Welcome Home!

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday Worship Service with Communion

Sanctuary & Online

10:00 AM

Hand Bell Call to Worship

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Hand Bell Ensemble

David Angerman

Organ Call to Worship
Easter Arrangement of Ellacombe

Lawrence James
Charles Wesley, Text
Lyra Davidica, Tune

*Call to Worship

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choir of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Congregation: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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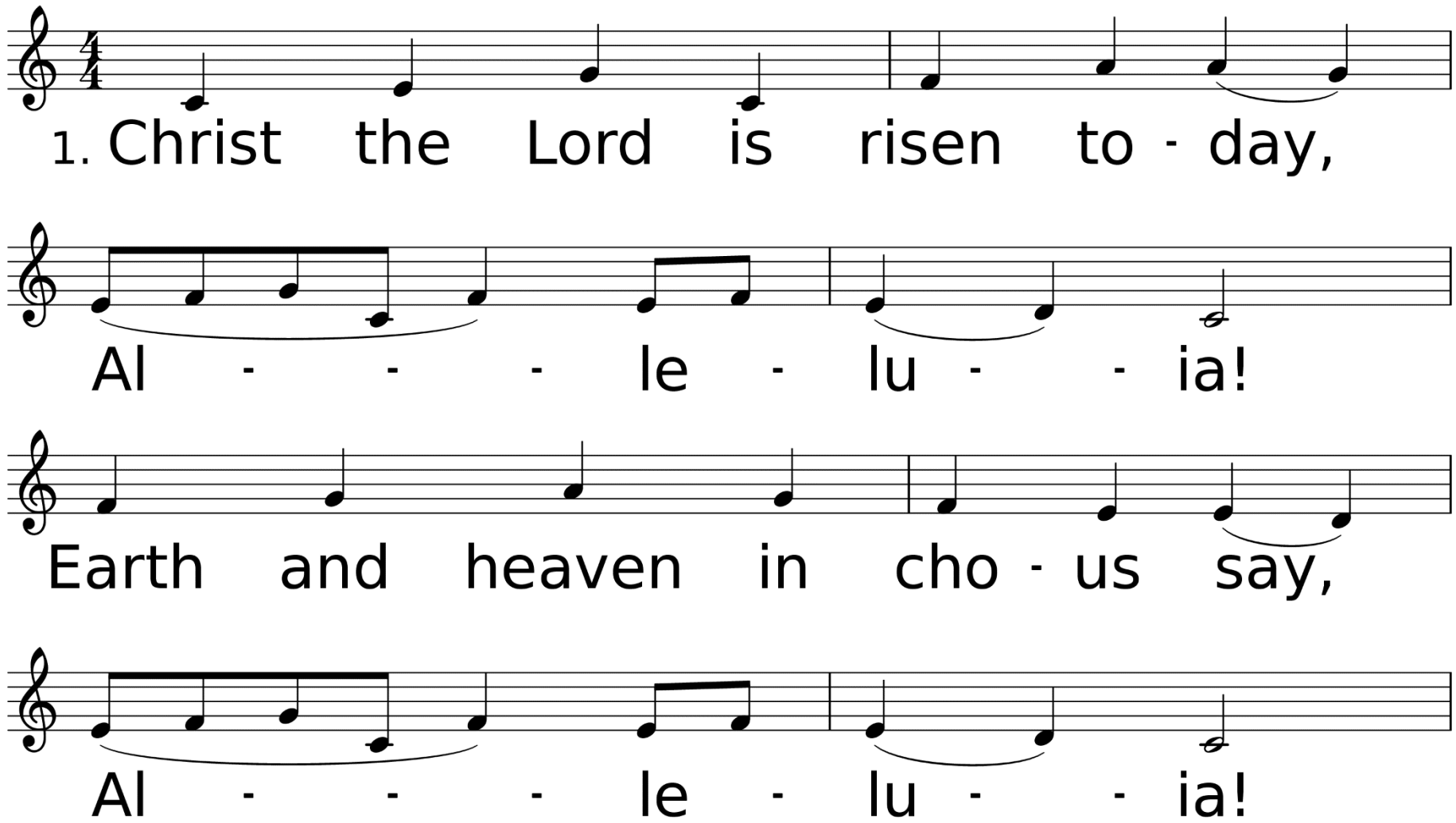

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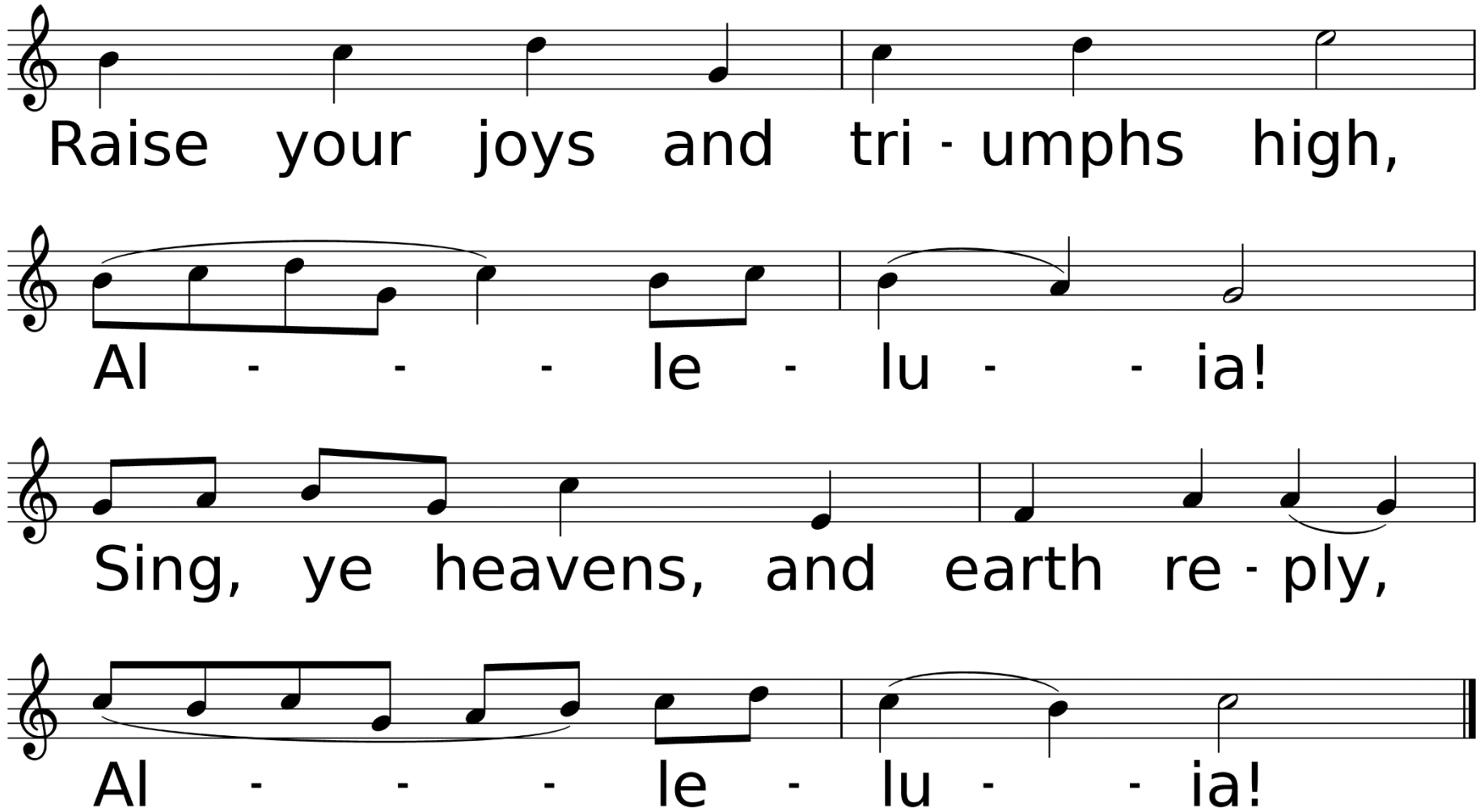
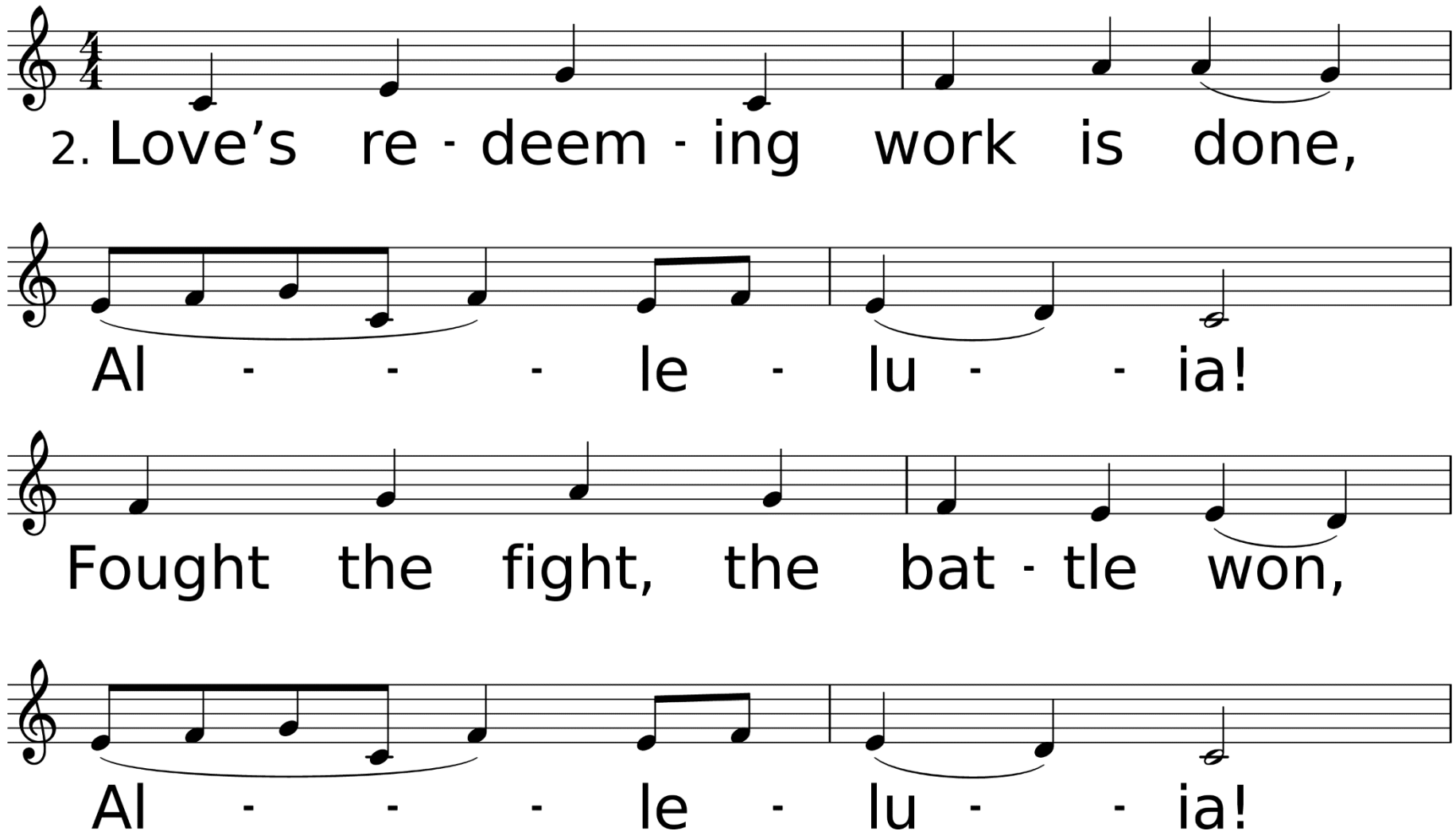
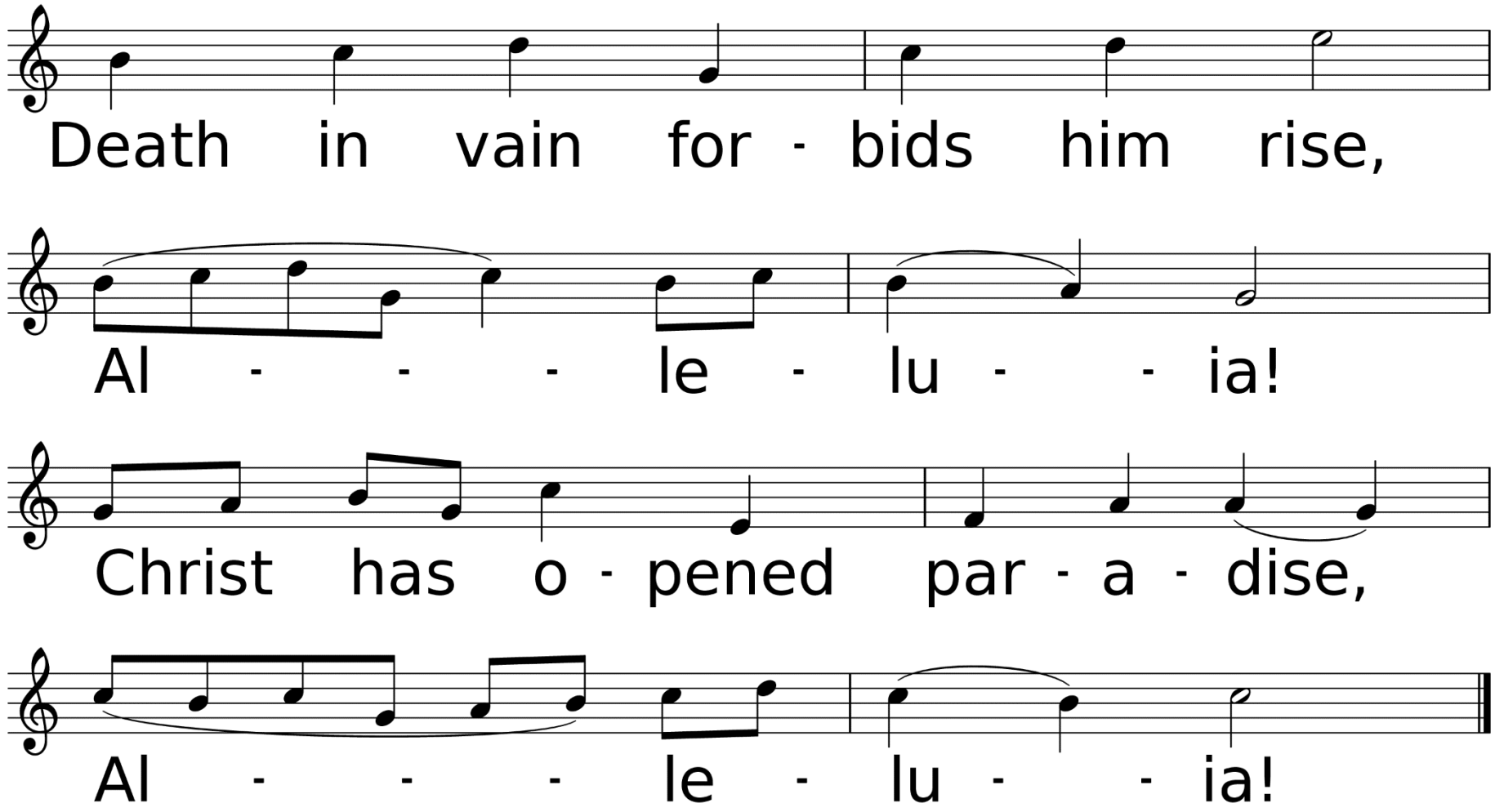

