Week 1 – Season of Creation

September 8, 2024 – 10:00 am

New Hope Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering: Lord of the Wind and Sea Lloyd Larson
Words of Welcome
Prelude: Jesus Loves the Little Children/Jesus Loves Me arr. Mark Hayes

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WORD

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-19
L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading: Psalm 33:1-9
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Gospel Acclamation ACS p. 33
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14 **C: Glory to you, O Lord**.
L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time Rev. Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Touch the Earth Lightly ELW #739

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
   Nourish the life of the world in our care:
   Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
   Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
   Agents of death for all creatures that live,
   We who would foster clouds of disaster –
   God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
   Water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
   Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
   Regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
   God of the seedling, the snow and the sun.
   Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
   Using us gently, and making us one.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed
ACS p. 17

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy… **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ
L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering *(At this time, we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy! In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through congregational efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle material goods and nature's resources. We appreciate your gifts of time, energy, money, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today – either on person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)*
Offertory: Beautiful Savior arr. David Berry
Offering Response: Let Justice Flow Like Streams (v. 2 only) ELW #717

2. Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
   An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus ACS p. 40

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Hymn during Communion: I Come With Joy ELW #482

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
   The life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
   The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
   in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
   The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
   and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
   Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
   We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
   the love that makes us one.

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray… **C: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Beautiful Savior ELW #838

1. Beautiful Savior, king of creation,
   Son of God and Son of Man!
   Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
   Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
   Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
   Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
   He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
   Bright the sparkling stars on high;
   Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
   Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
   Son of God and Son of Man!
   Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
   Now and forevermore be thine!

L: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Sunshine 1887/I've God the Joy arr. Mark Hayes

Accompanist: James Rickley **Cantor:** Victoria Bull **Reader:** Melanie Jensen
Communion Assistant: Ron Coons **Fellowship:** Dona Shehan
Acolyte:

Announcements for Week of September 8:

- The Quilters will meet Monday, (9/9) from 6-8 pm in the Social Hall.
- Word on Wednesday (aka WOW!) for children pre-K through grade 5 will meet this Wednesday from 6-7 pm for a simple meal, bible story, and activity.
- GF Community Band resumes rehearsals Thursday (9/12) at 7 pm – Fireside Room
- Celebration of Life for Ike Kaufman will on Friday (9/13) at 2 pm at the Newberry.

Keeping in Prayer… Debra; Pat; Danny; Triston; Fred; Bob & Andie; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Rachelle; Ace; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Brian; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Don & Donna; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Jerry; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta, Elaine.

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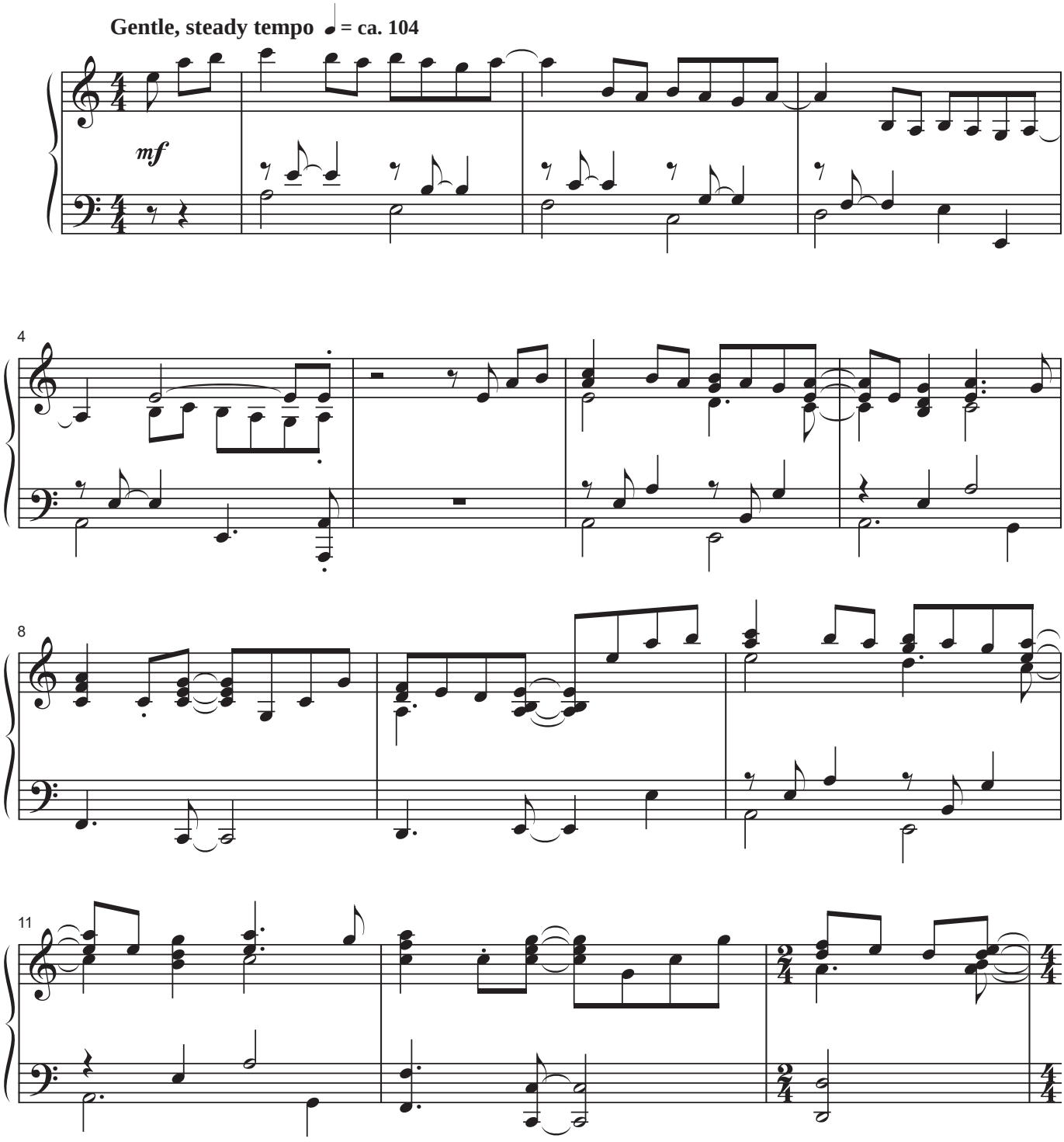
Lord of the Wind and the Sea

Music by
Lloyd Larson



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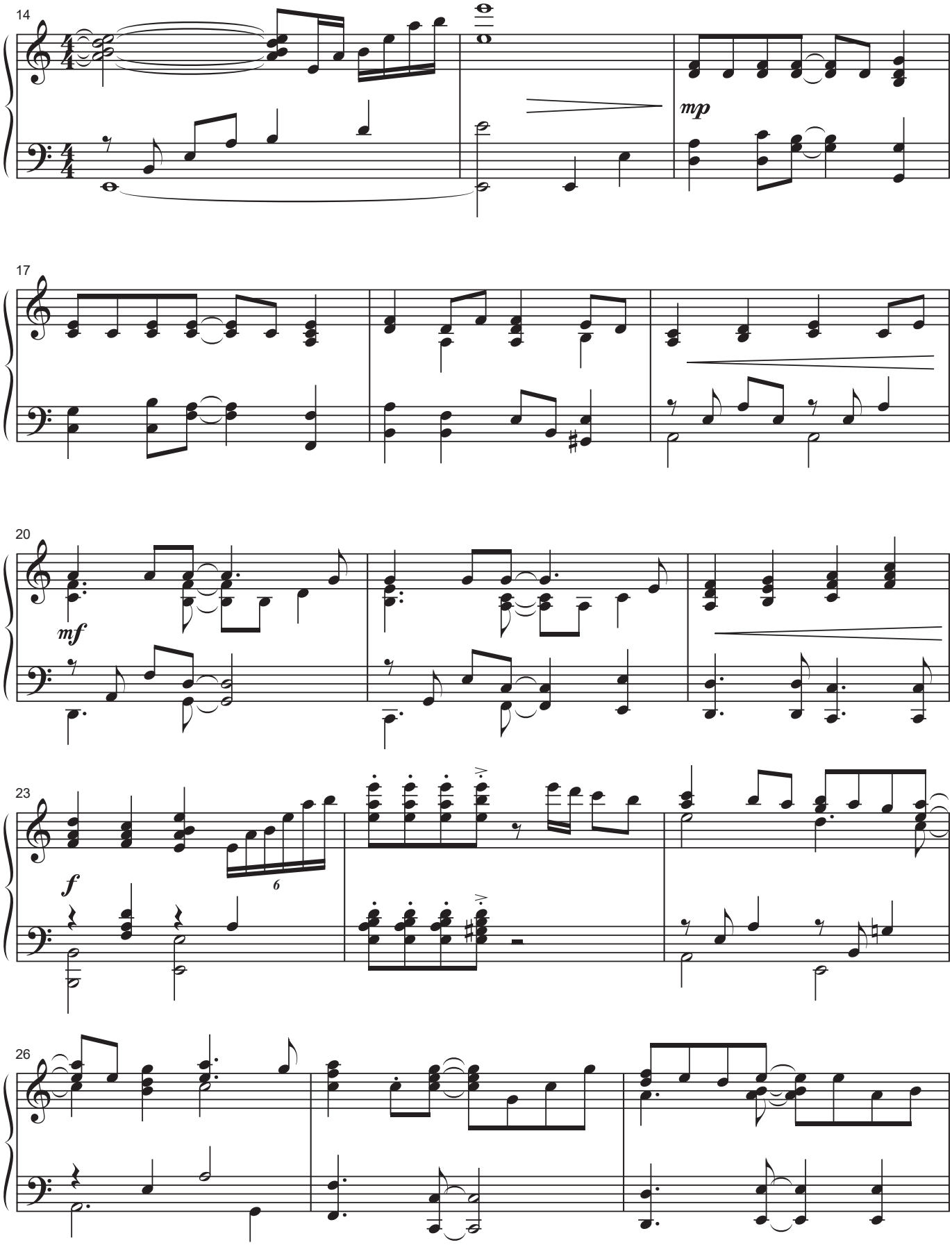
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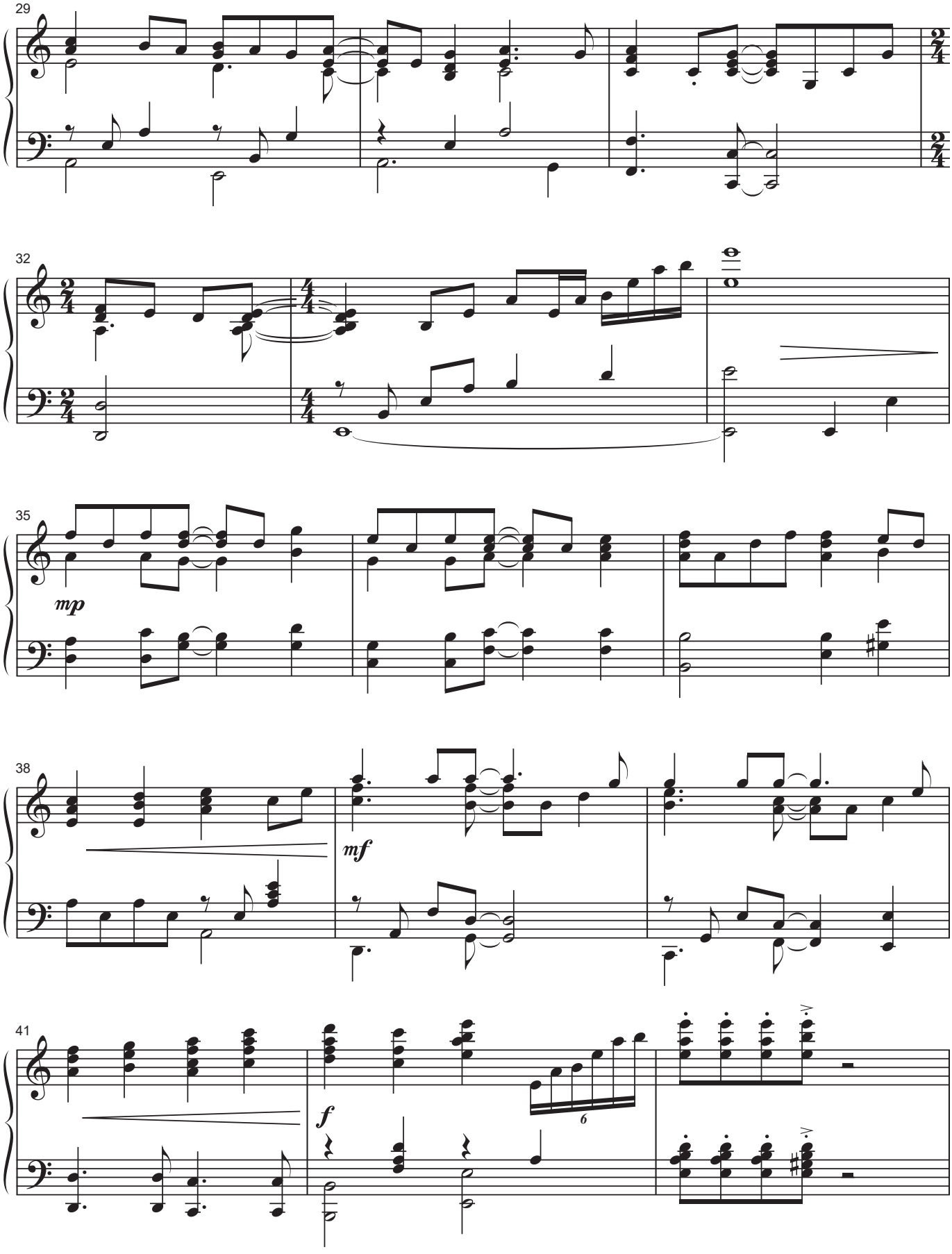
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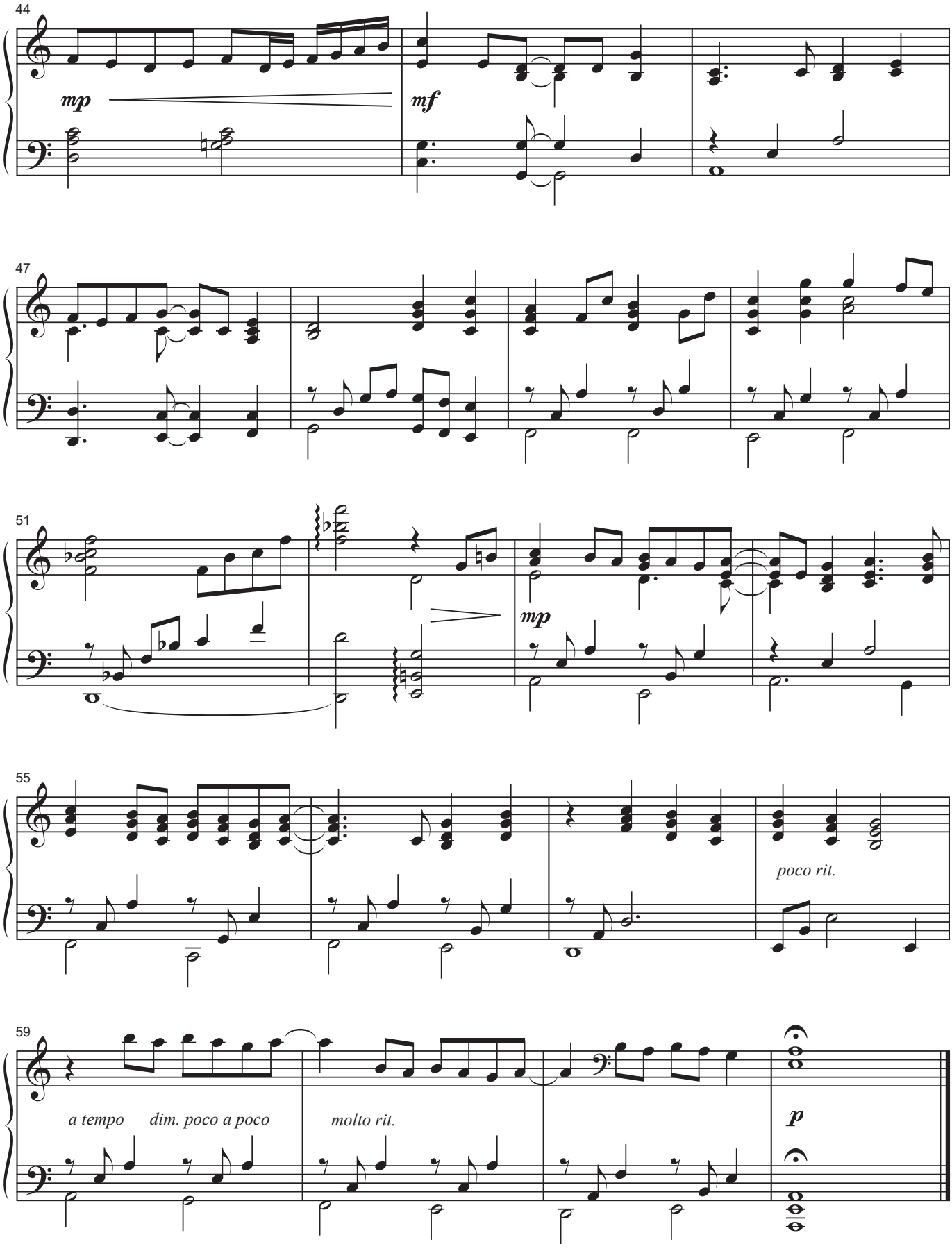
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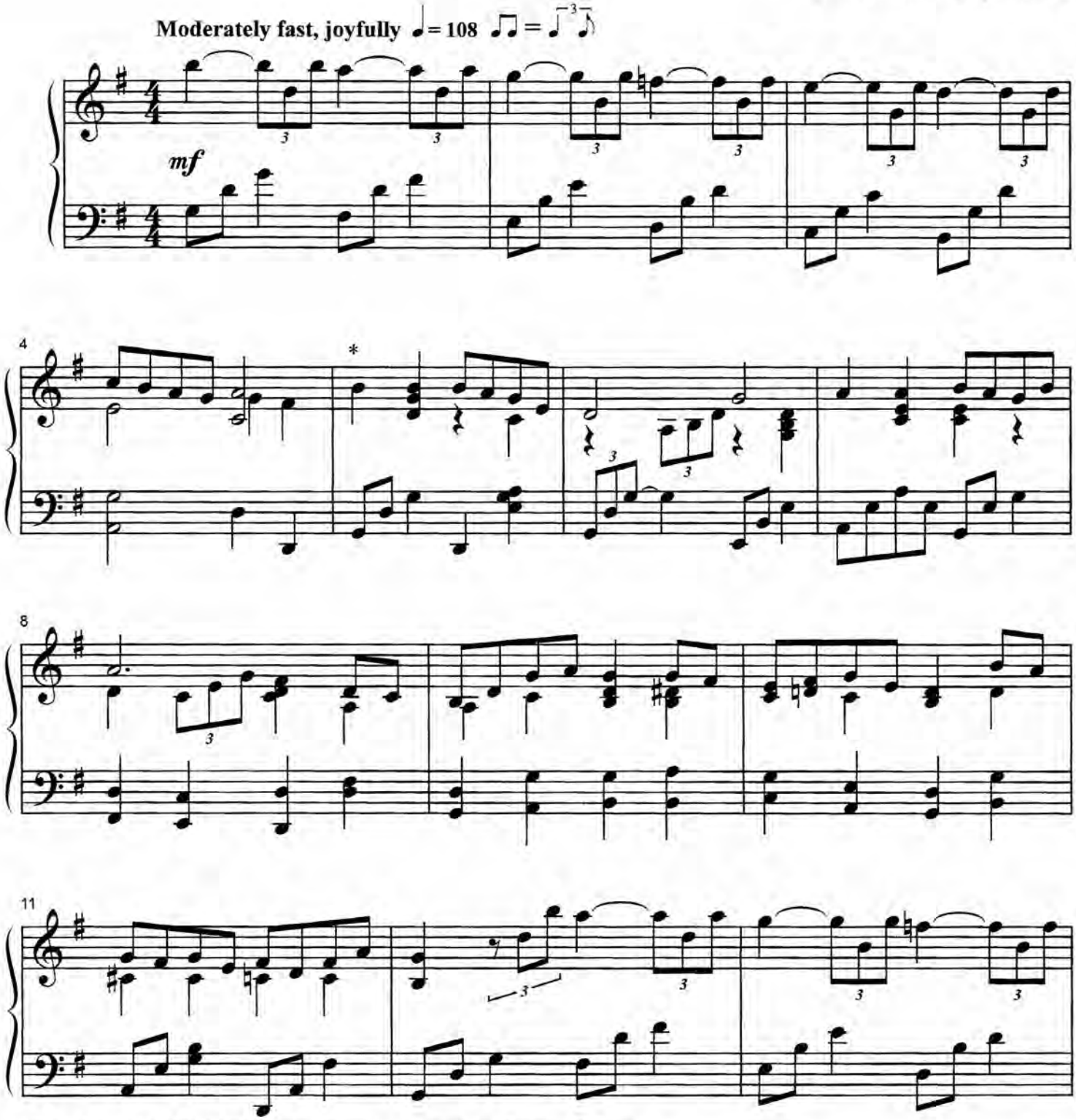
Words of Welcome

