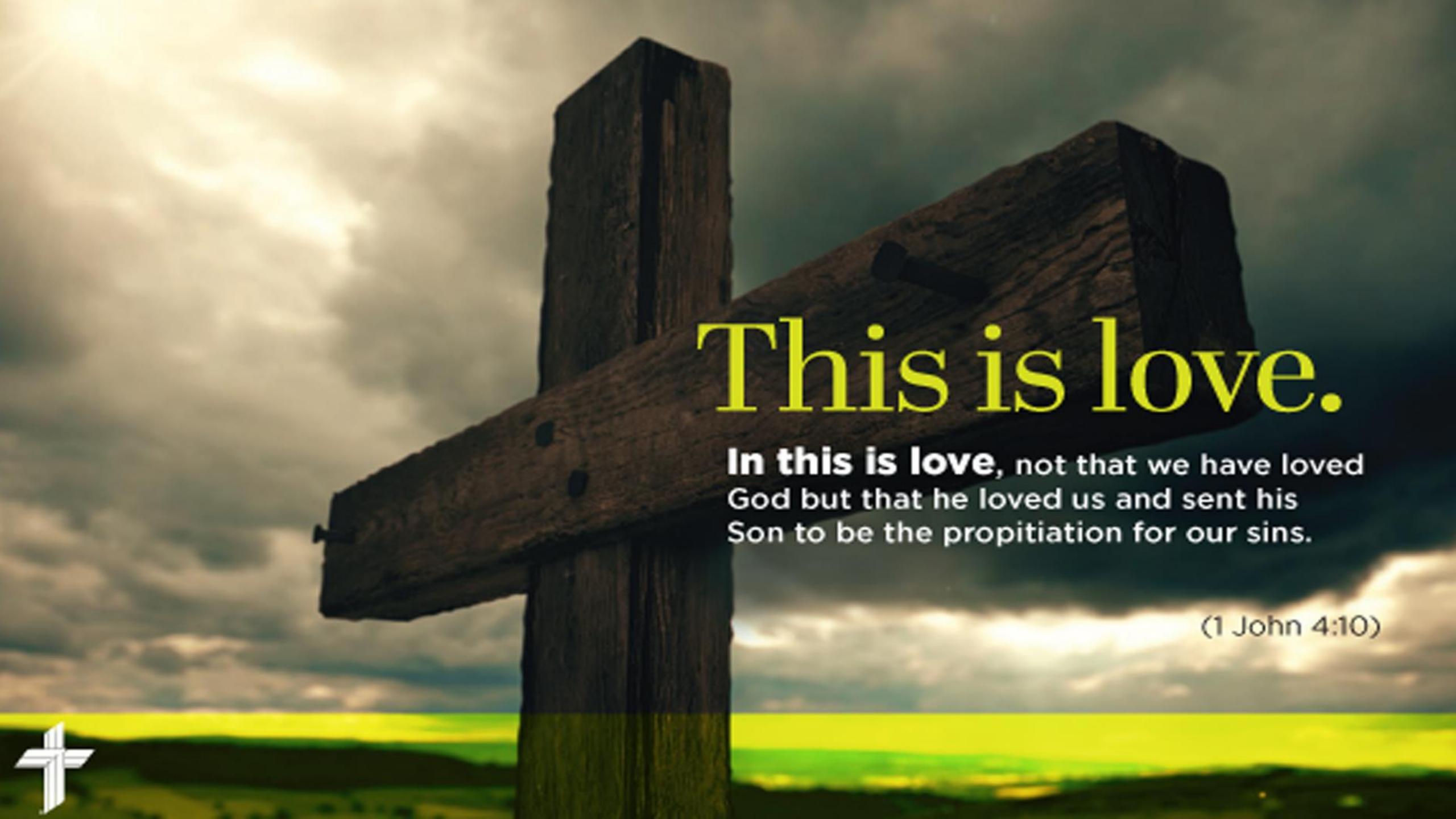
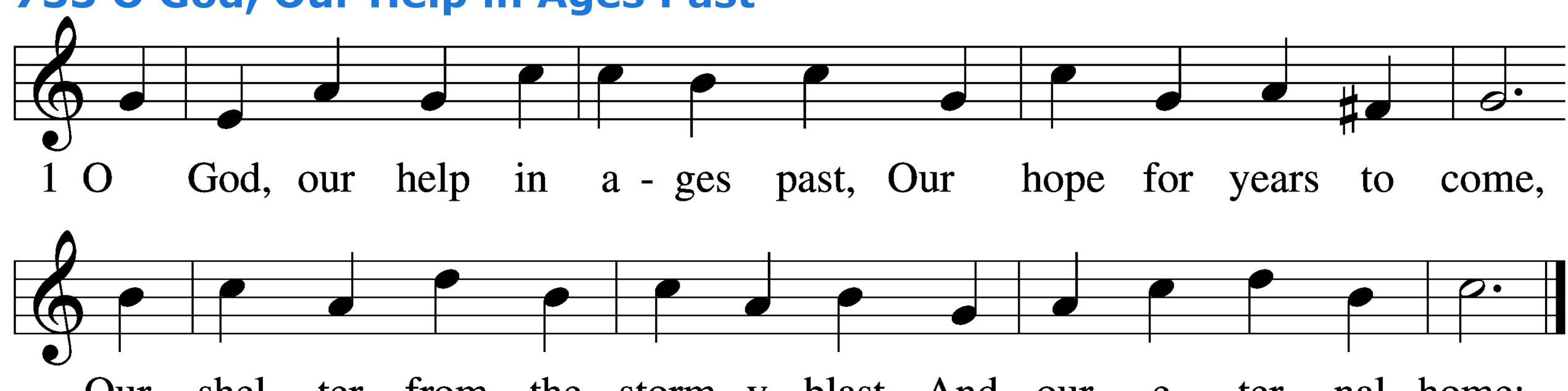
Bread of Life



Lutheran Church Rome, New York

August 9, 2025



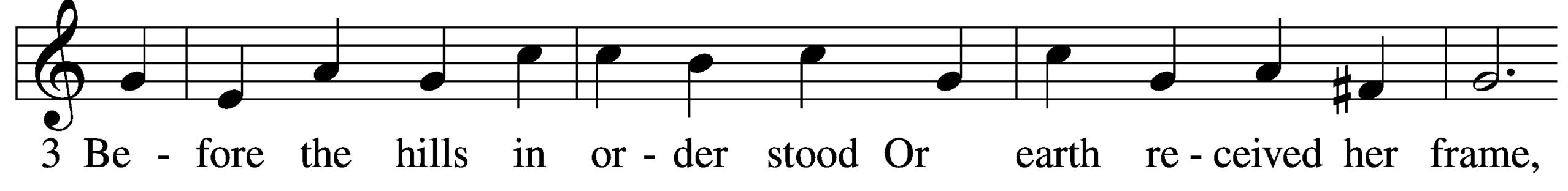


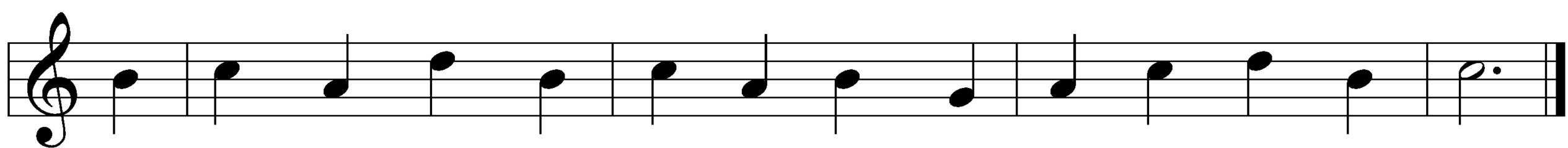
Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:





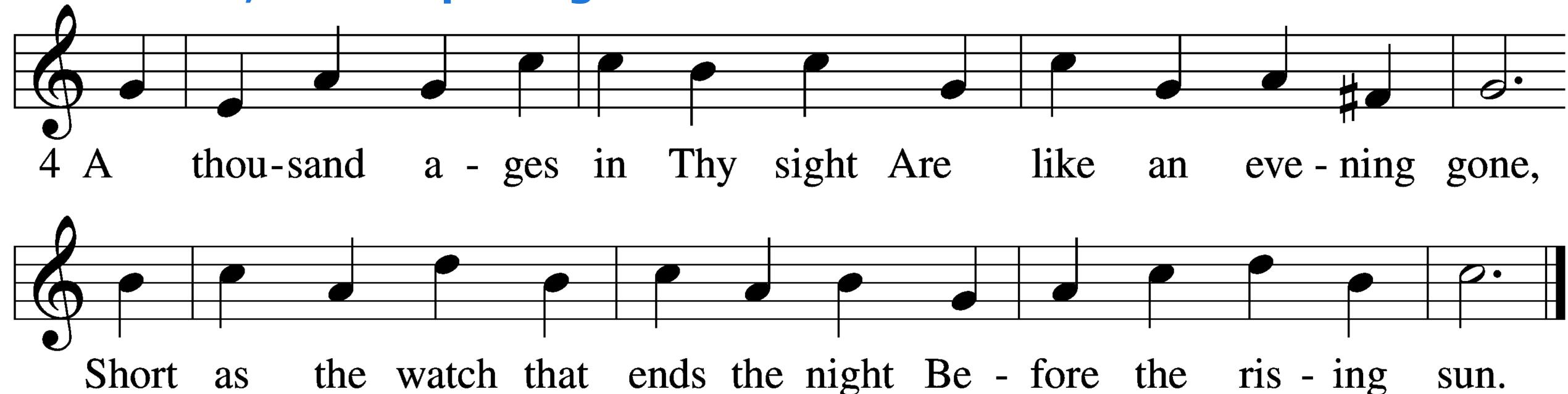
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.





From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.

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Invocation

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

- In the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation

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

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. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your 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.

