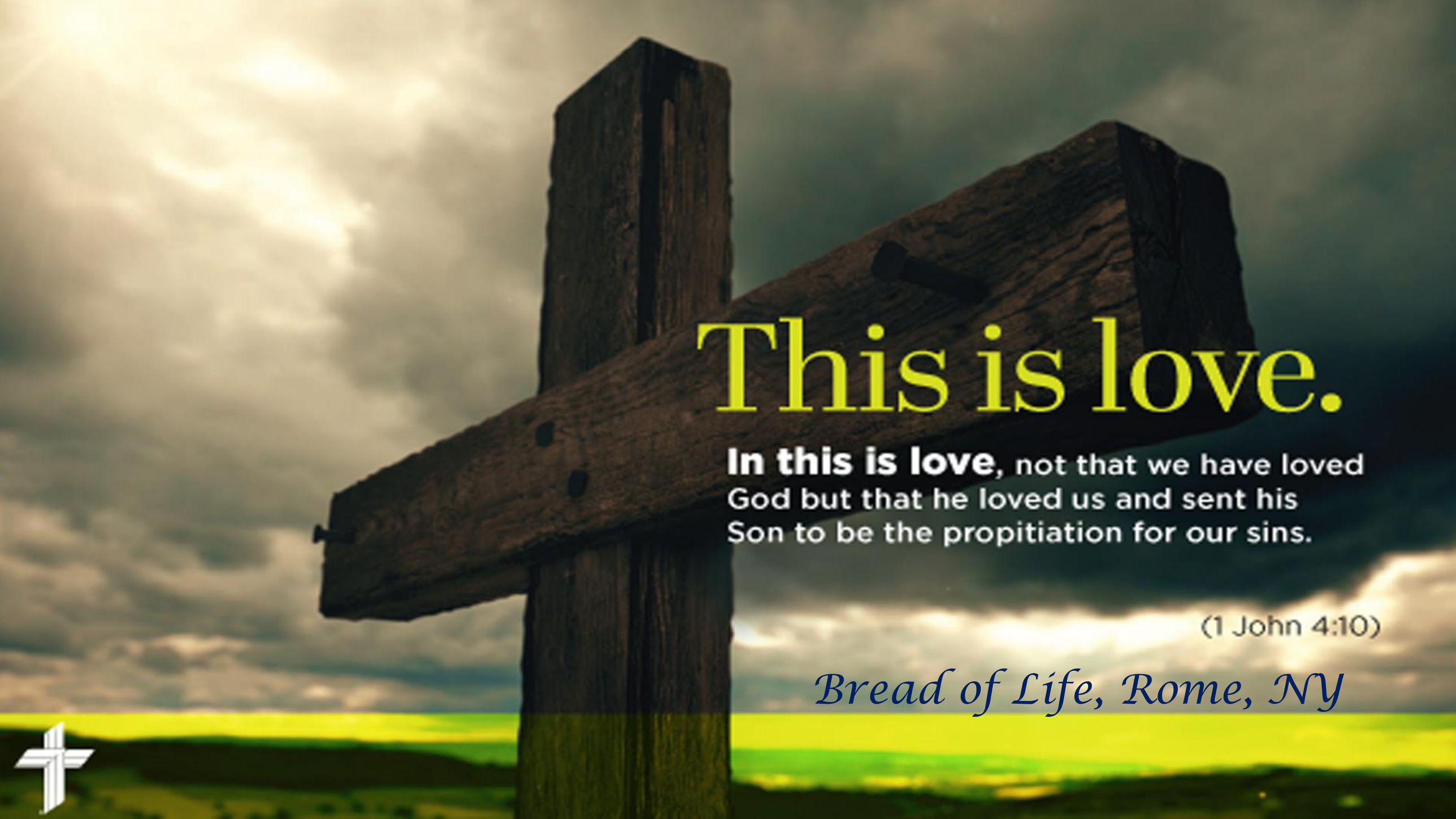
This is love.
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
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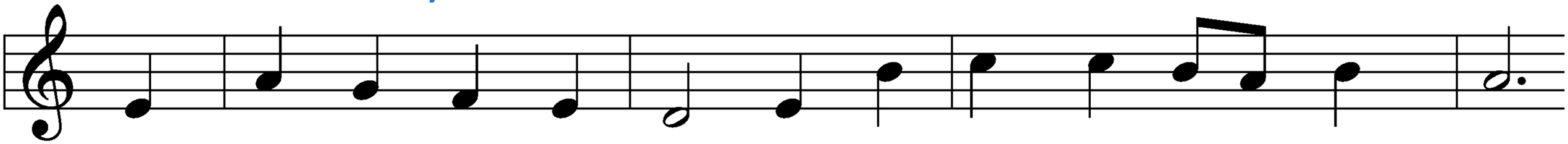
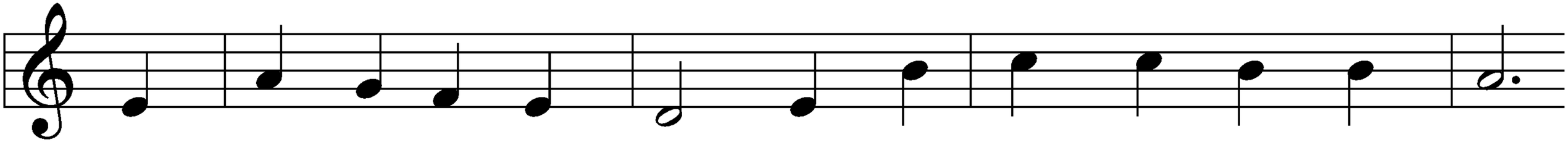
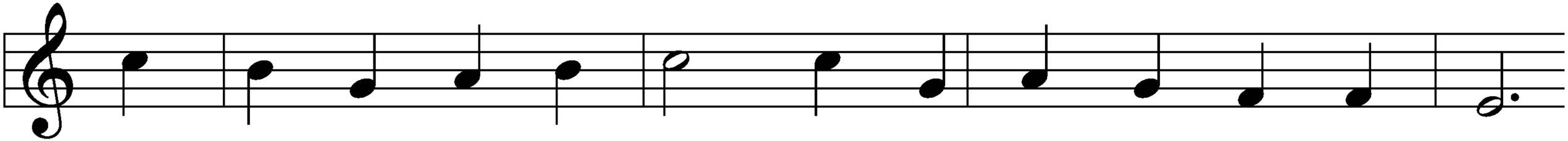


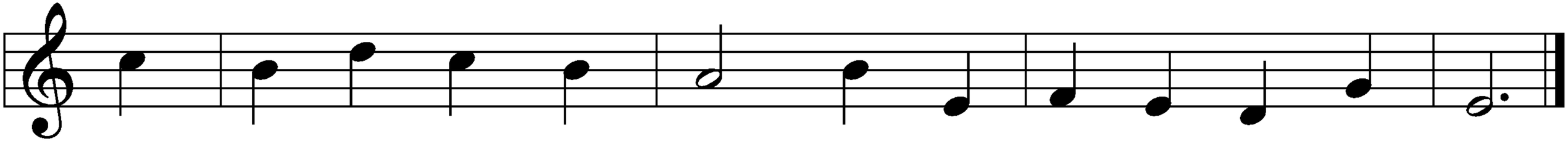
1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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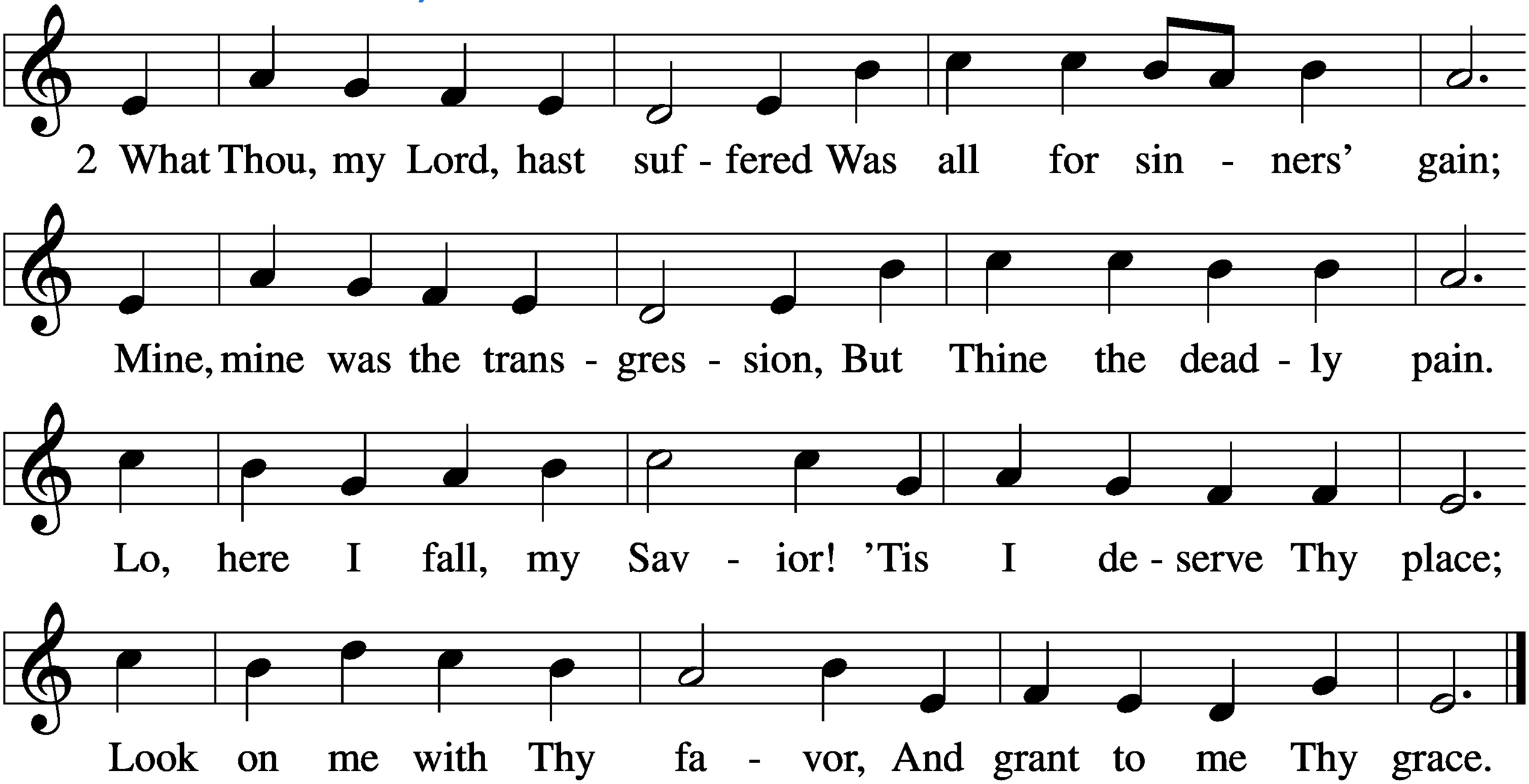

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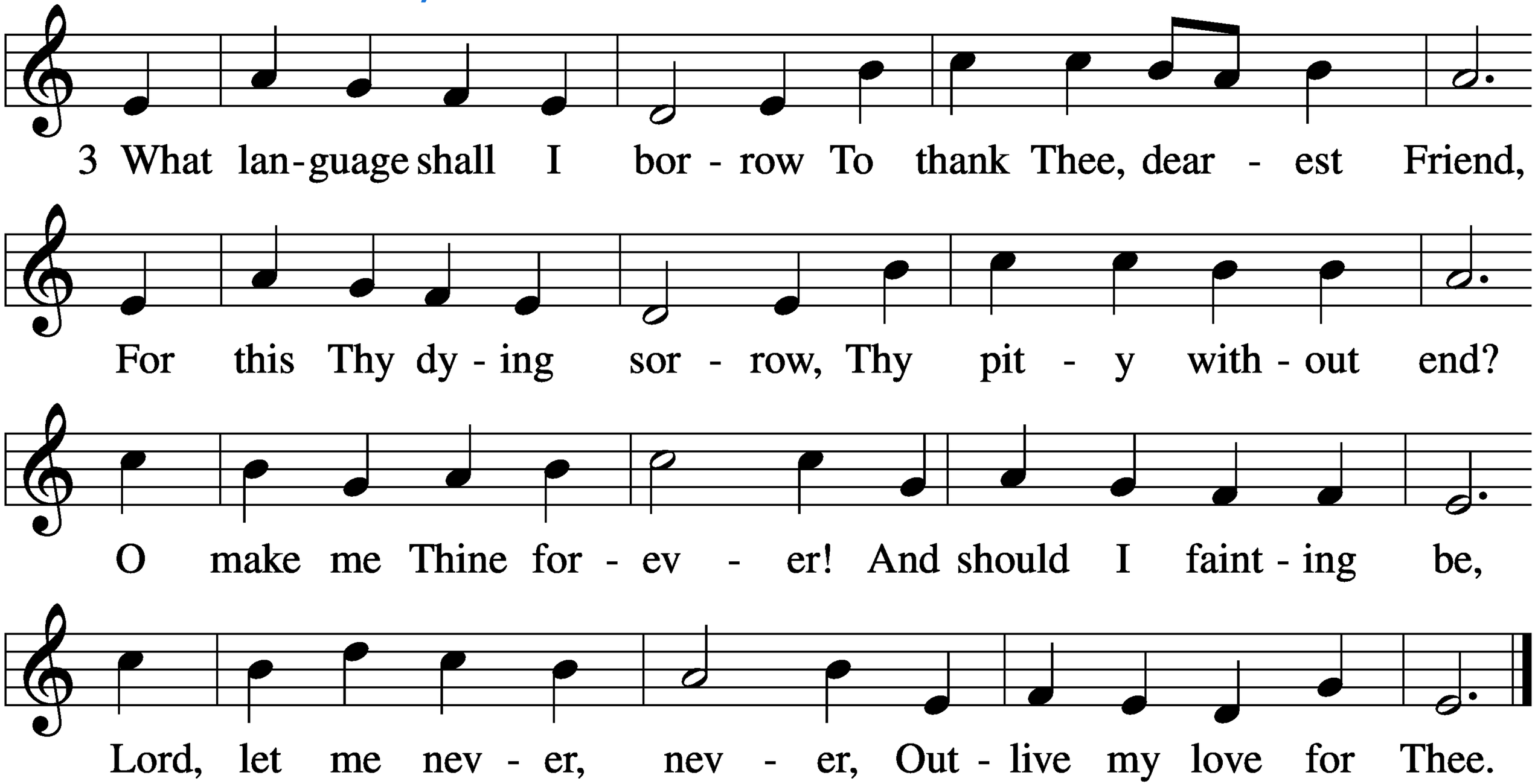

