Welcome Home!

March 26, 2023

Sunday Worship Service

Sanctuary & Online

10:00 AM

Announcements!

Choral Call to Worship

How Deep the Father's Love

Stuart Townsend

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, source of light, salvation, and strength, We seek to know you and to serve you, day by day.

Congregation: Keep us safe from all that would hinder as we try to walk in your way.

When difficulties come, give us courage to wait for you.

Help us see your goodness, displayed every day. Thank you for love beyond comprehension.

*Hymn of Praise

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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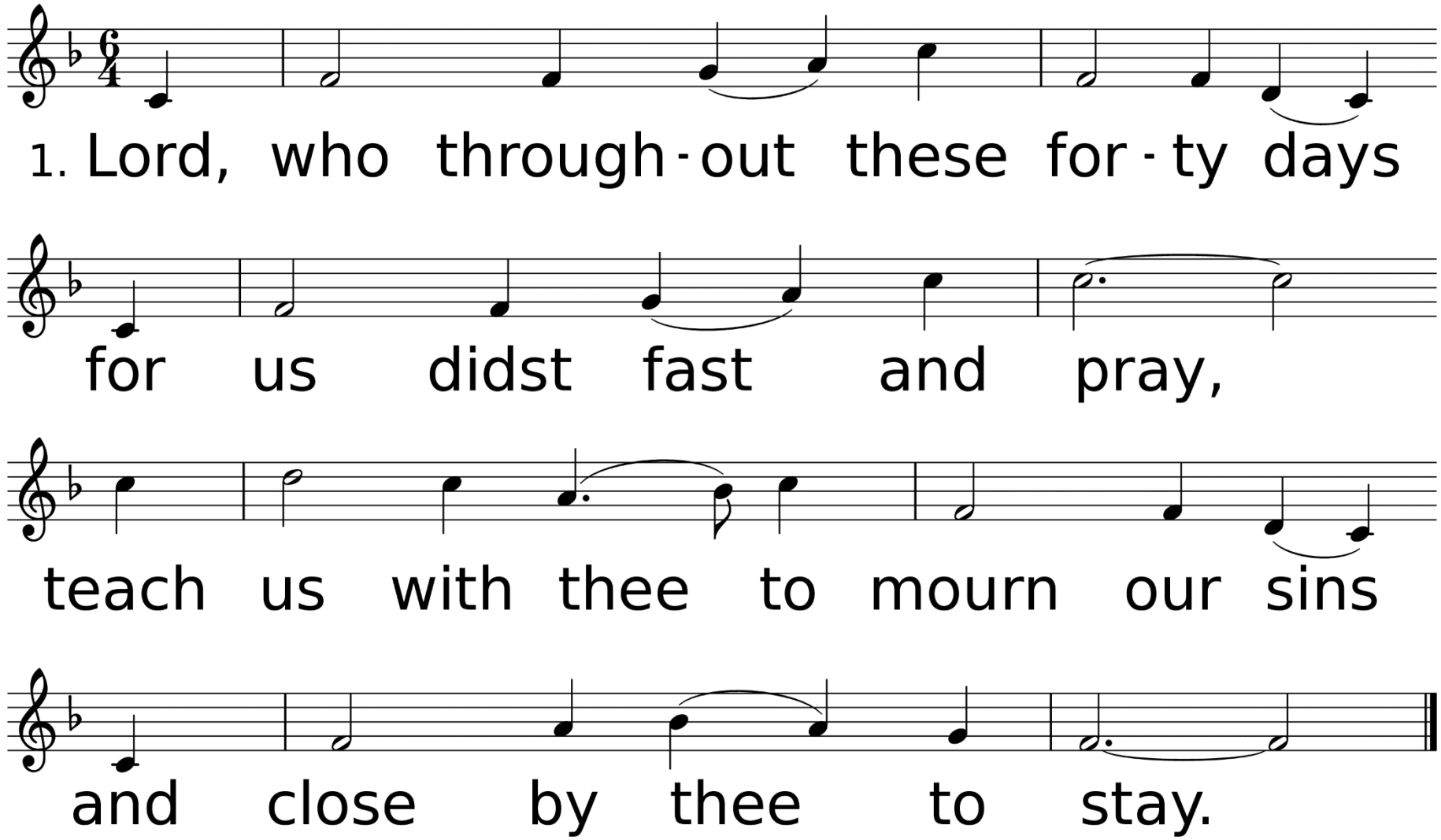
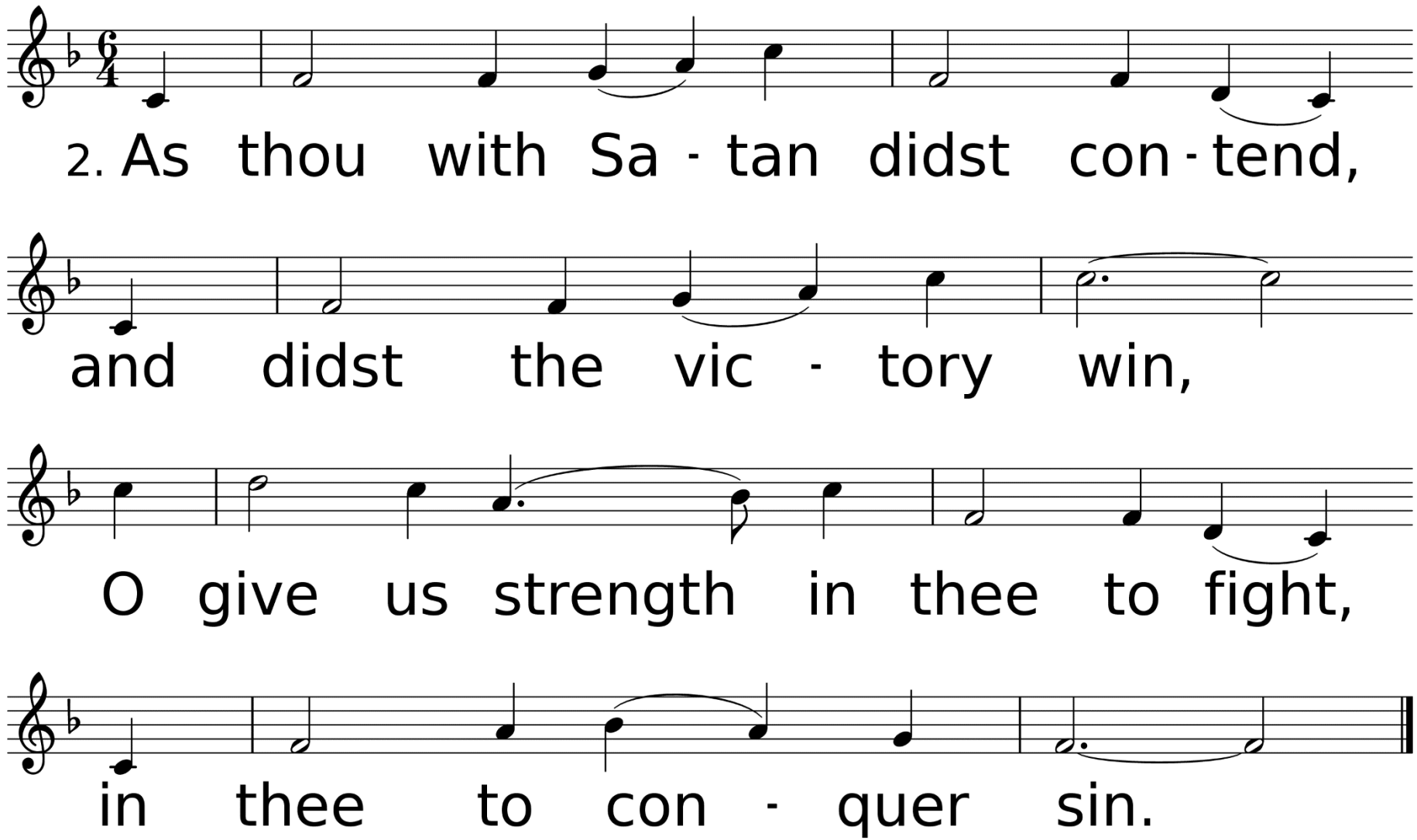
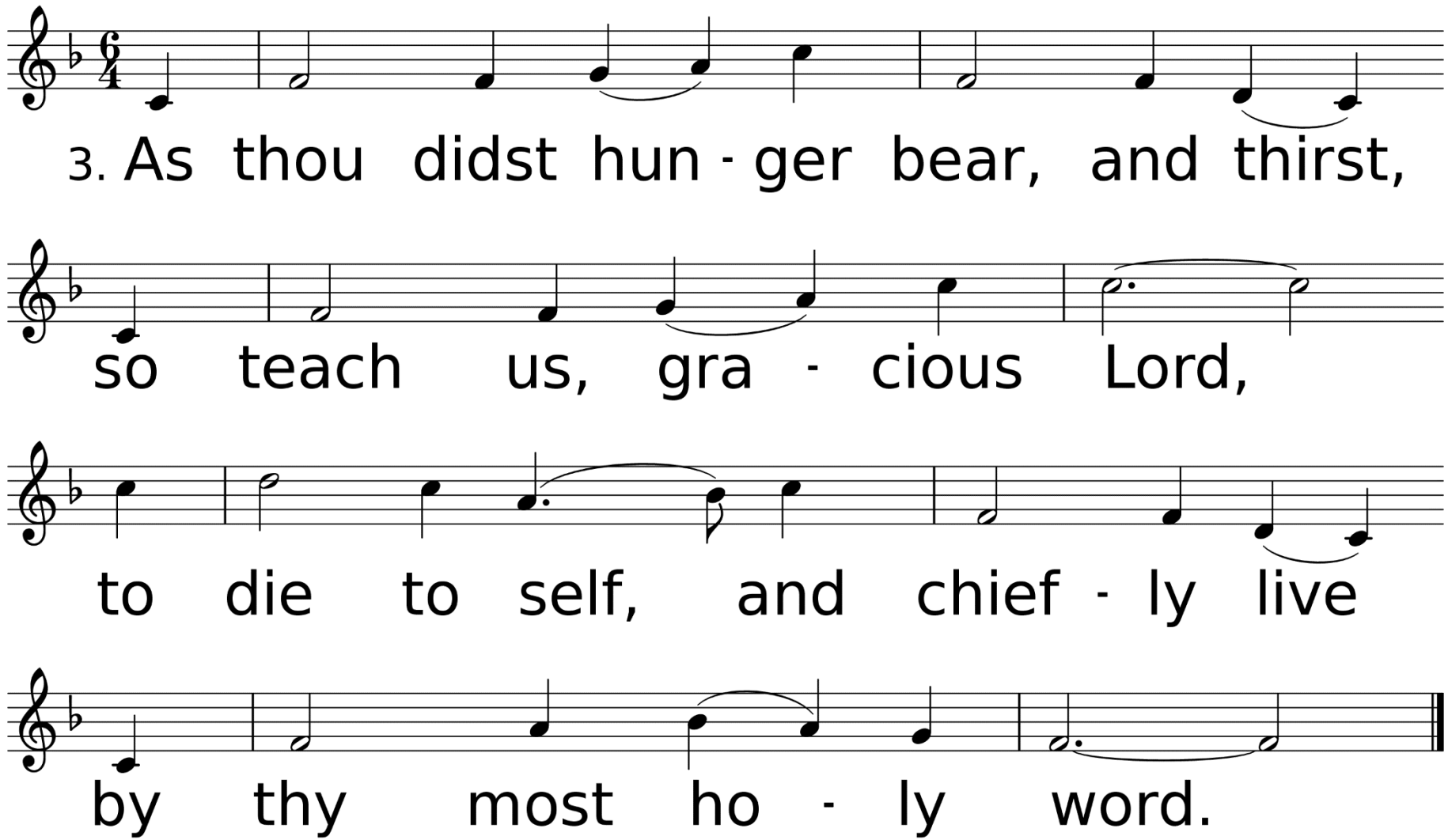
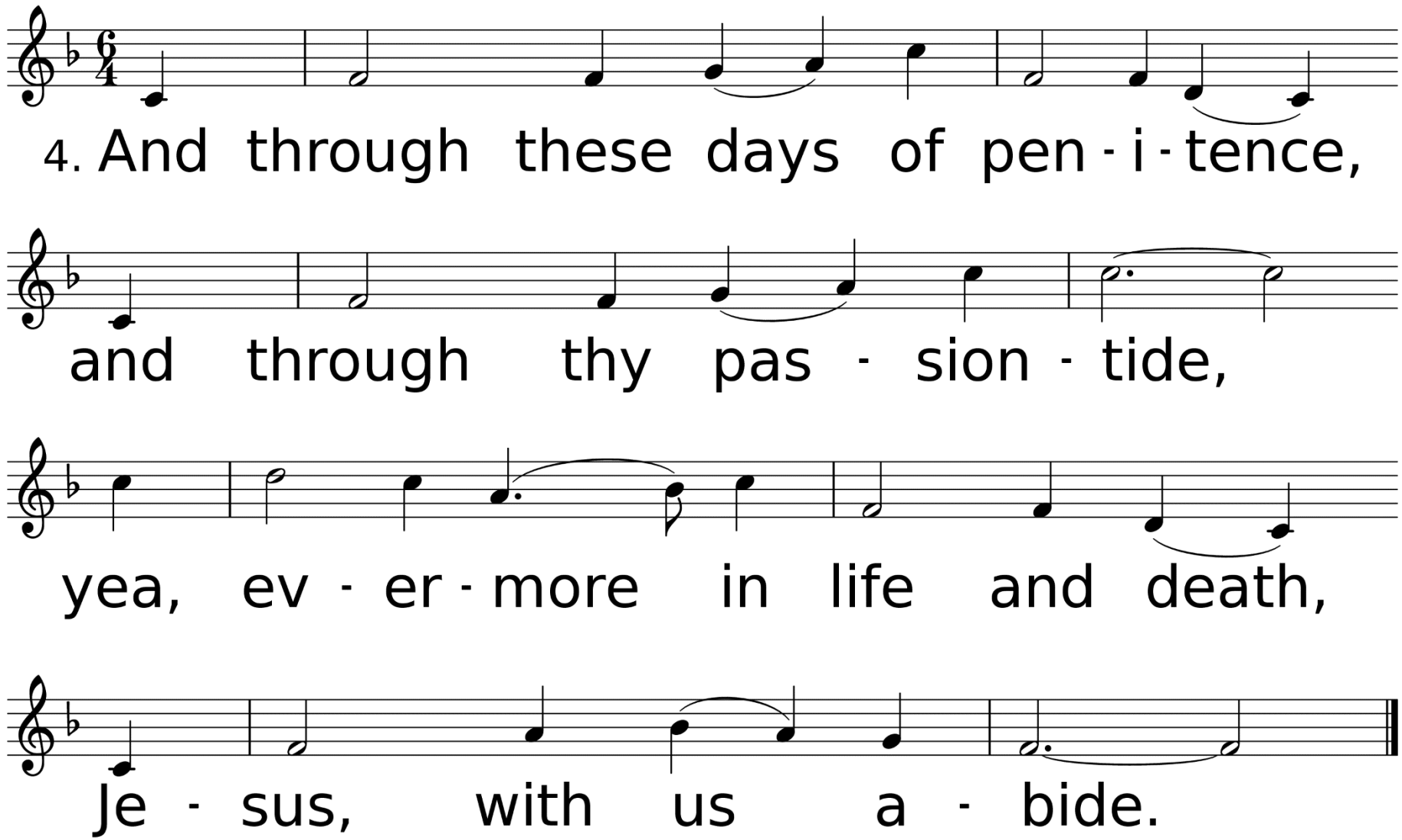
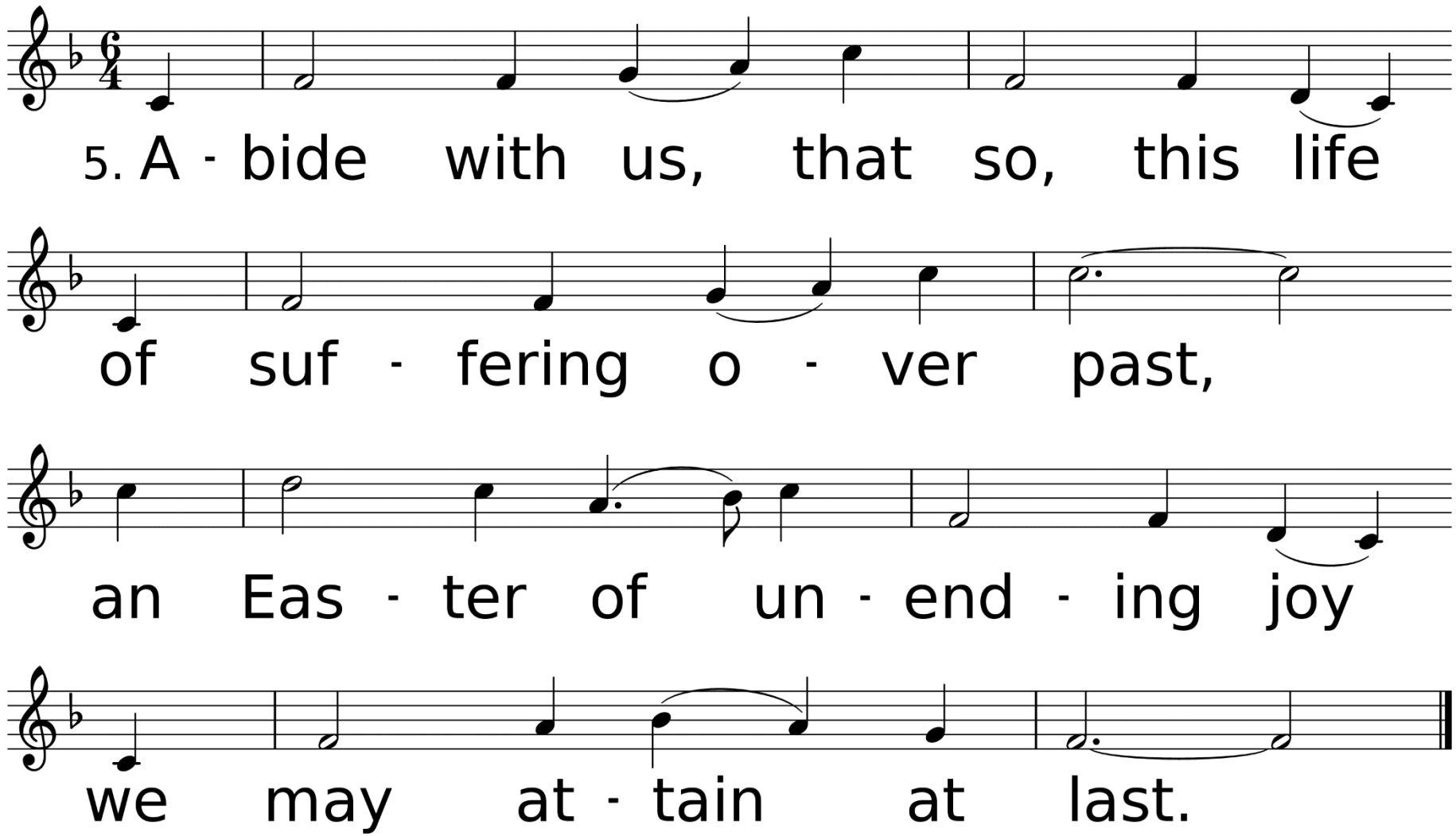


WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)
MUSIC (LAND OF REST, CM): USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938, © 1938, renewed 1966 J. Fischer and Bro. Co.; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988, © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House


2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend,
and didst the vic - tory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to con - quer sin.


3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
to die to self, and chief - ly live
by thy most ho - ly word.


4. And through these days of pen - i - tence,
and through thy pas - sion - tide,
yea, ev - er - more in life and death,
Je - sus, with us a - bide.


5. A - bide with us, that so, this life
of suf - fering o - ver past,
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy
we may at - tain at last.

*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

Family & Friends of
Charles Simpson
Marilyn Kenney
& Family
Donna McCullough
Jane Morrison Kenney
Doug Smith
Brigitte, Jim,
& Zoe Booth
Evangeline Grace Magel
Charles & Brenda
Penney
Claude Moses
Casey Gru
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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
Amazing Grace

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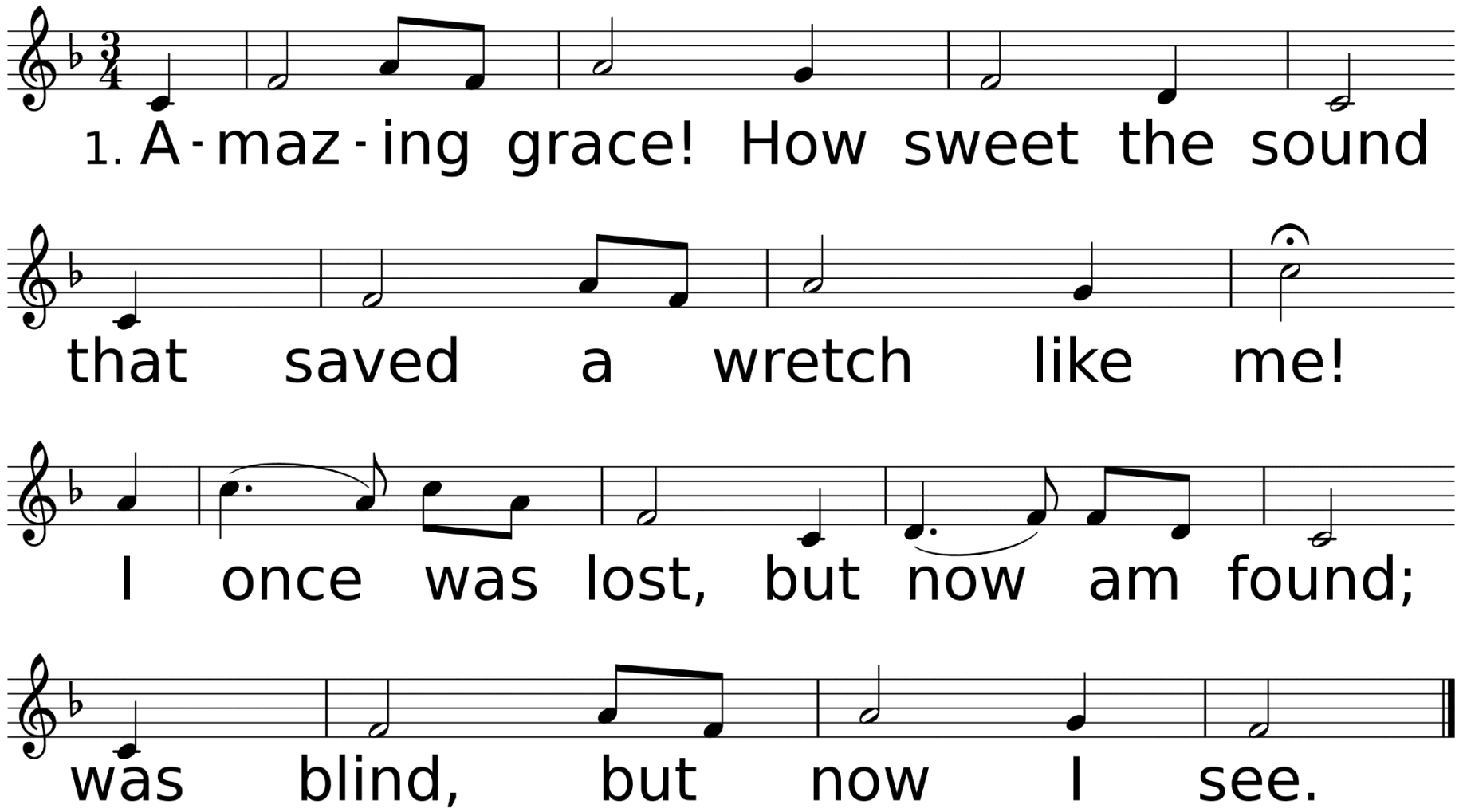
Amazing Grace *United Methodist Hymnal #378*



WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon.; phonetic transciption Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, Choctaw as sung in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; Navajo phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosi (1 Chr. 17:16-17)
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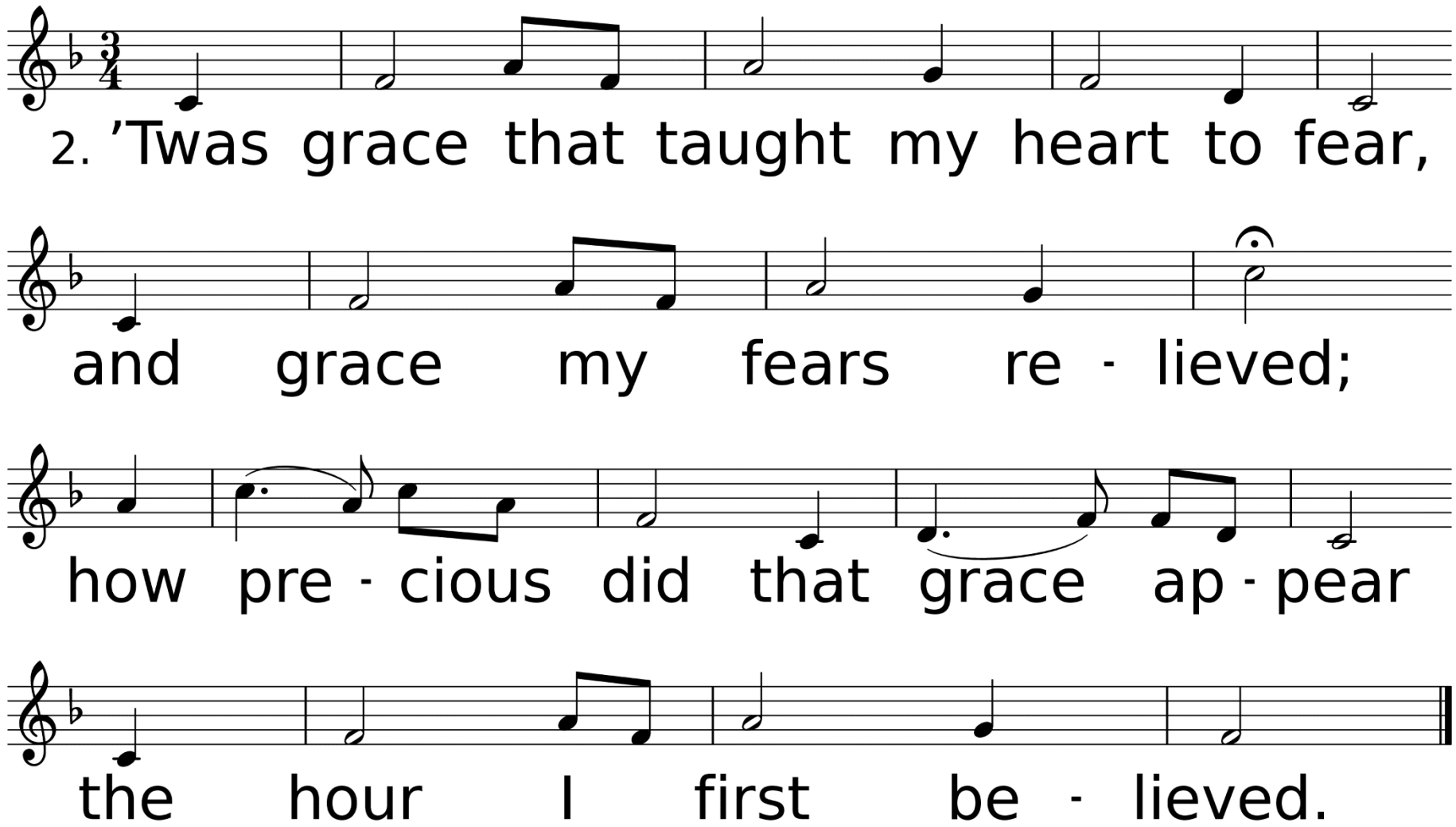
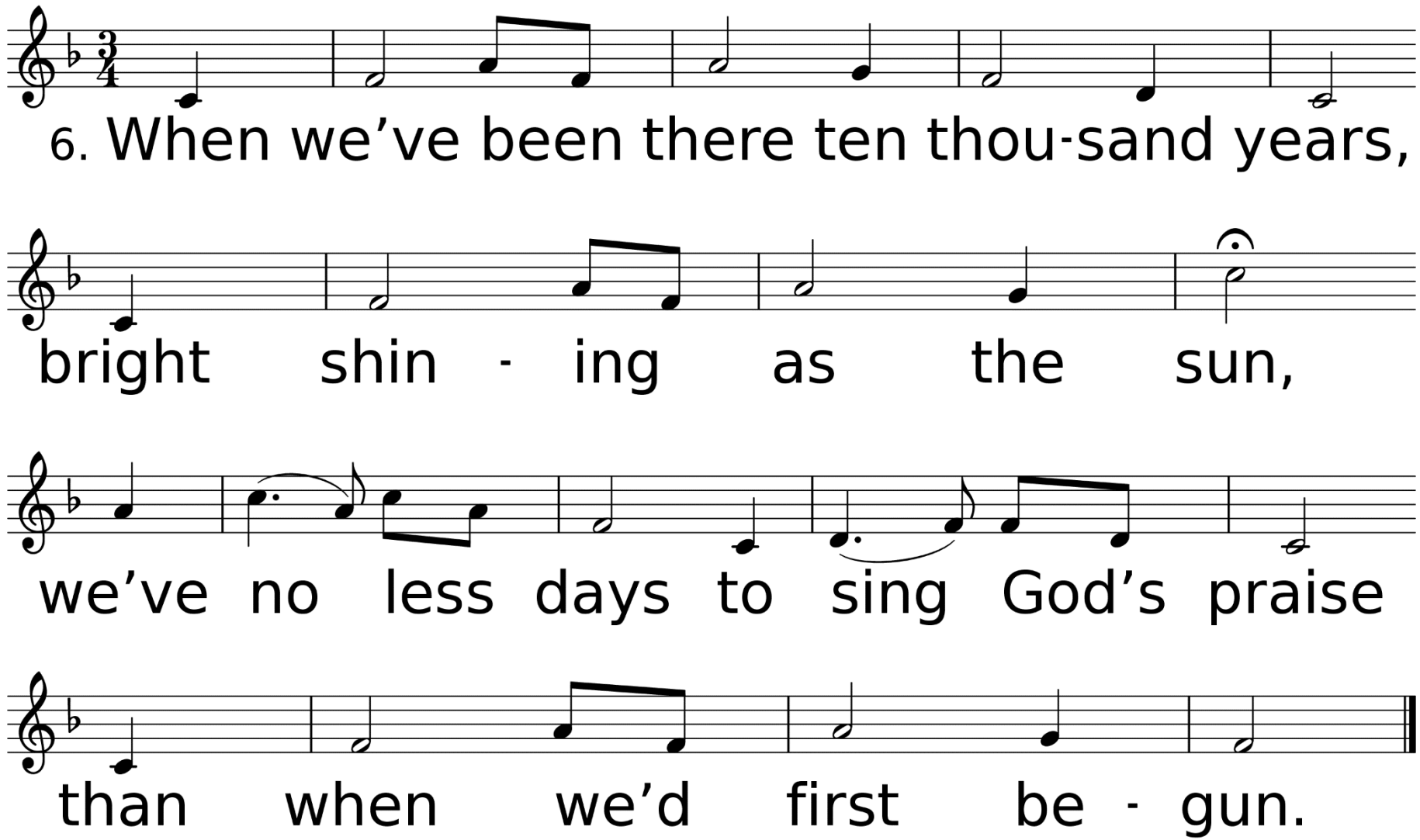
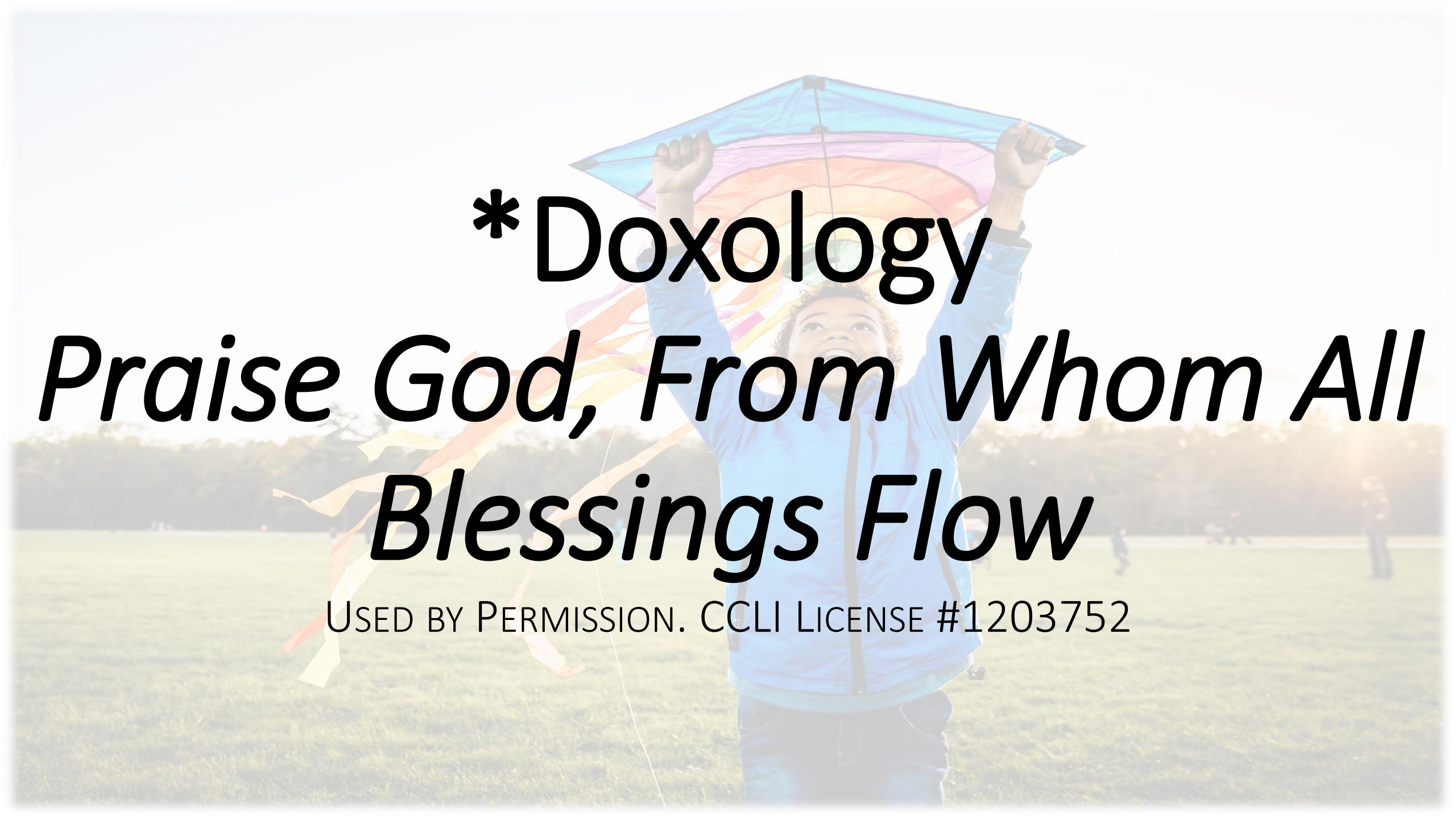

2. ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears re - lieved;
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear
the hour I first be - lieved.


6. When we've been there ten thou-sand years,
bright shin - ing as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first be - gun.