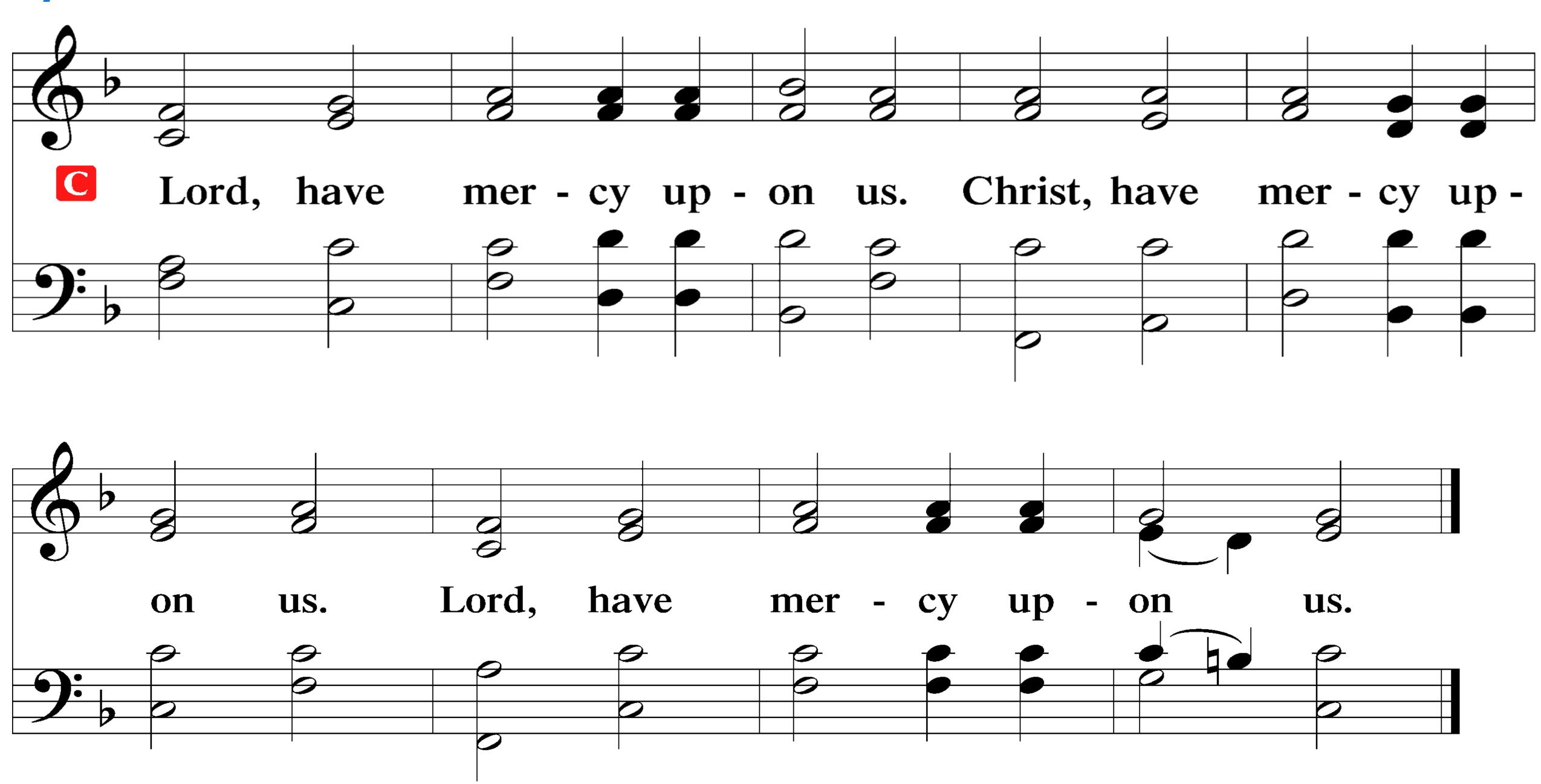
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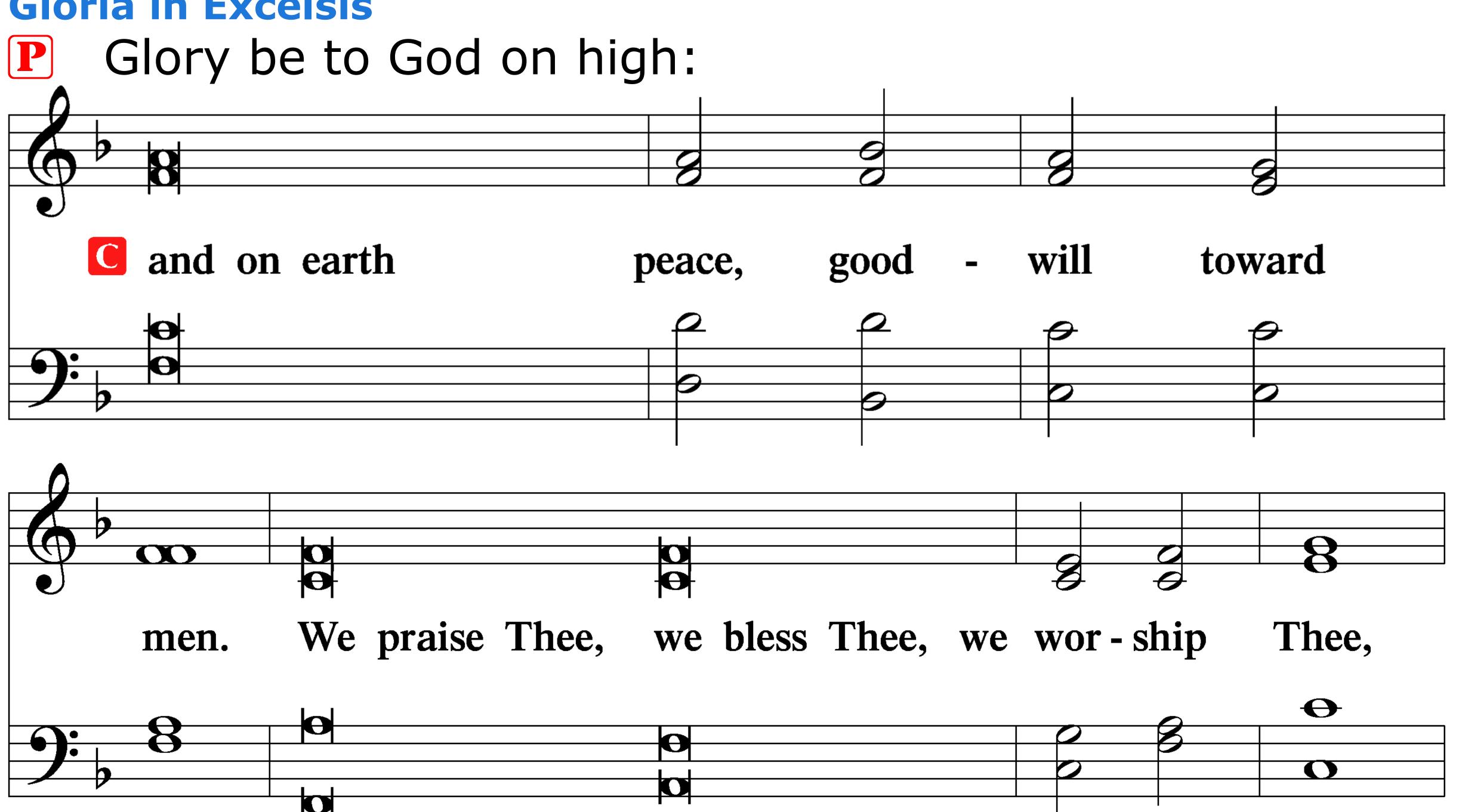
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

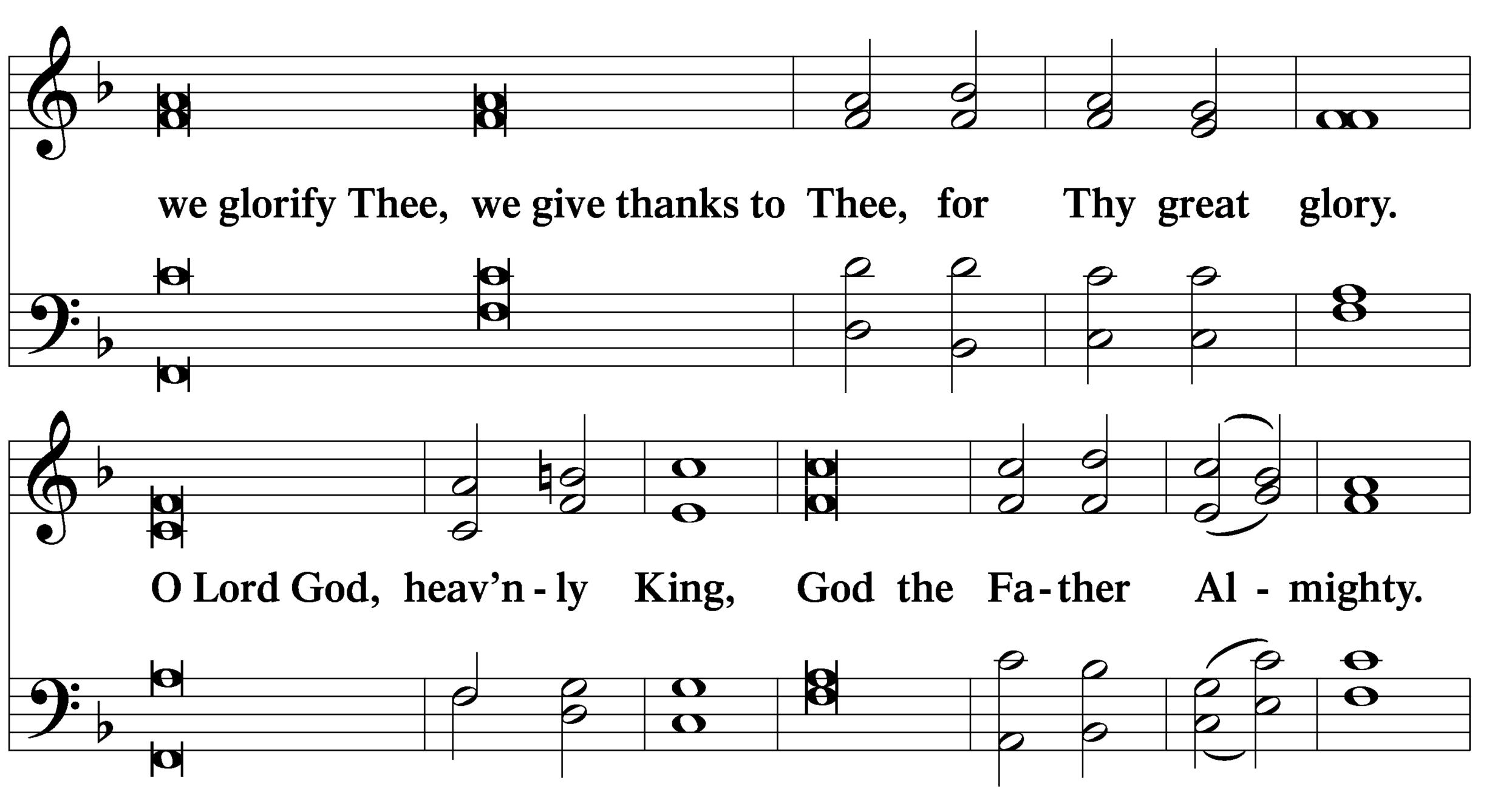
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