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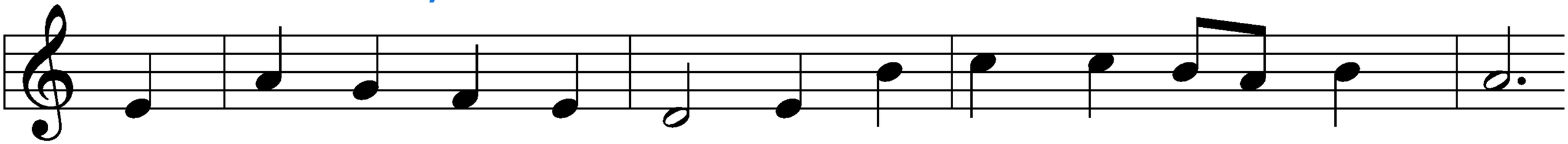
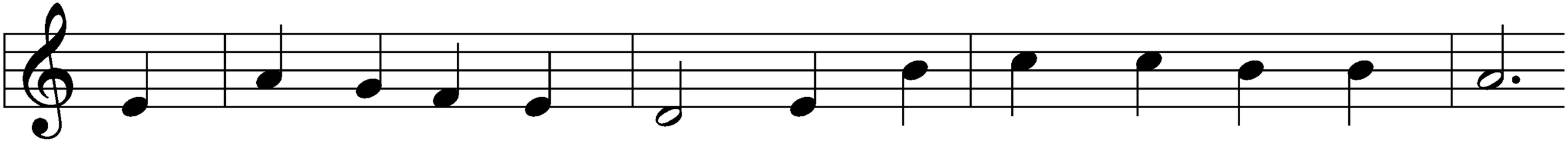
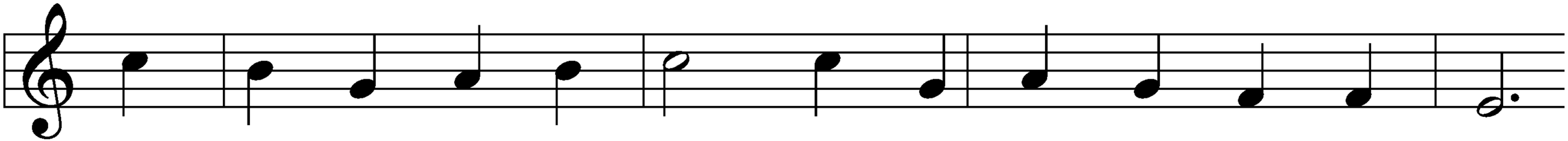


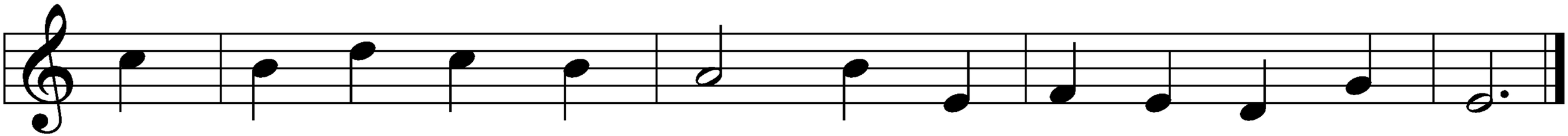
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Invocation

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

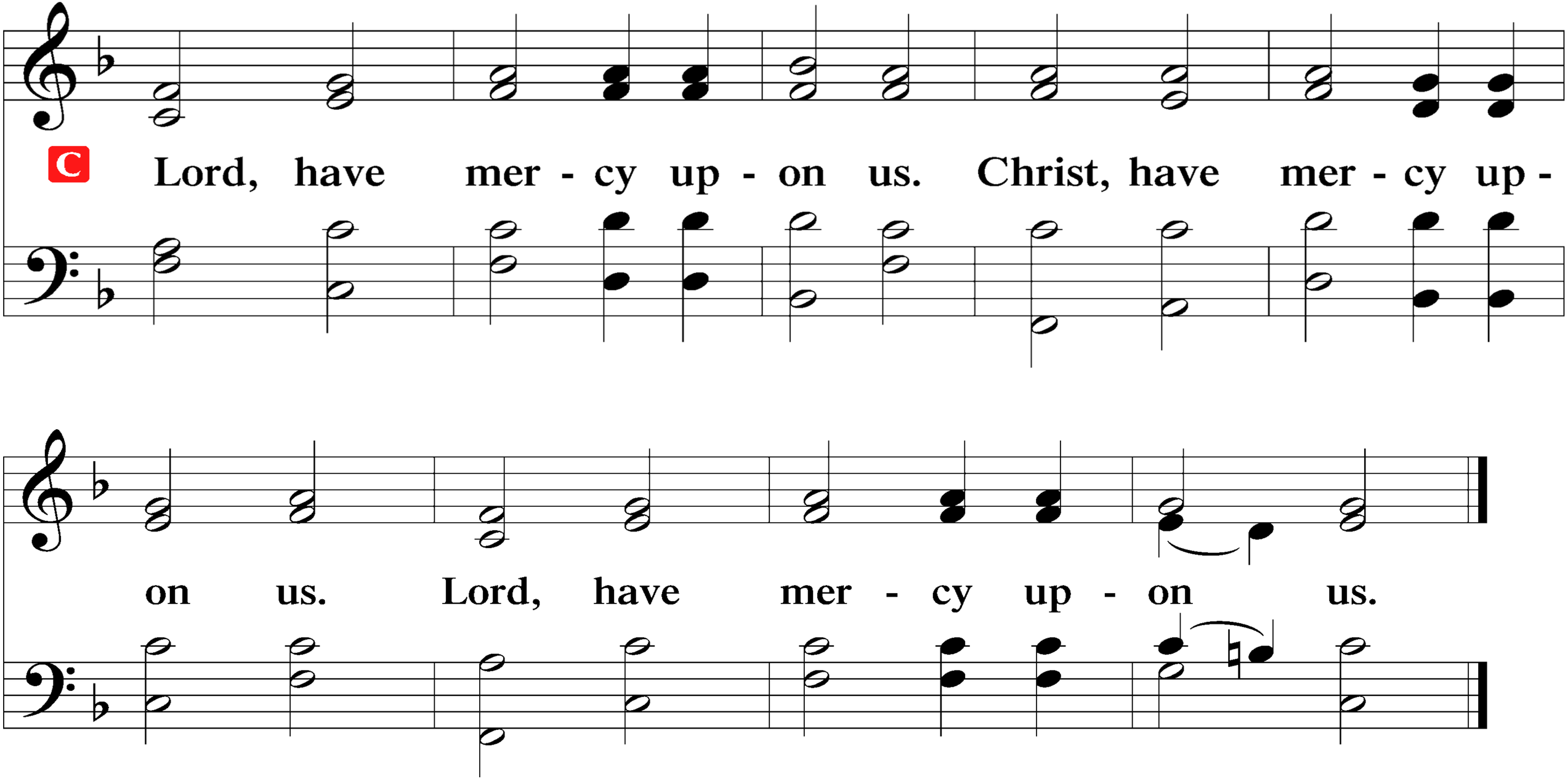
Declaration of Grace

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie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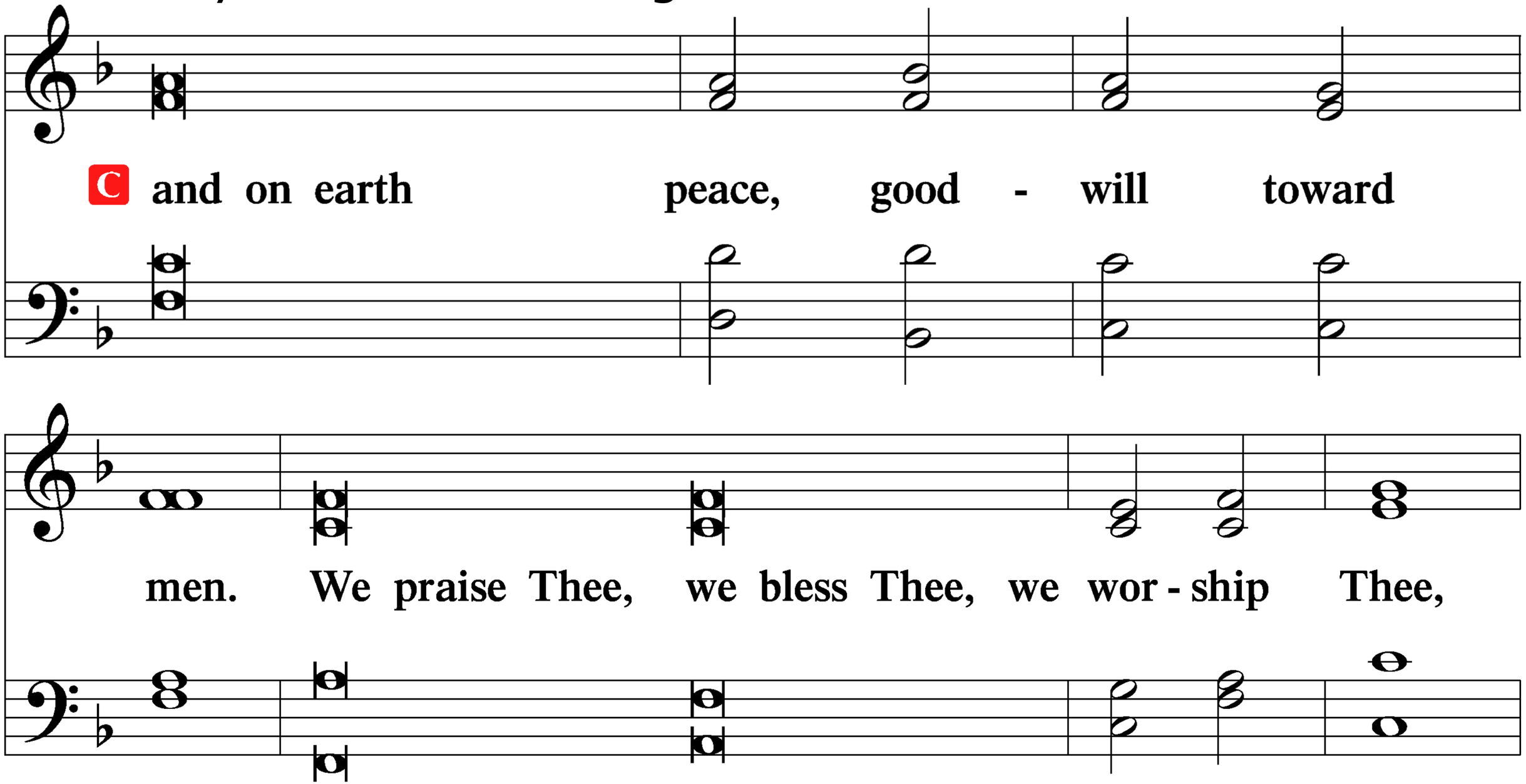
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:



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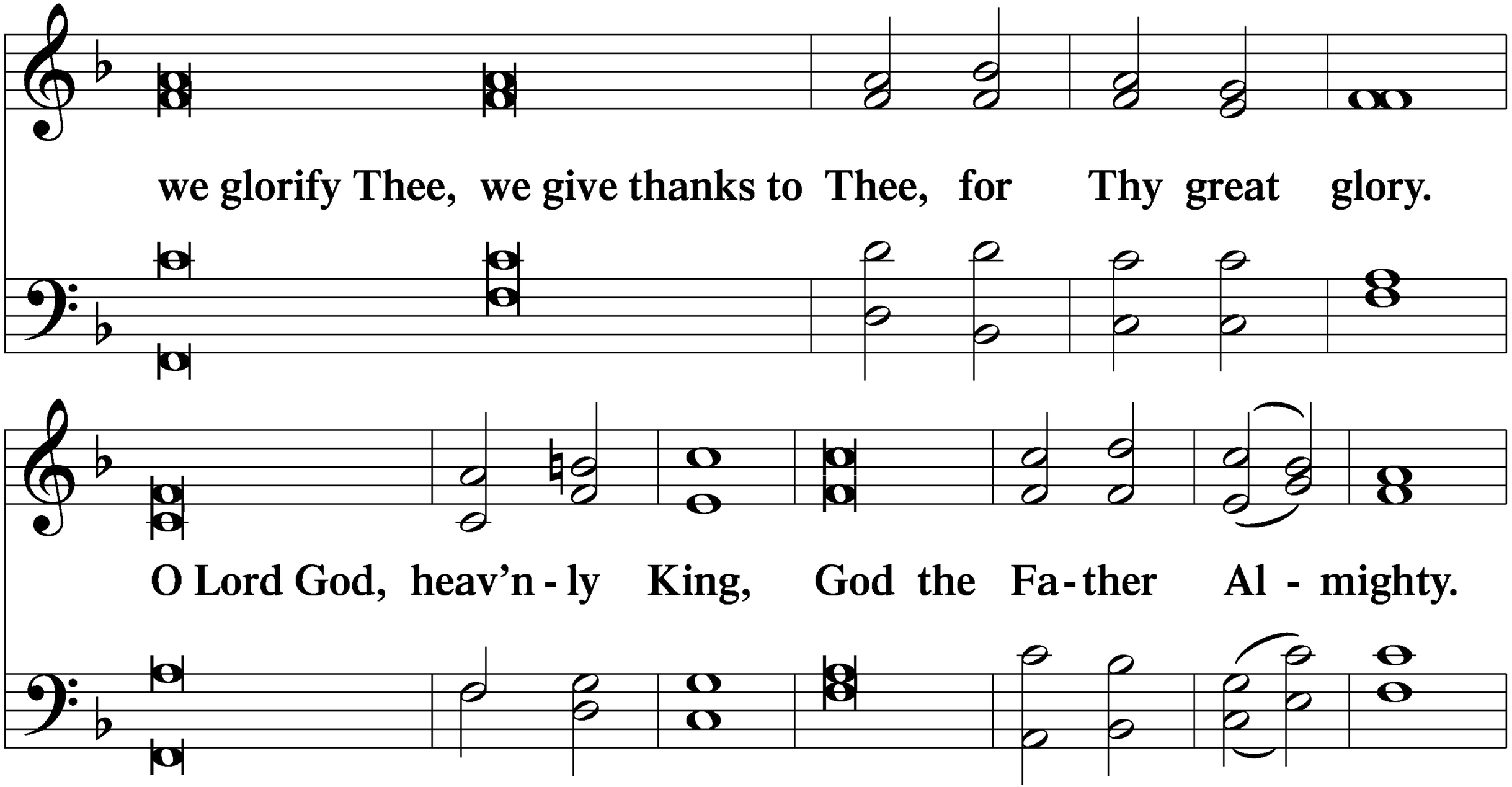

