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Bread of Life

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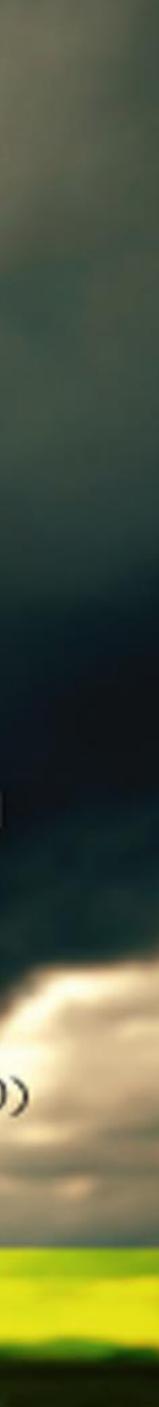


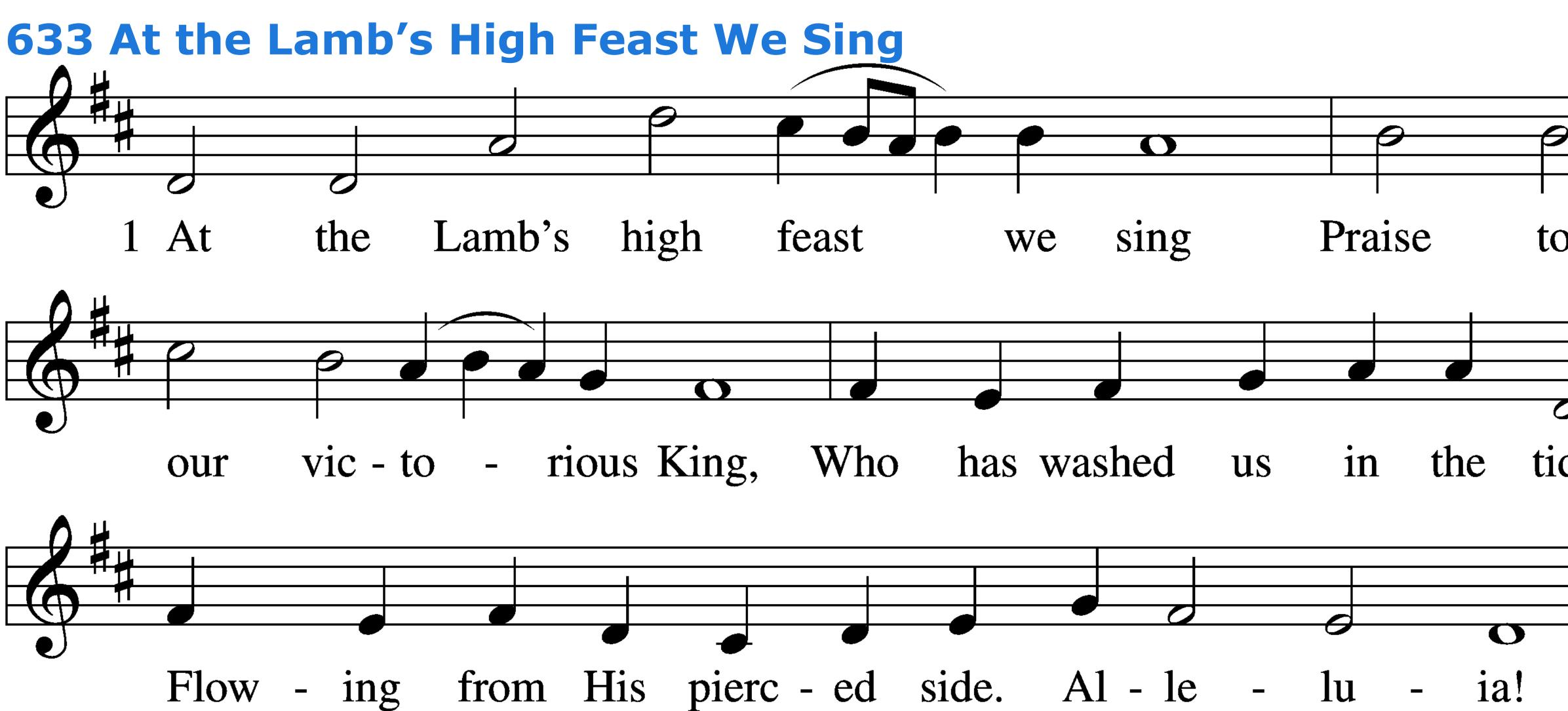


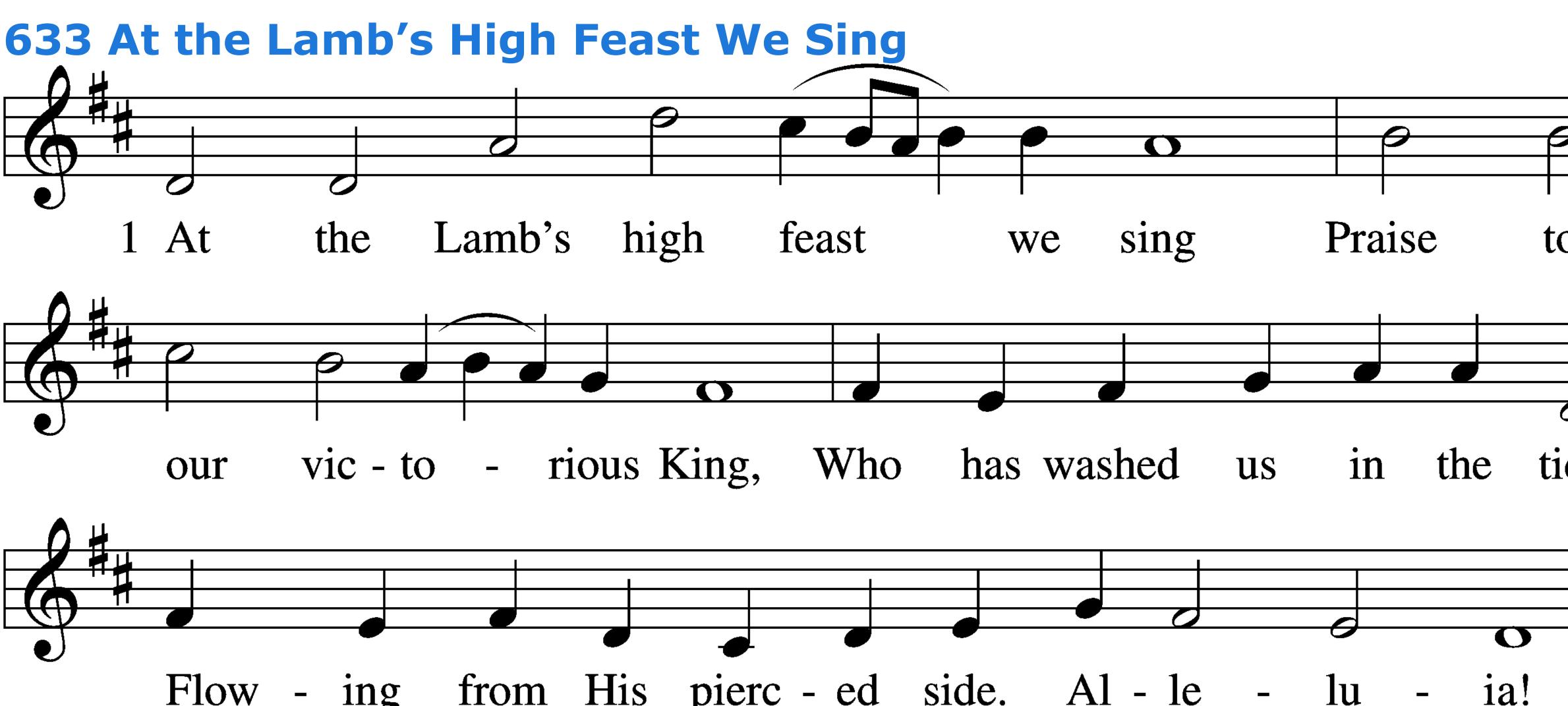
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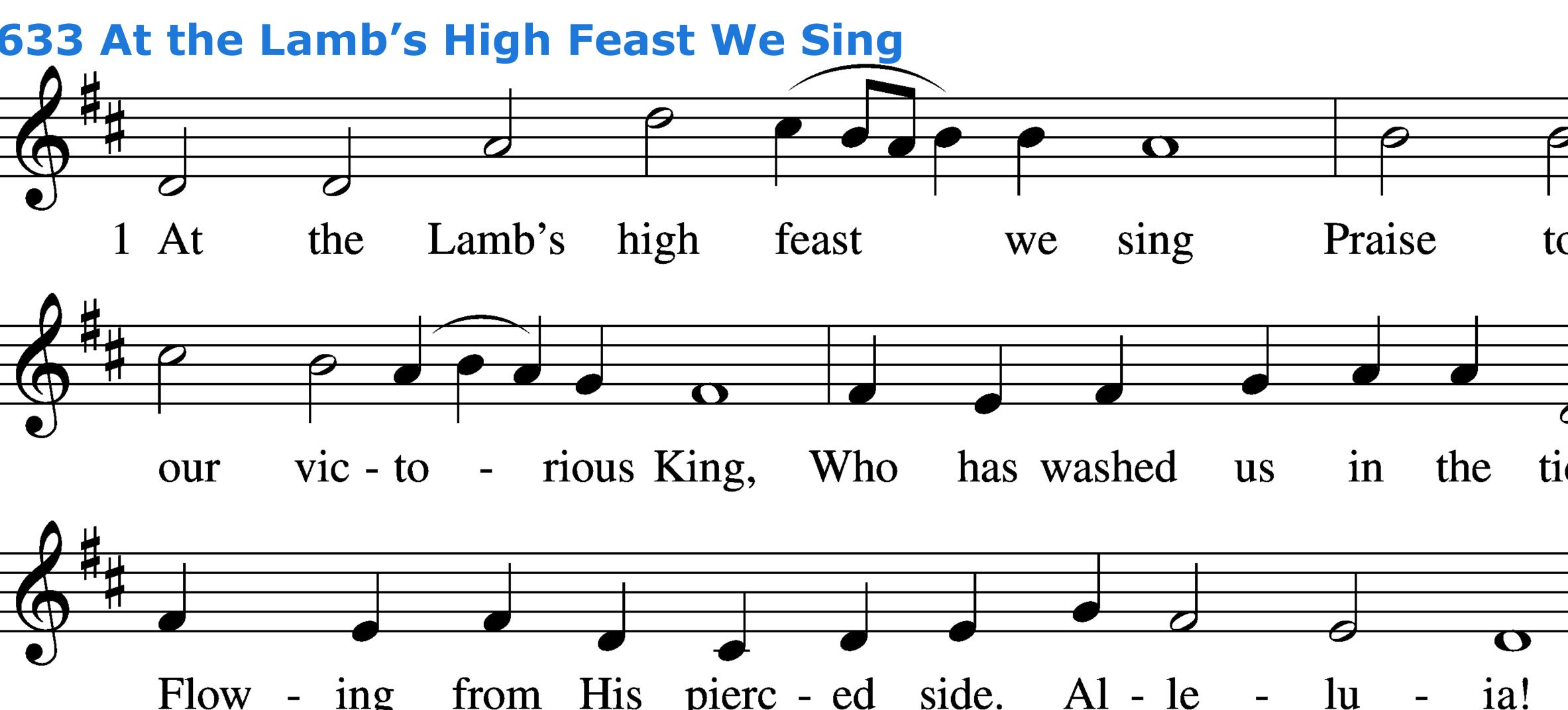
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 4:10)

