Welcome Home!
April 14, 2024
Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

Announcements!

Choral Call to Worship

Open Our Eyes, Lord

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room

Congregation: and huddled together as ones who build barriers,

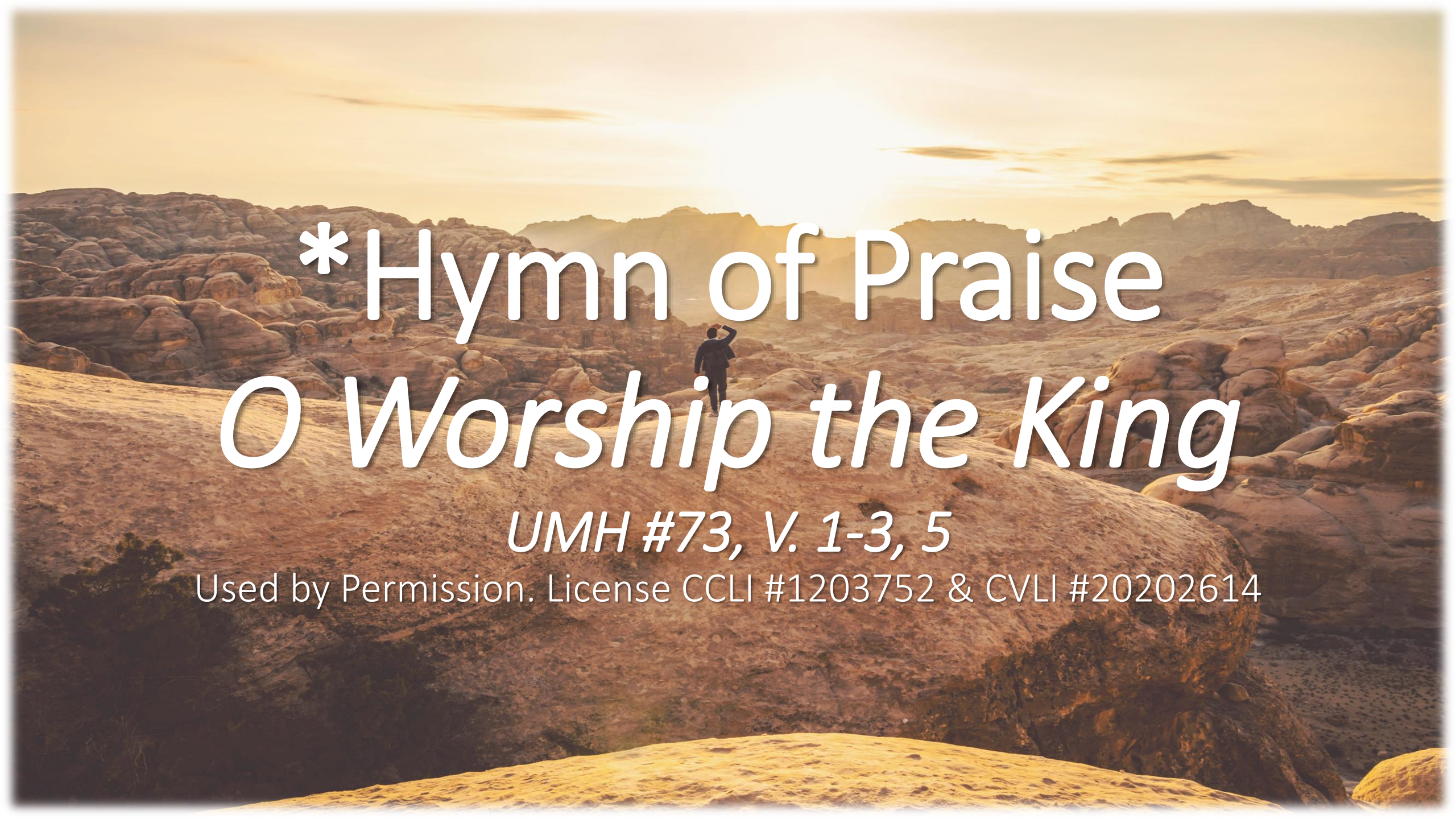
Leader: send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts

Congregation: that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness.

Leader: By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel

Congregation: not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

(inspired by John 20:19-31) Author Unknown



*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

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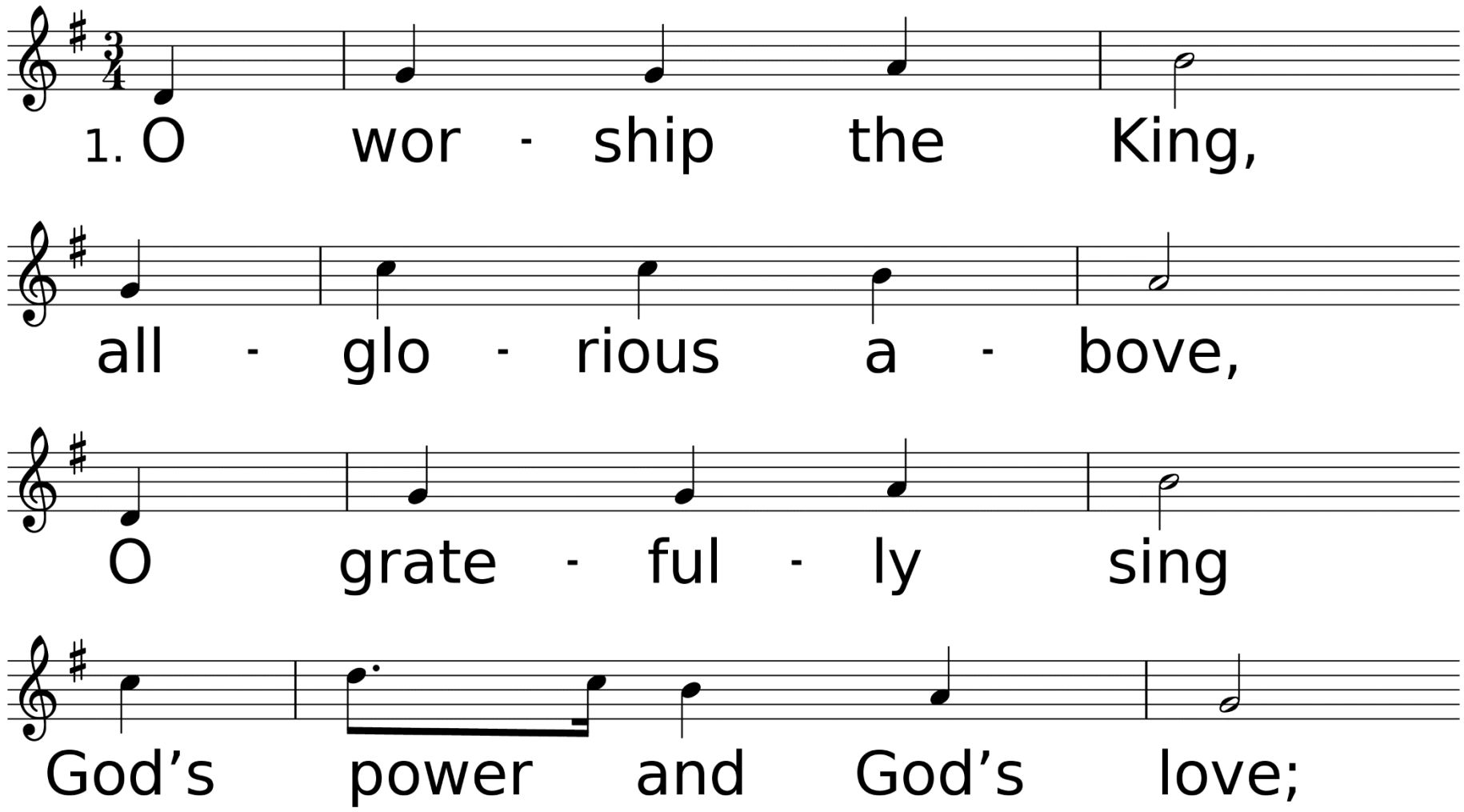

