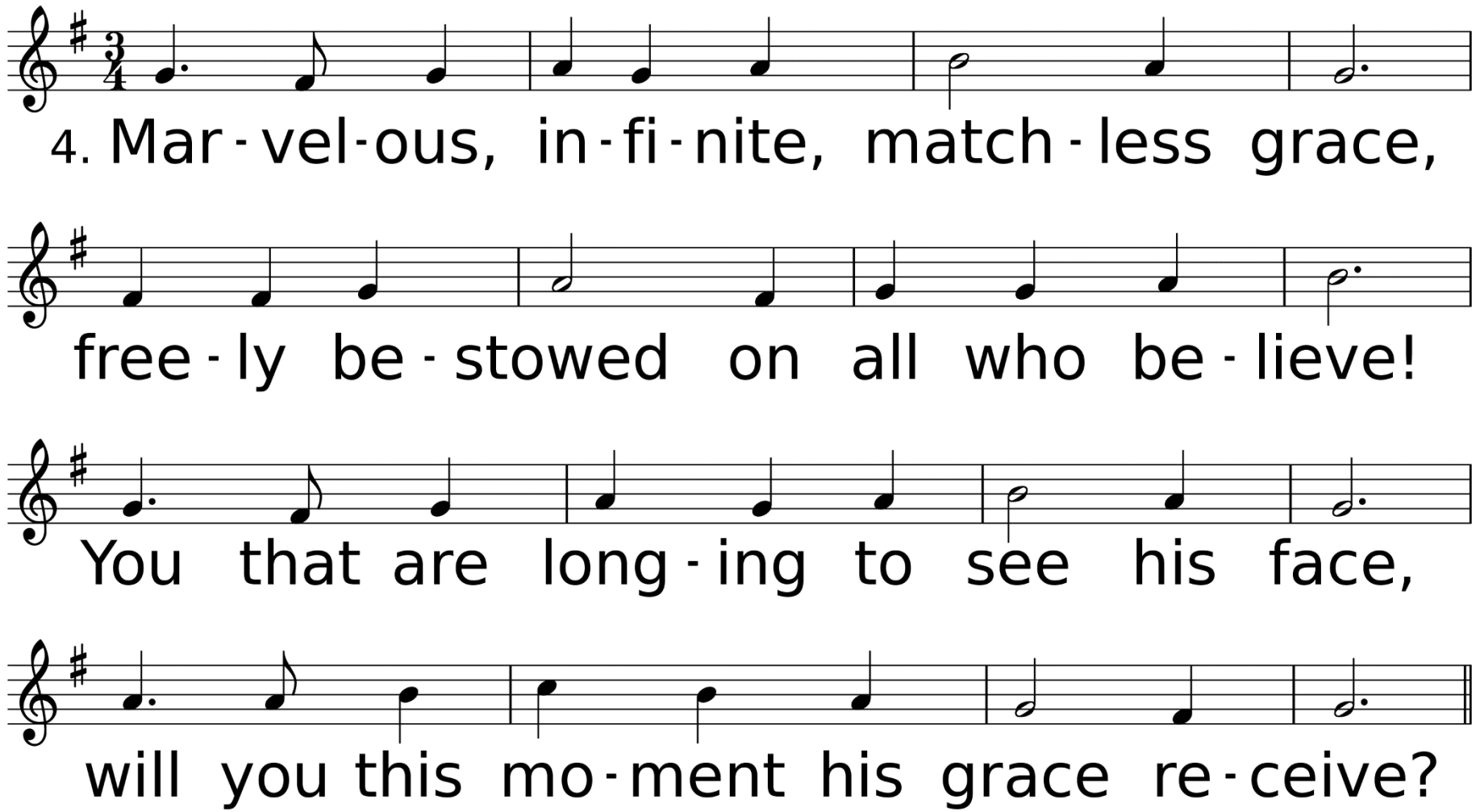
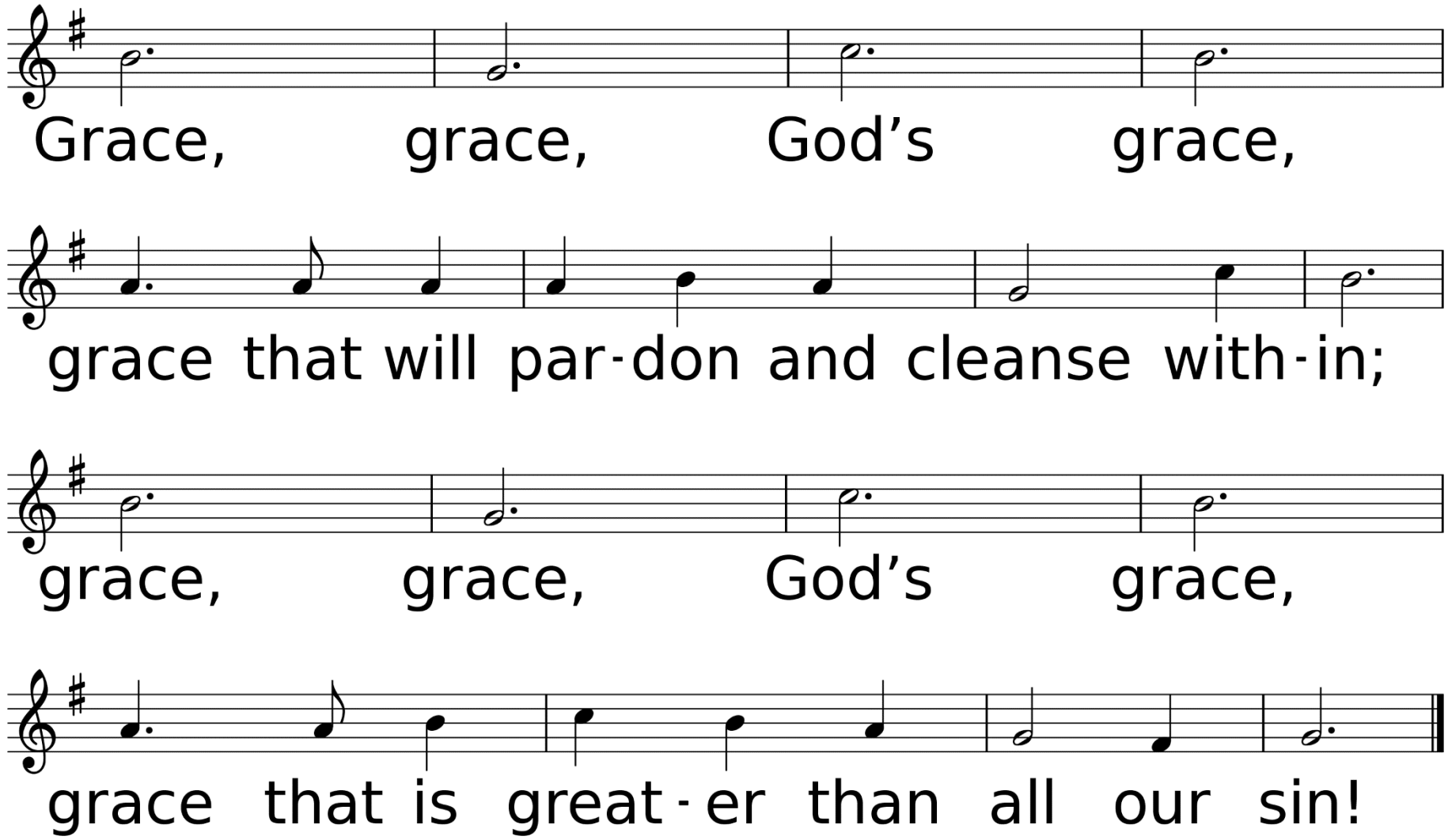

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will par-don and cleanse with-in;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is great-er than all our sin!


4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,
free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!