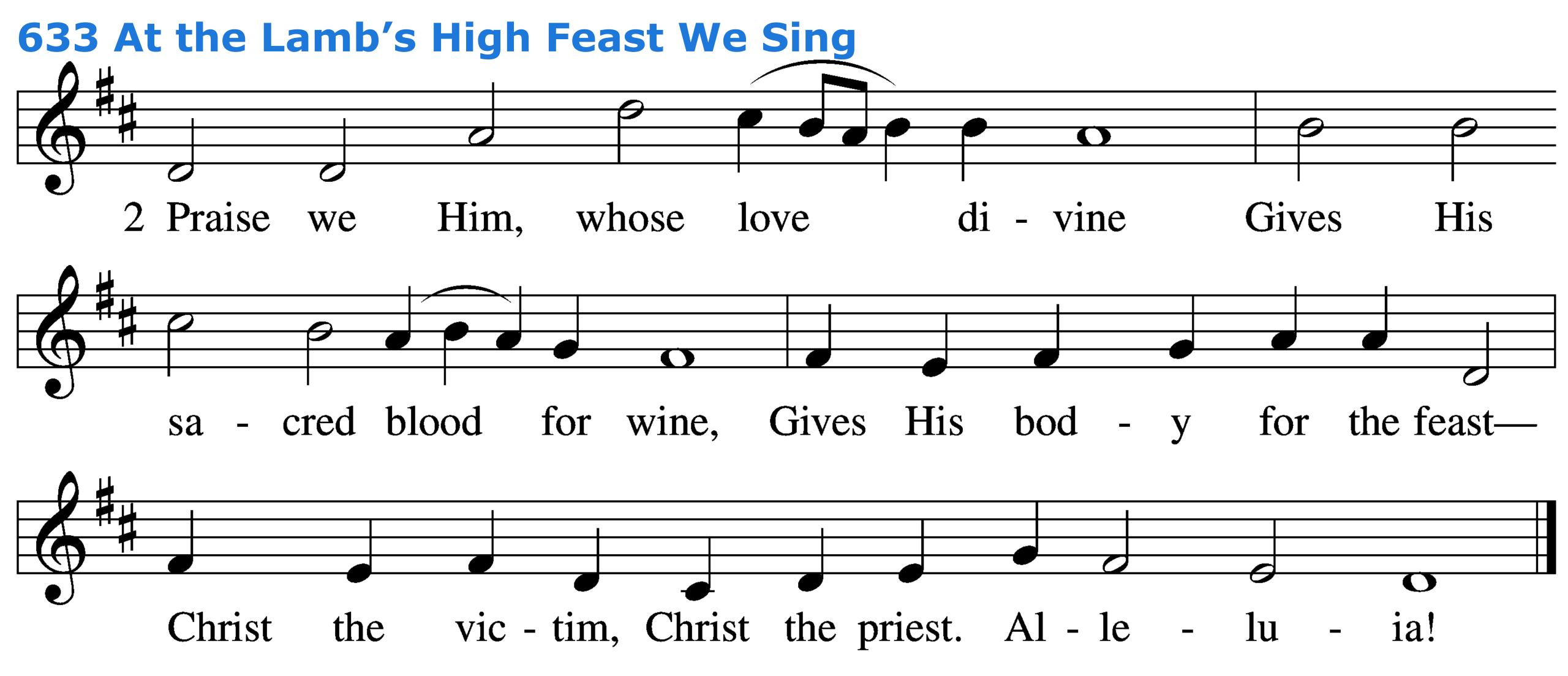




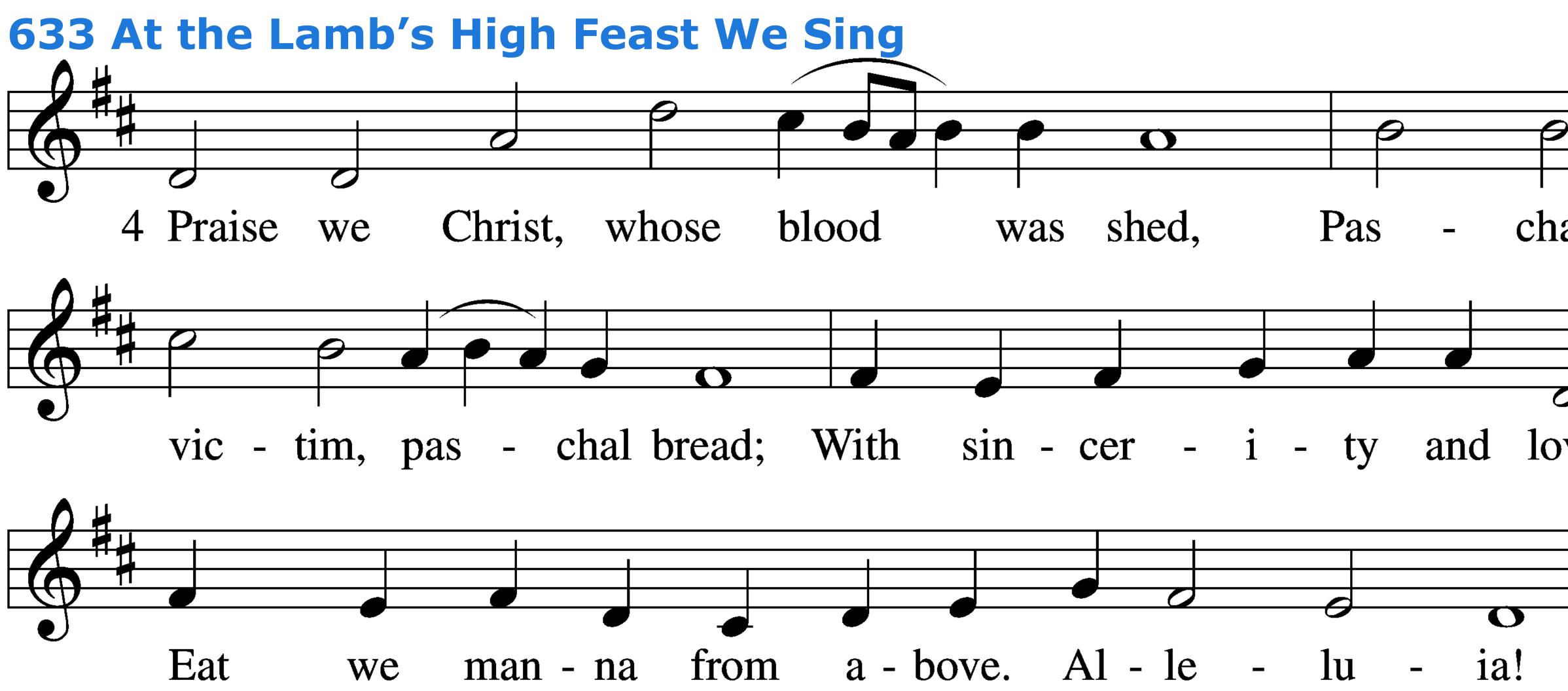




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Invocation

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Exhortation

- P and confess our sins unto God our Father, to grant us forgiveness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord, P who made heaven and earth. C
- P C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Confession of Sins

O almighty God, merciful Father, P I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my C boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your



Declaration of Grace

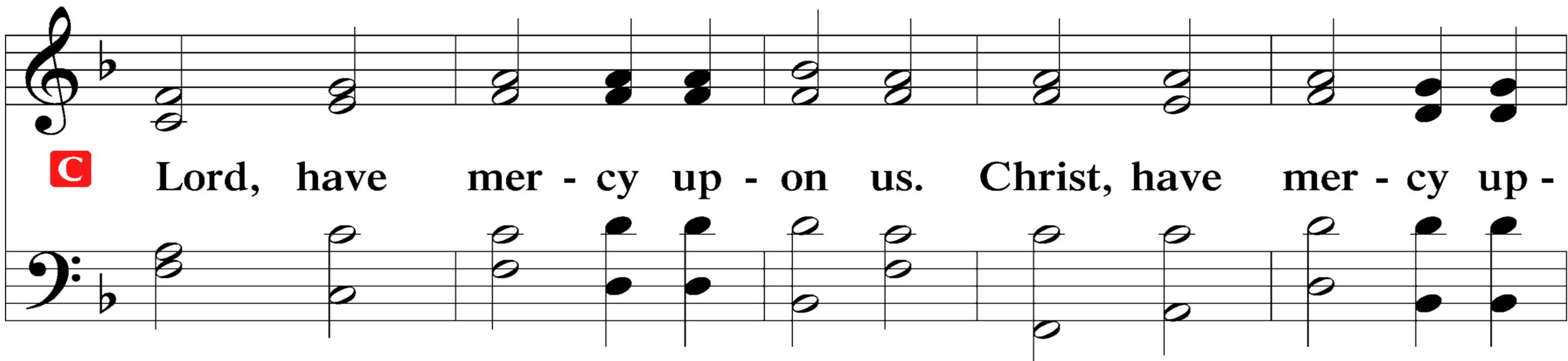
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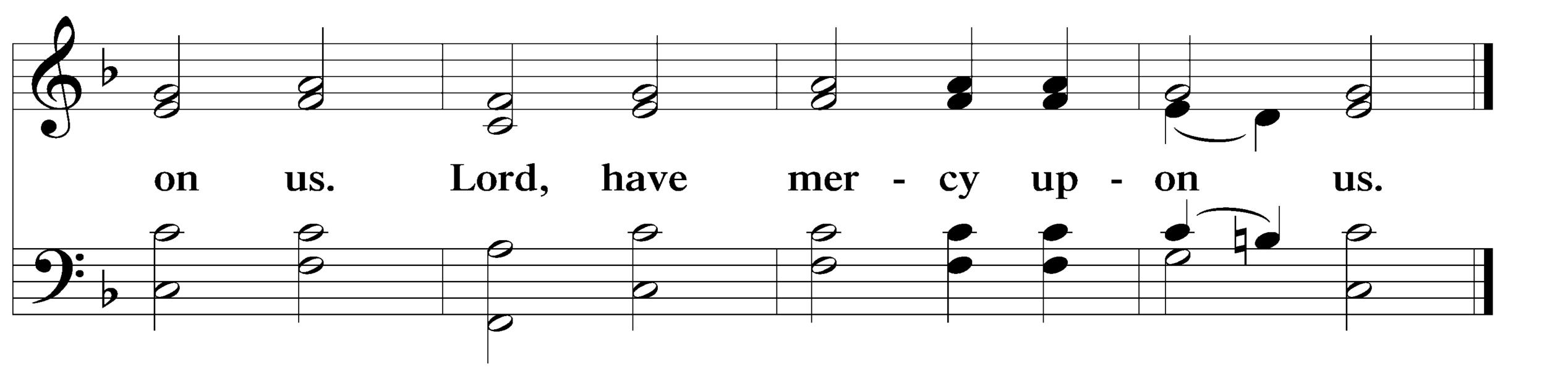
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

