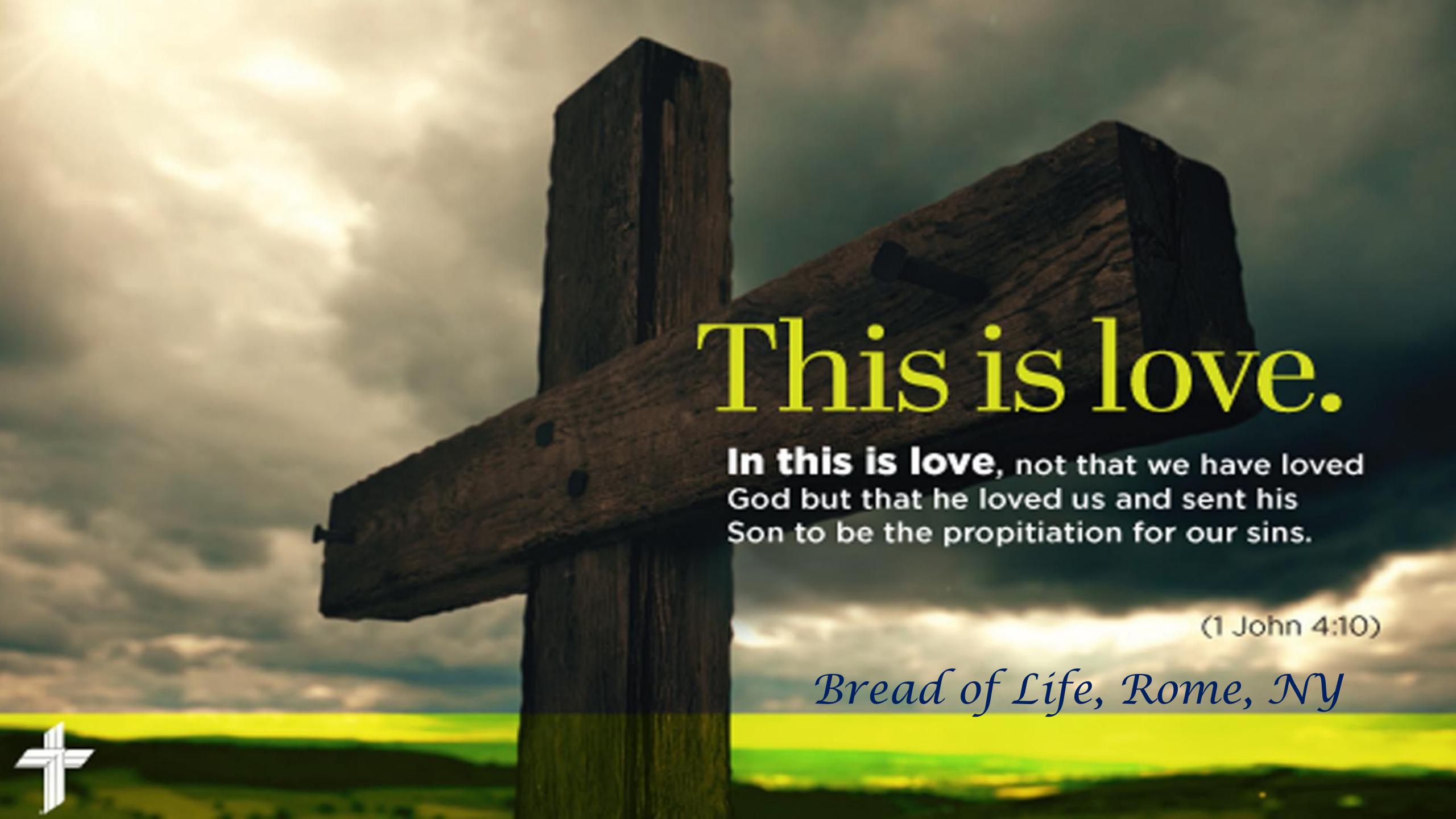
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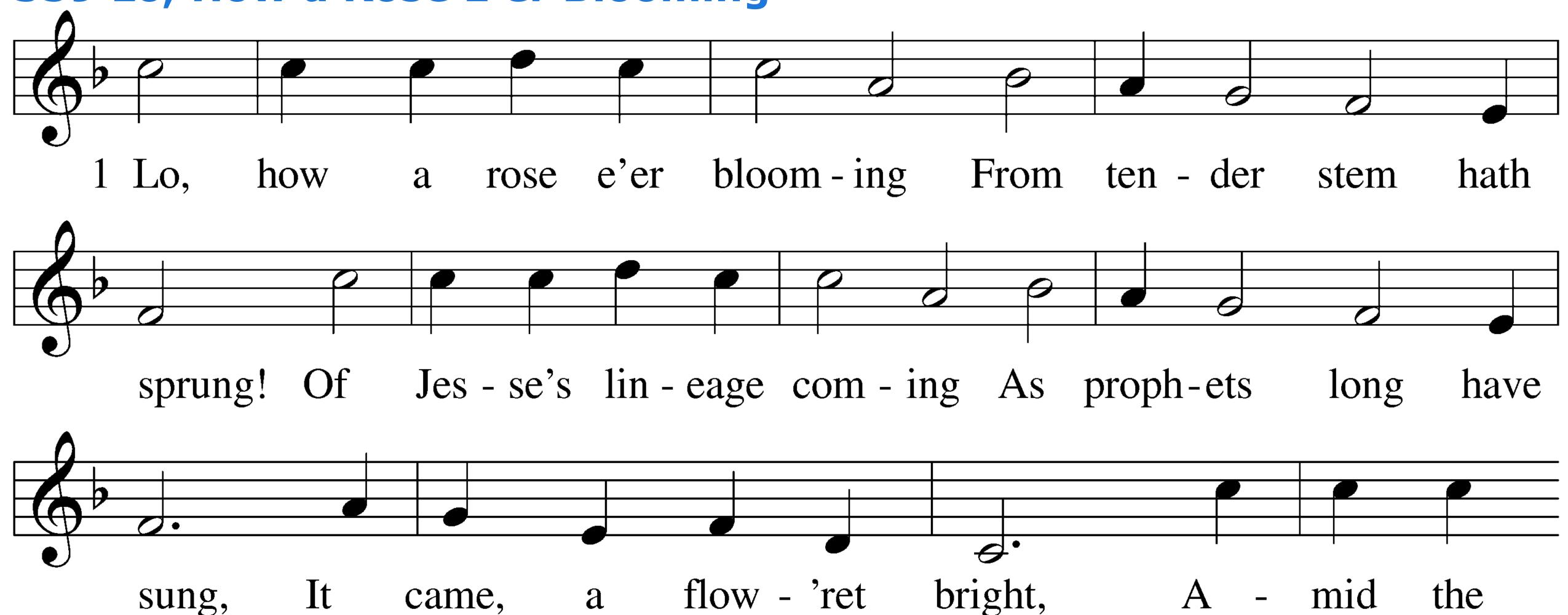


Lutheran Church Rome, New York

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359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



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359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness air, True man, God, From where. sin and yet ver - y And light - ens death load. He saves us ev

359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt hu - man our Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness woe; Bring us the bright To know: length at pray of heav - en, And the less day. end courts to

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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.

