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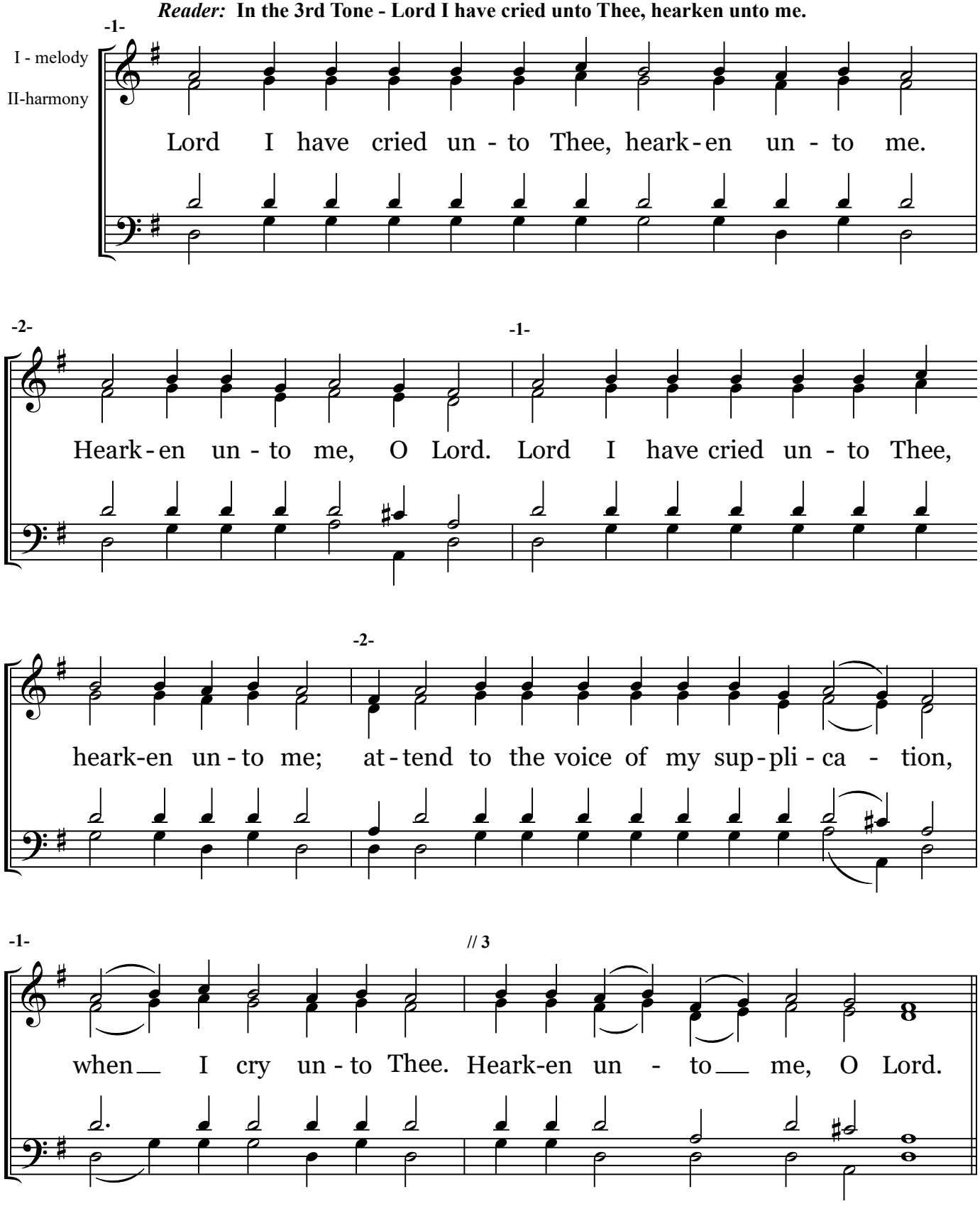
Lord I have Cried

Psalm 140

Tone 3

Reader: **In the 3rd Tone - Lord I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.**