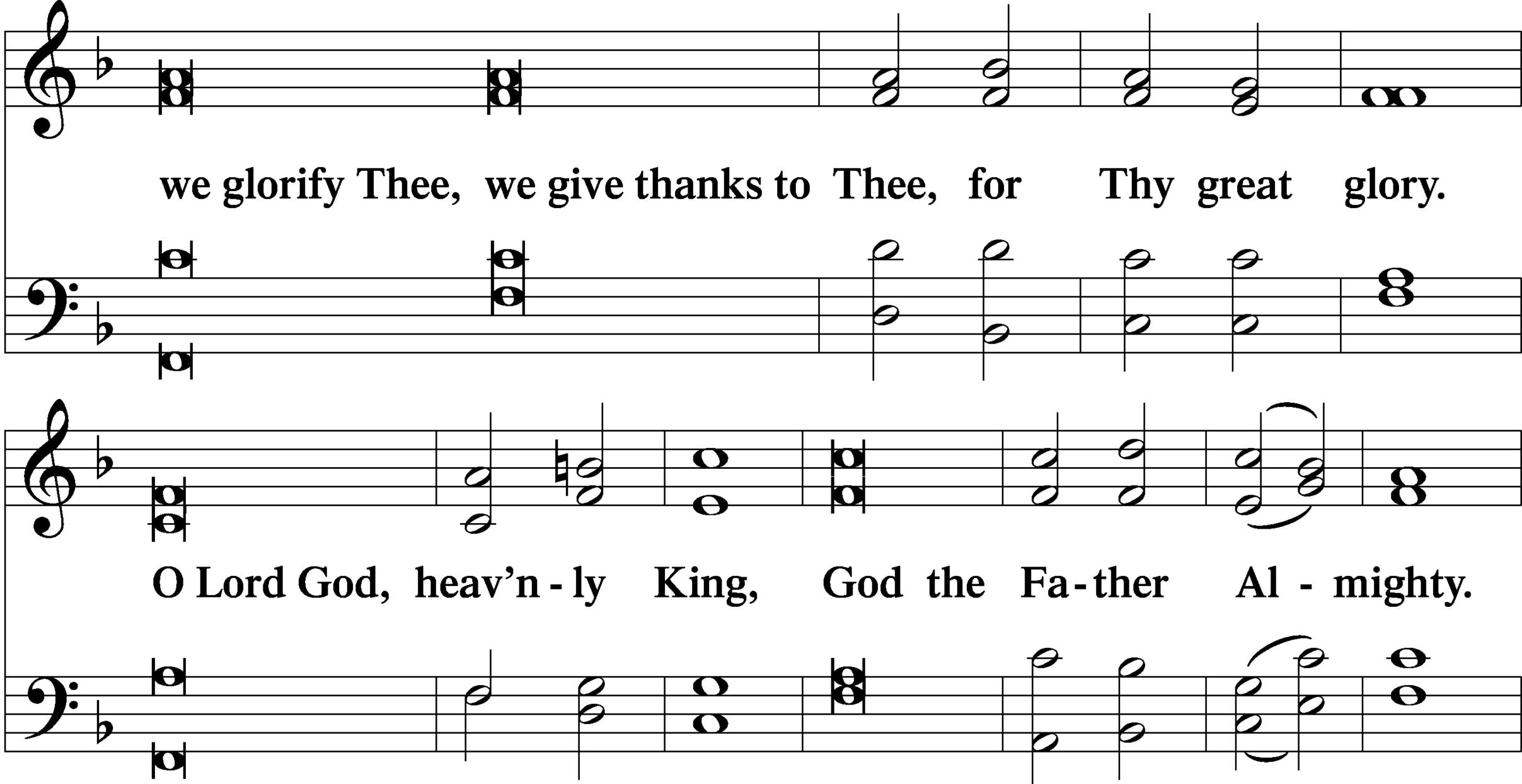


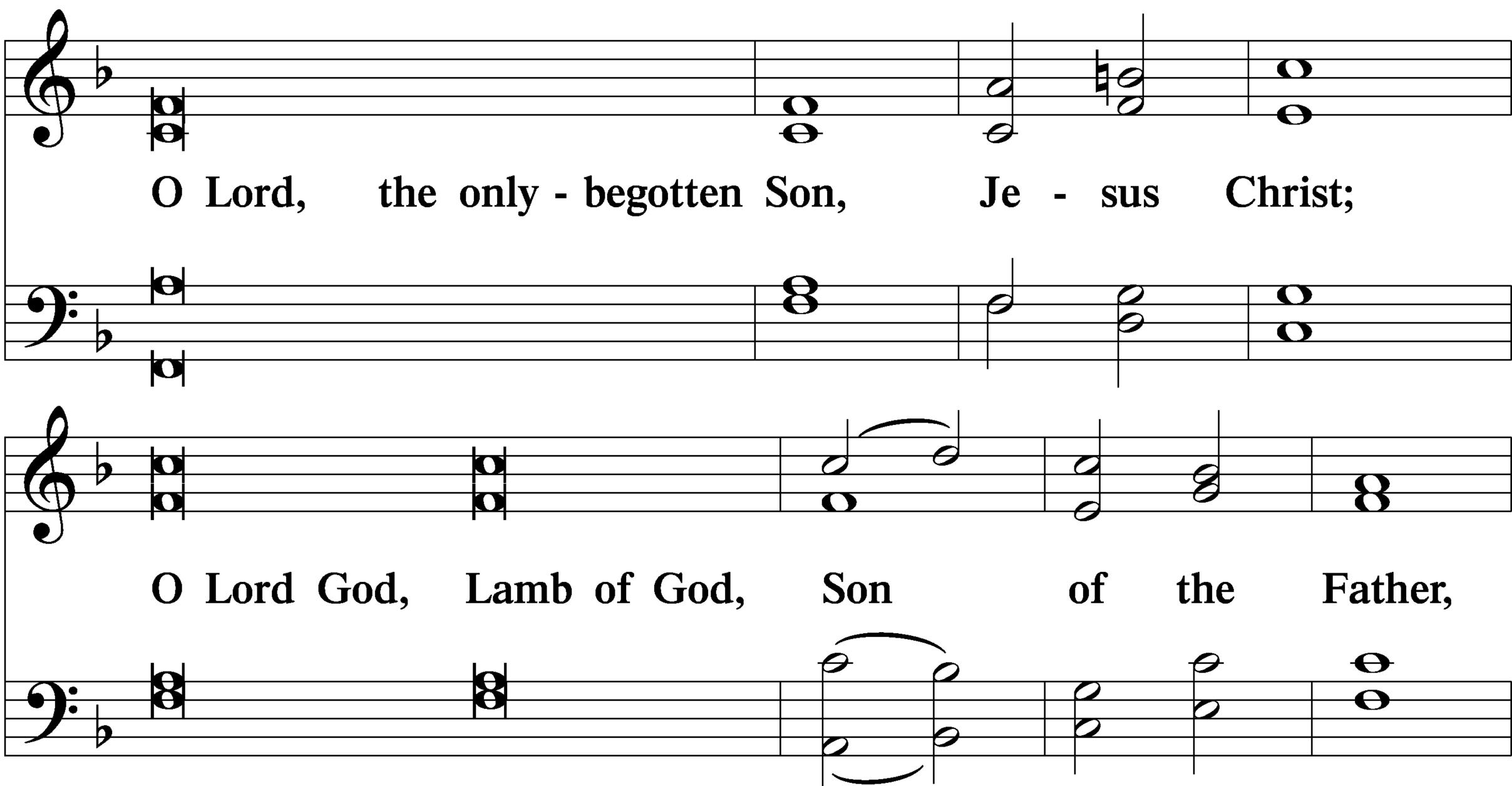
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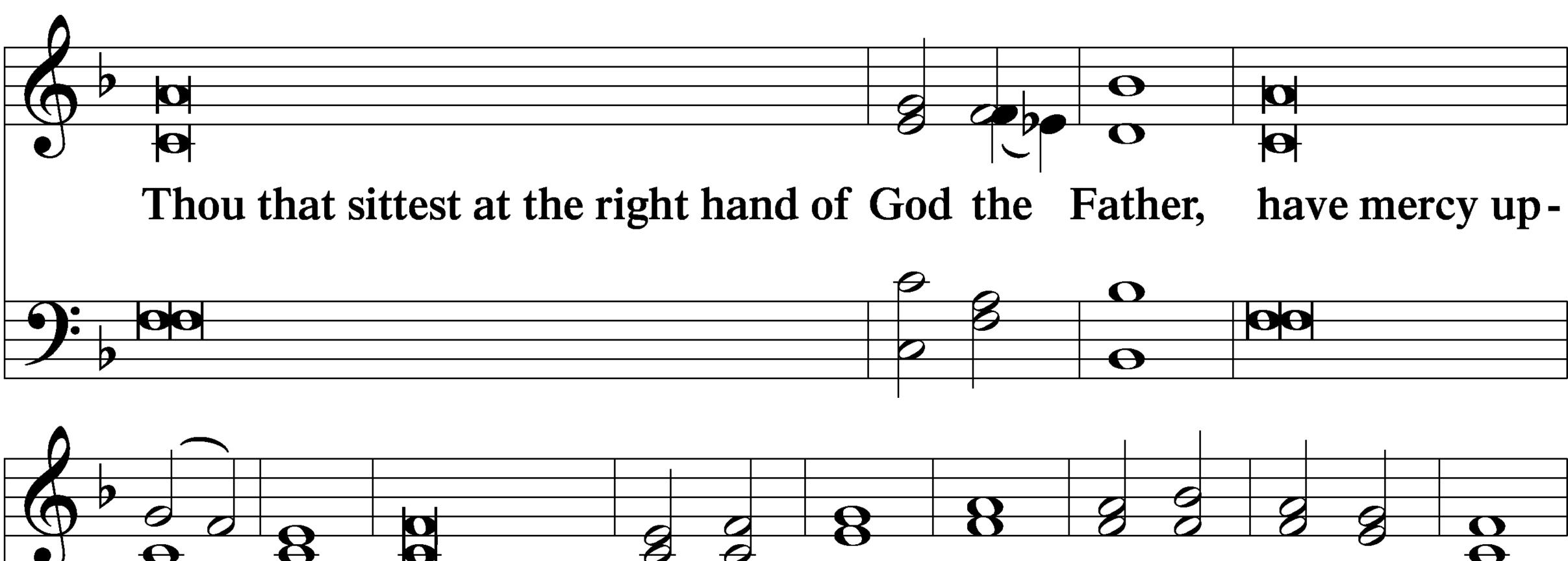


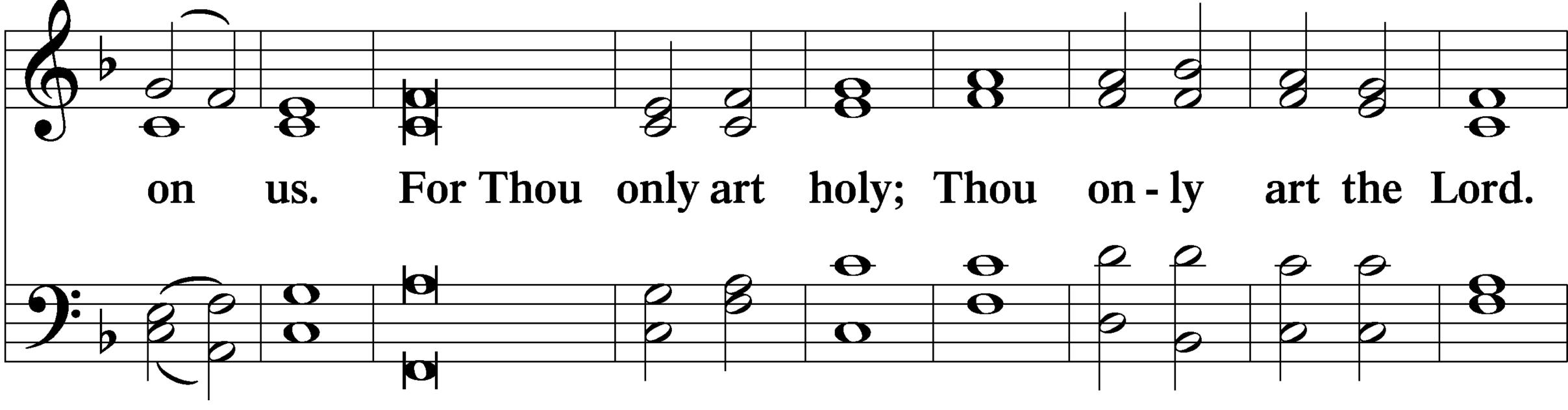








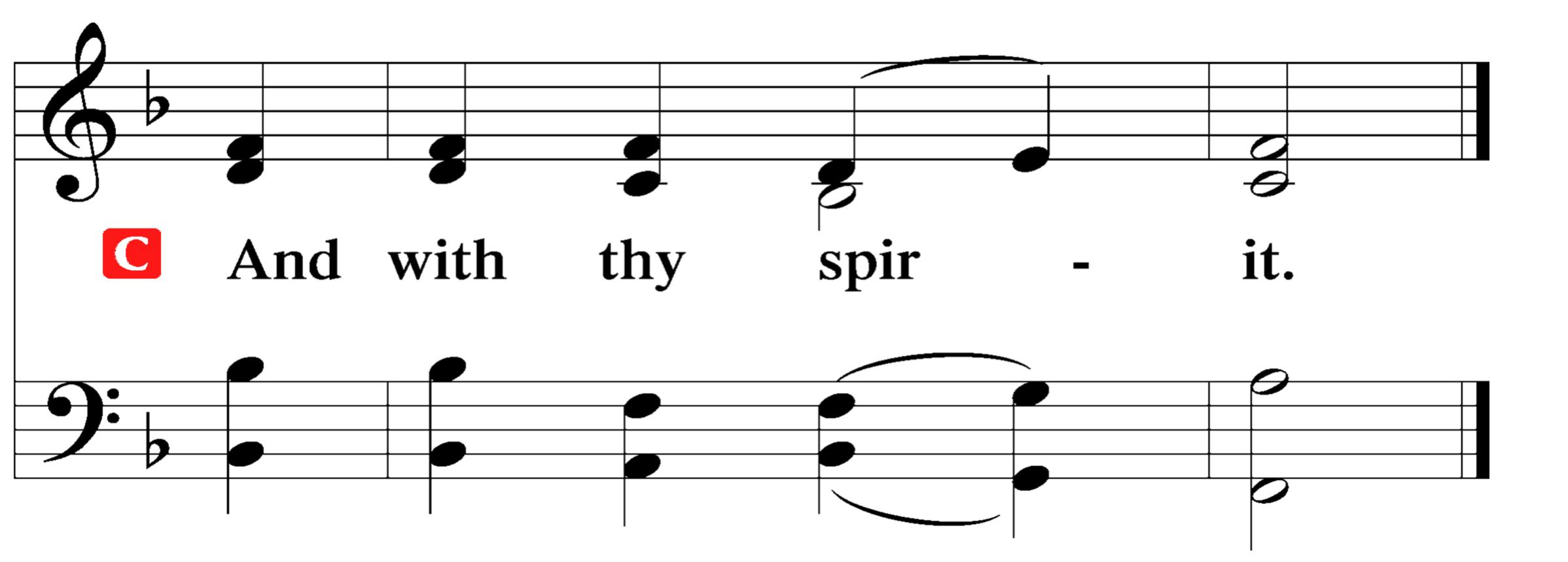






Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.



