1st Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024

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Rev. Tammy Bull, Pastor

Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Tidings of Comfort and Joy* Ellen Jane Lorenz
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude: *Chime Prelude* L. N. Porter

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.
C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(a brief time of silence is kept)
L: God-with-us,
C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us form our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, + forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song: Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW #275

1. Angels, from the realm of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
   Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new-born king.

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
   God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. (refrain)
3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
   Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star. (refrain)
4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
   Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. (refrain)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Glory to You, God ACS p. 31

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day…

C: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word. Grant that in all things we may think and act according to your good will, and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (CEV)

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

Responsive reading of Psalm 148

L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created.

C: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

L: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

L: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: young men and maidens, old and young together.

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

2nd Reading: Luke 2:21-40 (CEV)

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia ACS p. 33

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 (CEV) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Time

Sermon Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: That Boy-Child of Mary ELW #293

Refrain:

That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable, a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

1. What shall we call him, child of the manger?
   What name is given in Bethlehem? (refrain)
2. His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
   born here among us in Bethlehem. (refrain)

3. How can he save us, how can he help us,
born here among us in Bethlehem. (refrain)
4. Gift of the Father, to human mother,
makes him our brother in Bethlehem. (refrain)
5. One with the Father, he is our Savior,
heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem. (refrain)
6. Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,
give ourselves to him in Bethlehem. (refrain)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith…

Nicene Creed ACS p. 17

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

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. We do this, in part, through the ministry of hospitality. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *New Year's Song* Robert Schumann/arr. Allen James

Offering Response: Create in Me ELW #186

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

P: 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

P: In the night […] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Be Known to Us ACS p. 40

Hymn during Communion: Let All Together Praise Our God ELW #287

1. Let all together praise our God before the highest throne;
   Today God opens heav'n again and sends the only Son,
   and sends the only Son.
2. From God's right hand the Son descends, is born an infant small,
   And lies in poverty, his bed a manger in a stall, a manger in a stall.
3. O tender Child, you veil in flesh the splendor of your might;
   A servant's garb now wraps the one who clothed the sky with light,
   who clothed the sky with light.
4. Your mother feeds you tenderly, sings you a lullaby,
   While angels, hailing David's heir, your glory magnify, your glory magnify.
5. A wonderful exchange you make: you take our flesh and blood,
   And in return give us to share the shining realm of God,
   the shining realm of God.
6. Unlock the door again today that leads to paradise;
   The angel bars the way no more. To God let praises rise,
   to God let praises rise!

P: 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: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: He Comes to Us as One Unknown ELW #737

1. He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
   As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
   A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.
2. He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
   Half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
   Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.
3. He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
   Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
   A voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
4. He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
   To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
   For ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.
5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
   The Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown,
   Our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *For Christmas* Carl Simone

Accompanist: James Rickley Cantor: Gaynell Tempel
Reader: Becky Timmons Fellowship:
Communion Assistant:

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of December 29:
Wed. 1/1 – New Year's Day – Church office closed. No WOW! or confirmation classes scheduled.

Keeping in Prayer... Mari and family following the deaths of her parents; Sumner; Carrie; Jim; Sue; Dee; Lois & Frank; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

THANK YOU… to everyone who helped out before, during, and after our Christmas Eve worship!

THANK YOU… to the crew who worked on Friday and Saturday to begin preparations for the new flooring and seating!

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TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

