Welcome Home!

September 3, 2023
10:00 AM Sunday Service
Sanctuary & Online

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Choral Call To Worship

If My People

Eddie Smith

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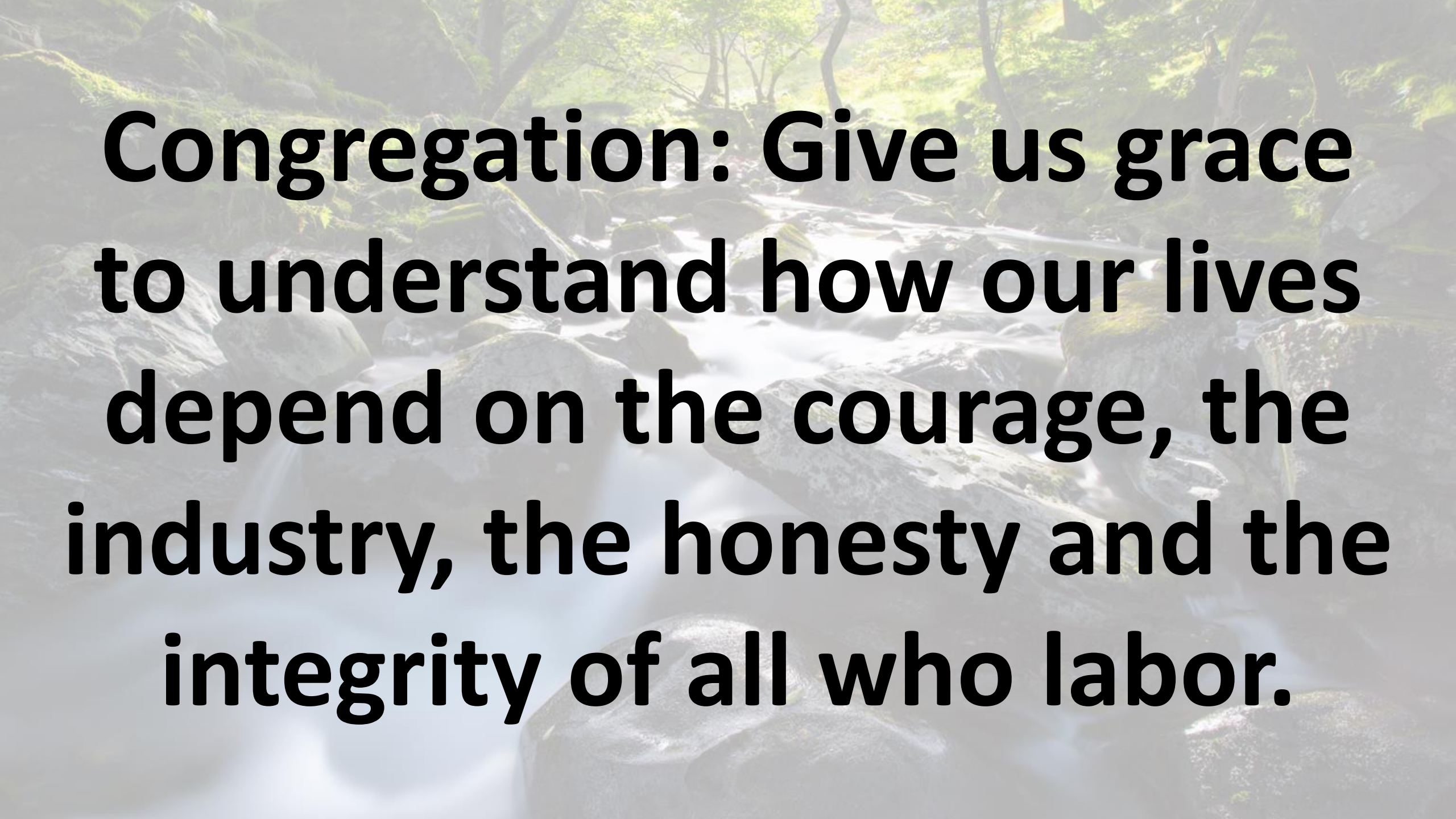
*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you have bound us together in this life.


Congregation: Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty and the integrity of all who labor.

Leader: May we be mindful of their needs and grateful for their faithfulness,

People: And faithful in our responsibilities to them: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH, #158, v. 1 & 2

Words by Christian Henry Bateman
Music arr. By Benjamin Carr, harm. by Austin C. Lovelace

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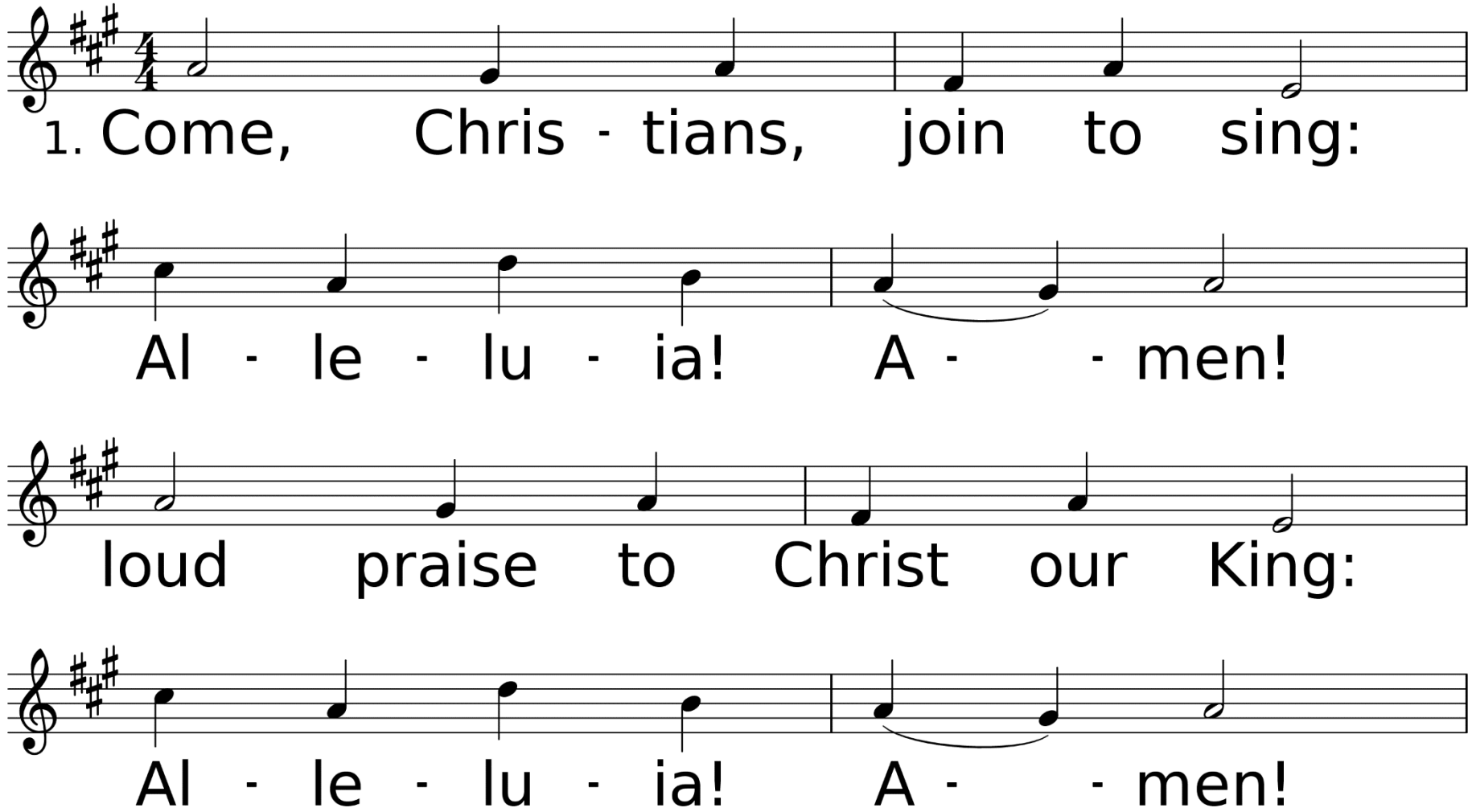

