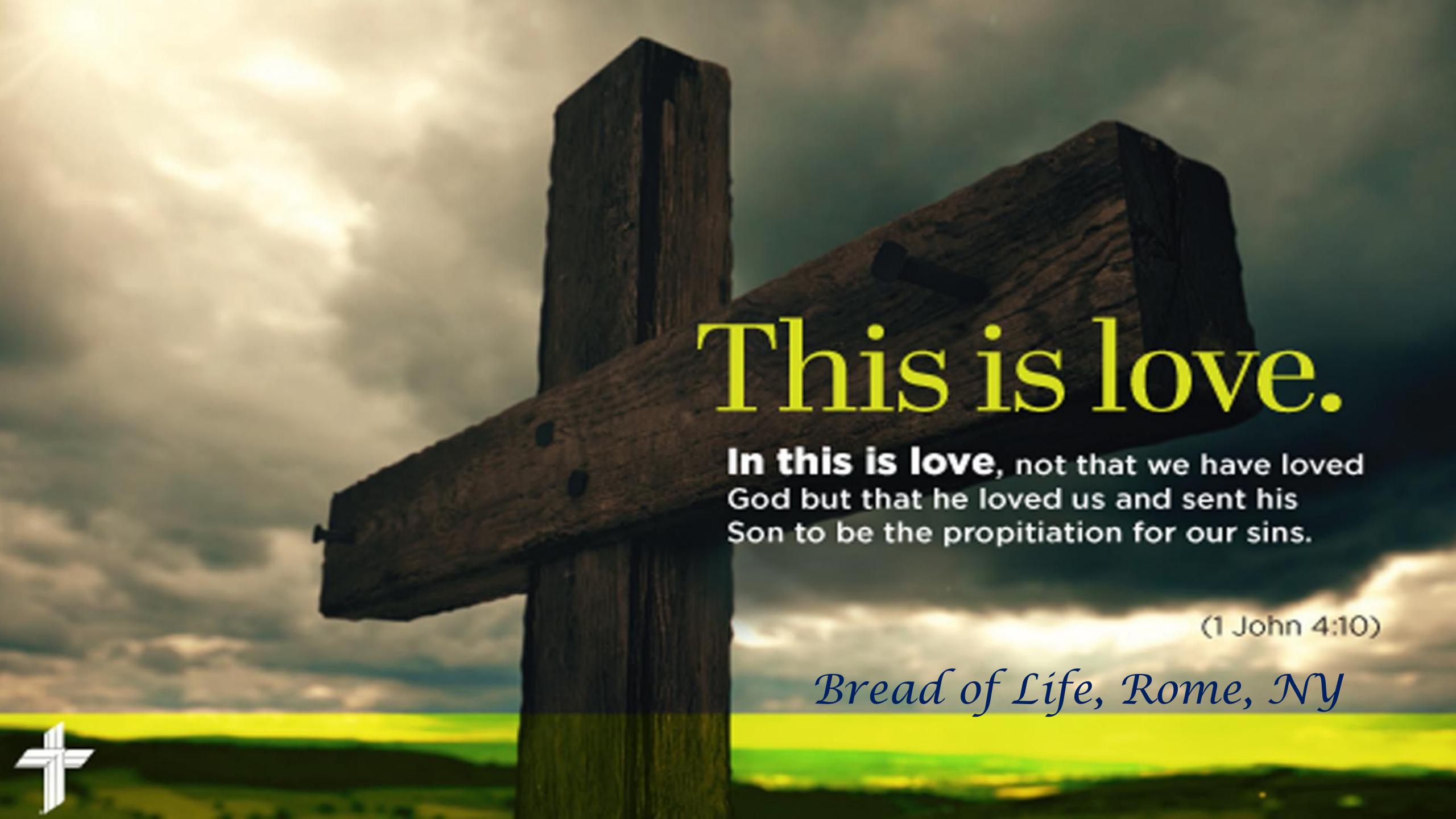
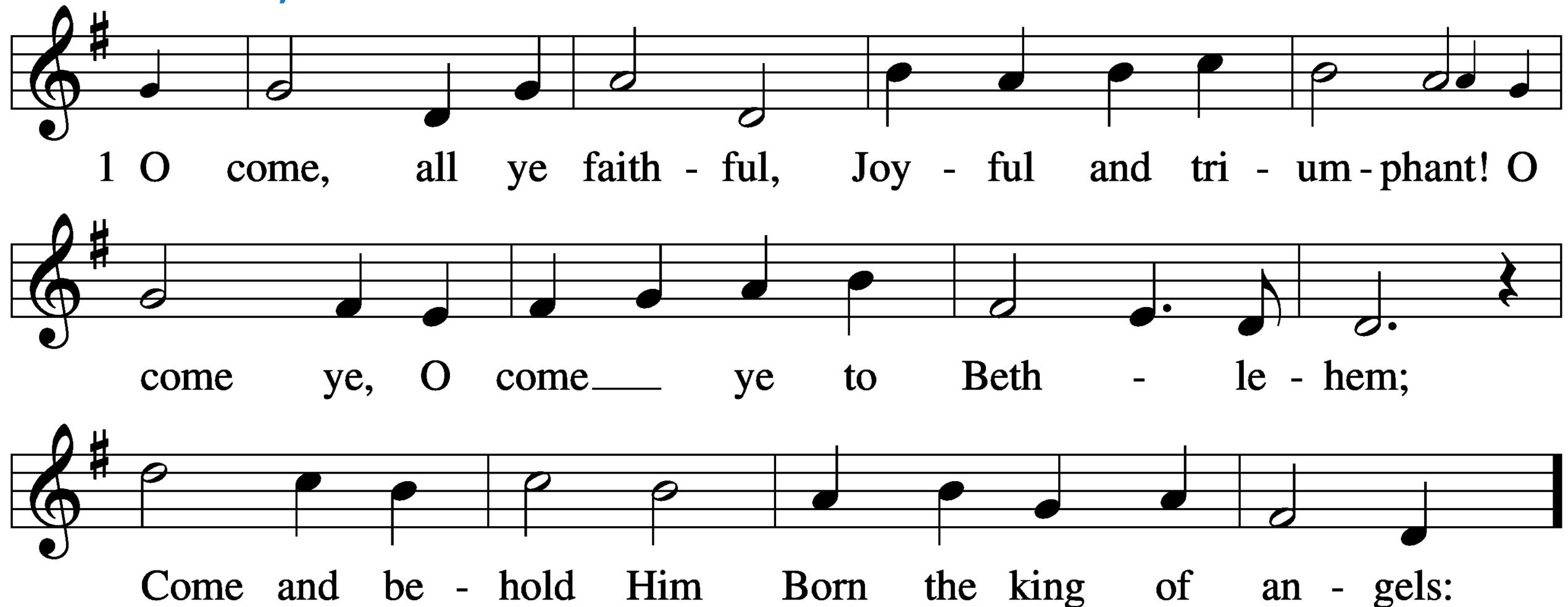
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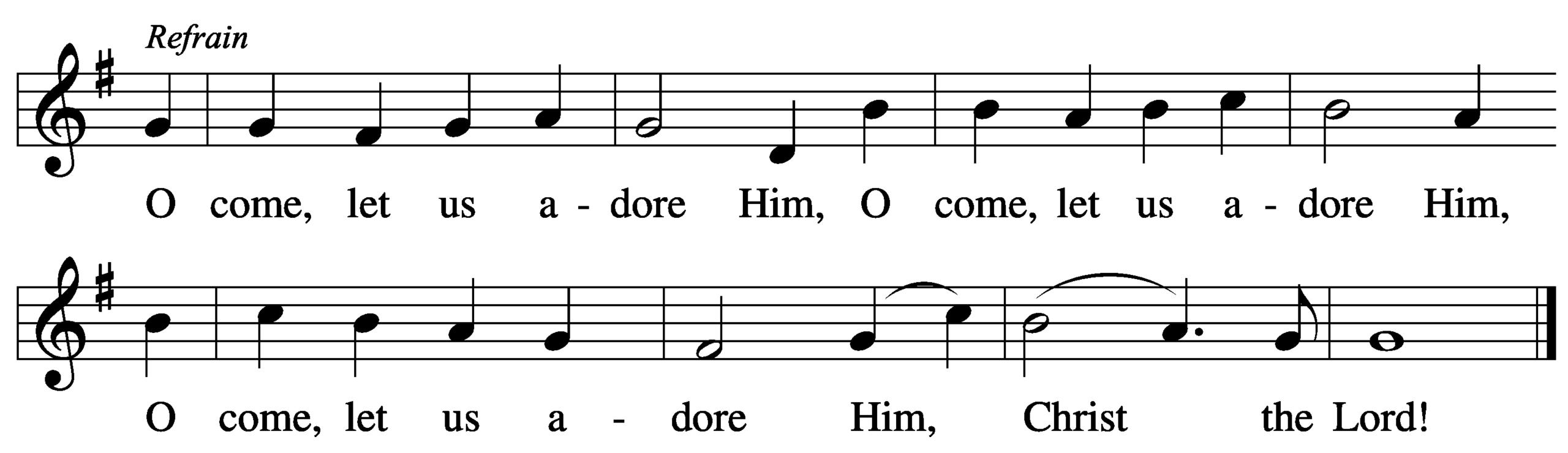


