Welcome Home!

June 25, 2023
10:00 AM Sunday Service
Fellowship Hall & Online

Announcements

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to use video and music during worship service. CCLI #1203752 & CVLI# 505440498

Call To Worship

I Go to the Rock

Dottie Rambo

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Congregation: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God’s greatness is unsearchable.

*Hymn of Praise The Church in the Wildwood

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1.There’s a church in the valley by the wildwood, No lovelier spot in the dale; No place I so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain: Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale; No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

2.Oh, come to the church in the wildwood, To the trees where the wild flowers bloom; Where the parting hymn will be chanted, We will weep by the side of the tomb.

Refrain: Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale; No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

3.How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning, To list to the clearing bell; Its tones so sweetly are calling, Oh, come to the church in the vale.

Refrain: Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale; No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

4.From the church in the valley by the wildwood, When day fades away into night, I would fain from this spot of my childhood Wing my way to the mansions of light.

Refrain: Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale; No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Congregation: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful

witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Friends & Family of
Kevin Reeves
Friends & Family of
James Akard
Friends & Family of
Carolyn Johnson
Shea Jensesn
Friends & Family of
Sue Kent
Charles & Brenda
Penney
Laura Henderson
Frank Morales
Rev James Egbert
Joyce Lewis
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Sherron Bienvenu
Shawn Wascom
Brandon Brister
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Wanda Olmstead
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Jared Jones
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Evangeline Grace Magel
Mike Harris
Mark Wallace
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Jerry Noland
Neely Biggs
Veronica Allen
Jana Fransen

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Pat Benigno
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Bob Baldares, Sr.
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Grace Cooley
Ruth Wells
Amie Biggs Lewis
MaryAnn Greer
Carol Baldares
Charlene Blevins
Alex Baker

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 Hymn
Sweet Hour of Prayer

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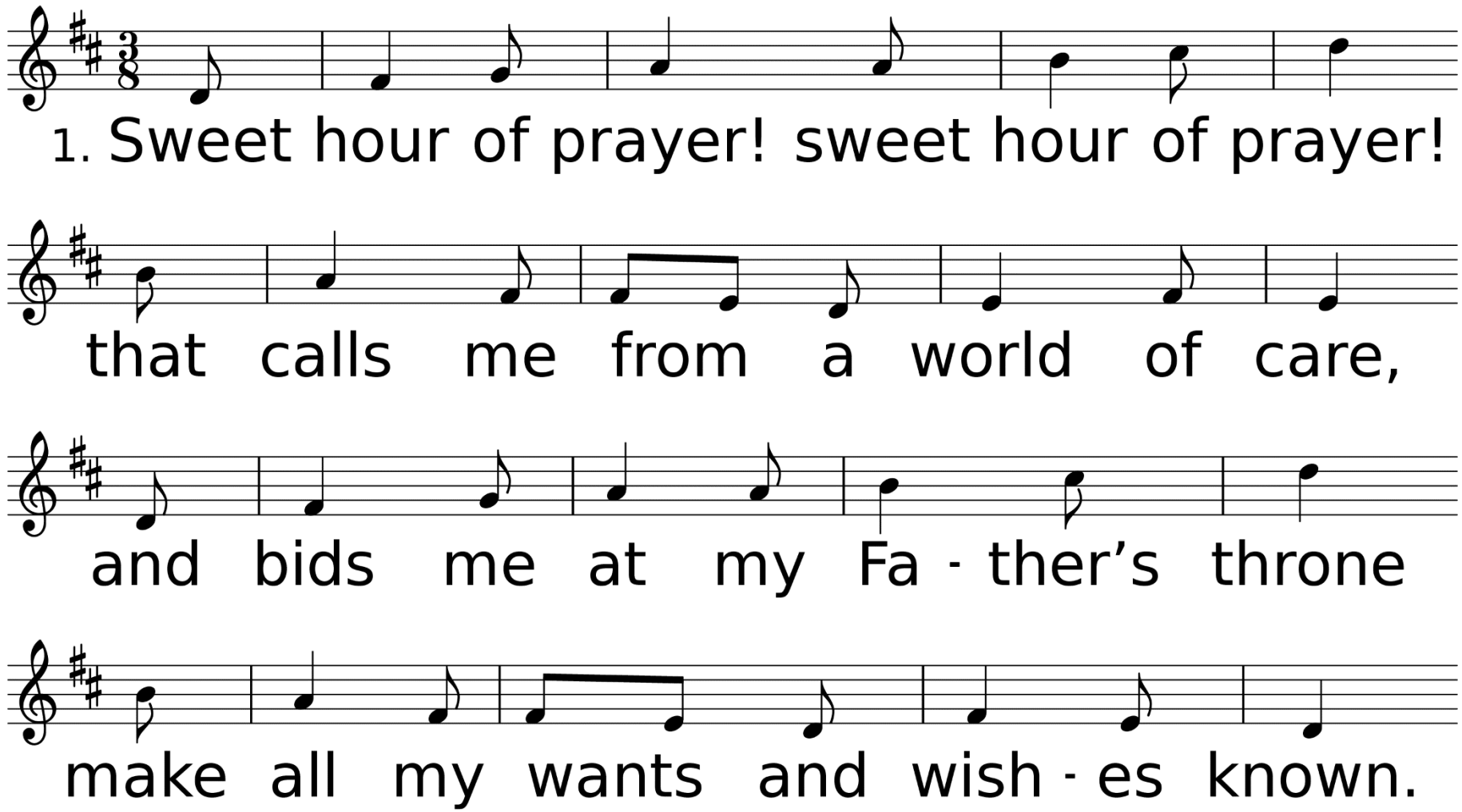