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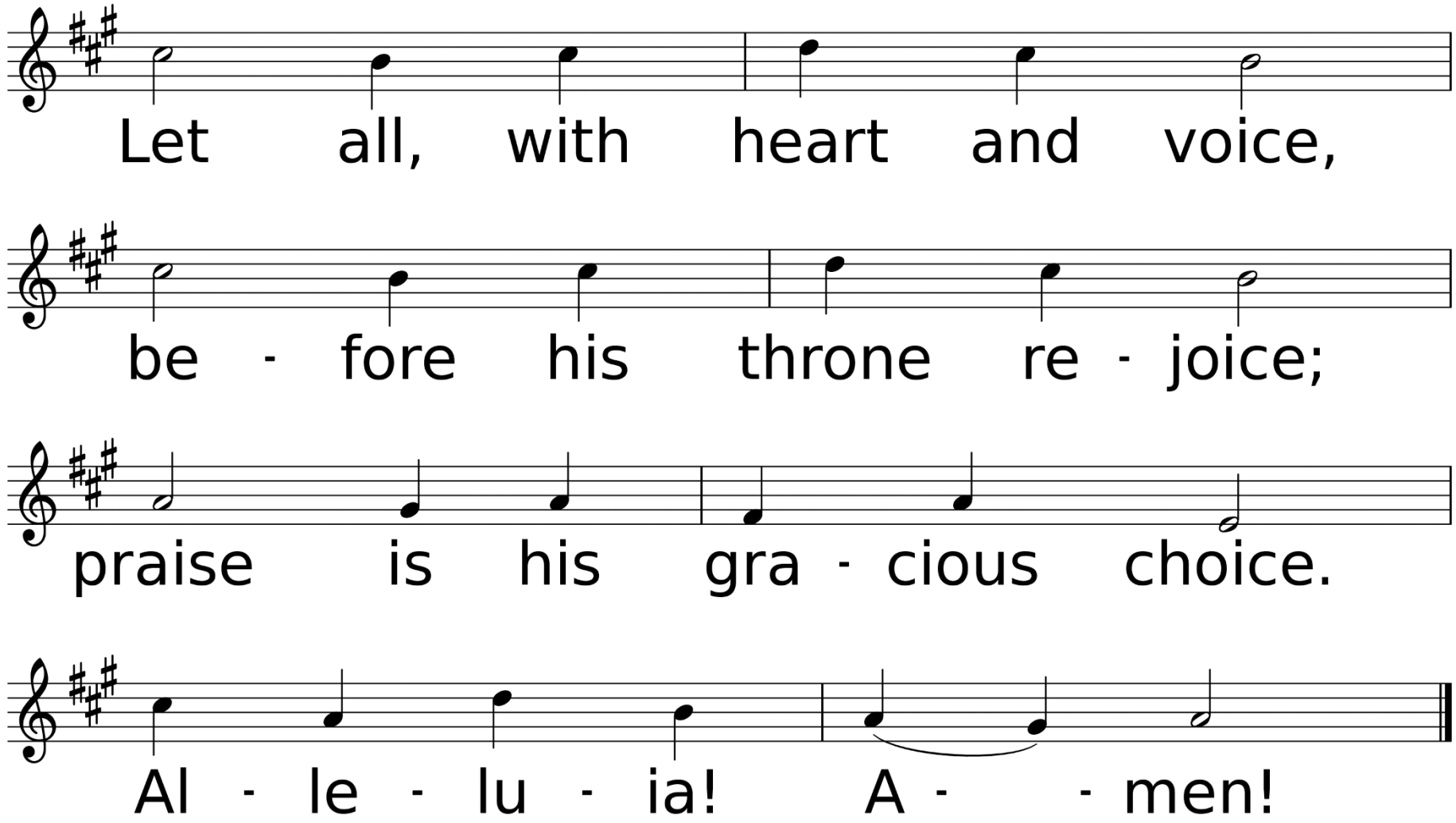
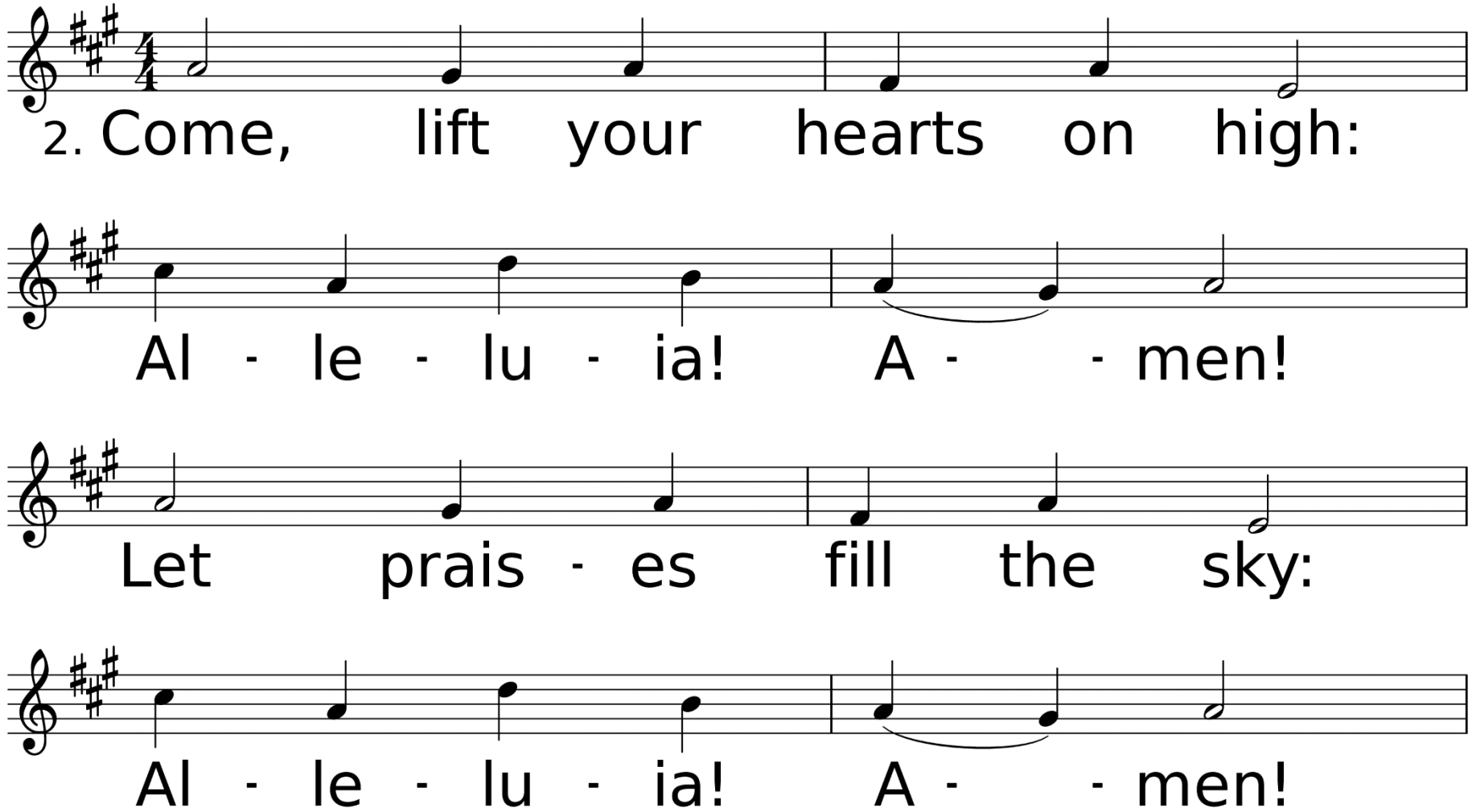
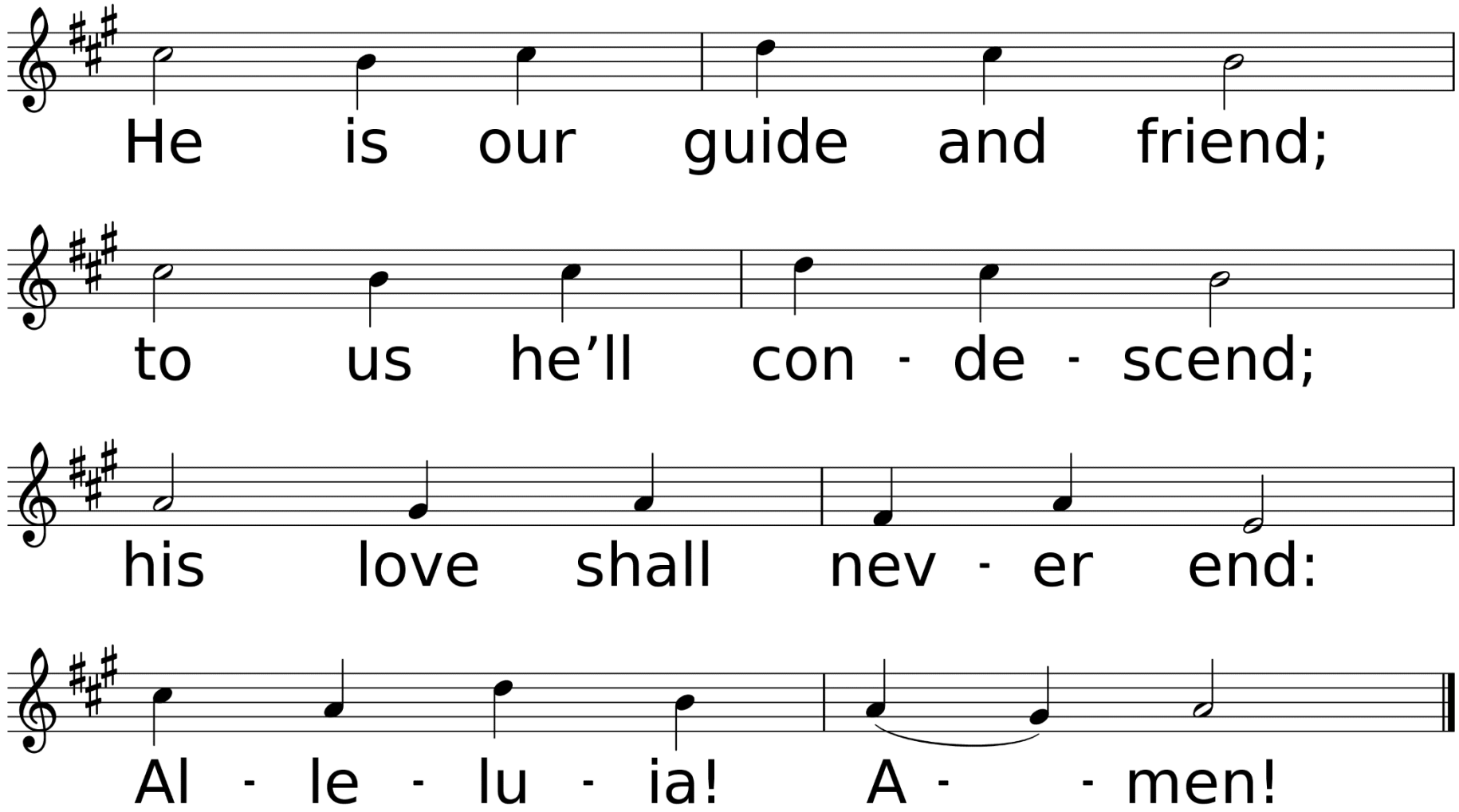

Let all, with heart and voice,
be - fore his throne re - joice;
praise is his gra - cious choice.
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll con - de - scend;
his love shall nev - er end:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!

*Affirmation of Faith

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer Hymn

El Shaddai

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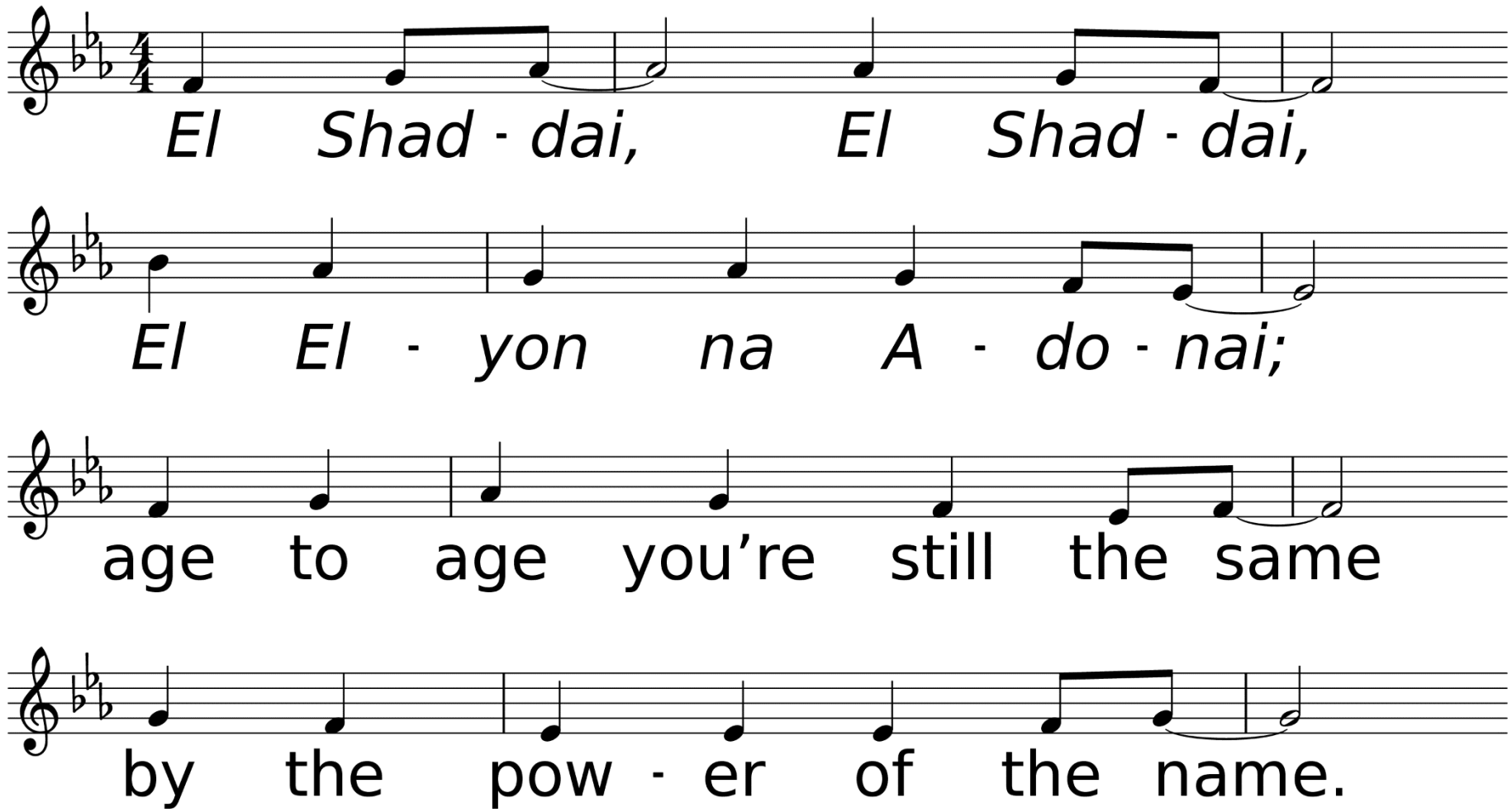