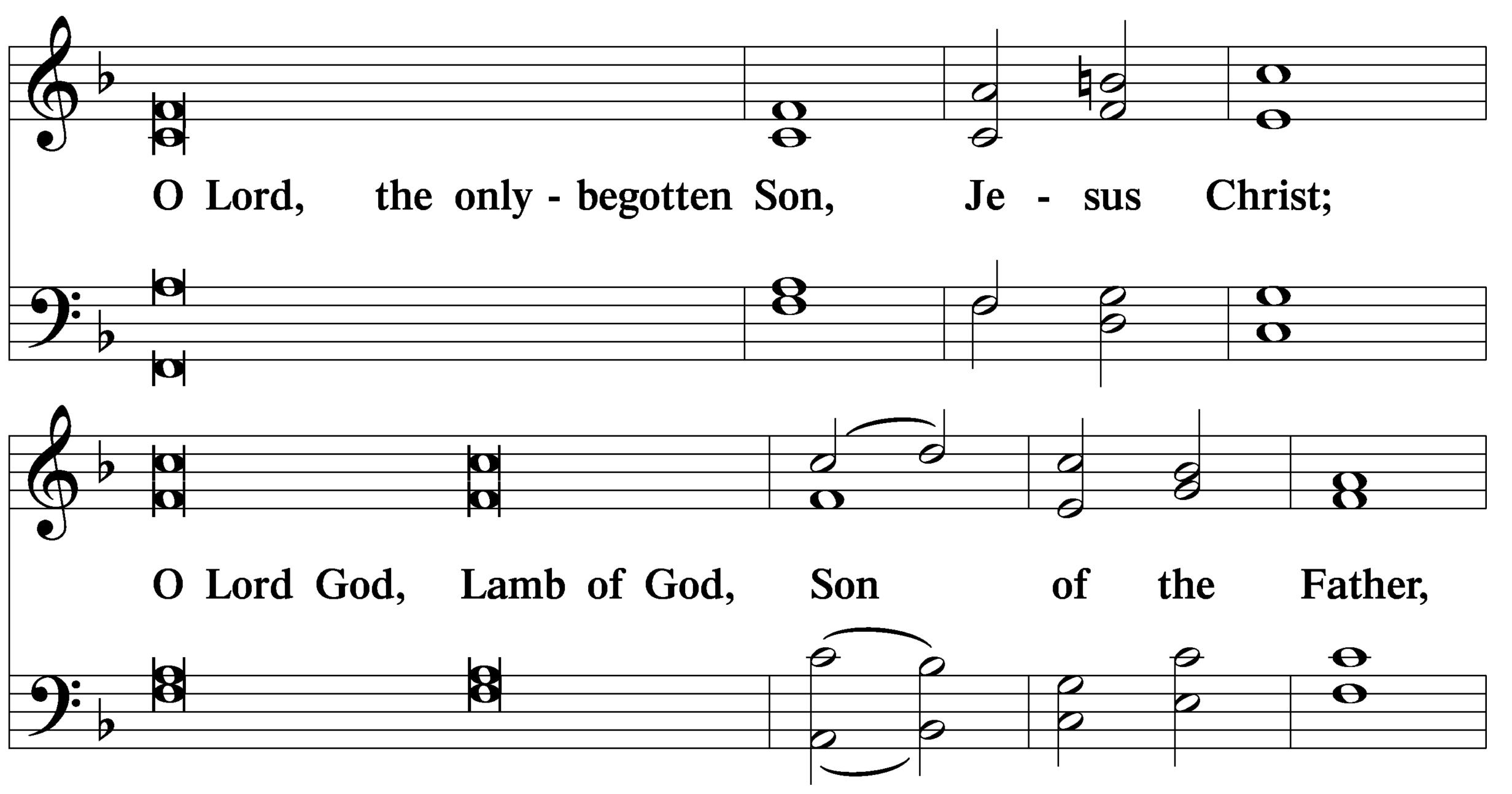
Amen.

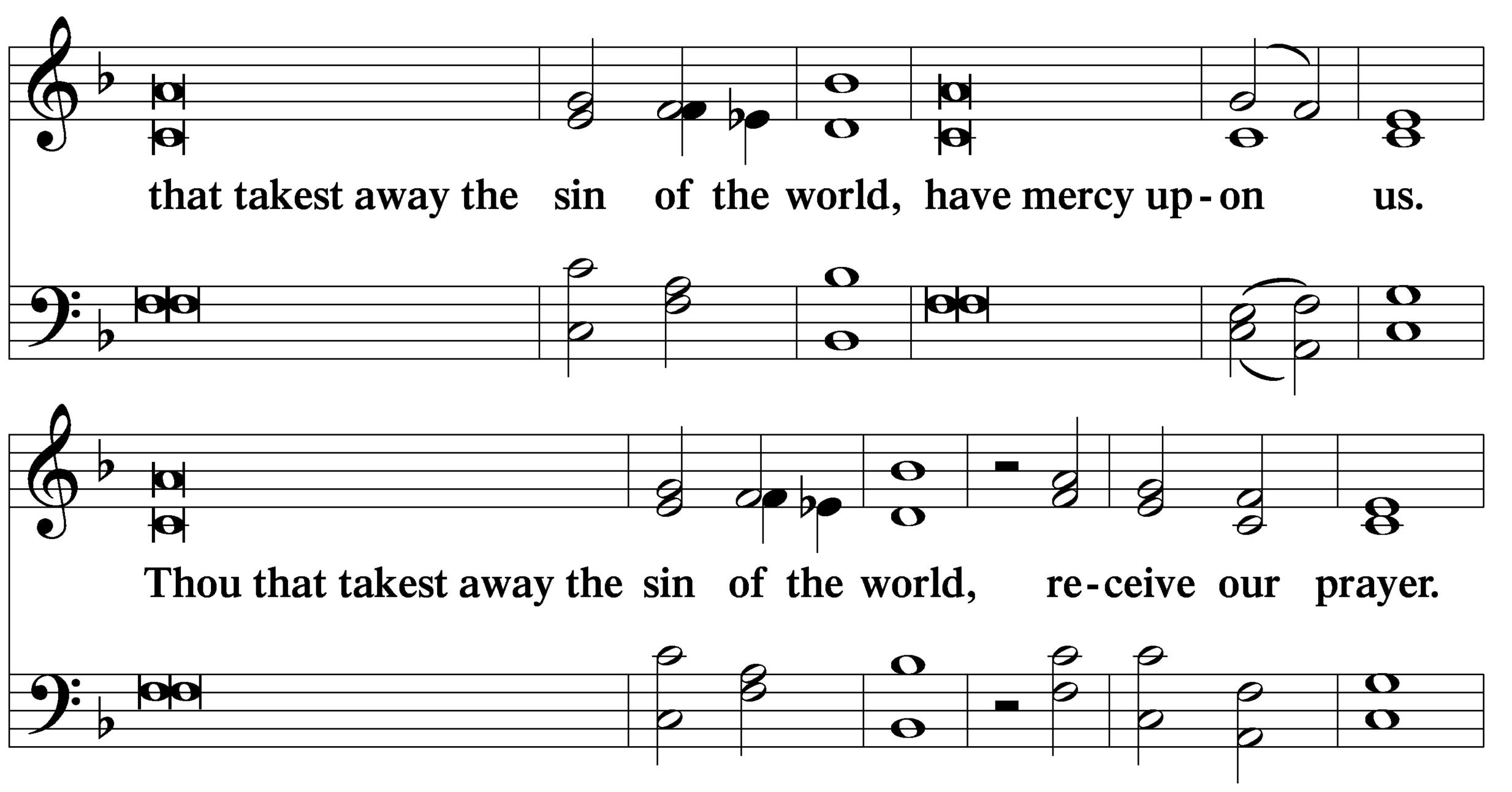
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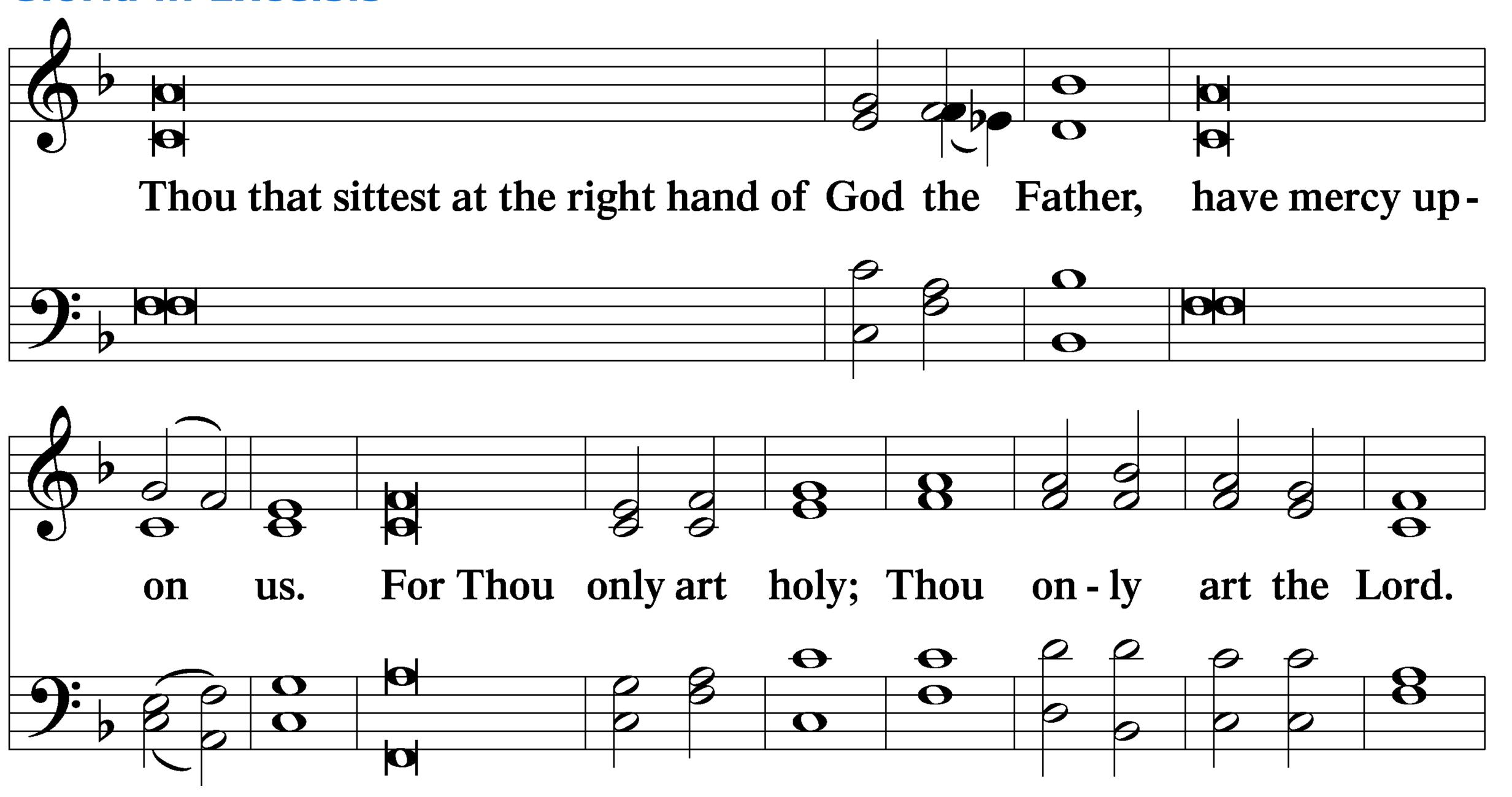