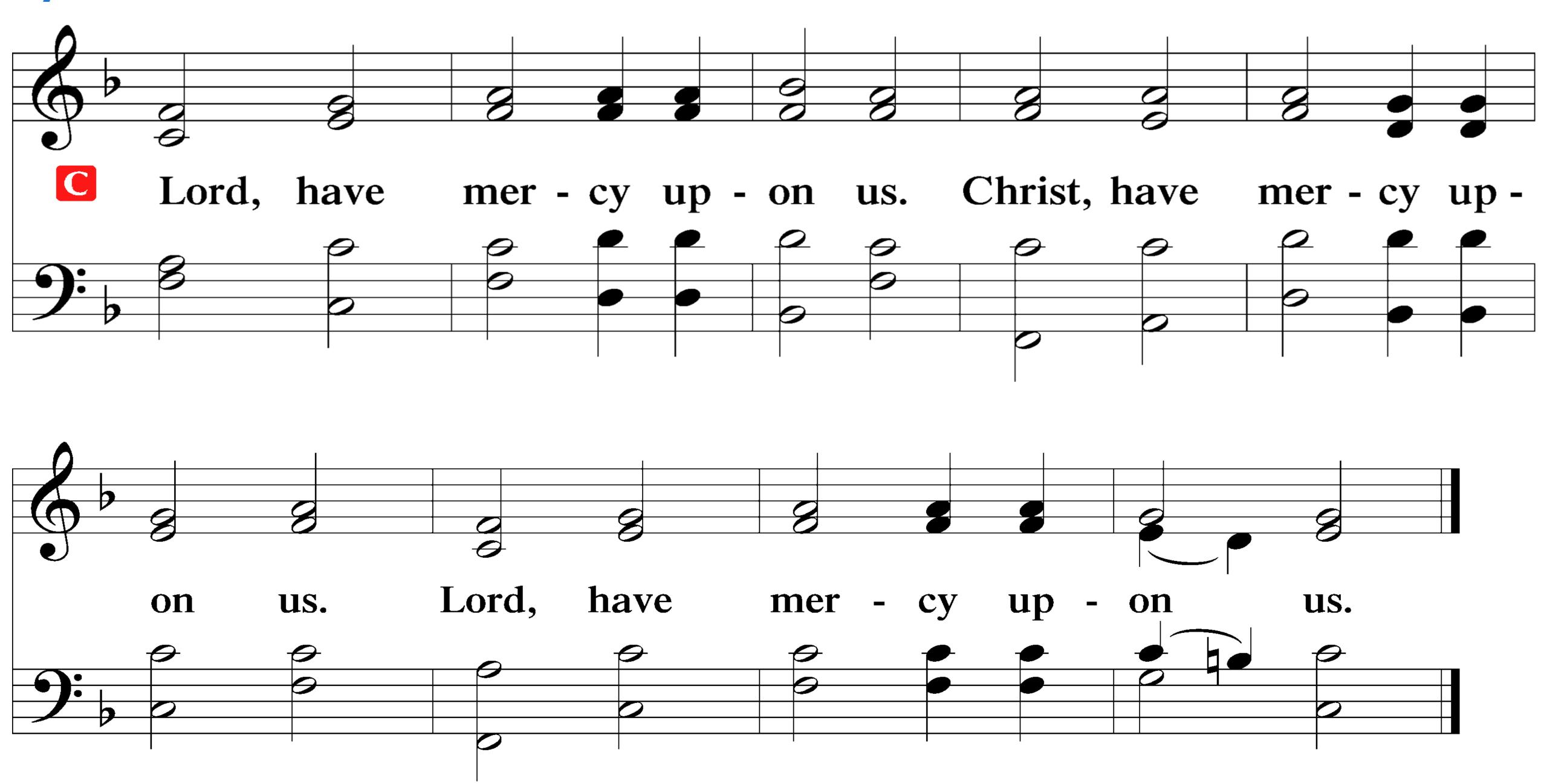
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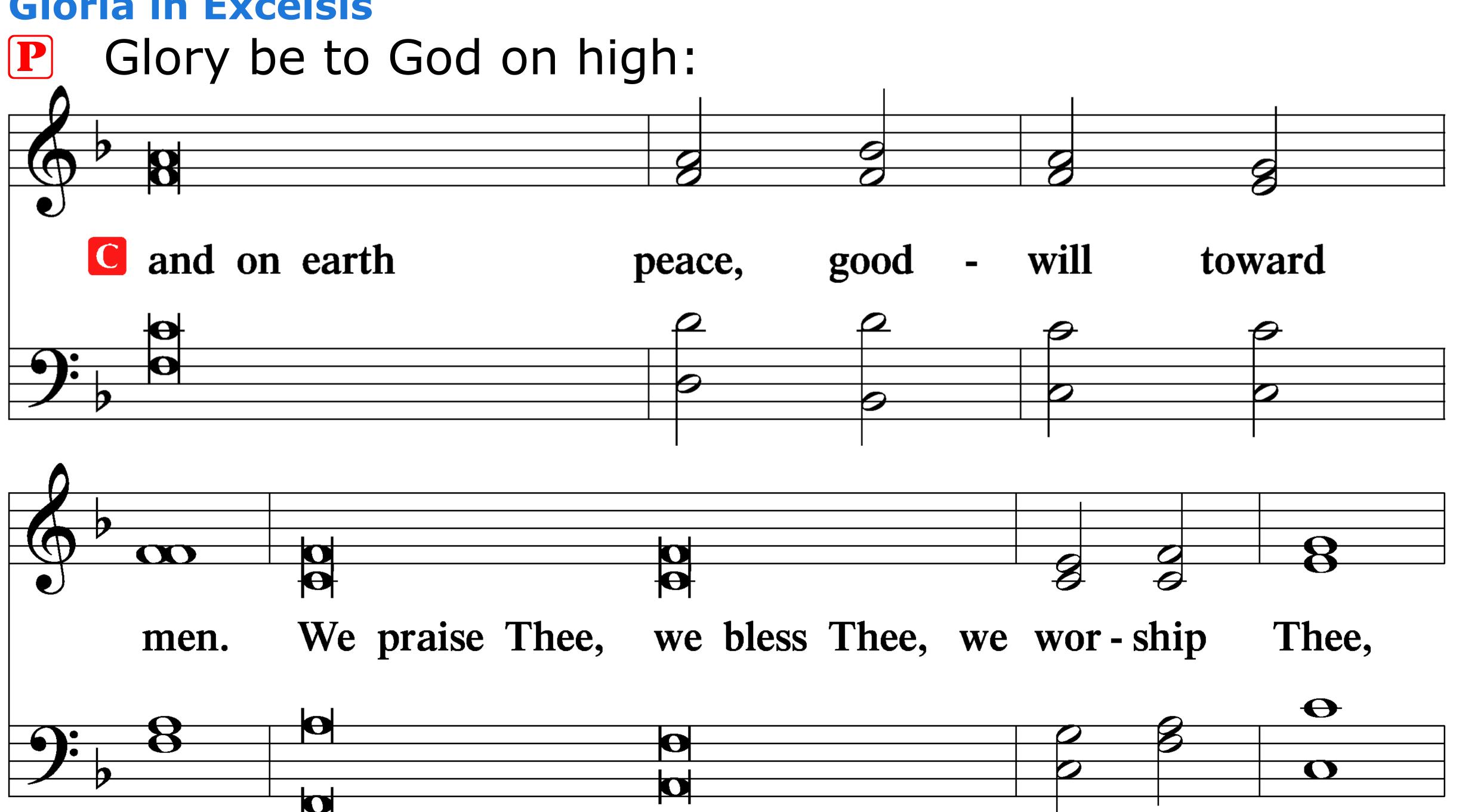
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

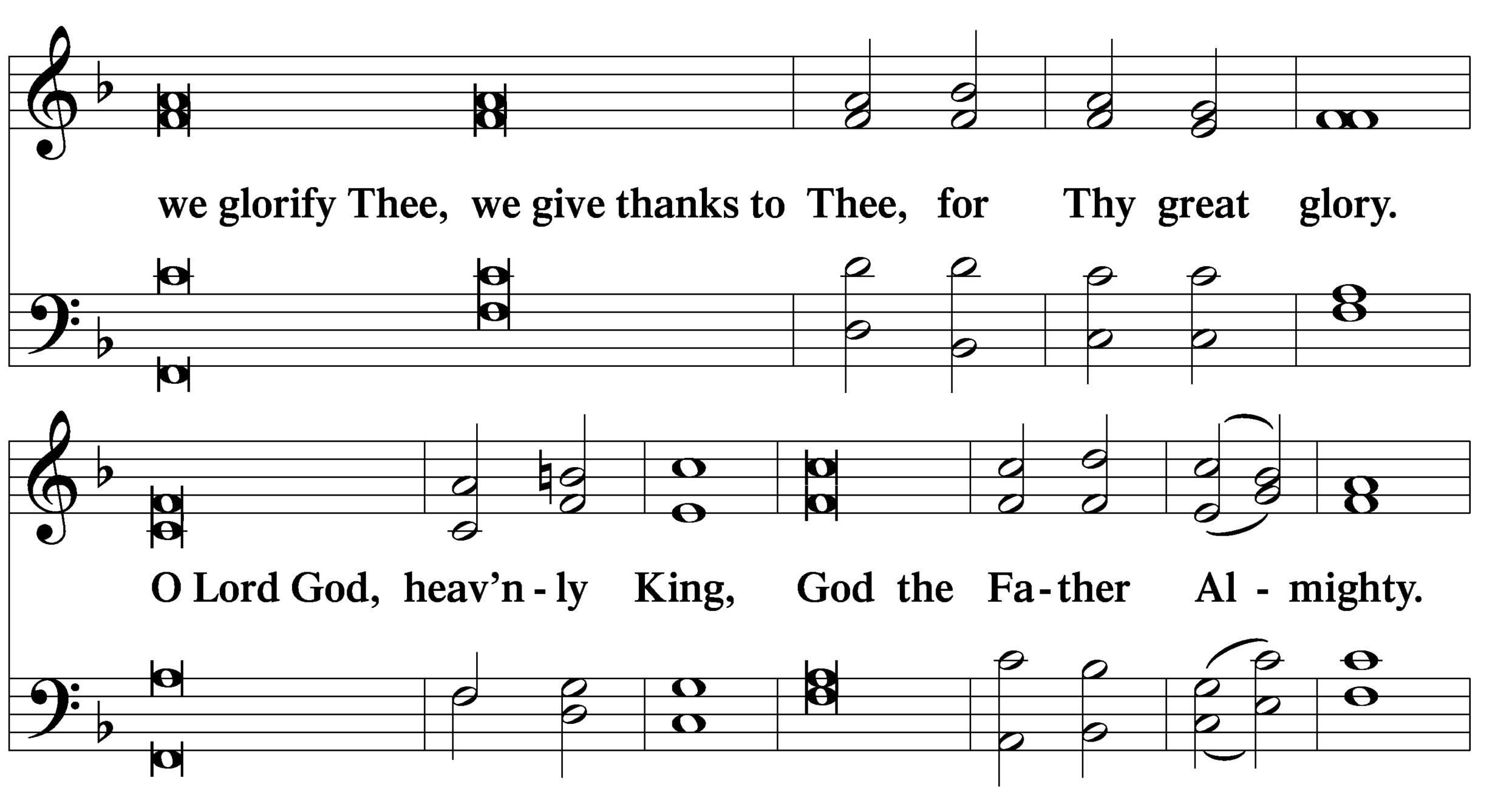
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

