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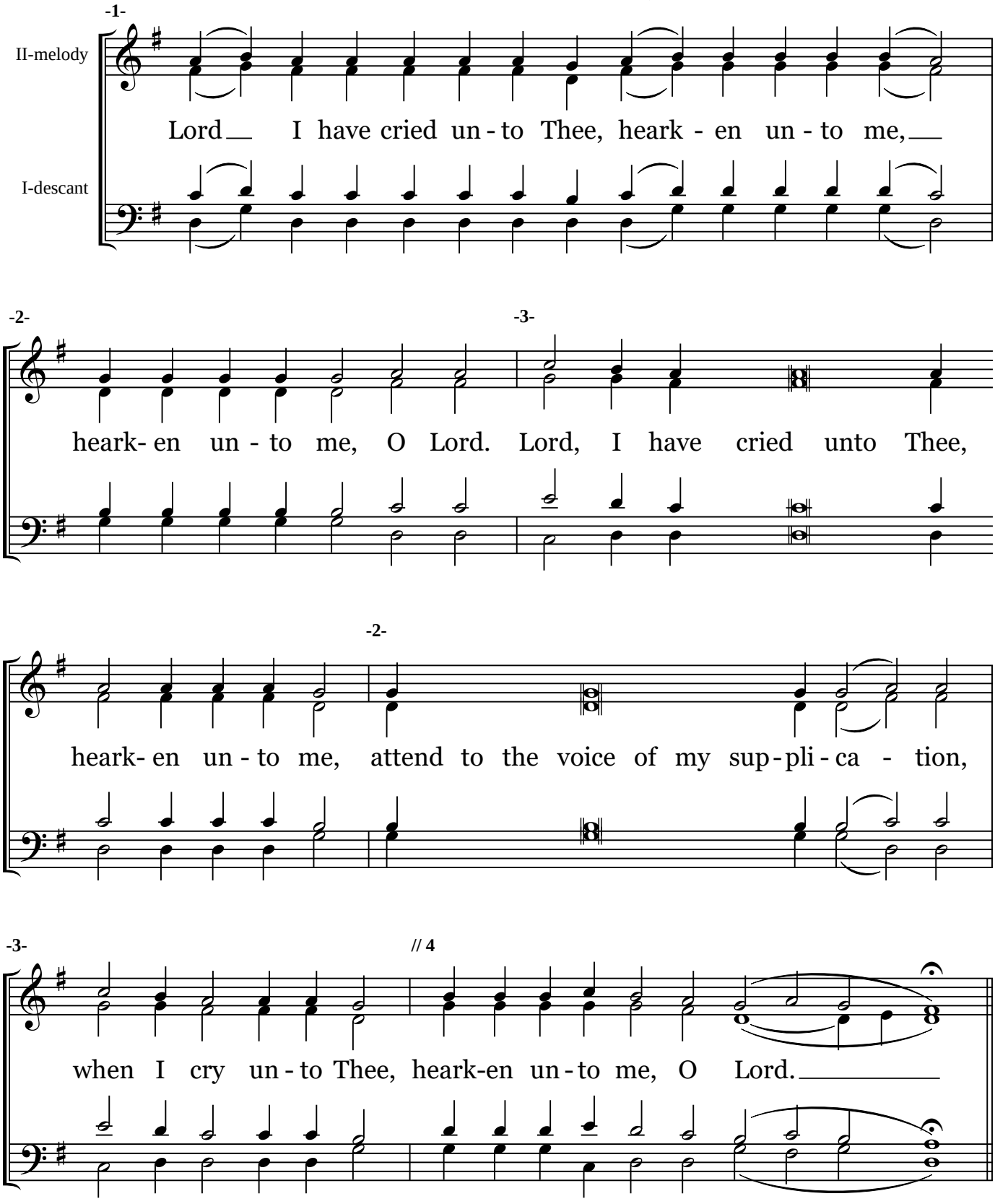
Lord I have Cried

Psalm 140

Tone 2

Reader: **In the 2nd Tone: Lord I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.**



