Welcome Home!

December 17th
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

By Bob McGee

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 35:10

And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Leader: And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Congregation: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*Hymn of Praise

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Words by Philip Brooks

Music by Lewis H. Redner

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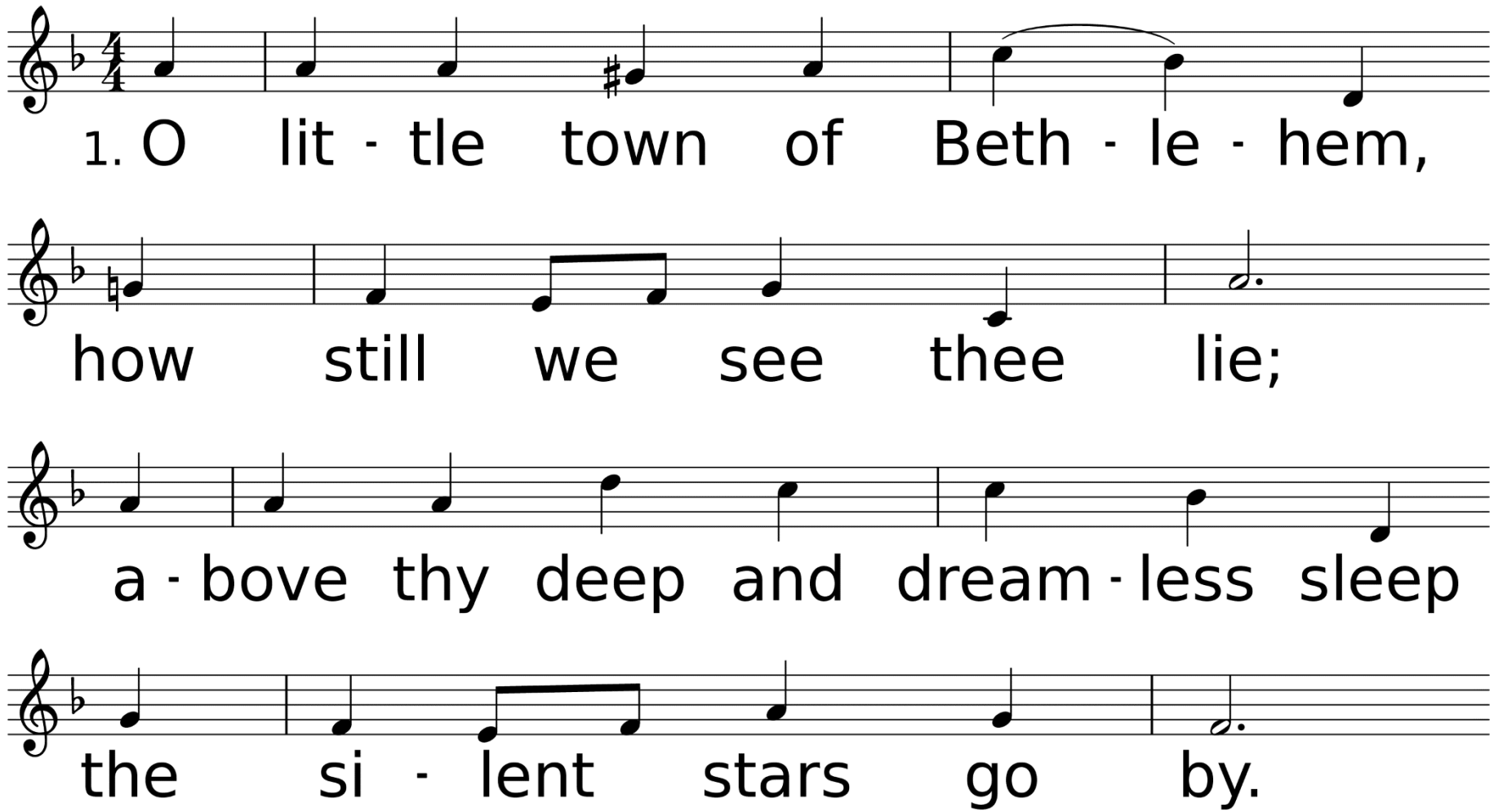

