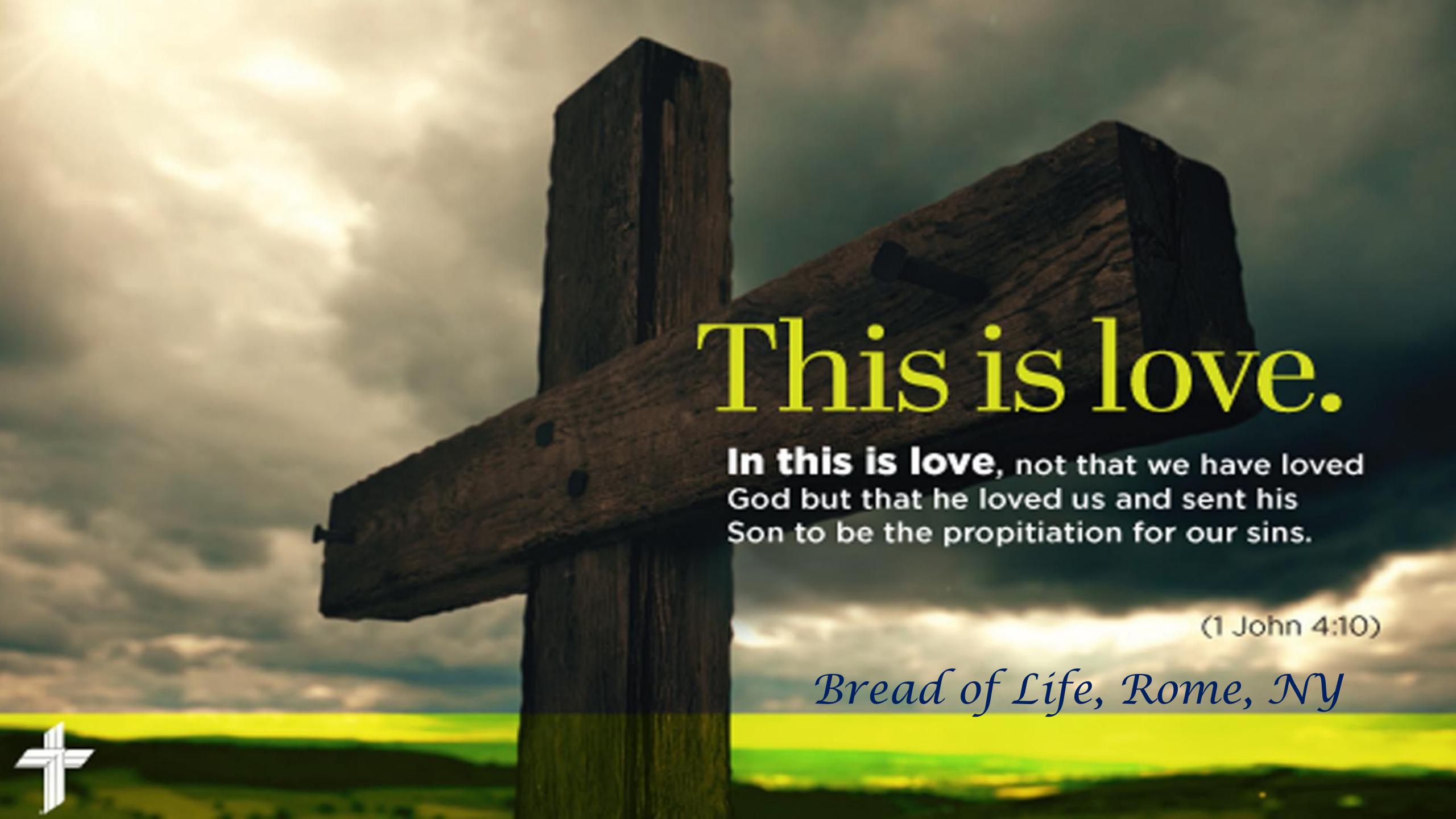
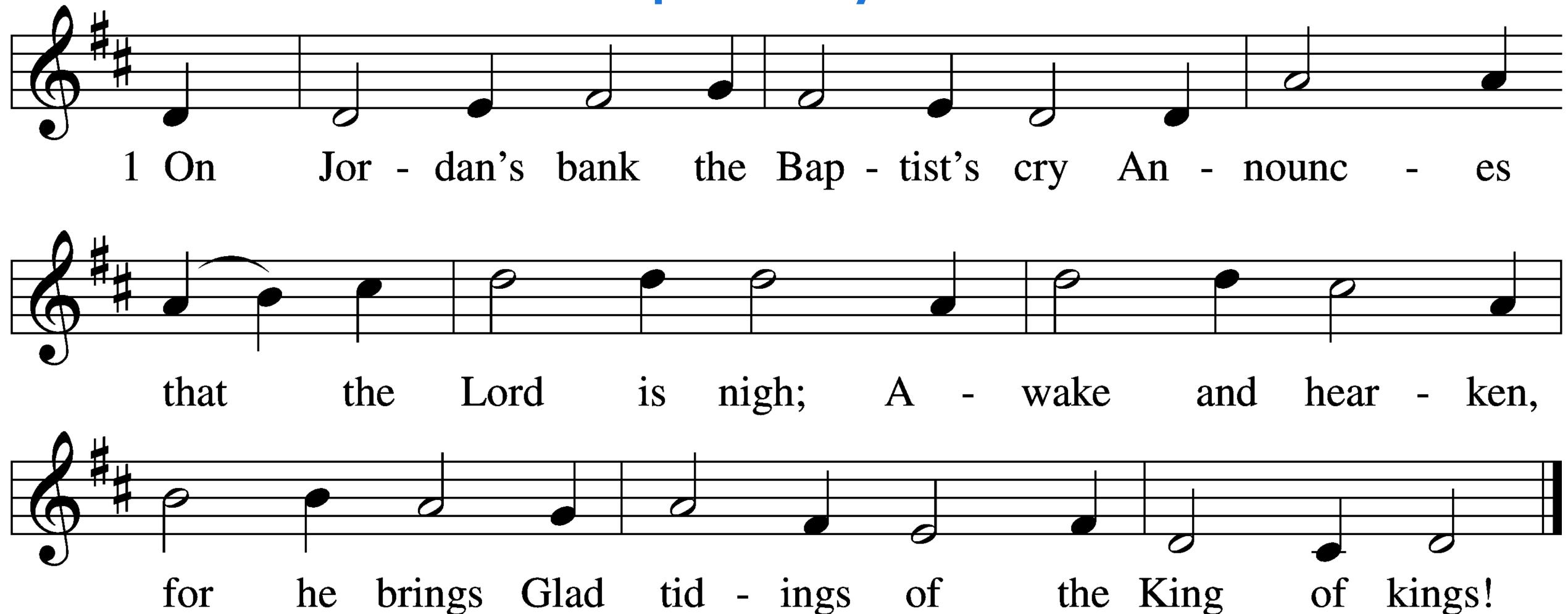
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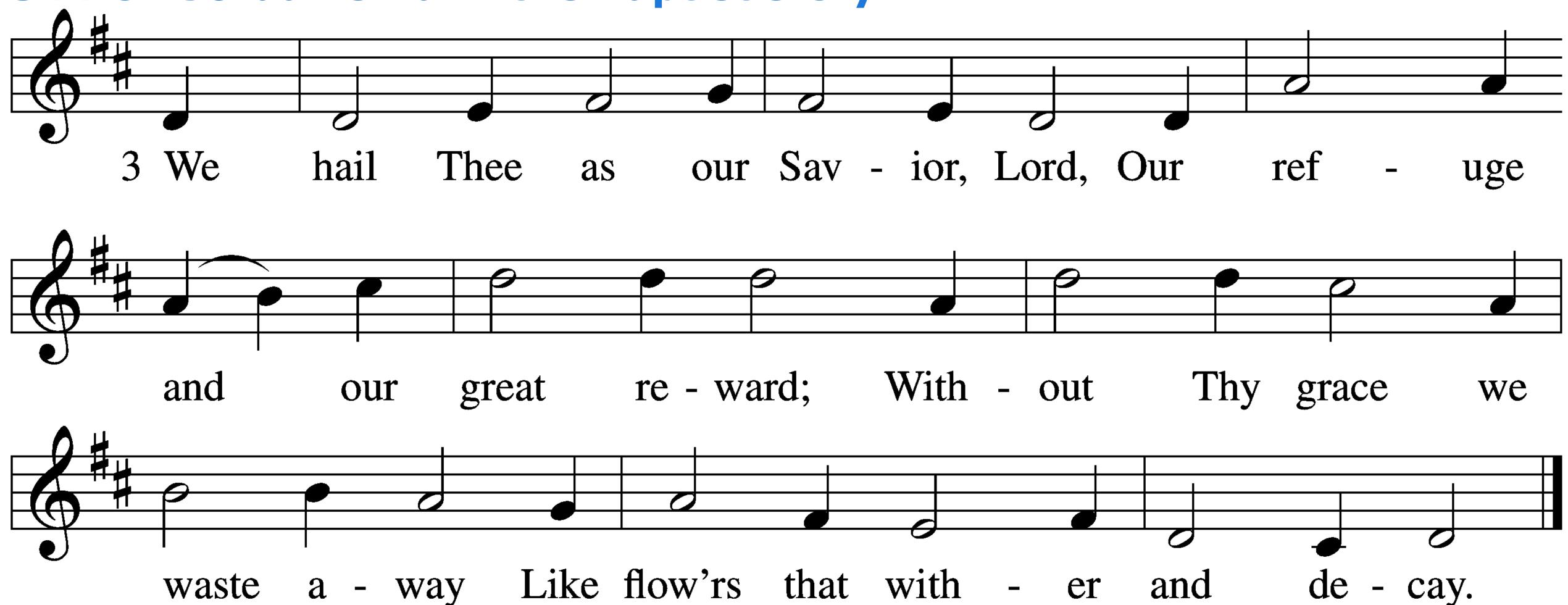
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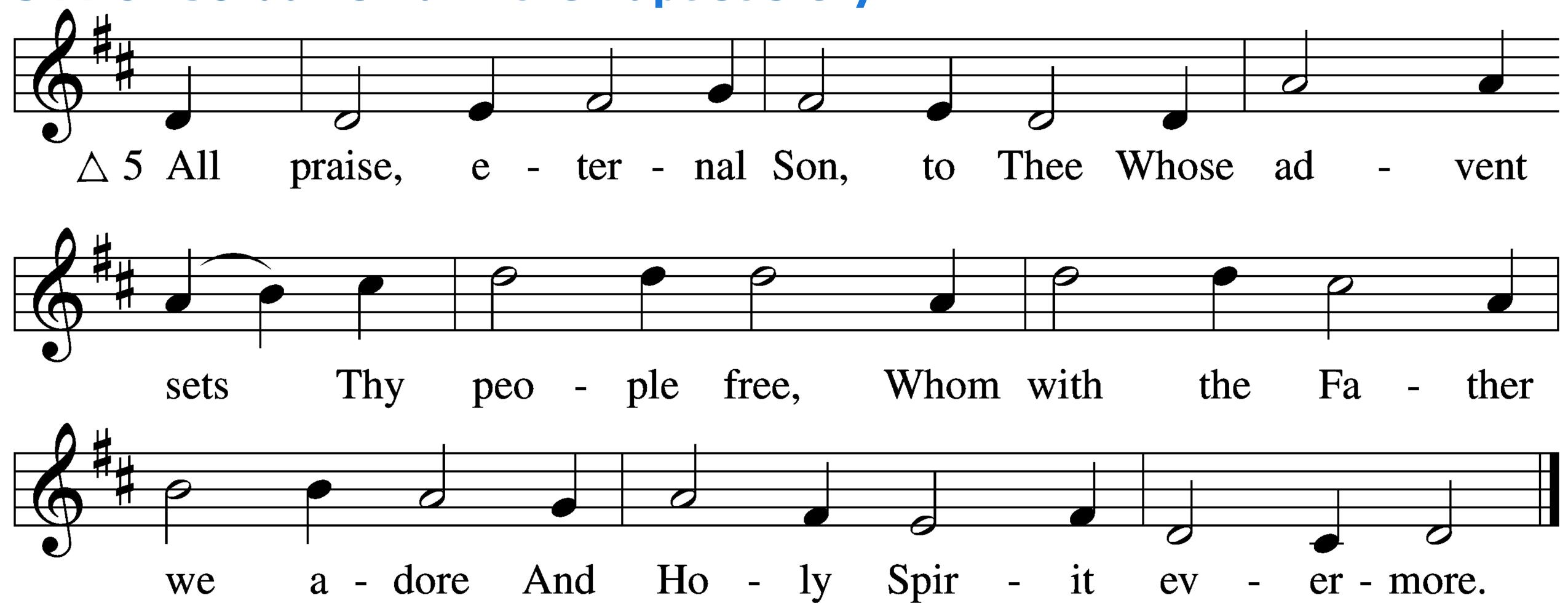