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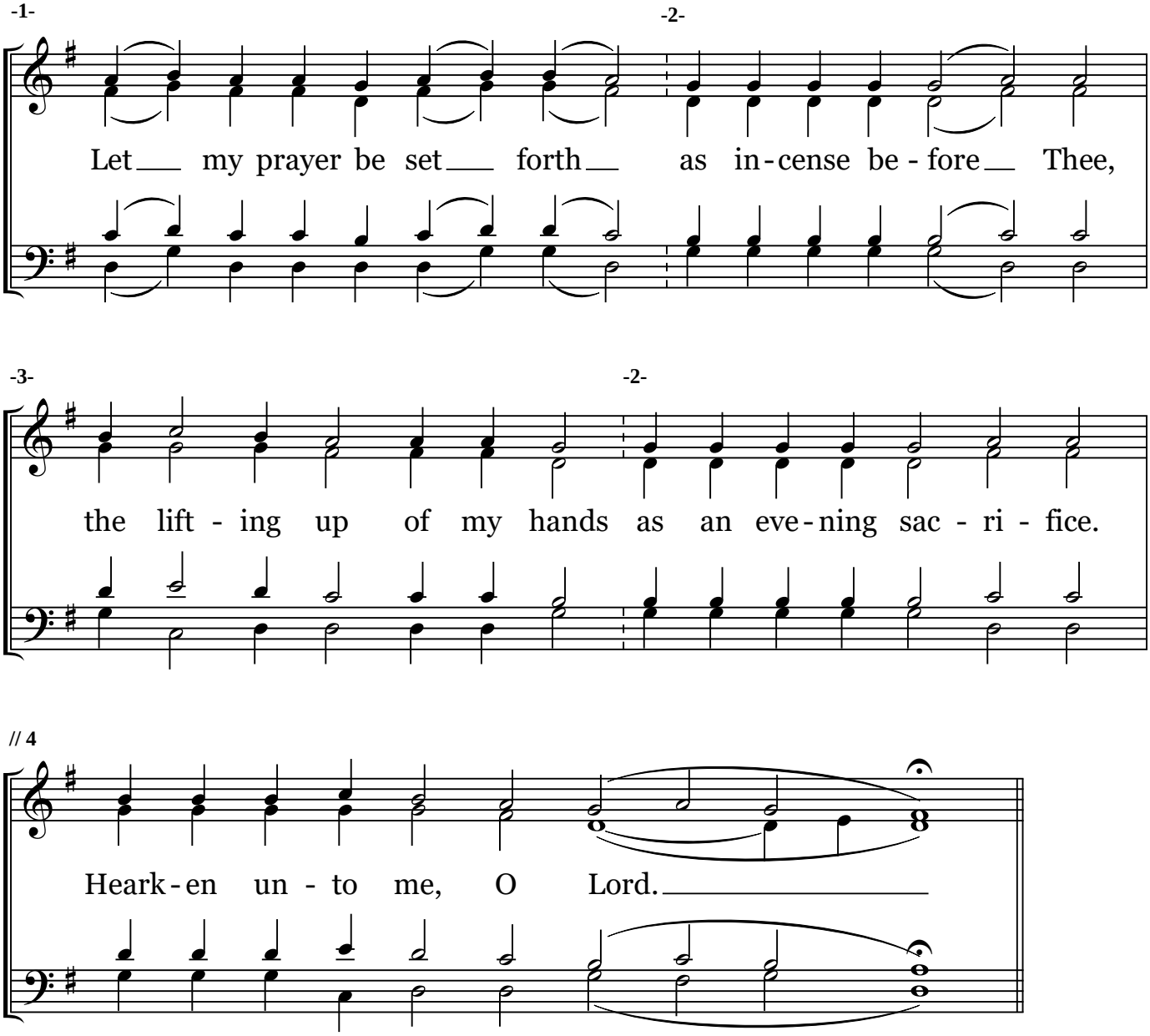

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And the rest of the verses are read (they can be sung at a vigil) down to the point at which the stichera are inserted.

Reader: Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips. *Psalm 140 (continued)*

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication. *Psalm 141*

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.

In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

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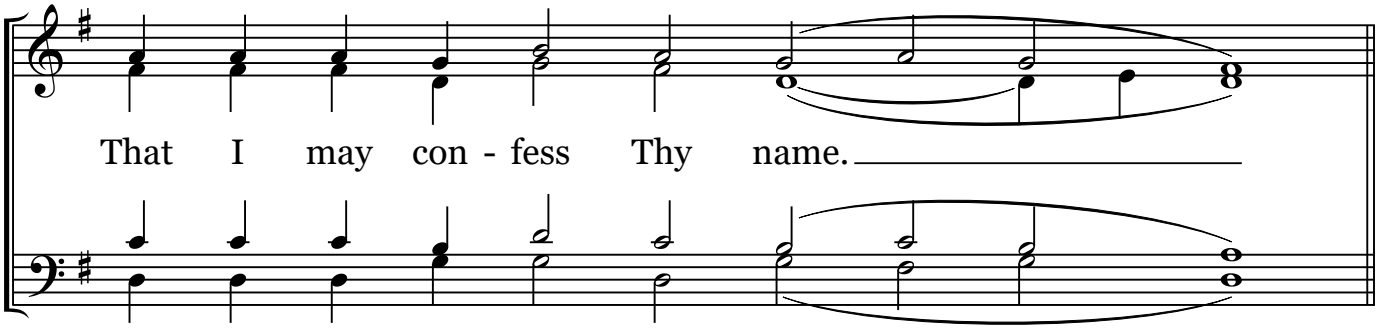
(10) ***Reader:*** **Bring my soul out of prison**