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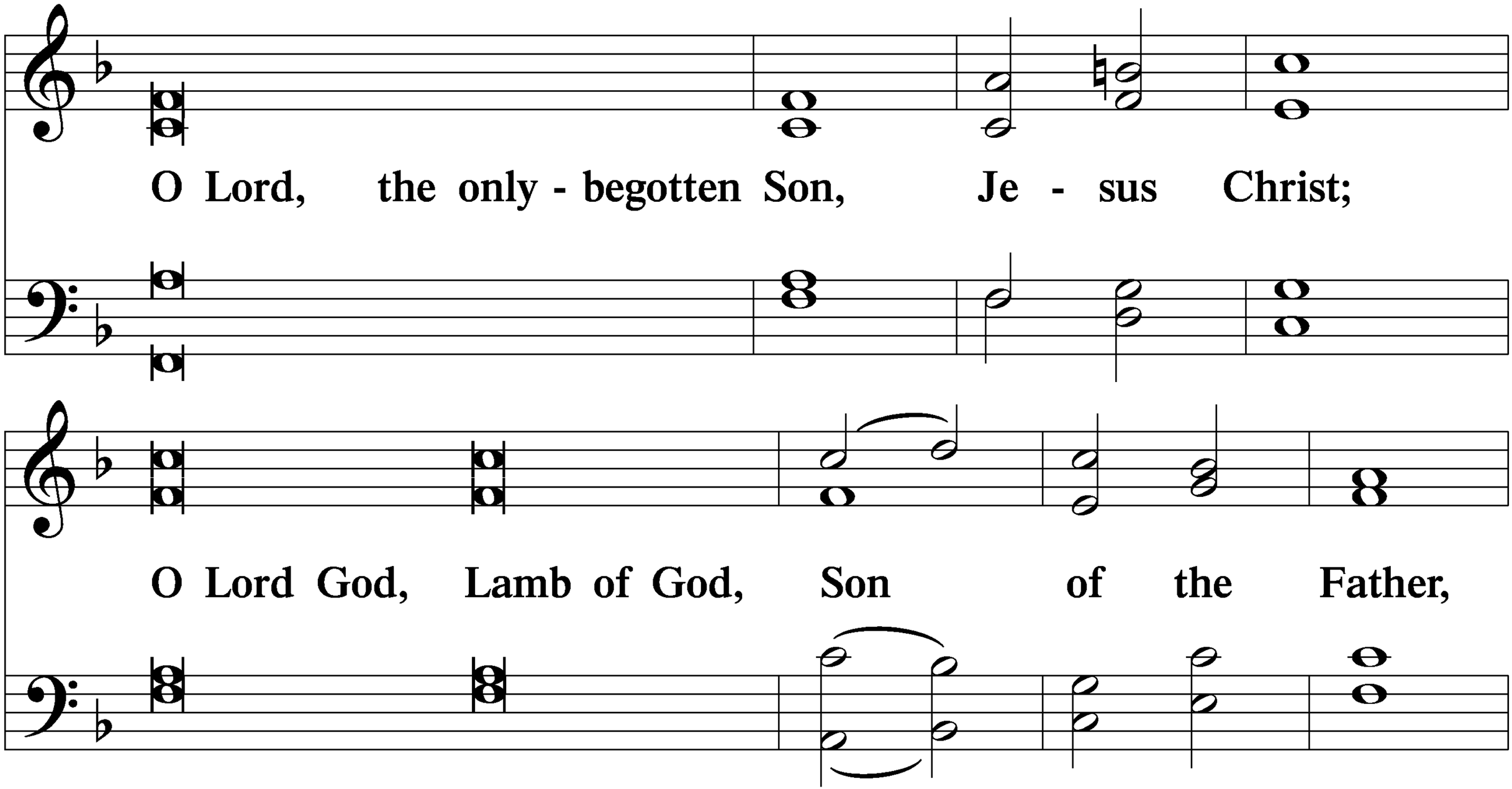

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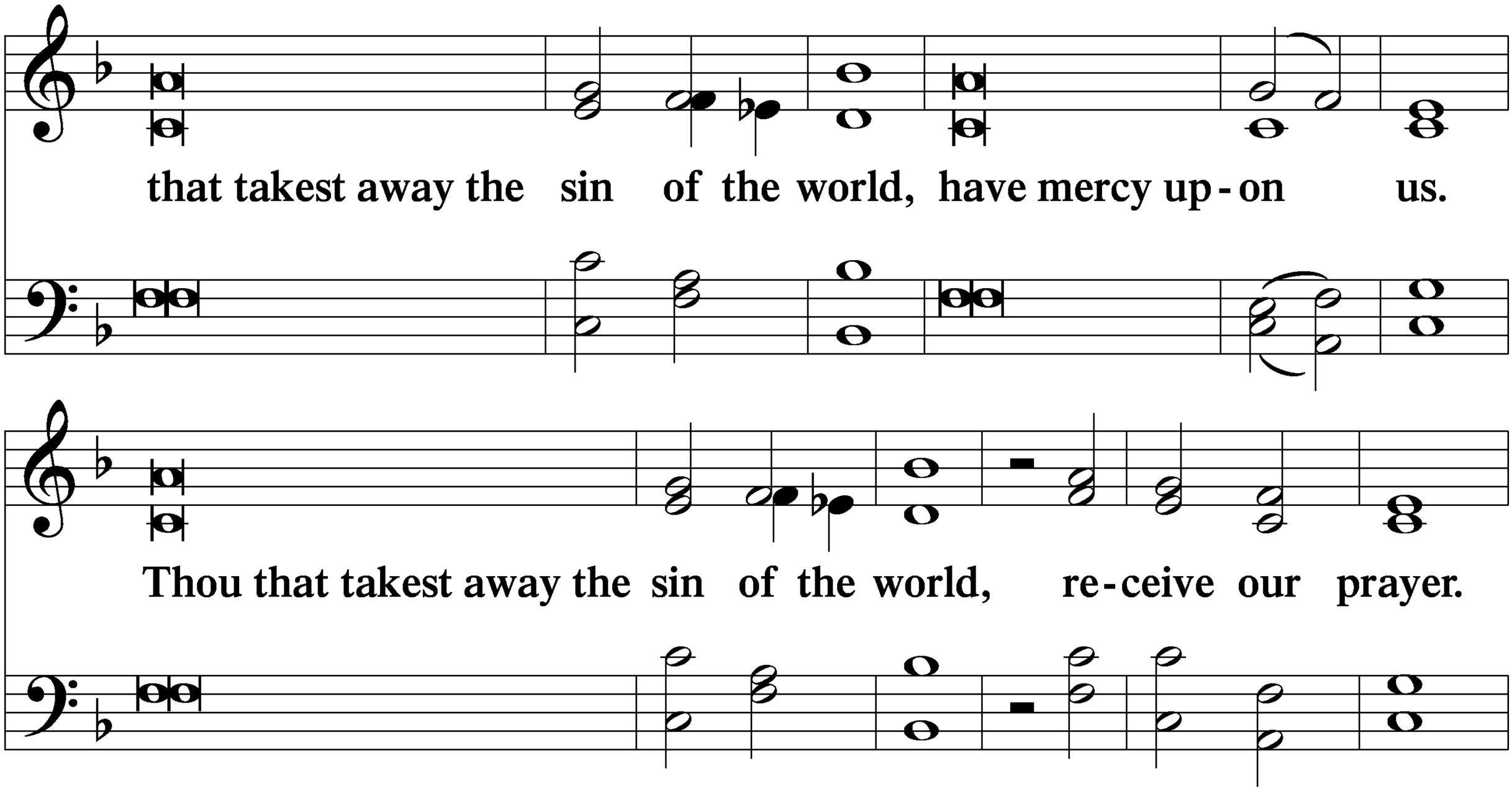

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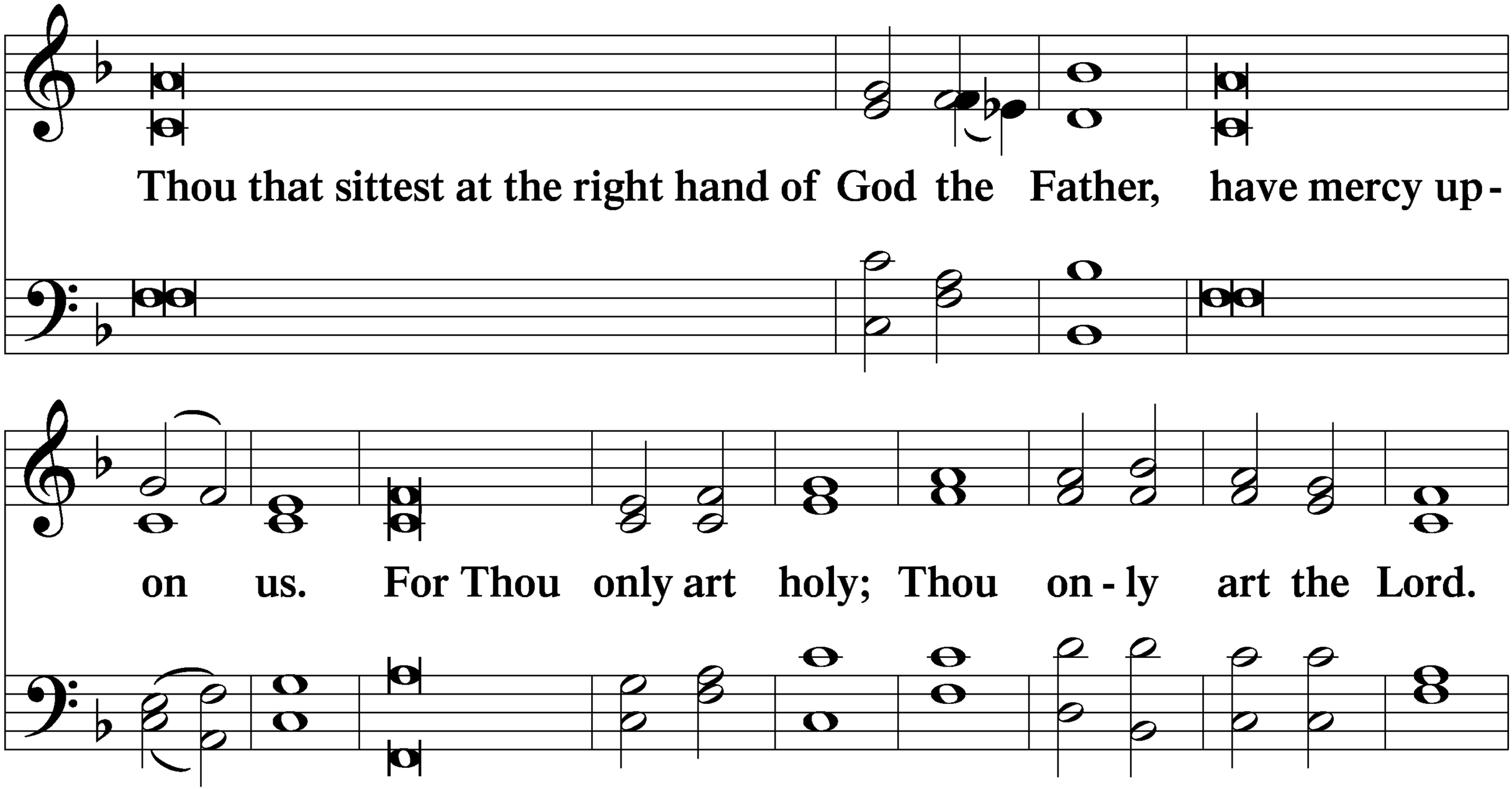

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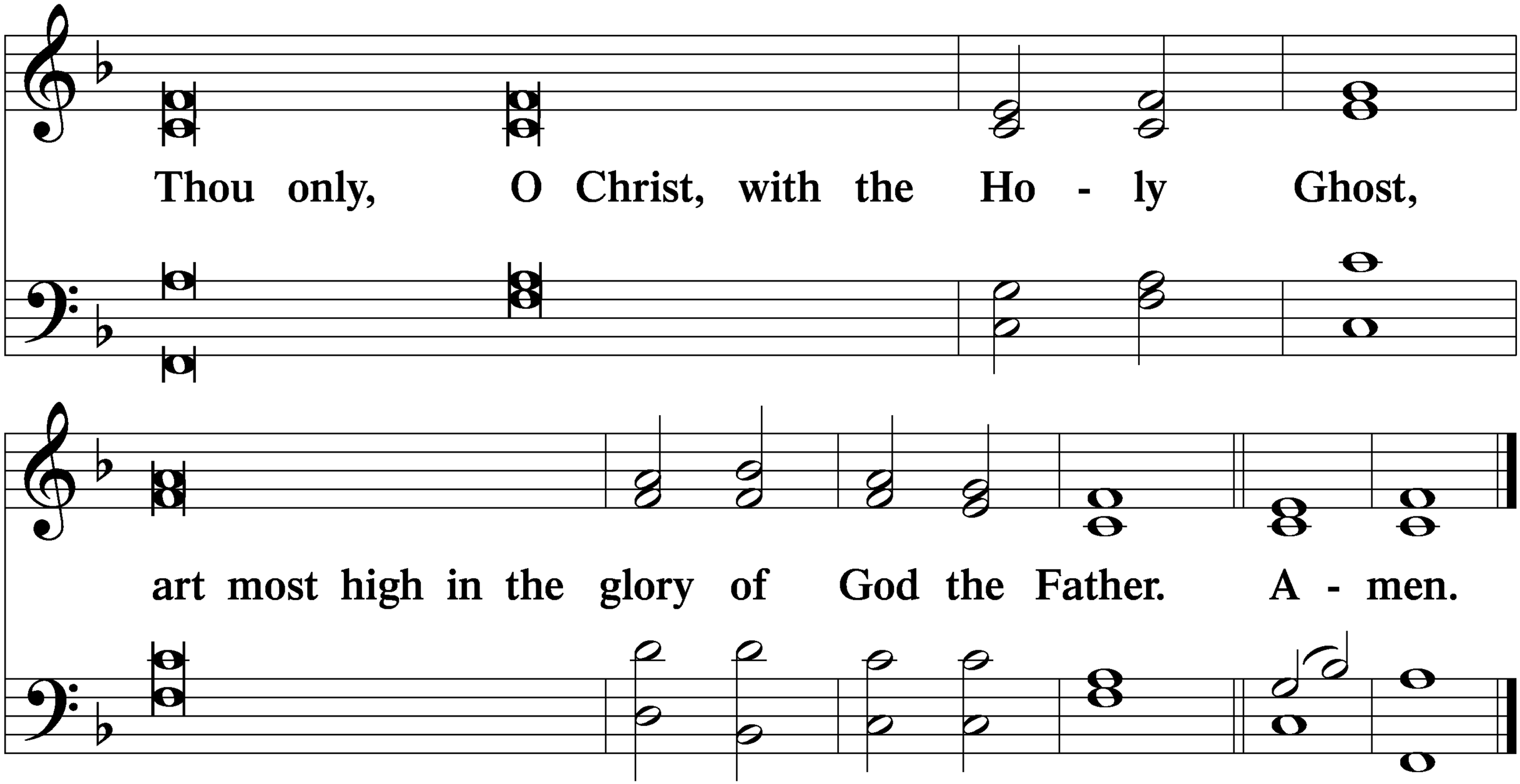
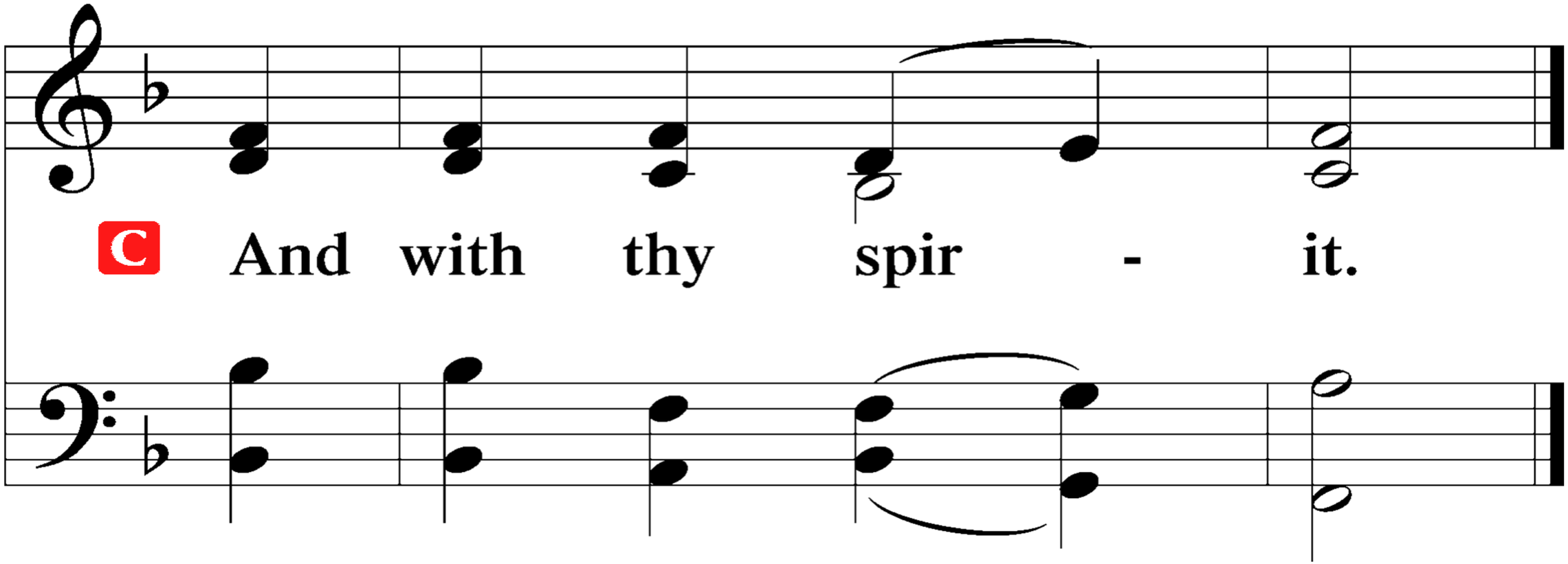