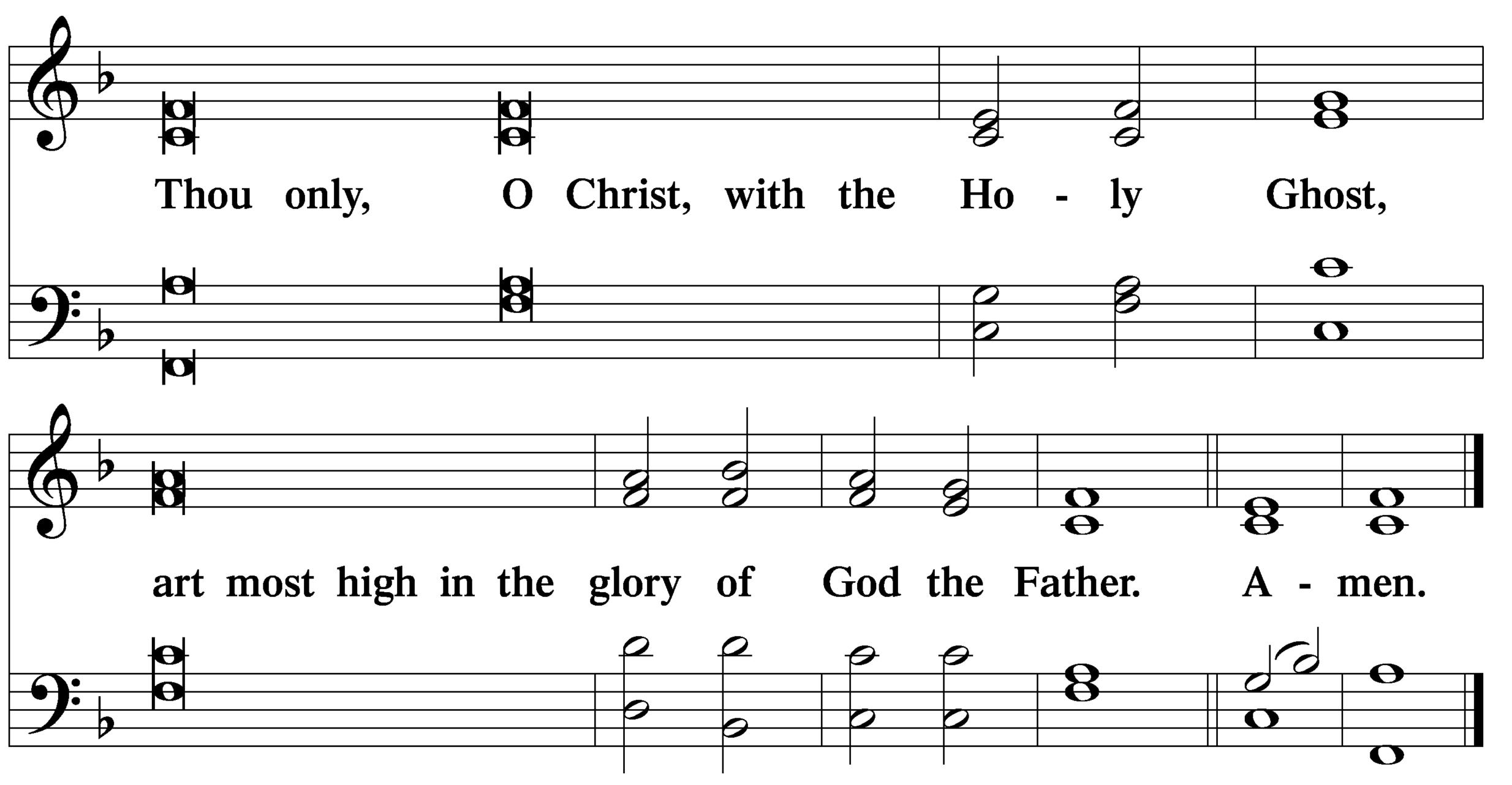






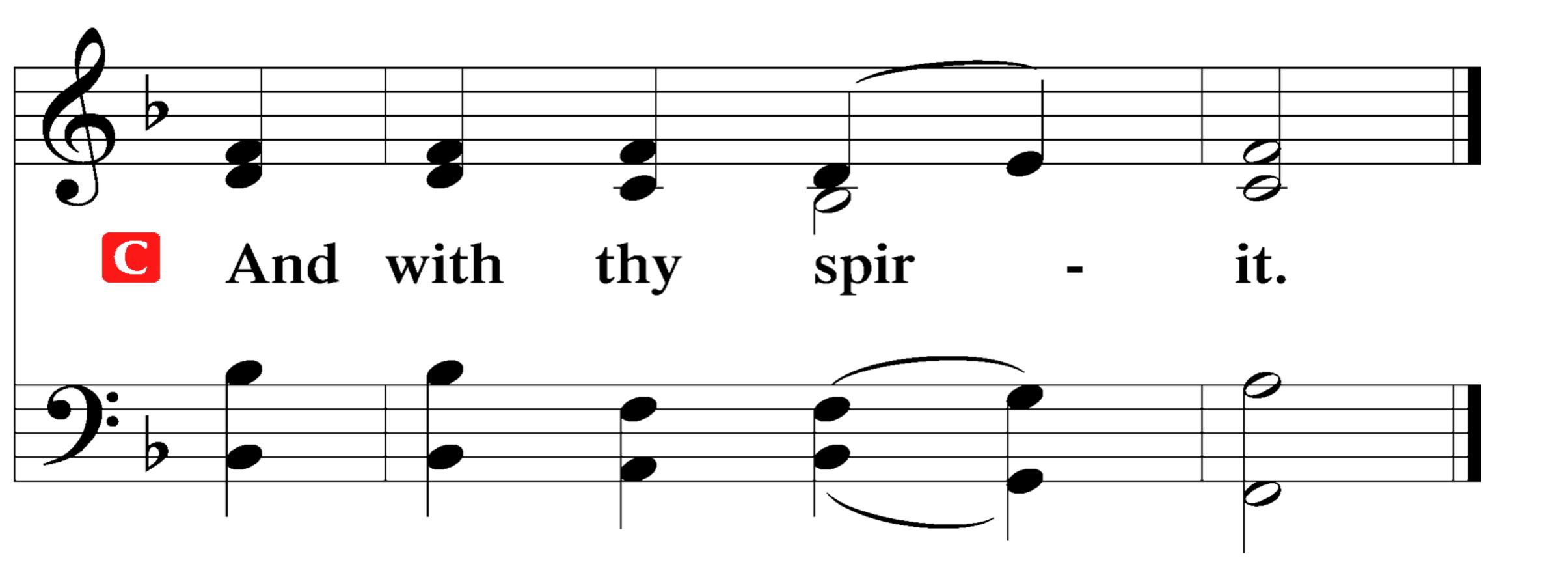






Salutation and Collect of the Day:

Pi The Lord be with you.