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Death in vain for - bids him rise,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,
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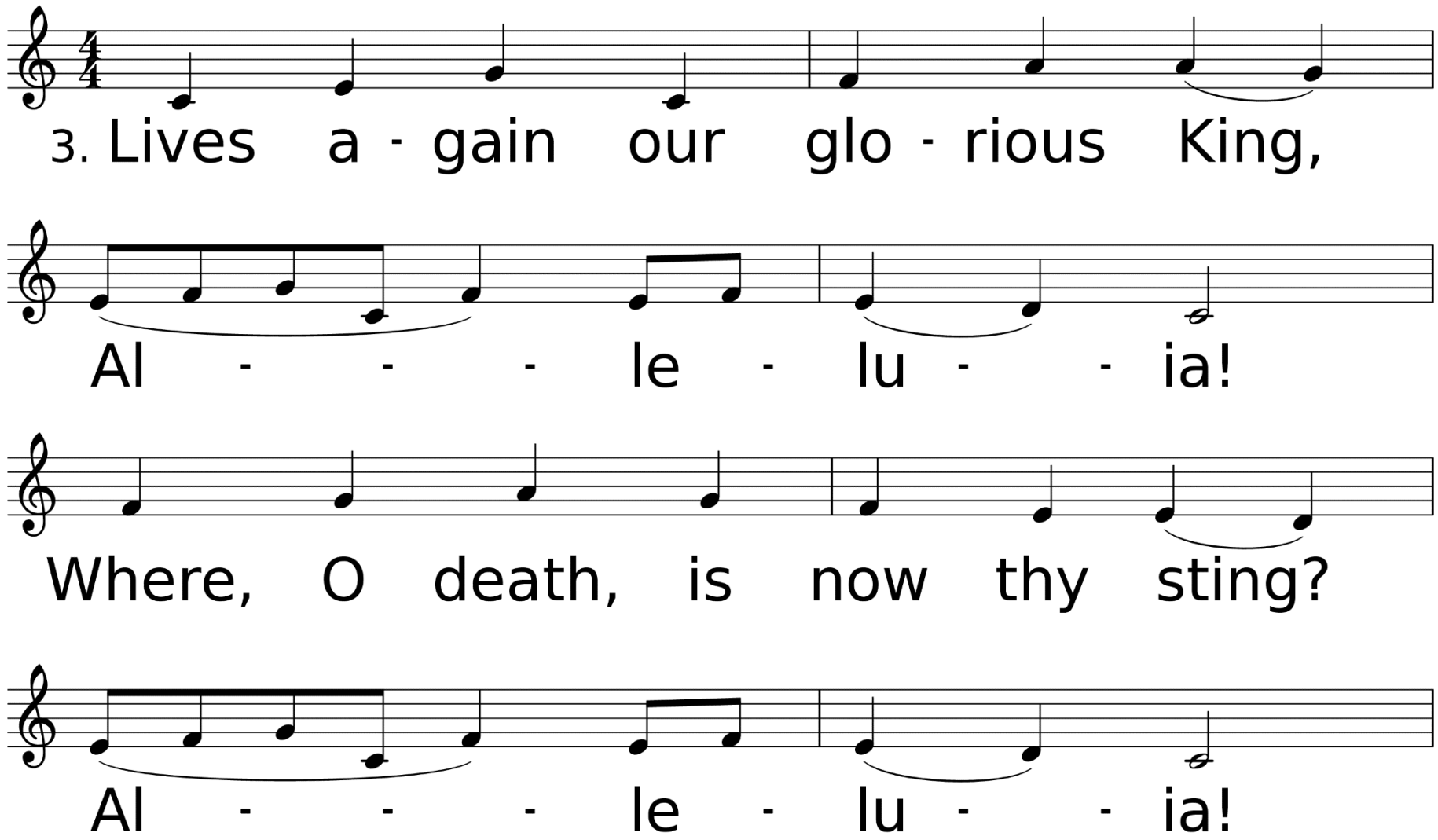
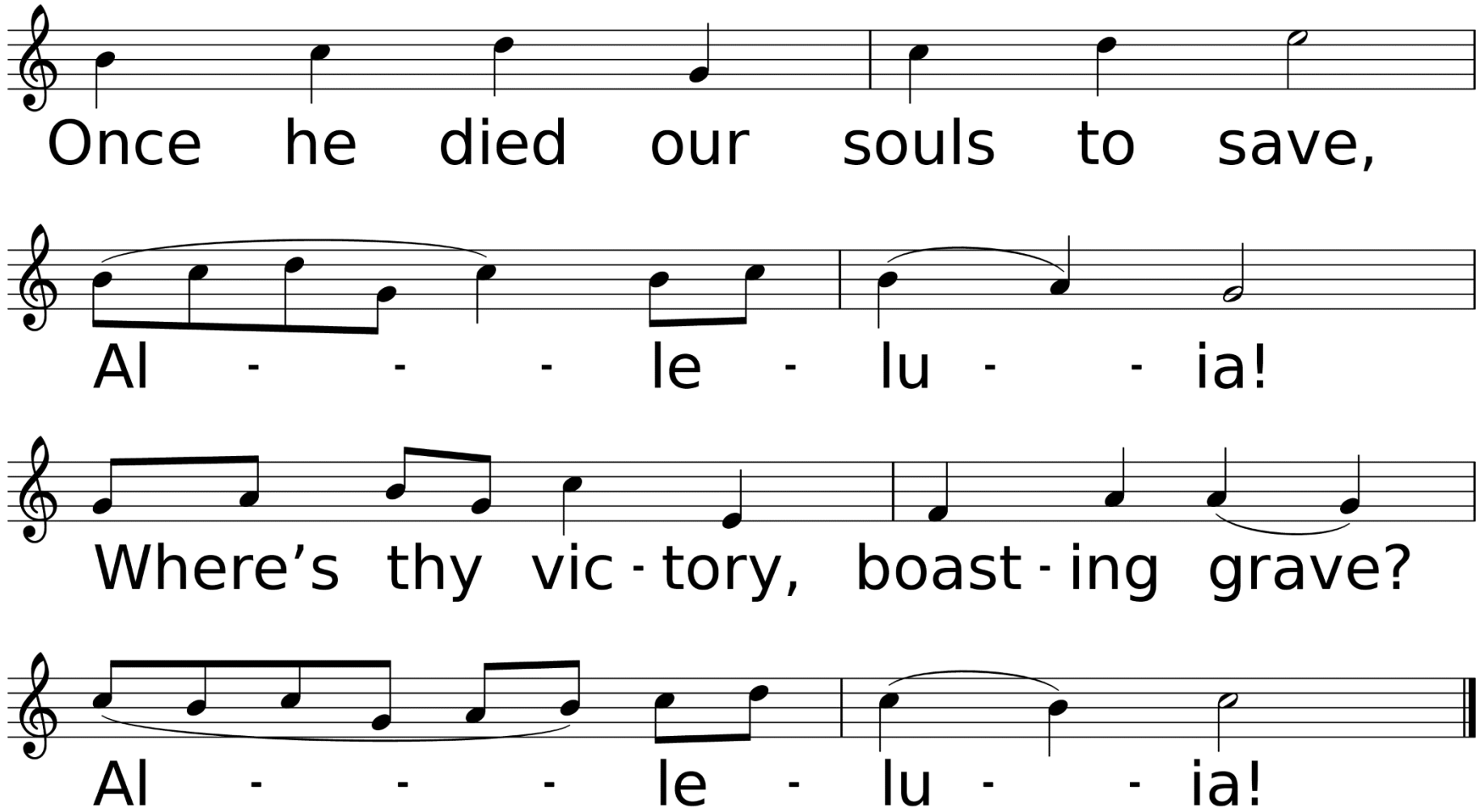
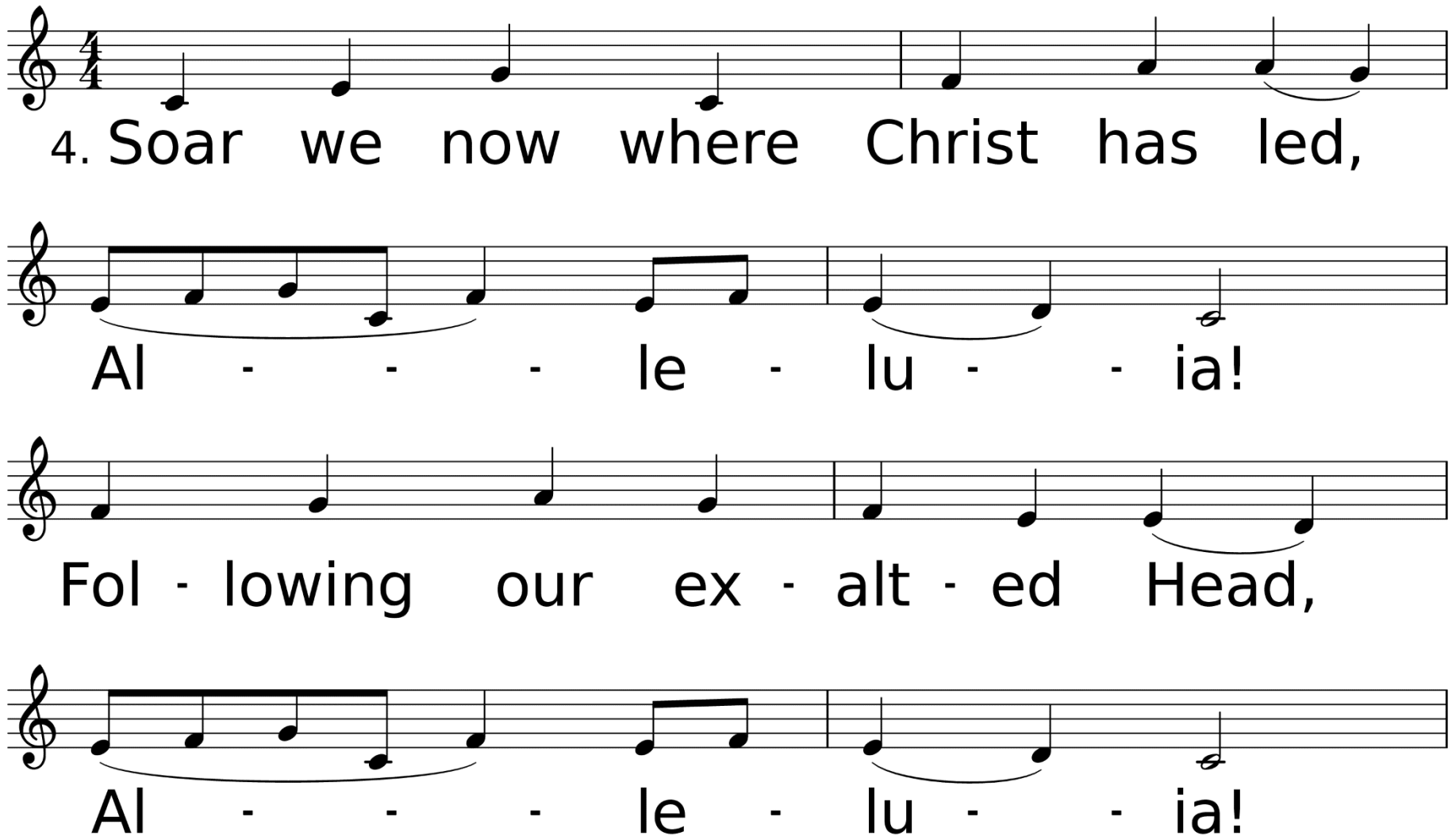
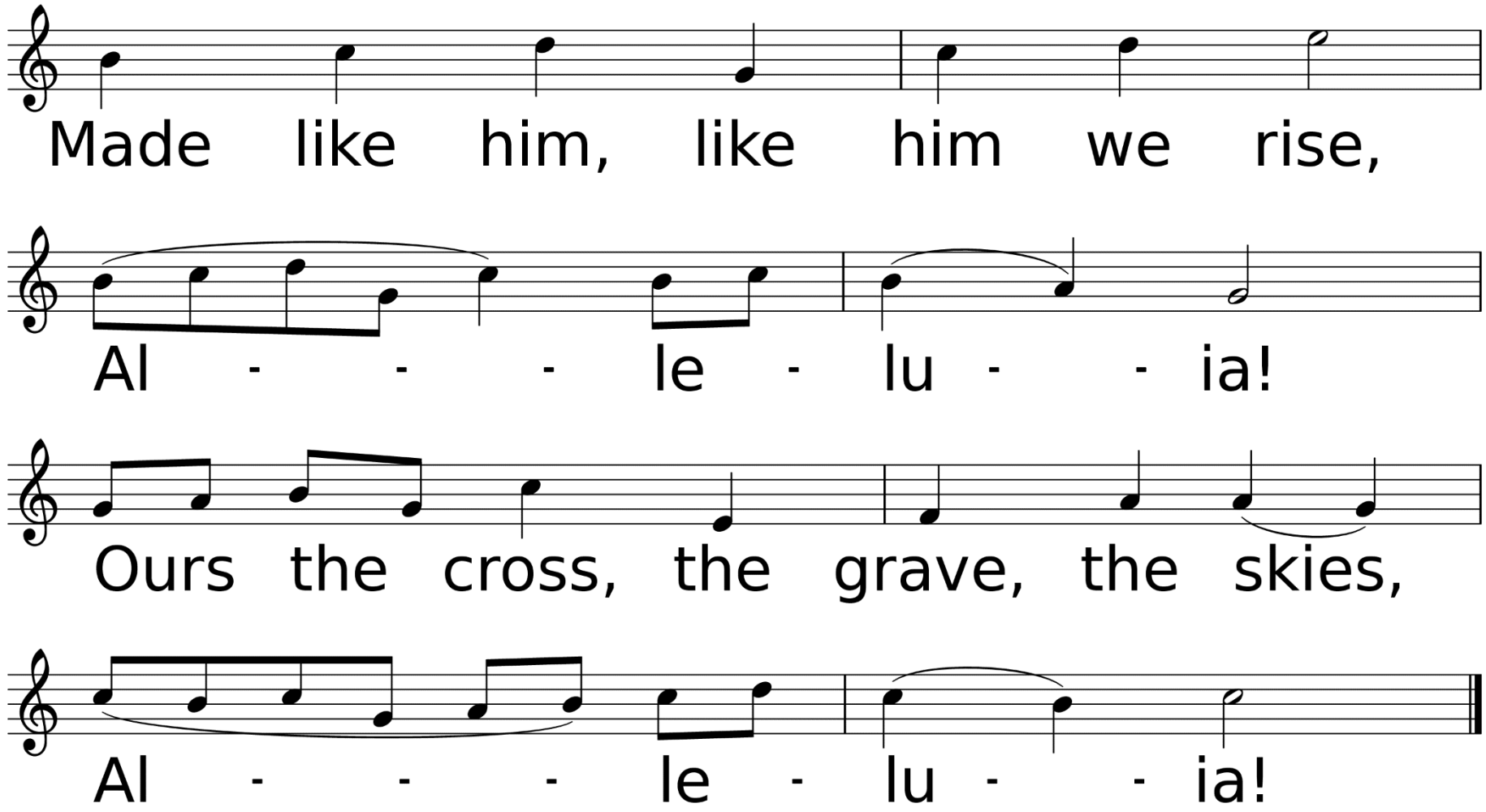

3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Once he died our souls to save,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave?
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Made like him, like him we rise,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Leader: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Congregation: Christ is our light! He is the light of the world!

*Affirmation of Faith

David Hardesty

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 life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements!