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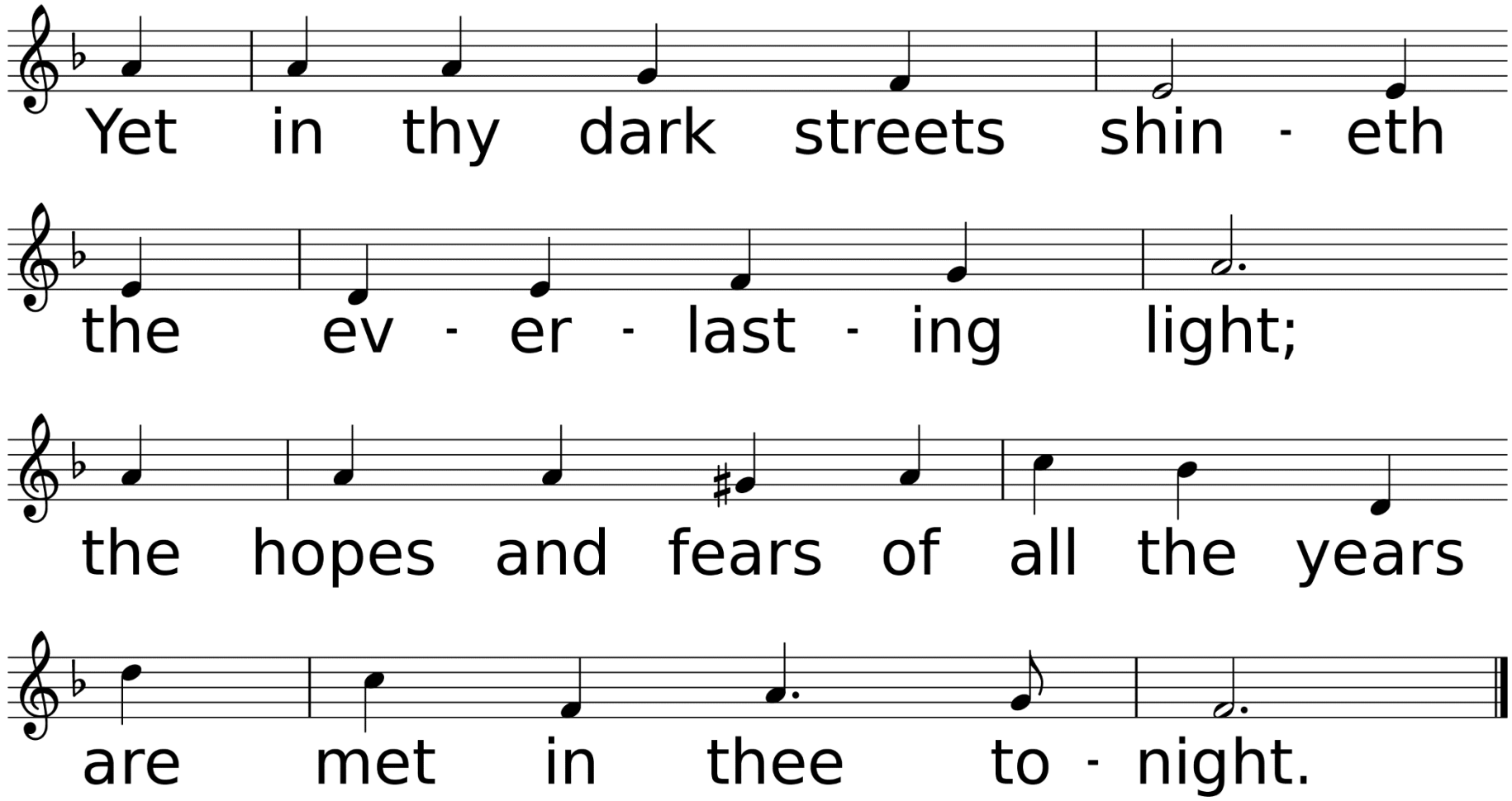
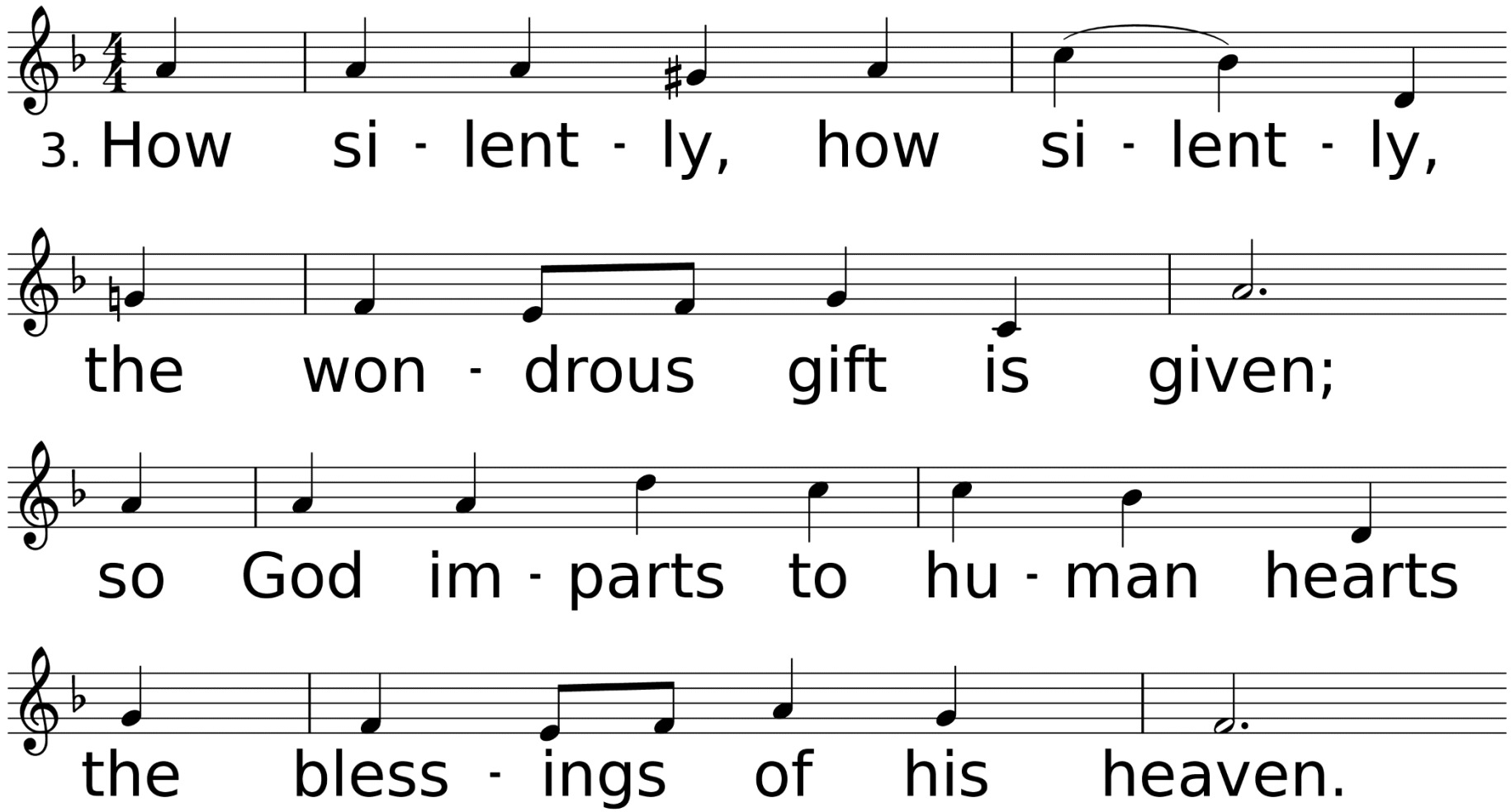
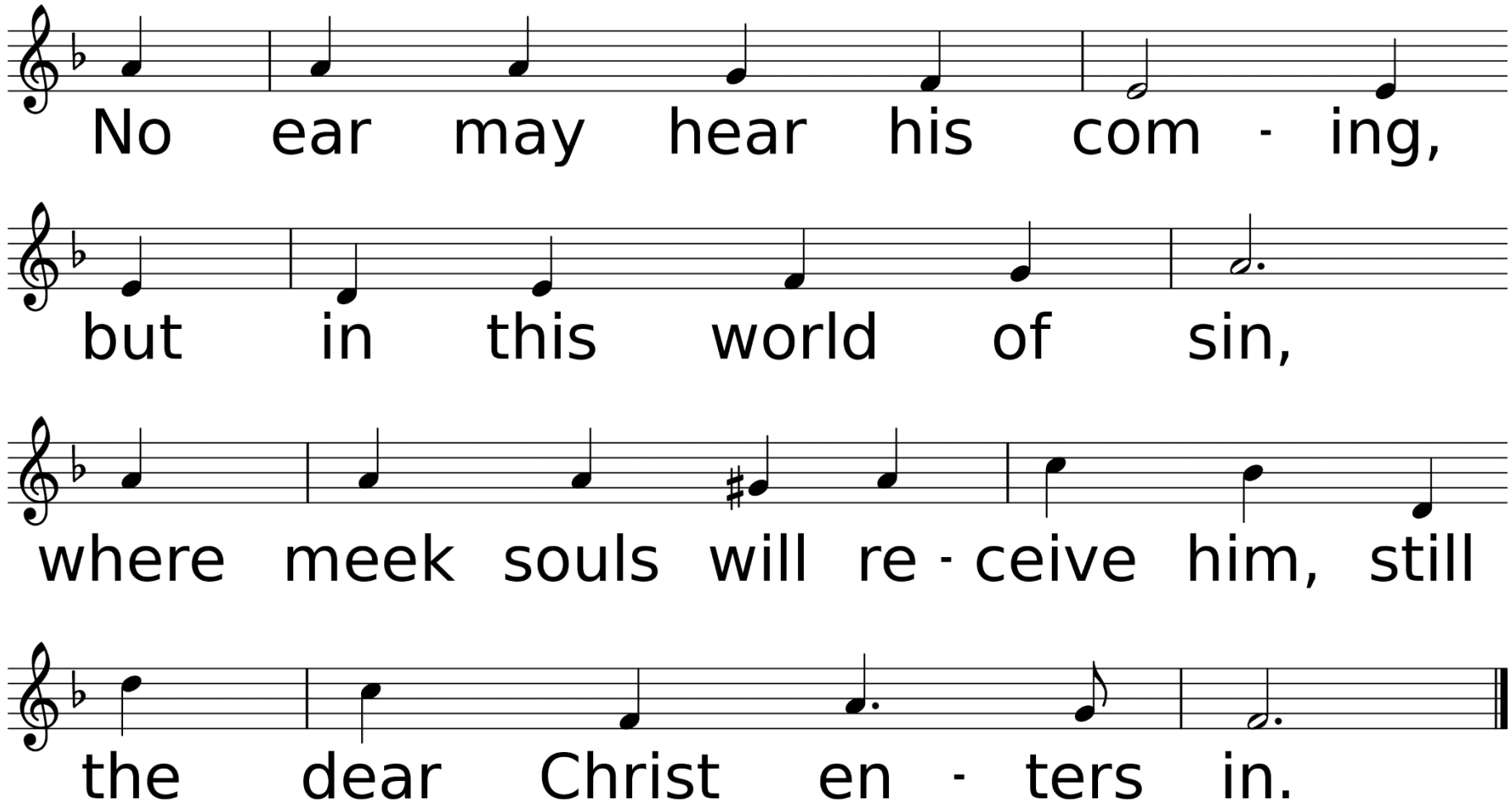
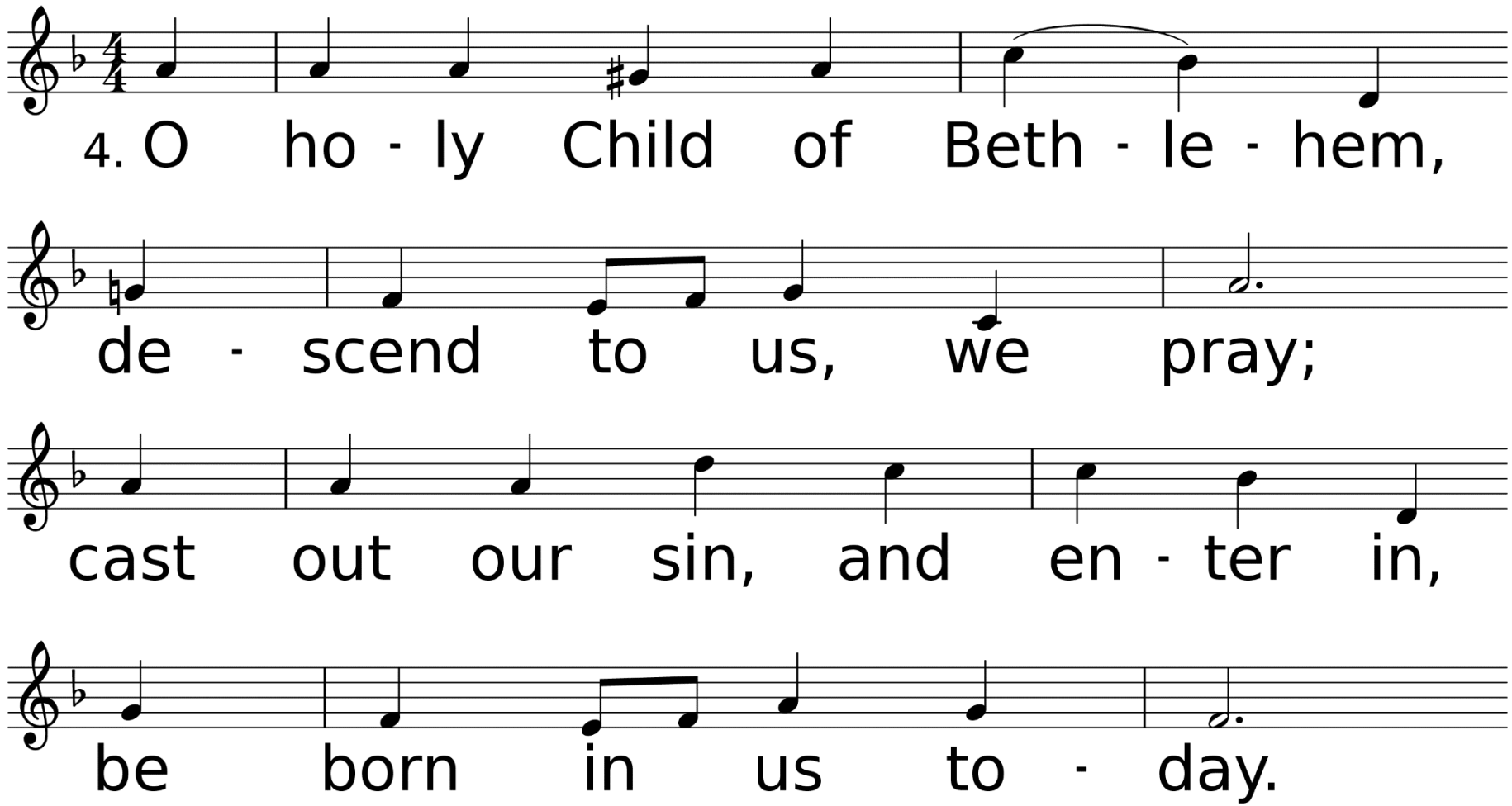
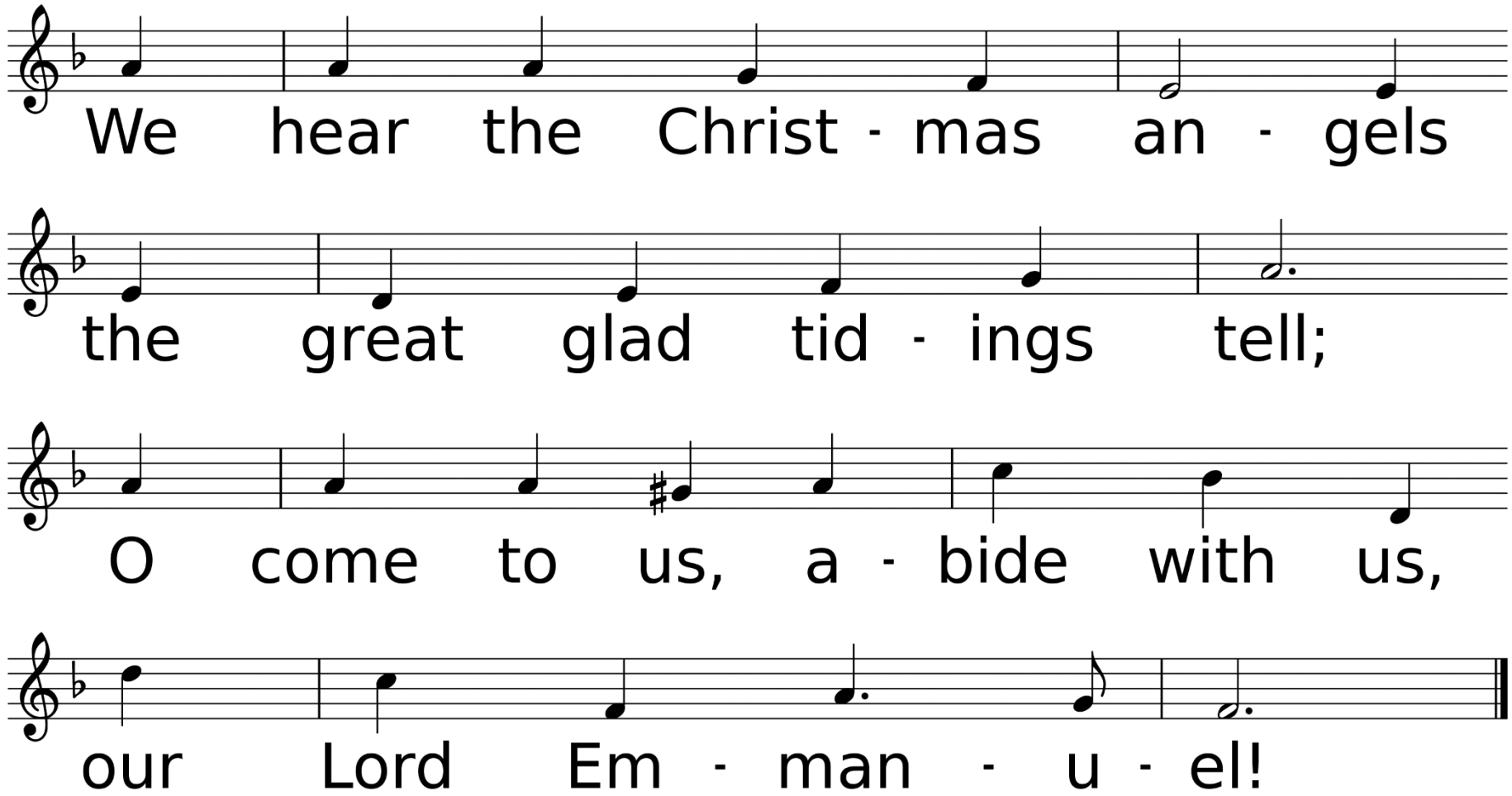

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth
the ev - er - last - ing light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee to - night.


