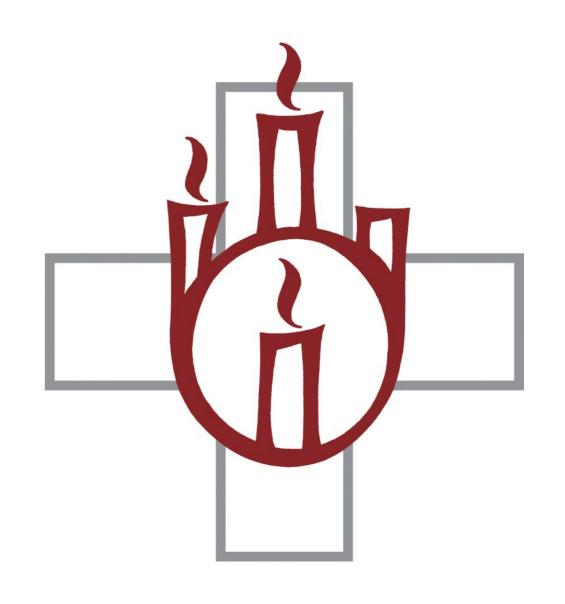
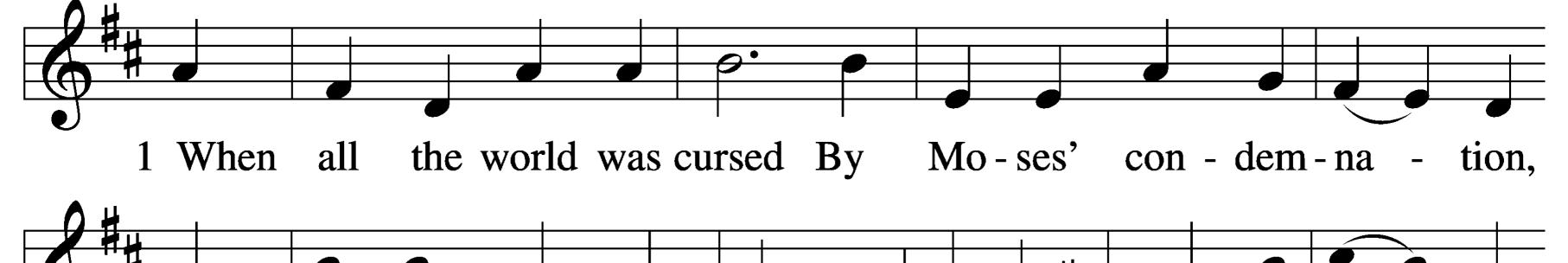
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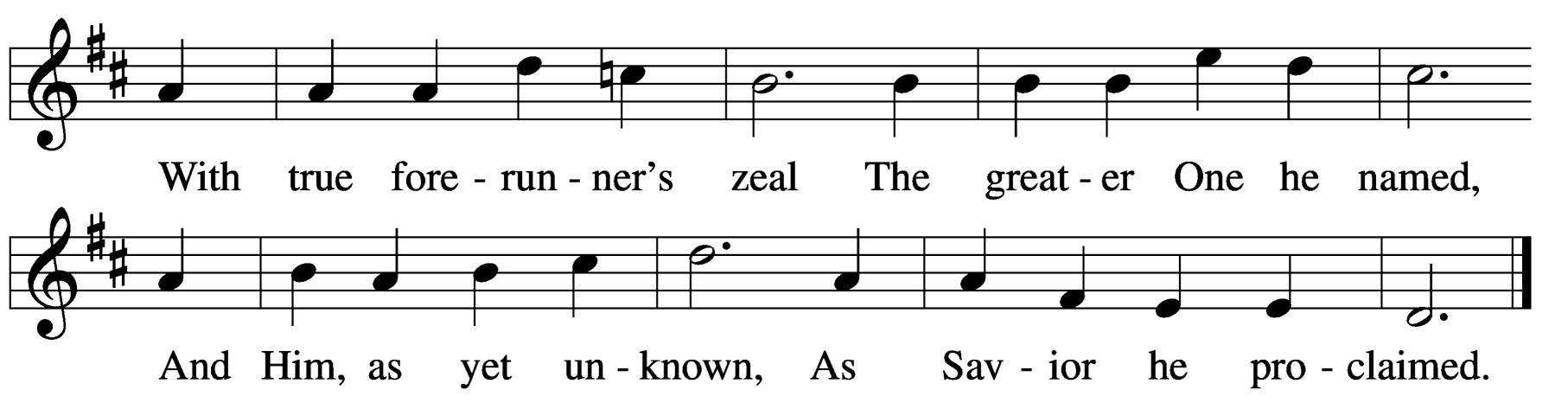
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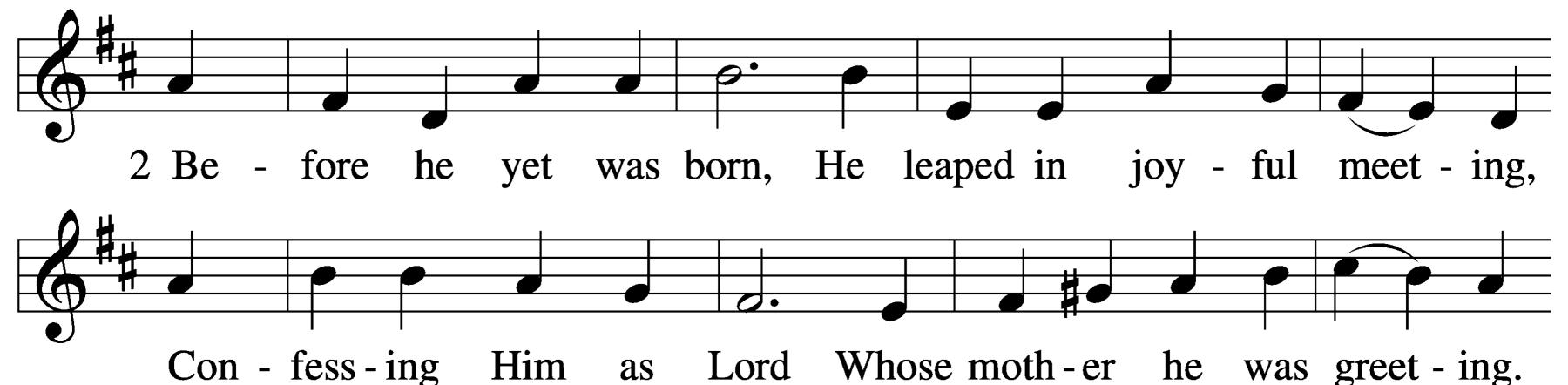
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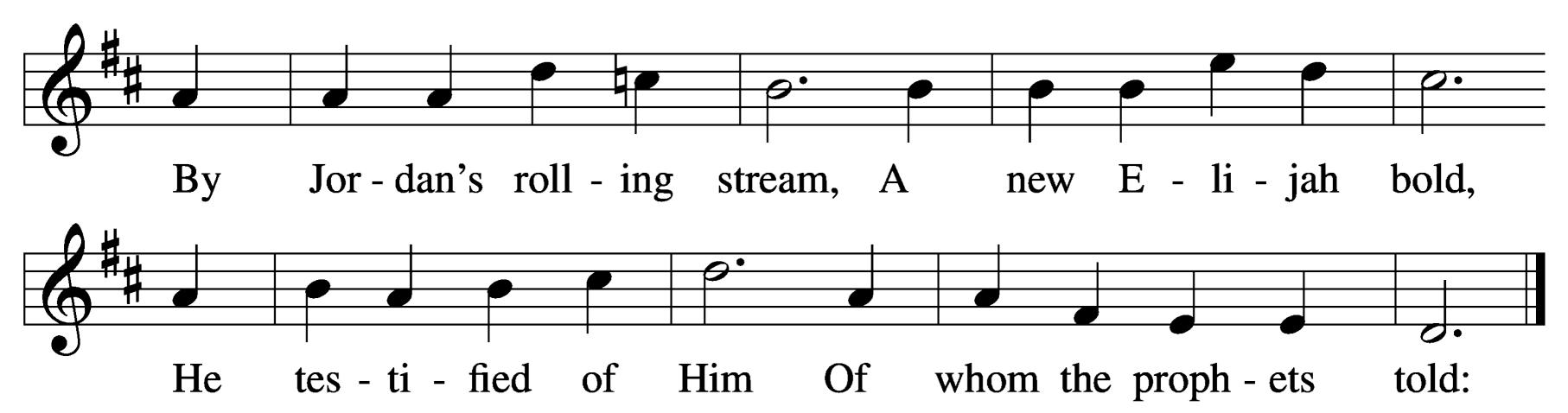




Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.





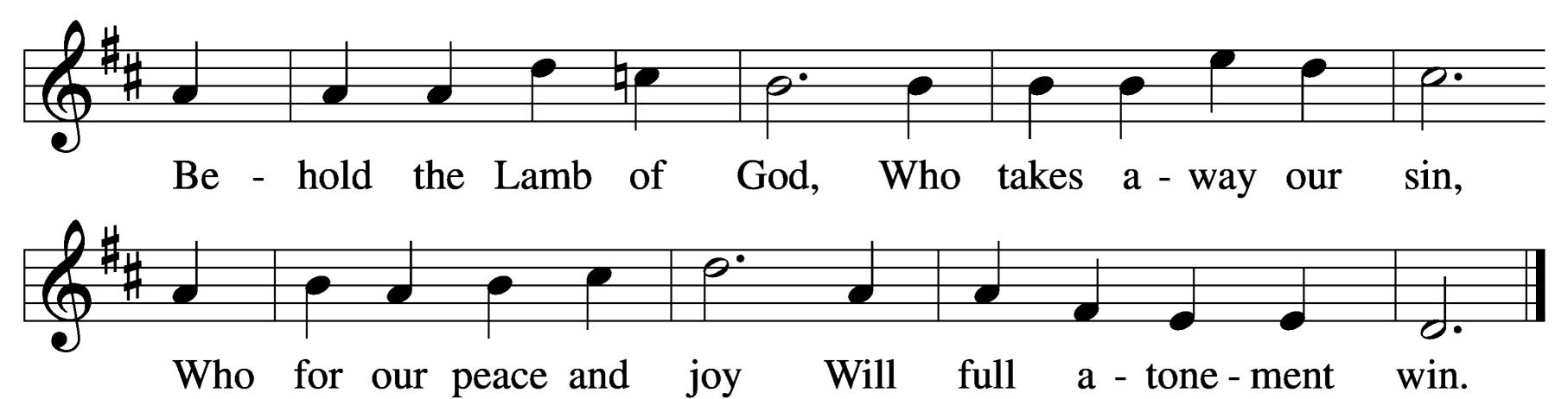




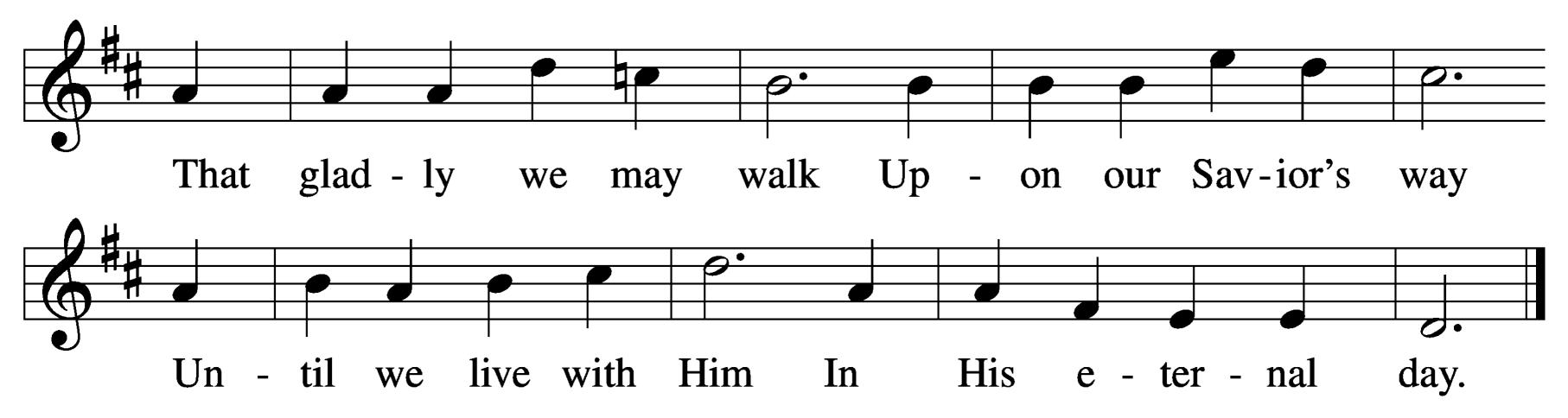
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,



Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev-il's dread op - pres - sion.