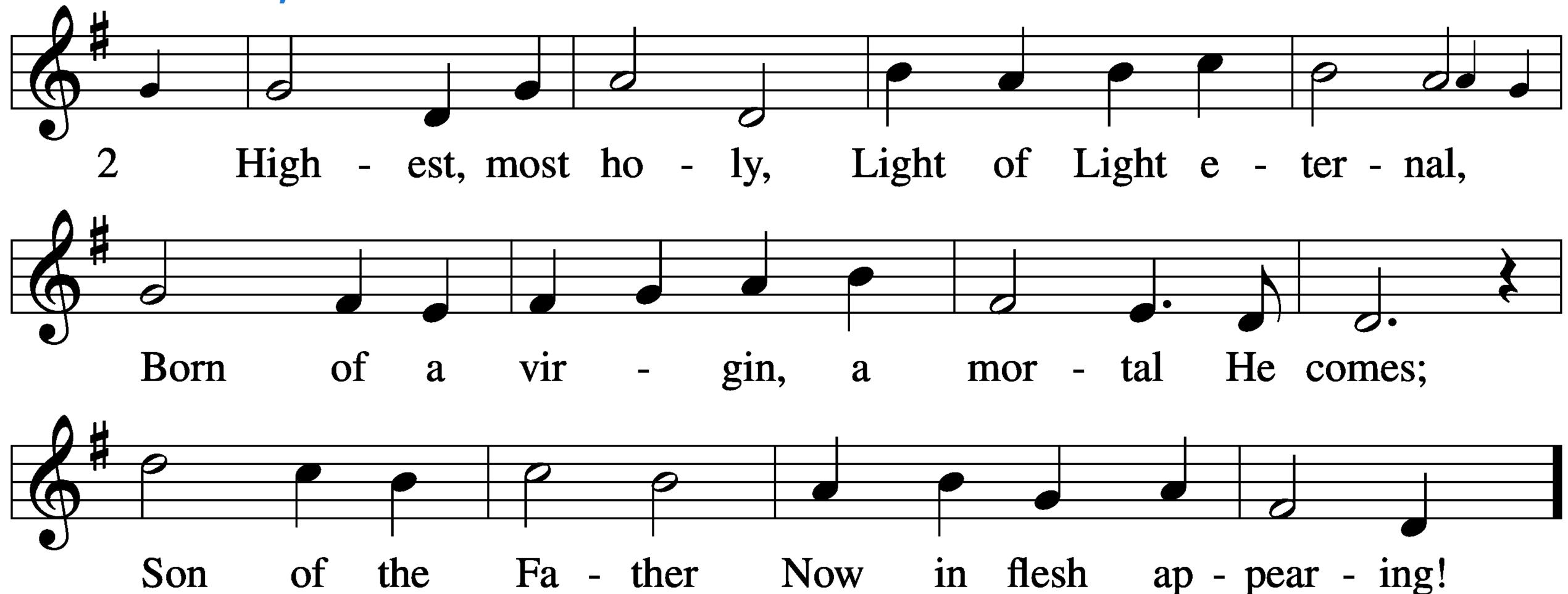
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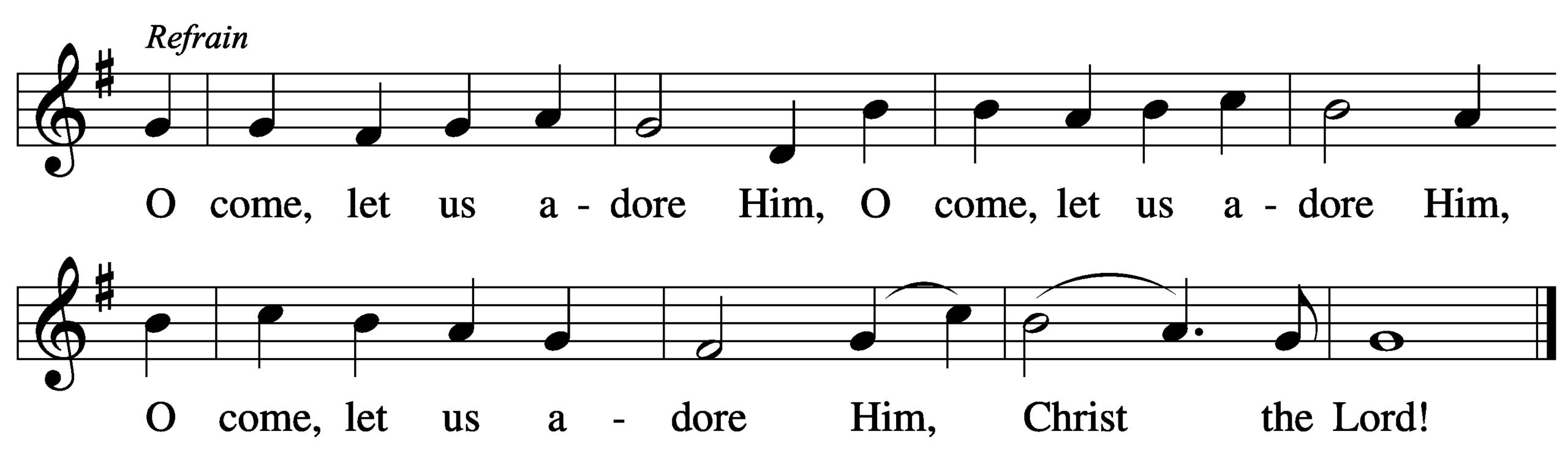
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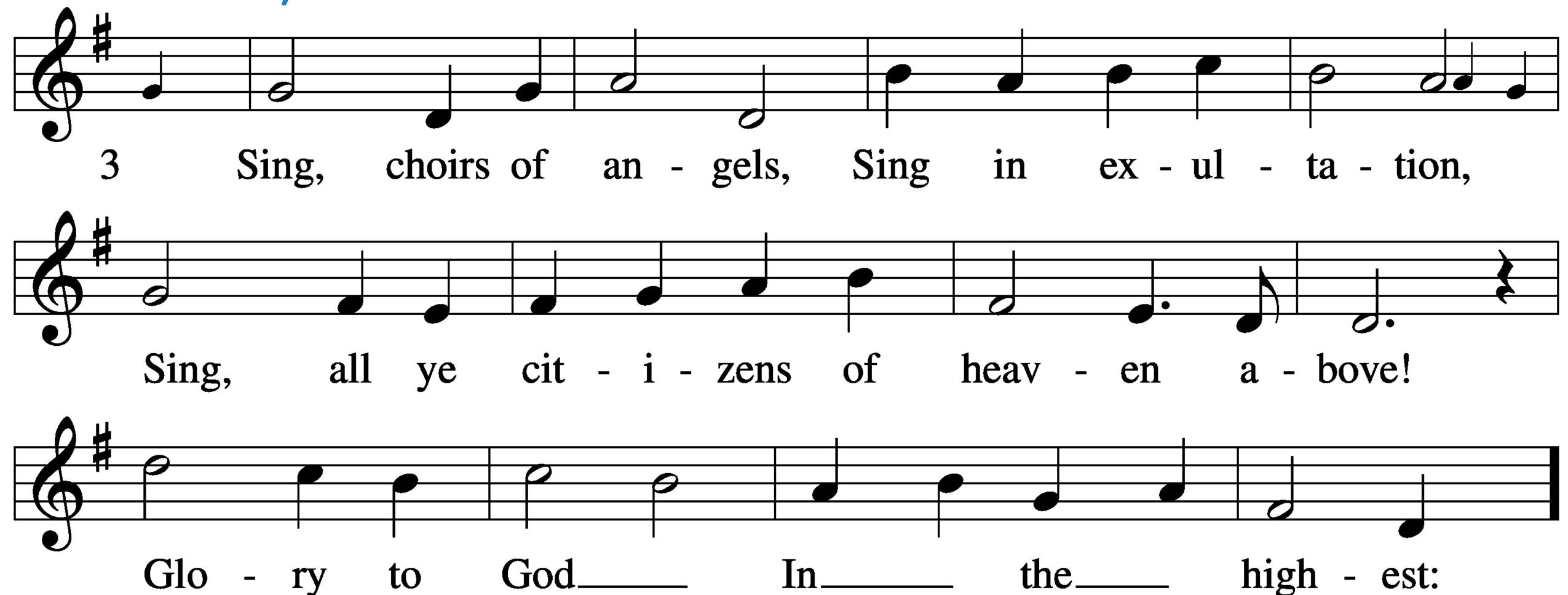


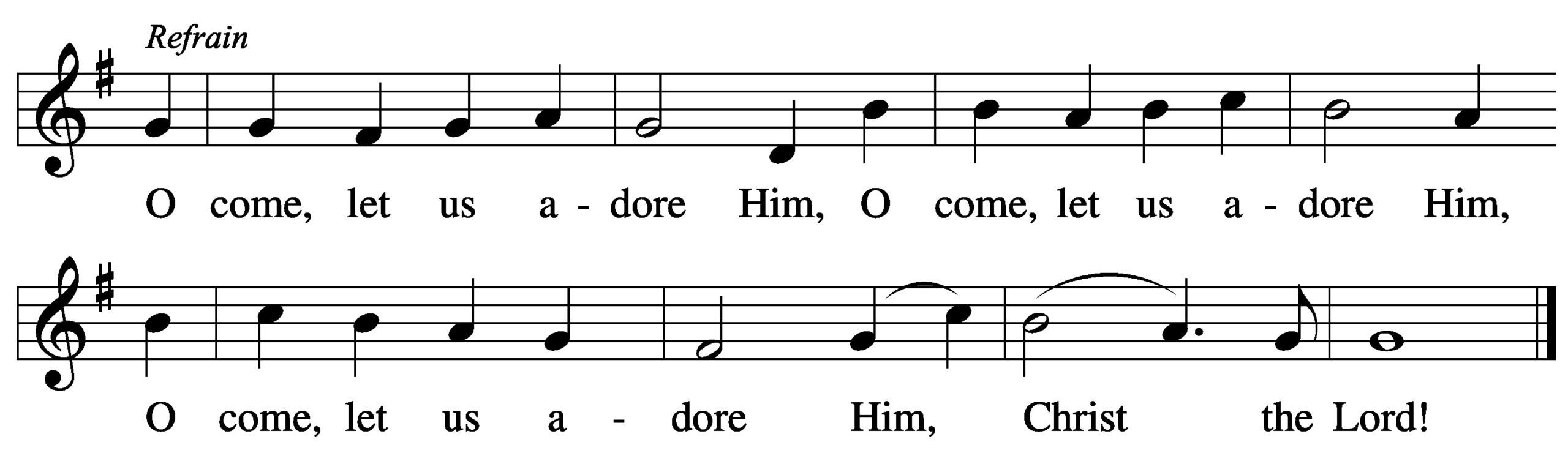


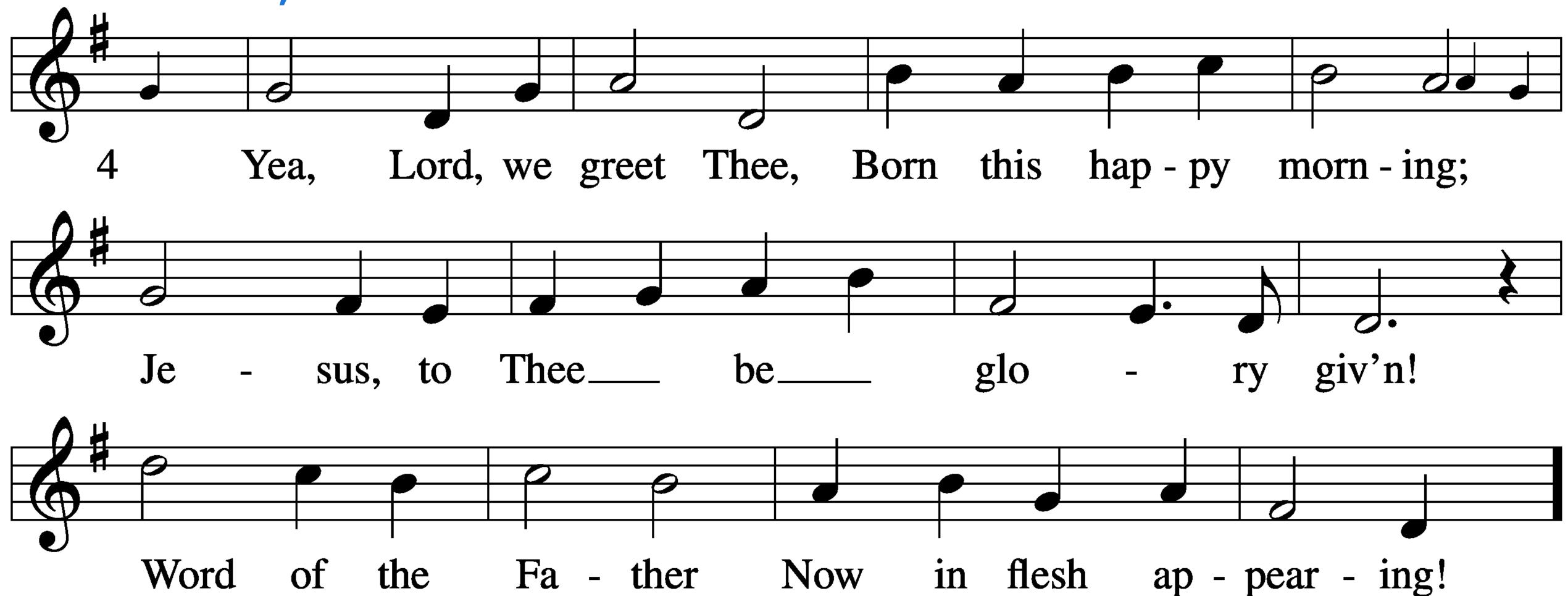


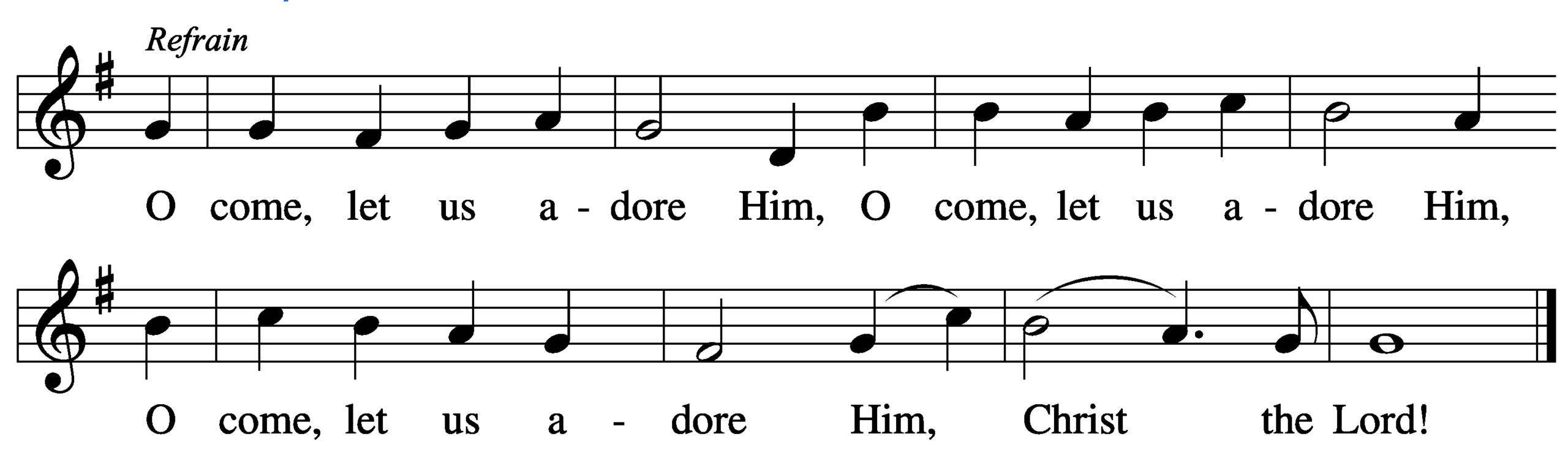












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Invocation

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.