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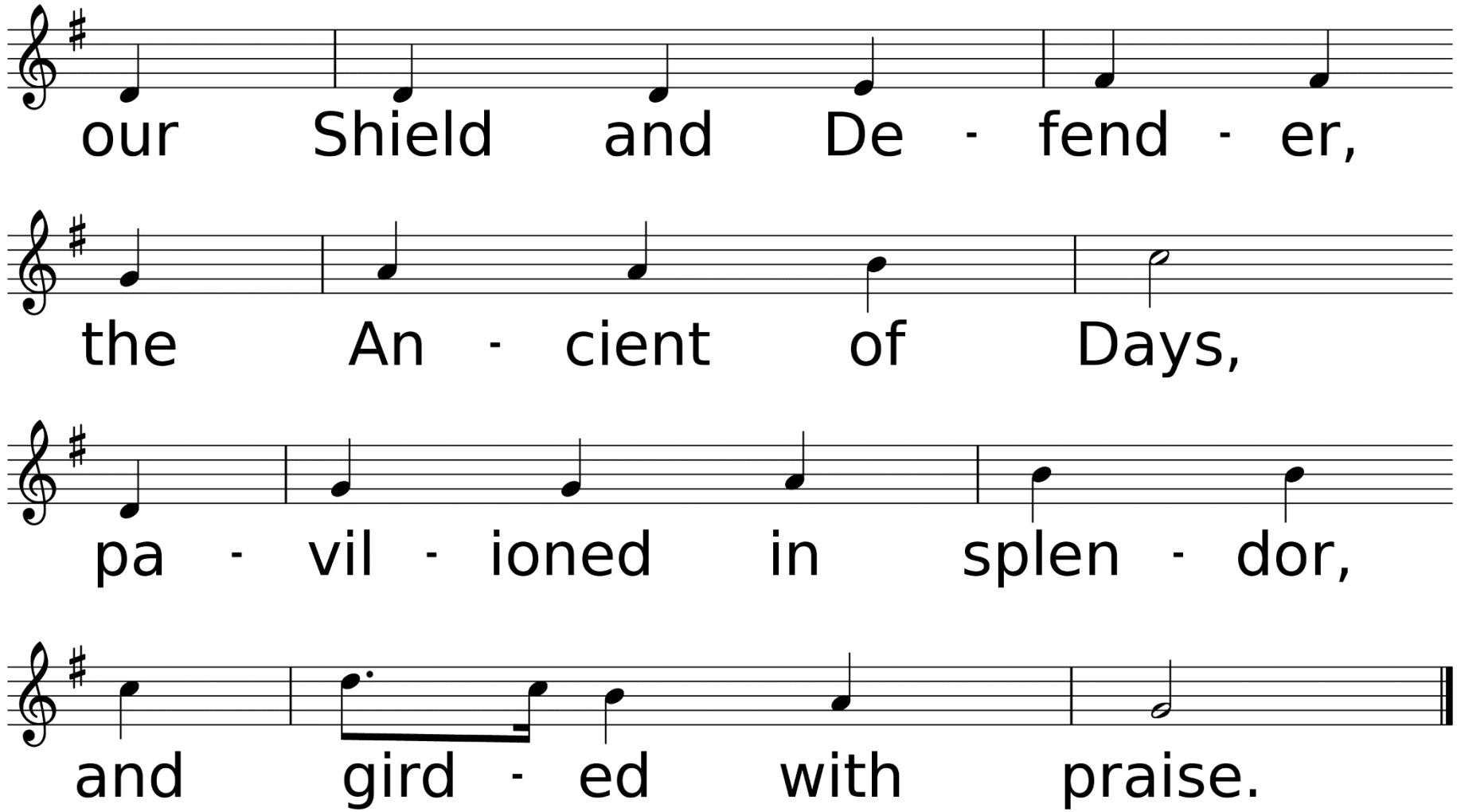
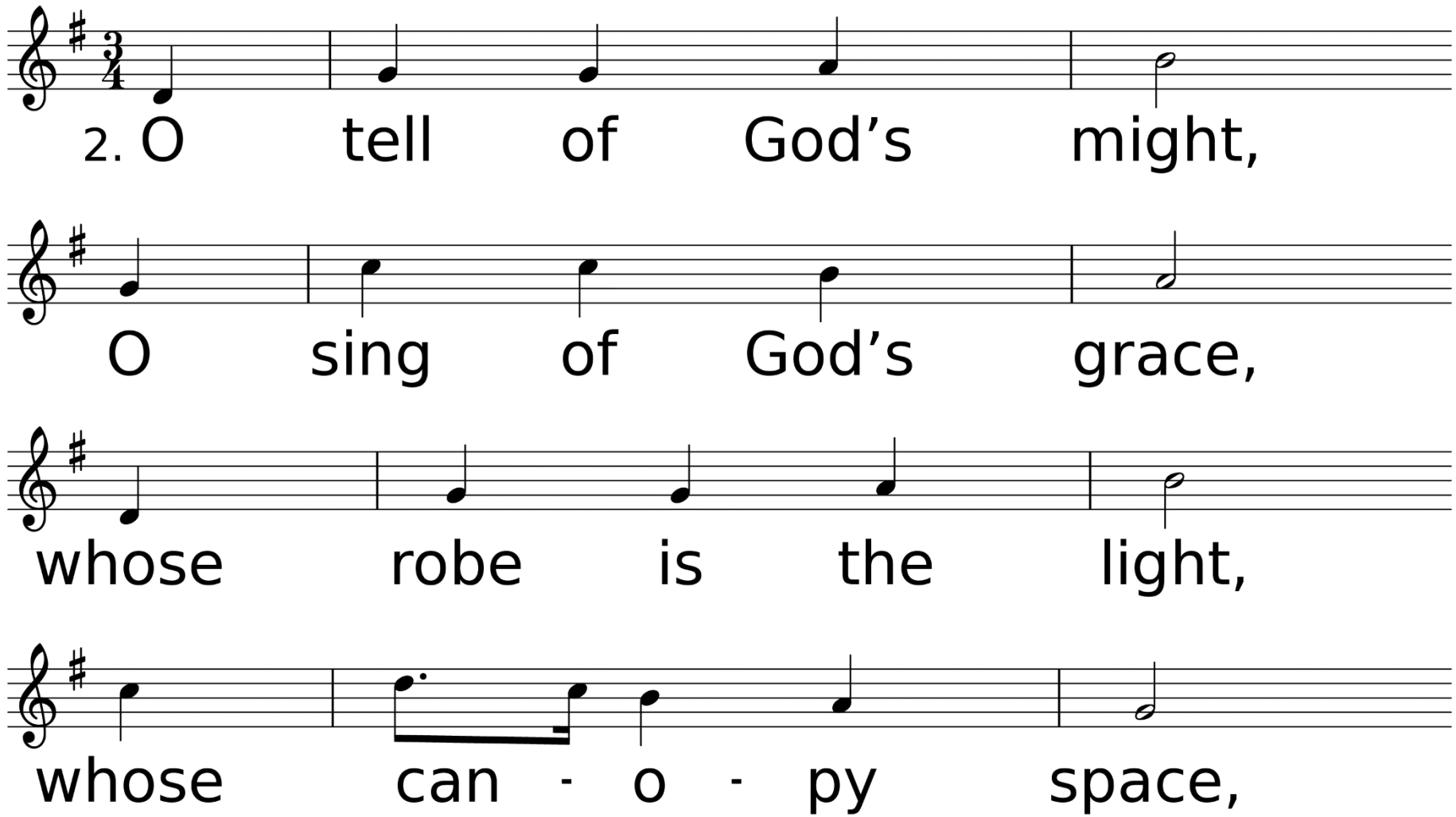
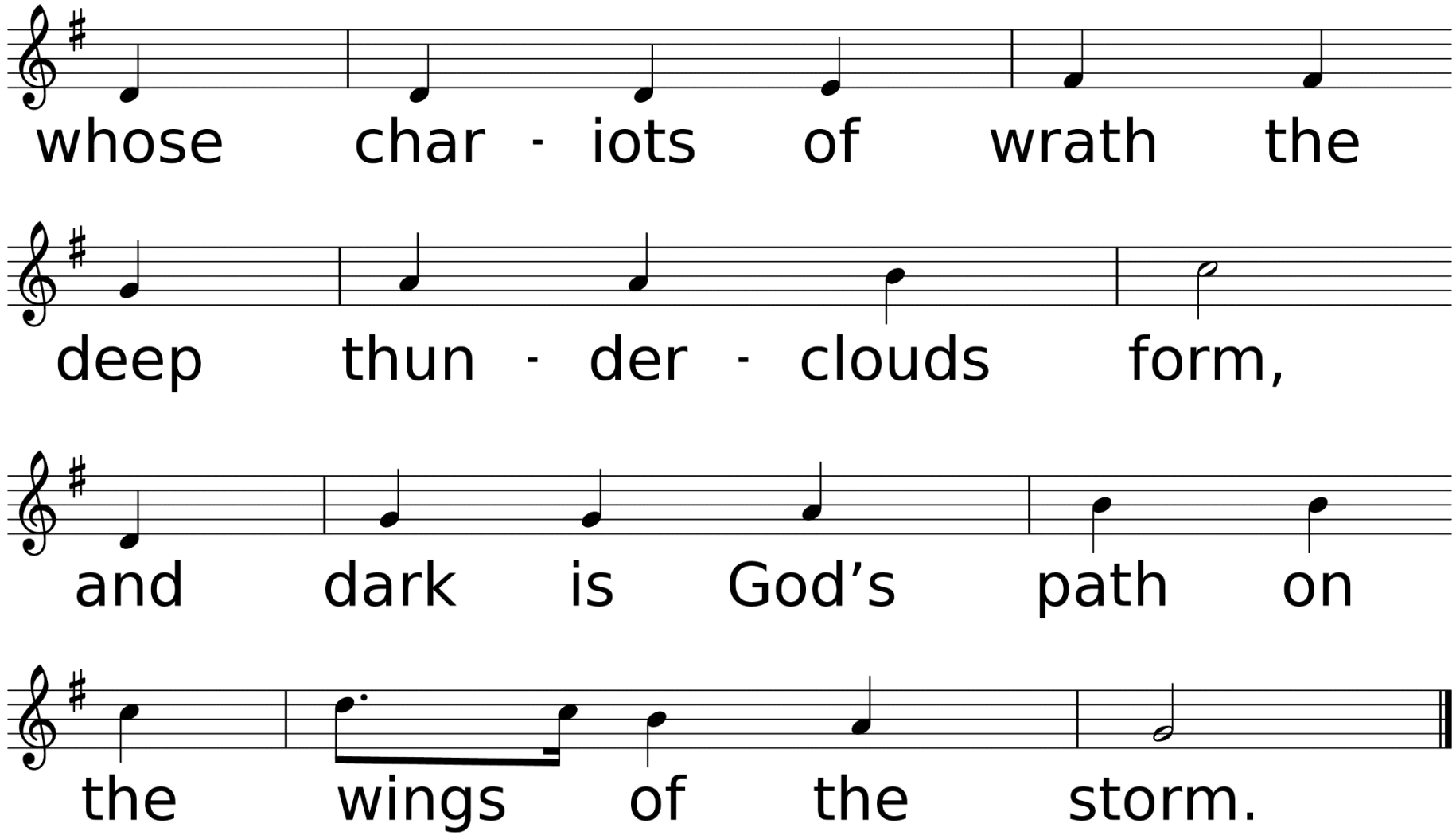
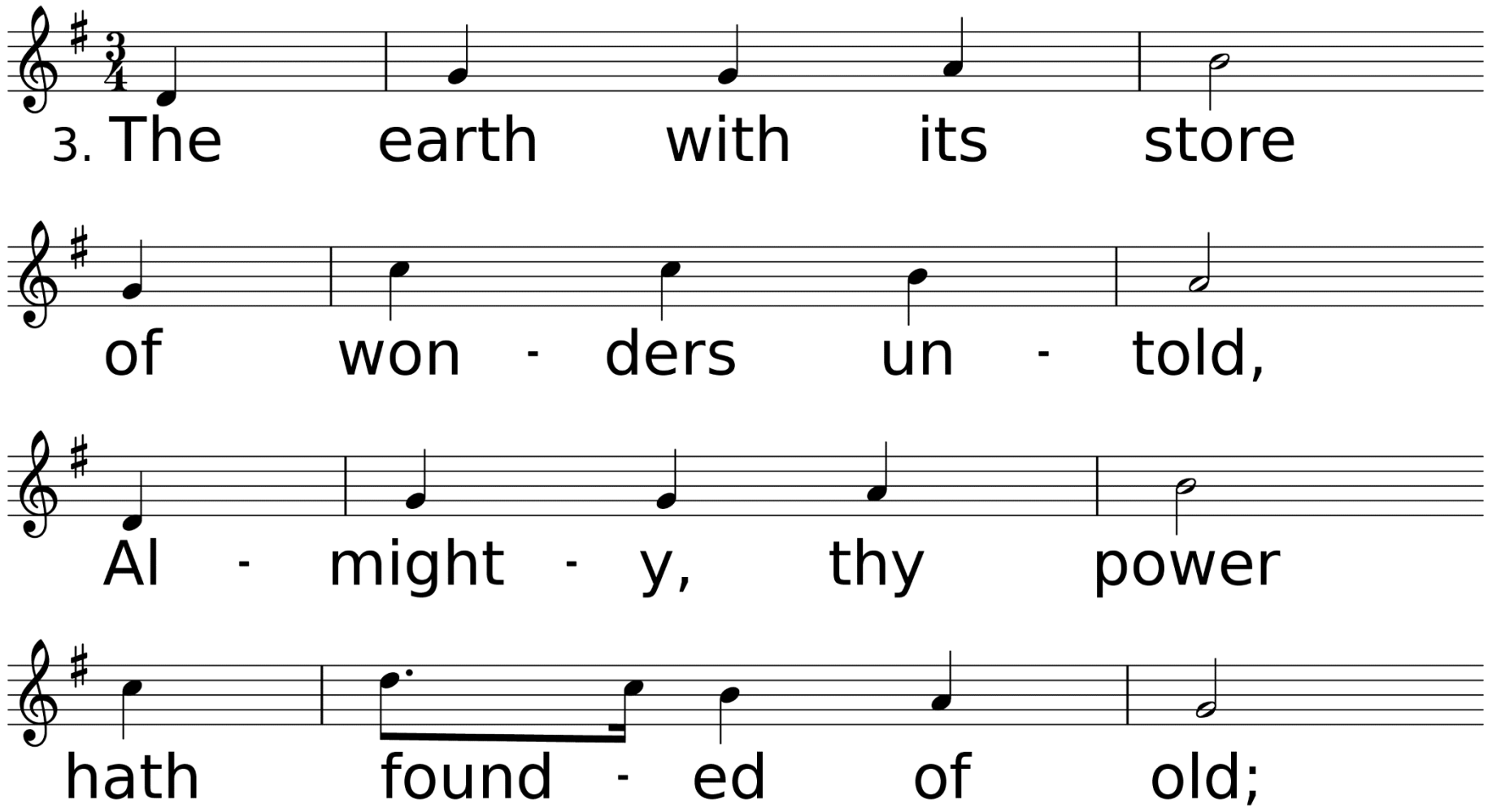
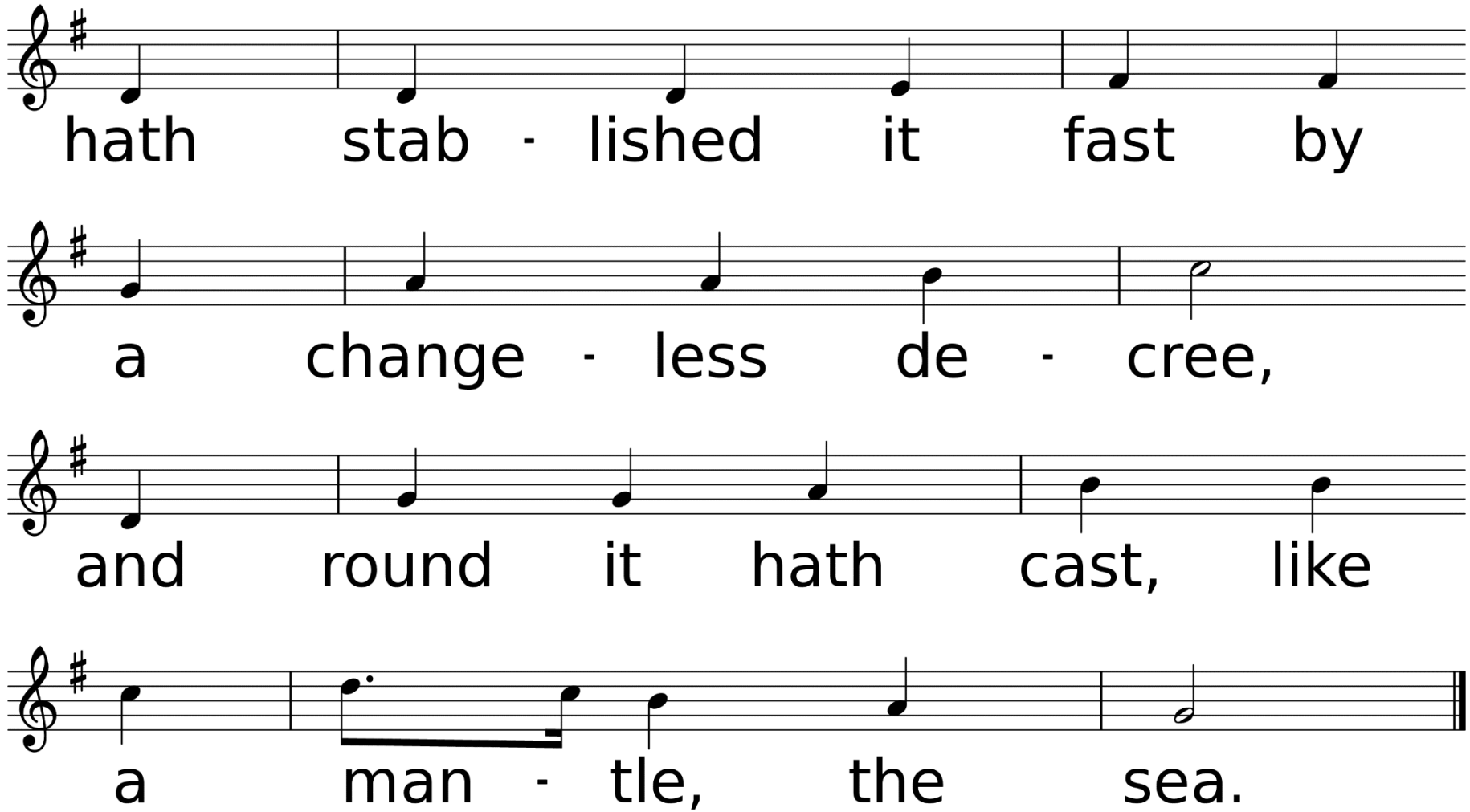
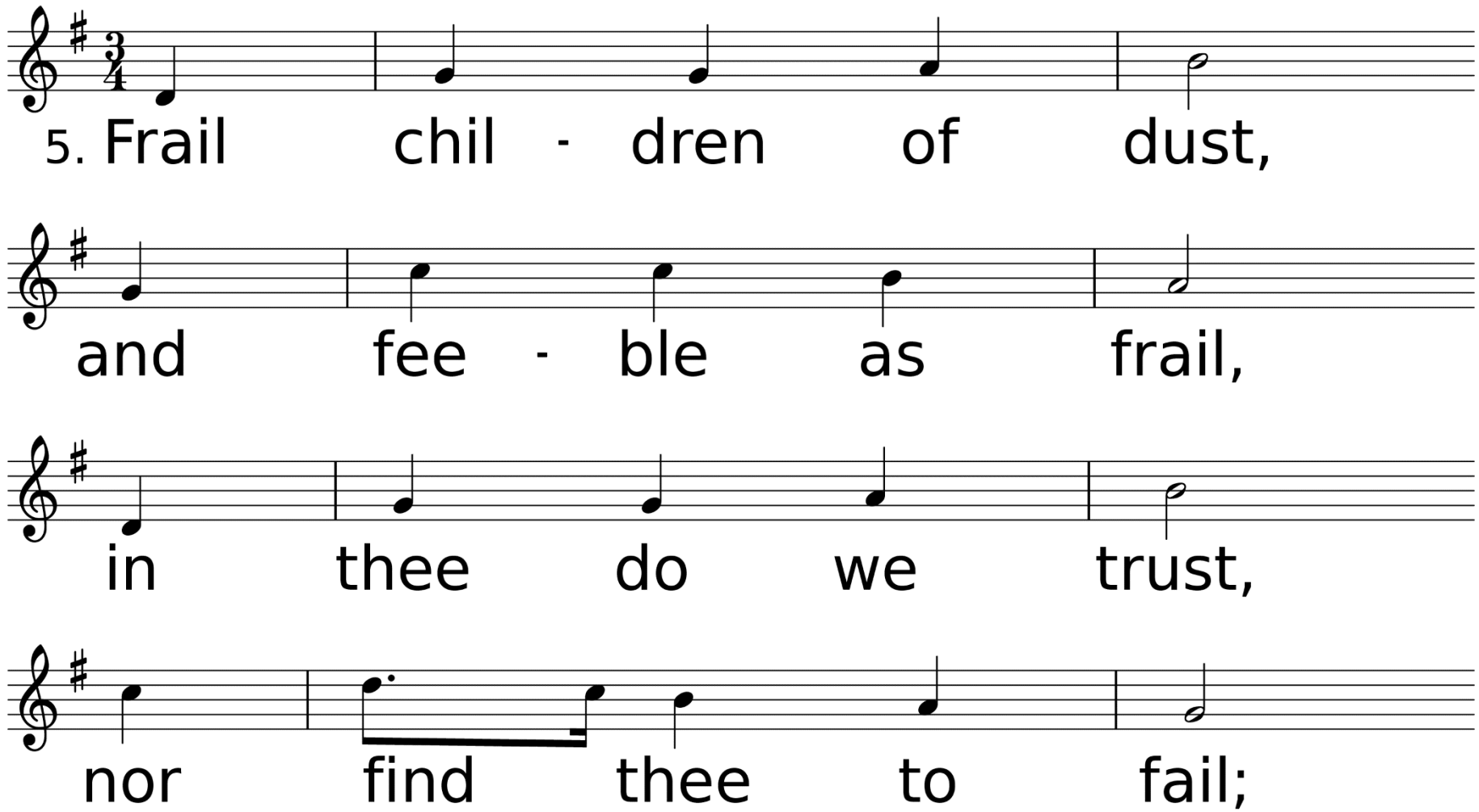

our Shield and De - fend - er,
the An - cient of Days,
pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor,
and gird - ed with praise.