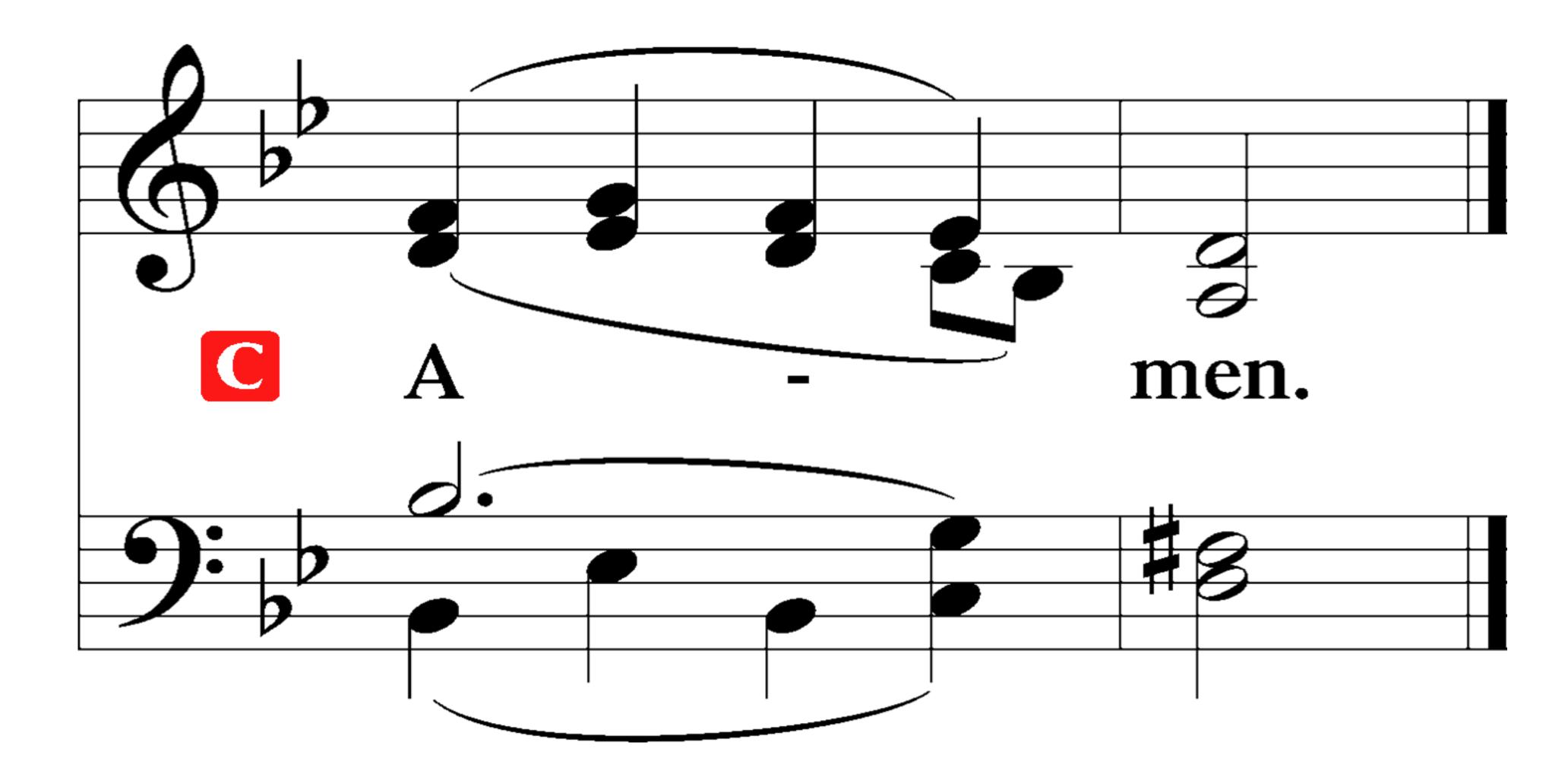
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and



Salutation and Collect of the Day:



¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.





⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.



¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.





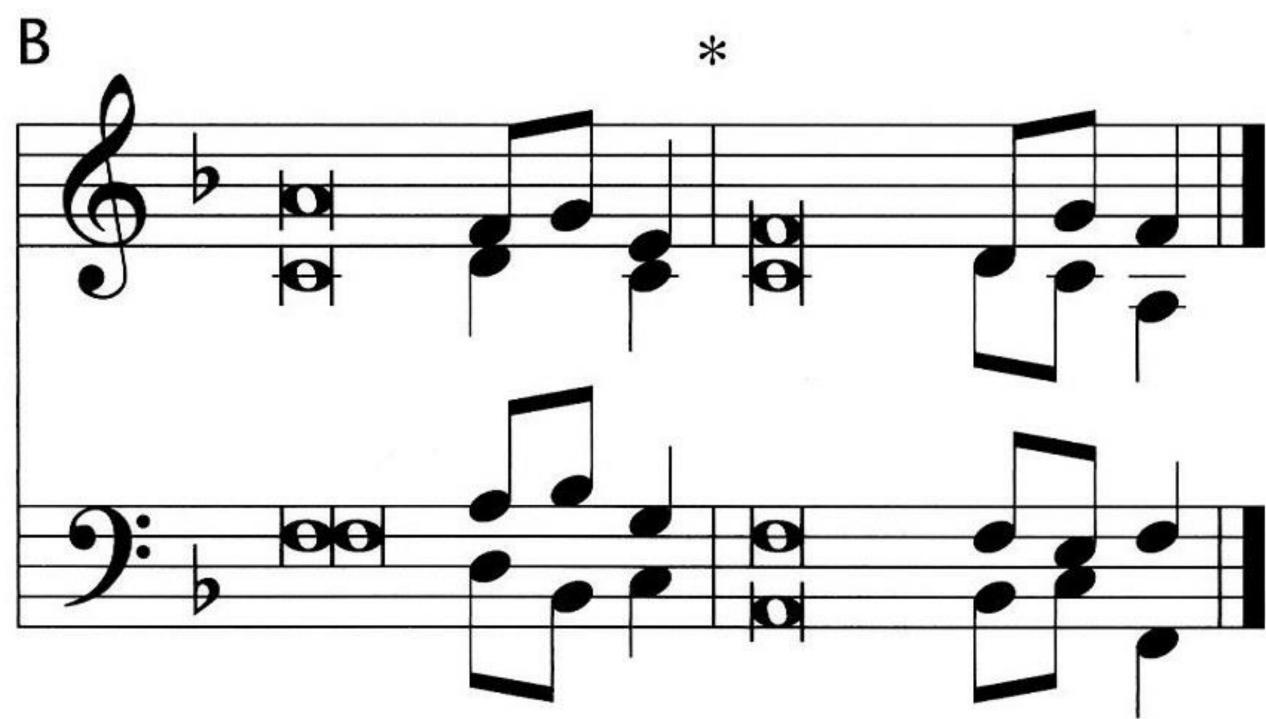


For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

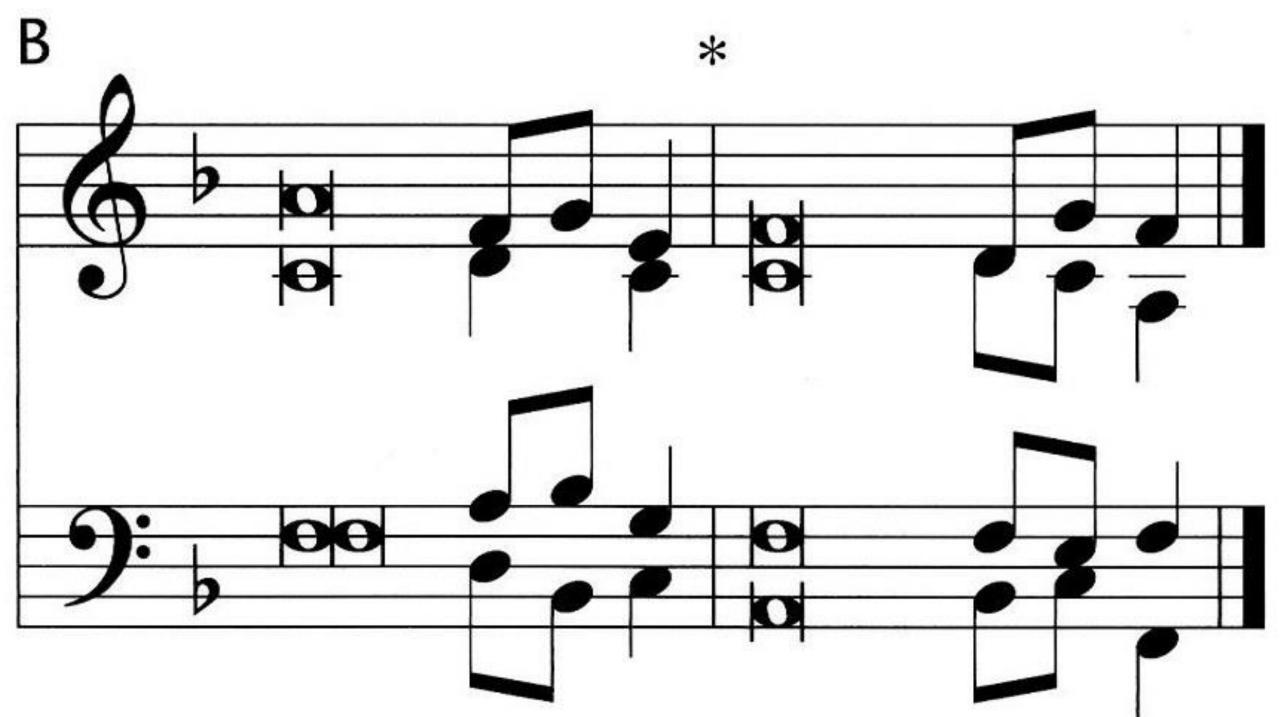
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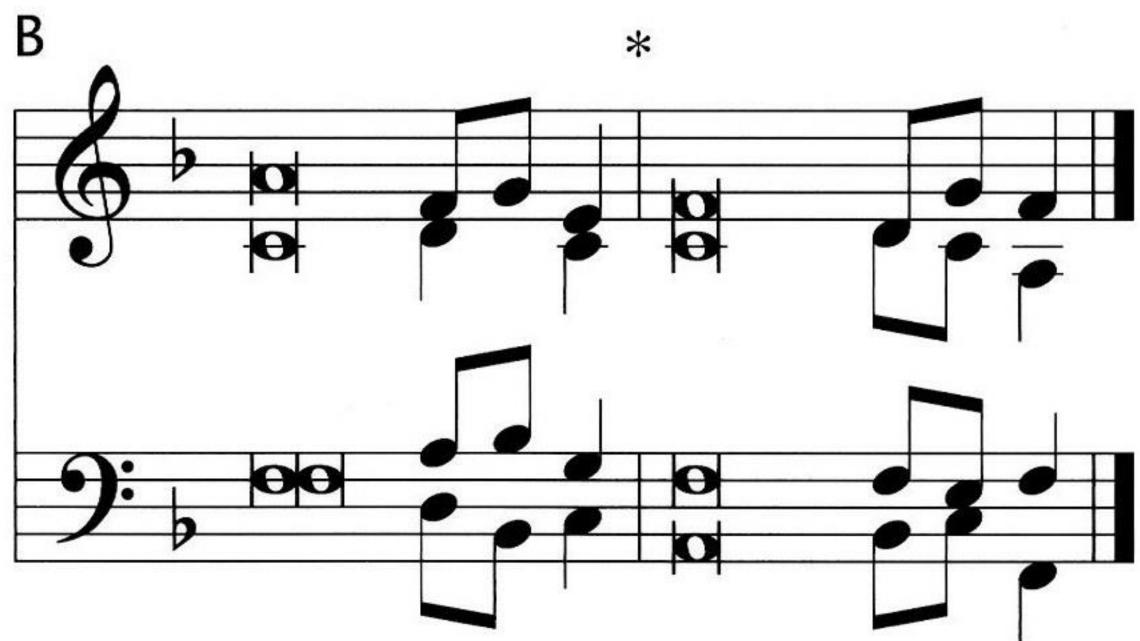




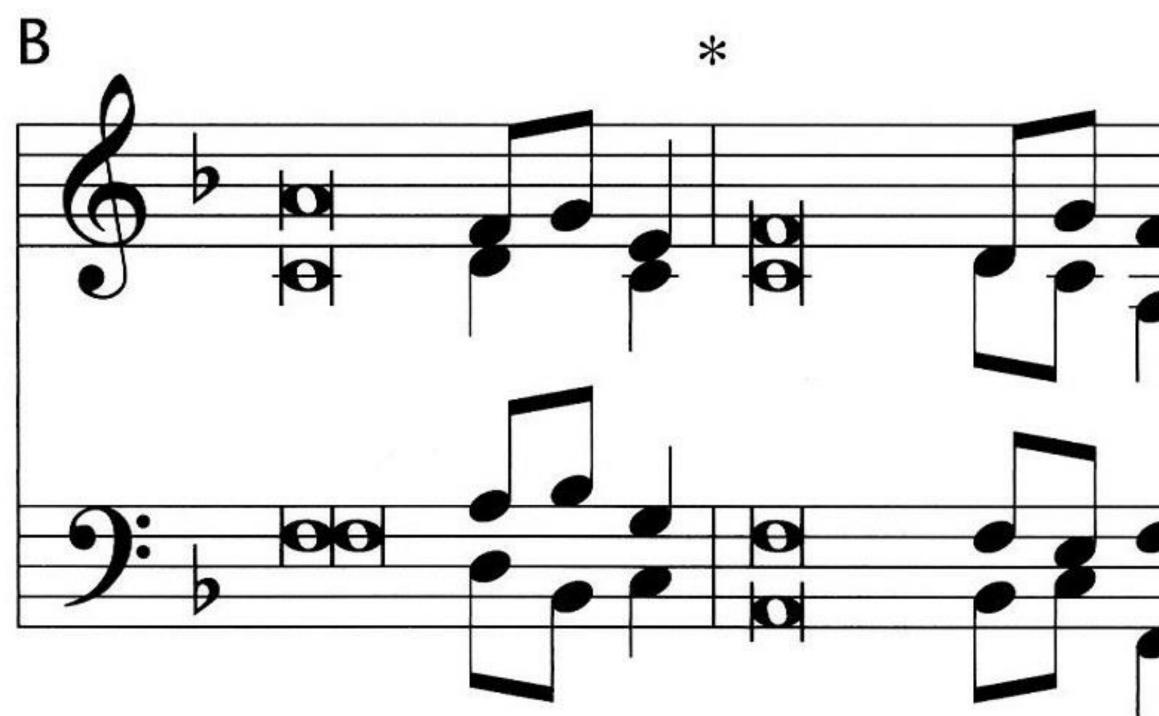
¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up* and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,* and you have healed me.