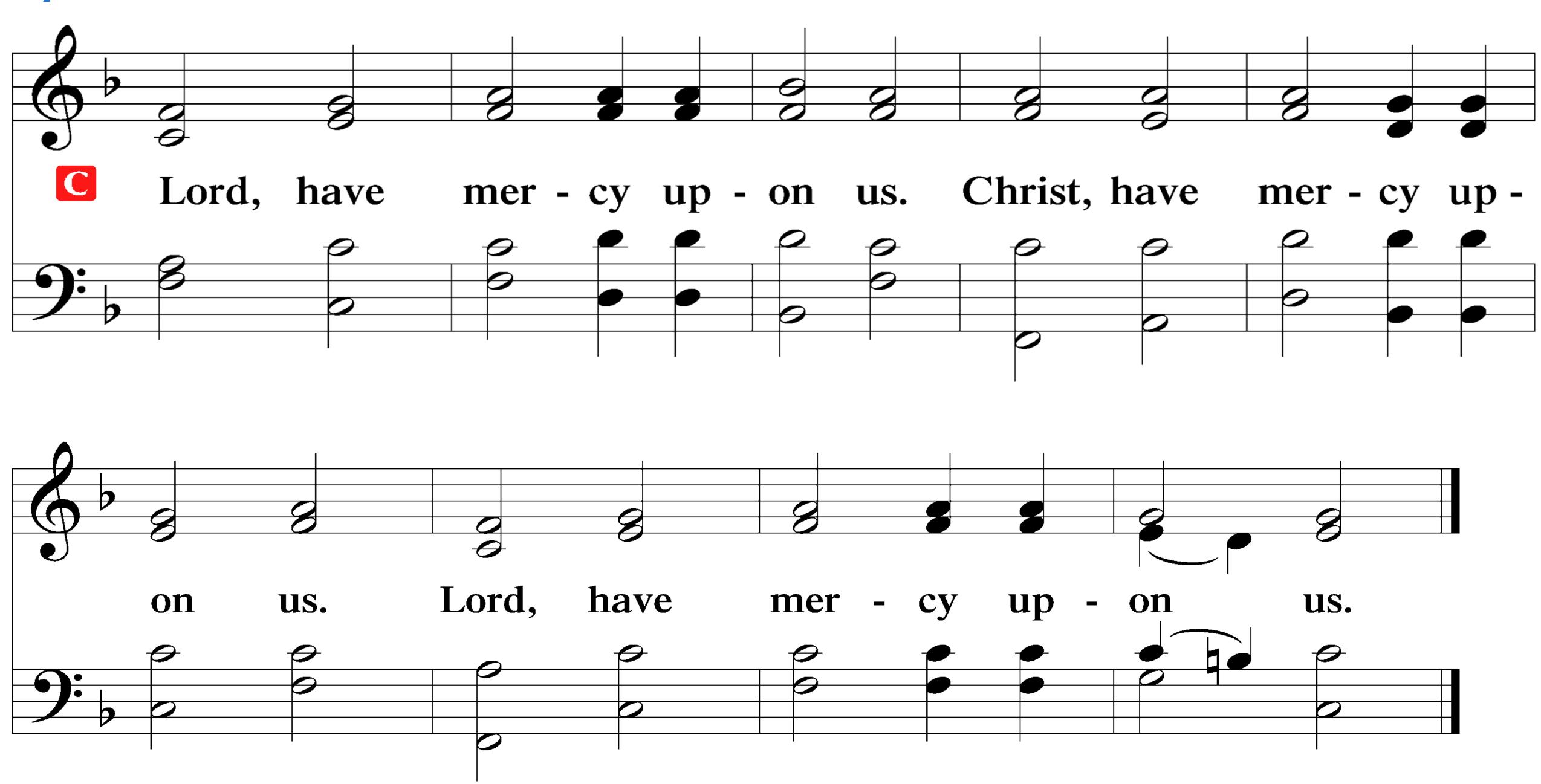
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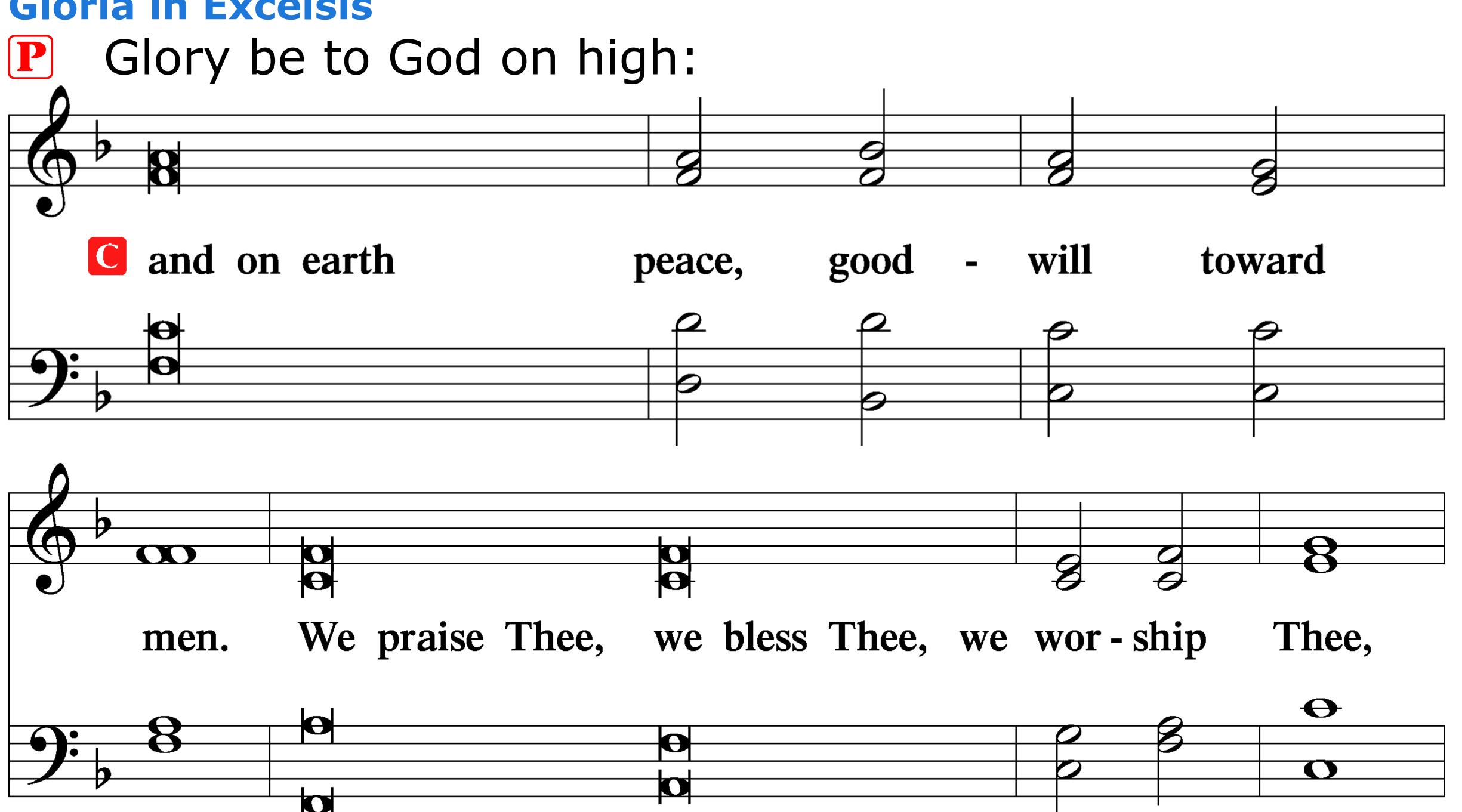
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

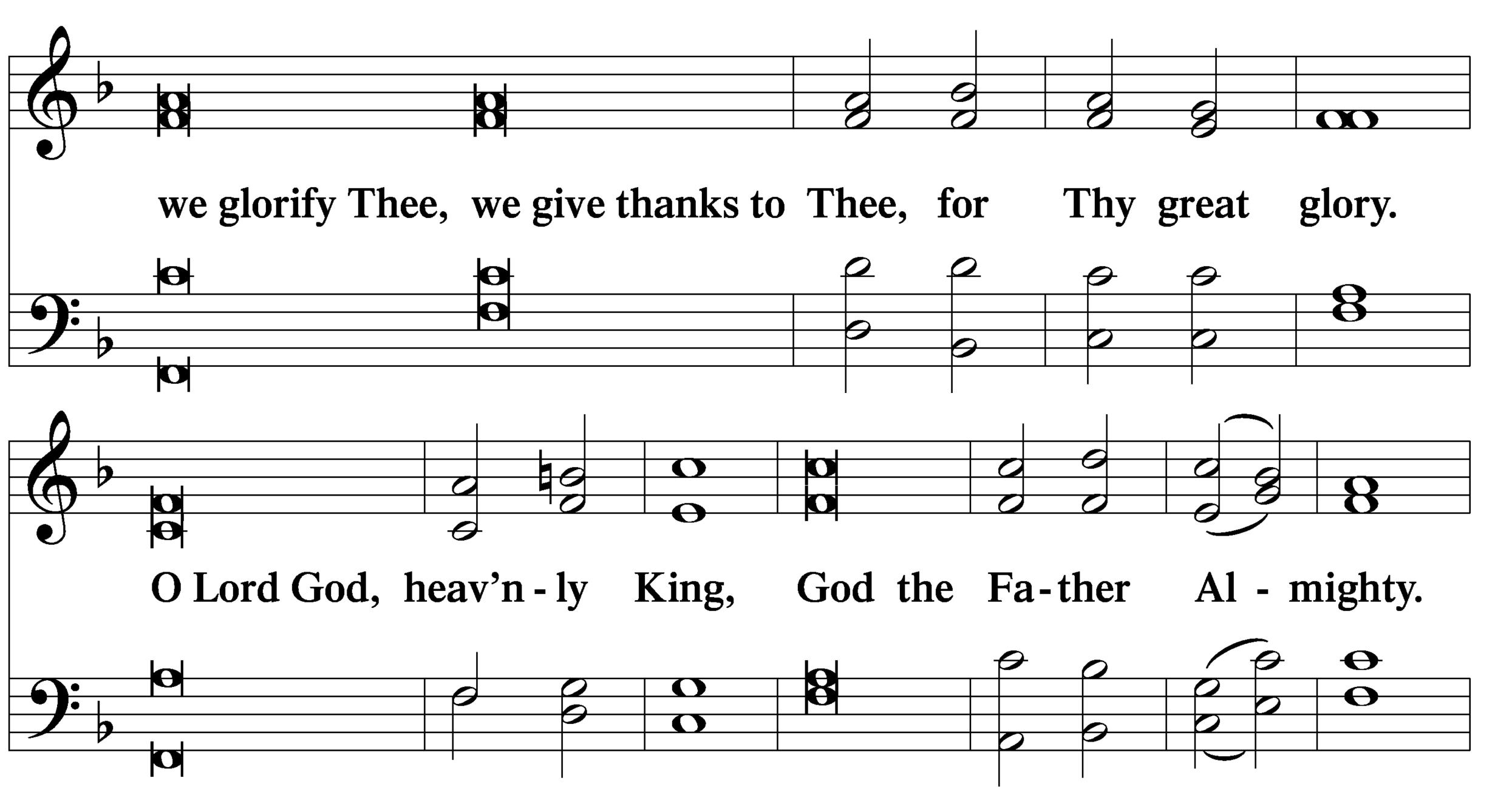
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