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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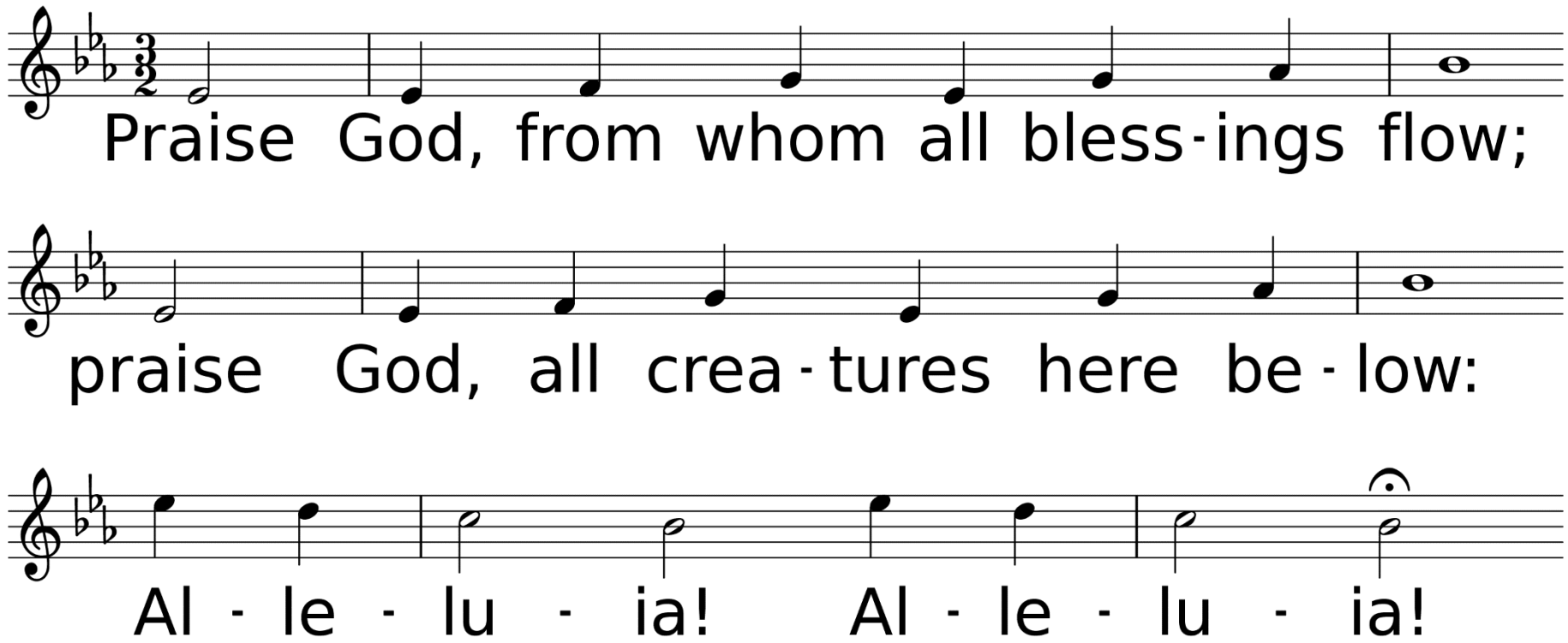

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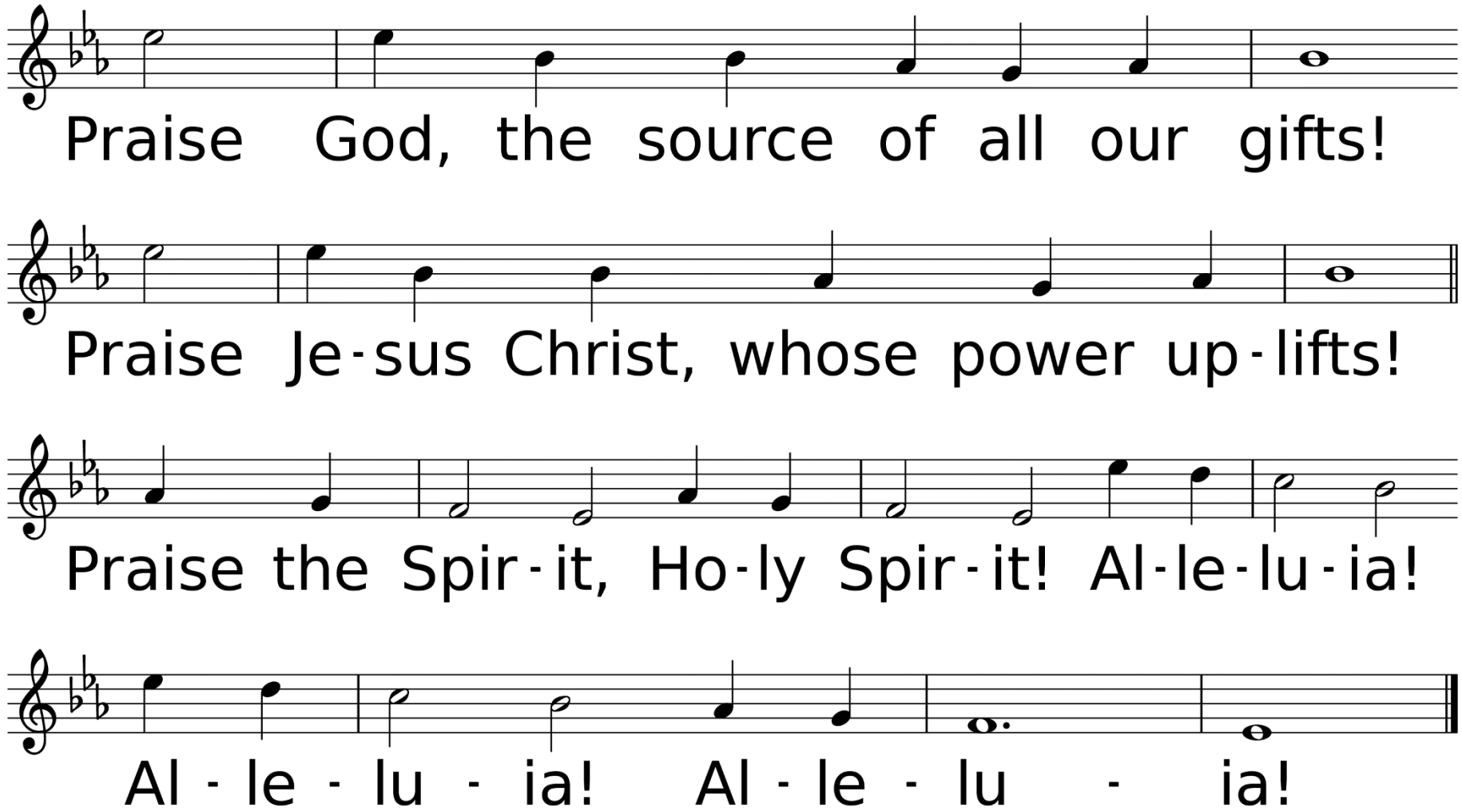
MUSIC (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88.44.88 with Refrain): Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906


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!

Dismissal of Children for Children’s Church

Hymn of Faith

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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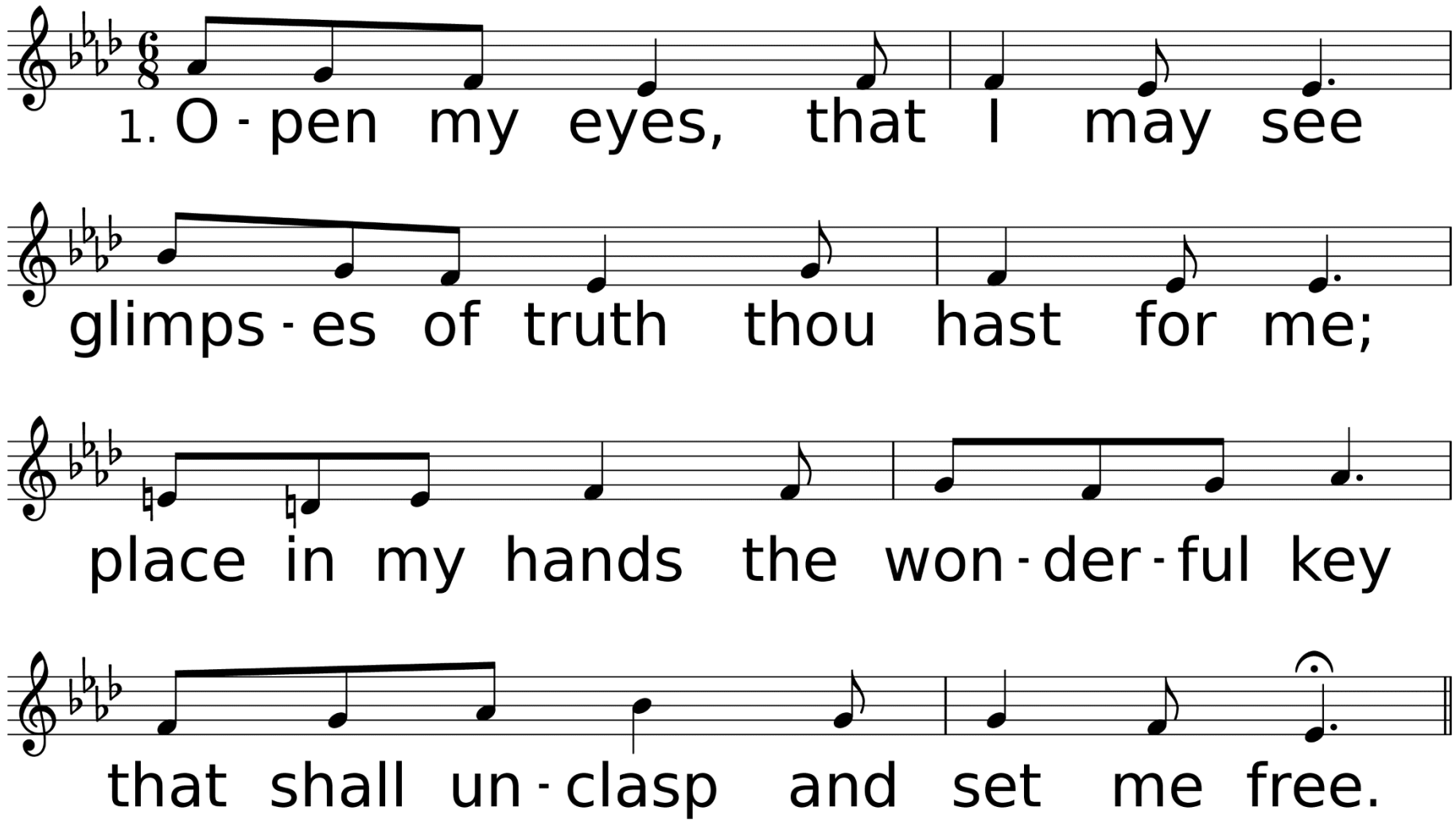

