Welcome Home!

August 27, 2023
10:00 AM Sunday Service
Sanctuary & Online

Announcements

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Choral Call To Worship

Make Me a Blessing

Music by Ira B. Wilson
Words by George S. Schuler

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

Congregation: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God’s people, called out of the darkness into God’s marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Congregation: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Hymn of Praise

We're Marching to Zion

UMH, #733

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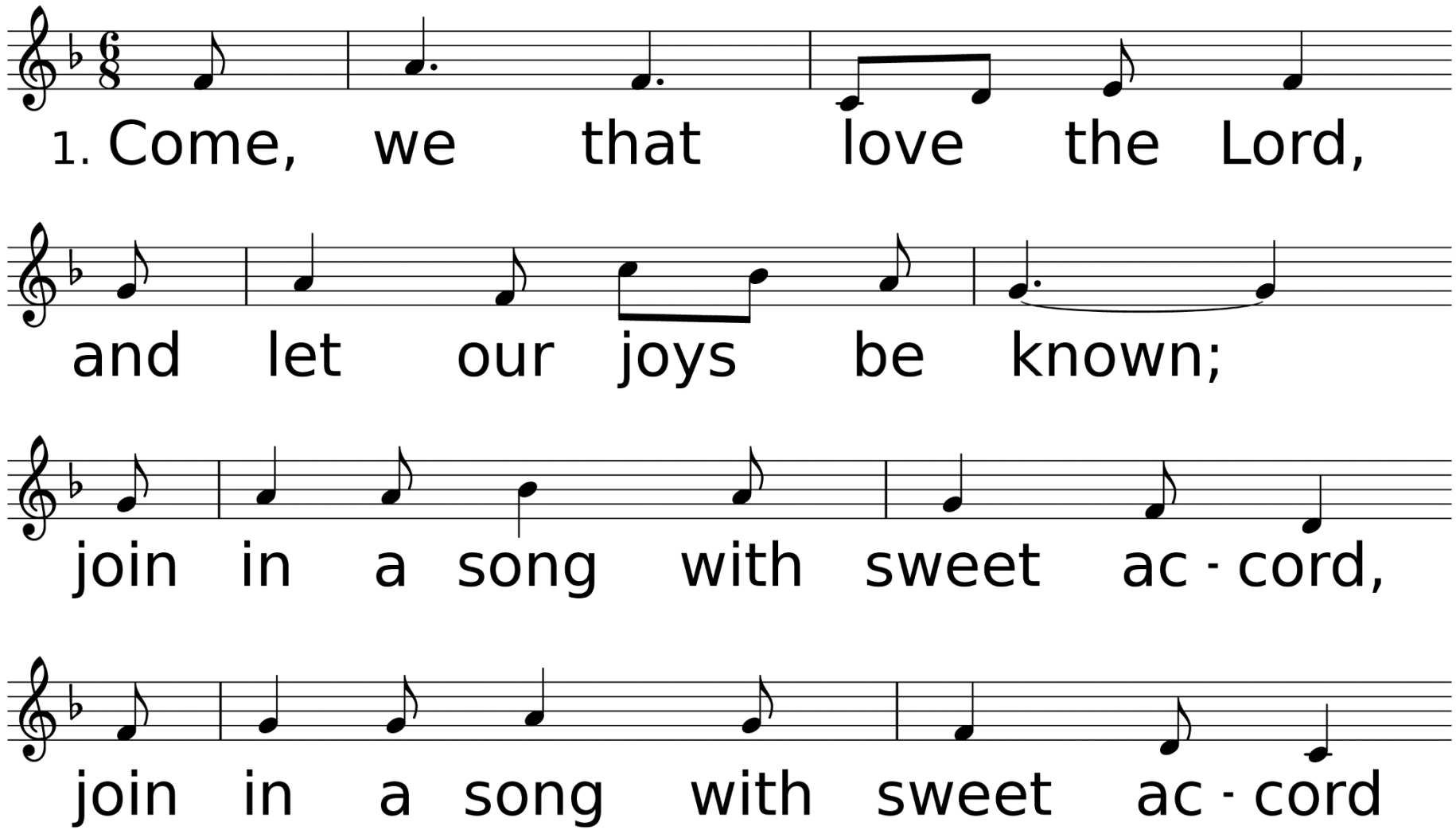

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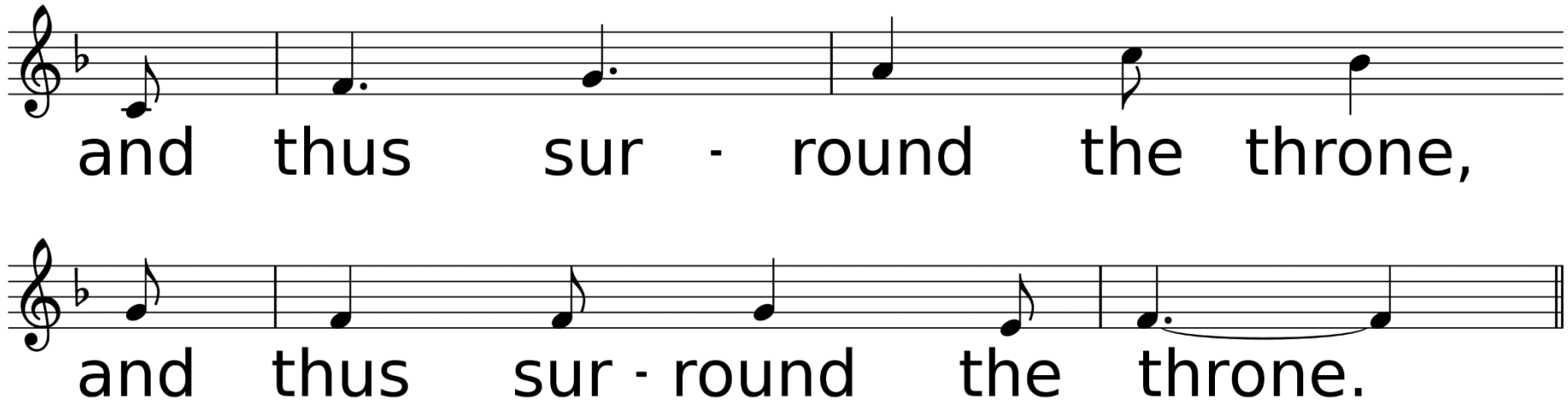
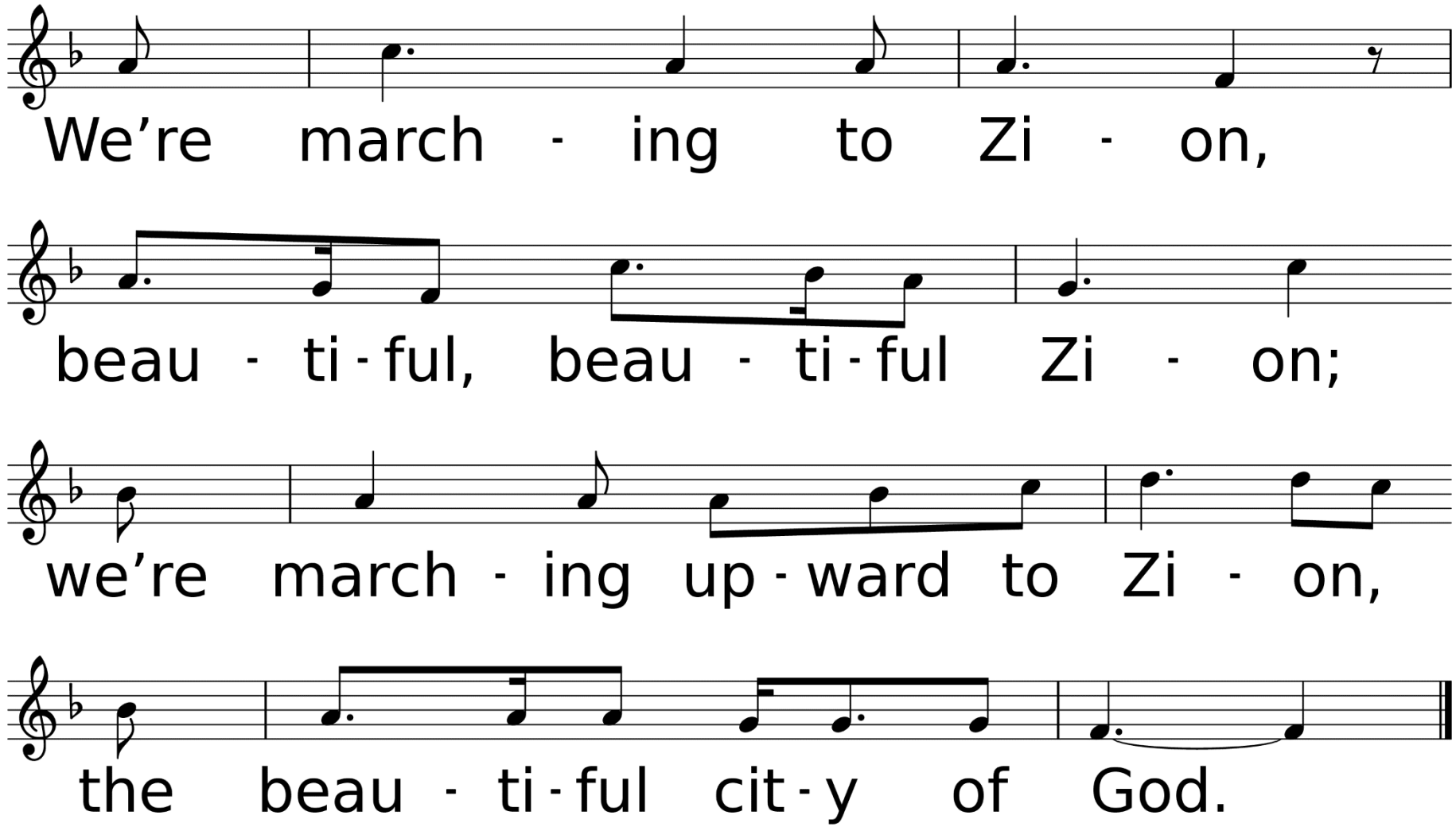
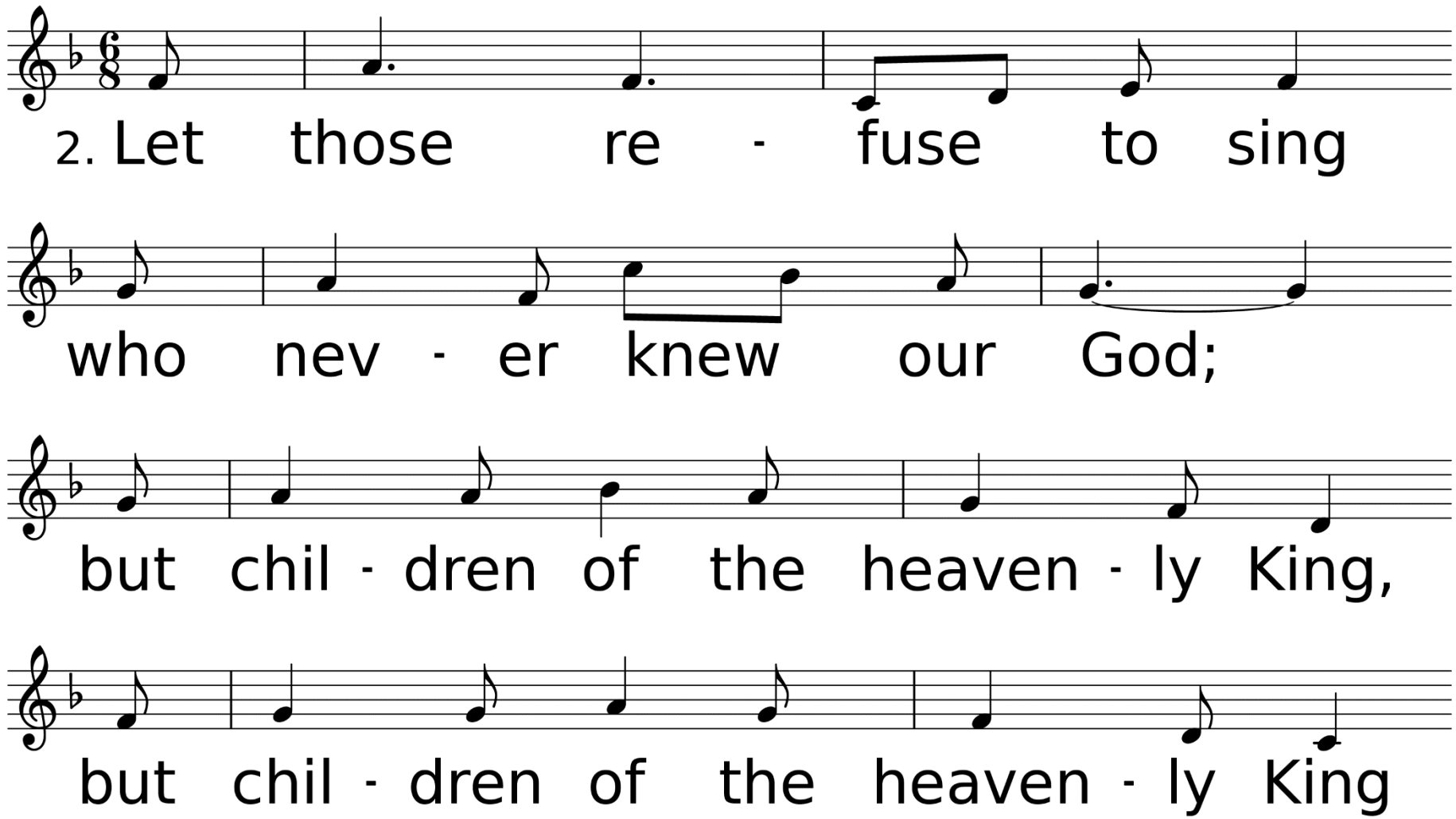
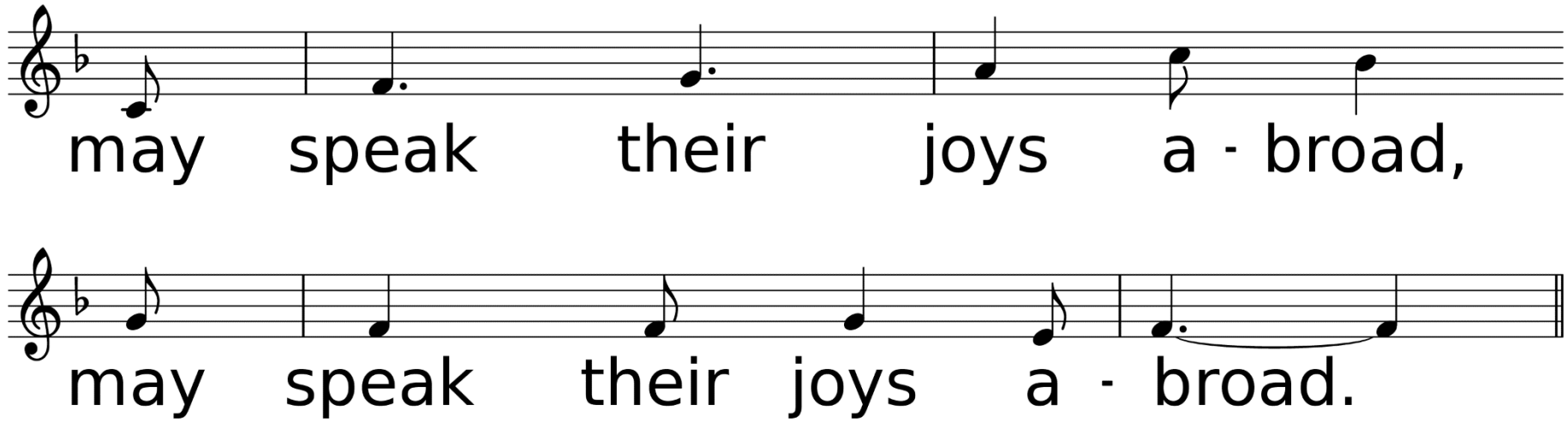

and thus sur - round the throne,
and thus sur - round the throne.