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Family & Friends of
Gwen McRae
Family & Friends of
Kobi Westbrook
Kendrick Blake
Arlene Miers
Lorraine Kerbow
Marilyn Kenney
& Family
Susan Hill
Donna McCullough
Alex Manitzas
Robert Langley
Jane Morrison Kenney
Jared Jones
Doug Smith
Charles & Brenda Penney

Brigitte, Jim, & Zoe Booth
Gary Anders
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Joanie Peavy
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Geri Nease
Pearl Russell
John Albert Windham
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Wanda Olmstead
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Rob Baker
Evangeline Grace Magel
Ricky Deggs
Mike Harris
Mark Wallace

Gene Holloway
Jerry Noland
Marty Smith
Neely Biggs
Veronica Allen
Jana Fransen
John Vincent
Lauren Rudy
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Joan Ragan
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John Sandlin
Sarah Cooley
Claude Moses

Carol Minchew
Rodney Faris
Everett Brister
Eva Bebe
Jimmy Markle
Dave Bacon
Sandy Blakeway
Sarah Biggs
Marcia & Roy Ades
Sharon Dukes
Gail Hicks
Bart Fazio
Elizabeth Brown
Hilburn
Lorri Woodward
Derek Townsend

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Landon Clark
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Joan Mays
Barbara Senters
Billy Blancet
Bob Baldares, Sr.
Eleanor Marcello
Jones
Grace Cooley
Ruth Wells
Amie Biggs Lewis
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

Hallelujah! What a Savior

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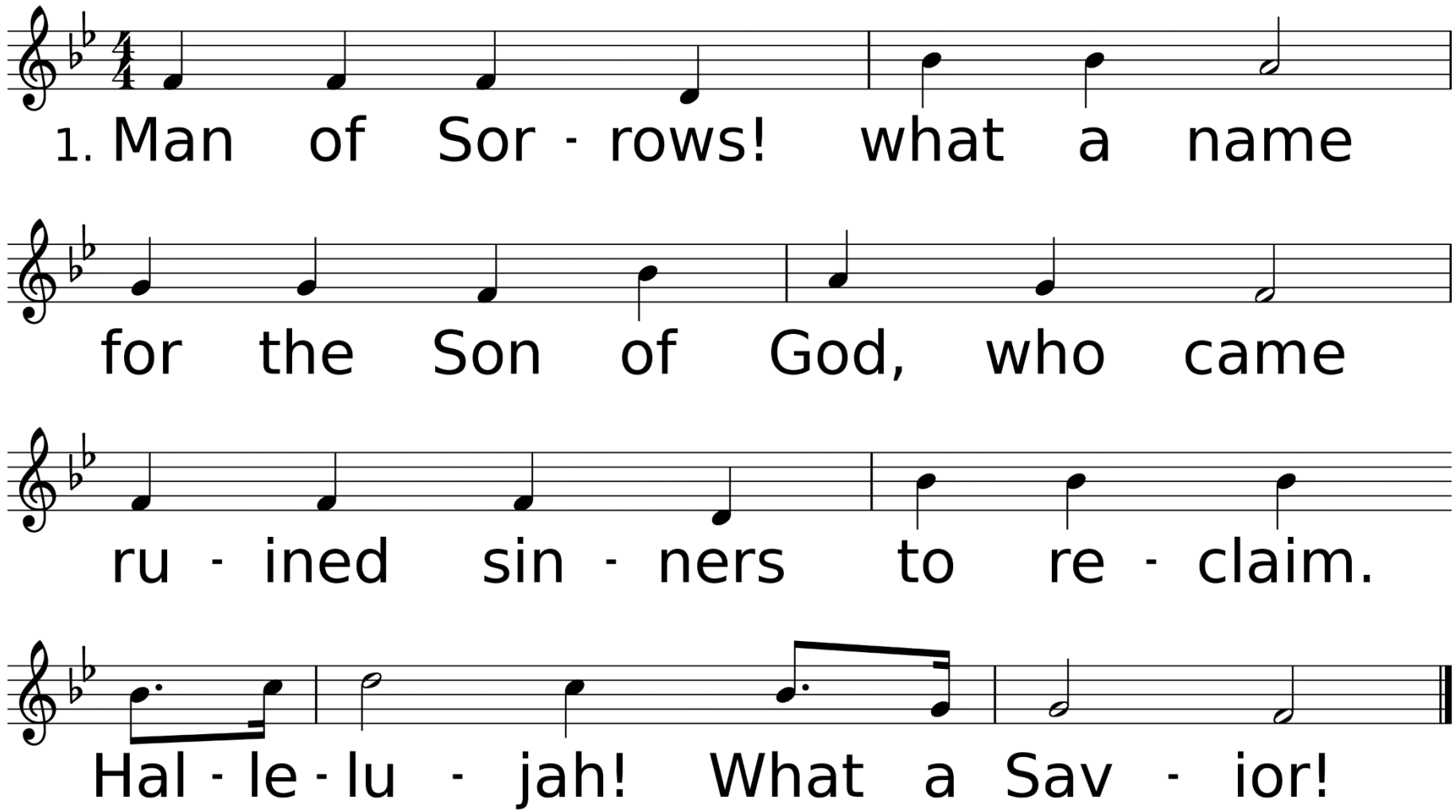

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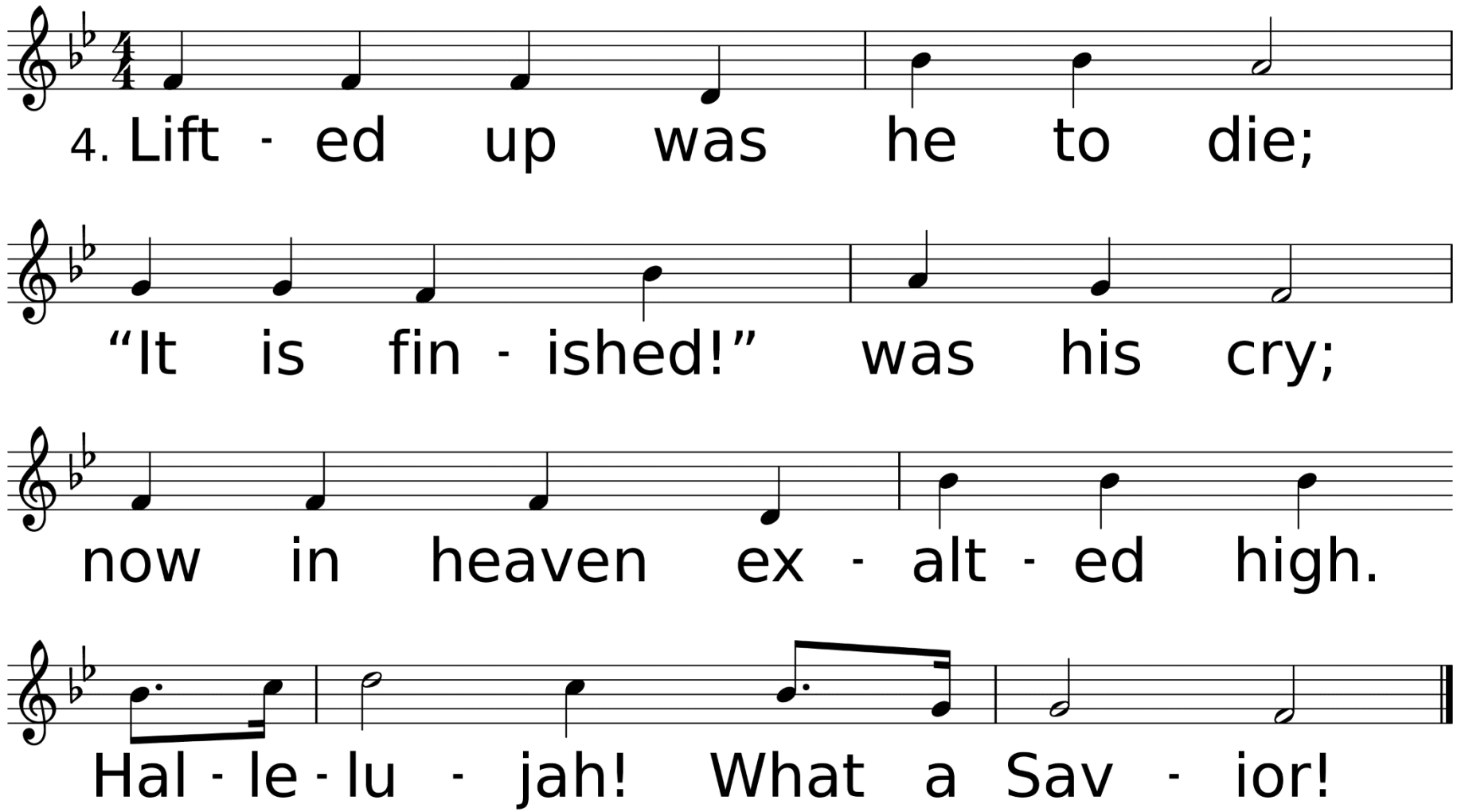
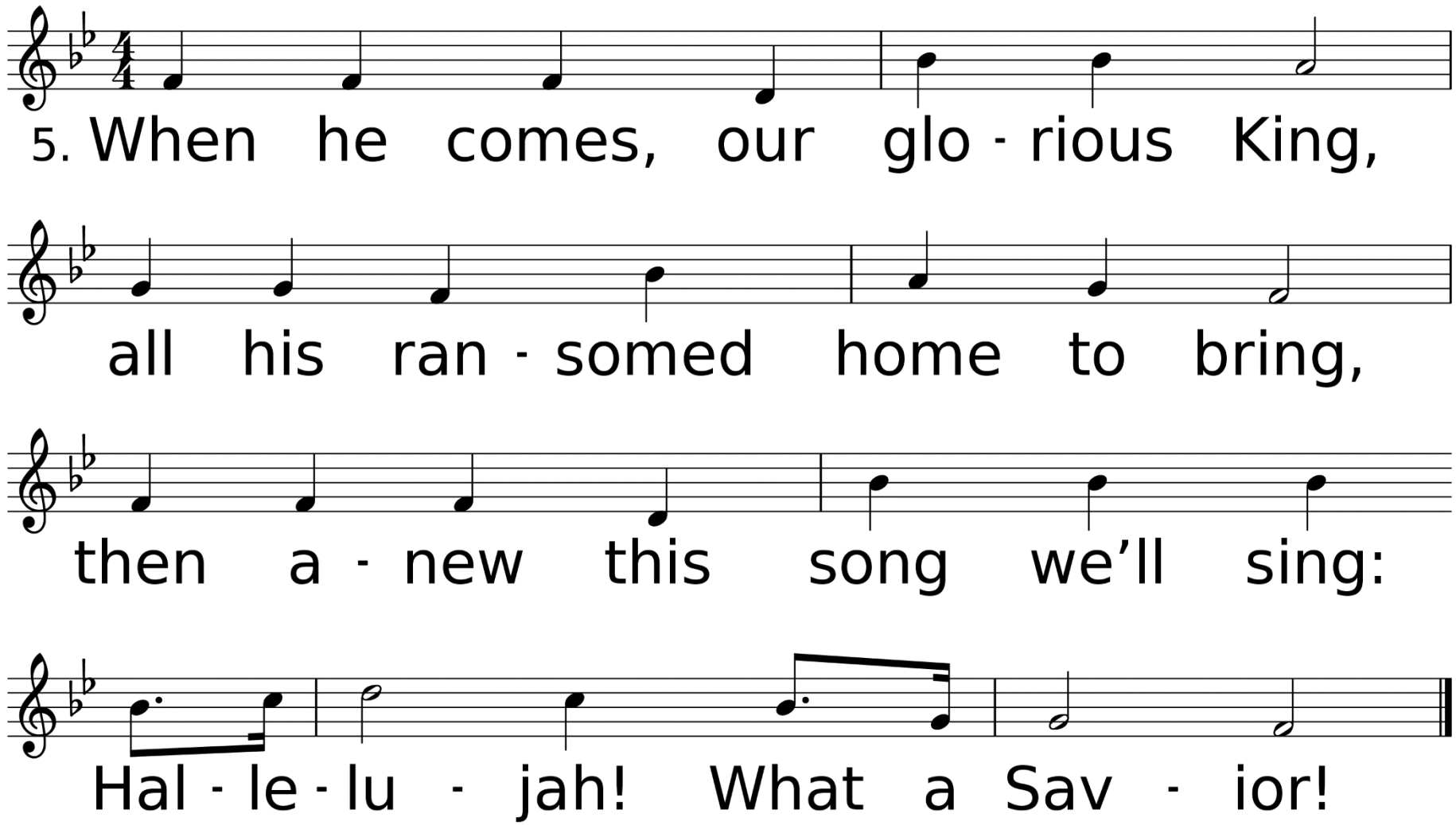

4. Lift - ed up was he to die;
"It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
now in heaven ex - alt - ed high.
Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!


5. When he comes, our glo - rious King,
all his ran - somed home to bring,
then a - new this song we'll sing:
Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer
& Giving of God's
Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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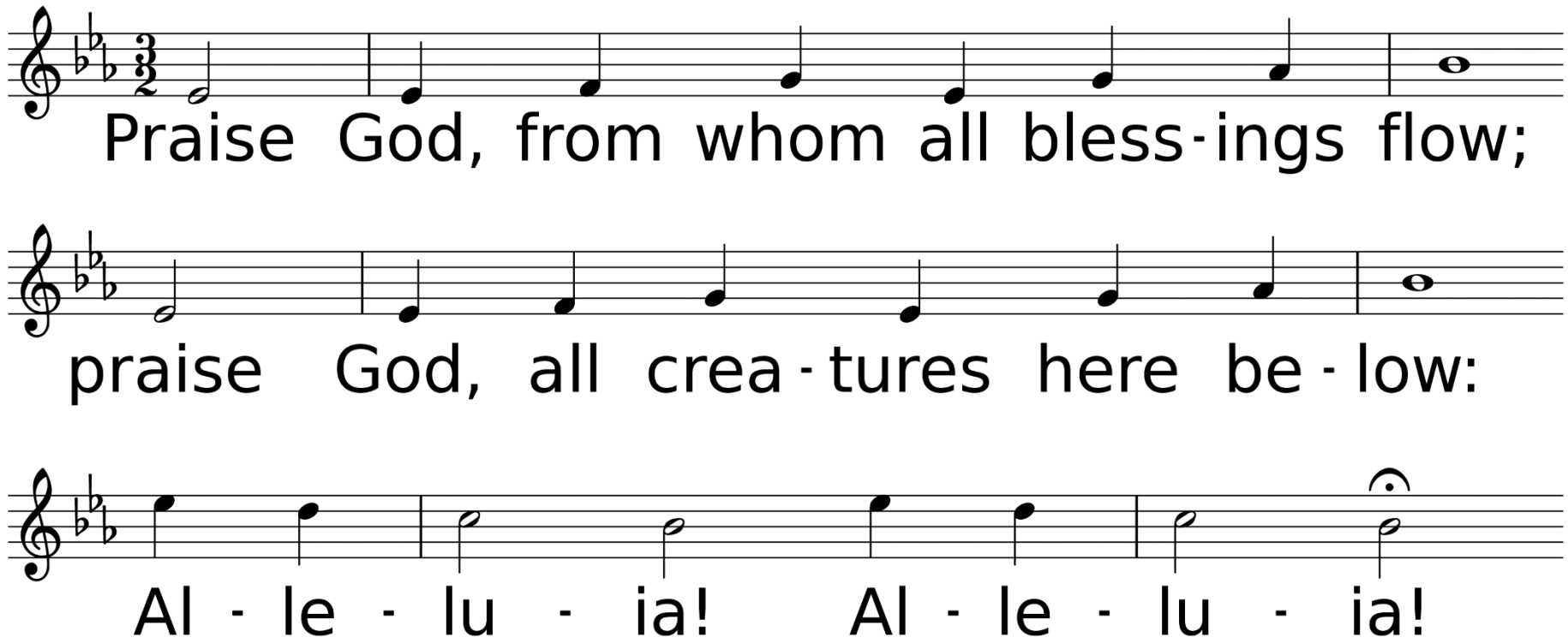

