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October 8, 2023
10:00 AM Sunday Service
Sanctuary & Online

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Choral Call To Worship

We Praise You for Your Glory

By Rick Founds and Bill Batstone

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*Call to Worship

Congregation: O God of all times and places, we pray for your Church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with new tasks. Baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus.

Bestow upon her a great responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion with suffering, and an utter loyalty to your will. Help her to proclaim boldly the coming of your kingdom. Put upon her lips the ancient gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophets' scorn of tyranny, and with a Christlike tenderness for the heavyladen

and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that, like her crucified Lord, she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

How Firm A Foundation

UMH, #529

Words: “K” in Rippon’s Selection of Hymns
Music by Early USA Melody; harm. By Tabor

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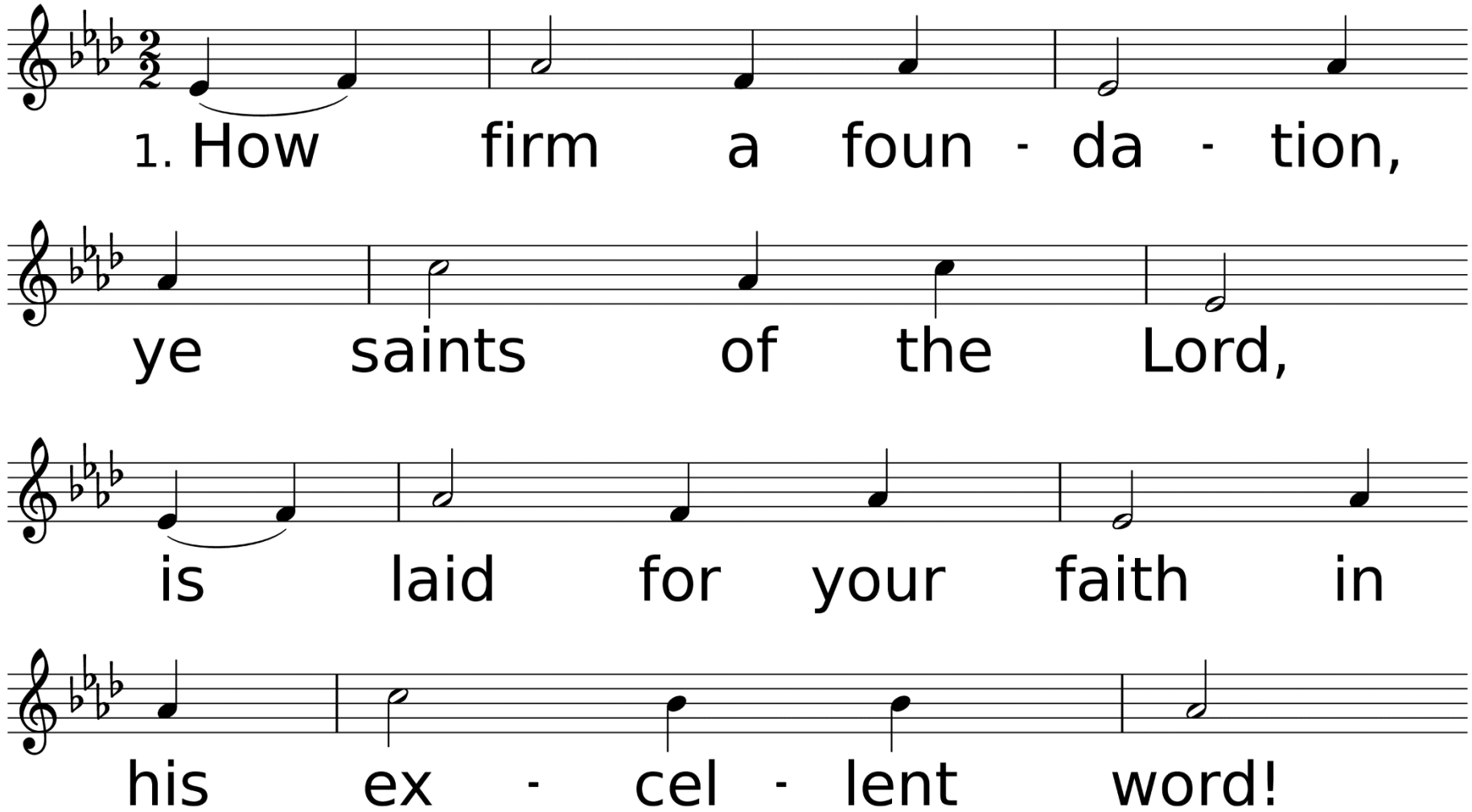