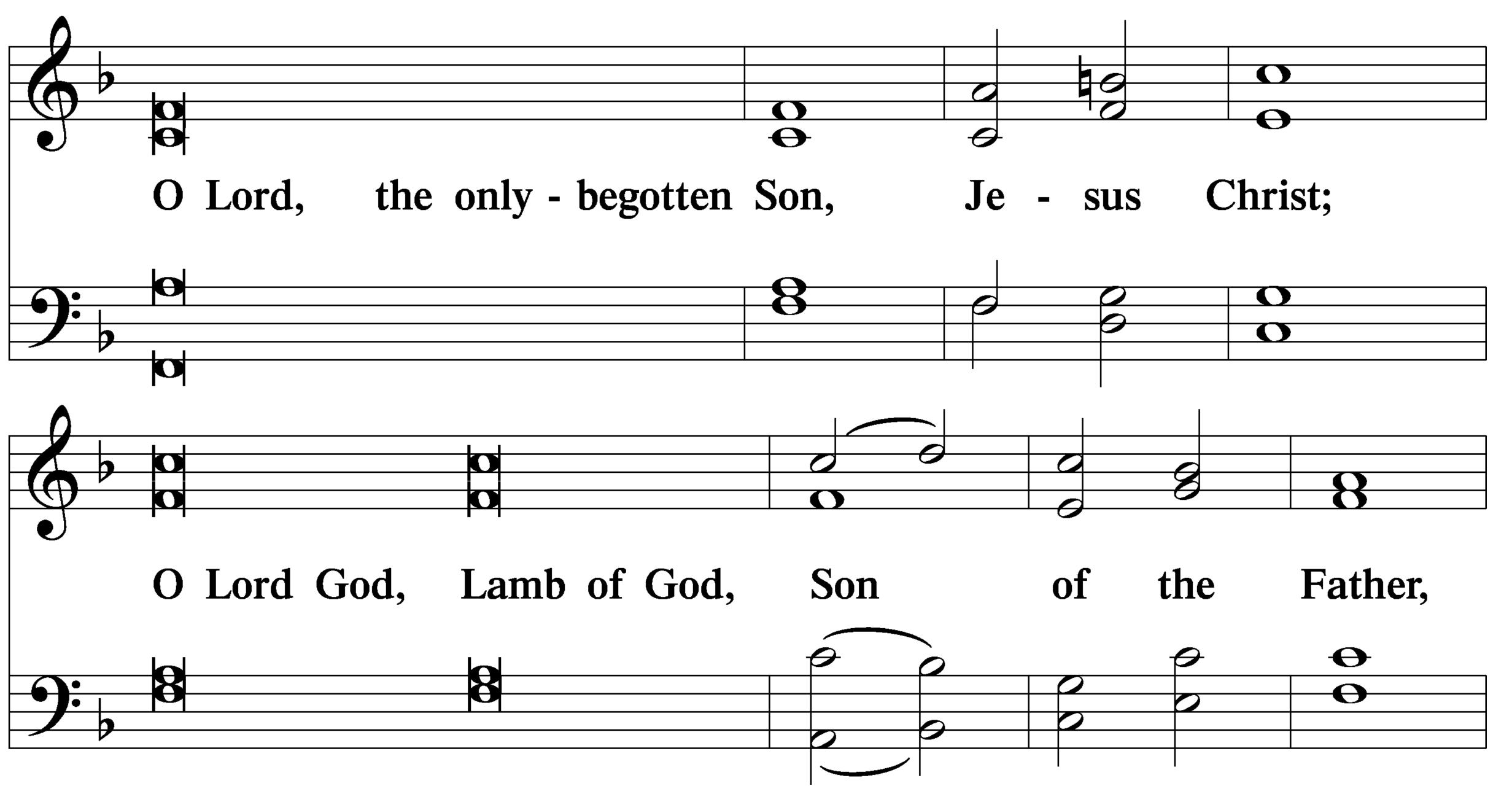
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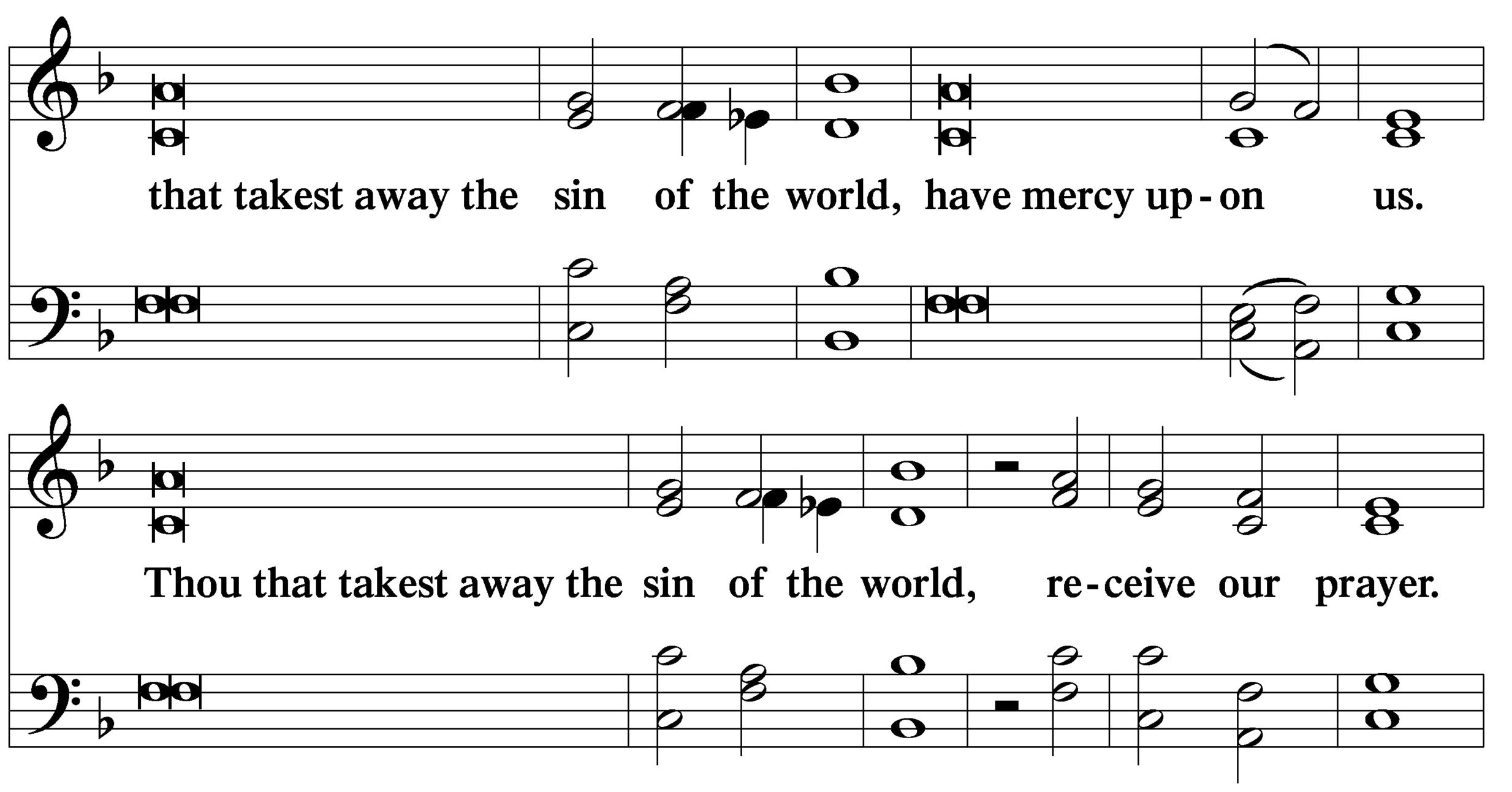
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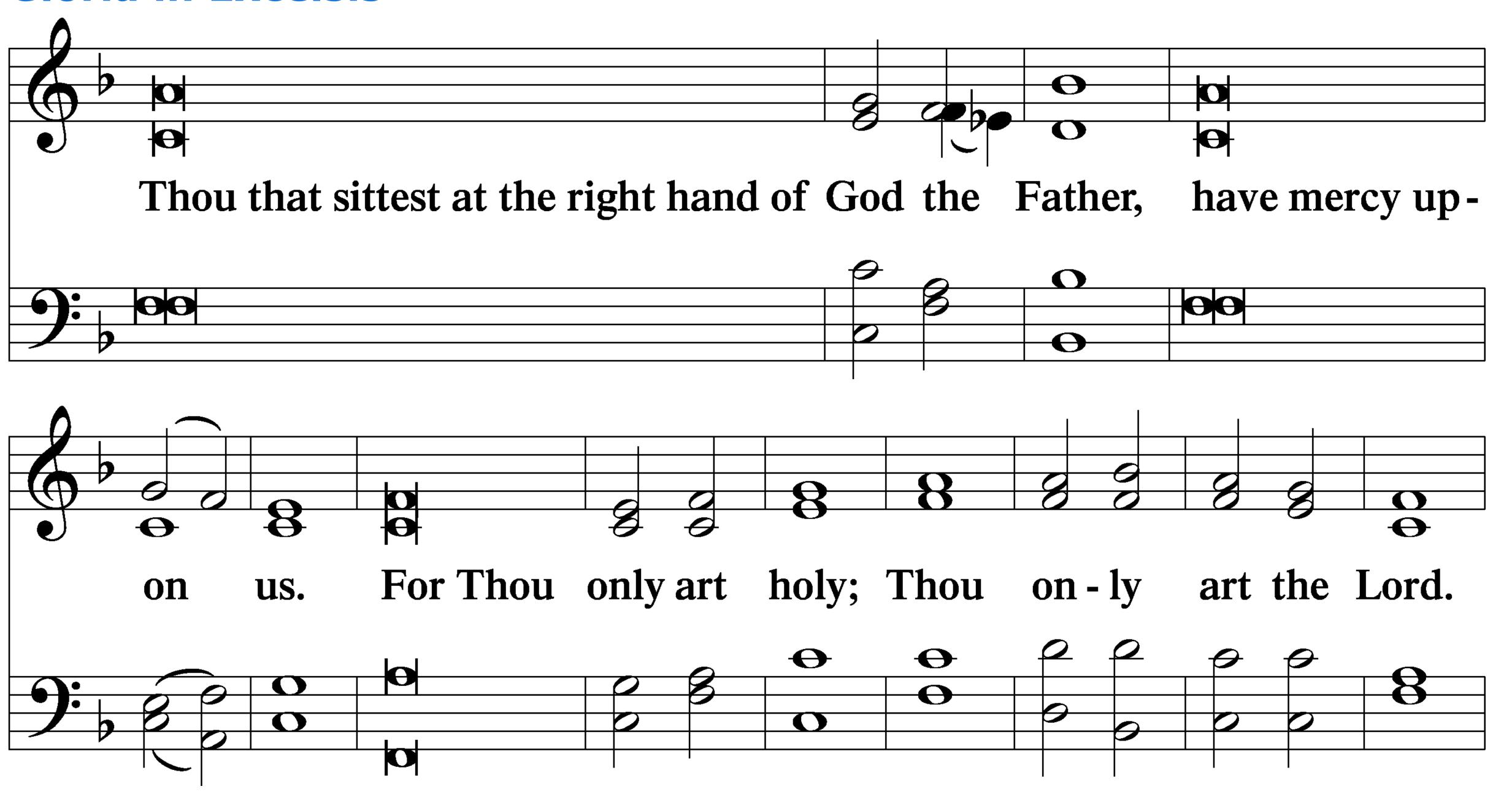