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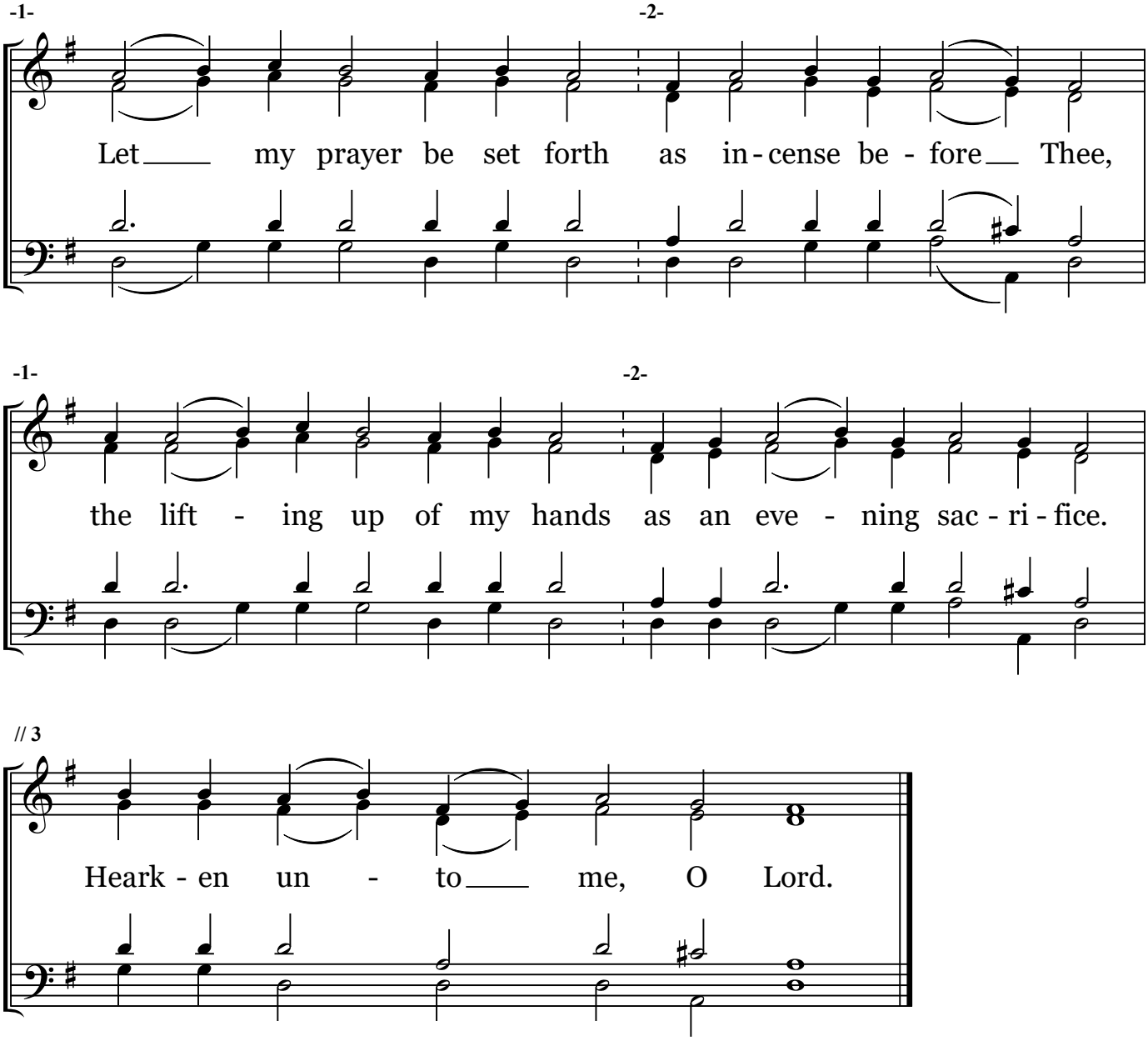

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And the rest of the verses are read (they can be sung at a vigil) down to the point at which the stichera are inserted.

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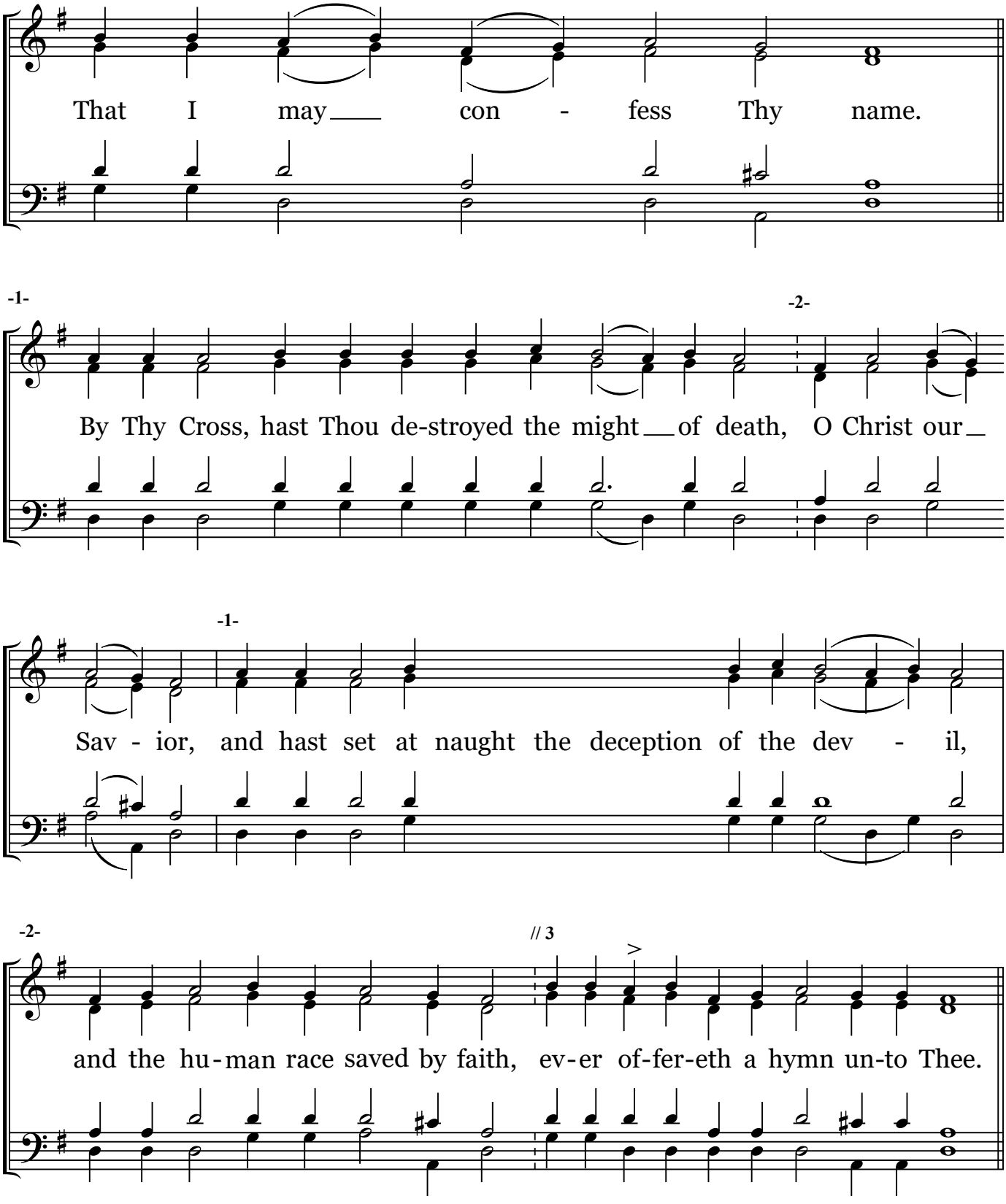
(10) ***Reader:*** **Bring my soul out of prison:**