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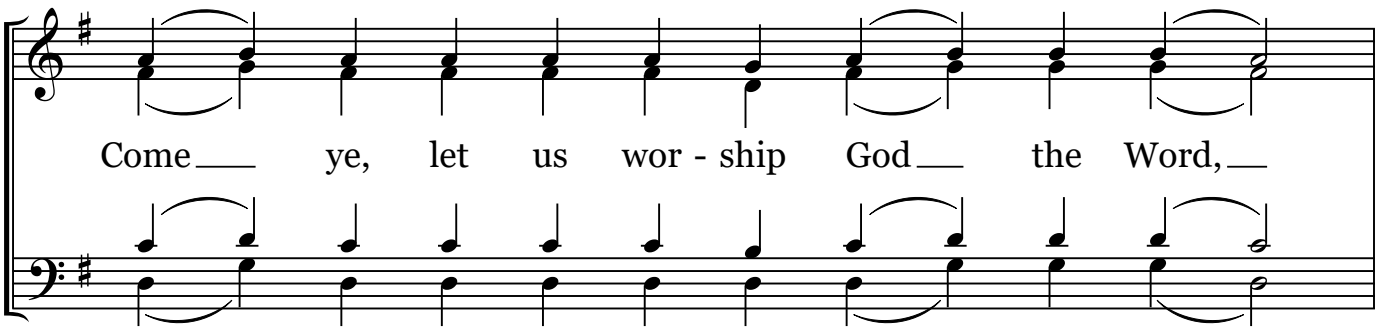

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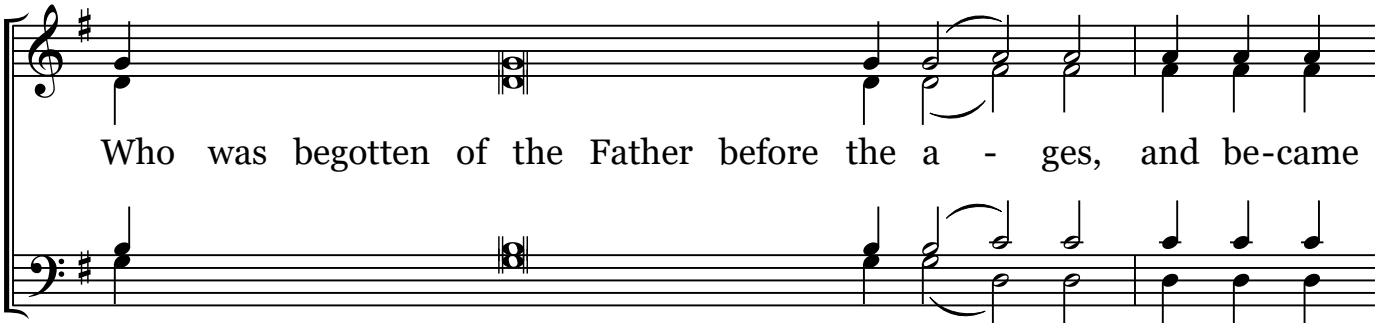

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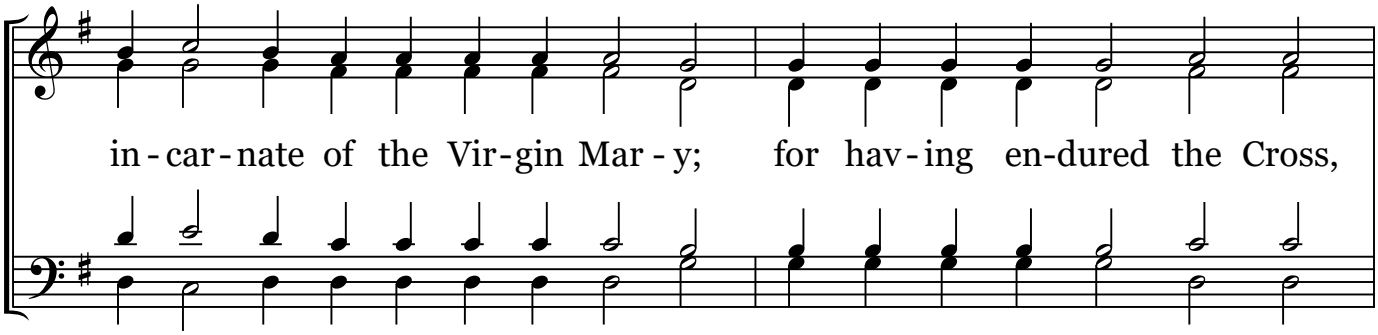