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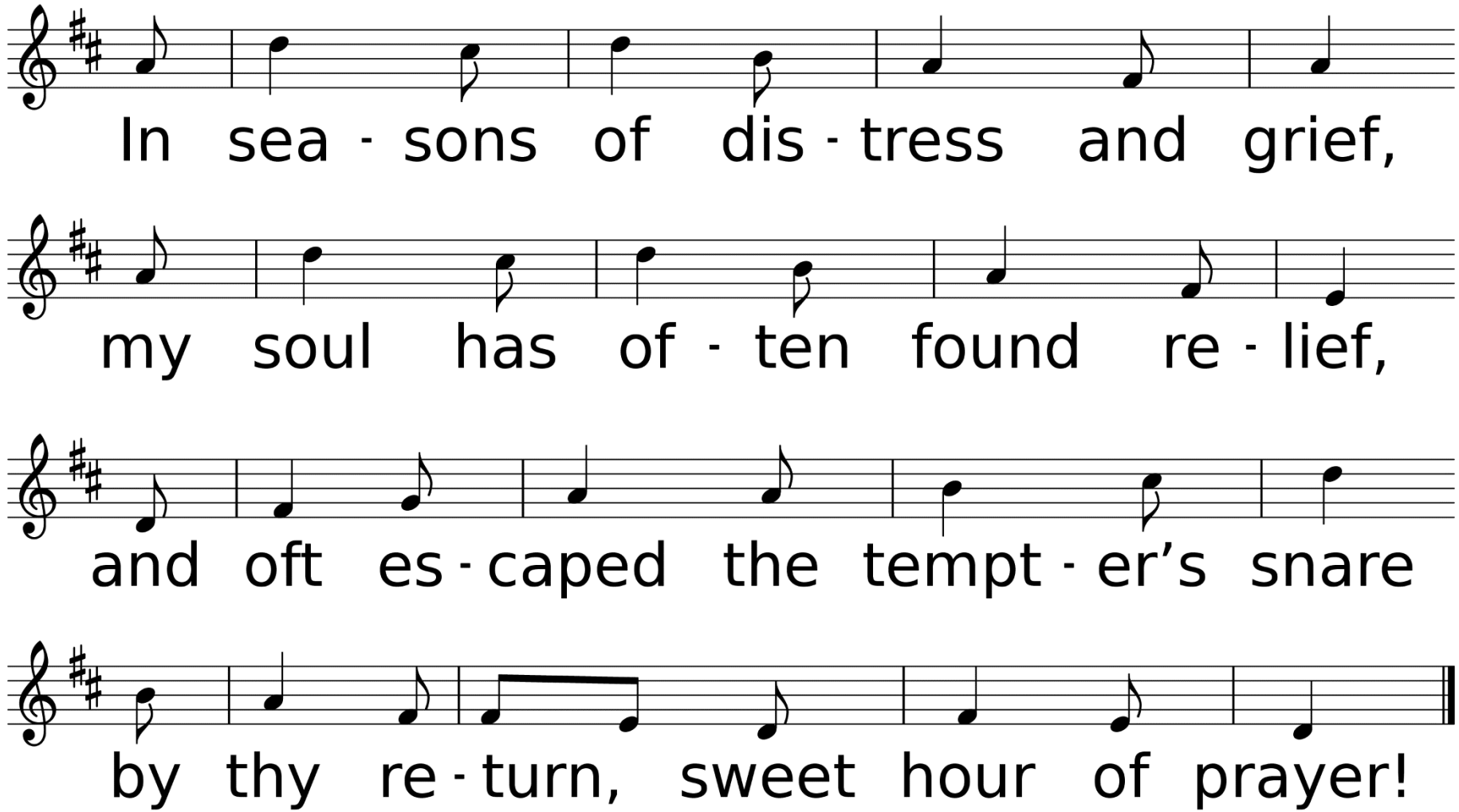
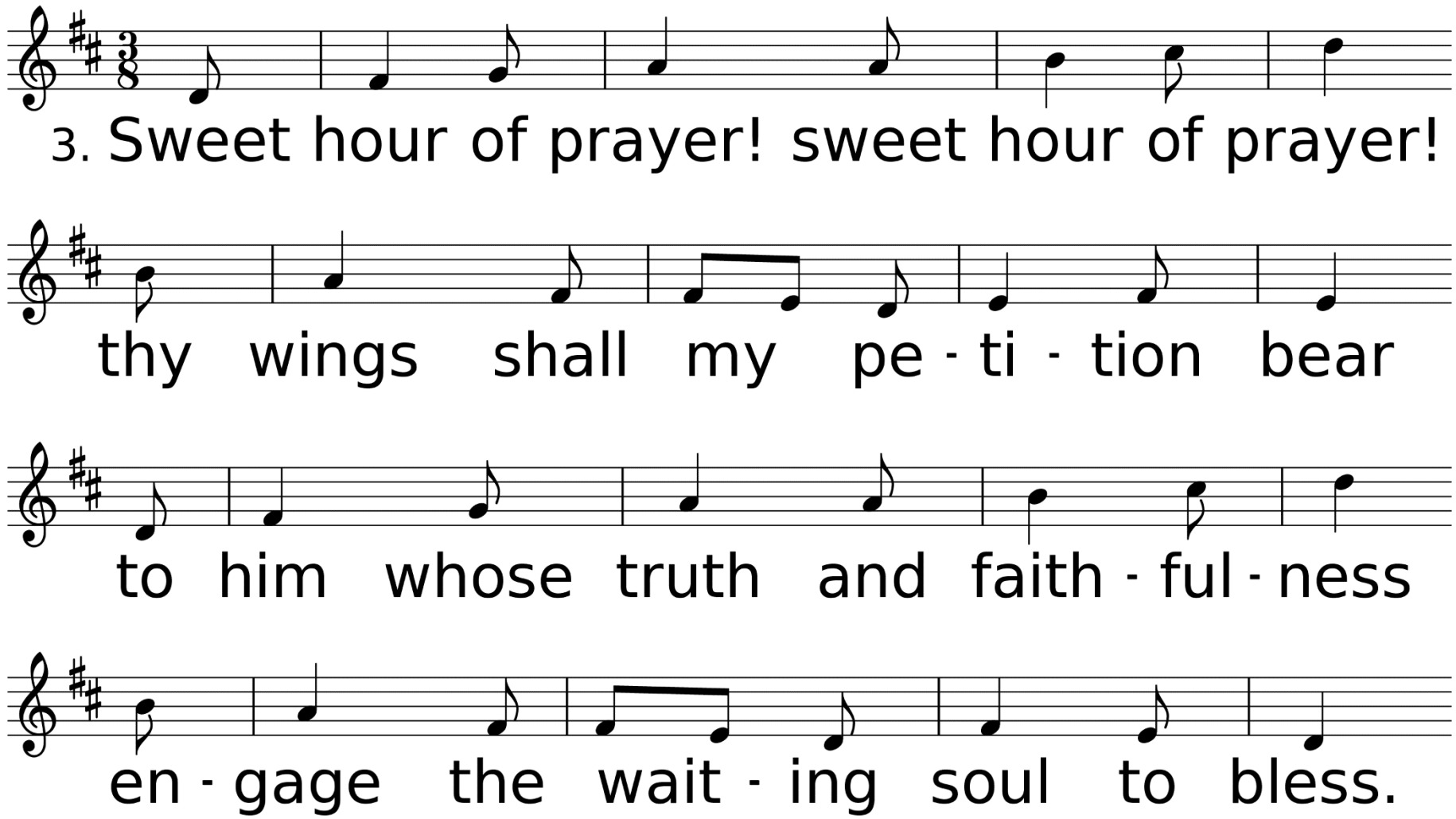
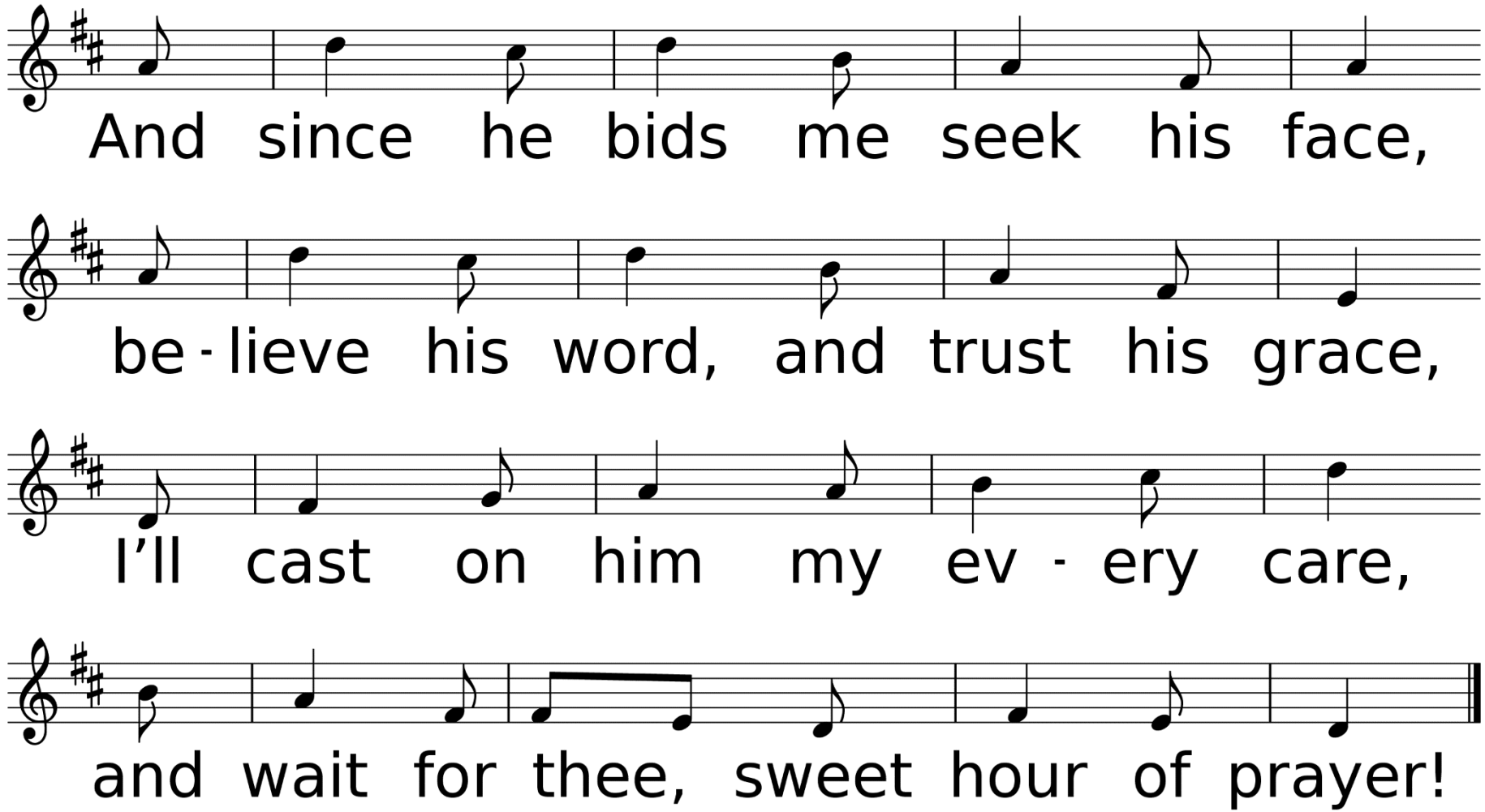
MUSIC (SWEET HOUR, LMD): William B. Bradbury, 1861