You that are long - ing to see his face,
will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?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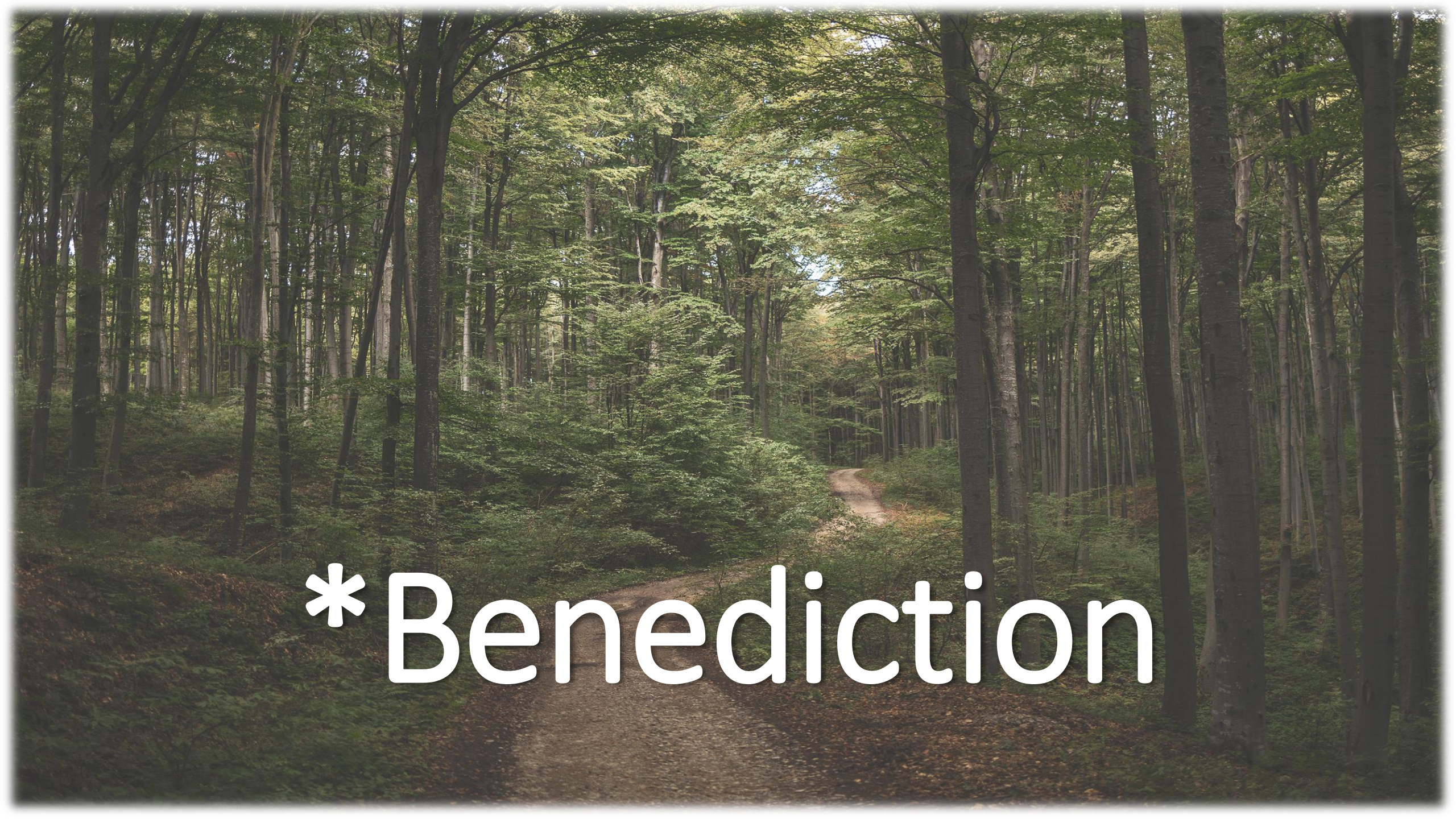