³O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;* you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit. ⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,* and give thanks to his holy name.

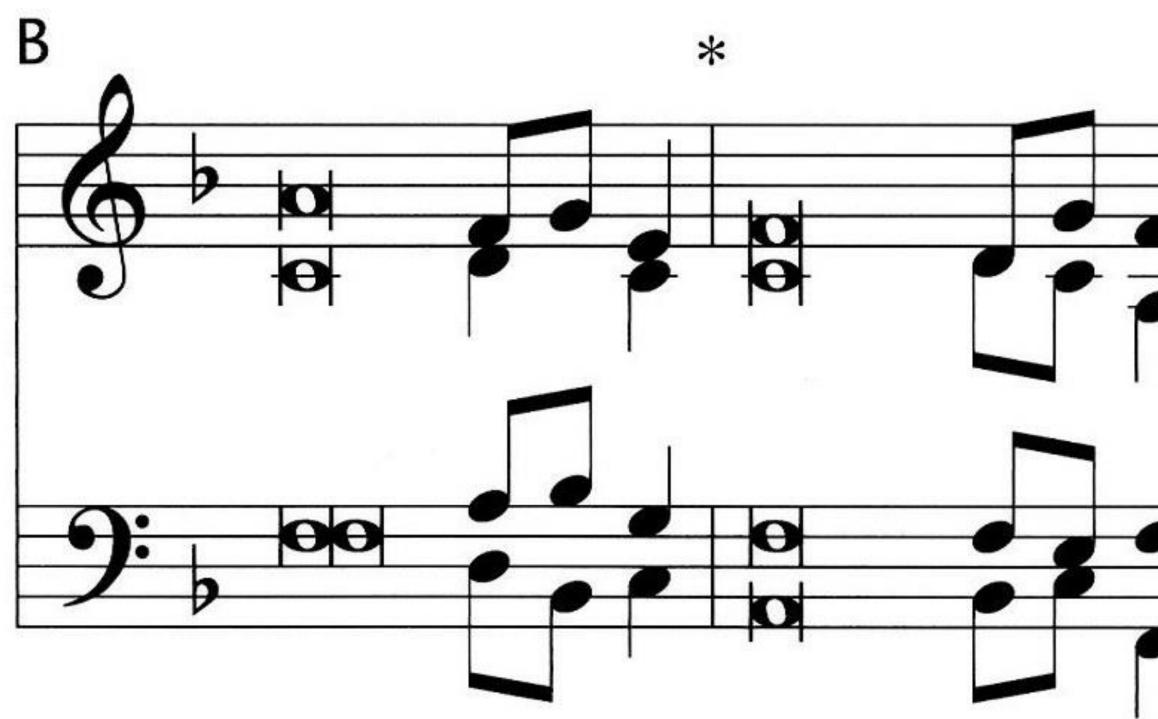


⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.* Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my pros- perity,* "I shall nev- | er be moved."



⁷By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain | stand strong;* you hid your face; I | was dismayed. ⁸To you, O LORD, I cry,* and to the Lord I plead for mercy:



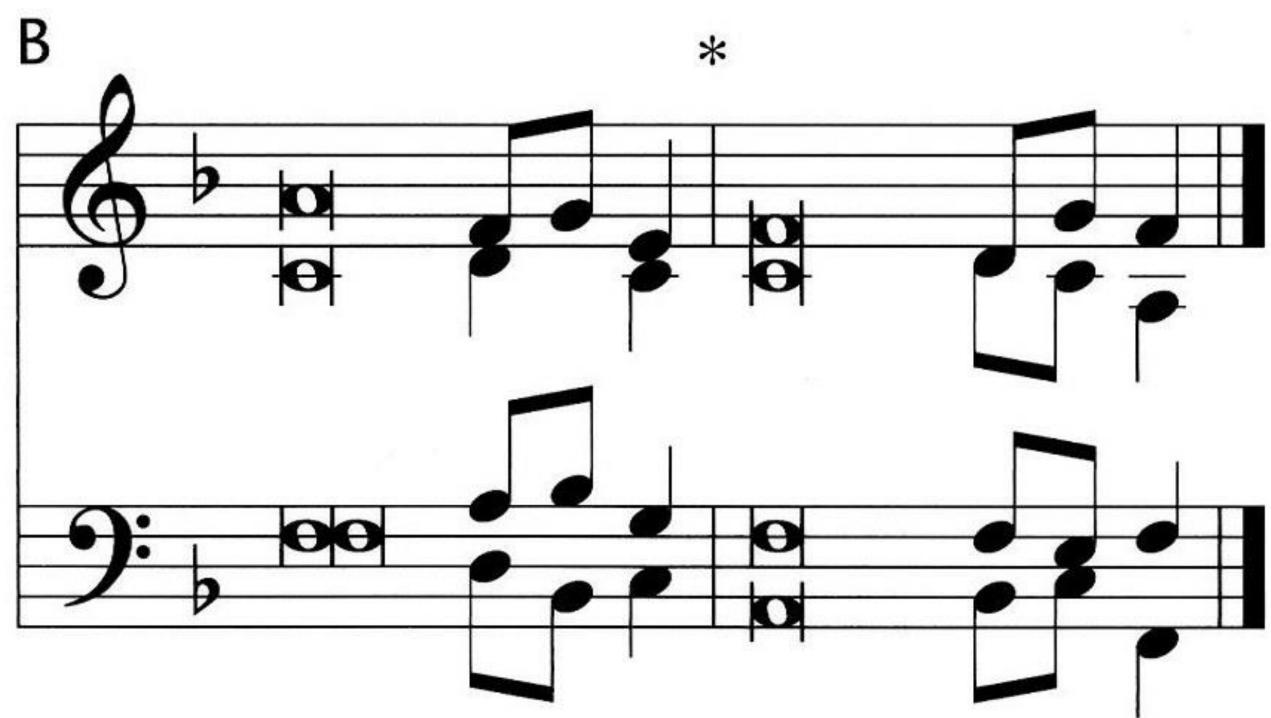


¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!* O LORD, be my helper!"



⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down | to the pit?* Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your | faithfulness?





¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;* you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.* O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- ever!

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."



⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,



"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, people for God ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

- for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
 - from every tribe and language and people and nation,



¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

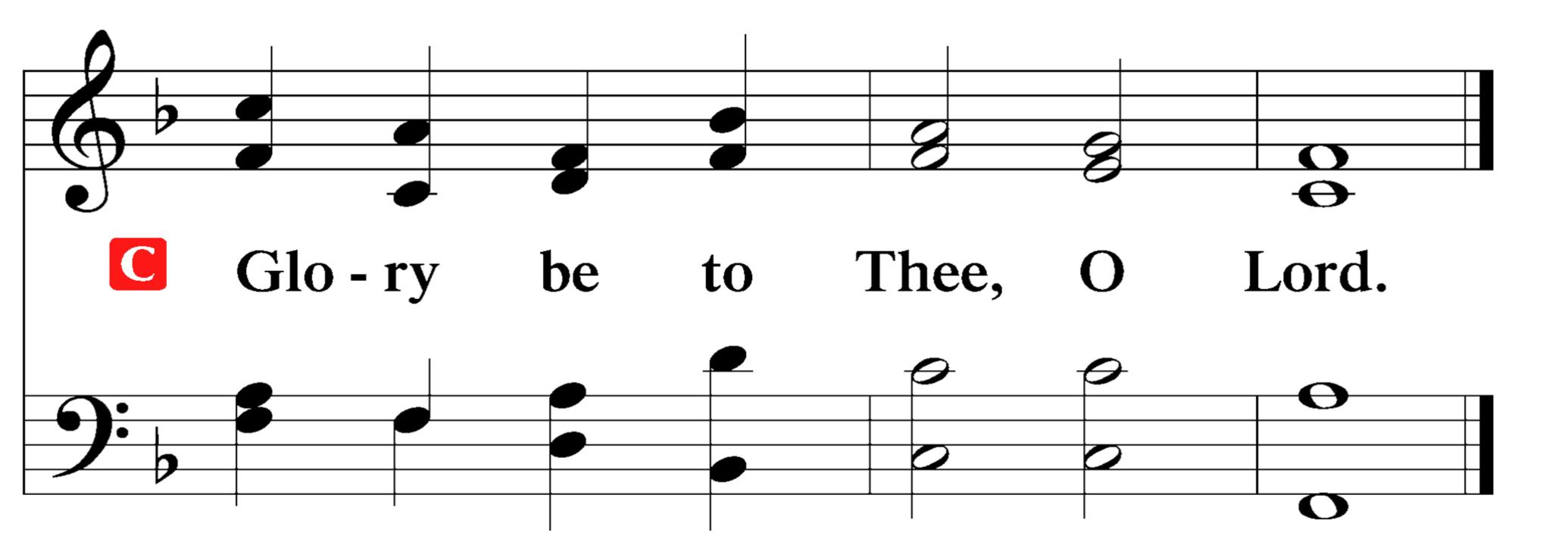


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Alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."







⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.



⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.





¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."



Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."