In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief,
my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare
by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!


3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness
en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.


And since he bids me seek his face,
be - lieve his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my ev - ery care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God’s Tithes & Gifts

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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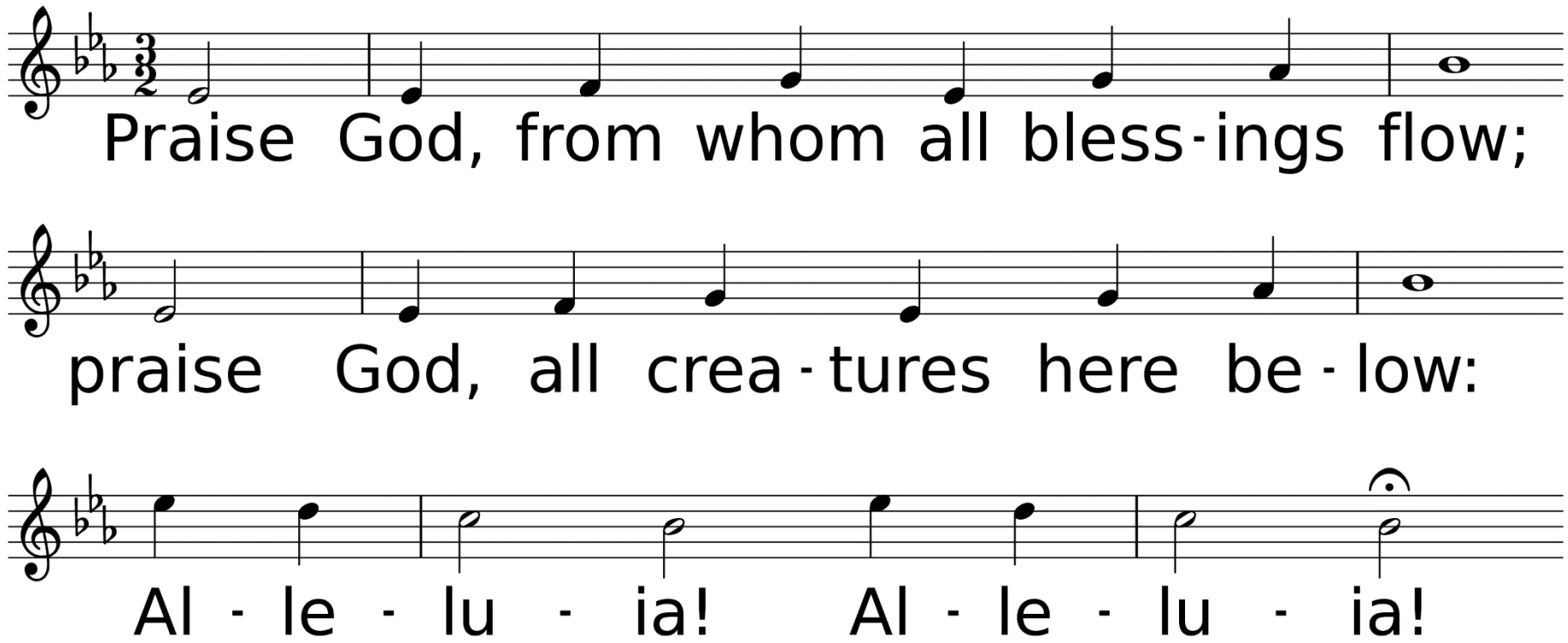