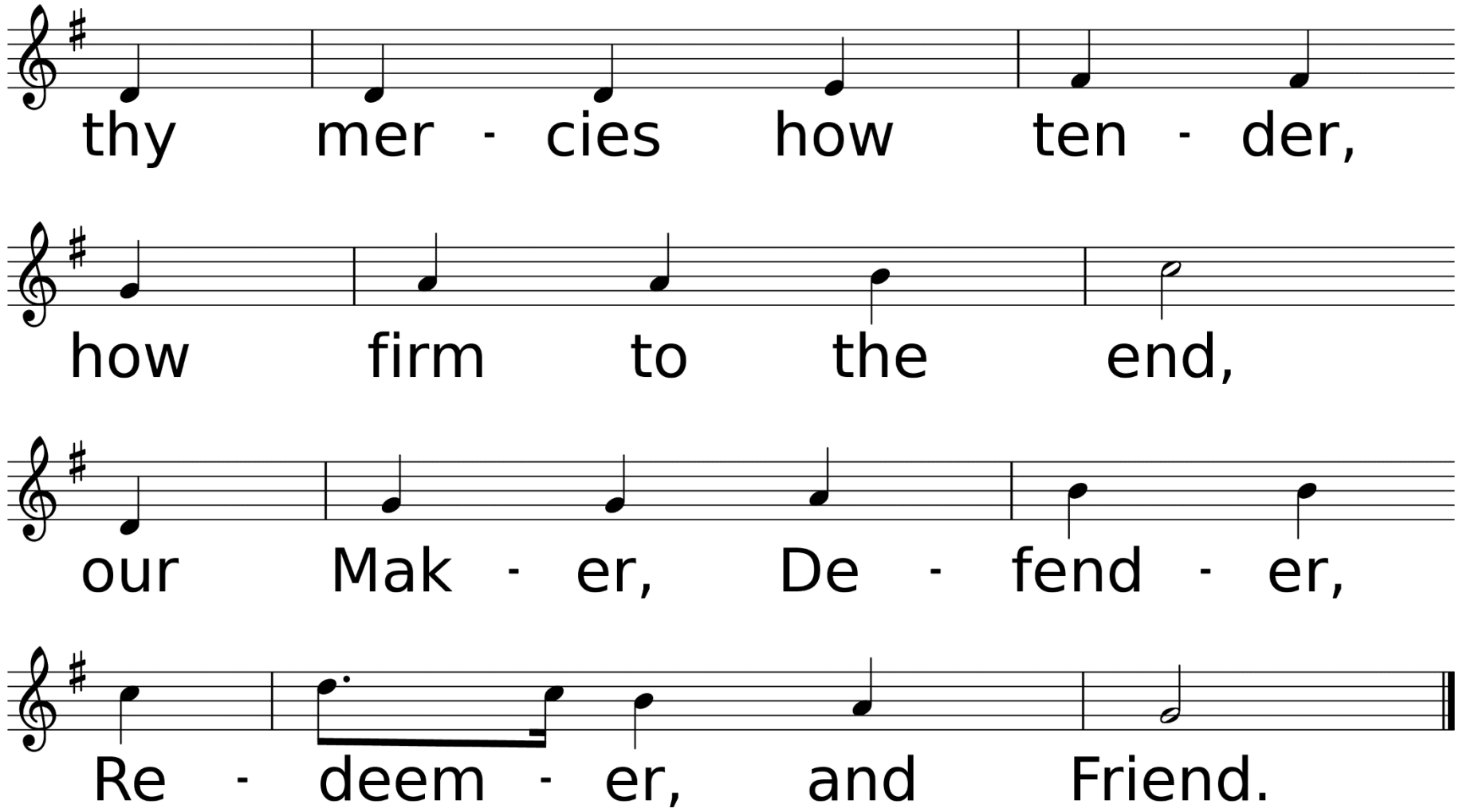

2. O tell of God's might,
O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose can - o - py space,


whose char - iots of wrath the
deep thun - der - clouds form,
and dark is God’s path on
the wings of the storm.


3. The earth with its store
of won - ders un - told,
Al - might - y, thy power
hath found - ed of old;


hath stab - lished it fast by
a change - less de - cree,
and round it hath cast, like
a man - tle, the sea.


5. Frail chil - dren of dust,
and fee - ble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;


thy mer - cies how ten - der,
how firm to the end,
our Mak - er, De - fend - er,
Re - deem - er, and Friend.

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man,

The gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,

whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love

as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer

Be Thou My Vision

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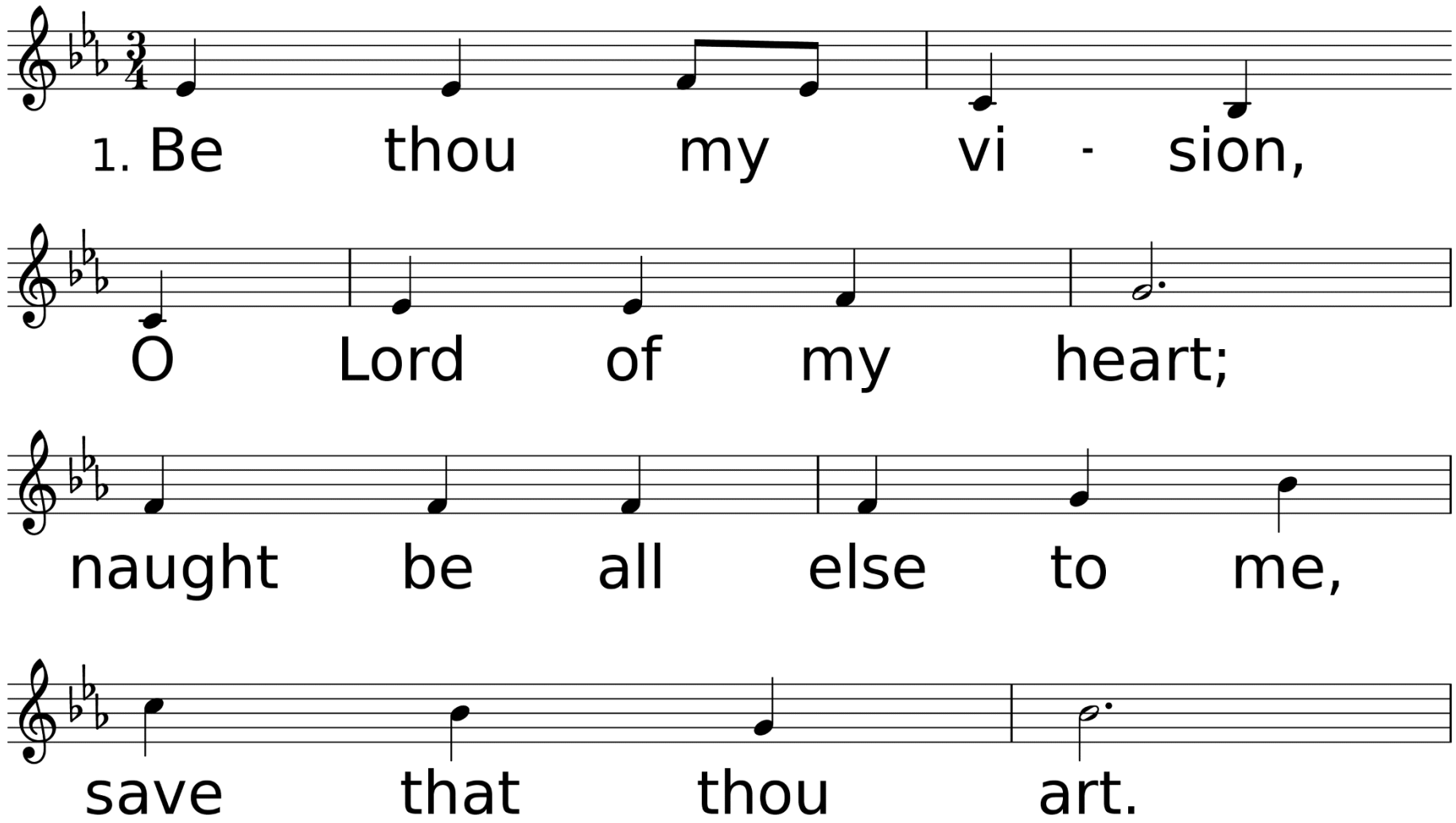

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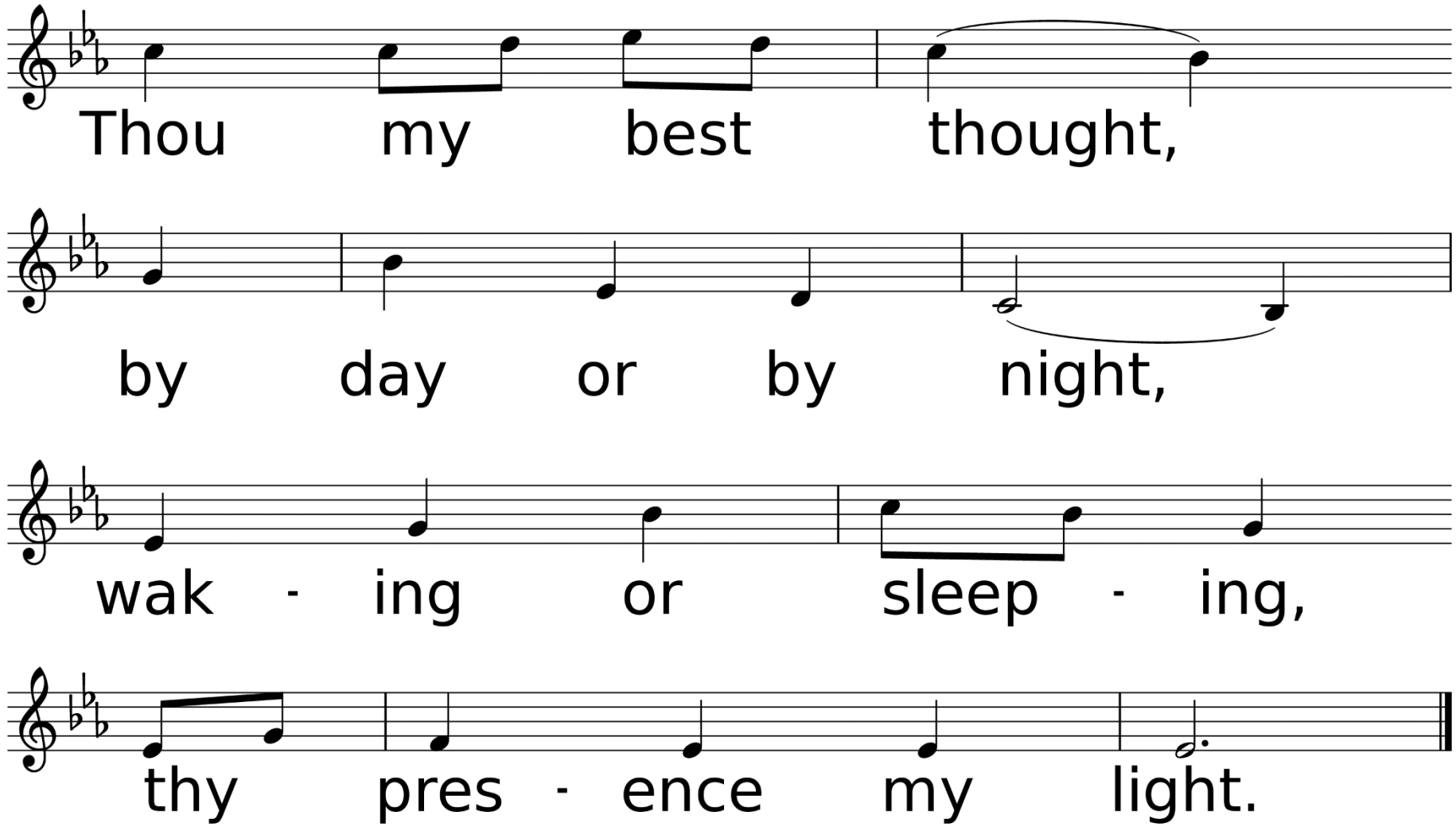
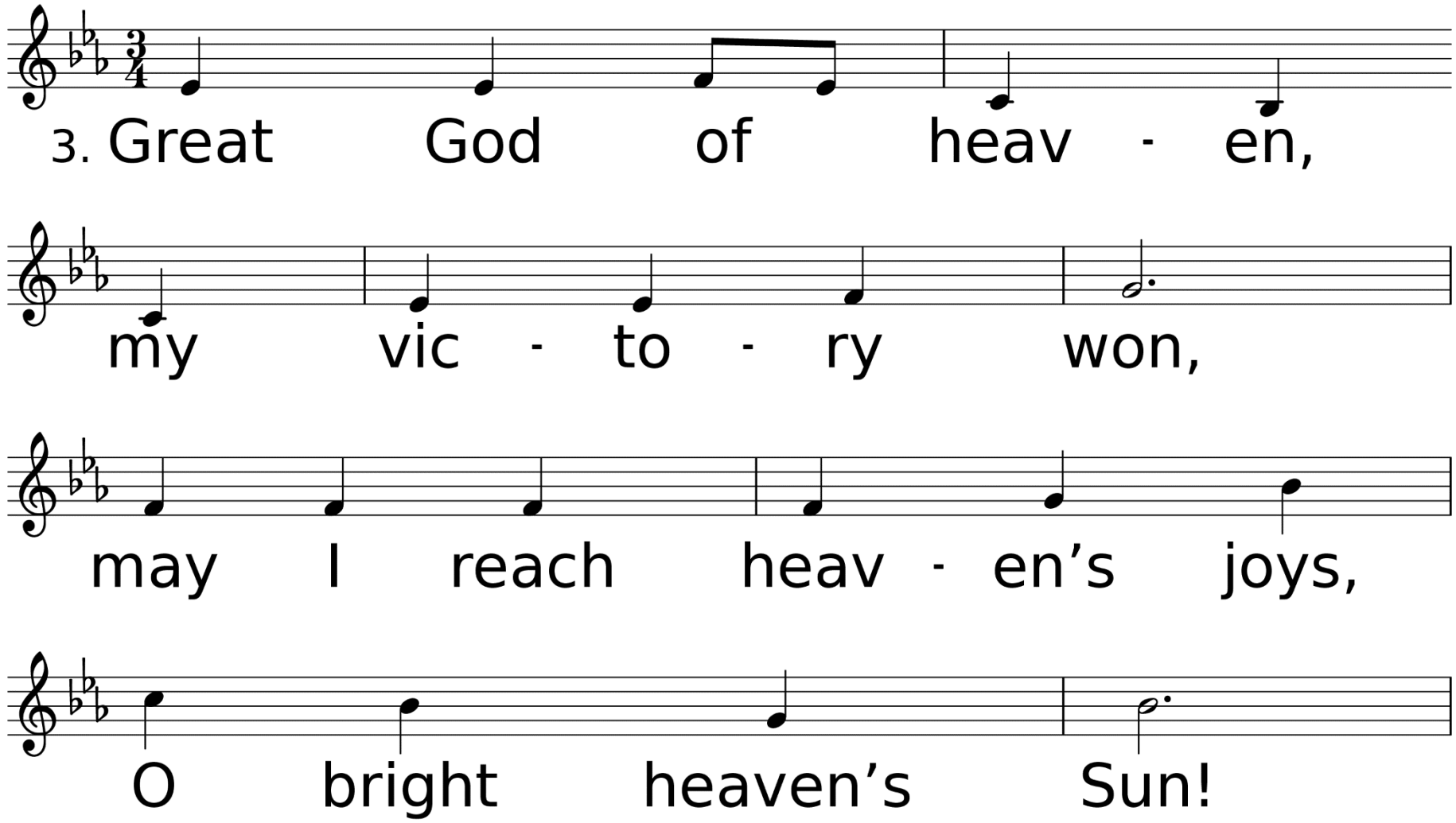
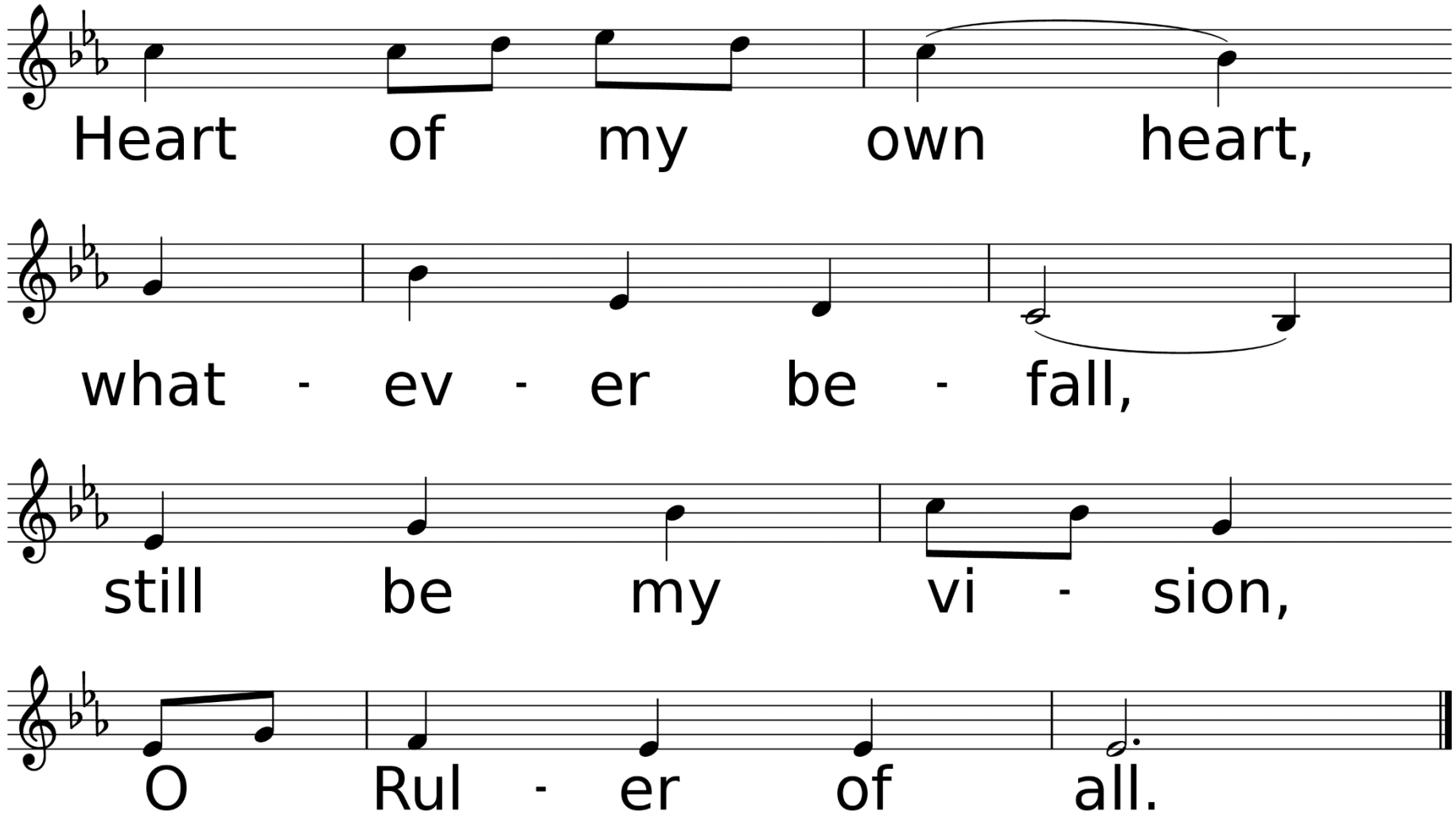
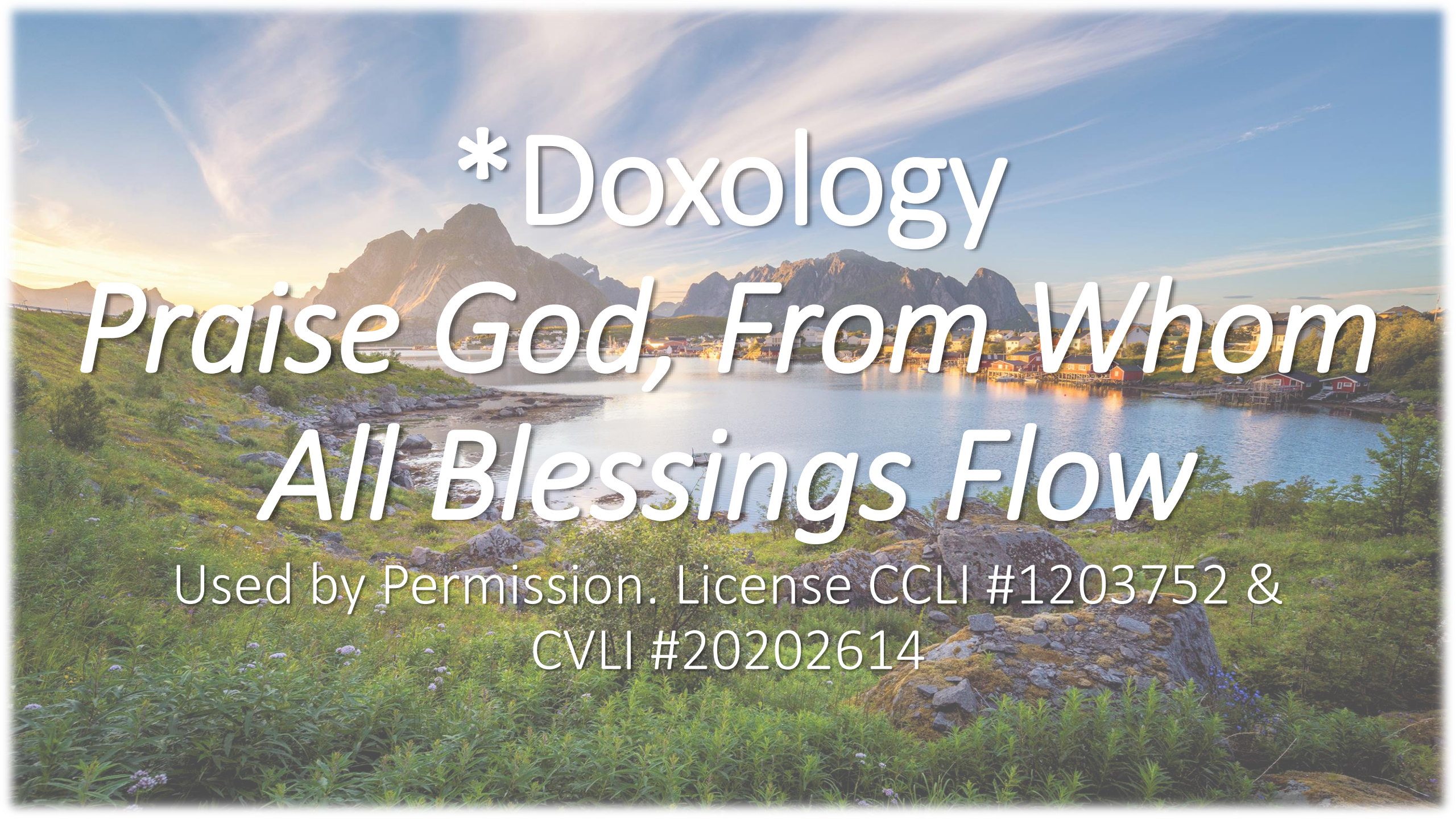

Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
wak - ing or sleep - ing,
thy pres - ence my light.


3. Great God of heav - en,
my vic - to - ry won,
may I reach heav - en's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!


Heart of my own heart,
what - ev - er be - fall,
still be my vi - sion,
O Rul - er of all.

Congregational Prayer
&
The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer
& Return of God's
Tithes & Gifts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Praise God, From Whom
All Blessings Flow
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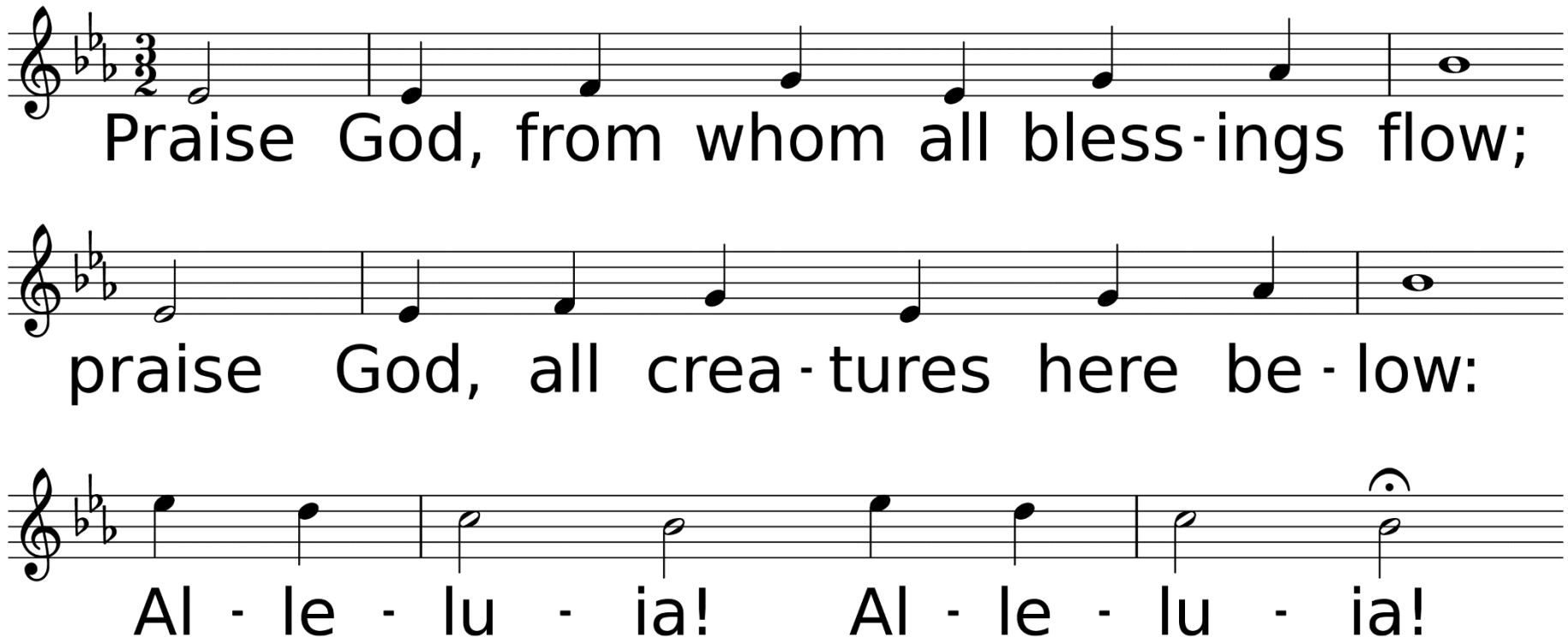

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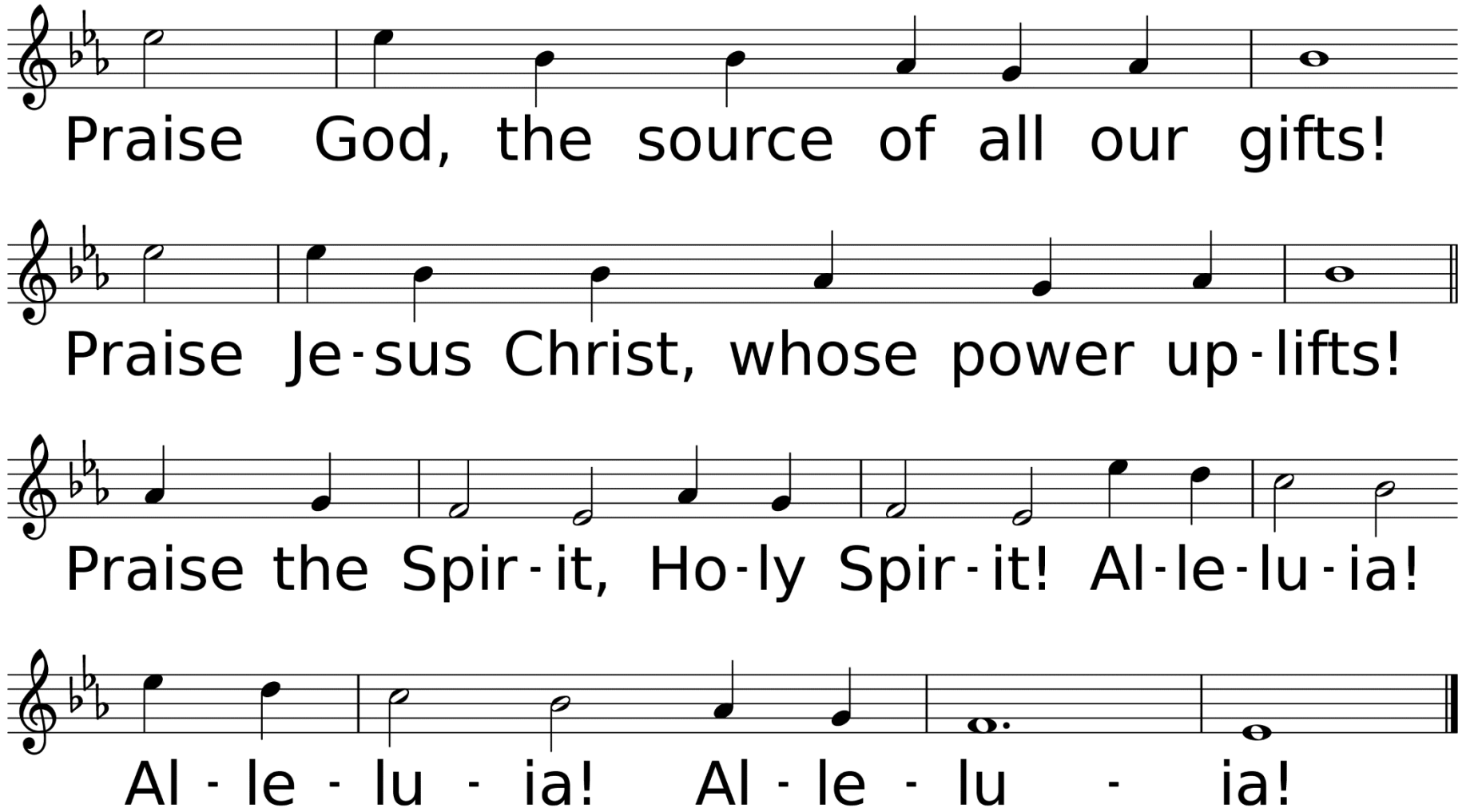
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children’s Church!