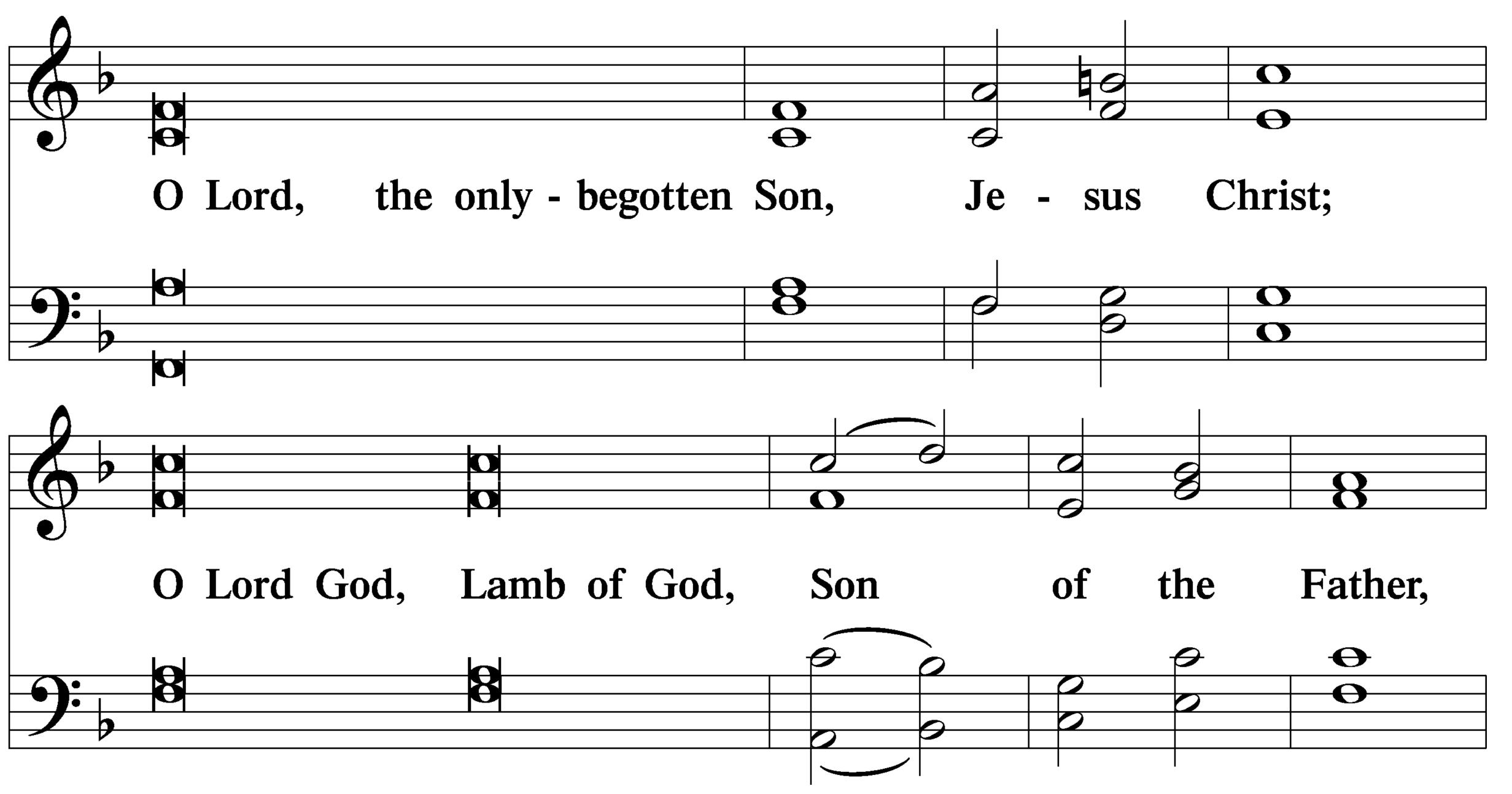
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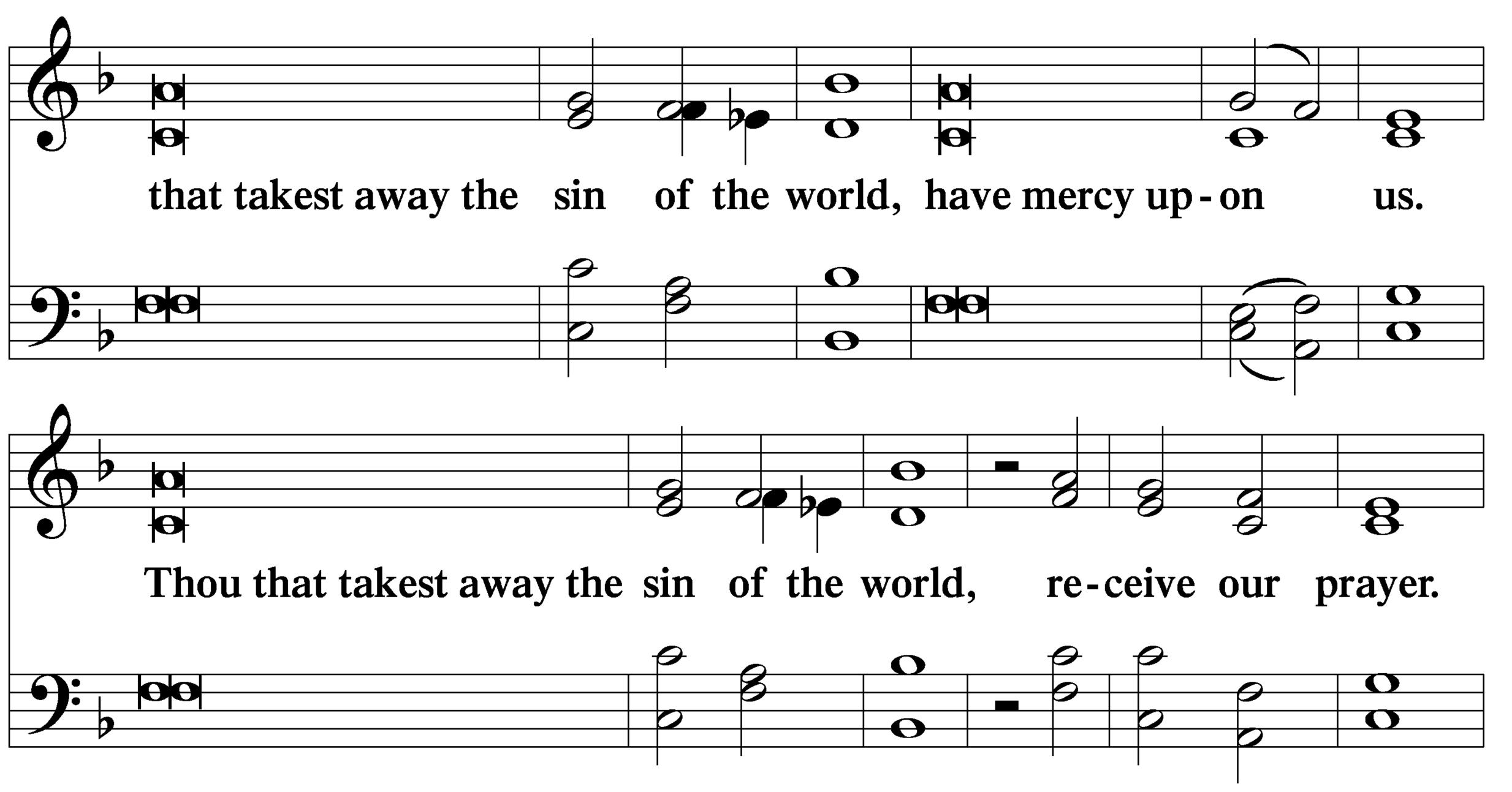
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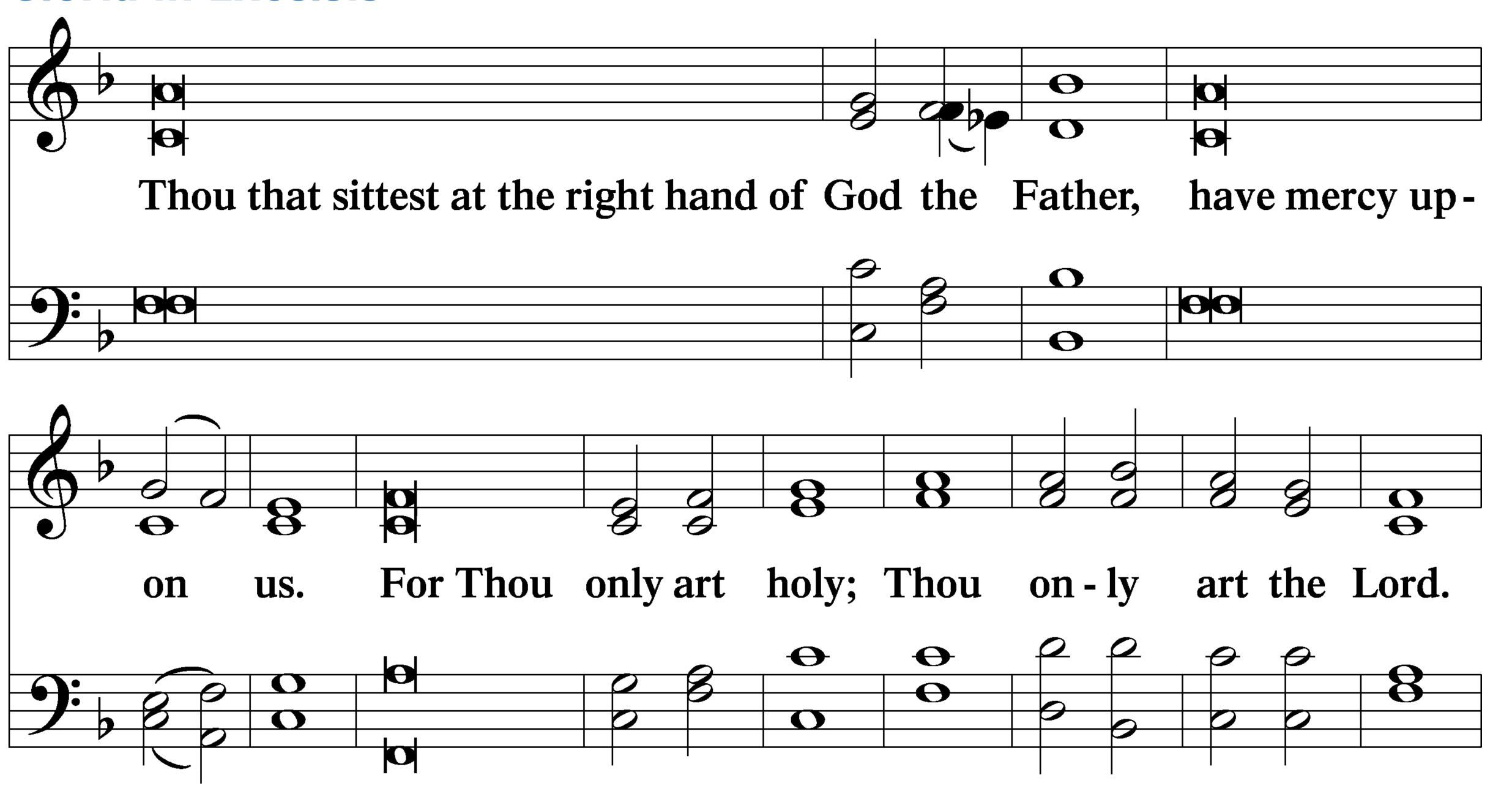








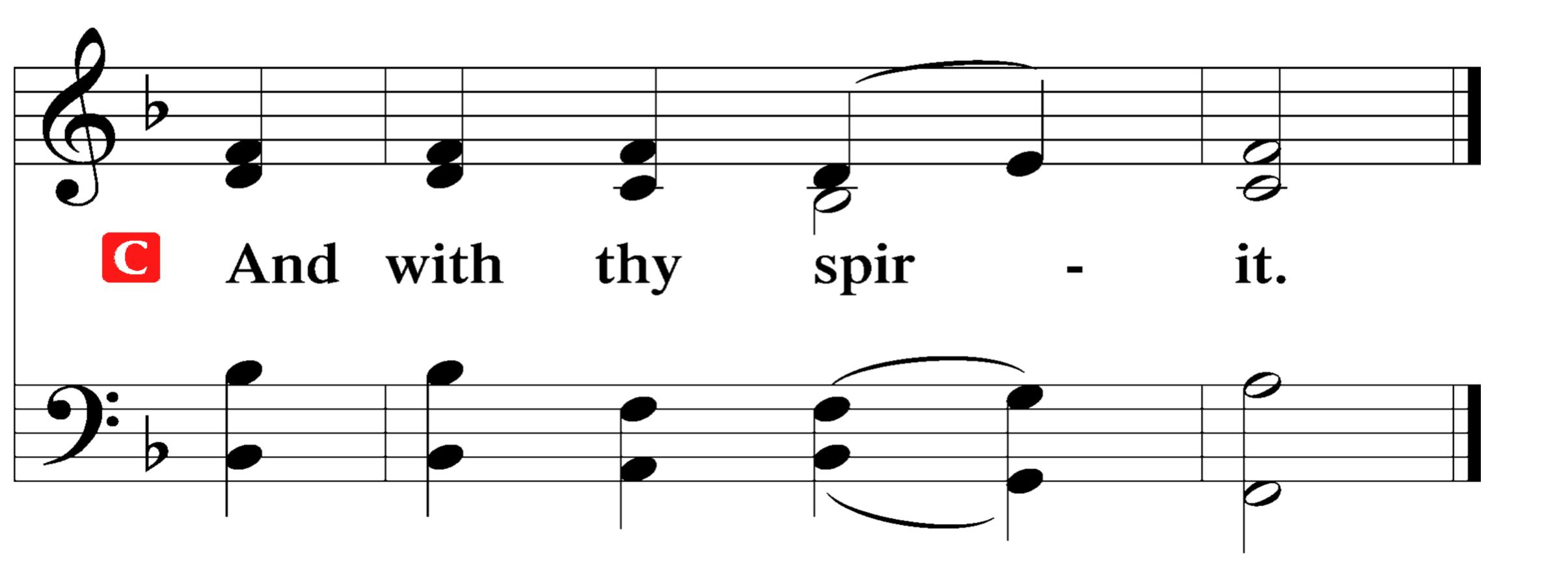






Salutation and Collect of the Day:

Pi The Lord be with you.