Salutation and Collect of the Day:

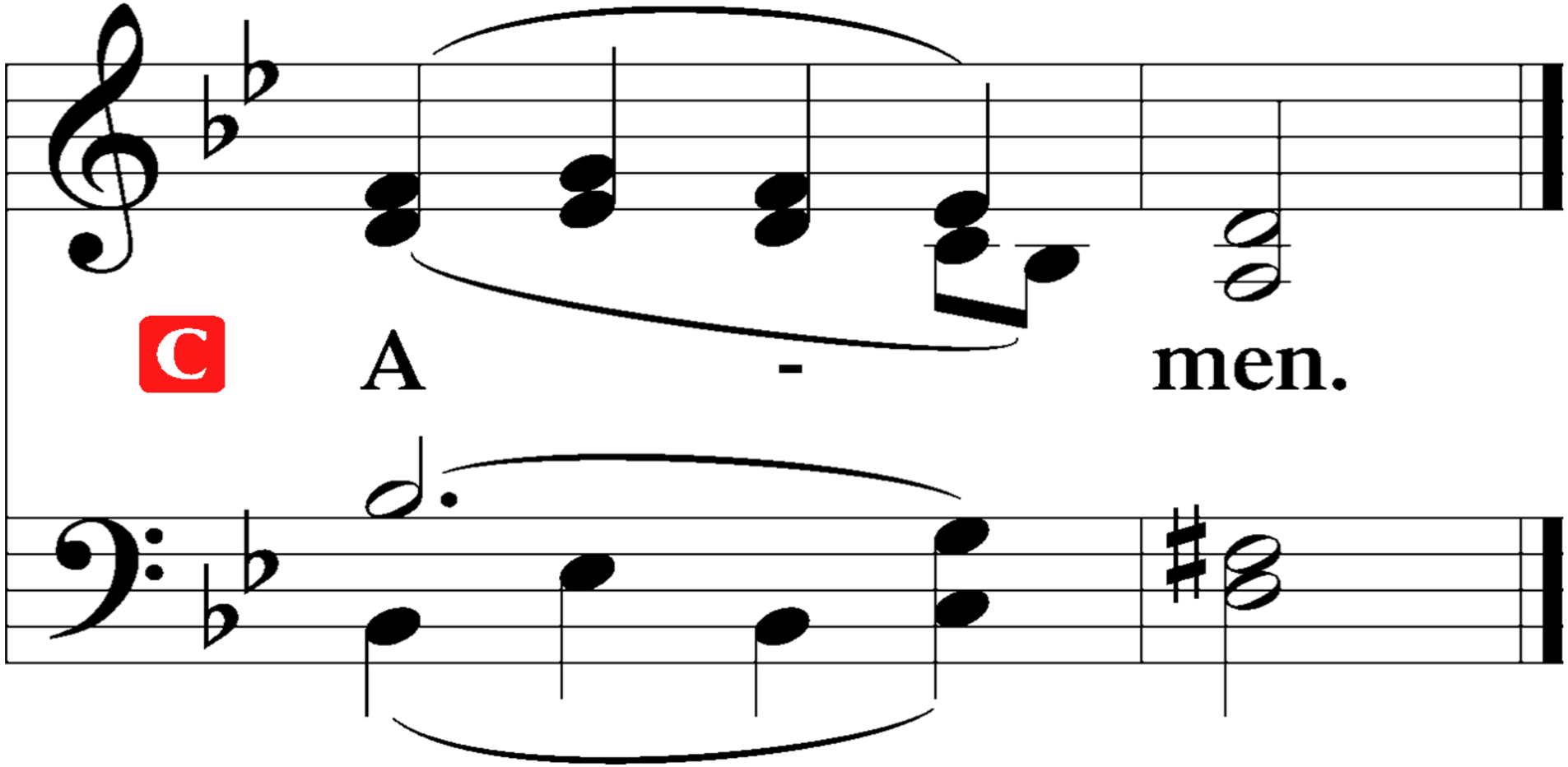
P The Lord be with you.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; 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 50:4–9a

4 The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
6 I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

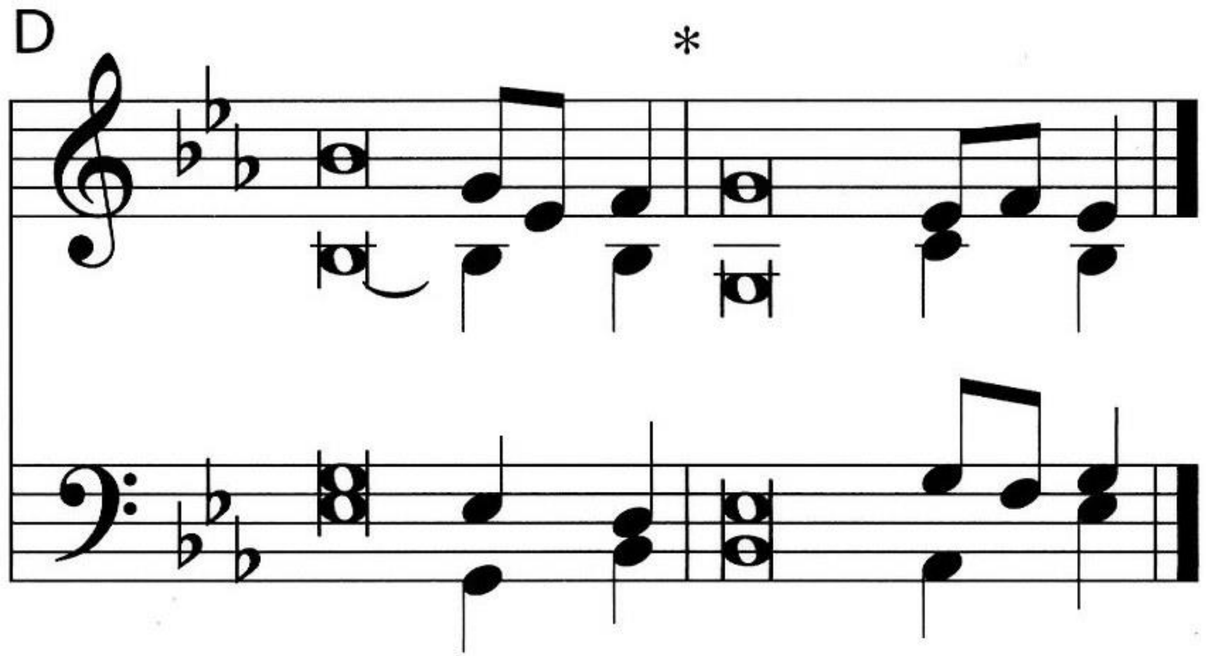
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
7 But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:19–29



19 Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.
20 This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.

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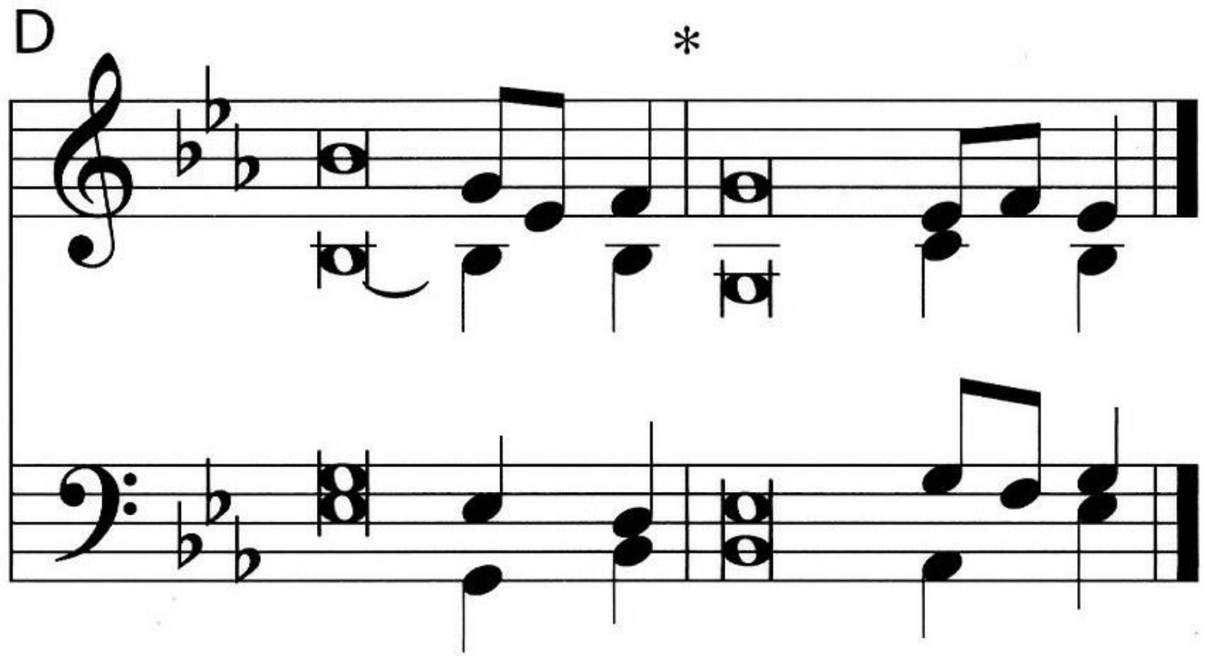

21 I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.
22 The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

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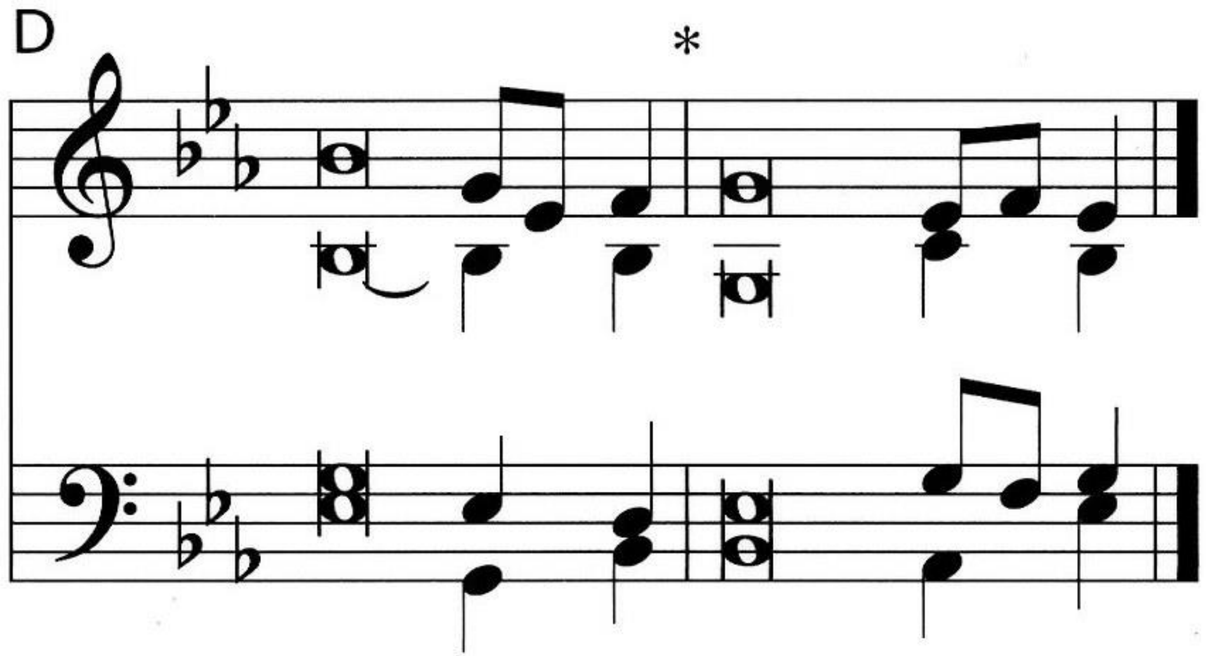
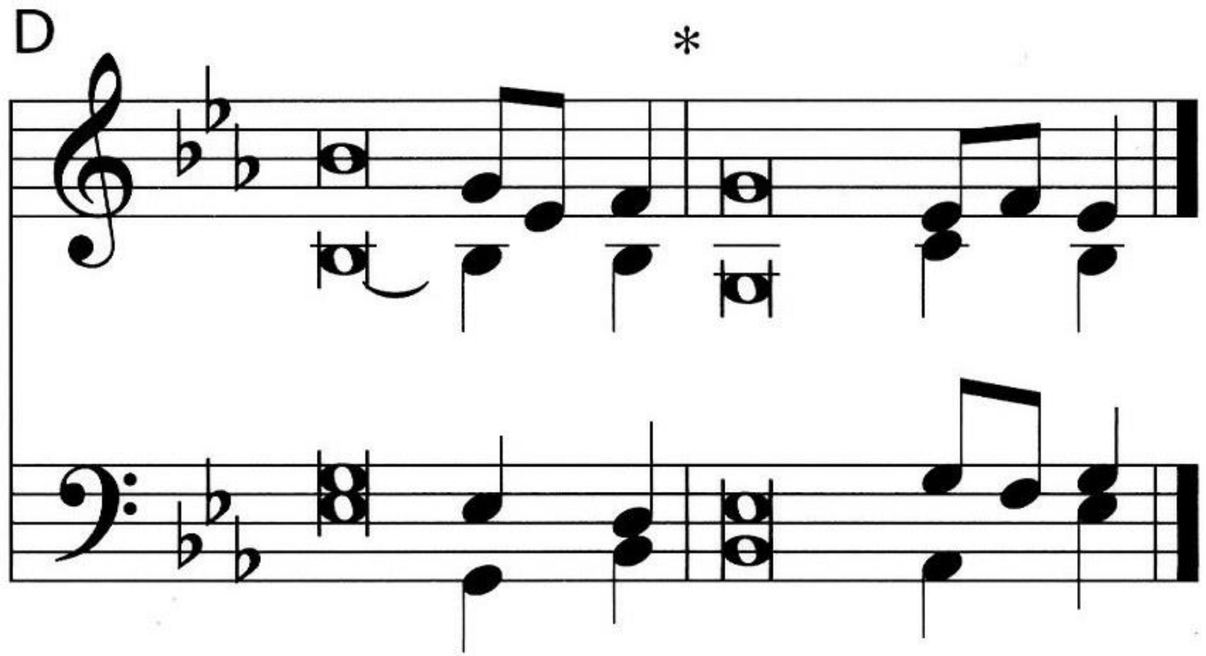