Hymn of Faith

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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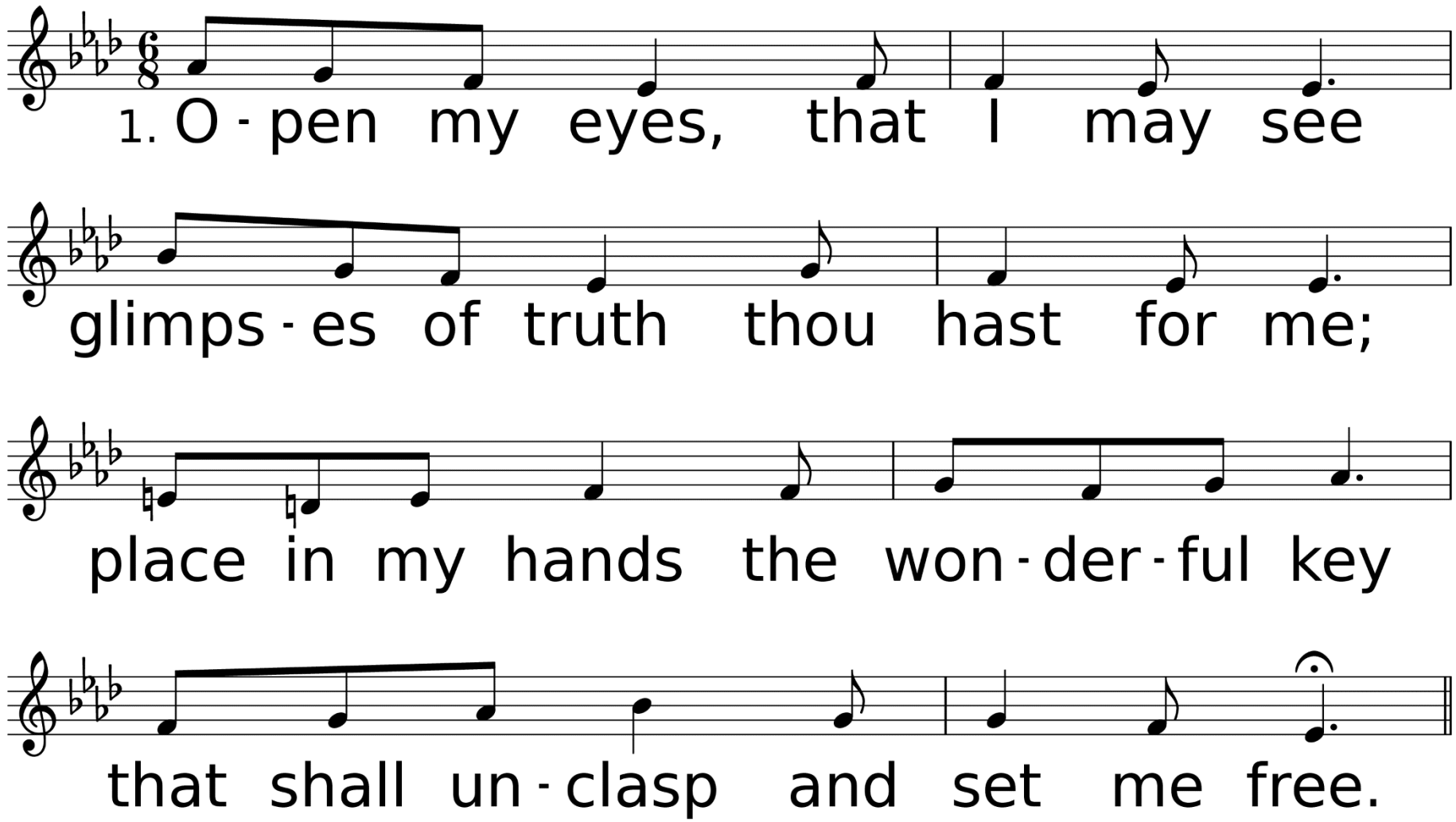

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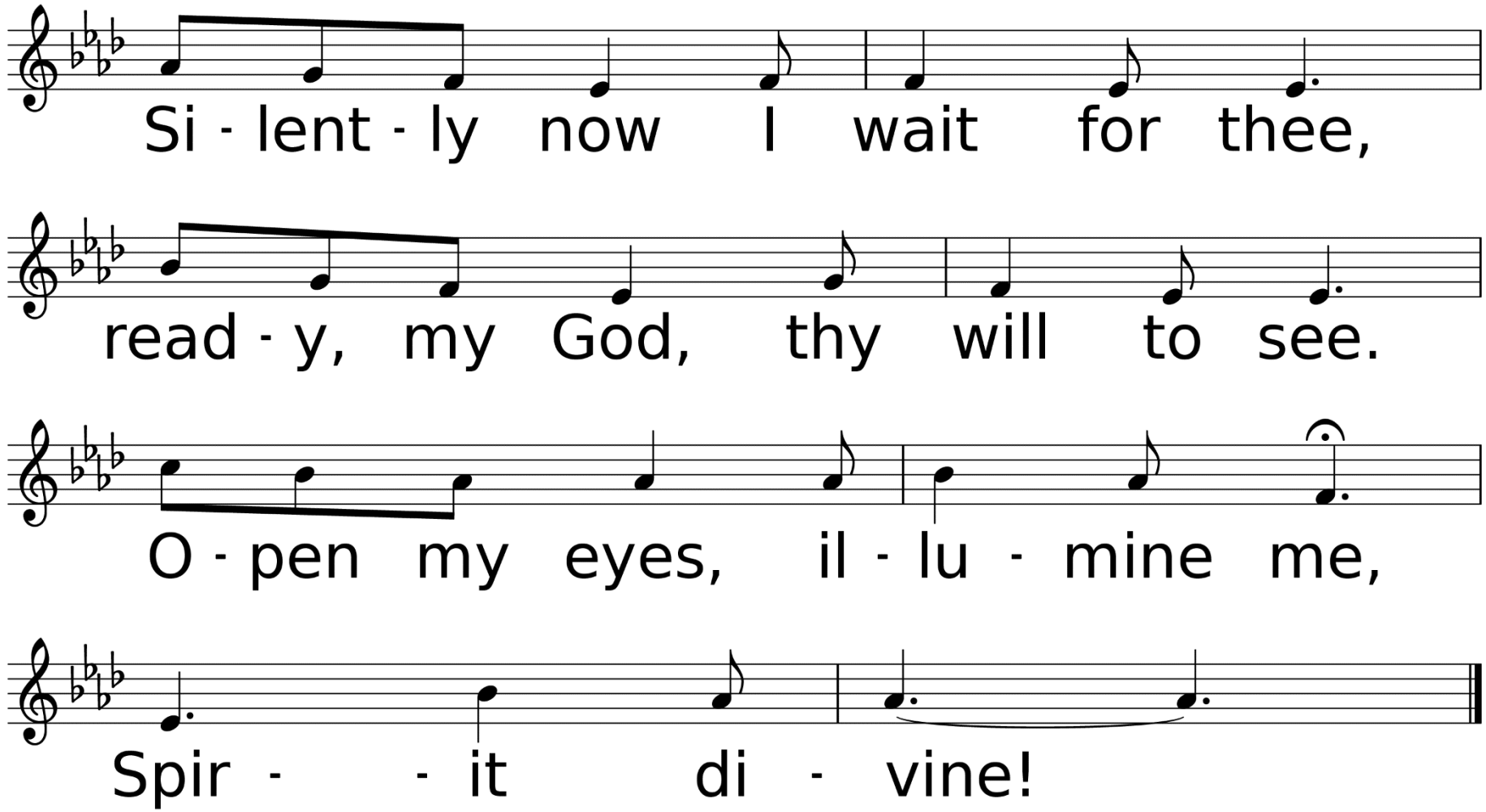
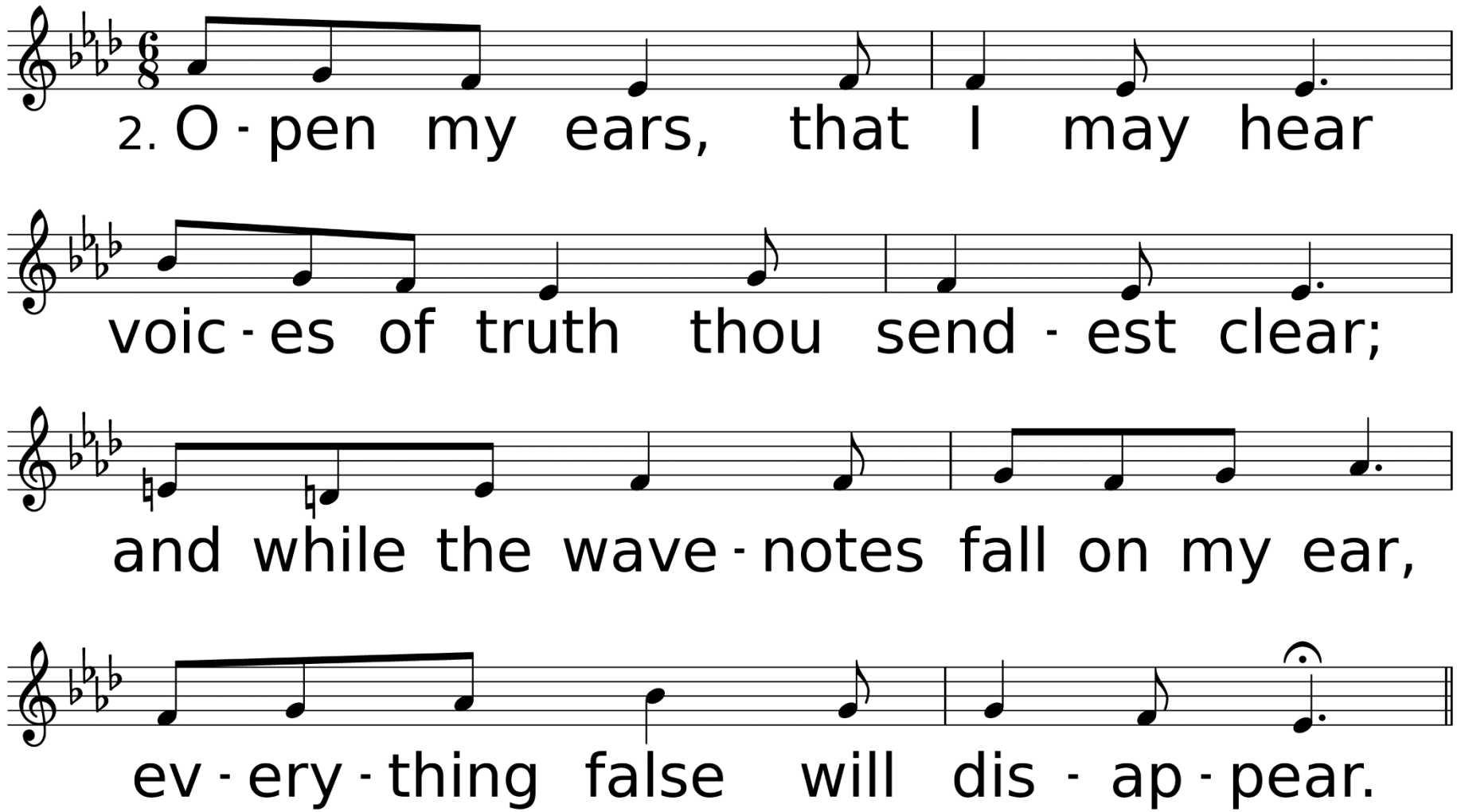

Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee,
read - y, my God, thy will to see.
O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me,
Spir - - it di - vine!


2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear
voic - es of truth thou send - est clear;
and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.