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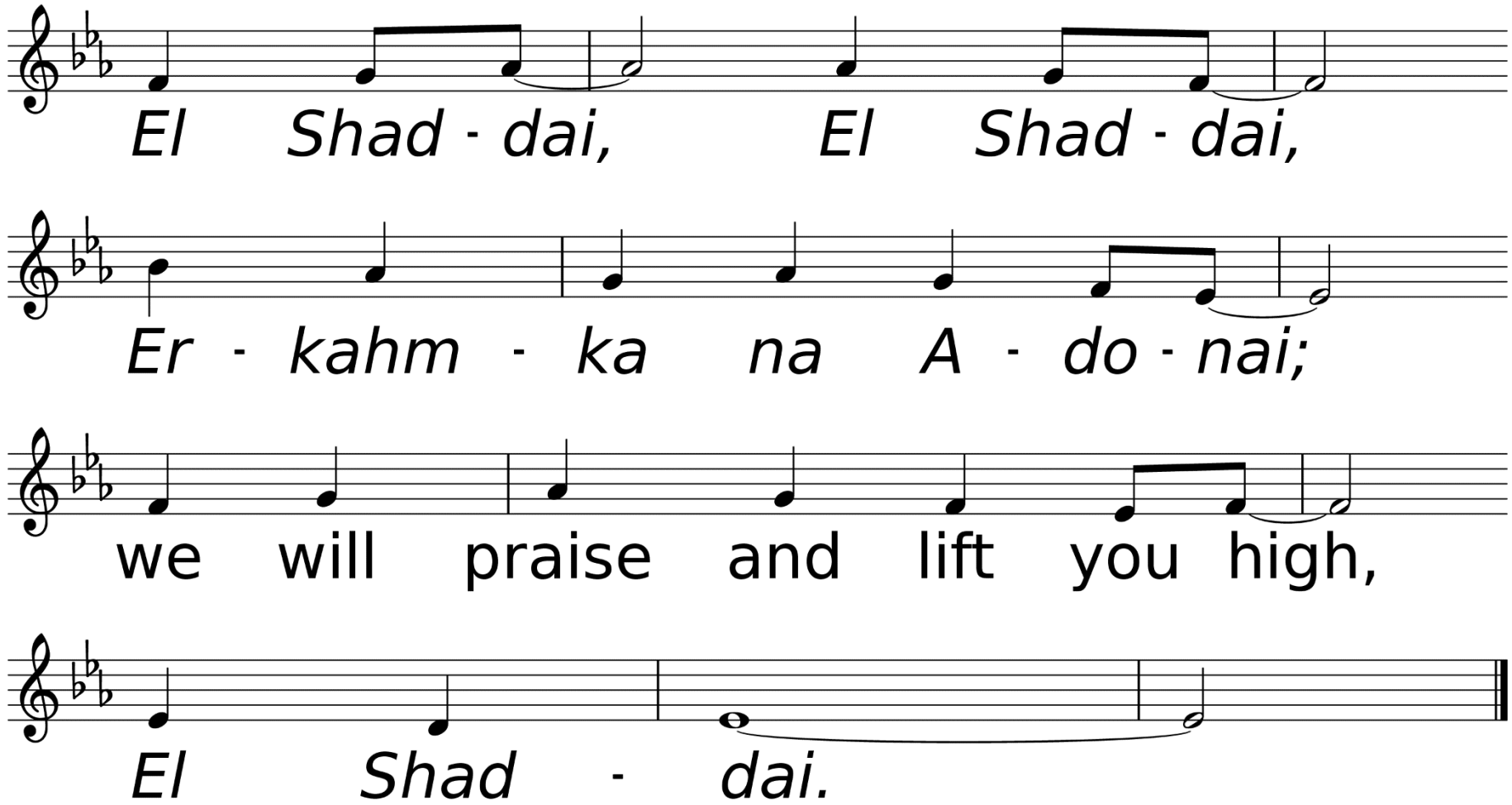
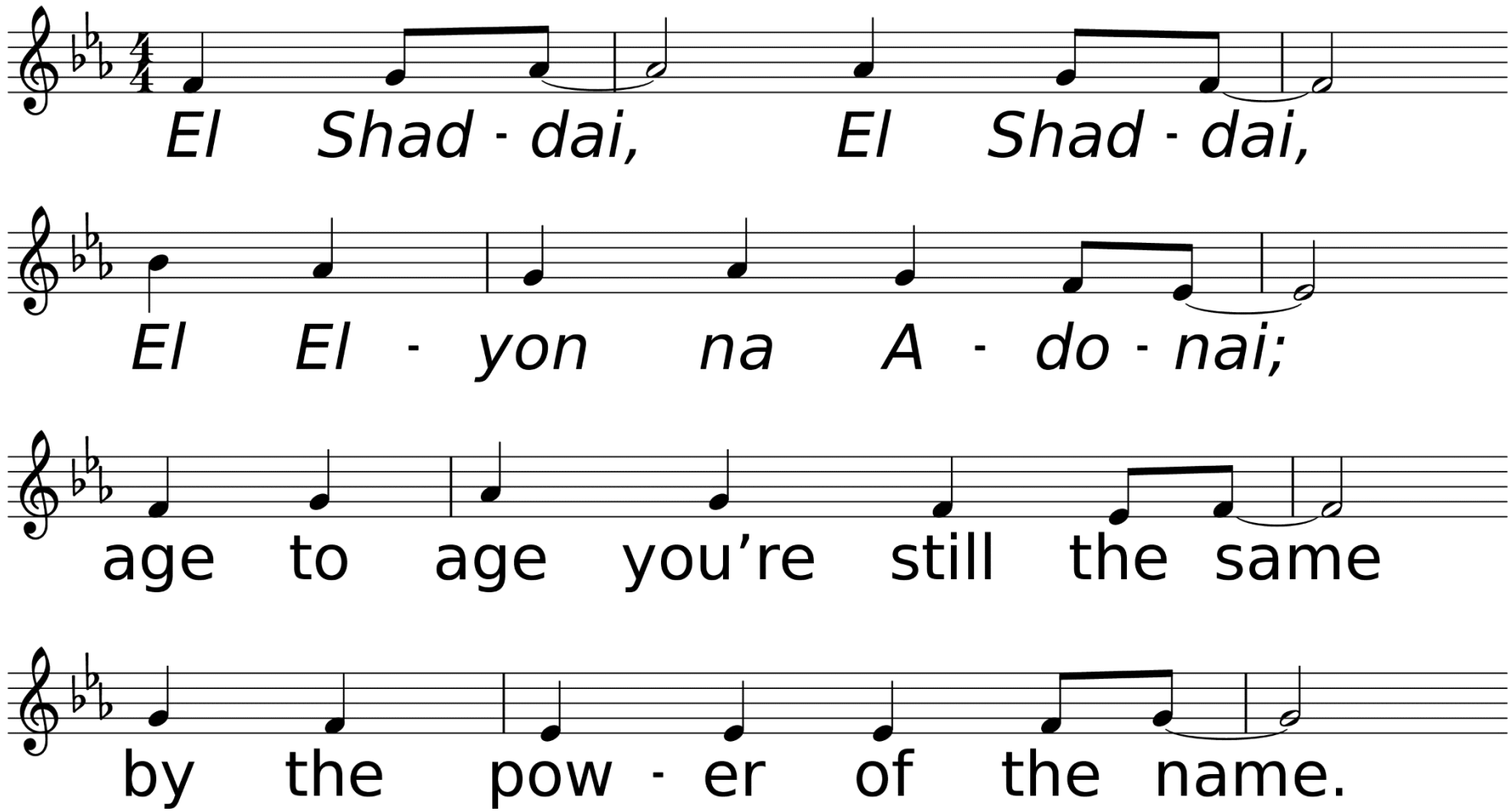

El Shad - dai, El Shad - dai,
Er - kahm - ka na A - do - nai;
we will praise and lift you high,
El Shad - dai.



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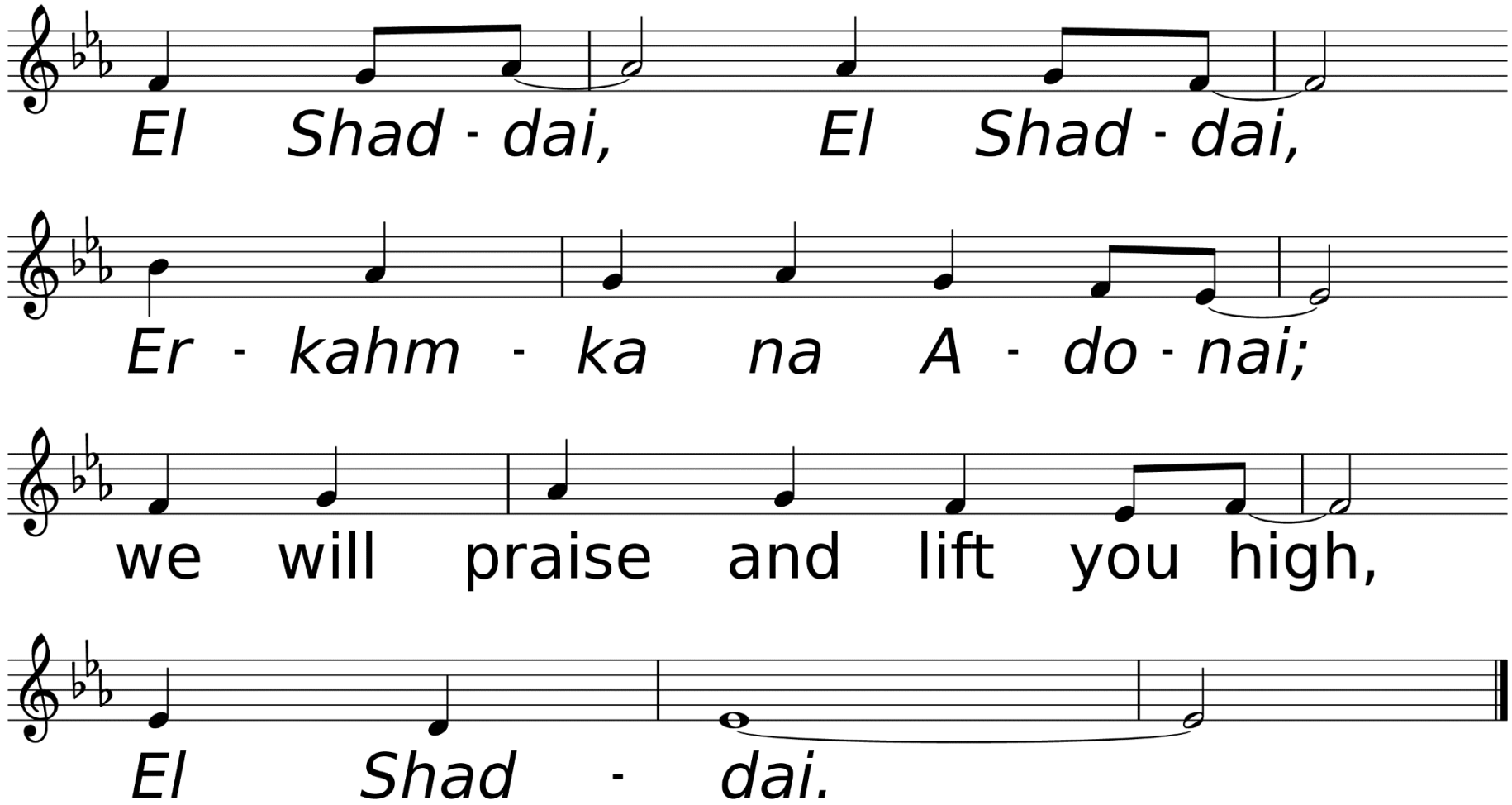
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Er - kahm - ka na A - do - nai;
we will praise and lift you high,
El Shad - dai.

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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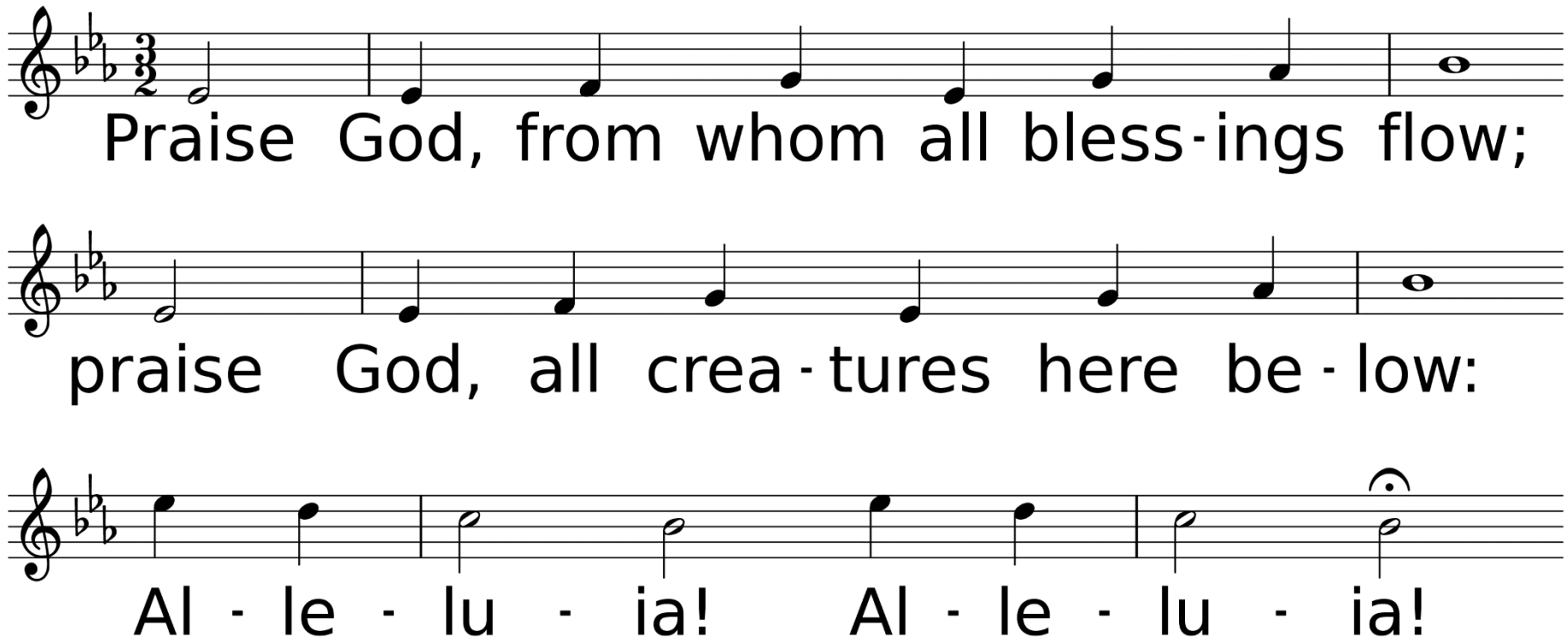

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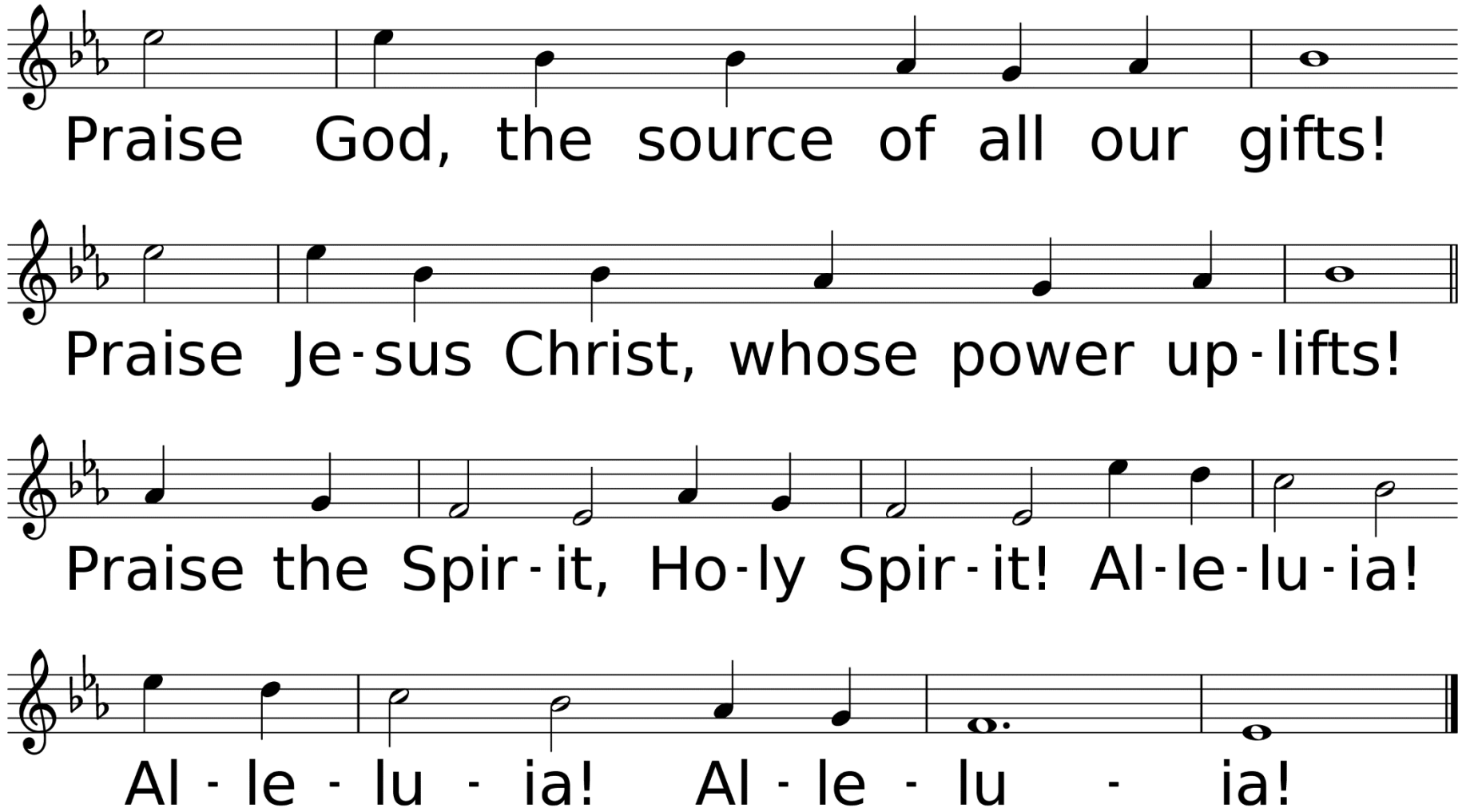
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of Faith