We're march - ing to Zi - on,
beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;
we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.


2. Let those re - fuse to sing
who nev - er knew our God;
but chil - dren of the heaven - ly King,
but chil - dren of the heaven - ly King


may speak their joys a - broad,
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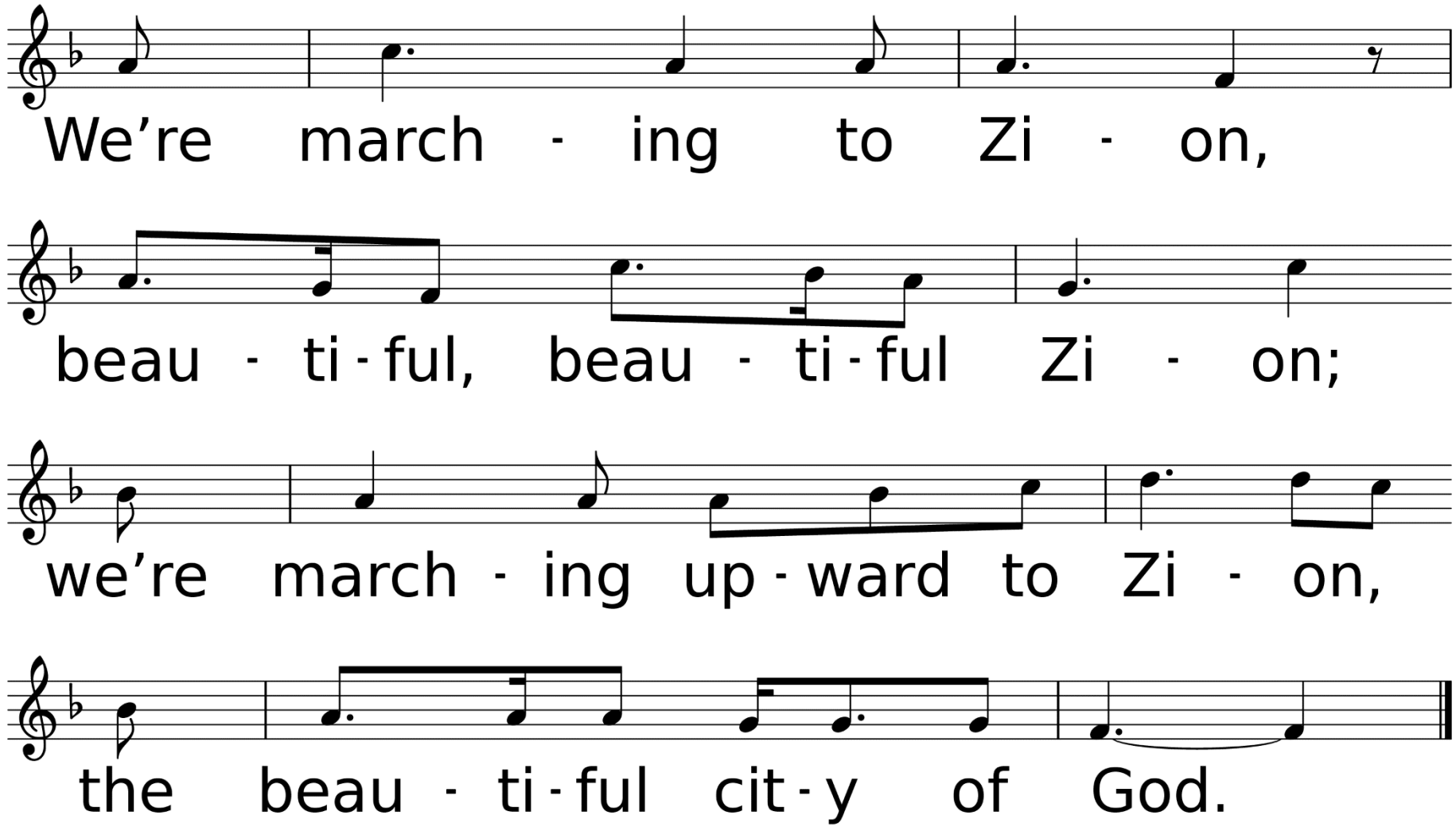
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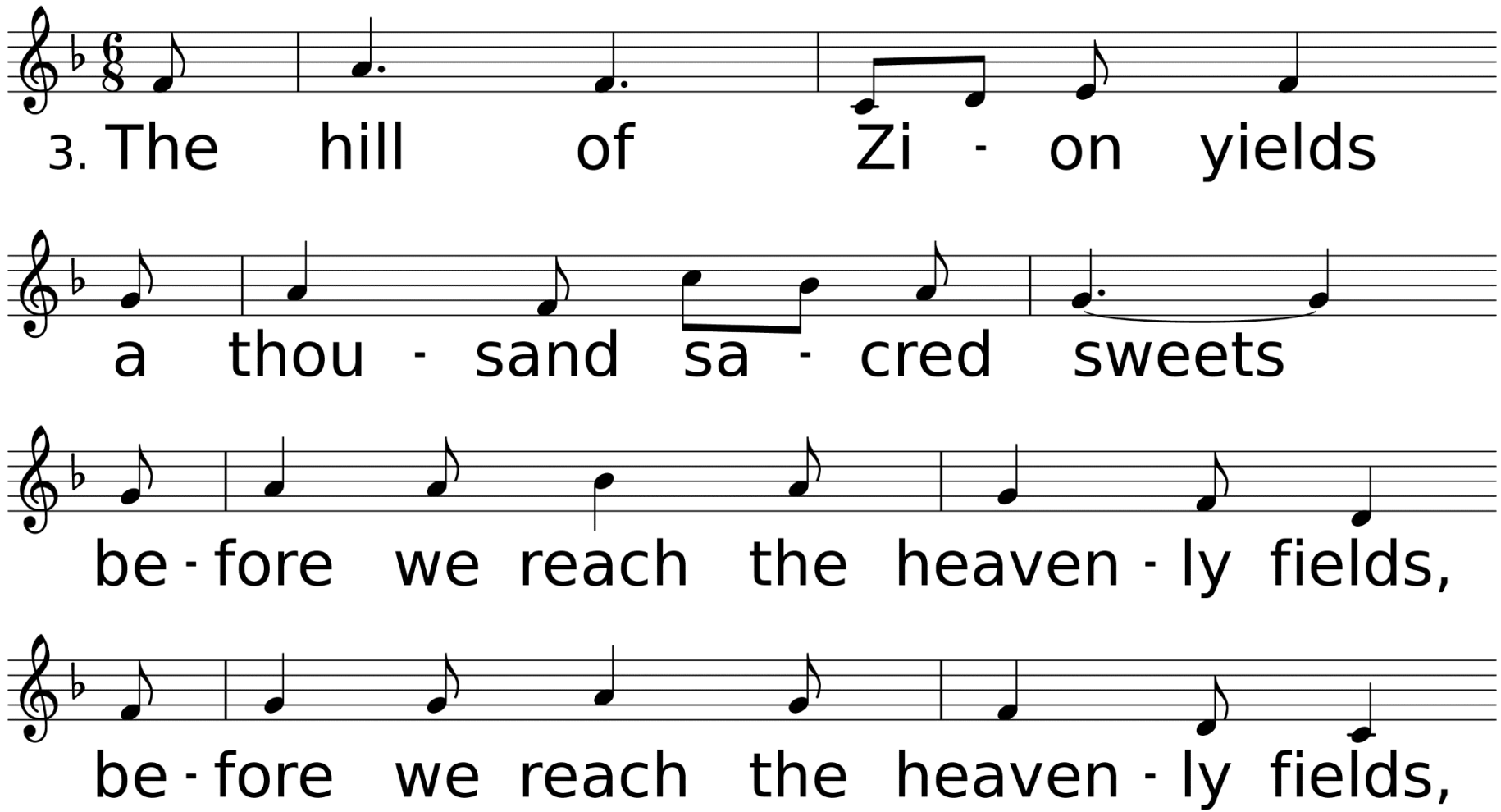
3. The hill of Zi - on yields
a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
be - fore we reach the heaven - ly fields,
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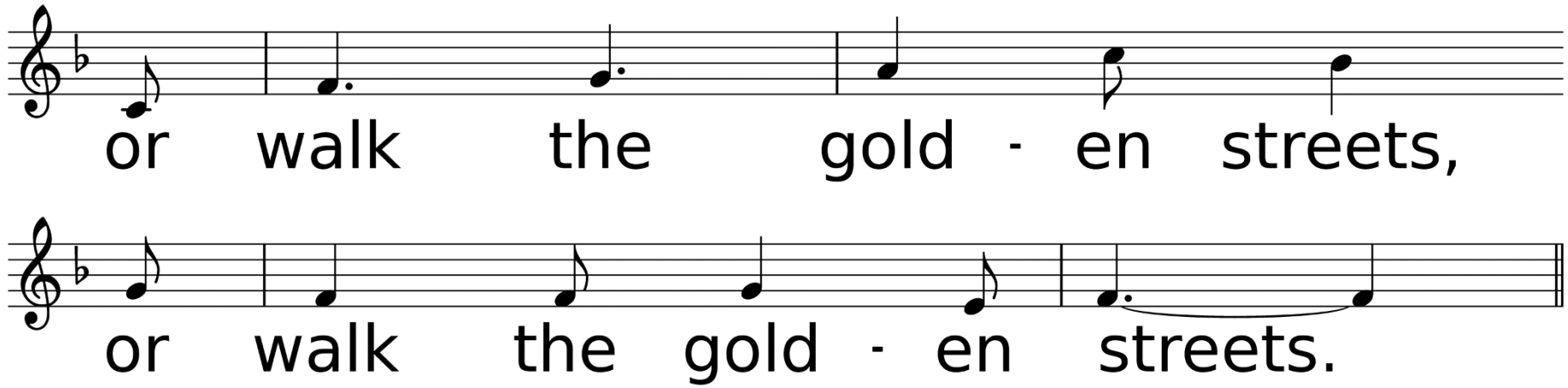
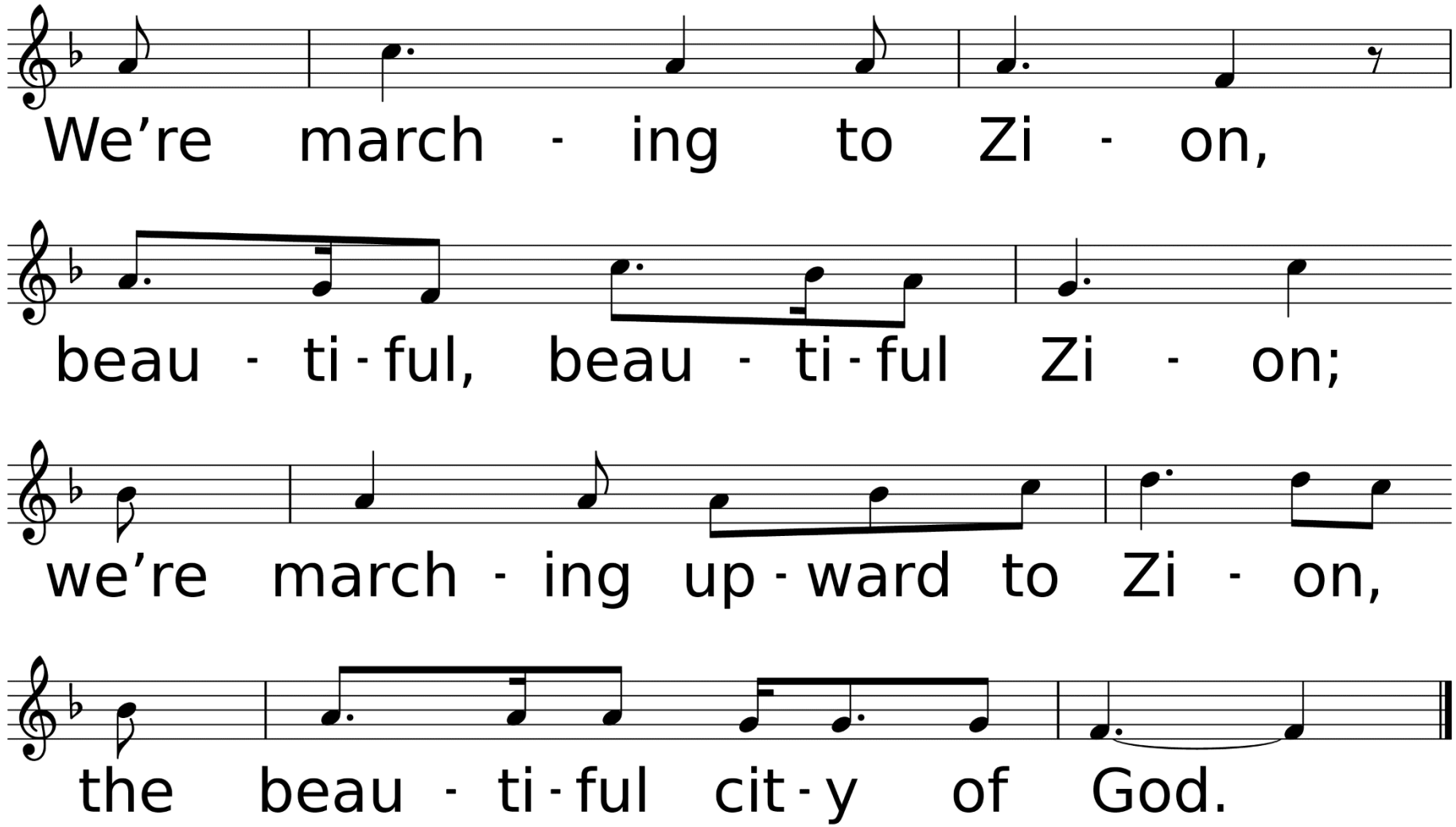