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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Exhortation

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

I. You shall have no other gods.

II. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

III. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

IV. Honor your father and your mother.

V. You shall not murder.

VI. You shall not commit adultery.

VII. You shall not steal.

VIII. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

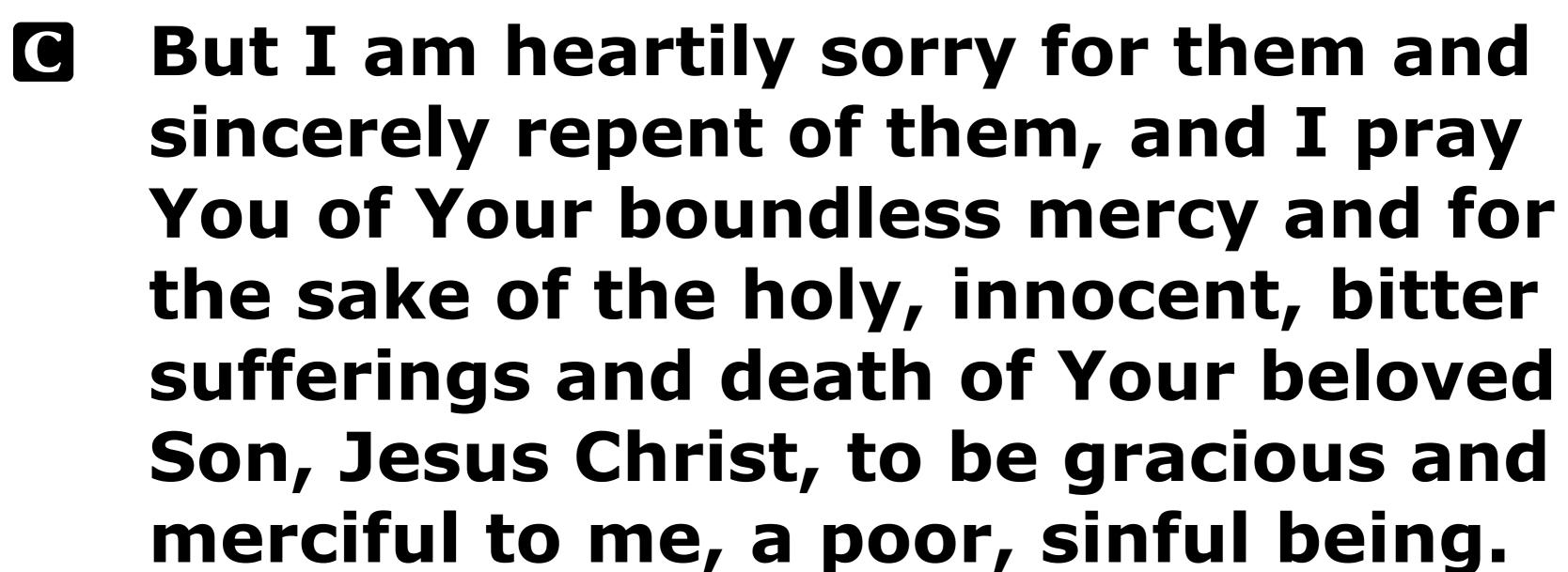
IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

X. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

Confession of Sins



Absolution

P

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Introit



Rejoice in the Lord | always;* again I will say, | Rejoice.

I will hope con- | tinually* and will praise you yet | more and more.

Introit

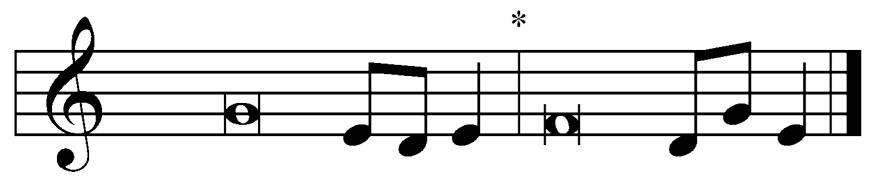


My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,* for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God | I will remind them of your righteous acts.

I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

Introit



O God, from my youth you have I taught me,* and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,* until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all I those to come.

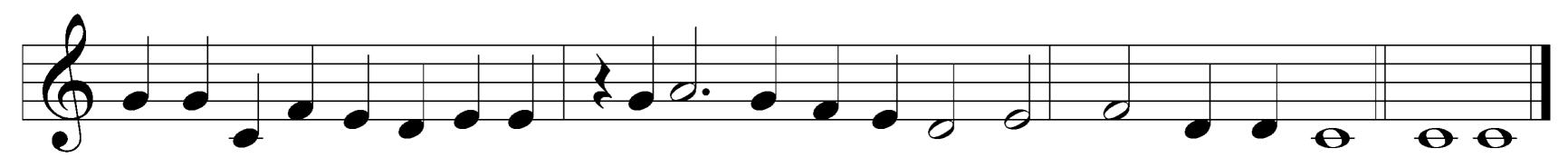
Gloria Patri



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther

and to the Son

and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



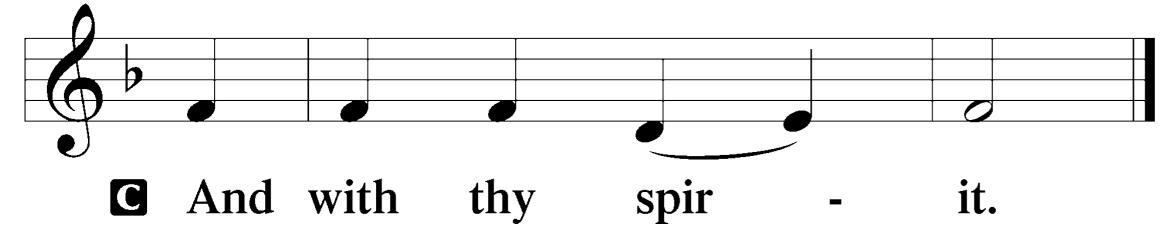
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

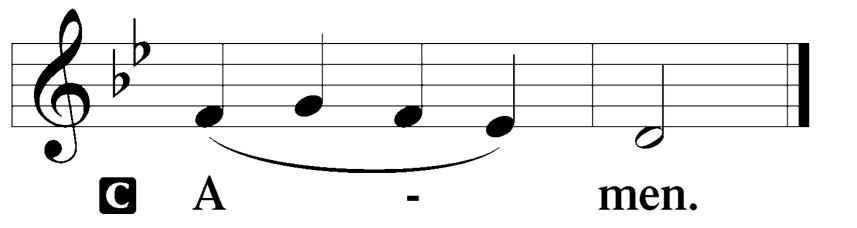


Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation;

Salutation and Collect of the Day

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD,

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way;

even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10
 they shall obtain gladness and joy,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: James 5:7-11

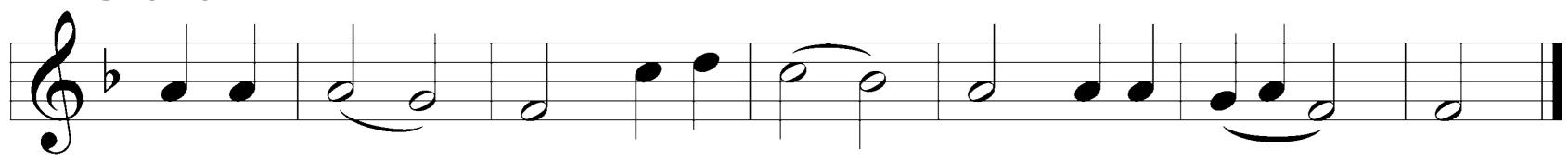
Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

Epistle Reading: James 5:7-11

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

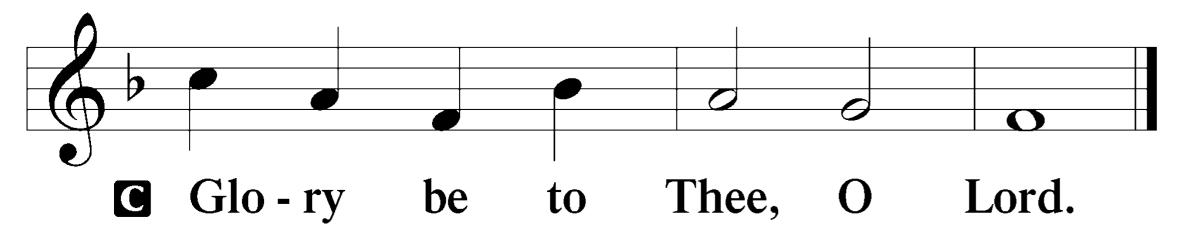
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

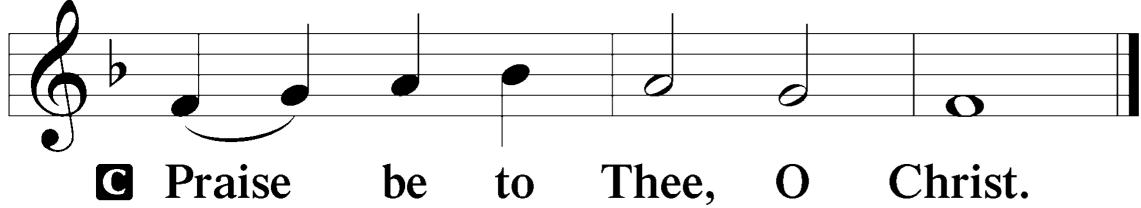
"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

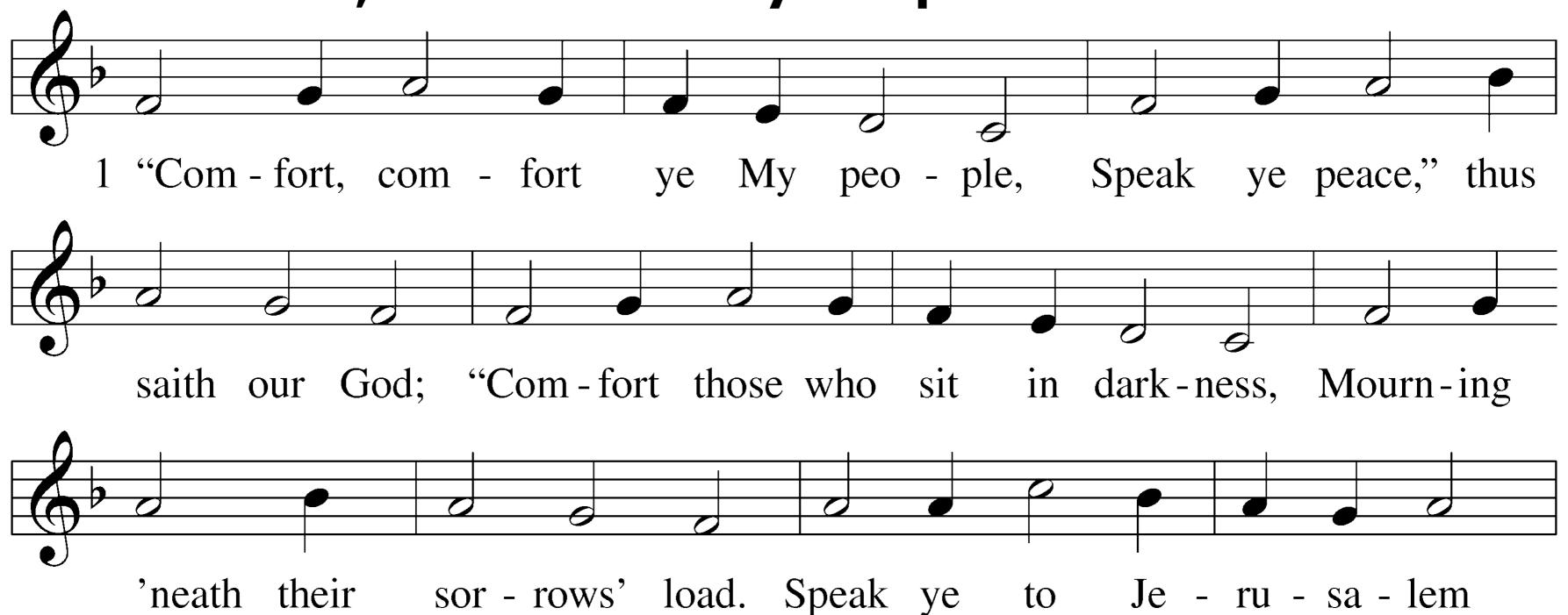
who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence,

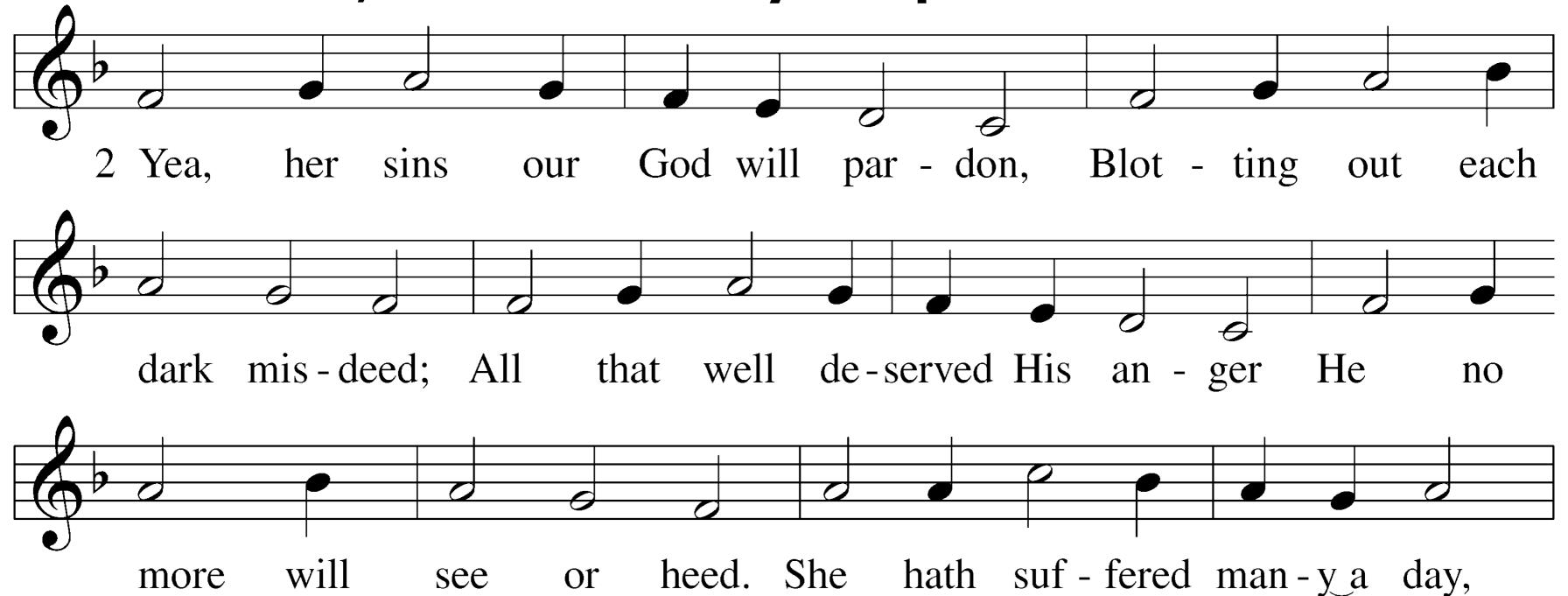
and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