Prelude: Jesus Loves the Little Children/Jesus Loves Me arr. Mark Hayes

Children's Medley
(Jesus Loves the Little Children/ Jesus Loves Even Me/Jesus Loves Me)

Mark Hayes
Based on familiar hymn tunes



***Jesus Loves the Little Children,** *Tune:* CHILDREN by **George F. Root**

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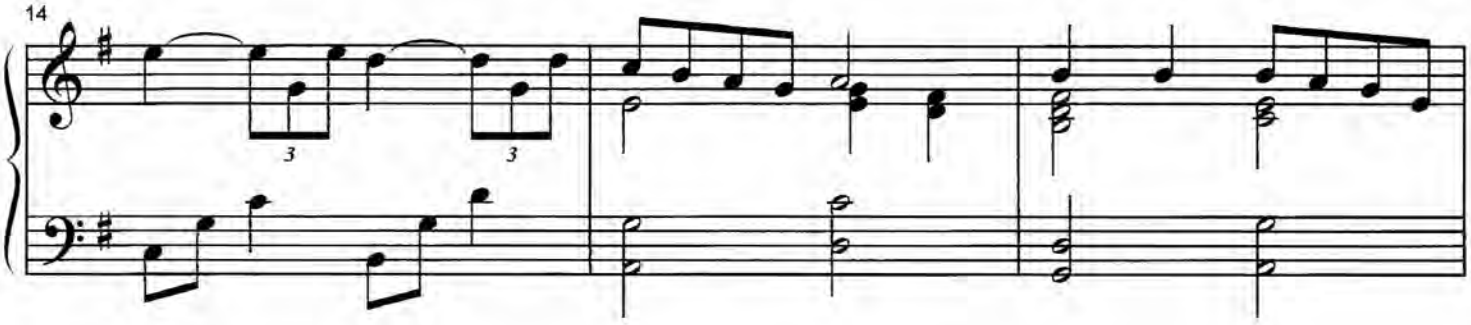

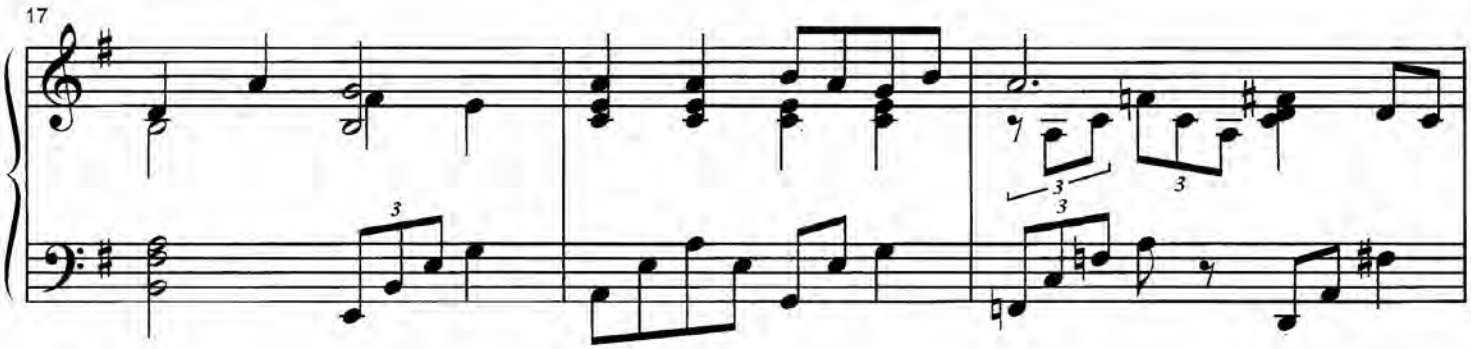

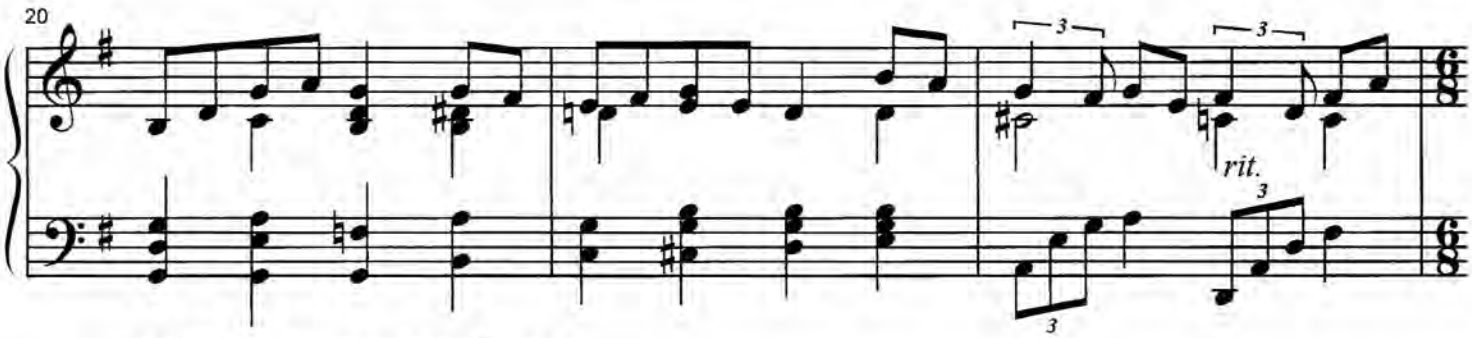

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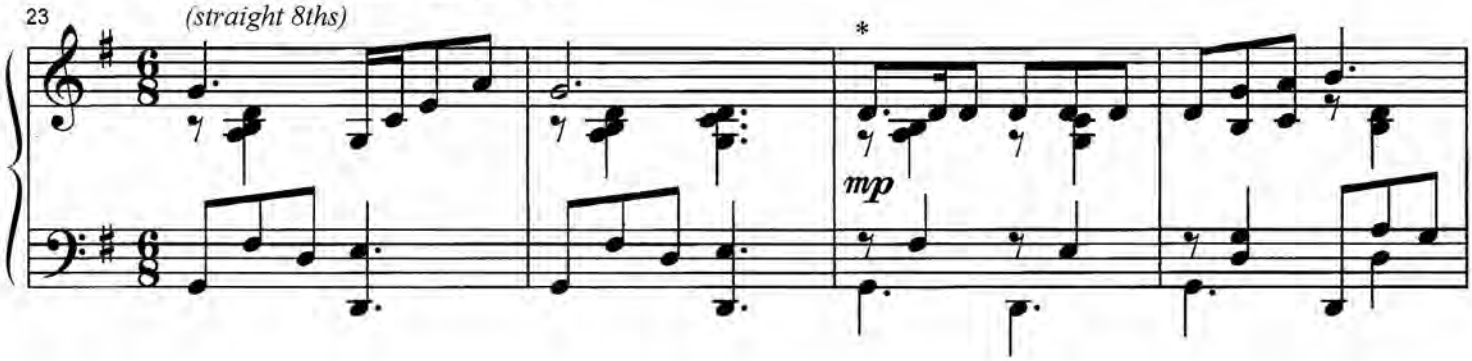

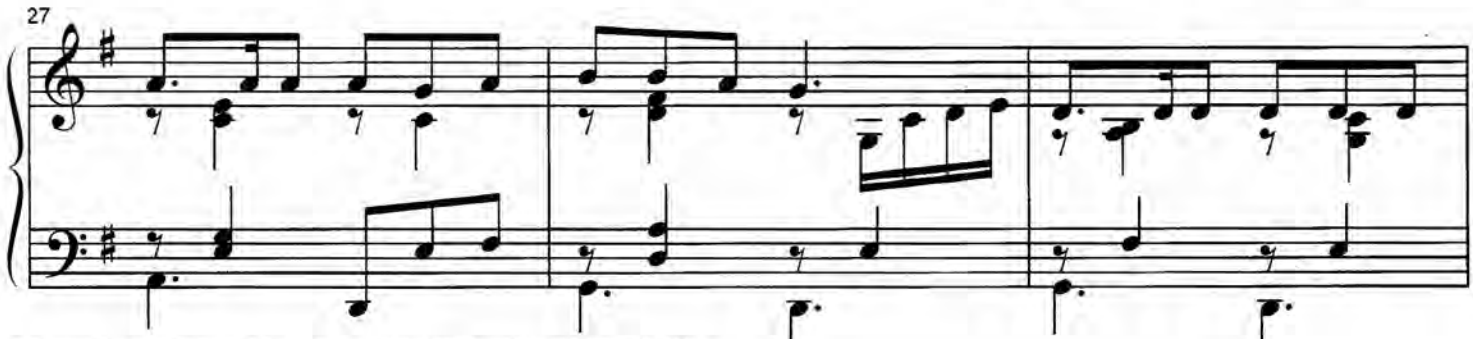

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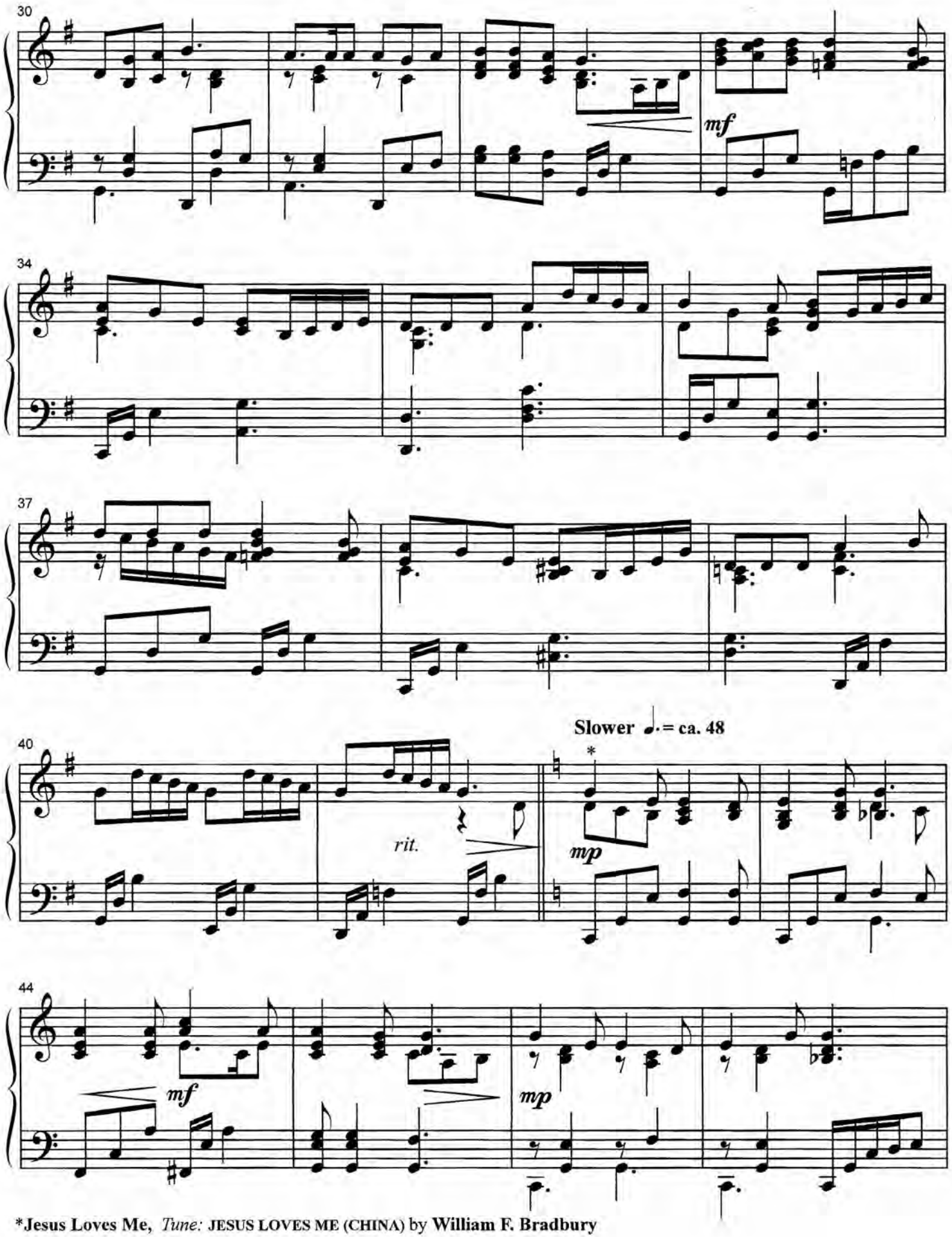

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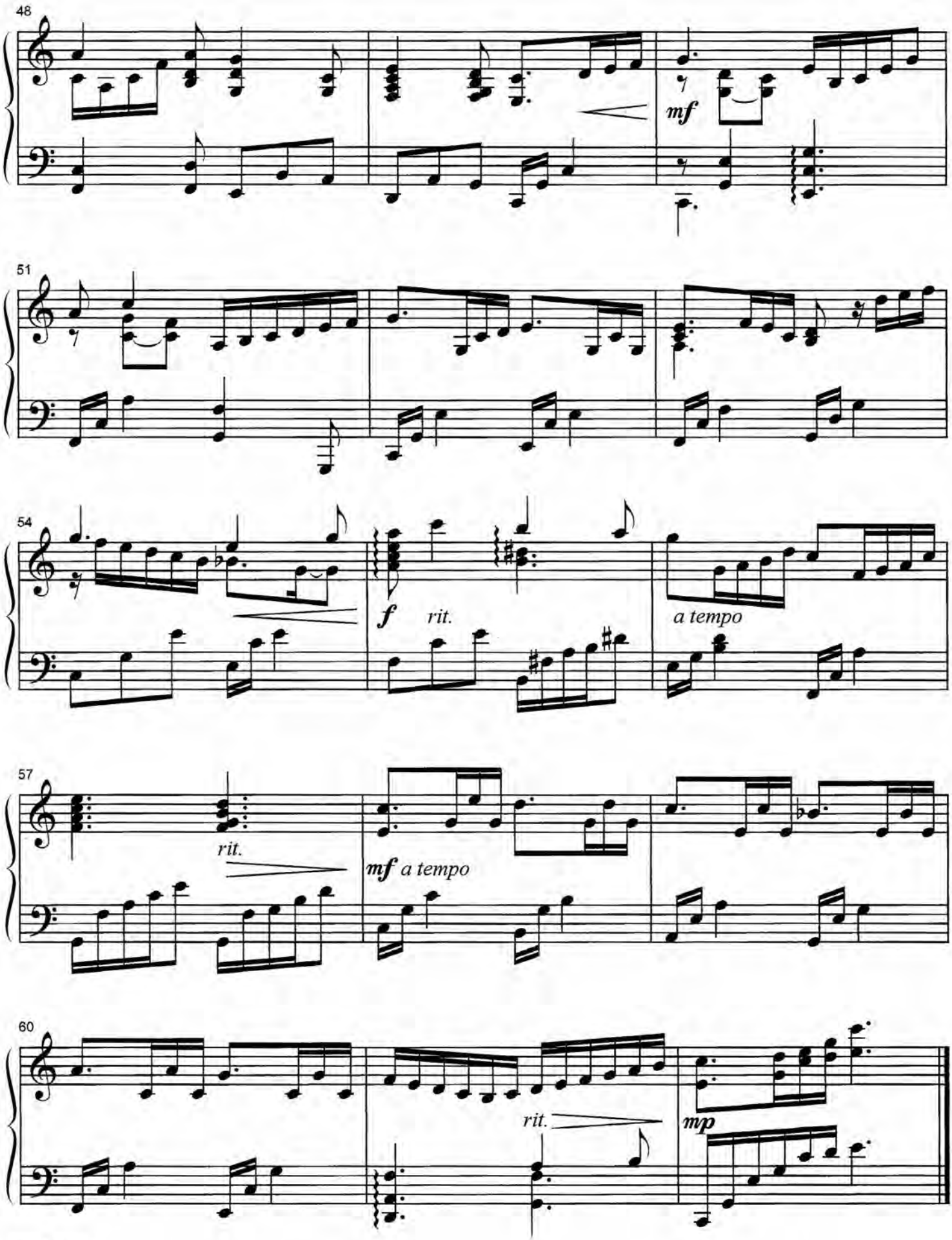
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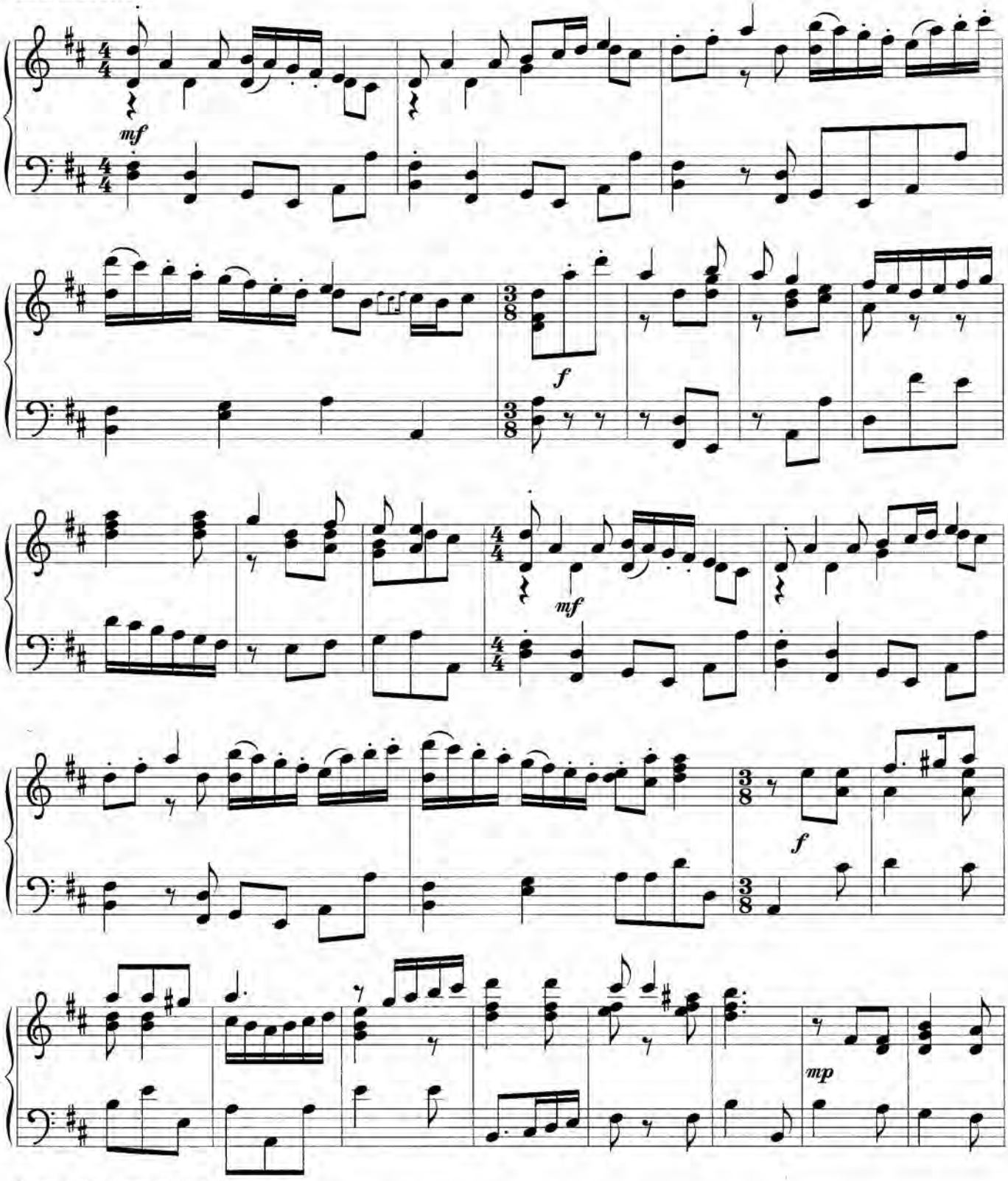