This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Apostles' Creed

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

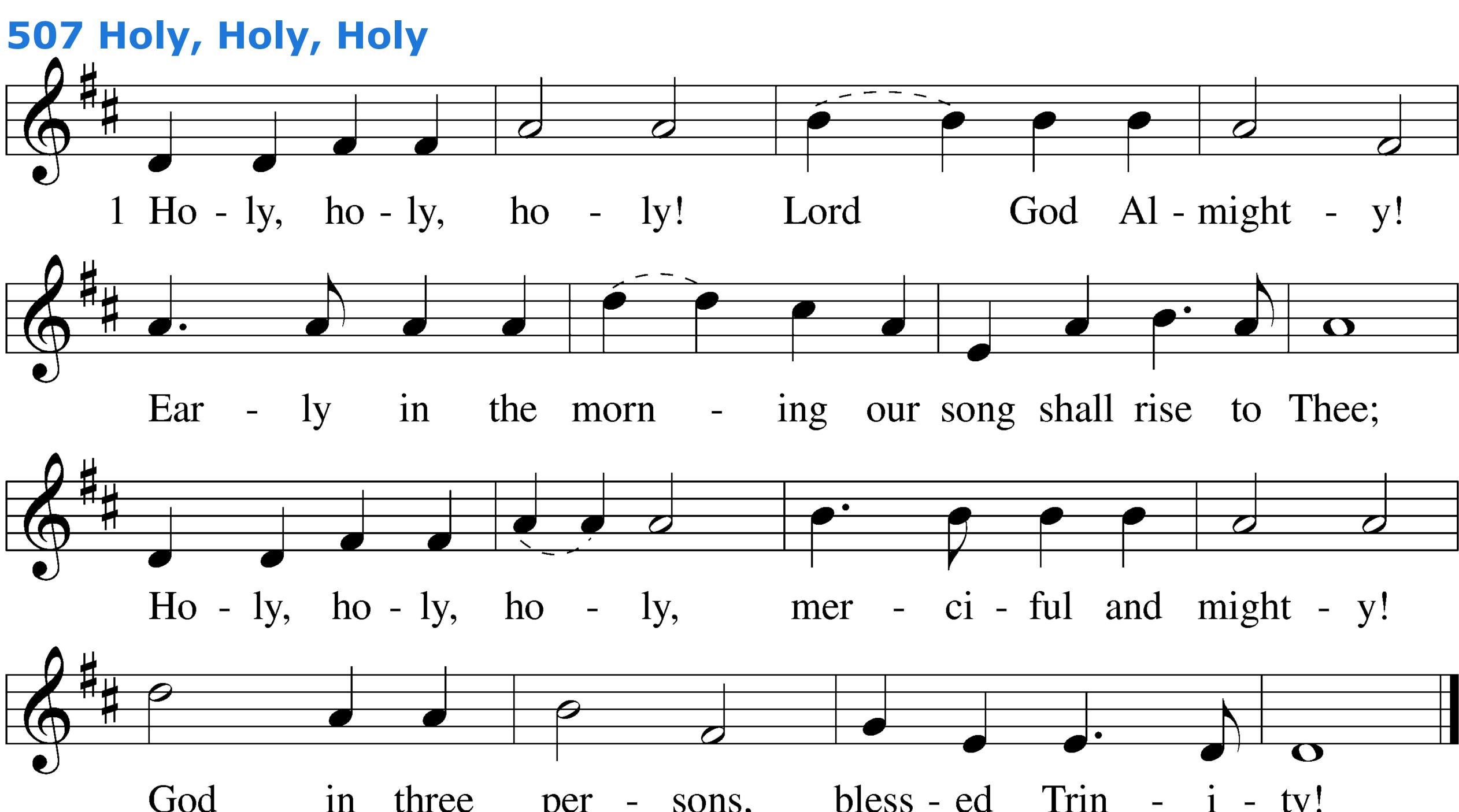
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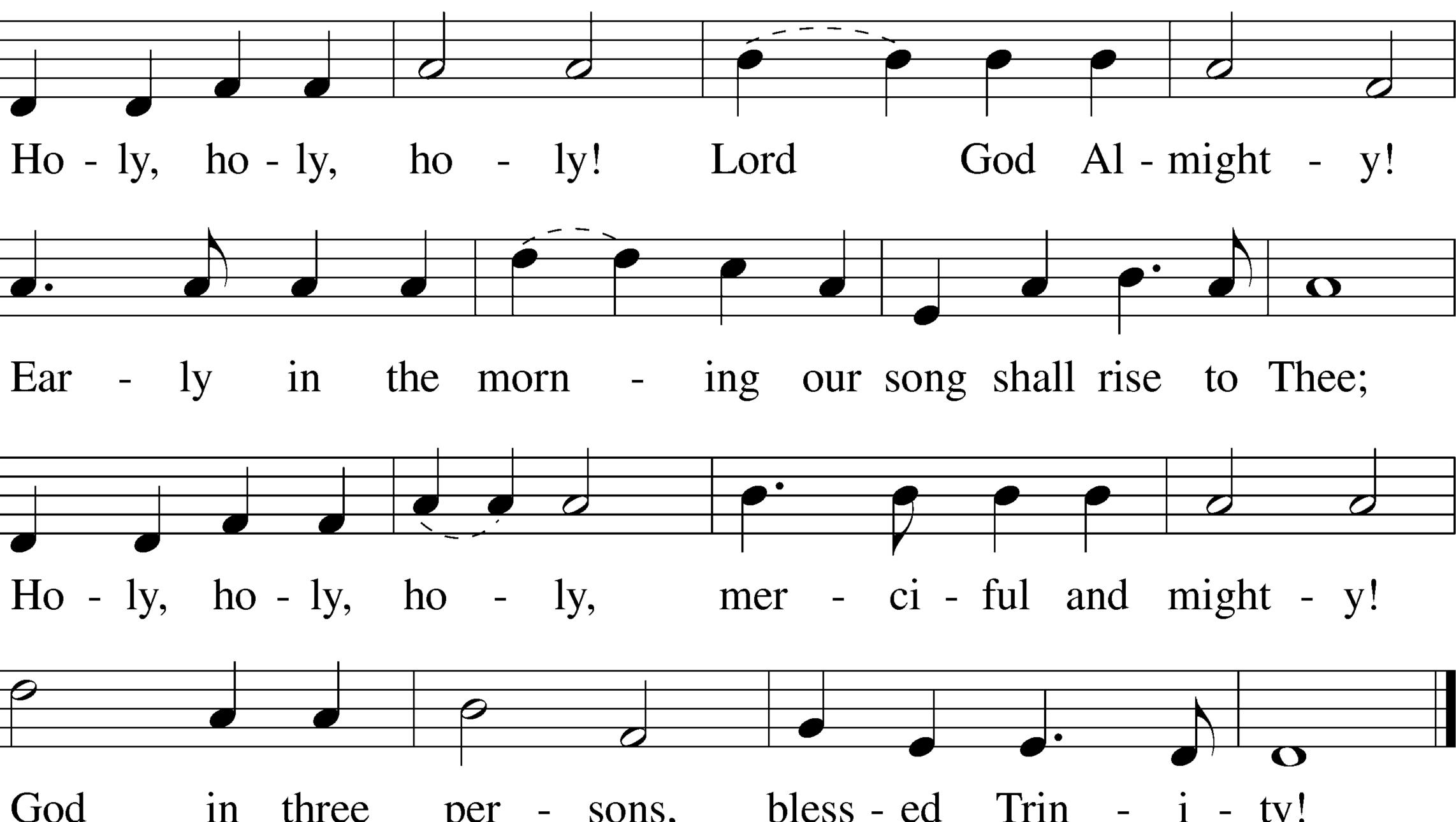


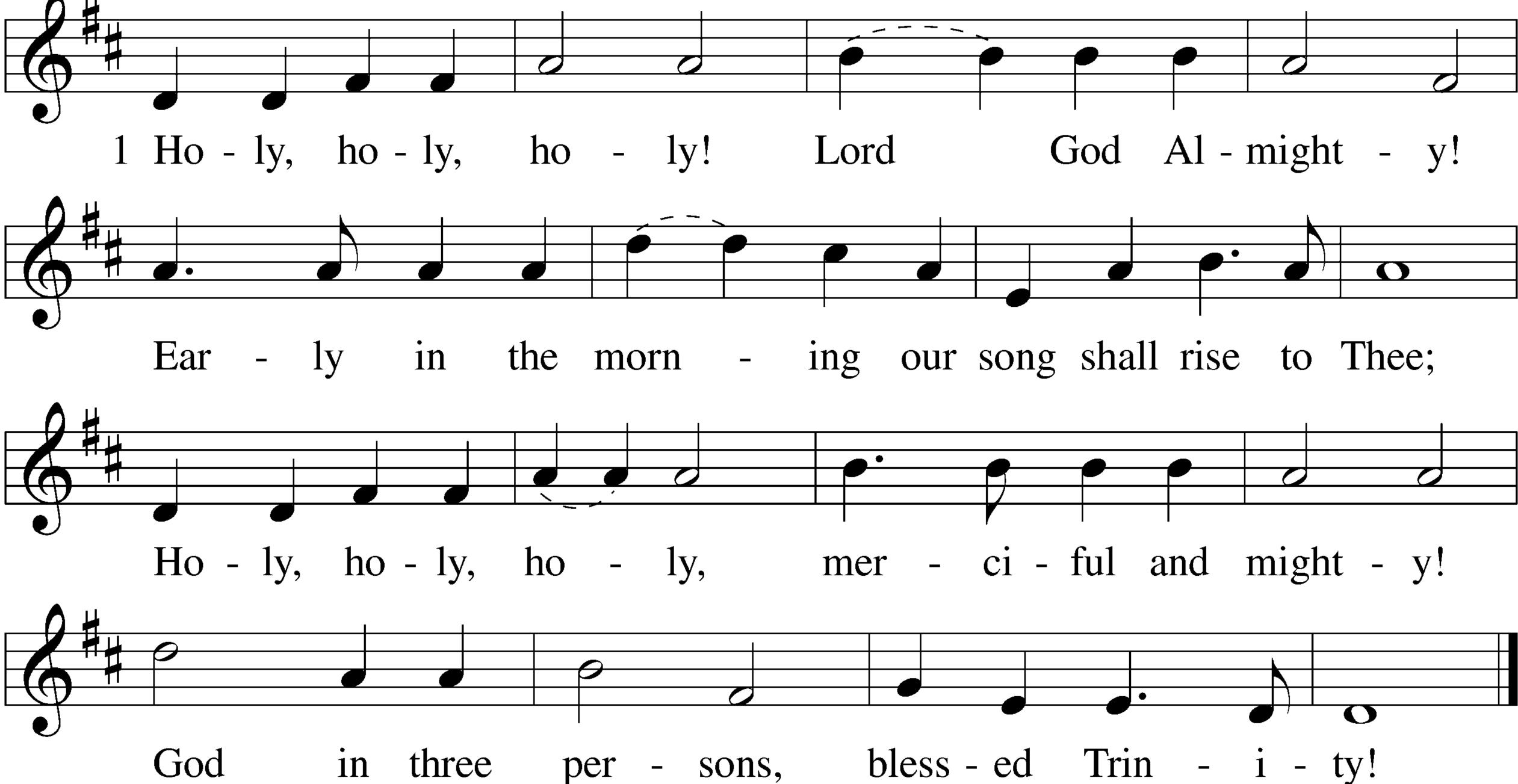
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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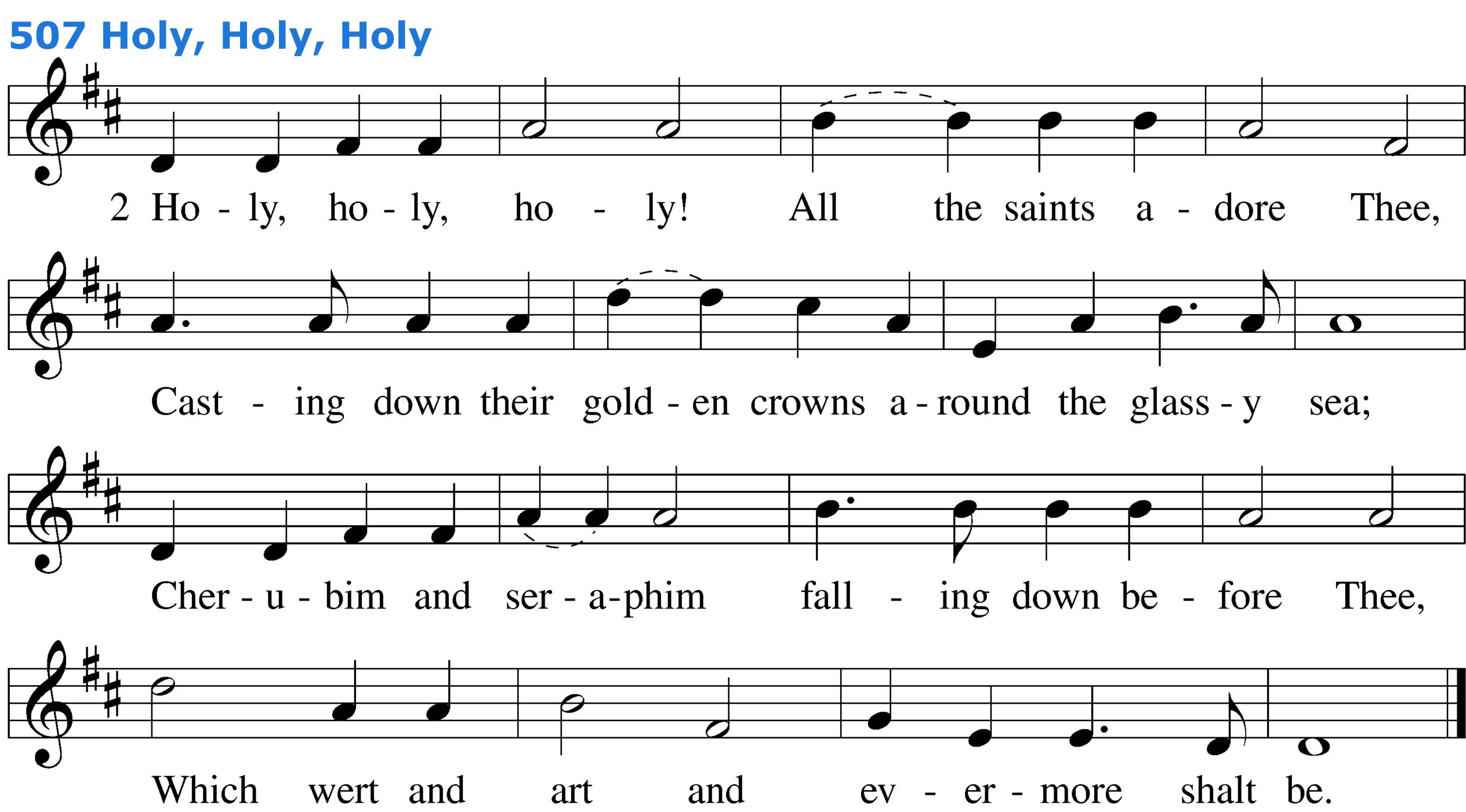
I believe in the Holy Spirit, C the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dashv everlasting. Amen.