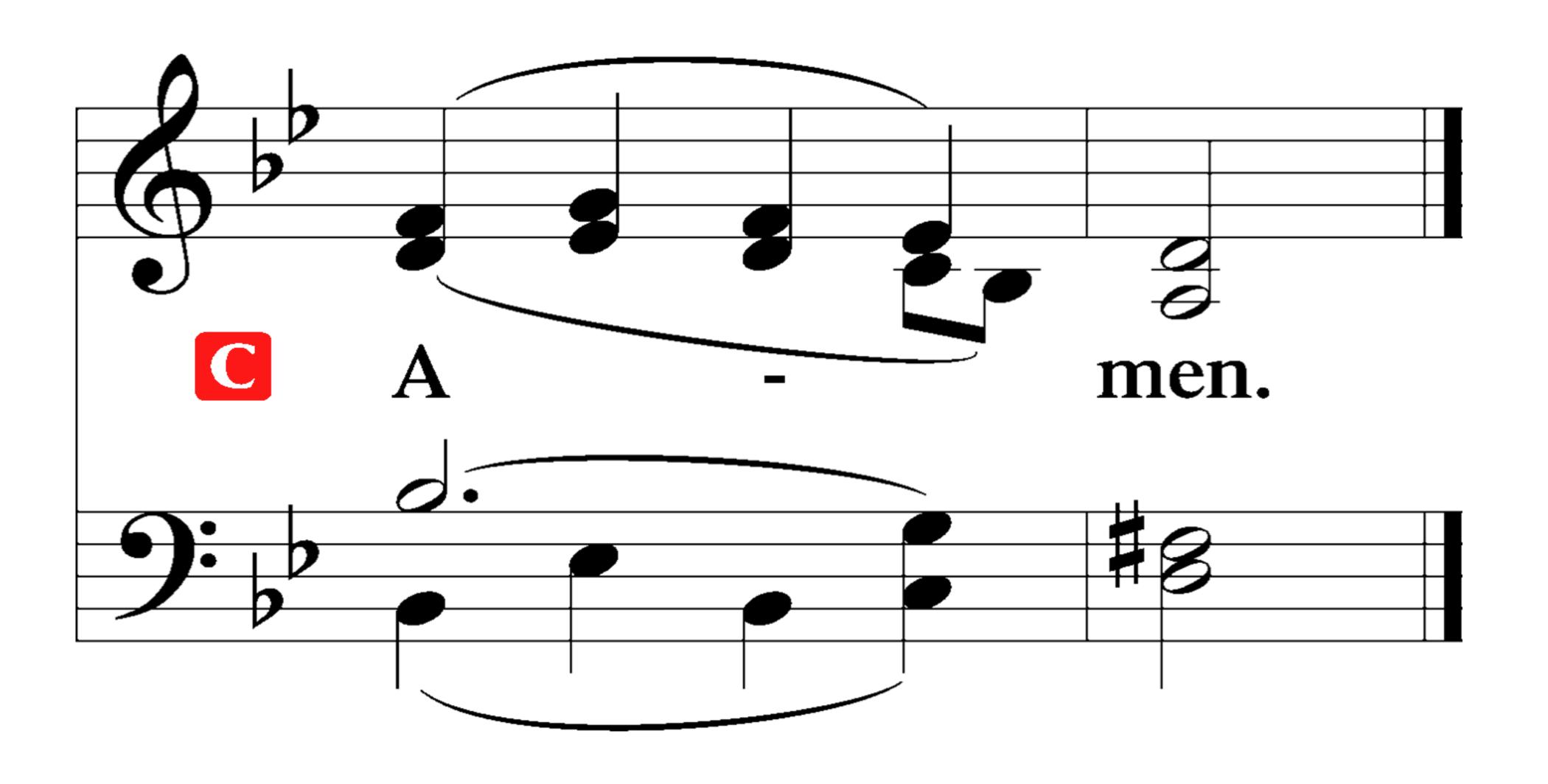


Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through 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 63:7-14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. 8For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14

- ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.
- ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people.
- Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock?
- Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,
- ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them

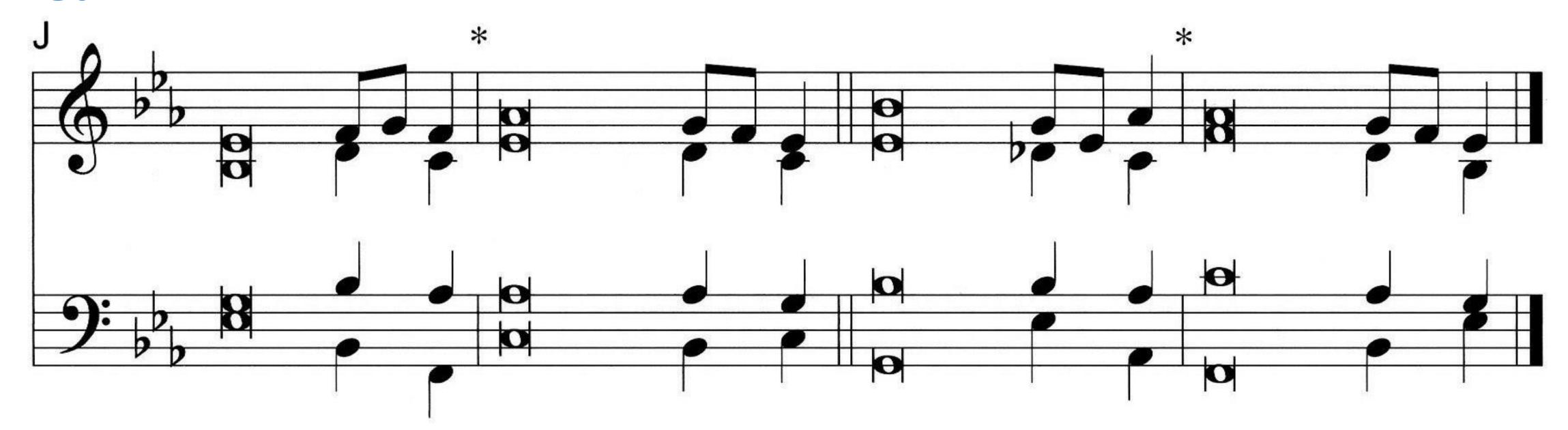
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to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.

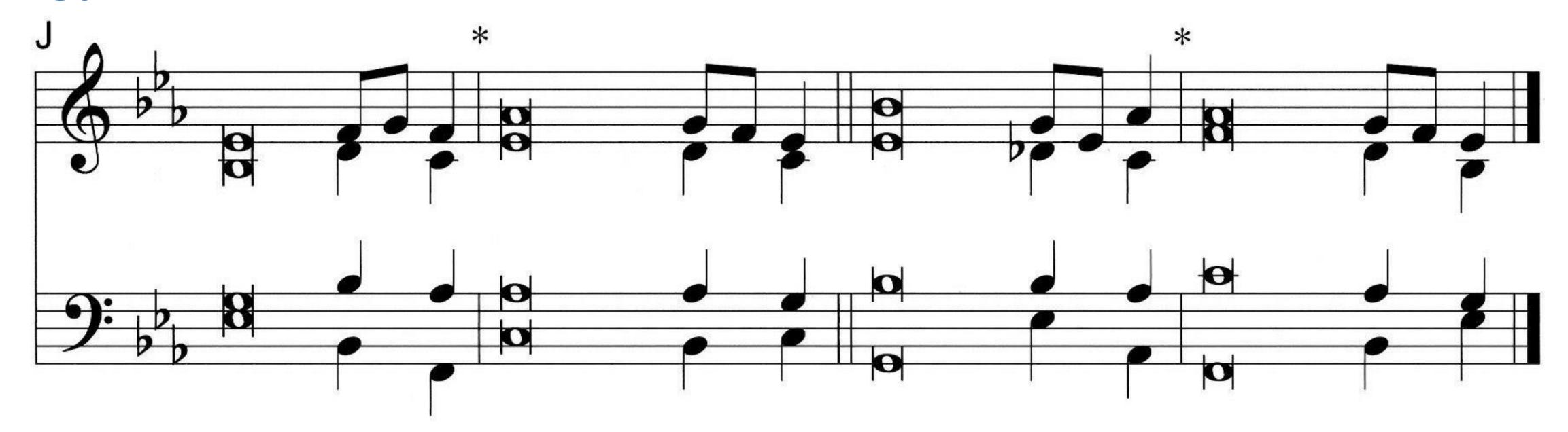
¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

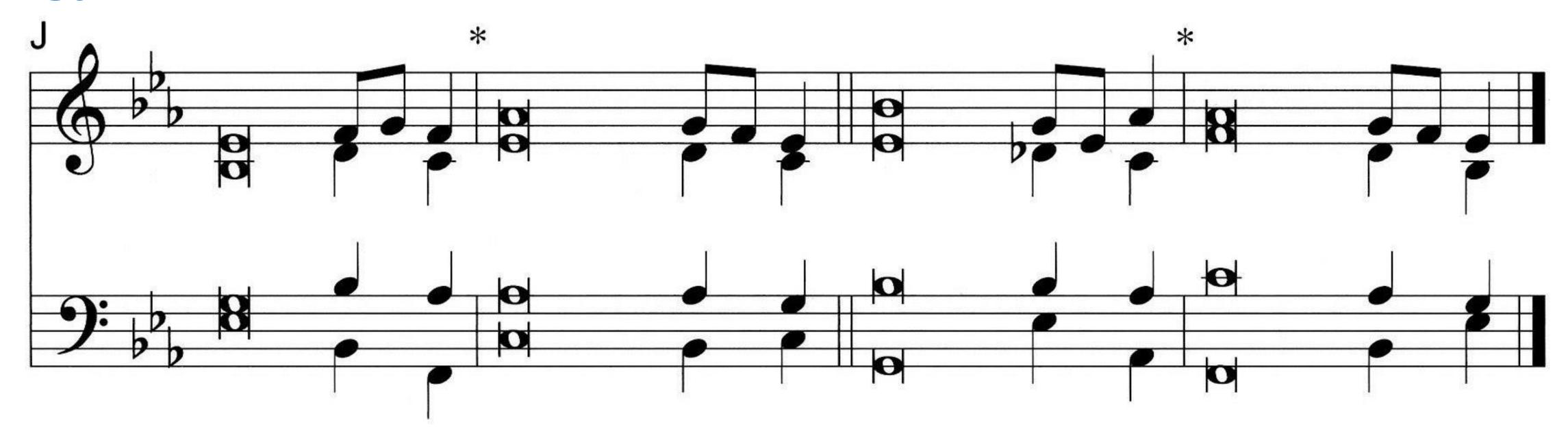
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



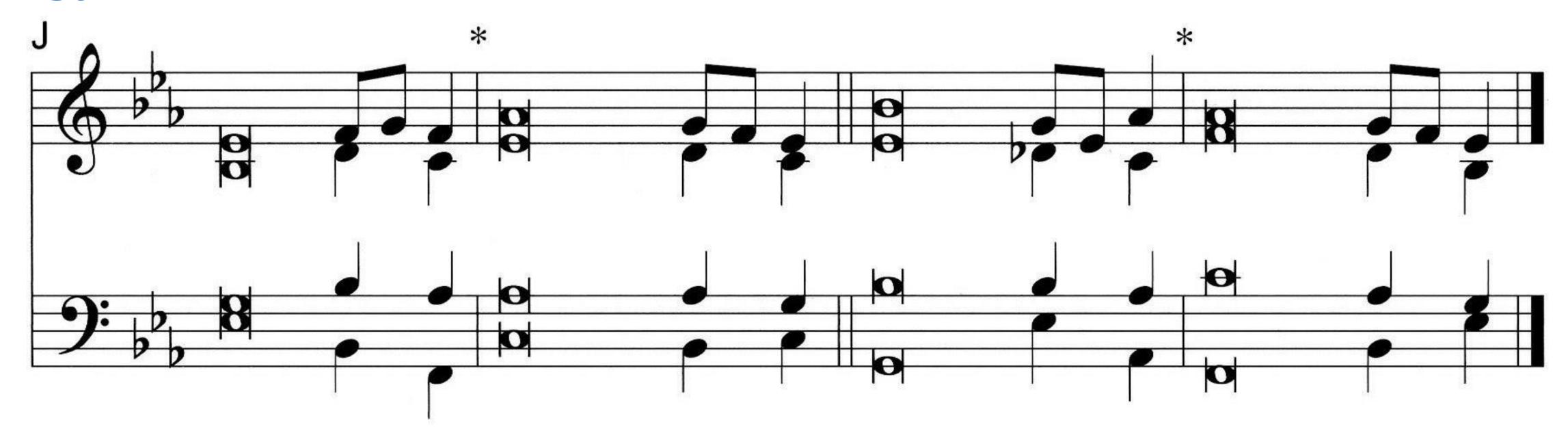
- ¹Praise the Lord!
- I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,* in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
- ²Great are the works of the Lord,* studied by all who de- light in them.