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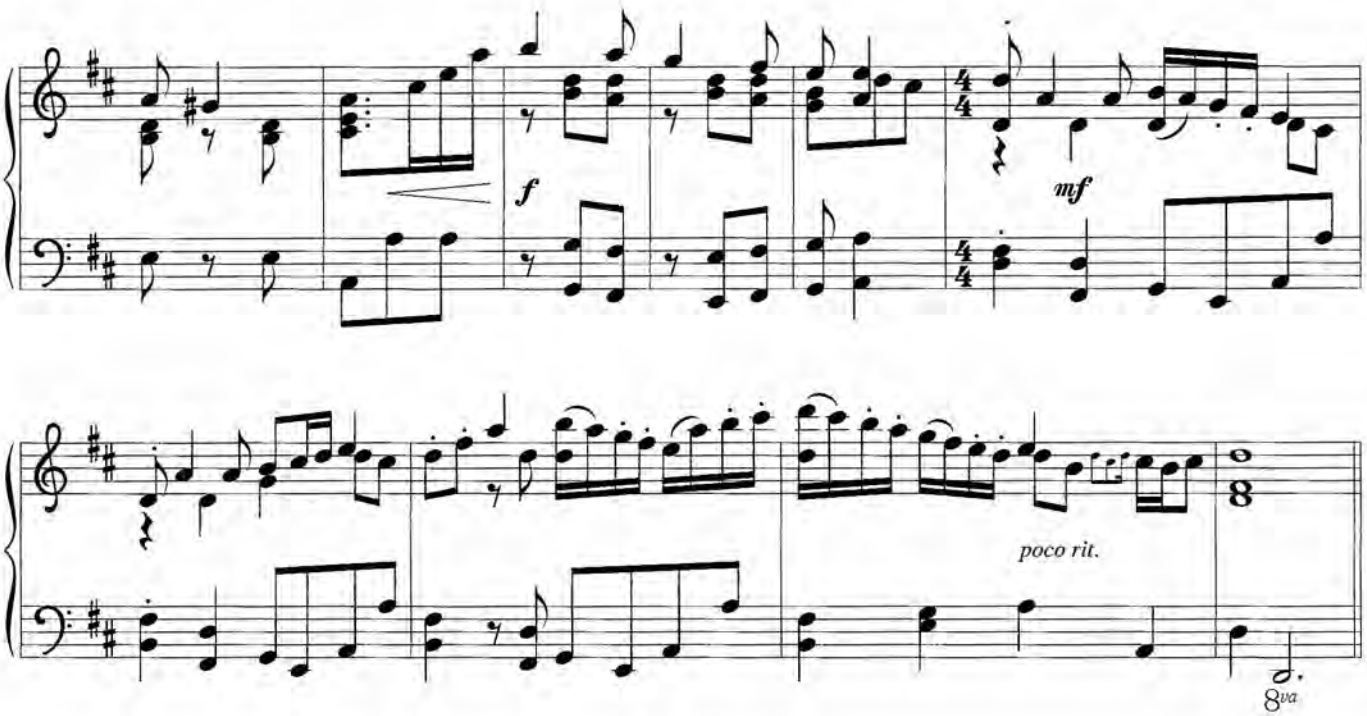
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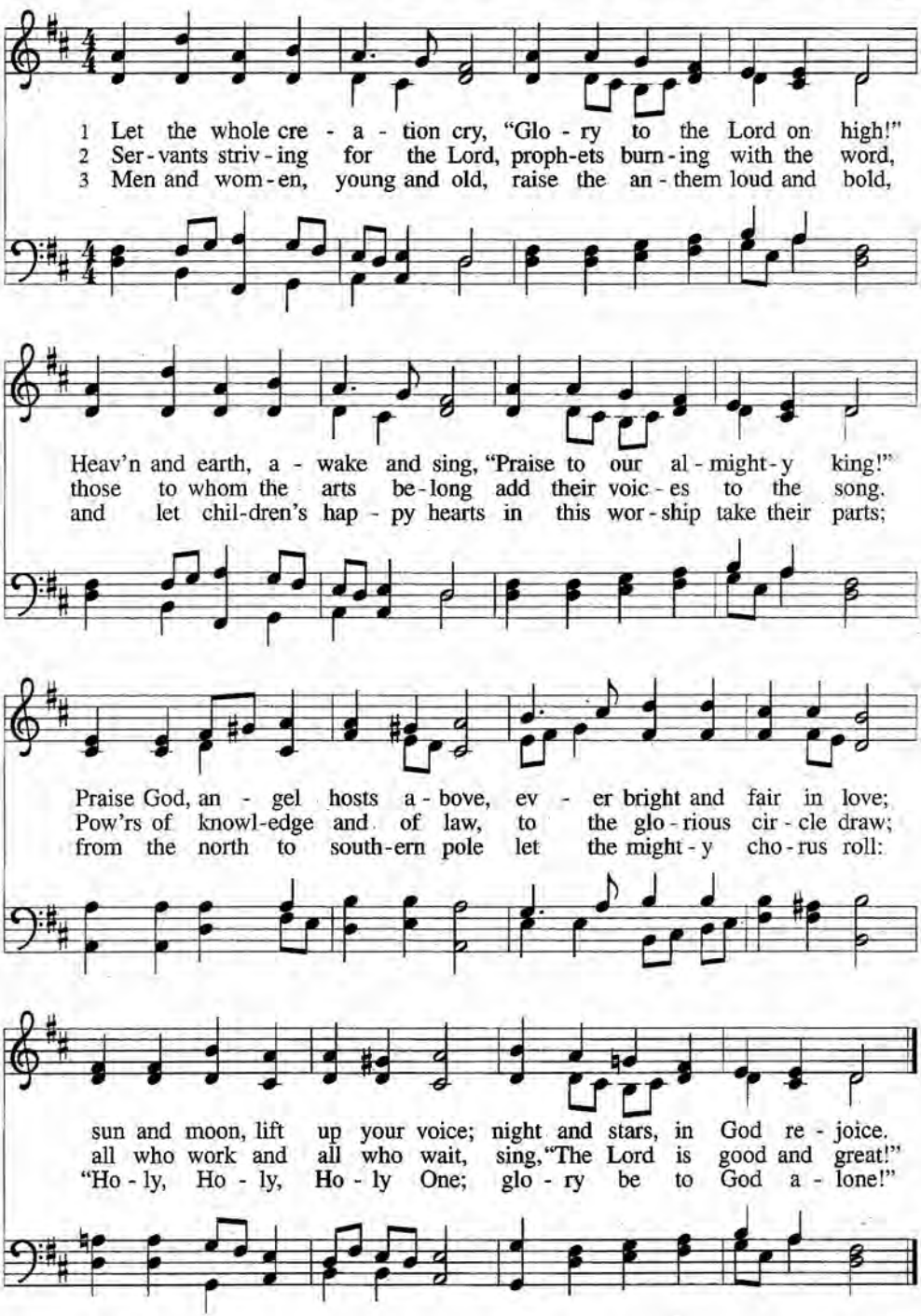

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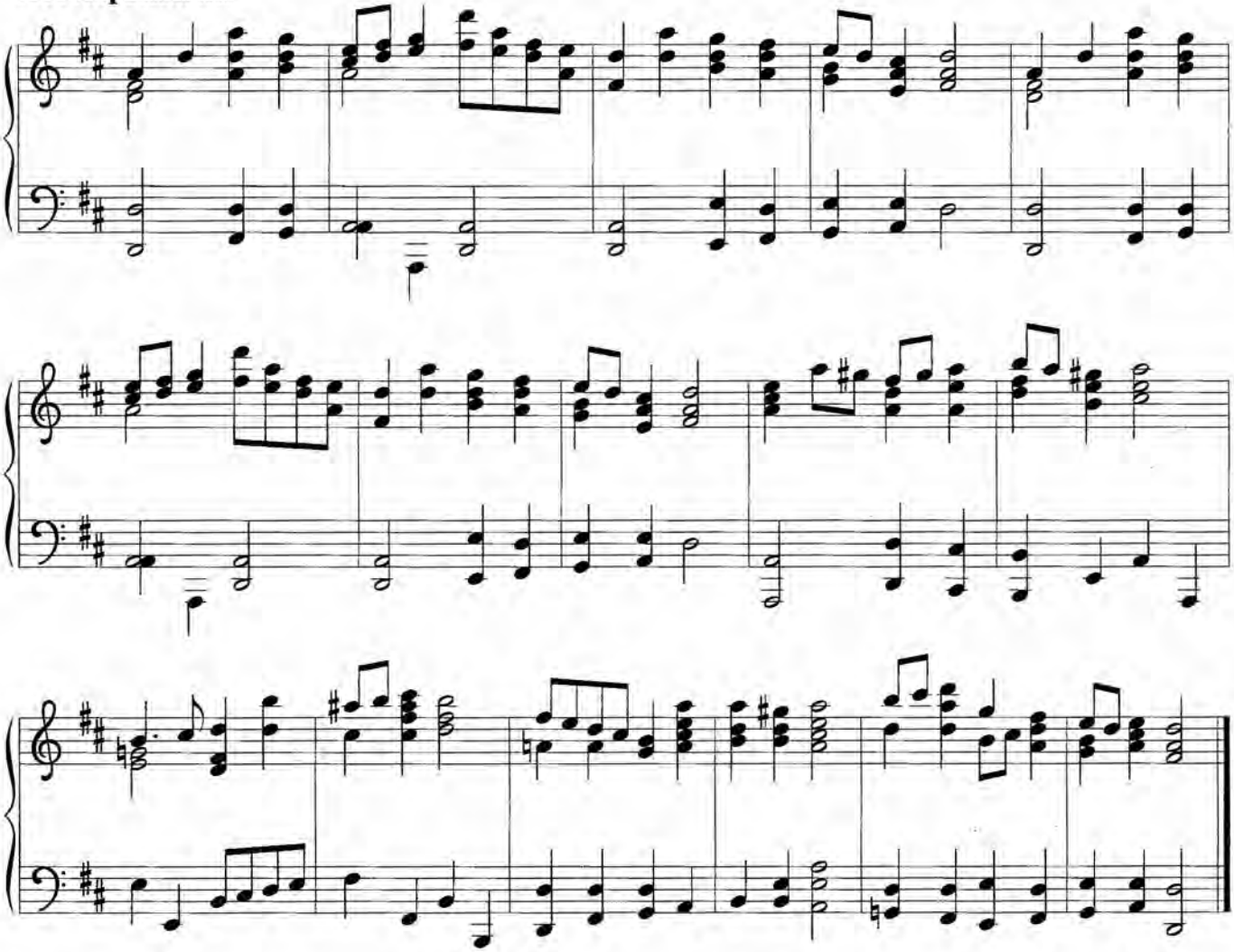

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[31] *This or another Kyrie, or another prayer for God's mercy may be sung.*

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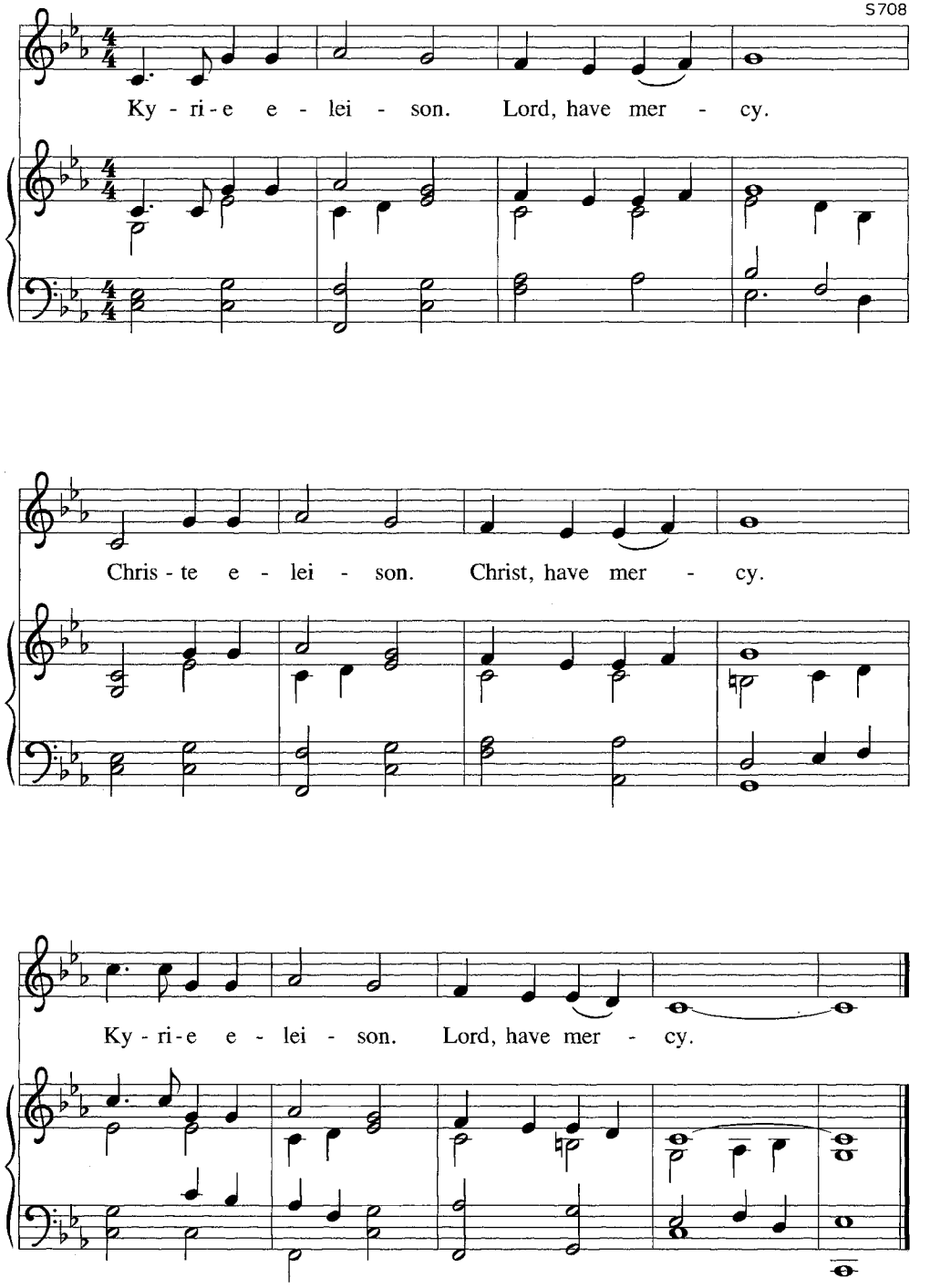

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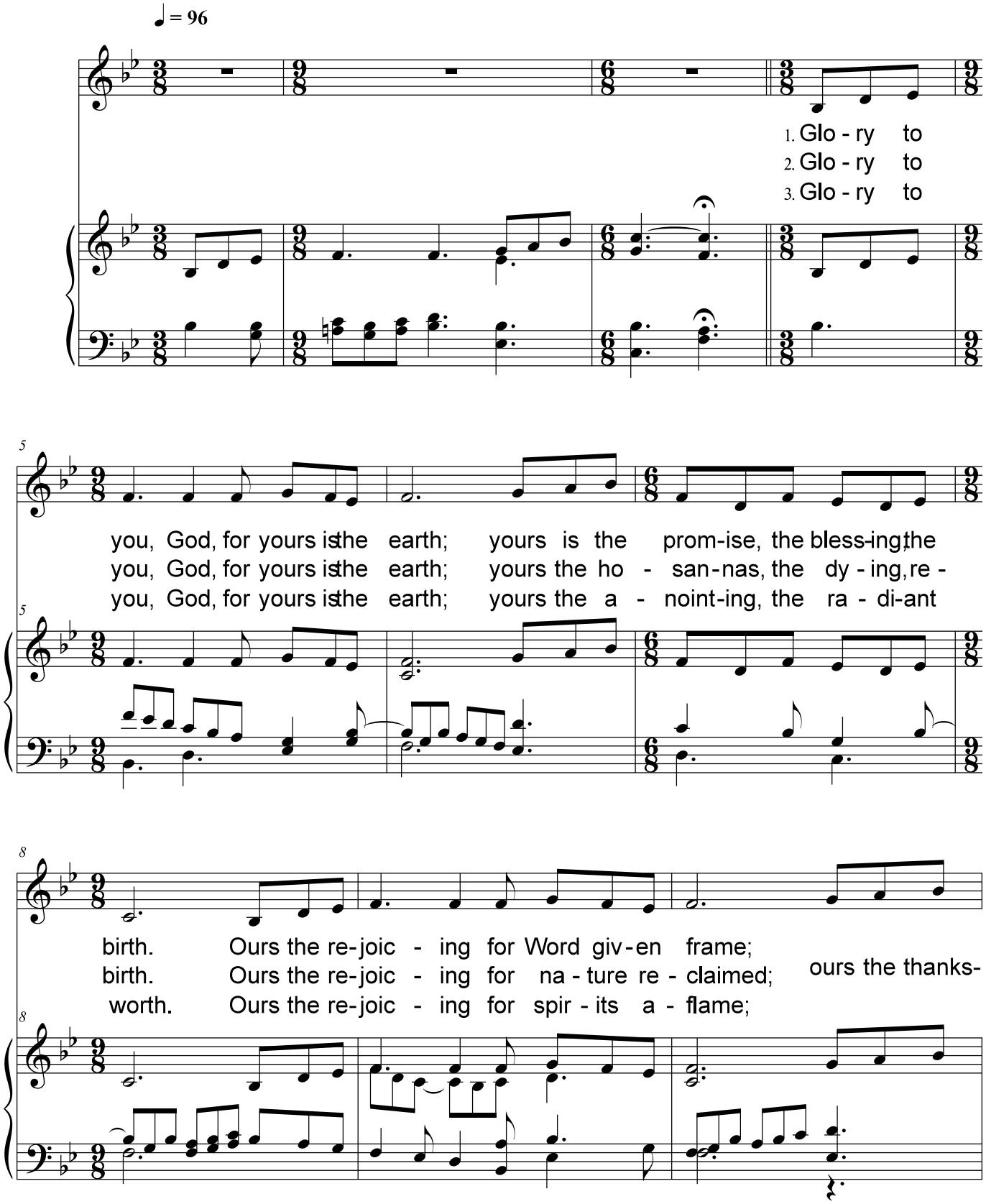