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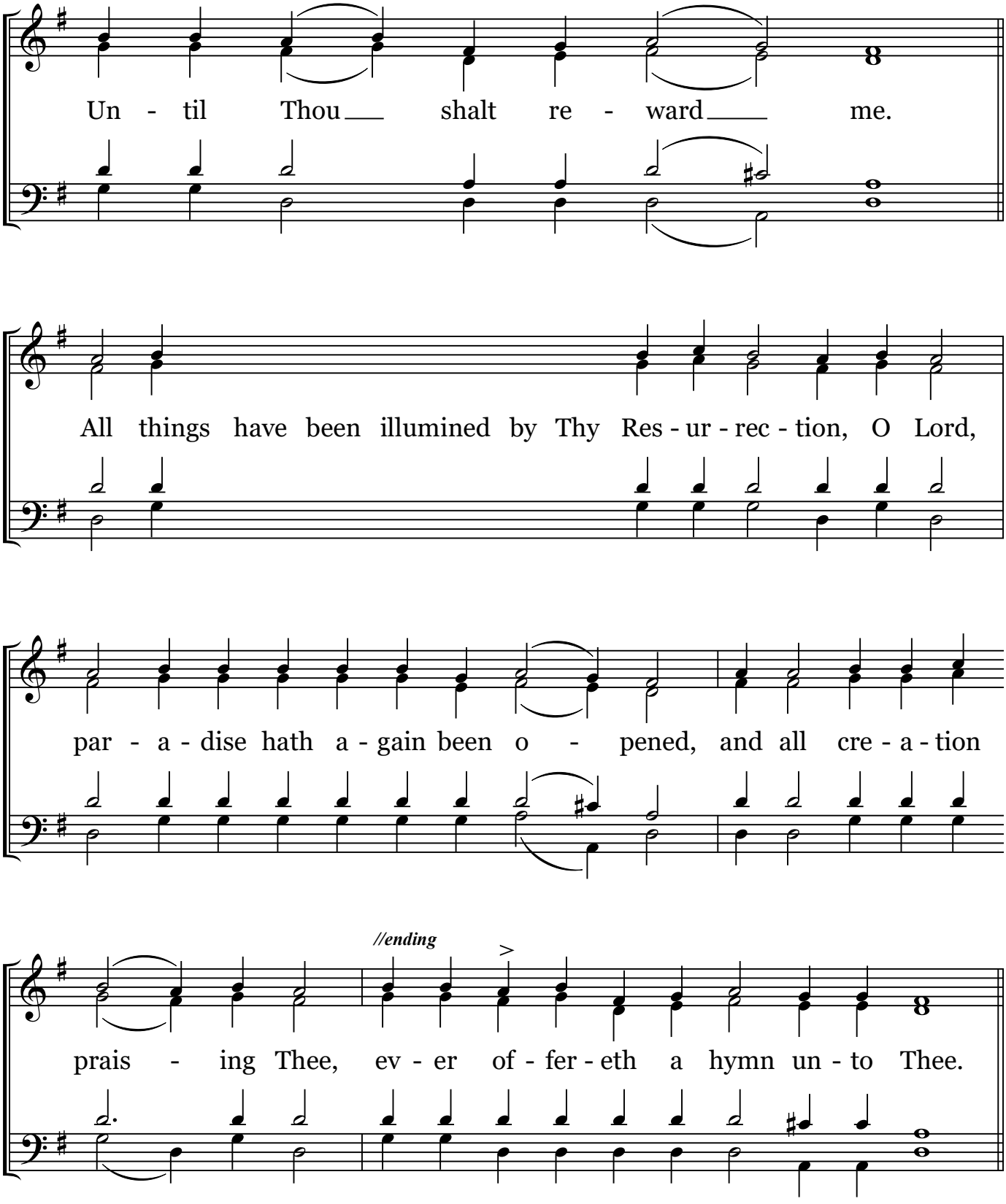
(9) *Reader:* The righteous shall wait patiently for me