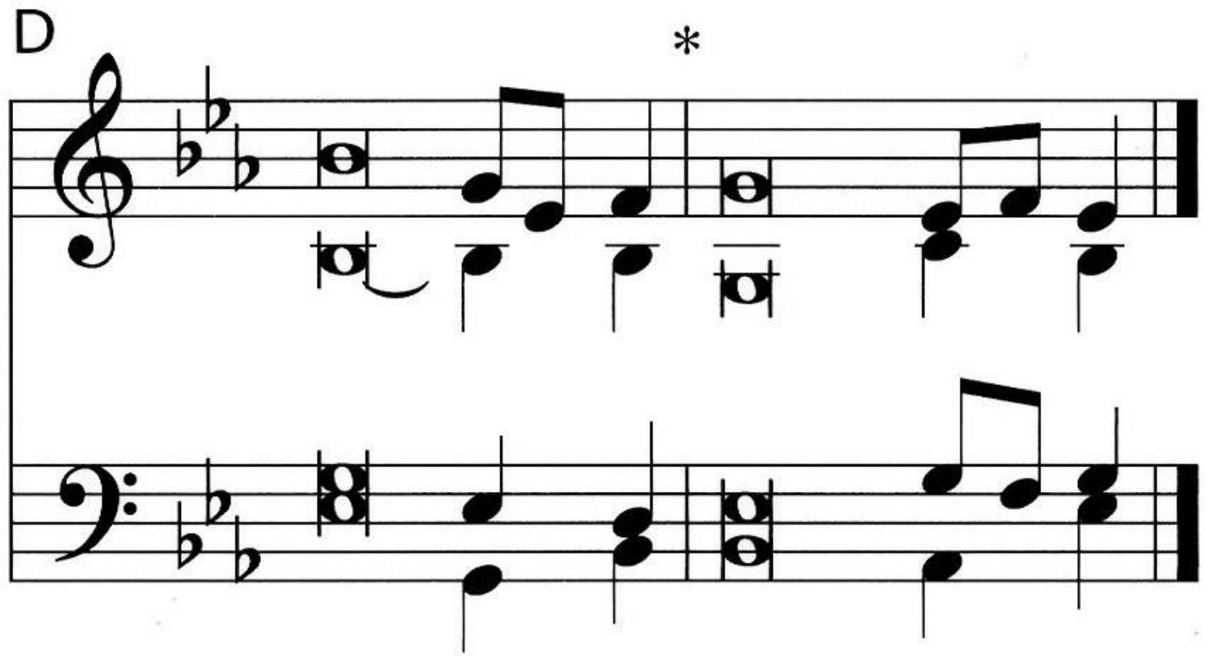
23 This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Psalm 118:19–29



25 Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
26 Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Psalm 118:19–29



27 The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the | altar!

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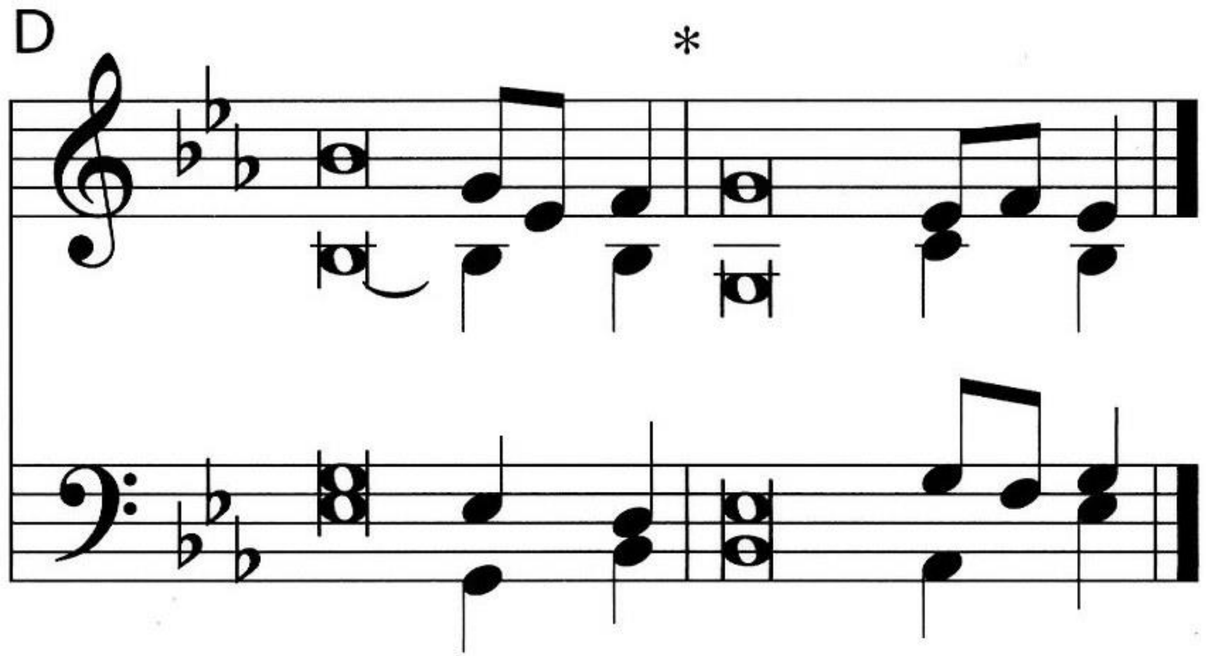

28 You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.
29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11

5Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ
Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not count
equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but made himself
nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the
likeness of men. 8And being found in human form, he
humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. 9Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in
heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
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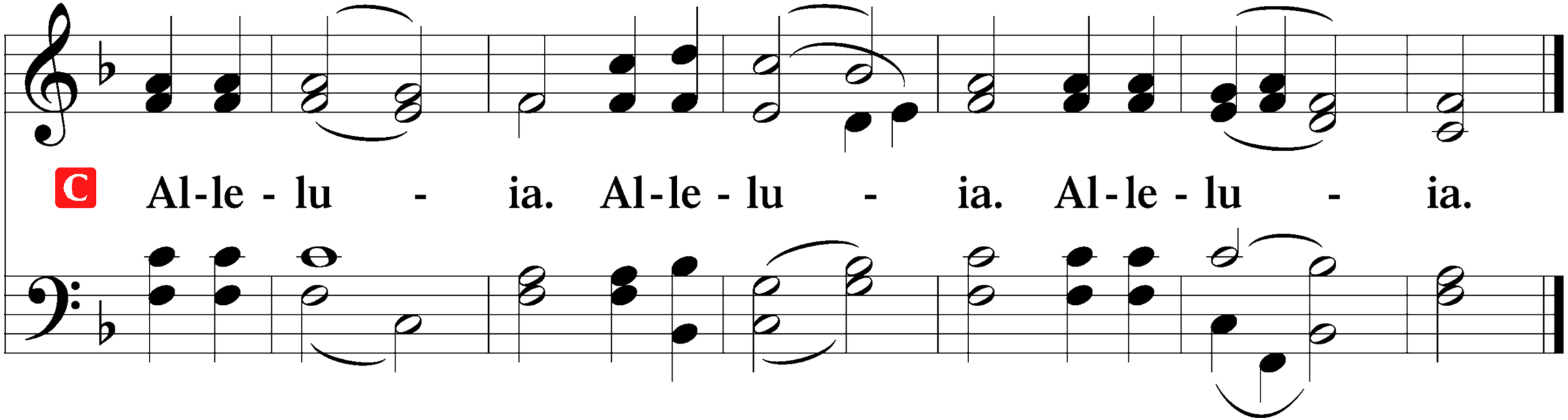
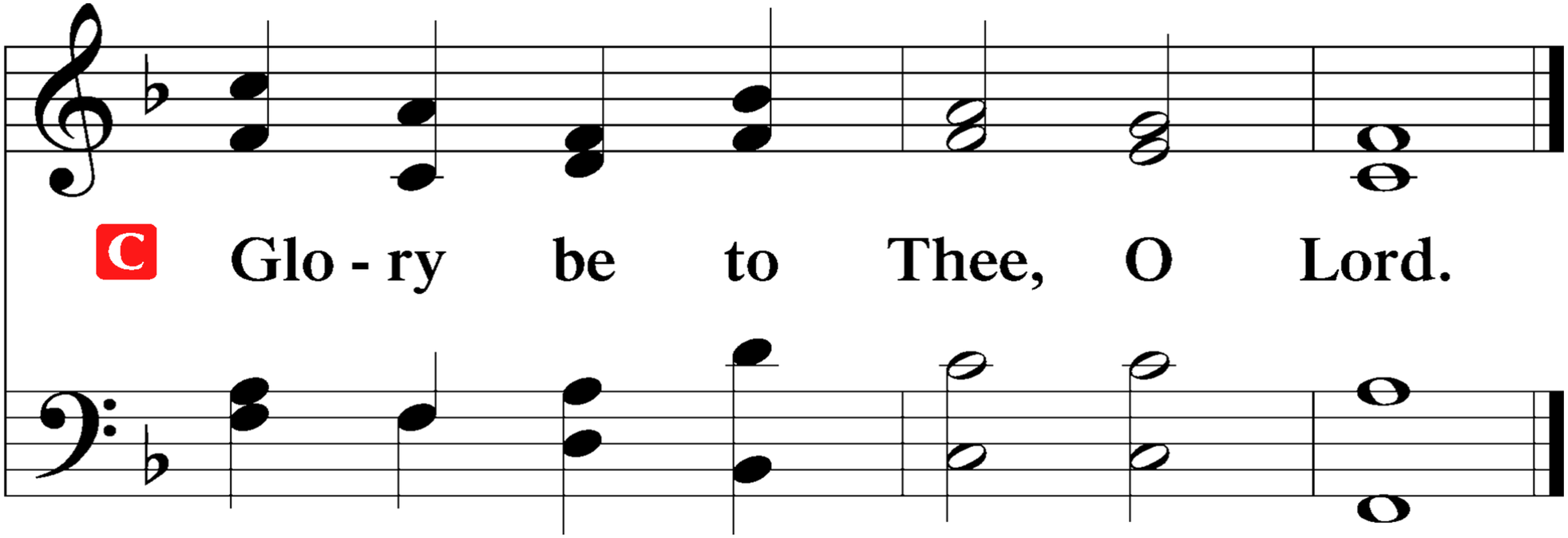
Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11–66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.



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11Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor
asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You
have said so.” 12But when he was accused by the chief
priests and elders, he gave no answer. 13Then Pilate said to
him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against
you?” 14But he gave him no answer, not even to a single
charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.
15Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release
for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. 16And
they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

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17So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do
you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is
called Christ?” 18For he knew that it was out of envy that they
had delivered him up. 19Besides, while he was sitting on the
judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to
do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because
of him today in a dream.” 20Now the chief priests and the
elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy
Jesus. 21The governor again said to them, “Which of the two
do you want me to release for you?” And they said,
“Barabbas.”

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22Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is
called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” 23And he
said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the
more, “Let him be crucified!”
24So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but
rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed
his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this
man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” 25And all the people
answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” 26Then
he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus,
delivered him to be crucified.

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27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the
governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole
battalion before him. 28And they stripped him and put a
scarlet robe on him, 29and twisting together a crown of
thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right
hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
“Hail, King of the Jews!” 30And they spit on him and took the
reed and struck him on the head. 31And when they had
mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own
clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.
32As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by

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name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. [33]And
when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means
Place of a Skull), [34]they offered him wine to drink, mixed with
gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. [35]And when
they had crucified him, they divided his garments among
them by casting lots. [36]Then they sat down and kept watch
over him there. [37]And over his head they put the charge
against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”
[38]Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right
and one on the left. [39]And those who passed by derided him,
wagging their heads [40]and saying, “You who would destroy
the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you
are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” [41]So also the

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chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him,
saying, 42"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the
King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and
we will believe in him. 43He trusts in God; let God deliver him
now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
44And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled
him in the same way.

45Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the
land until the ninth hour. 46And about the ninth hour Jesus
cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema
sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?" 47And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,
"This man is calling Elijah." 48And one of them at once ran

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and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a
reed and gave it to him to drink. [49]But the others said, “Wait,
let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” [50]And Jesus
cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.
[51]And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two,
from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were
split. [52]The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the
saints who had fallen asleep were raised, [53]and coming out of
the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city
and appeared to many. [54]When the centurion and those who
were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the
earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe
and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

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55There were also many women there, looking on from a
distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to
him, 56among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the
mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of
Zebedee.
57When it was evening, there came a rich man from
Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.
58He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then
Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59And Joseph took the
body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud 60and laid it in his
own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a
great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.
61Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting

opposite the tomb.

62Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief
priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63and said,
“Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still
alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ 64Therefore order the tomb
to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go
and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from
the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”
65Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make
it as secure as you can.” 66So they went and made the tomb
secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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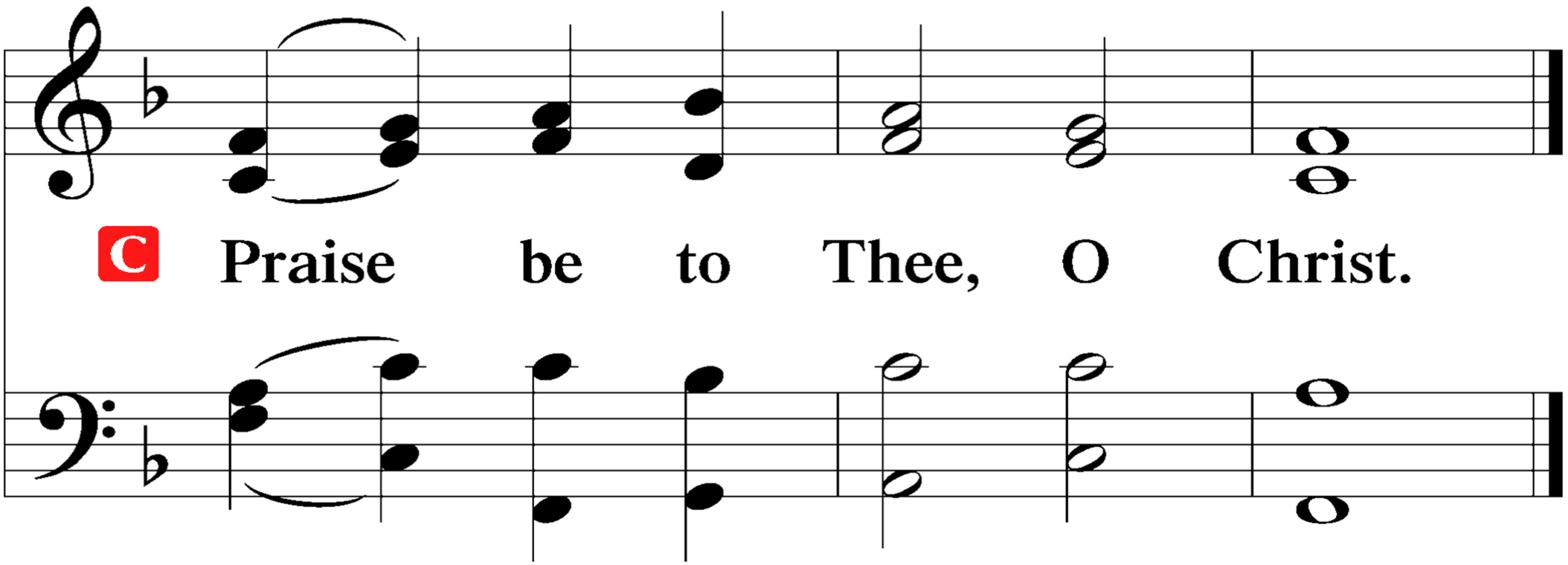