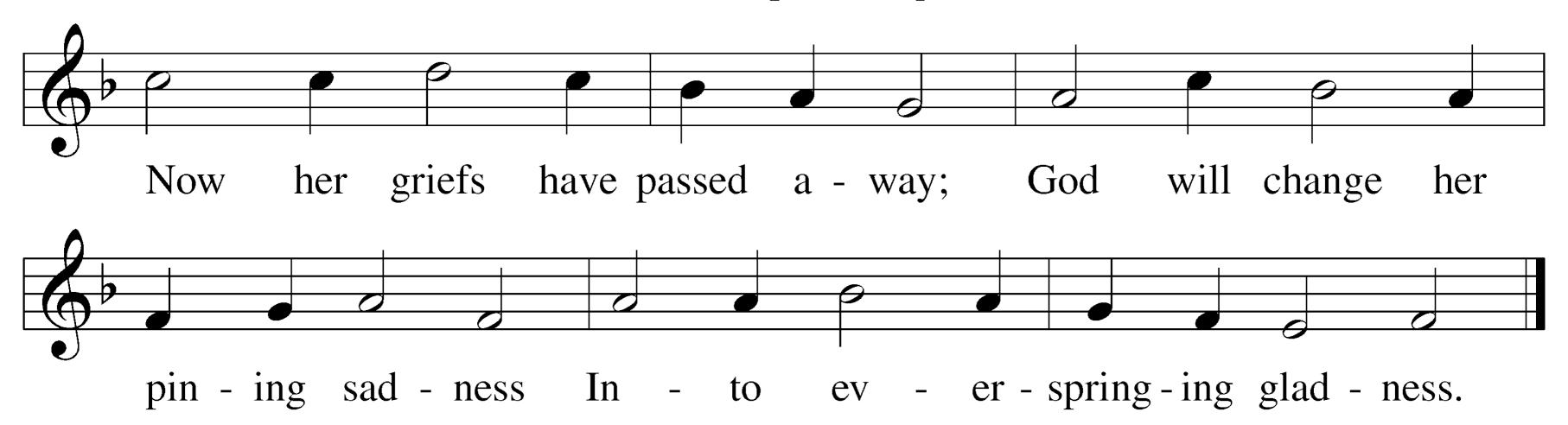
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





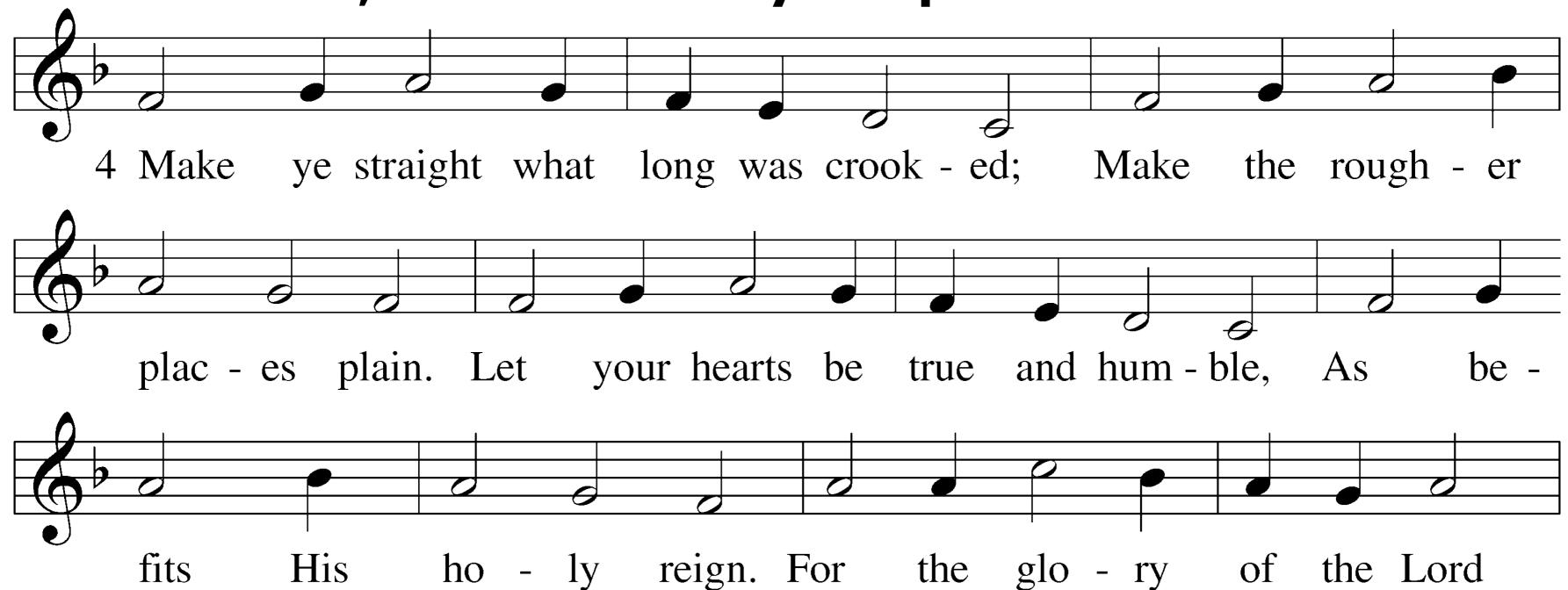


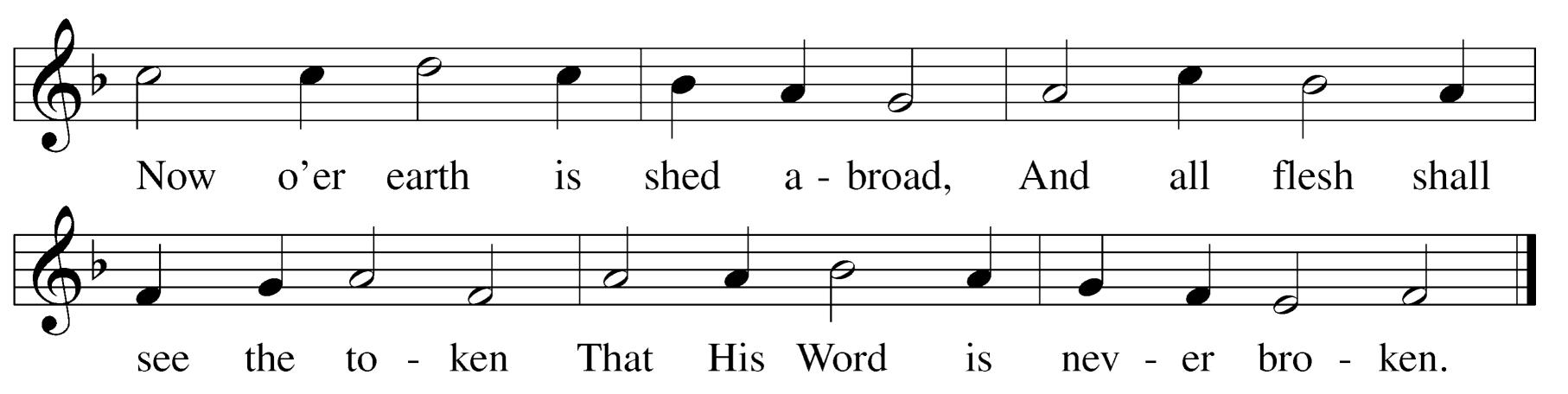












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Sermon

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,



God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

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and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures



And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

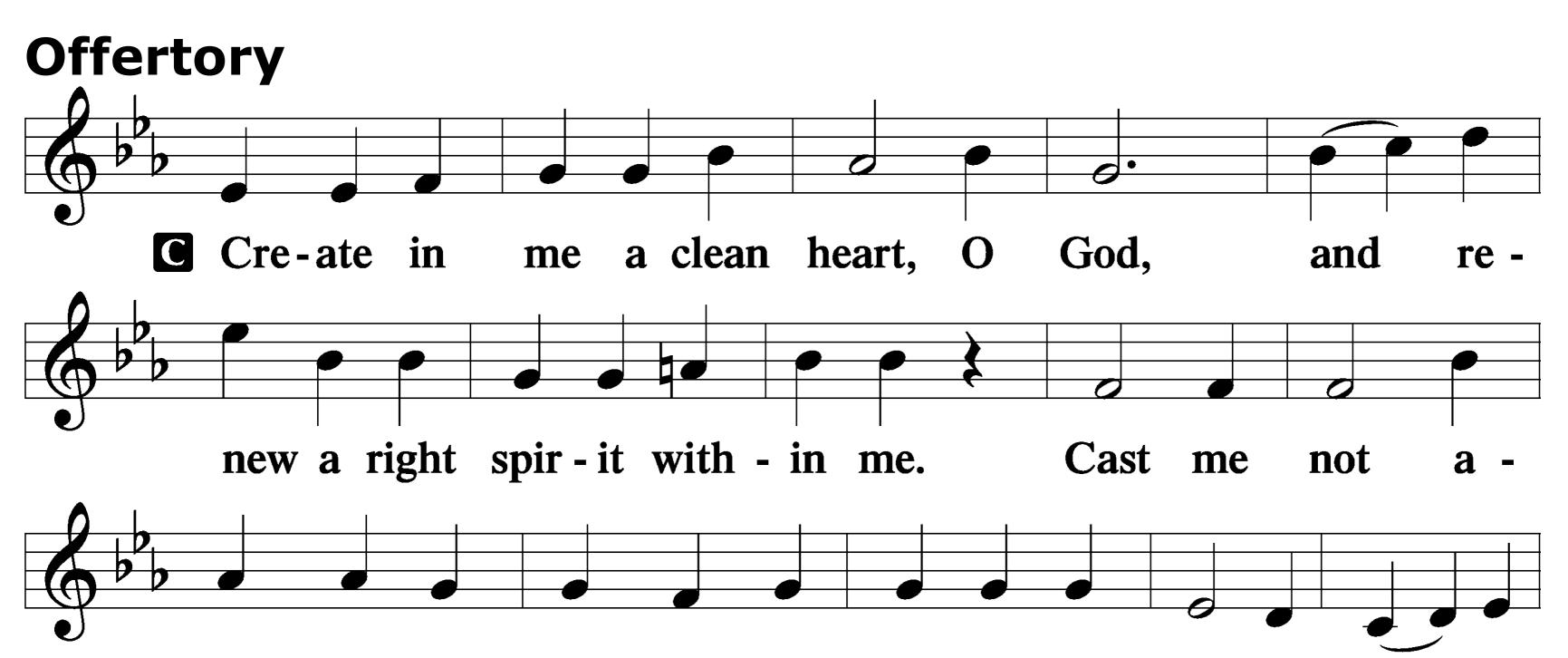
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who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

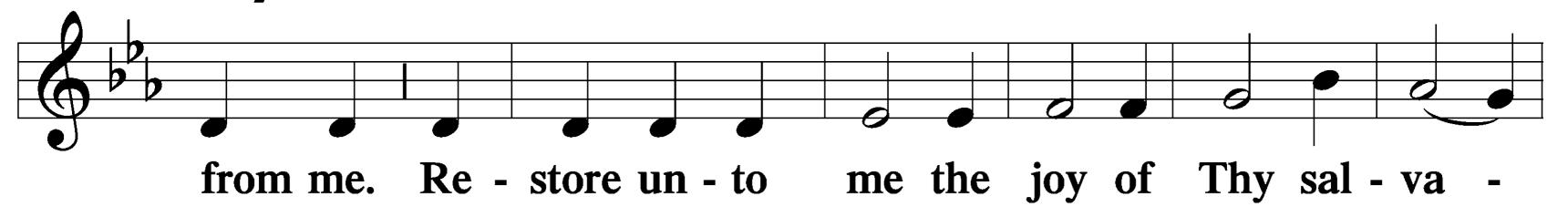
of the world to come. Amen.