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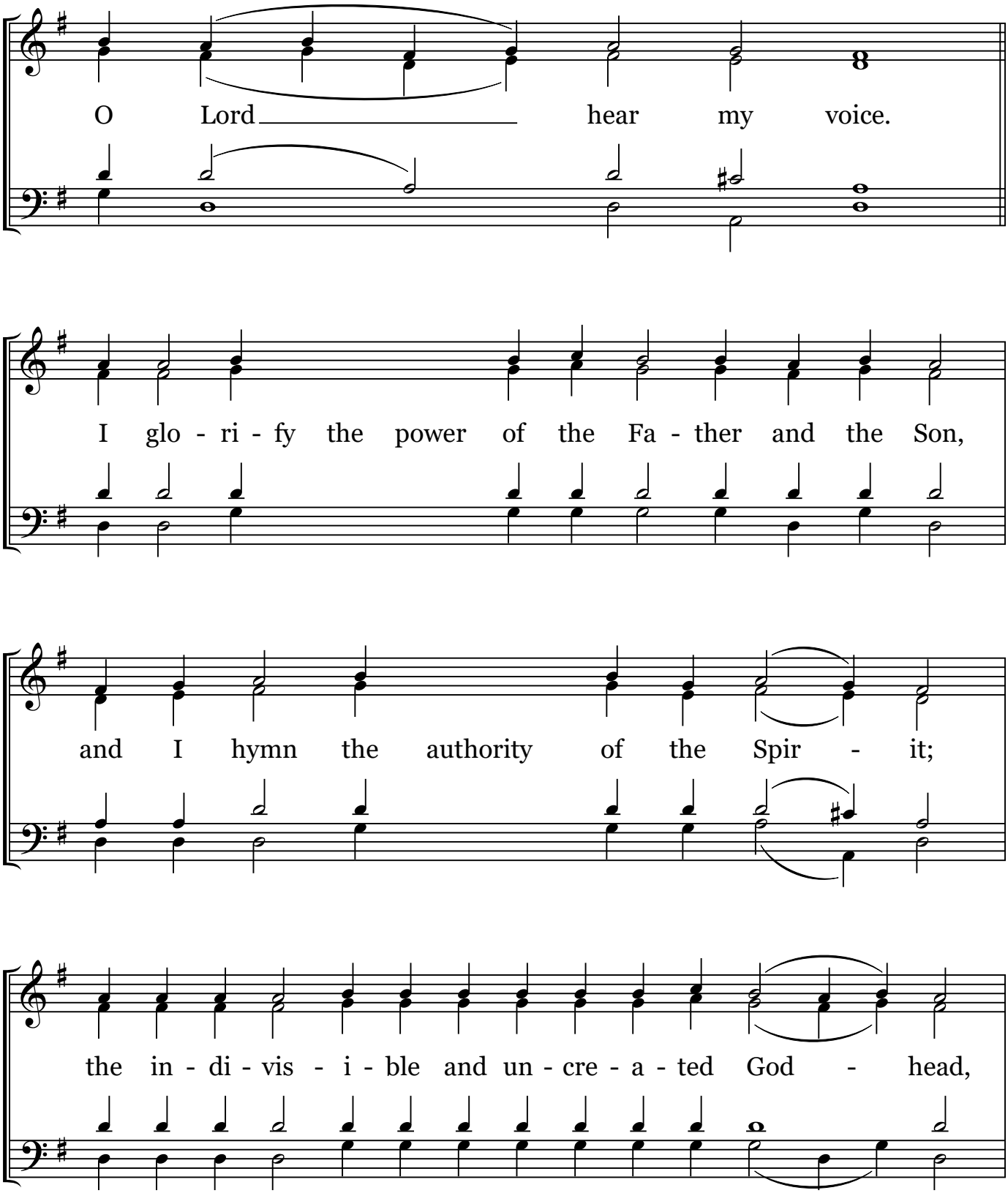
(8) ***Reader:*** **Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;**



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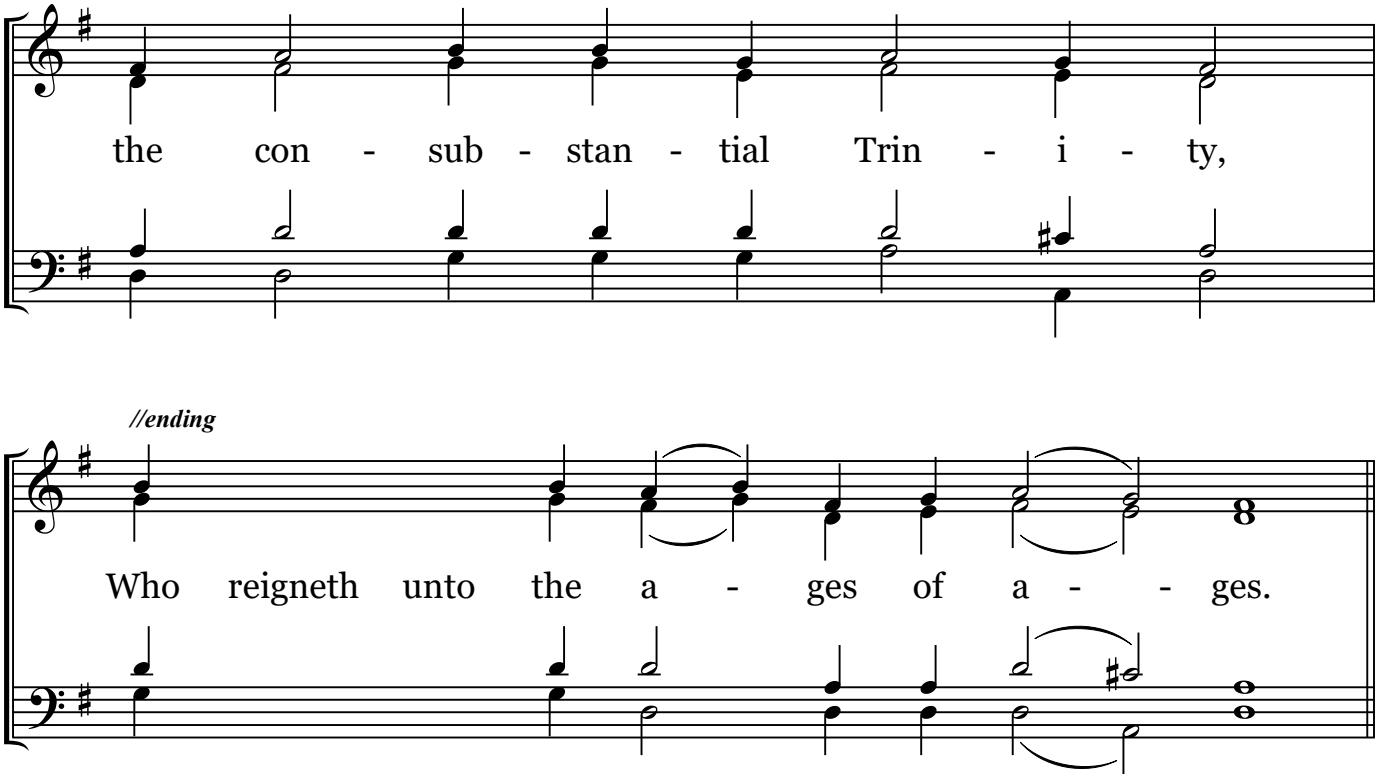