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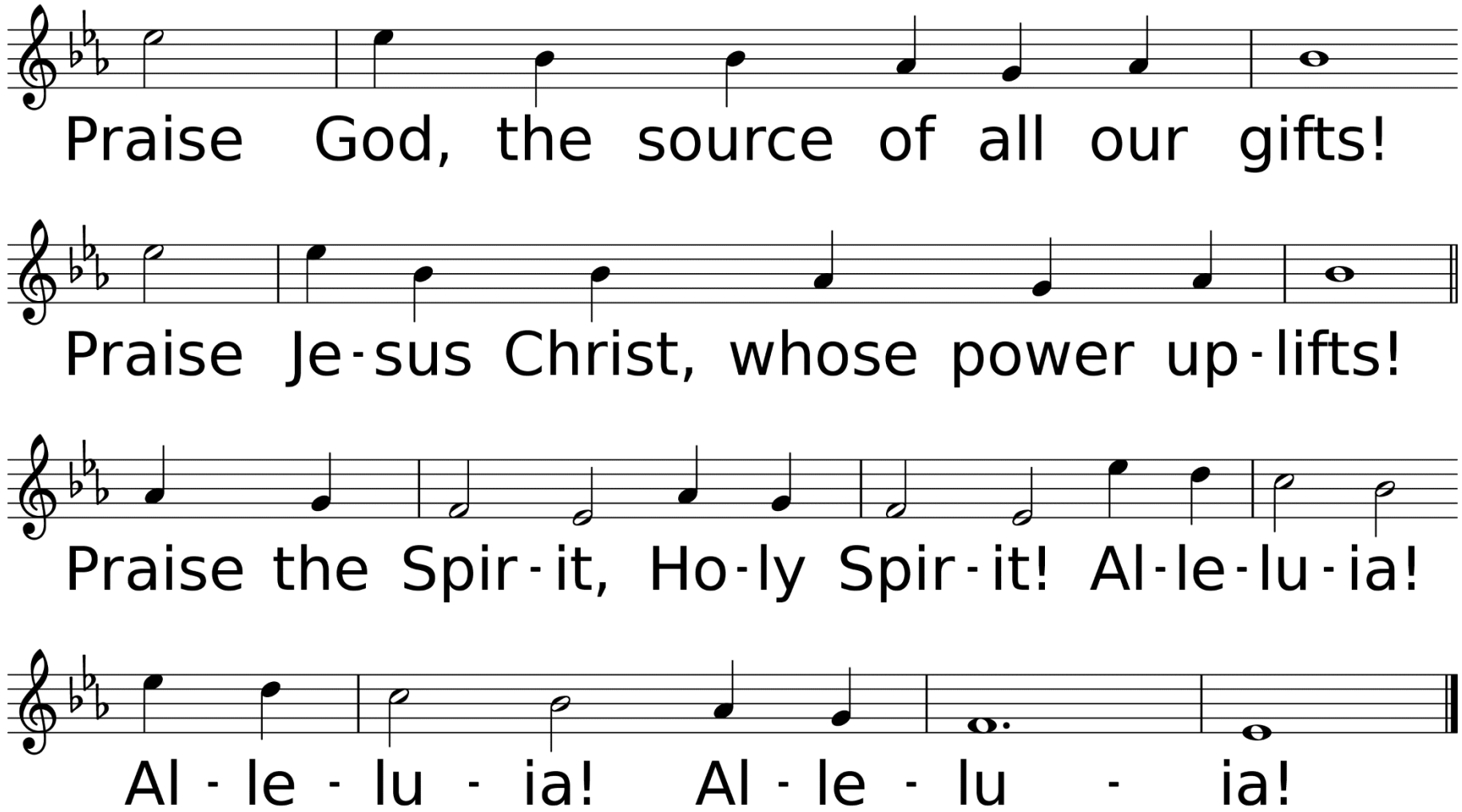
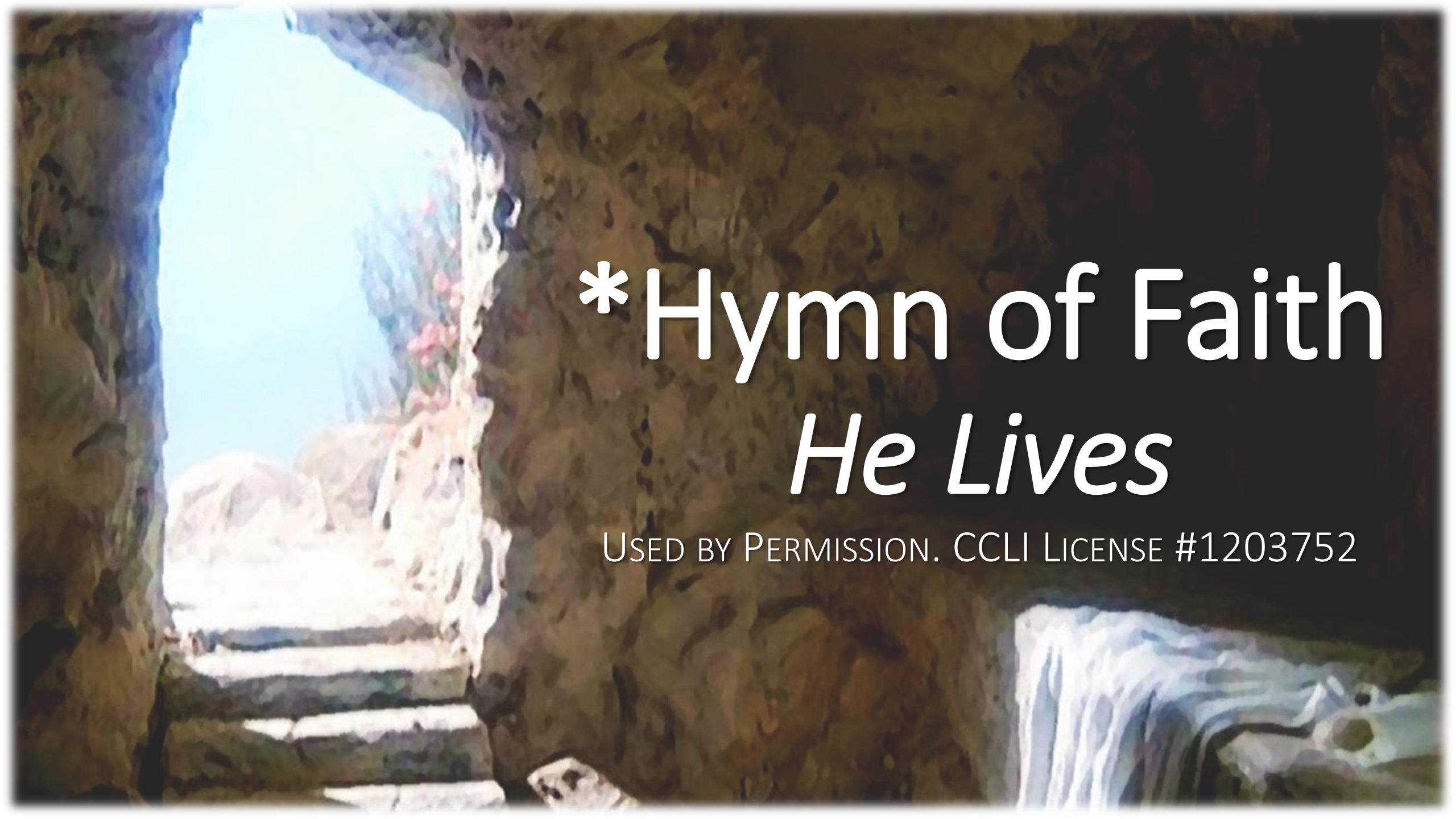

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



*Hymn of Faith

He Lives

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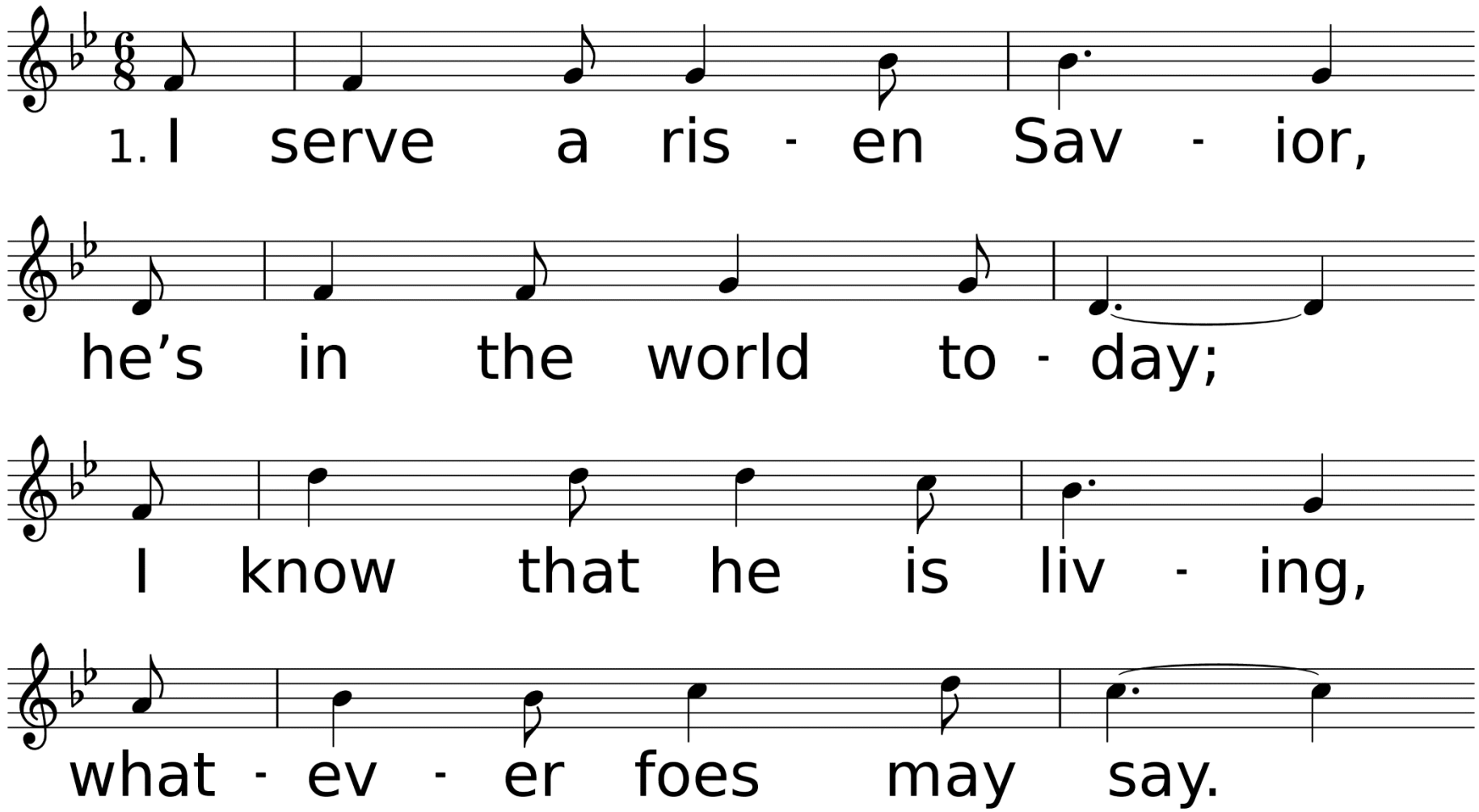