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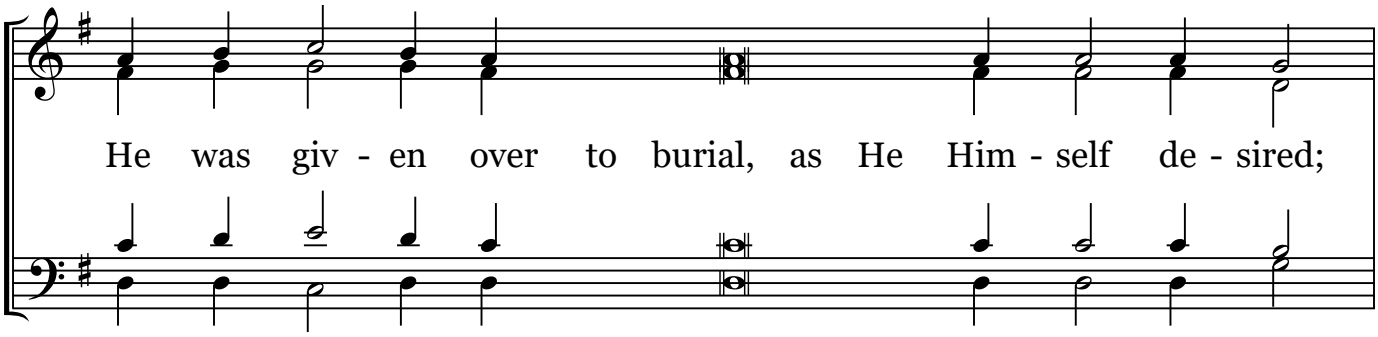

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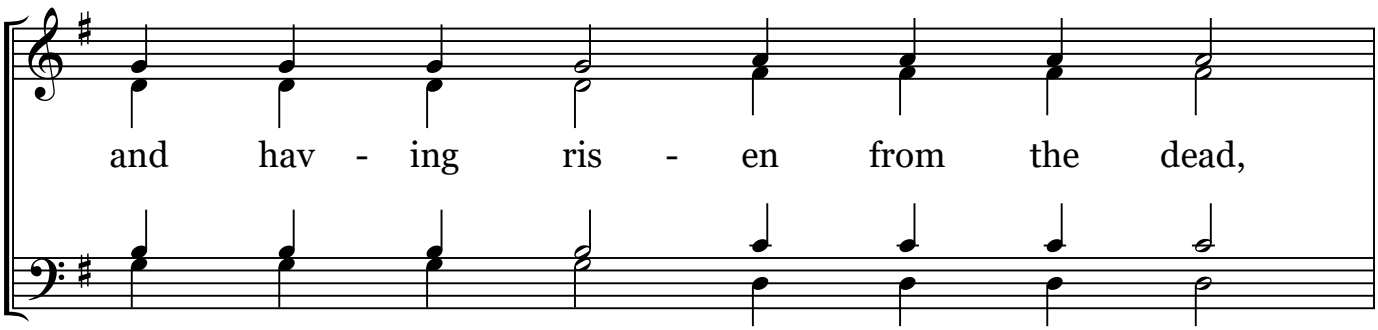

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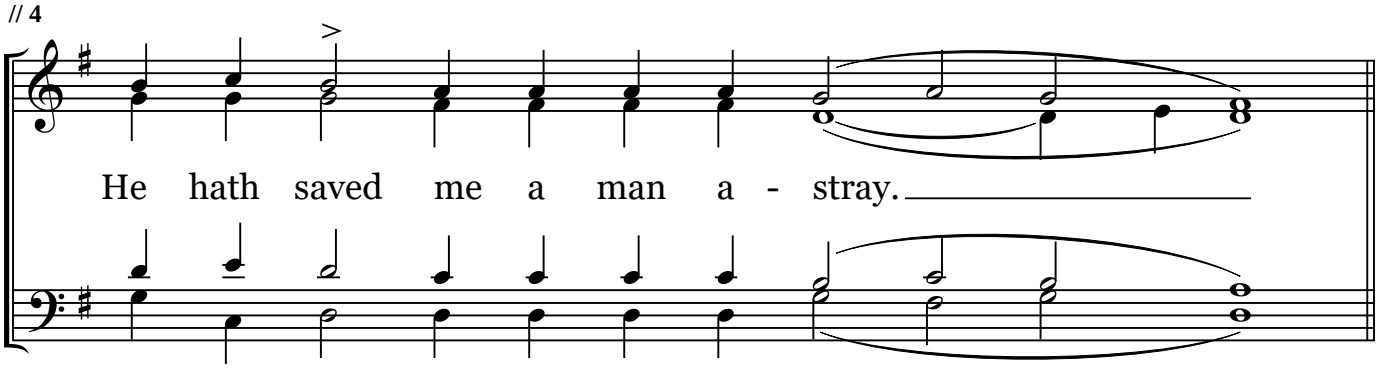