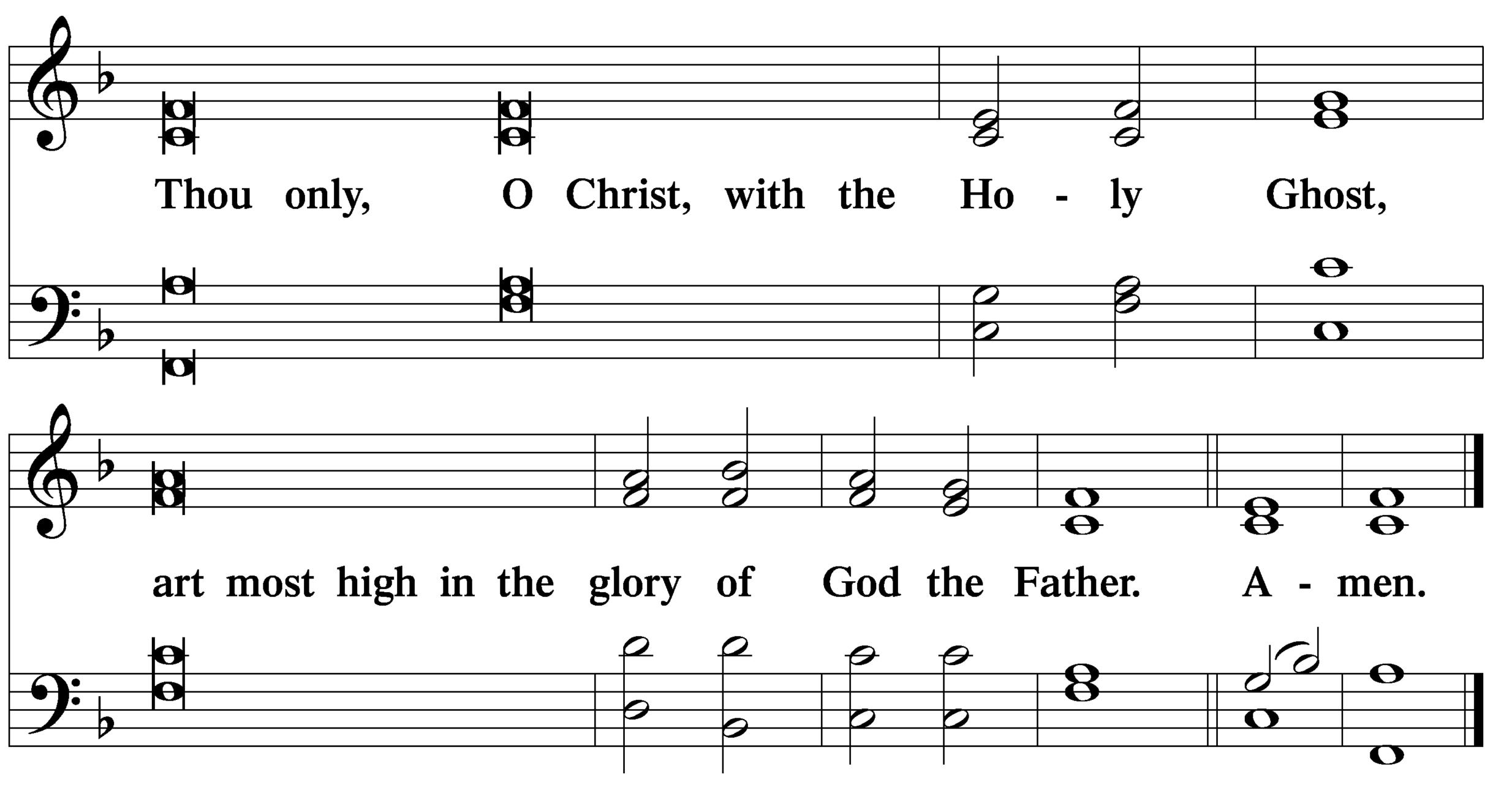






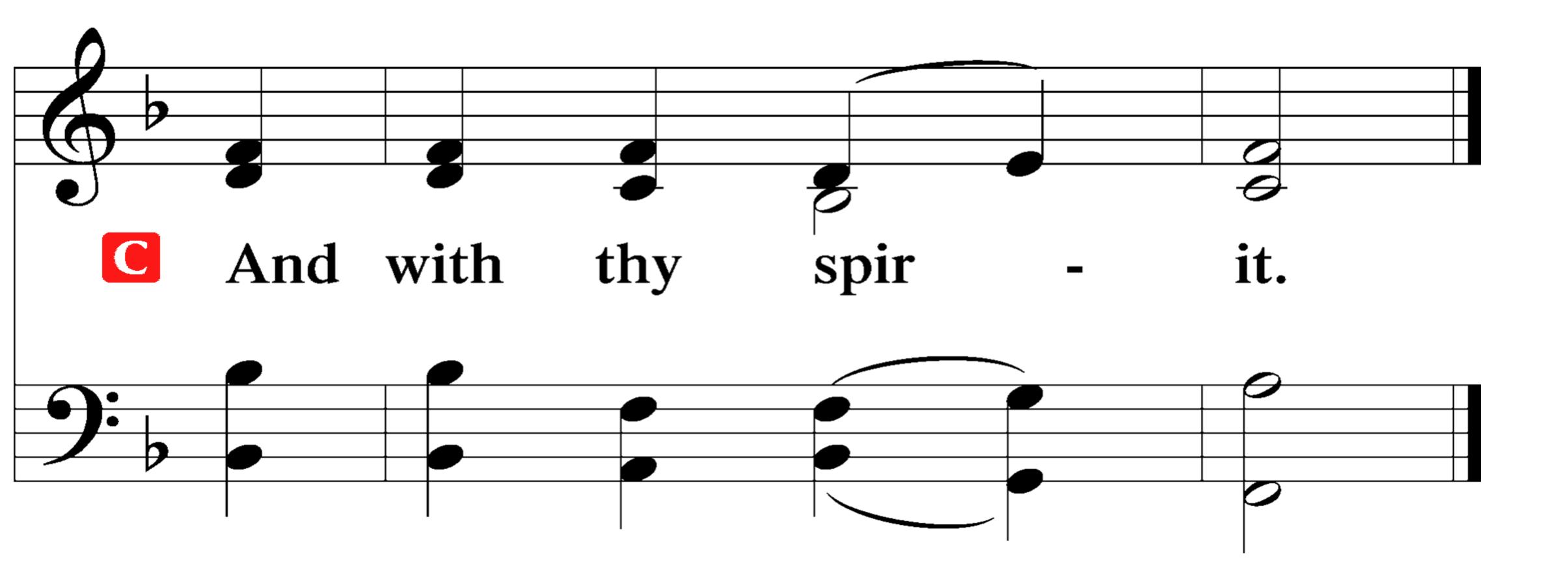






Salutation and Collect of the Day:

Pi The Lord be with you.

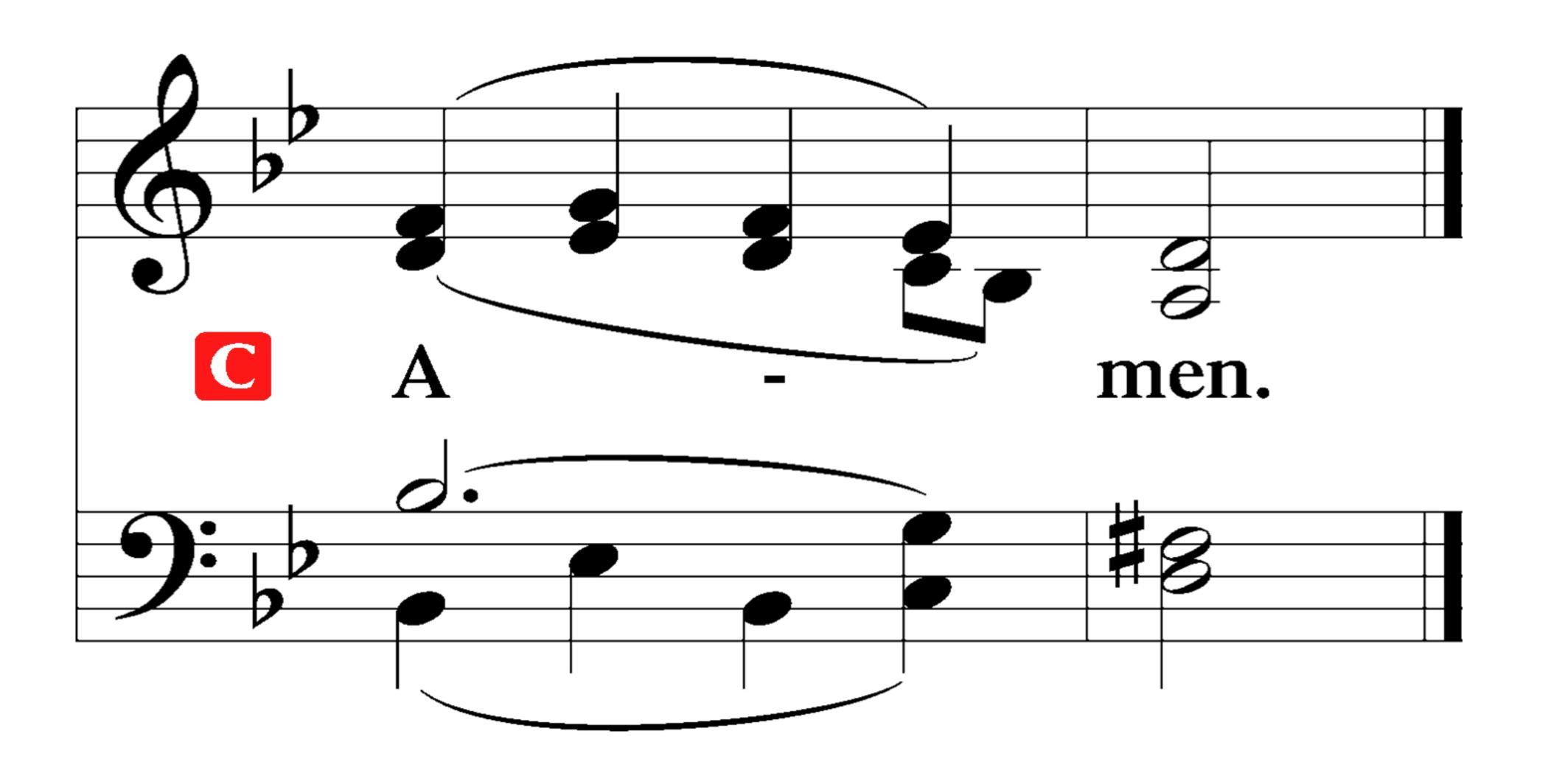


Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Salutation and Collect of the Day:



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁷The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

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



¹The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,* the world and those who | dwell therein, ²for he has founded it up- | on the seas* and established it upon the | rivers.



³Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*
And who shall stand in his | holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear de- | ceitfully.



⁵He will receive blessing | from the LORD* and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who | seek him,* who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.



7Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
 that the King of glory | may come in.
 8Who is this King of | glory?*
 The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LORD, mighty in | battle!



⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of | glory?*
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of | glory!