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#### Invocation

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.

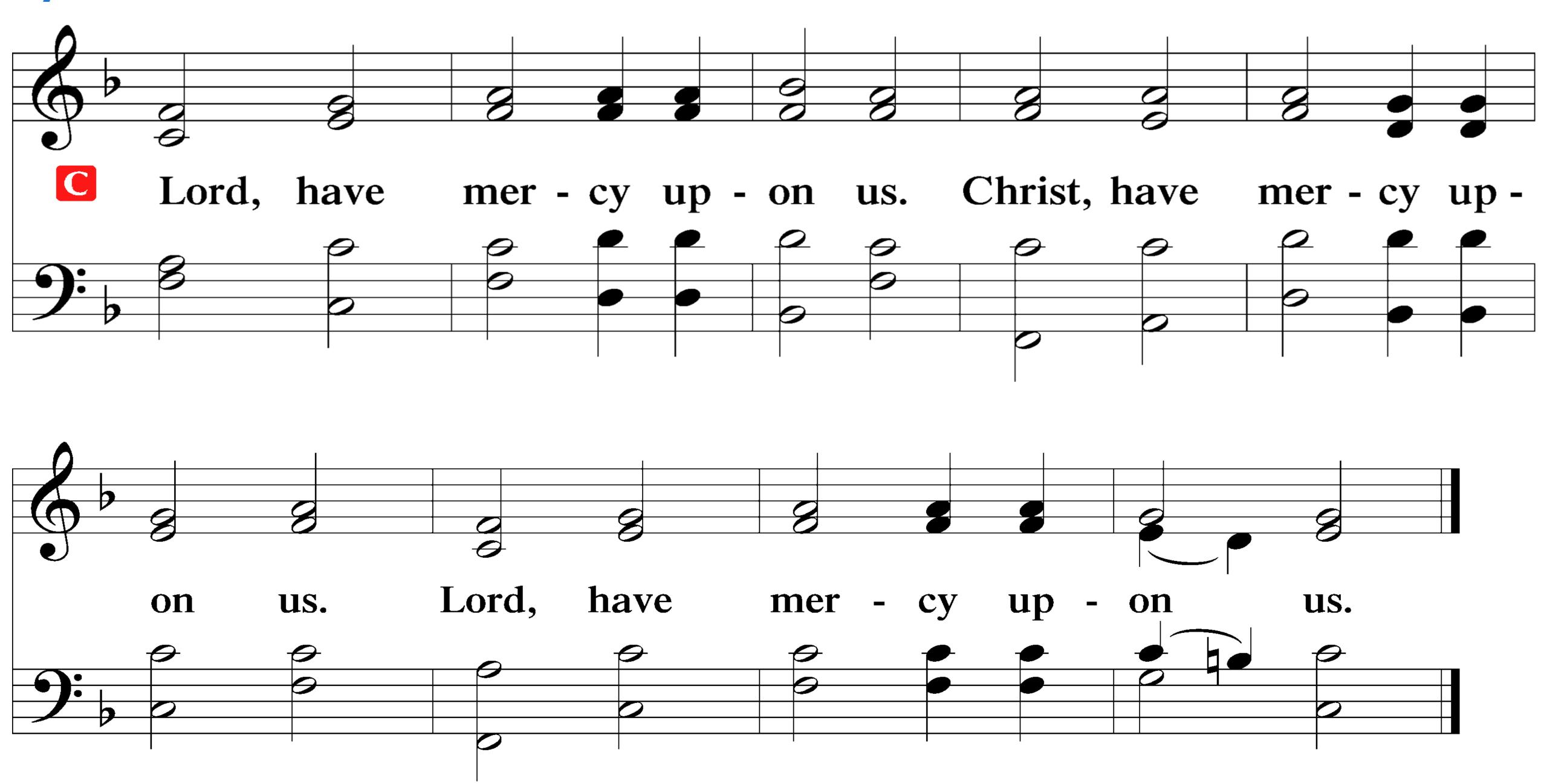
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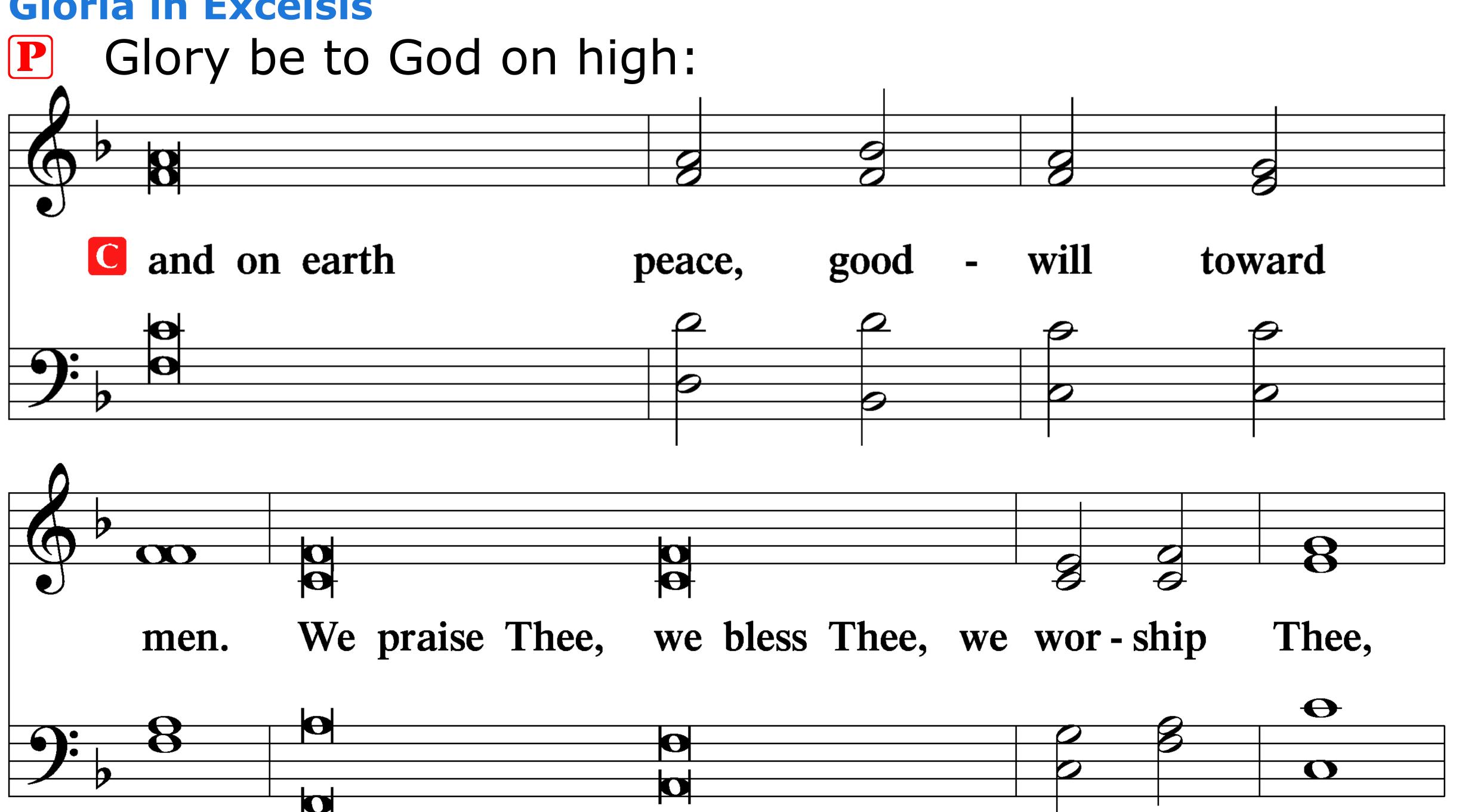
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