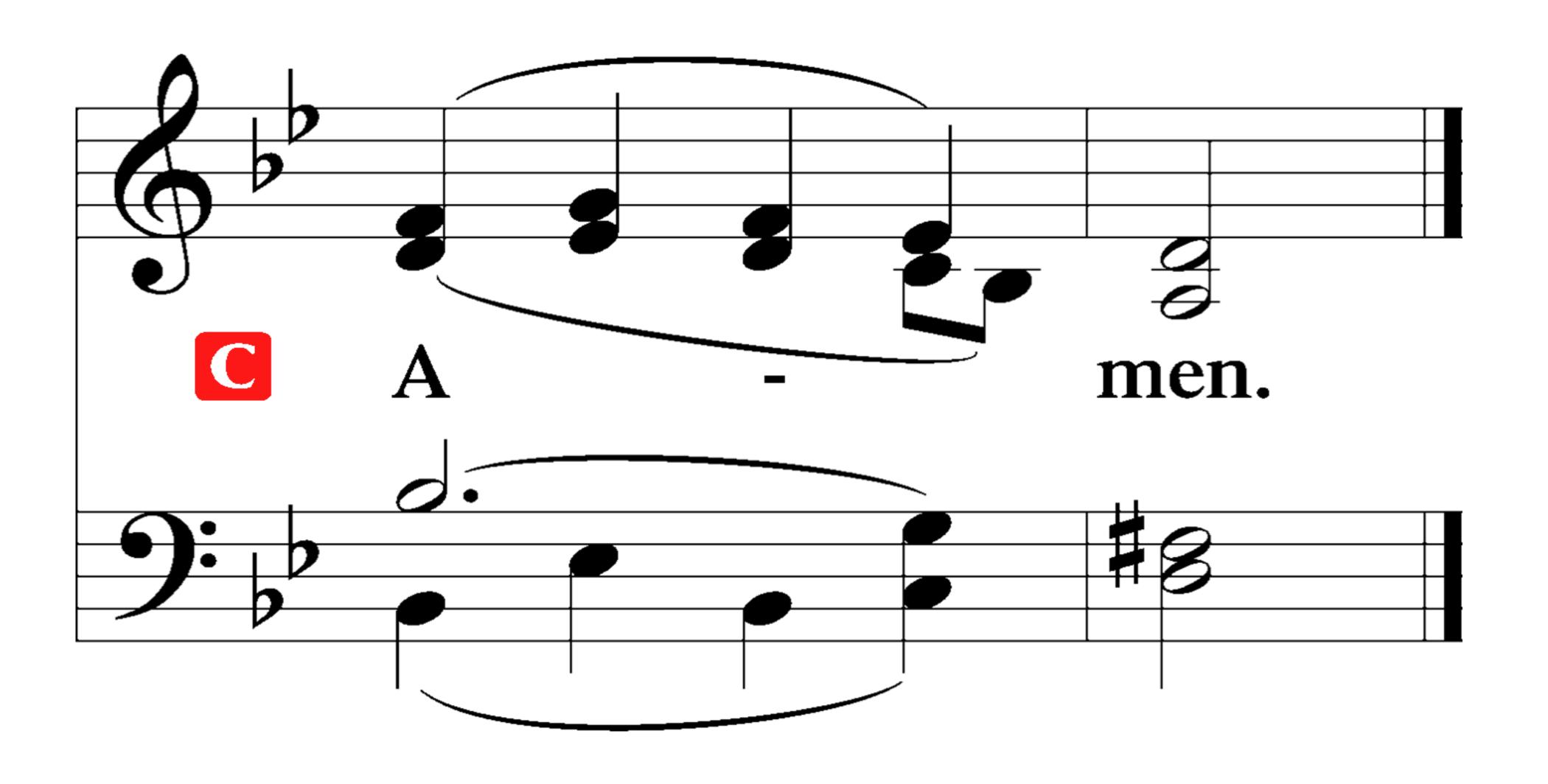


Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Salutation and Collect of the Day:



Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

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



- ¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
 the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
- ¹³The Lord looks down from | heaven;* he sees all the chil- | dren of man;



14from where he sits enthroned he | looks out* on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
 15he who fashions the hearts | of them all* and observes | all their deeds.



- ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great | army;*
 a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
- ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,* and by its great might it cannot | rescue.



18Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,* on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
 19that he may deliver their | soul from death* and keep them alive in | famine.



- ²⁰Our soul waits | for the LORD;* he is our help | and our shield.
- ²¹For our heart is | glad in him,* because we trust in his | holy name.



²²Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be up- | on us,* even as we | hope in you.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

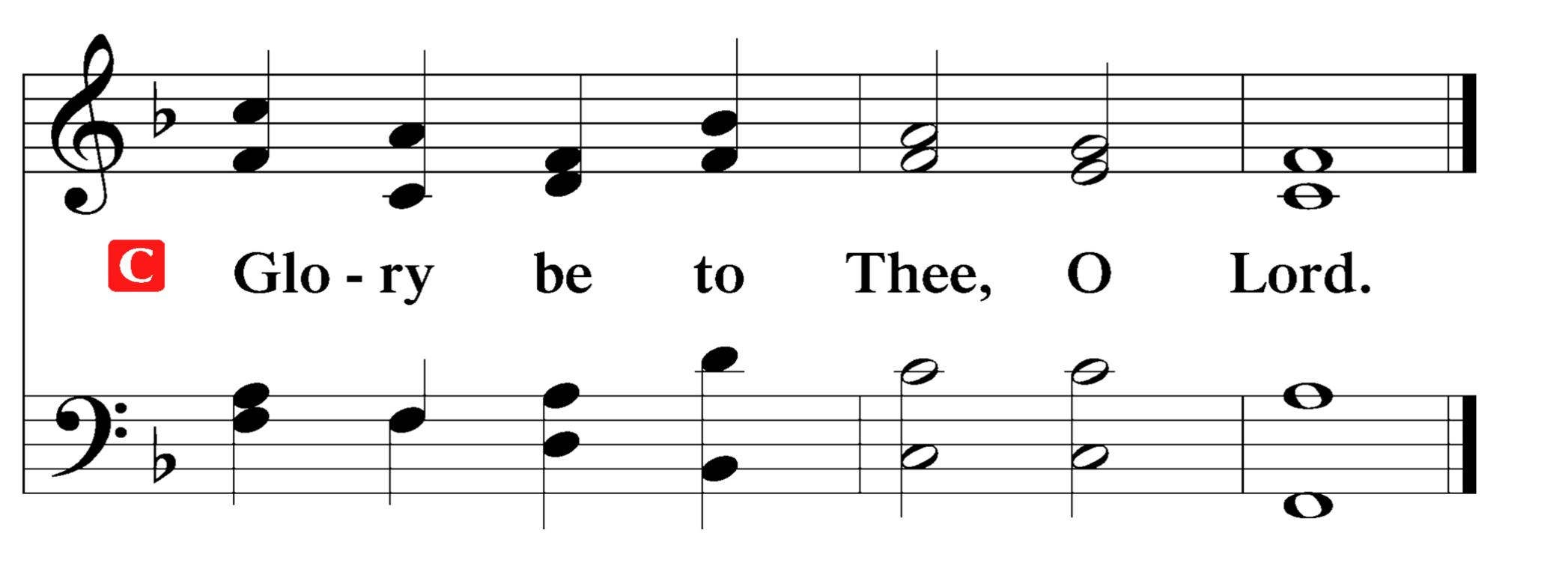
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

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

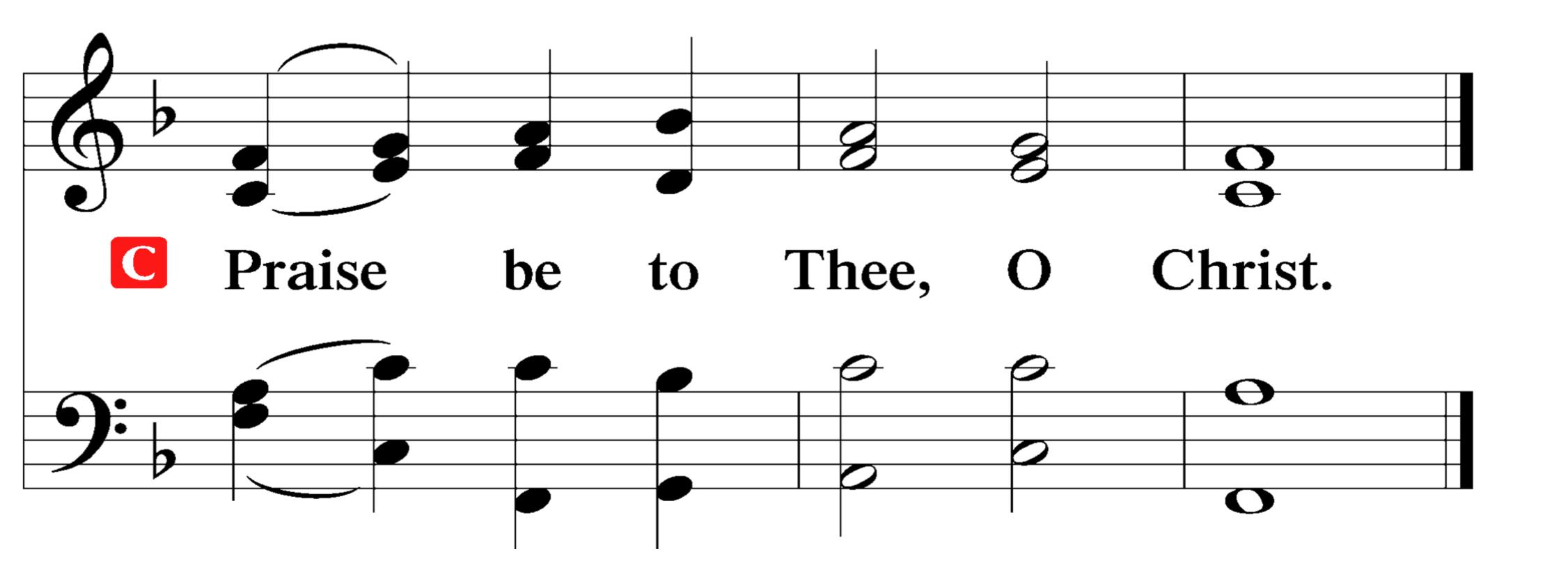


²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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.