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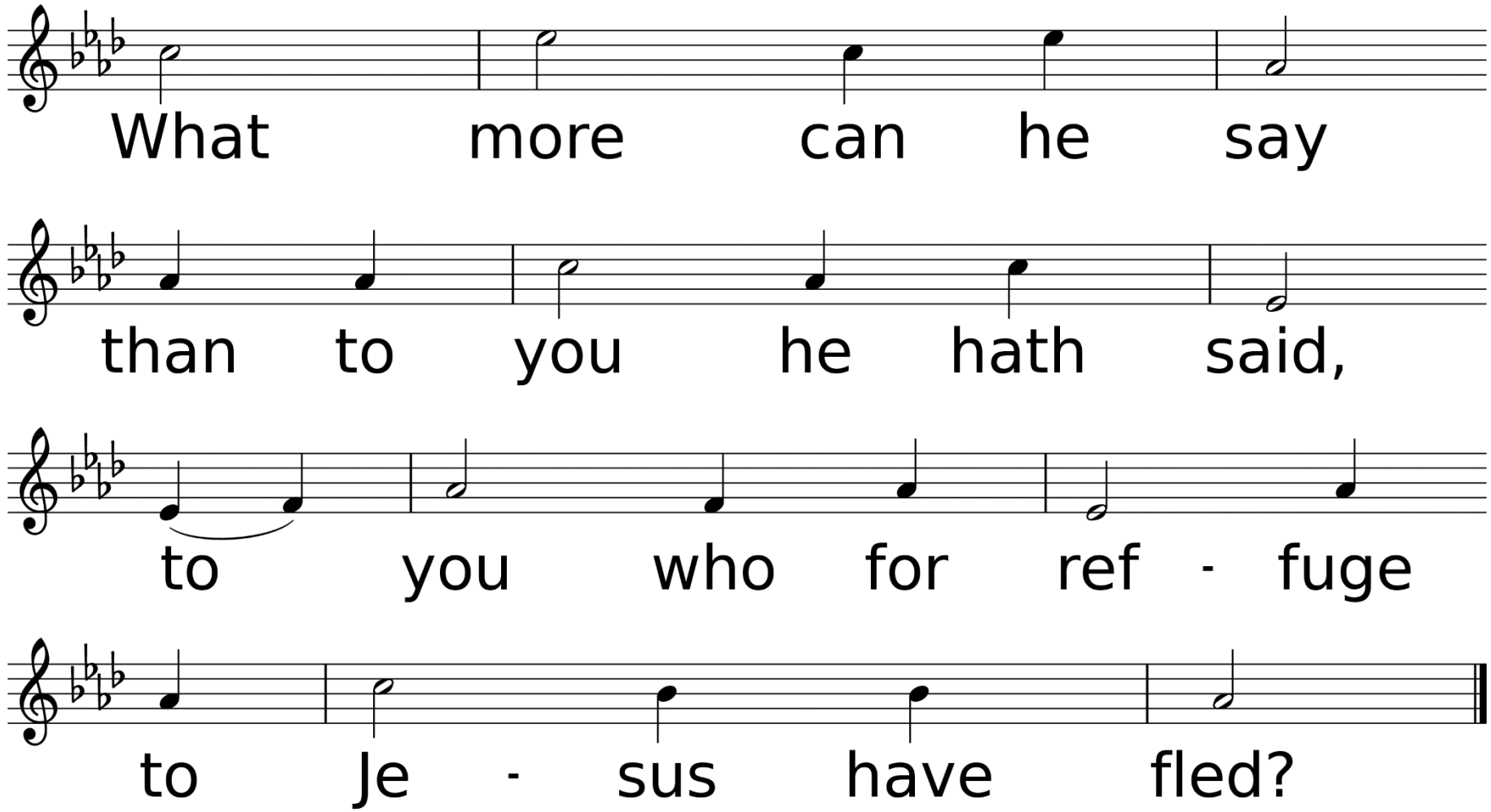
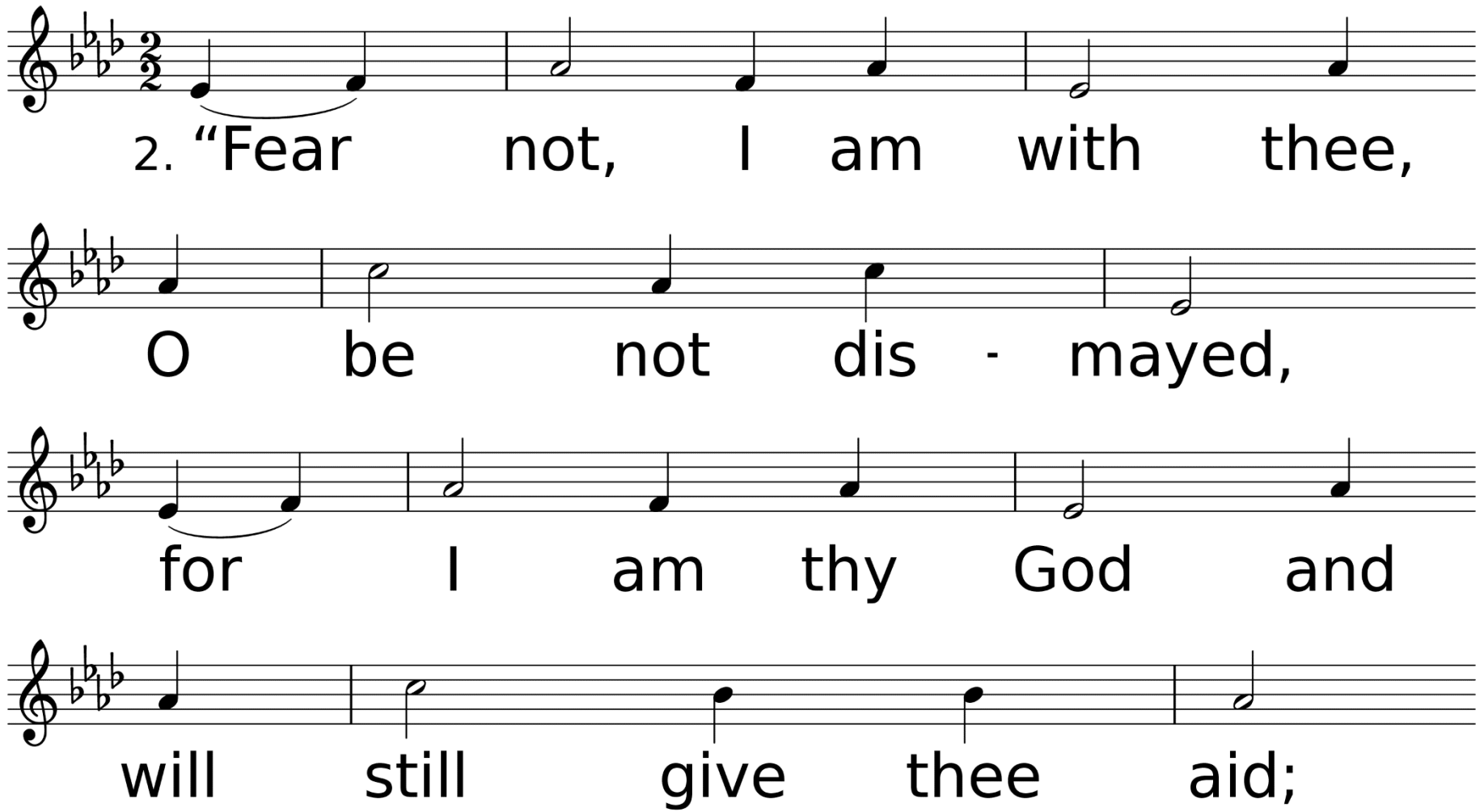
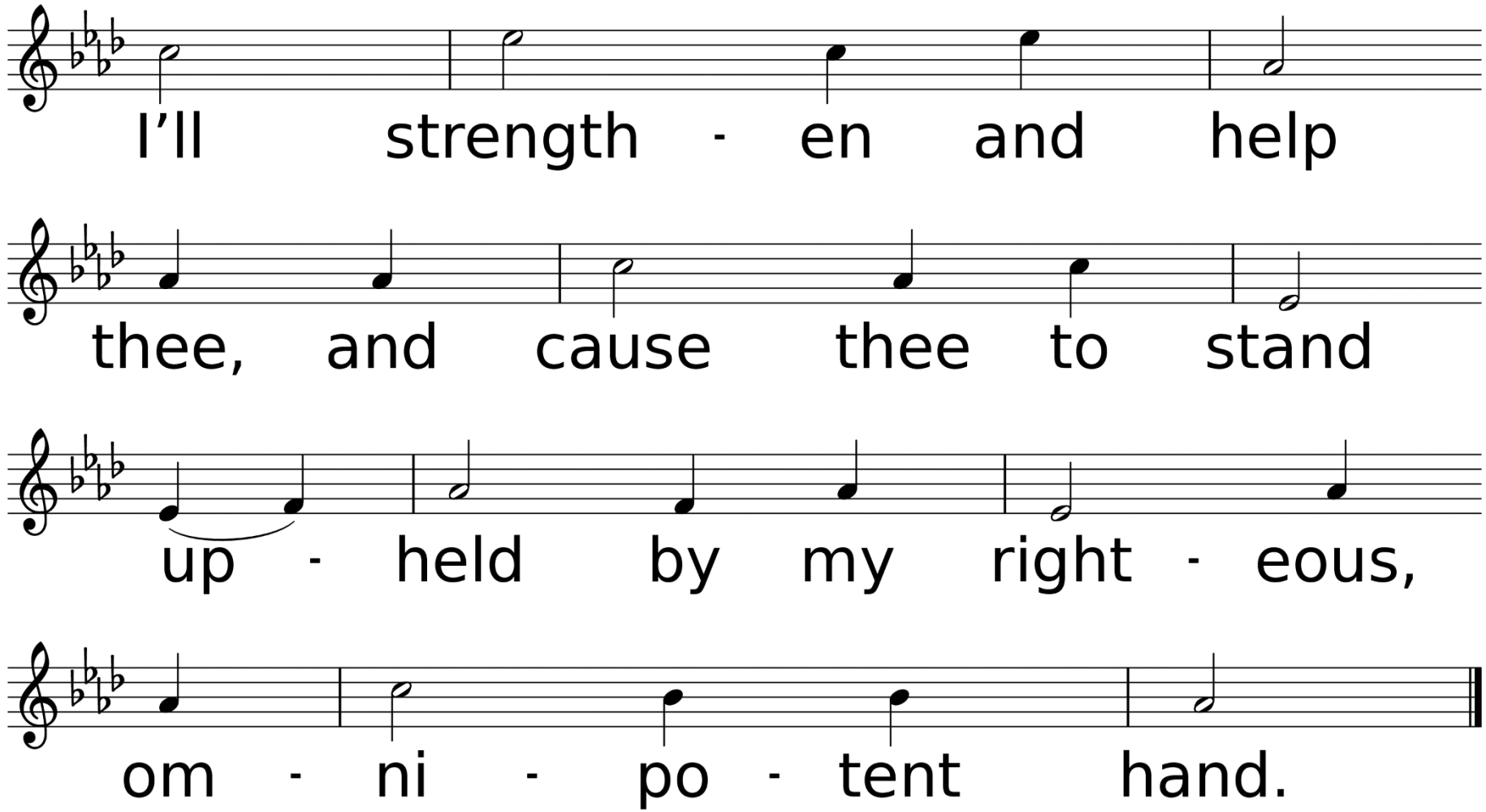
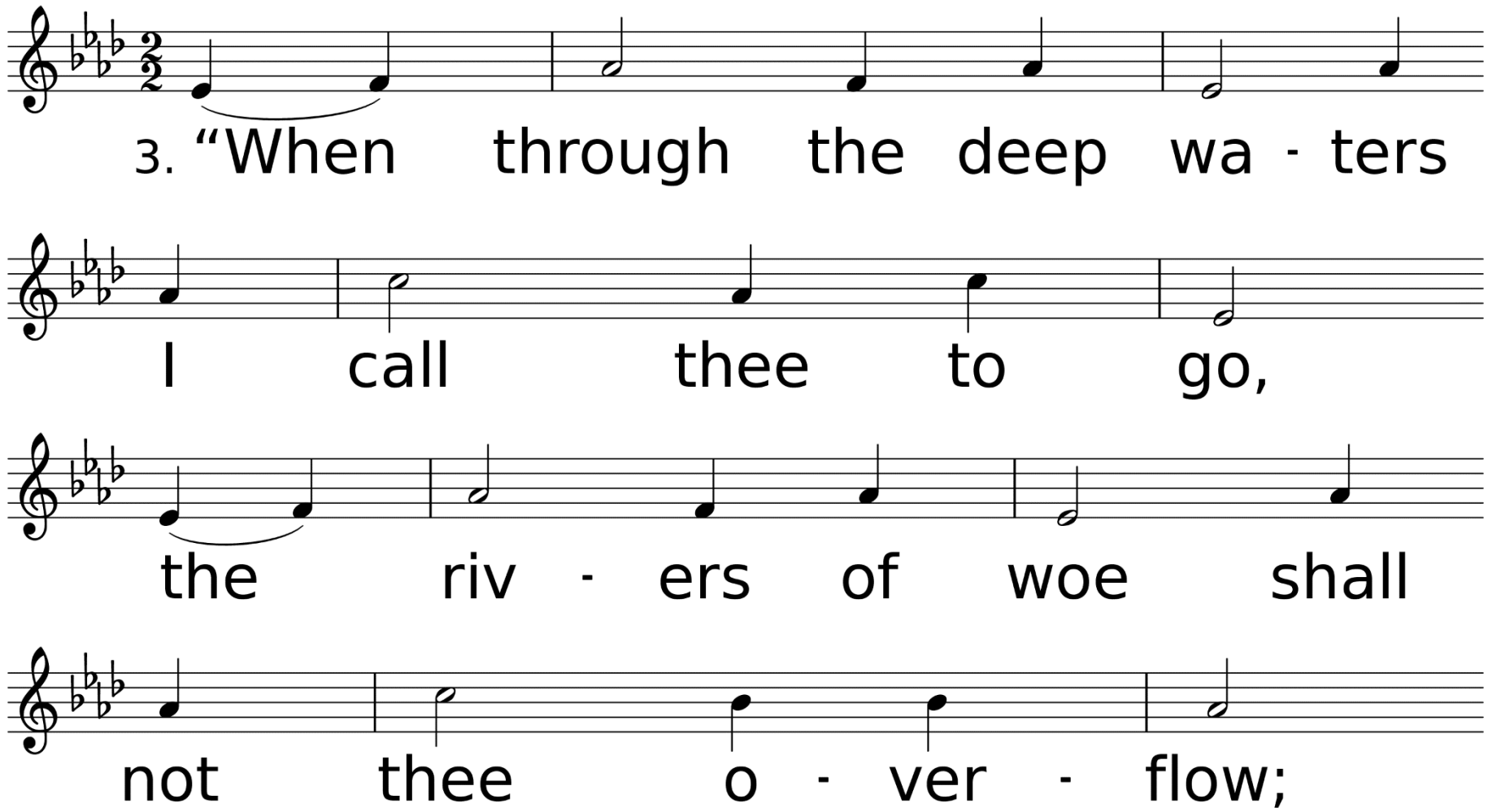
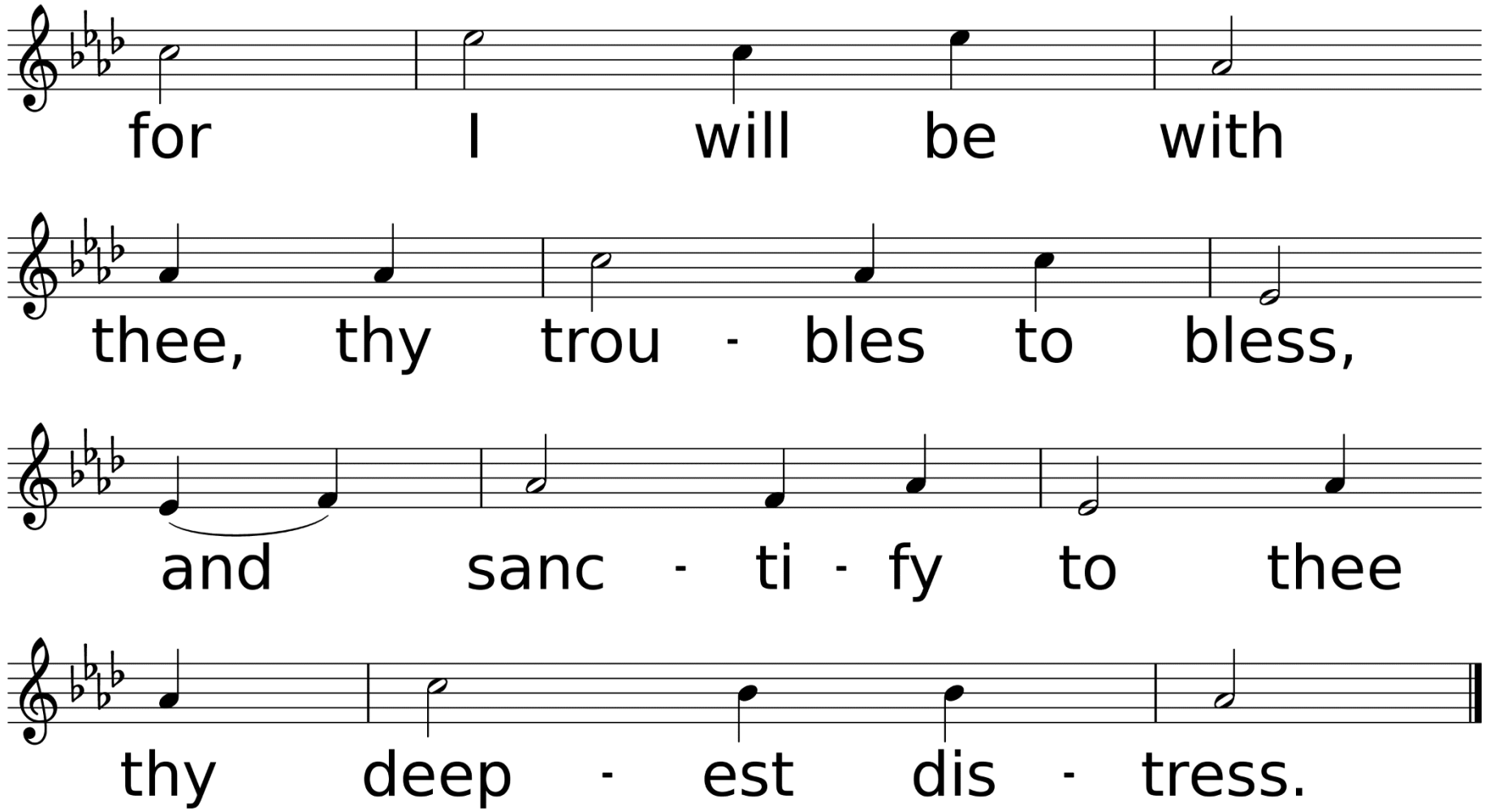
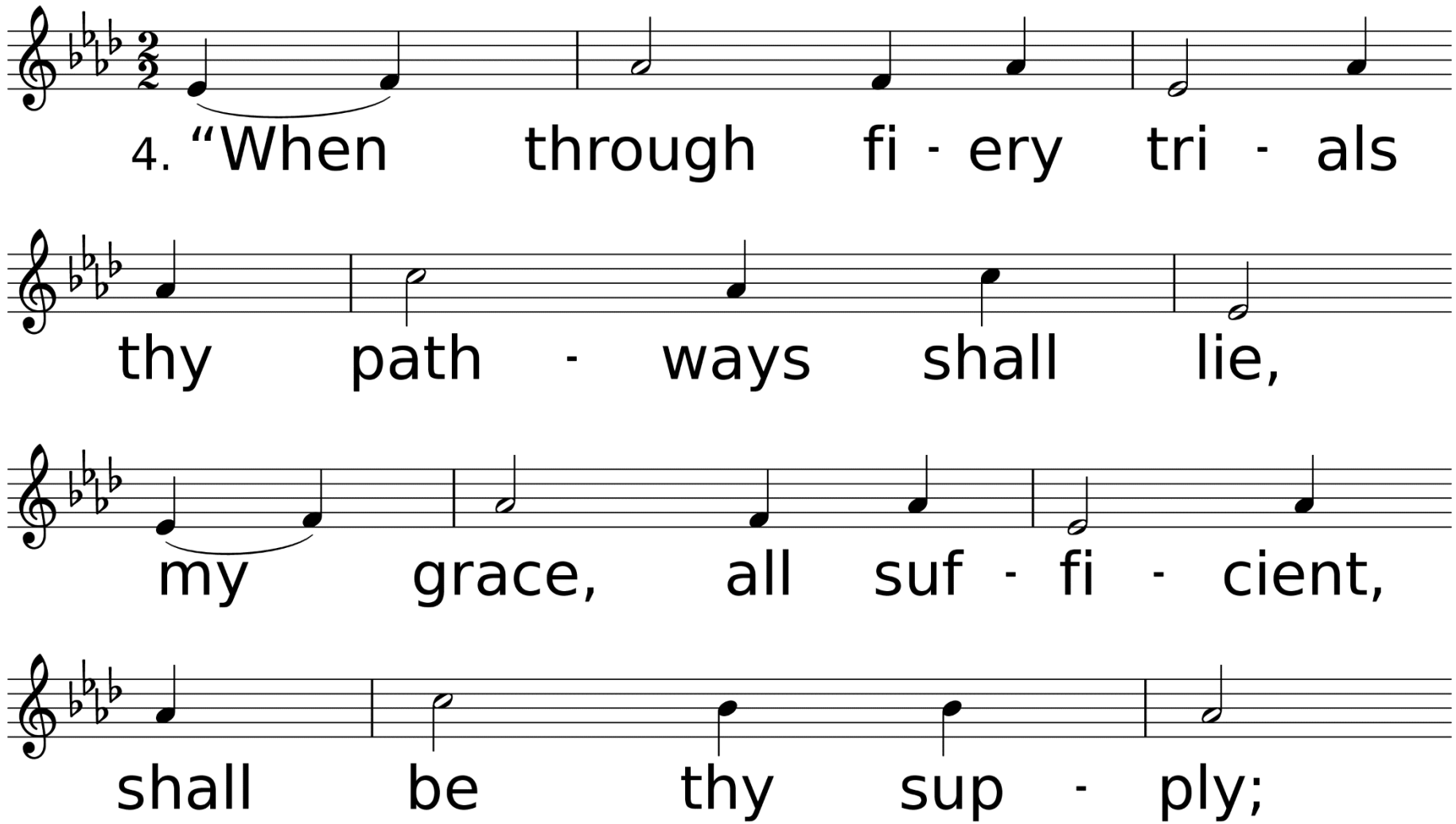

What more can he say
than to you he hath said,
to you who for ref - fuge
to Je - sus have fled?

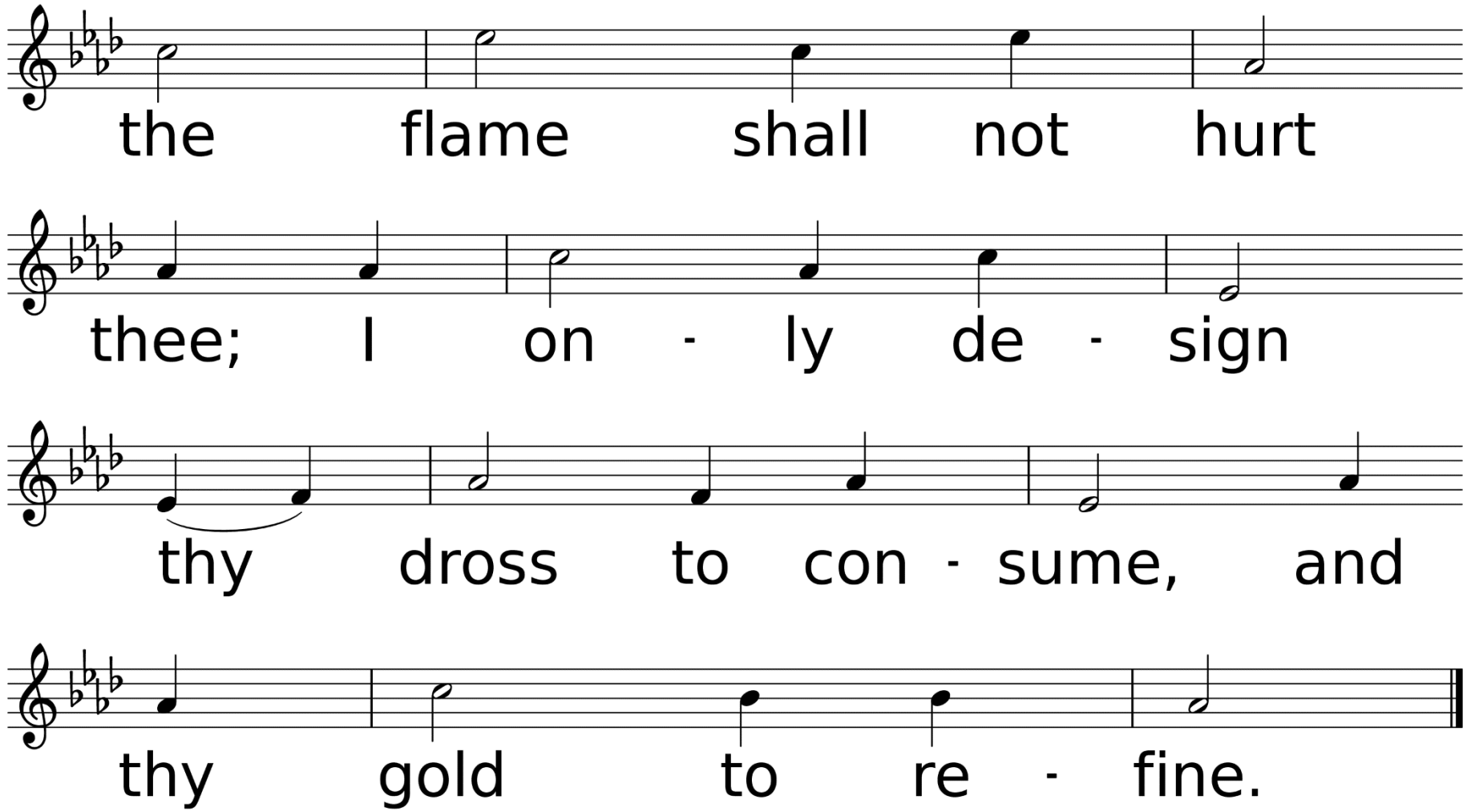

2. "Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dis - mayed,
for I am thy God and
will still give thee aid;