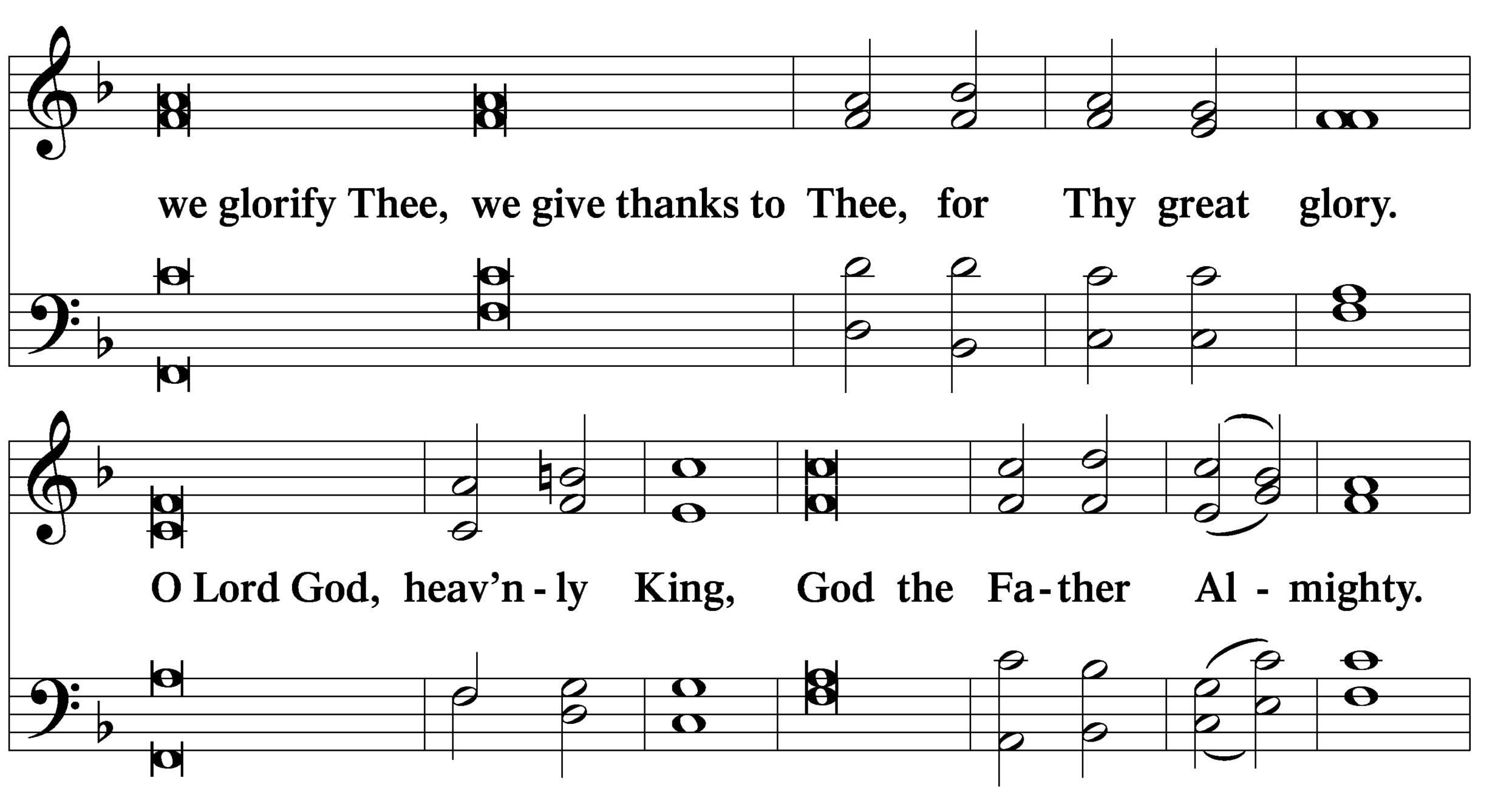
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

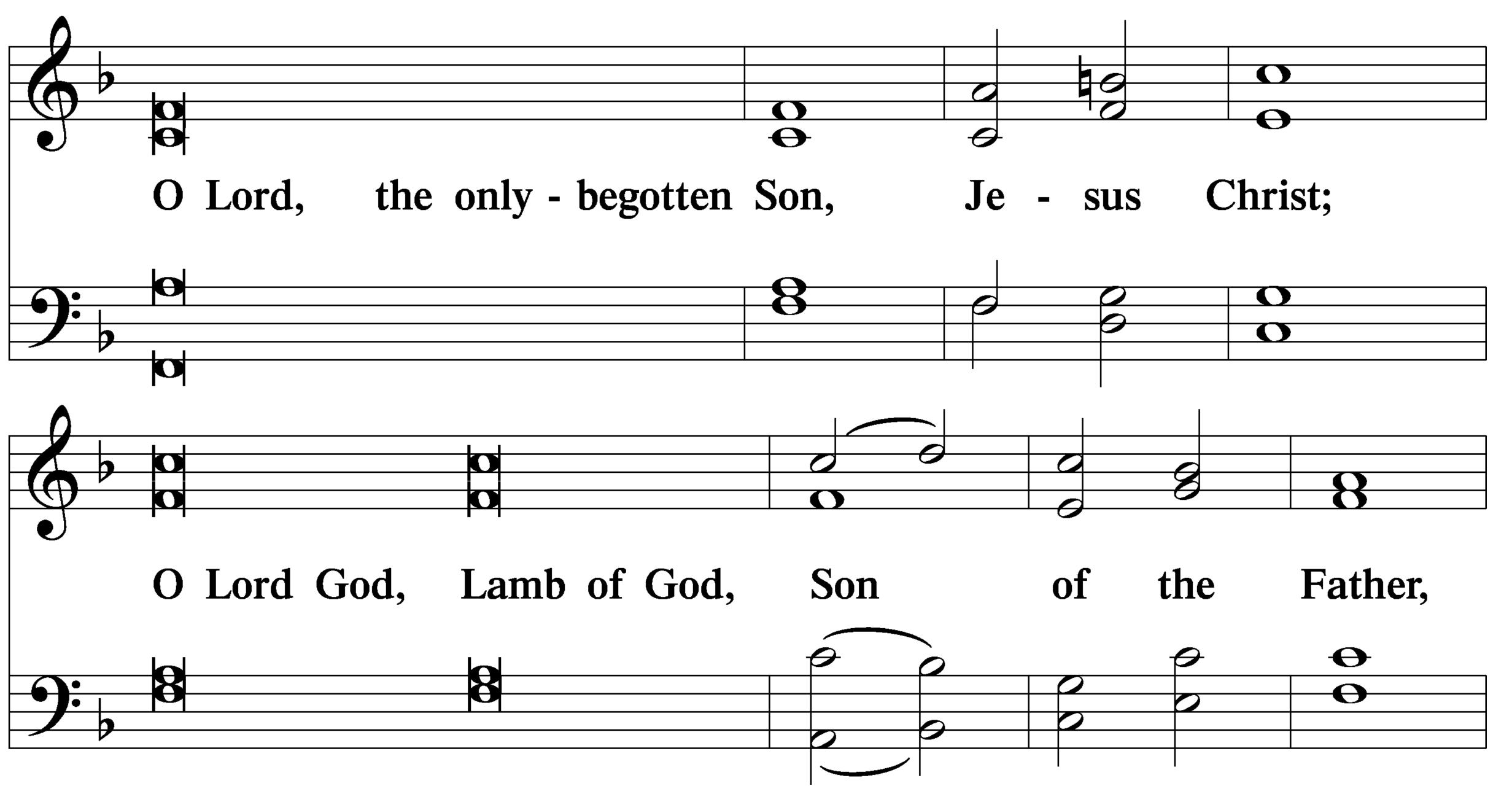
Amen.