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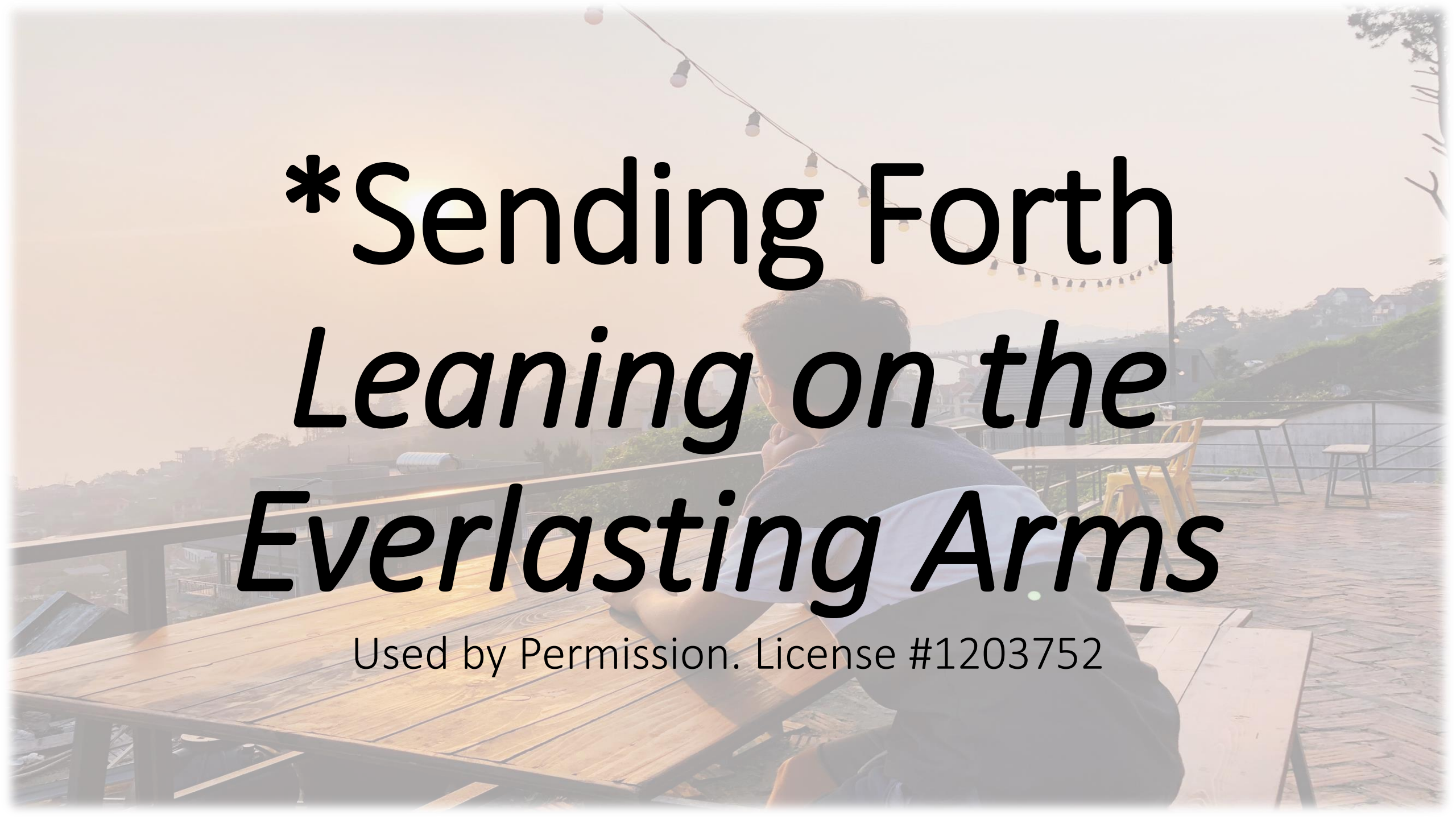

*Sending Forth *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