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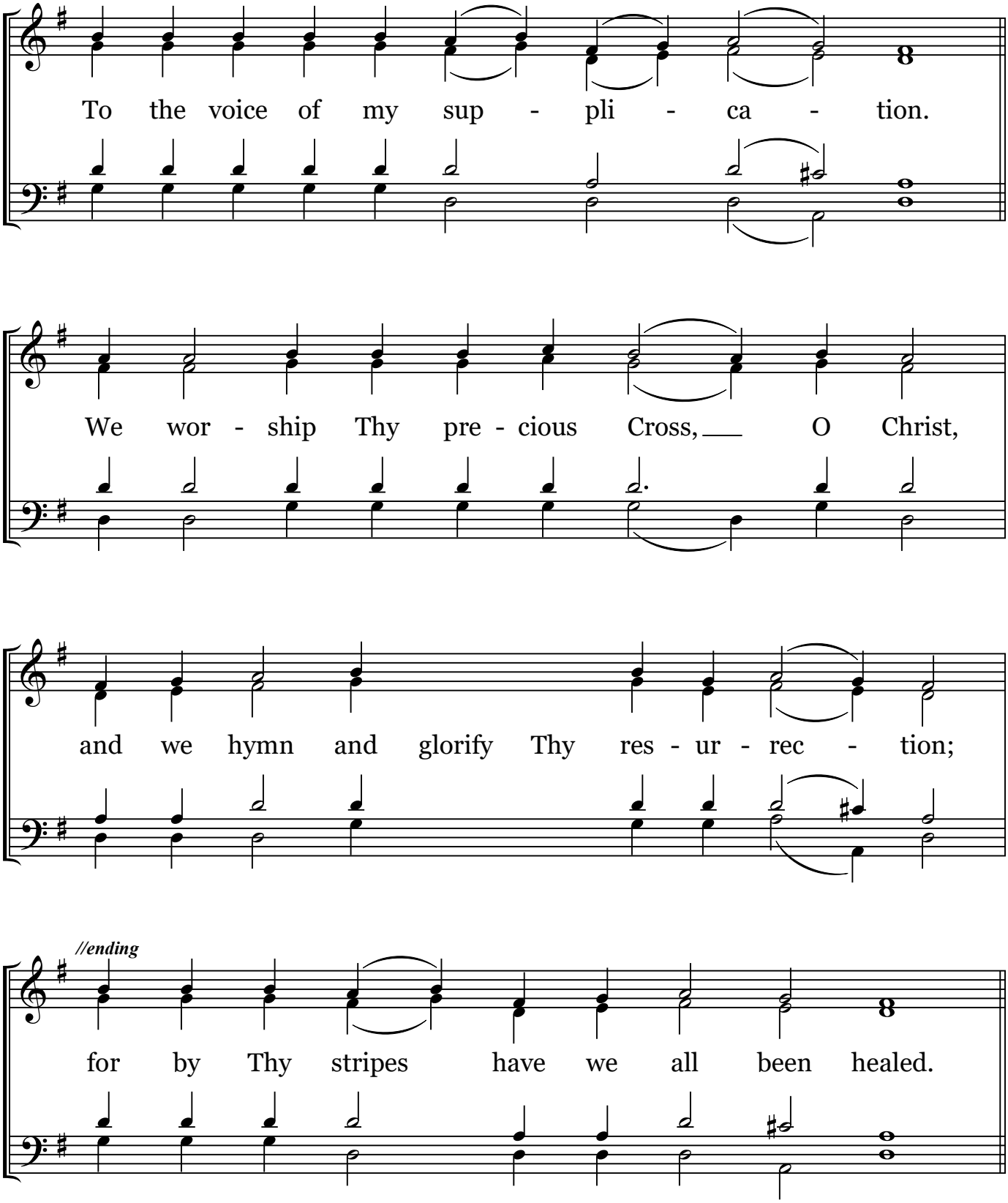
(7) ***Reader:*** **Let thine ears be attentive**