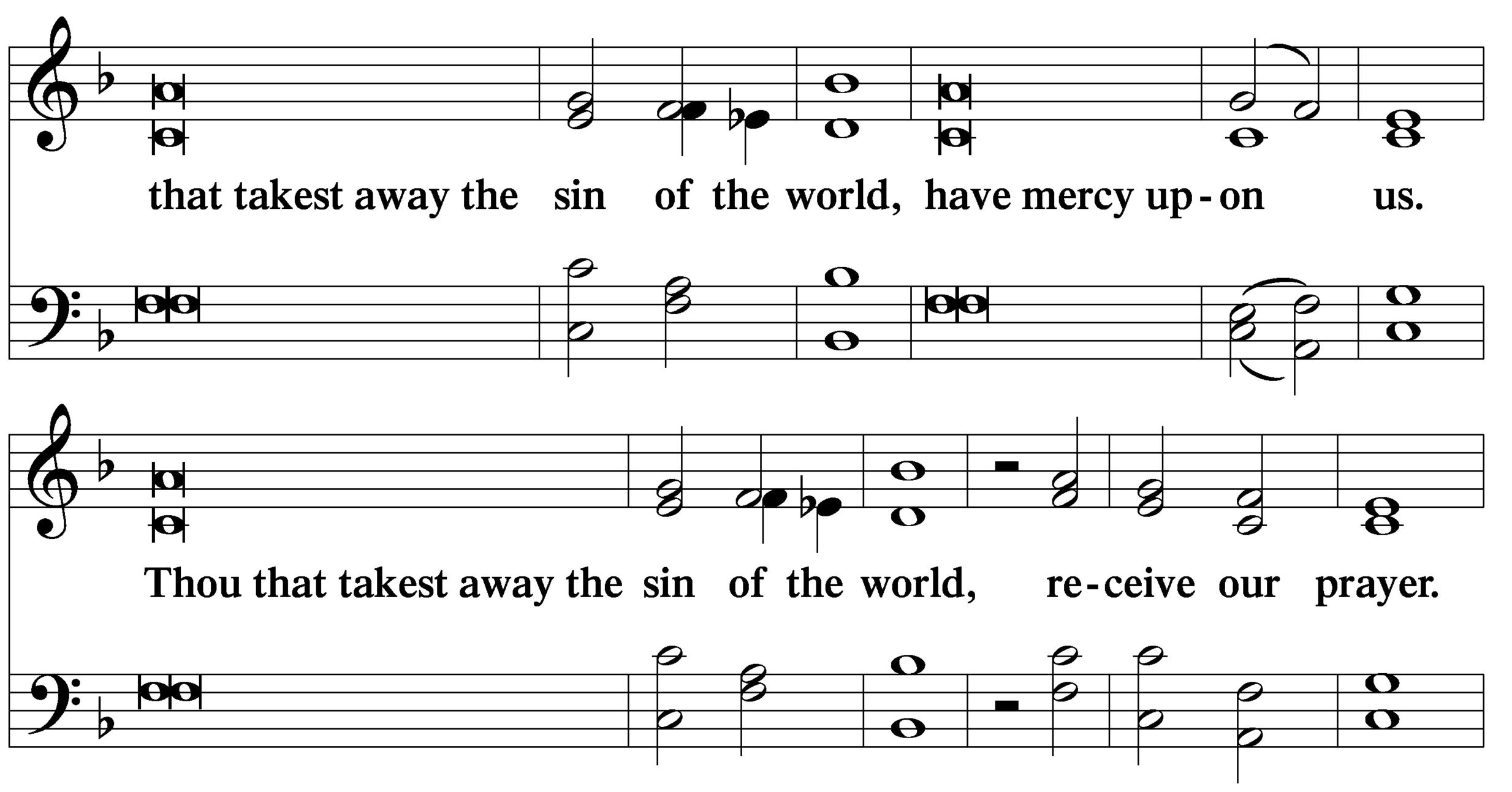
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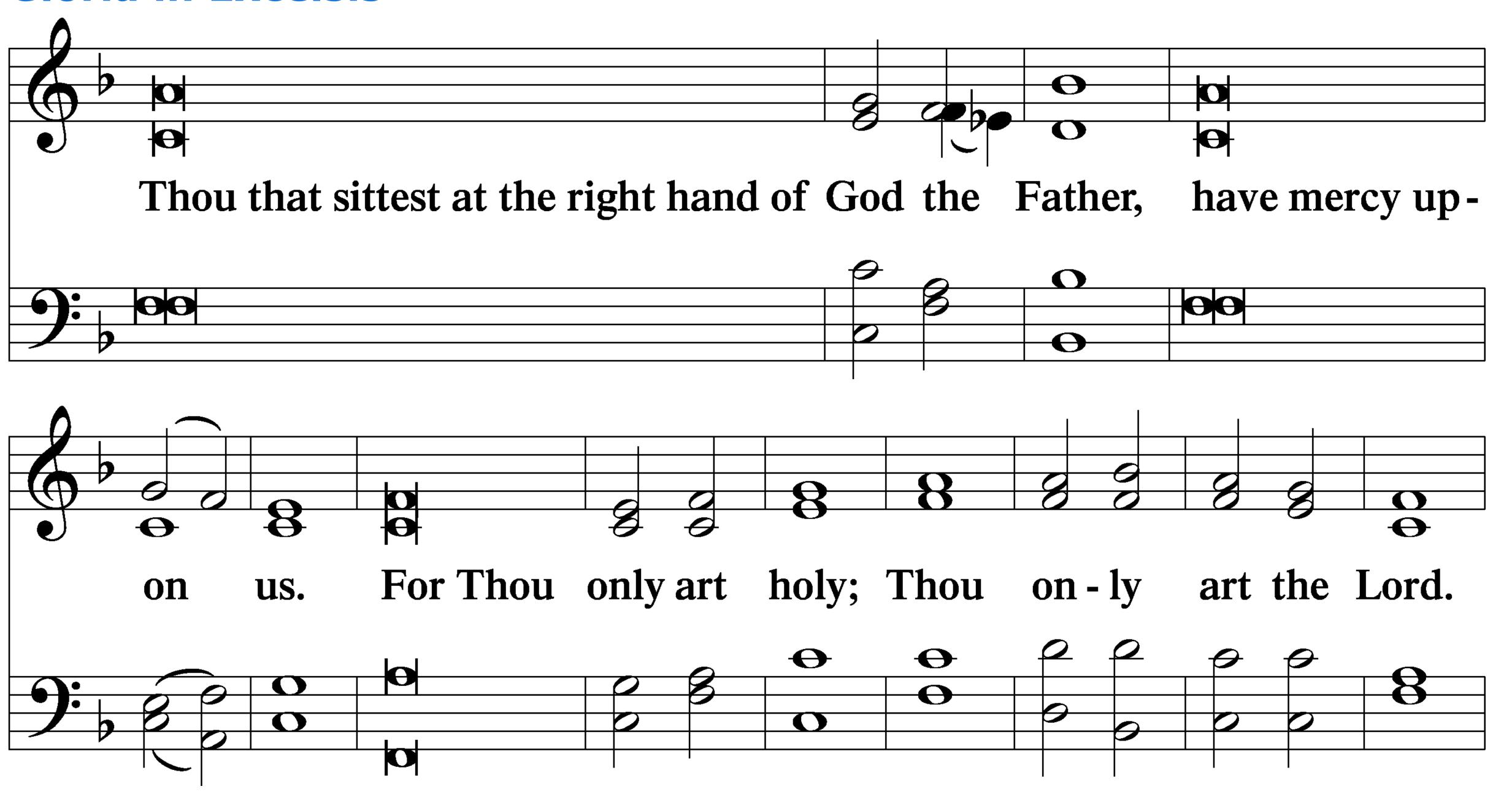


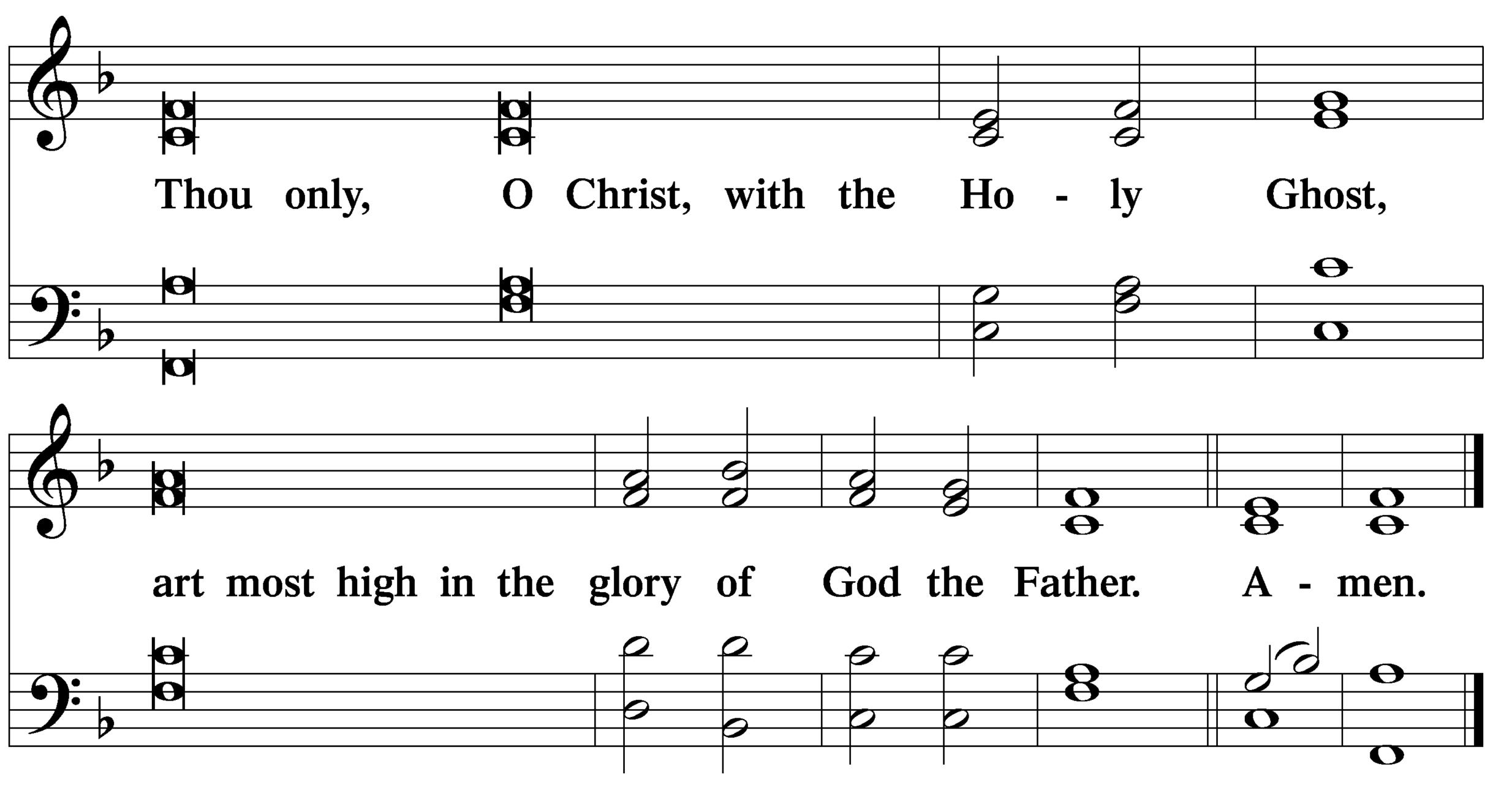






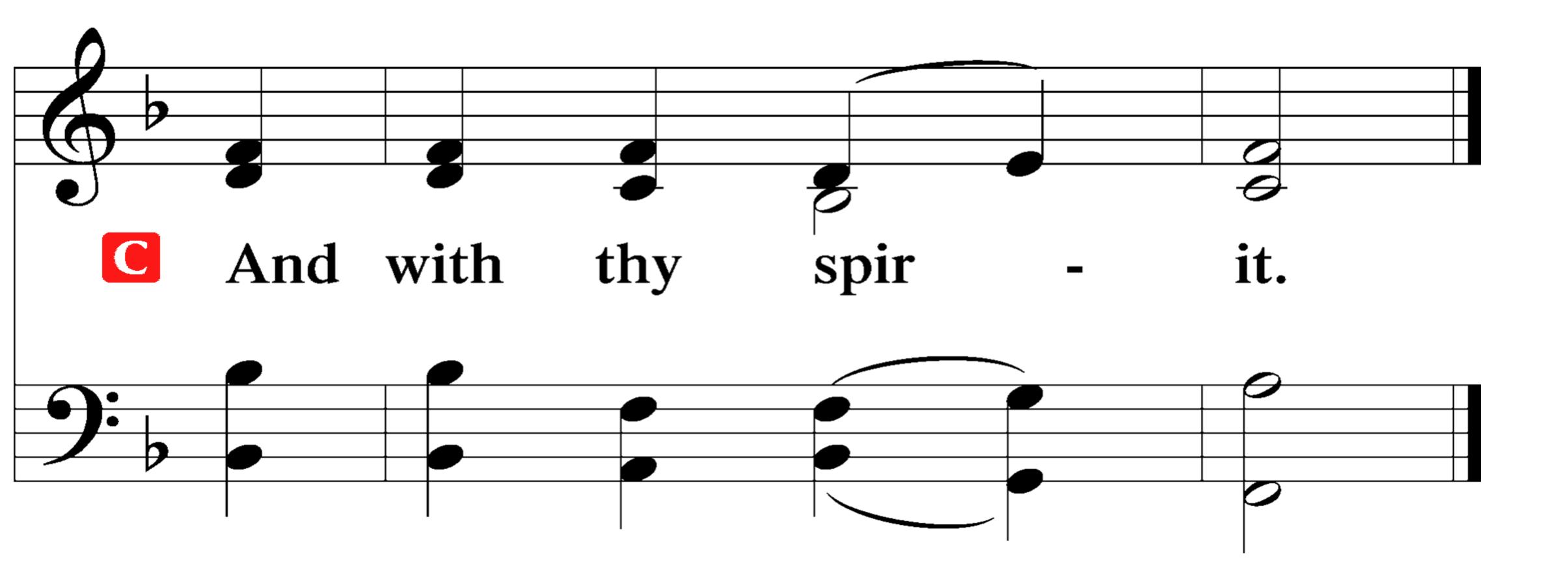






## Salutation and Collect of the Day:

Pi The Lord be with you.