or walk the gold - en streets,
or walk the gold - en streets.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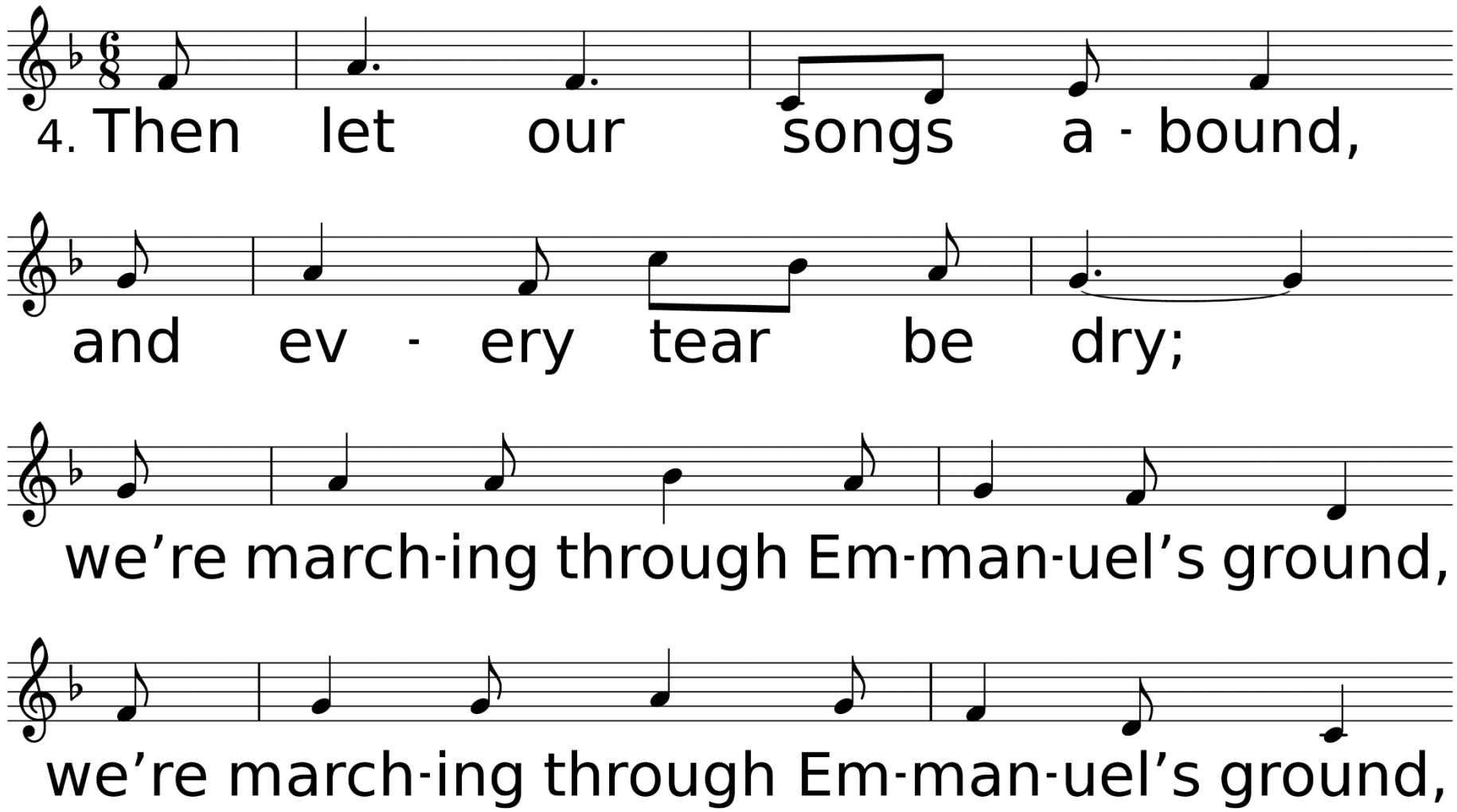
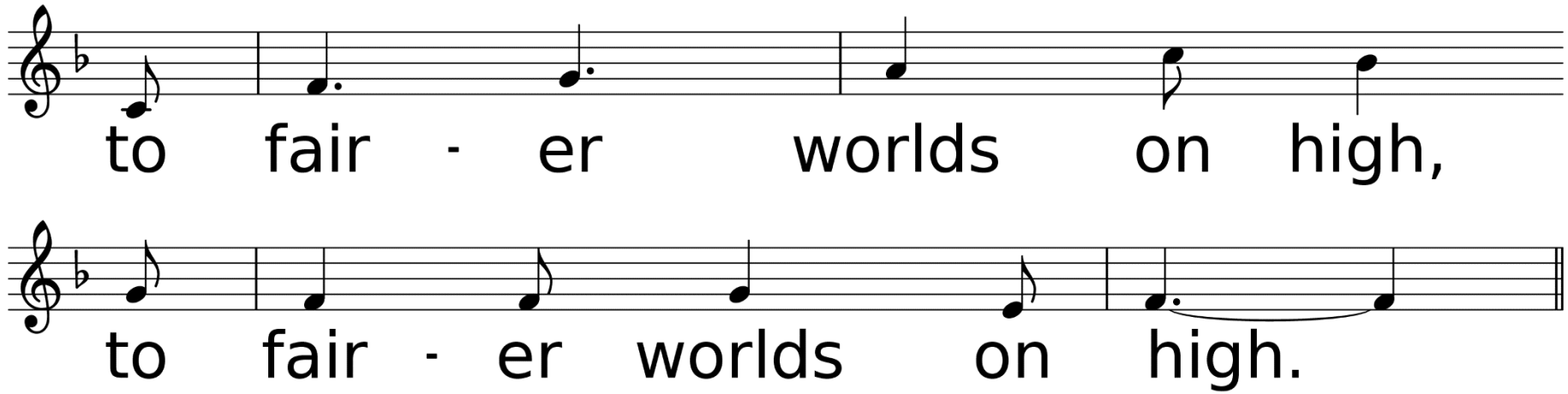

4. Then let our songs a - bound,
and ev - ery tear be dry;
we're march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground,
we're march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground,


to fair - er worlds on high,
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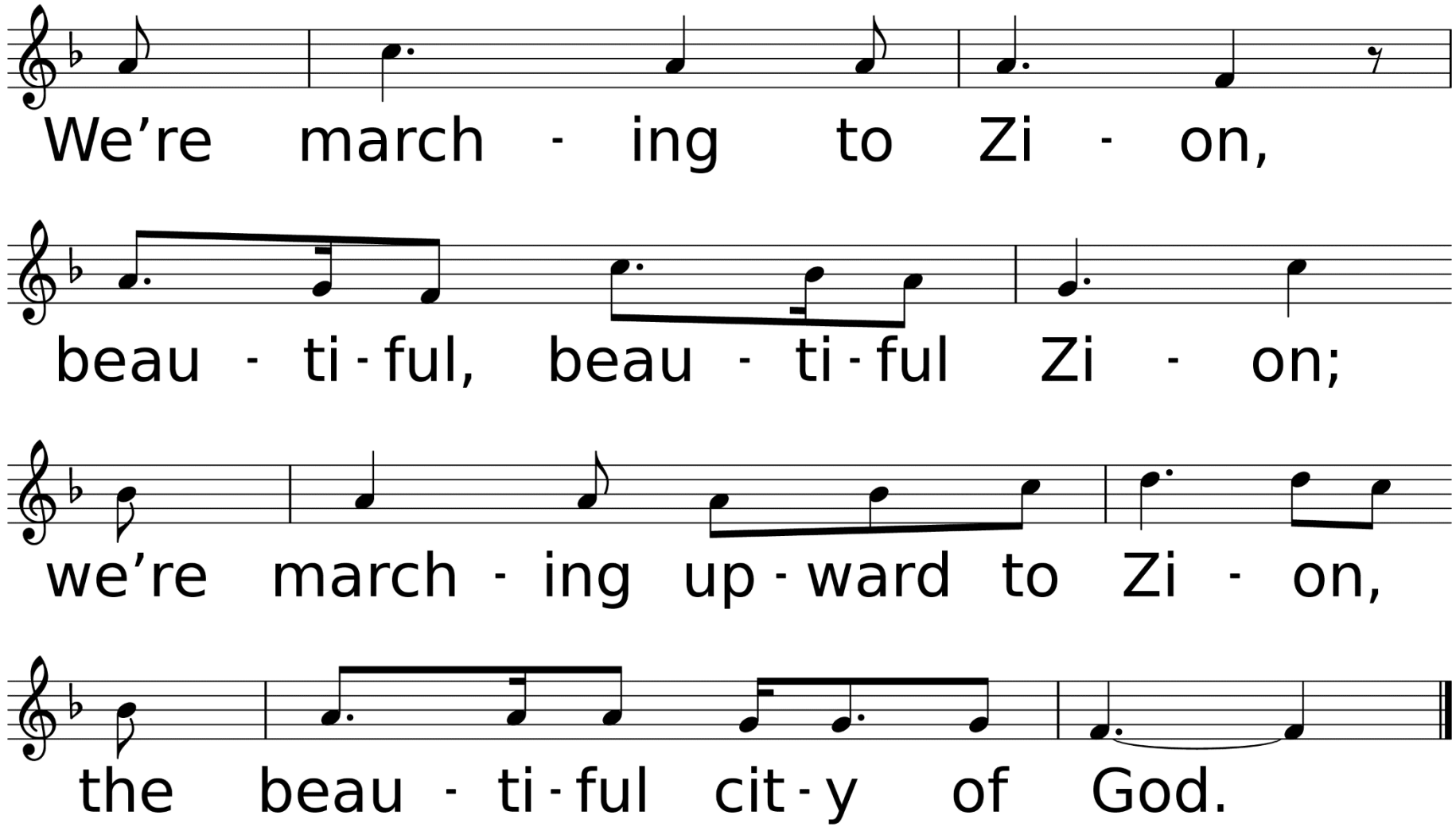
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*Affirmation of Faith

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

Call To Prayer Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH, #453, v. 1 & 4

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Music by William H. Doane

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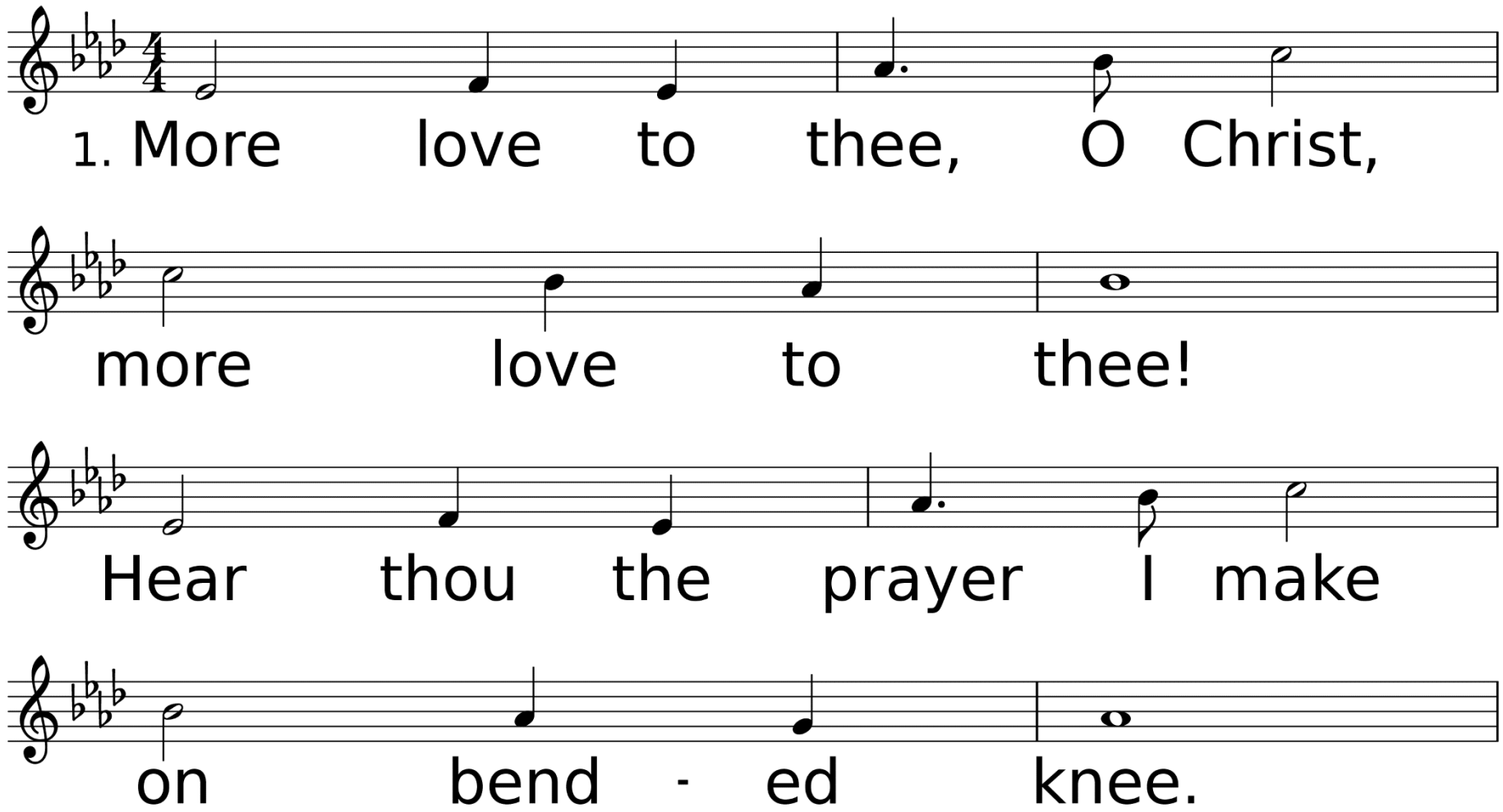