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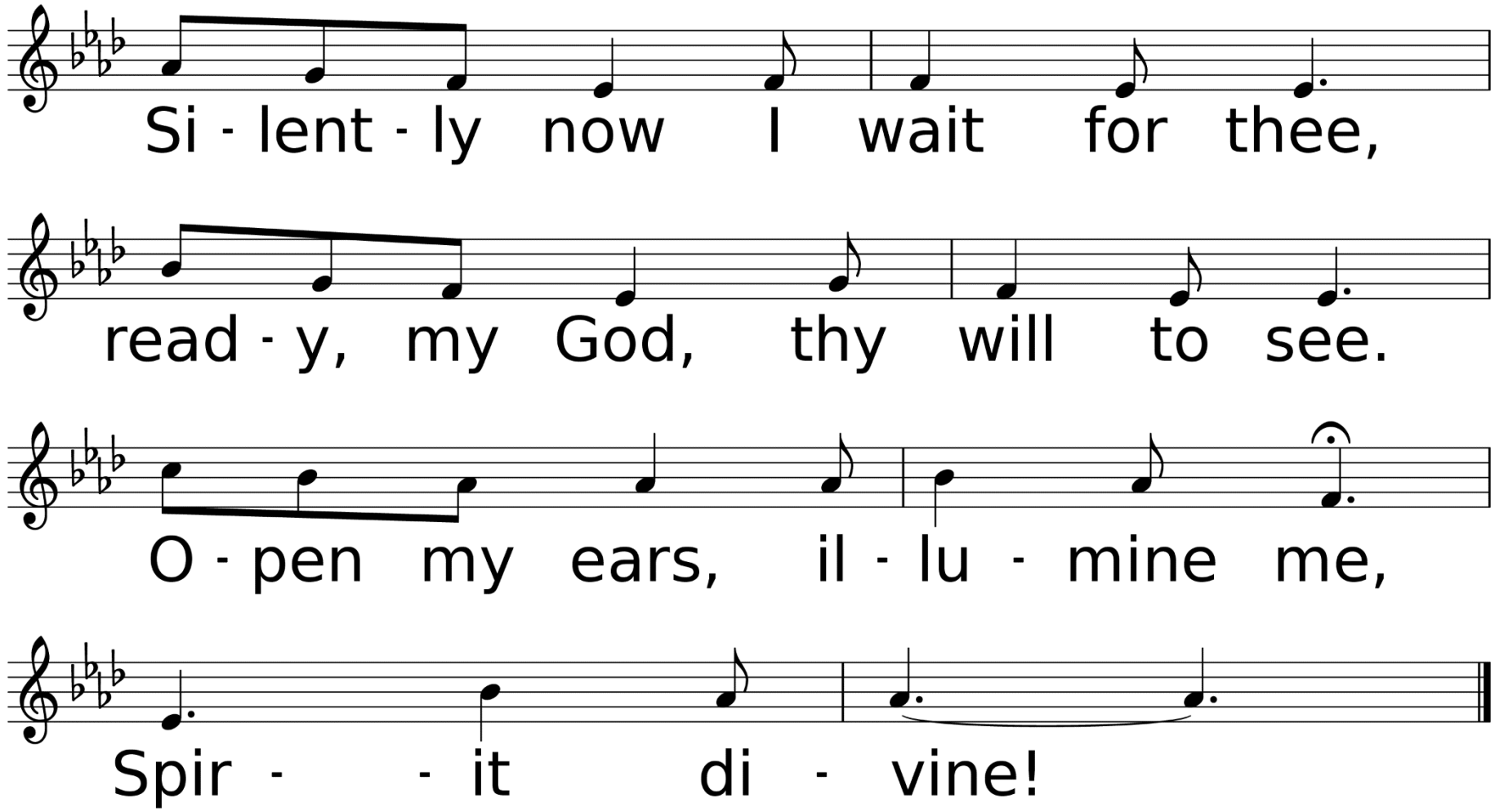
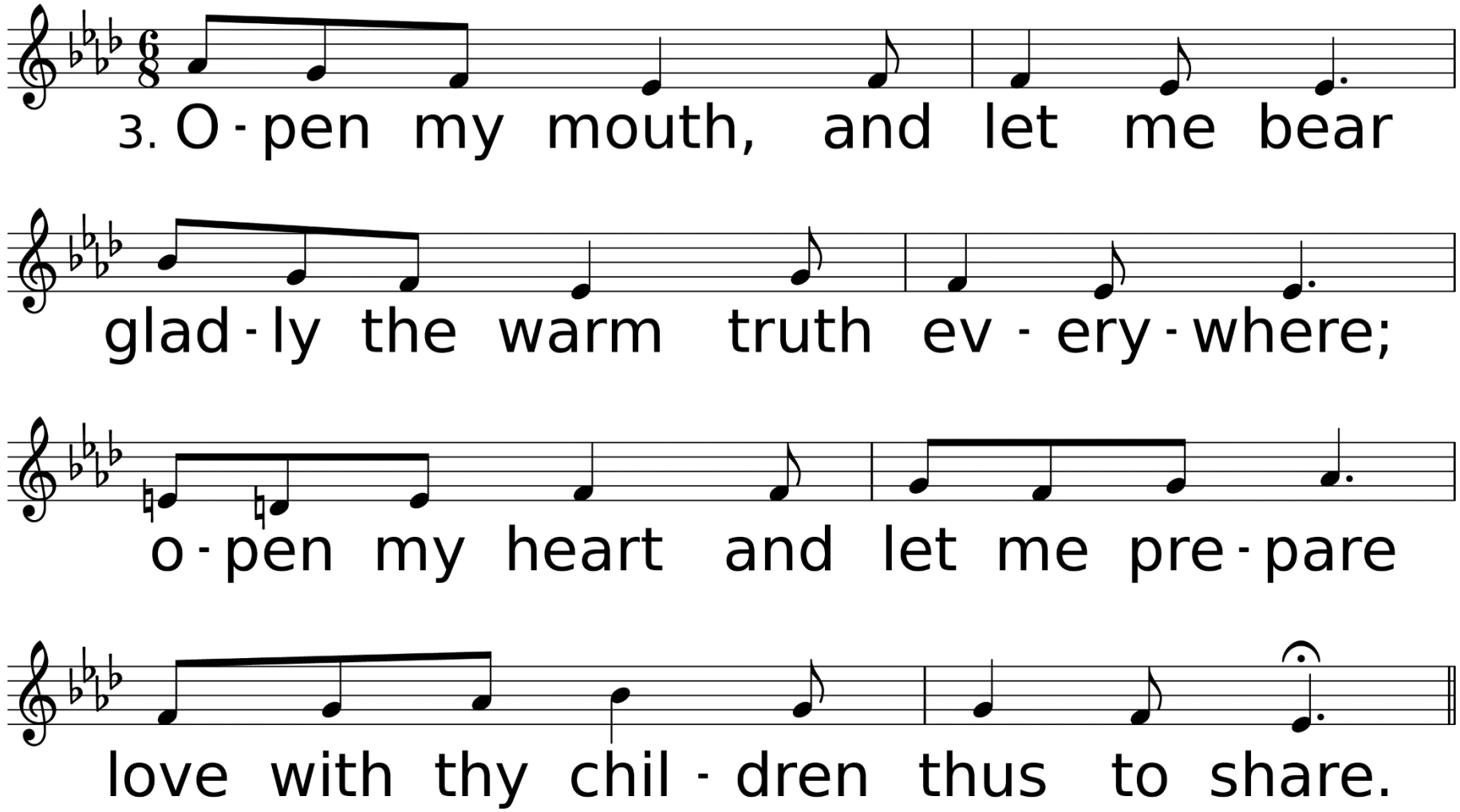
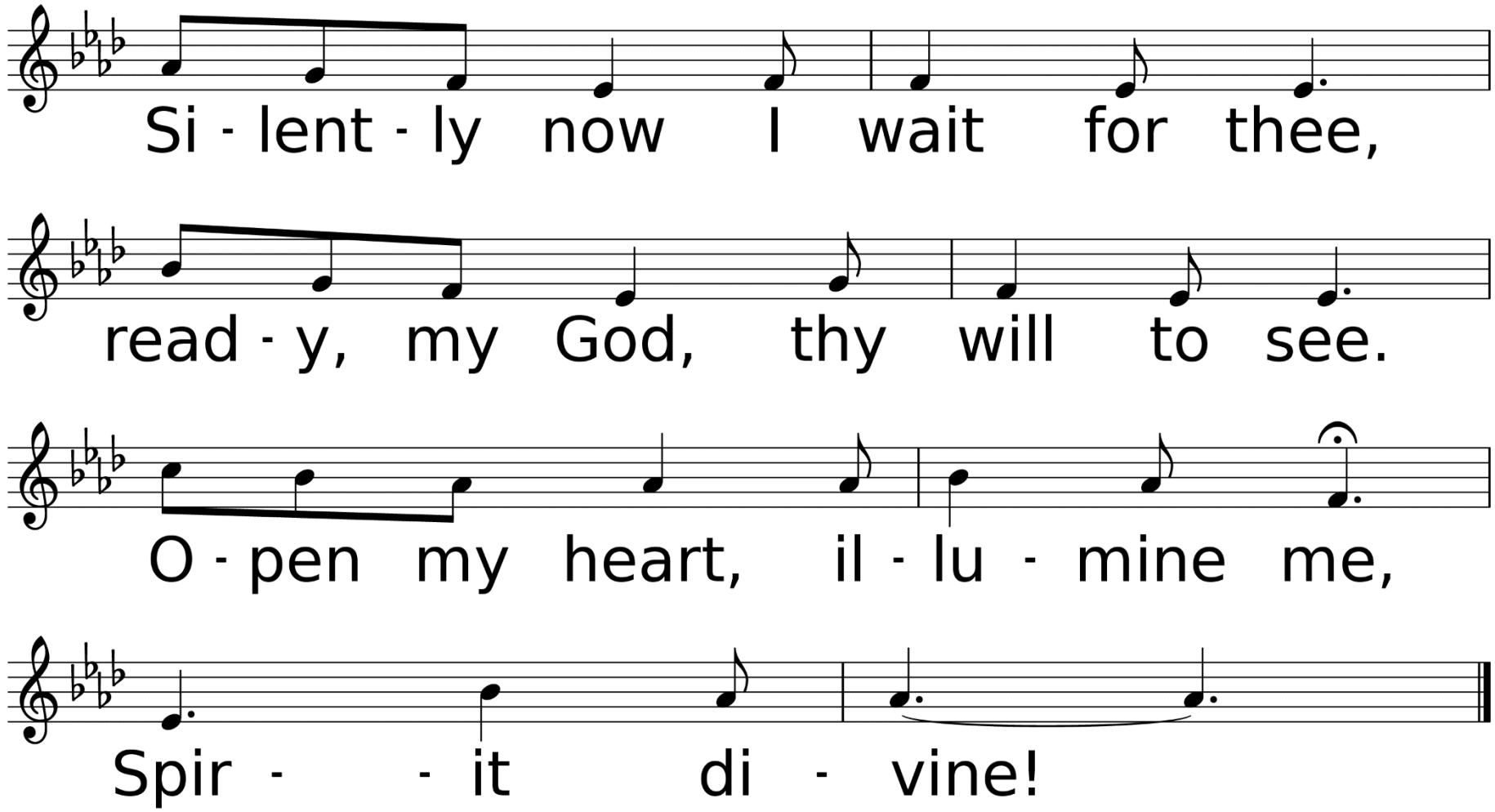



3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear
glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;
o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.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read - y, my God, thy will to see.
O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me,
Spir - - it di - vine!

Scripture Reading
John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven;

if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

“He Opened Their Minds” Sermon Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Anthem

Lonely Road! Up Calvary's Way

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*Hymn of Invitation

This Is My Song

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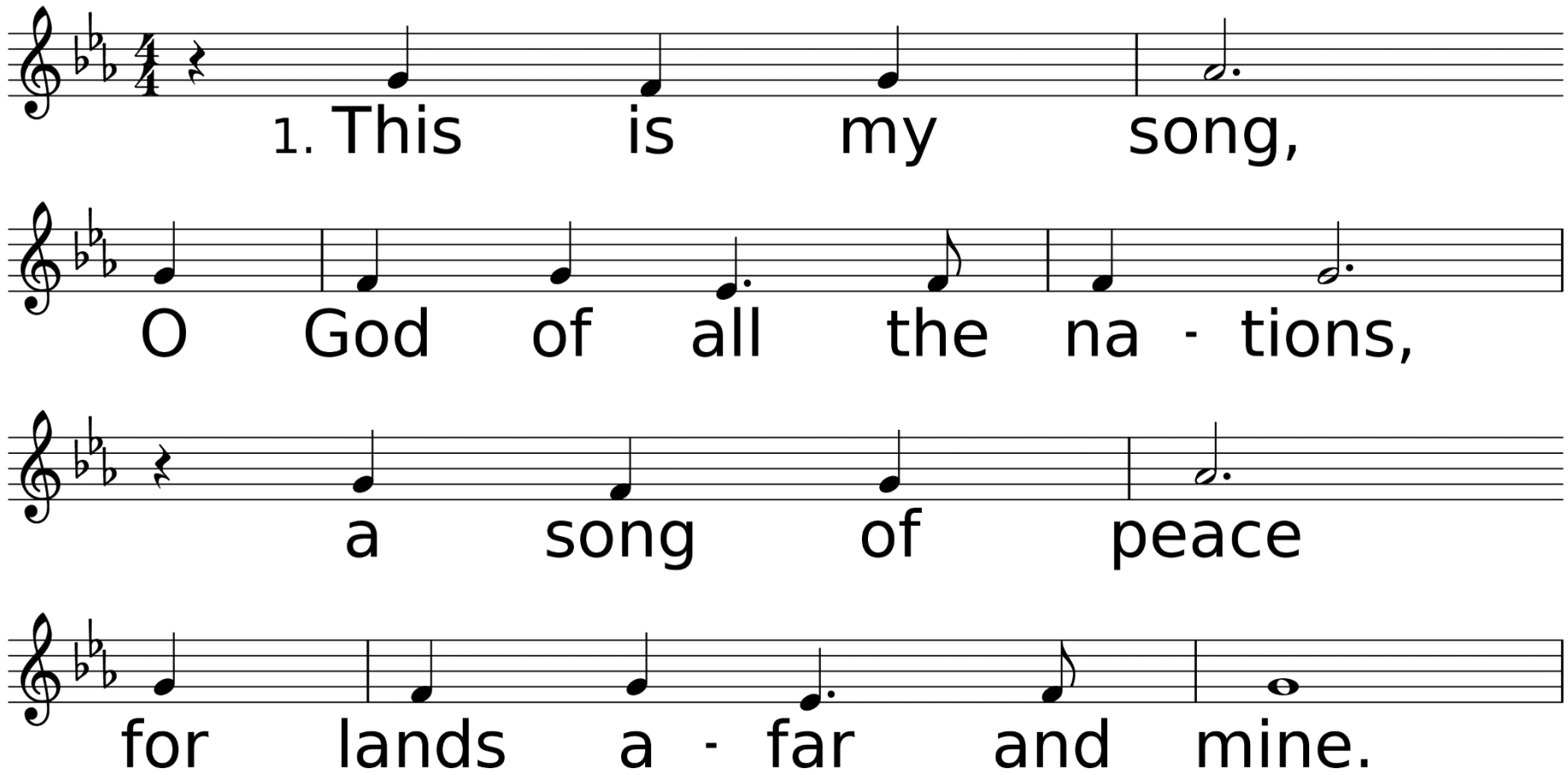