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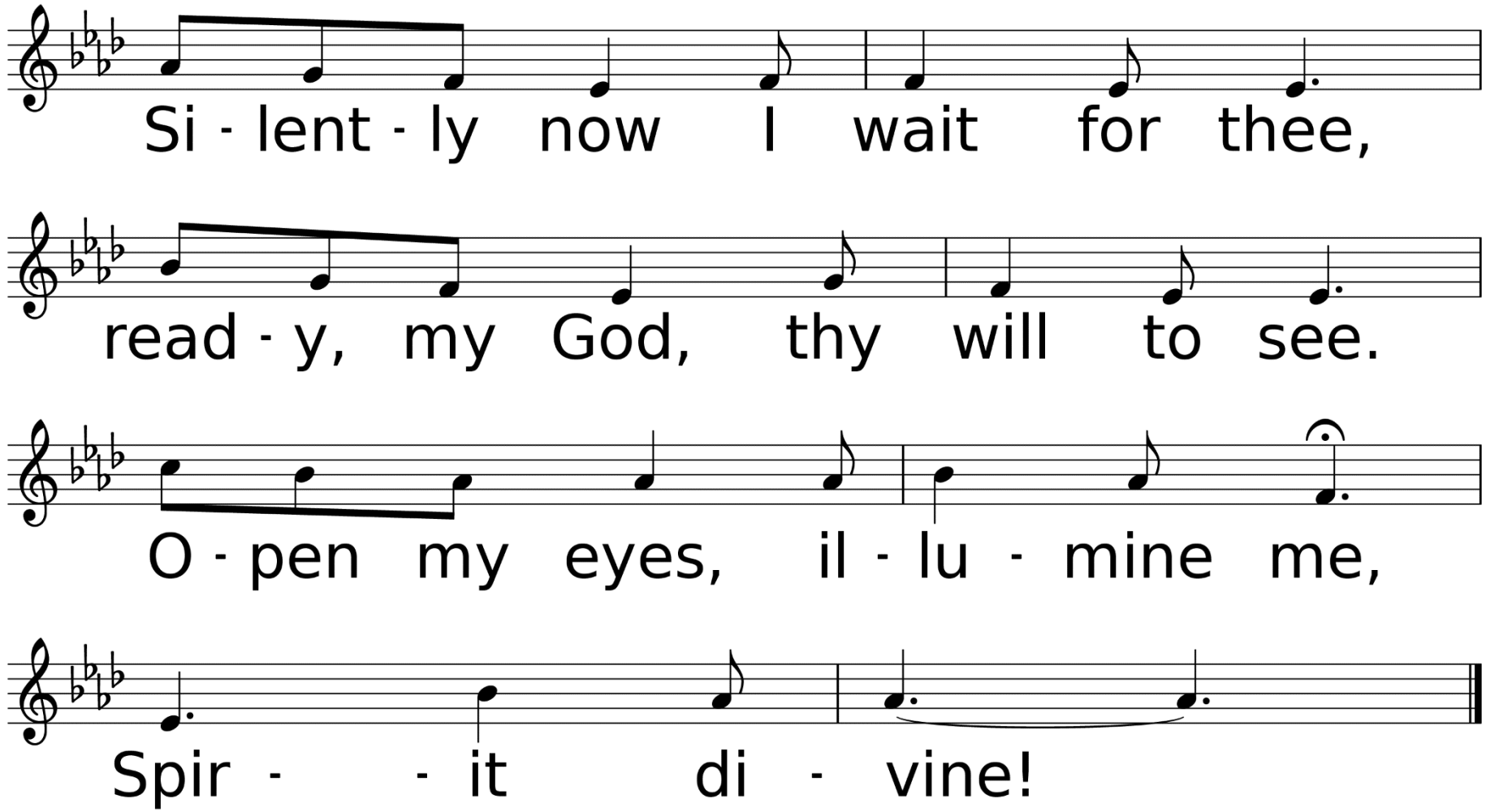
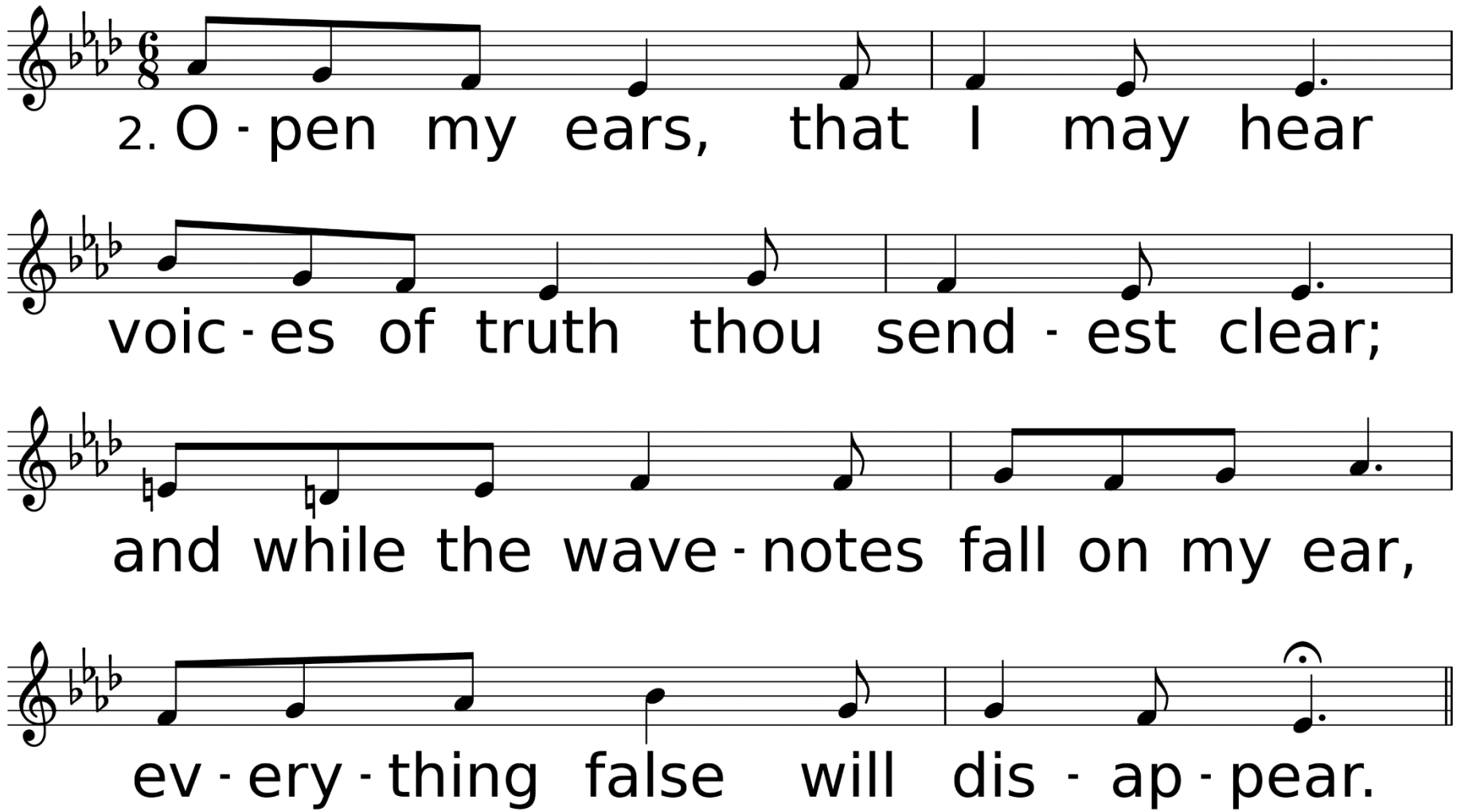

Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee,
read - y, my God, thy will to see.
O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me,
Spir - - it di - vine!


2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear
voic - es of truth thou send - est clear;
and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.

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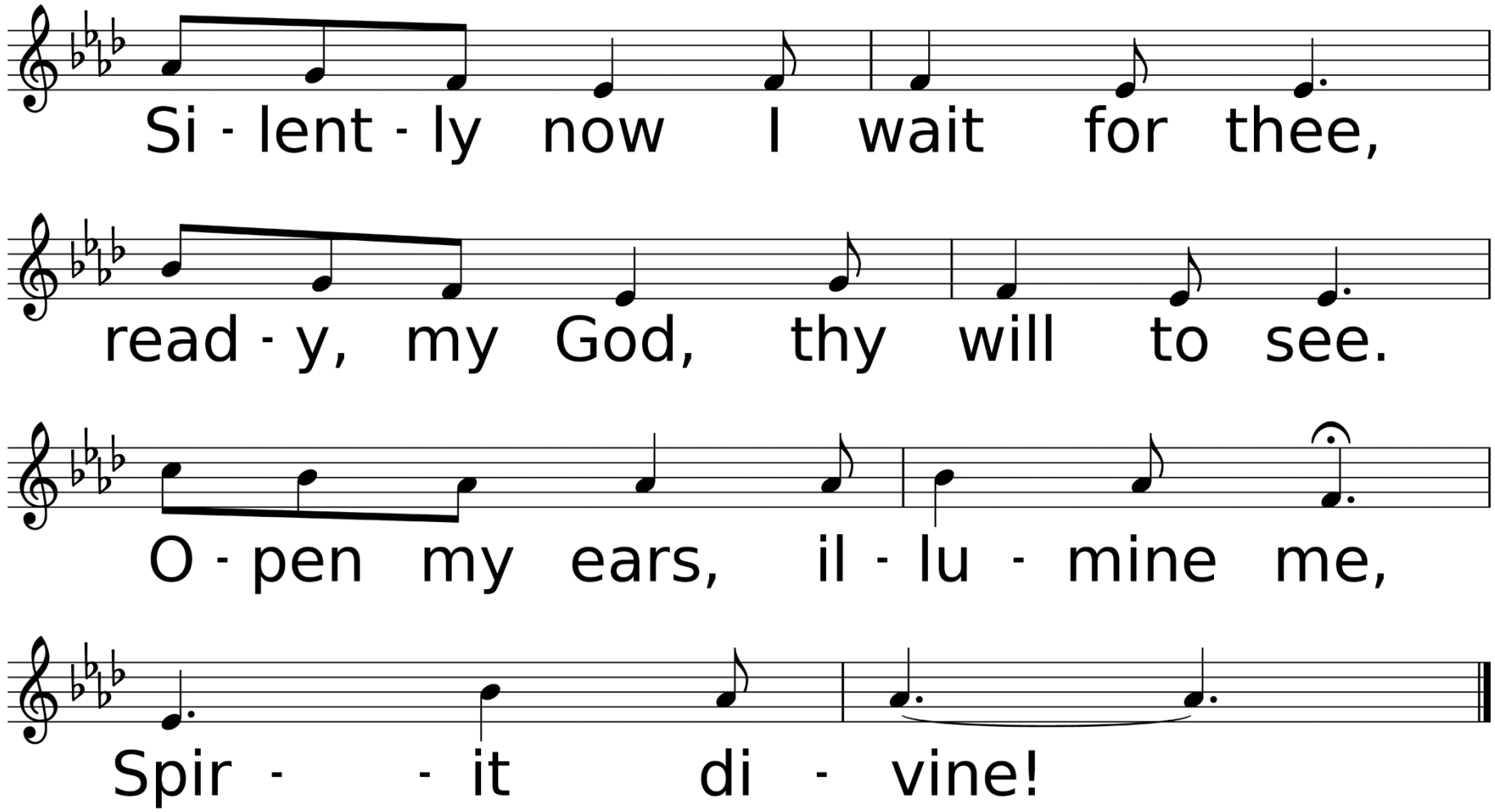
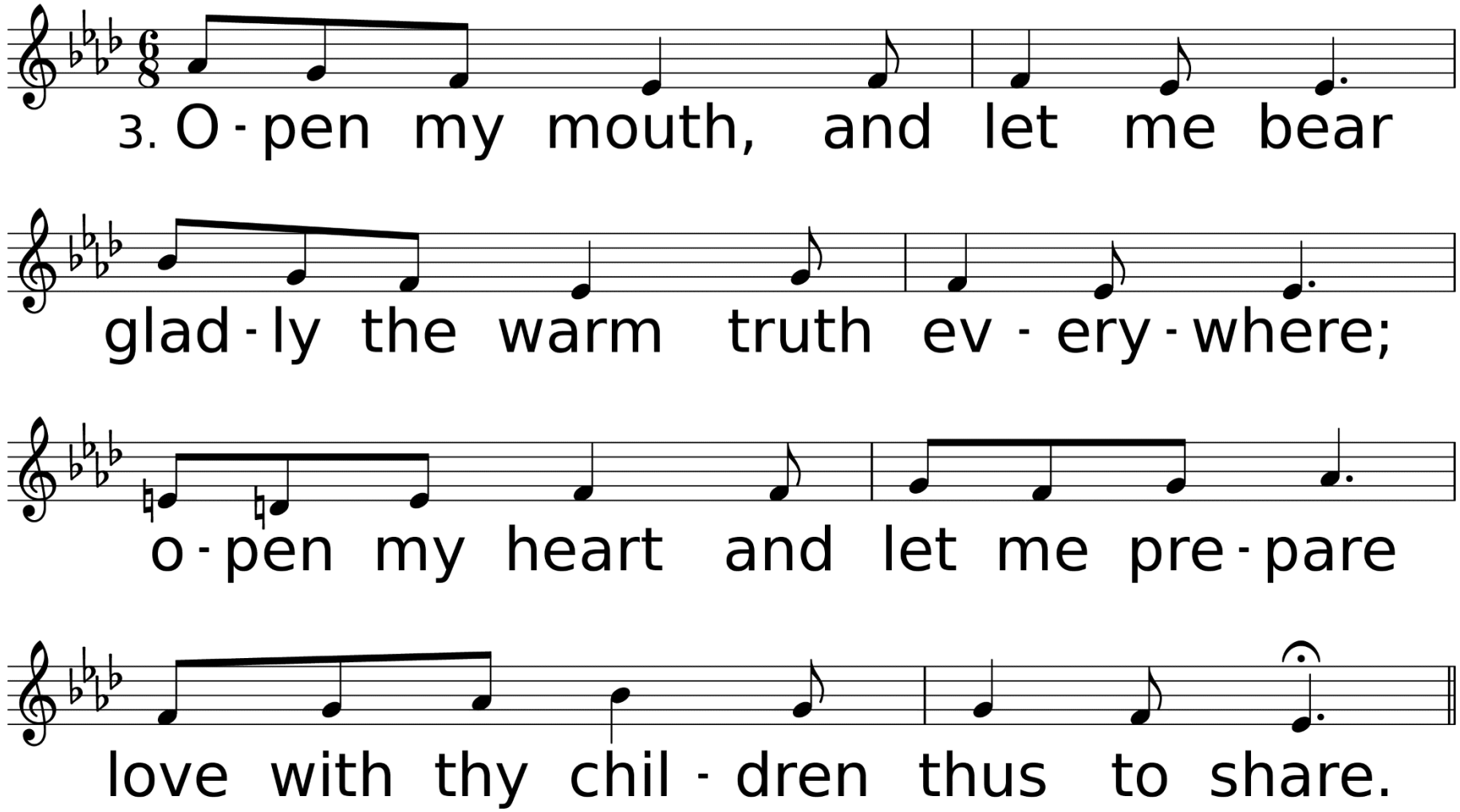
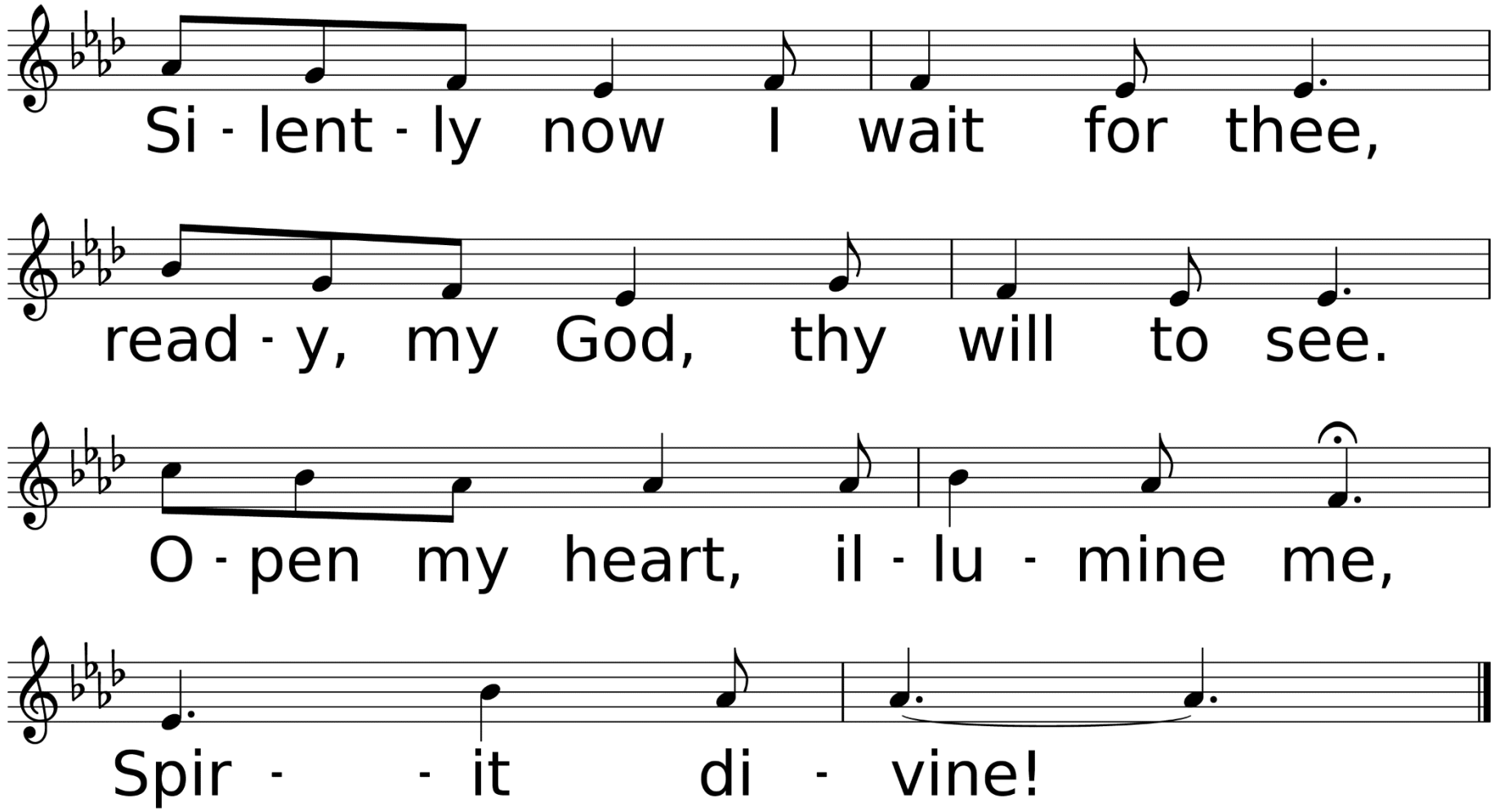