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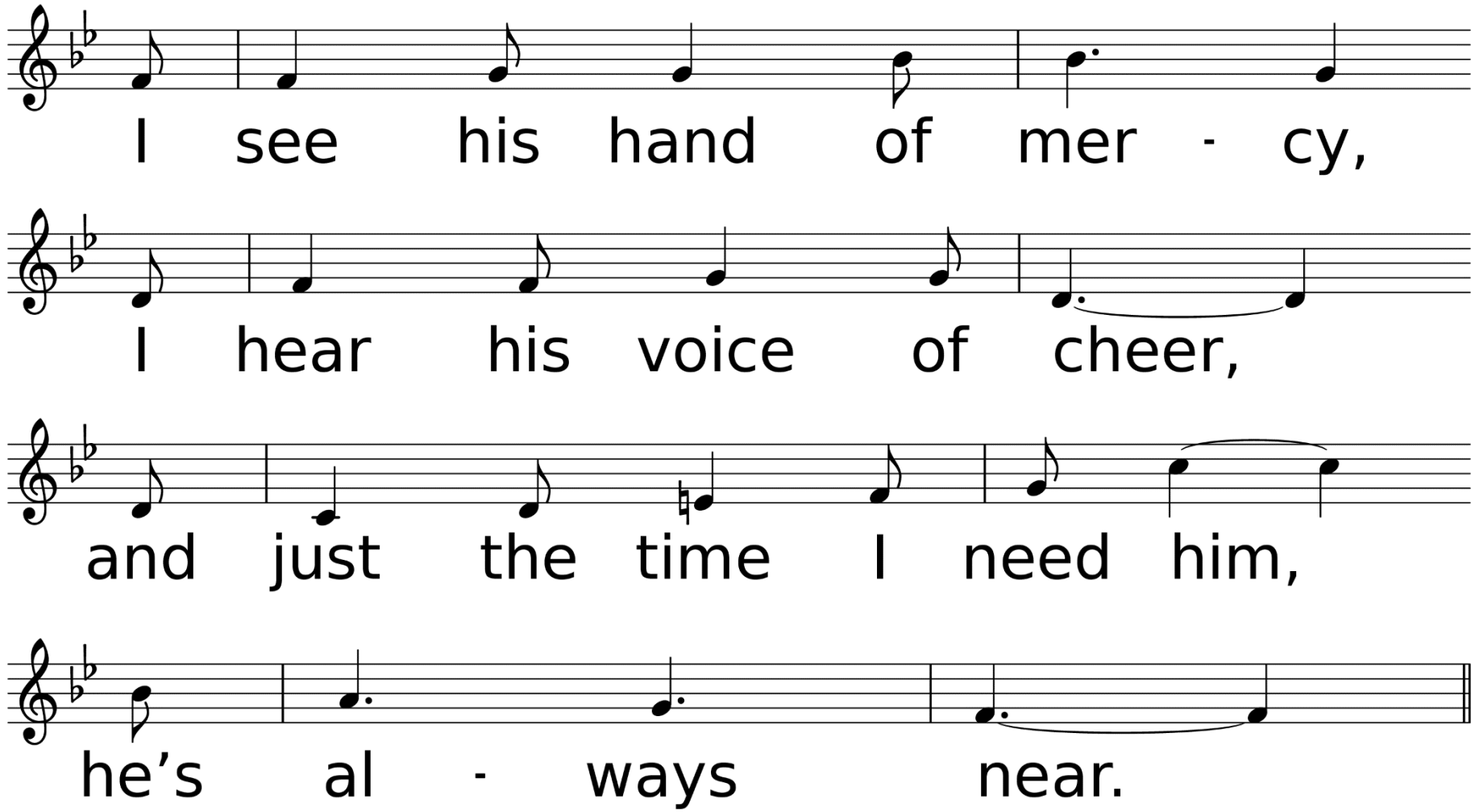
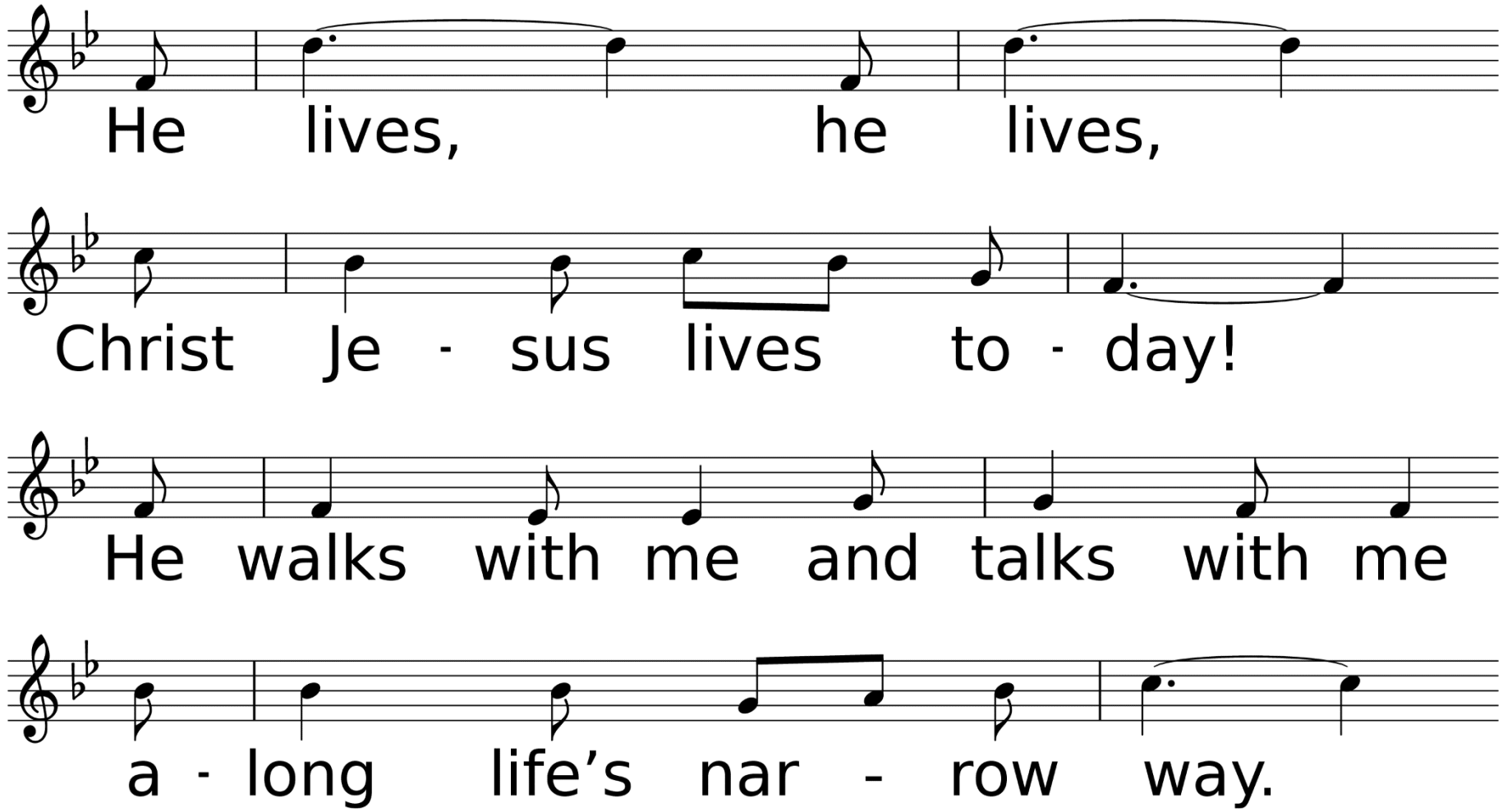
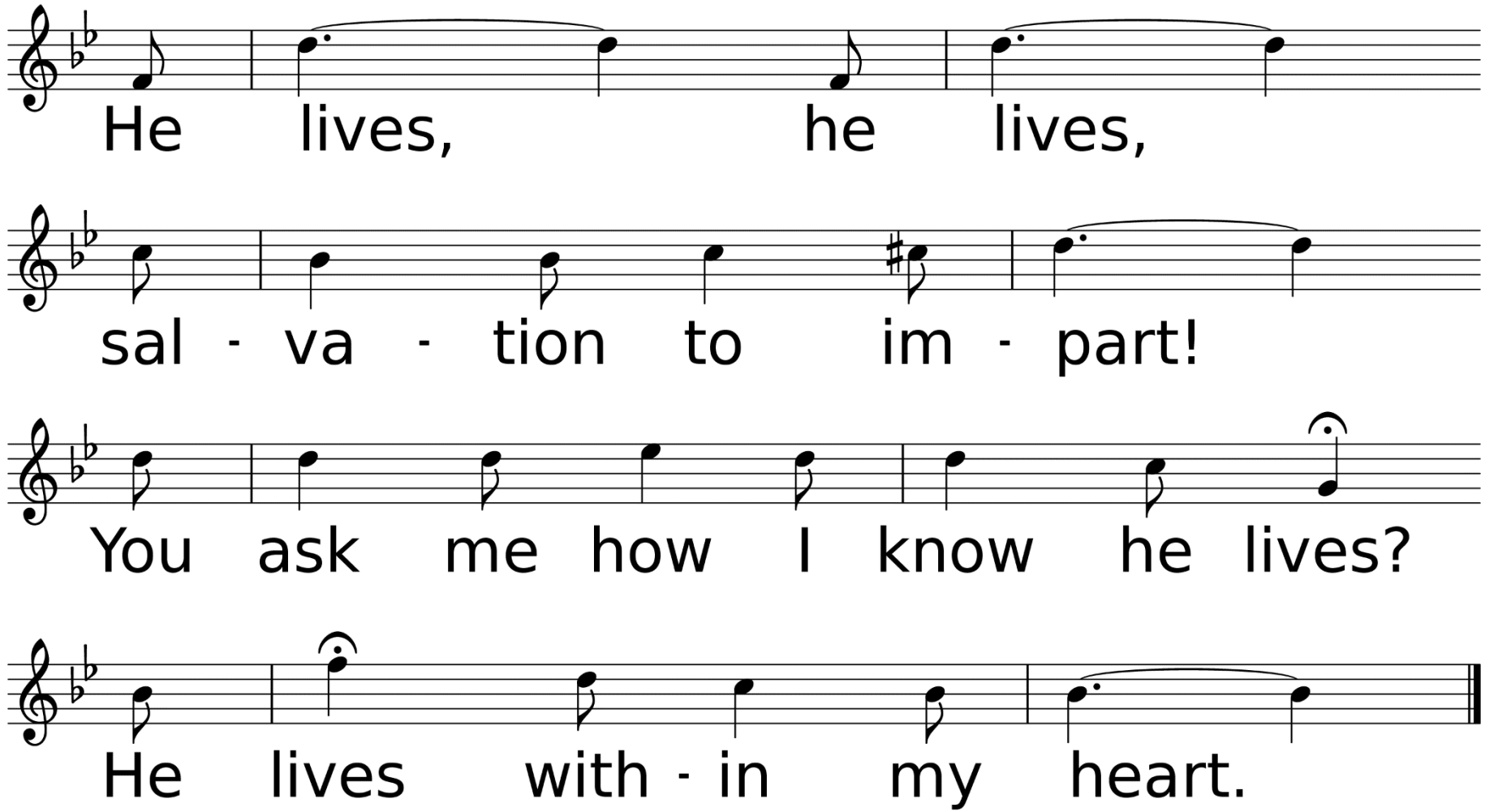
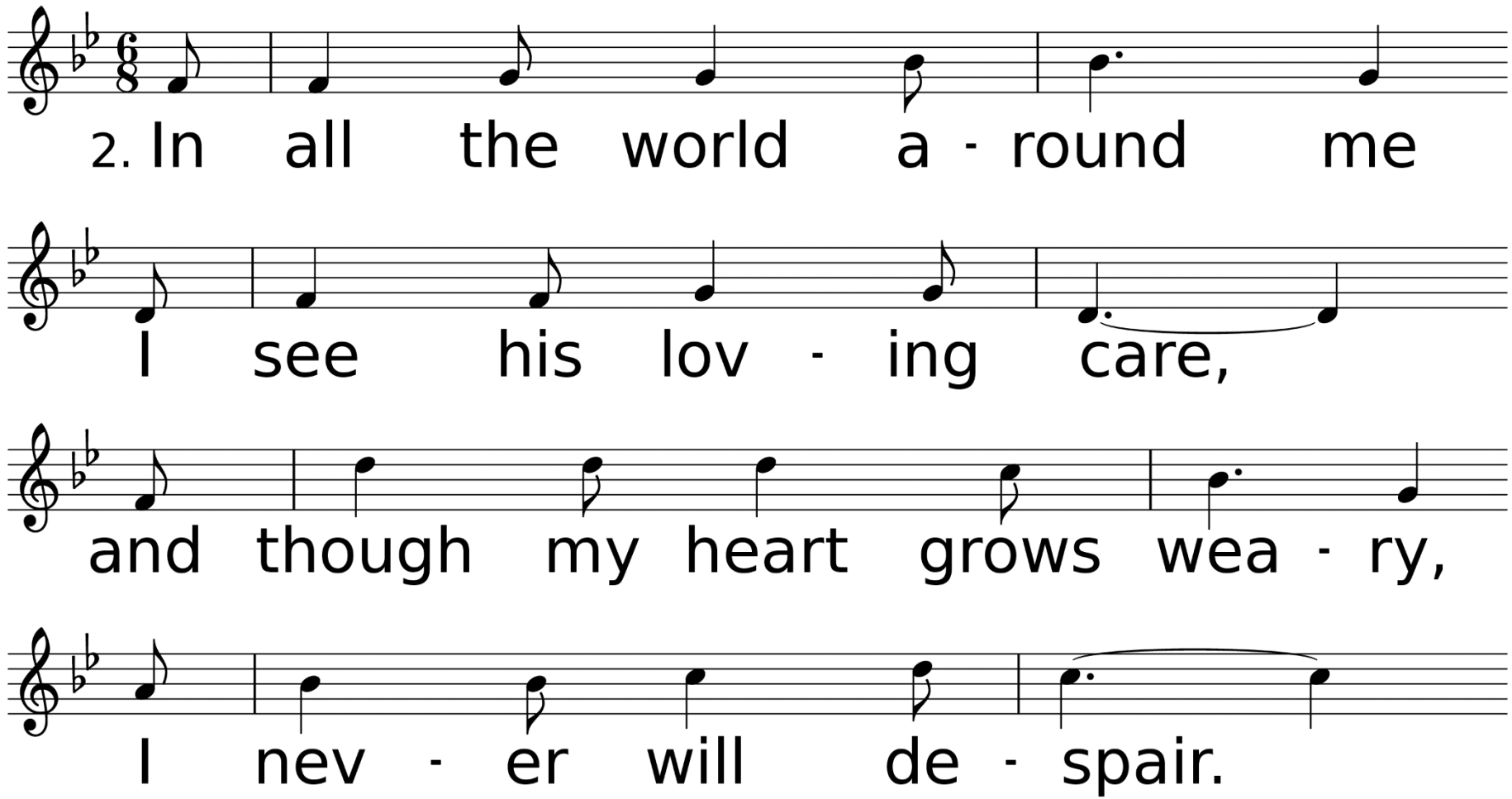
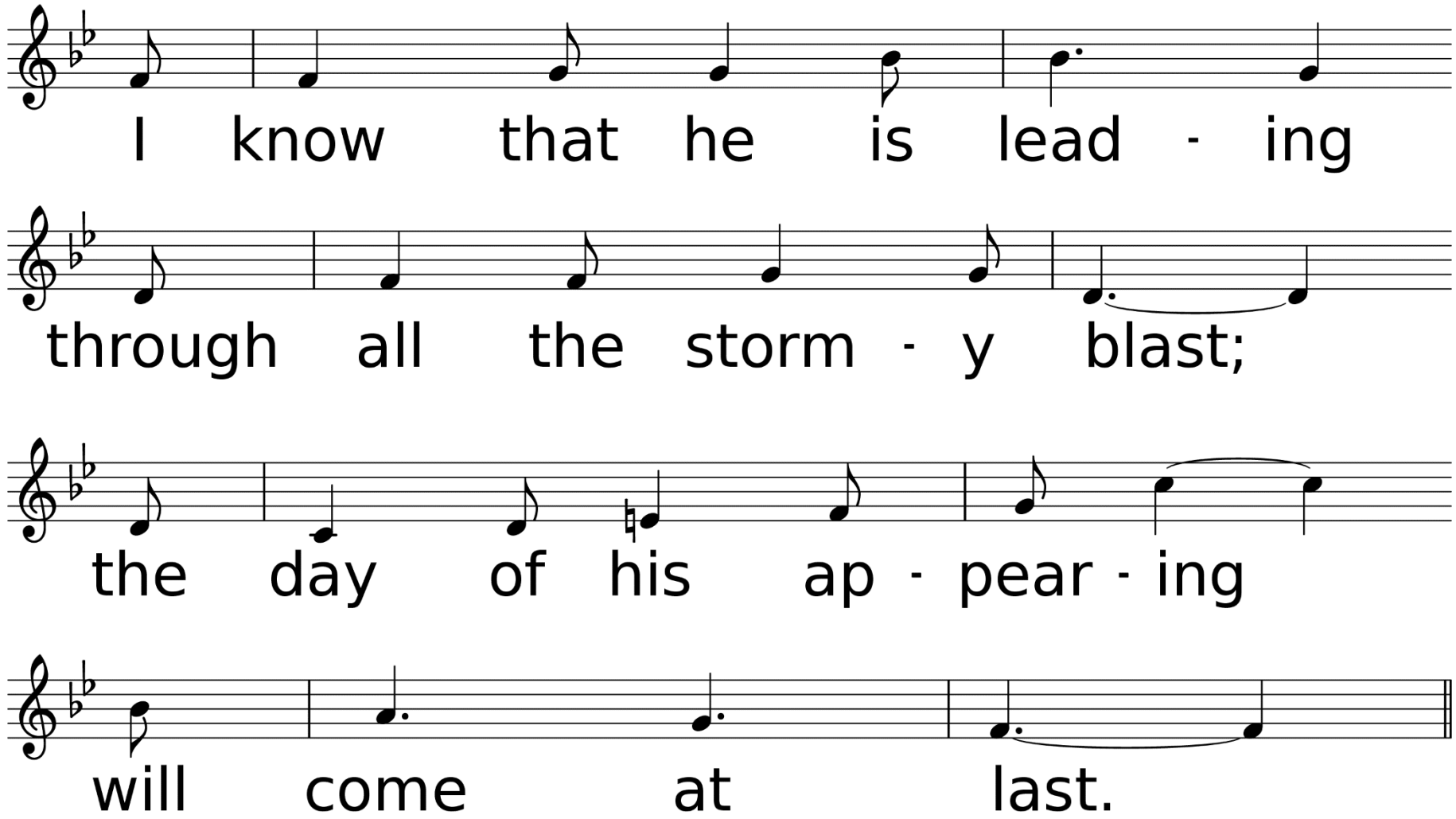
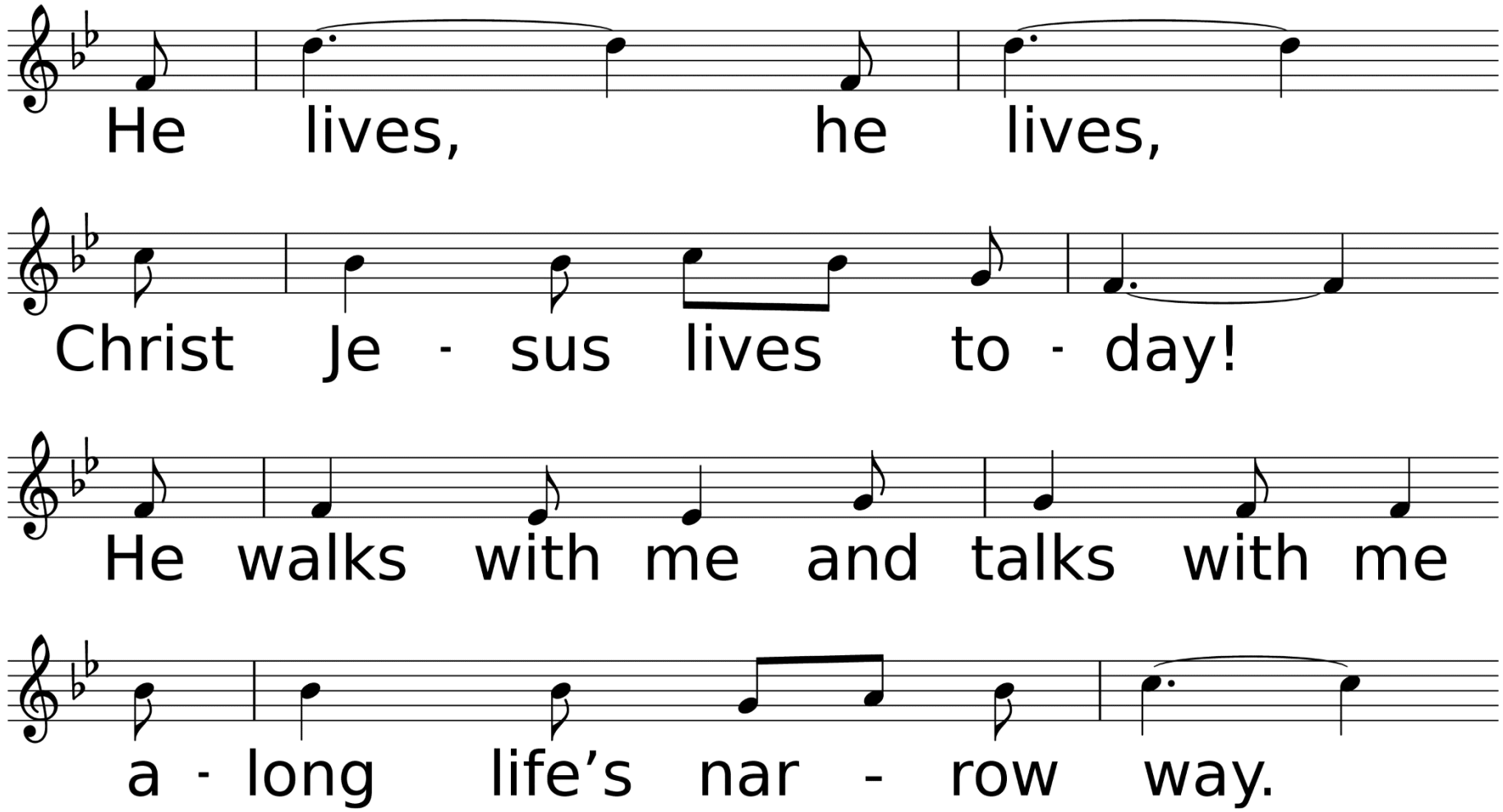

I see his hand of mer - cy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him,
he’s al - ways near.


He lives, he lives,
Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
He walks with me and talks with me
a - long life’s nar - row way.


He lives, he lives,
sal - va - tion to im - part!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives with - in my heart.


2. In all the world a - round me
I see his lov - ing care,
and though my heart grows wea - ry,
I nev - er will de - spair.