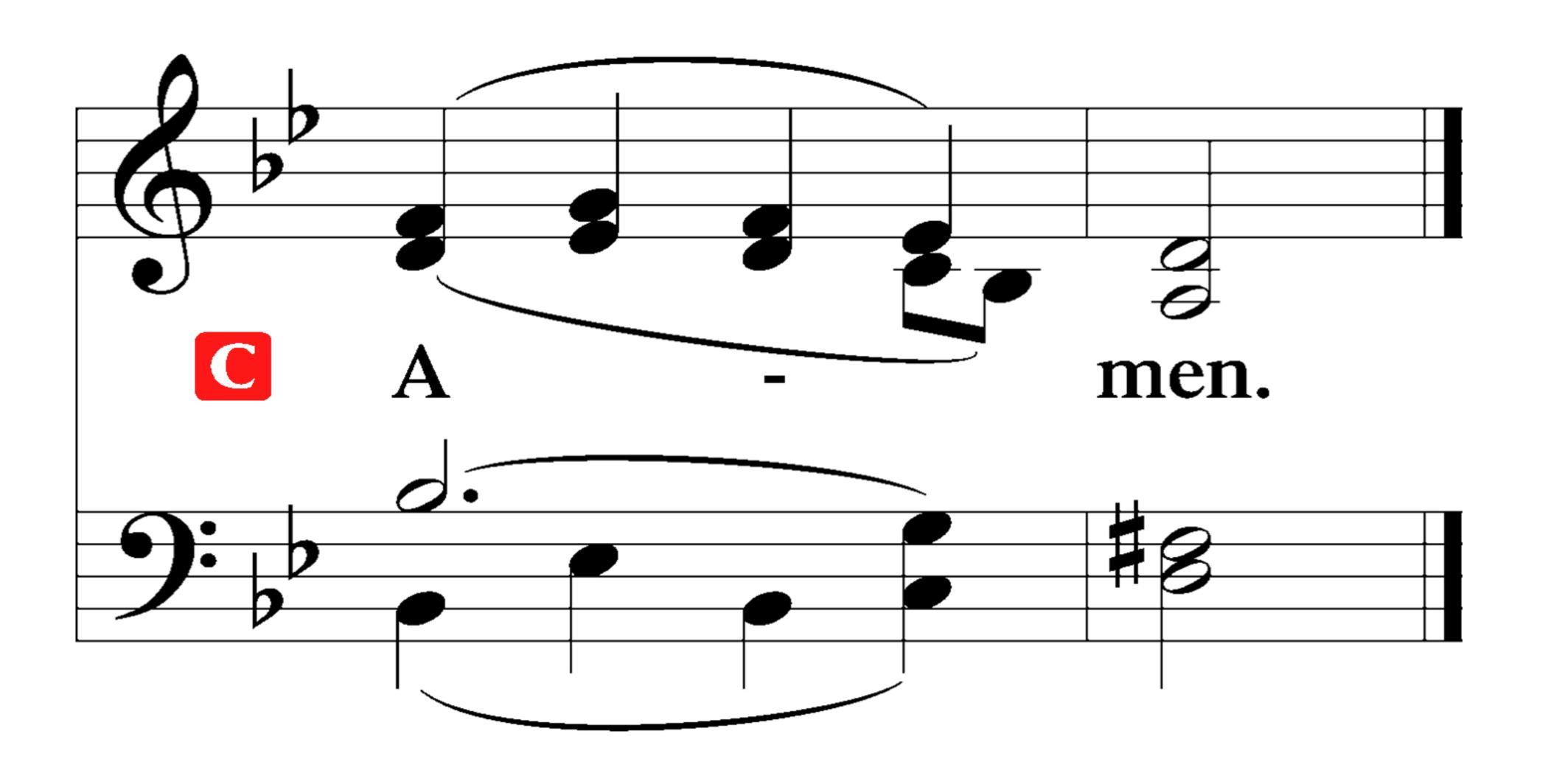


## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

- <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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



<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,\*
and your righteousness to the royal son!

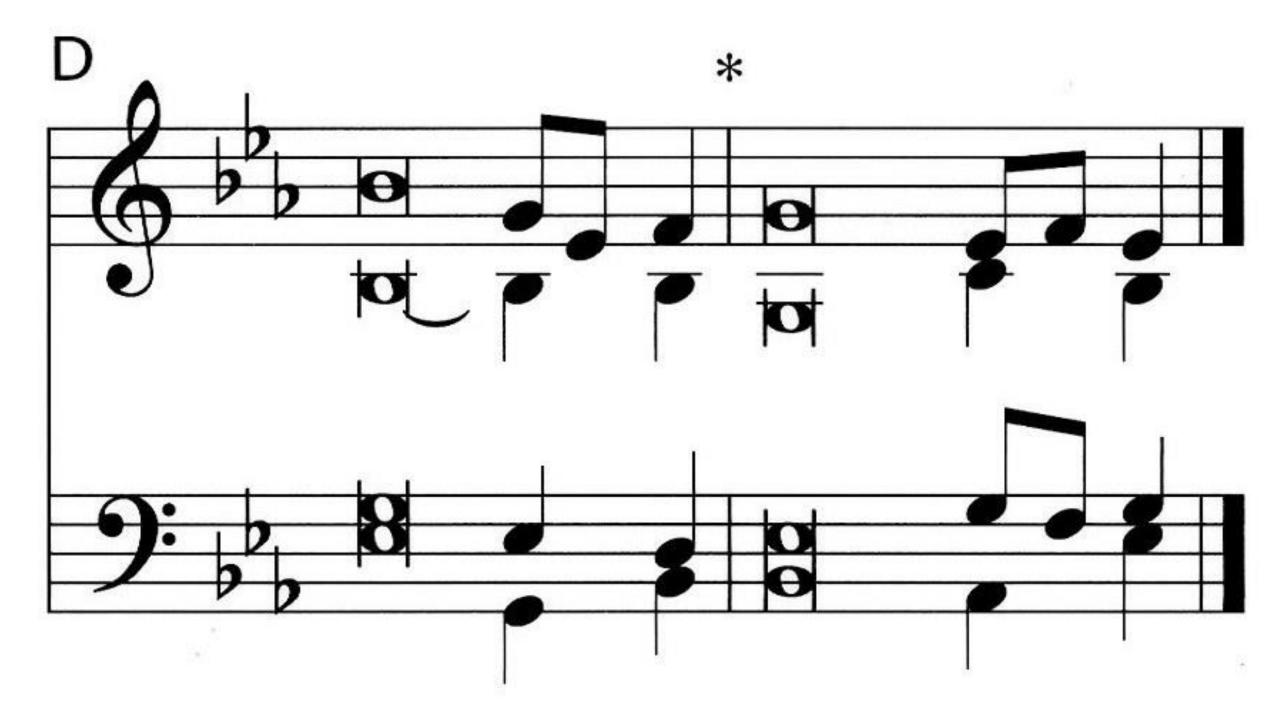
<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,\*
and your poor with justice!



- <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,\* and the hills, in | righteousness!
- <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,\* and crush the op- pressor!



5May they fear you while the | sun endures,\*
 and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!
 6May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,\*
 like showers that wa- | ter the earth!



<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous | flourish,\* and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

## Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,

## Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

and sing to your name."

- <sup>10</sup>And again it is said,
  - "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
- <sup>11</sup>And again,
  - "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."
- <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,
  - "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

#### Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

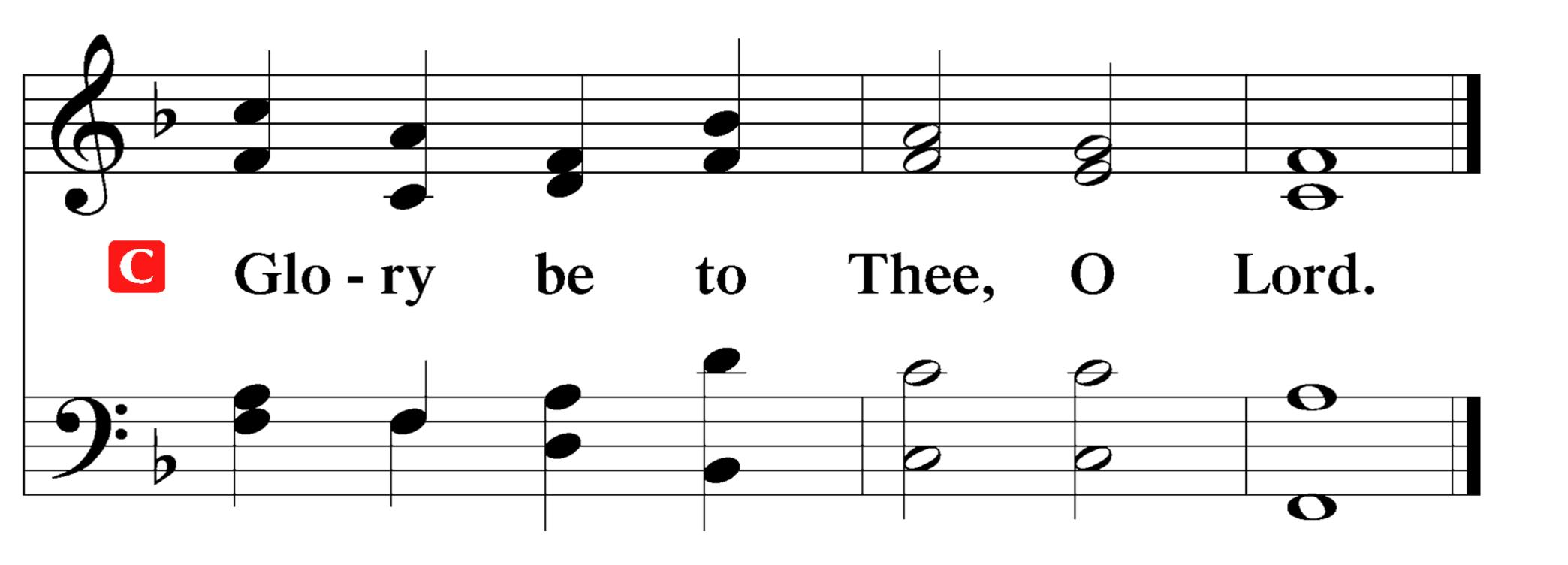
<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