3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear
glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;
o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.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Scripture Reading
John 9:1-41

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent").
So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.
His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was.
Others said, "No, he only looks like him."
But he himself insisted, "I am the man."
"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

“Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath.

Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”
Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”
But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.
Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”
The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”
He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”
Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”

“Who is the Blind One Really?”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Lamb of God

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*Hymn of Invitation

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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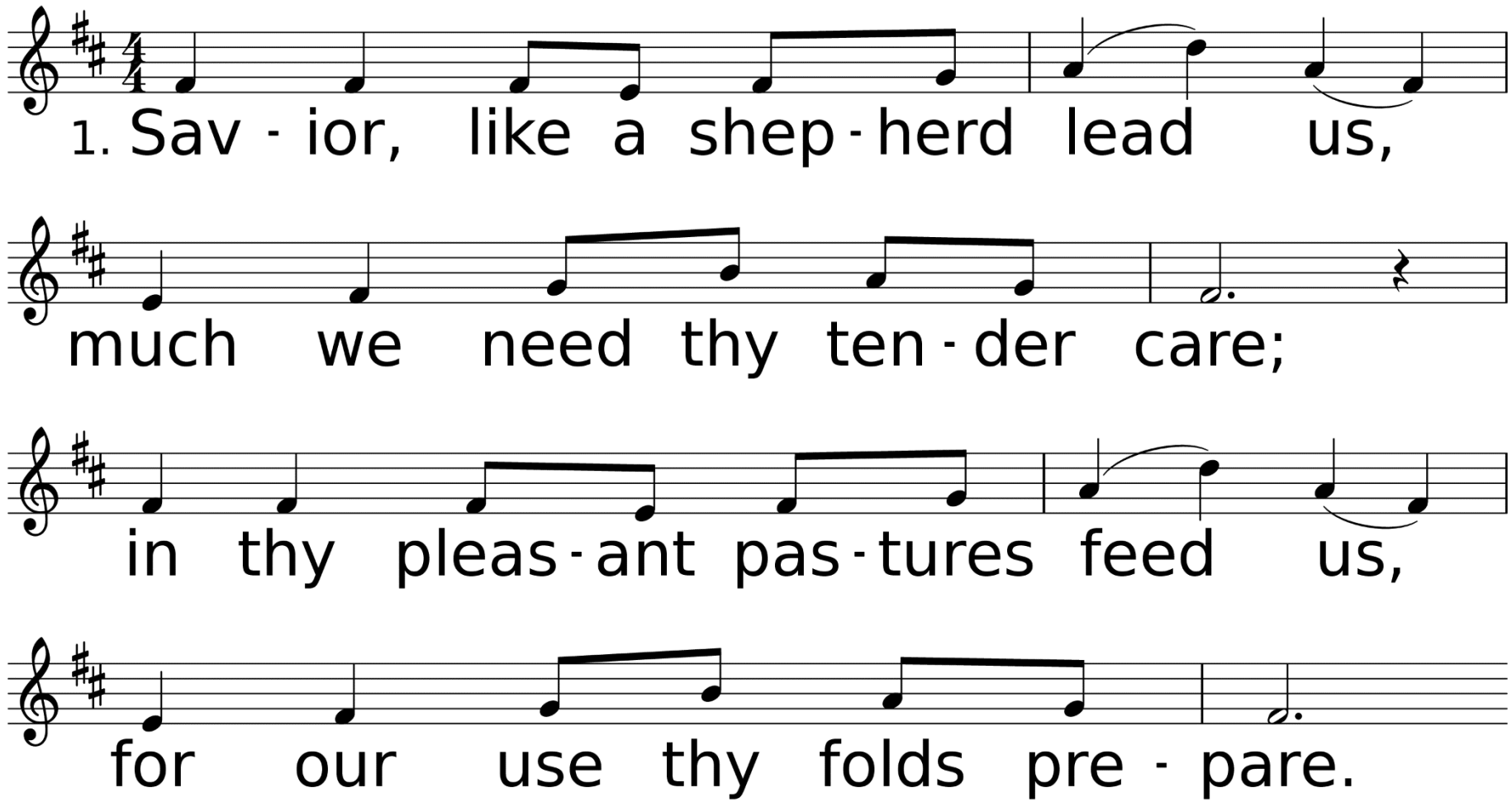