Apostles' Creed

C **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

C **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

C **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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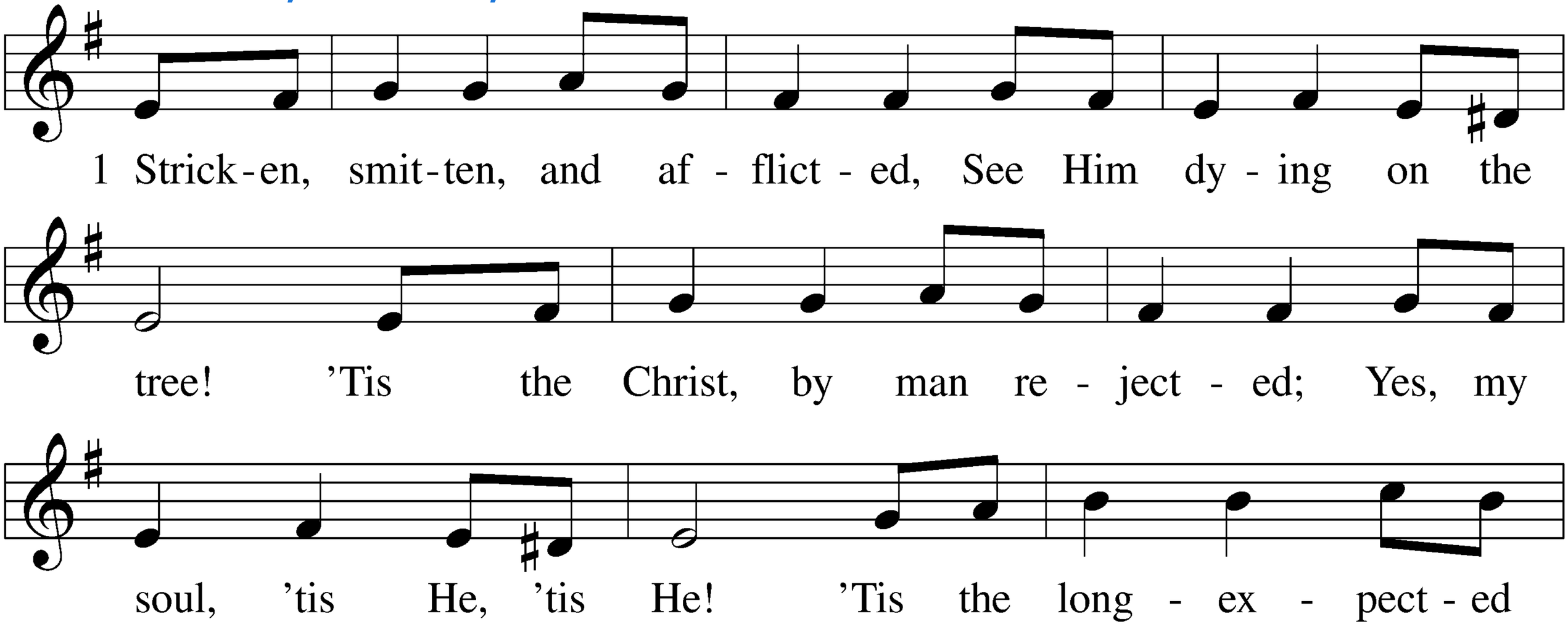

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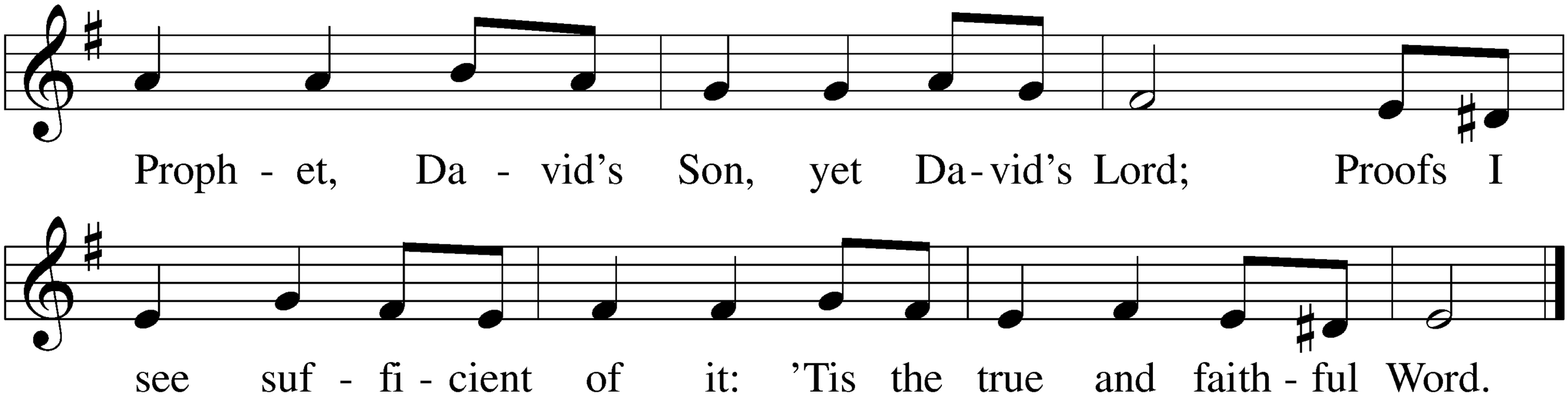

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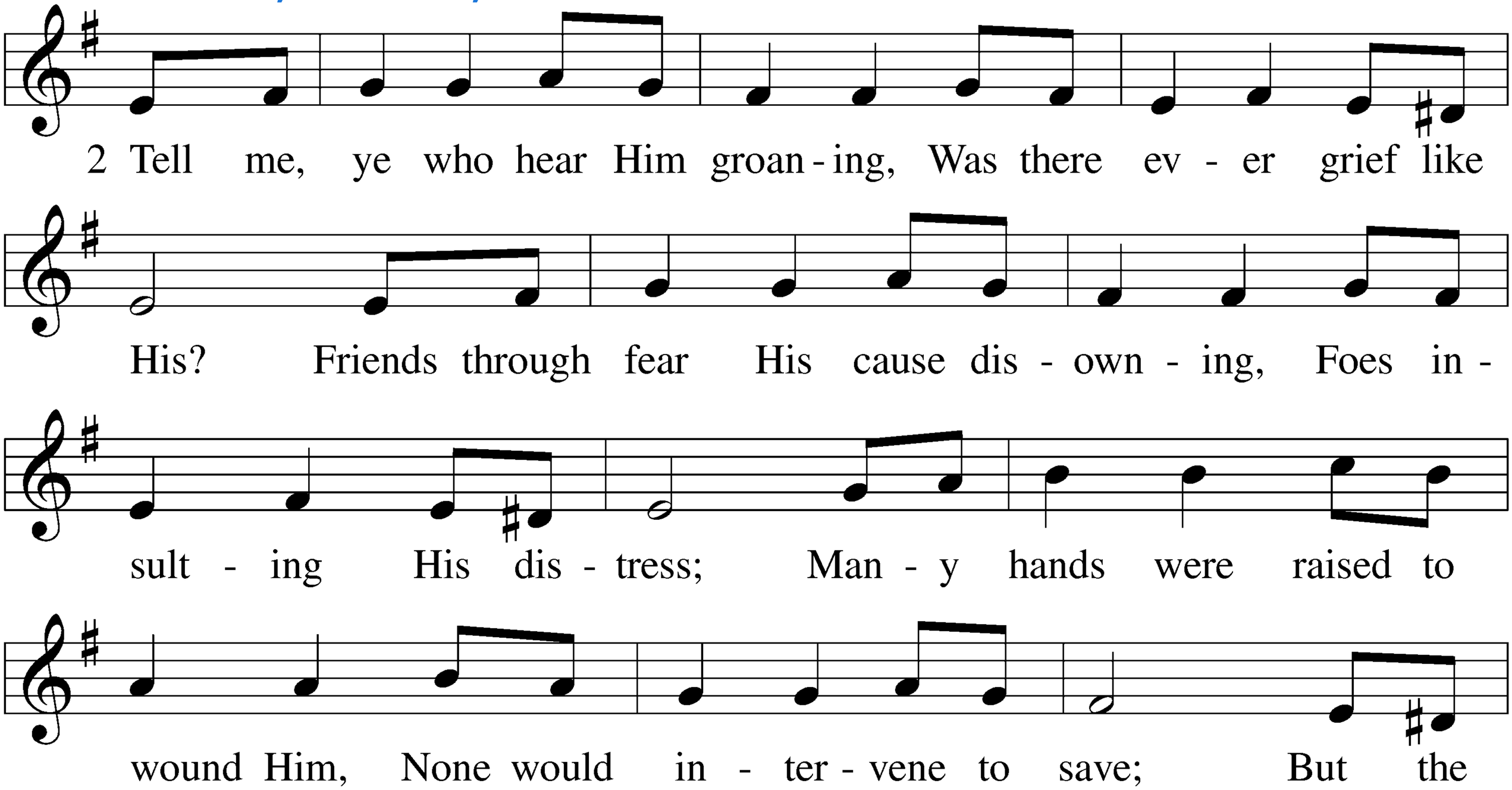

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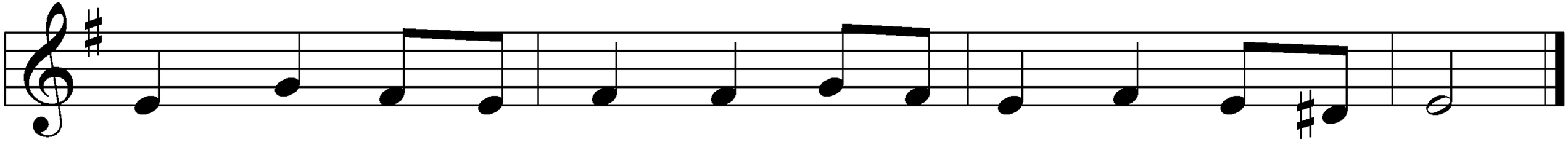

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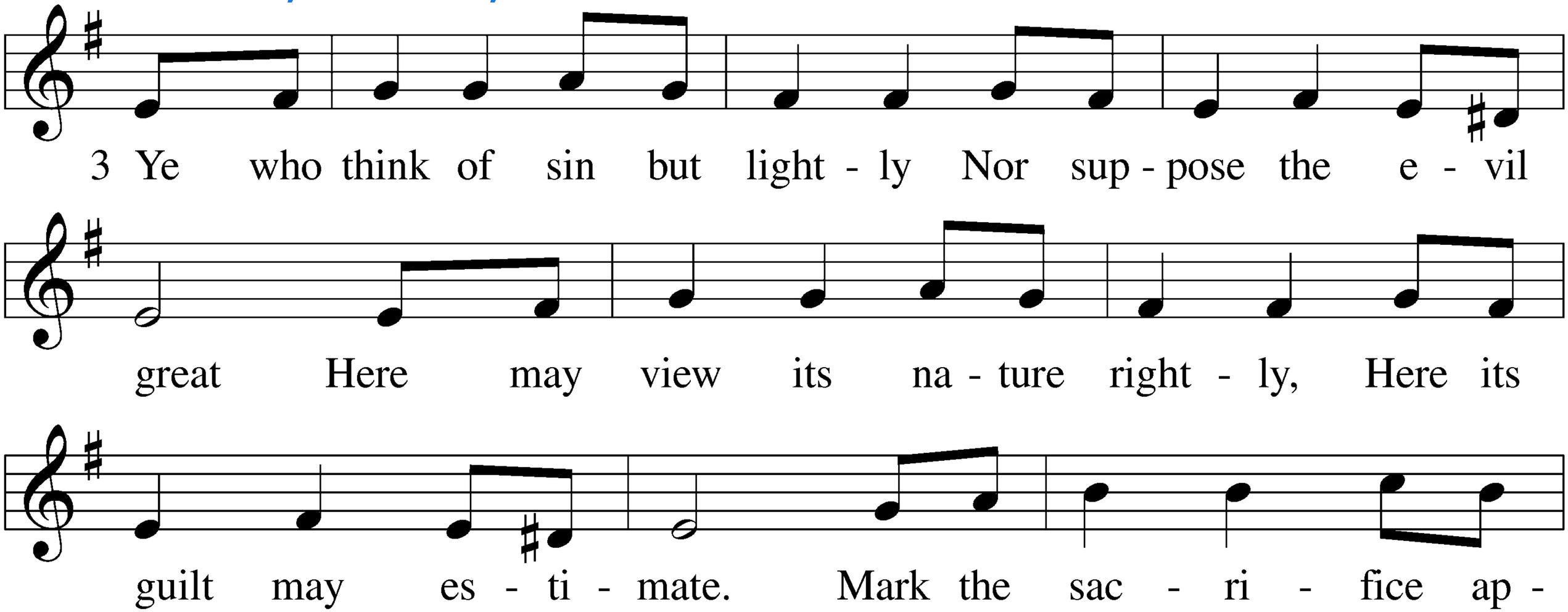

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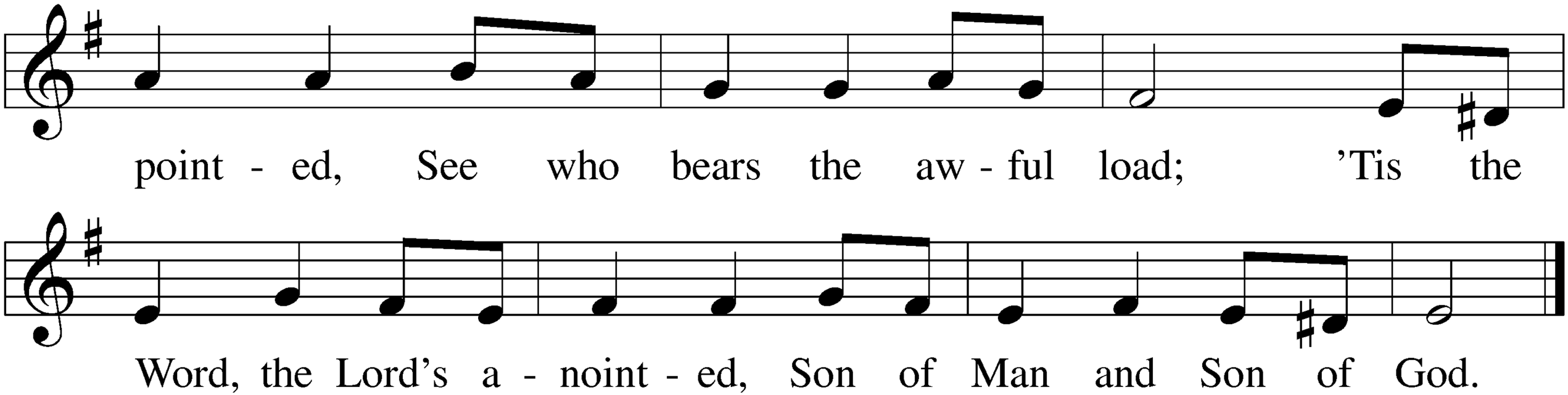