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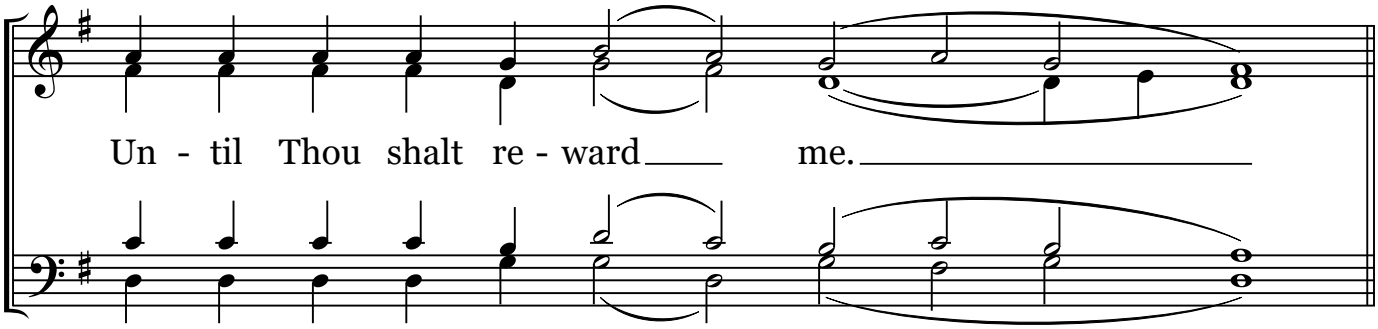
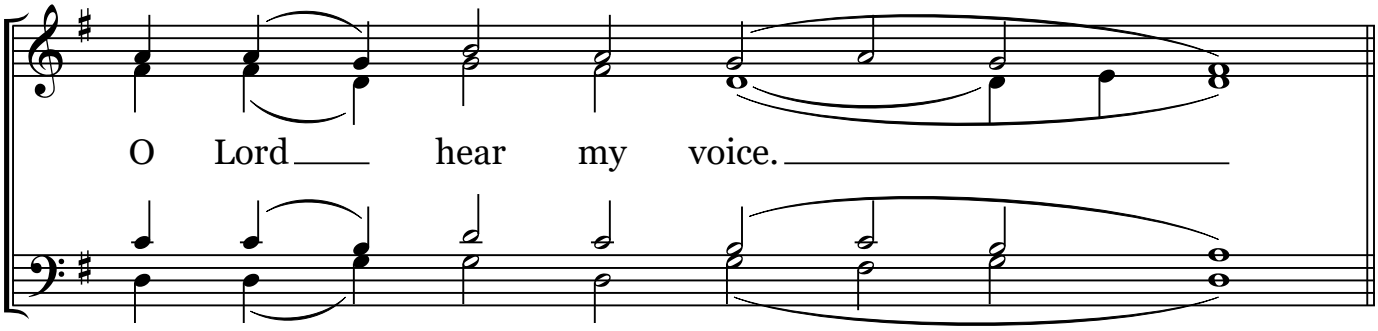
(9) ***Reader:*** **the righteous shall wait patiently for me**



Christ our Saviour, /
having nailed to the Cross the handwriting which is against us, /
hath erased it and abolished the might of death. //
We worship His resurrection on the third day.

(8) ***Reader:*** **Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;**



With the archangels let us hymn the resurrection of Christ; /
for He is the Redeemer and Saviour of our souls, /
and shall come again in awesome glory and mighty power, //
to judge the world which He hath created.

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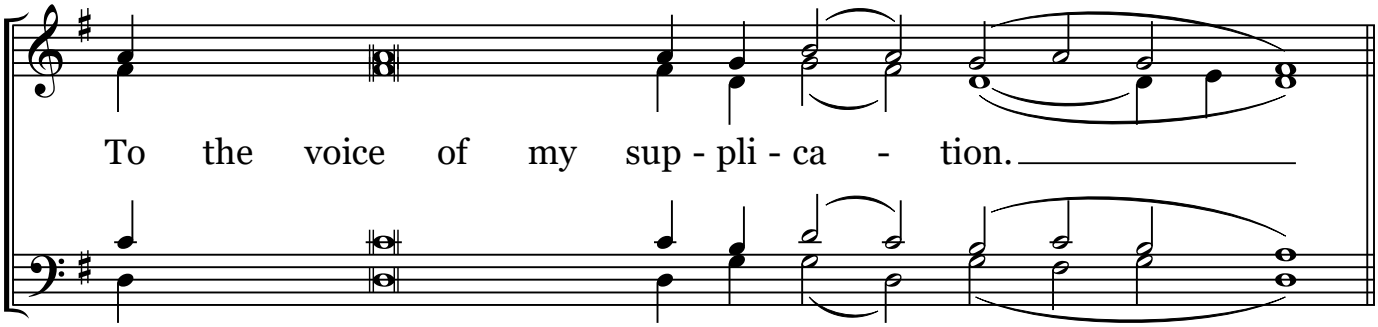
(7) ***Reader:*** **Let Thine ears be attentive**