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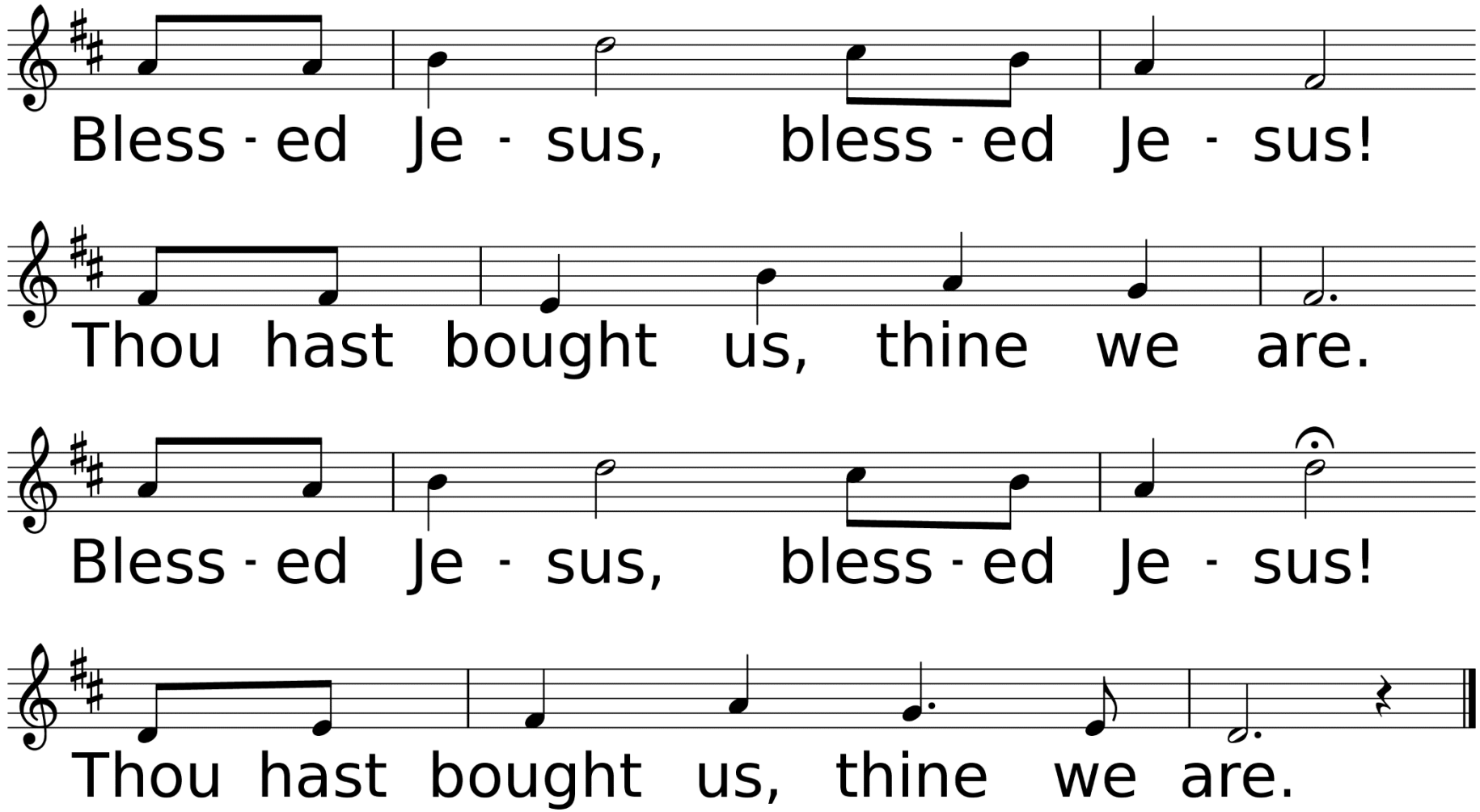
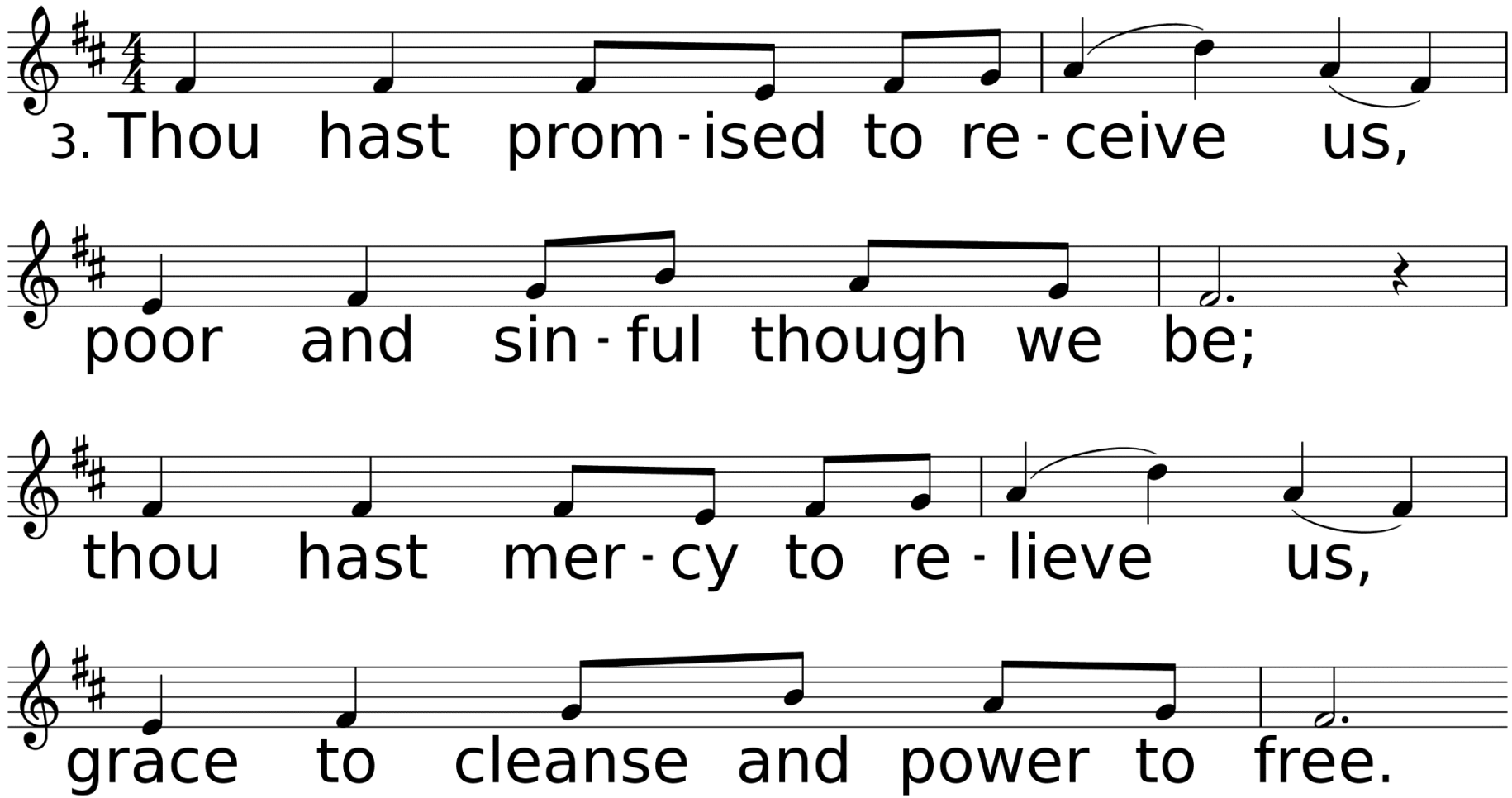
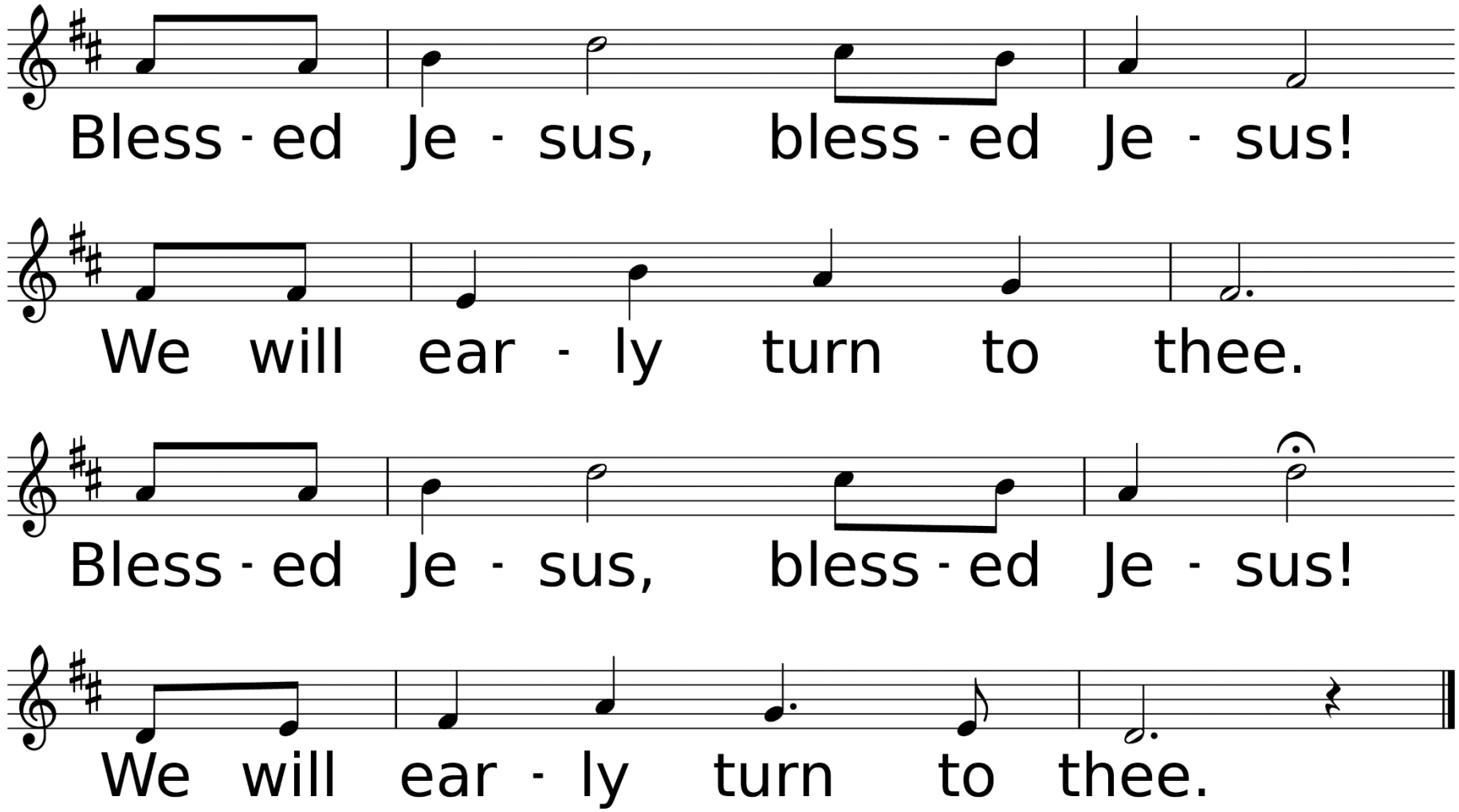

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.


3. Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us,
poor and sin-ful though we be;
thou hast mer-cy to re-lieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.


Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus!
We will ear - ly turn to thee.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus!
We will ear - ly turn to thee.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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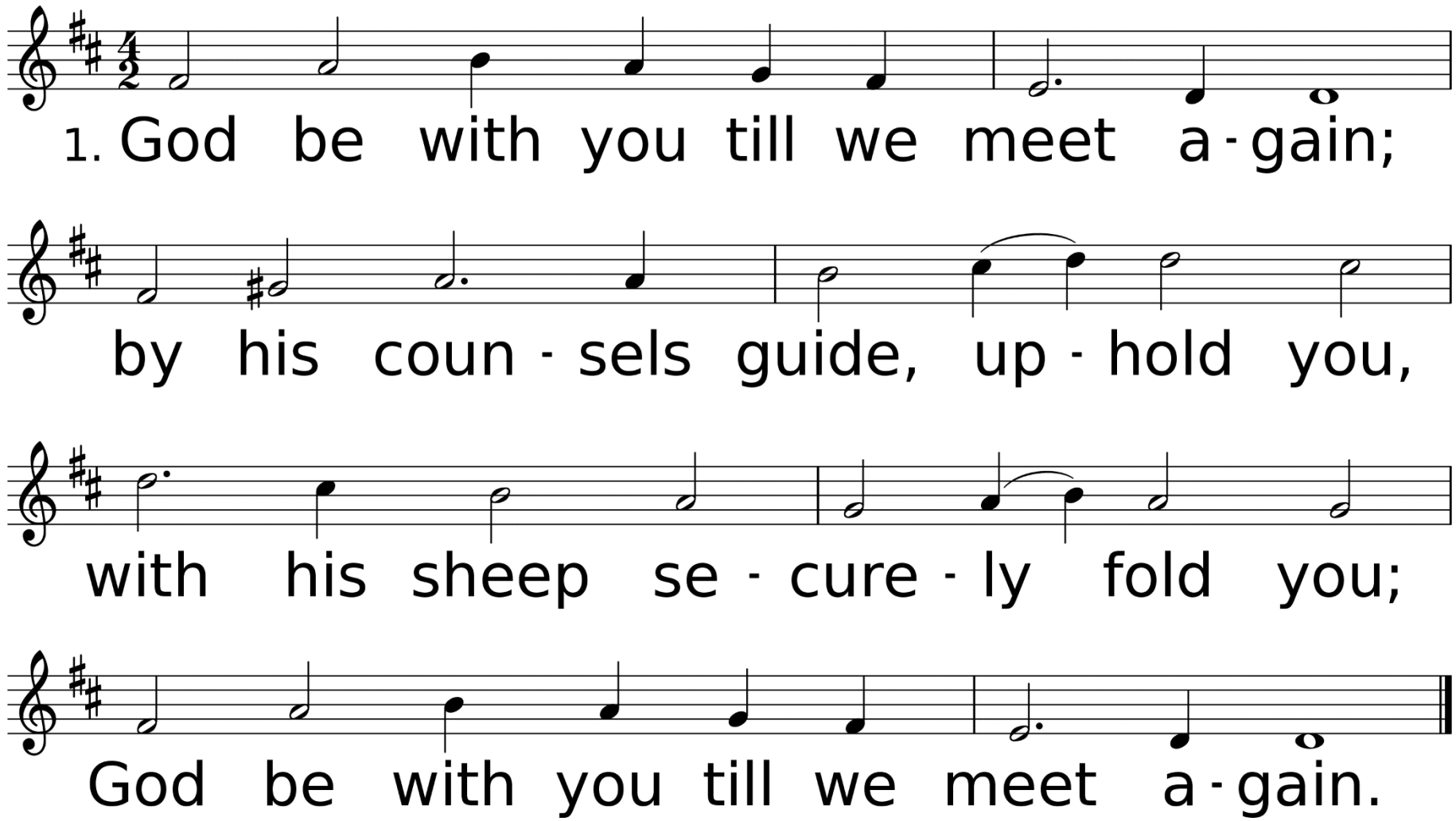