3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly,
the won - drous gift is given;
so God im - parts to hu - man hearts
the bless - ings of his heaven.


No ear may hear his com - ing,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still
the dear Christ en - ters in.


4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem,
de - scend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and en - ter in,
be born in us to - day.


We hear the Christ - mas an - gels
the great glad tid - ings tell;
O come to us, a - bide with us,
our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

Congregation: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save

sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Joys &
Concerns

Call To Prayer
He Touched Me

#367

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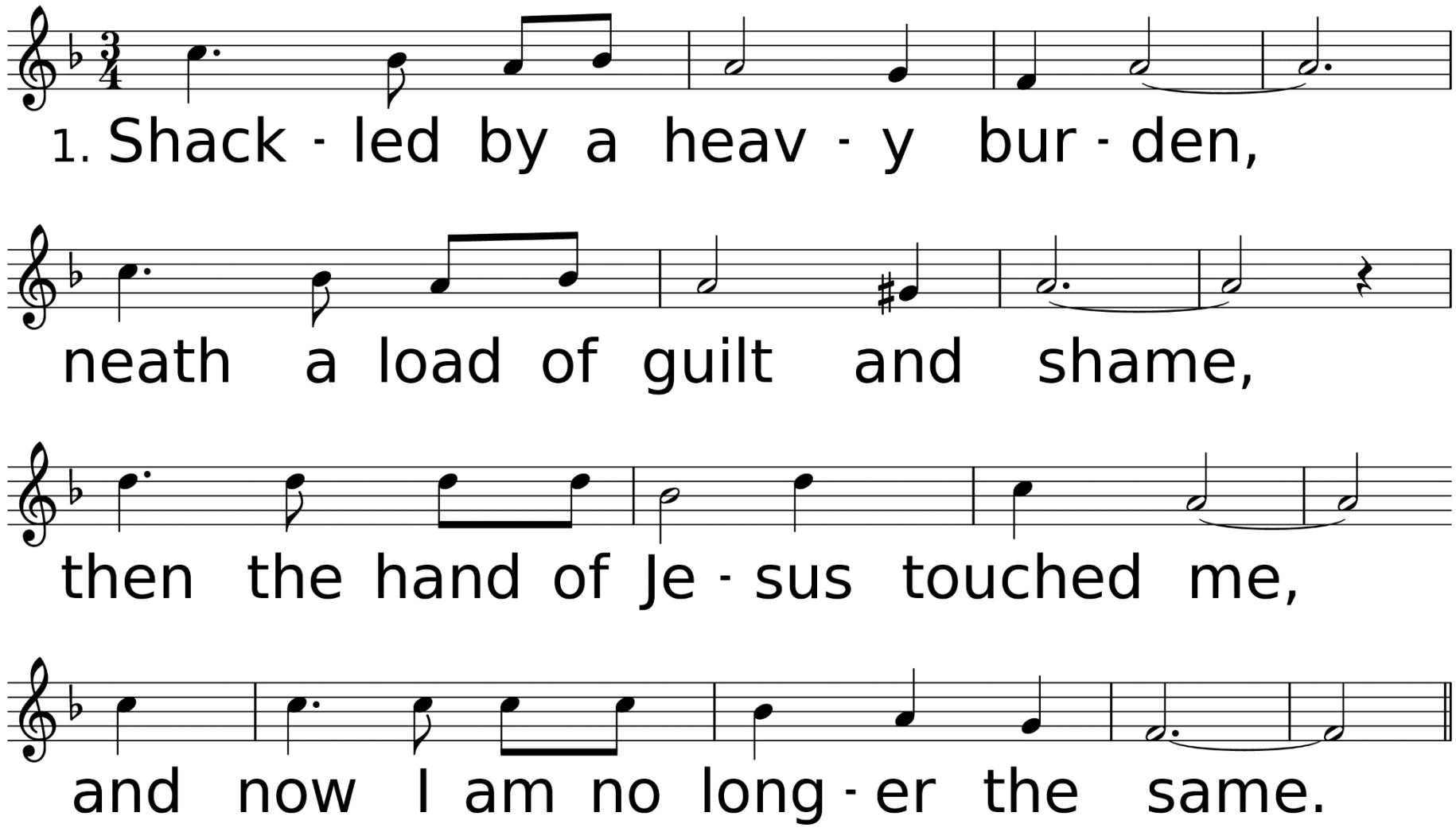

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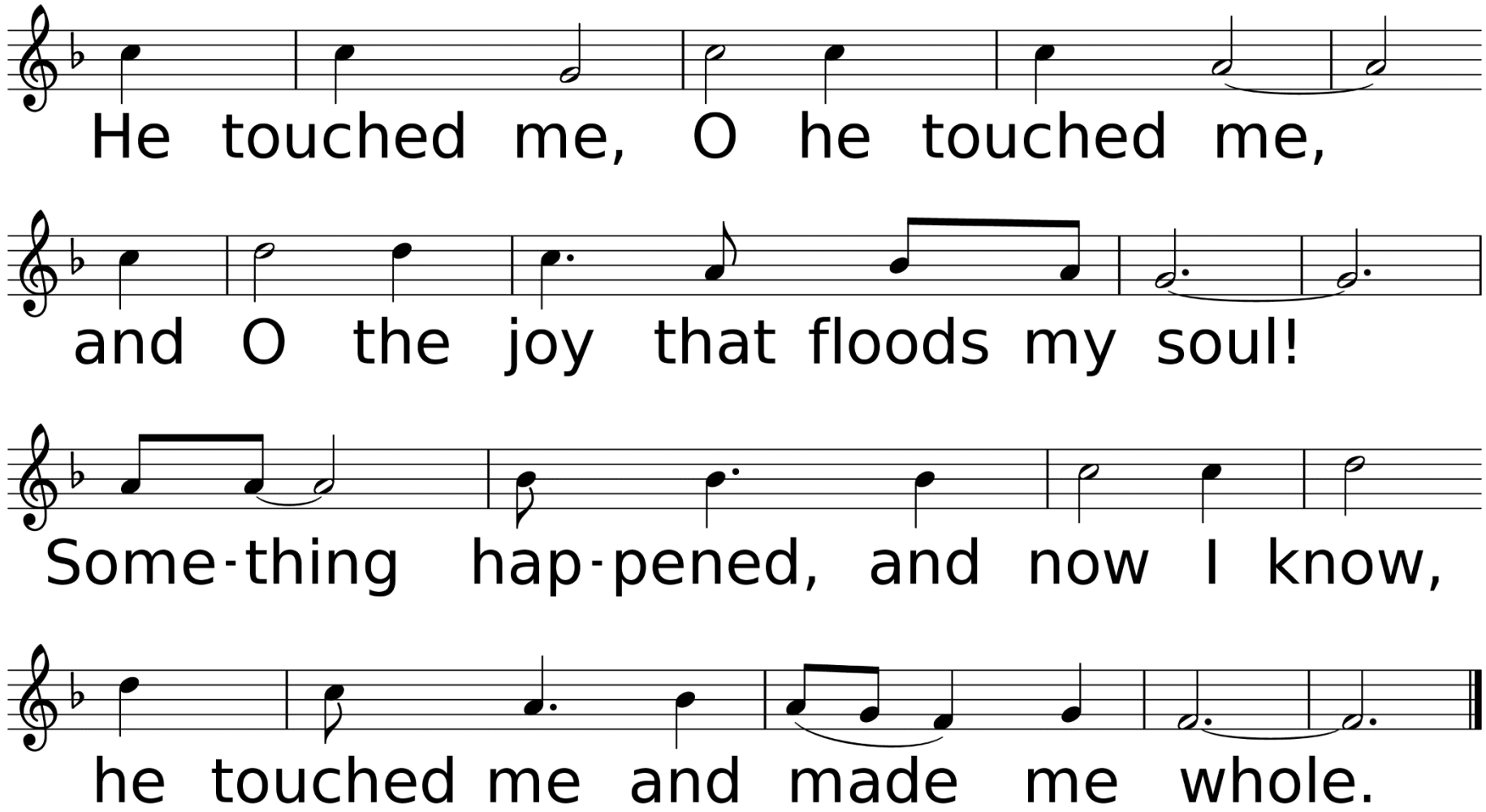
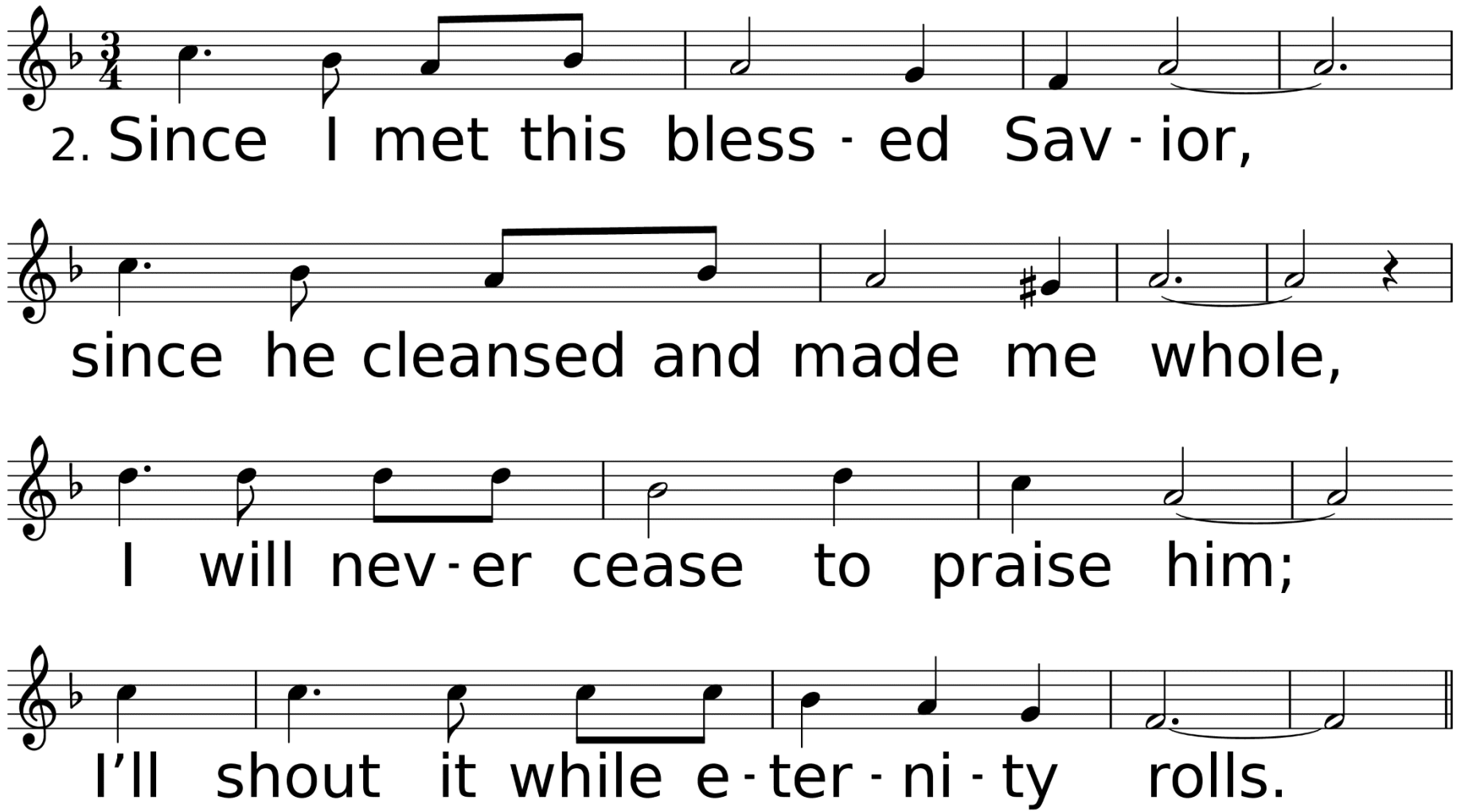
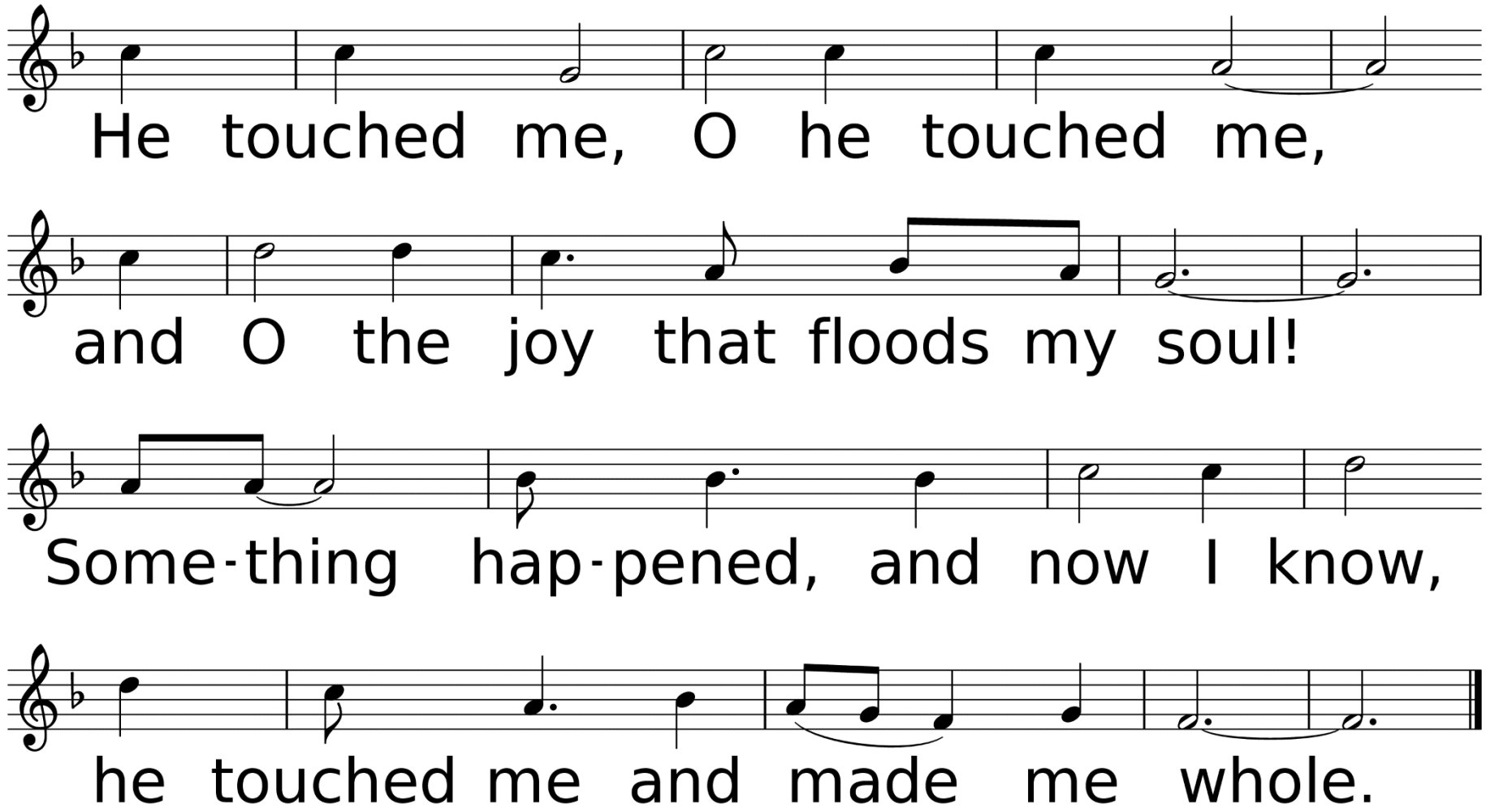