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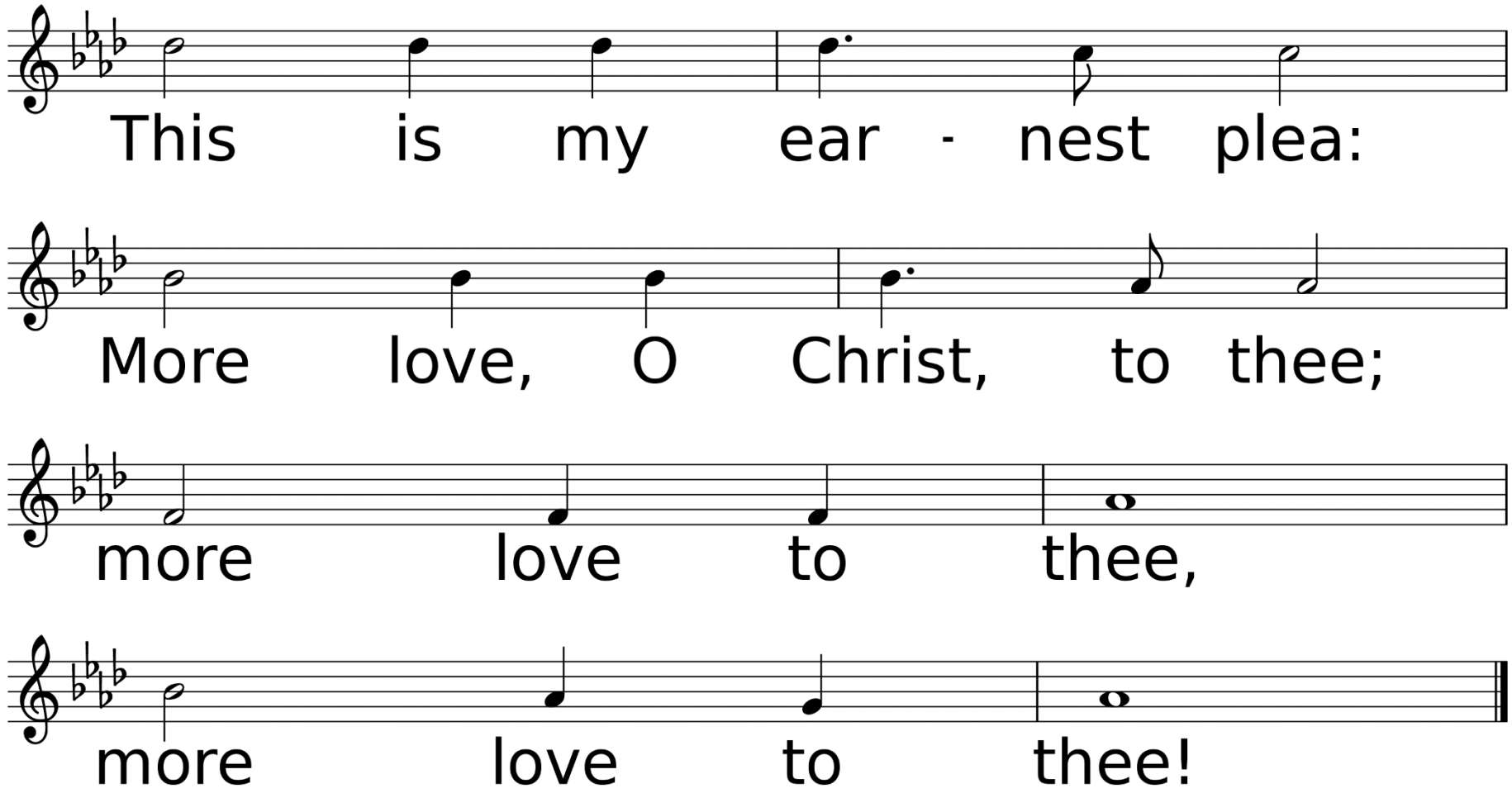
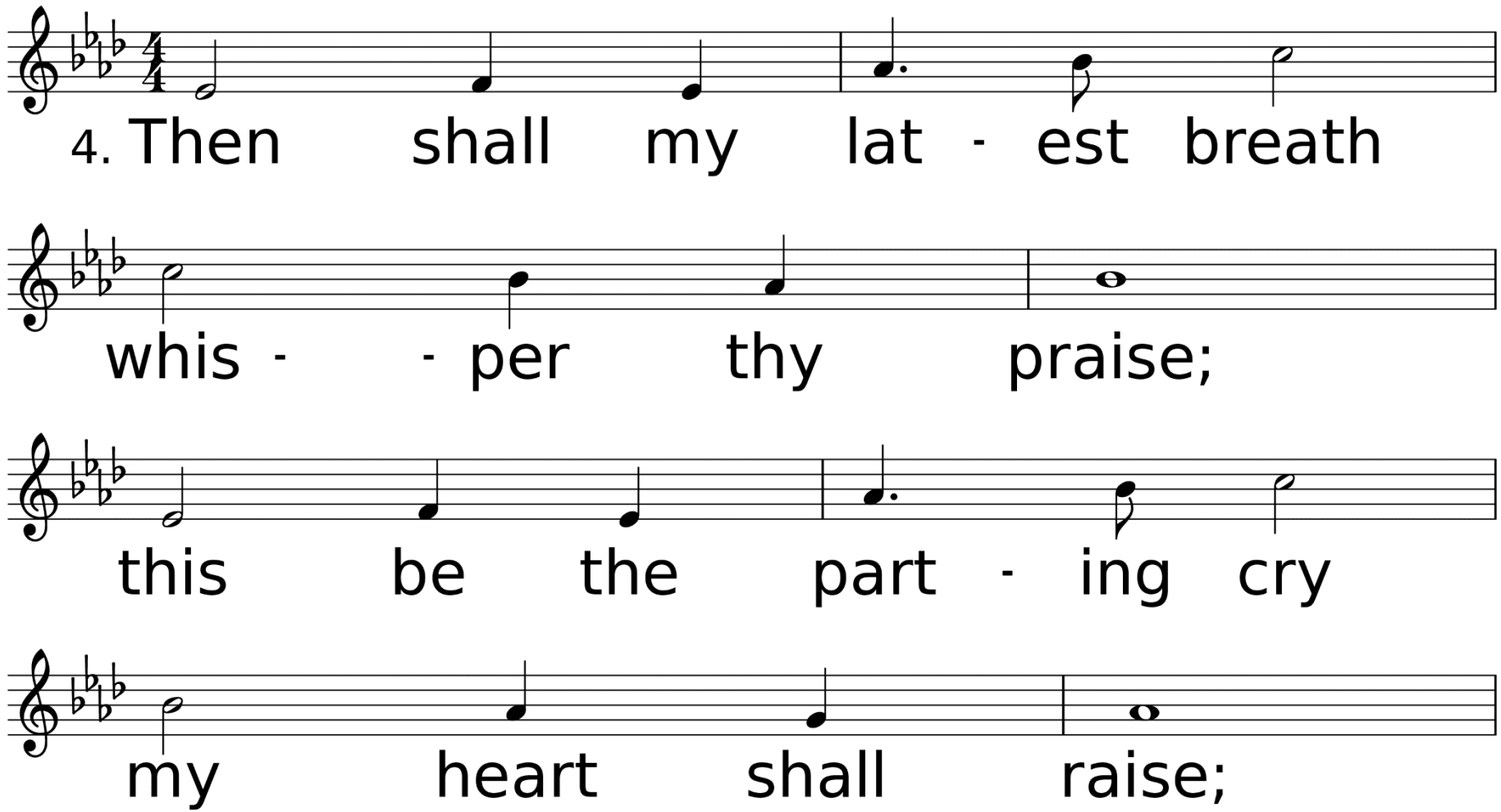
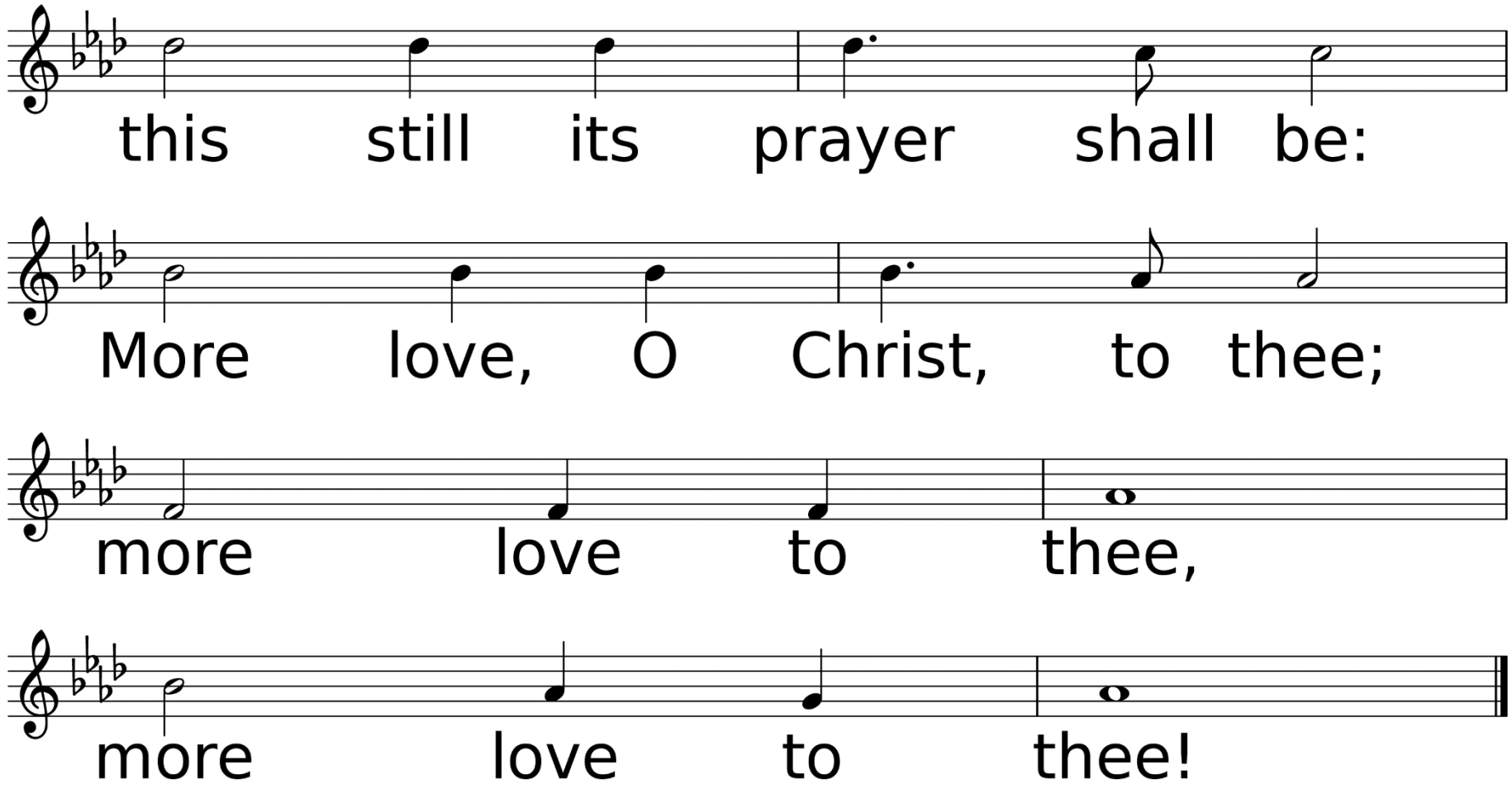

This is my ear - nest plea:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!


4. Then shall my lat - est breath
whis - - per thy praise;
this be the part - ing cry
my heart shall raise;


this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God’s Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, #94

Words by Thomas Ken / Music from geistliche kirchengesange

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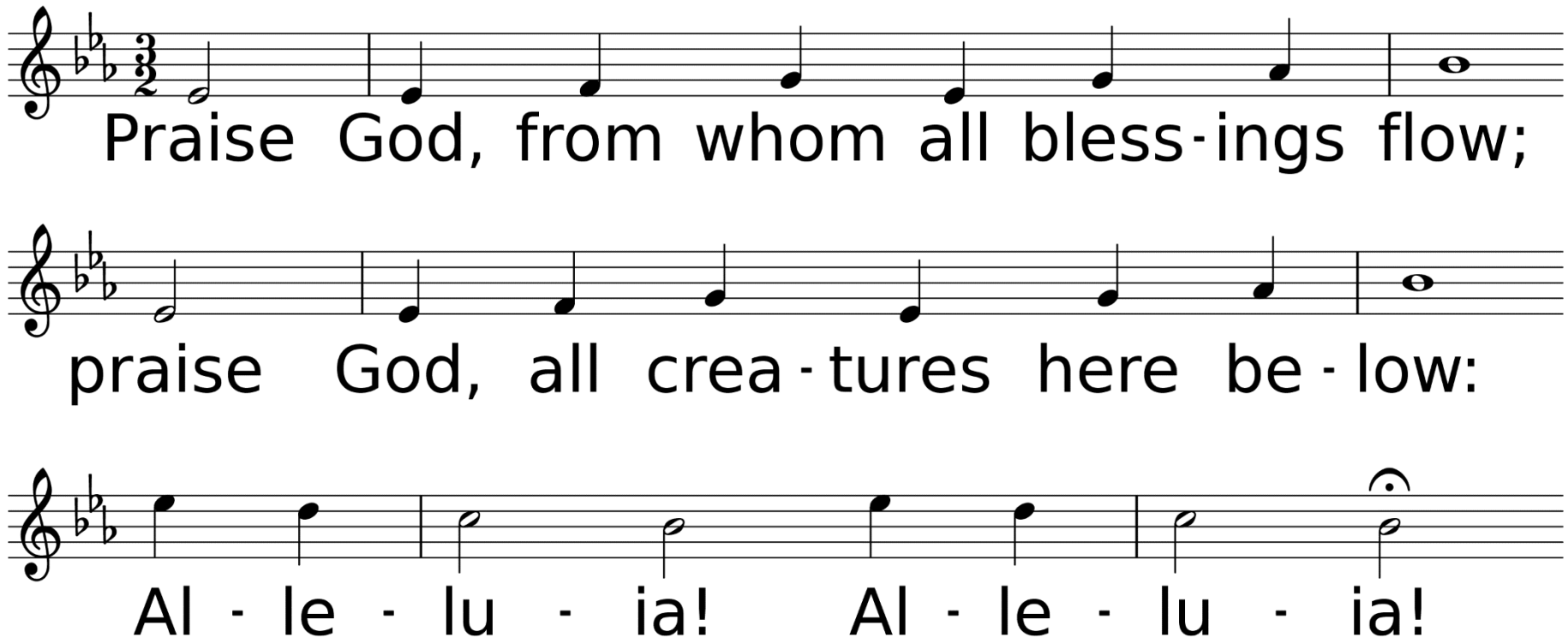

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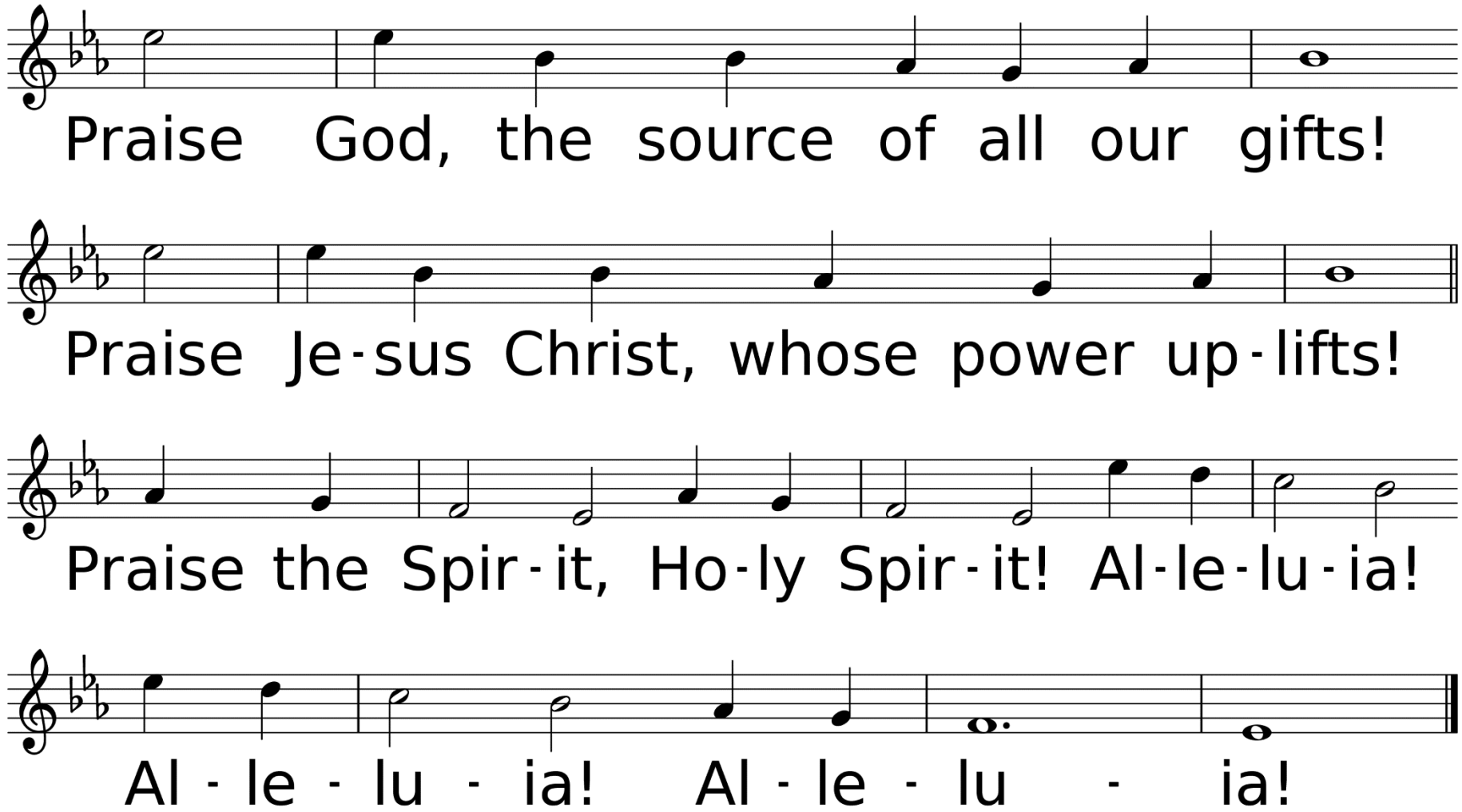
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH, #209