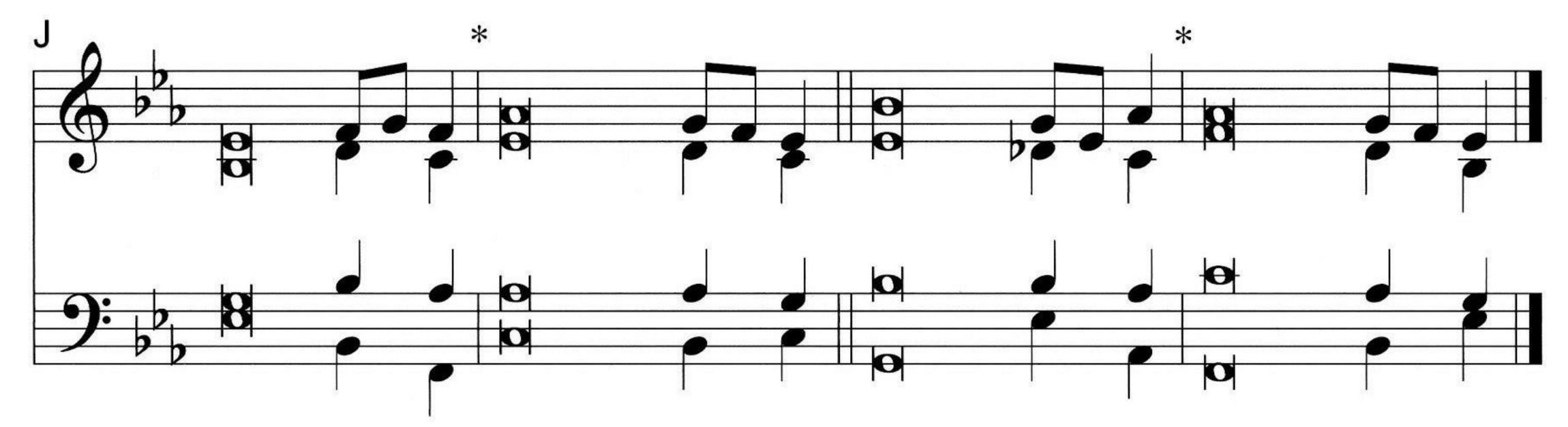
- ³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;* the LORD is gracious and | merciful.



- ⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
 he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
- ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,* in giving them the inheritance of the nations.



7The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;
8they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.



he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*

Holy and awesome | is his name!

10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*

His praise endures for- | ever!

⁹He sent redemption to his people;

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

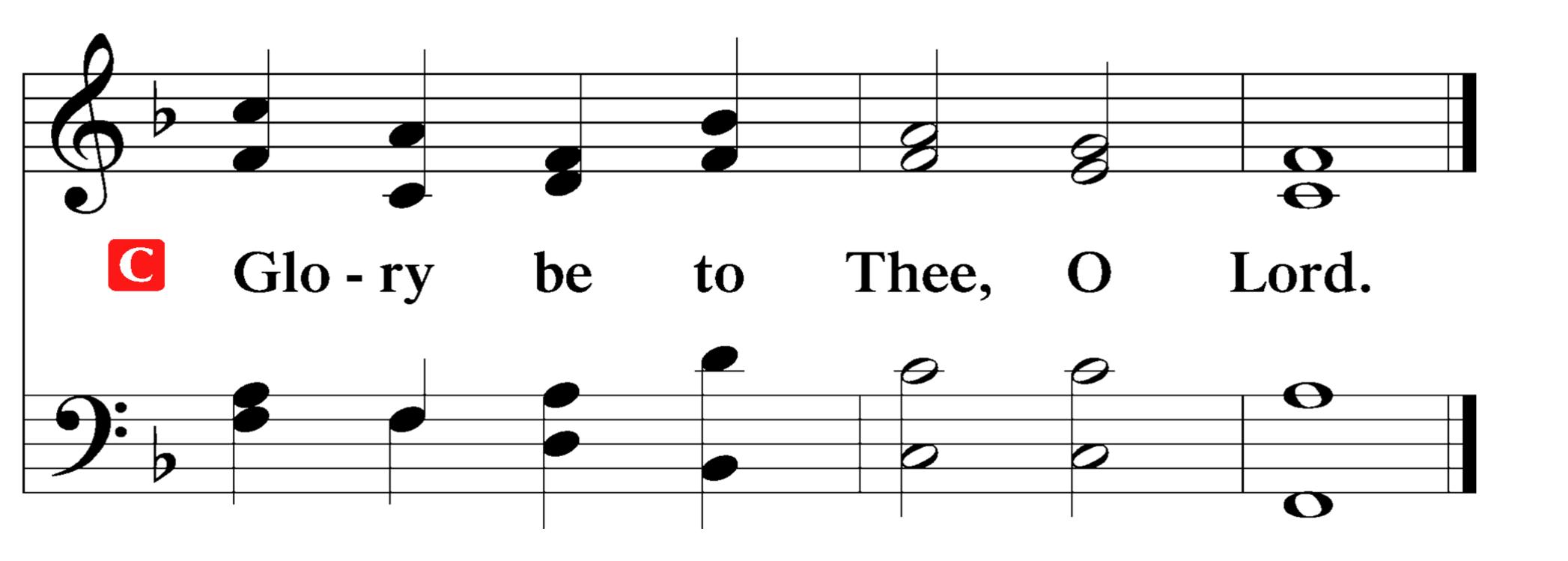
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

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



Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

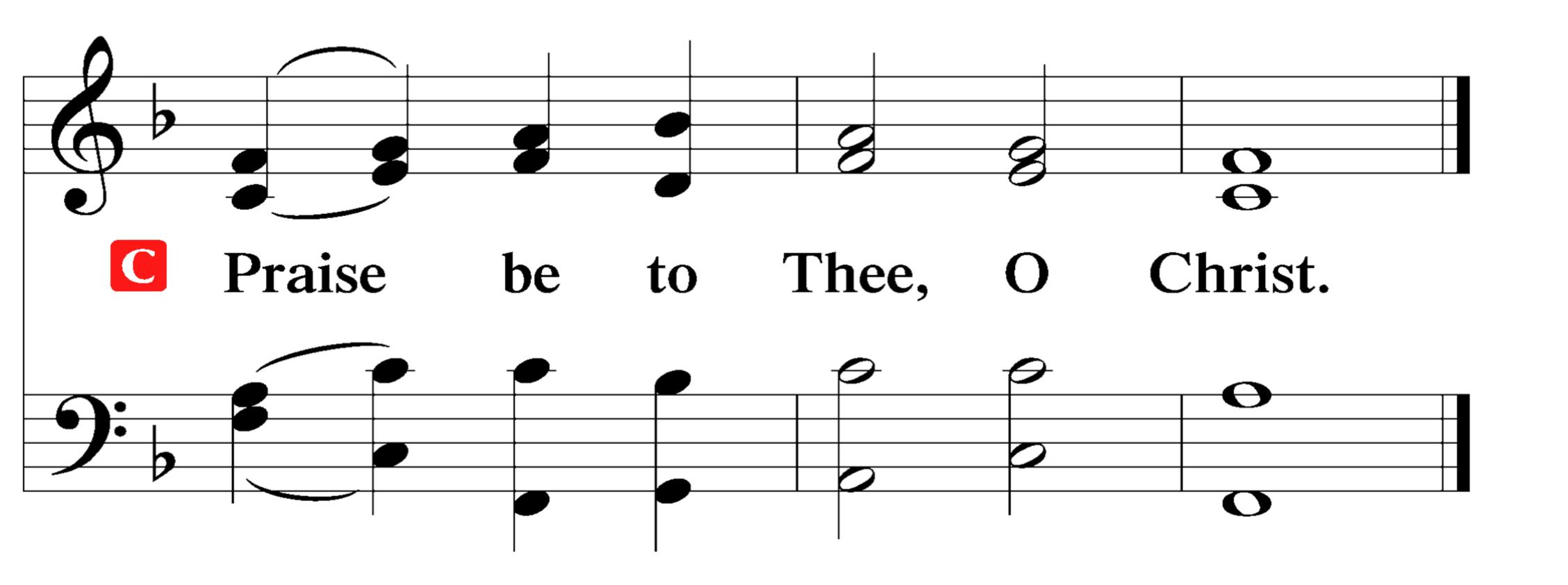
¹⁸ A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23



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.

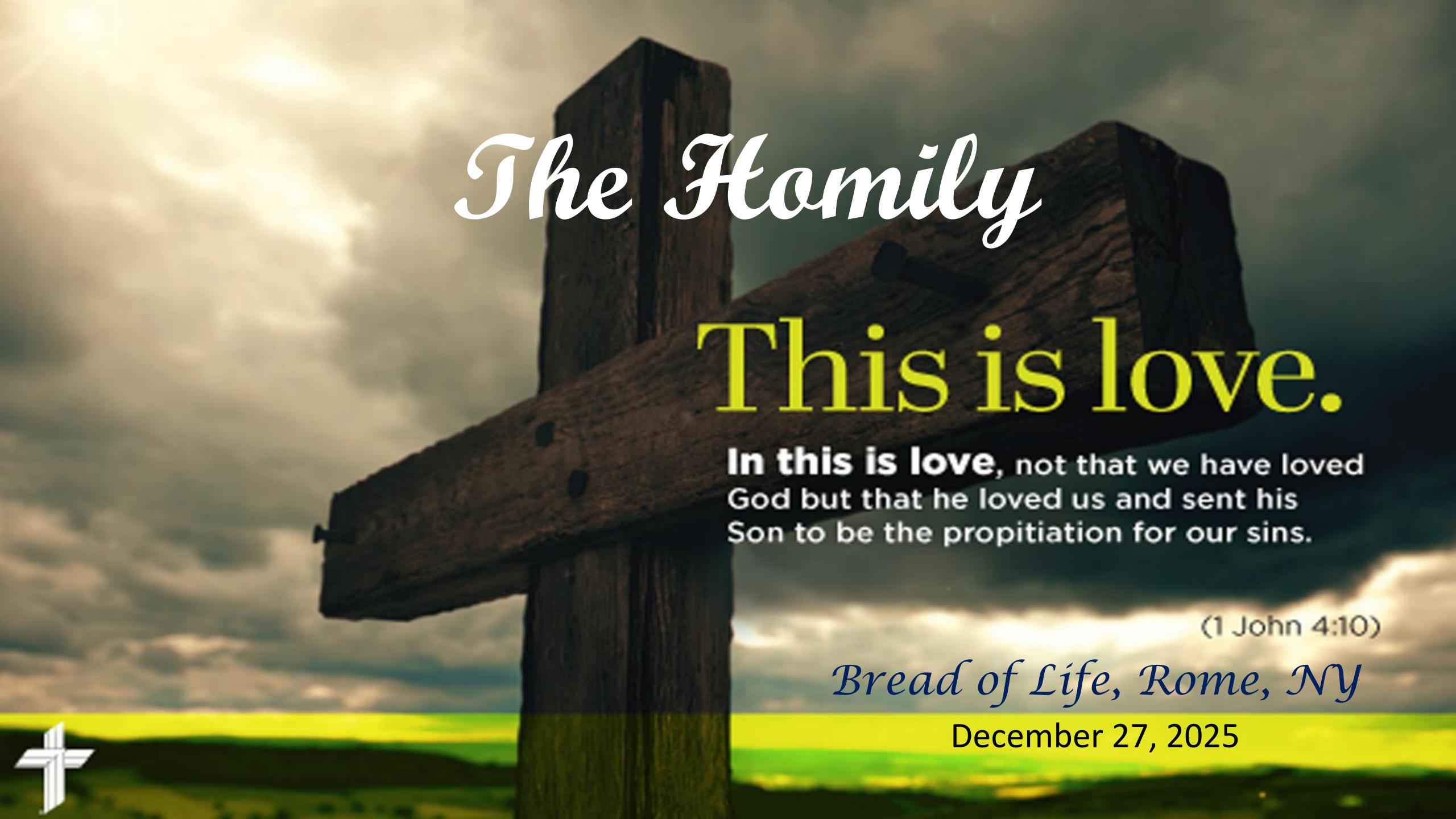
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364 Away in a Manger 2 The ba - by low - ing, the cat - tle wakes, are a Je - sus, But tle Lord He makes. no cry ing down Je - sus! Look love Thee, Lord sky, from the by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh. And stay