He touched me, O he touched me,
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Some-thing hap-pened, and now I know,
he touched me and made me whole.


2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior,
since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will nev - er cease to praise him;
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.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Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts & Noisy Offering

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Worlds by Thomas Ken

Music from geistliche kirchengesange

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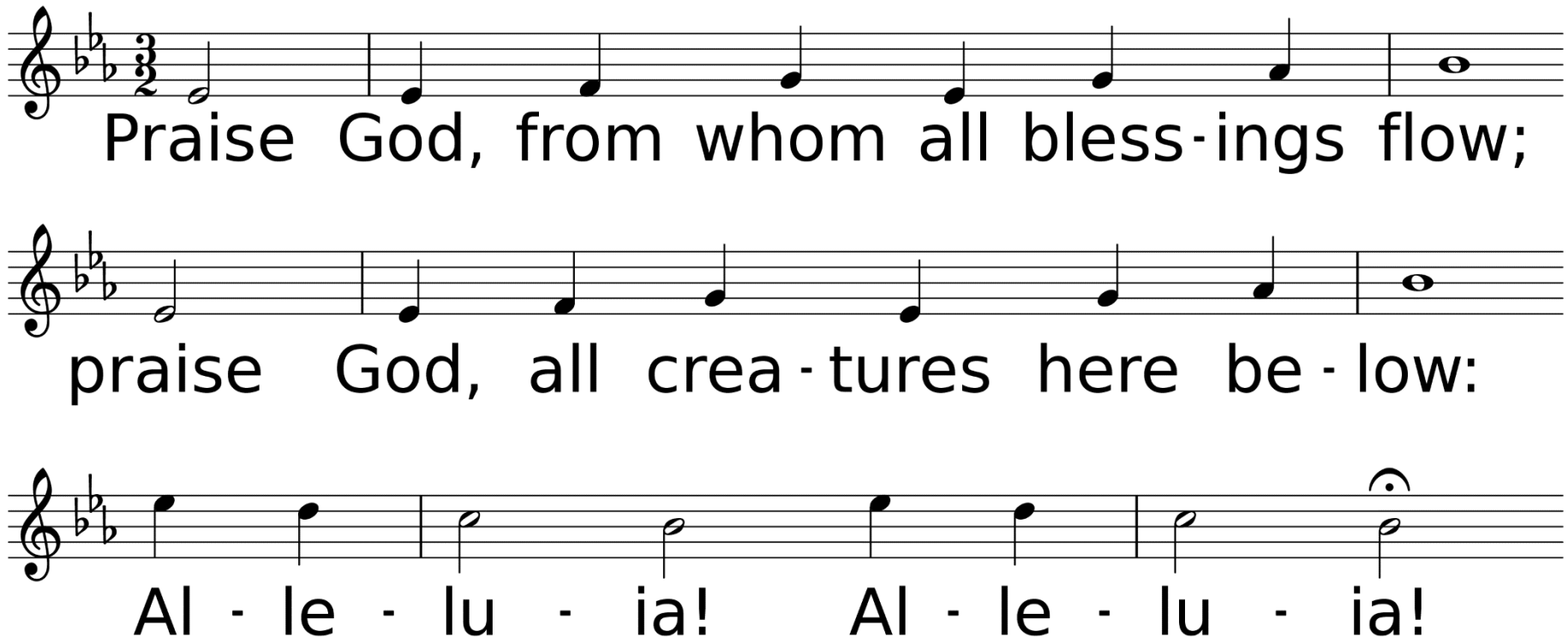

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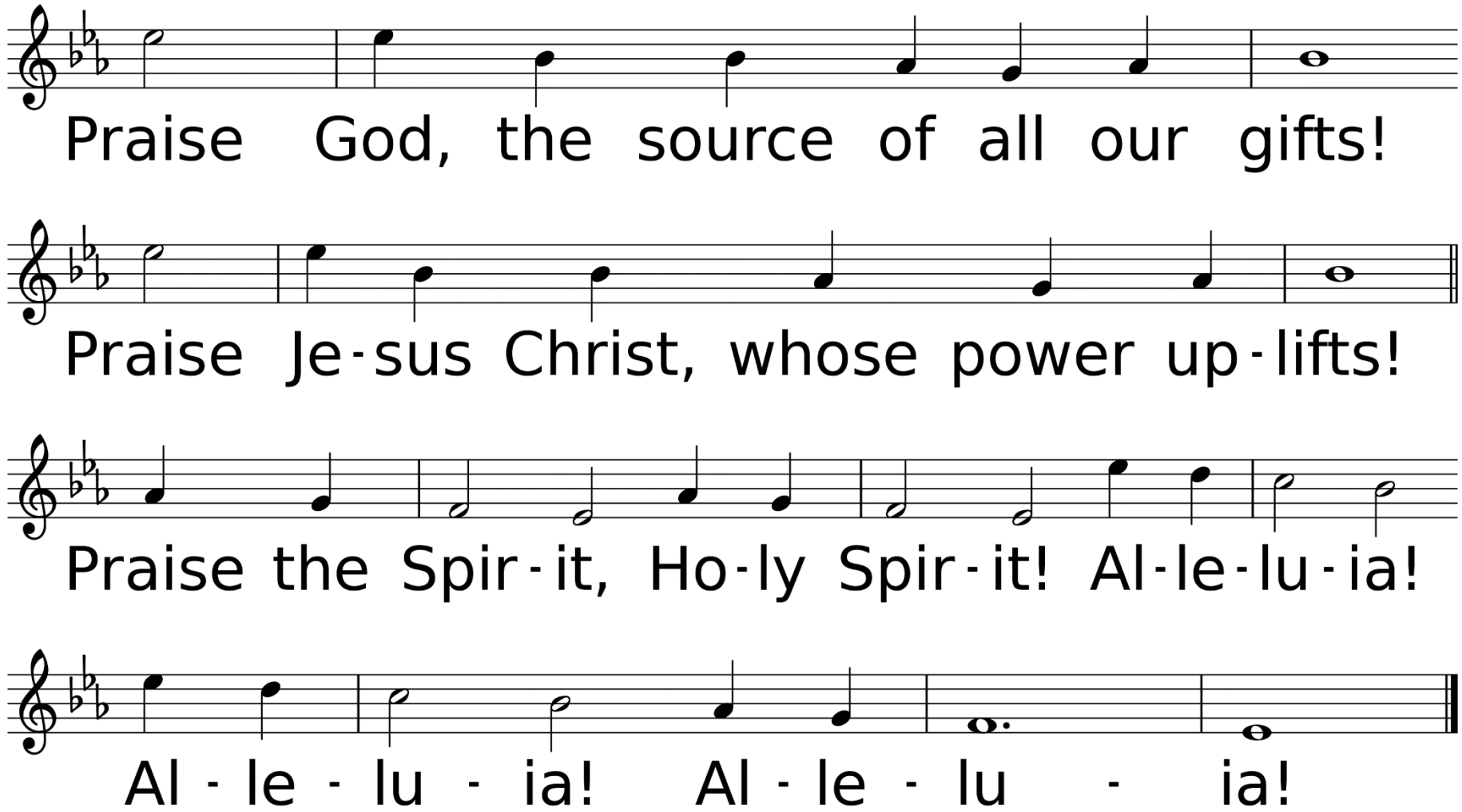
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