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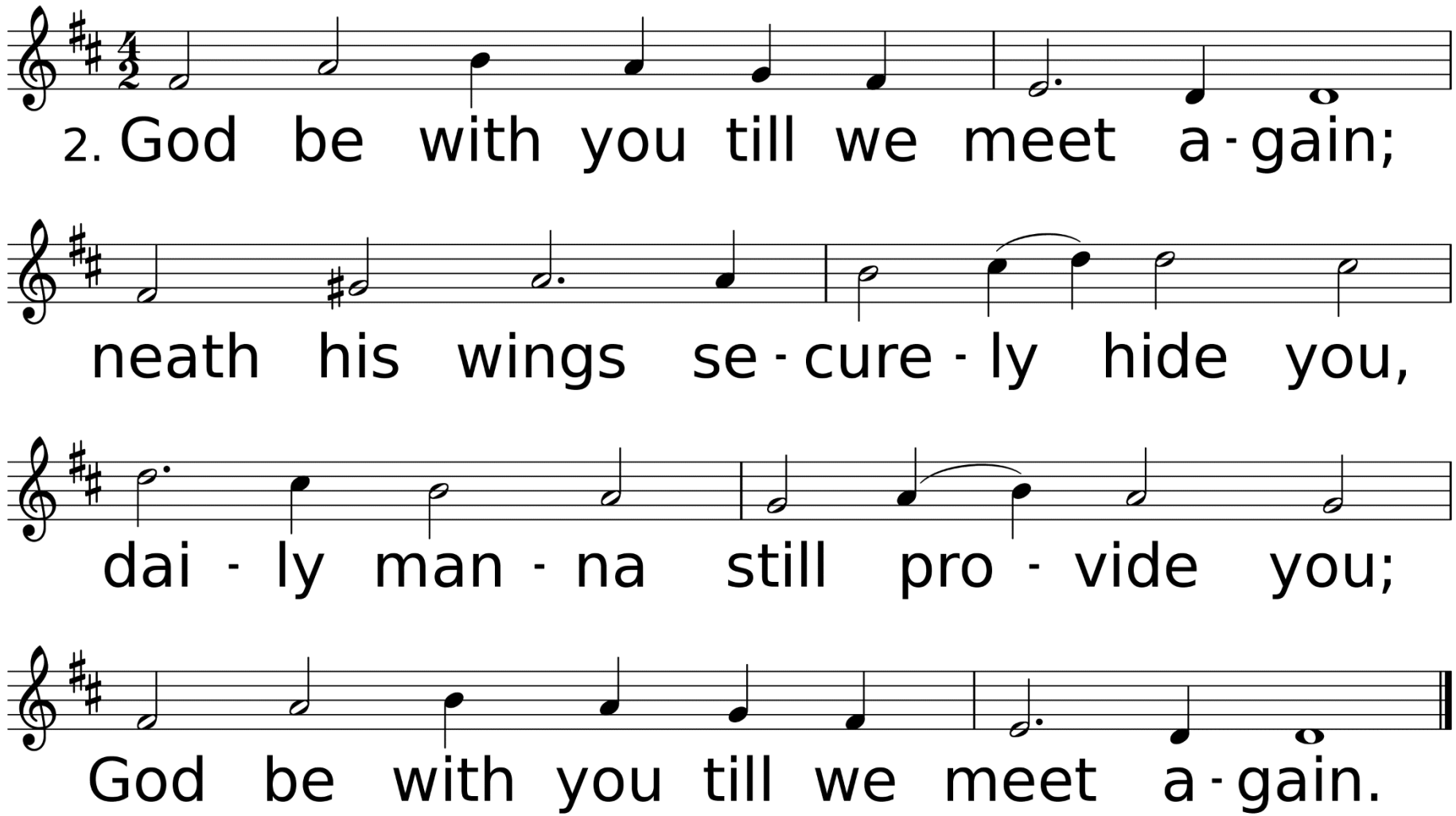
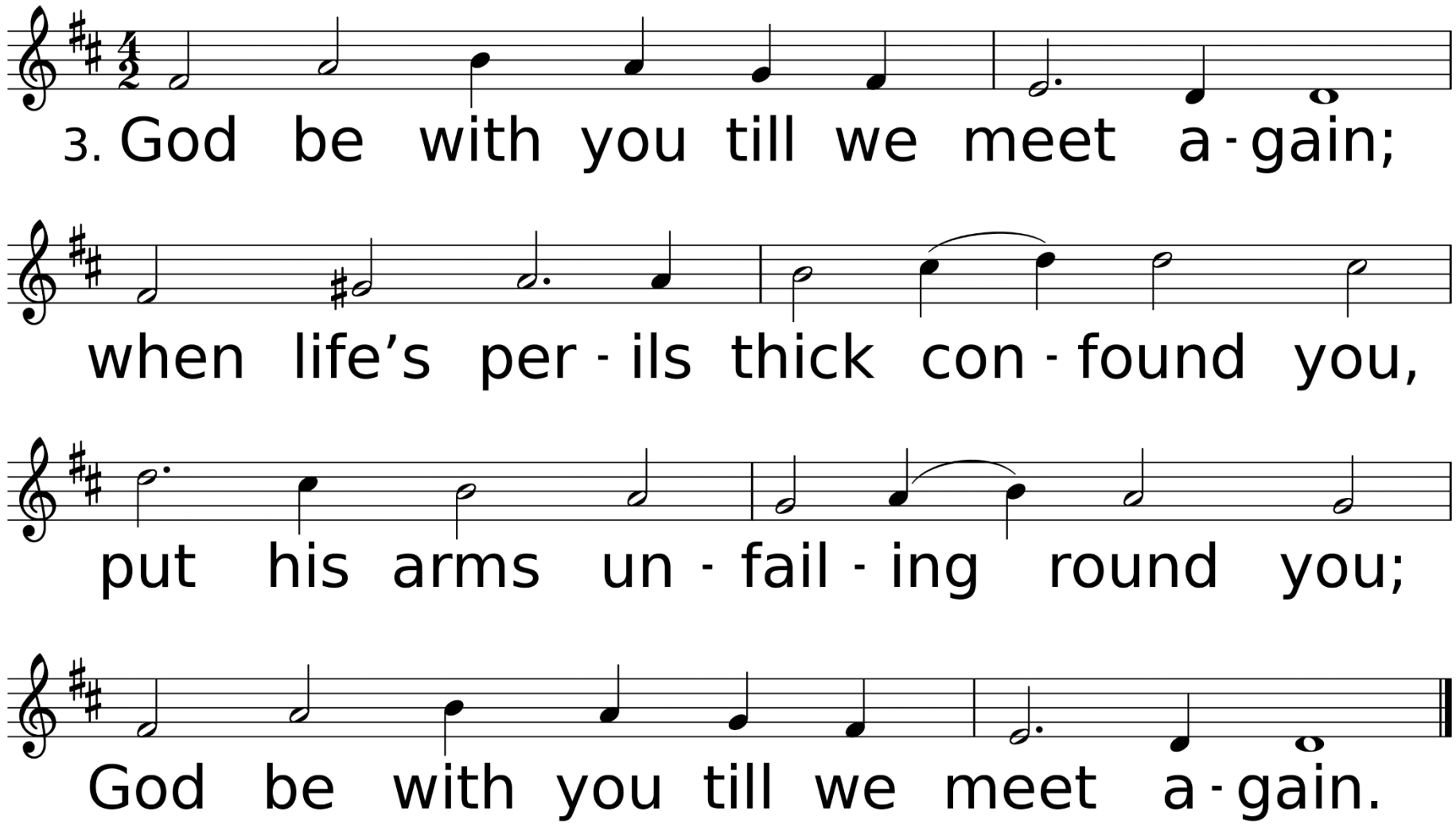
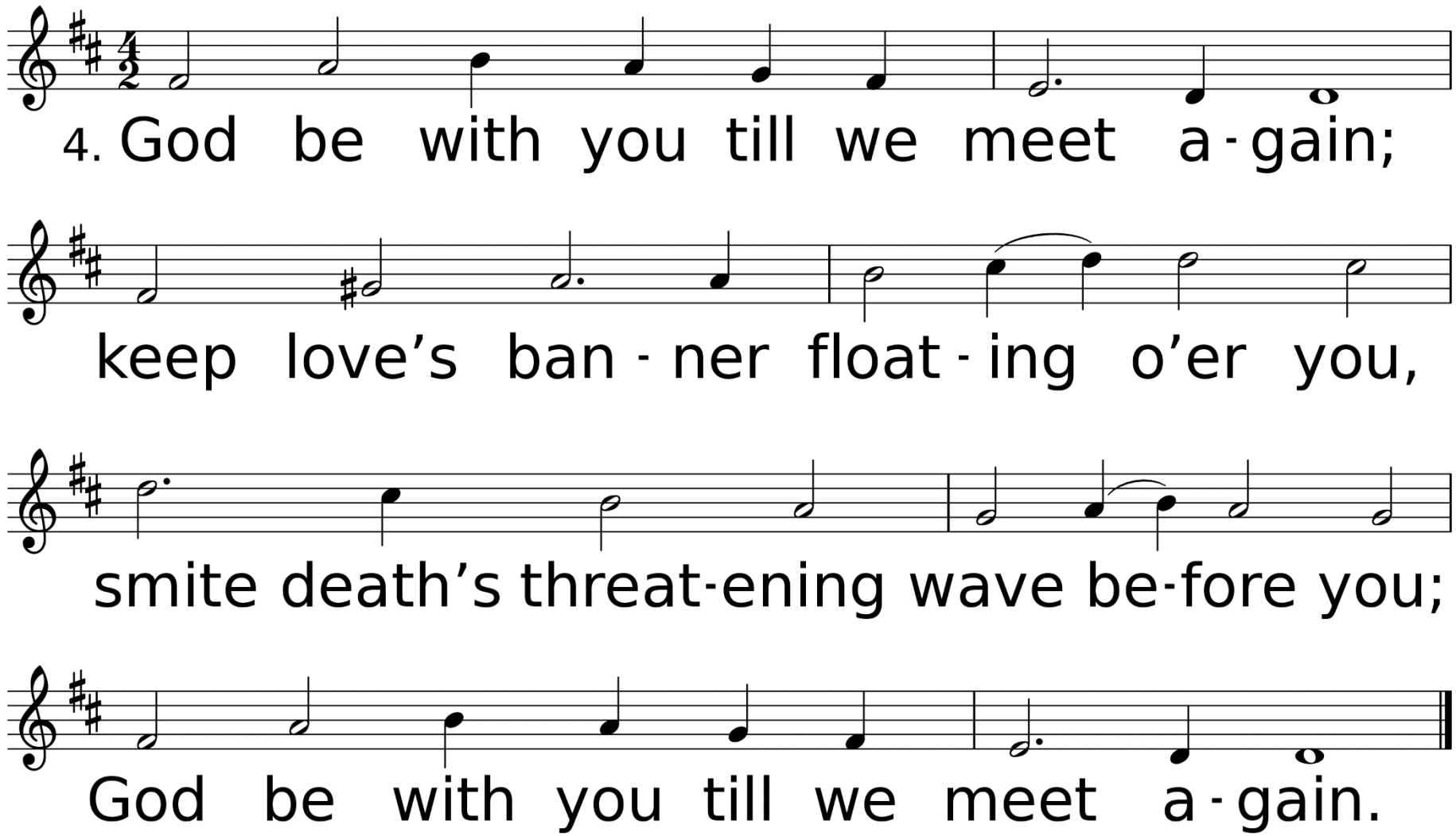

2. God be with you till we meet a-gain;
neath his wings se-cure-ly hide you,
dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you;
God be with you till we meet a-gain.


3. God be with you till we meet a-gain;
when life's per-ils thick con-found you,
put his arms un-fail-ing round you;
God be with you till we meet a-gain.


4. God be with you till we meet a-gain;
keep love's ban-ner float-ing o'er you,
smite death's threat-ening wave be-fore you;
God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Thank you for joining us today! If you would like to receive Communion, please come to the rail to partake. The elements have been blessed.