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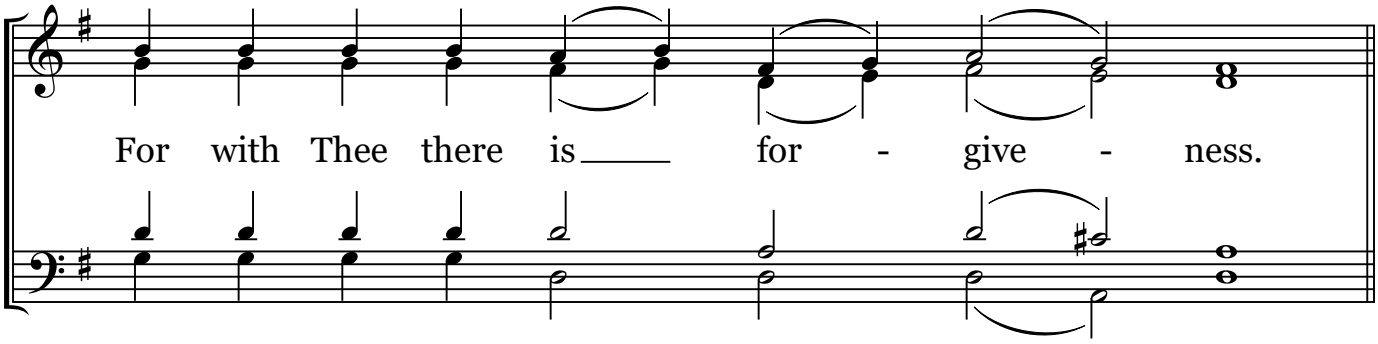
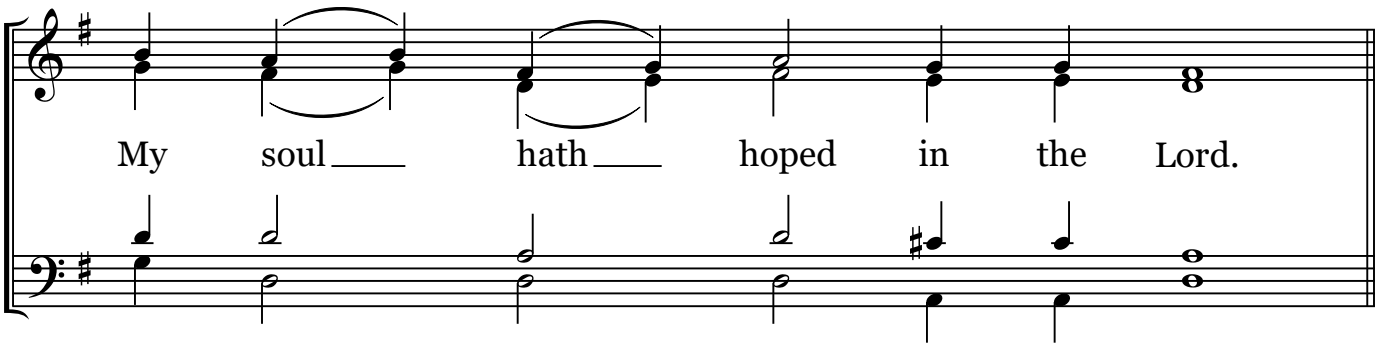
(6) *Reader:* If thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



We hymn the Saviour, incarnate of the Virgin; /
for, crucified for our sake, He arose on the third day, //
granting us great mercy.

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



Descending, Christ proclaimed the glad tidings /
to those in hades, saying: /
"Be of good cheer! Now have I triumphed! /
I am the resurrection! //
And, breaking down the gates of death, I will lead you up!"