O God of Every Nation

UMH, #435

Words by William W. Reid, Jr.
Music by Welsh hymn melody; harm. by David Evans

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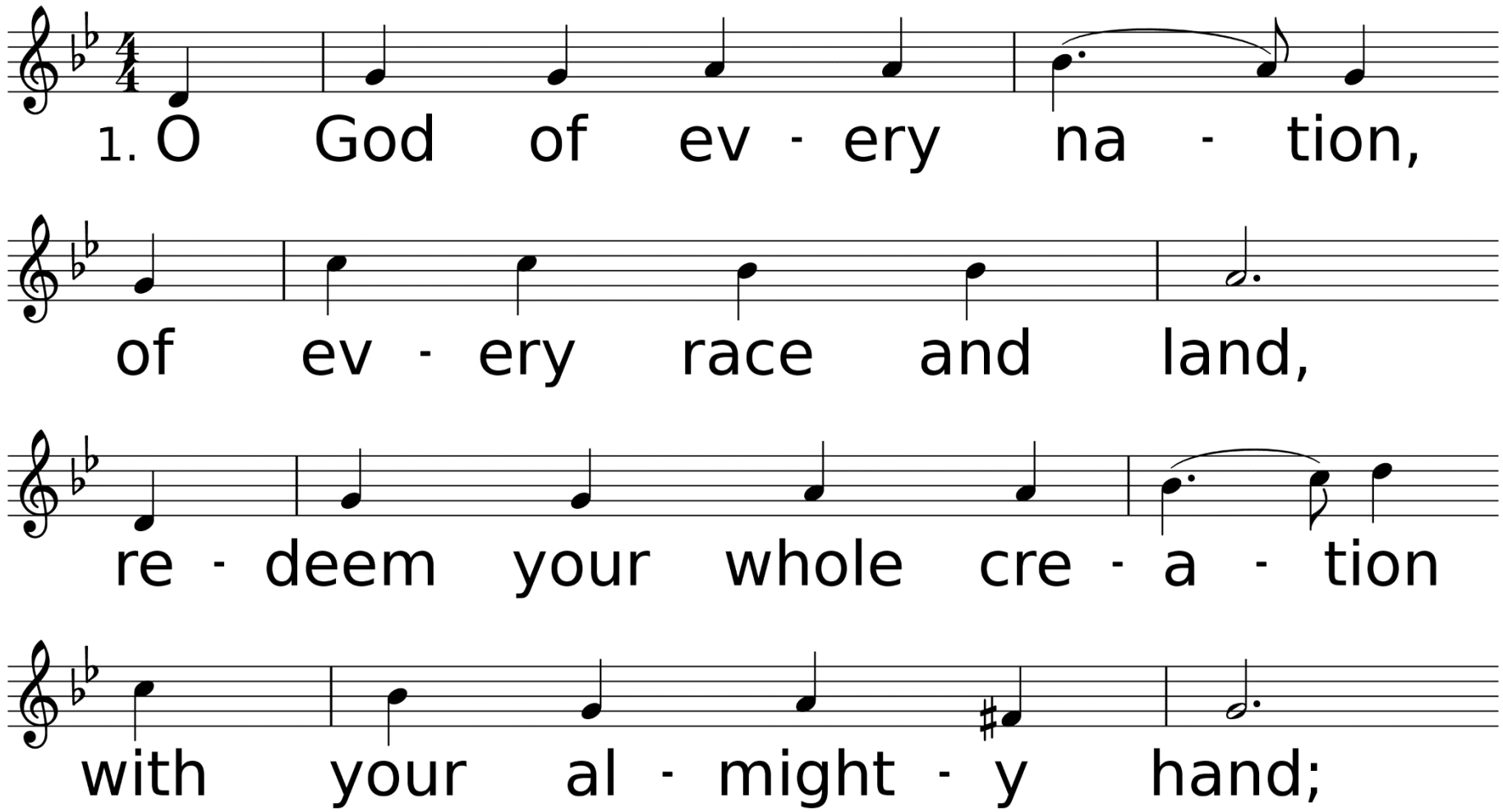