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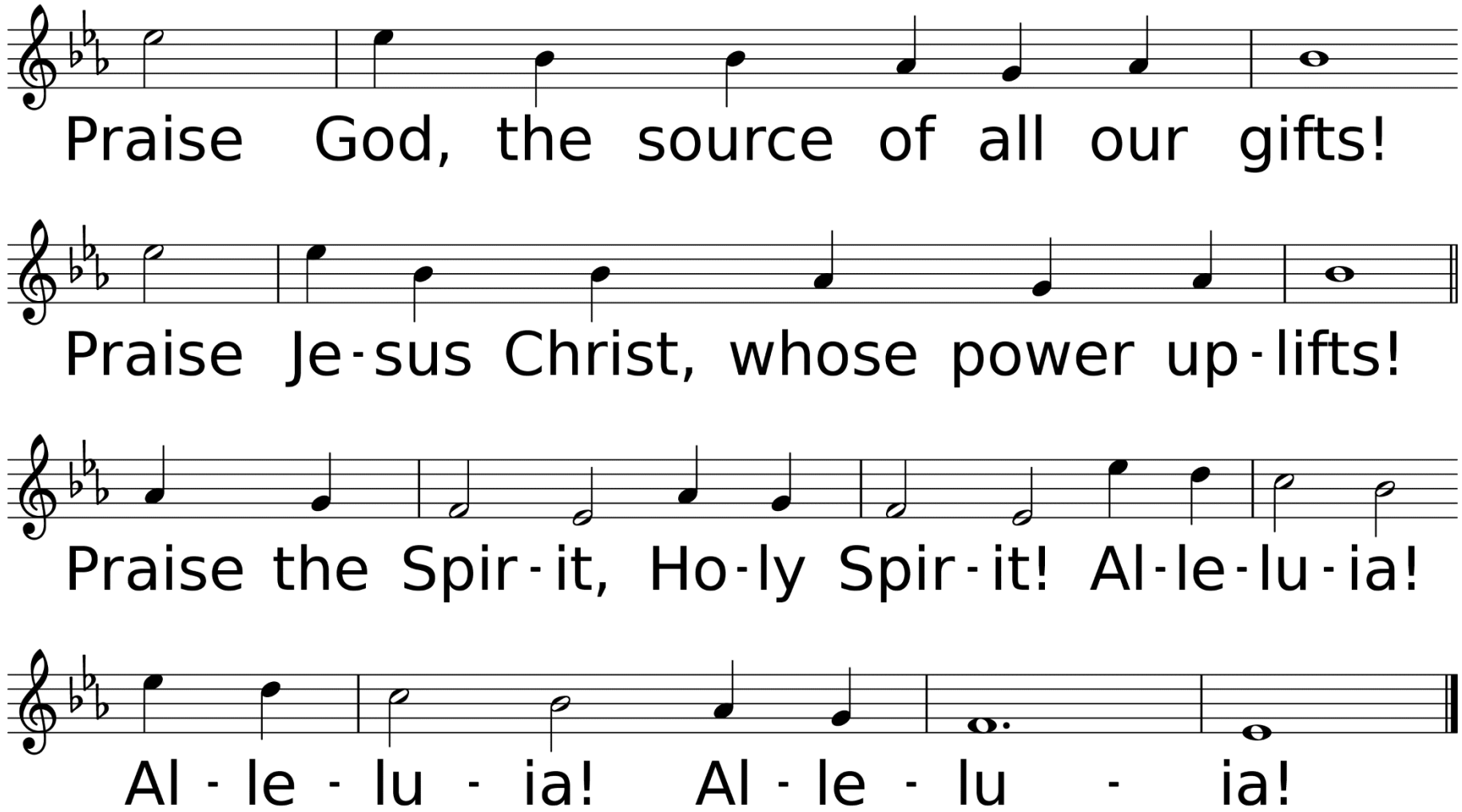
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of Faith

Love Lifted Me

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1.I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

2.All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs; Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

3.Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves. He’s the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey; He your savior wants to be—Be saved today.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

Scripture Reading:
Mark 4:26-34
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it,

because the harvest has come.” Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” With many similar parables

Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight.

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

“The Kingdom of God is Like…” Sermon

Louis Michiels

Anthem
Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Words by: Philip P. Bliss/ James McGranaham

*Hymn of Invitation
Are Ye Able

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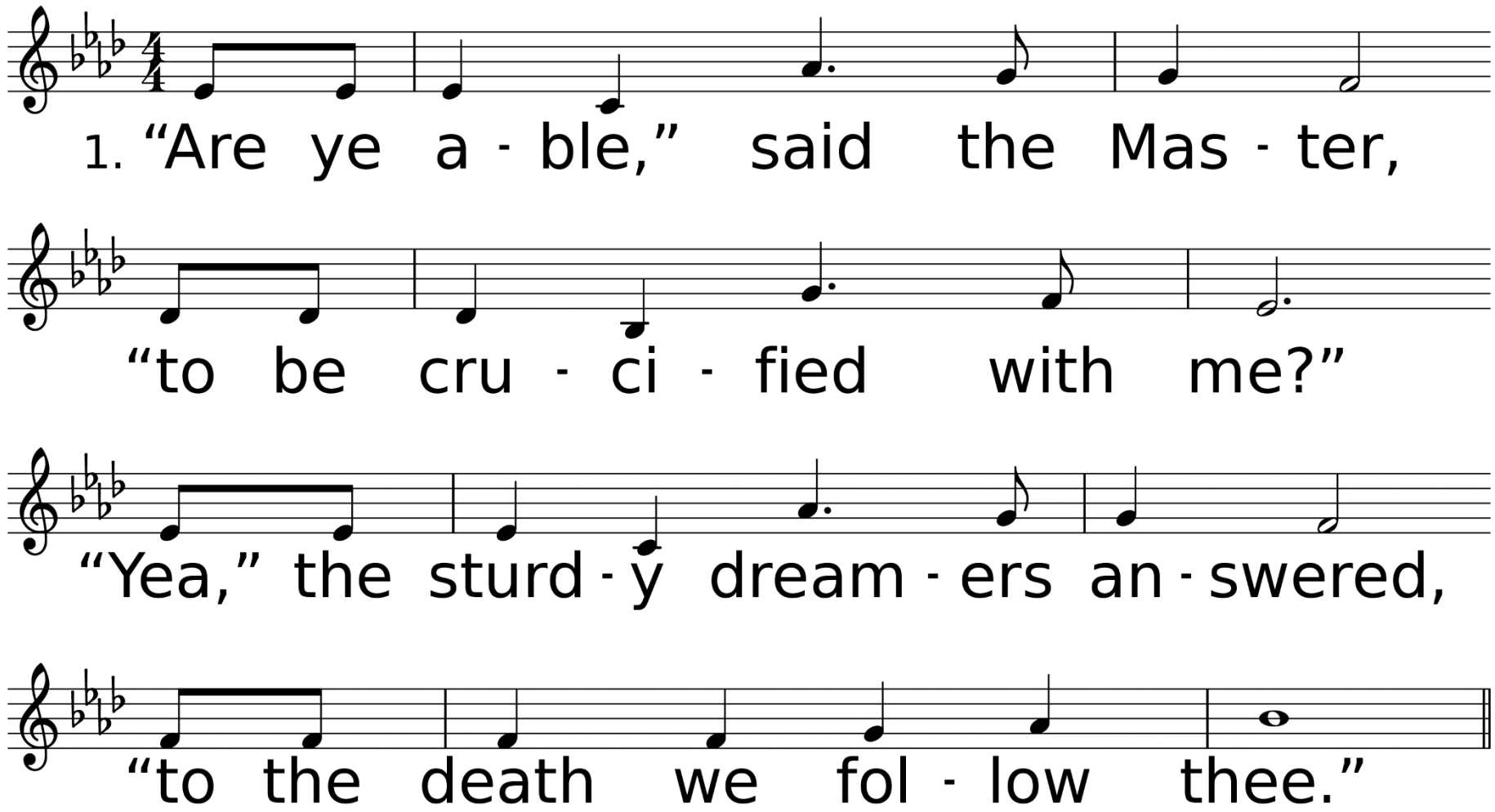