People, Look East

#202

Words by Eleanor Farjeon

Music by Martin Shaw

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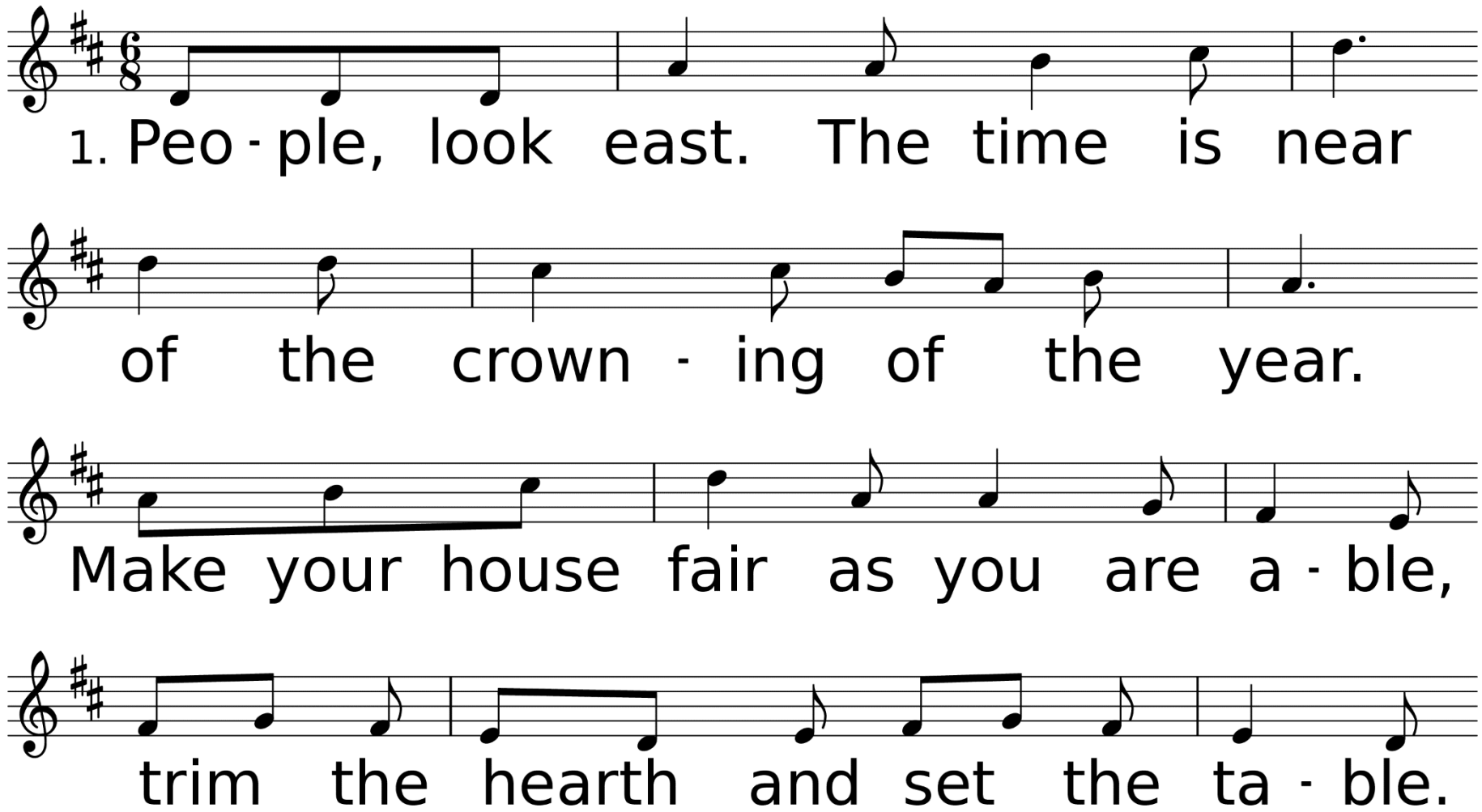