4 minutes

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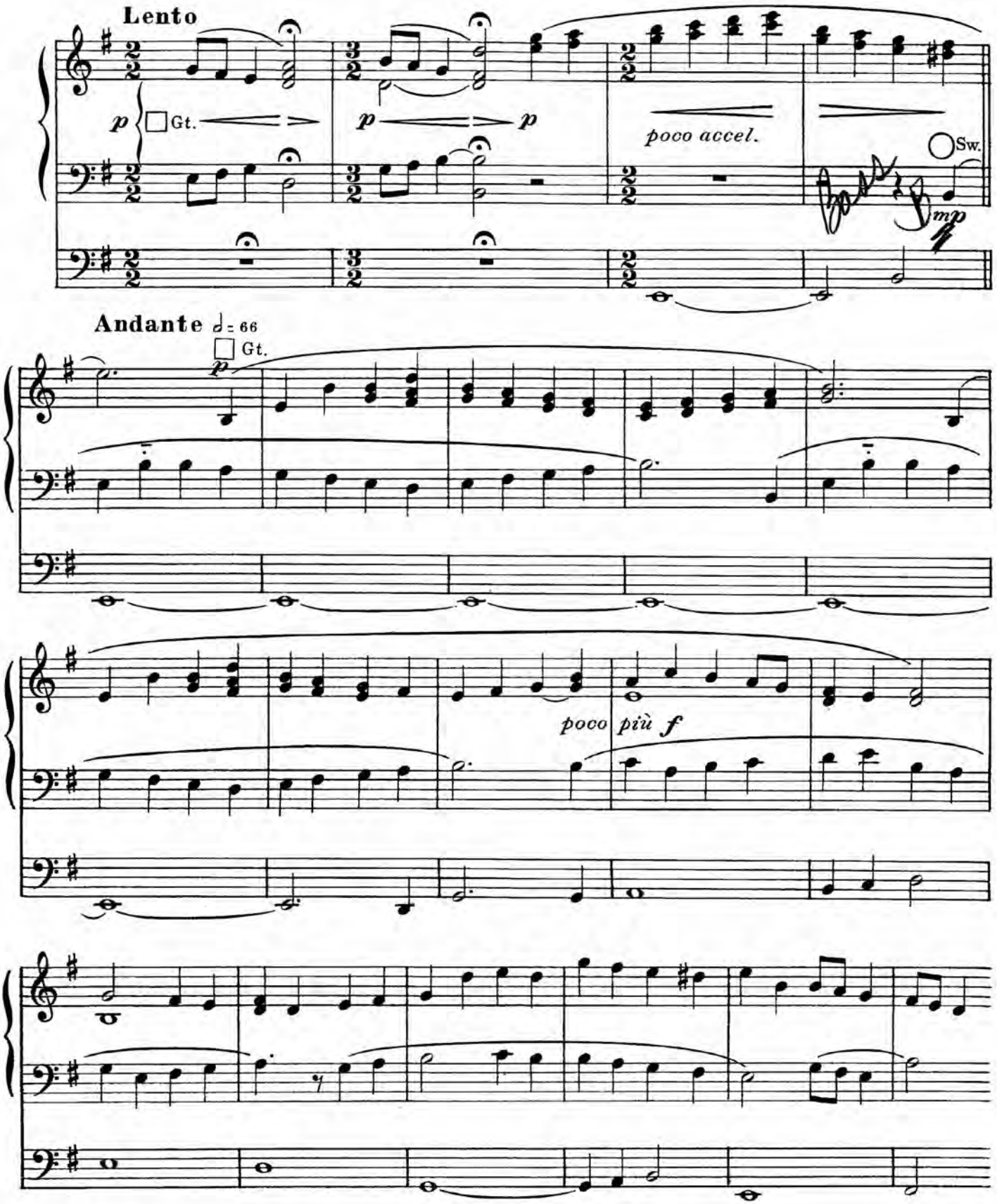
Gt. Dulciana D
Ped. Soft 8′ *Ped. 32*