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

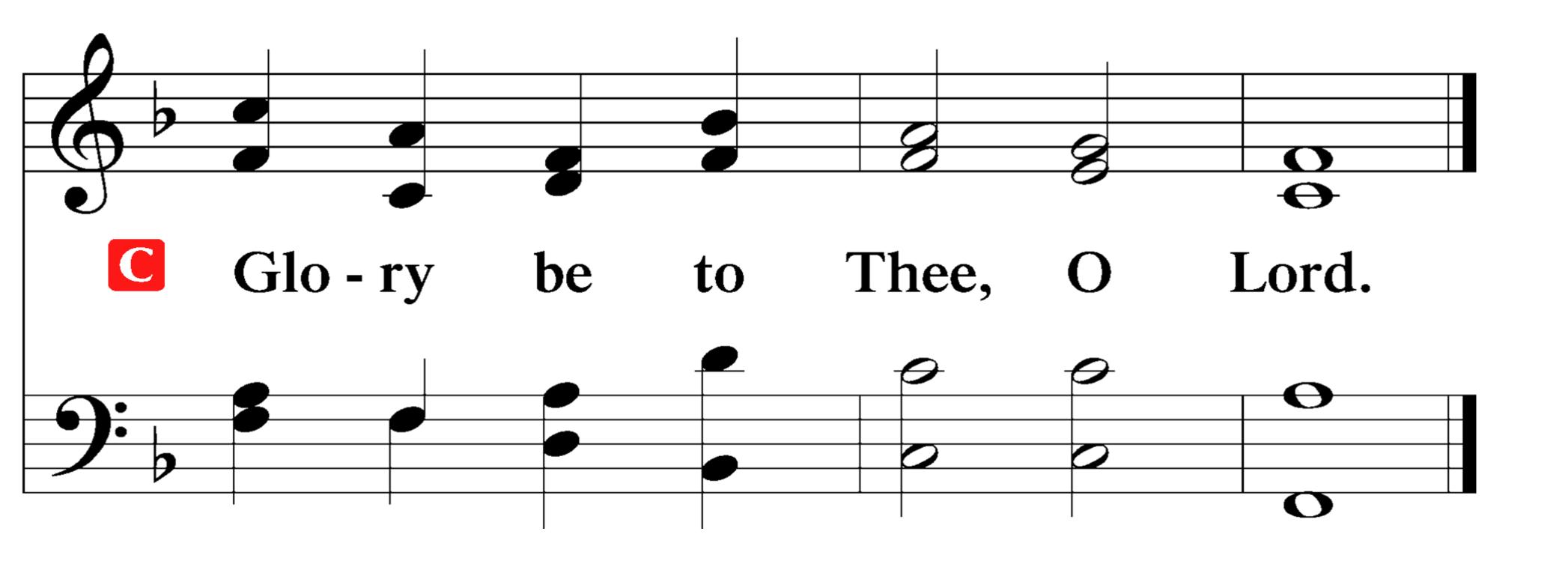
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Alleluia



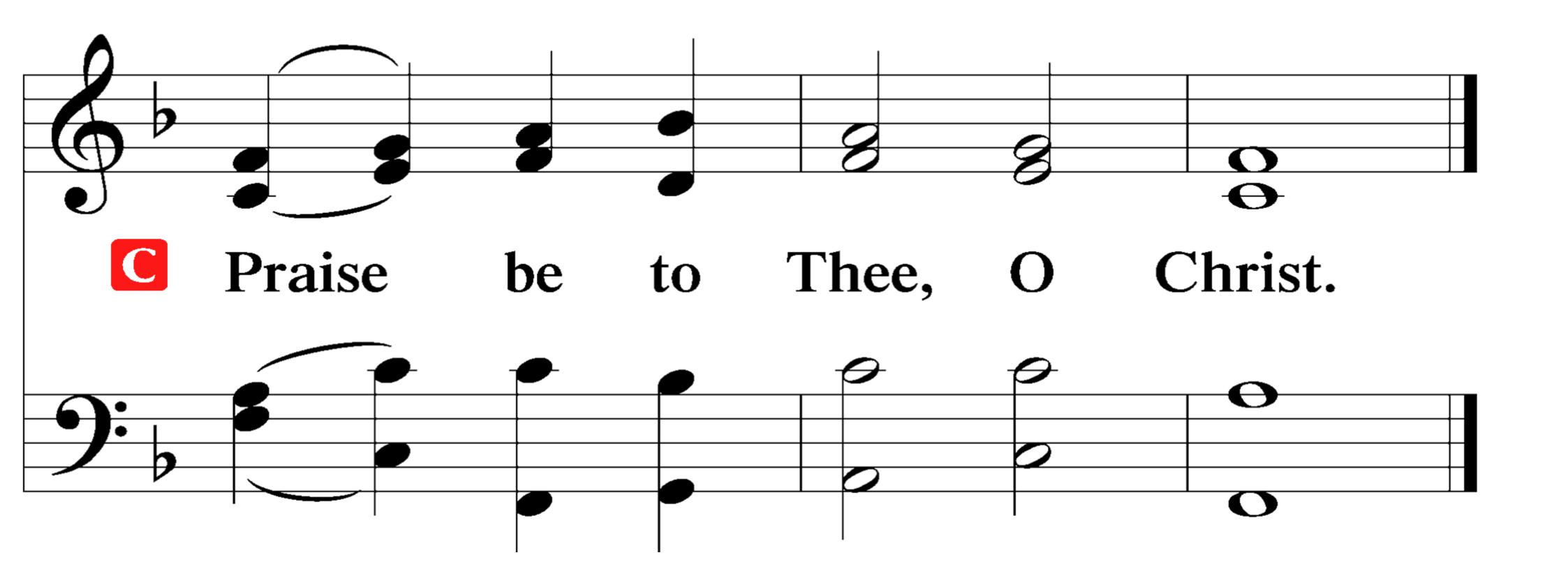
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.



¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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.