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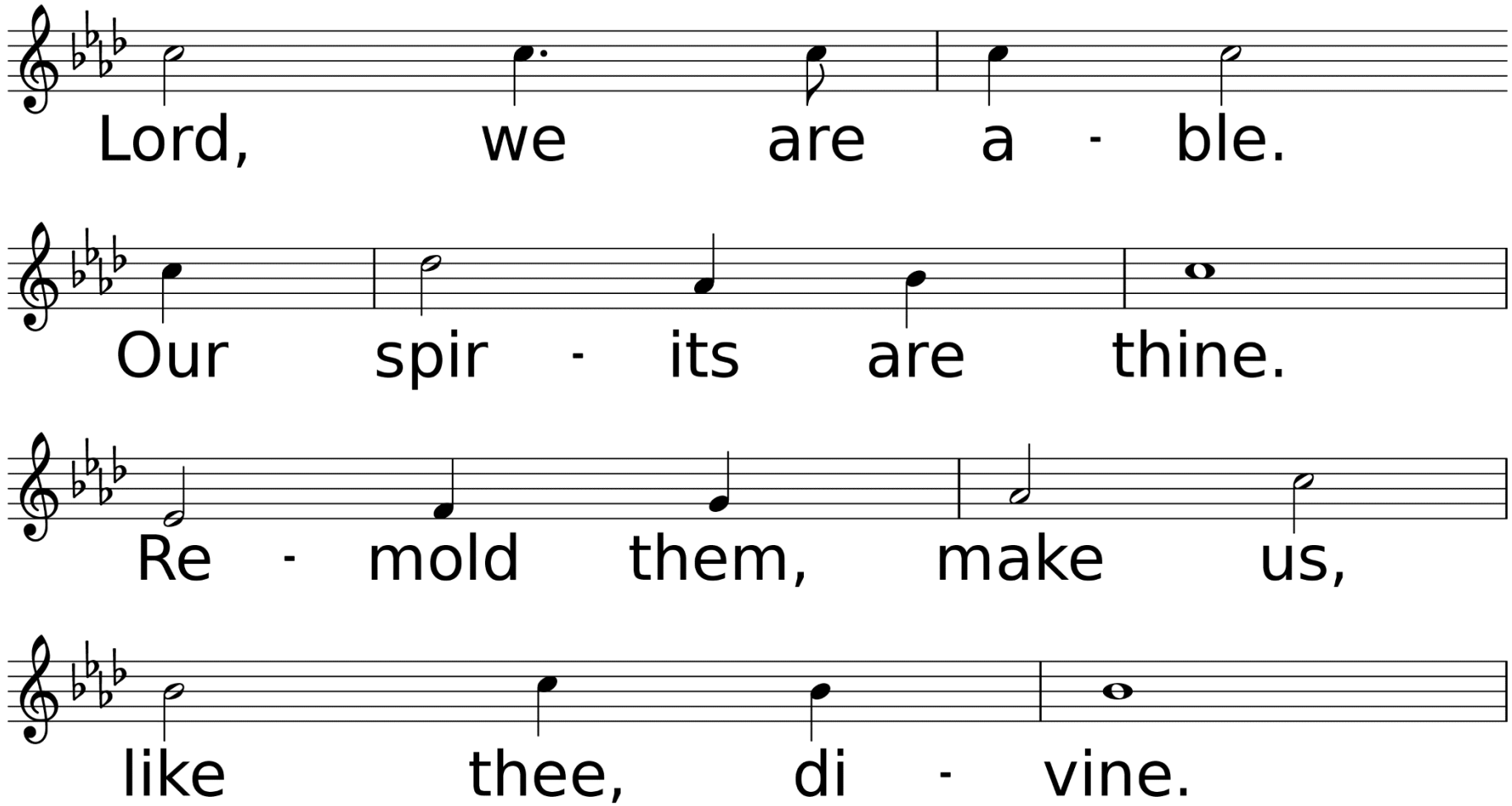
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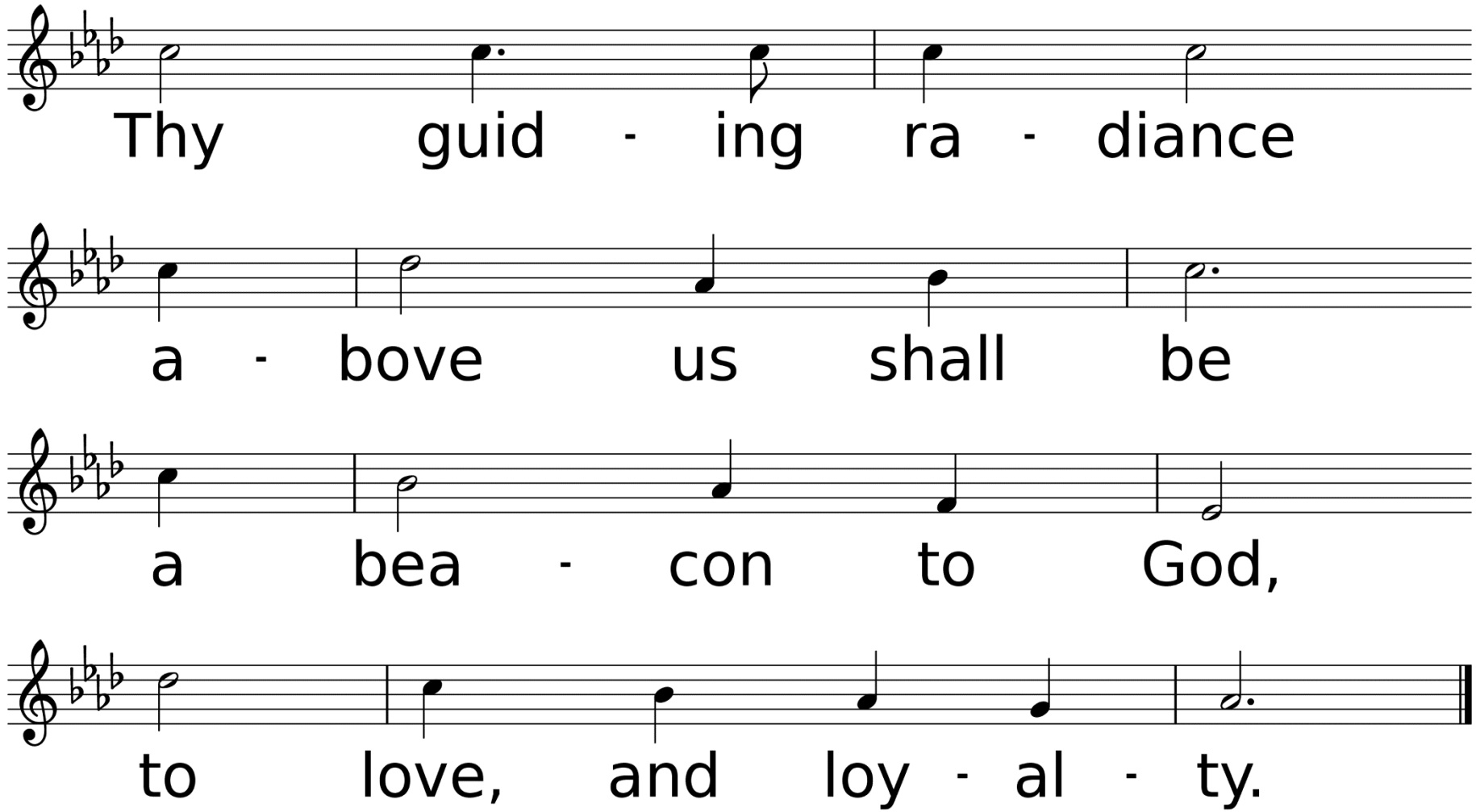
Our spir - its are thine.