The angel proclaimed Thee, /
the Master Who had been crucified and buried, /
and he said to the women: /
"Come ye, and see where the Lord lay; /
for He hath arisen, as He said, in that He is almighty!"
Wherefore, we worship Thee, Who alone art immortal. //
O Christ, Bestower of life, have mercy upon us!

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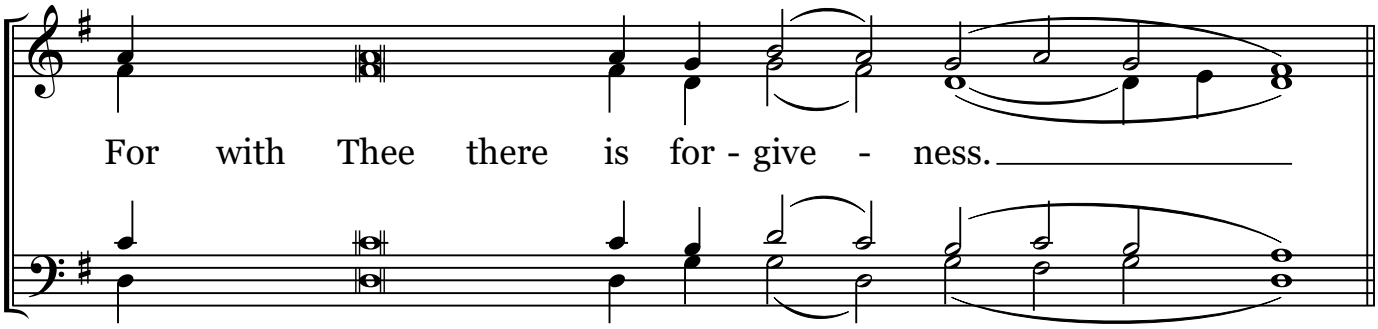
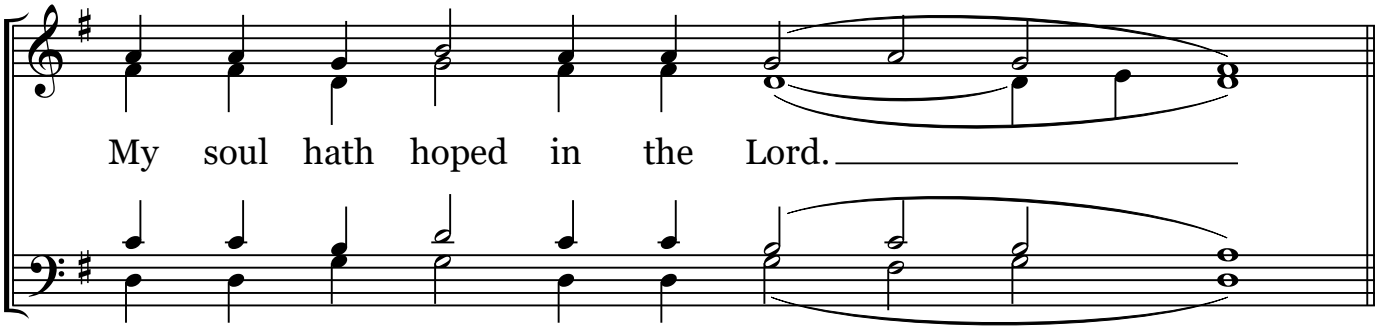
(6) *Reader:* If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish the curse of the Tree; /
by Thy burial Thou didst slay the might of death; /
and by Thine arising Thou didst enlighten the human race. /
Wherefore, we cry out to Thee: //
O Christ our God and Benefactor, glory be to thee!

**(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,**



The gates of death opened unto Thee in fear, O Lord, /
and the gatekeepers of hades, seeing Thee, were afraid; /
for Thou didst shatter the brazen gates, /
didst break their chains of iron, /
didst lead us forth from darkness and the shadow of death, //
and didst rend our bonds asunder.