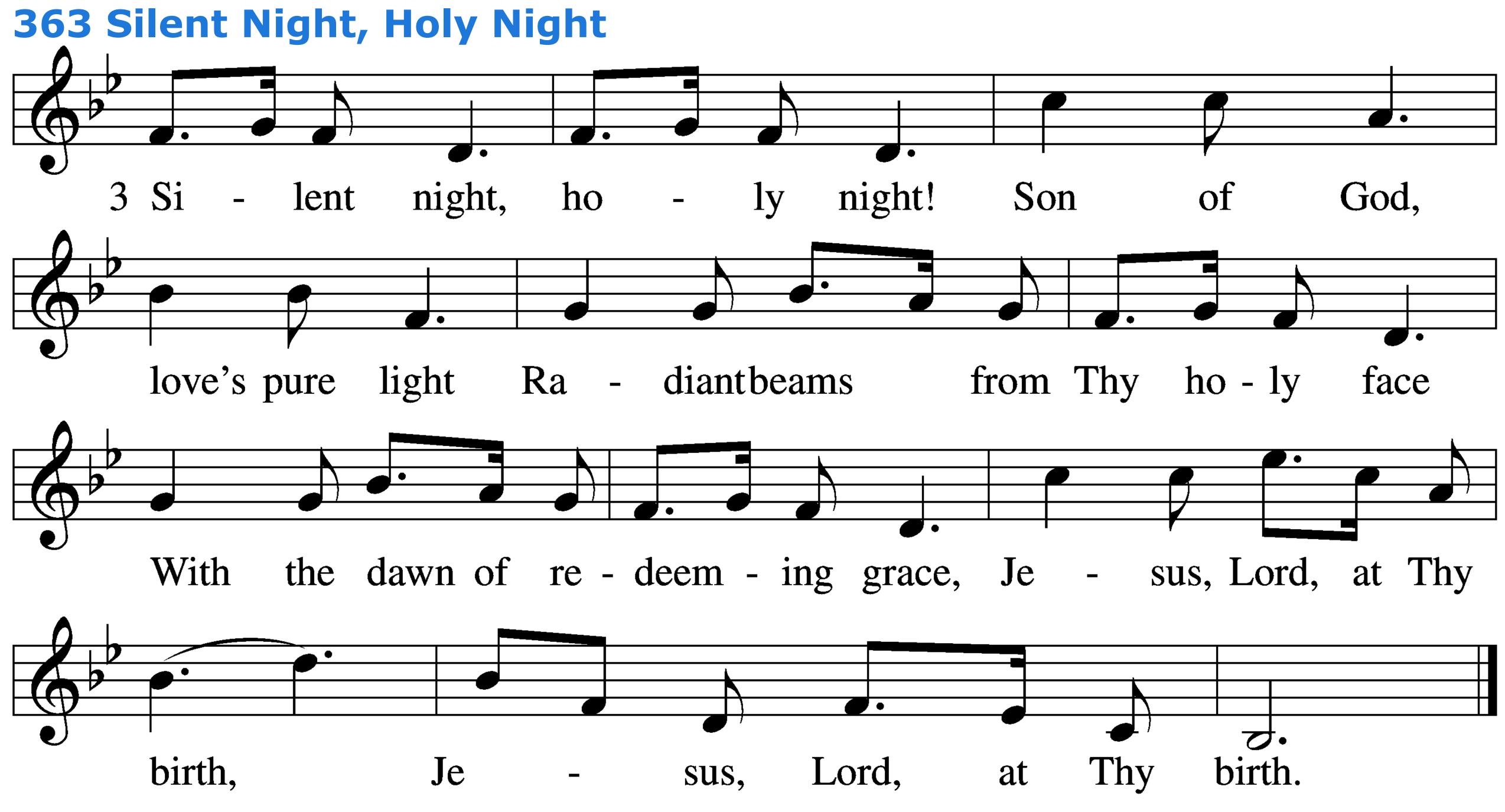
Apostles' Creed

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

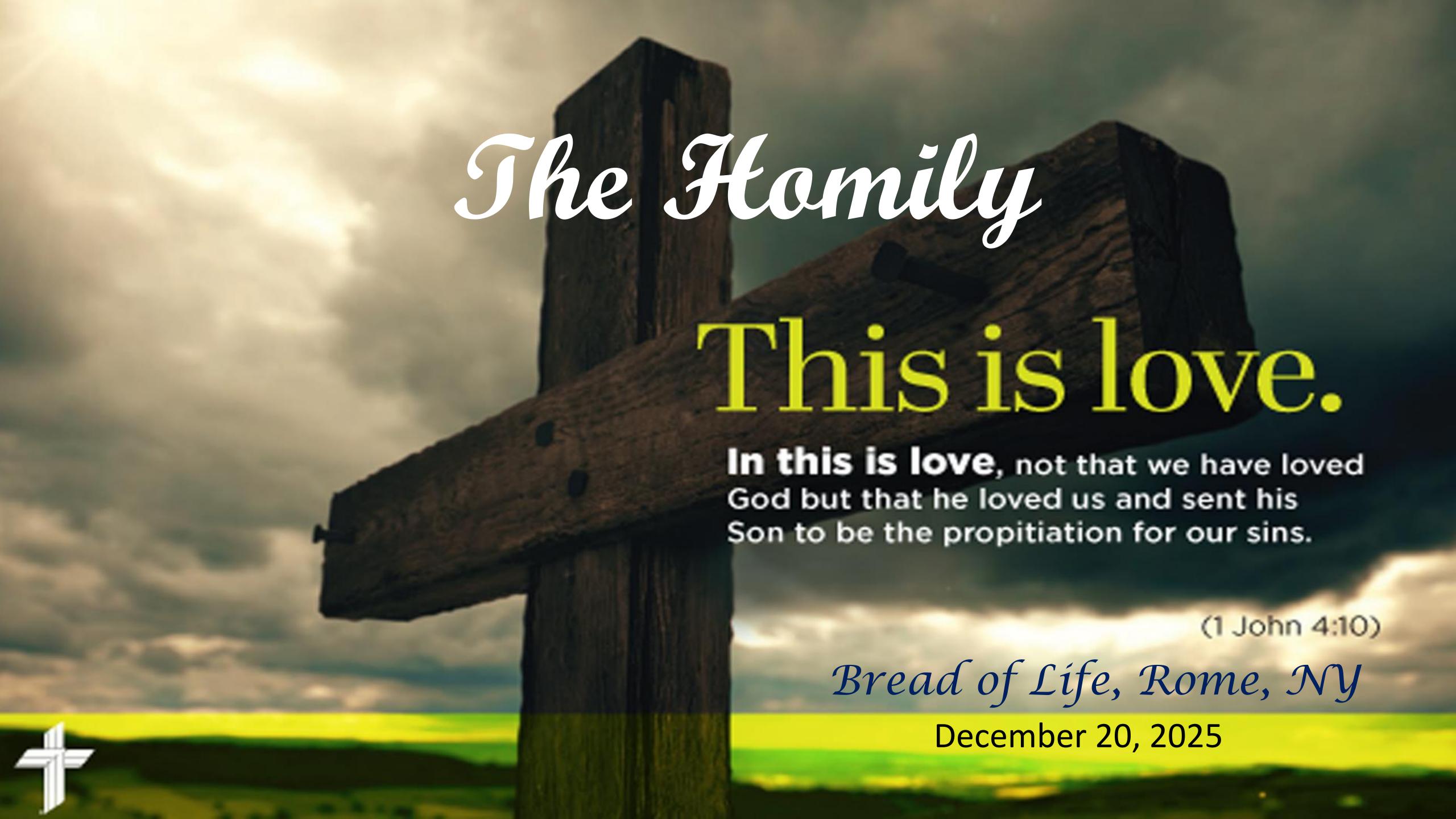
everlasting. Amen.

363 Silent Night, Holy Night - lent night, ho ly night! All calm, all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly in heav - en - ly Sleep peace. peace,

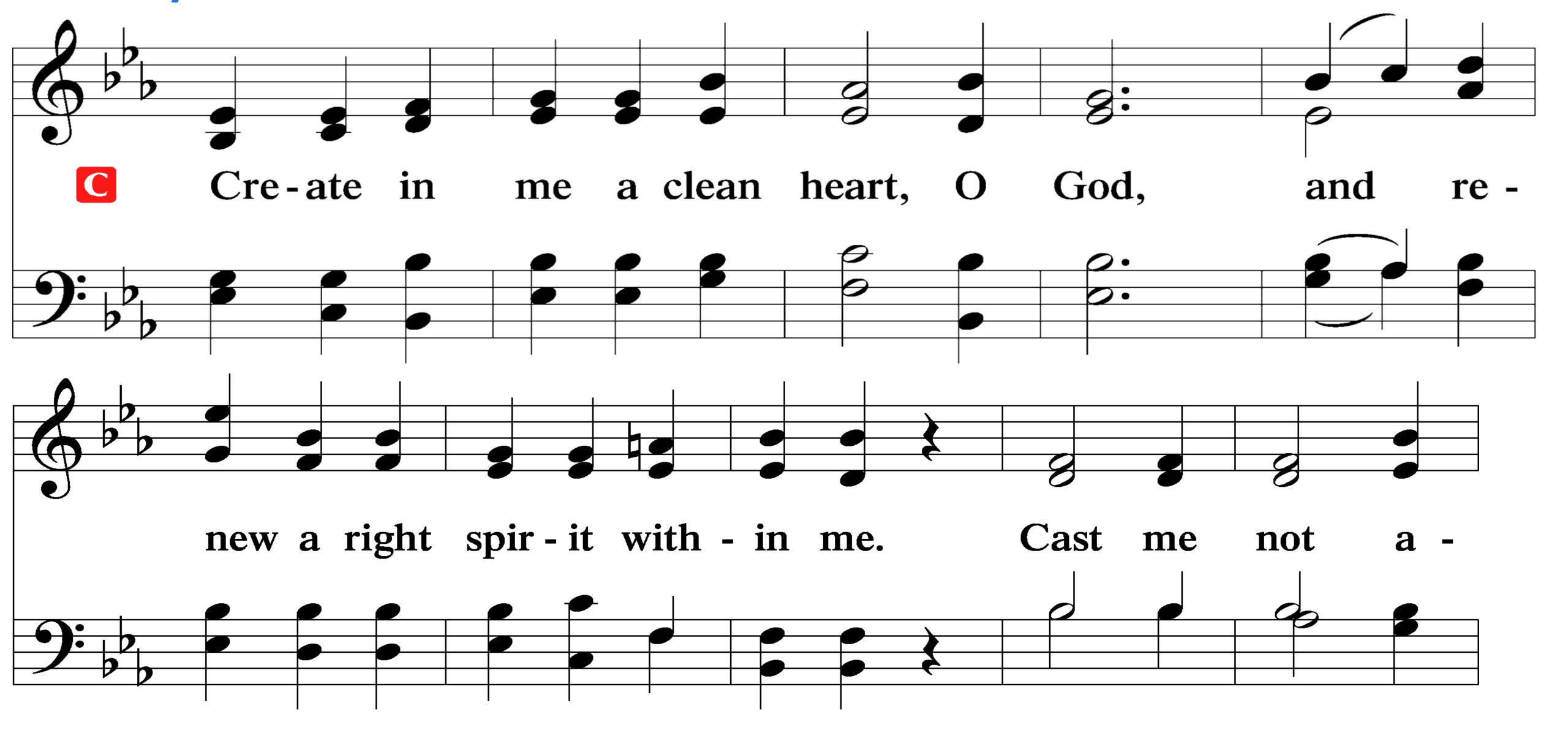
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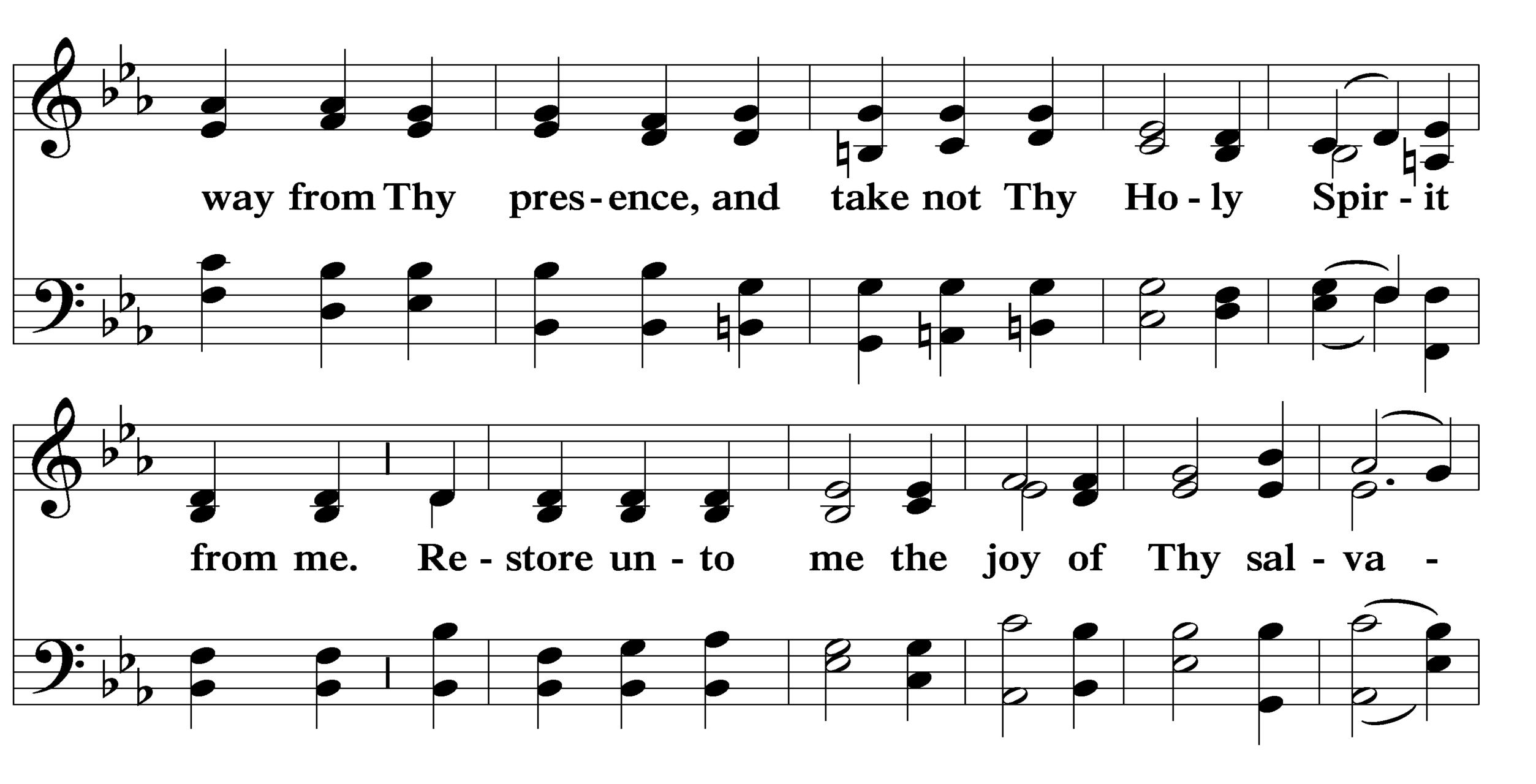
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- In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For all pastors, that they may faithfully preach and teach the Gospel; for the hearts of young men to be opened to hear and heed the Lord's call to His ministry; and for all church workers in their various vocations, that they may serve us well in God's name, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- For faith and humility to receive the virgin-born Son of God in the signs where He is promised to be found: His Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For fathers, that like Joseph, they may be honorable and just men; that God would give them wisdom, patience, pride of duty and, above all, faith and loyalty to His Word; and that, knowing the heavenly Father's true Guardianship, they may head their households with godly forbearance, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- P For our nation and its rulers, that the Lord would bear patiently with this land despite its tiresome flattery and unbelief; that God would clear away all empty shows of piety; and that He would renew genuine faith in the Virgin's Son, that His return may not be a sign against us, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.