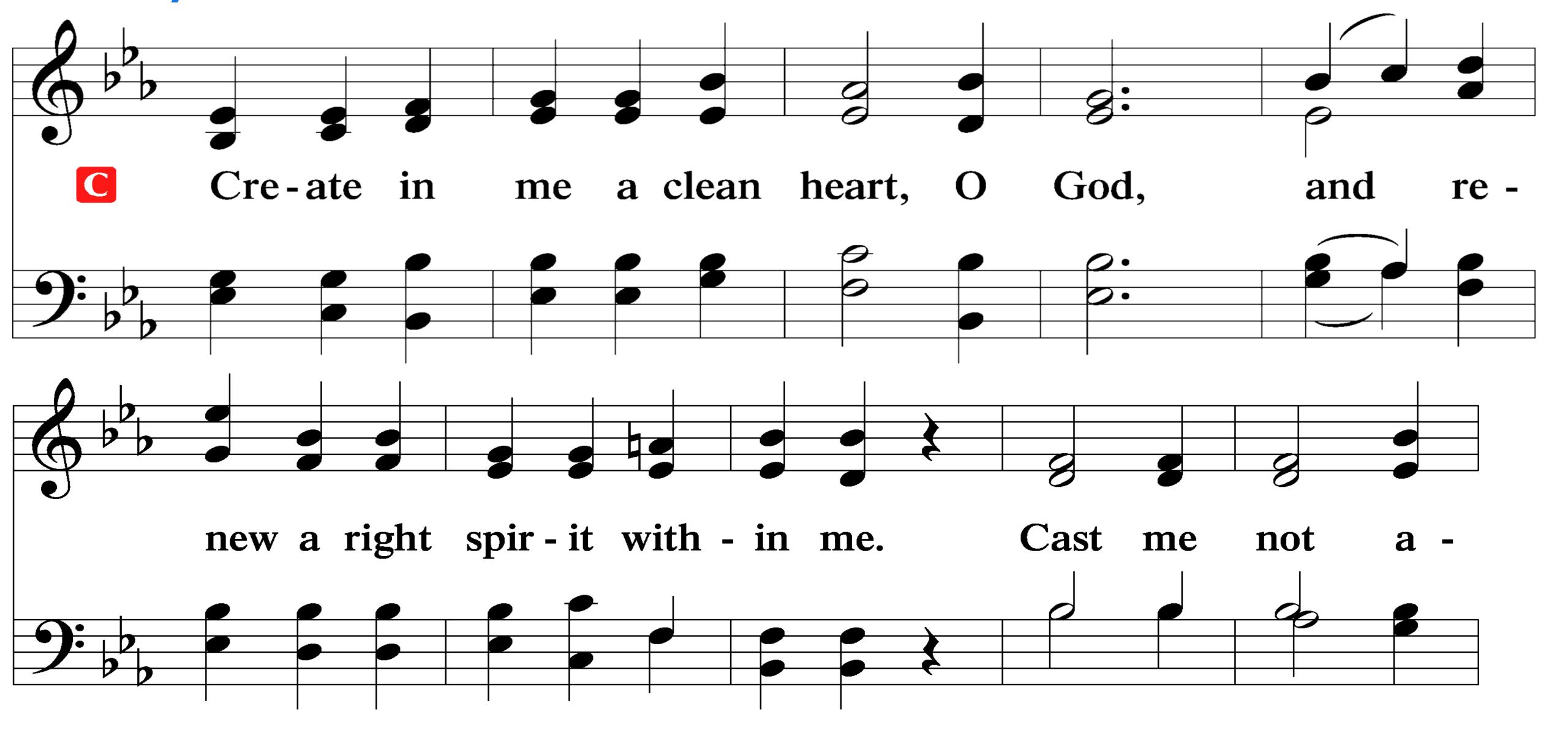
364 Away in a Manger 3 Be me, Lord Je - sus; Thee ask near stay to Close by me for and love ev er me, pray. dear chil - dren in Thy Bless all ten - der the care, live take with Thee And there. heav - en to to us

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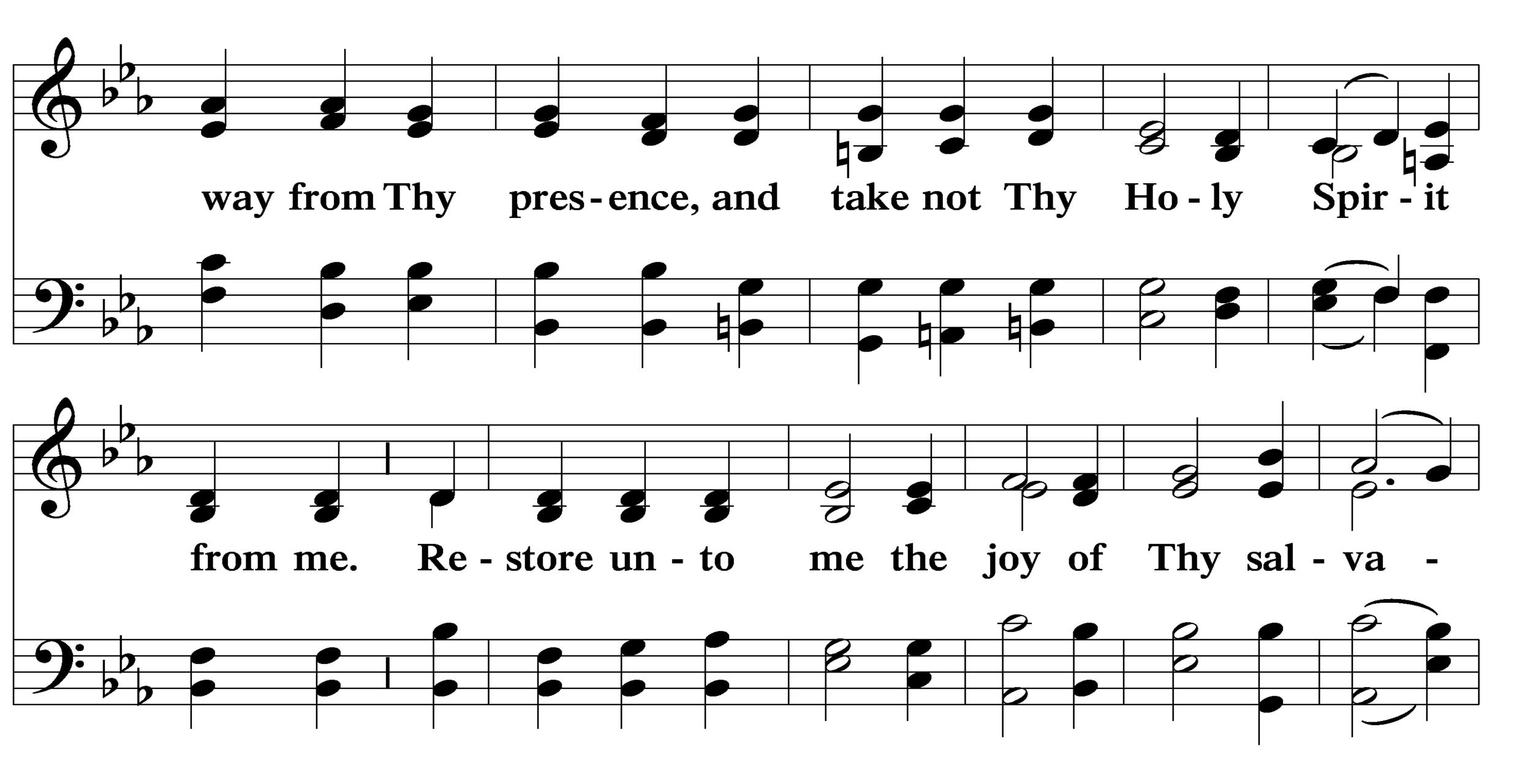
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Offertory



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Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, we are the people of Your promise, to whom You have revealed Your Son as Savior and Redeemer. Bless Your Church, that we may enjoy the gift of good and faithful ministers. Prosper Your Word and bring to fruition its proclamation in every place and time. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

- O God, You give us the gift of each other. Renew our fellowship as the Body of Christ. Grant all things beneficial for husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friends and family. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants You have perfected Your praise. Silence the enemy and the avenger. Turn the hearts of all who, like Herod, would despise children or destroy the unborn for selfish gain. Show Your forgiveness to those who are penitent. Give Your comfort to all women who mourn the loss of infants, and fix our eyes on Christ, who for a time was spared but has shed His blood for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- P Merciful God, You appoint leaders and give the responsibility of authority. Protect our nation and its leaders. Grant them wisdom in their pursuit of justice. Bring Your gift of peace in the world, and give relief to those who suffer oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Almighty Lord, You are the Great Physician. Grant healing in accordance with Your will for the sick and those who suffer especially Katherine, David, Juan, Janette, Chris, Vera _____.Give strength to those who give aid and care for the sick. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- Lord bless 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. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Bless and strengthen the African mission that it may joyfully proclaim the Name of Christ and bear much fruit in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Prosper Pastor Zogar's pastor training school in Liberia that it may raise up laborers fit for Your harvest. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, all that we have comes from You. Give us grateful hearts, that we may receive Your gifts with joy and use them wisely for Your glory. May our worship this day be pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- Lord God, You are the bringer of true joy. Grant Your Holy Spirit to increase and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last Christ returns in His glory as Lord and judge of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Closing Collect

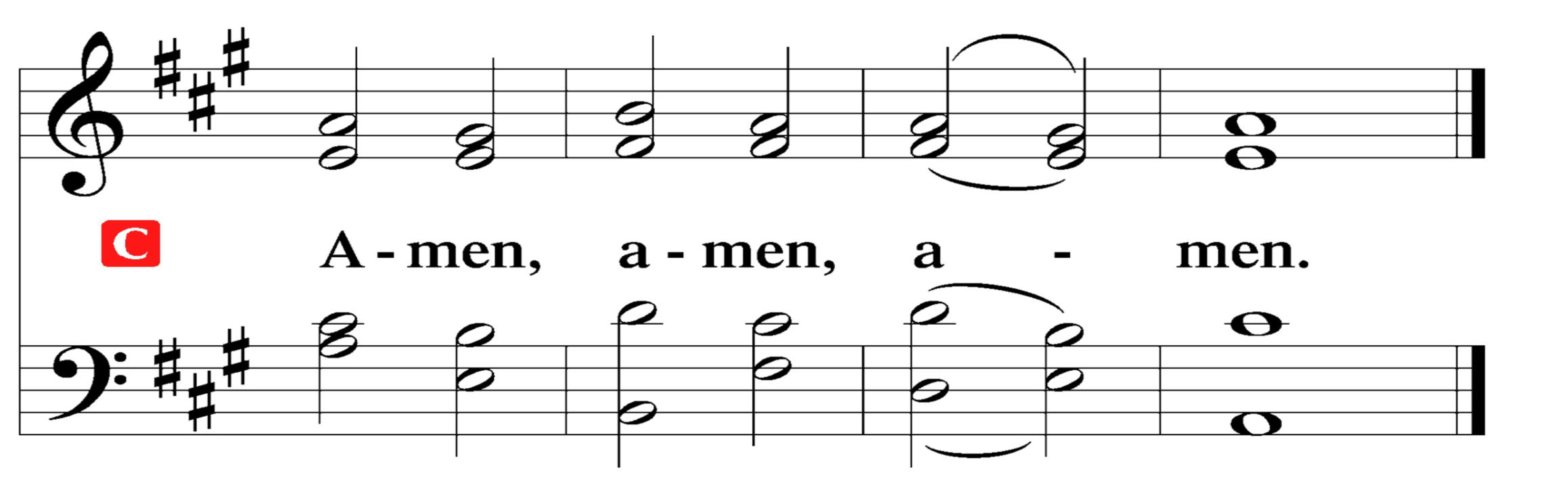
O God, by the patient endurance of Your only-begotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy. Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who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

Lord's Prayer

- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, 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.