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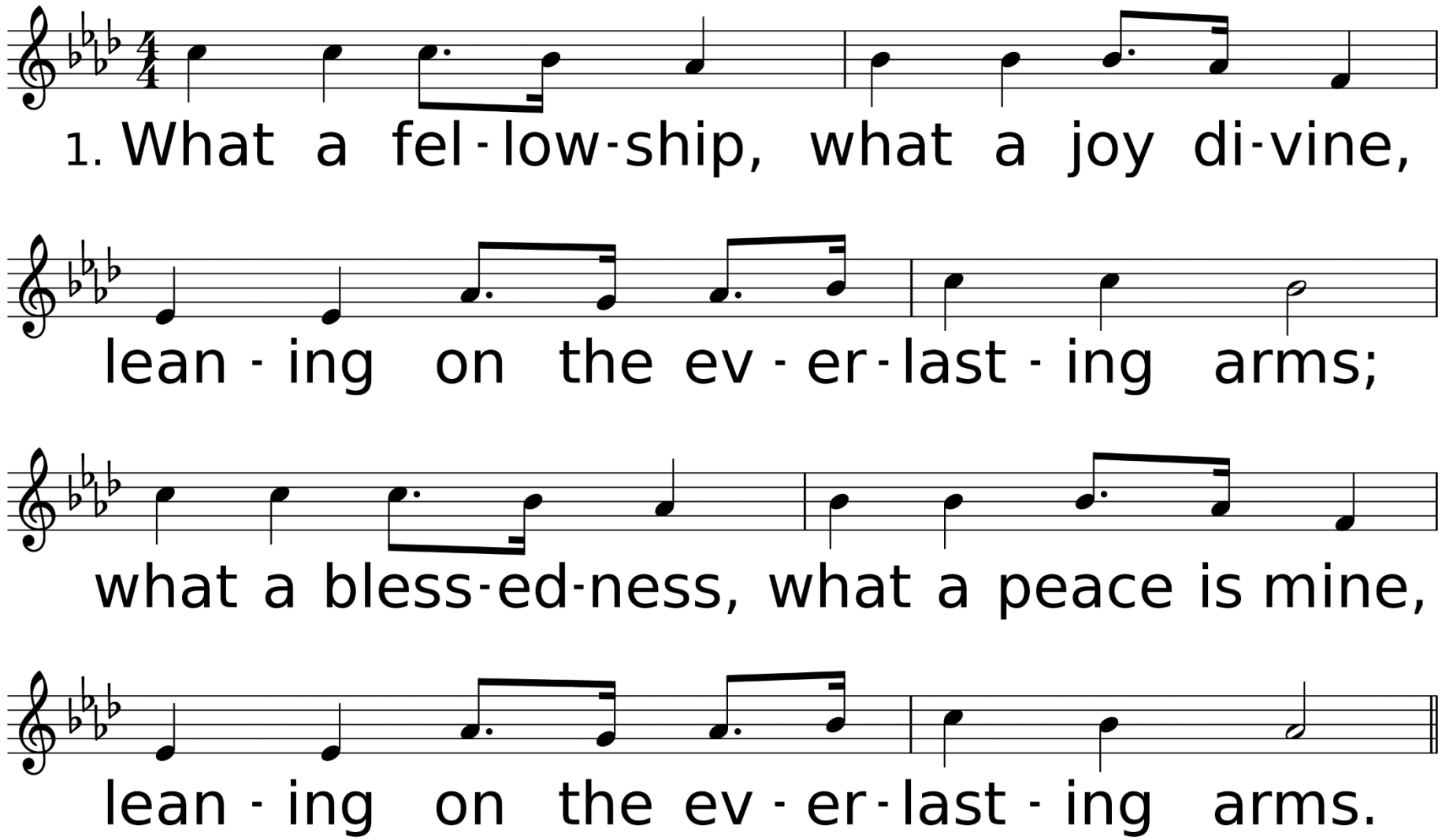
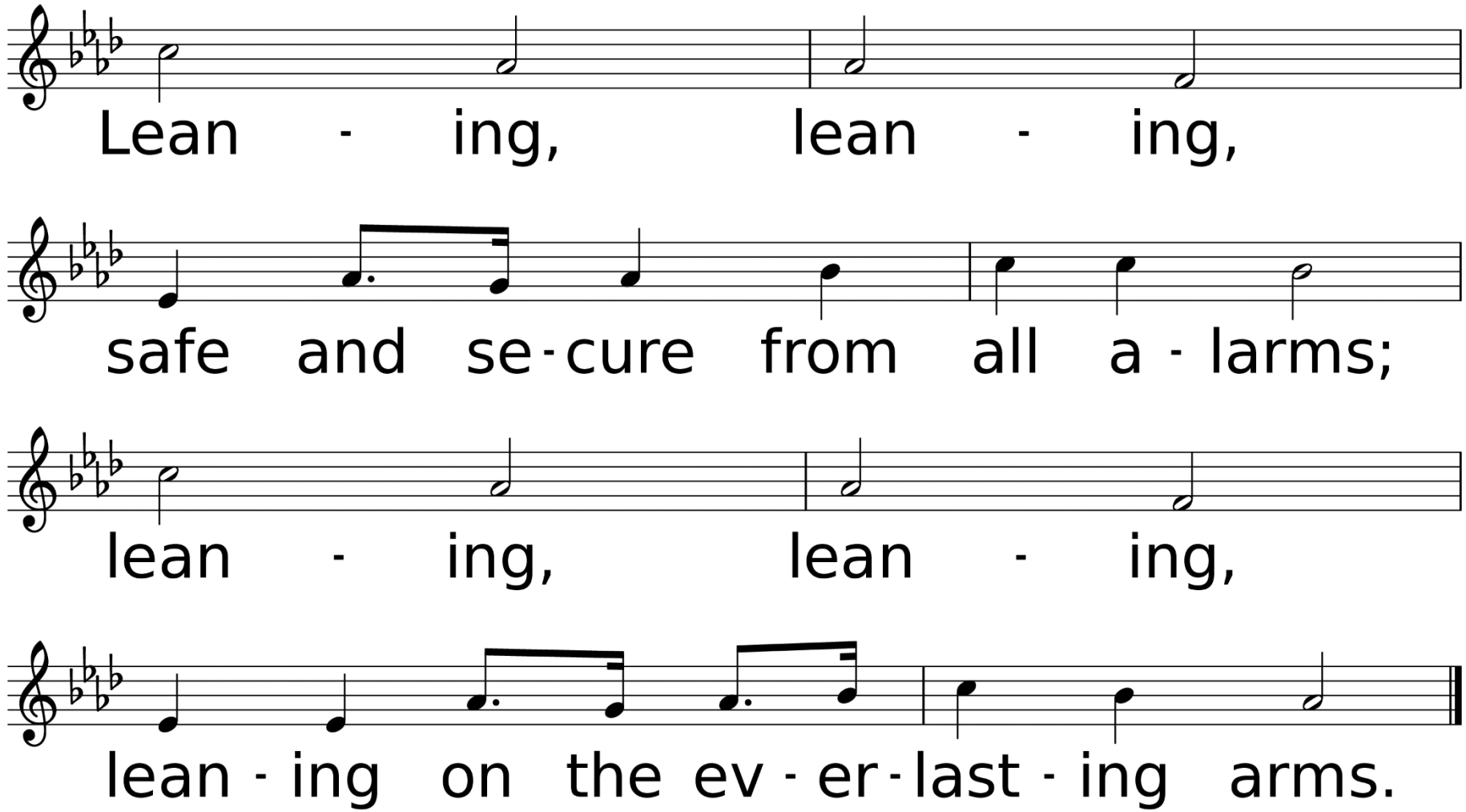


WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