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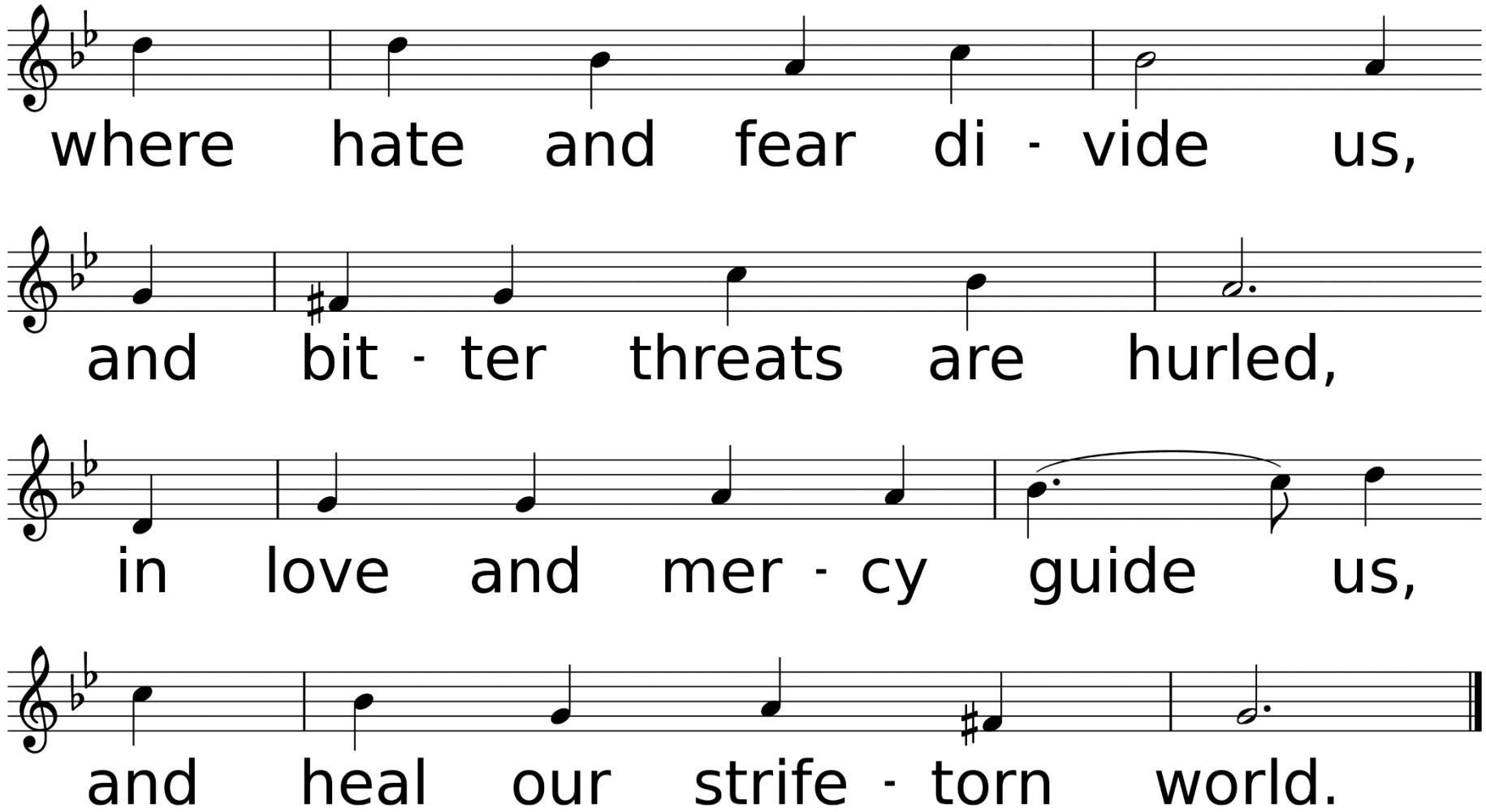
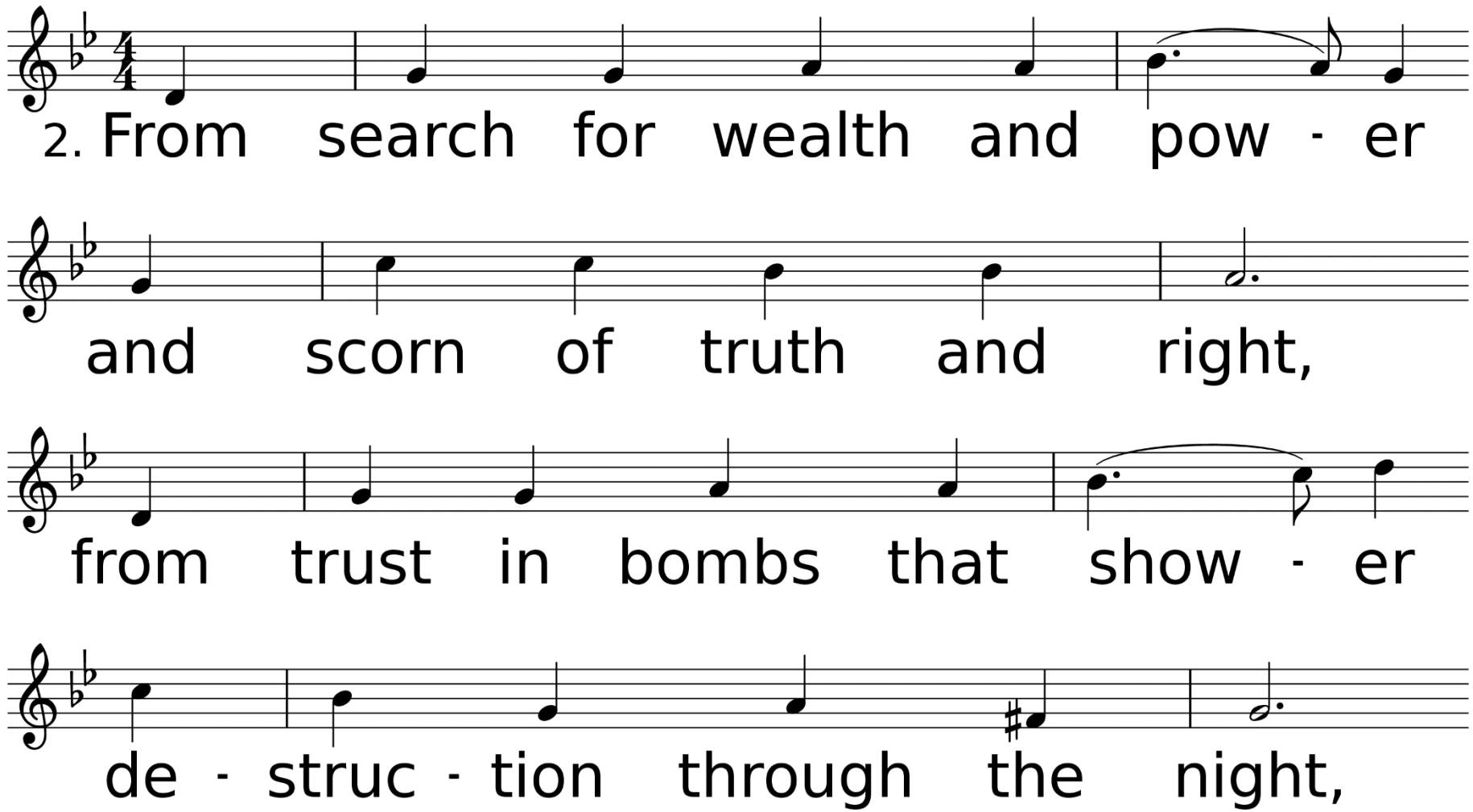
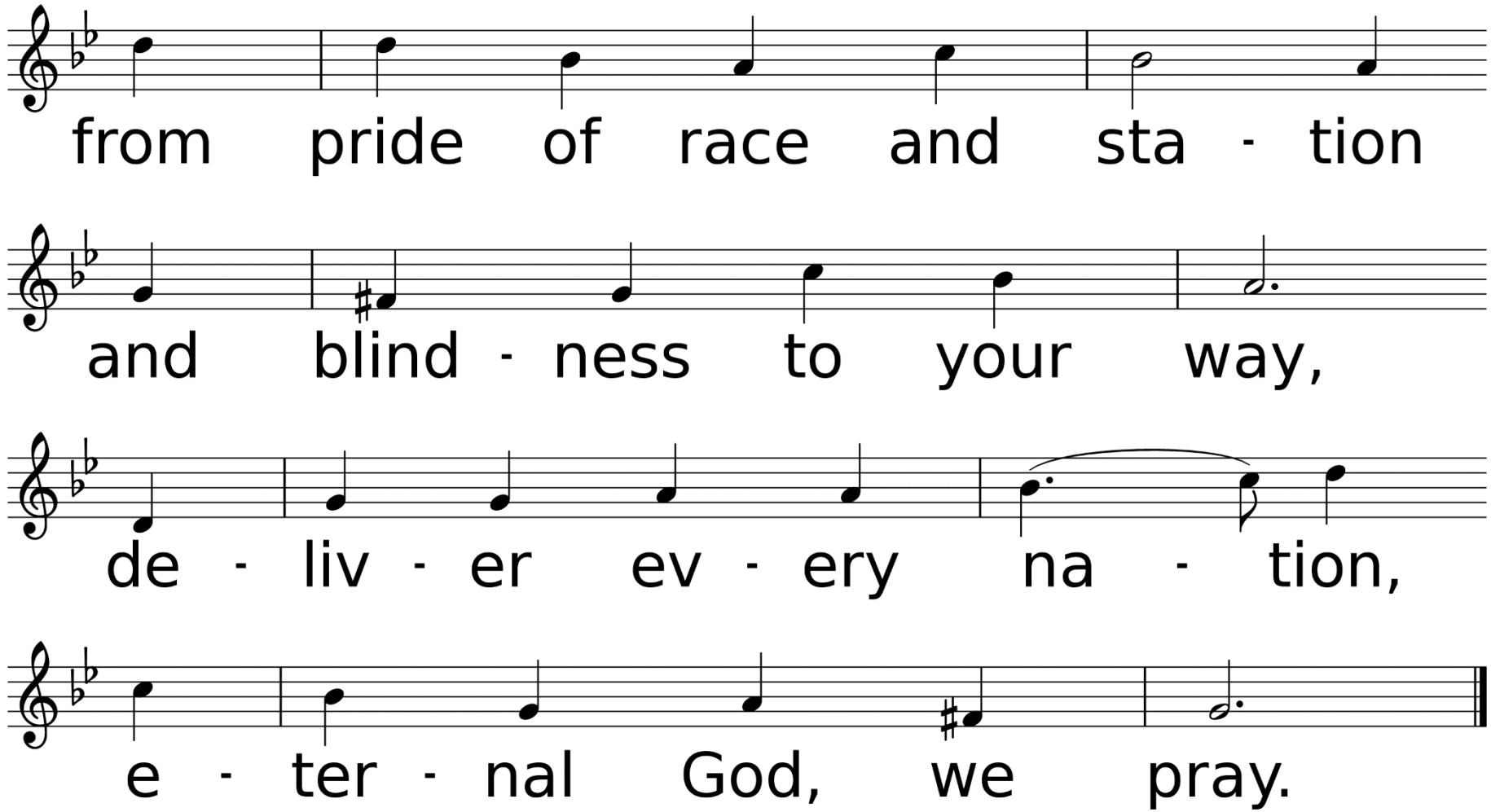
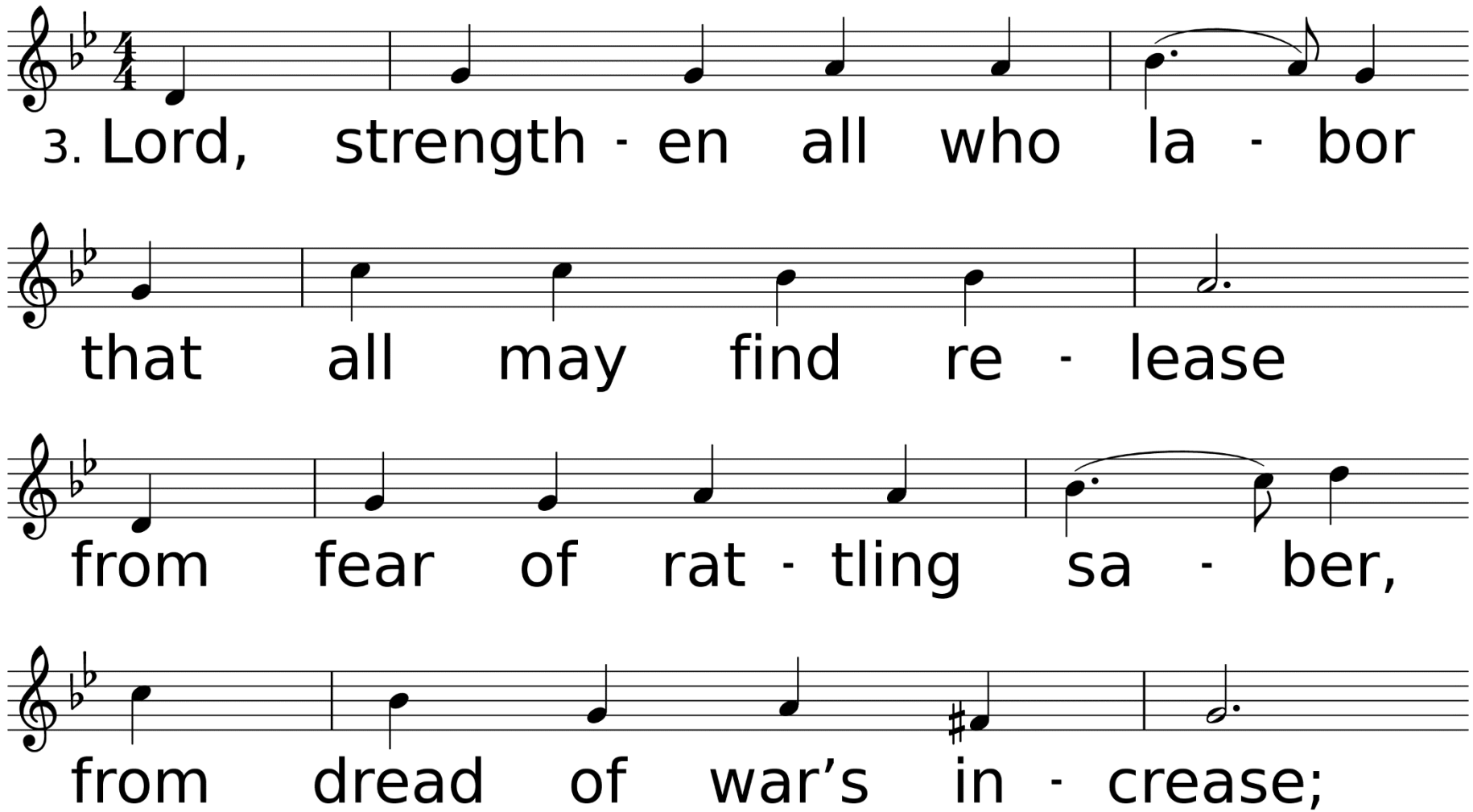
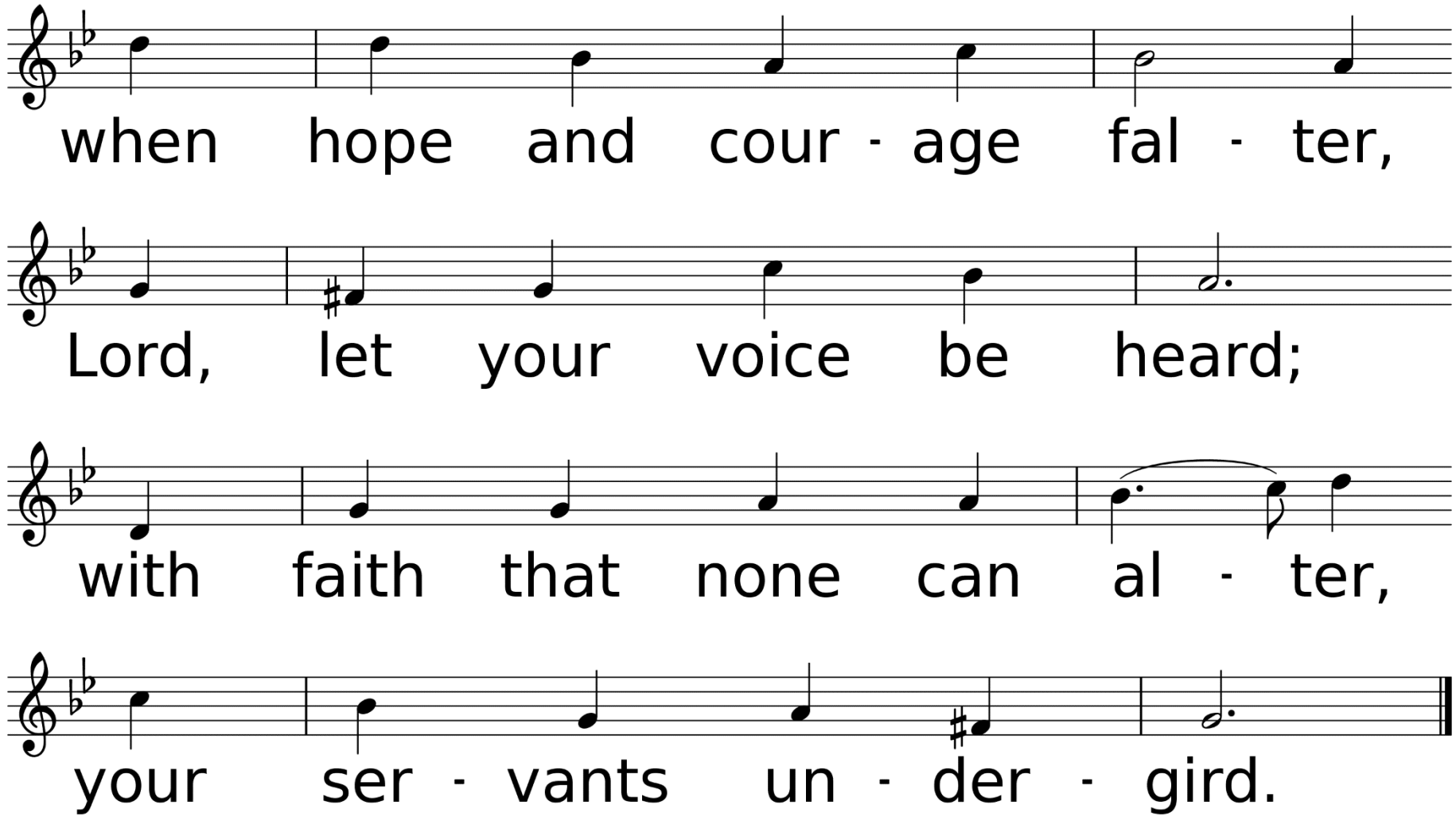
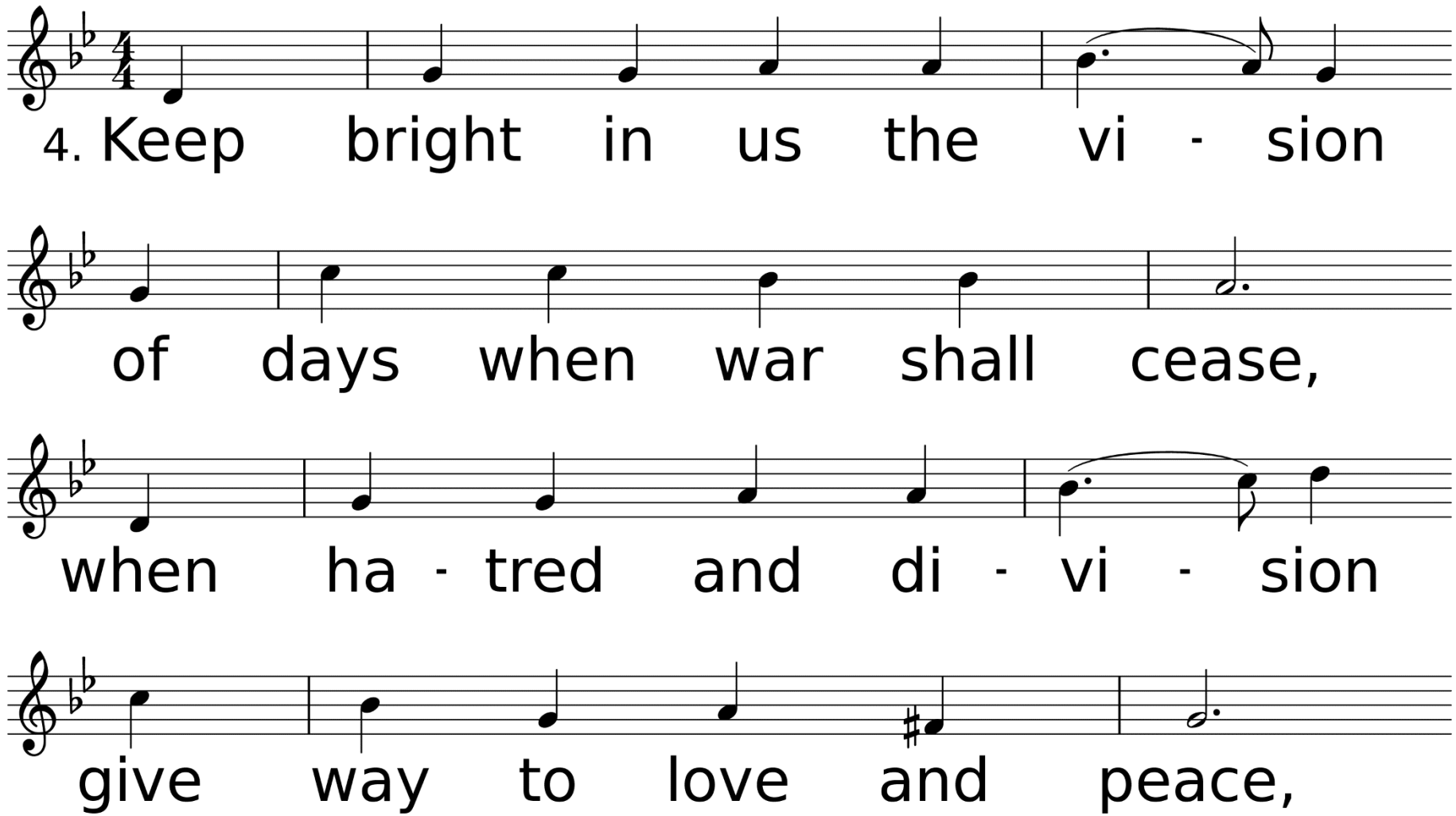

where hate and fear di - vide us,
and bit - ter threats are hurled,
in love and mer - cy guide us,
and heal our strife - torn world.