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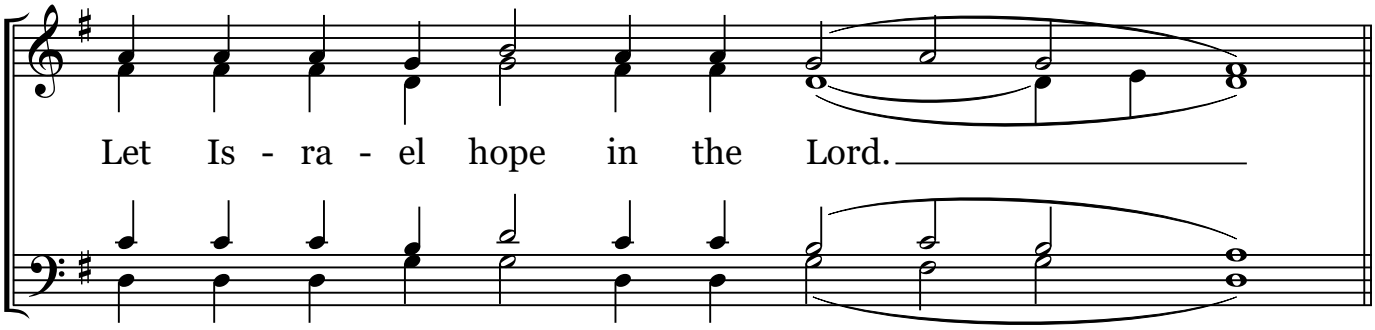
(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



Come ye, let us all fall down before the house of the Lord; /

and chanting, let us send forth from our mouth a hymn of salvation, saying: /

O Thou Who wast crucified on the Tree, /

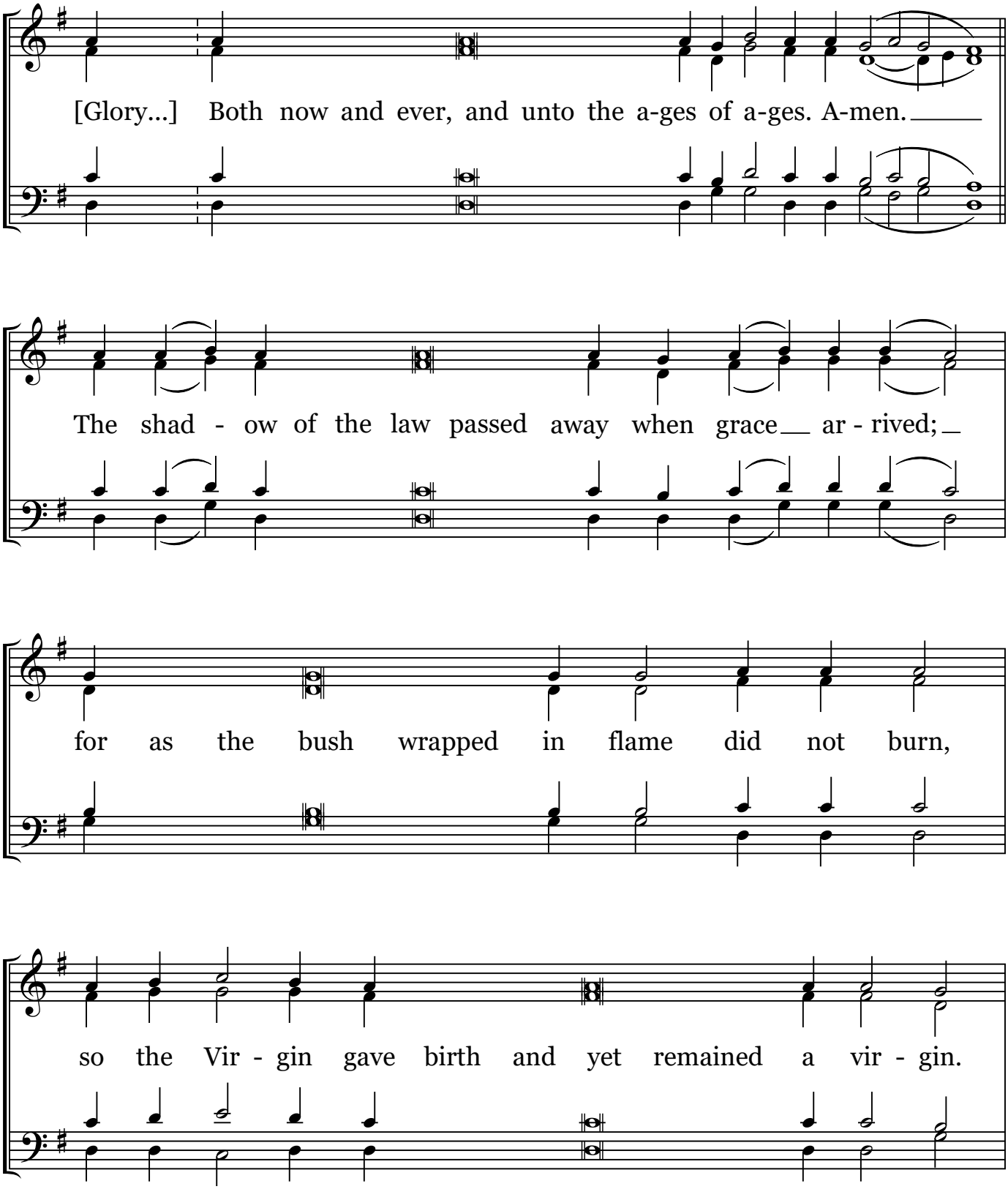
Who rose from the dead /

and art in the bosom of the Father, //

cleanse us of our sins.