MUSIC (SHOWALTER 10 9.10 9 with Refrain): Anthony J. Showalter, 1887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safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
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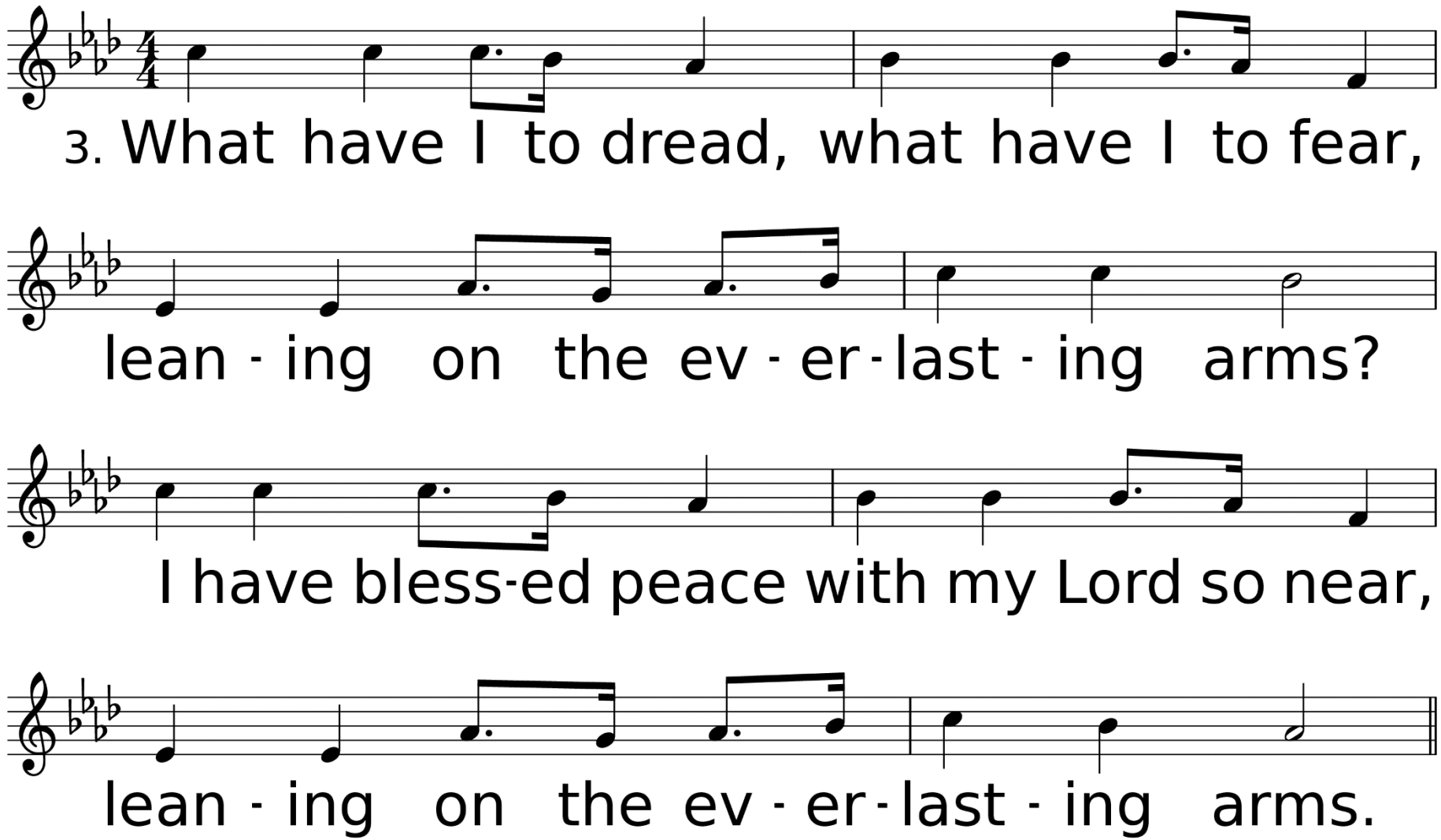
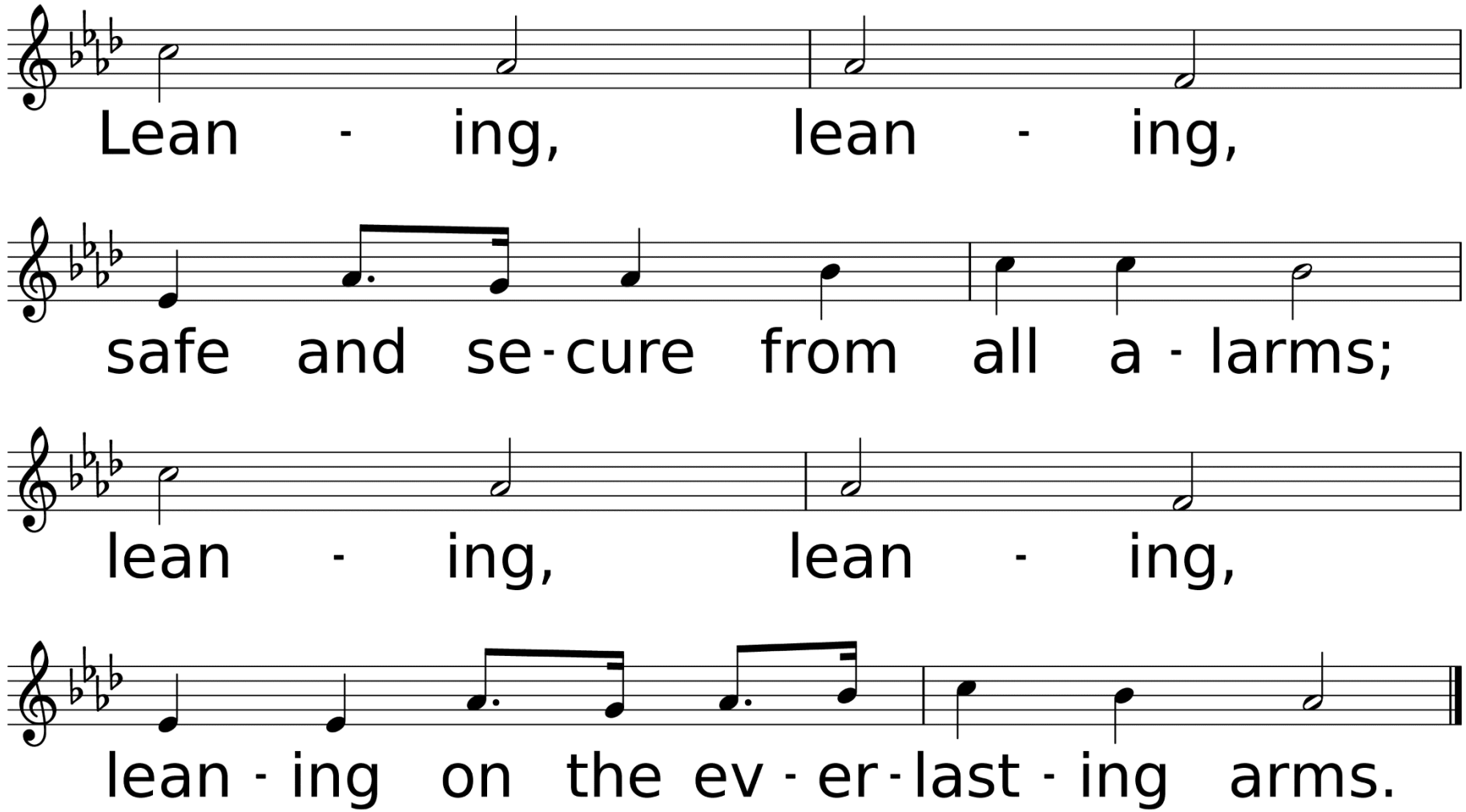

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.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Thank you for joining us!
Please come forward if you would like to receive Communion.
The elements have already been blessed this morning.