Apostles' Creed



The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

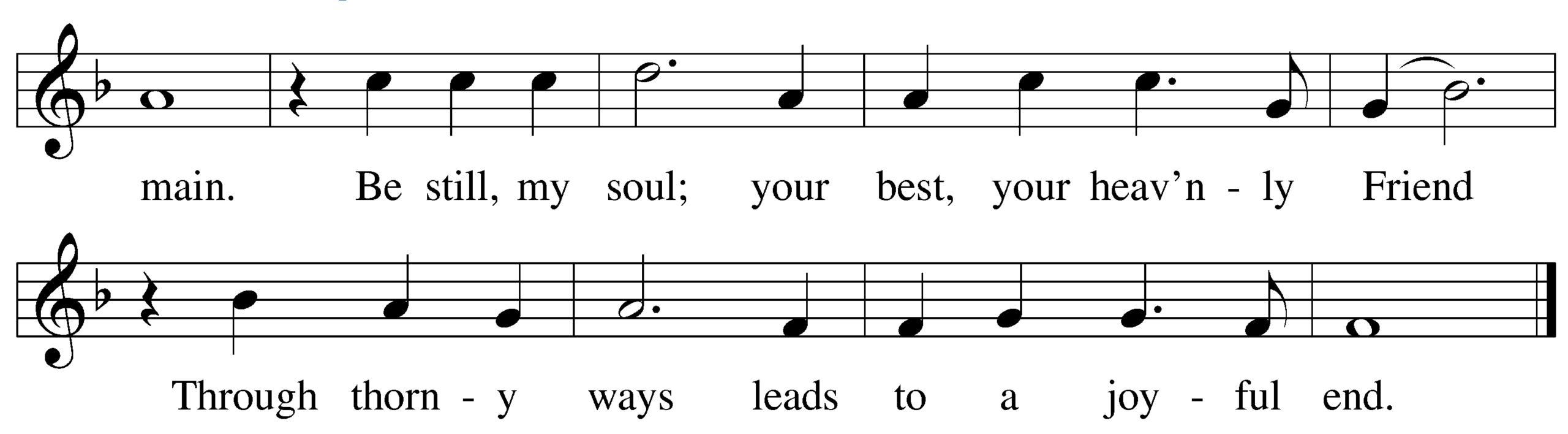
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

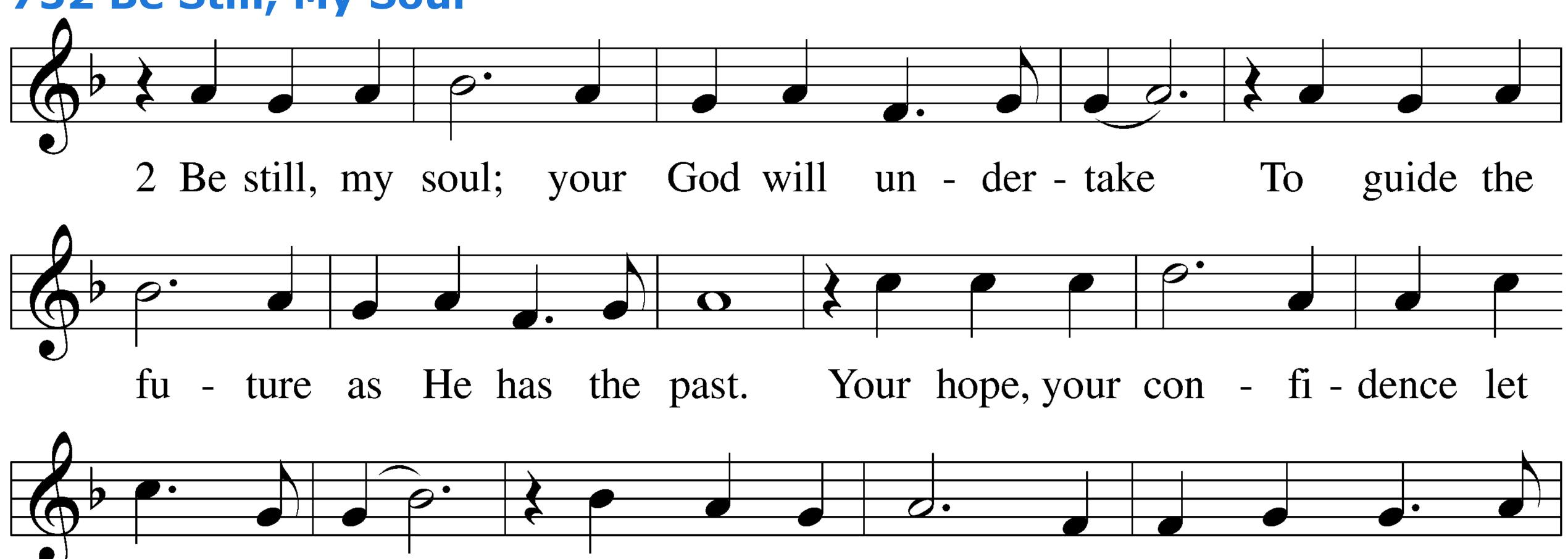
Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life

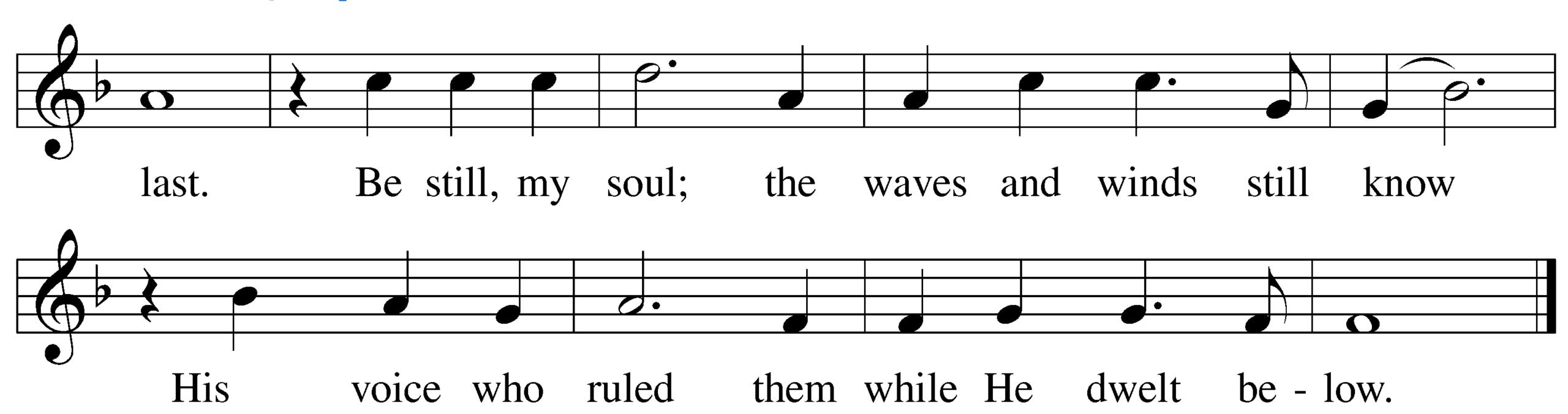
everlasting. Amen.