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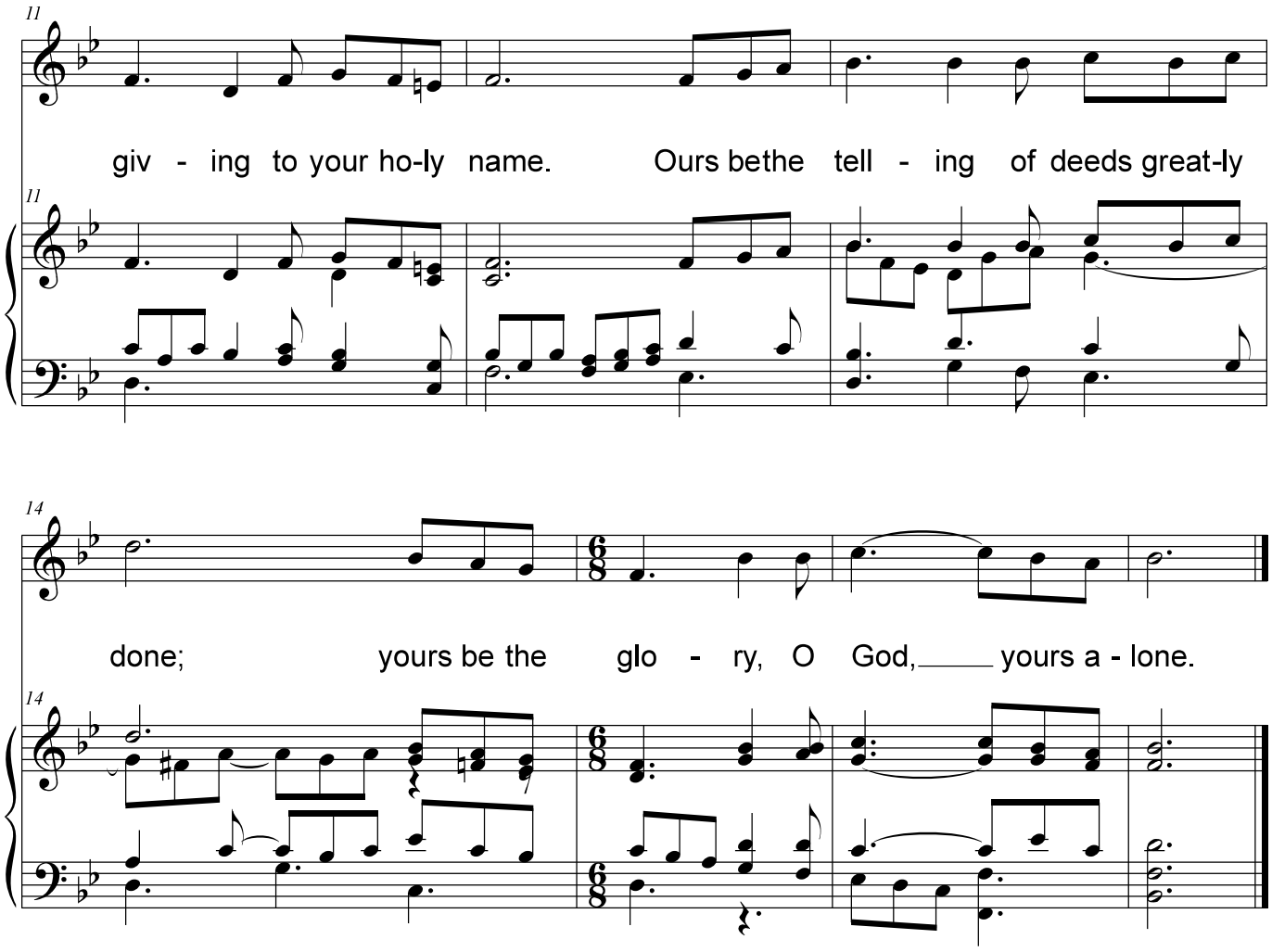
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WORD

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-19

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath
1 In the beginning God created[a] the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit[b] of God was moving over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 And God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7 And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to

separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading: Psalm 33:1-9

The Greatness and Goodness of God
33 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
2 Praise the Lord with the lyre,
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
3 Sing to him a new song,
play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

4 For the word of the Lord is upright;
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord,
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood forth.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation ACS p. 33
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

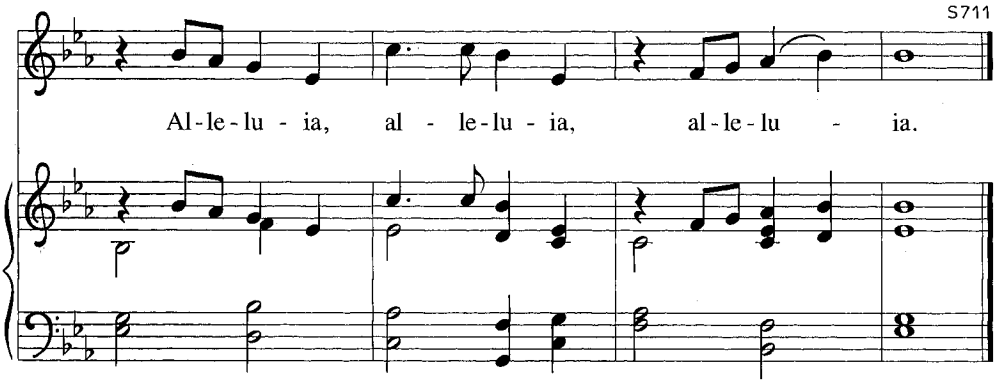
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Readings and Psalm

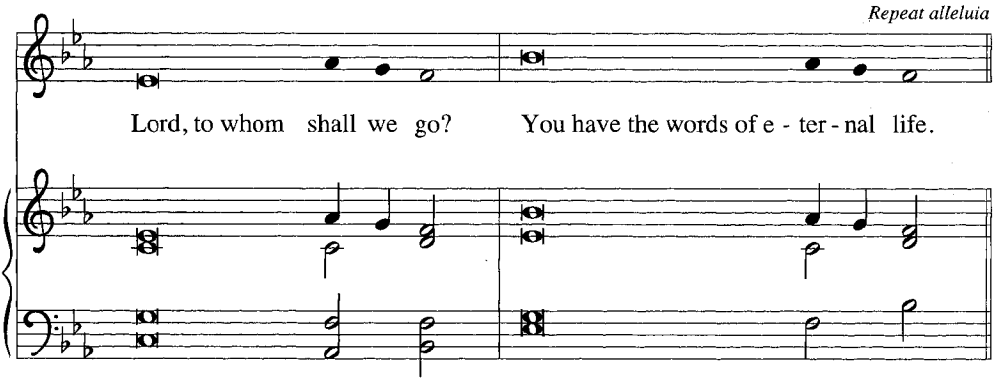
Response after the conclusion of the first and second reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel, using this acclamation, a sung alleluia, or another appropriate song.



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing one of these verses.



Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14 **C: Glory to you, O Lord**.

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God; 3 all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life,[a] and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

9 The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. 11 He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time Rev. Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Touch the Earth Lightly ELW #739

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
   Nourish the life of the world in our care:
   Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
   Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
   Agents of death for all creatures that live,
   We who would foster clouds of disaster –
   God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
   Water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
   Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
   Regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
   God of the seedling, the snow and the sun.
   Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
   Using us gently, and making us one.

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

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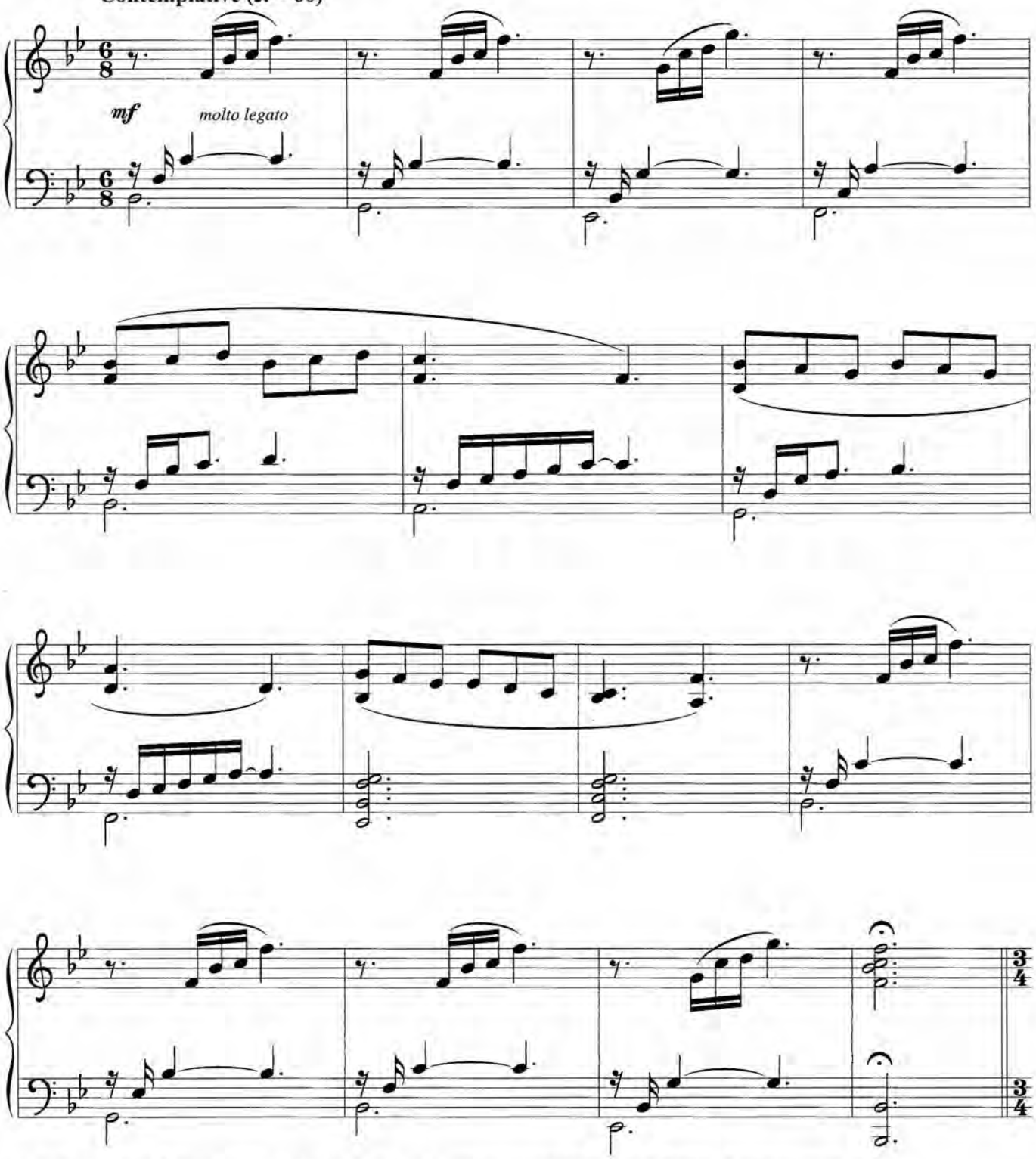

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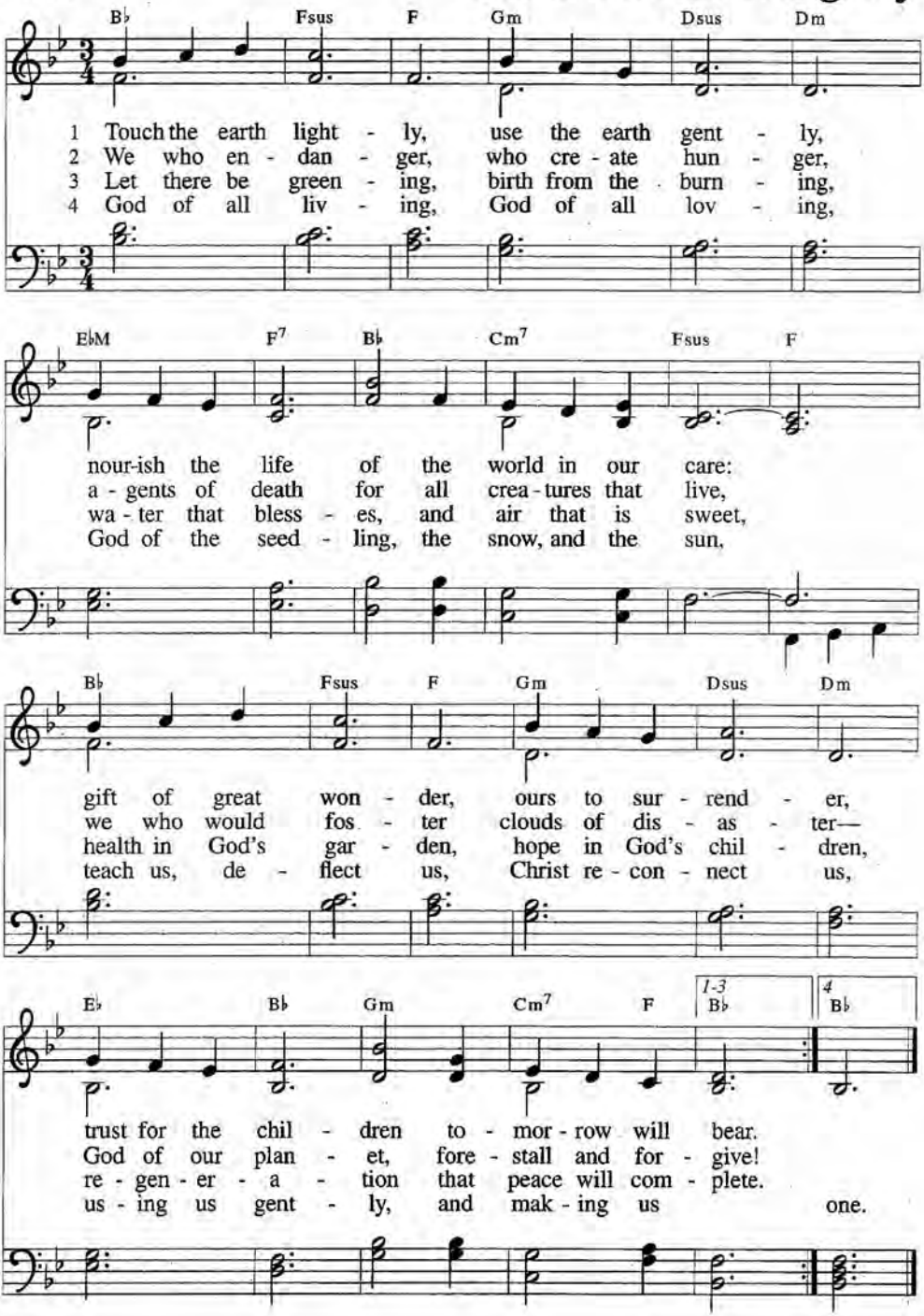

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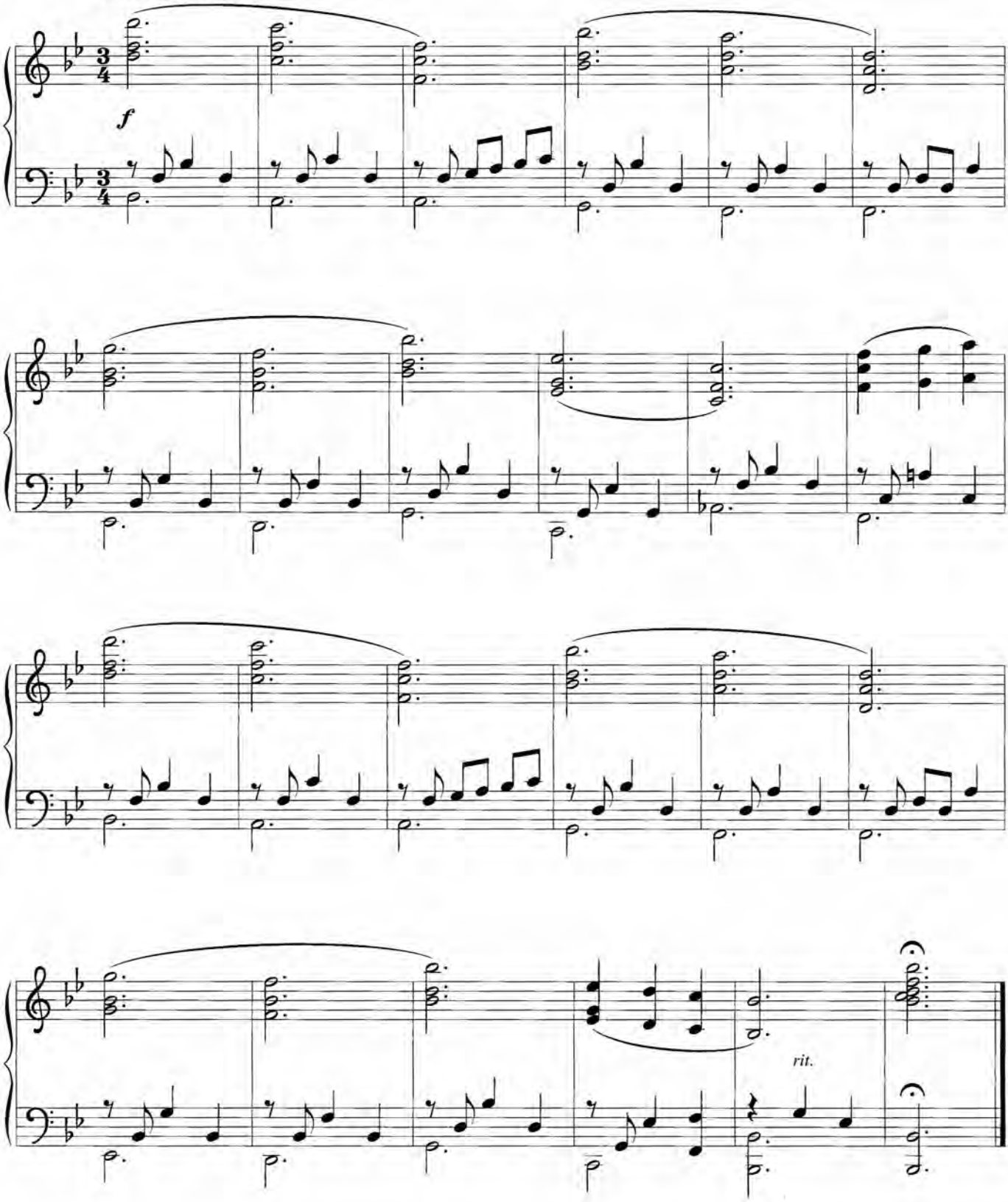