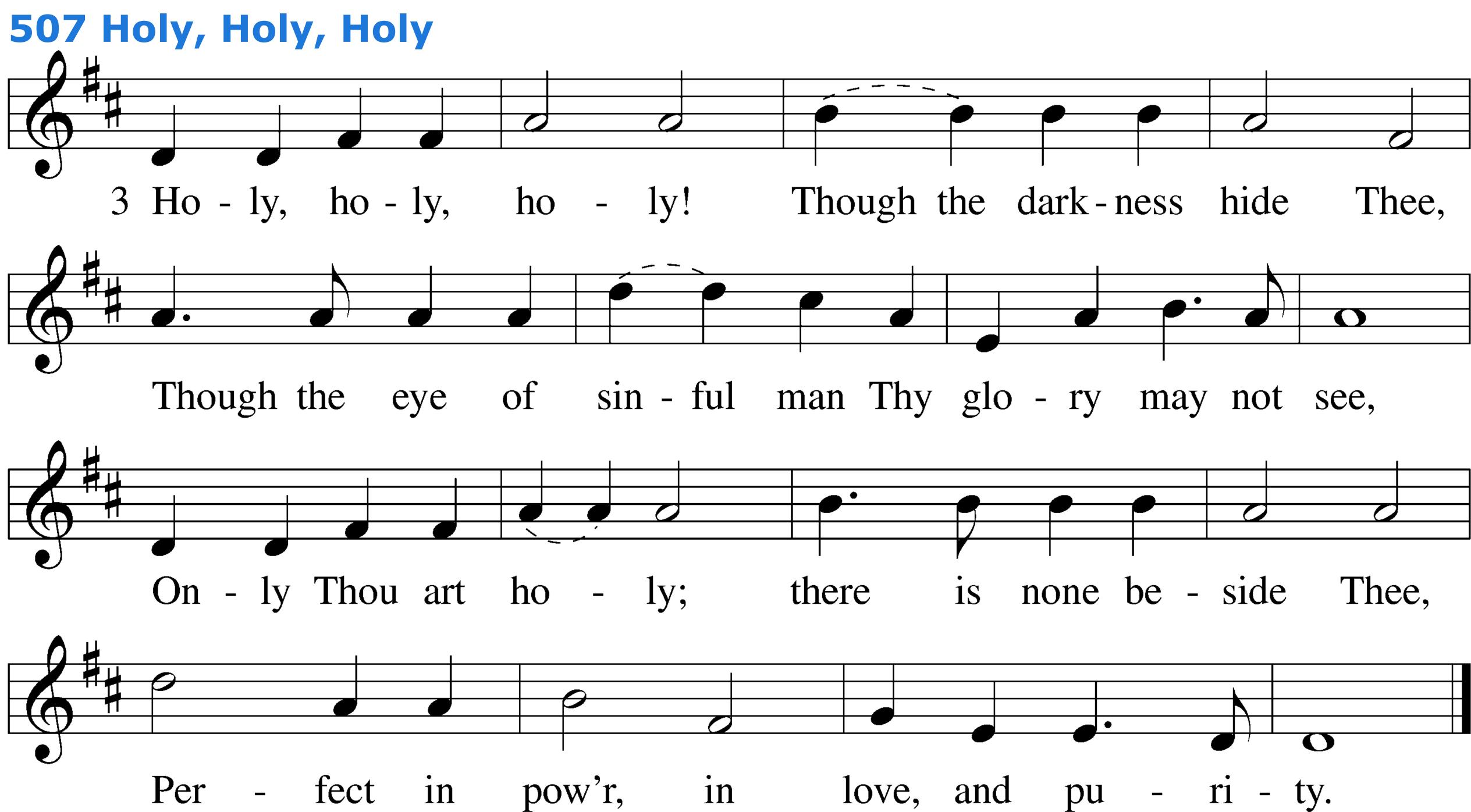


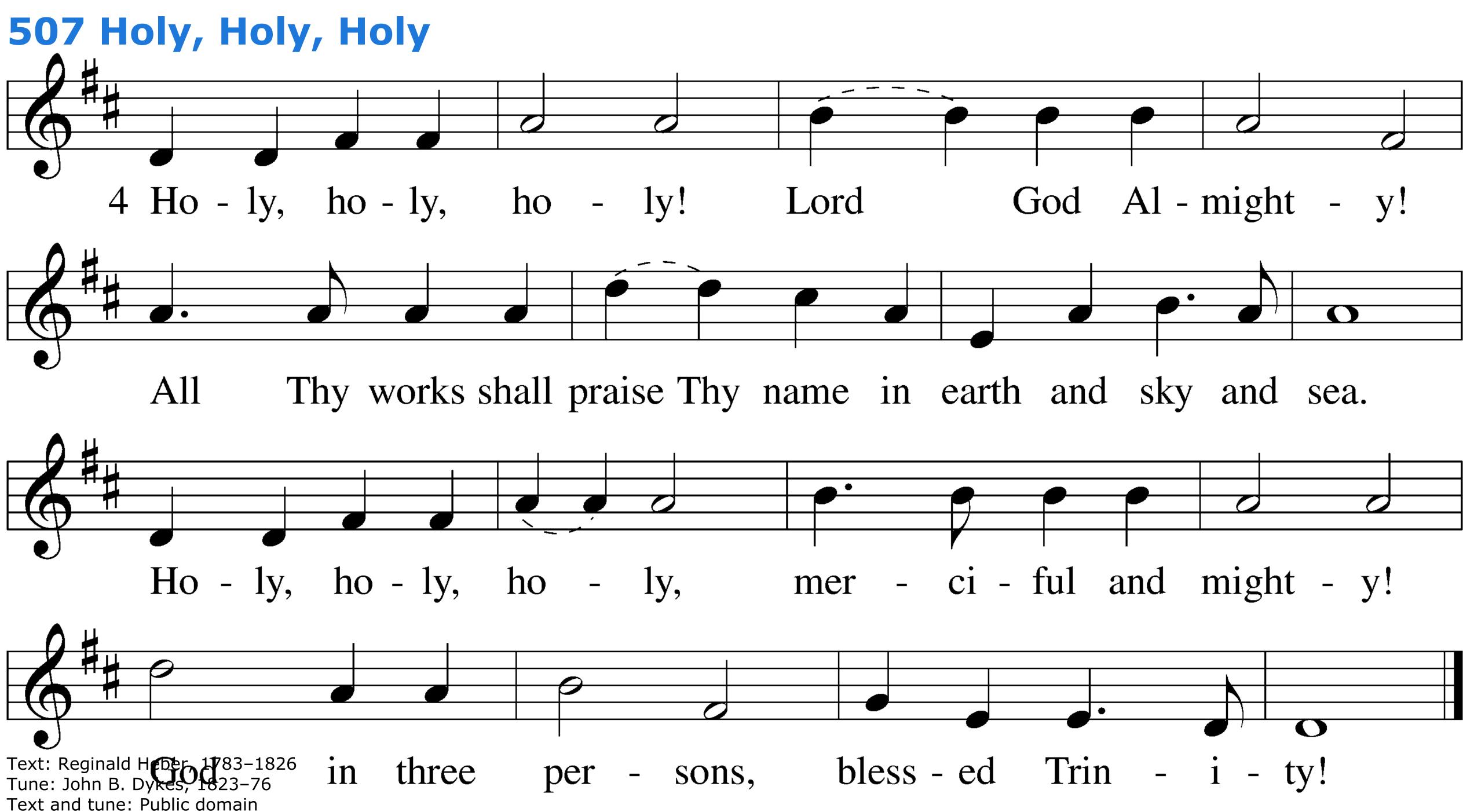
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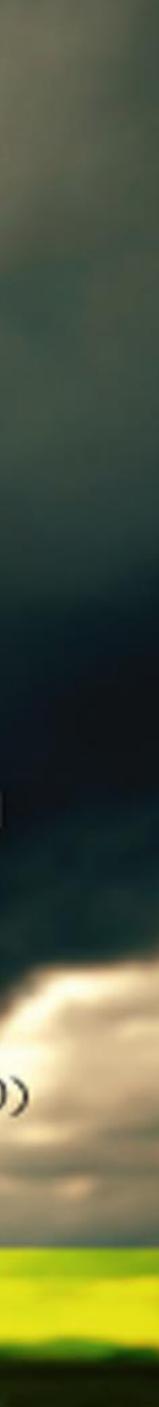


The Homily

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In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 4:10)



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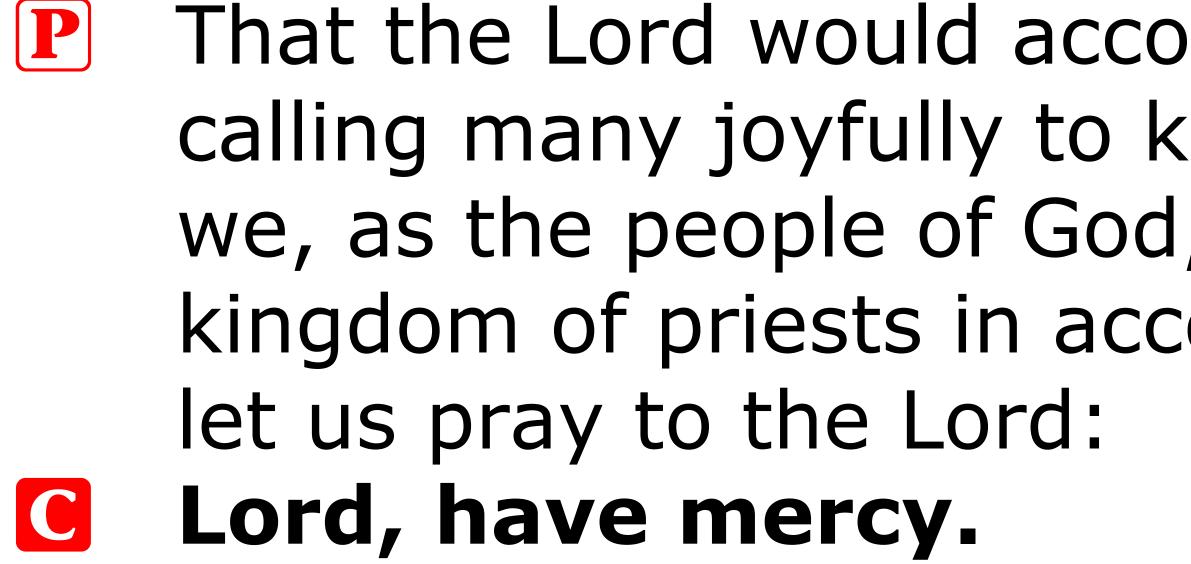
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord: P Lord, have mercy.



That the Lord would accomplish His holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know His redemption; and that we, as the people of God, would live lives of service as a kingdom of priests in accordance with God's holy will,

- $|\mathbf{P}|$ confounding her enemies with Christ's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy. C
- $|\mathbf{P}|$ us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, have mercy.

For the Church of God, that many men would be called to the service of the Church and to suffer for the Gospel,

For the Church of Jesus, that He who provided fish for His apostles and sent them out as fishers of men would bless the Word and gather in as many as would be saved, let





- P they would declare the mighty acts of God to the generation to come, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy. C
- P who orders all nations would inspire His Church to Lord, have mercy.

For all fathers and mothers, that God would strengthen their faith and increase their joy in the Gospel, and that

For our rulers and all the nations of the earth, that God shepherd them unto eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:



For those who struggle among us, especially Katherine, Joyce, Gail, Jeanine, David, Juan, Don, Janette, LaShawn, Charlie, the Fratianni Family _____, that God would give them faith and grace and be glorified through their trials, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.





- come in service, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy. C

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For the African mission in Liberia that it may joyfully proclaim the Name of Christ and bear much fruit in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For this Rescue Mission that it may serve many in the name of Christ, giving hope to the downcast as well as food for the hungry, that all who enter here would be blessed, those who come in need as well as those who



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The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For Pastor Zogar's pastor training school in Liberia that God would use it to raise up laborers fit for His harvest,



Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.





Closing Collect

O God, by the patient endurance of Your onlybegotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy. Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. C glory forever and ever. Amen.