Re - mold them, make us,
like thee, di - vine.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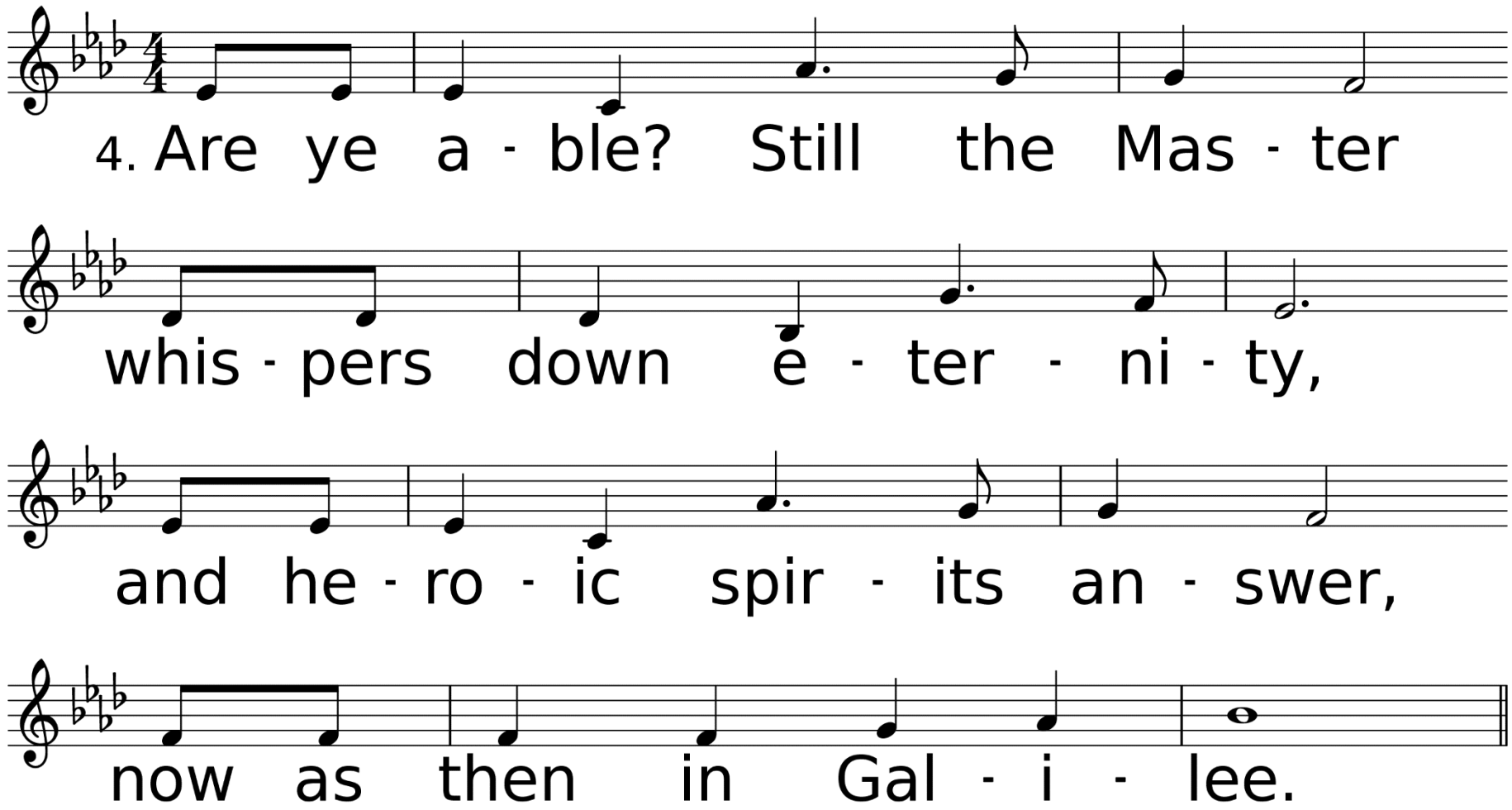
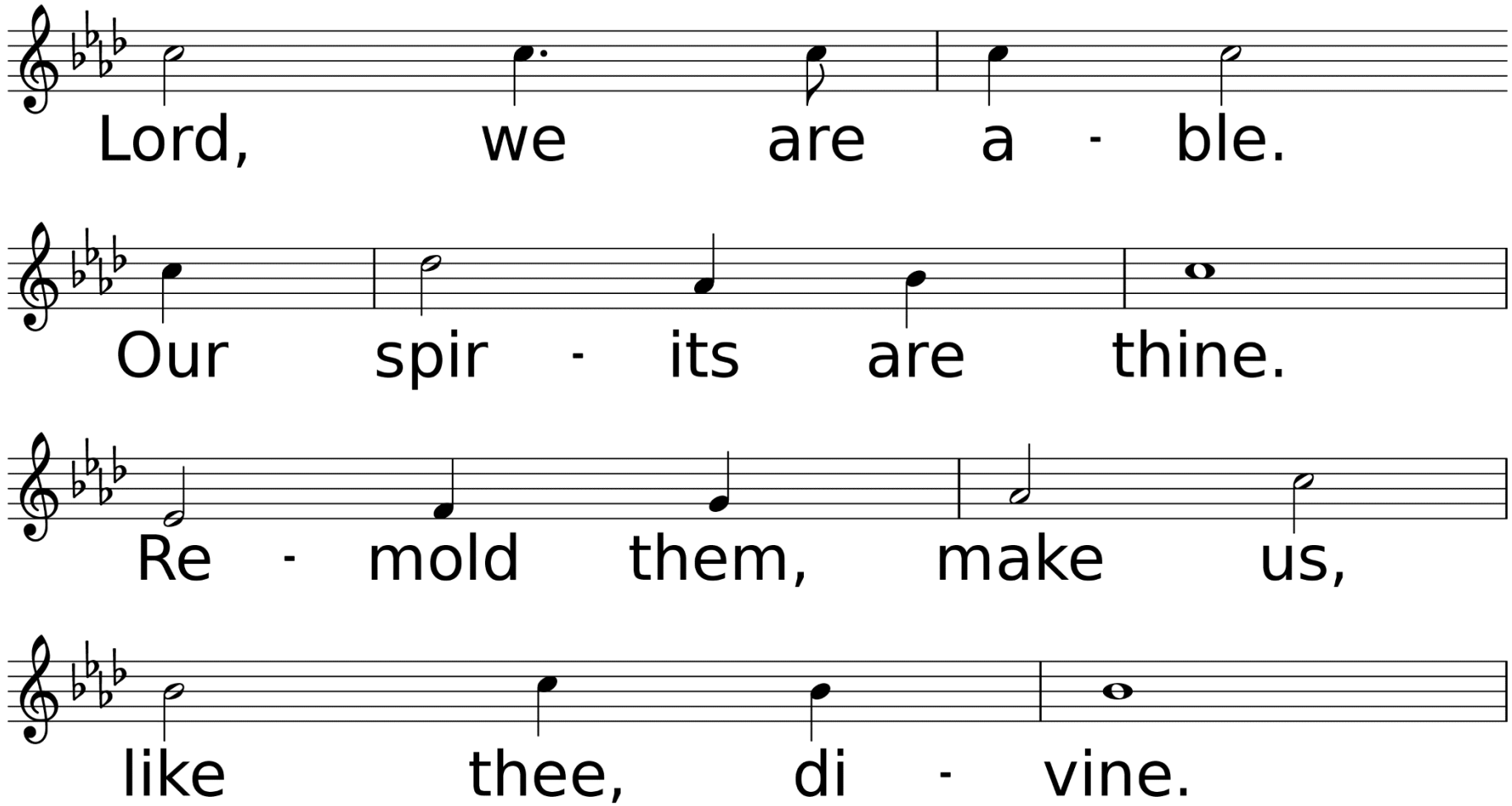
to love, and loy - al - ty.