- For healing for the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn, especially Katherine, David, Juan, Janette, Chris, Vera ____ and those we name in our hearts, that they would be sustained in all adversity and given patience and courage as they await the unfolding of the Lord's healing grace, 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.



Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Dayspring from on high and the splendor of light everlasting. By His coming in the flesh and by His blessed Word, enlighten our hearts with the Gospel, enlighten the hearts of those who sit in the darkness of unbelief with the light of saving faith, and enlighten those who dwell in the shadow of death with the certain hope of the resurrection through Him. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Closing Collect

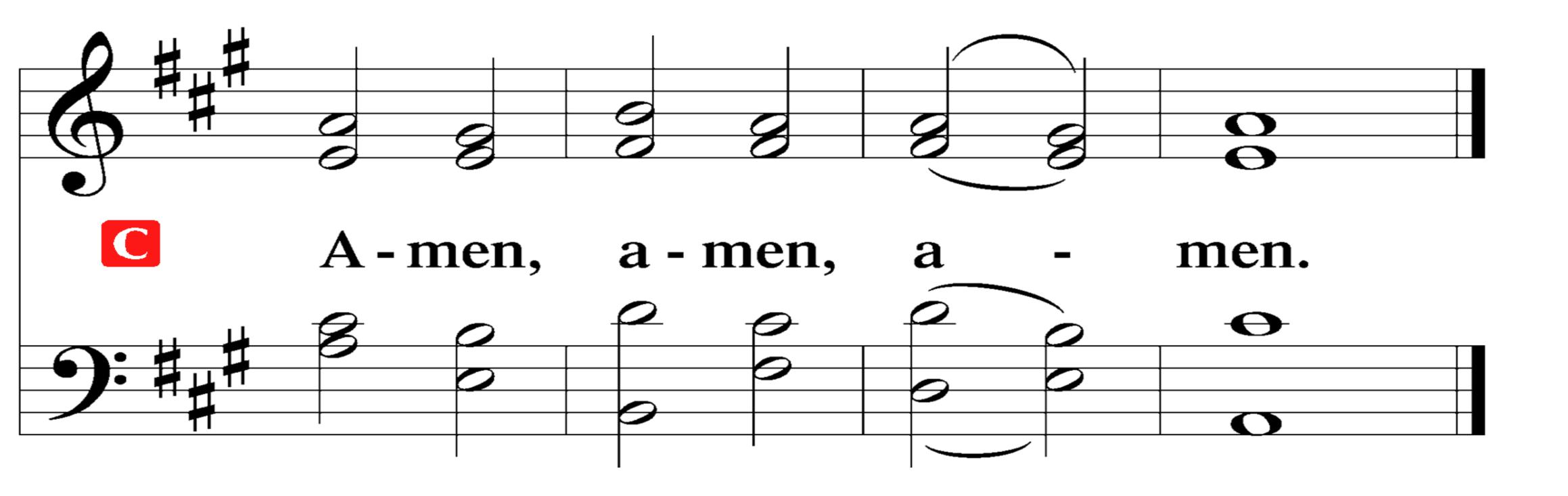
Almighty God, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself.
Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

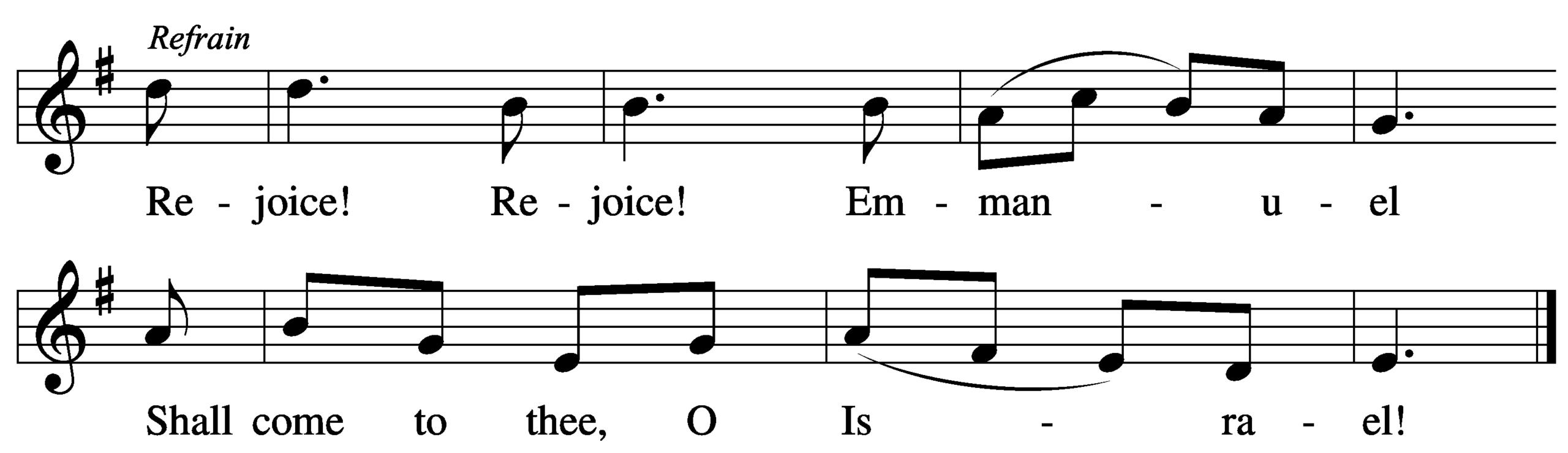
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is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

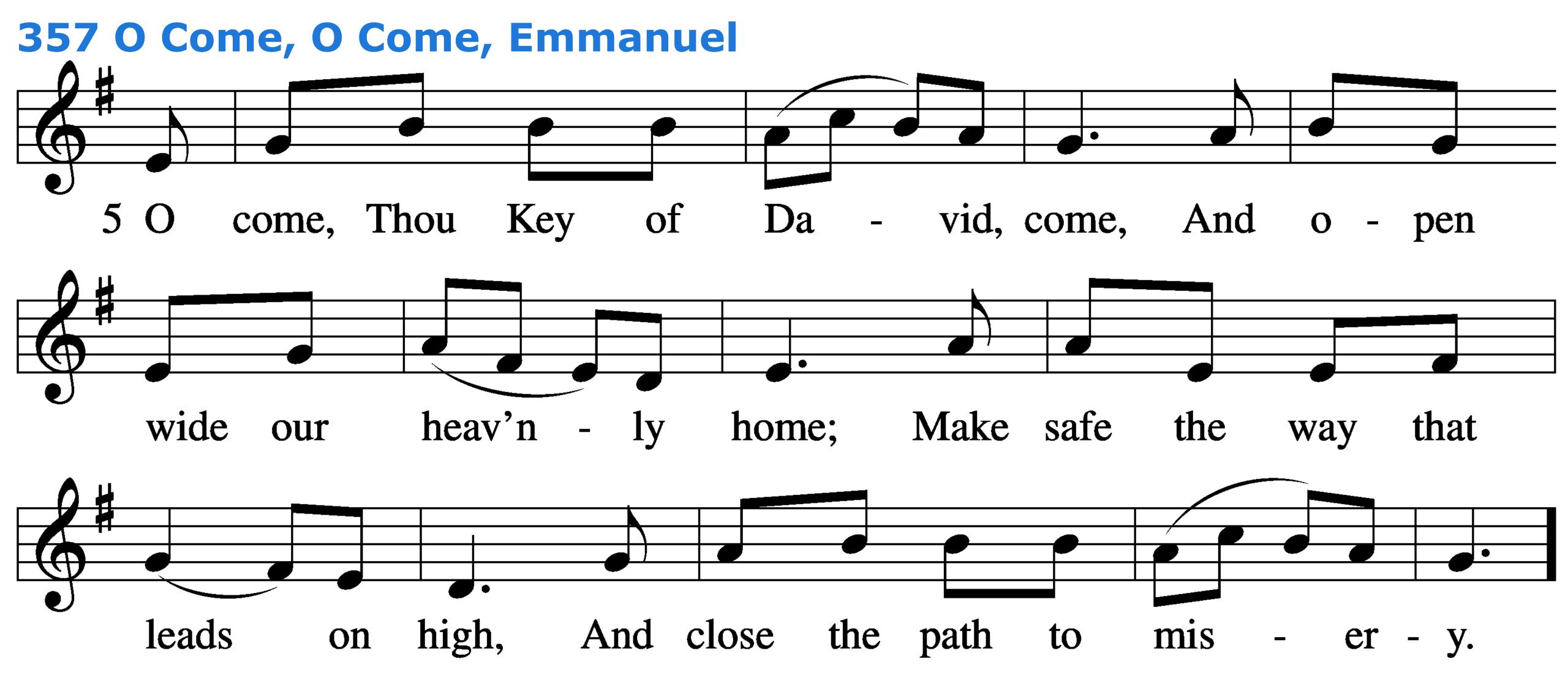
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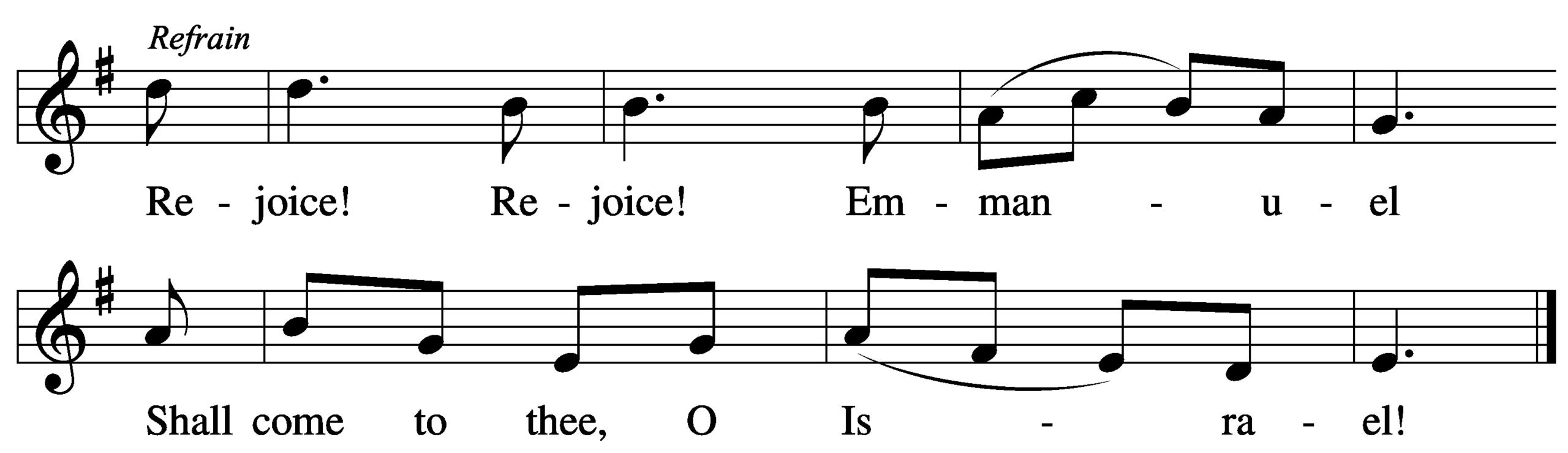
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 🕂 give you peace.