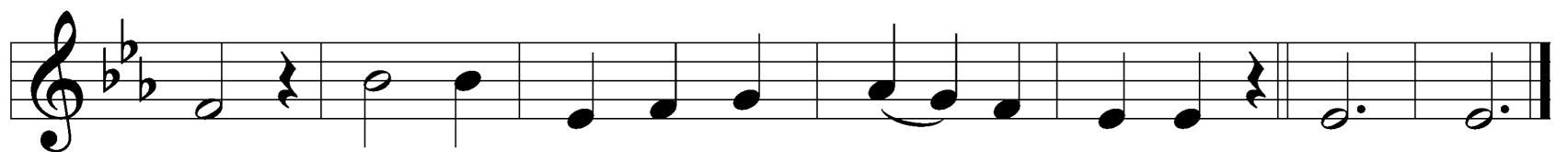
Offering



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it

Offertory





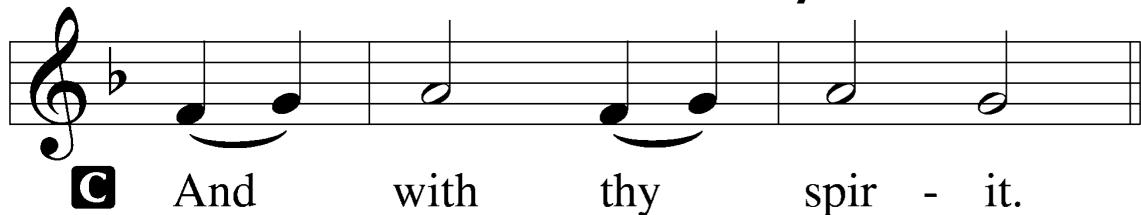
and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

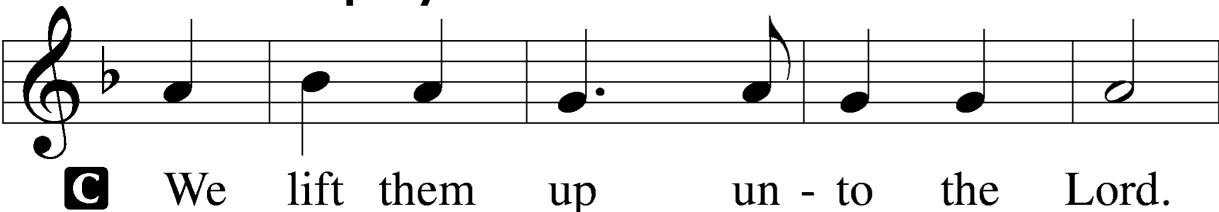
- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- P ...Lord, in Your mercy,
 P ...let us pray to the Lord:
 D Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G Amen.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

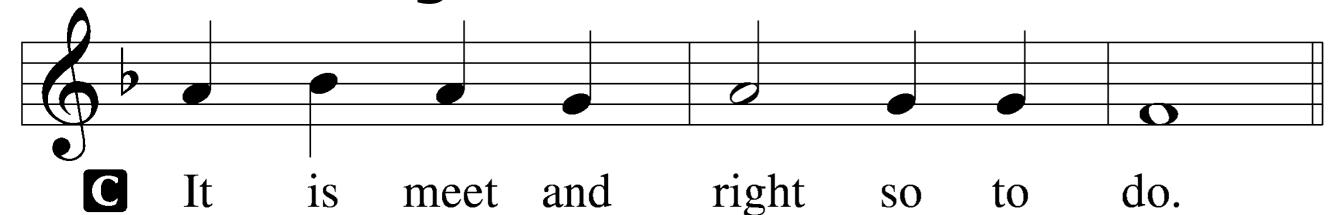






Preface

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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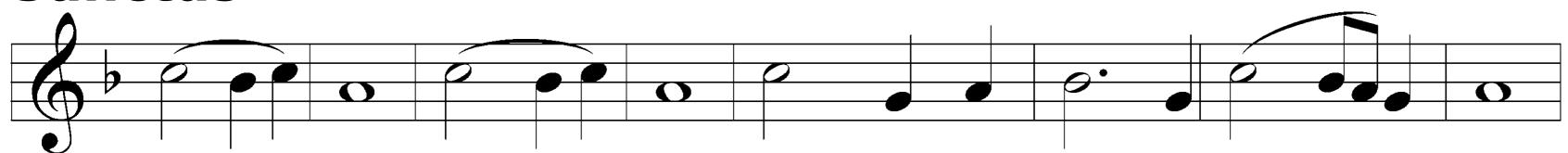
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

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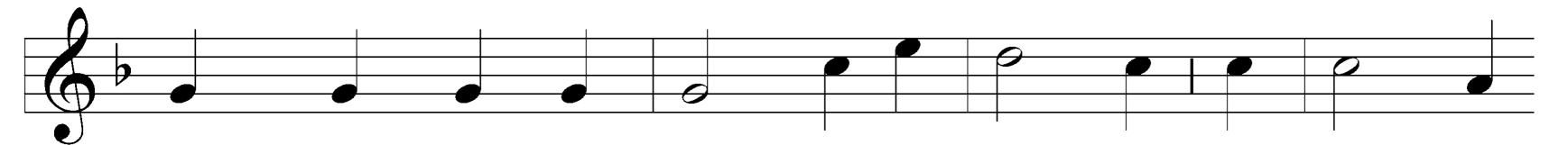


and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

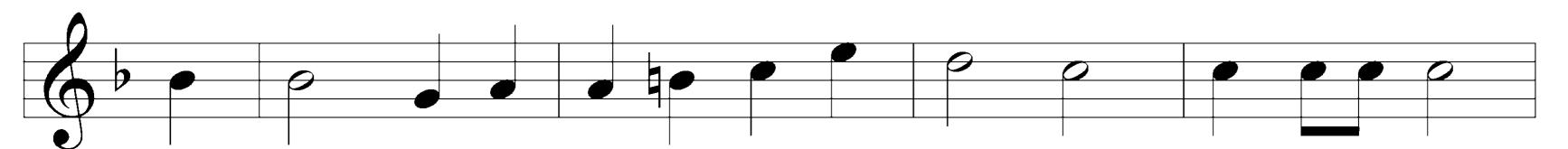
Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

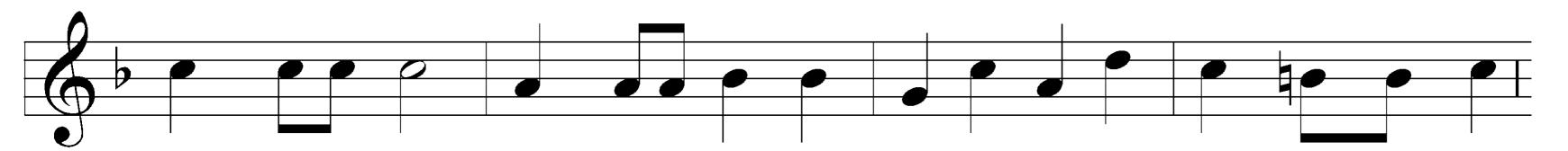


heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

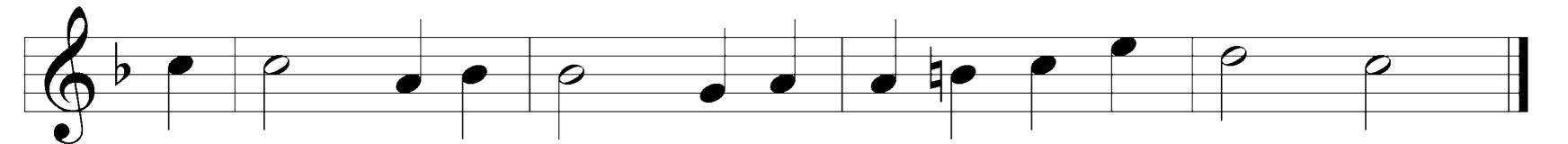


ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

Sanctus



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

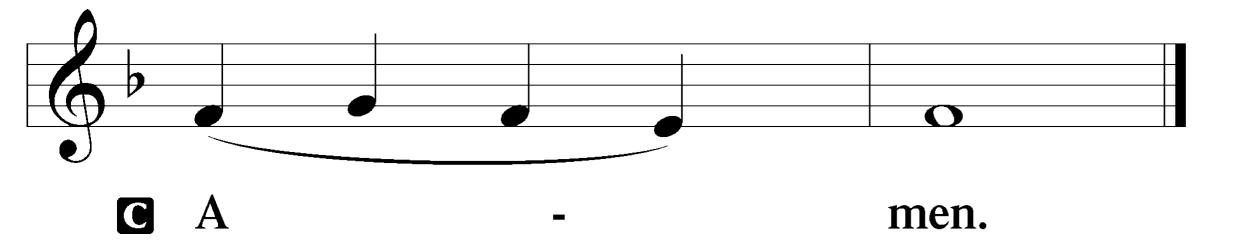
P Our Father who art in heaven.....



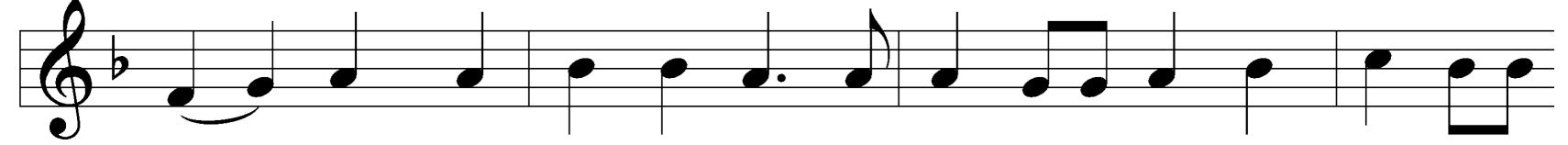
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

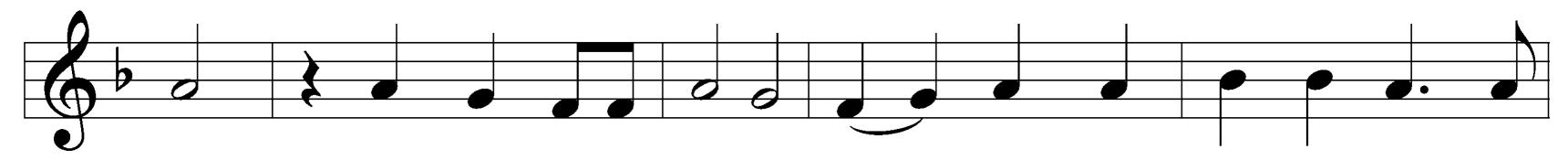
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



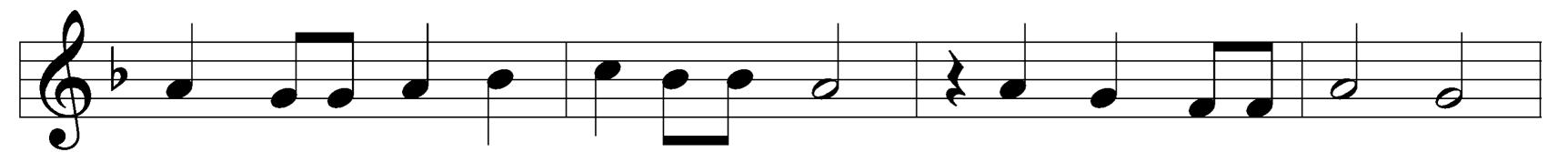
Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



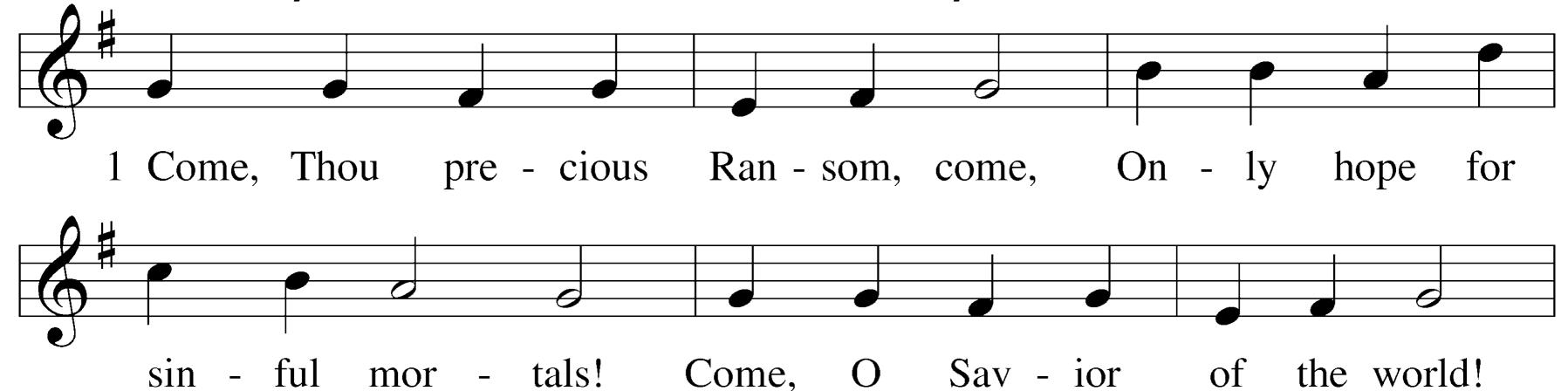
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