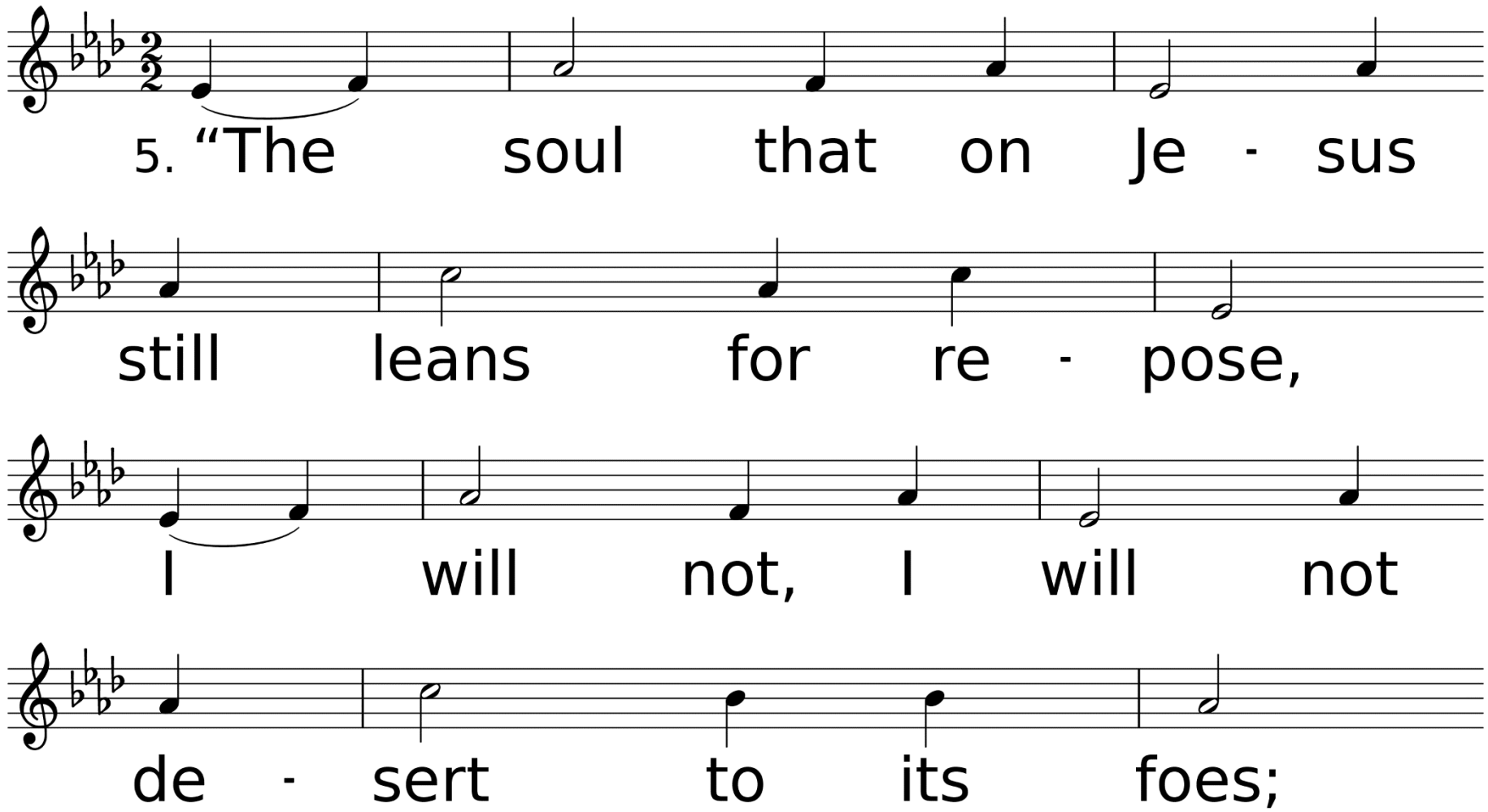

I'll strength - en and help
thee, and cause thee to stand
up - held by my right - eous,
om - ni - po - tent hand.

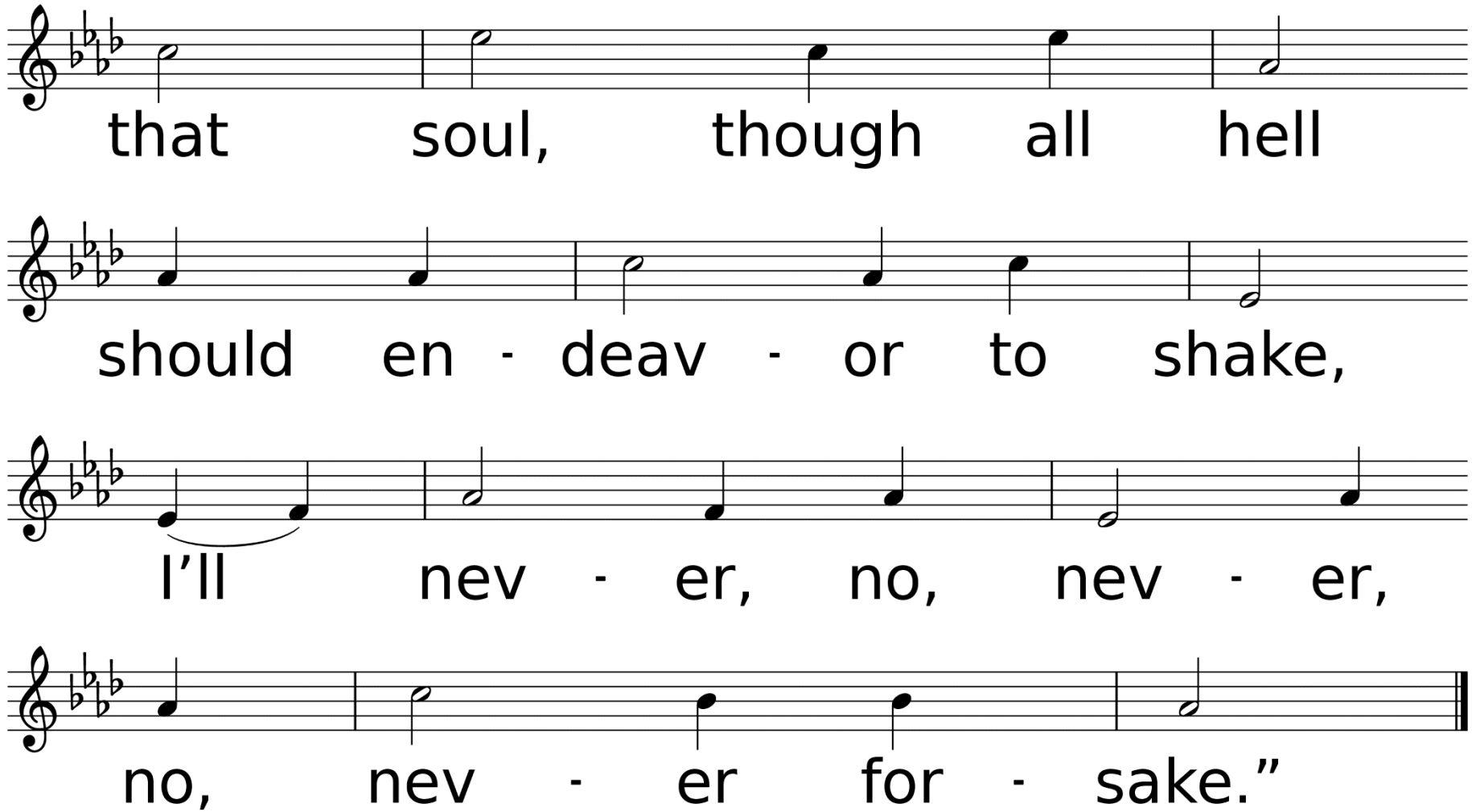

3. "When through the deep wa - ters
I call thee to go,
the riv - ers of woe shall
not thee o - ver - flow;


for I will be with
thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
and sanc - ti - fy to thee
thy deep - est dis - tress.


4. "When through fi - ery tri - als
thy path - ways shall lie,
my grace, all suf - fi - cient,
shall be thy sup - ply;


the flame shall not hurt
thee; I on - ly de - sign
thy dross to con - sume, and
thy gold to re - fine.


5. "The soul that on Je - sus
still leans for re - pose,
I will not, I will not
de - sert to its foes;


that soul, though all hell
should en - deav - or to shake,
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er,
no, nev - er for - sake."

*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer Hymn

Wonderful Words of Life

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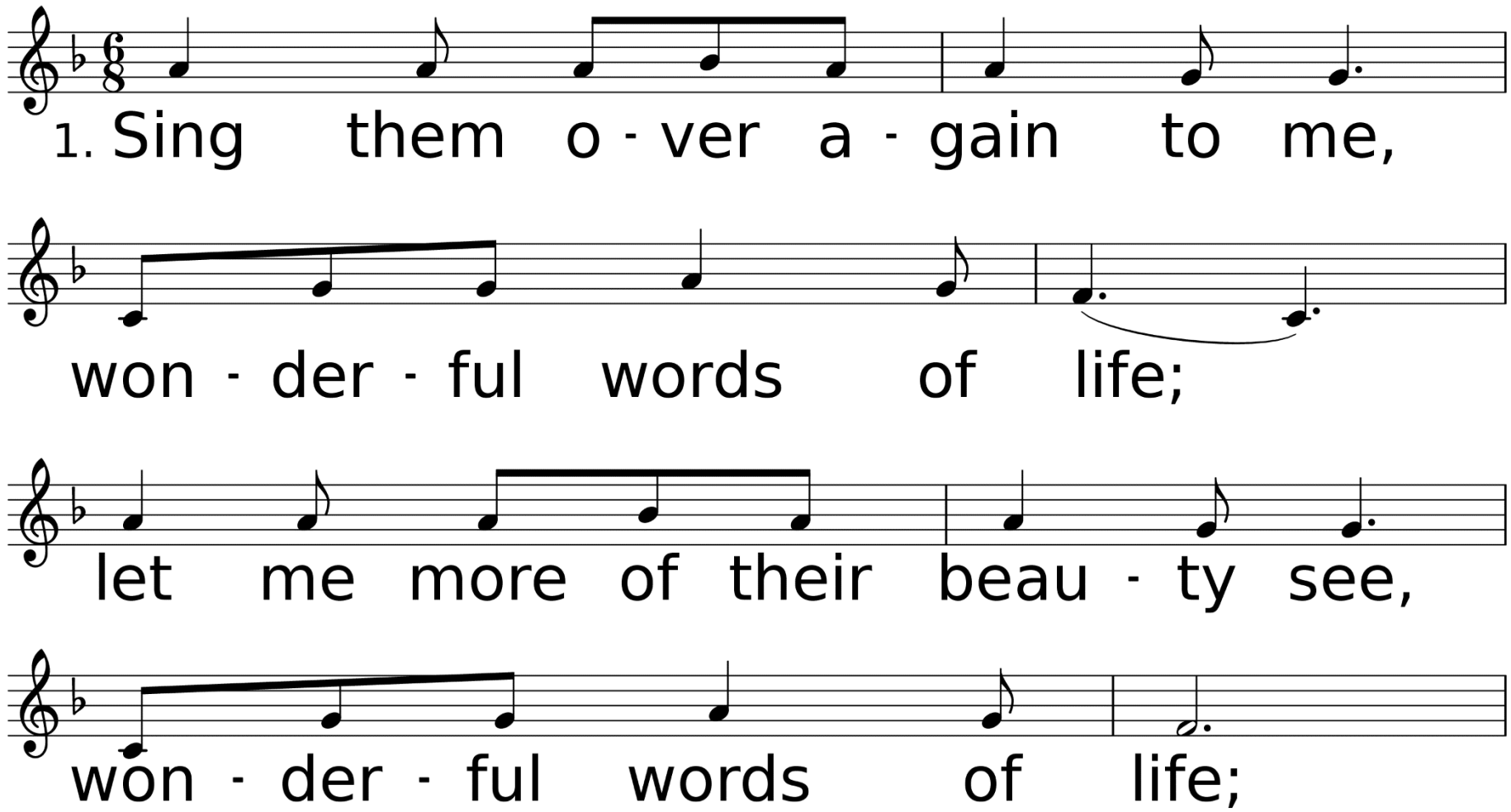