#### **Alleluia**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

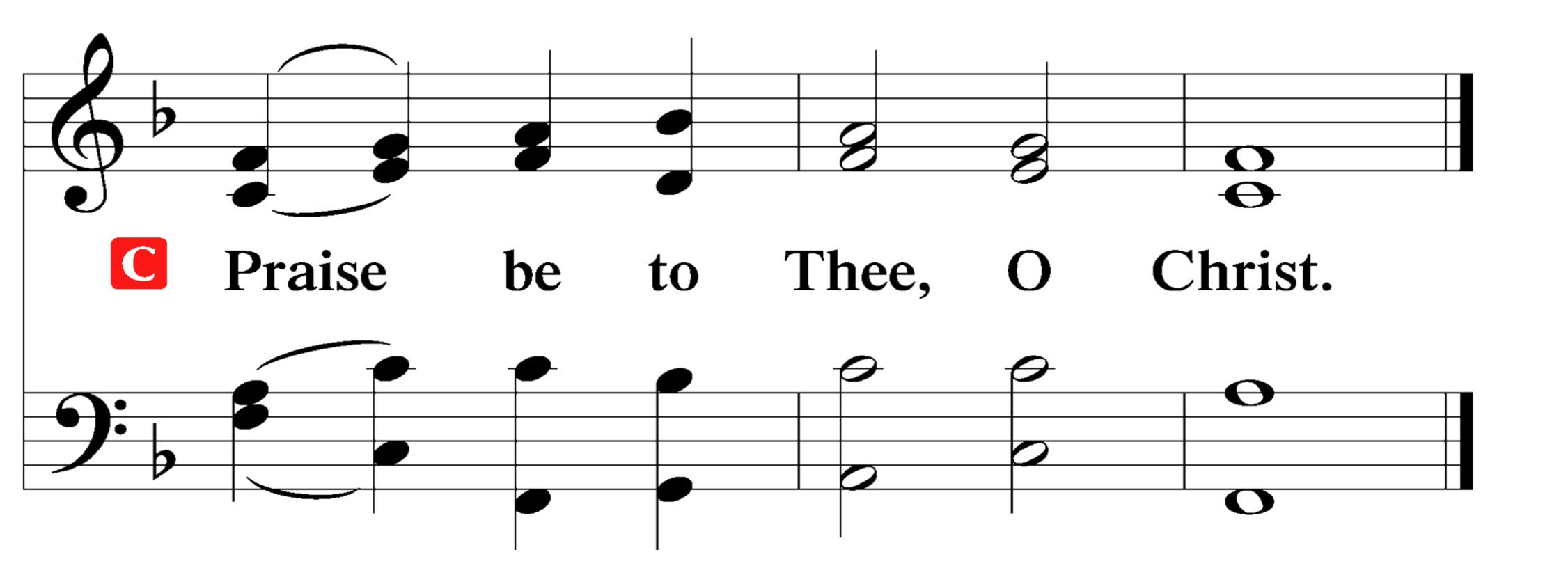
<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you,

God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

# Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



### **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**



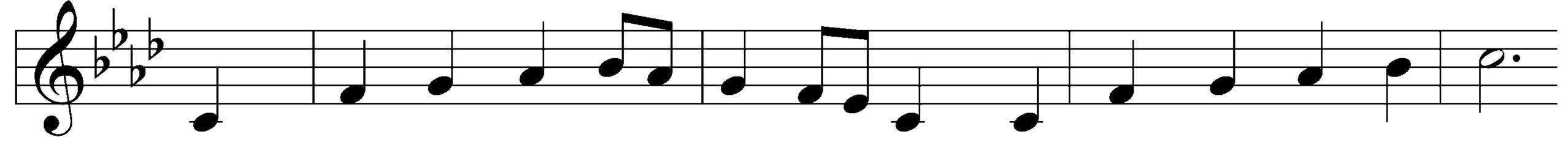
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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

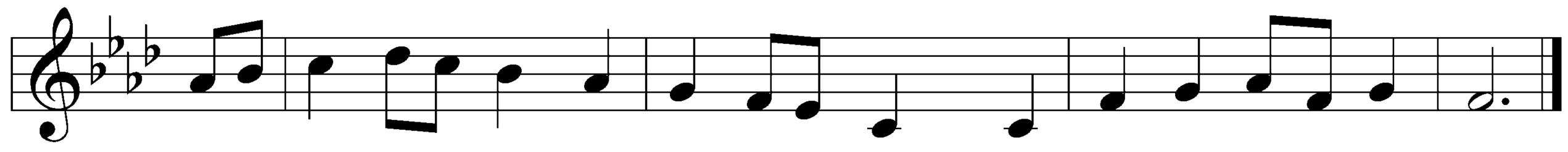
### **Apostles' Creed**

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.

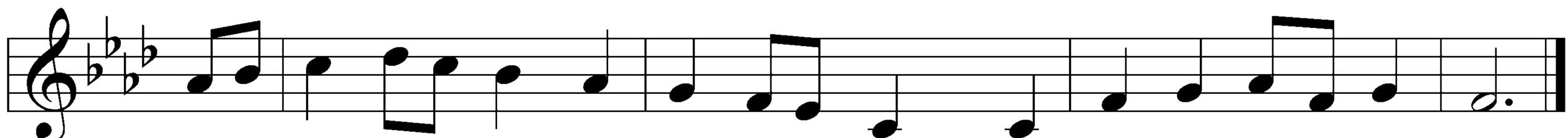


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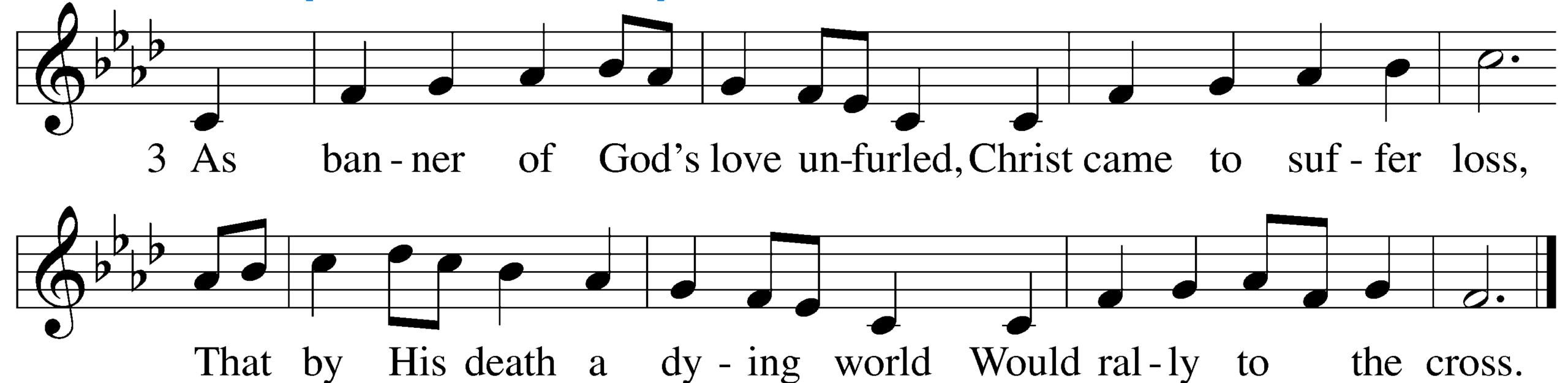


The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!



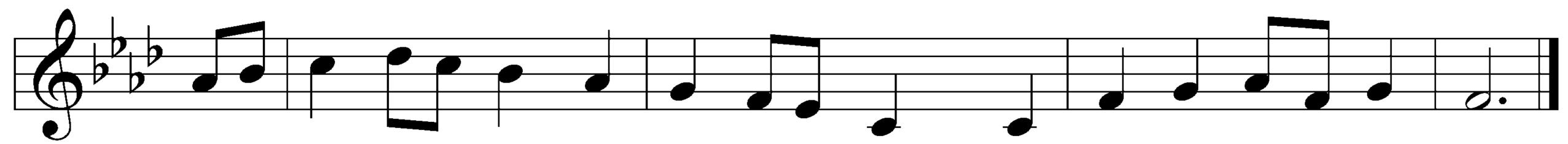


A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.





4 Come, Je-sus, come, Mes-si-ah Lord, Lost Par-a-dise re-store;



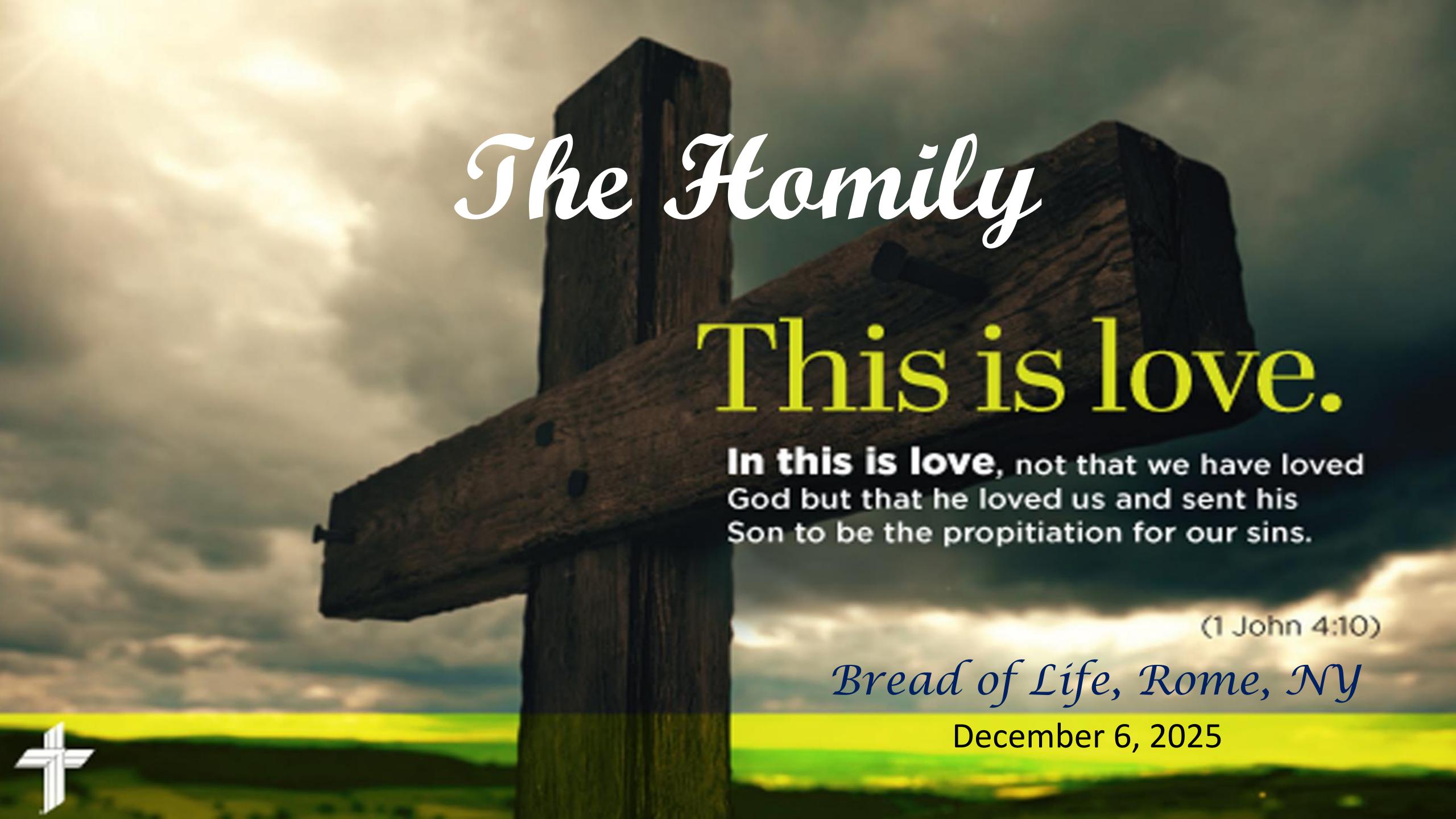
Lead past the an-gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o-pen heav-en's door.