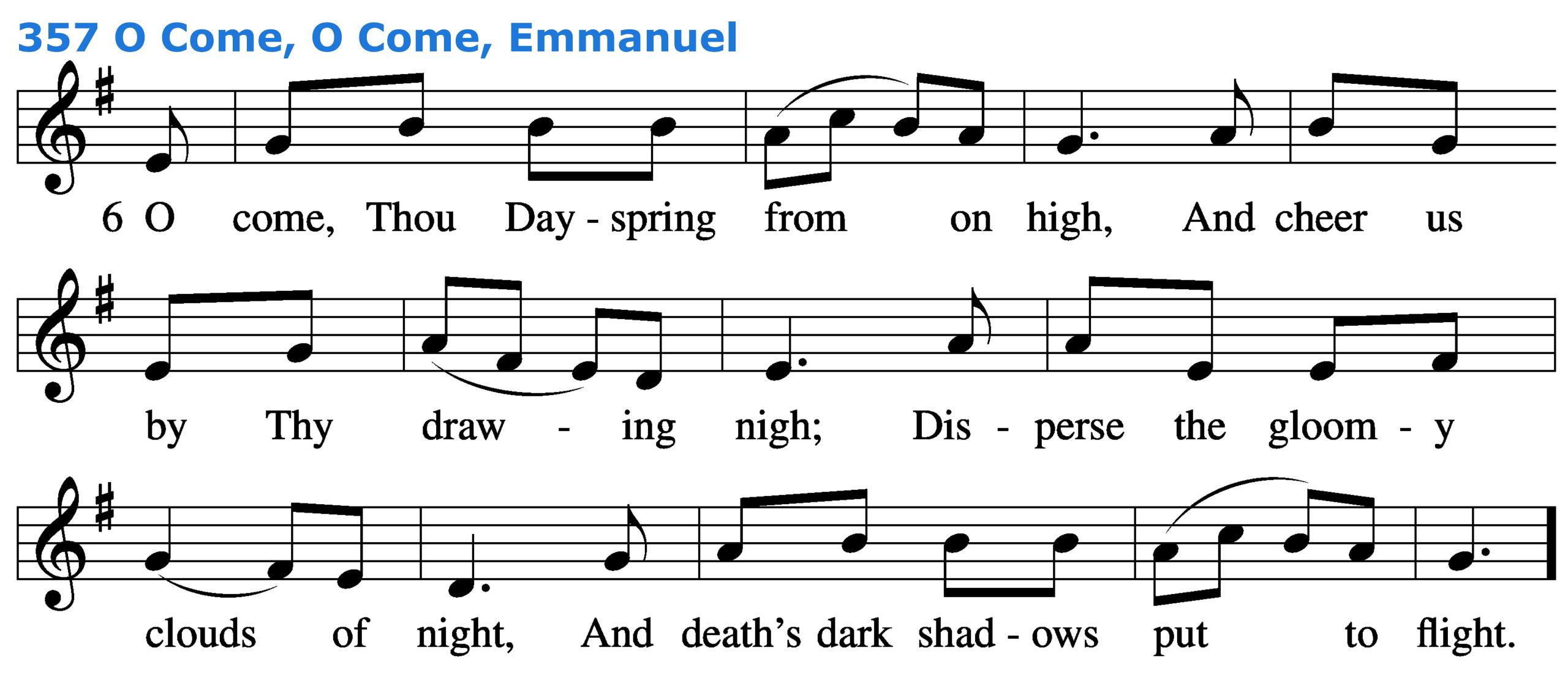


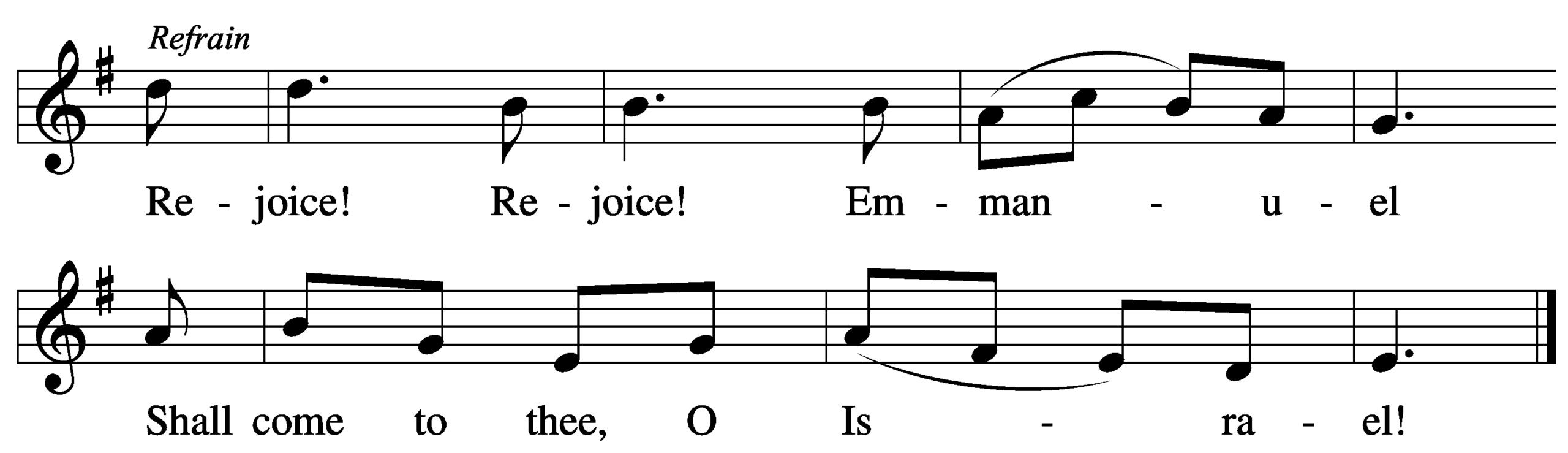
357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's That Thy might - y tyr trust an - ny save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. pow'r to



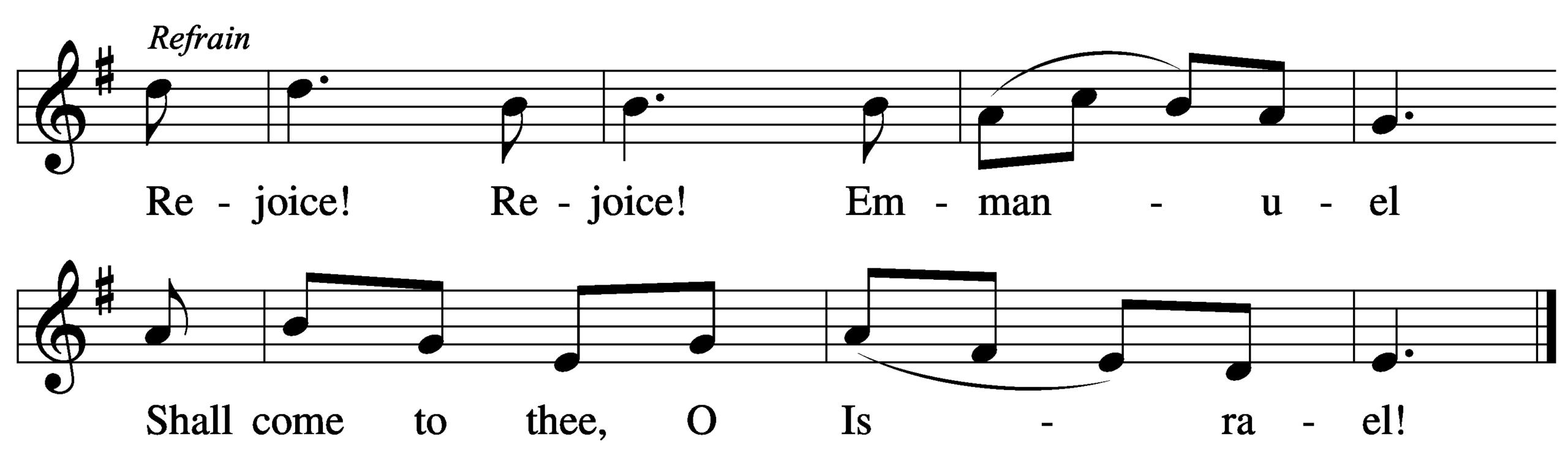








357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel come, De - sire of 7 O na - tions, bind In the one all hearts of man - kind; Bid Thou sad our vi Thy - self our King of Peace. sions cease, And be



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