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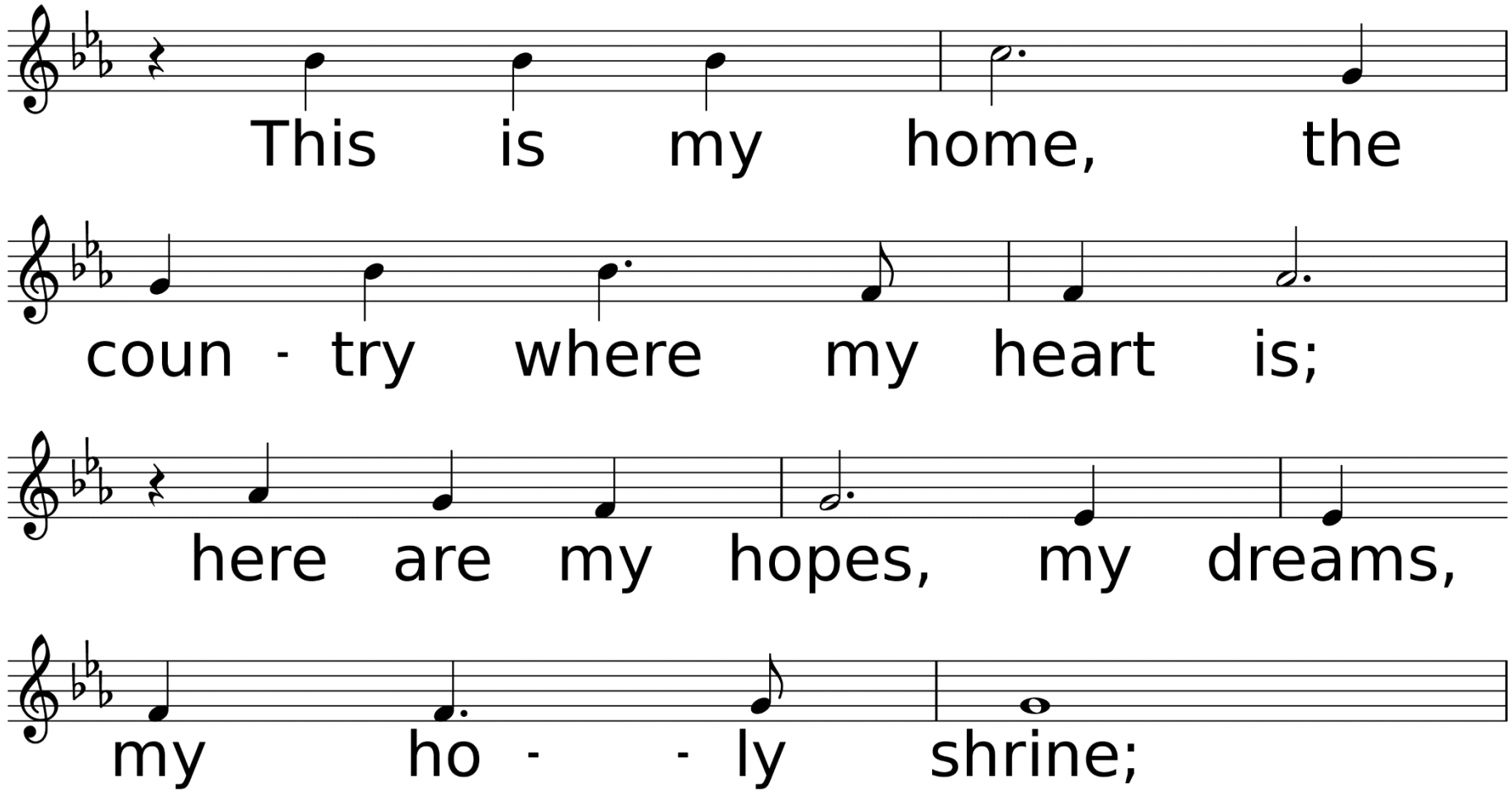
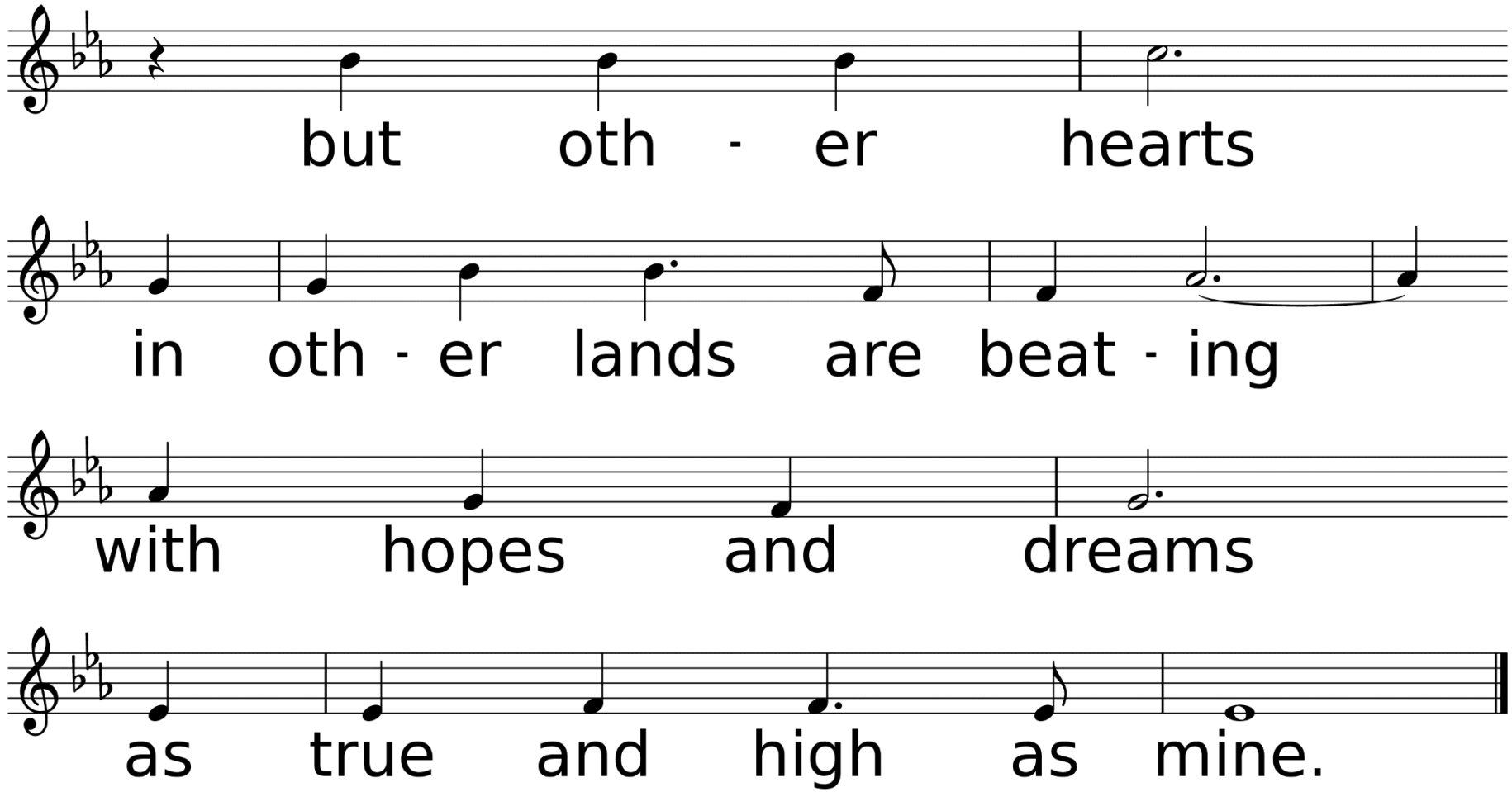
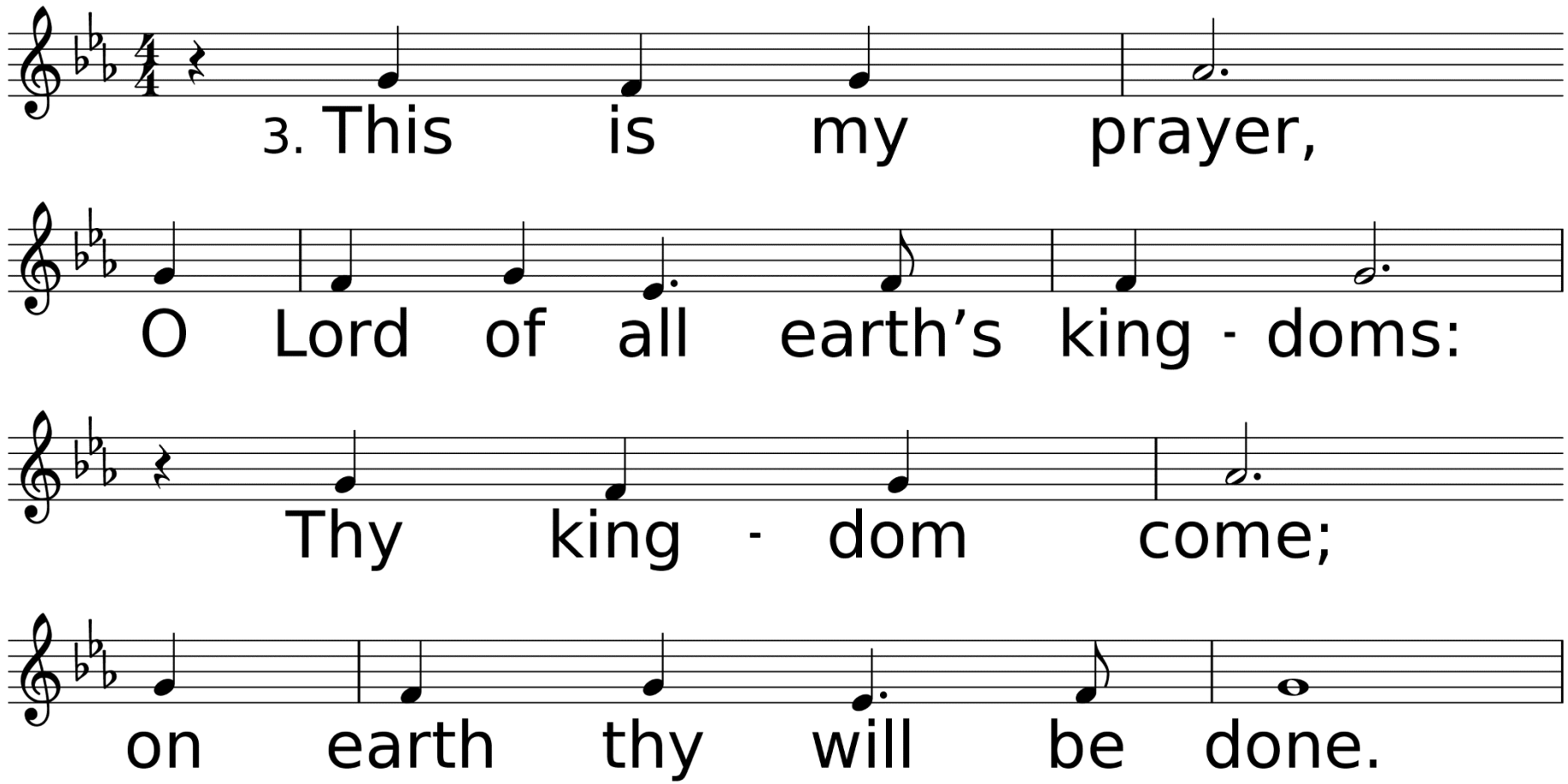
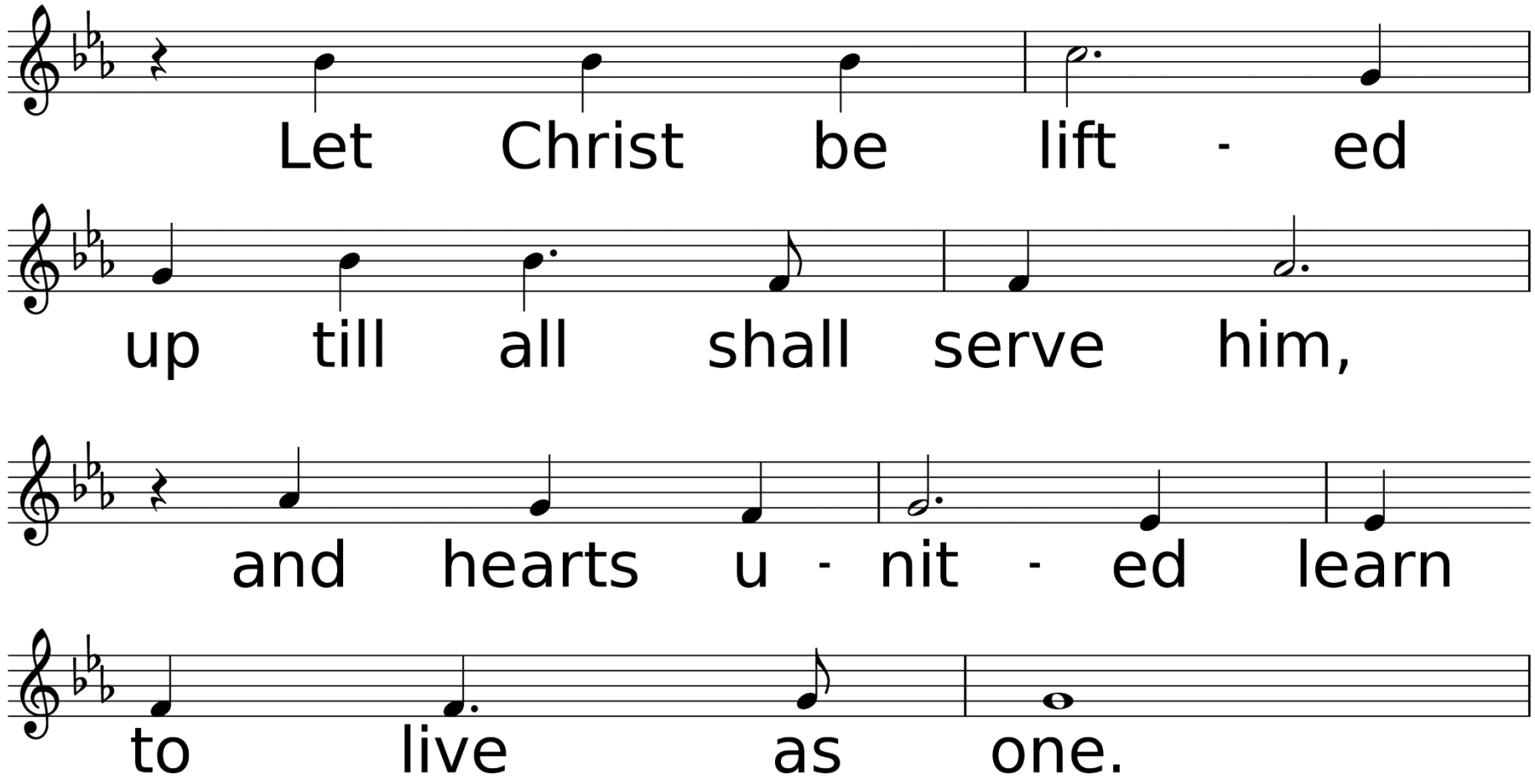
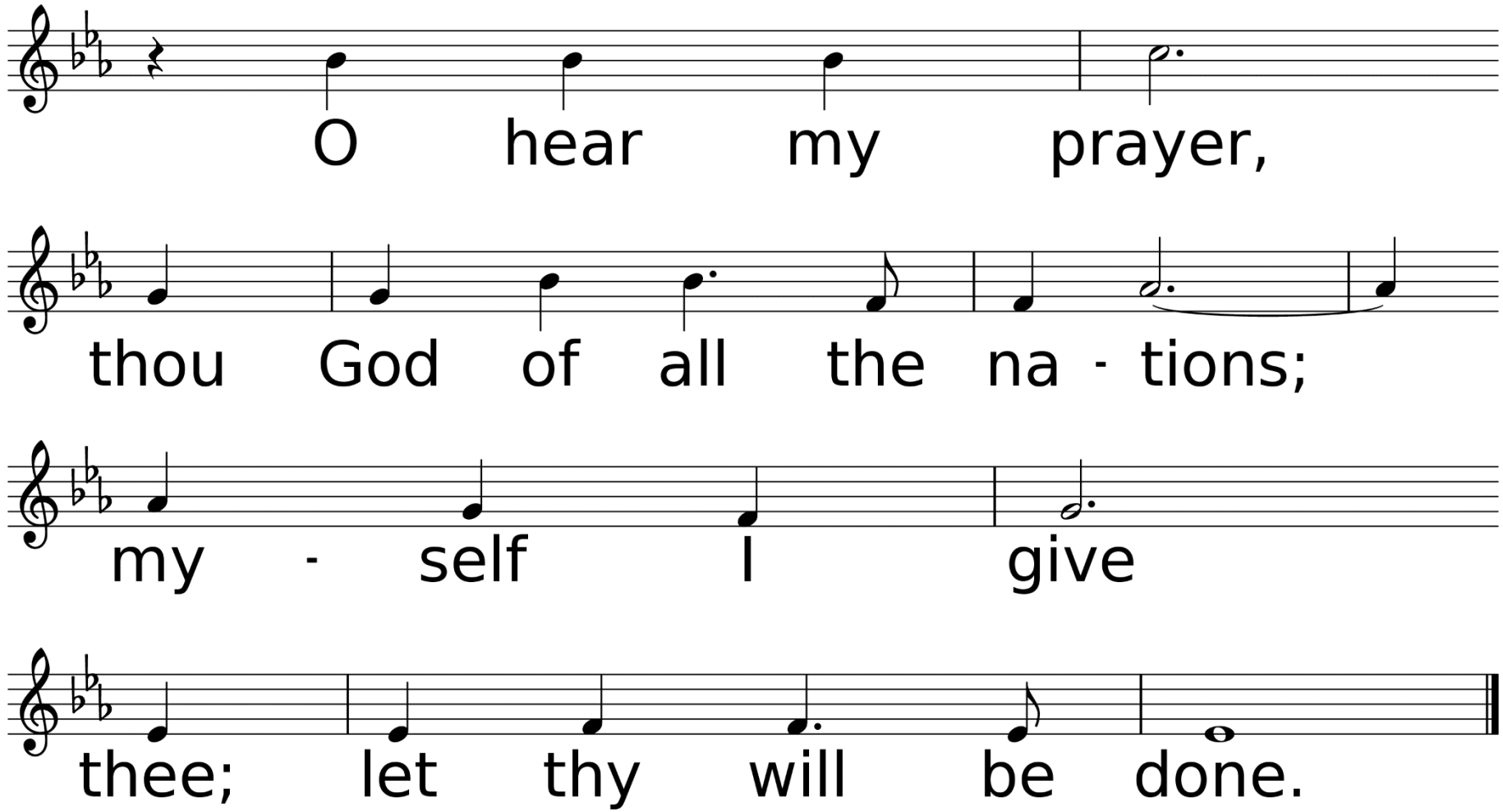

This is my home, the
coun - try where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams,
my ho - - ly shrine;

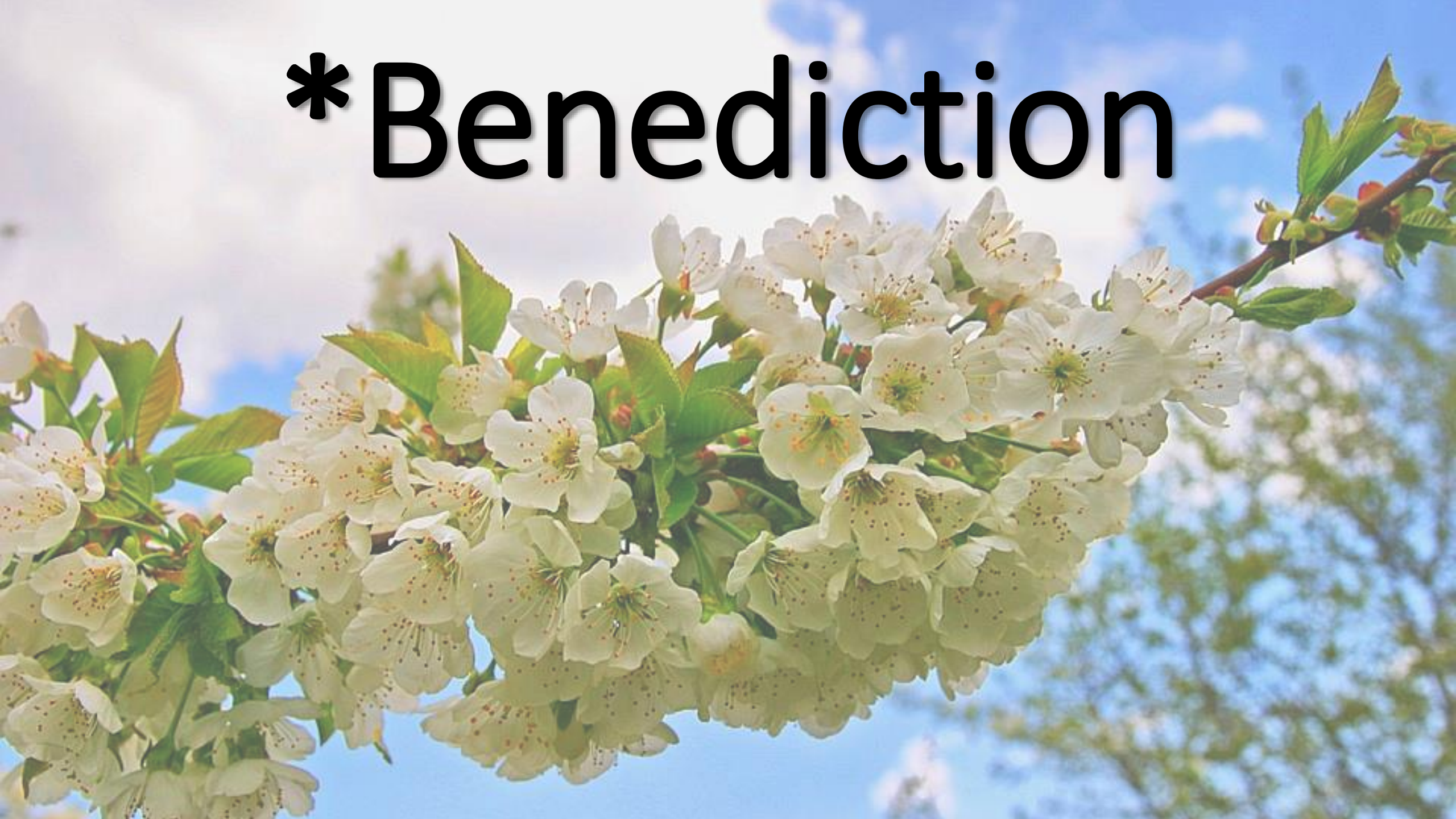

but oth - er hearts
in oth - er lands are beat - ing
with hopes and dreams
as true and high as mine.