4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter
whis - pers down e - ter - ni - ty,
and he - ro - ic spir - its an - swer,
now as then in Gal - i - lee.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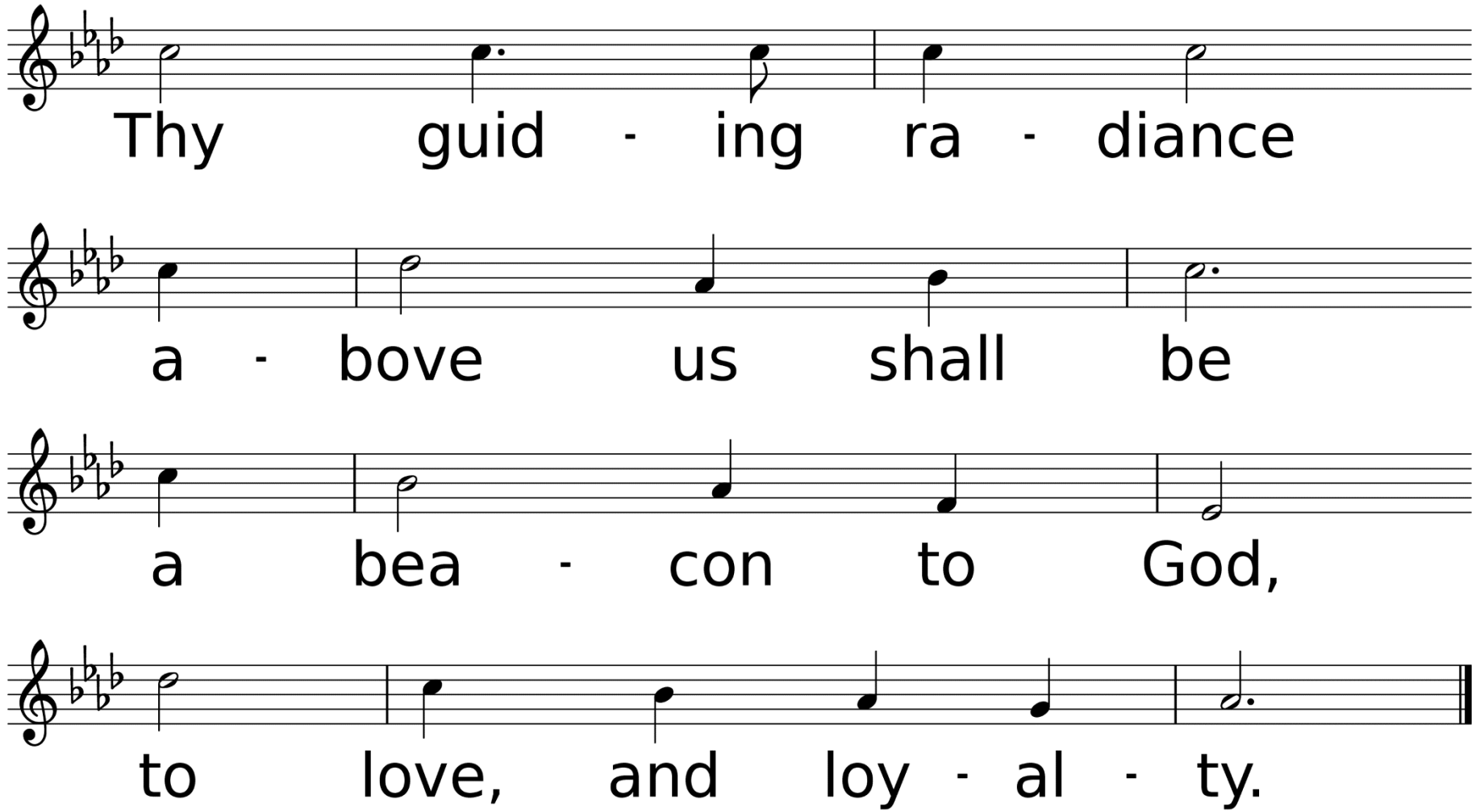
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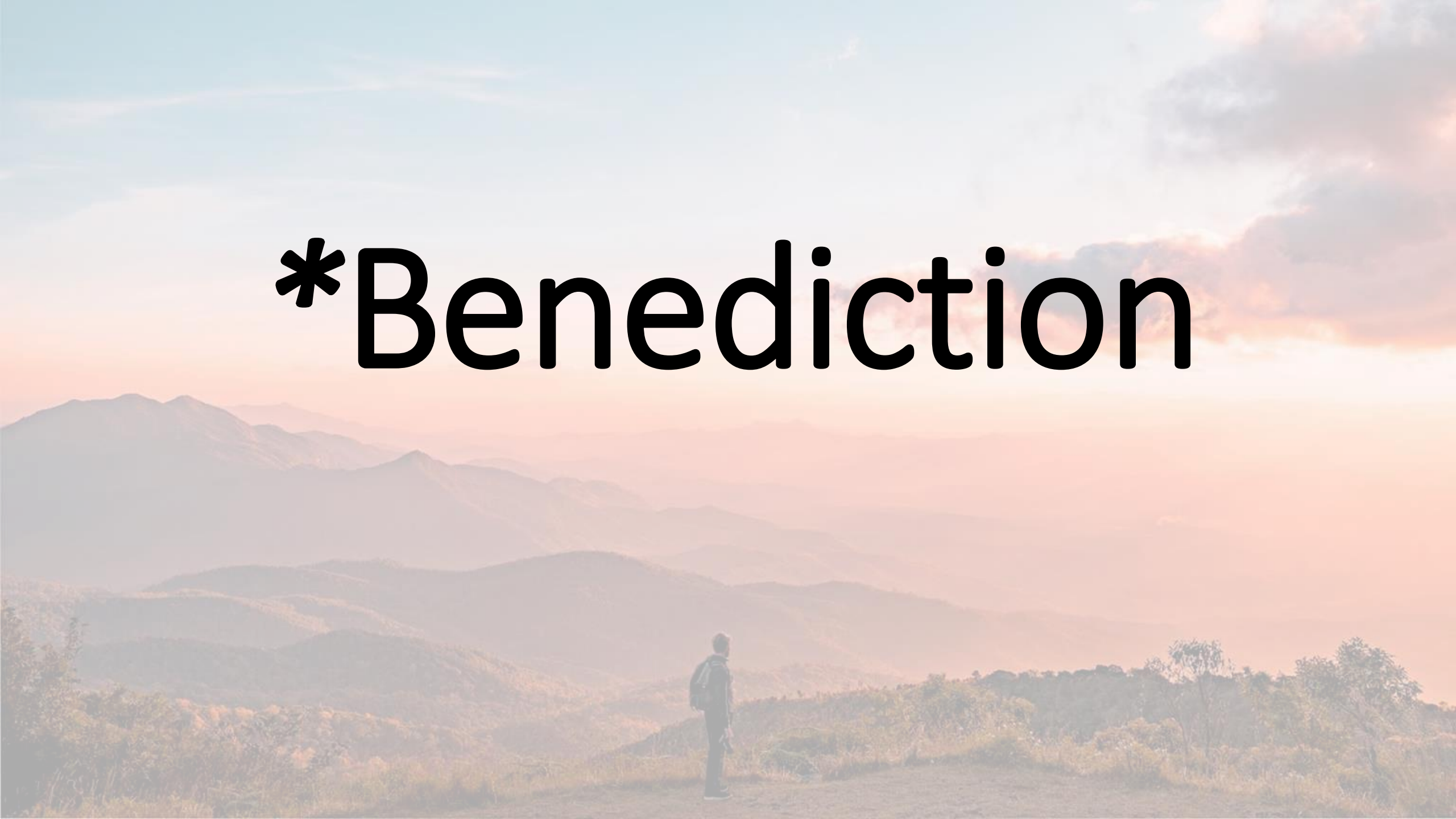
*Benediction