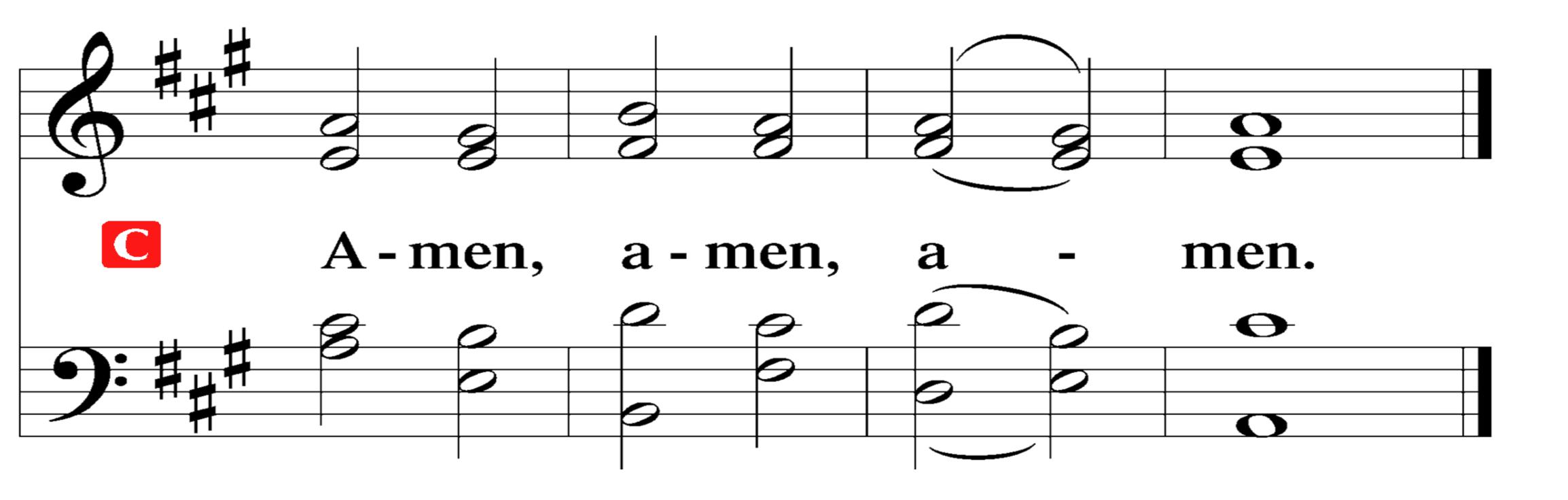
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

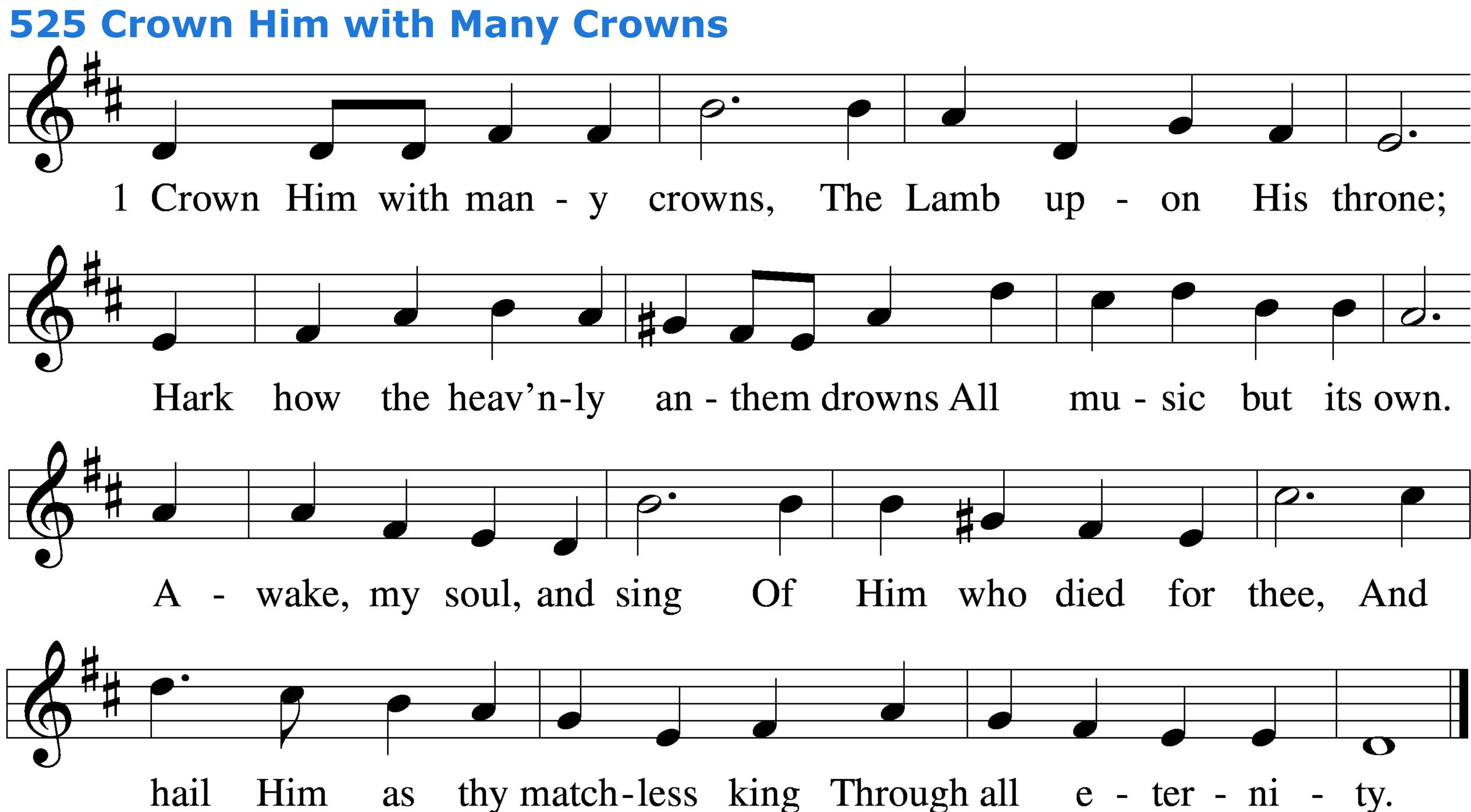
 - as we forgive those who trespass against us;
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

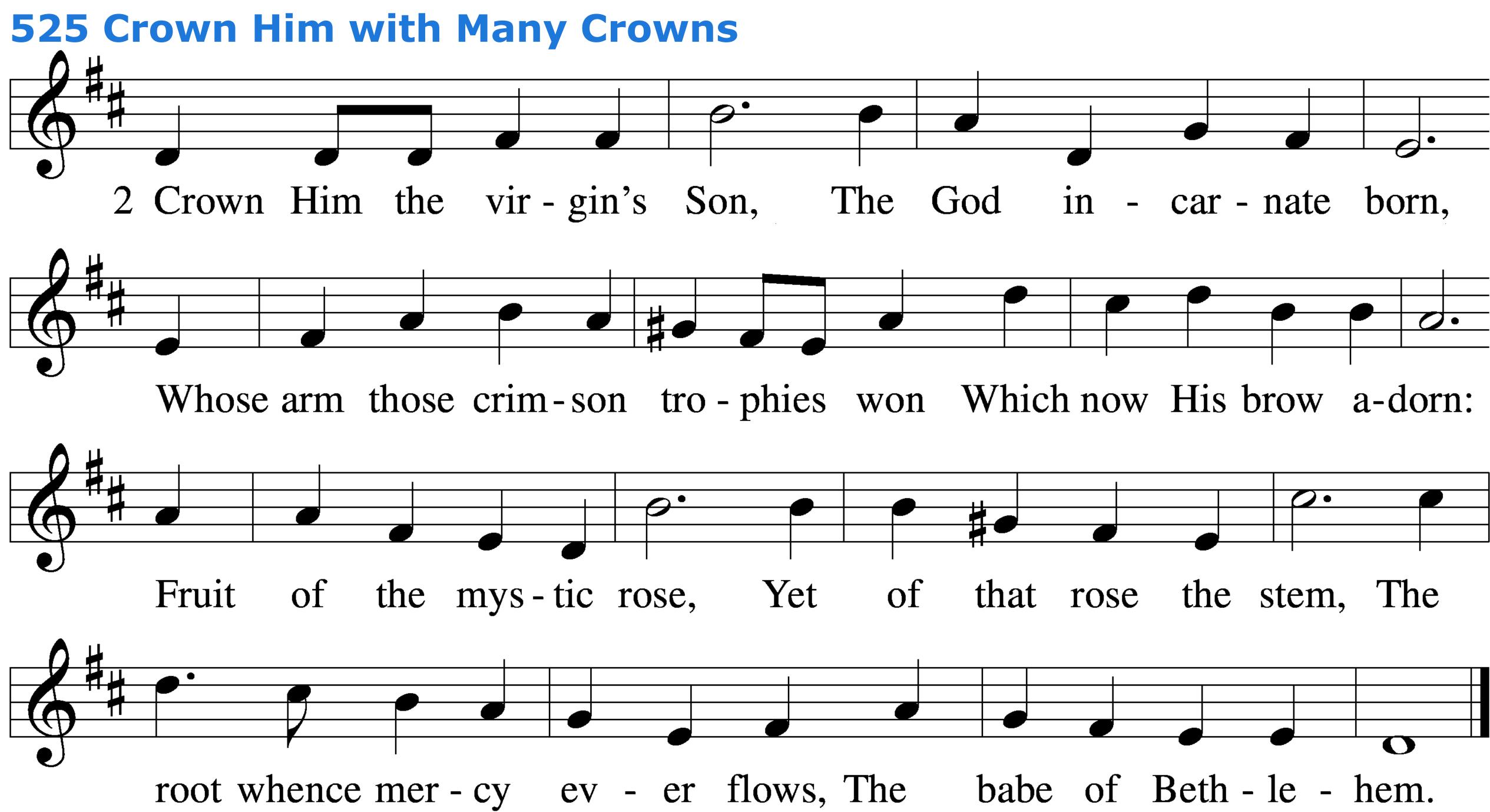


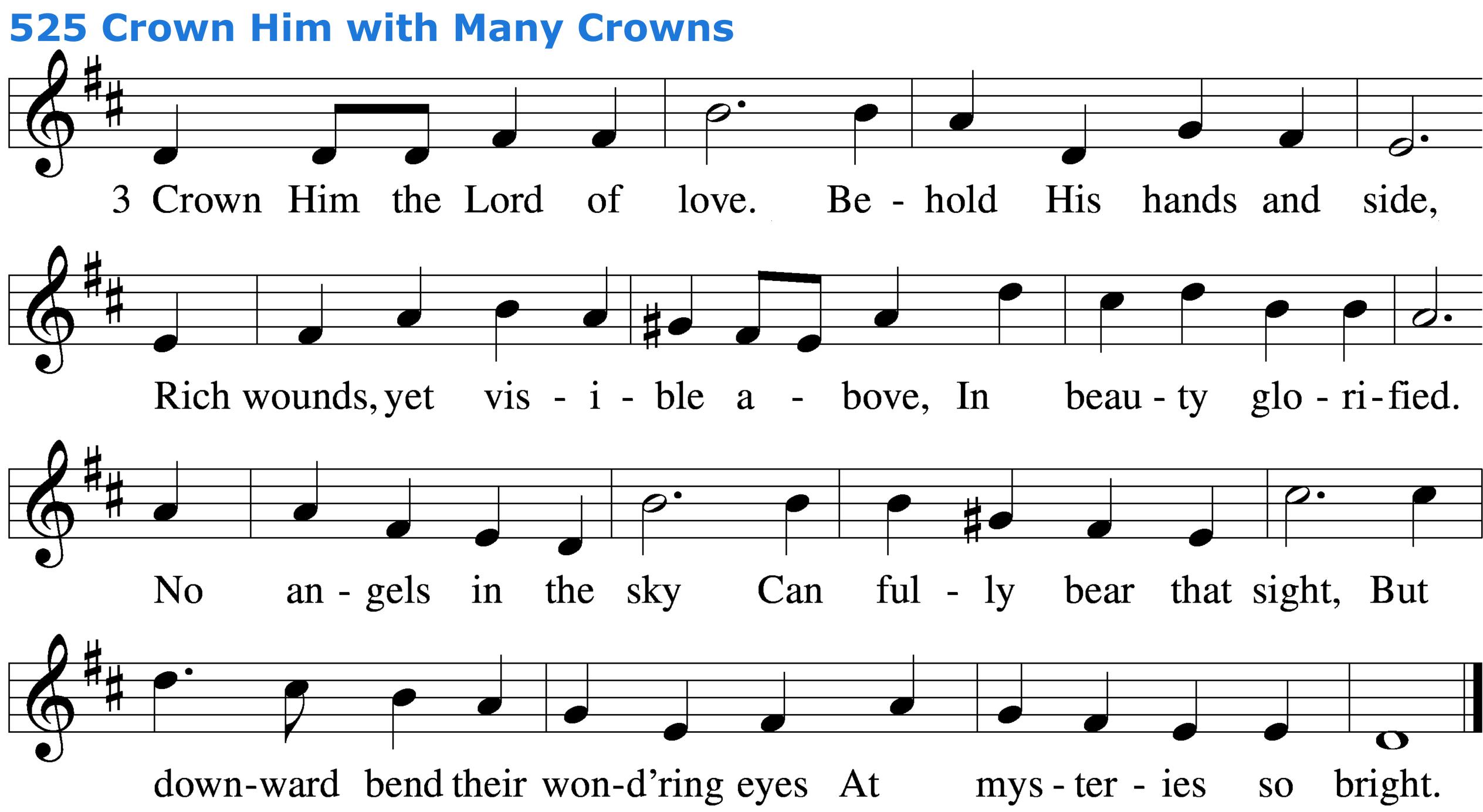
Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. P The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dashv give you peace.









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