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Music by Hal H. Hopson

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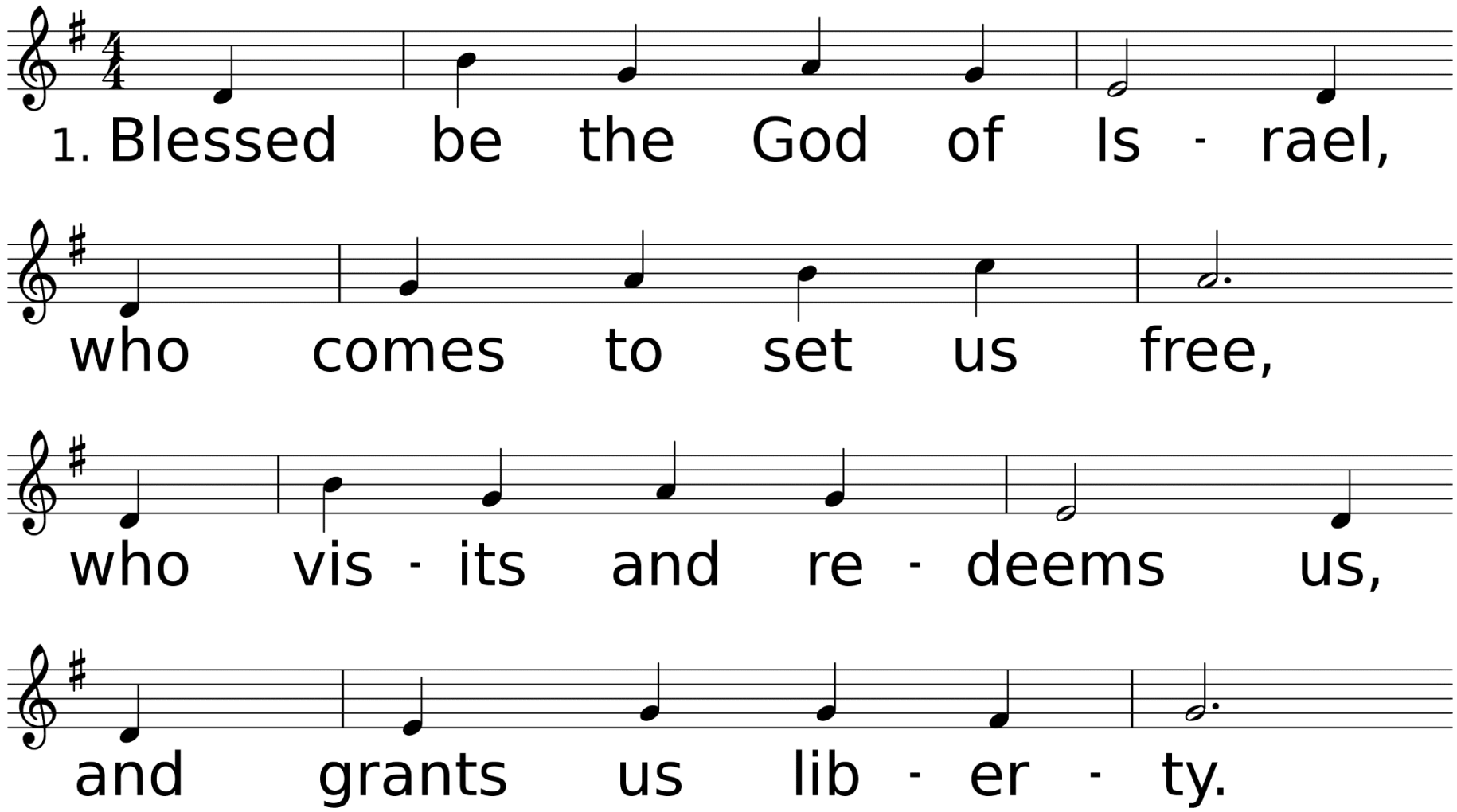
Blessed Be the God of Israel *United Methodist Hymnal* #209



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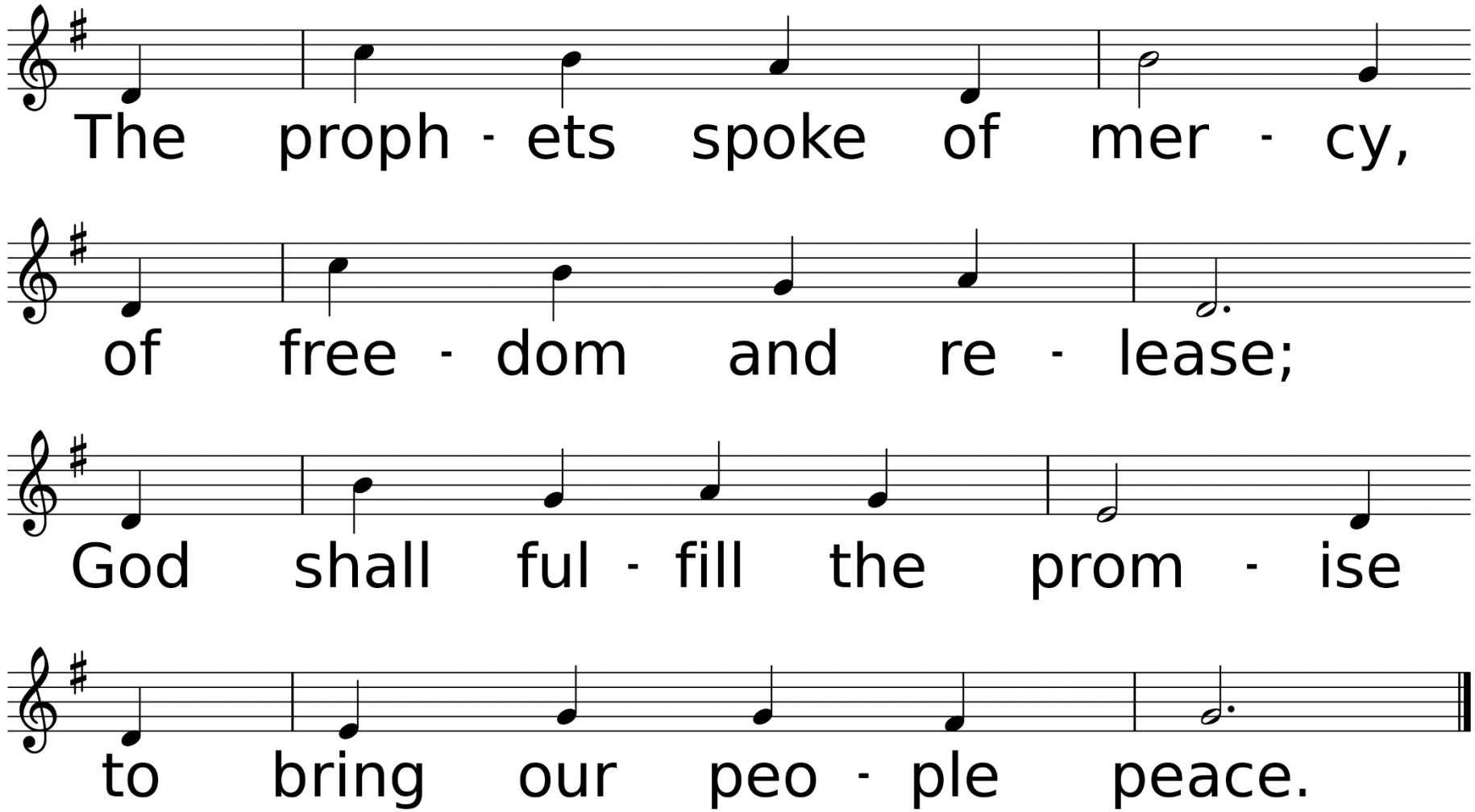
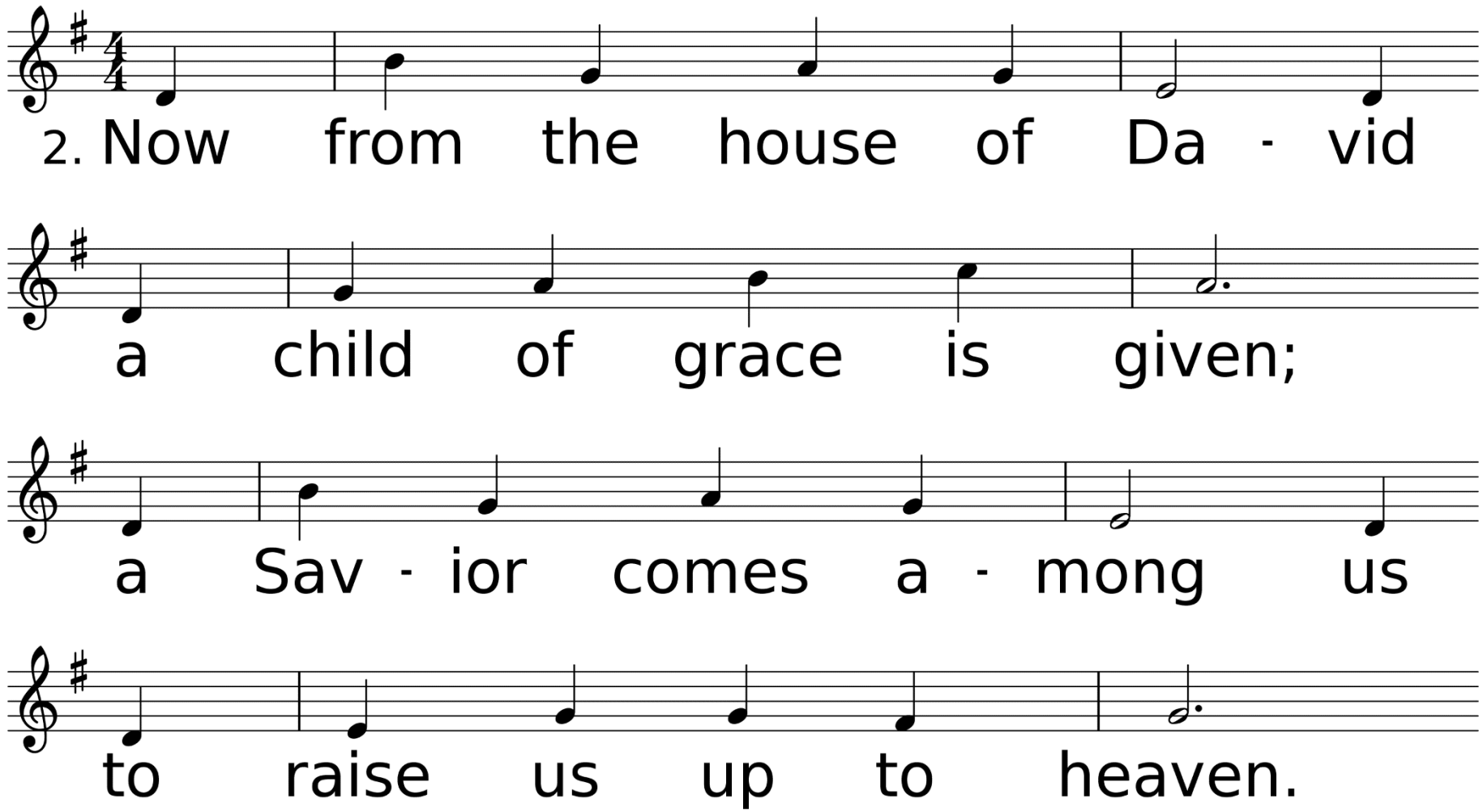
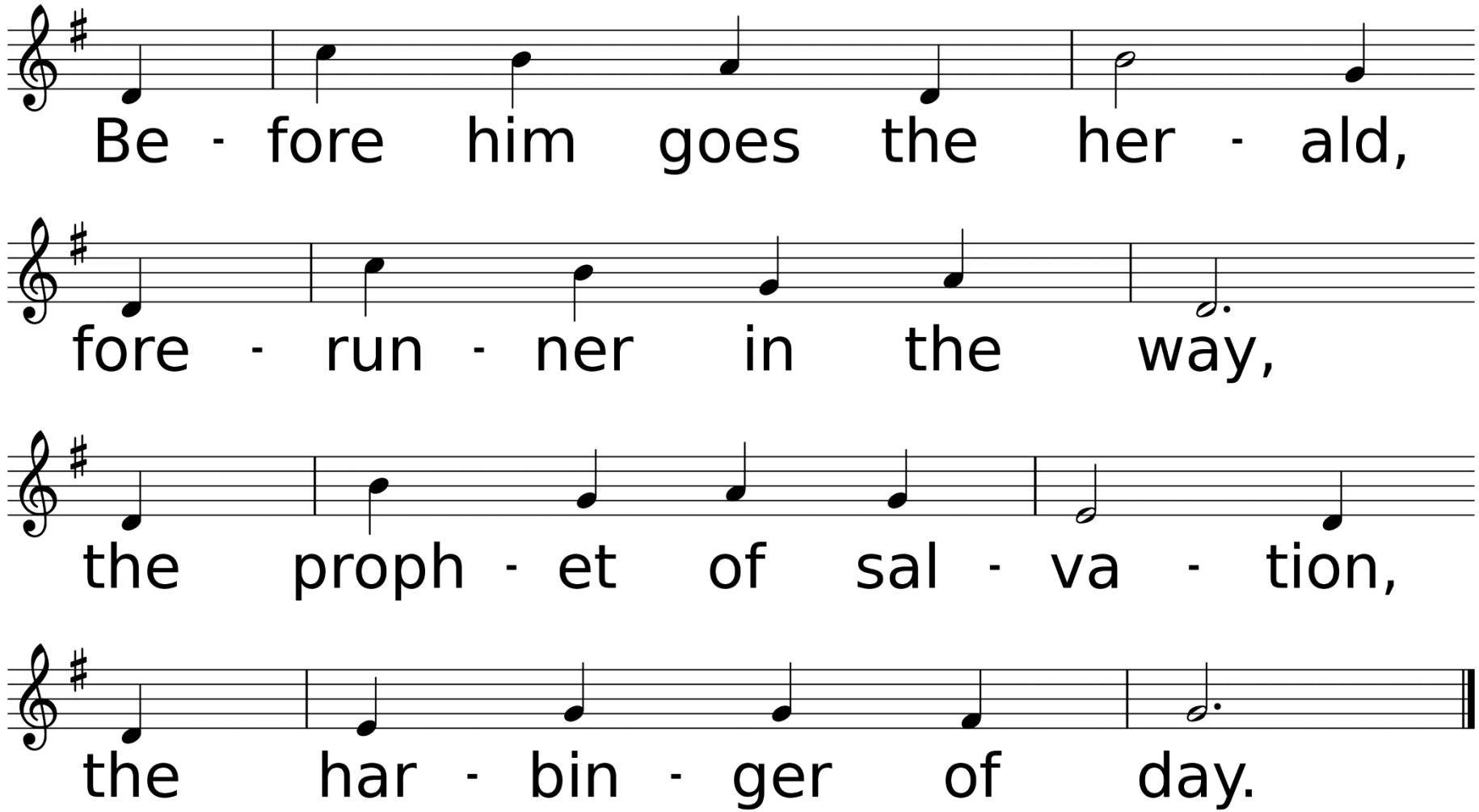
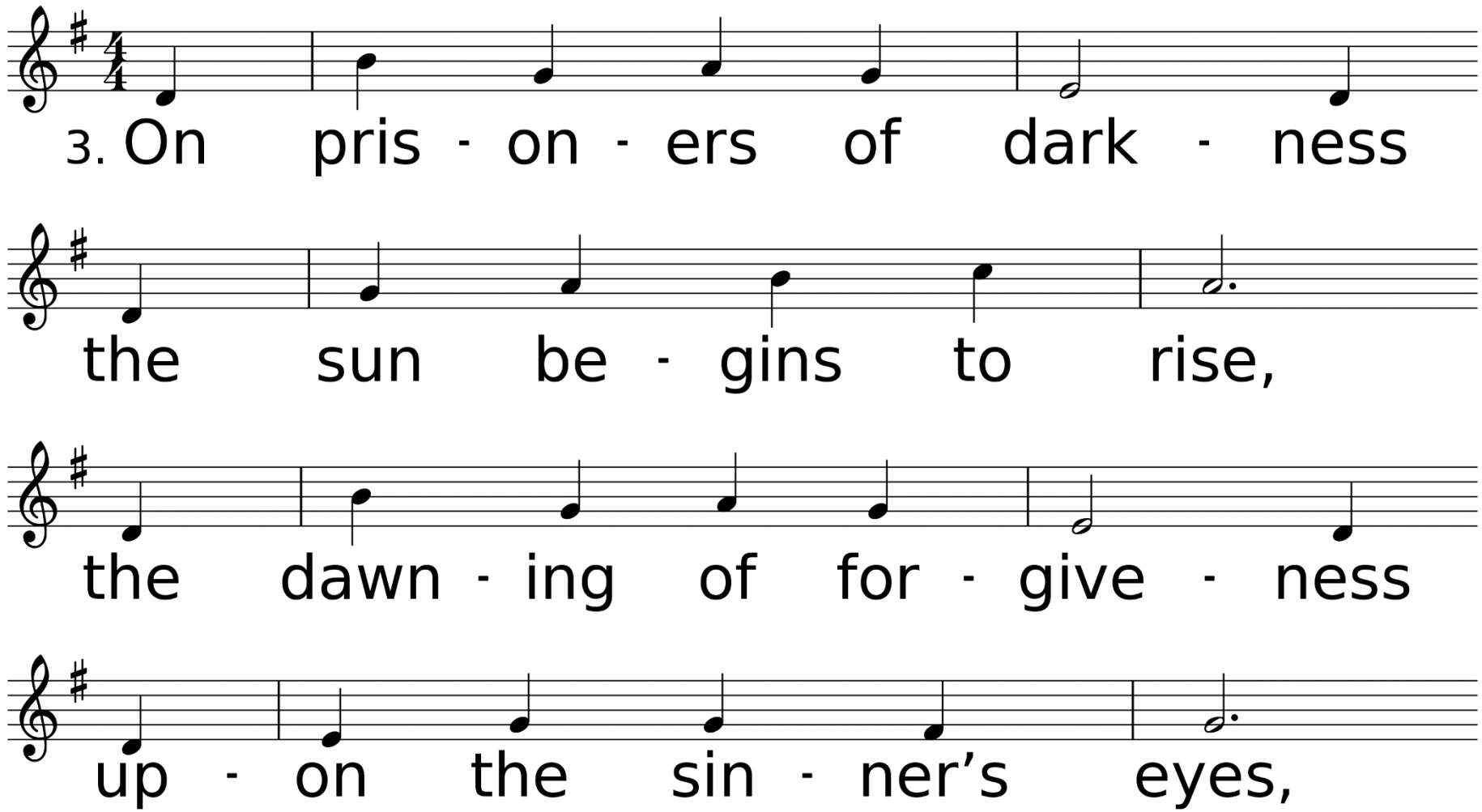
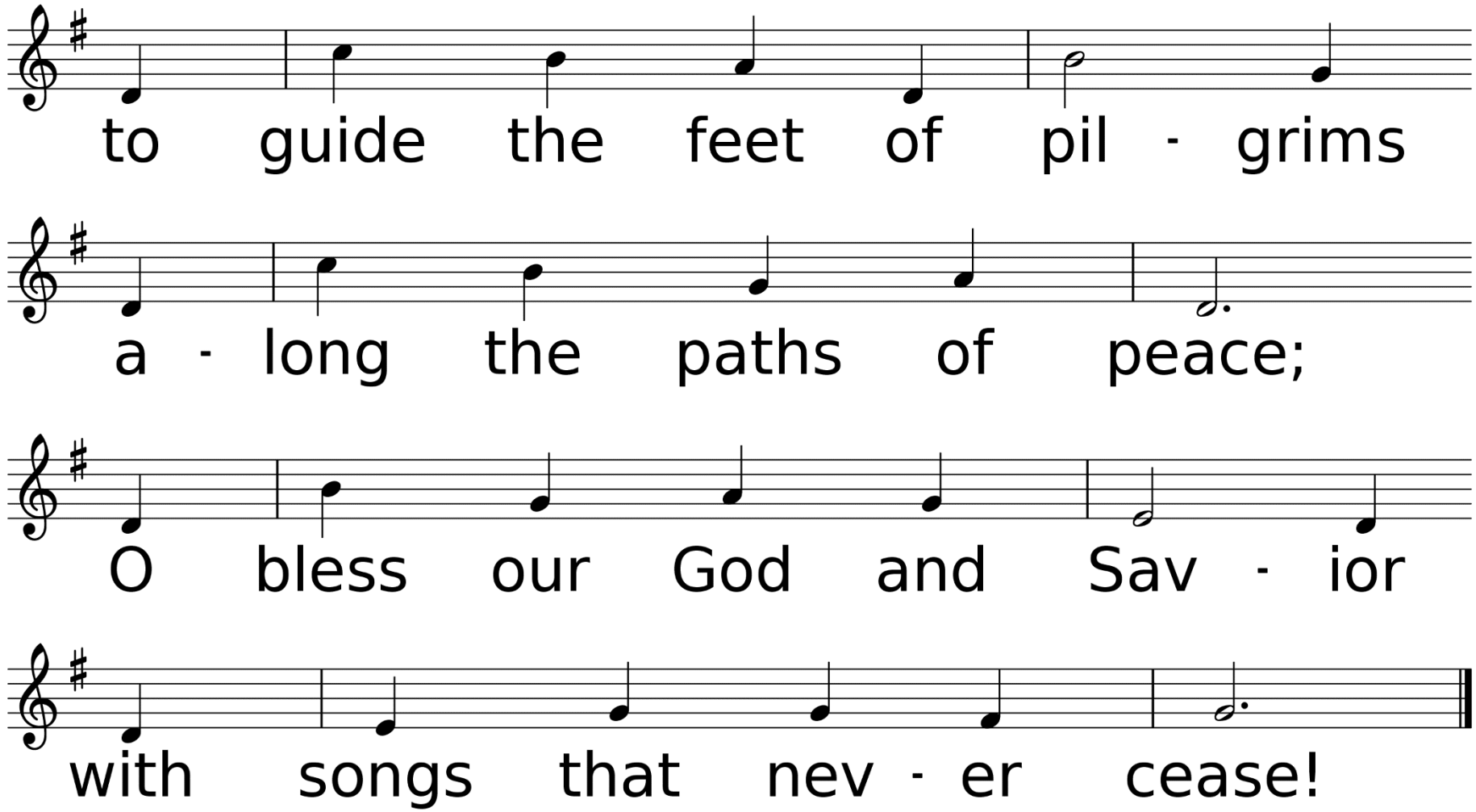