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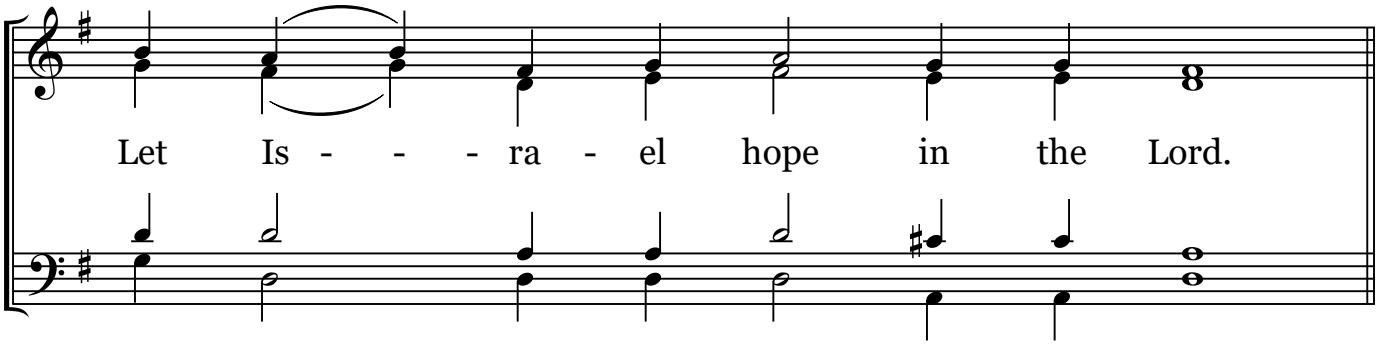
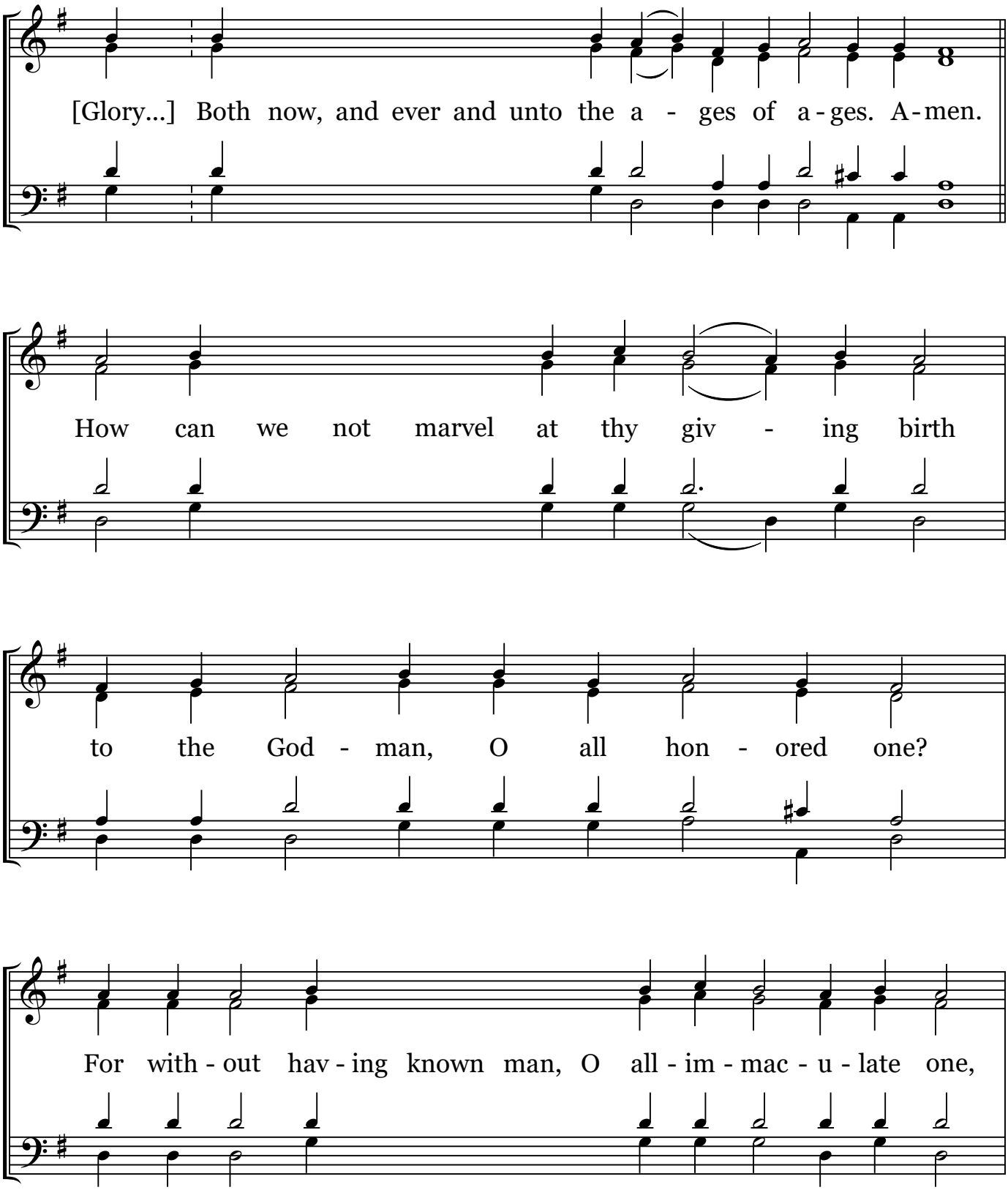
(4) ***Reader:*** **From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch**



Standing unworthily in Thine all-pure house, O Christ God, /
we send up our evening hymnody, /
crying out from the depths of our souls: /
O Thou Who lovest mankind, /
Who illumined the world with thy resurrection on the third day, //
rescue Thy people from the hands of Thine enemies.

The Dogmatic Theotokion - Tone 3

Reader: **[Glory] Both now, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the [3rd tone.]**



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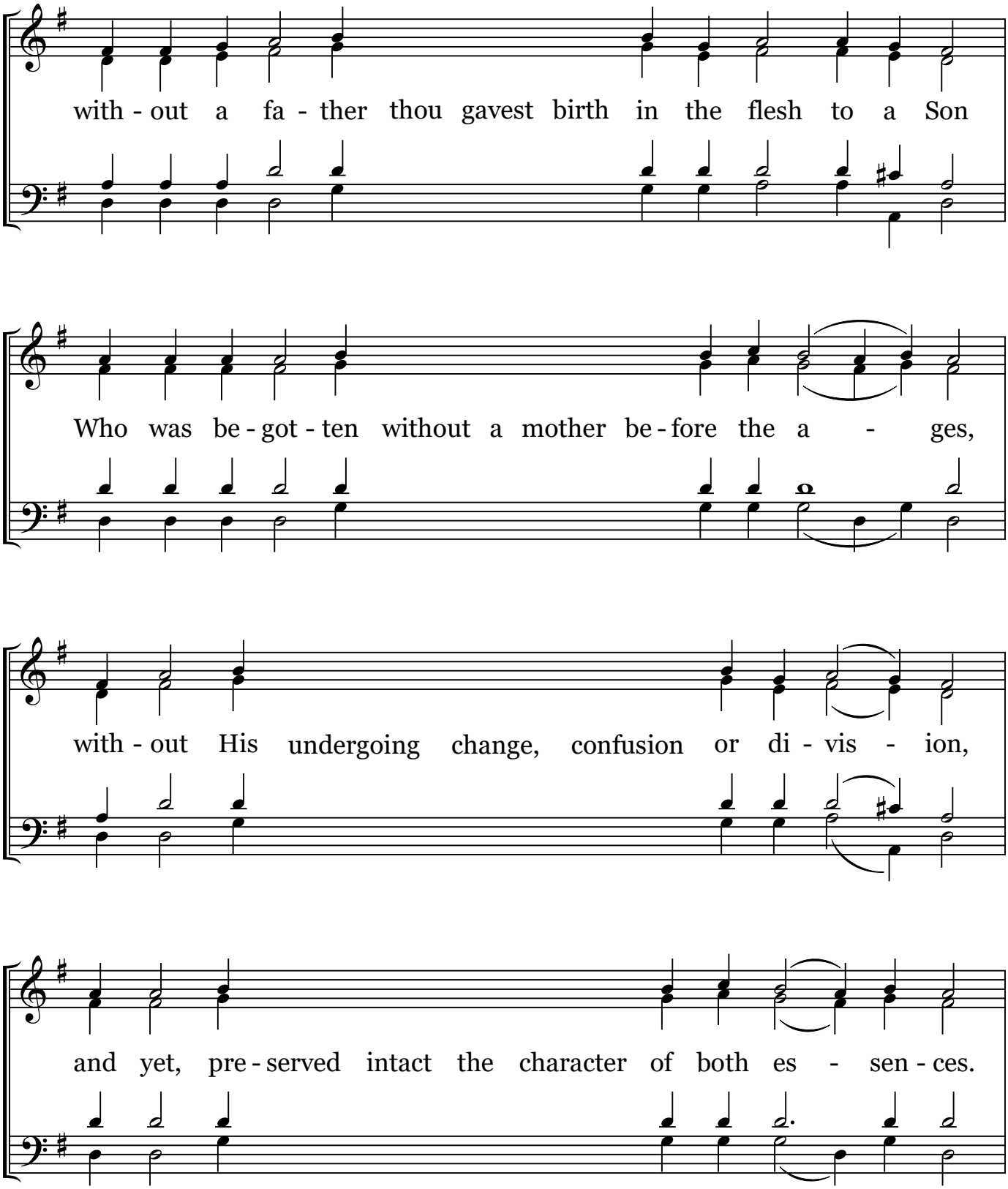