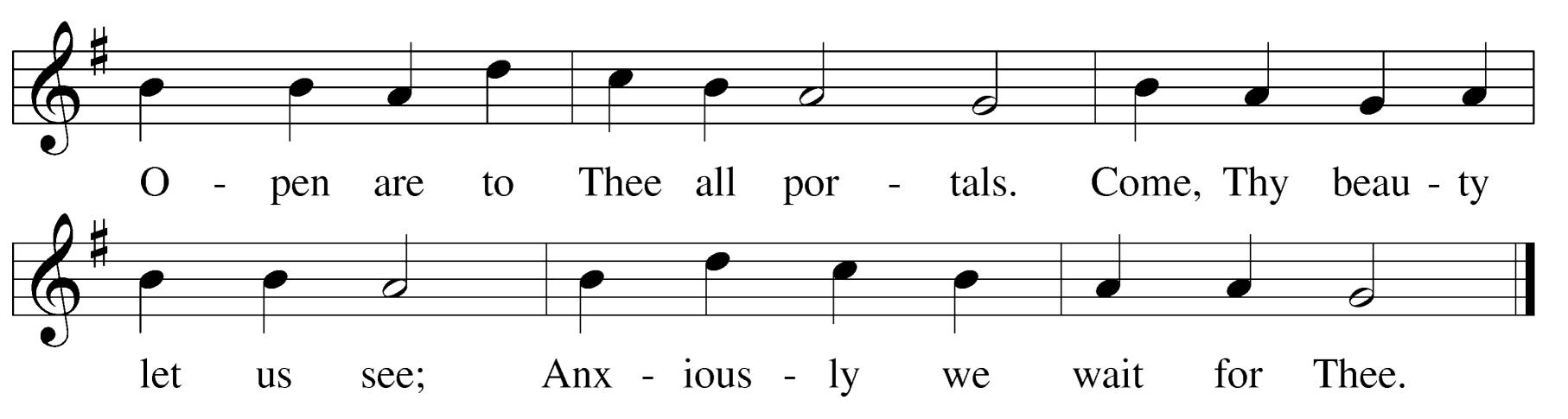


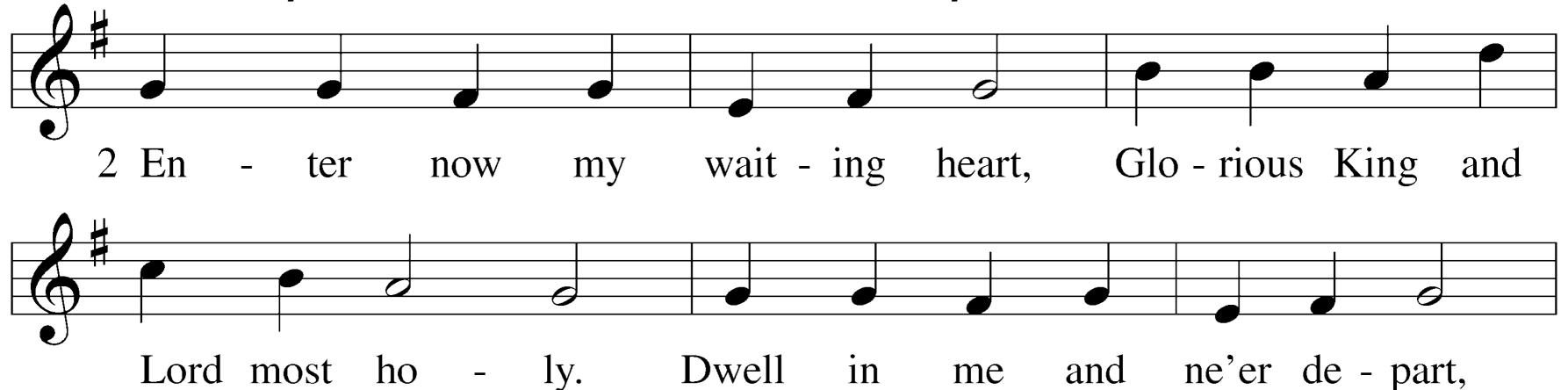
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

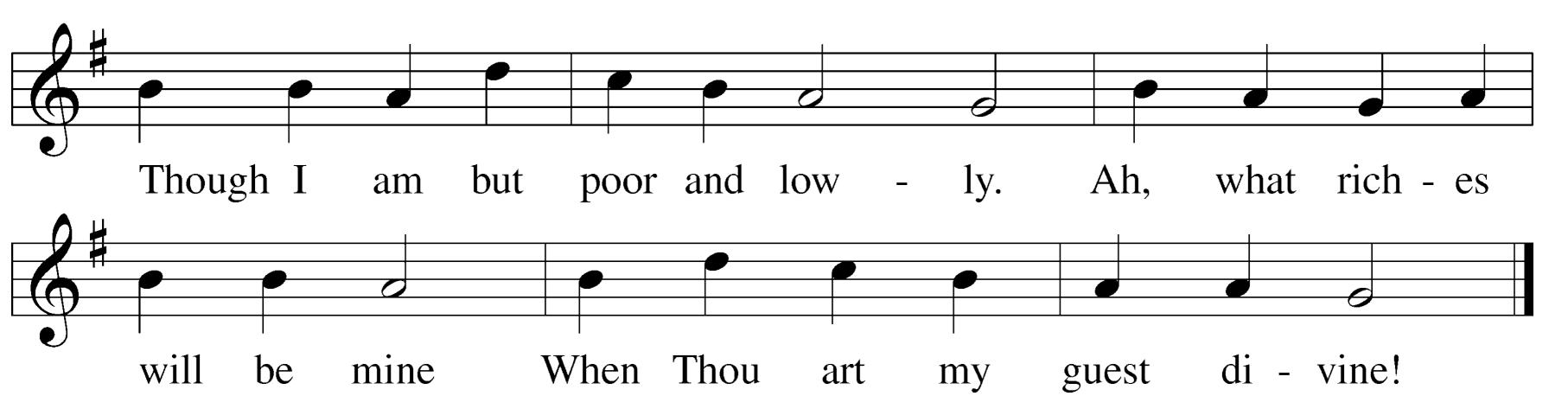
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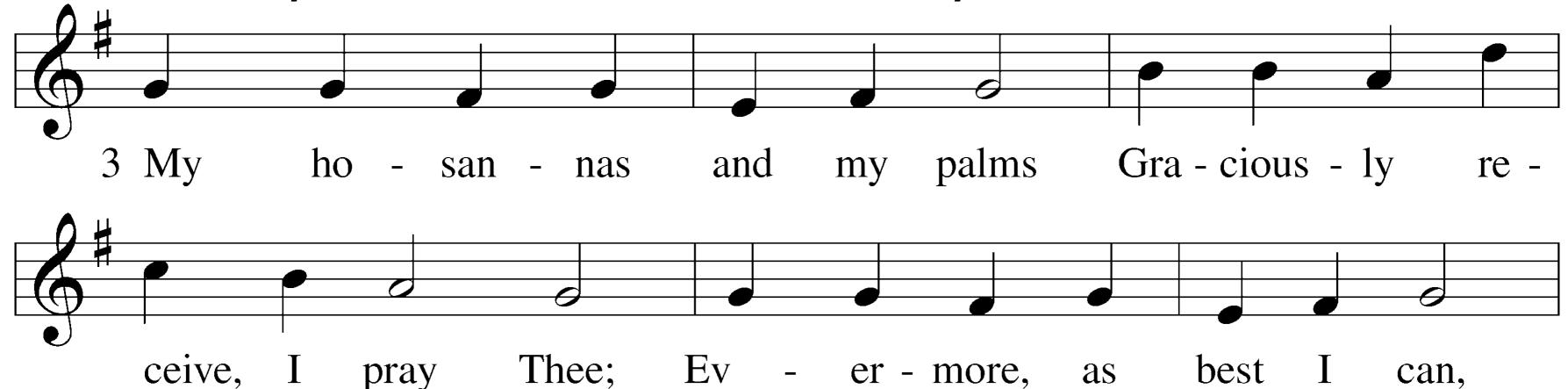