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy,
of free - dom and re - lease;
God shall ful - fill the prom - ise
to bring our peo - ple peace.


2. Now from the house of Da - vid
a child of grace is given;
a Sav - ior comes a - mong us
to raise us up to heaven.


Be - fore him goes the her - ald,
fore - run - ner in the way,
the proph - et of sal - va - tion,
the har - bin - ger of day.


3. On pris - on - ers of dark - ness
the sun be - gins to rise,
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness
up - on the sin - ner's eyes,


to guide the feet of pil - grims
a - long the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Sav - ior
with songs that nev - er cease!

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time, the Canaanites were

in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

“Blessings in Unusual Times, Places, and Circumstances”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem
Finlandia

Jean Sibelius (1865 – 1957)

*Hymn of Invitation

Be Thou My Vision

UMH, #451 v. 1 & 2

Words translated by Mary E. Byrne, versed by Eleanor H. Hull
Music by Traditional Irish Melody, Harm. By Carlton R. Young

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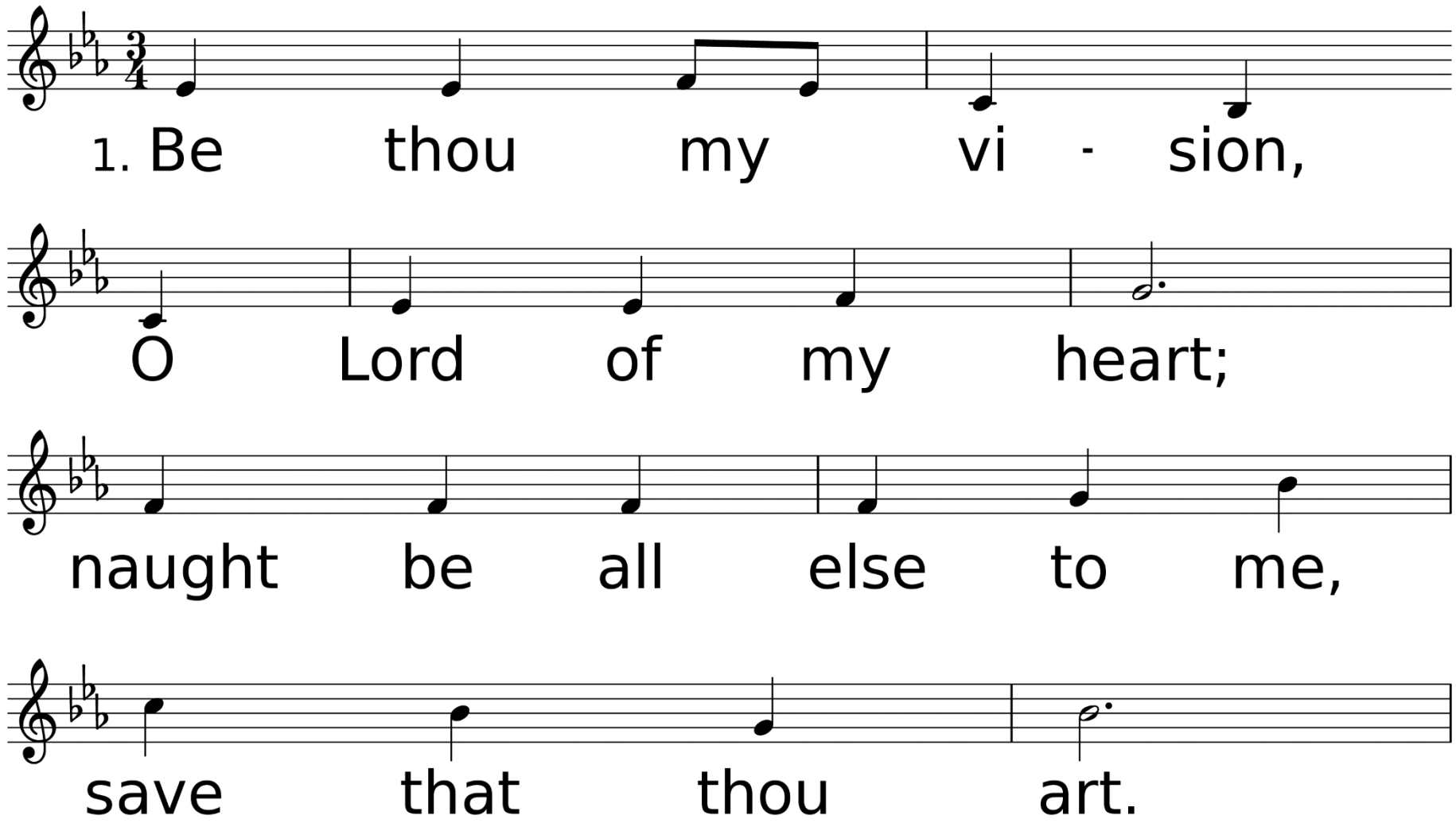