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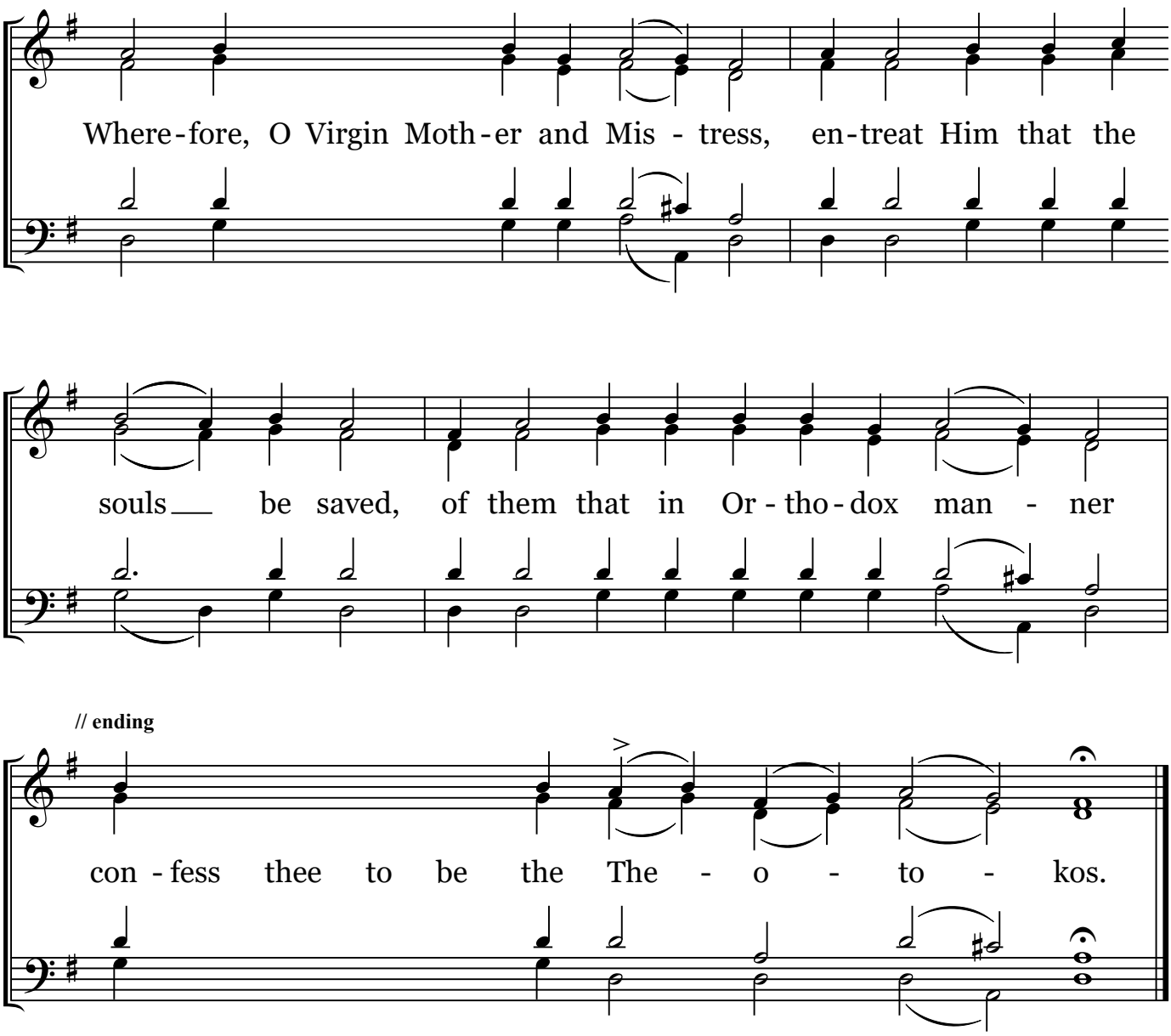

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