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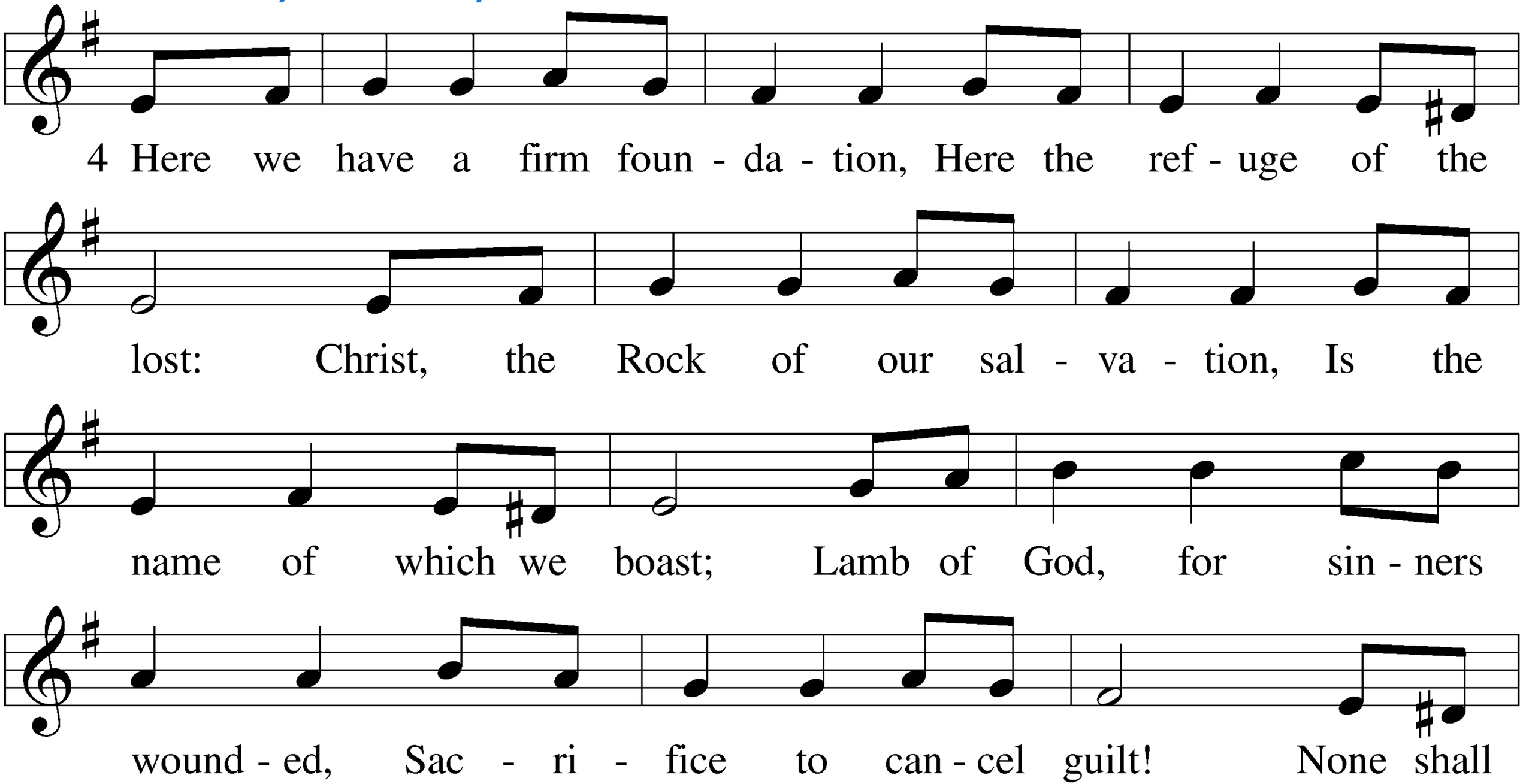

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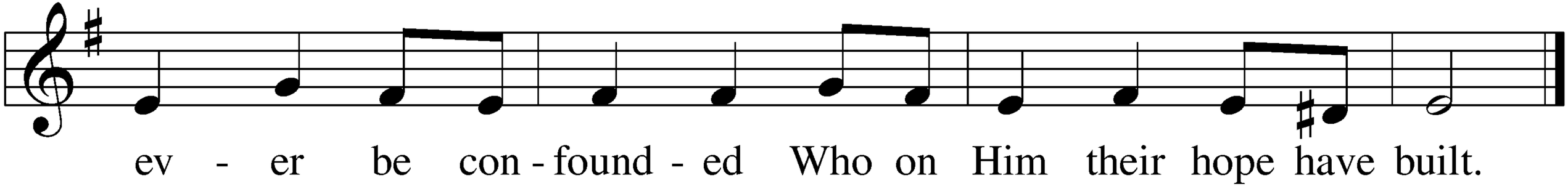

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The Homily

This is love.

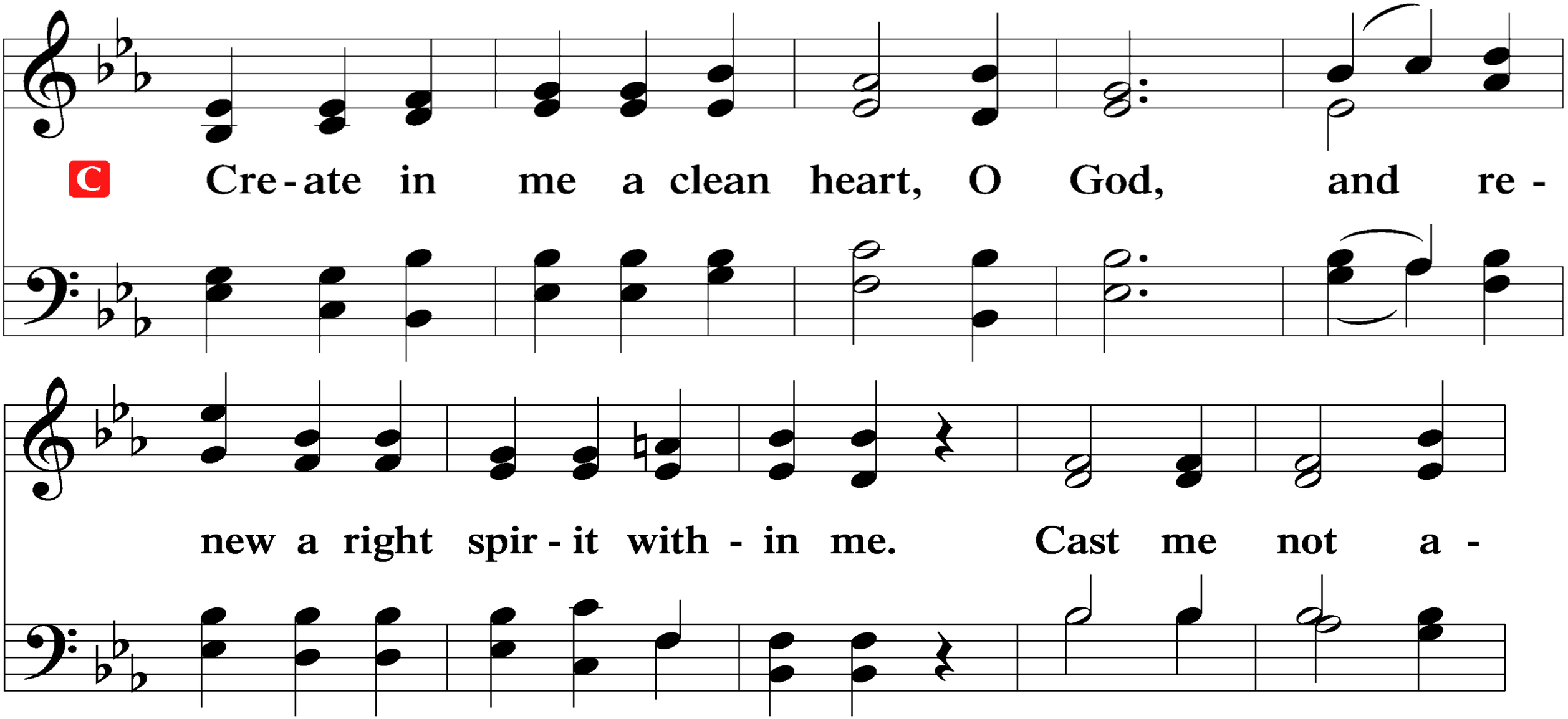
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 4:10)

Bread of Life, Rome, NY

March 28, 2026

Offertory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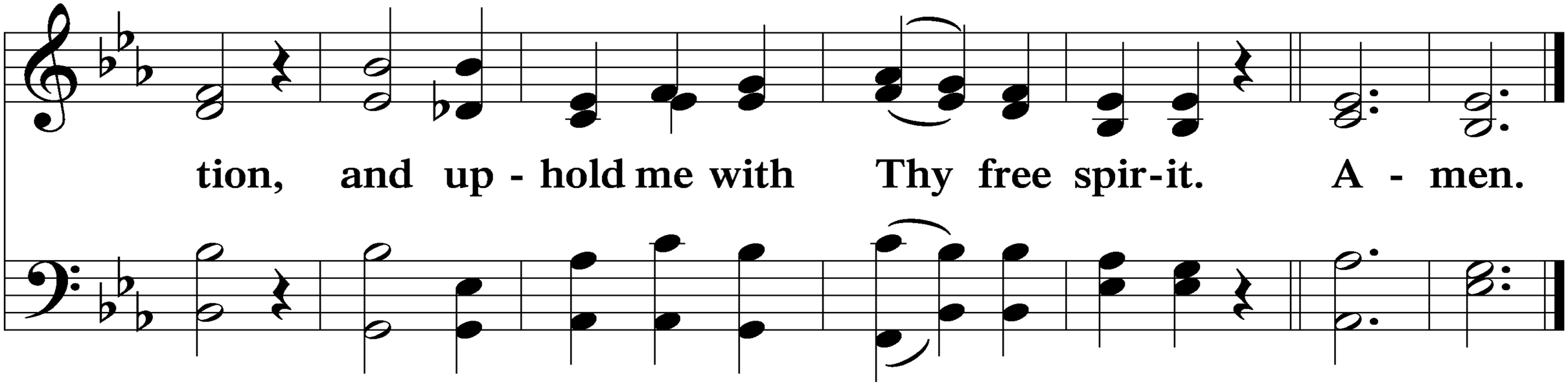


Prayer of the Church

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

P For pardon and renewal, that the blessed Son of God would lift up the gates of our hearts and be glorified as the Savior of sinners, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

P That the merciful Lord would continue to provide faithful pastors and church workers, that their work would bring the light of Christ to those living in darkness; that their acts of mercy would extend His love to the disabled, wounded and forgotten throughout the world; and that His Church would serve Him in faithful service and witness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Christian fathers, that receiving Christ and trusting His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

P For our leaders and those who serve in law enforcement and the armed forces, that they may acknowledge God, before whom the might of man is nothing, and so serve honorably and well, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who suffer in this world, especially Katherine, David, Juan, Janette, Chris, Vera, Lexi _____, that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

P 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

P 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For ears that are open to the voice of God, that hearing the precious Gospel of Christ, we would follow Christ in doing the will of the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; save us, O Lord, faithful God; through 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

**O God, by the patient suffering
of Your only-begotten Son
You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy.
Now help us, we humbly pray,
rightly to treasure in our hearts
all that our Lord has of His goodness borne for our sake
that following His blessed example
we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who taught us to pray…**

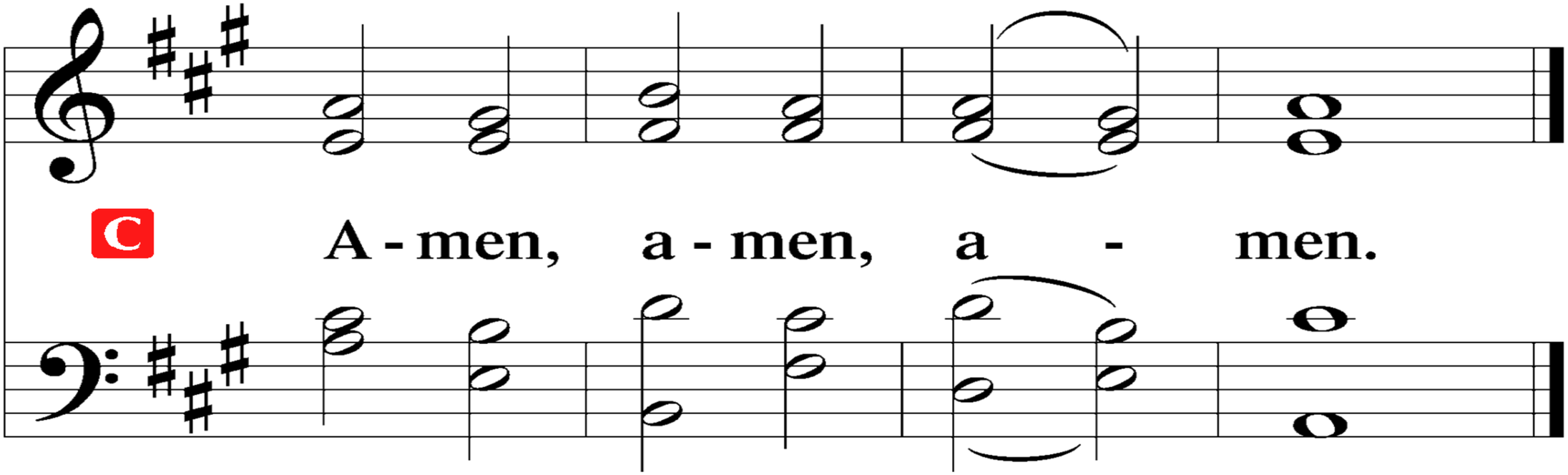
Lord’s Prayer

C **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.