I know that he is lead - ing
through all the storm - y blast;
the day of his ap - pear - ing
will come at last.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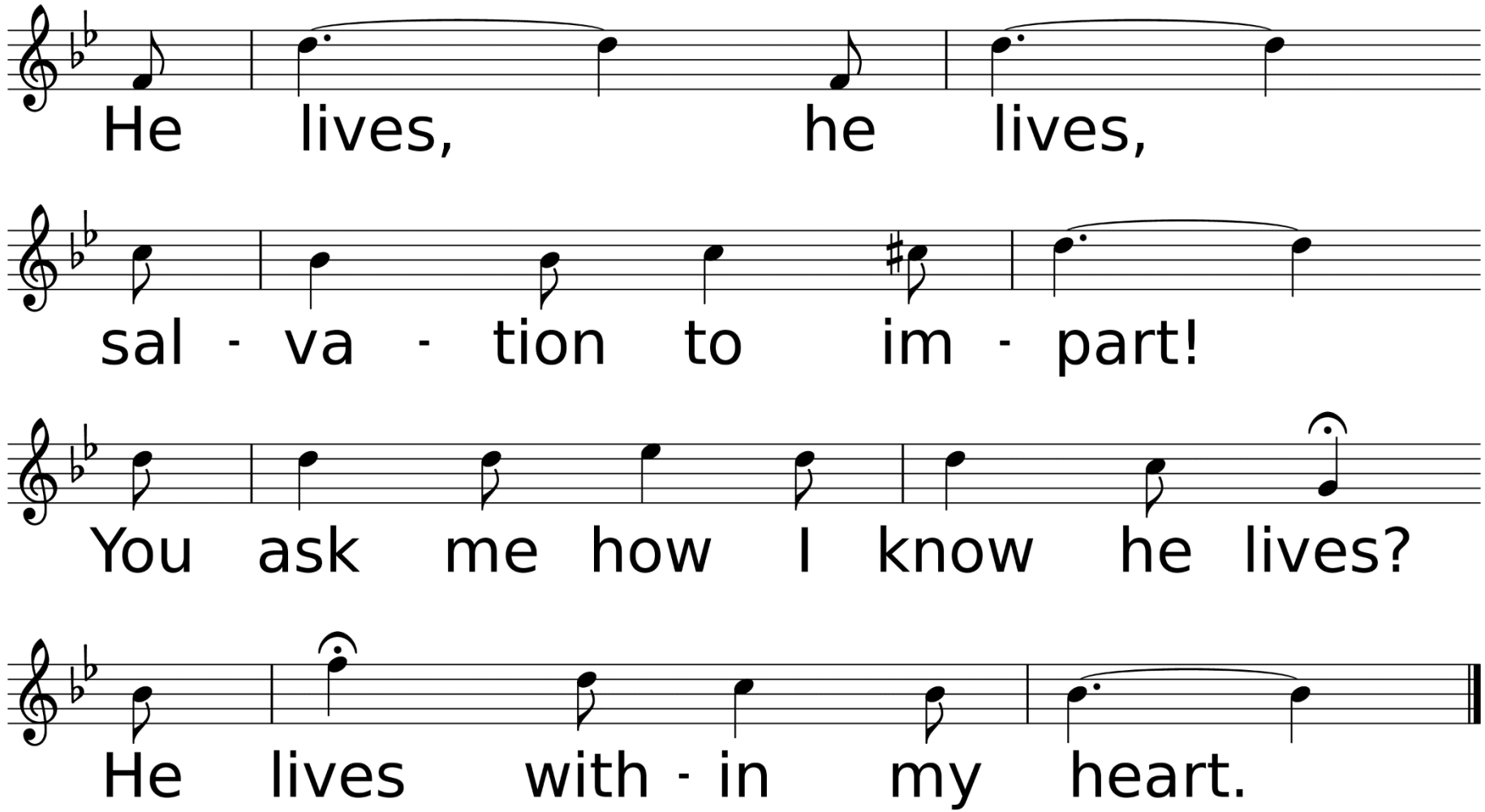
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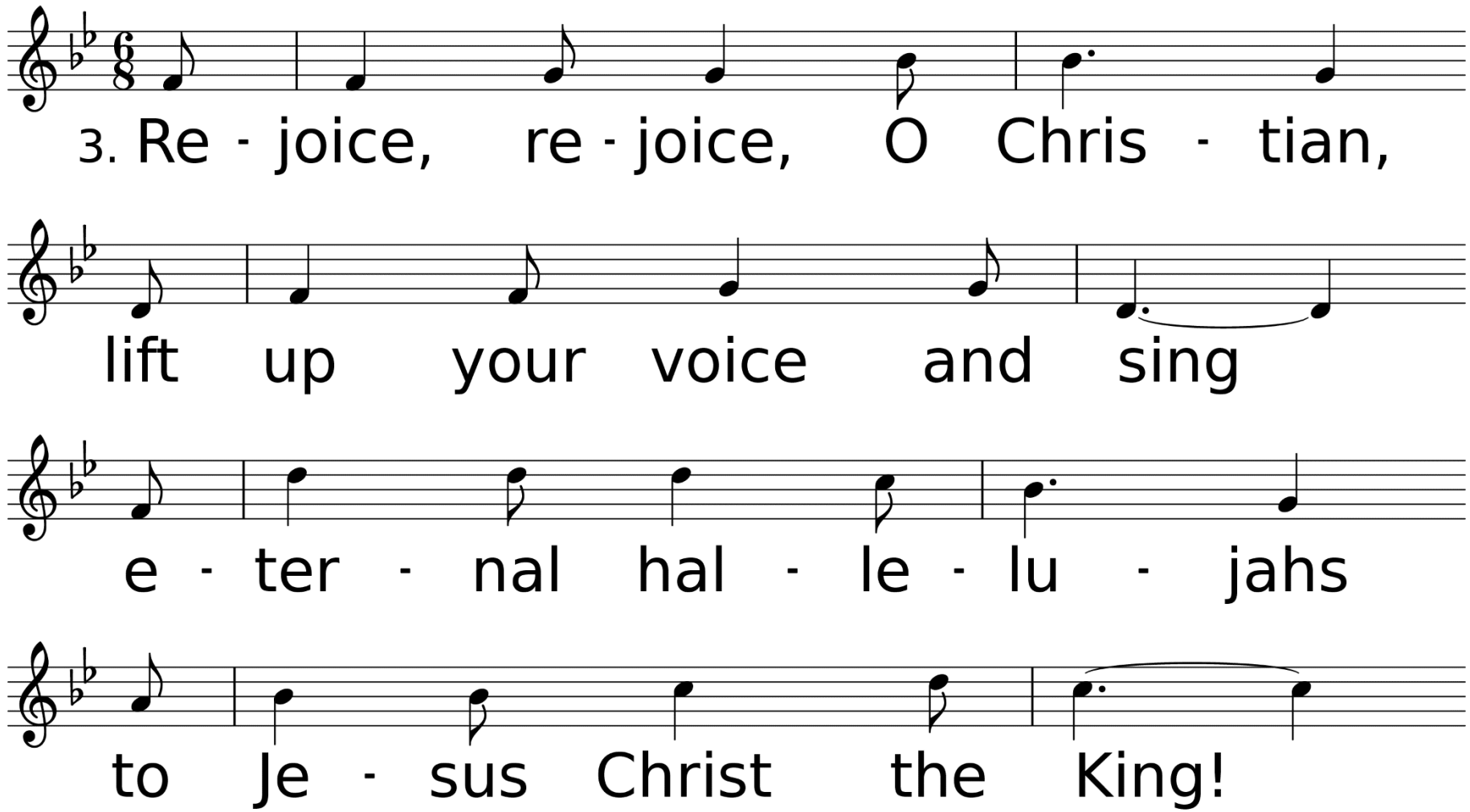
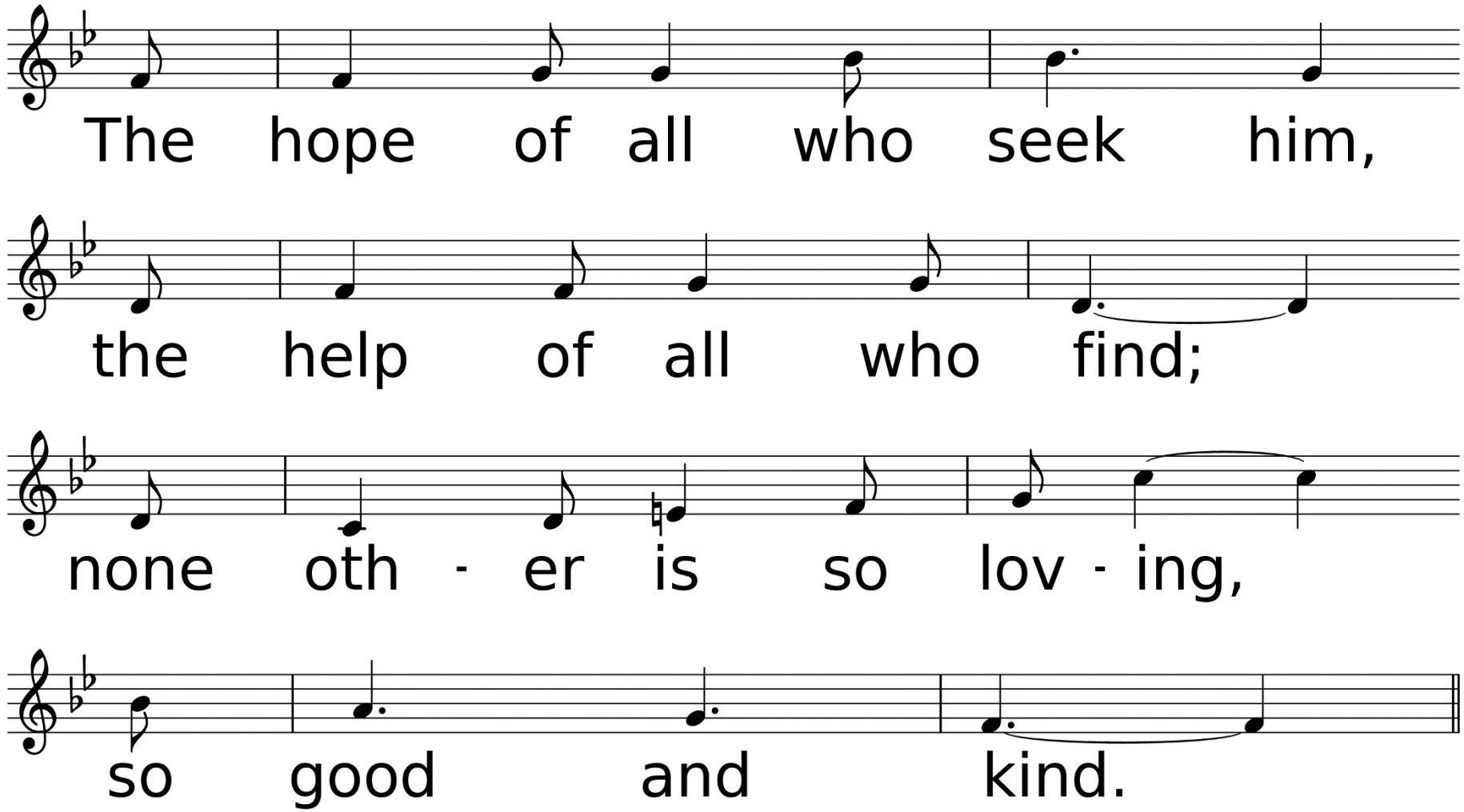
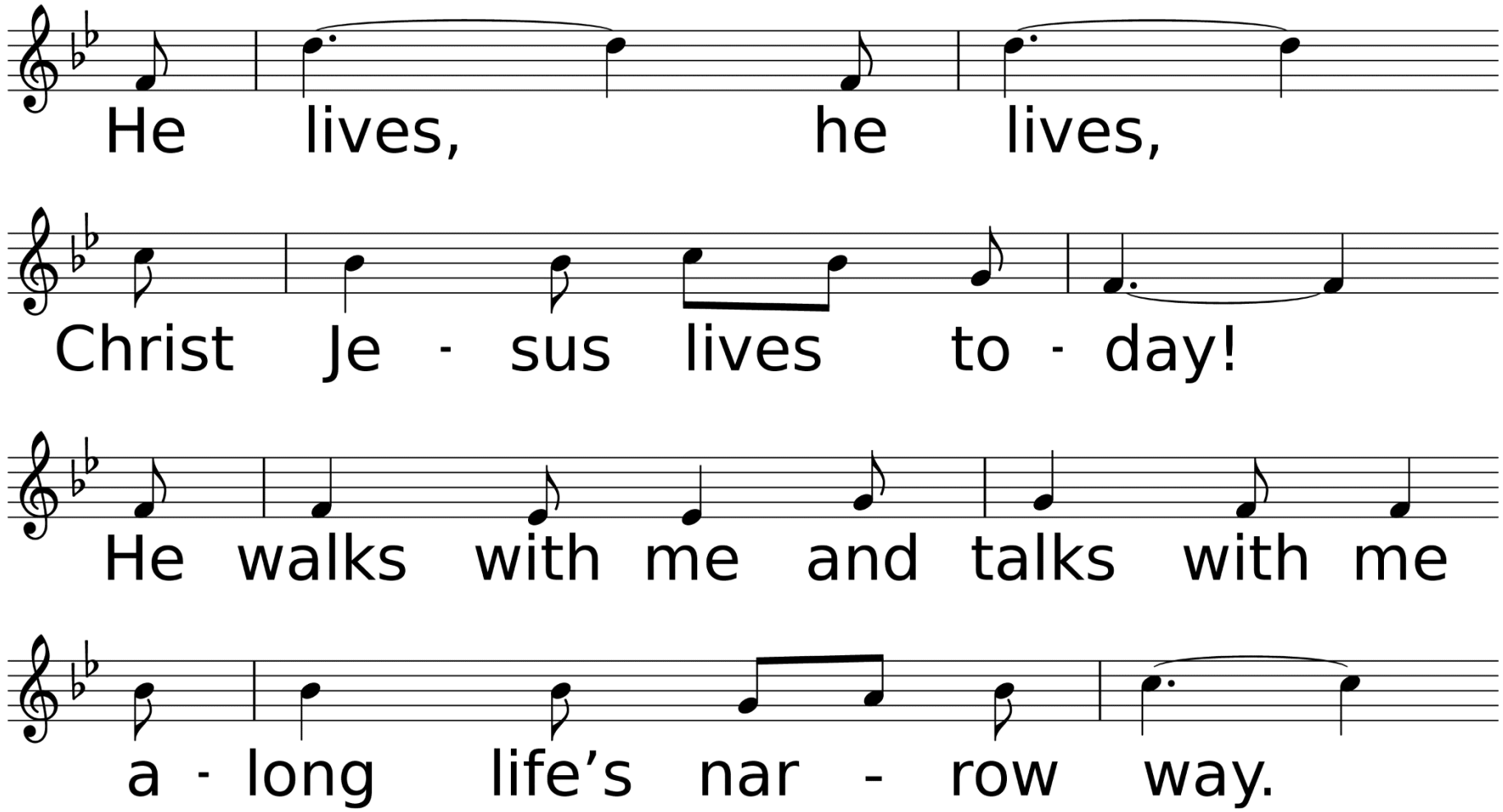

3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian,
lift up your voice and sing
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs
to Je - sus Christ the King!