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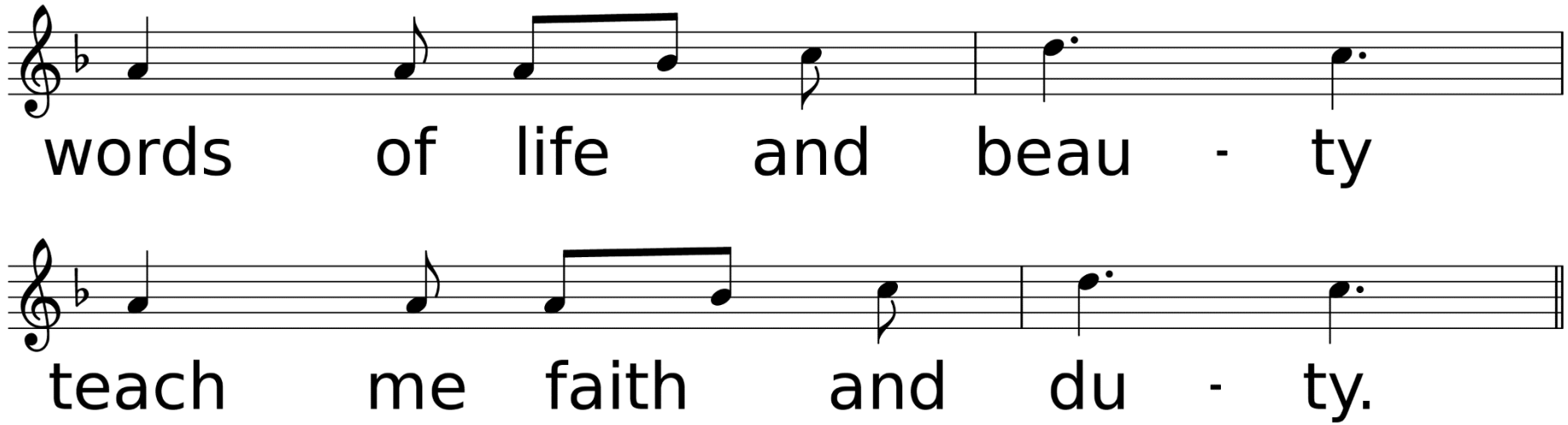
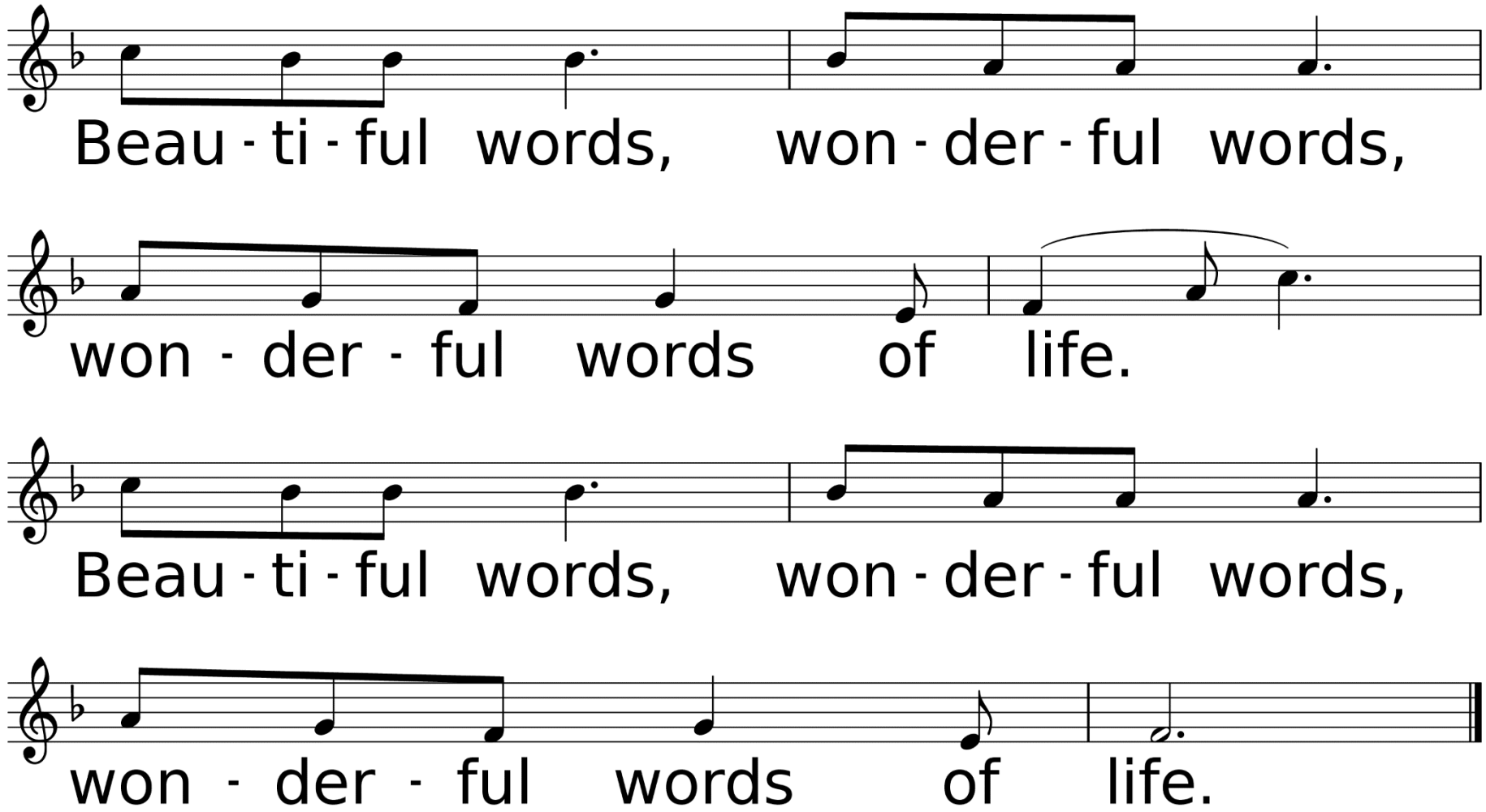

words of life and beau - ty
teach me faith and du - ty.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won - der - ful words of life.
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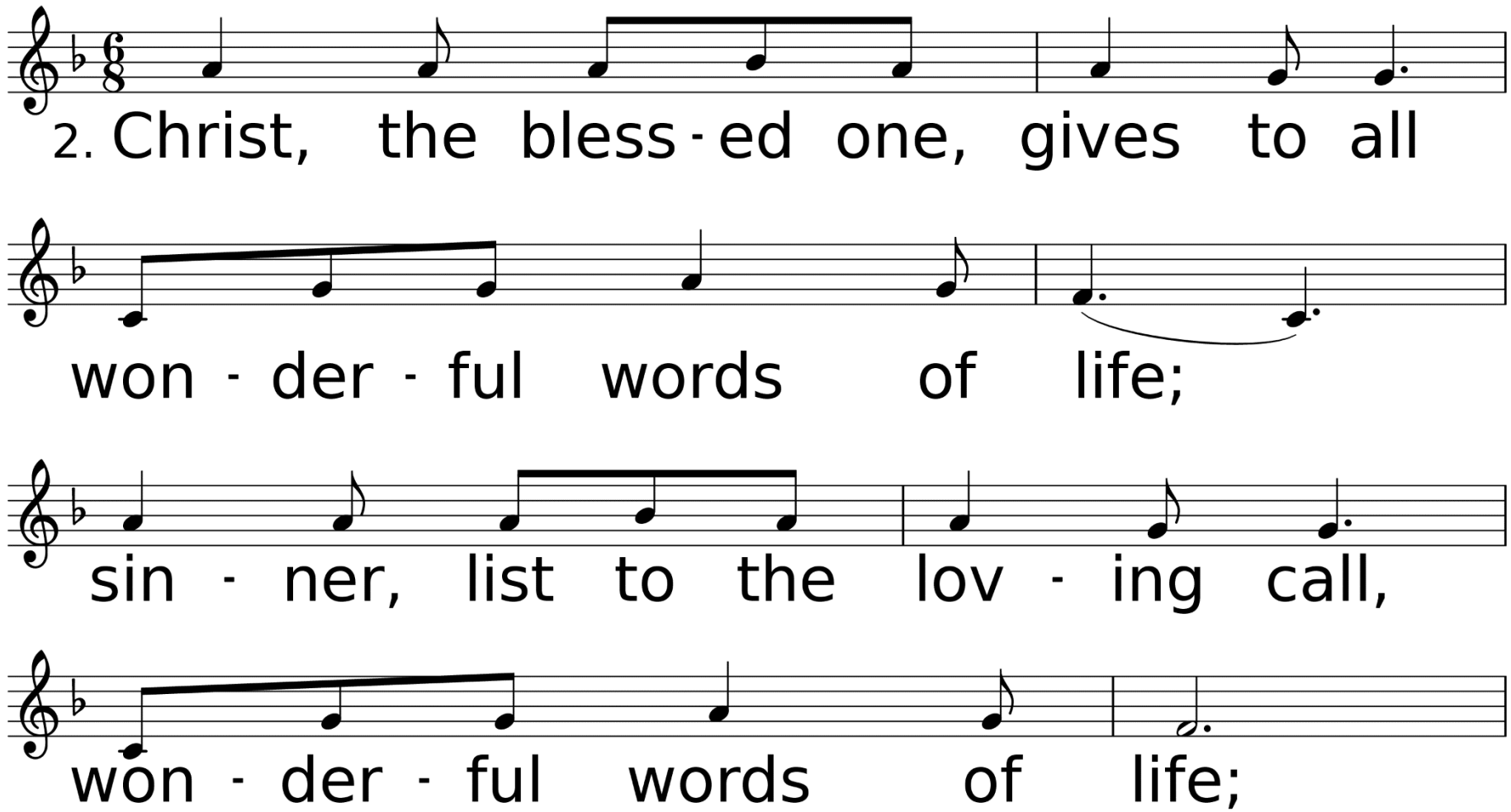
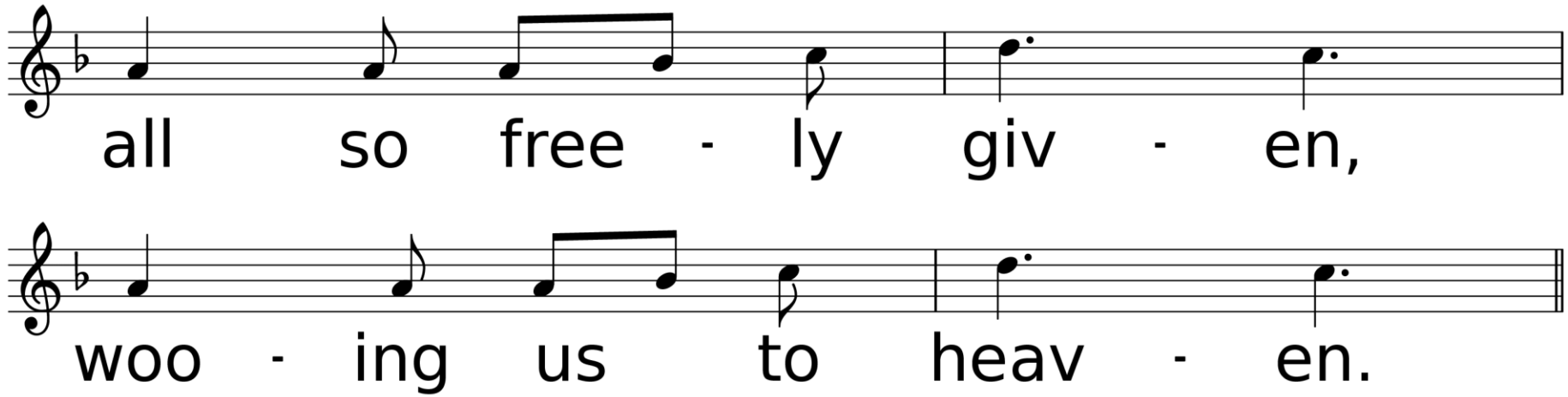
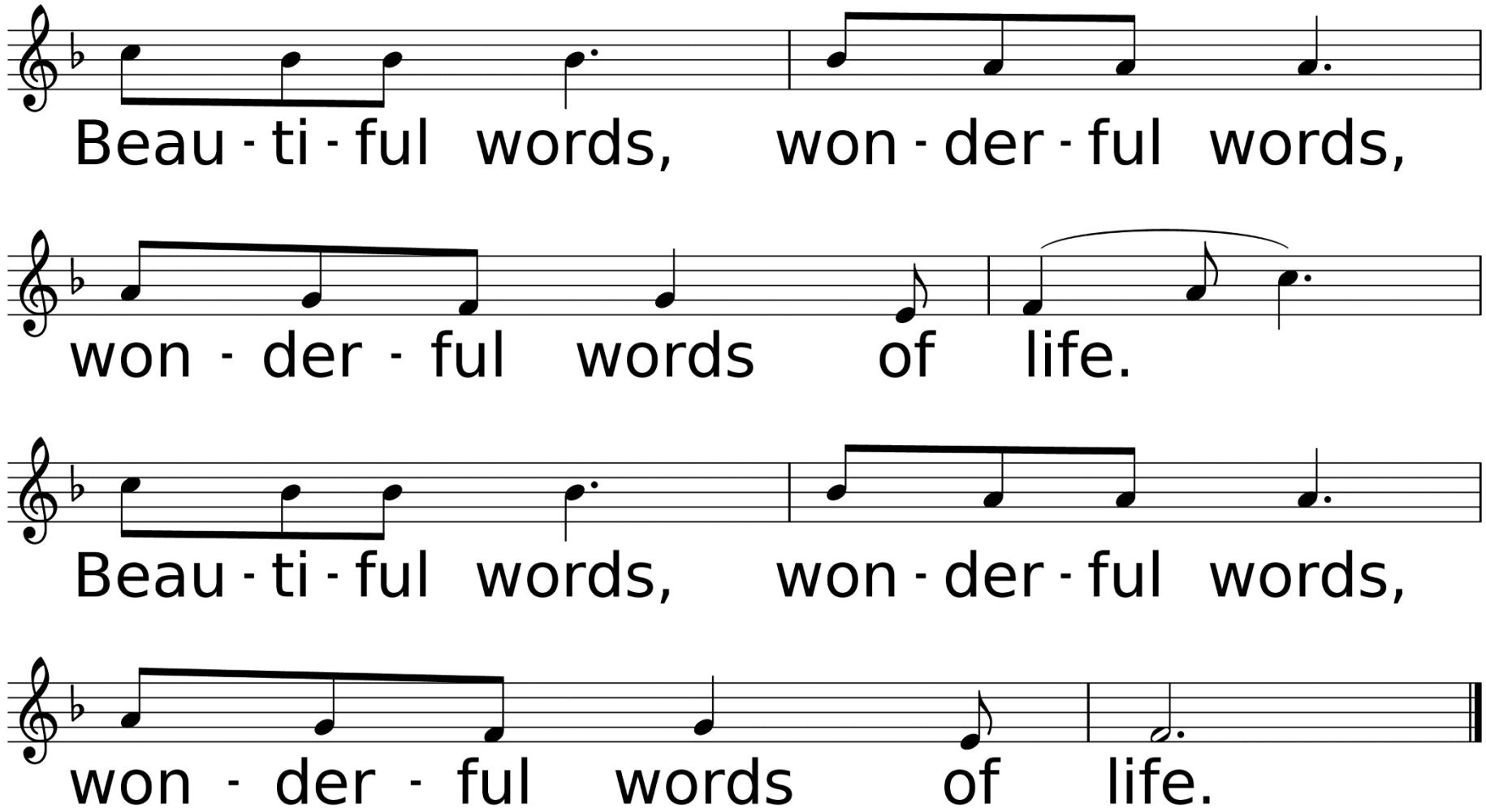
won - der - ful words of life.


2. Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all
won - der - ful words of life;
sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call,
won - der - ful words of life;


all so free - ly giv - en,
woo - ing us to heav - en.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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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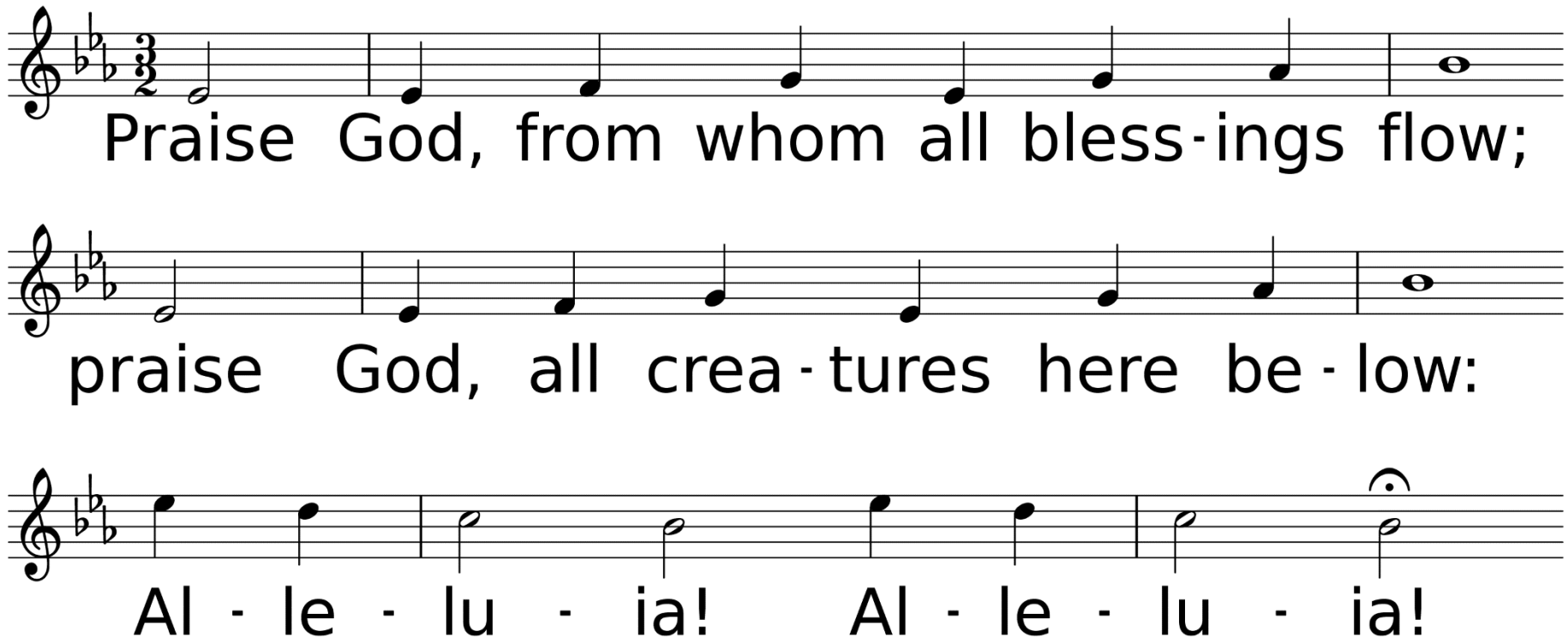

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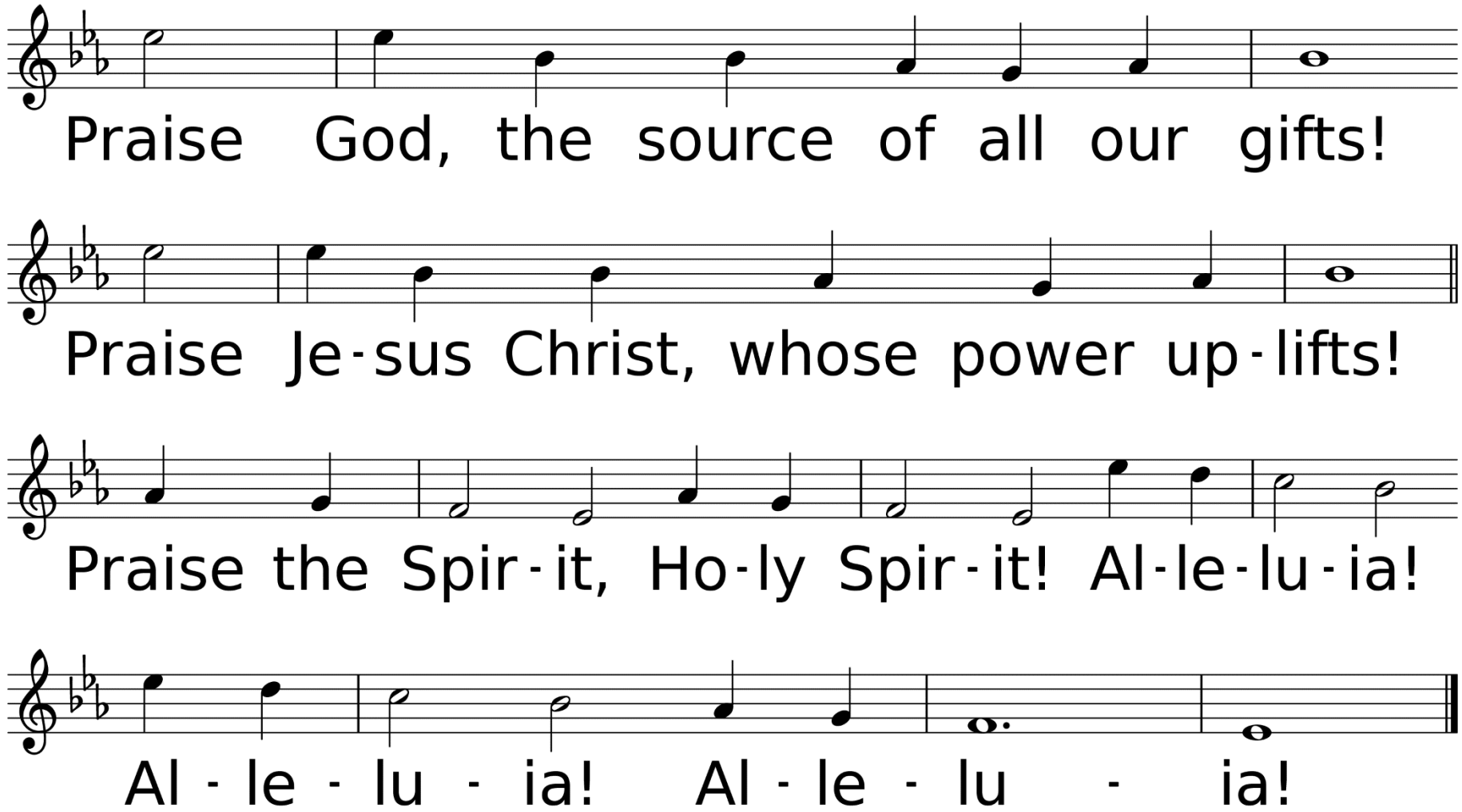
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH, #327

Words by Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring
Music by George J. Elvey

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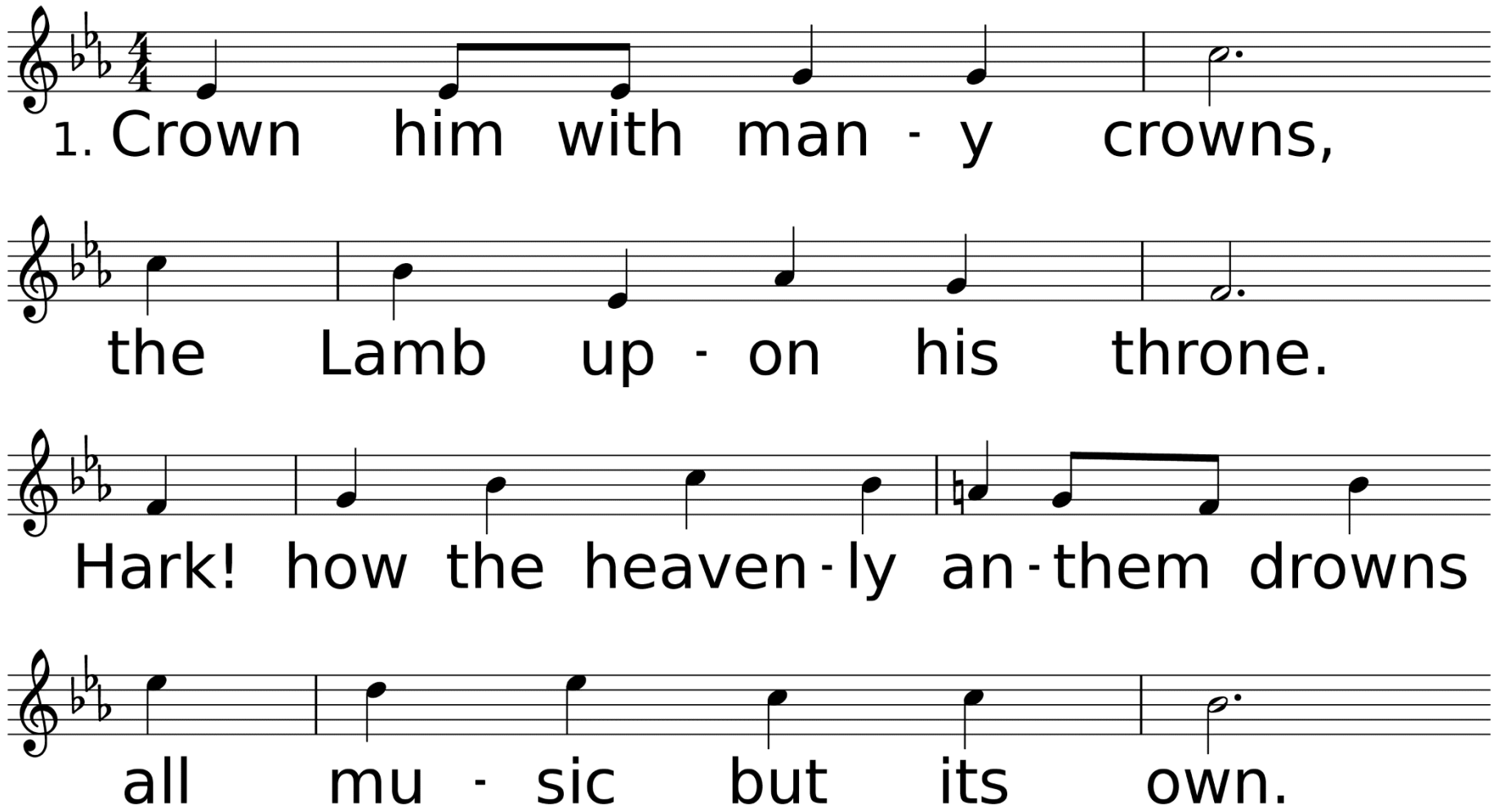