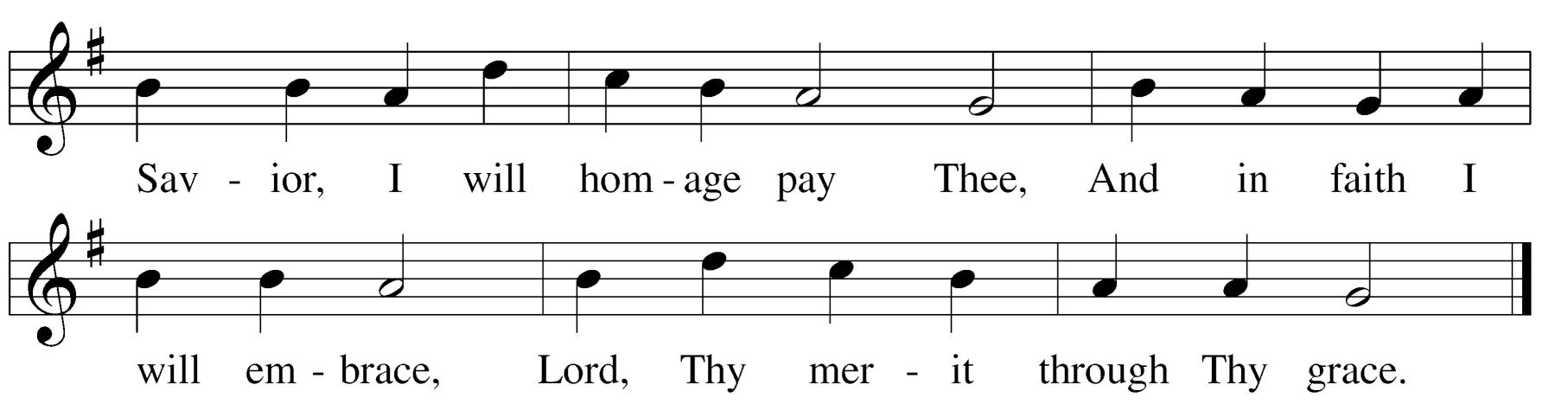


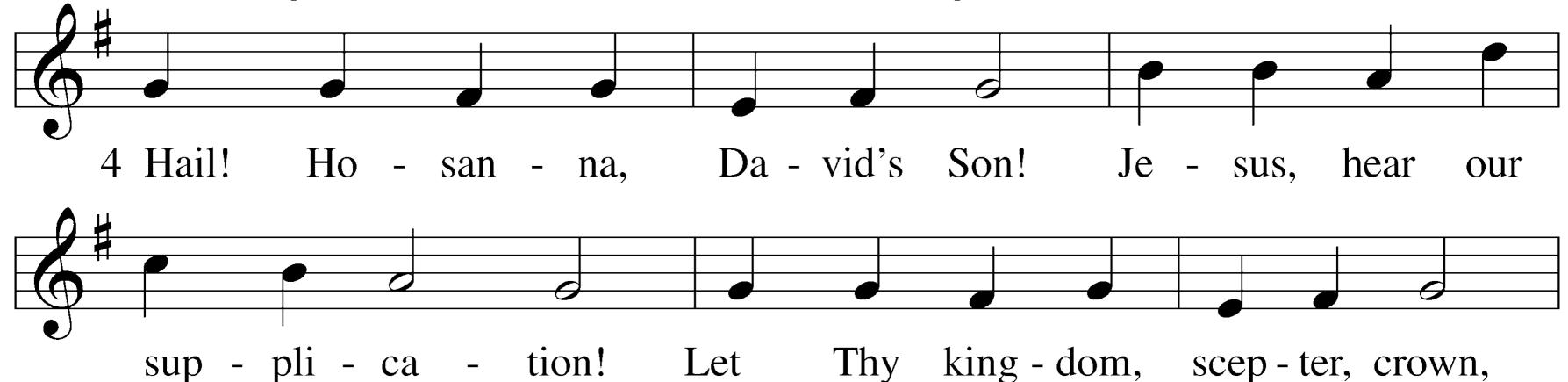


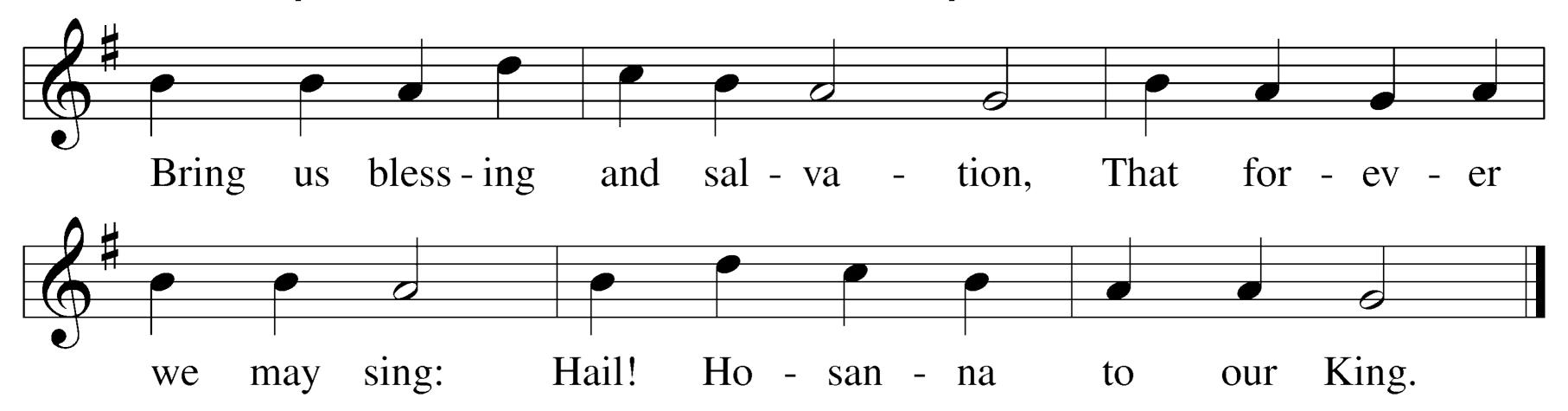








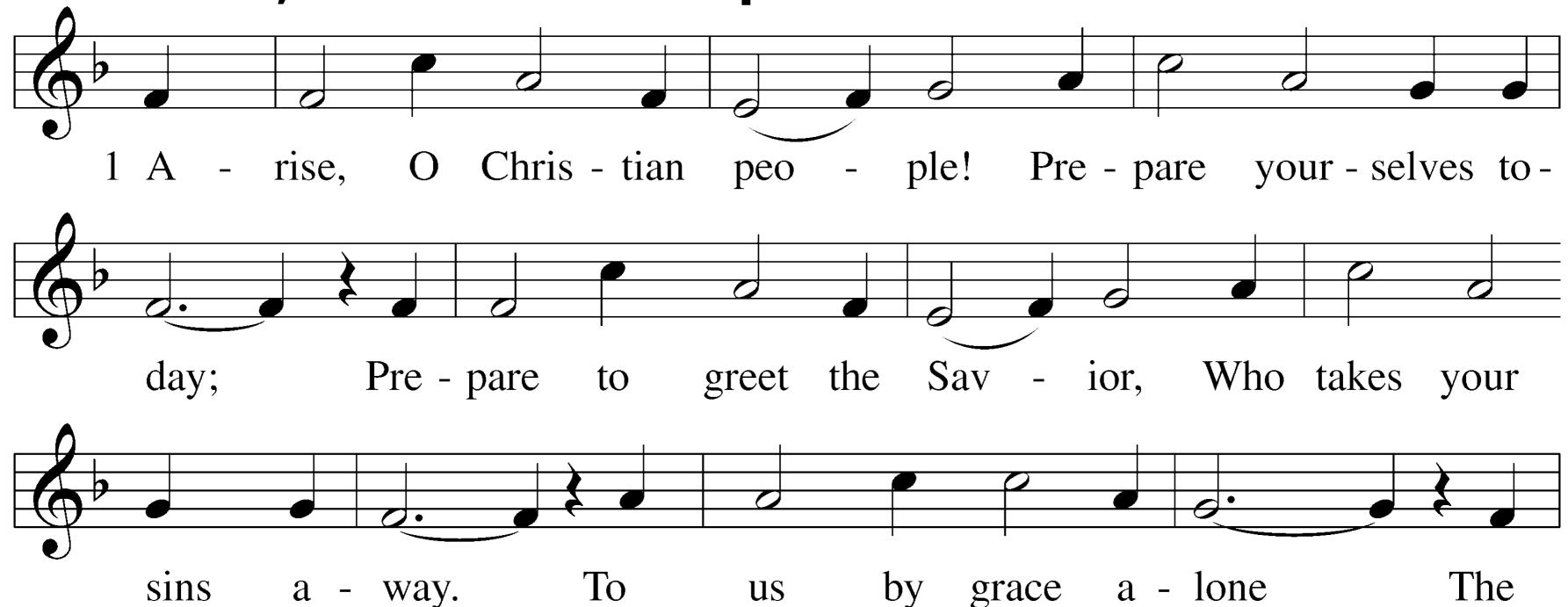


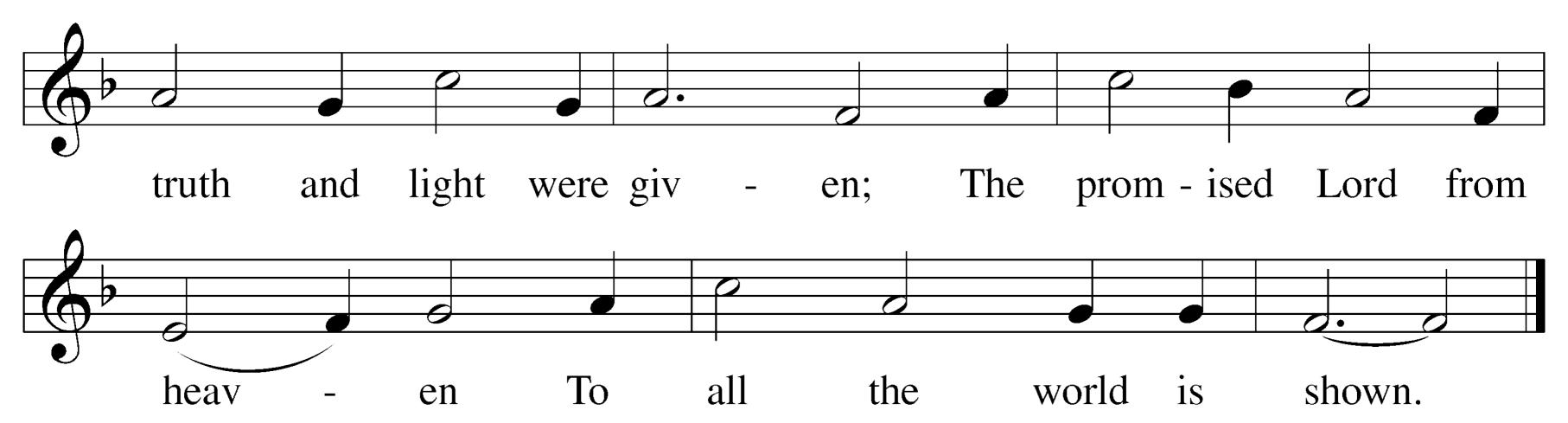


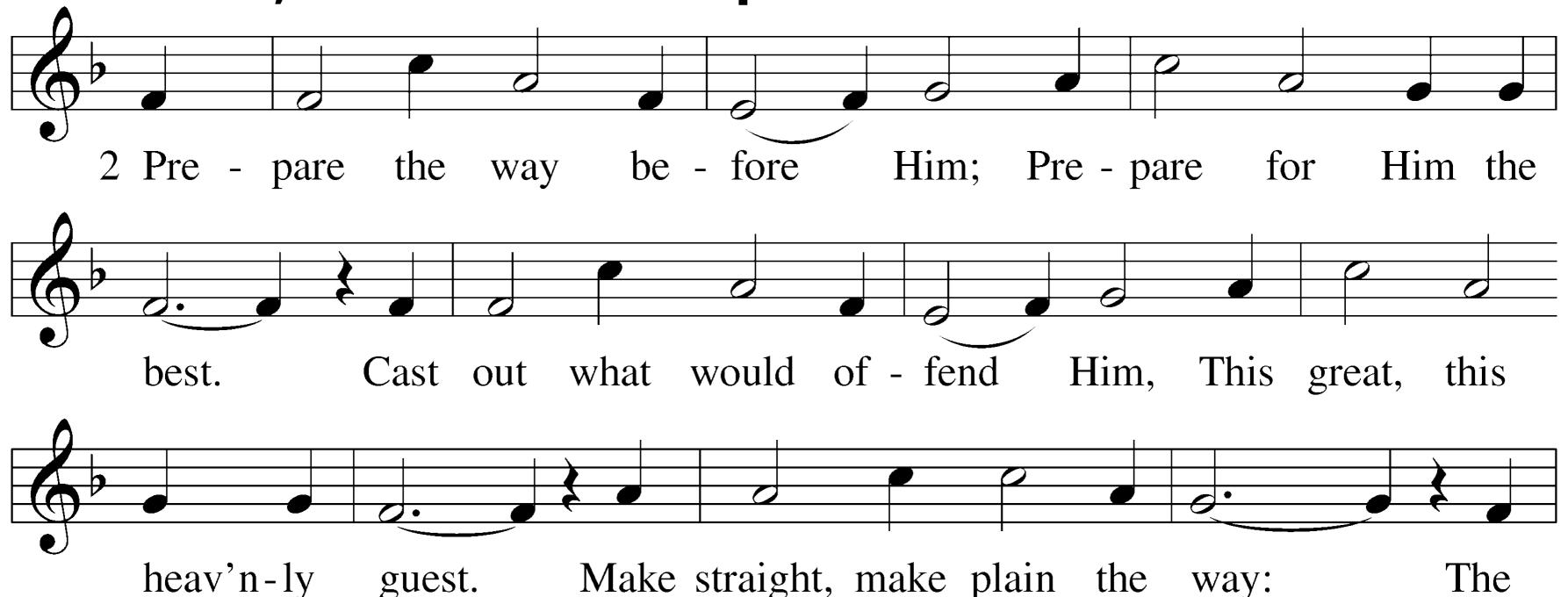
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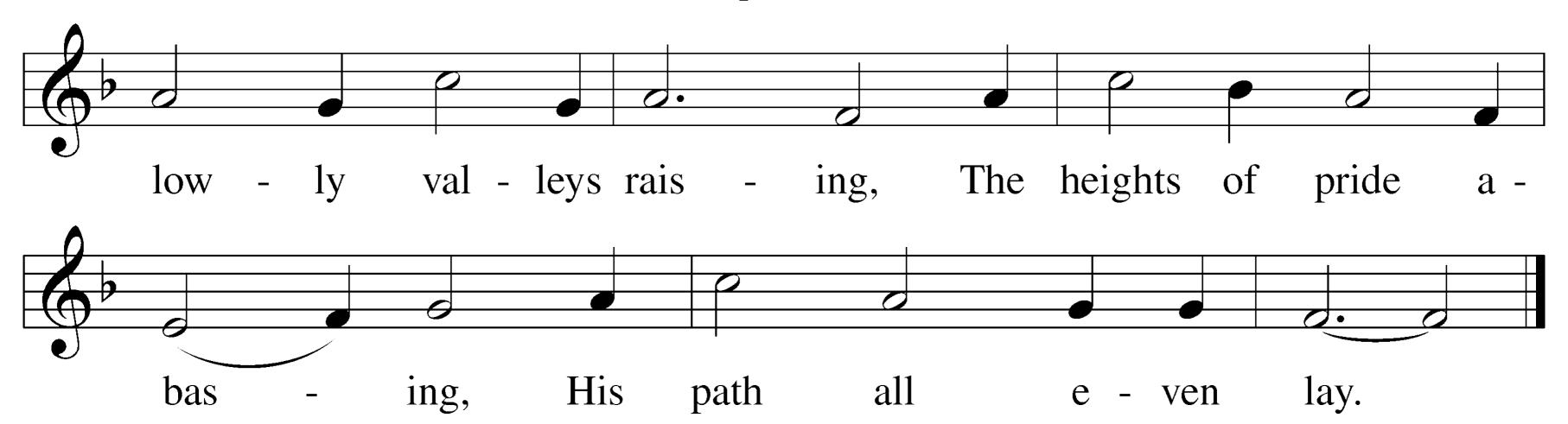
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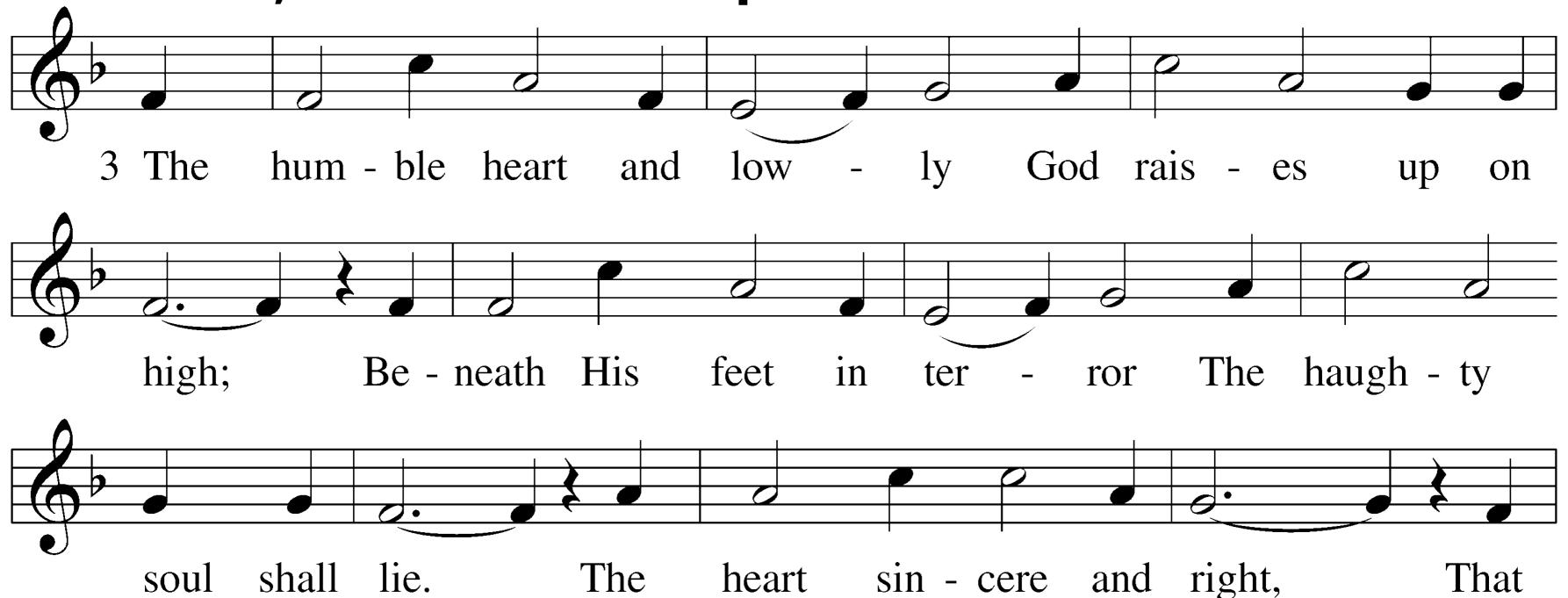
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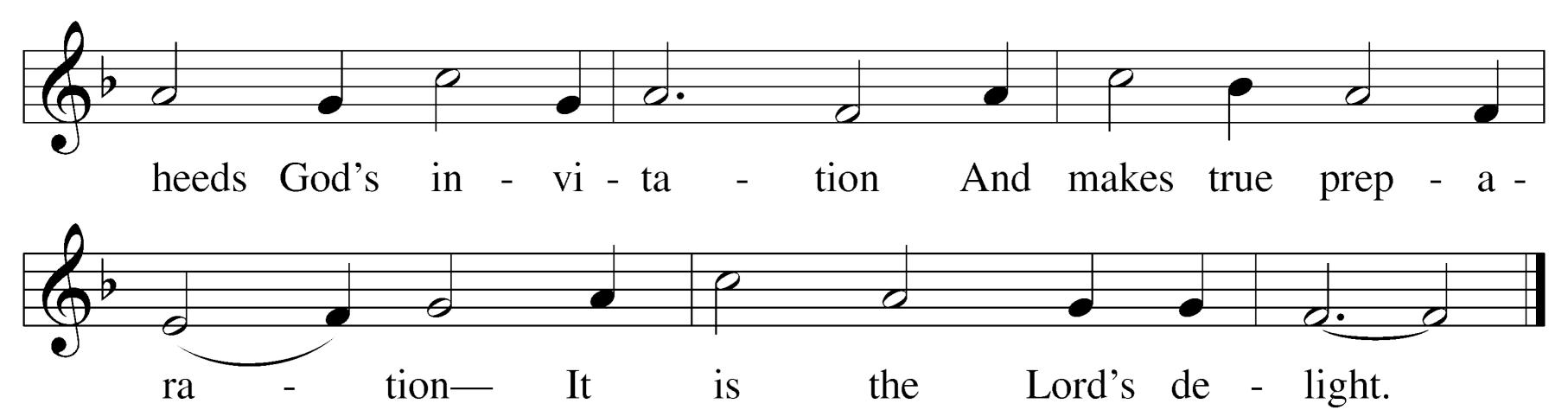