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P 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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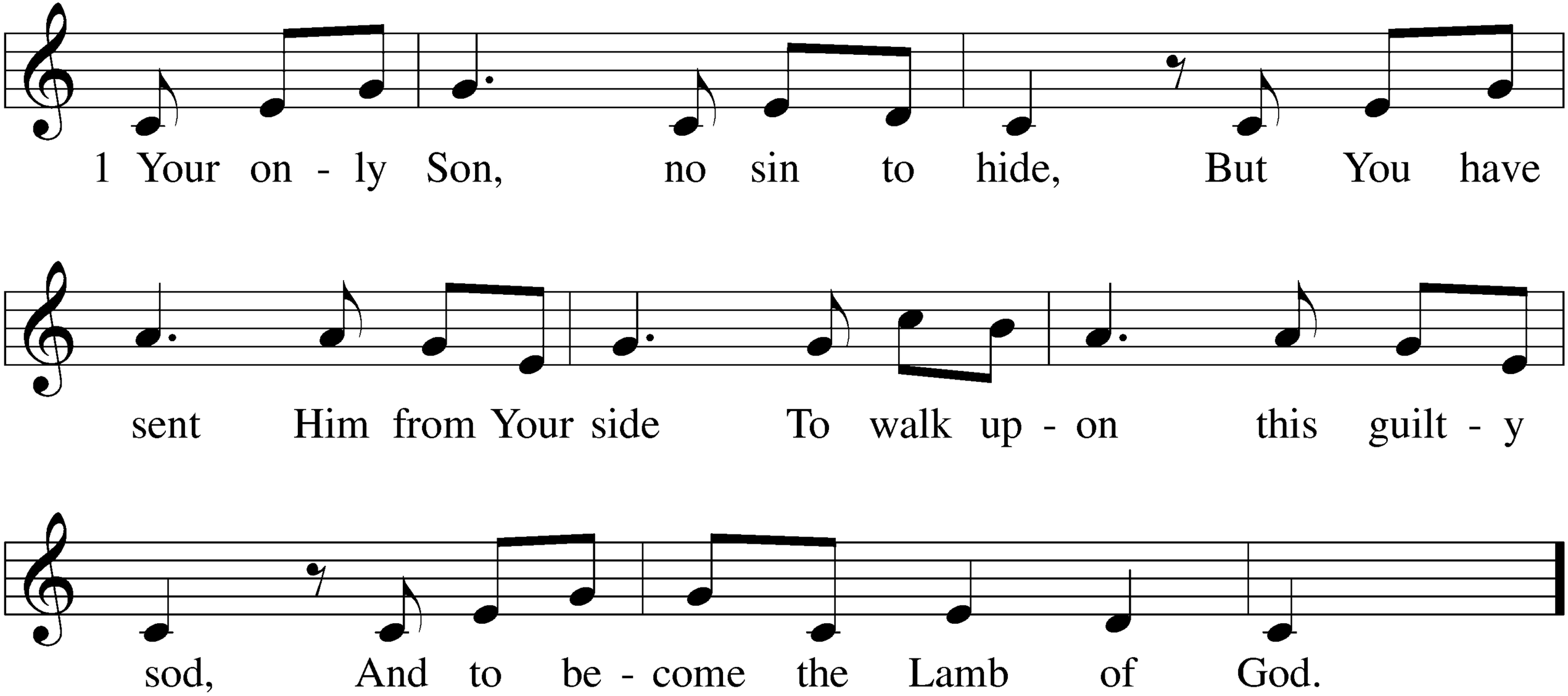

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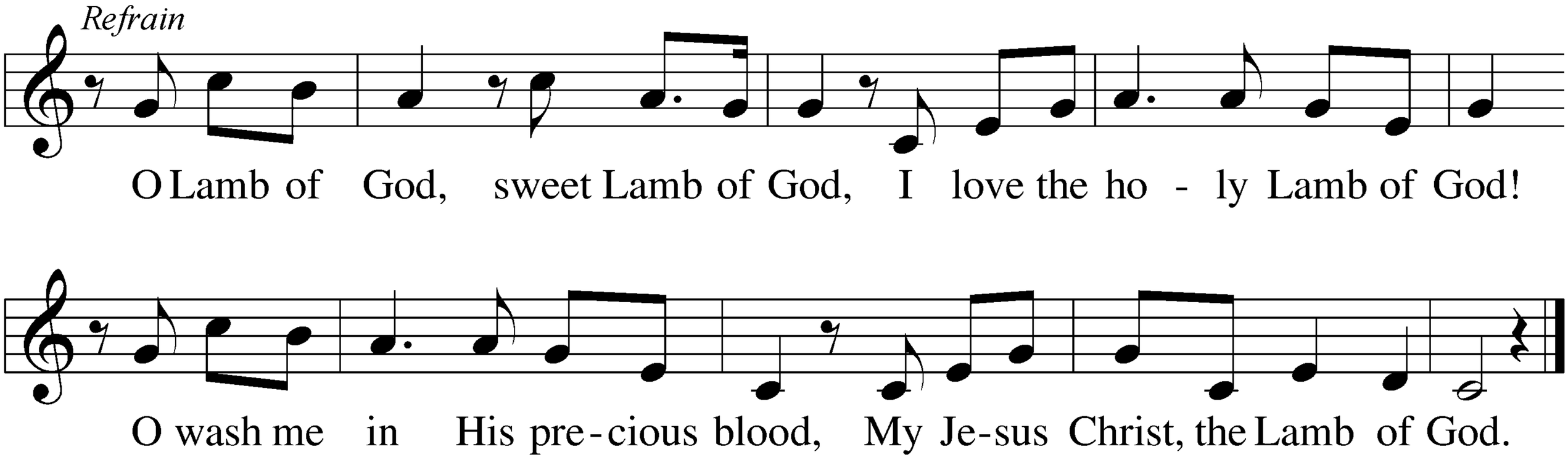

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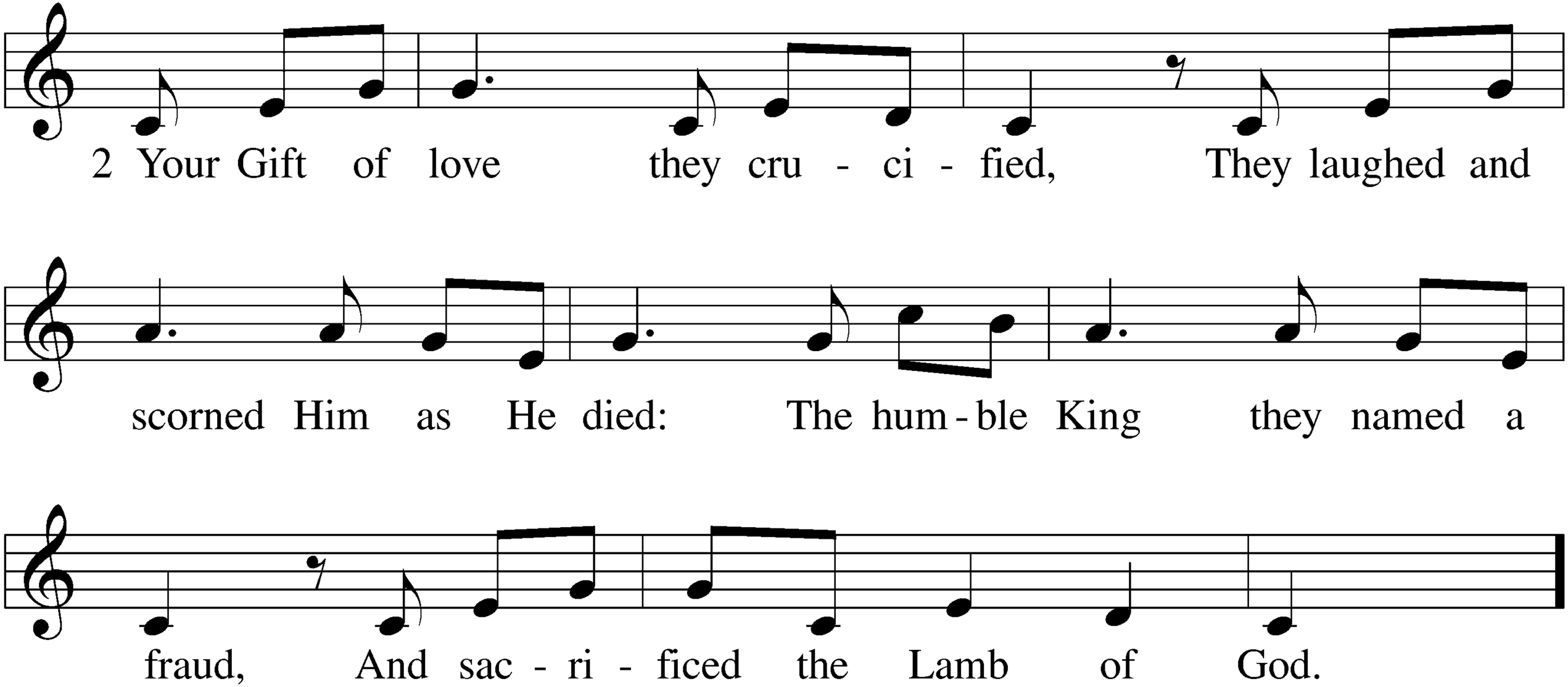

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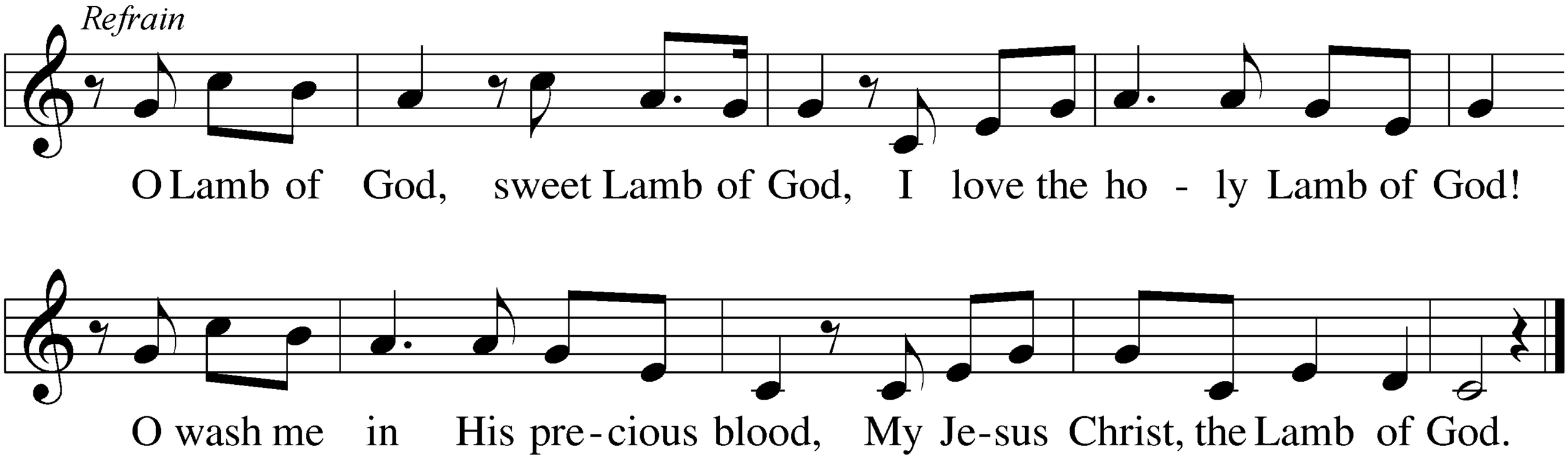

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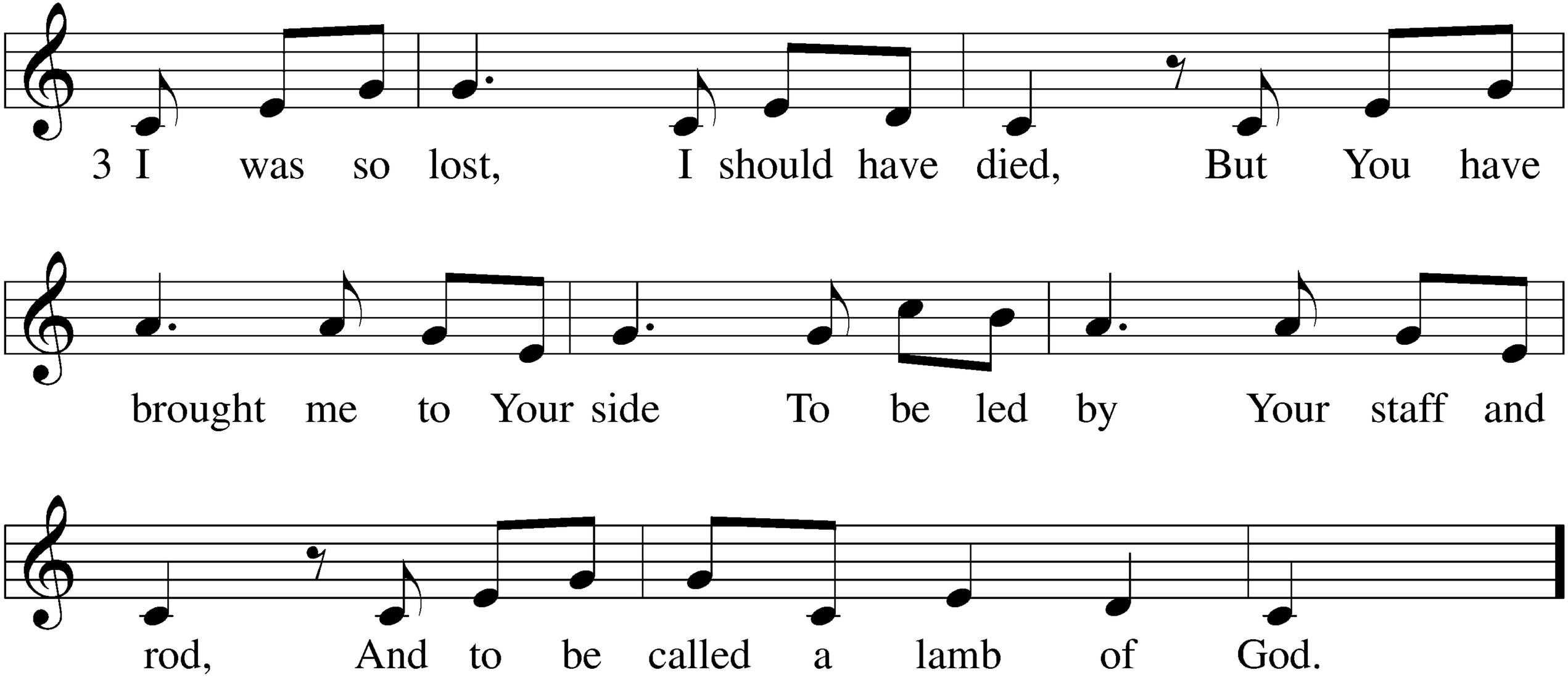

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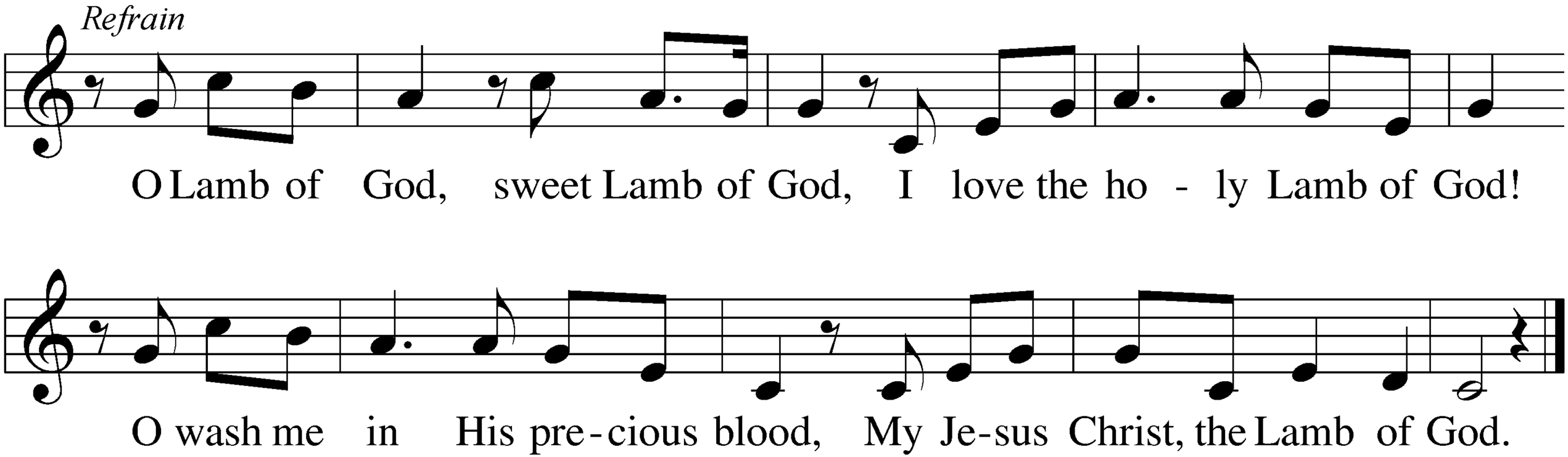

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