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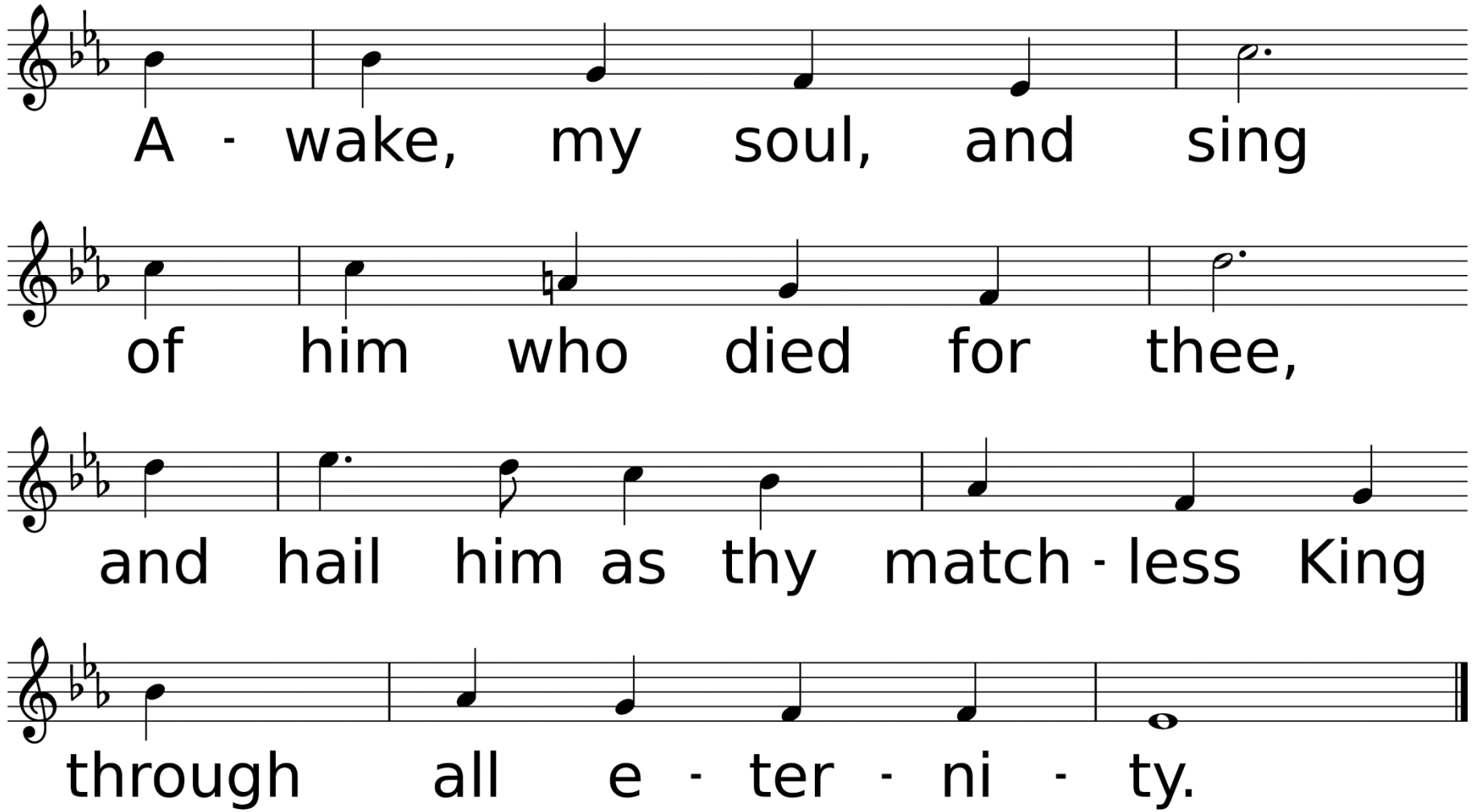
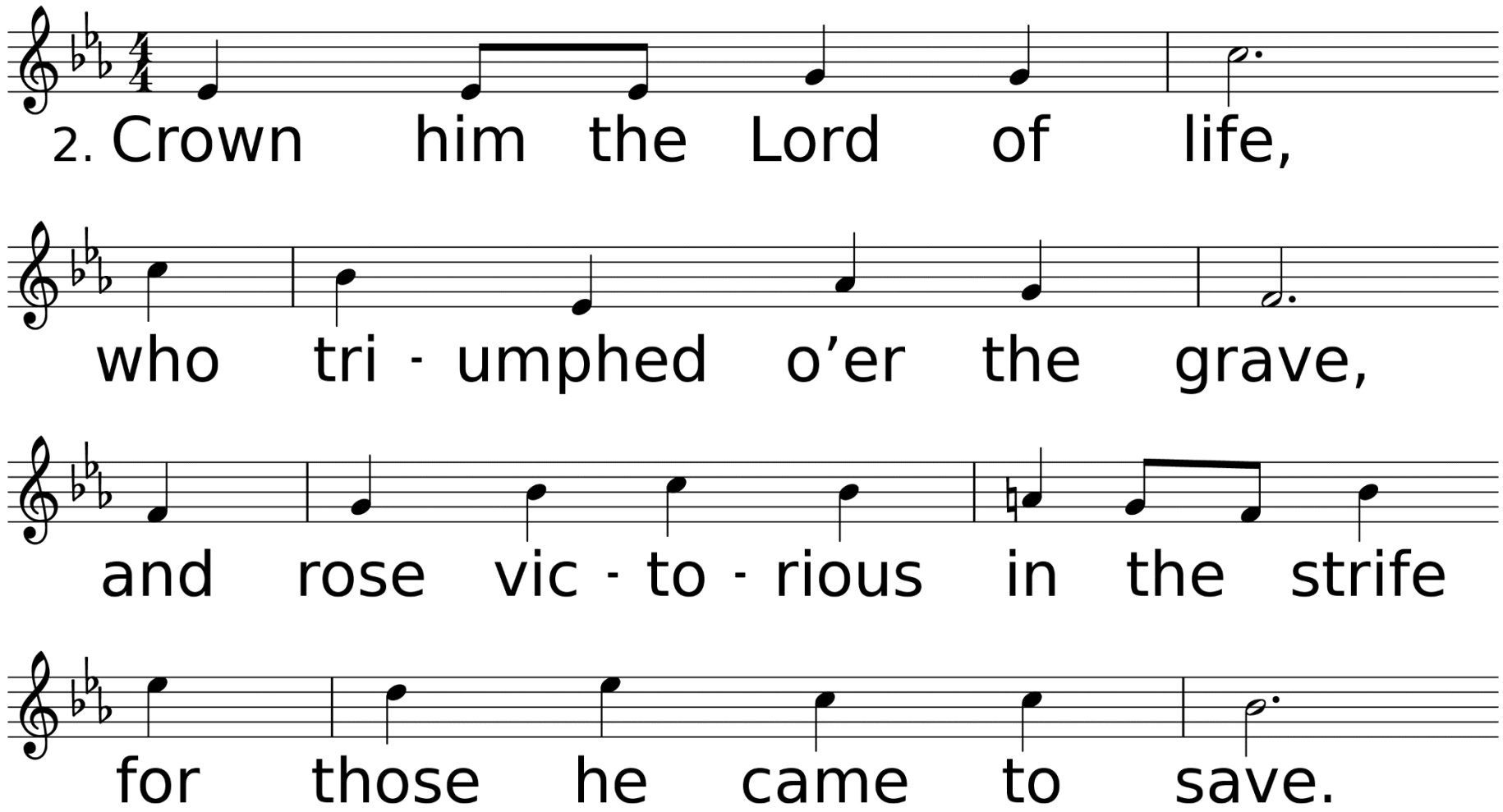
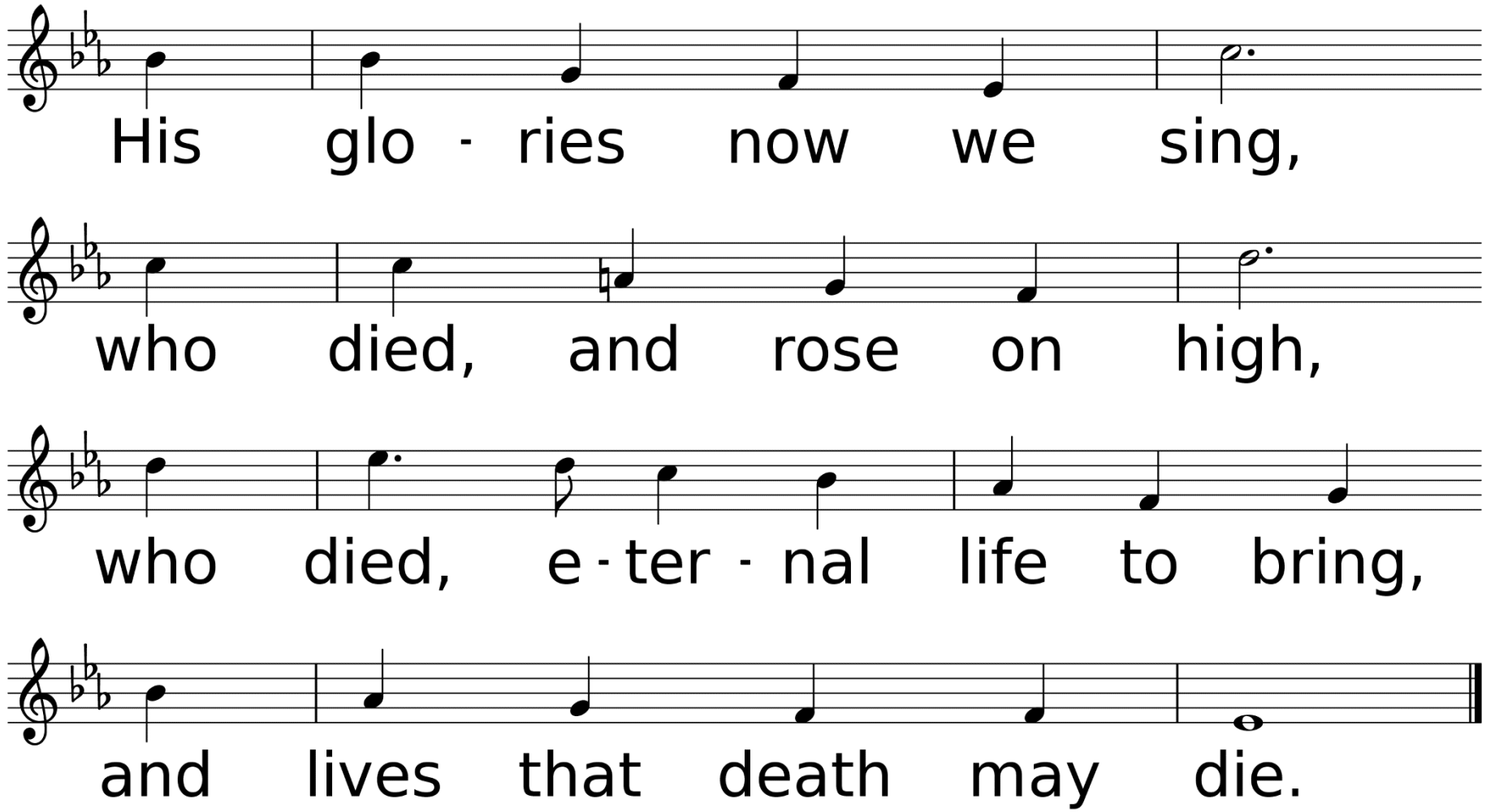
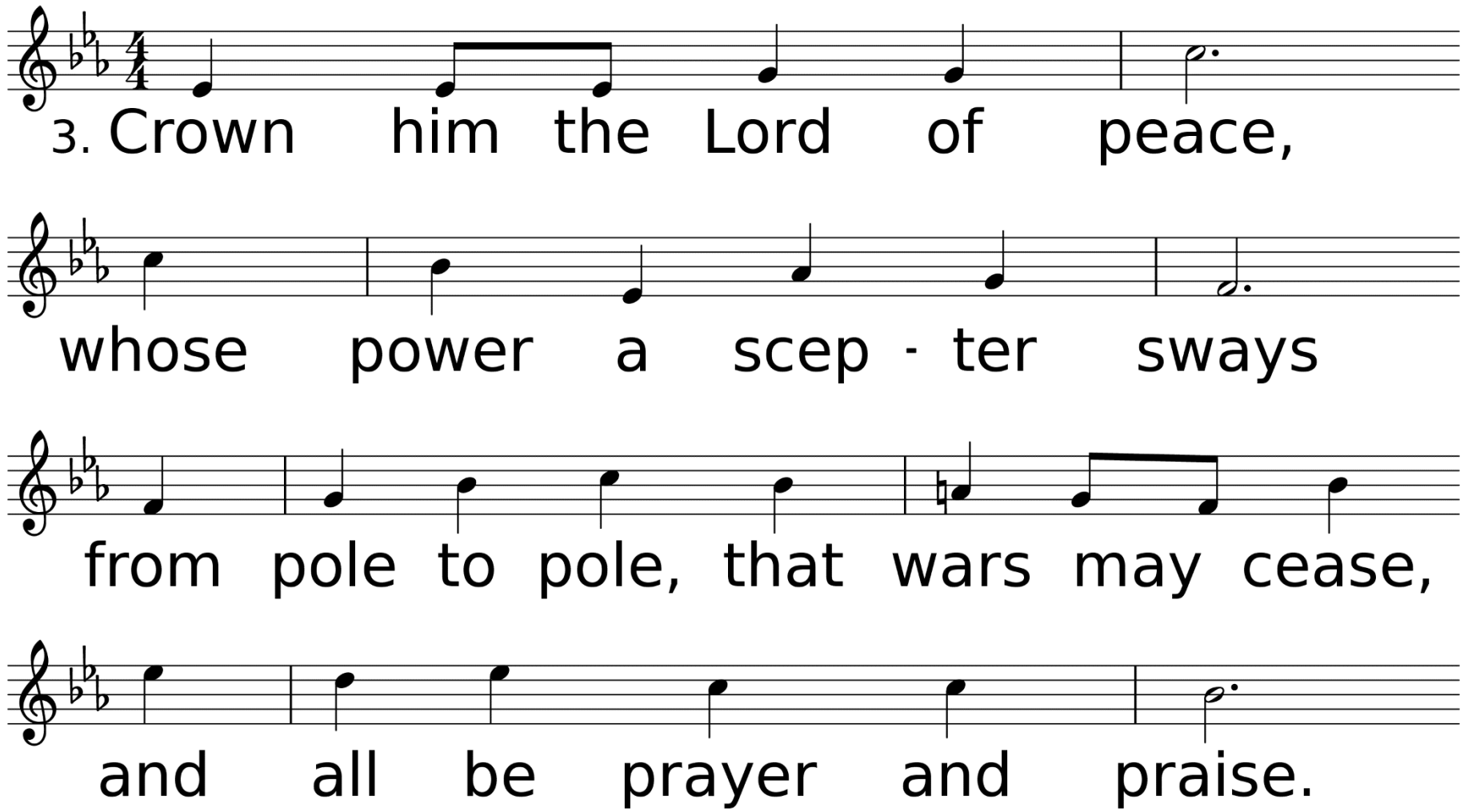
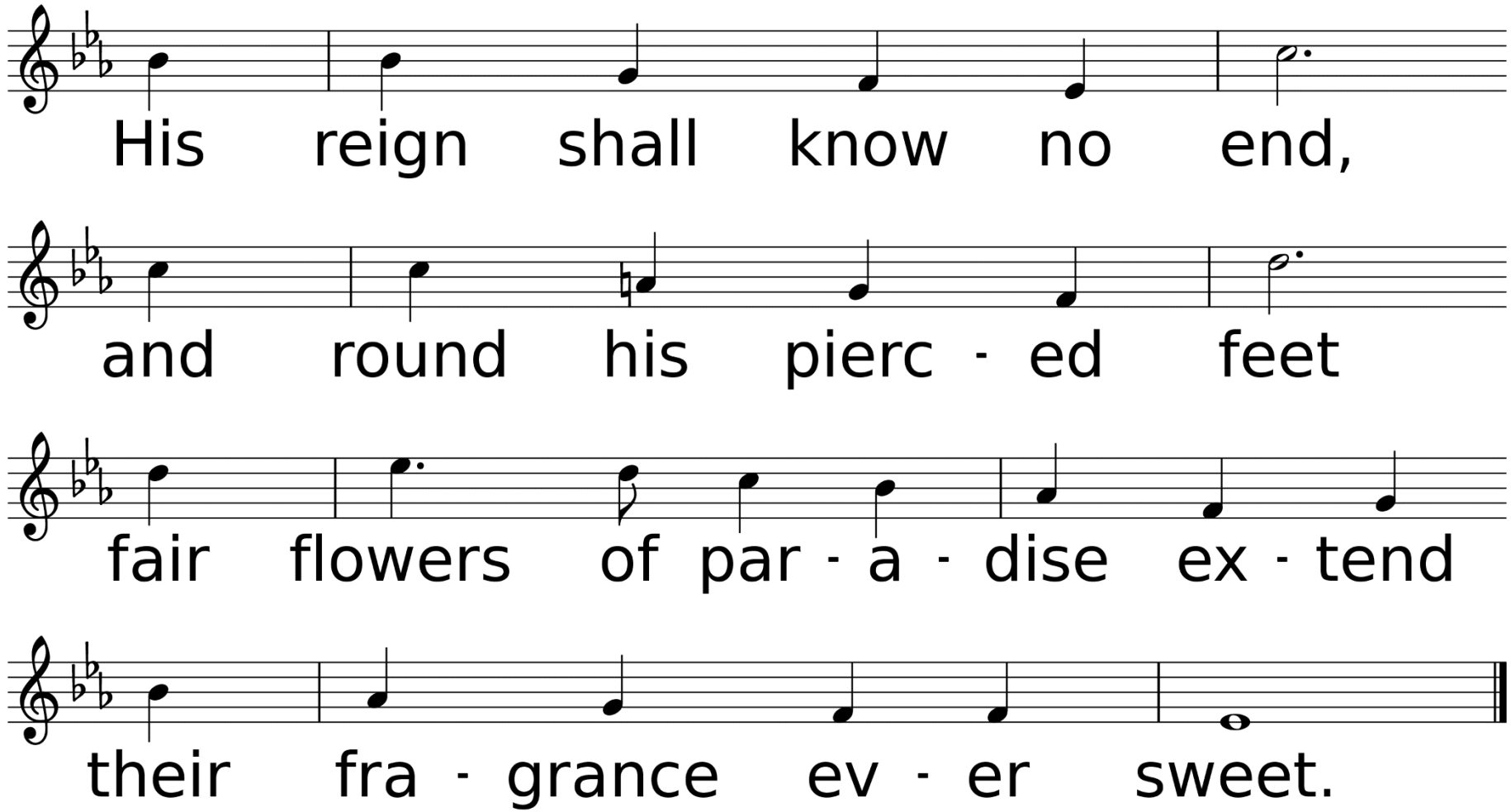
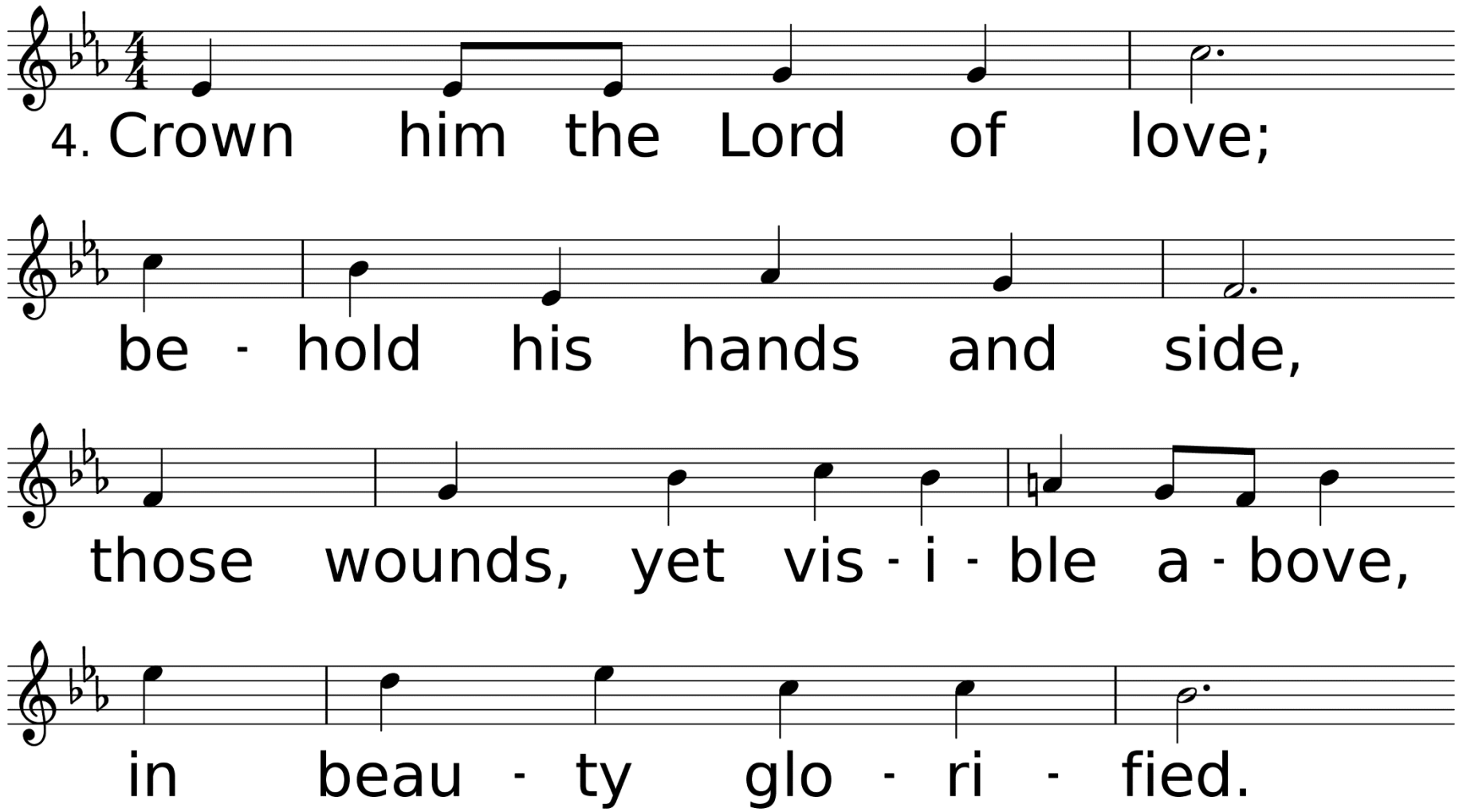