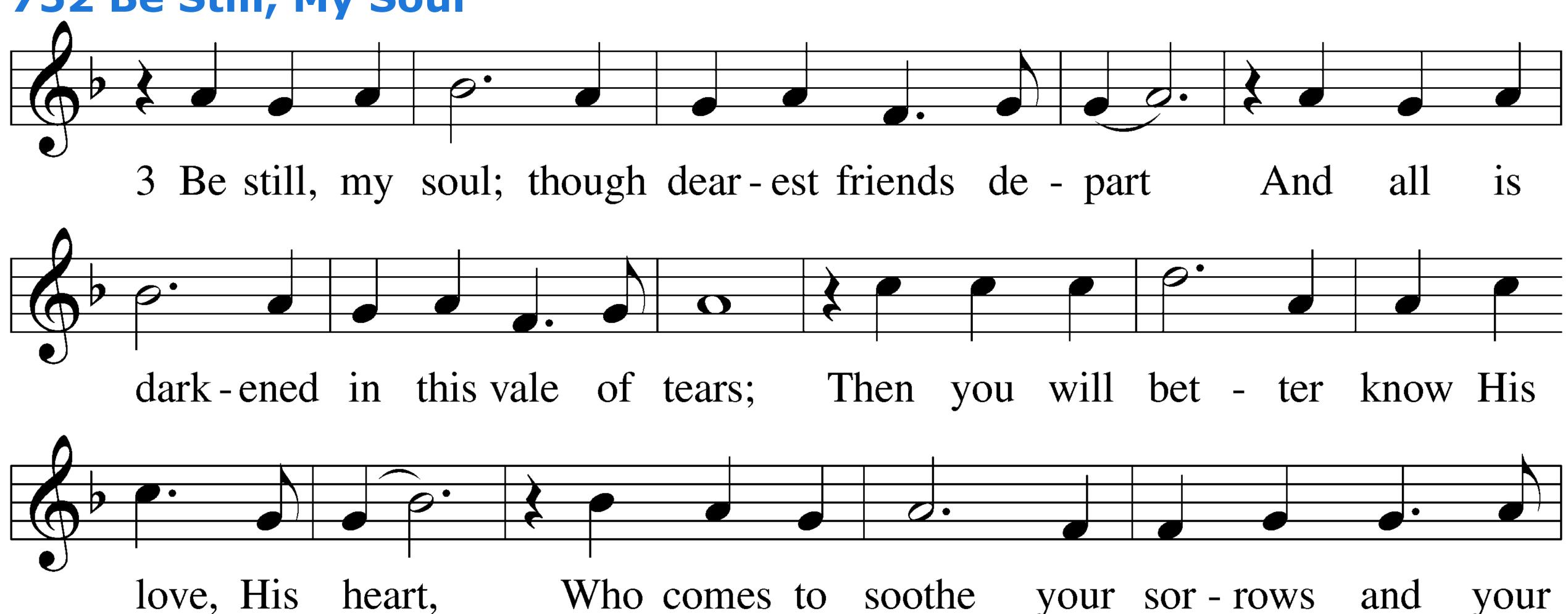


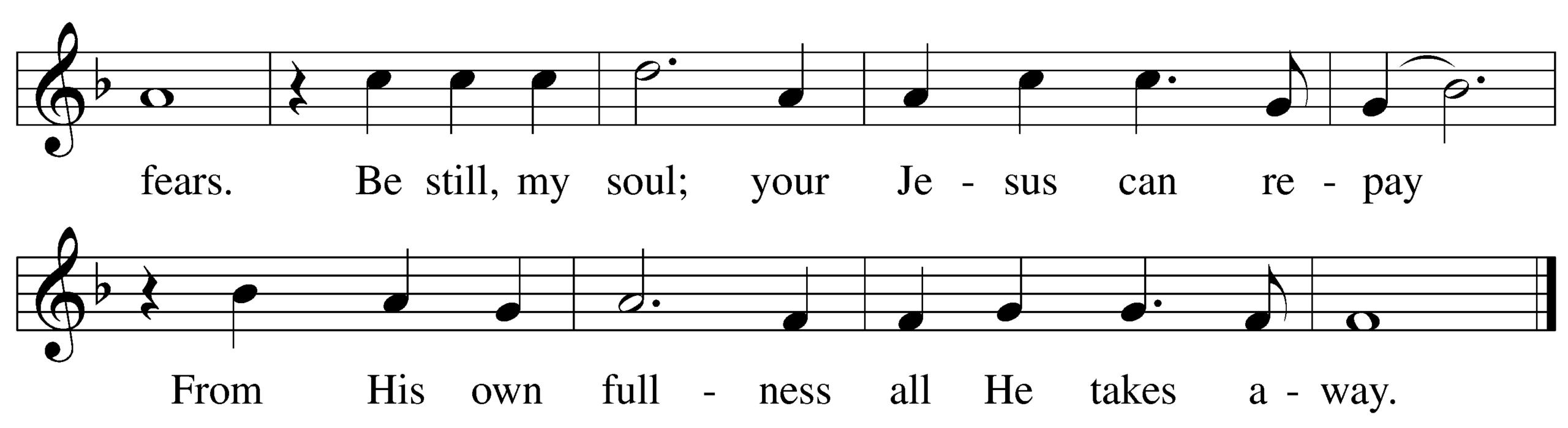


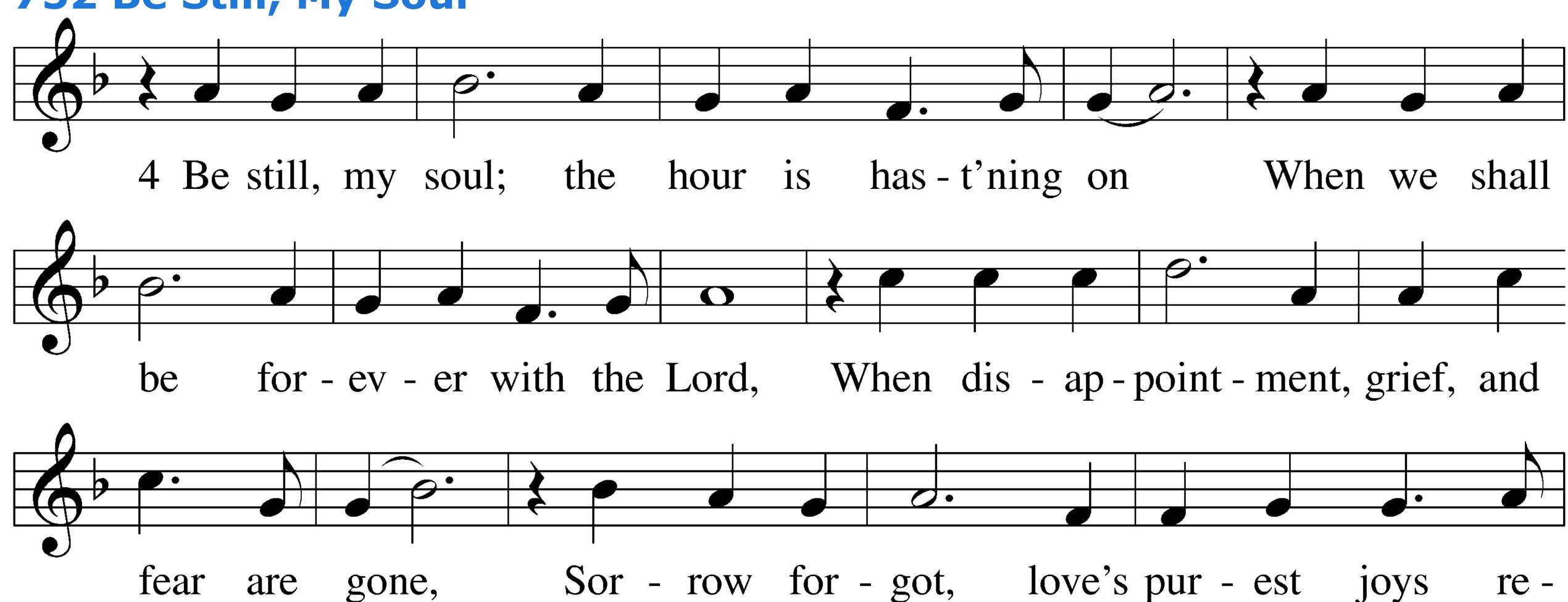


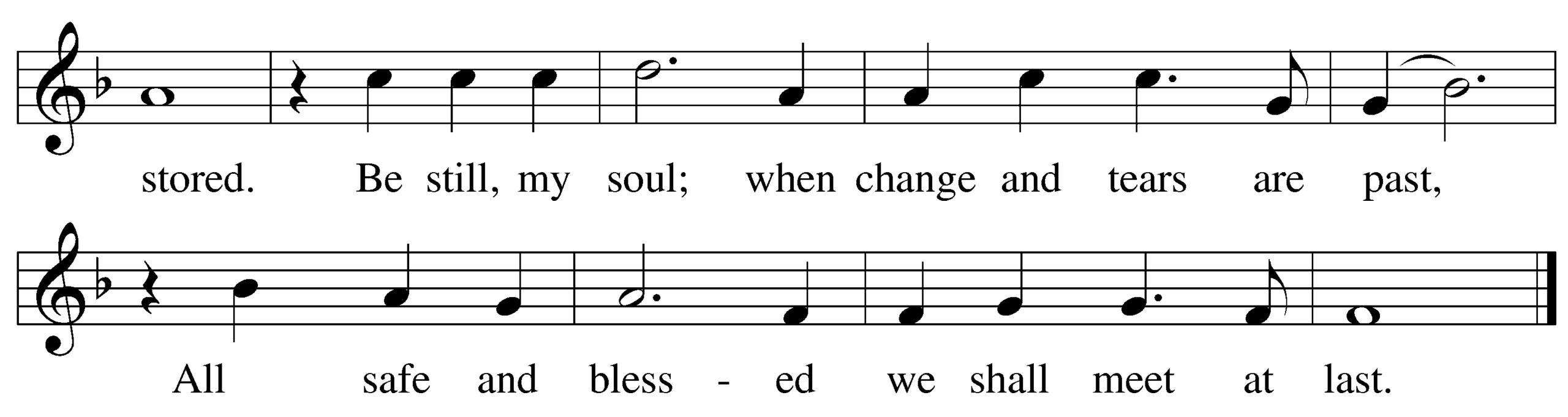
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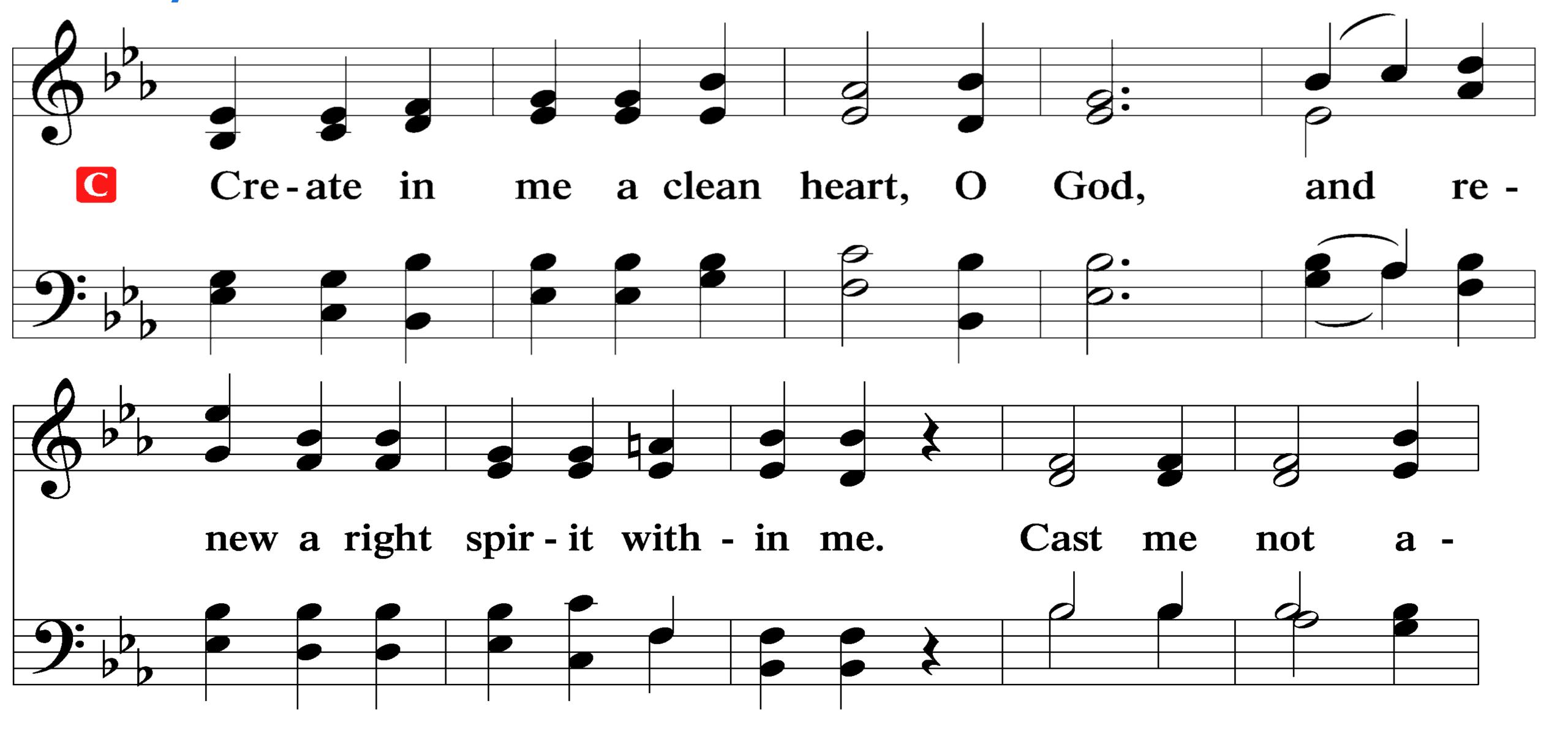
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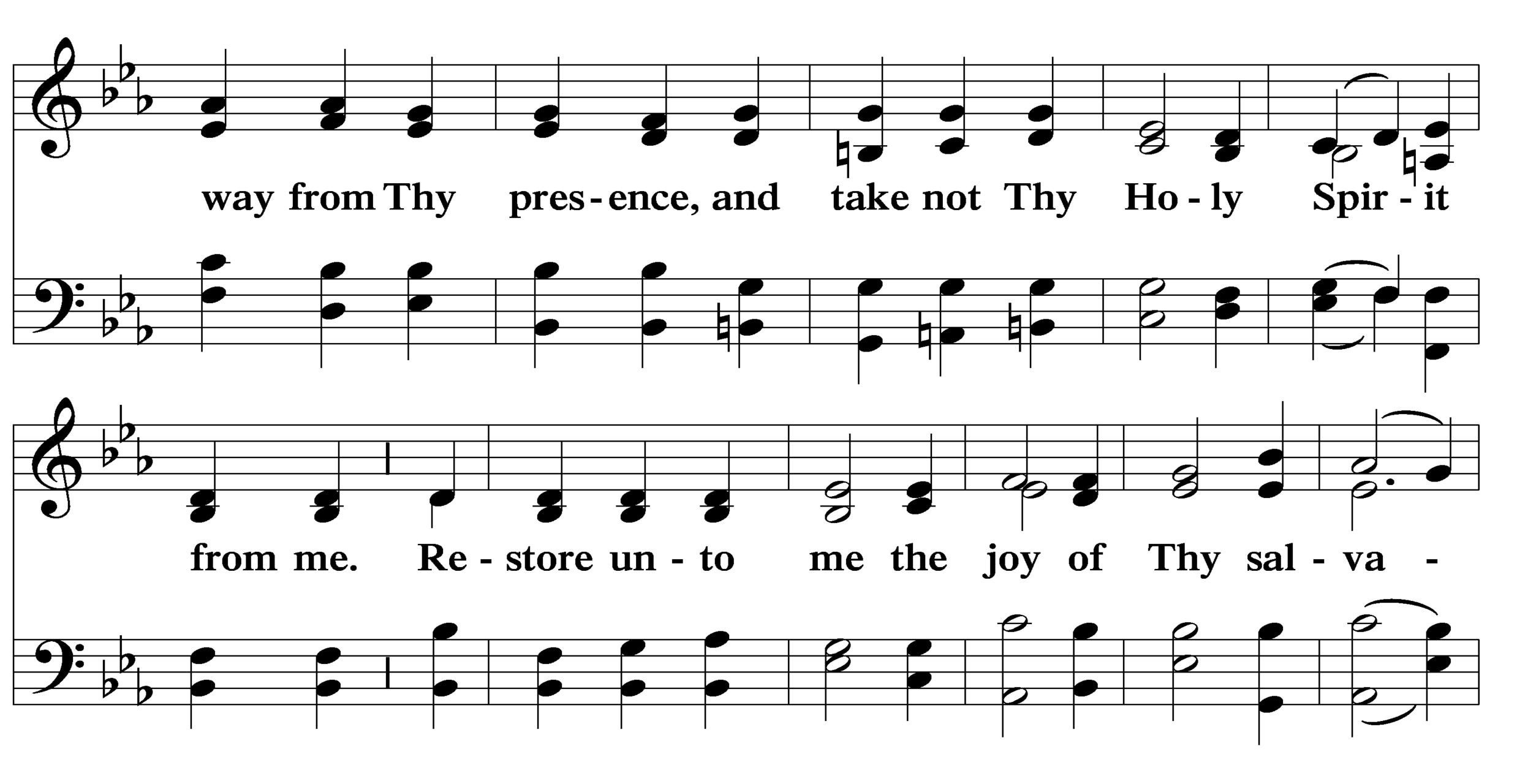
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Offertory