L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed ACS p. 17

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

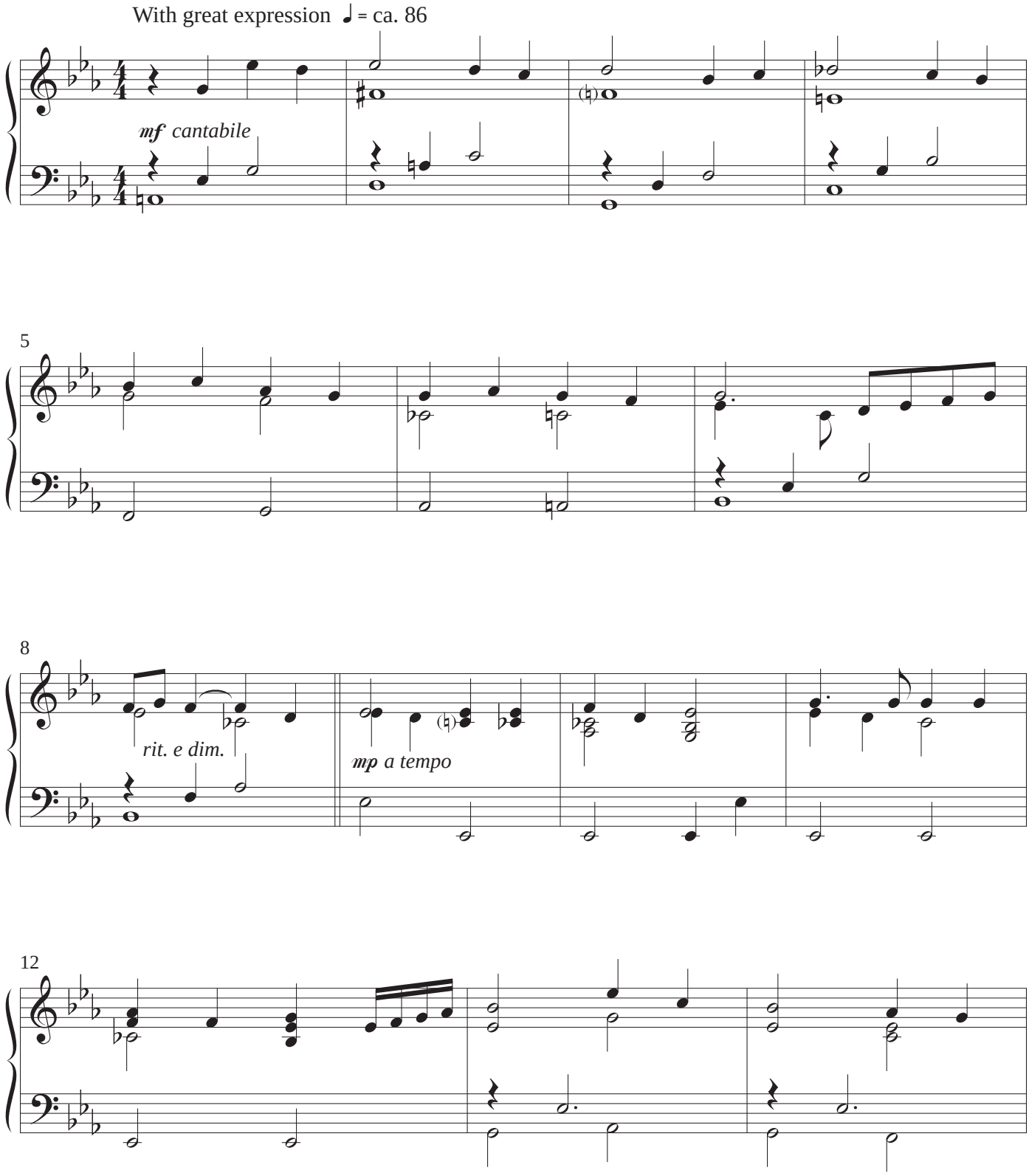
Sharing the Peace of Christ
L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering *(At this time, we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy! In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through congregational efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle material goods and nature's resources. We appreciate your gifts of time, energy, money, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today – either on person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)*
Offertory: Beautiful Savior arr. David Berry
Offering Response: Let Justice Flow Like Streams (v. 2 only) ELW #717
2. Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
Arr. by **David Berry**



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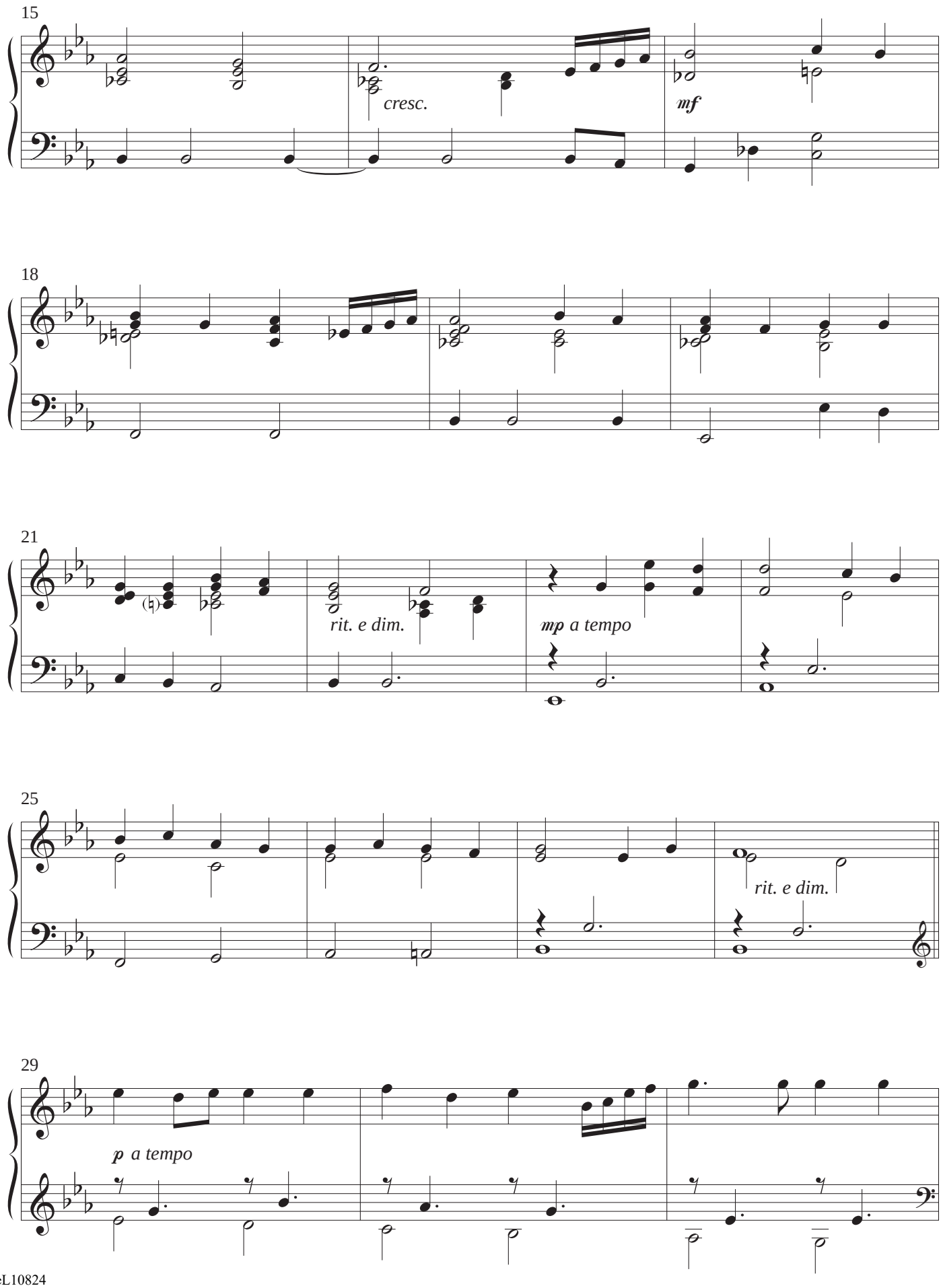

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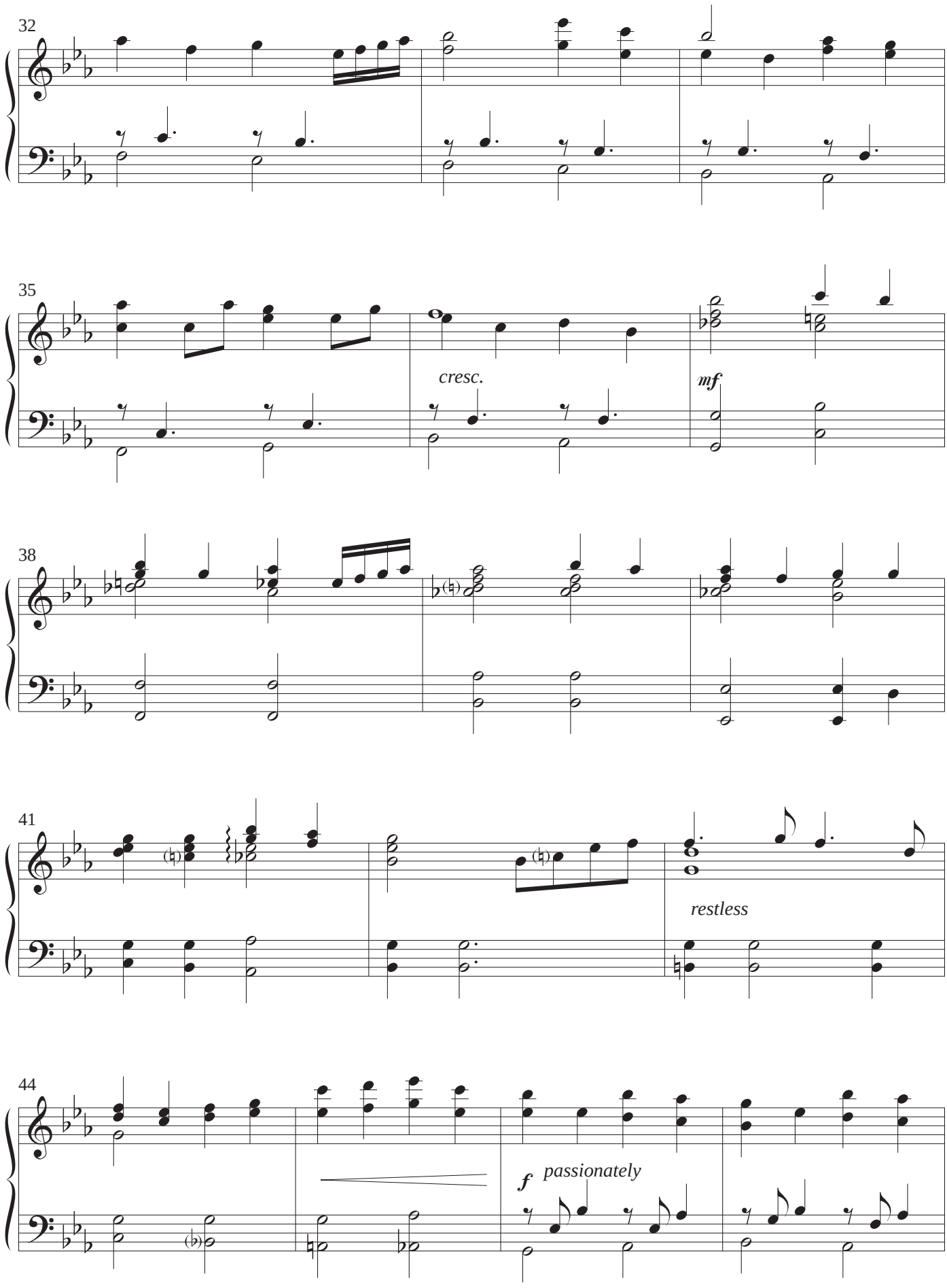

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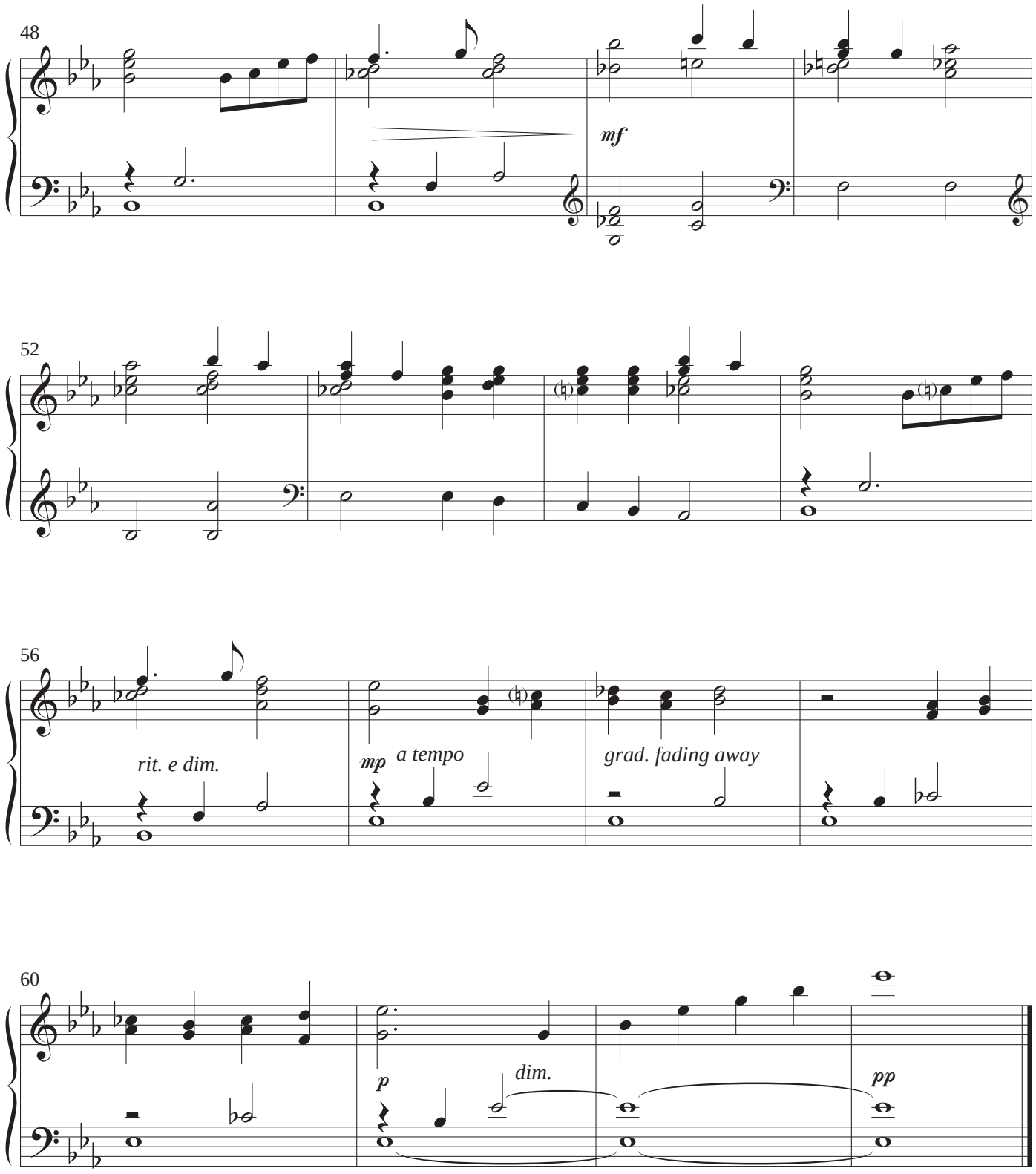

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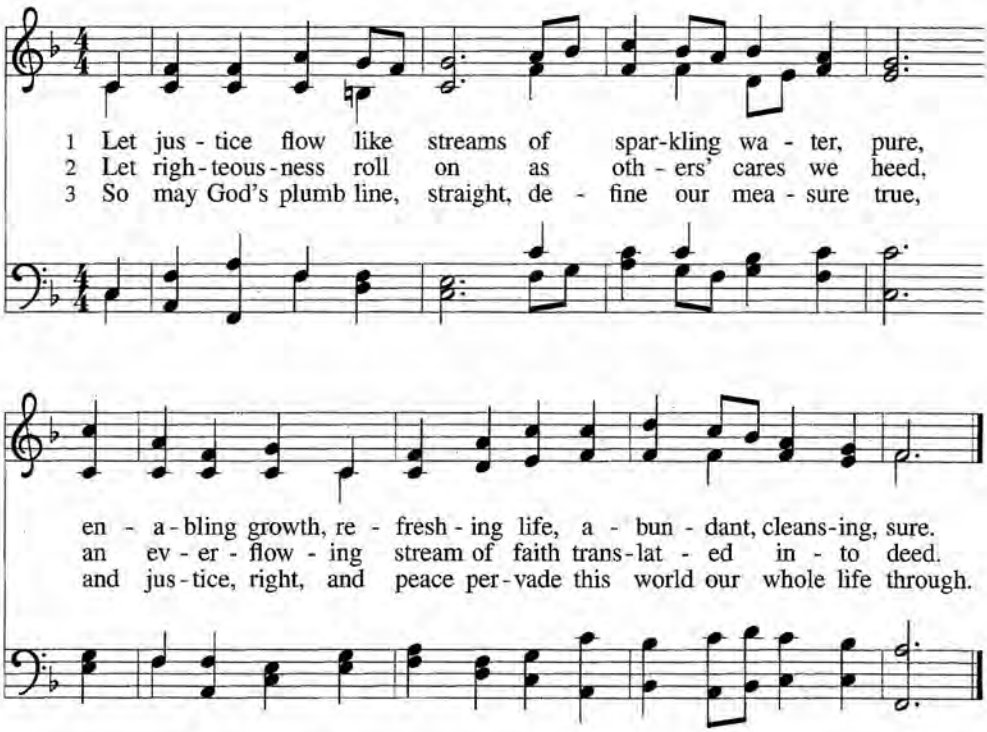
717 Let Justice Flow like Streams [H]