A - wake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy match - less King
through all e - ter - ni - ty.

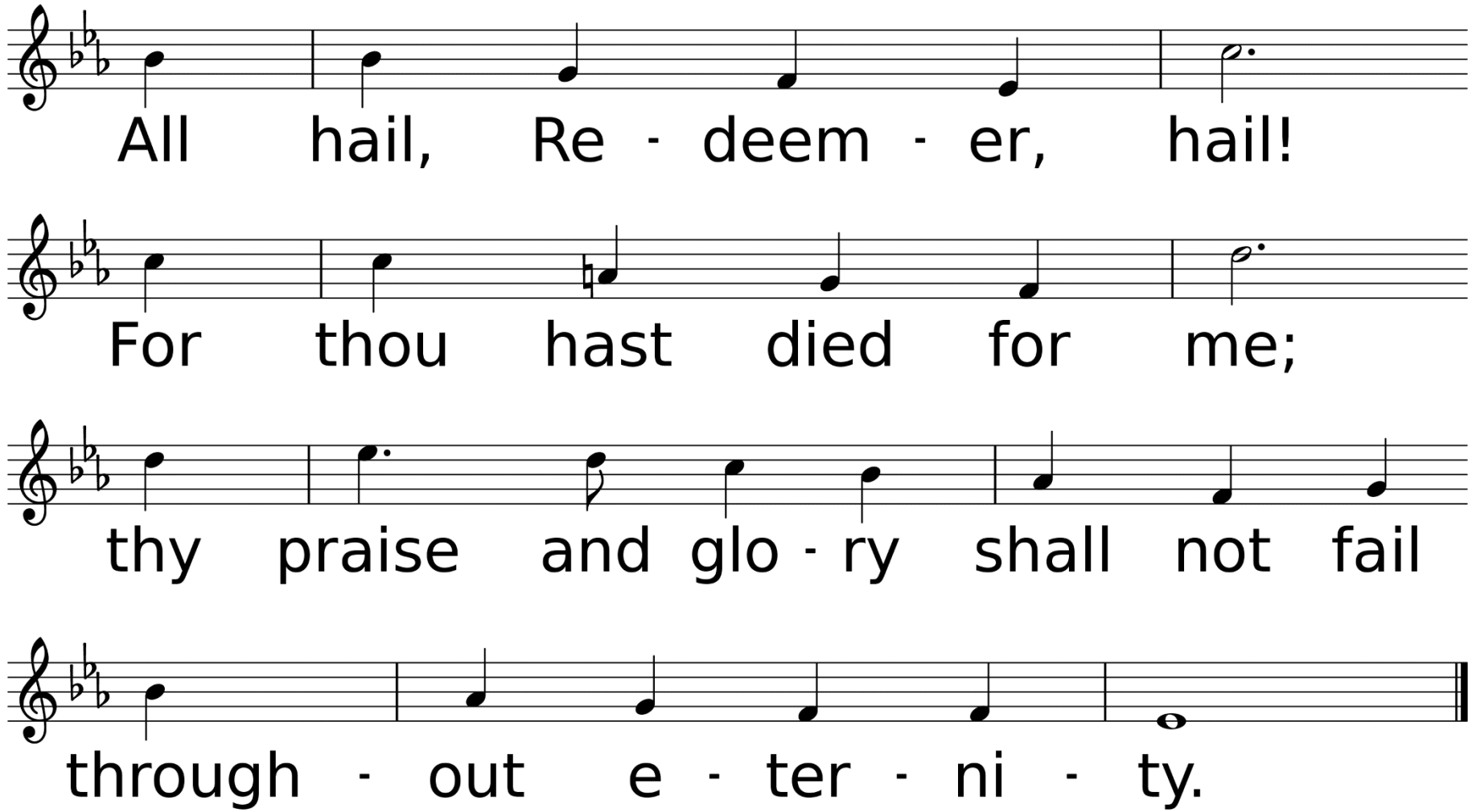

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who tri - umphed o’er the grave,
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife
for those he came to save.


His glo - ries now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.


3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scep - ter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.


His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierc - ed feet
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend
their fra - grance ev - er sweet.


4. Crown him the Lord of love;
be - hold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove,
in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.


All hail, Re - deem - er, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail
through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,

Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

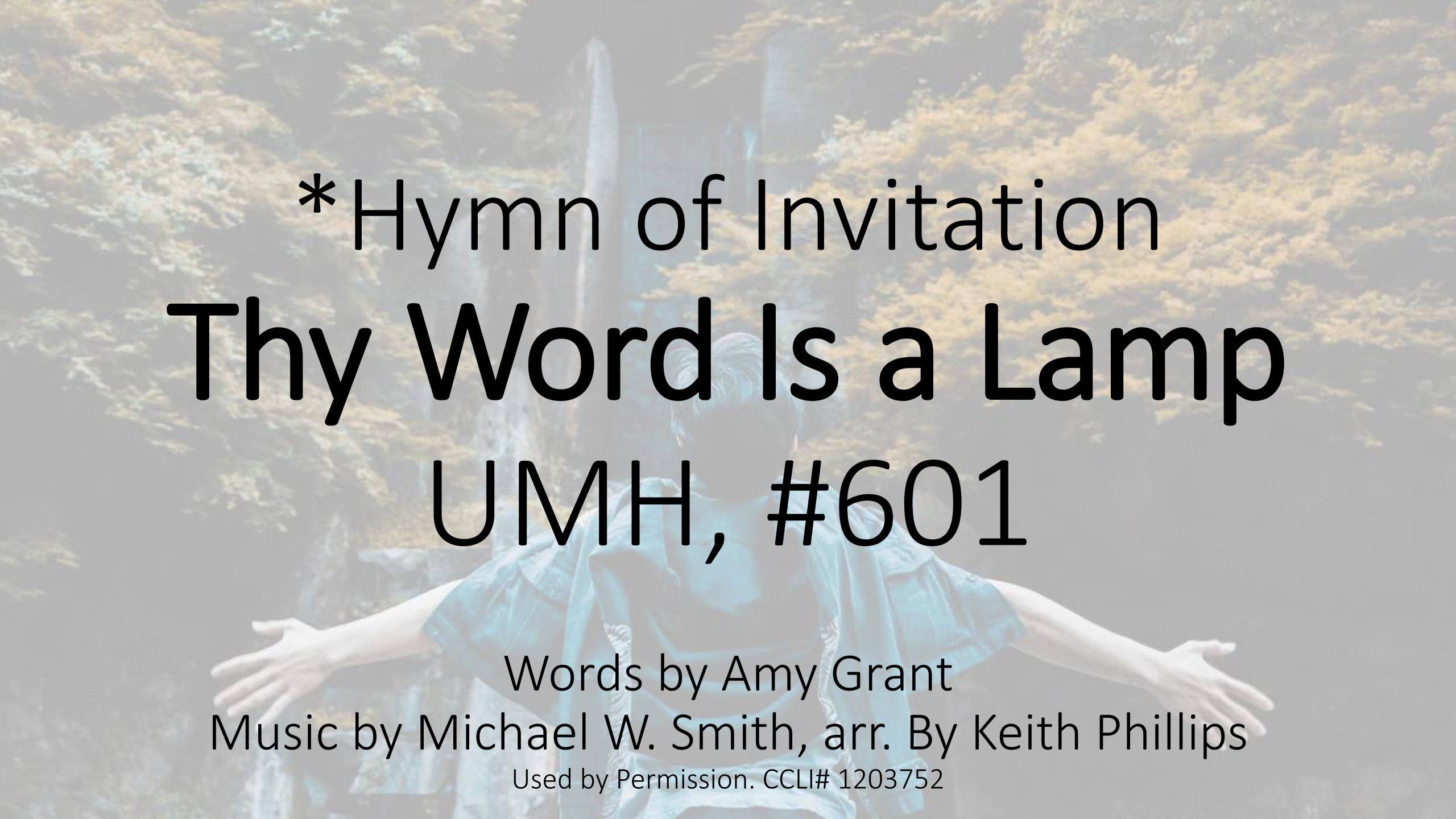
“Dead Sea Scrolls, Faith and Old Testament Scripture” Part 1

Sermon
Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

By John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio



*Hymn of Invitation

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH, #601

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Music by Michael W. Smith, arr. By Keith Phillips

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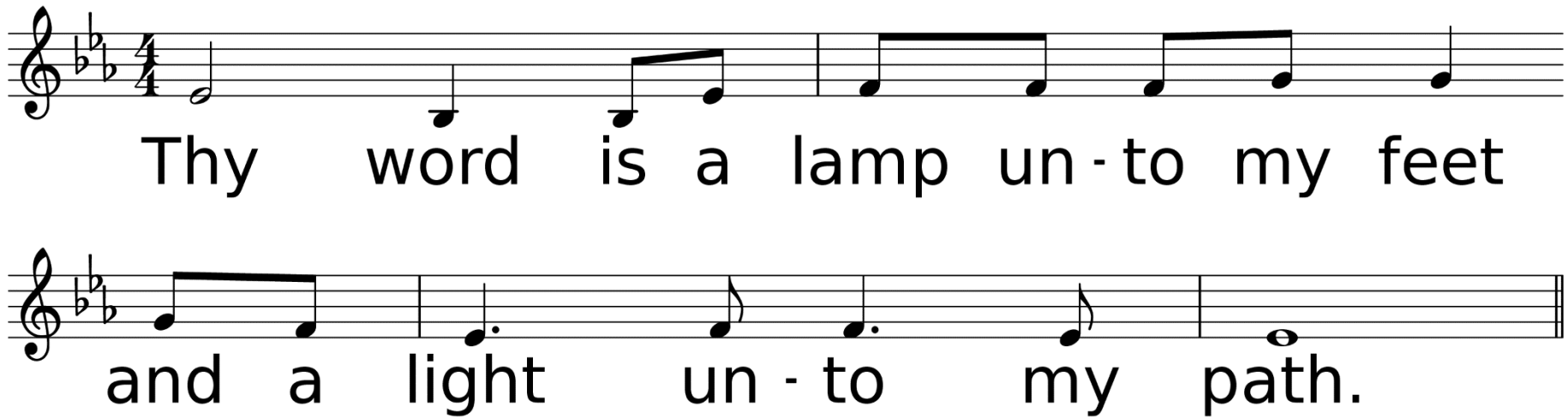
Thy Word Is a Lamp *United Methodist Hymnal* #601