*Sending Forth

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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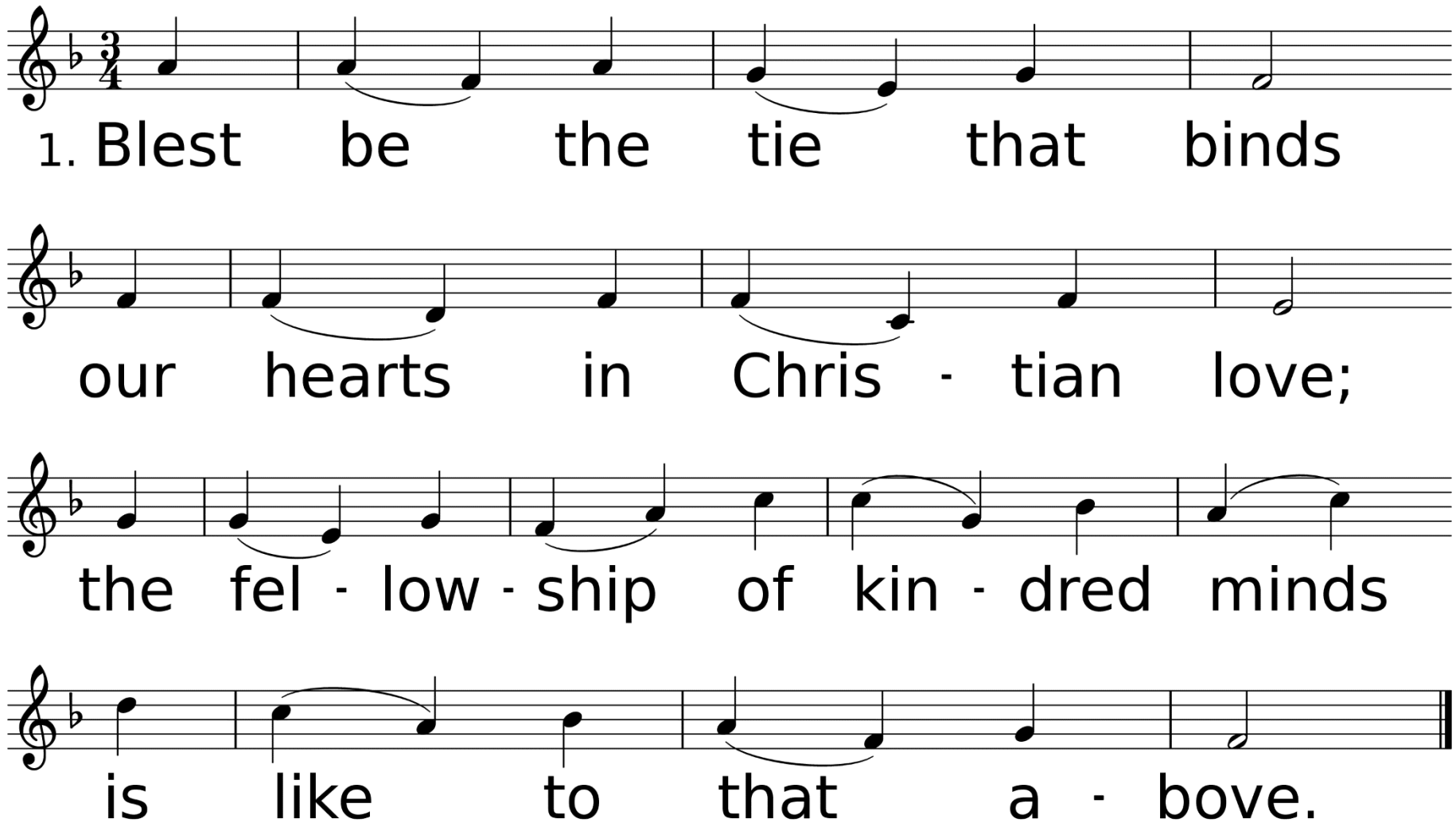

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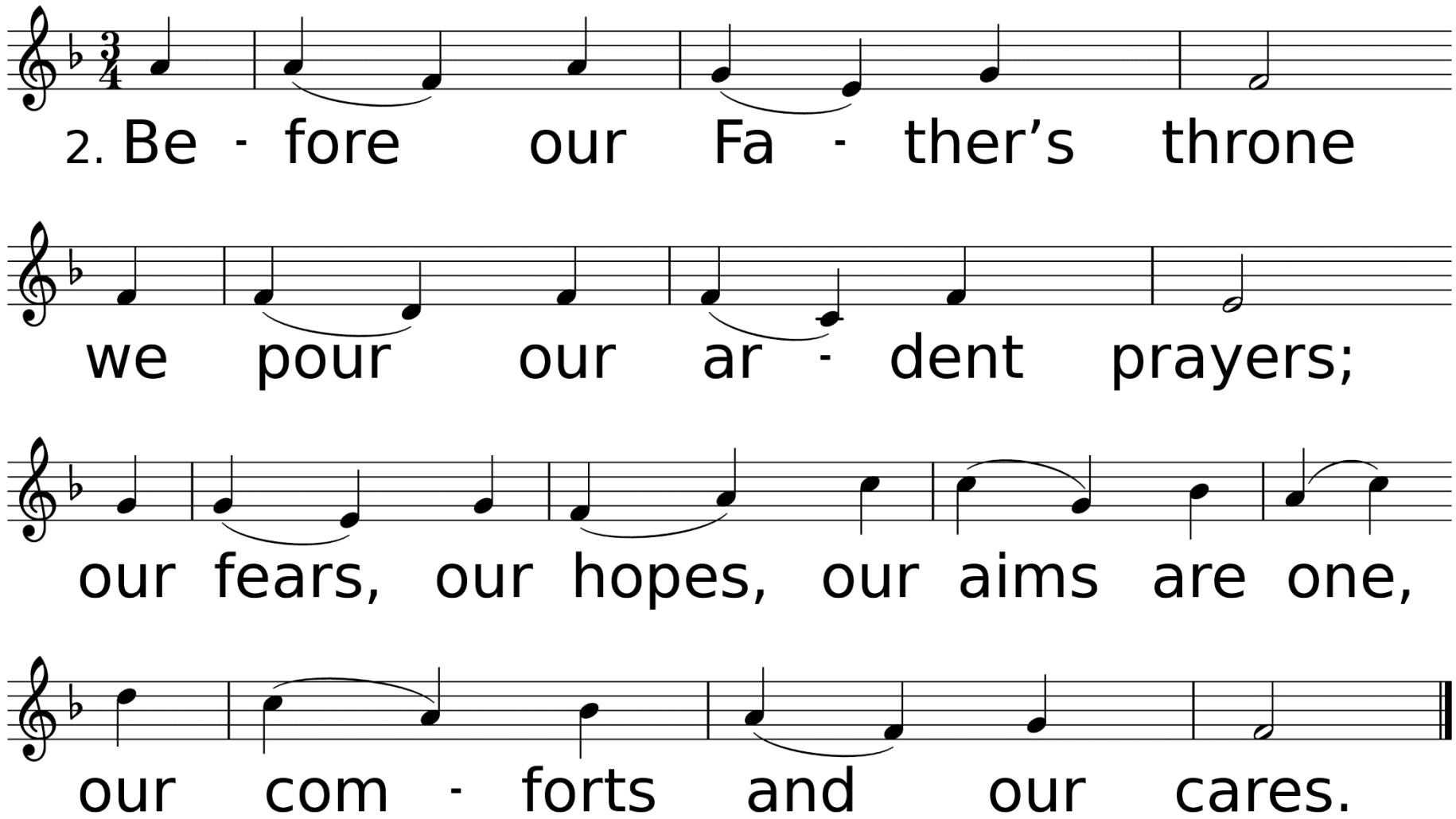
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne
we pour our ar - dent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our com - forts and our cares.

Thank you for joining us today!