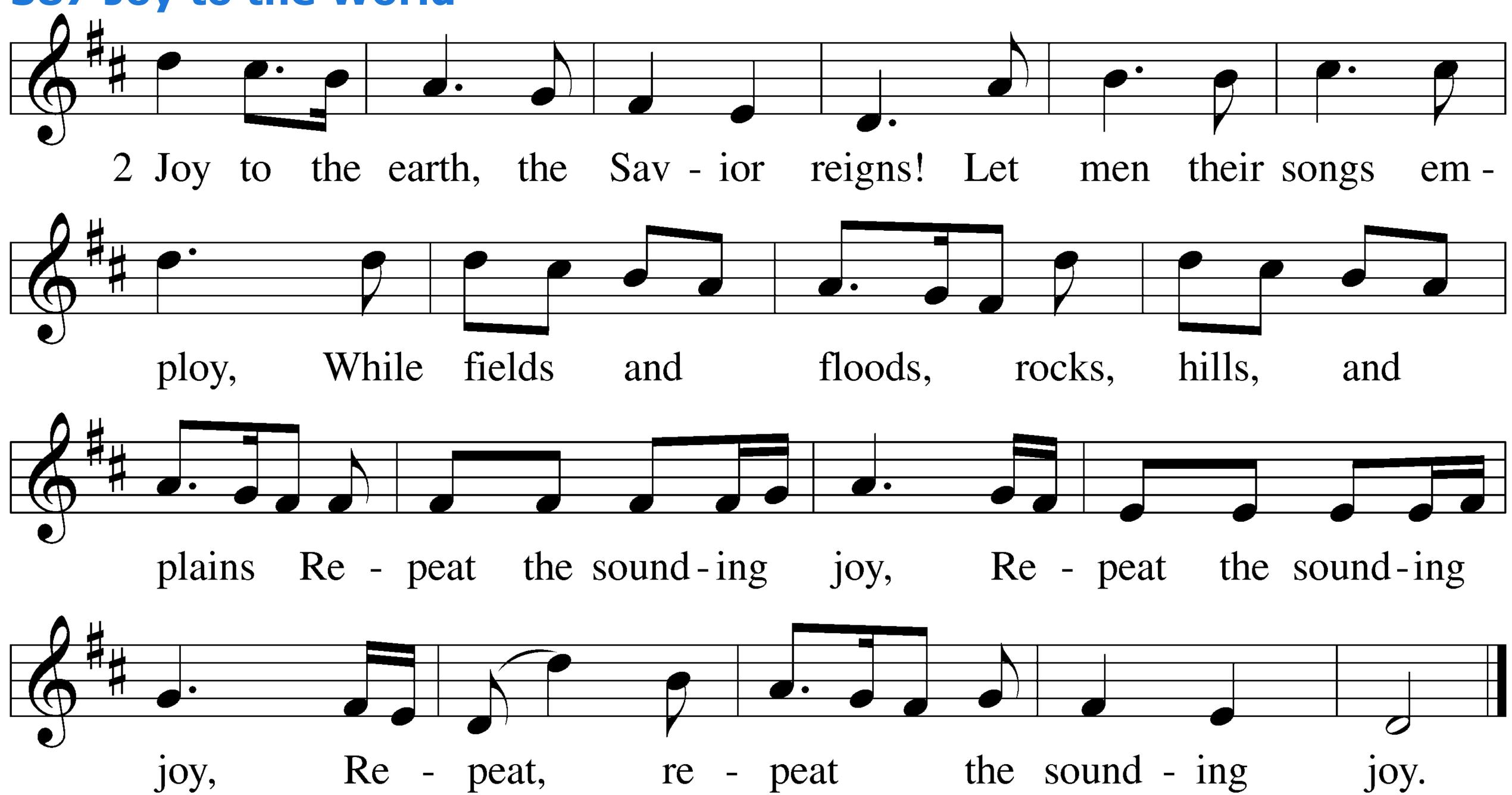
Benediction

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.

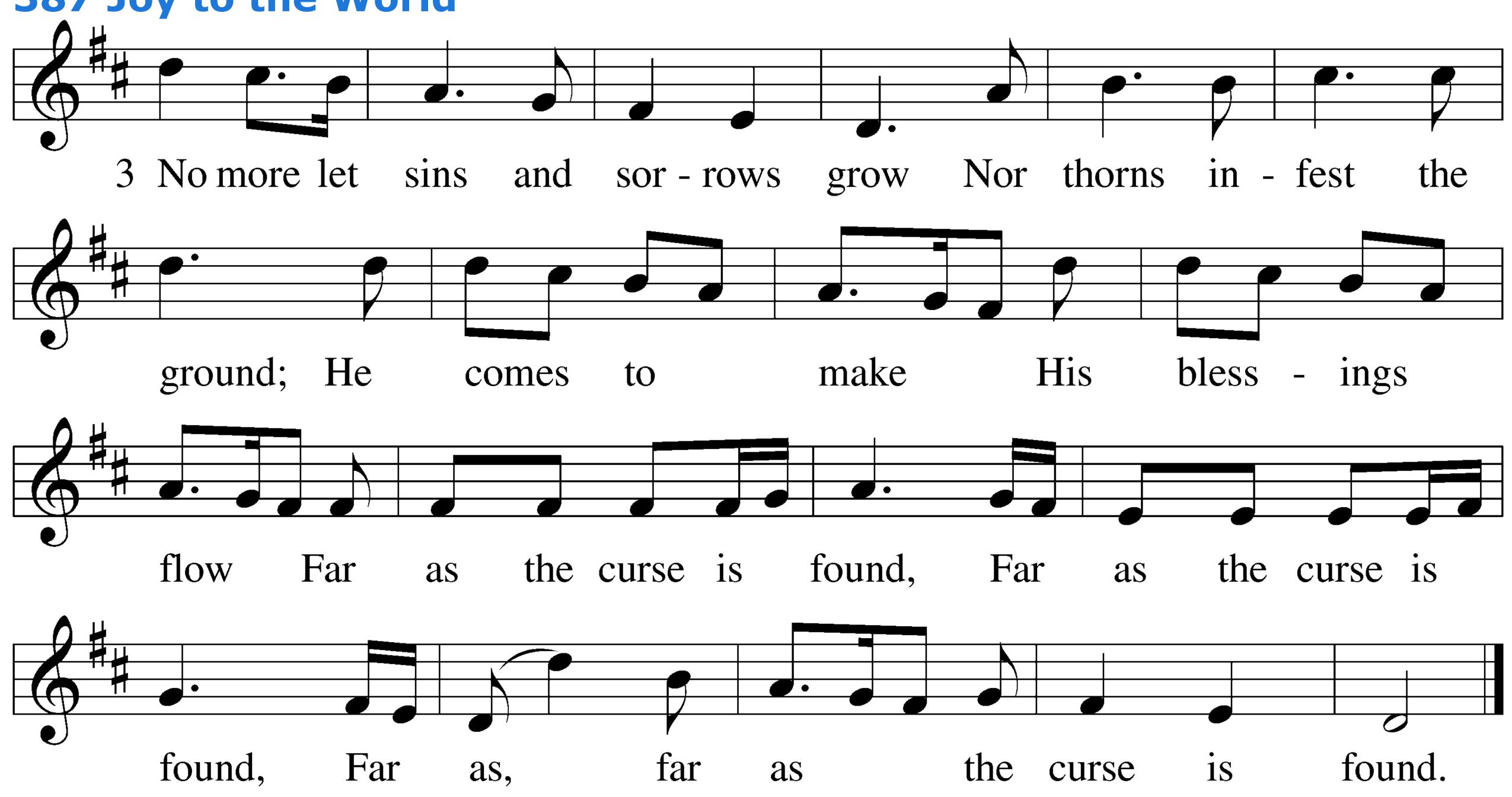


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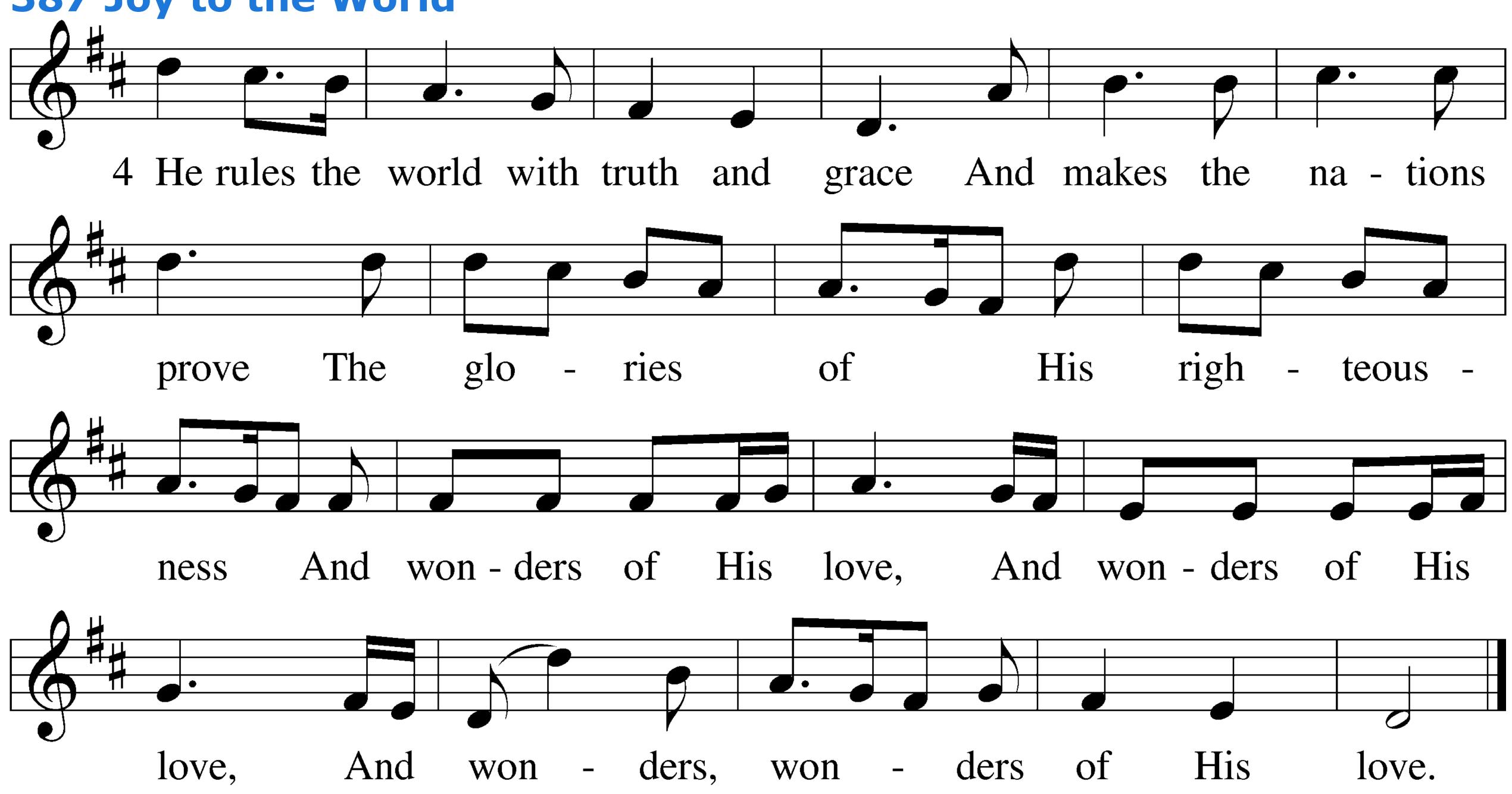
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