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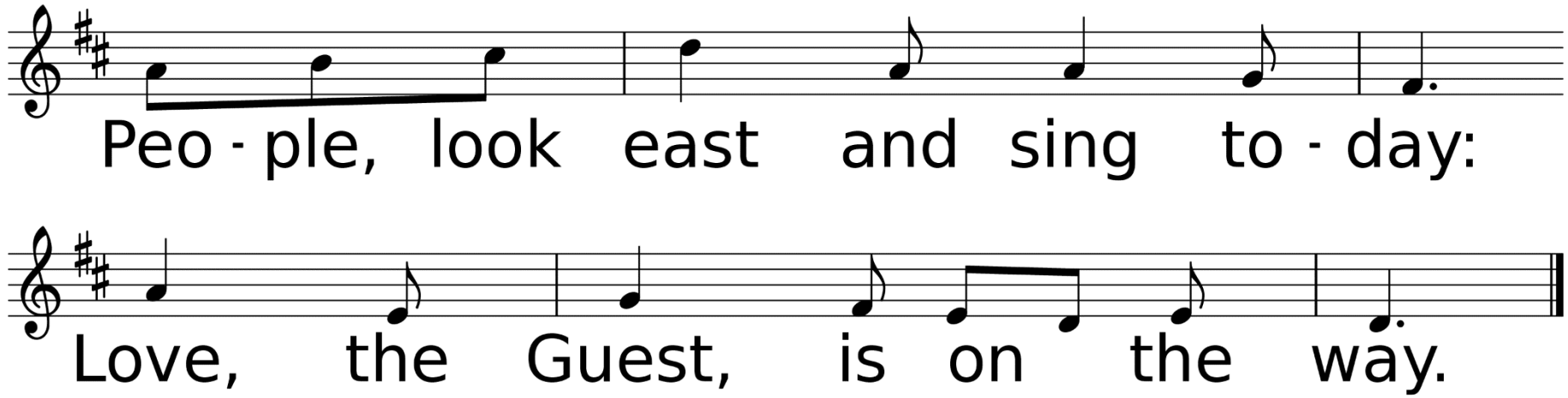
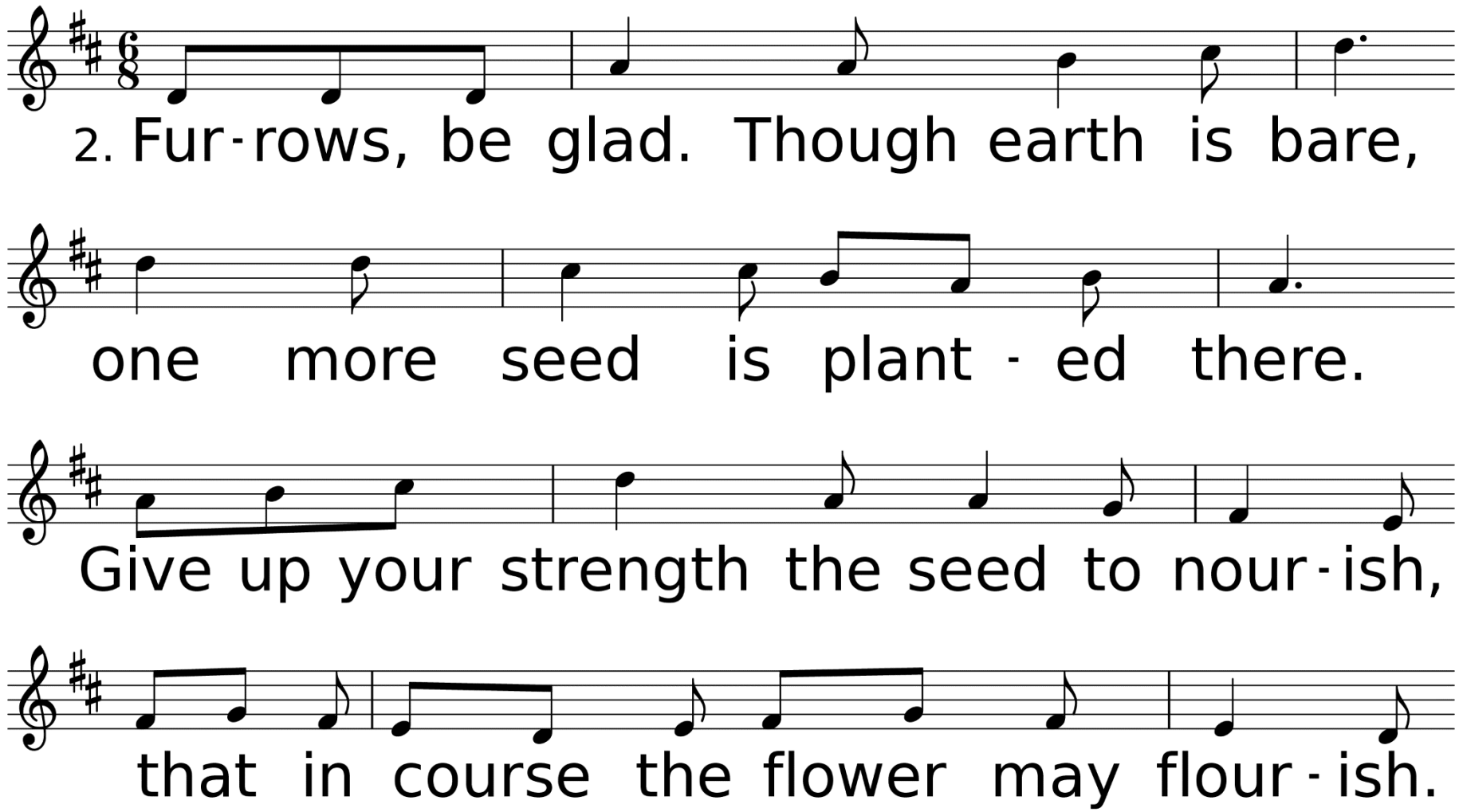
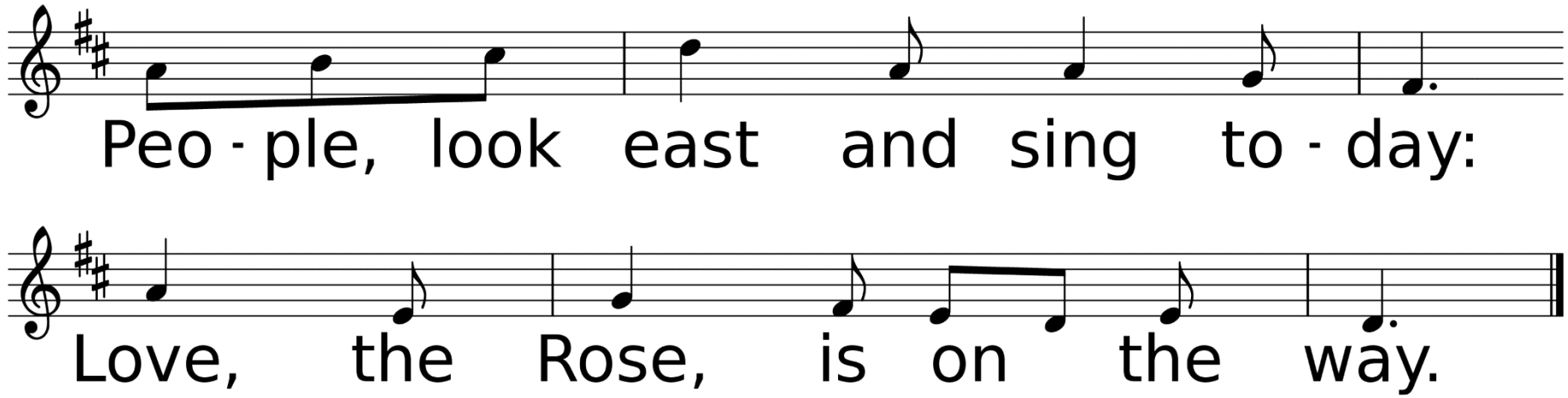
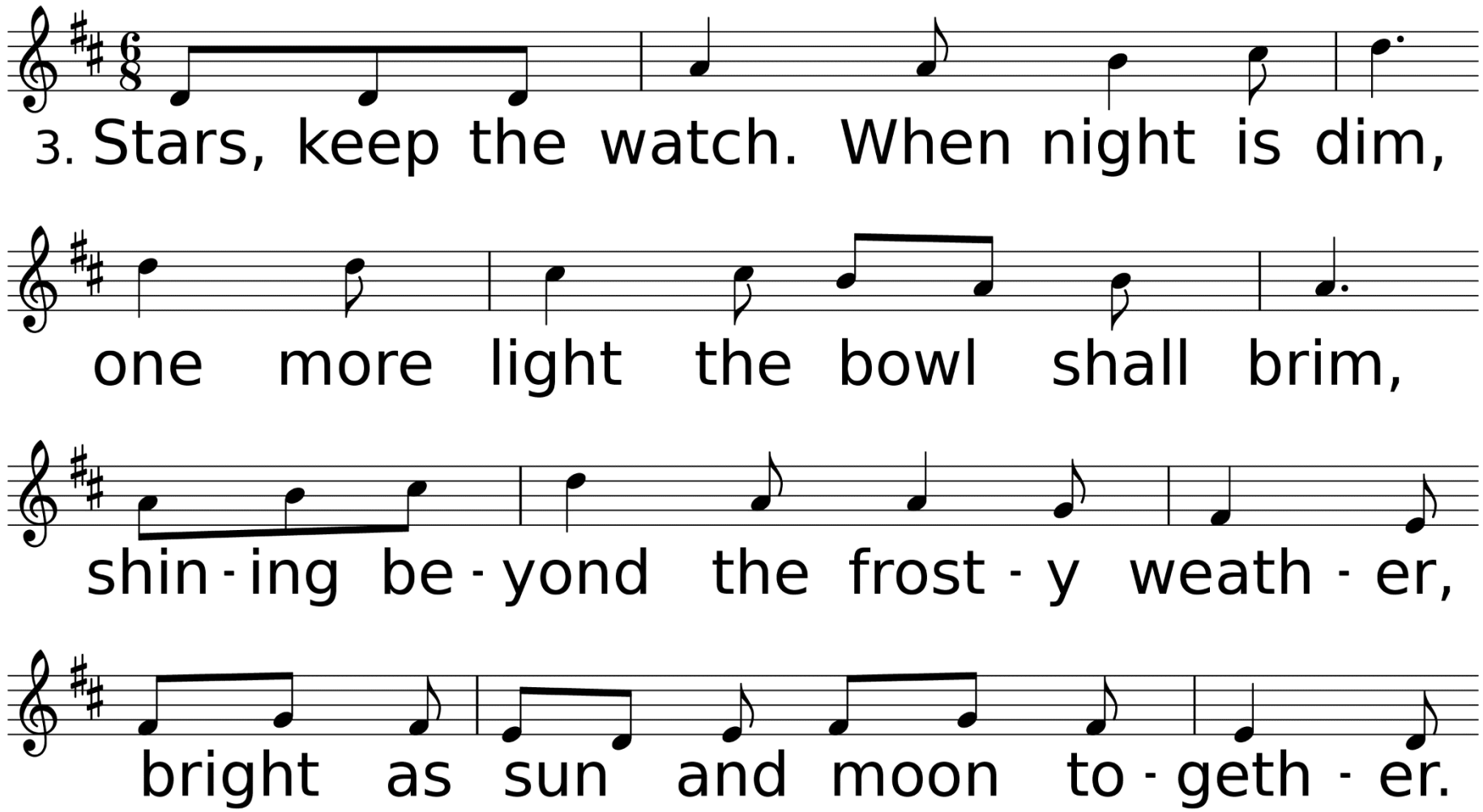
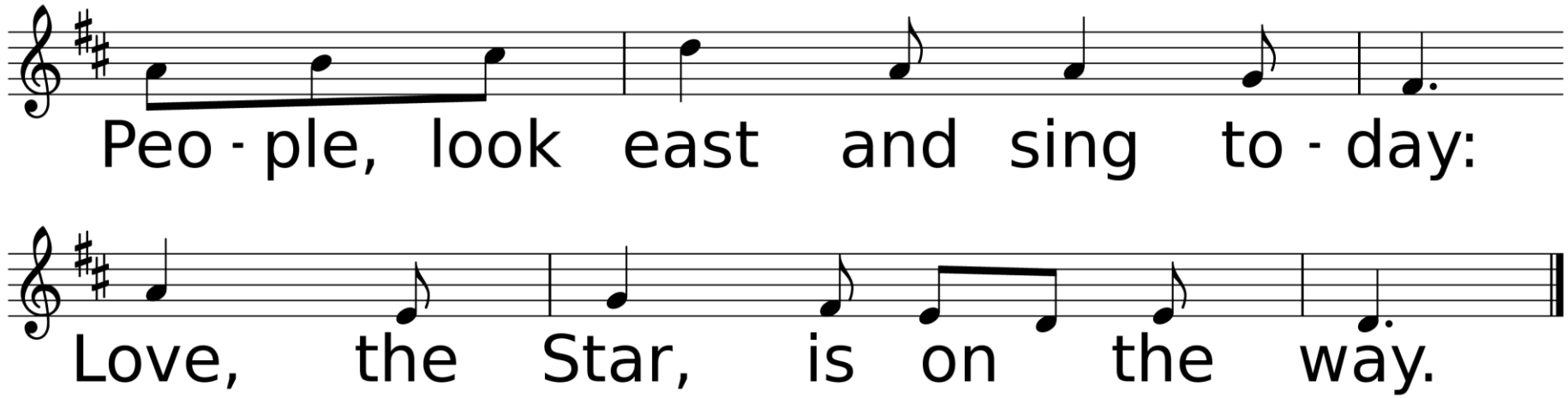
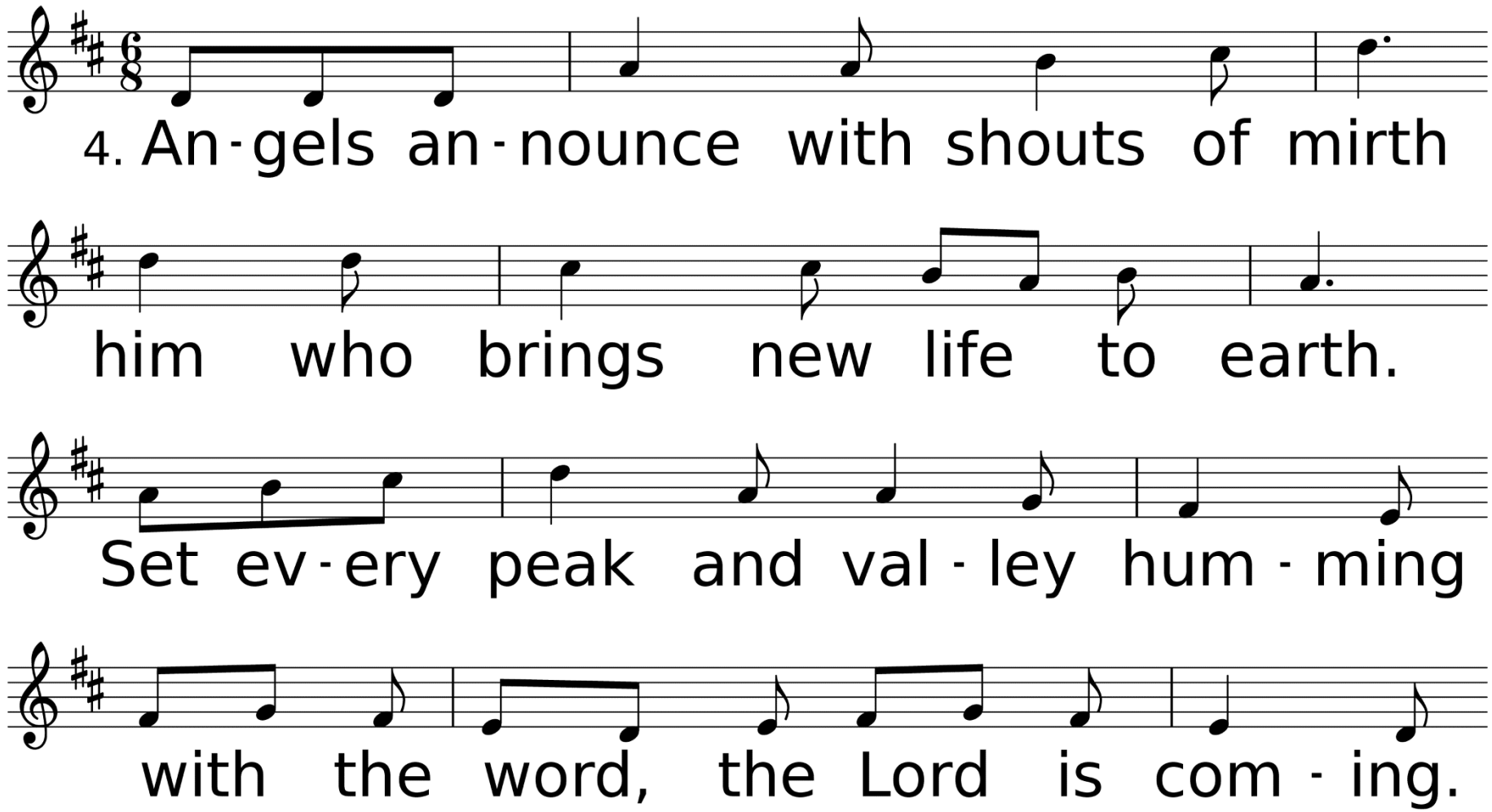

Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

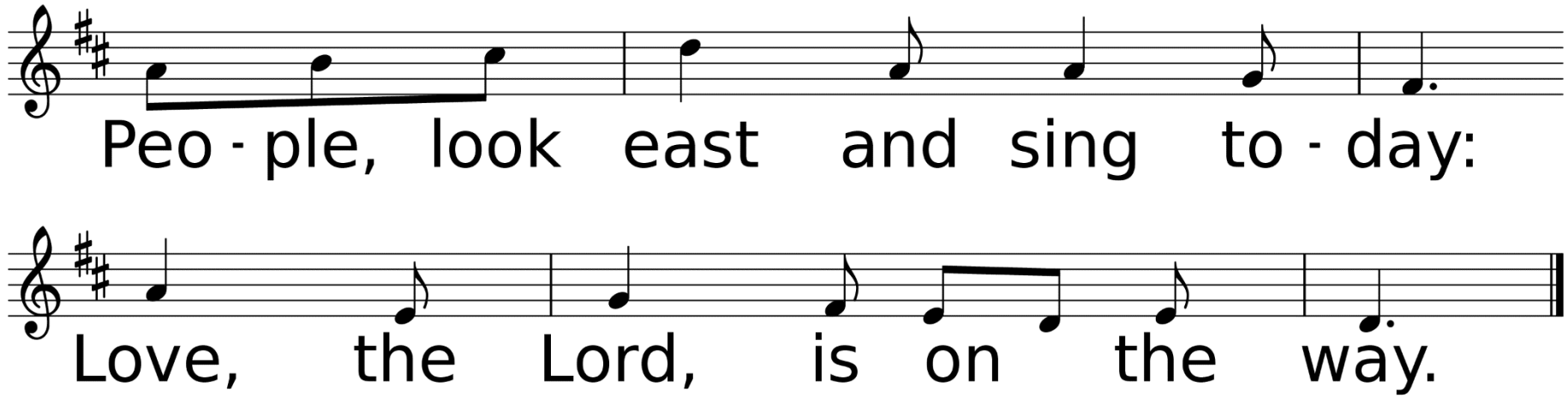

2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is plant-ed there.
Give up your strength the seed to nour-ish,
that in course the flower may flour-ish.


Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.


3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.


Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day:
Love, the Star, is on the way.


4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev-ery peak and val-ley hum-ming
with the word, the Lord is com-ing.


Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:4-7

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

“The Generosity of God’s Love Through ‘Bad Timing’”

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem
The Advent Candle

By Bob Chilcott

*Hymn of Invitation

Alleluia

#186

Words & Music by: Jerry Sinclair

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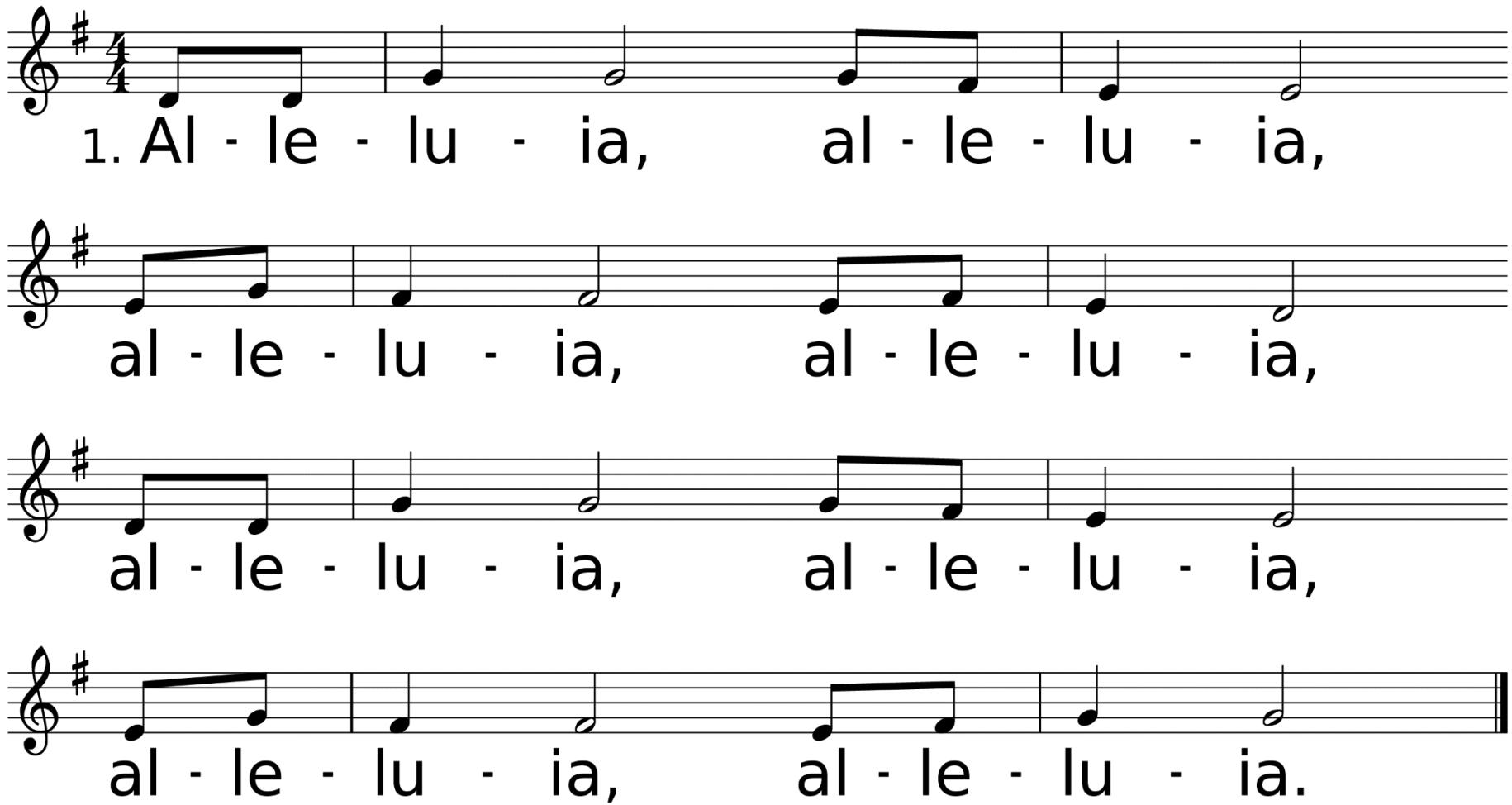

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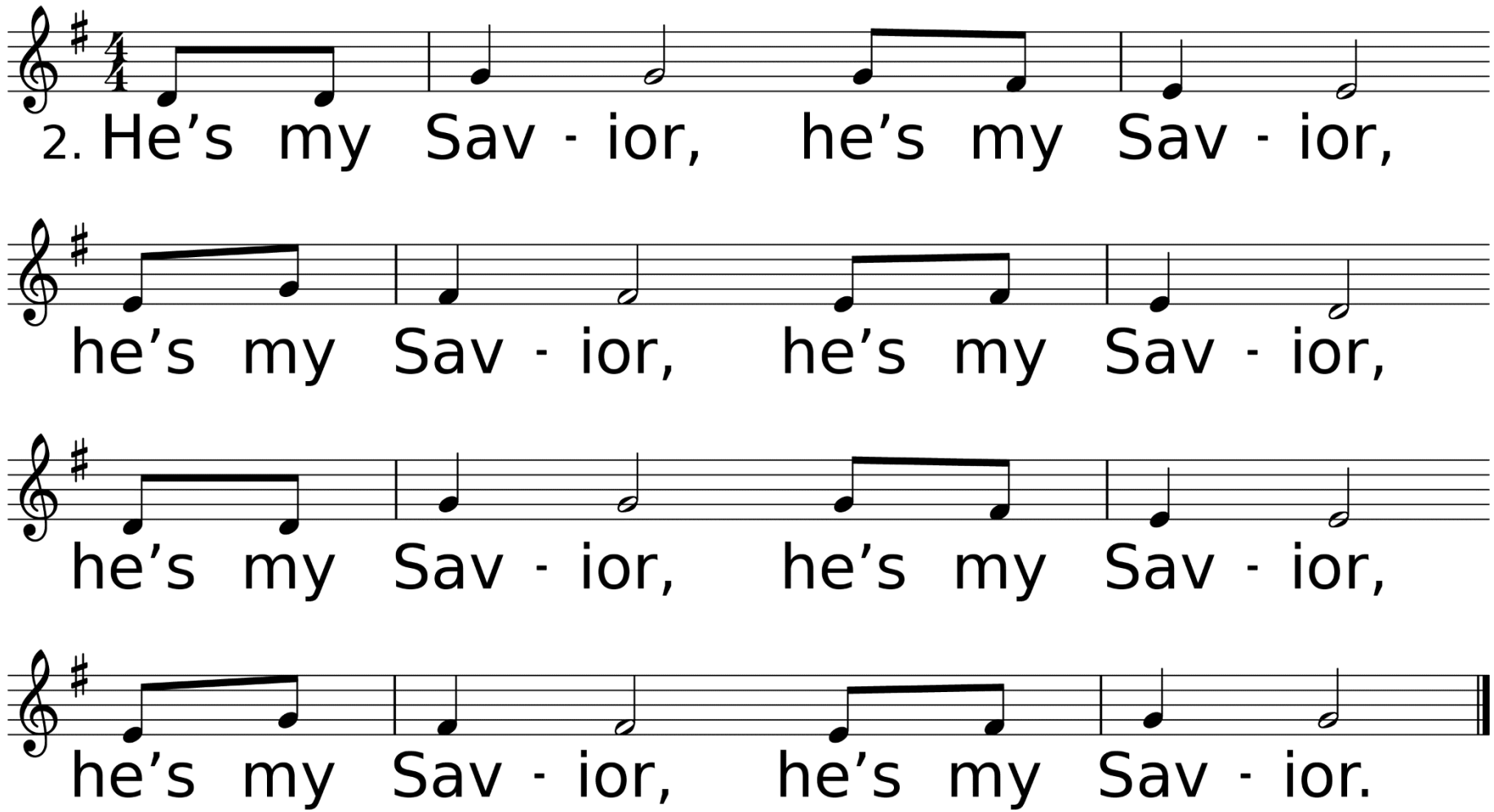
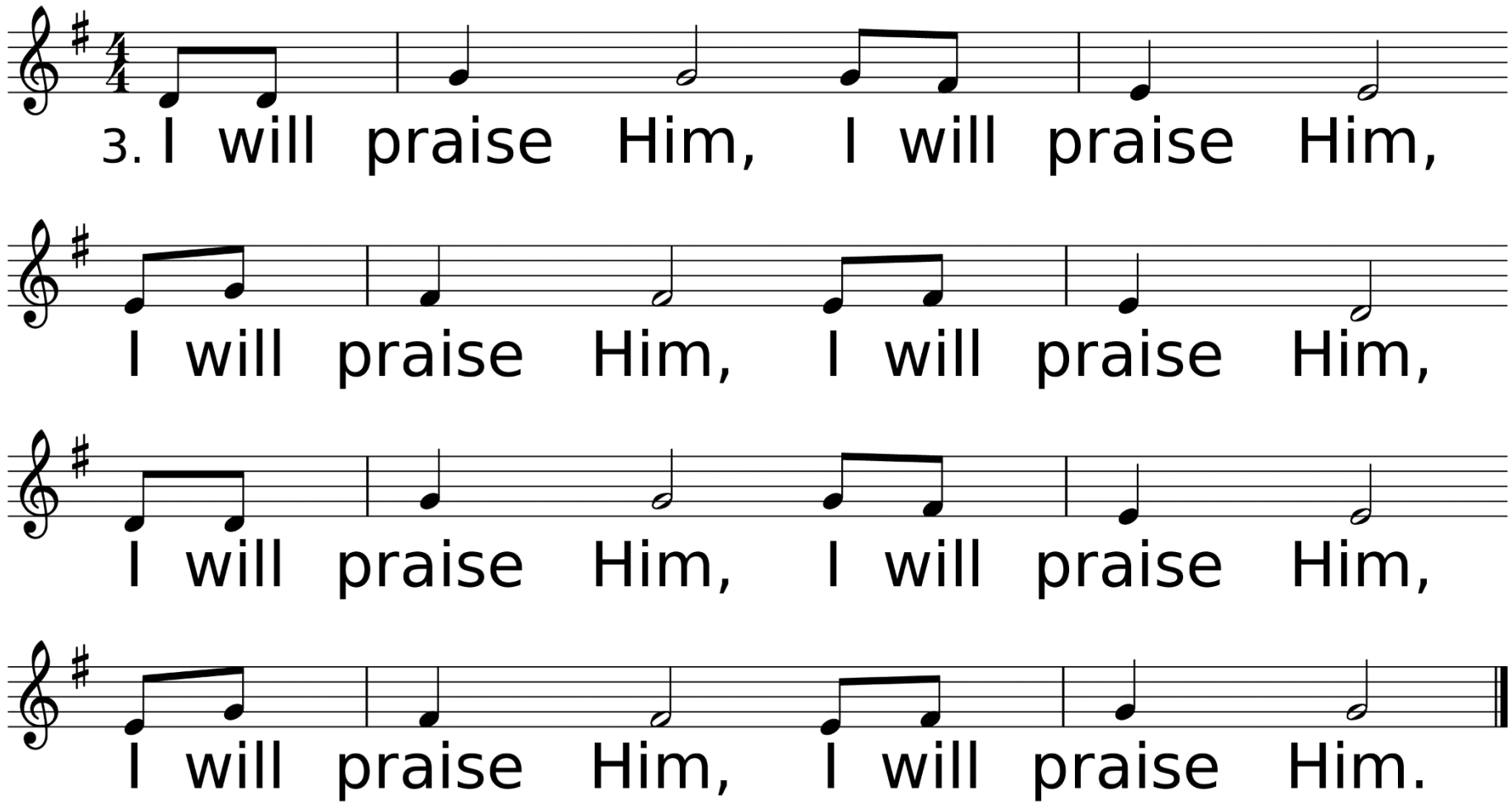

2. He’s my Sav - ior, he’s my Sav - ior,
he’s my Sav - ior, he’s my Sav - ior,
he’s my Sav - ior, he’s my Sav - ior,
he’s my Sav - ior, he’s my Sav - ior.