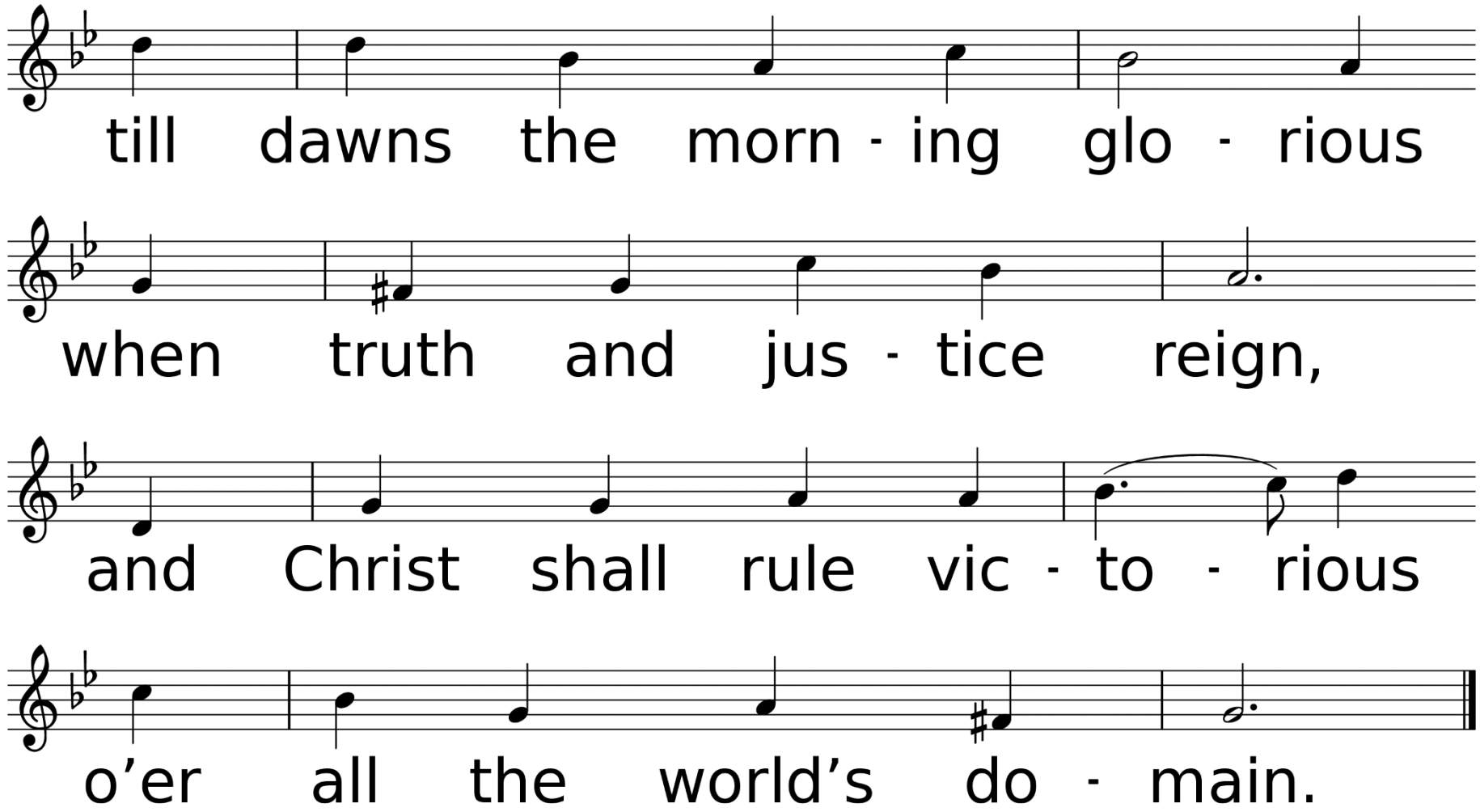

2. From search for wealth and pow - er
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that show - er
de - struc - tion through the night,


from pride of race and sta - tion
and blind - ness to your way,
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion,
e - ter - nal God, we pray.


3. Lord, strength - en all who la - bor
that all may find re - lease
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber,
from dread of war's in - crease;


when hope and cour - age fal - ter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can al - ter,
your ser - vants un - der - gird.


4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion
of days when war shall cease,
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion
give way to love and peace,


till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious
when truth and jus - tice reign,
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious
o’er all the world’s do - main.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:23-24

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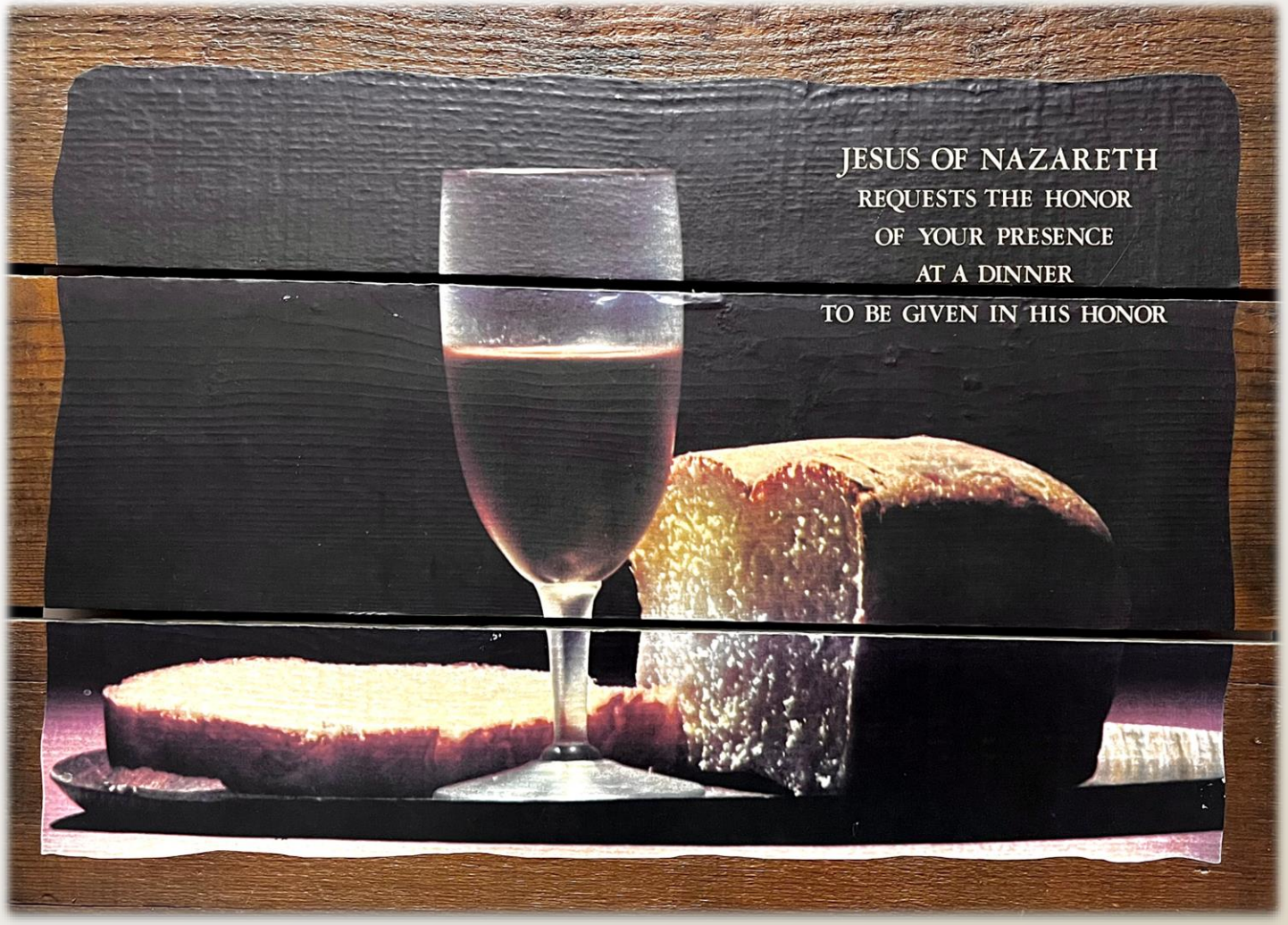
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

“Work Hard in Body and Spirit”

Sermon

Rev. Laraine Waughtal



Anthem

We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

By Elizabeth Mills / William Miller

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Congregation: Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements

*Hymn of Invitation

Are Ye Able

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Music by Harry S. Mason

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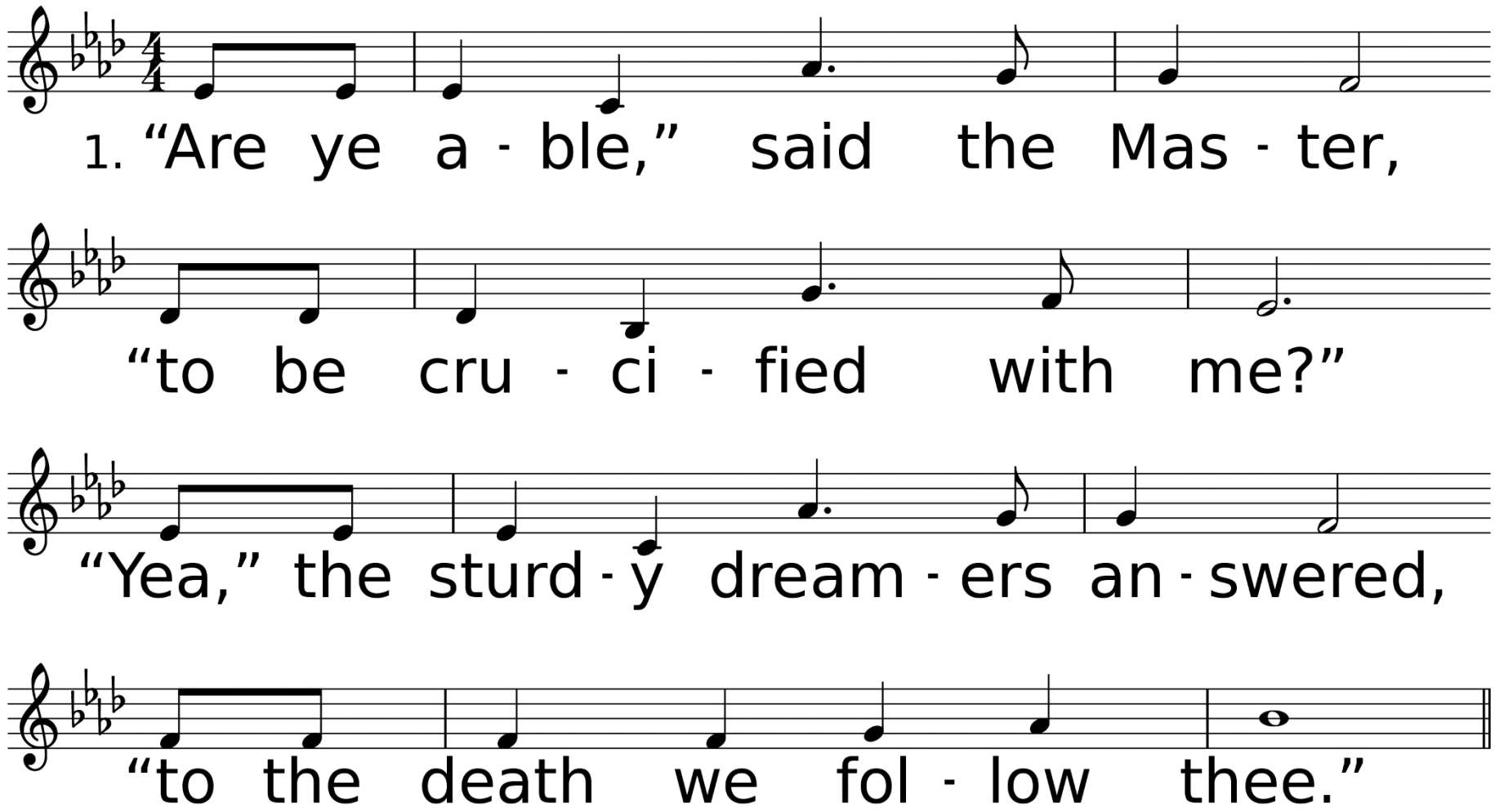