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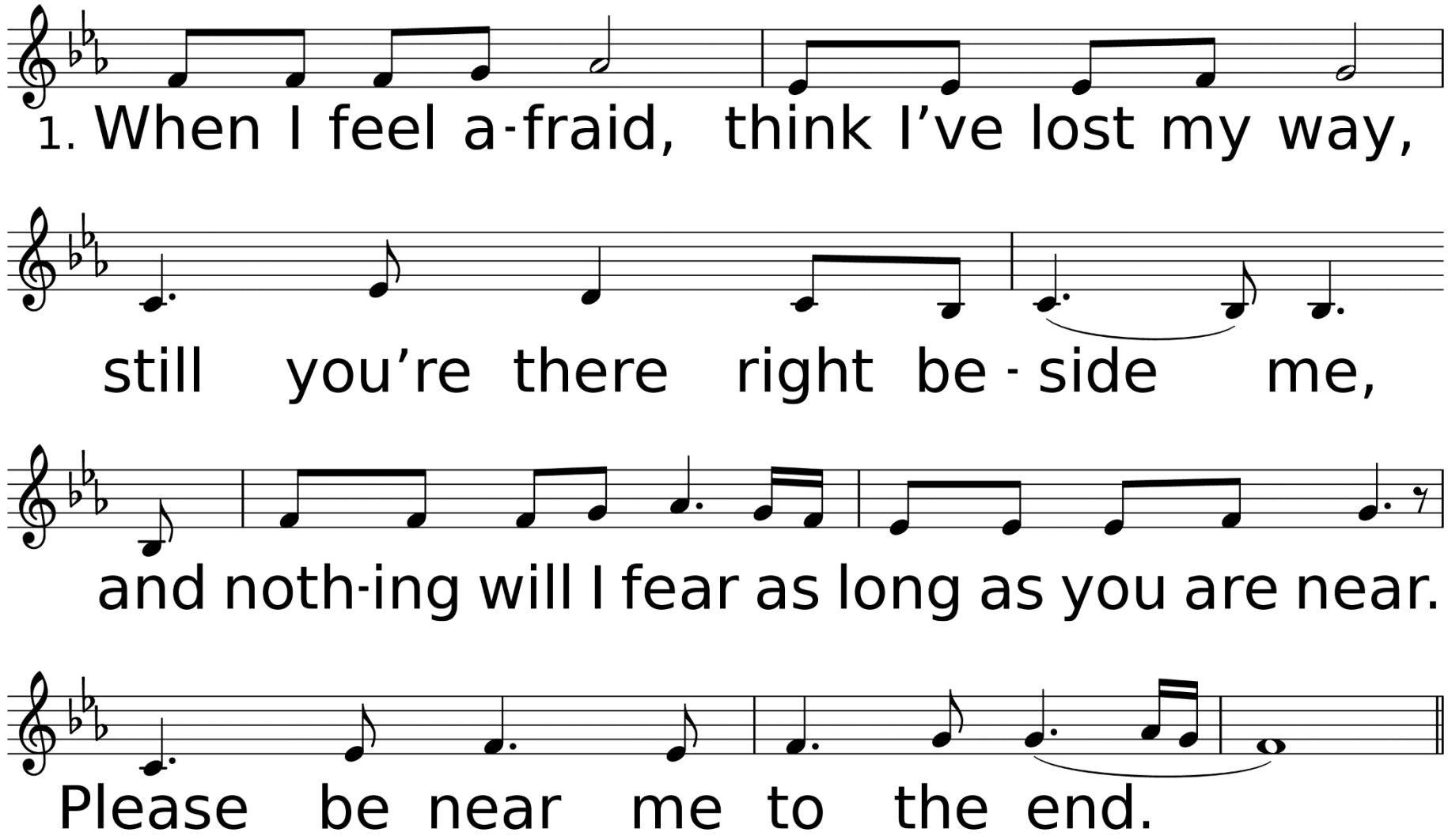
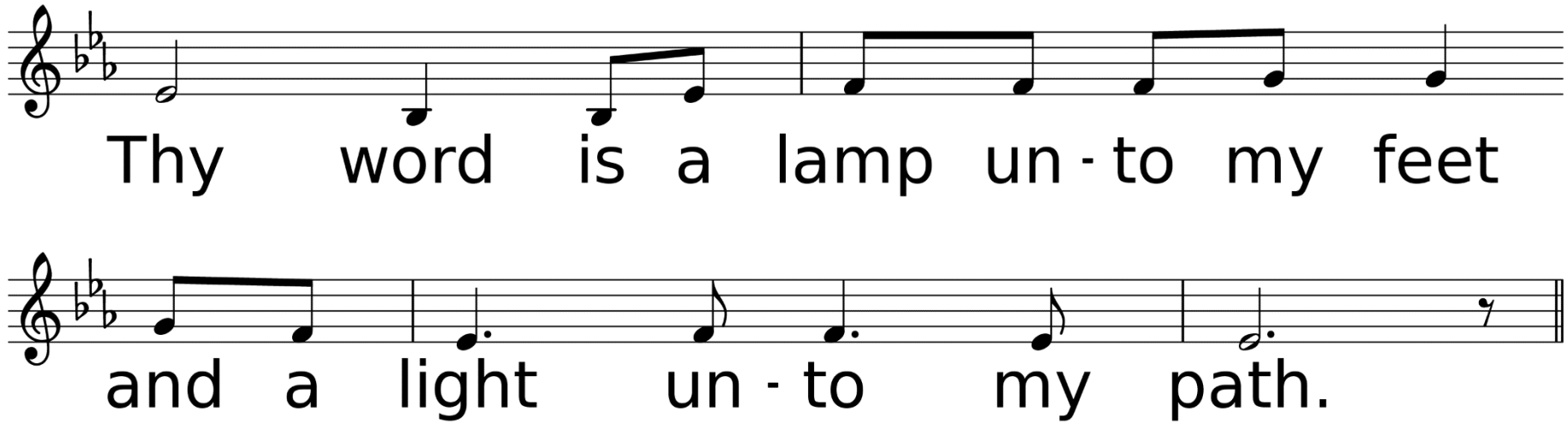
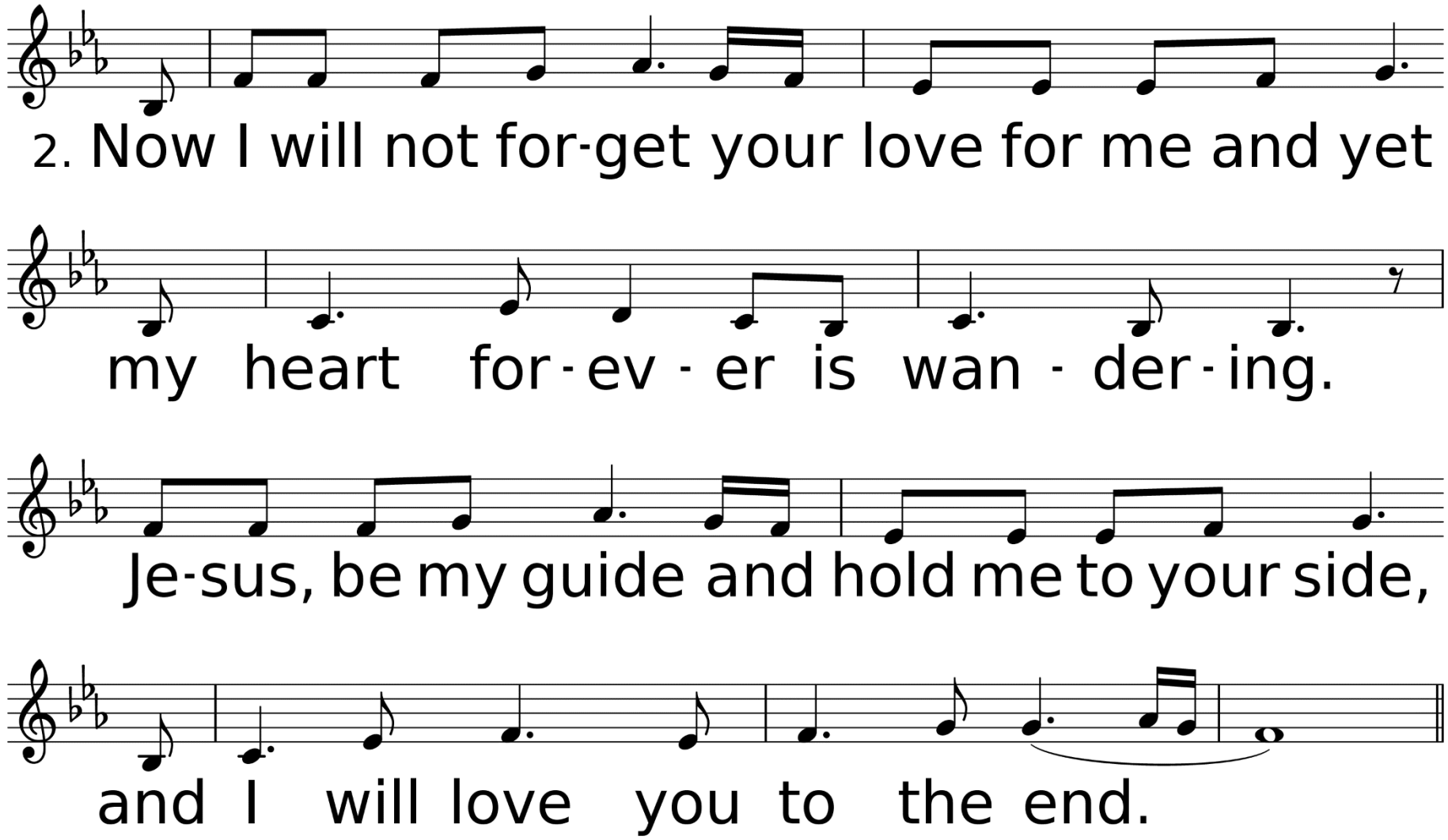
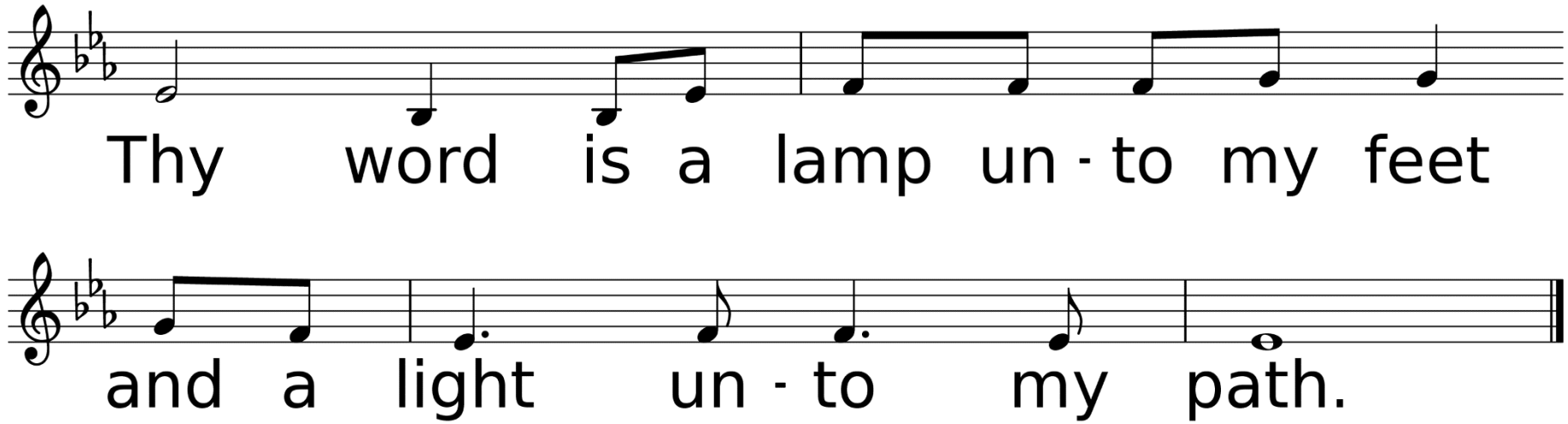

1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right be-side me,
and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.


Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet
and a light un - to my path.


2. Now I will not for-get your love for me and yet
my heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing.
Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.


Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet
and a light un - to my path.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

On Eagle’s Wings

UMH, #143

Words by Michael Joncas

Music by Michael Joncas, harm. By Carlton R. Young

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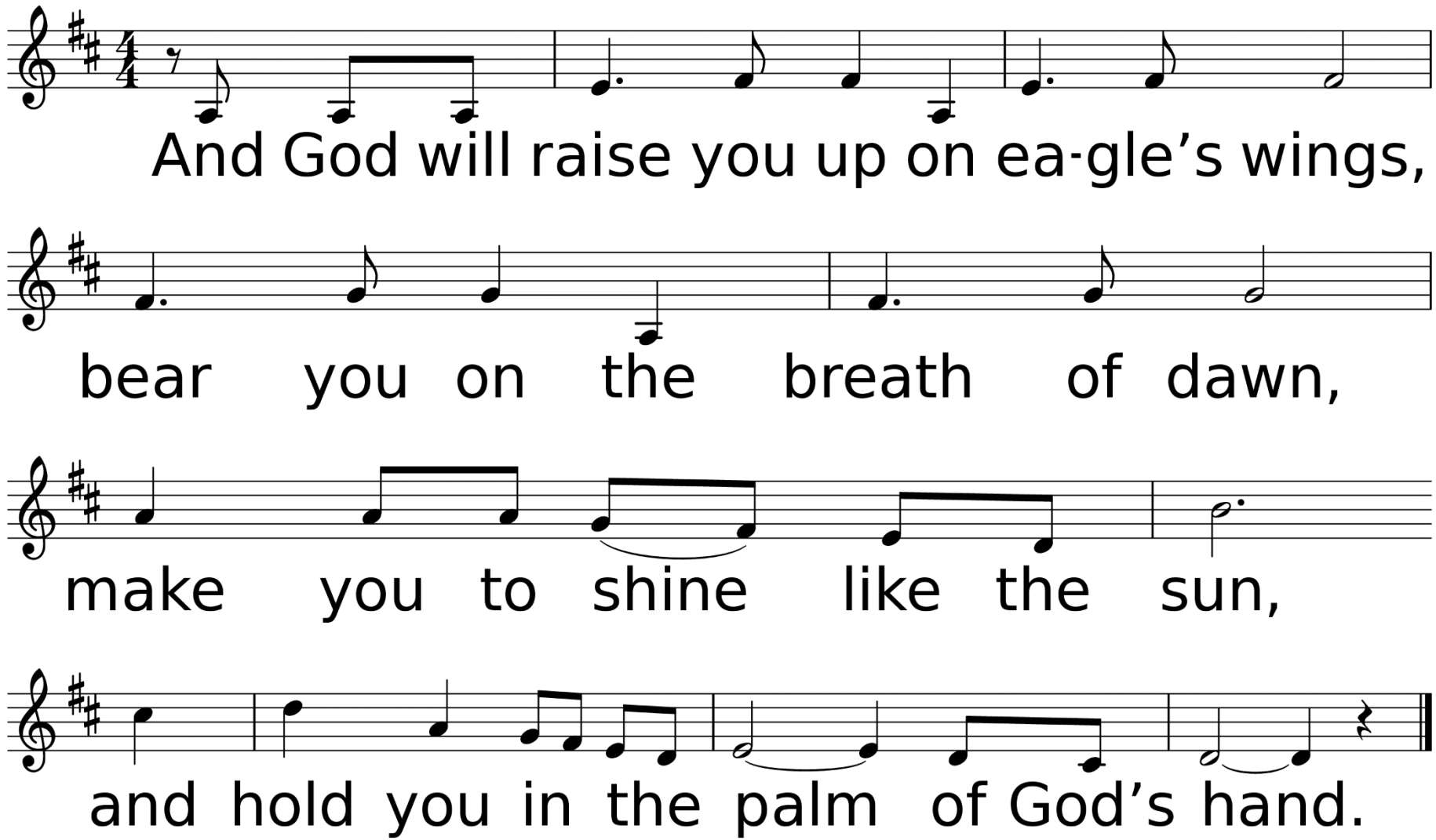

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