The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none oth - er is so lov - ing,
so good and kind.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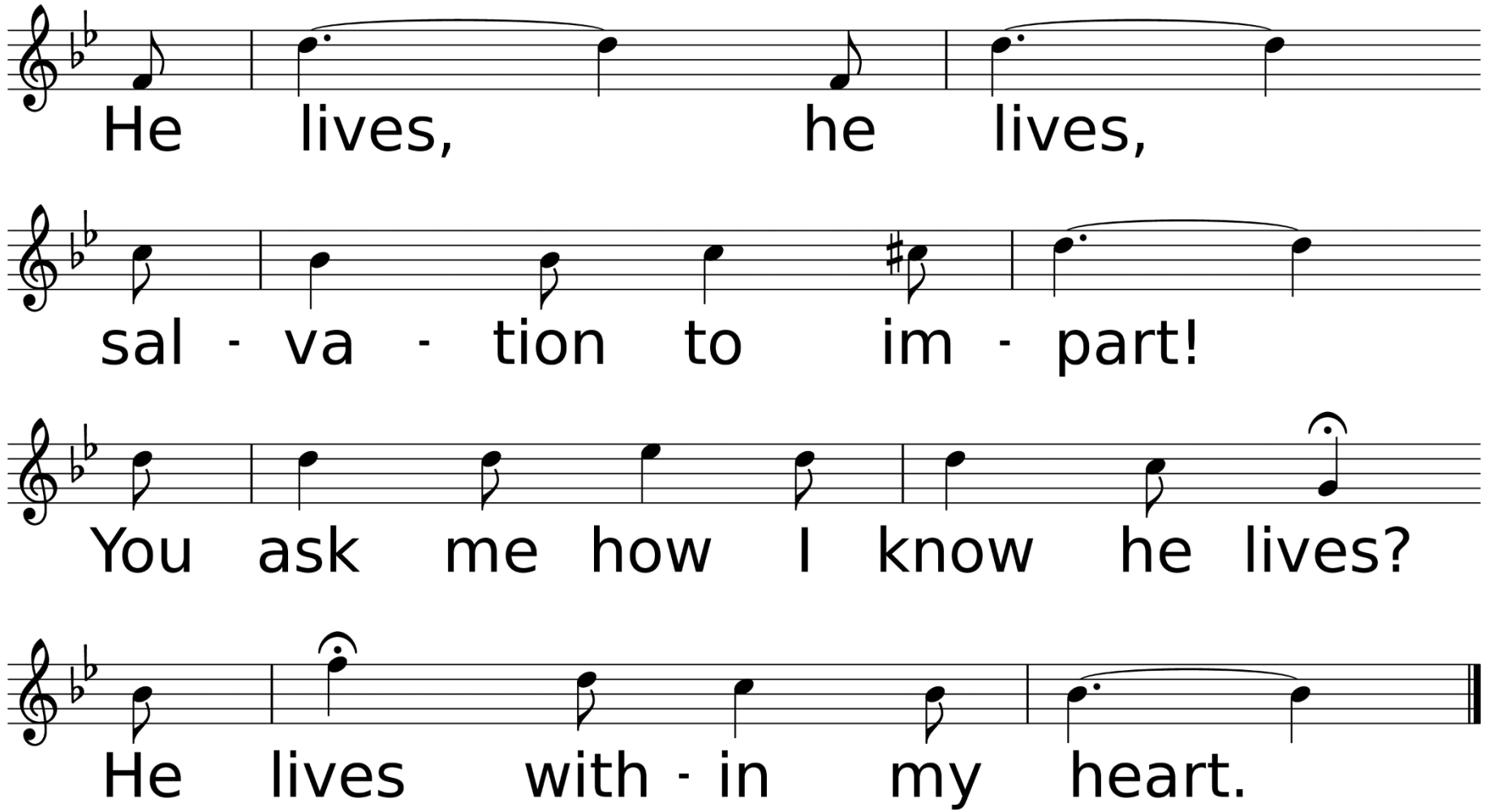
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Scripture Reading
John 20:1-18

John Schwarze

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.
Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.
They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"
"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

“There Will Never Be Another Morning Like This” Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

A New Commandment

Richard Hubbard

Invitation to Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

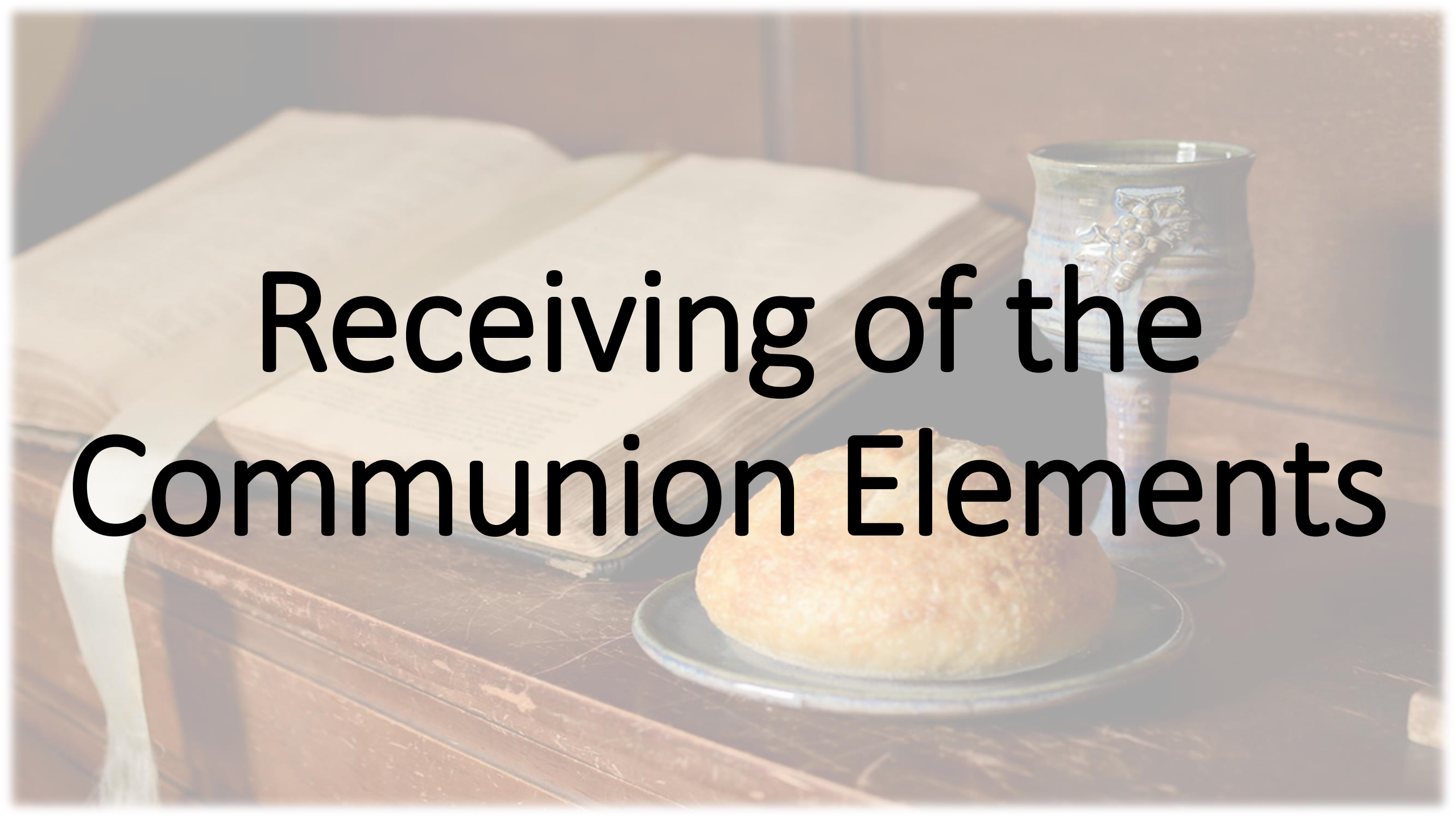
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



Receiving of the Communion Elements

*Hymn of Invitation

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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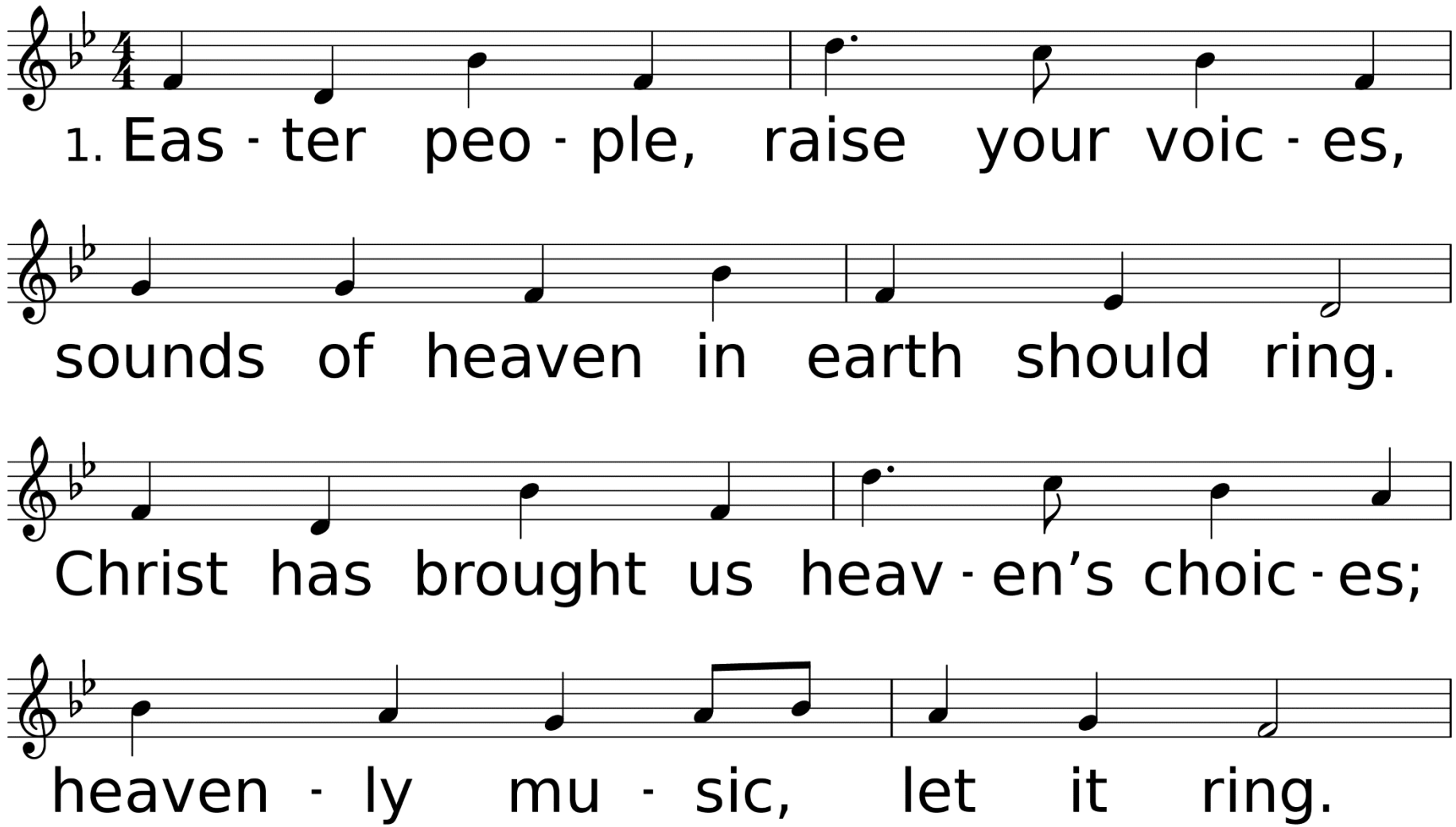

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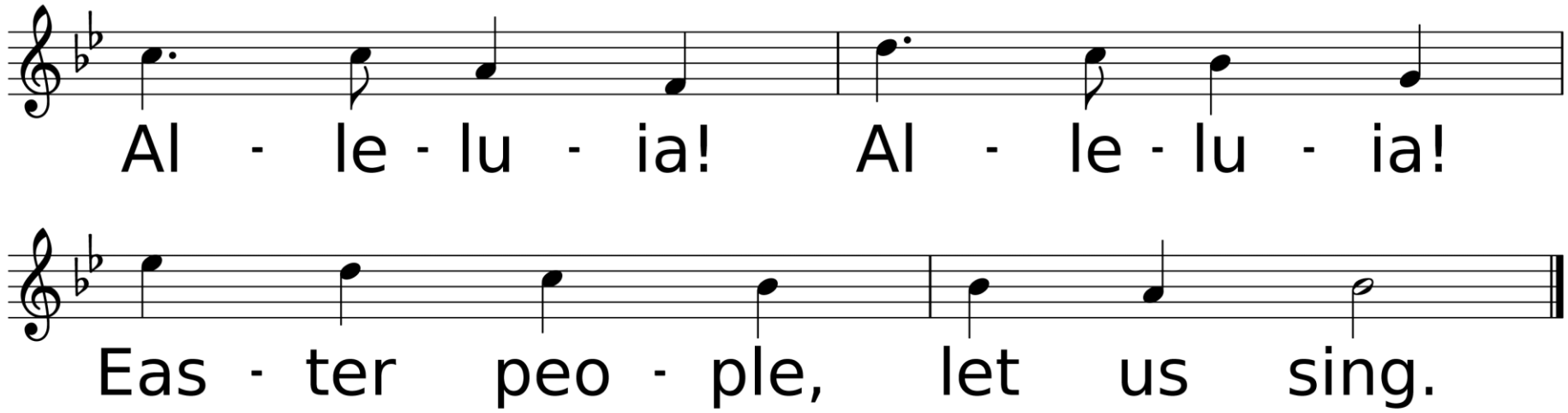
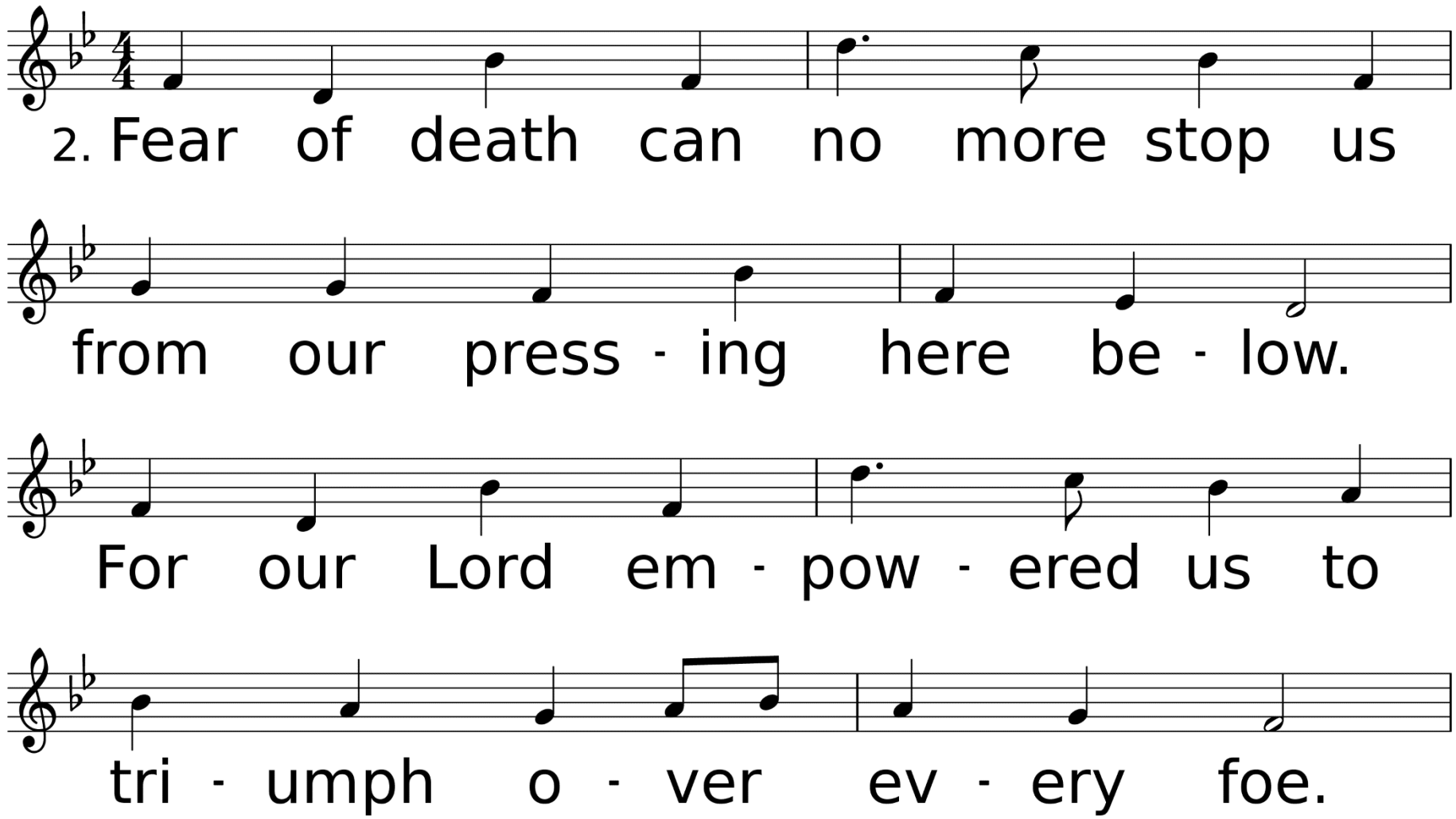
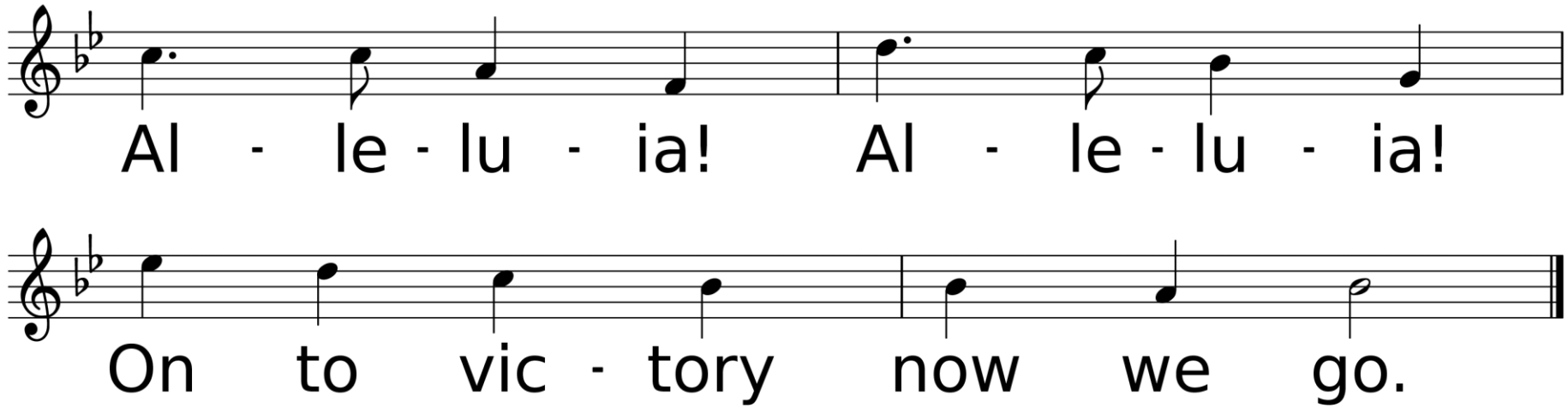

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.