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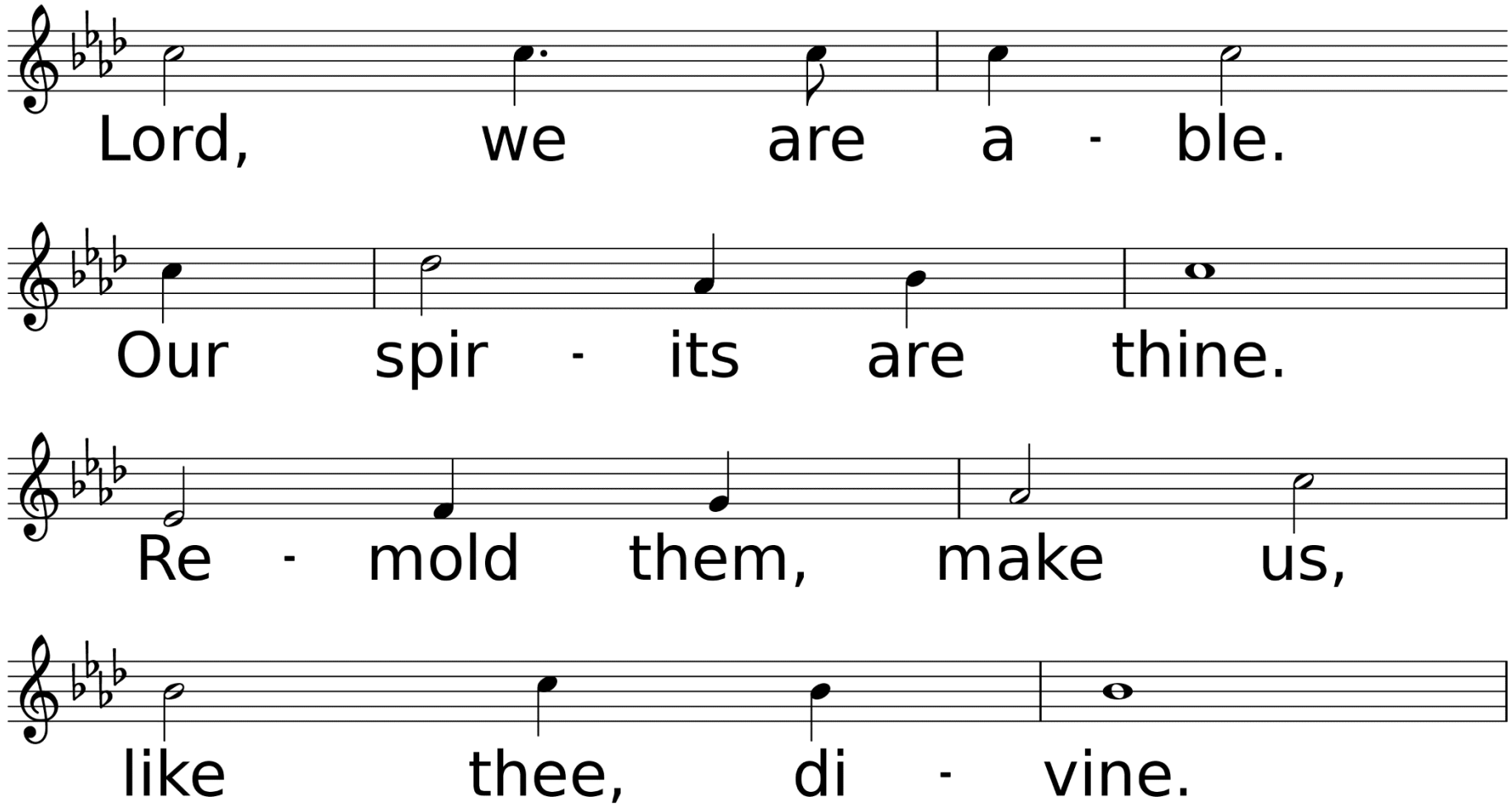
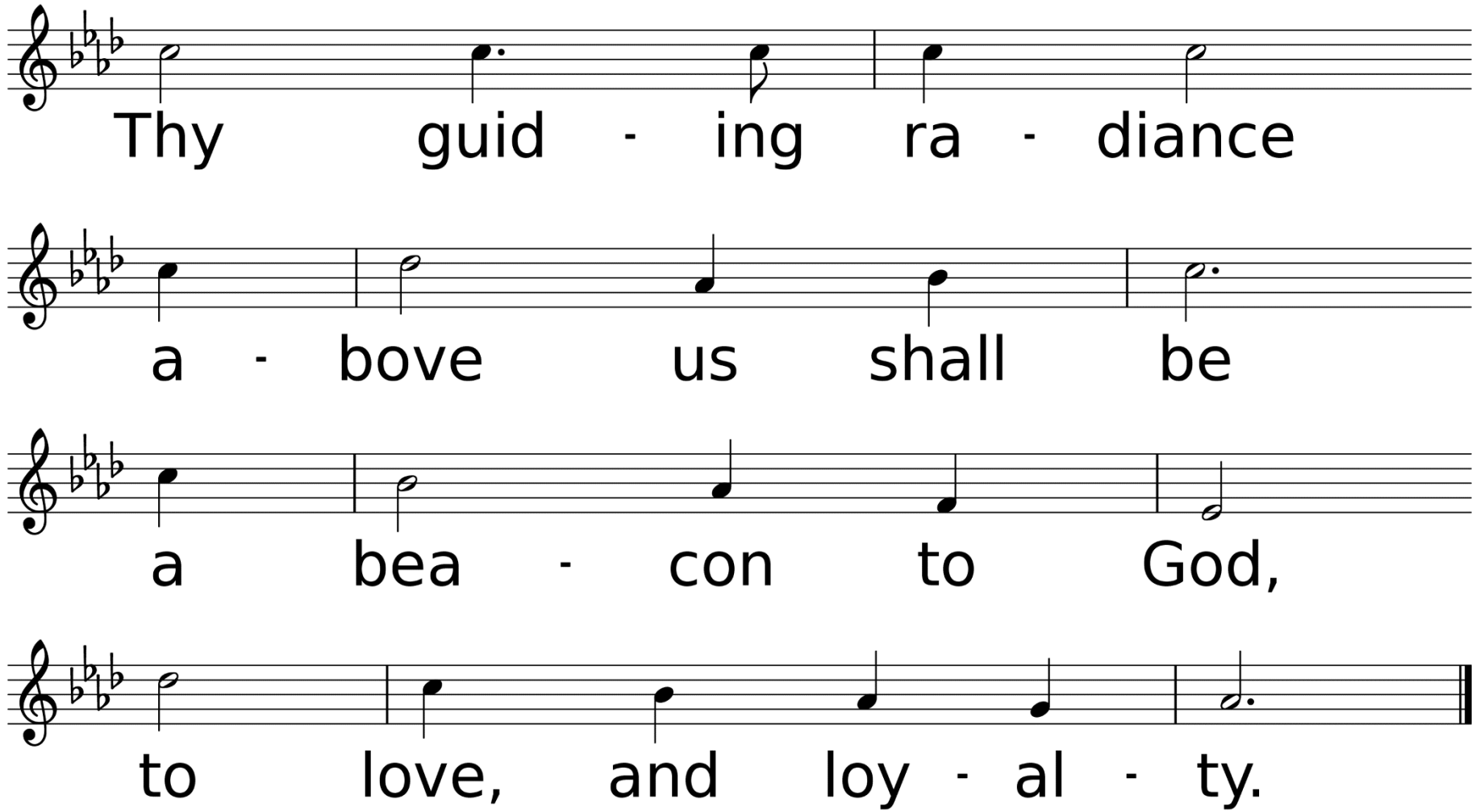

Lord, we are a - ble.
Our spir - its are thine.
Re - mold them, make us,
like thee, di - vine.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a - bove us shall be
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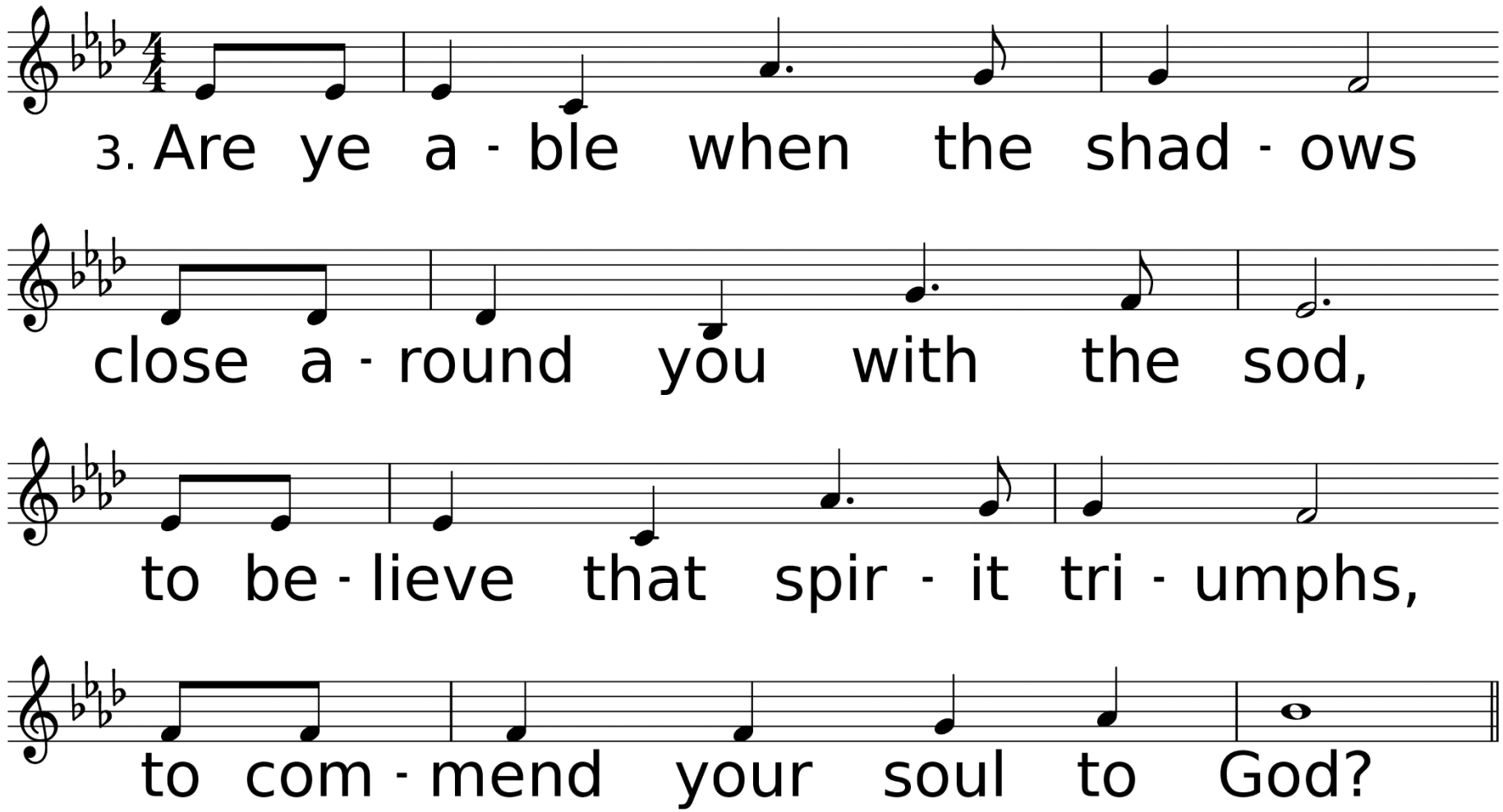
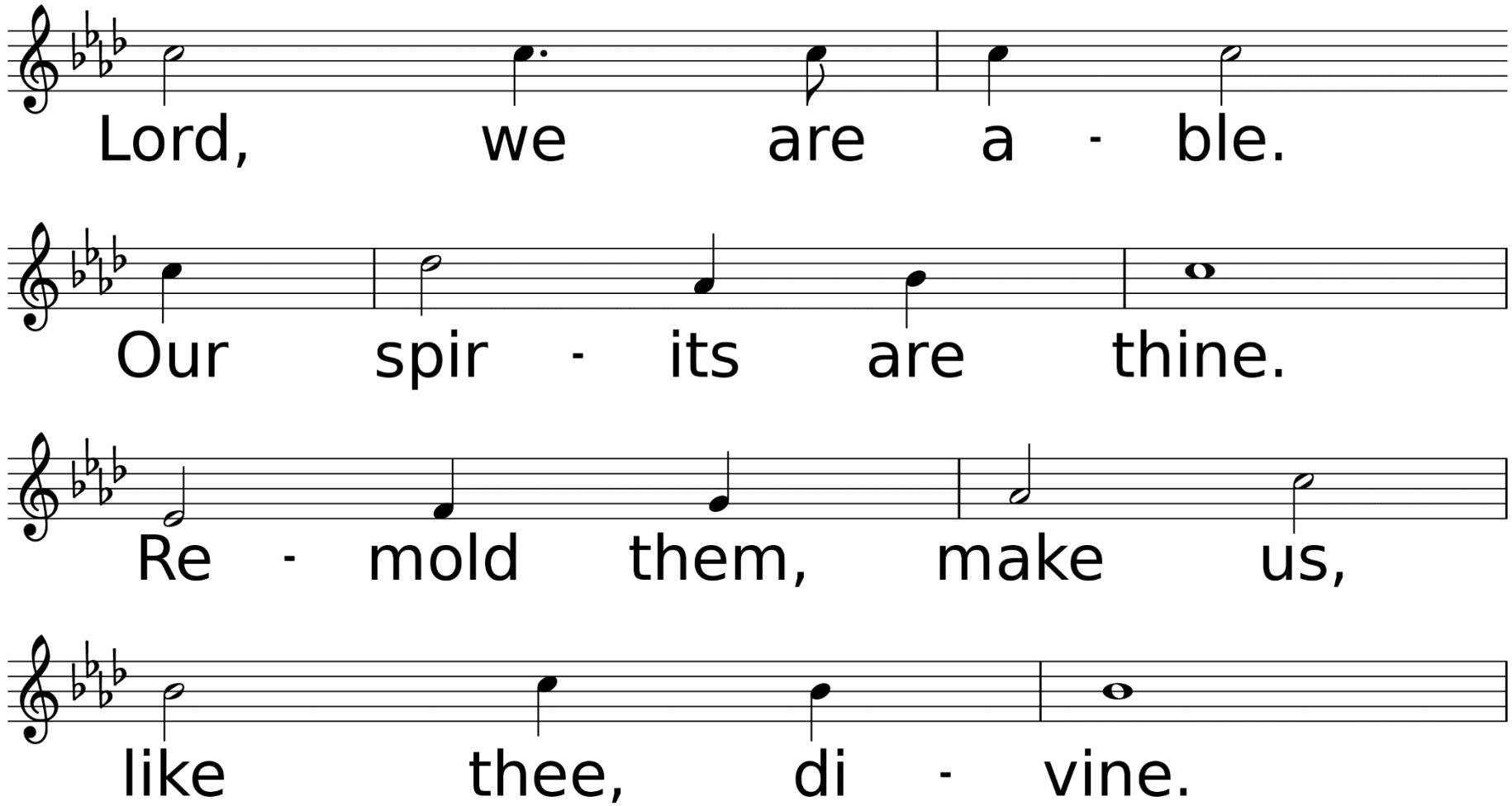
to love, and loy - al - ty.