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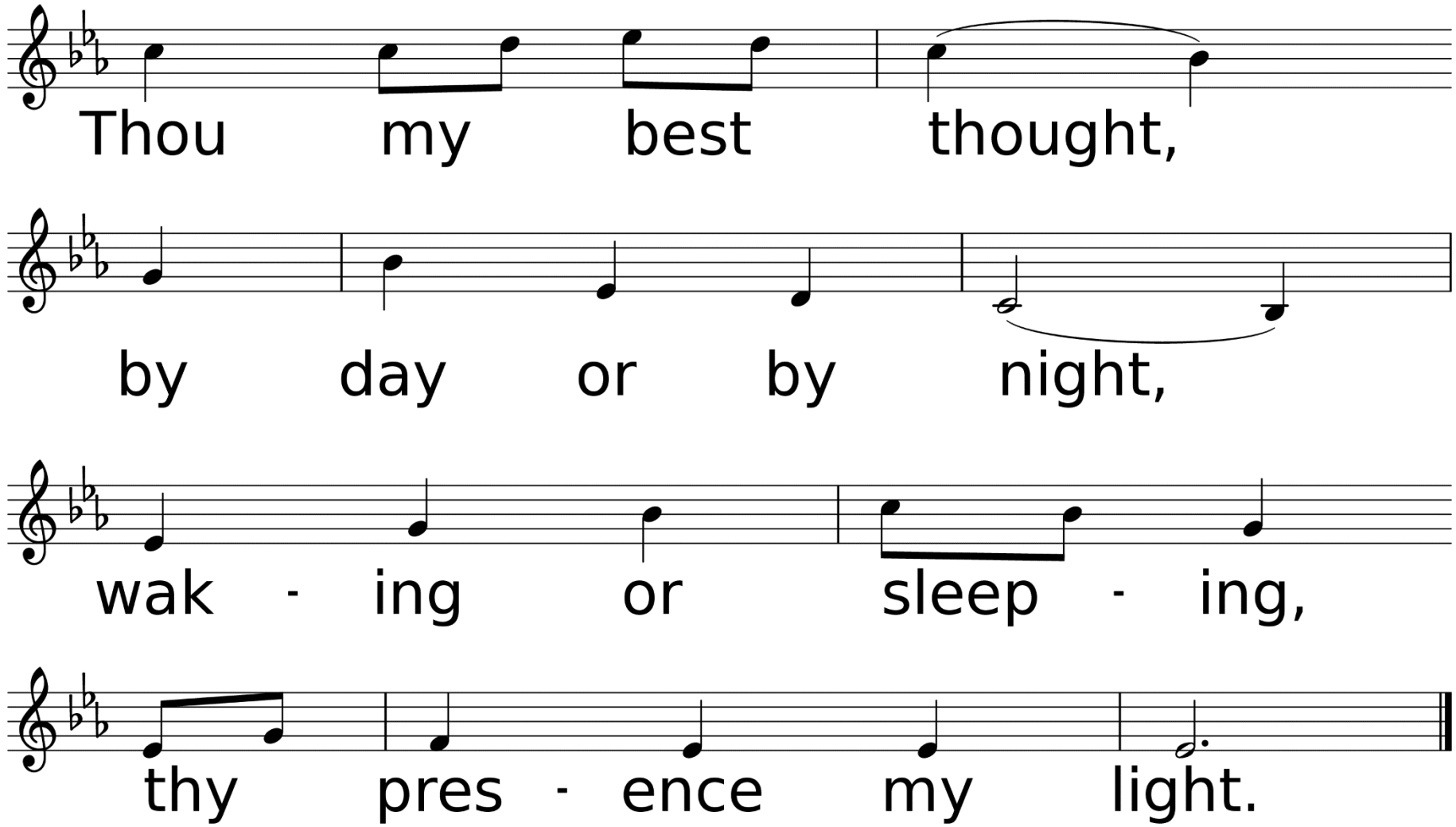
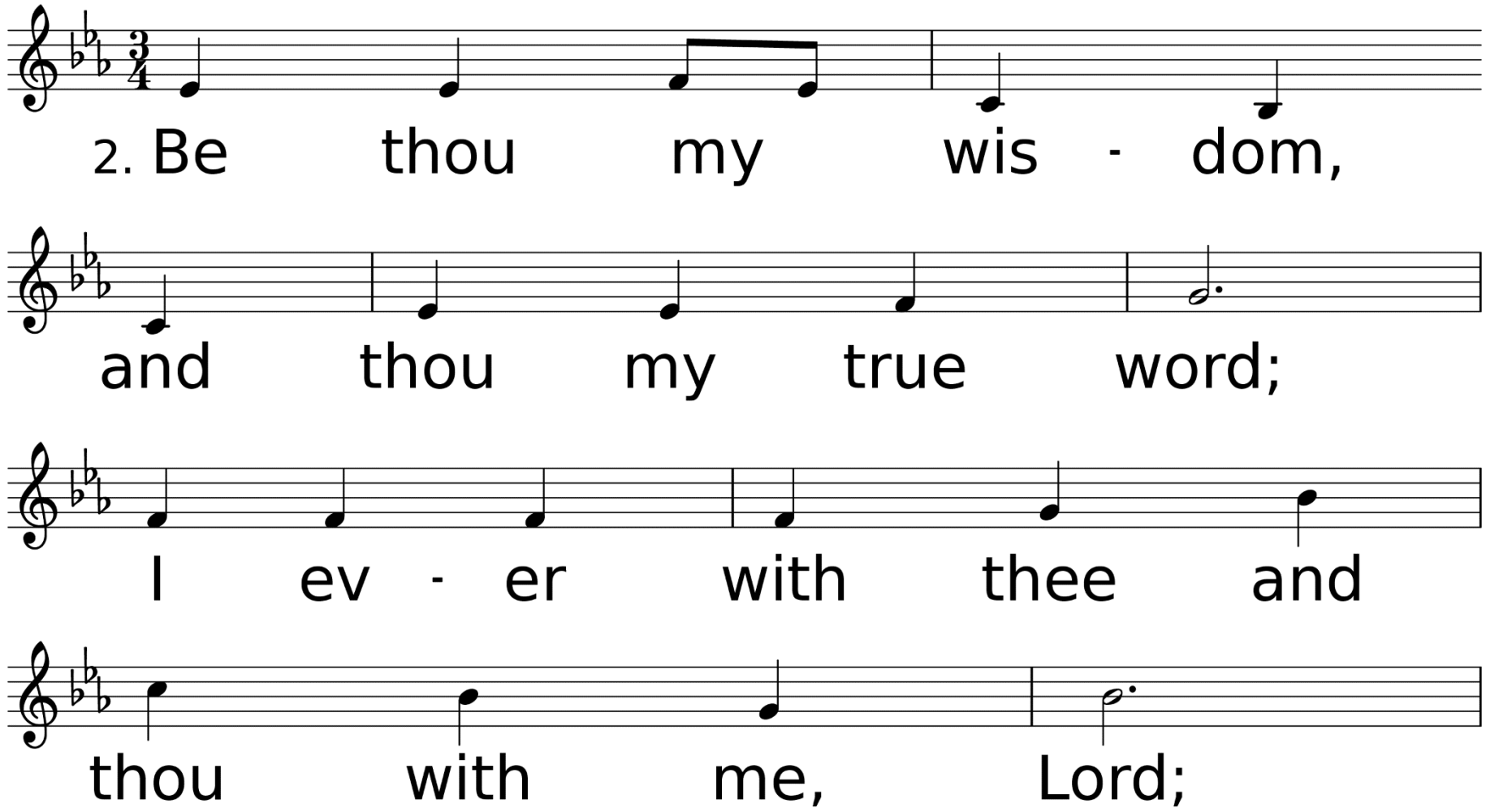
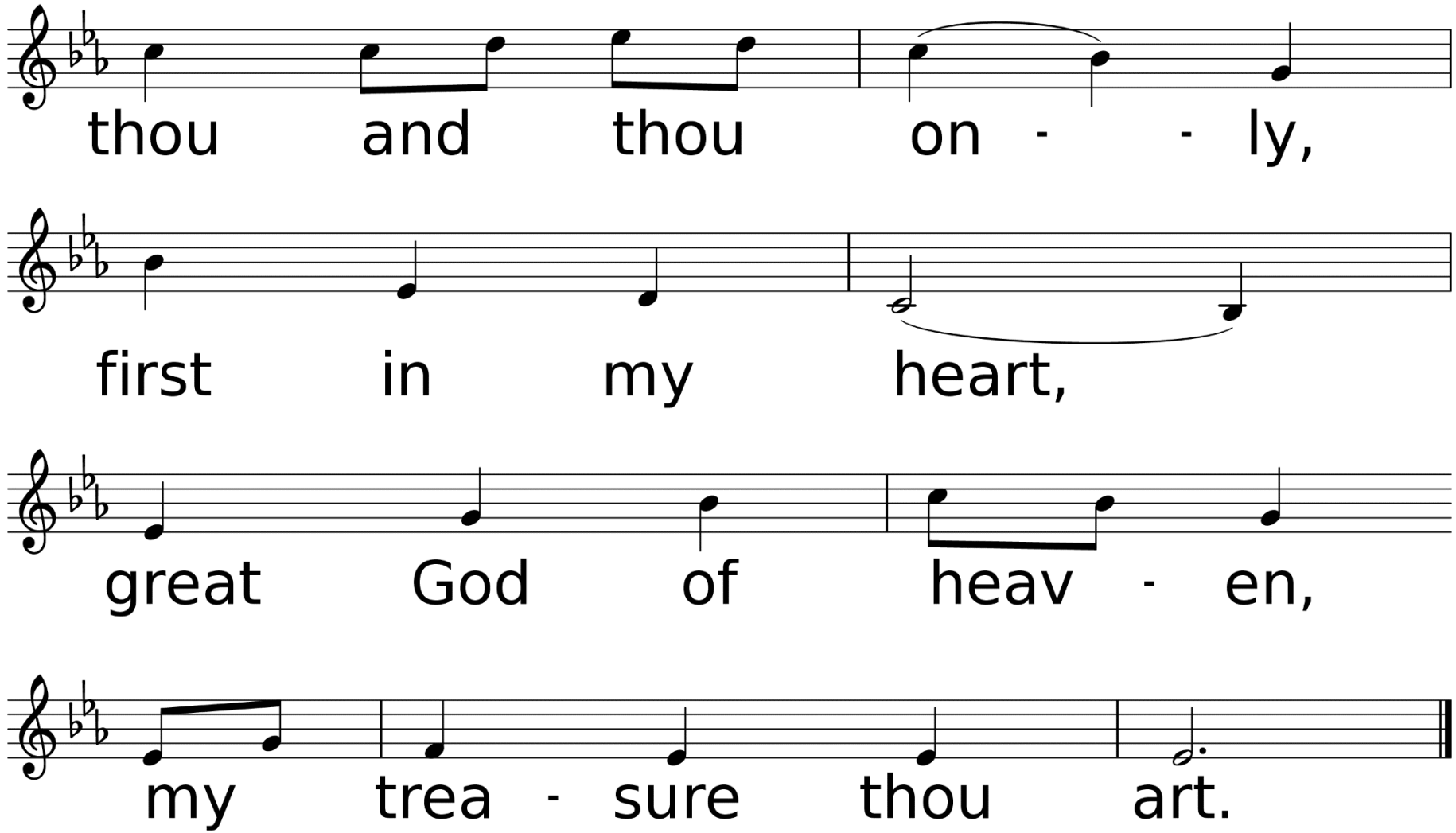

Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
wak - ing or sleep - ing,
thy pres - ence my light.


2. Be thou my wis - dom,
and thou my true word;
I ev - er with thee and
thou with me, Lord;


thou and thou on - - ly,
first in my heart,
great God of heav - en,
my trea - sure thou art.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

Go Forth For God

UMH, #670 v. 1 & 4

Words by John R. Peacey

Music by Genevan Psalter, Harm. By C. Winfred Douglas

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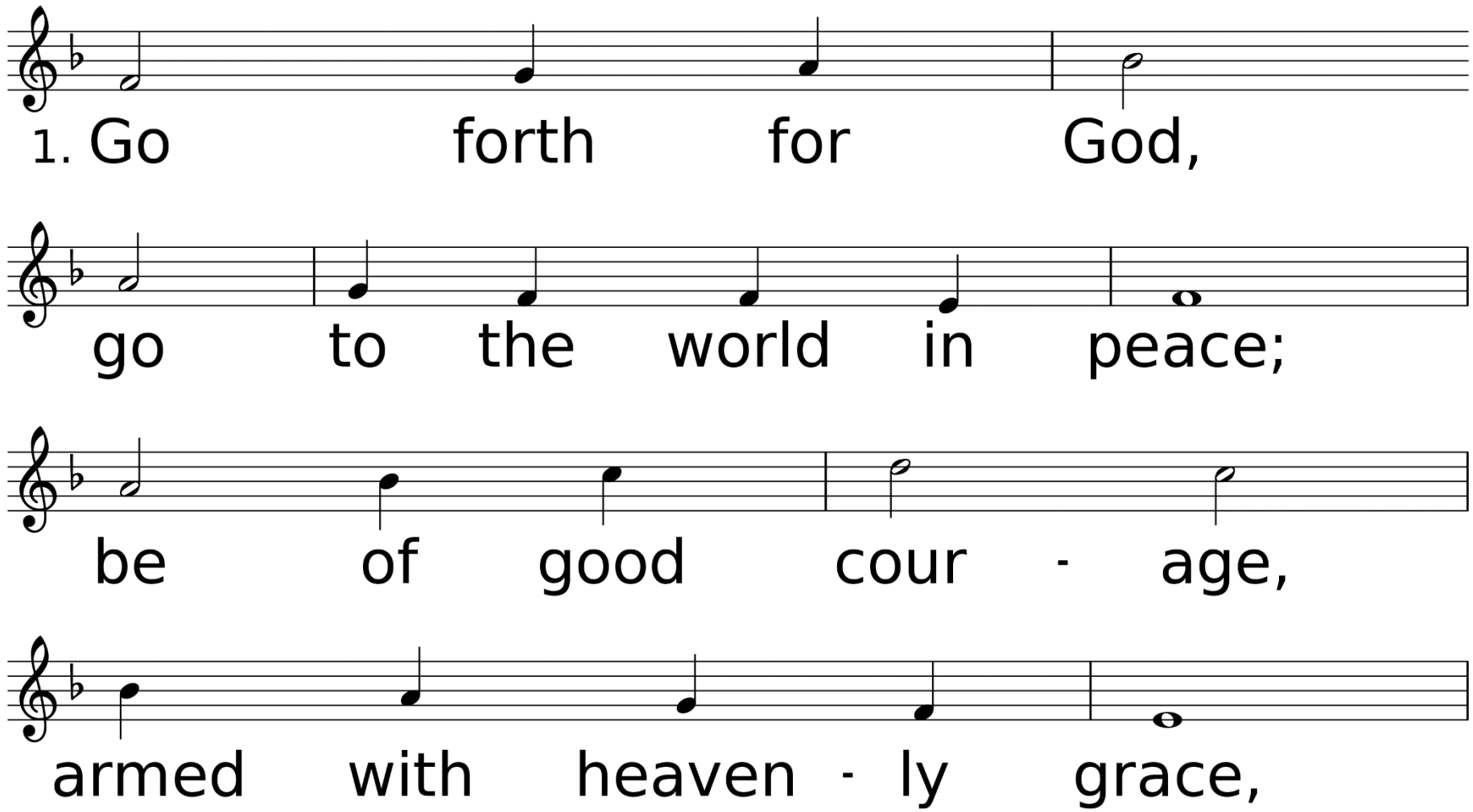