Offertory Prayer: **C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

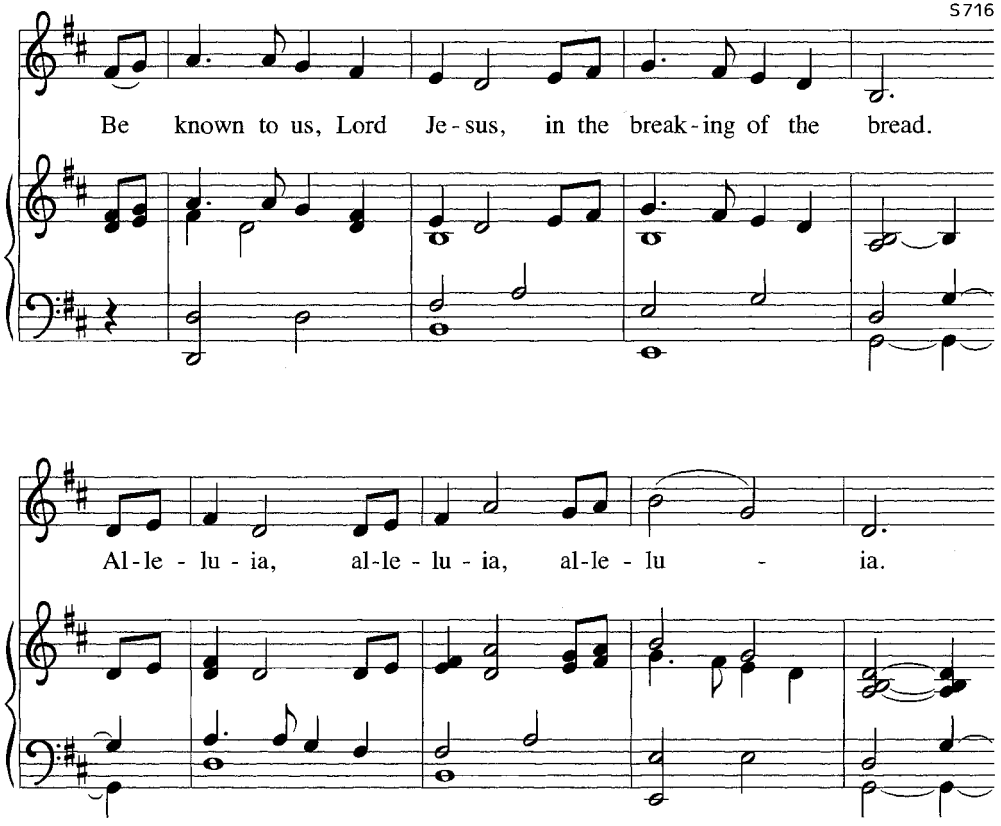
The Great Thanksgiving
L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer
L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus ACS p. 40
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: I Come With Joy ELW #482
1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.
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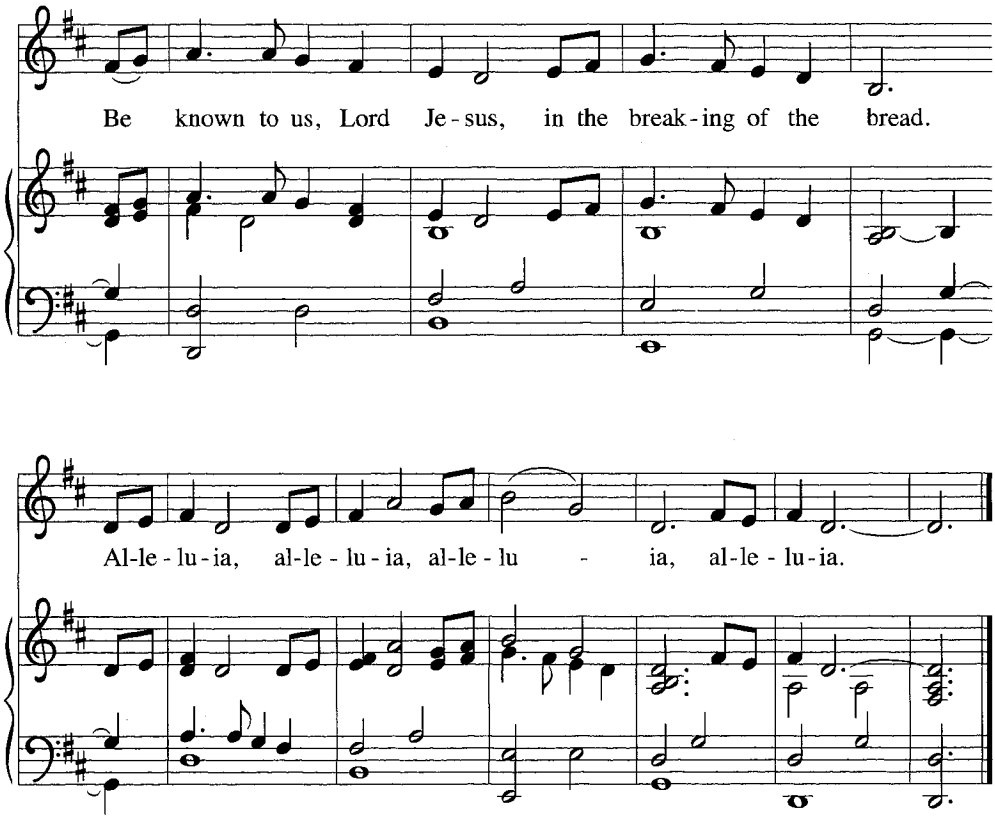

[41] *After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "At last, Lord" (p. 26 [26]) or another suitable song may be sung.*

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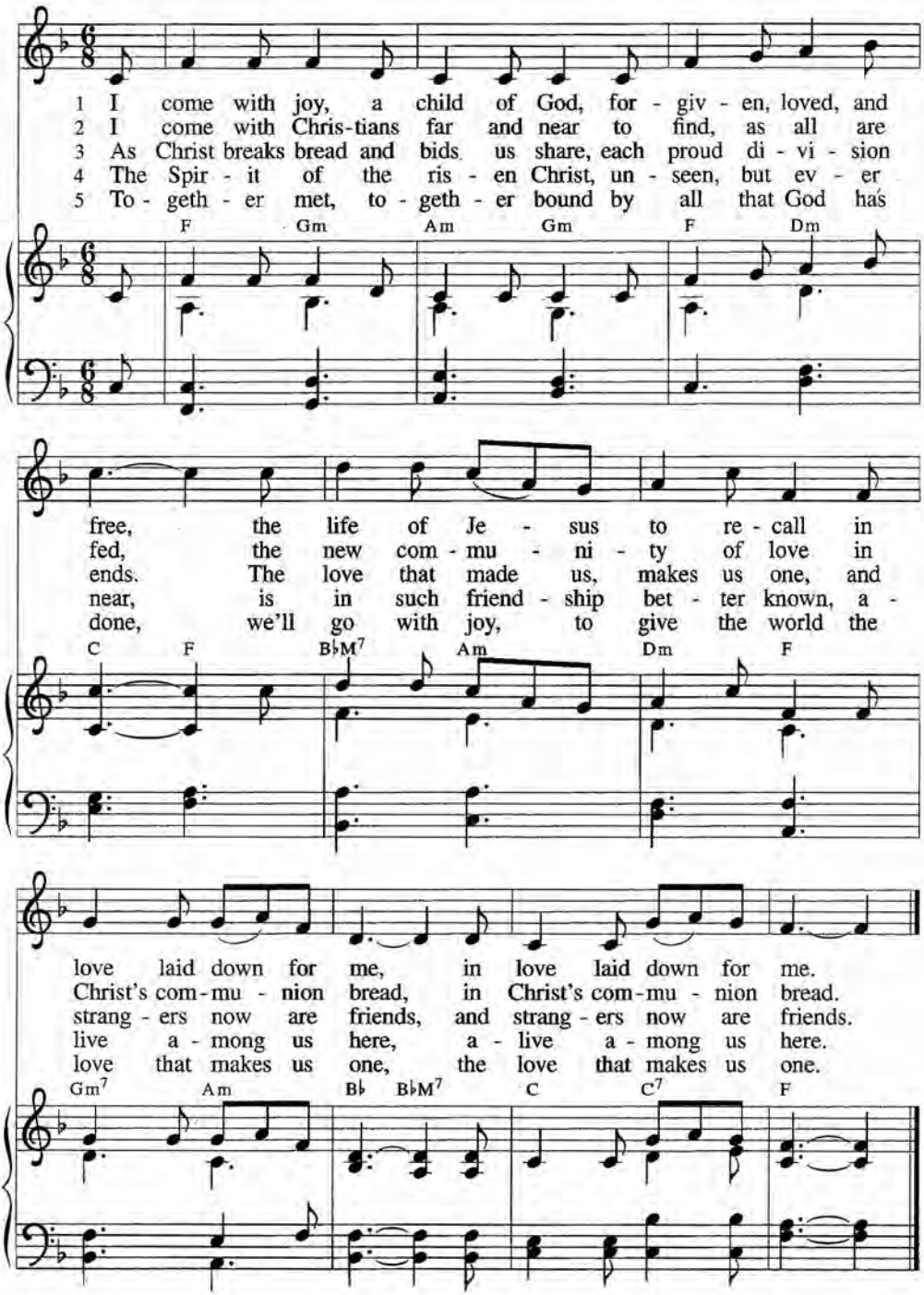

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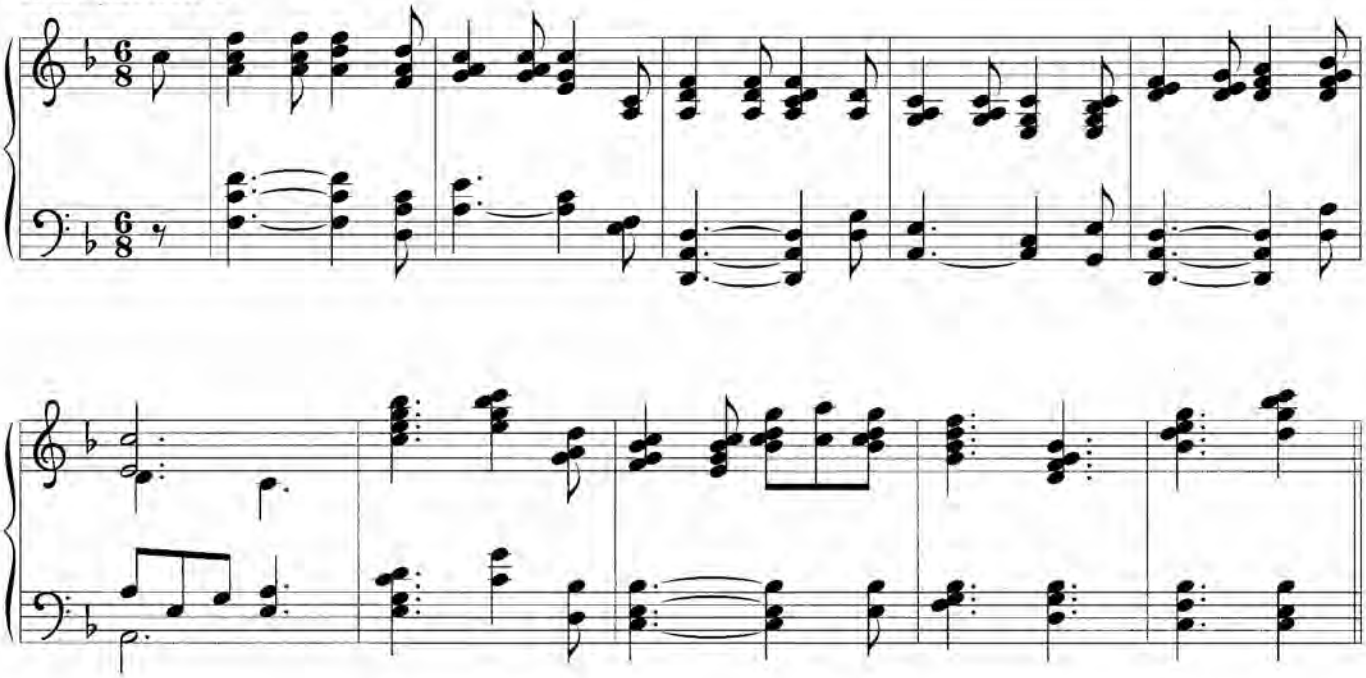

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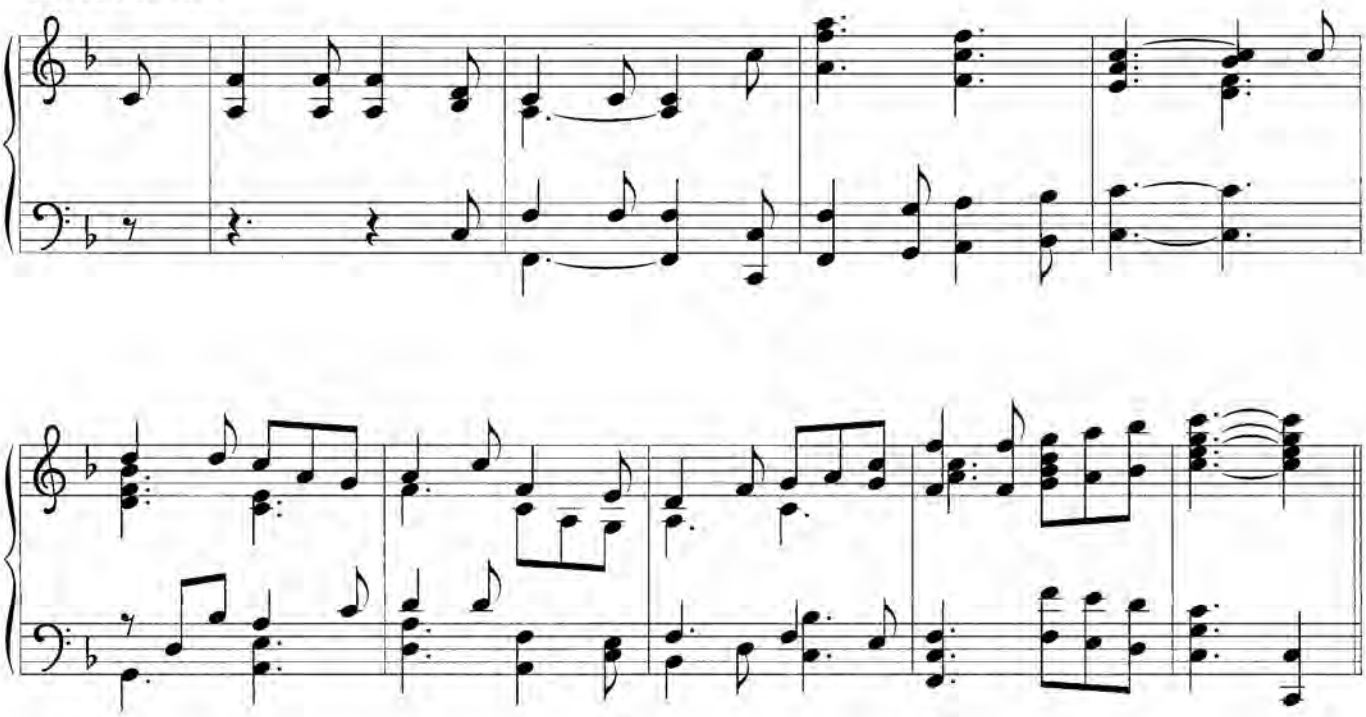

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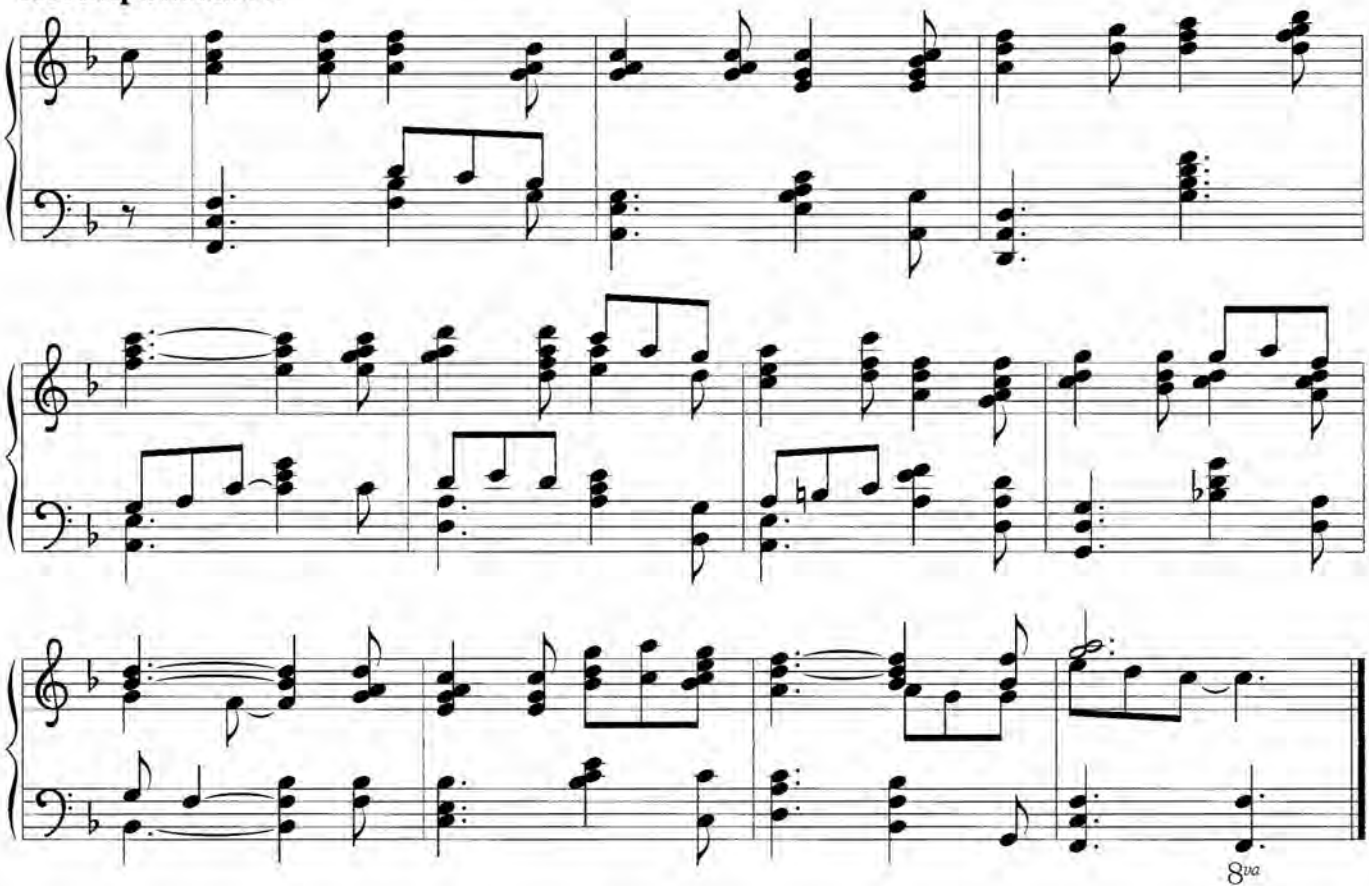