3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows
close a - round you with the sod,
to be - lieve that spir - it tri - umphs,
to com - mend your soul to God?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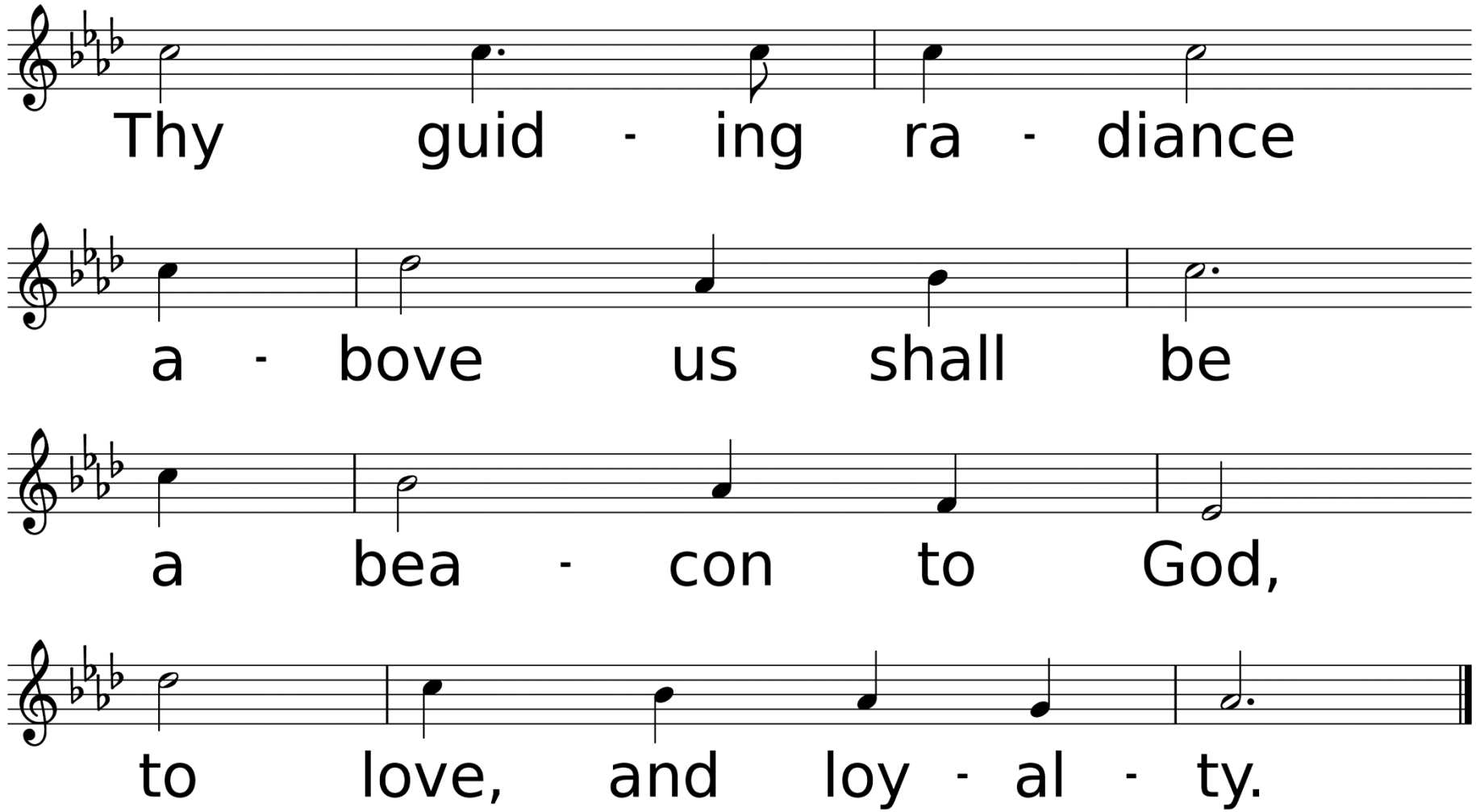
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*Benediction

*Sending Forth

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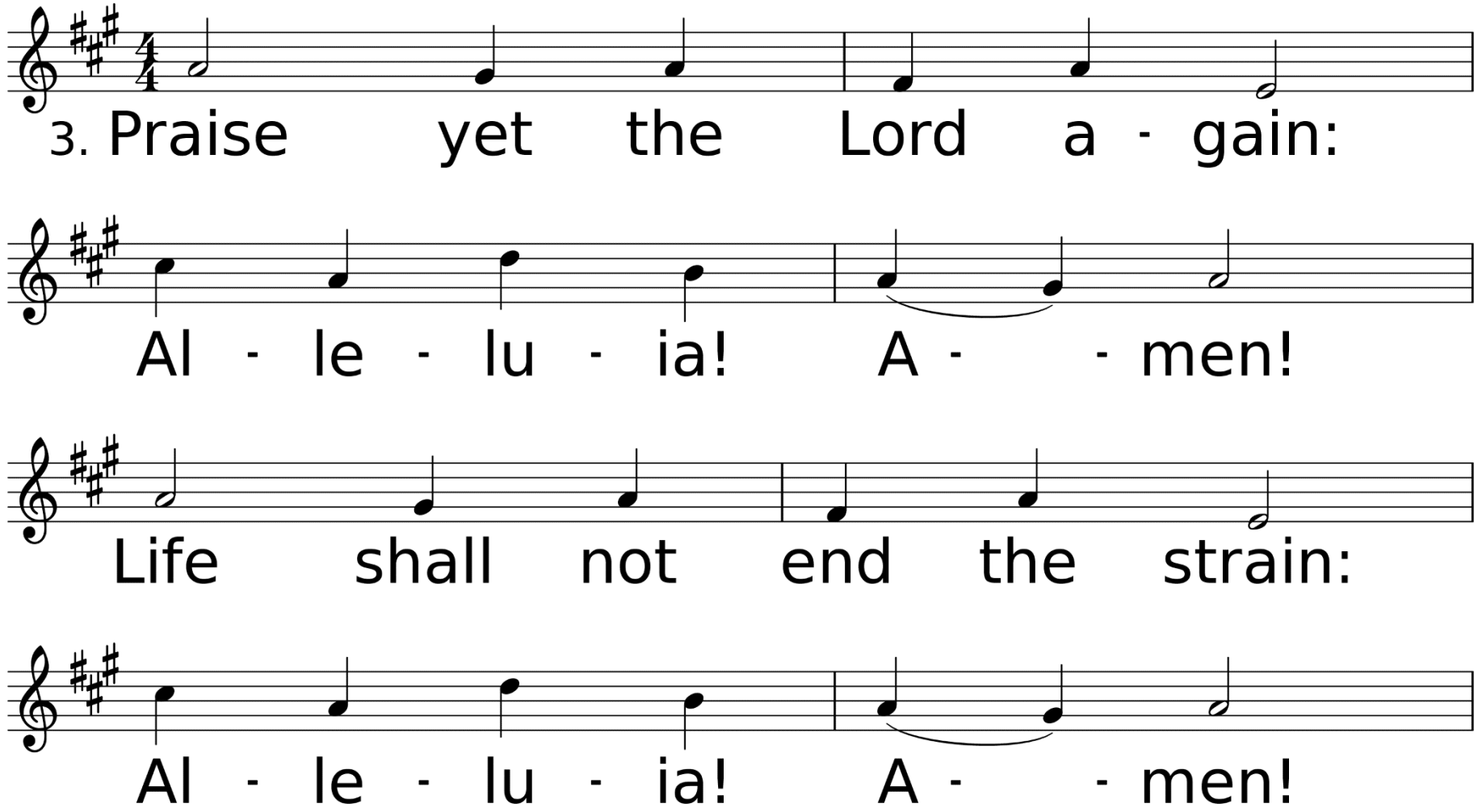
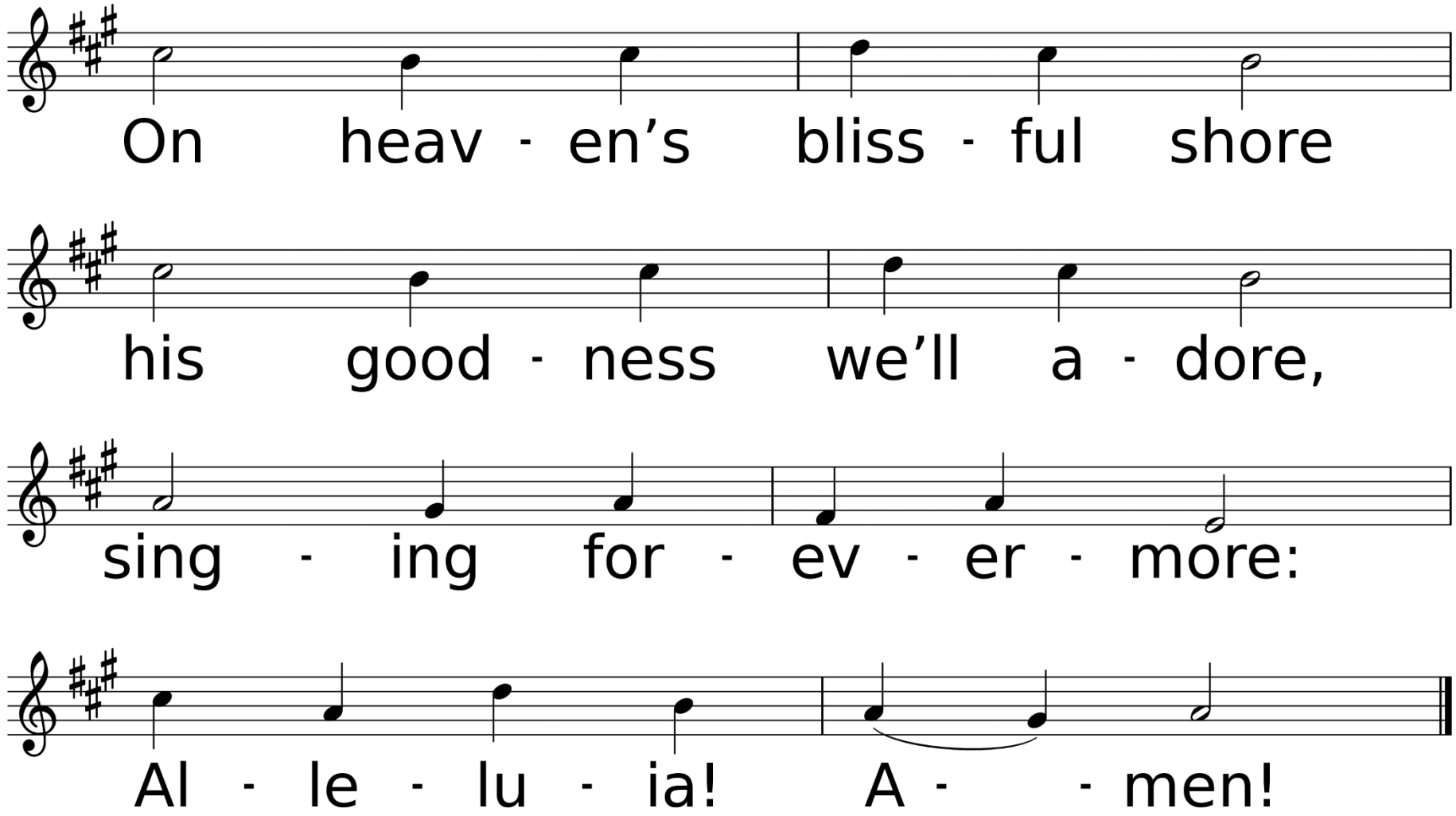

3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!
Life shall not end the strain:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!


On heav - en's bliss - ful shore
his good - ness we'll a - dore,
sing - ing for - ev - er - more:
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men!

Thank you for joining us today!

See You Next Week!