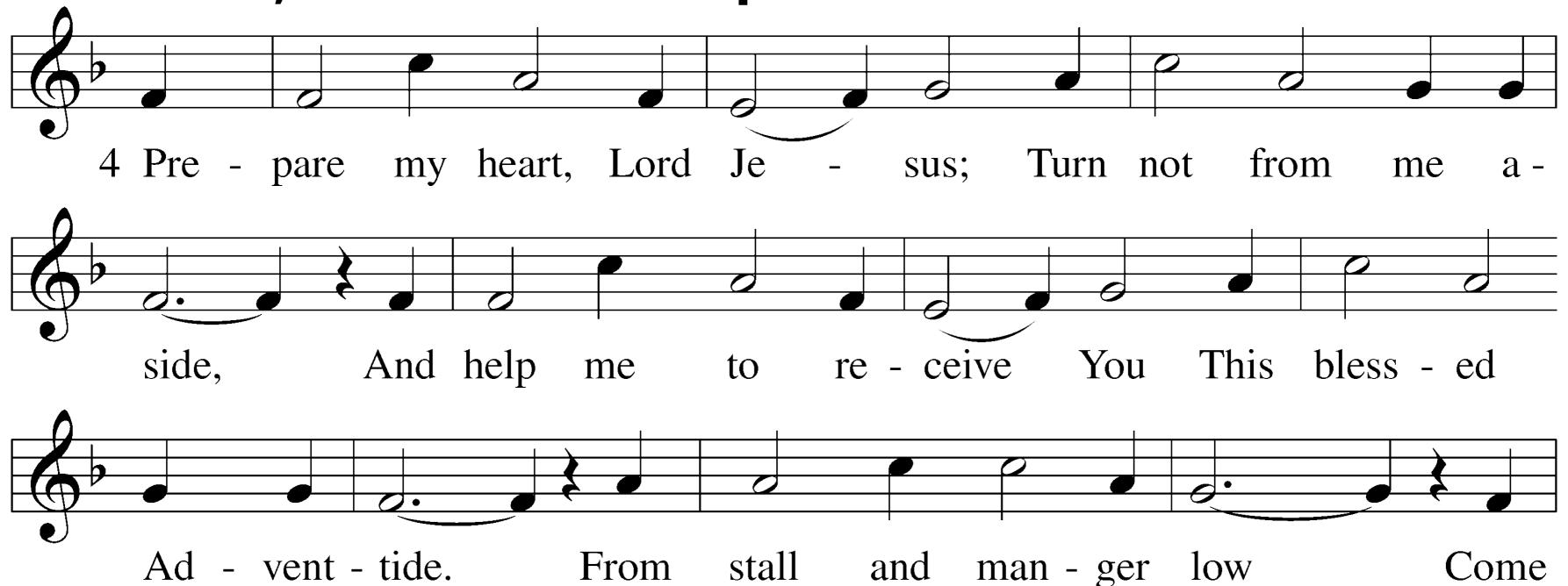


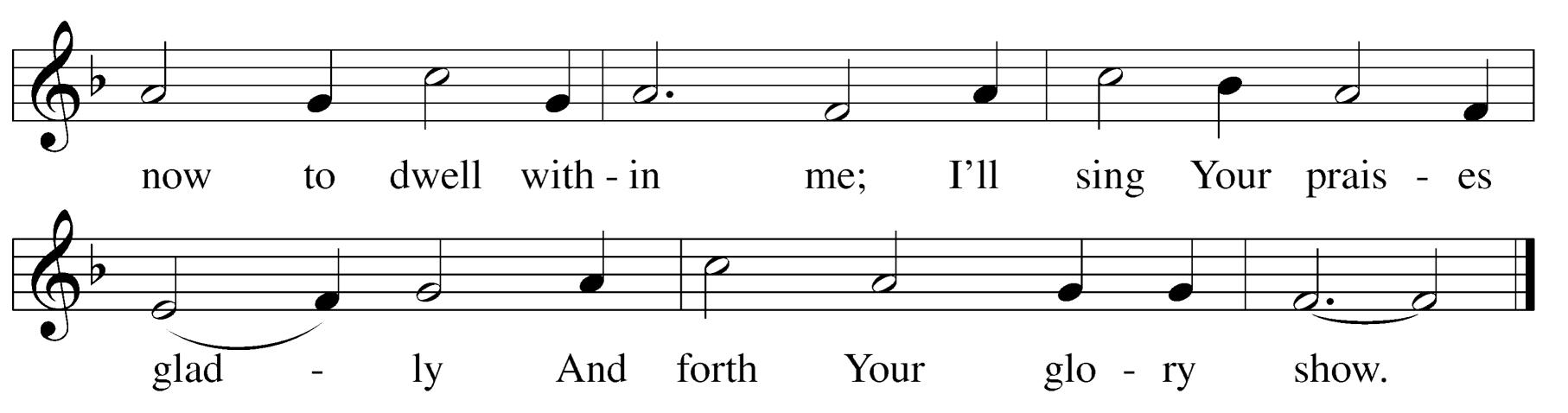








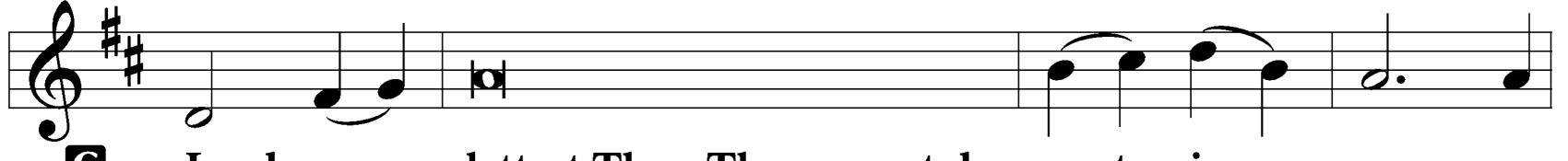




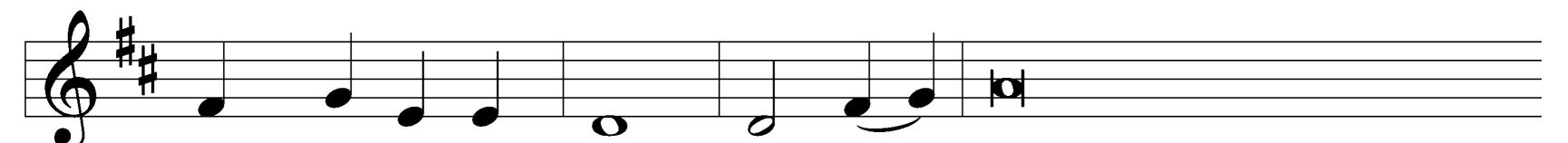
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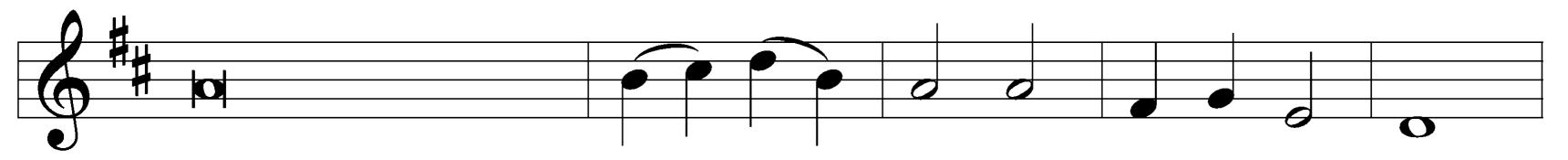
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

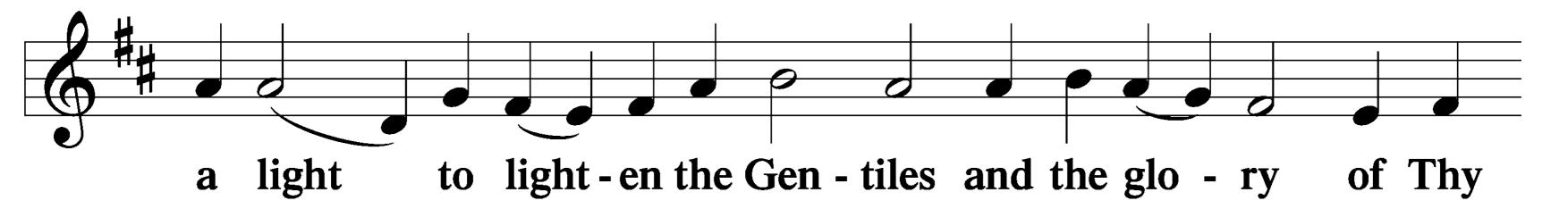


cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



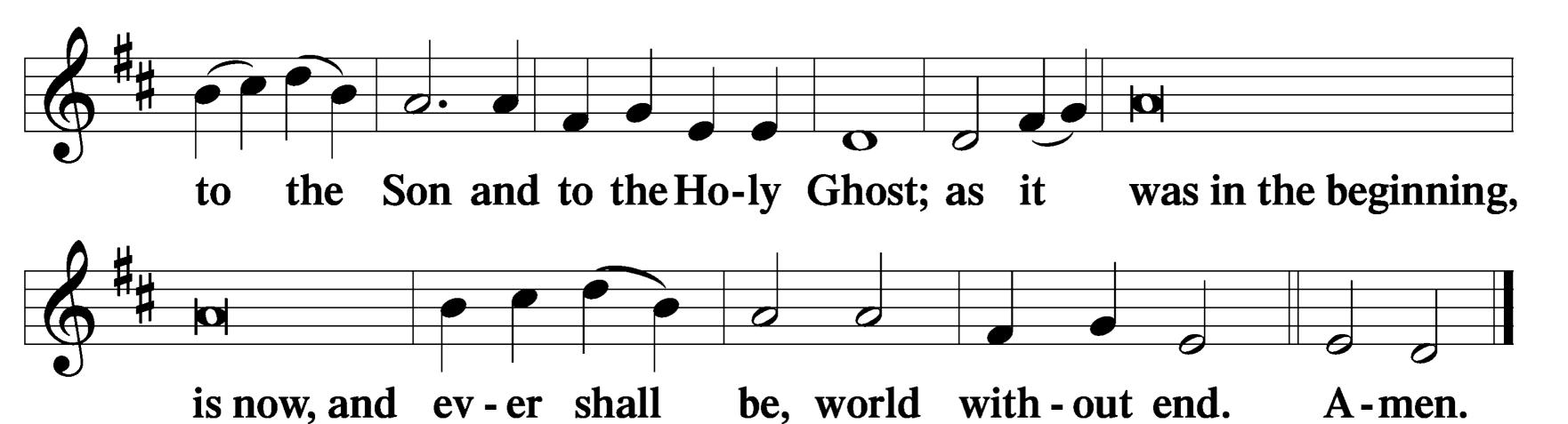
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

Nunc Dimittis



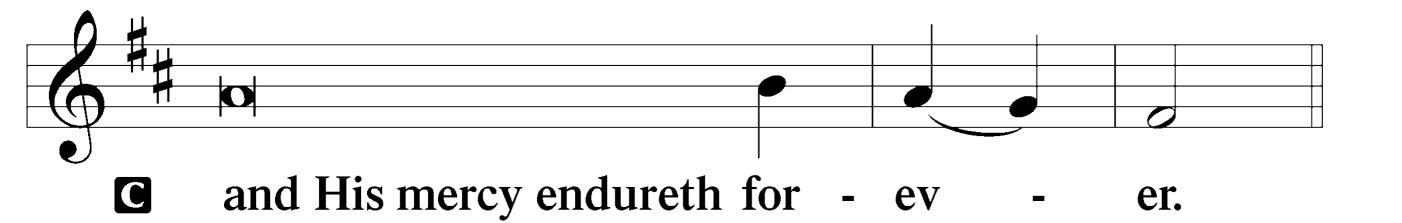


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Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