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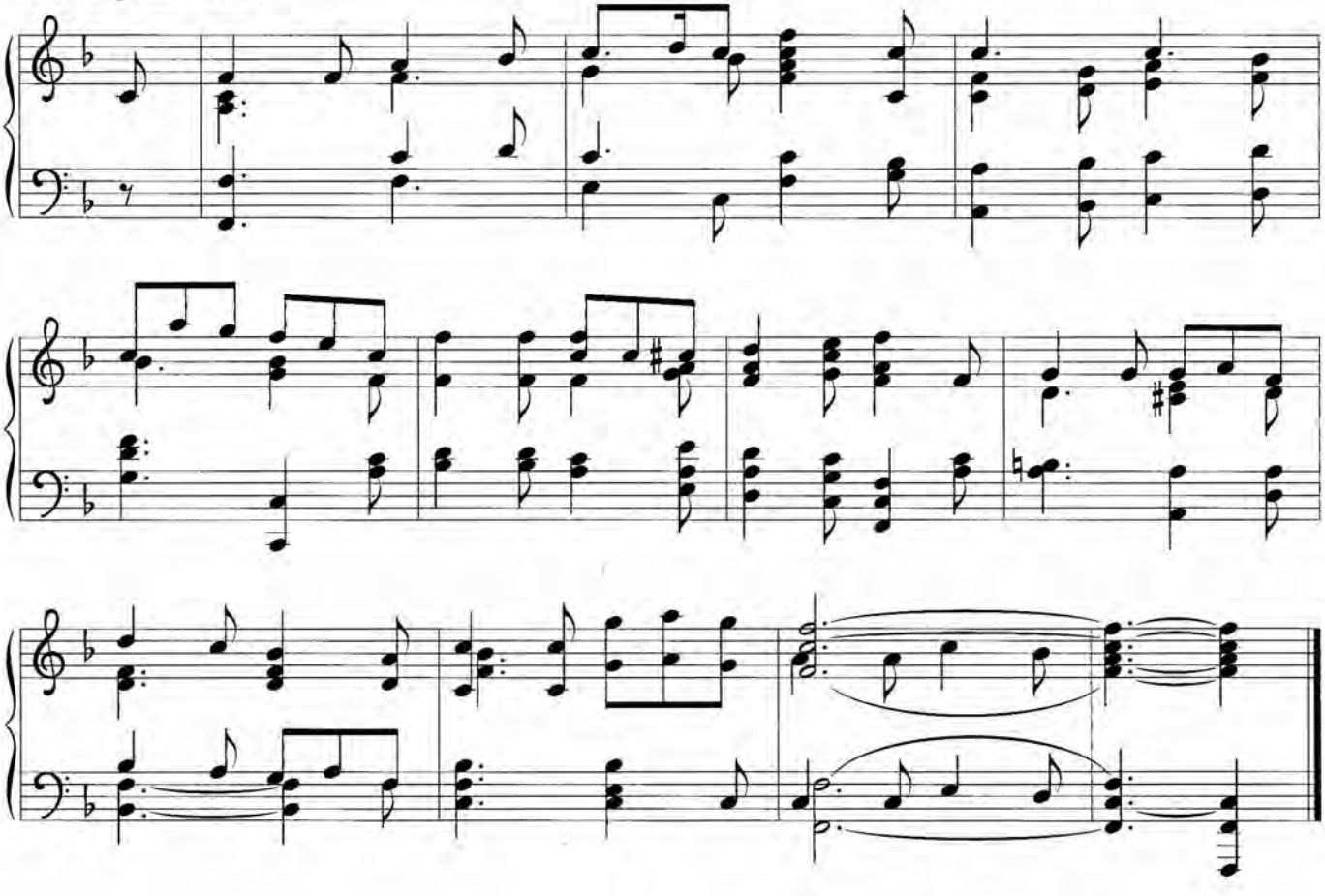

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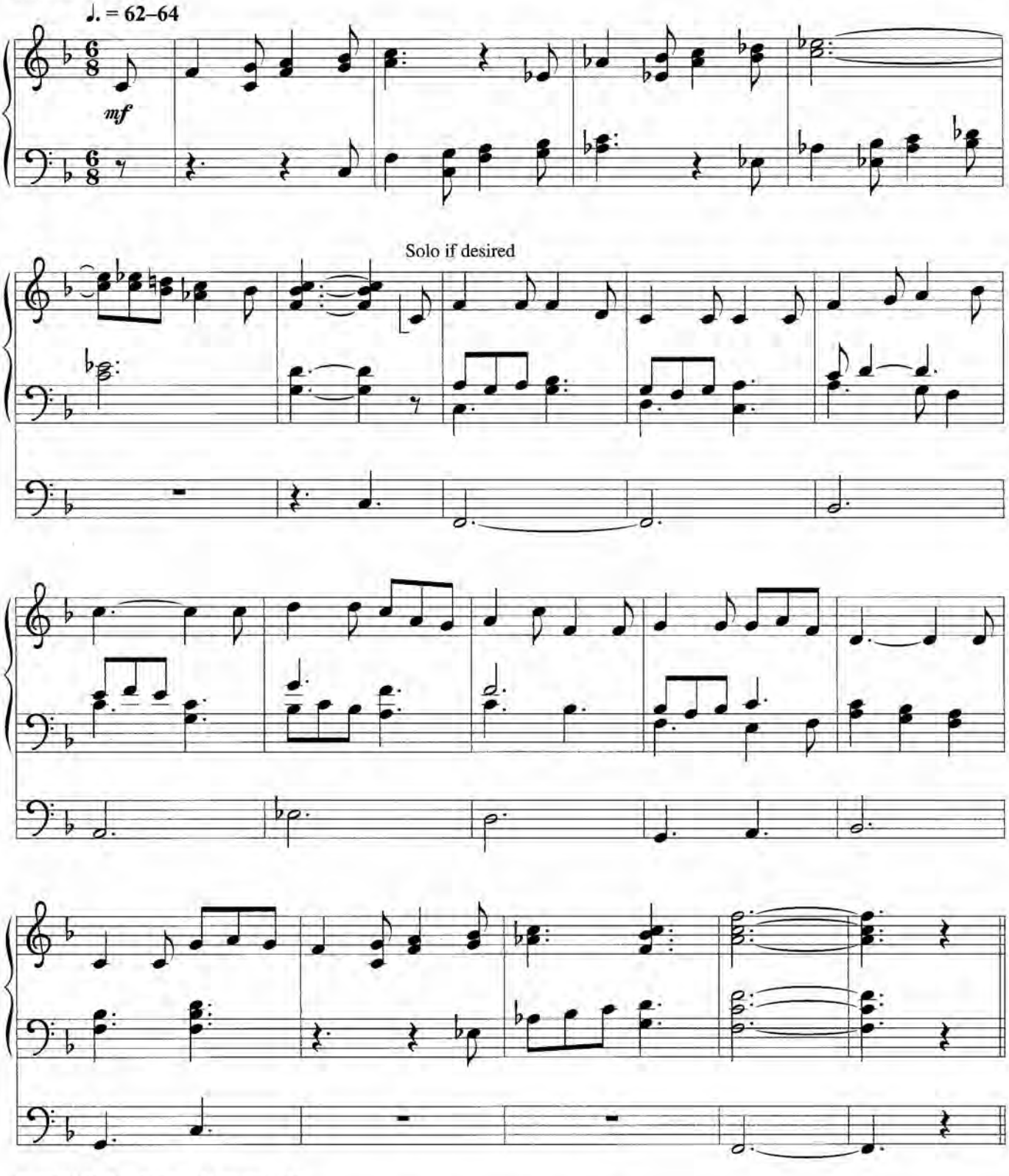

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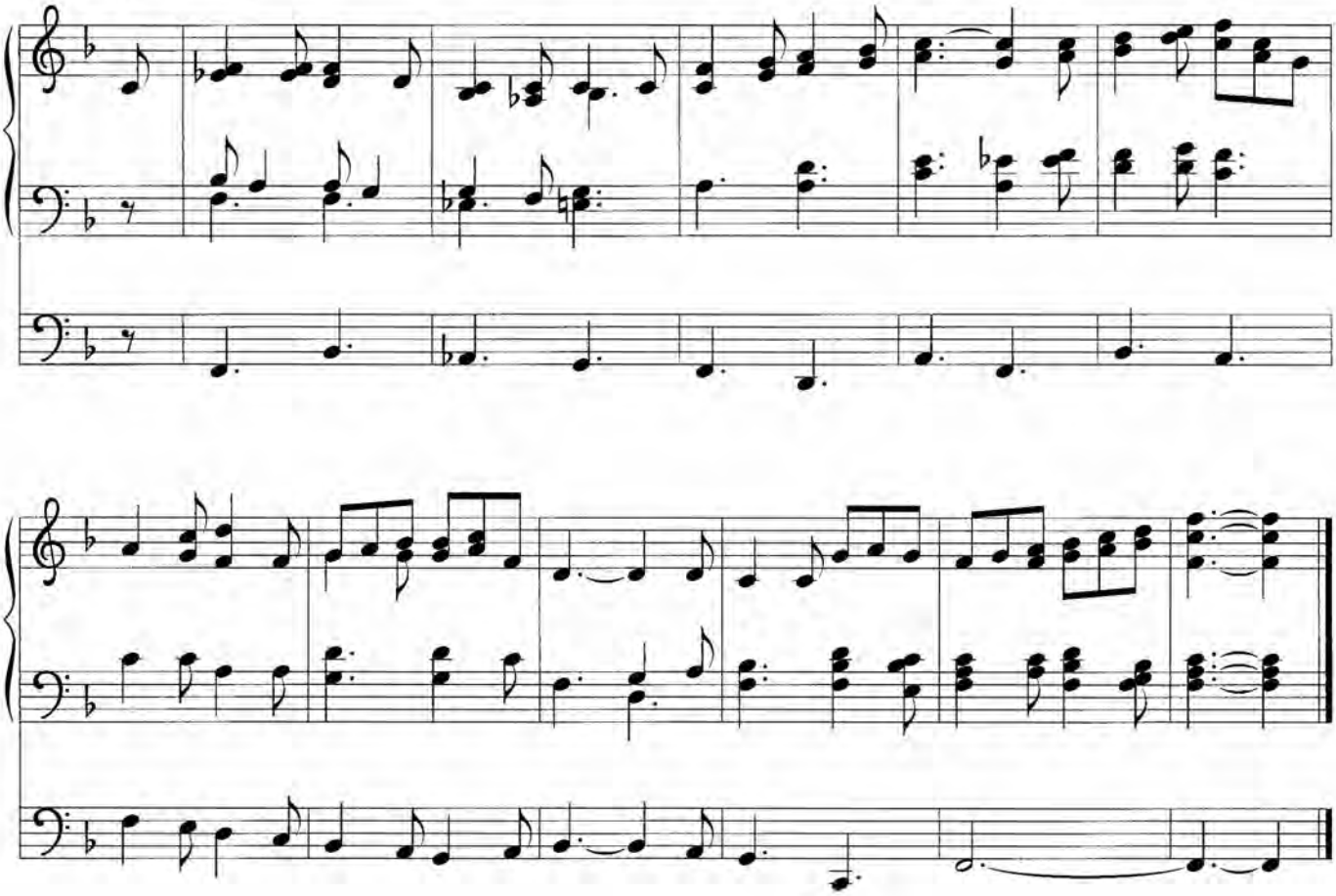

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray… **C: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Beautiful Savior ELW #838

1. Beautiful Savior, king of creation,
   Son of God and Son of Man!
   Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
   Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
   Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
   Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
   He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
   Bright the sparkling stars on high;
   Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
   Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
   Son of God and Son of Man!
   Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
   Now and forevermore be thine!

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SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

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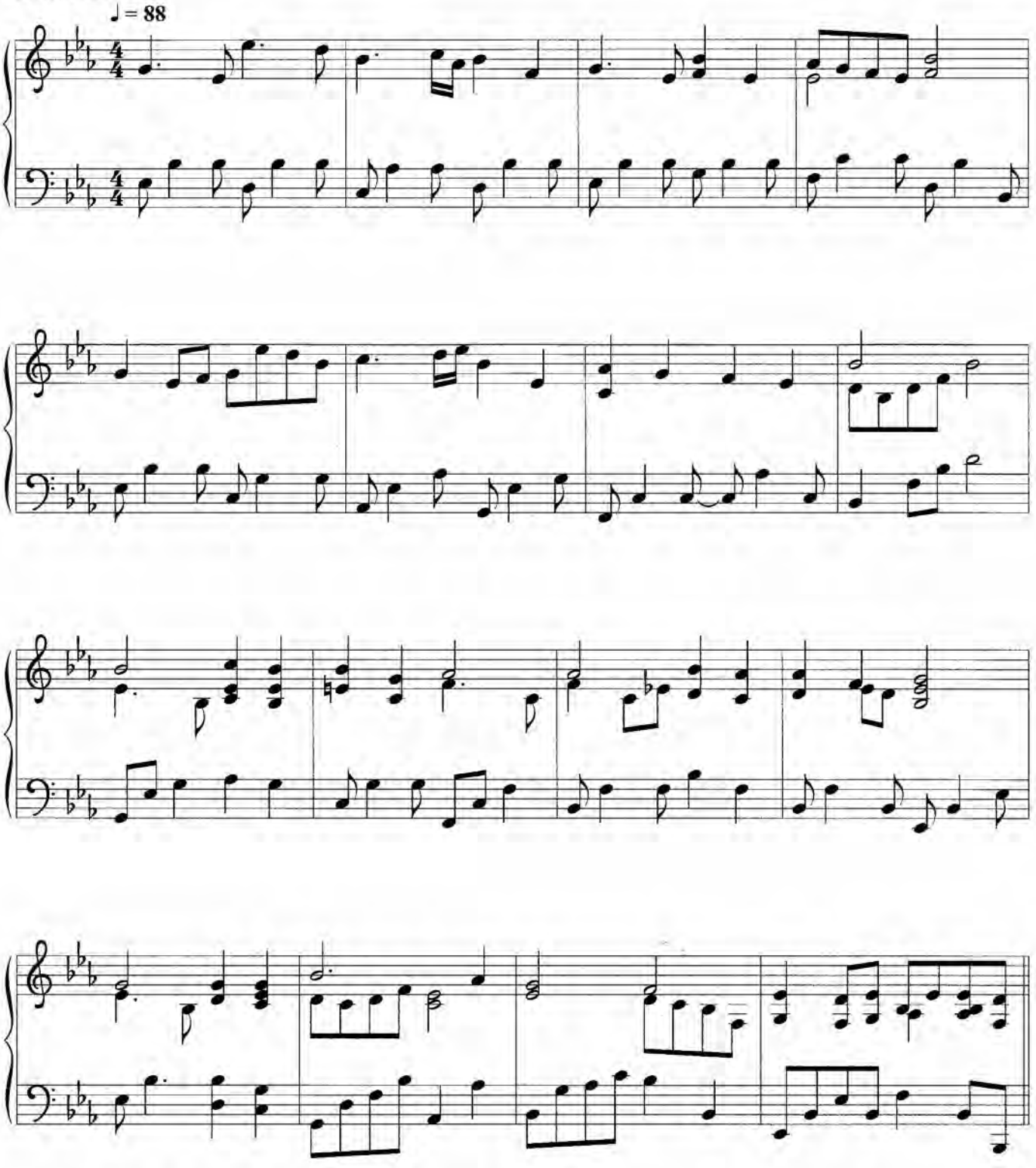

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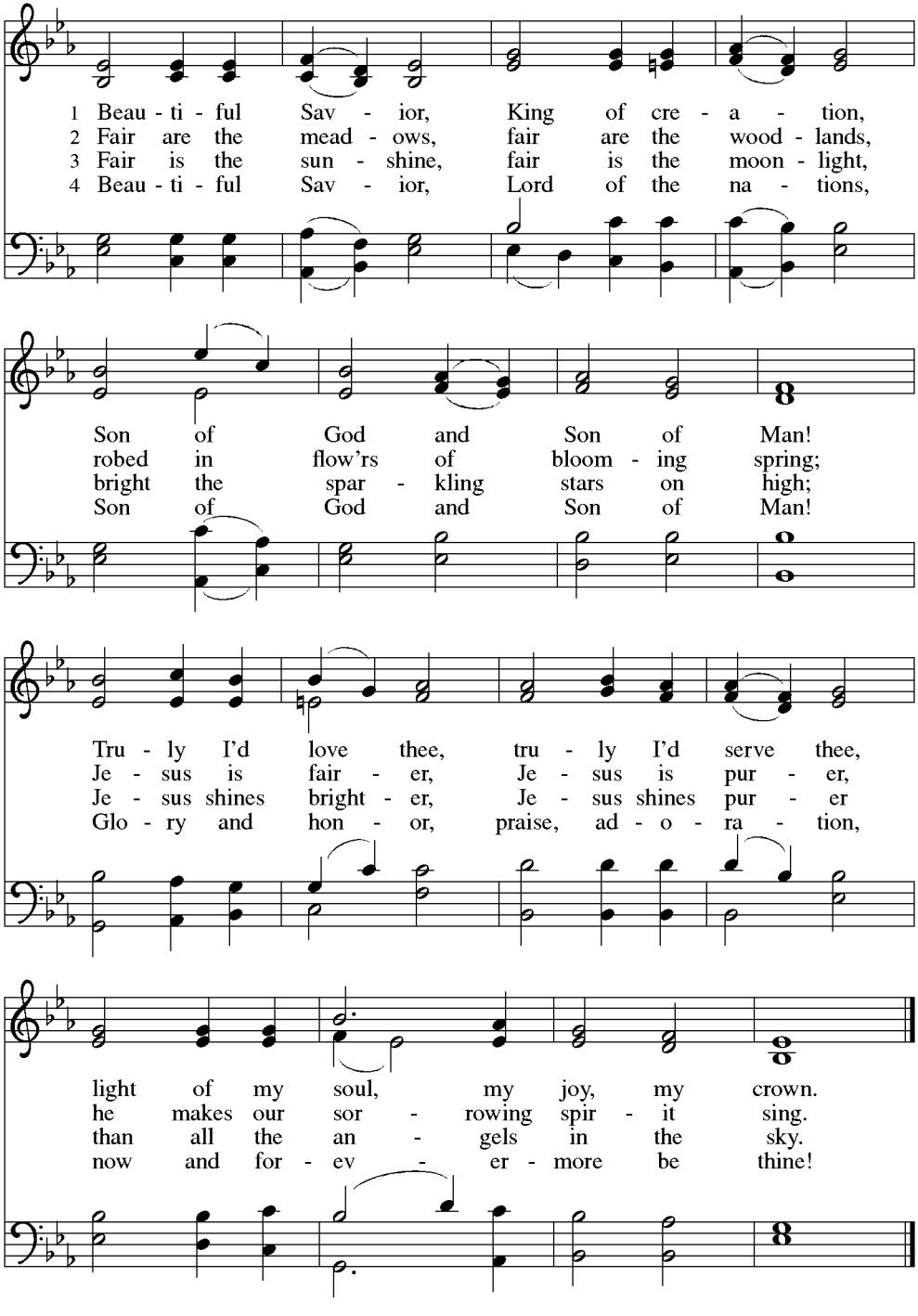