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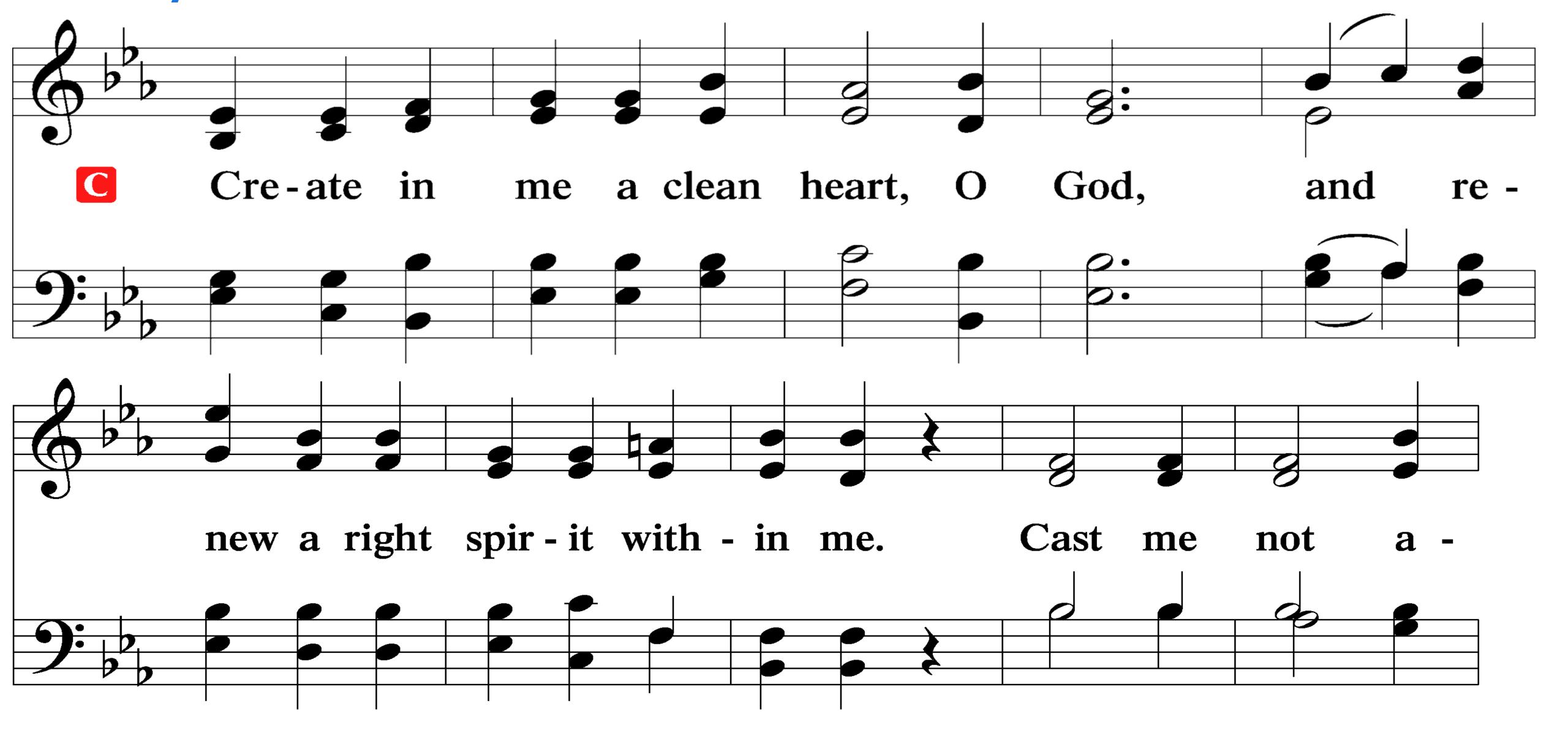
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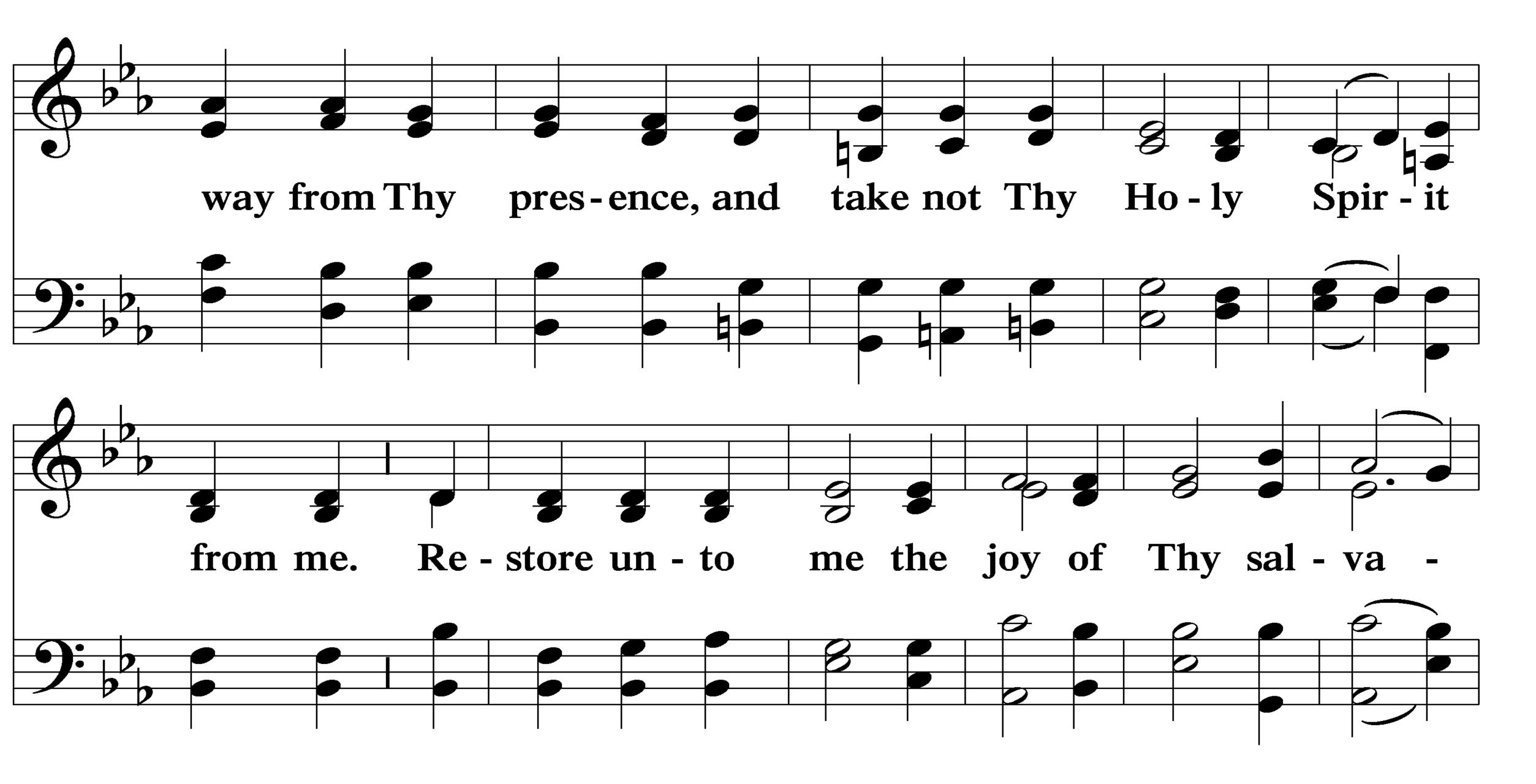
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#### Offertory



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- In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For God's covenant people, that He would teach them to remember His wondrous works and to seek His strength and presence, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- For courage to speak Christ to the nations and to teach those still in darkness and death about His gift of light and life; and that God would keep us from being ashamed of His Gospel or intimidated by the opinions of others, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For those who grow in the faith, that God's Word of encouragement and instruction in endurance would cause them to abound in hope, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- For families, that they would faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, even as they grow in the fear, love and trust of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For civil authorities, that they would govern with justice and righteousness as leaders appointed by God to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- Provided in body or mind, especially Katherine, David, Juan, Janette, Chris, Vera \_\_\_\_\_, that they would receive the riches of God's grace, healing according to His will, and grace to carry them through the day of trouble, 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.