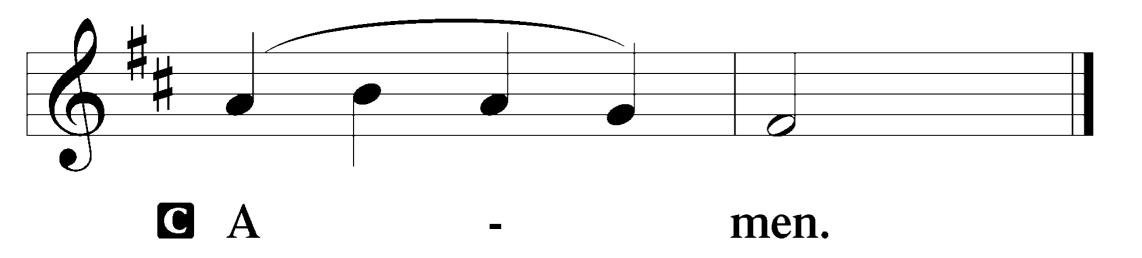
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

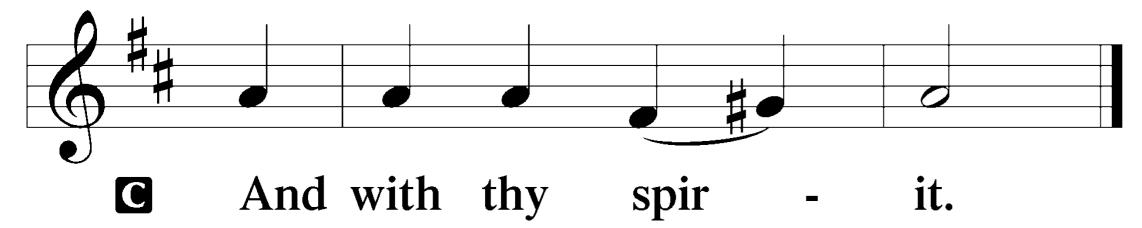
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through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

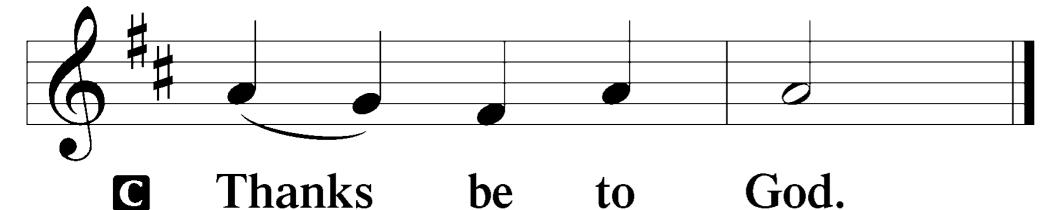


Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

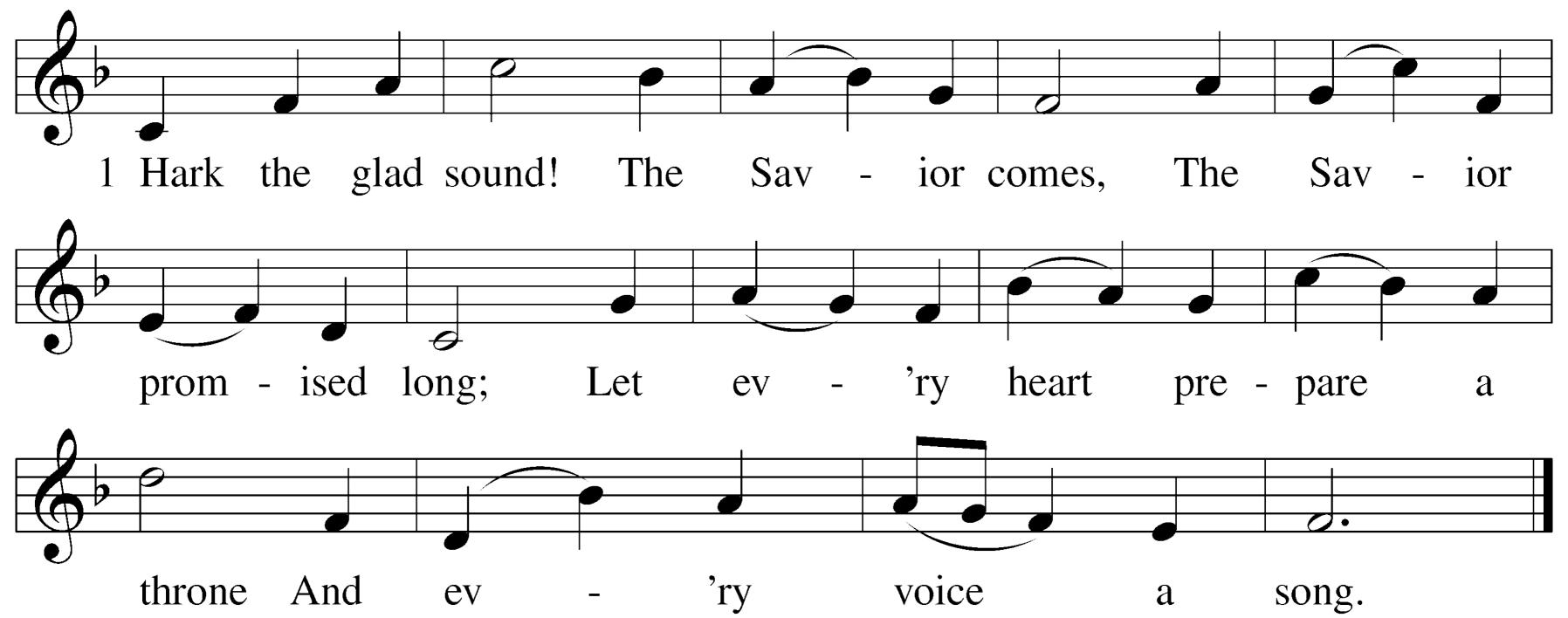
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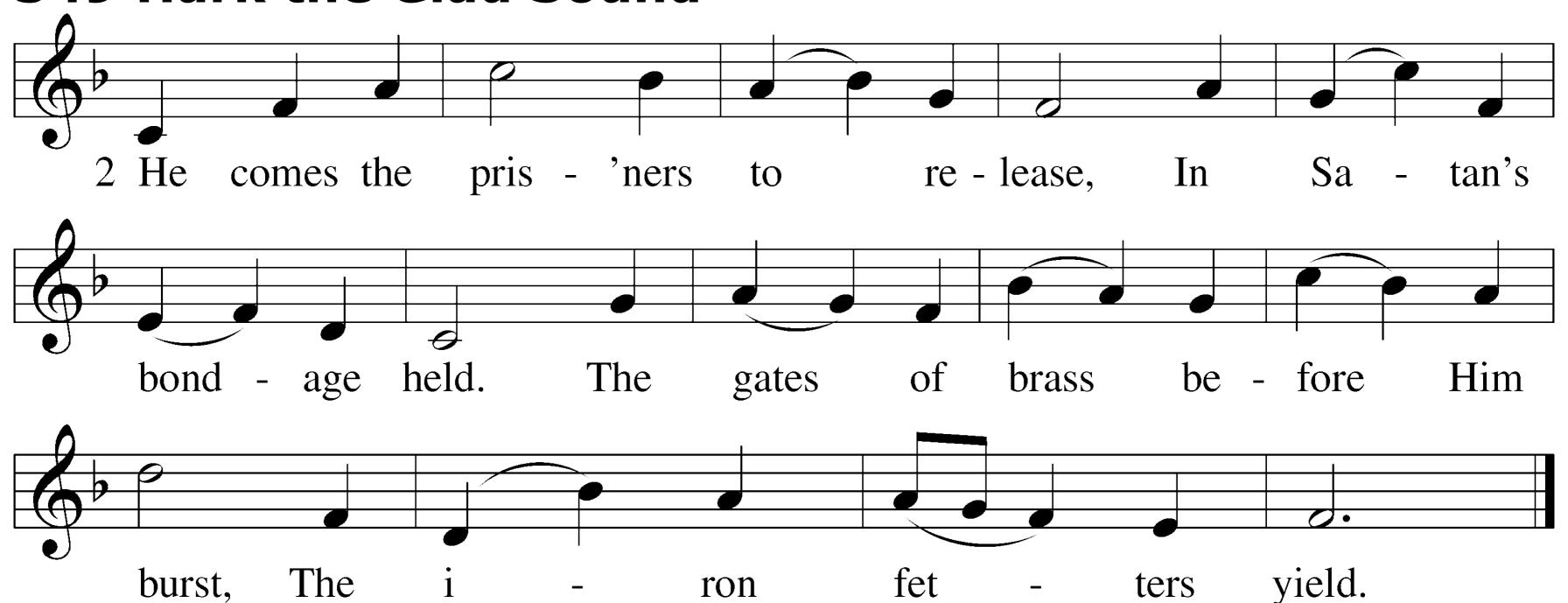
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

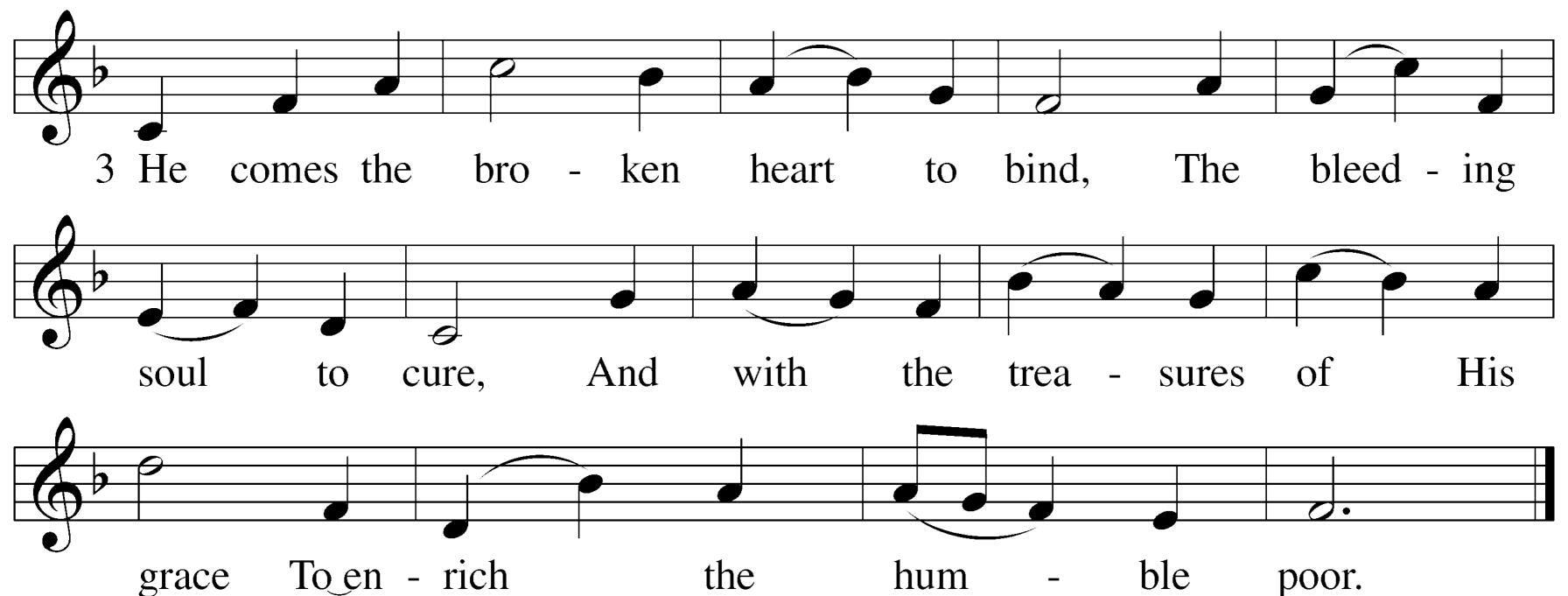
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and

→ give you peace.







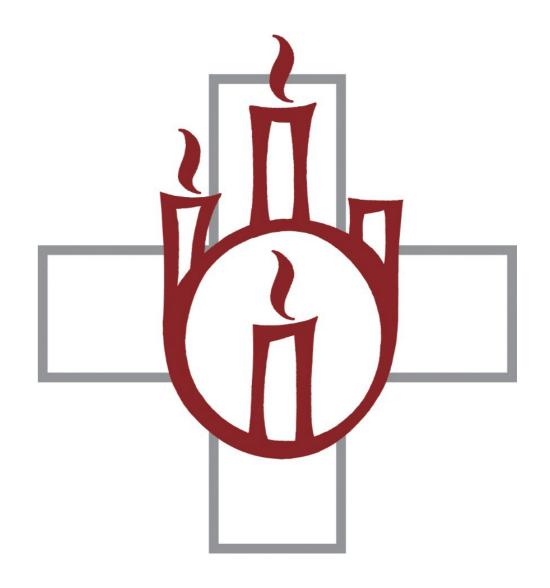




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Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