2. Fear of death can no more stop us
from our press - ing here be - low.
For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe.


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
On to vic - tory now we go.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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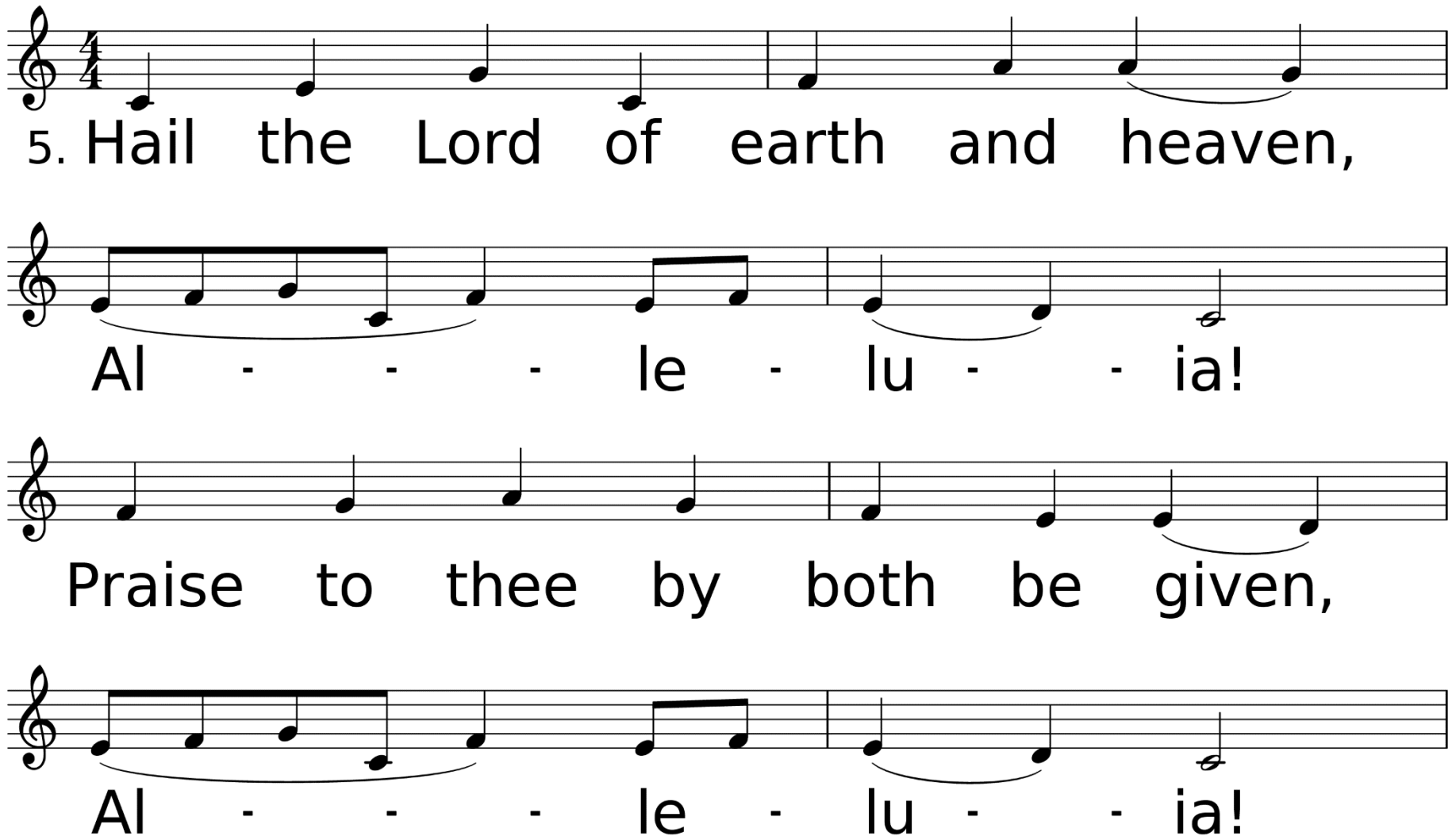
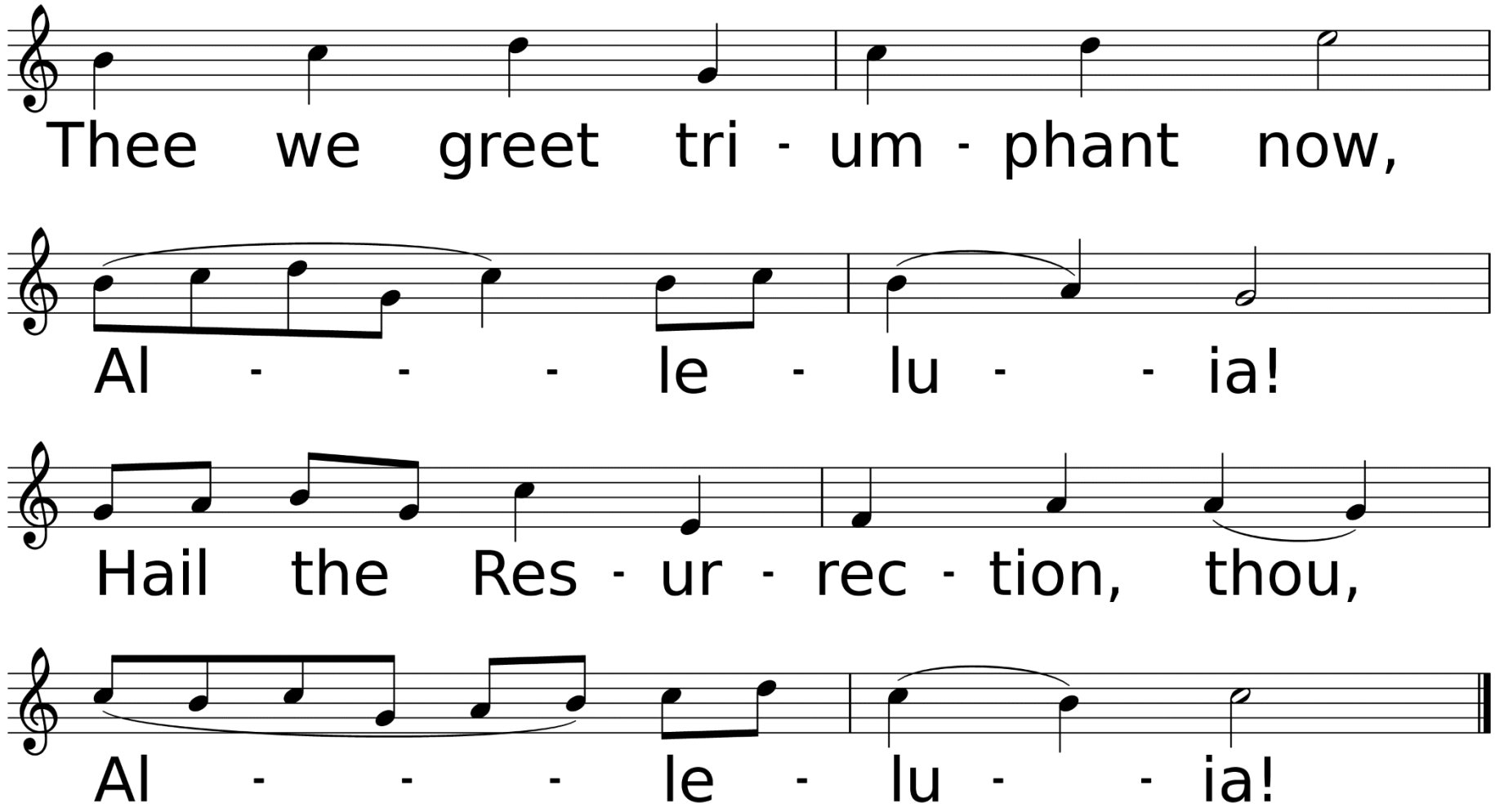
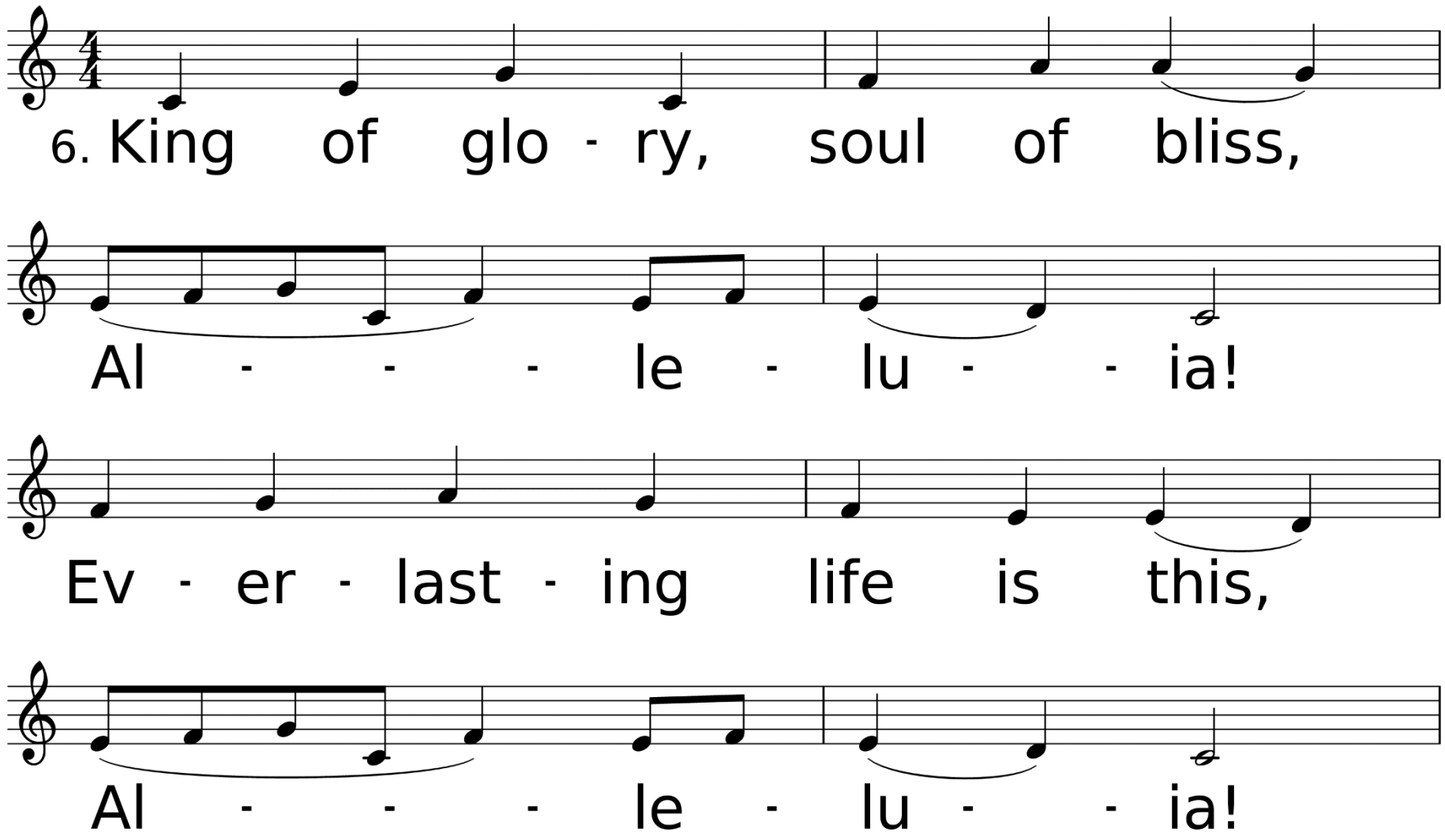
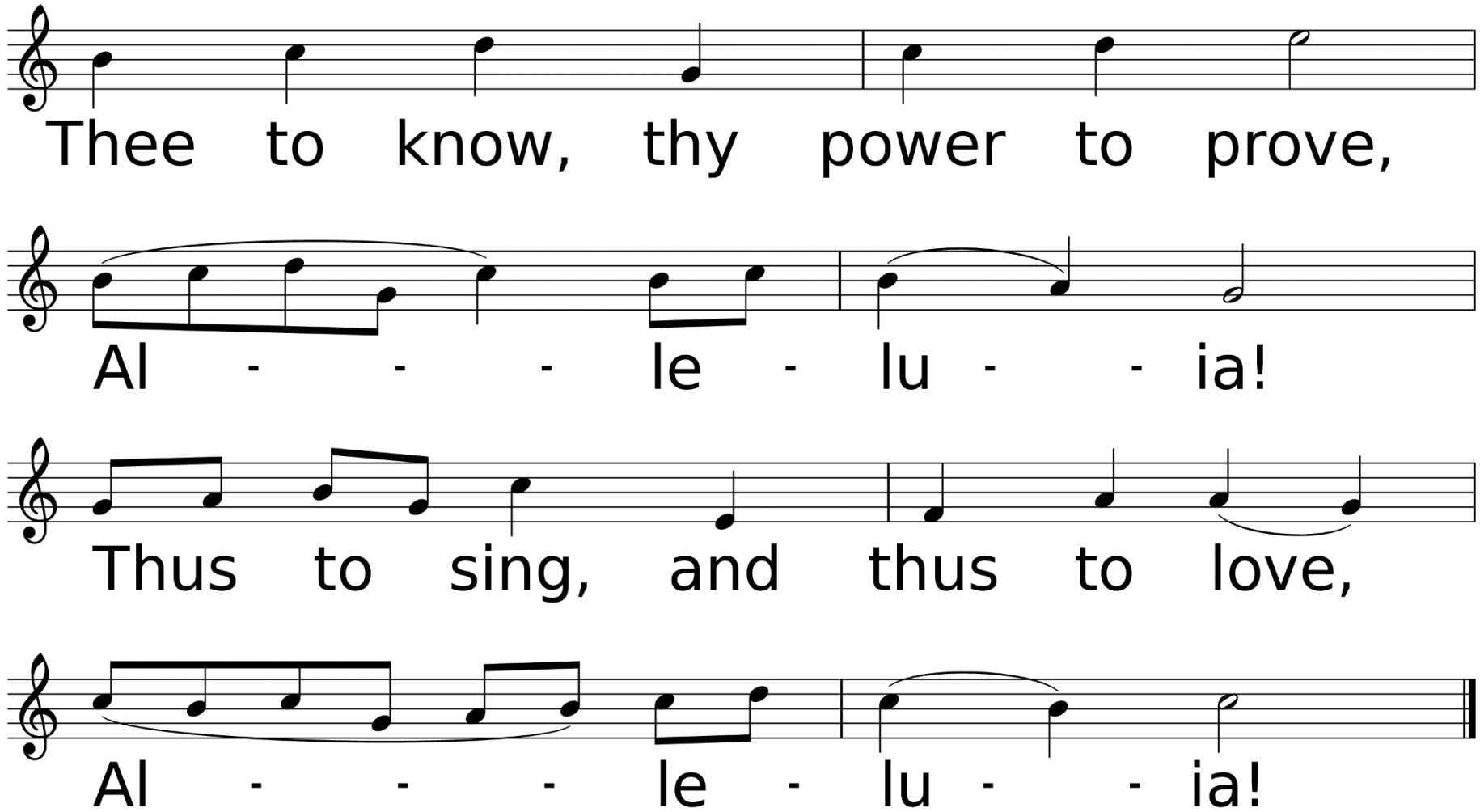

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Praise to thee by both be given,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Ev - er - last - ing life is this,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!


Thee to know, thy power to prove,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love,
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

Thank you for joining us today!

Happy Easter!