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- In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For faith in the wise and gracious will of God, and for power to turn from false belief in our own plans and natural powers, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- P For the proclamation of the Word, that it may prosper through the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings; for those who are being called to the Lord's service and those preparing for church-work vocations; and for our seminaries and those who teach and learn God's Word therein, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For Christian fathers, that they, with faith like Abram, would prize the gift of their children and work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- P For our nation and those who lead us, that they may be endowed with wisdom and a good heart, seeking justice and showing mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For the sick, that they would be delivered from suffering and know God's grace and the perfect consummation of hope and full healing of body and soul, 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 come in service, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- For the African mission 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.
- The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. For Pastor Zogar's pastor training school in Liberia that God would use it to raise up laborers fit for His harvest, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- For a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in God's mercy, and a sincere love for the Lord and all our neighbors, that although we are not worthy of the least of His benefits, the Lord would accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to Him in faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- That we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify God's grace and name throughout our lives, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; 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

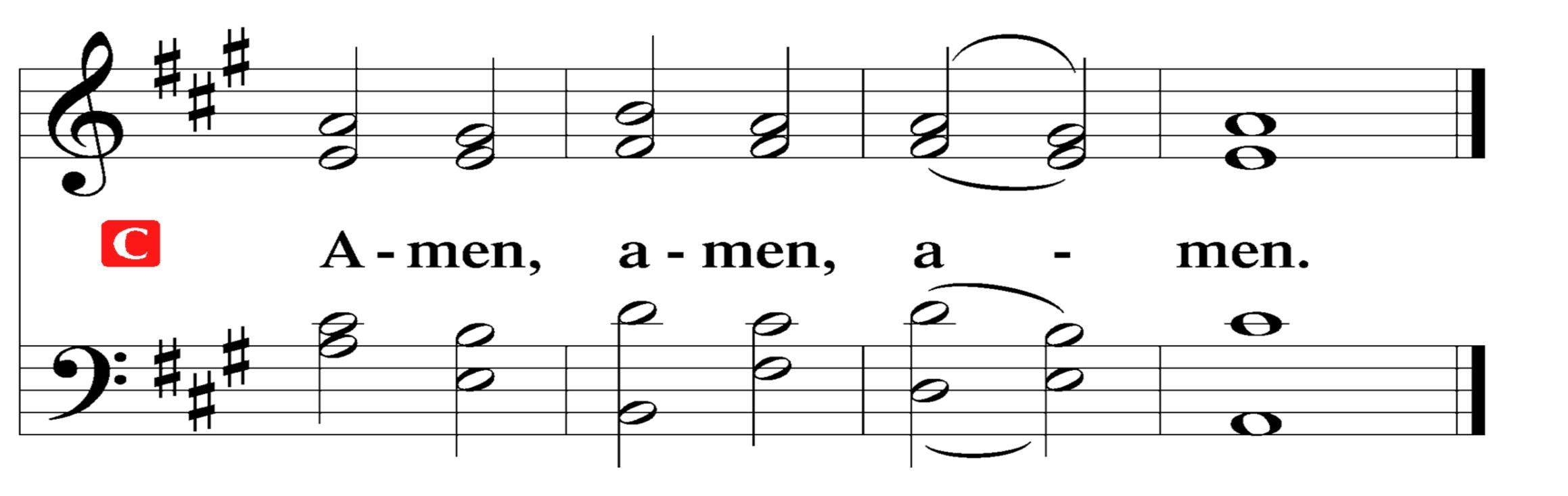
Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
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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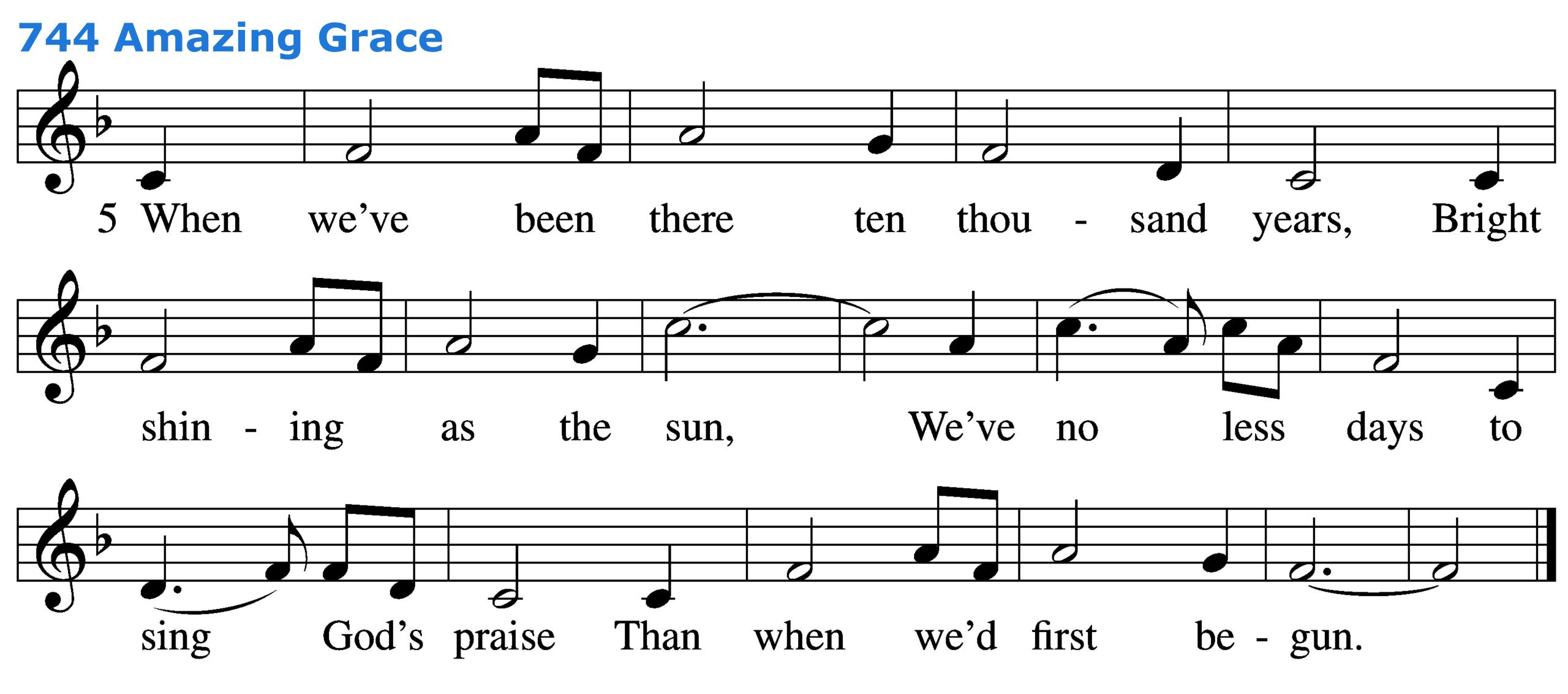
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