The Dogmatic Theotokion - Tone 2

Reader: **[Glory]** **Both now, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the [2nd Tone.]**



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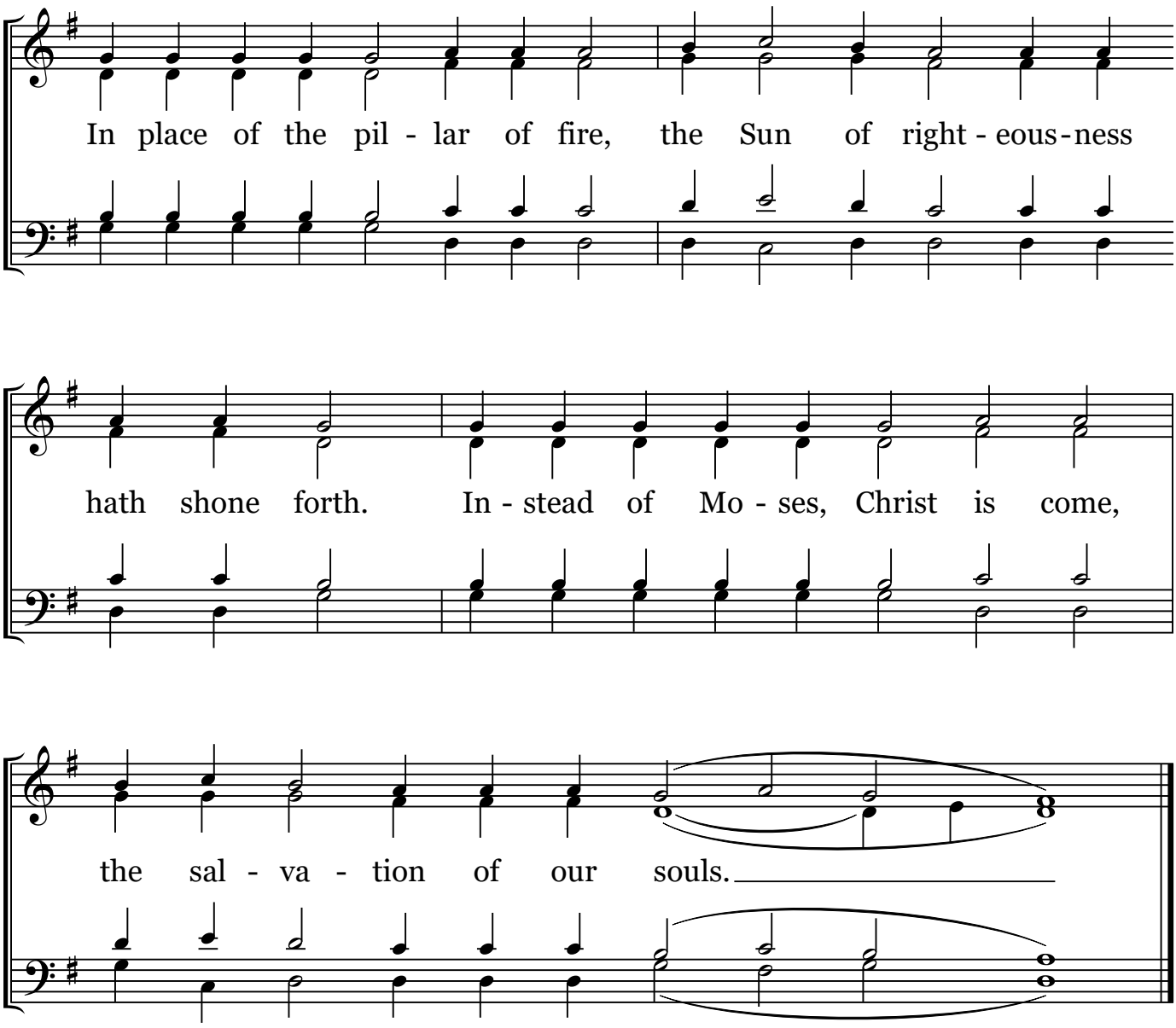

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