3. I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Words and Music by Traditional French Carol
Arr by Edward Shippen Barnes
Harm. By Austin C. Lovelace
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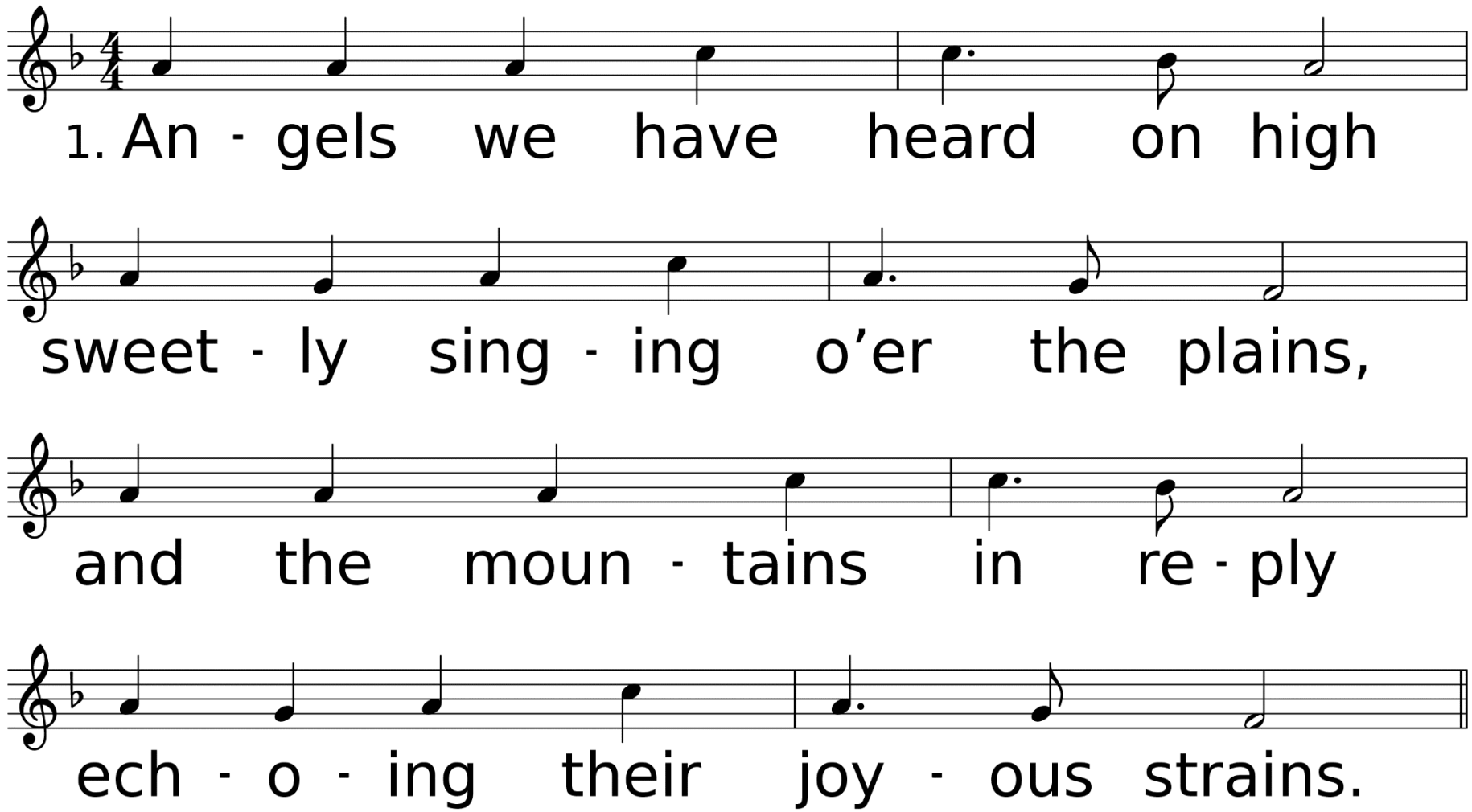

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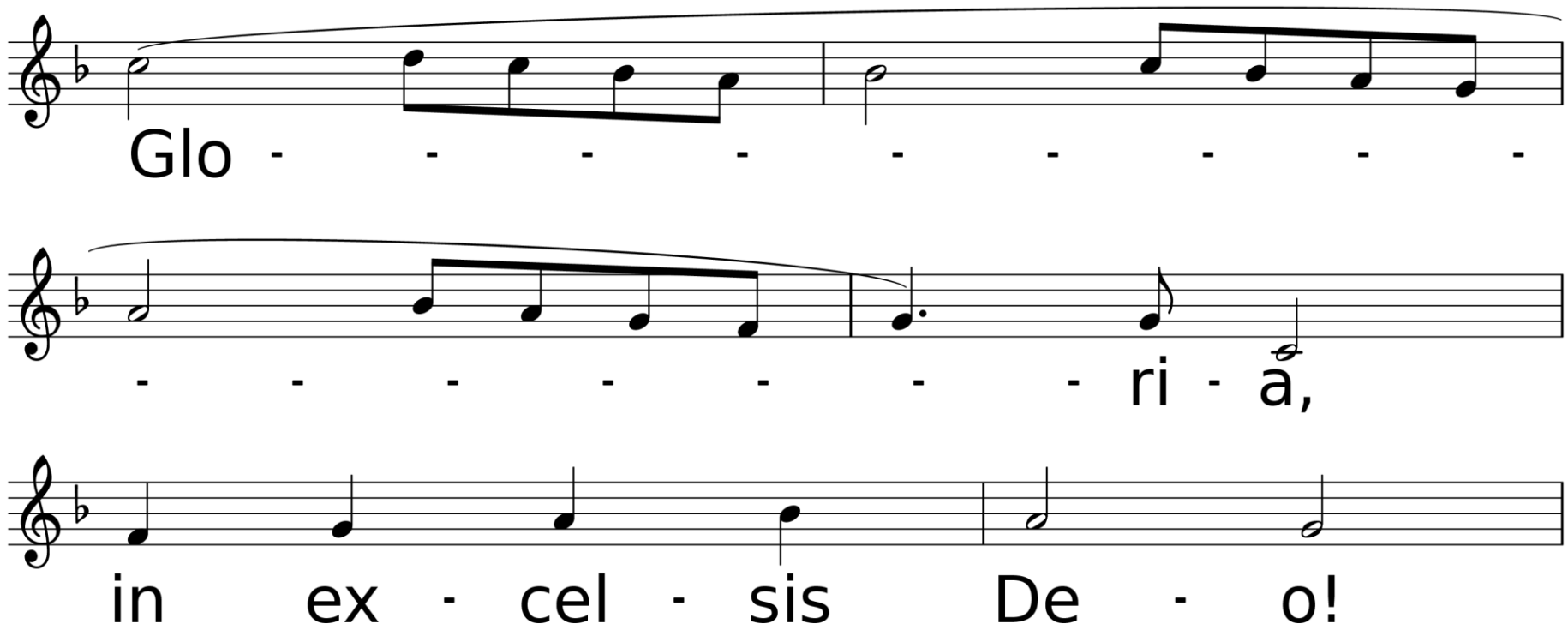
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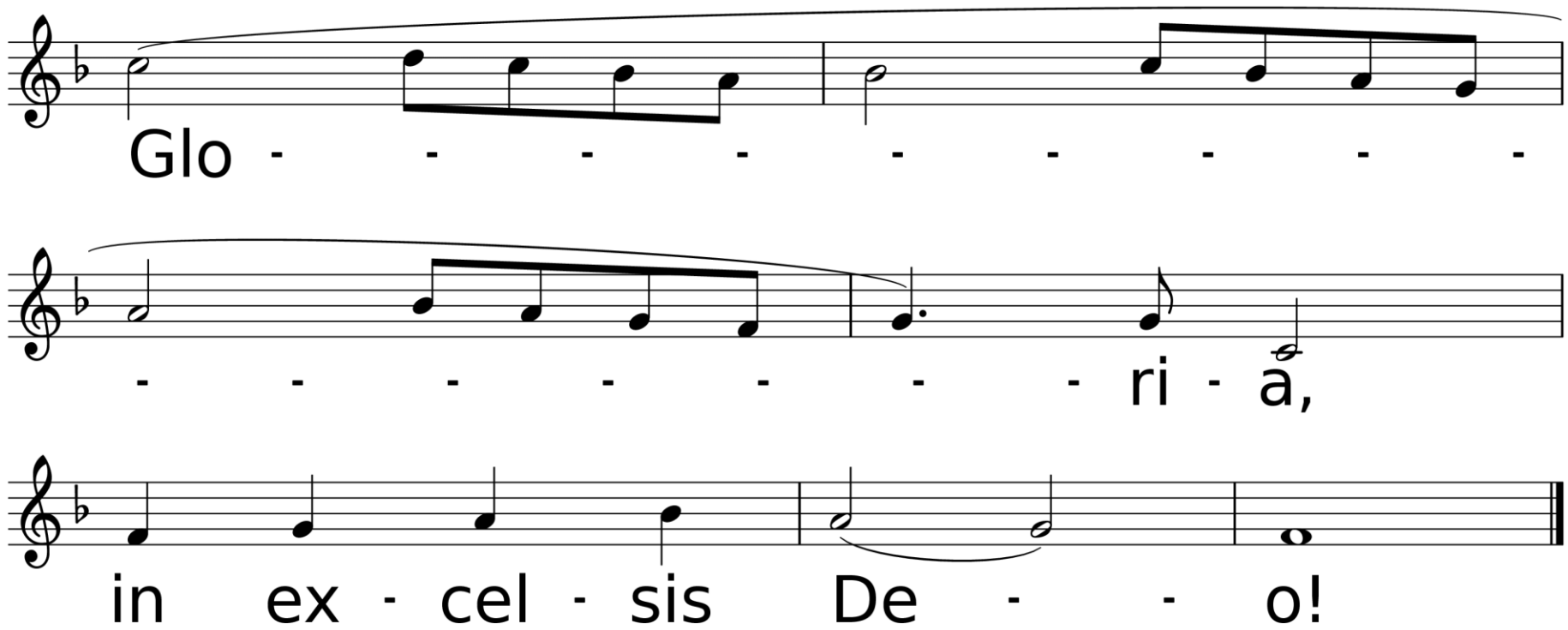
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Communion is available at the altar. The elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after service is completed.

Thank you for joining us today!

See You Next Week!