3. This is my prayer,
O Lord of all earth's king - doms:
Thy king - dom come;
on earth thy will be done.


Let Christ be lift - ed
up till all shall serve him,
and hearts u - nit - ed learn
to live as one.


O hear my prayer,
thou God of all the na - tions;
my - self I give
thee; let thy will be done.

*Benediction



*Sending Forth

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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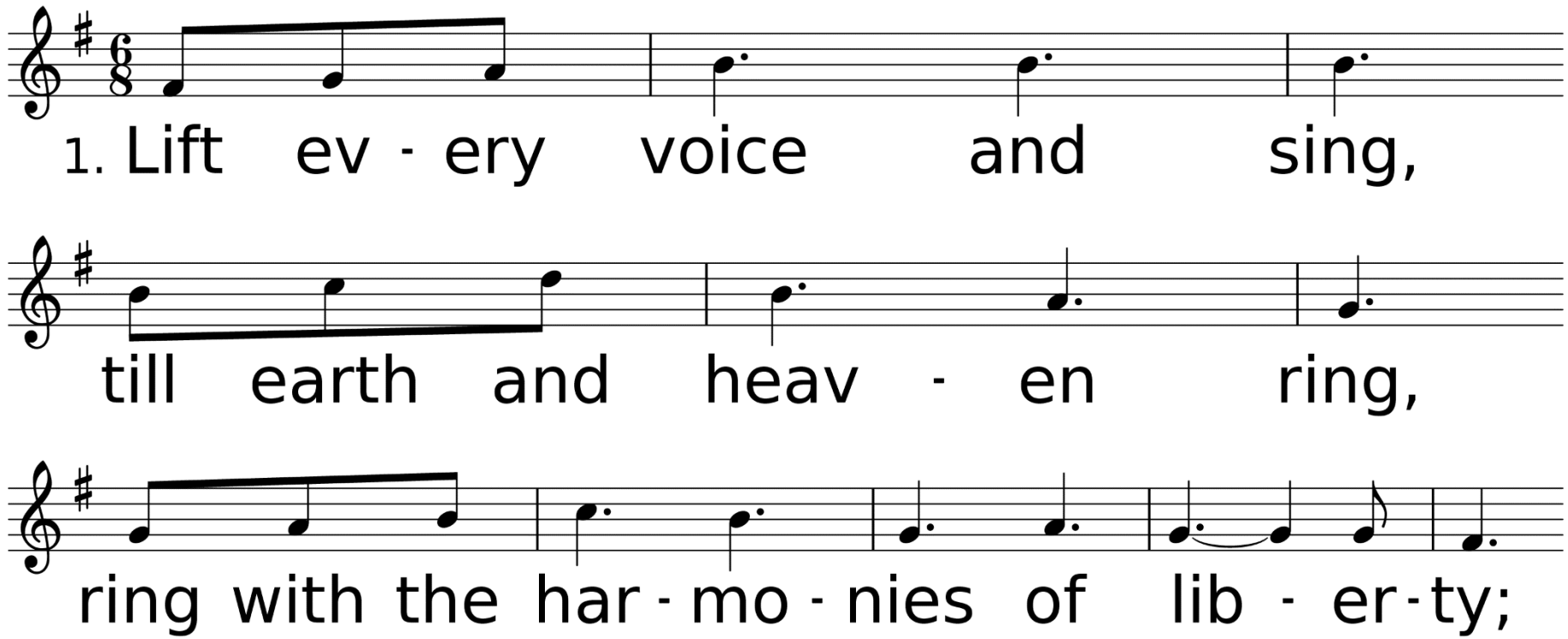

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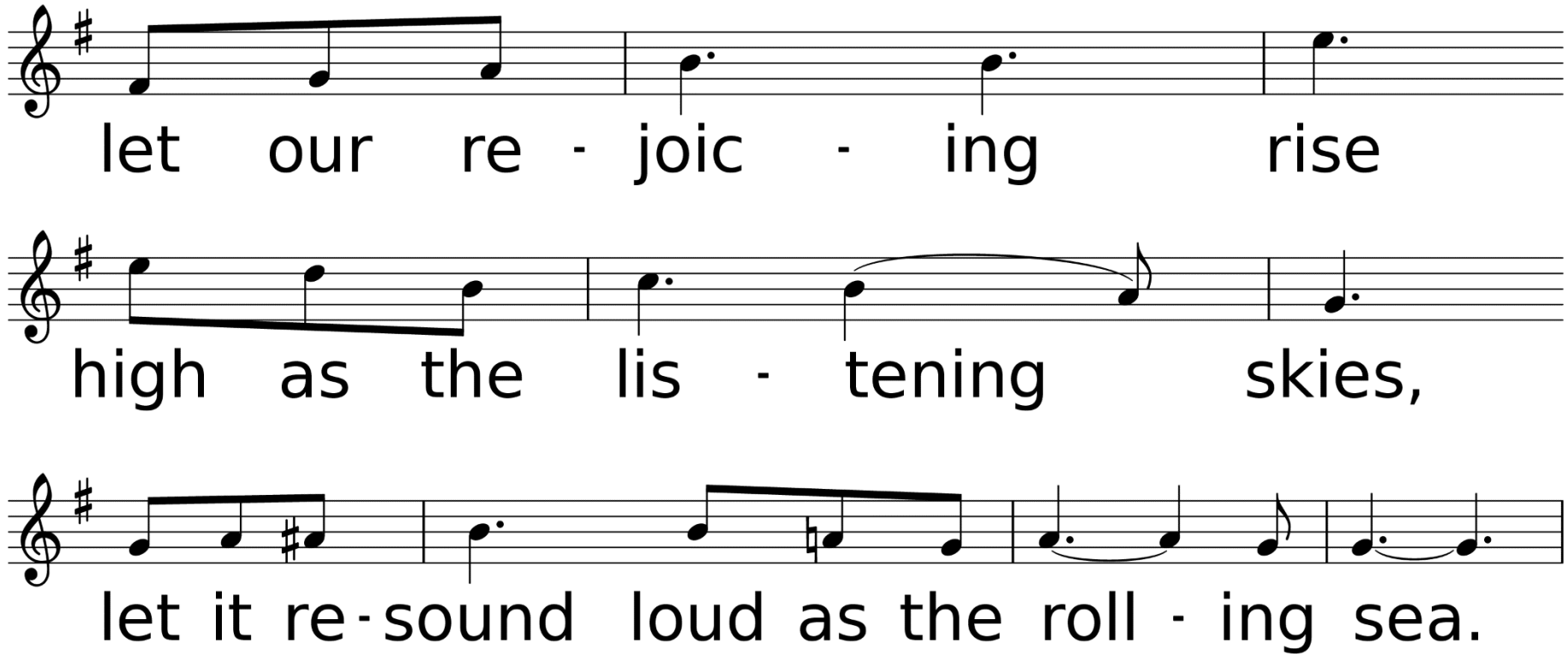
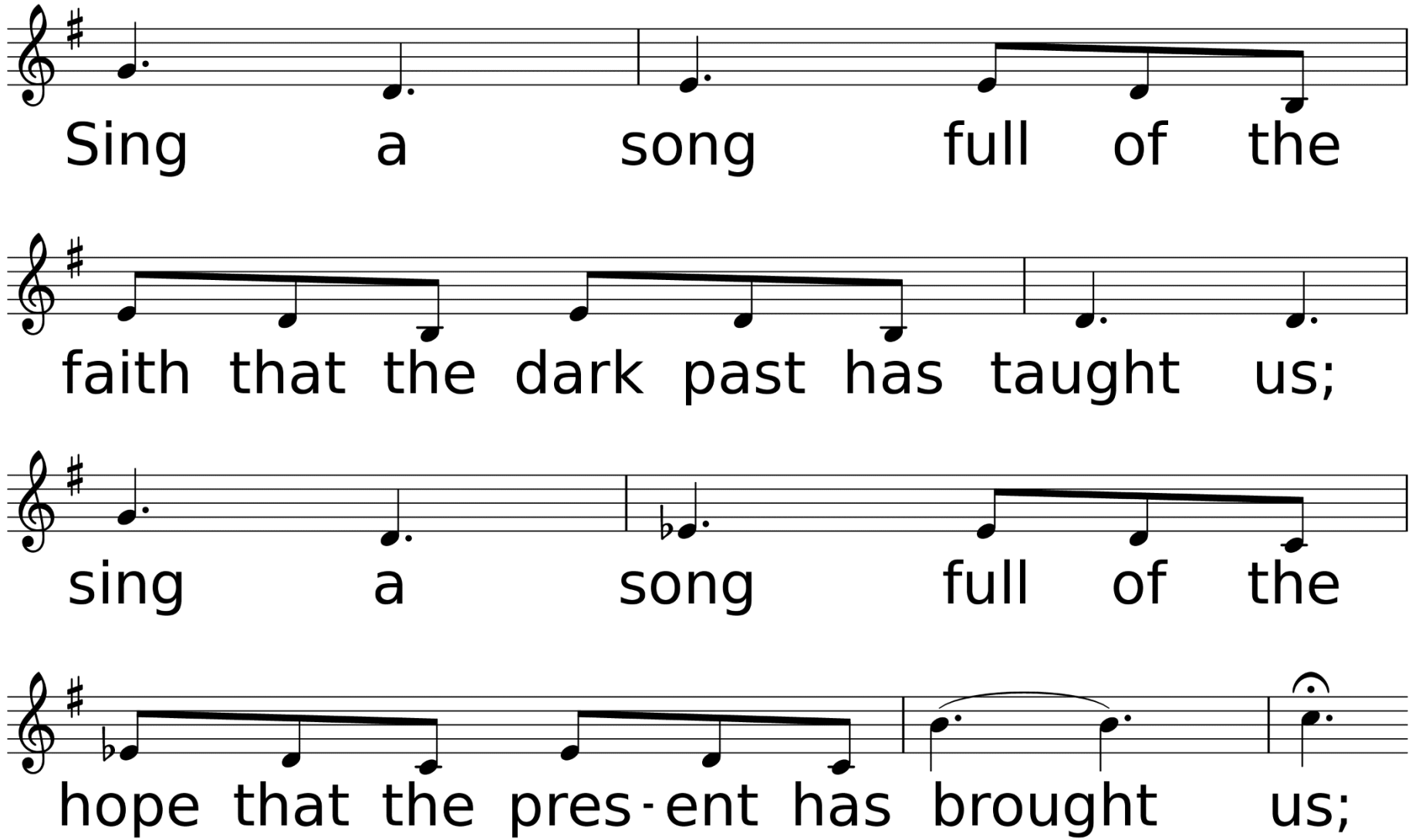
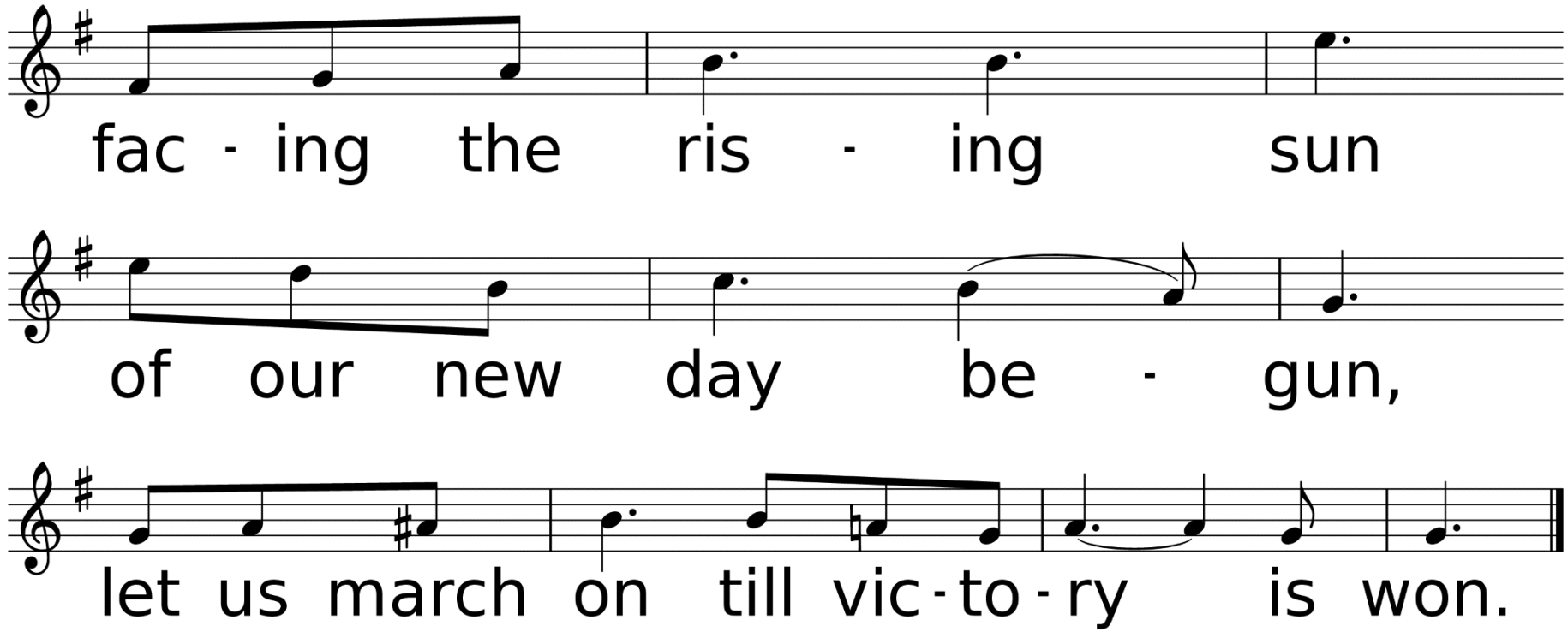

let our re - joic - ing rise
high as the lis - tening skies,
let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.


Sing a song full of the
faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the
hope that the pres-ent has brought us;


fac - ing the ris - ing sun
of our new day be - gun,
let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.

Thank you for joining us today!