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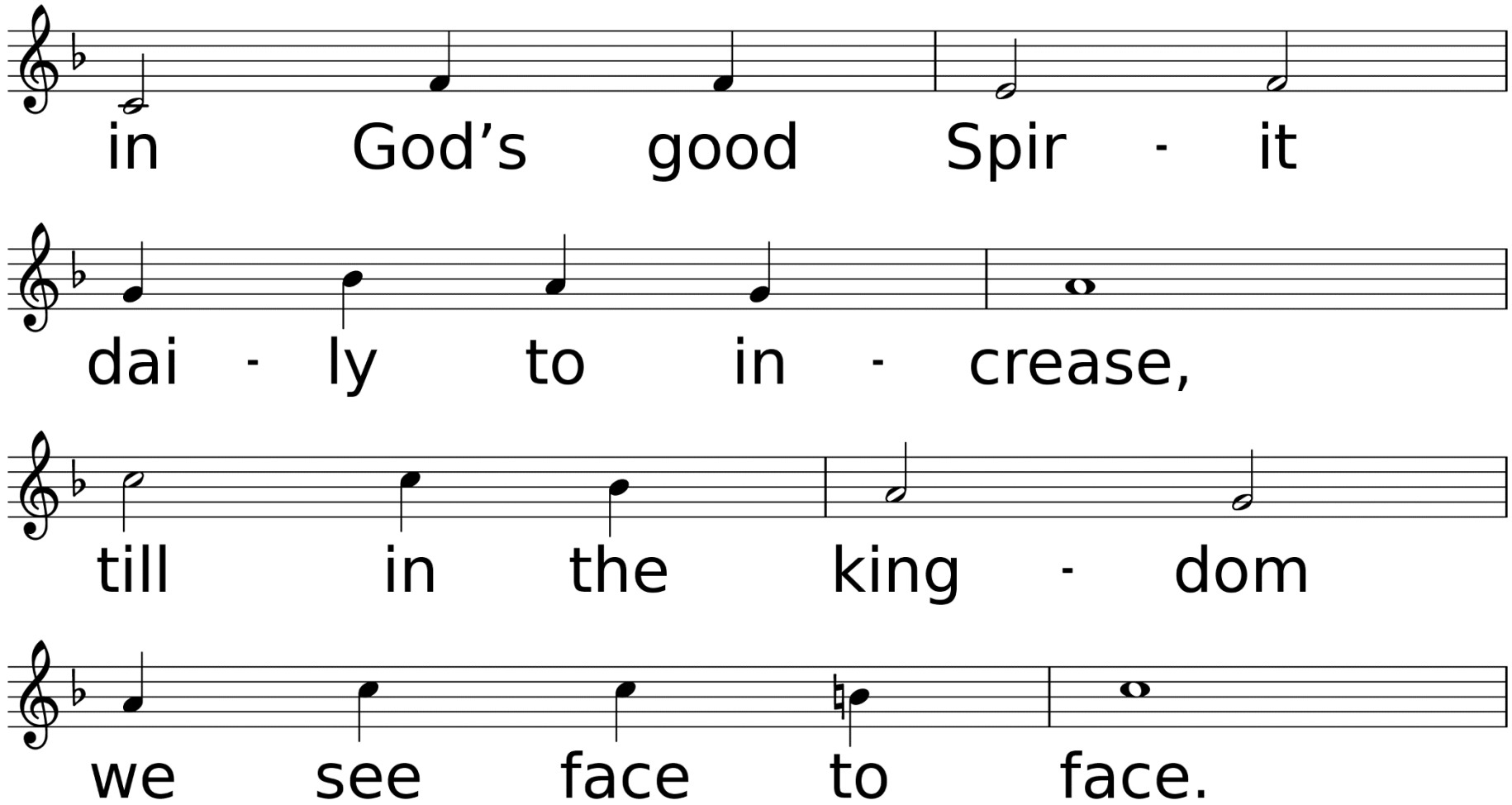
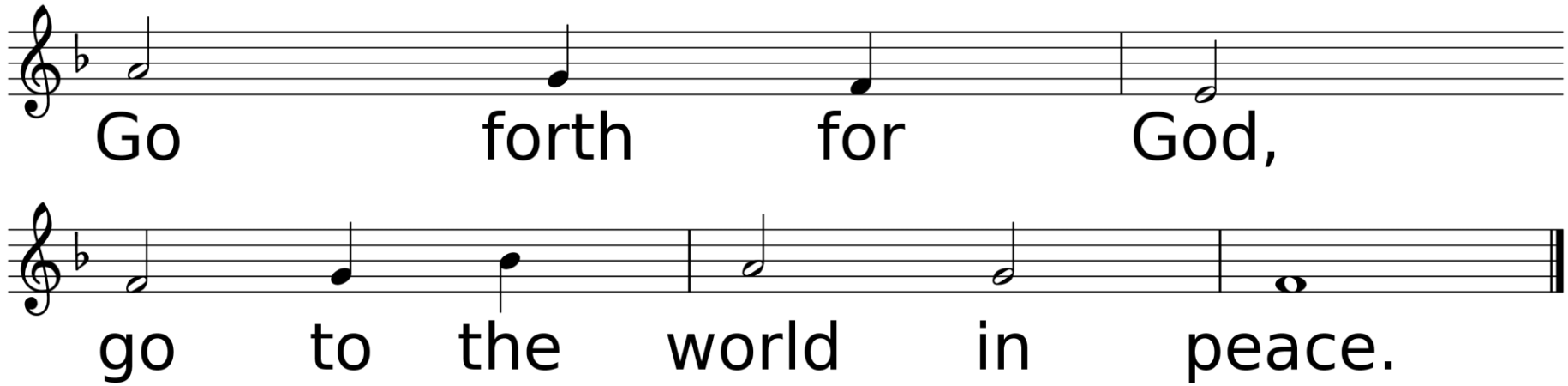
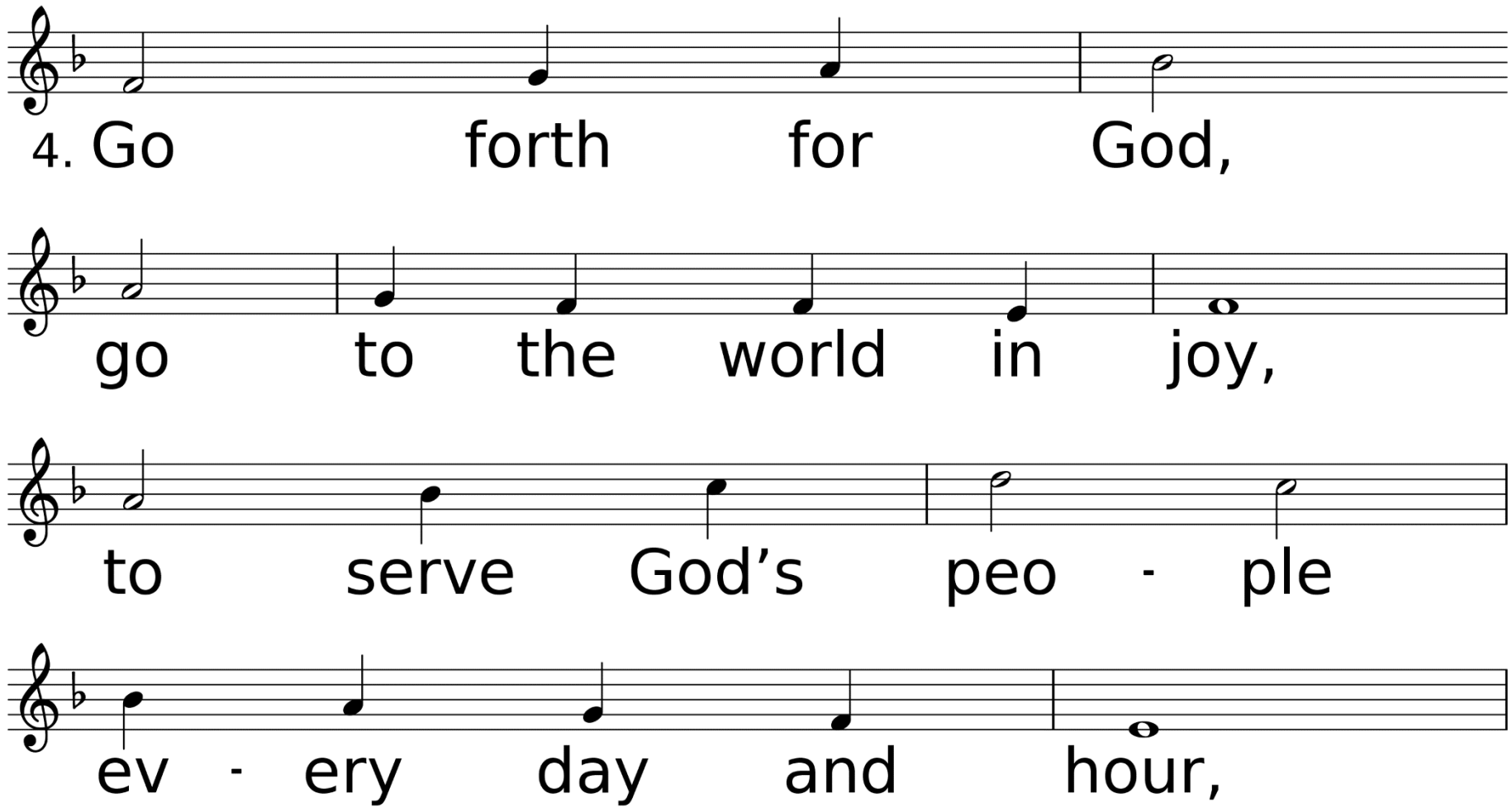
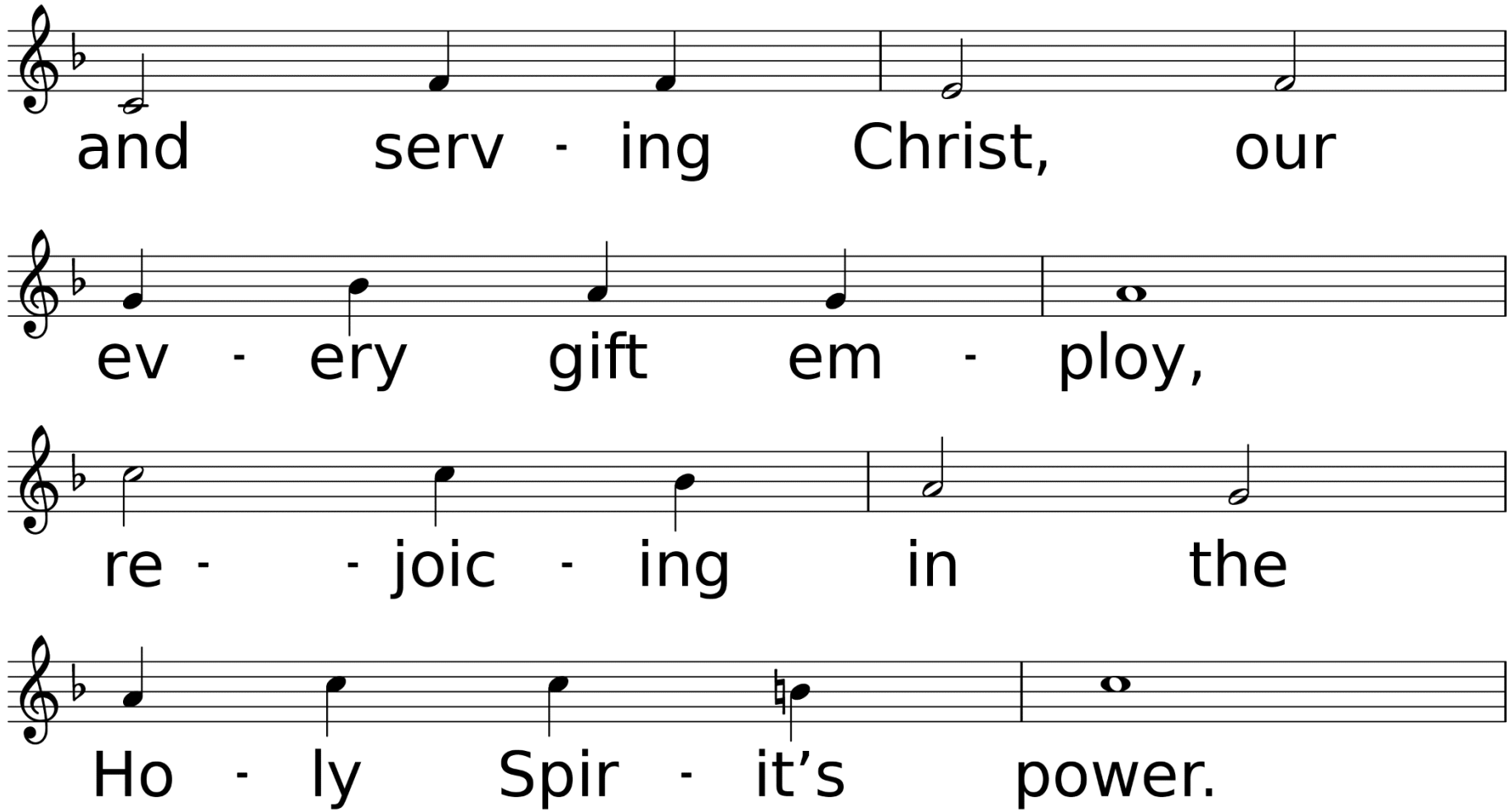

in God's good Spir - it
dai - ly to in - crease,
till in the king - dom
we see face to face.

Go Forth for God *United Methodist Hymnal* #670




4. Go forth for God,
go to the world in joy,
to serve God’s peo - ple
ev - ery day and hour,


and serv - ing Christ, our
ev - ery gift em - ploy,
re - - joic - ing in the
Ho - ly Spir - it’s power.

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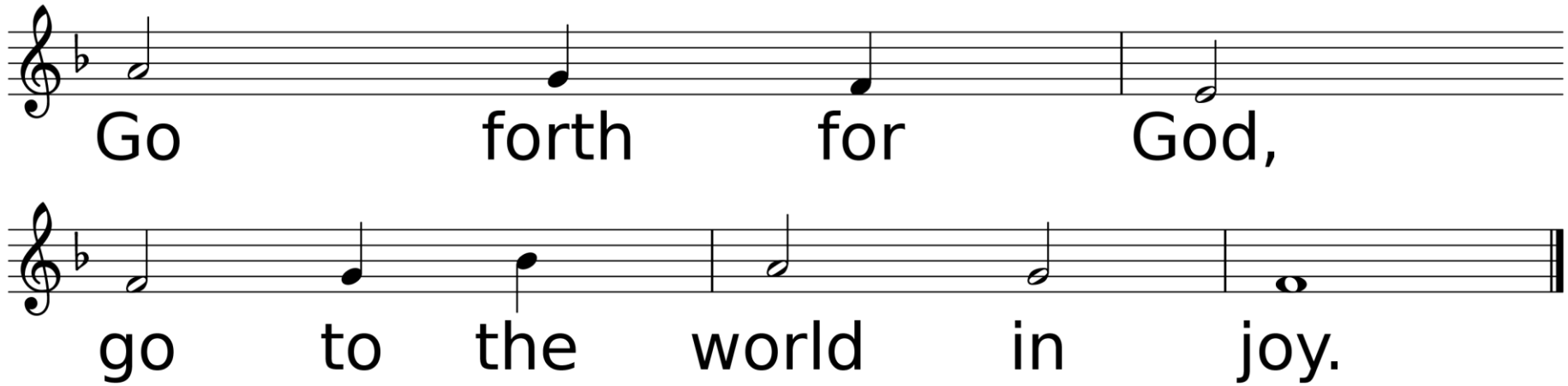

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