- O Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation, that with confidence in Your will, we may say "amen" to our prayers and live in contentment and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

# **Closing Collect**

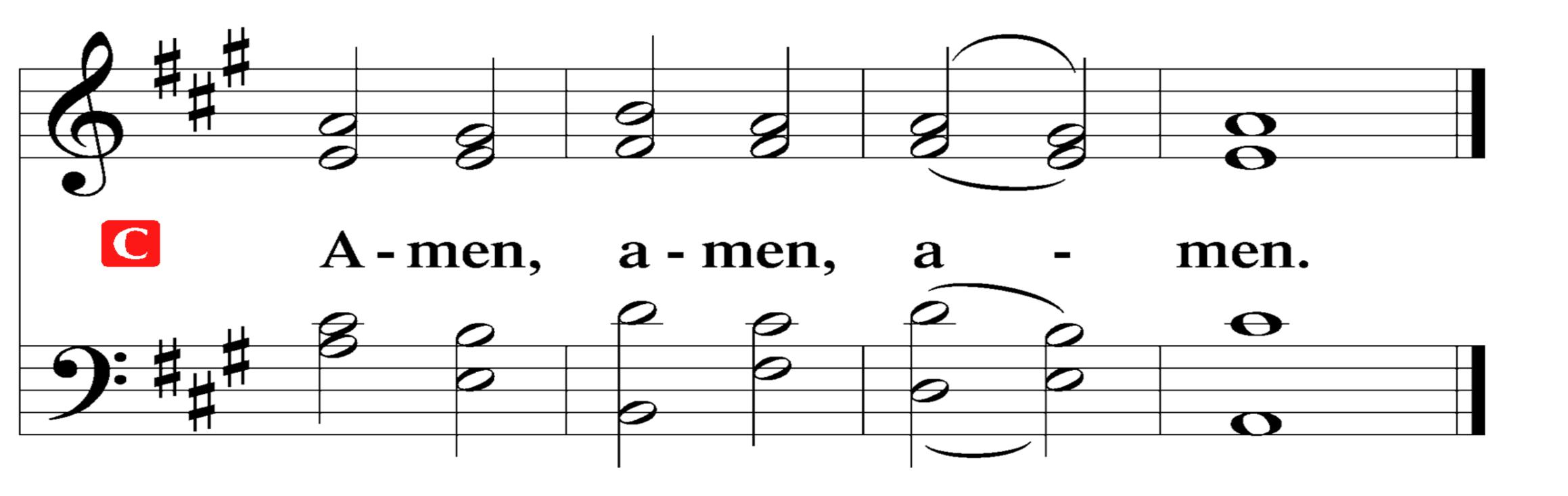
O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant Your servants health both of mind and body that they may love You with their whole heart and with their whole strength perform those things that are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

### Lord's Prayer

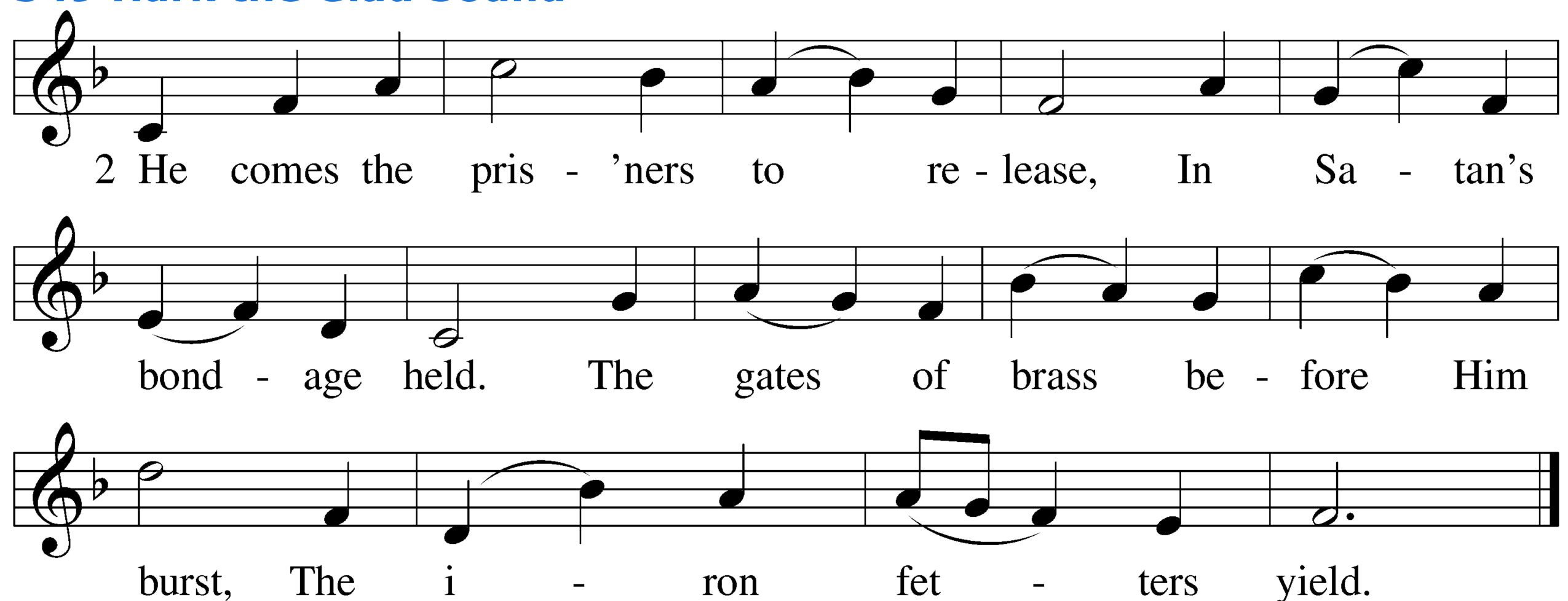
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is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

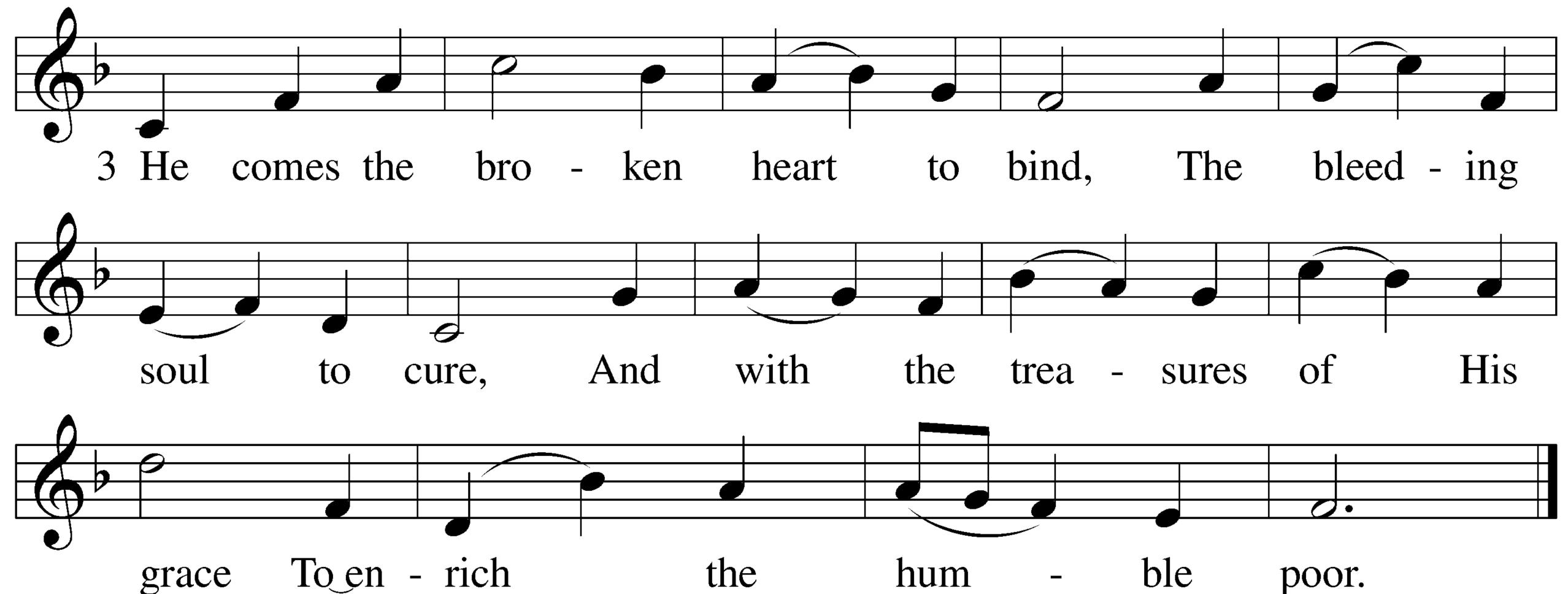
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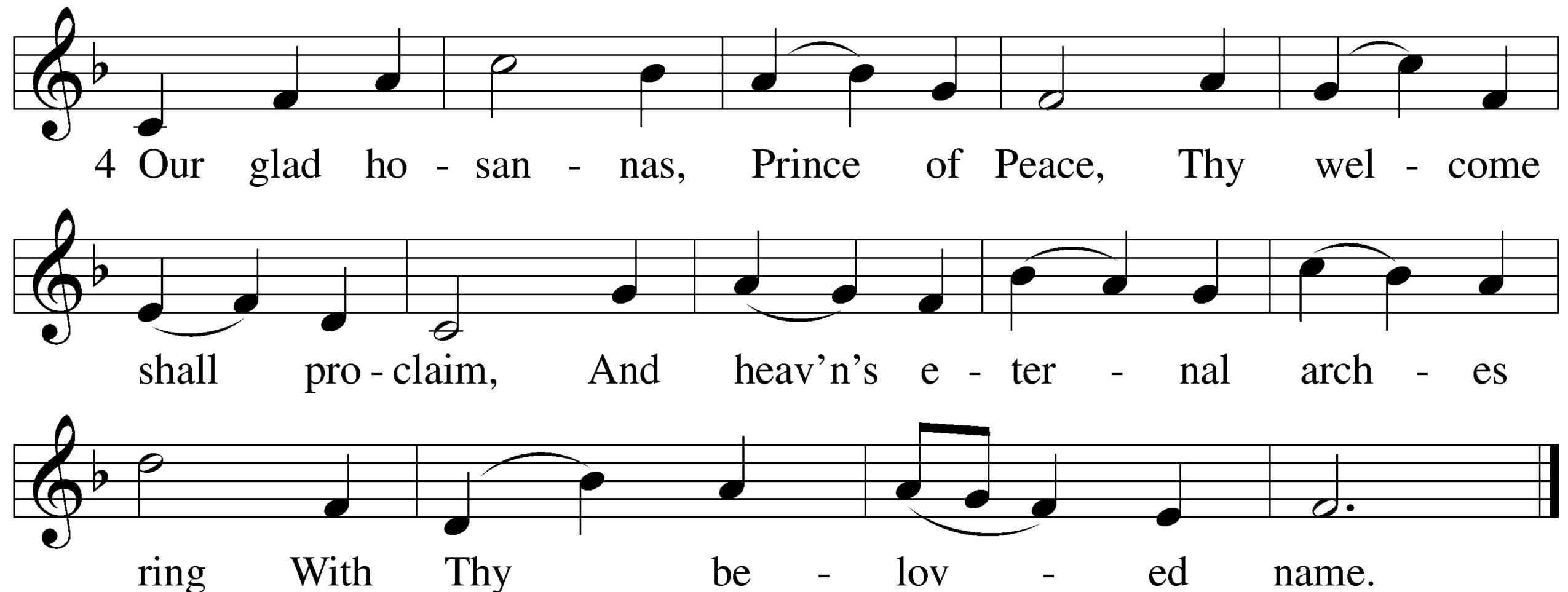
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 🕂 give you peace.











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