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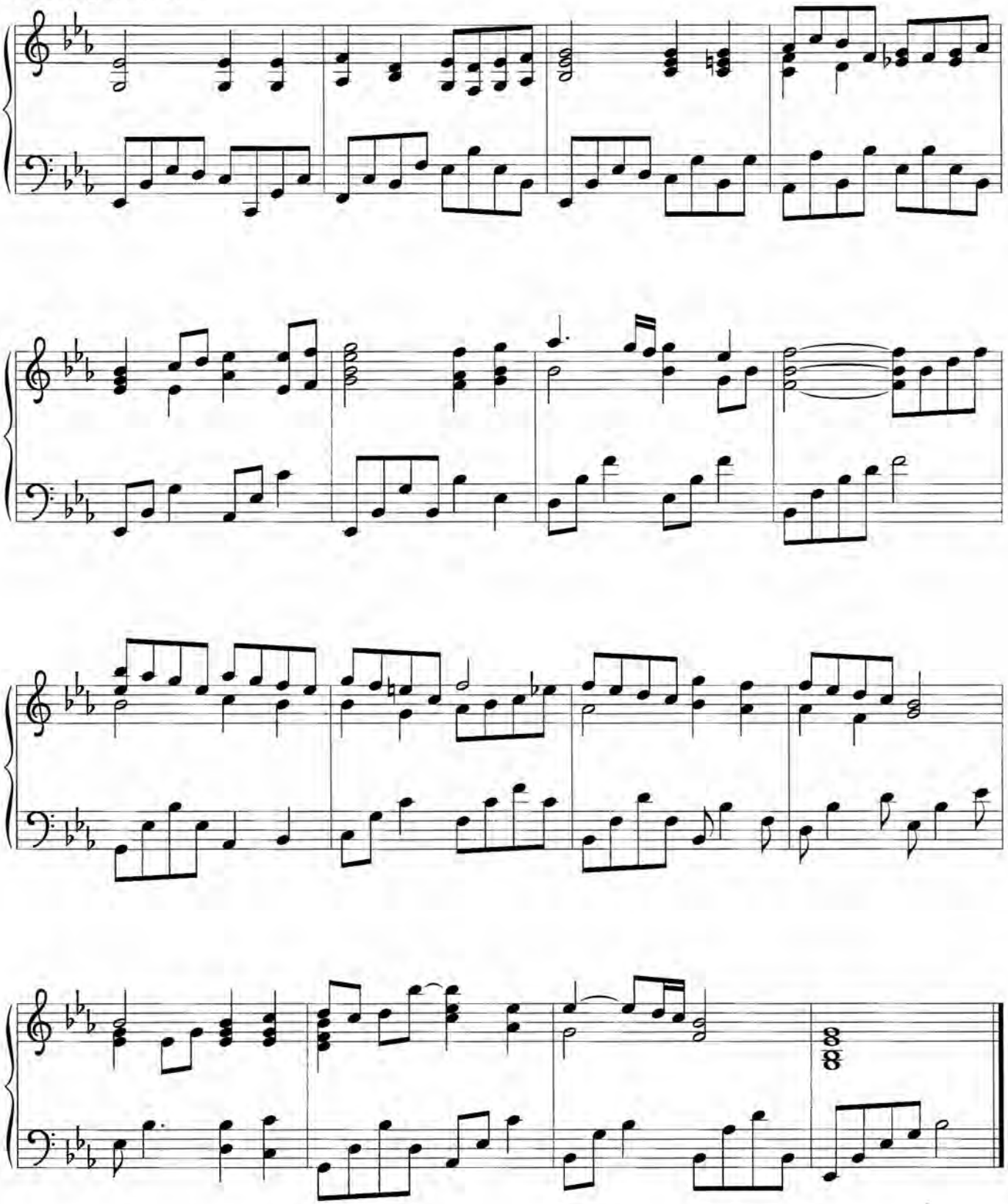

L: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Sunshine 1887/I've God the Joy arr. Mark Hayes

From *Mark Hayes: Gospel Hymns for the Intermediate Pianist* (70/1854L)

Sunshine and Joy Medley

(Sunshine in My Soul/I've Got the Joy)

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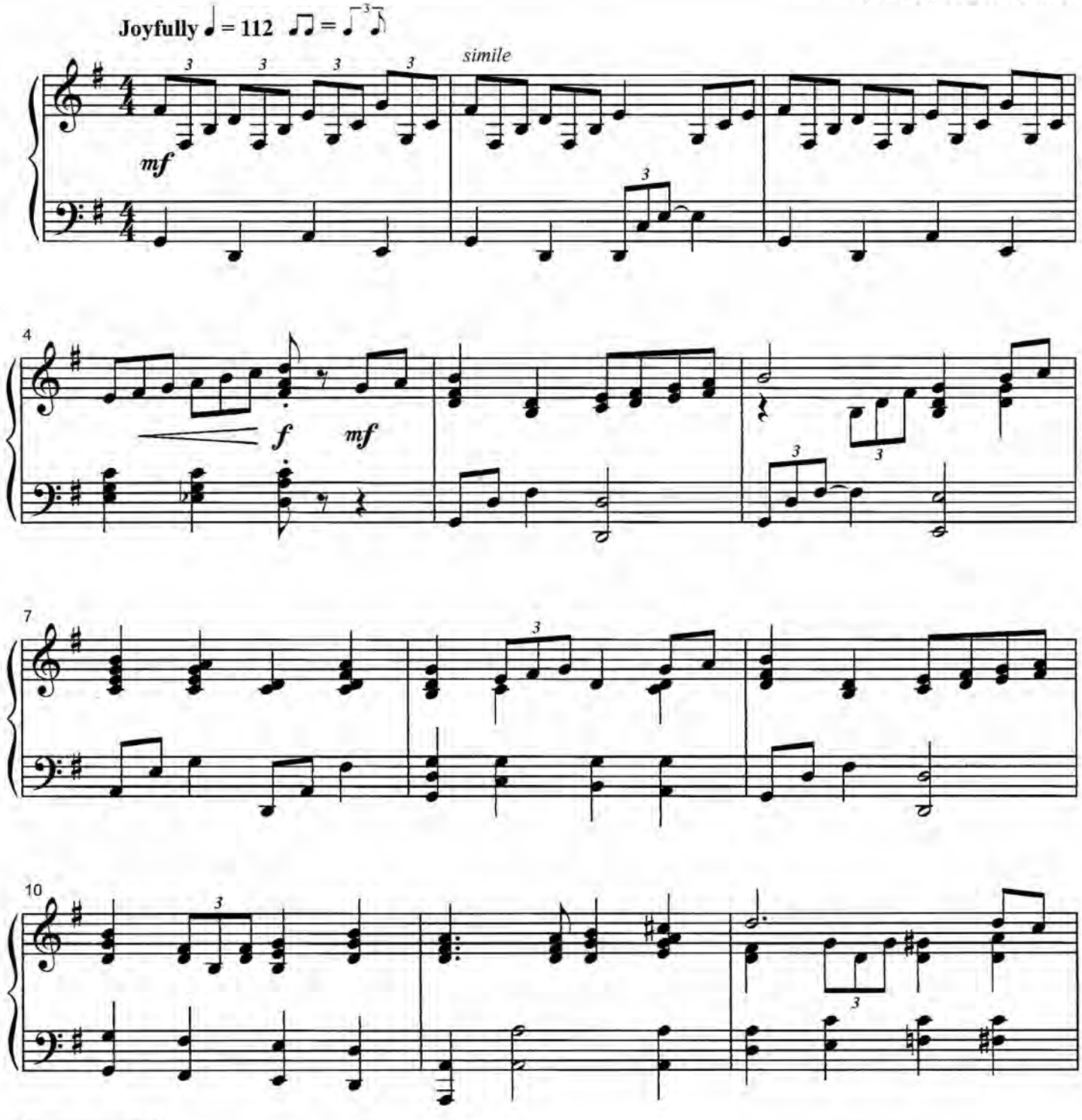
and I'VE GOT THE JOY
by **George Willis Cooke**



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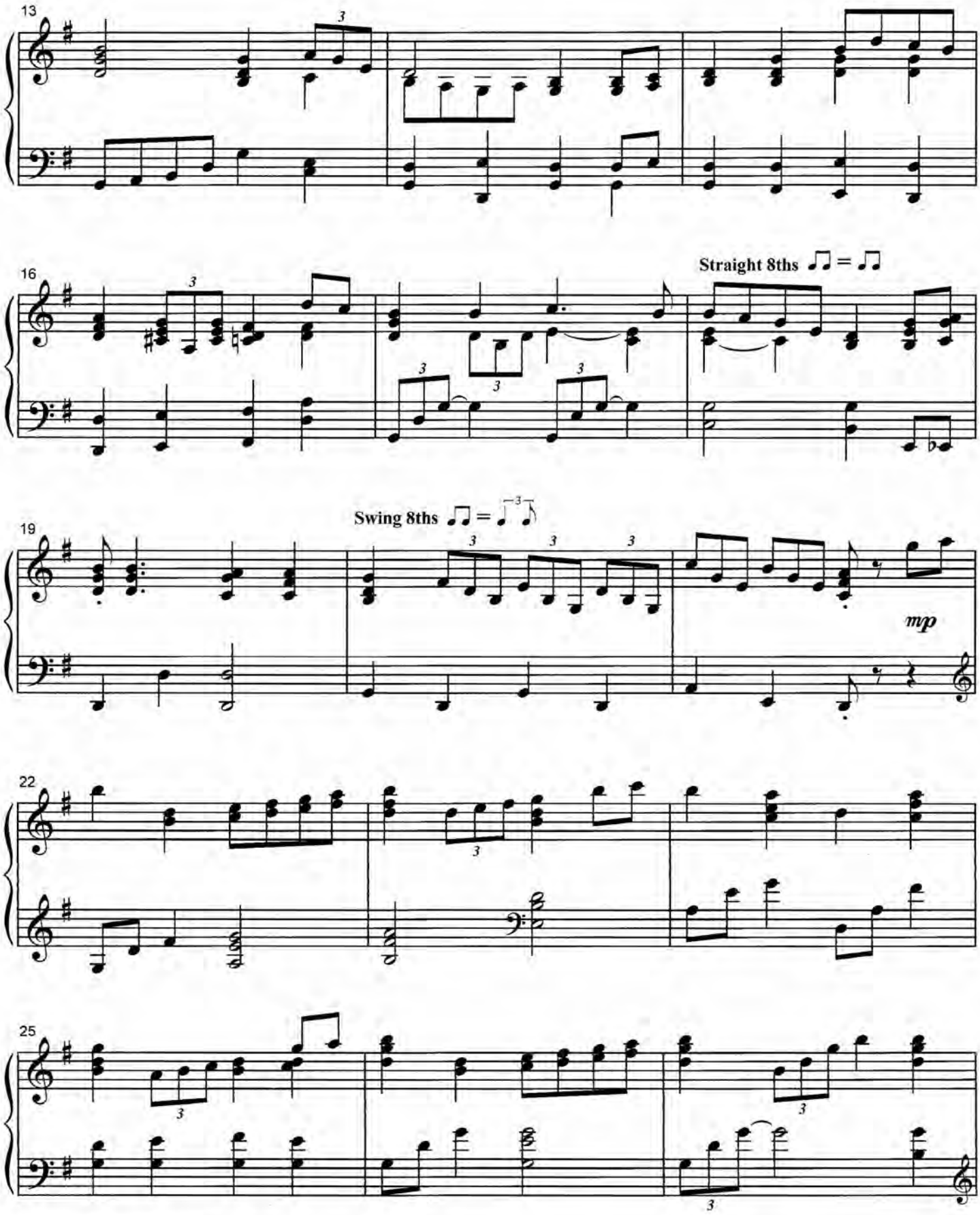
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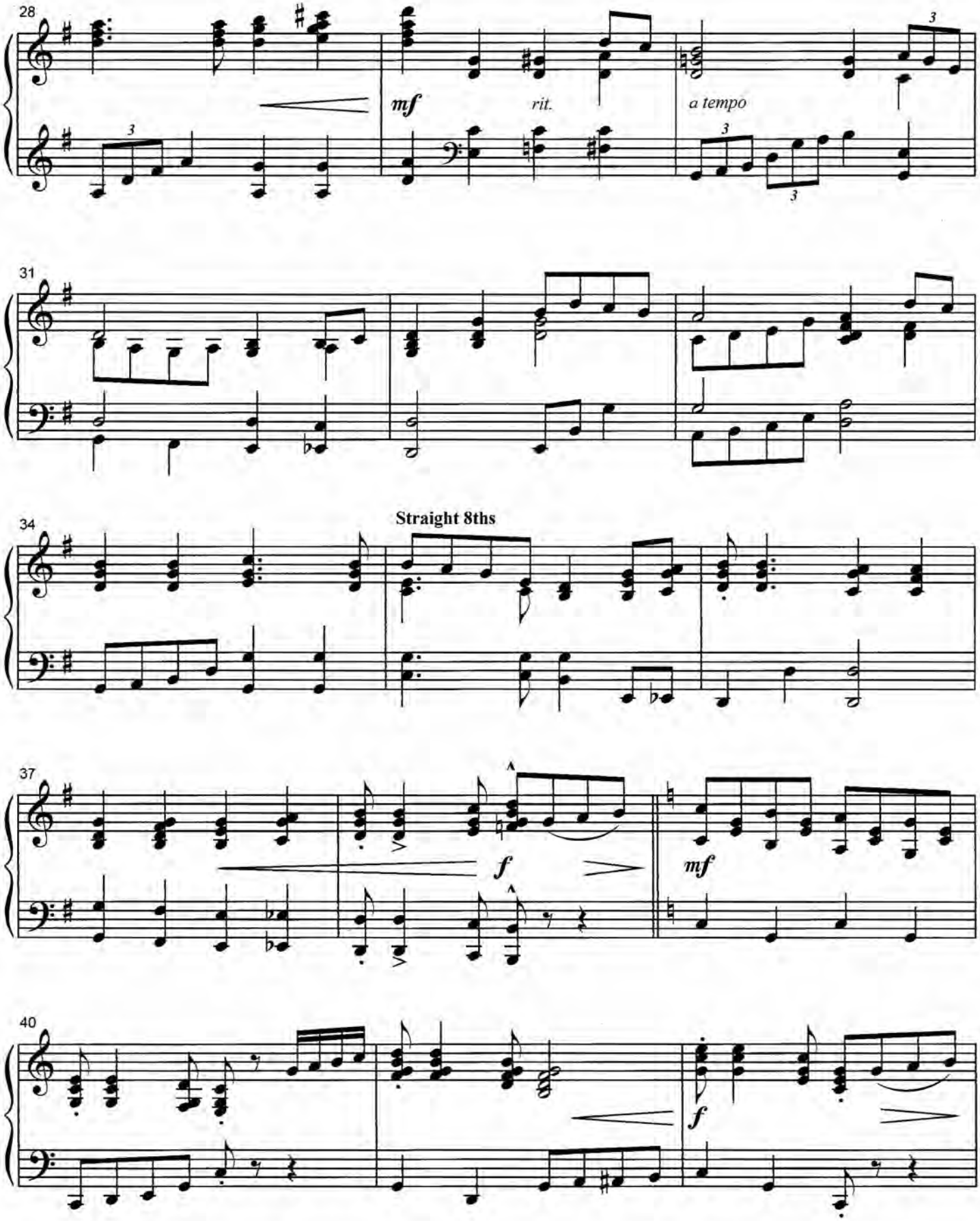
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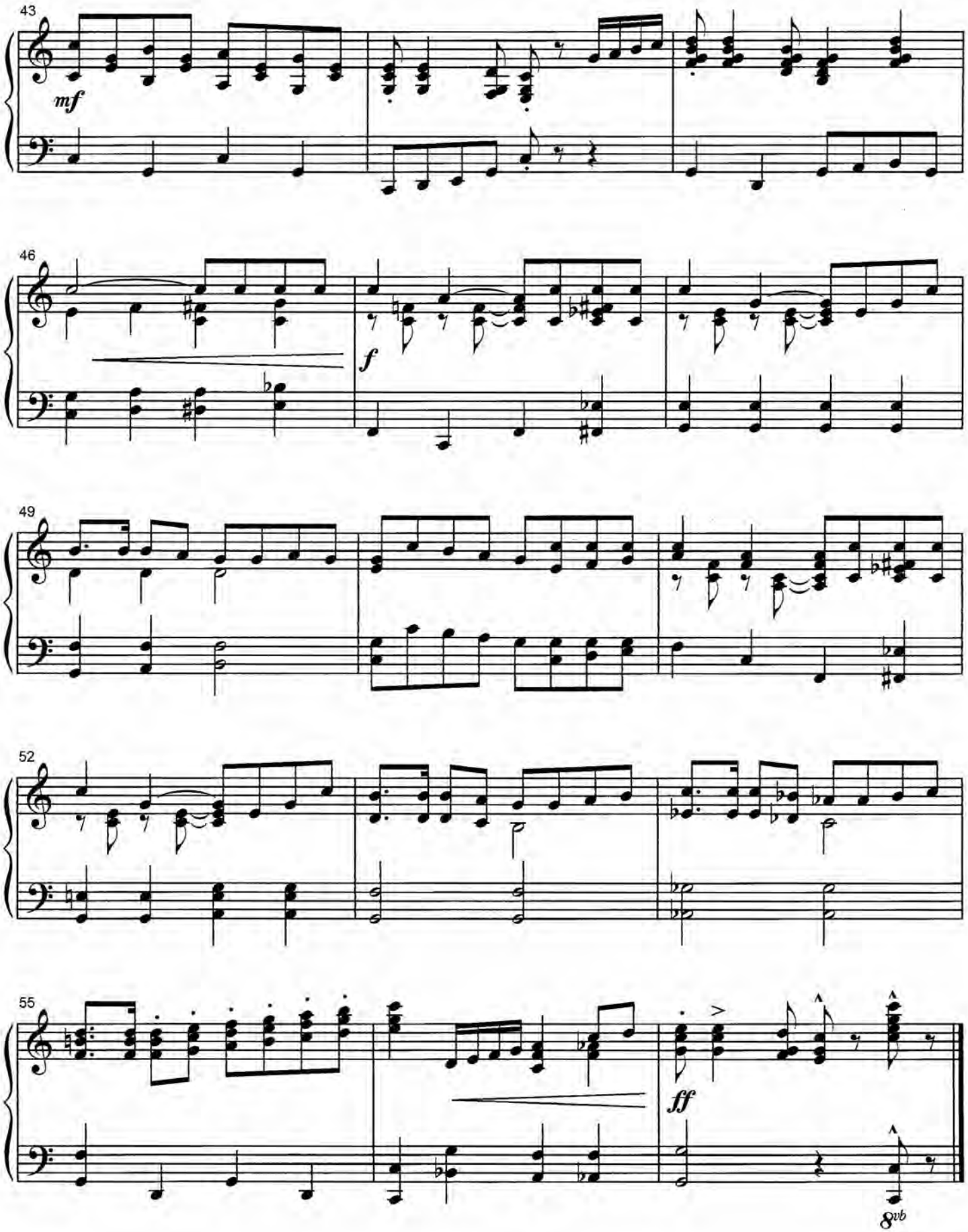
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