ELLEN JANE LORENZ
Tune: Traditional Carol



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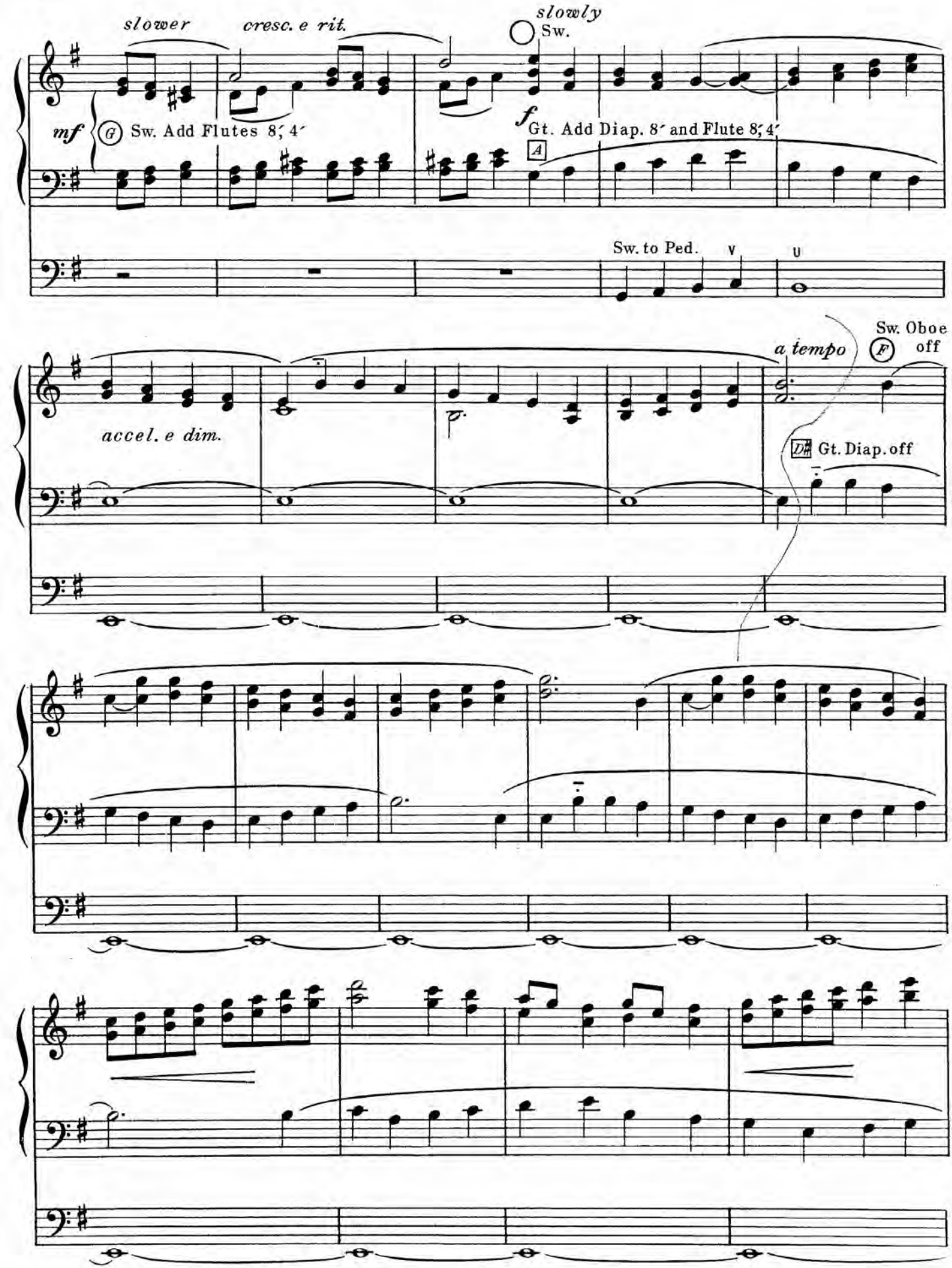
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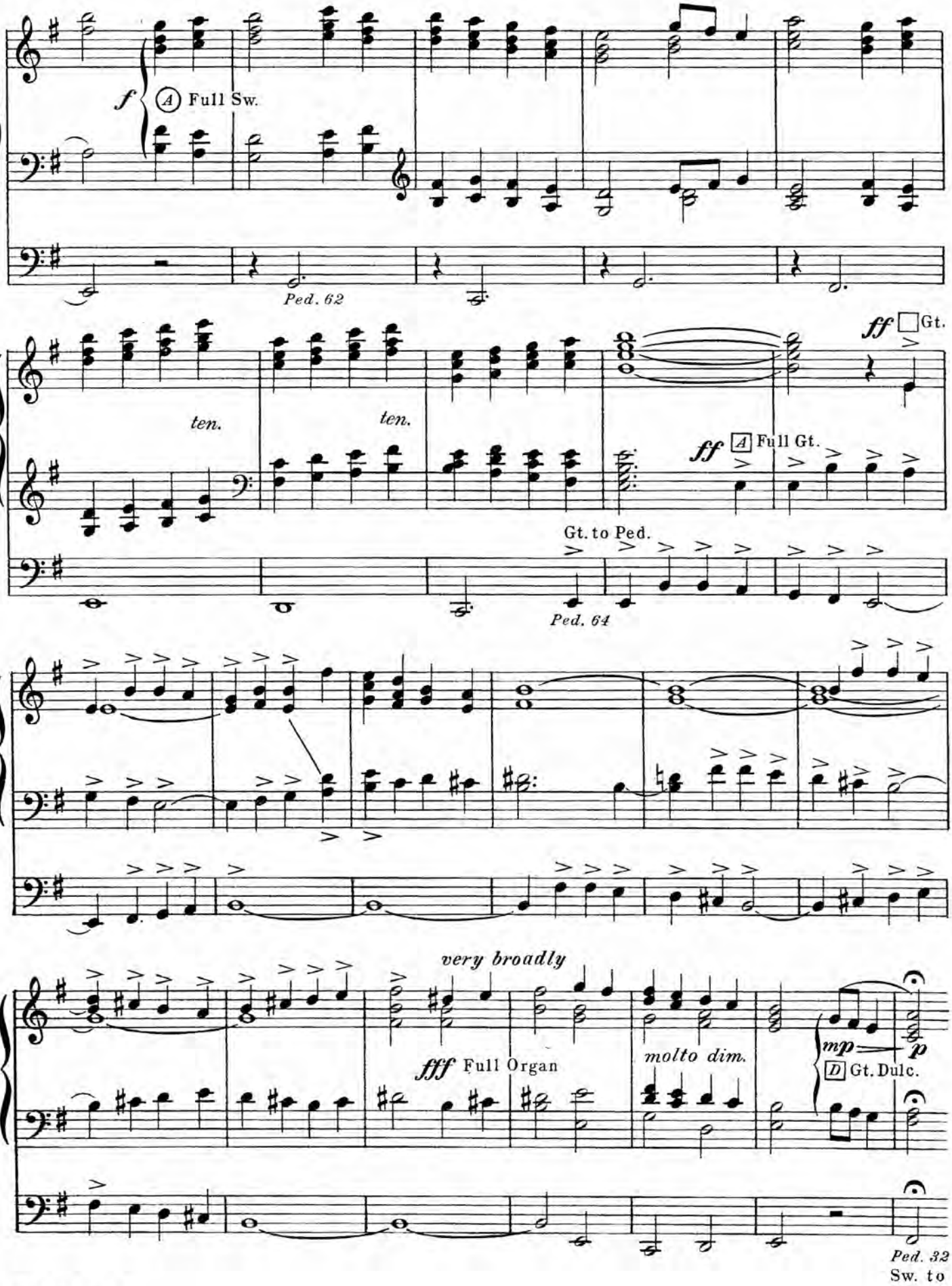
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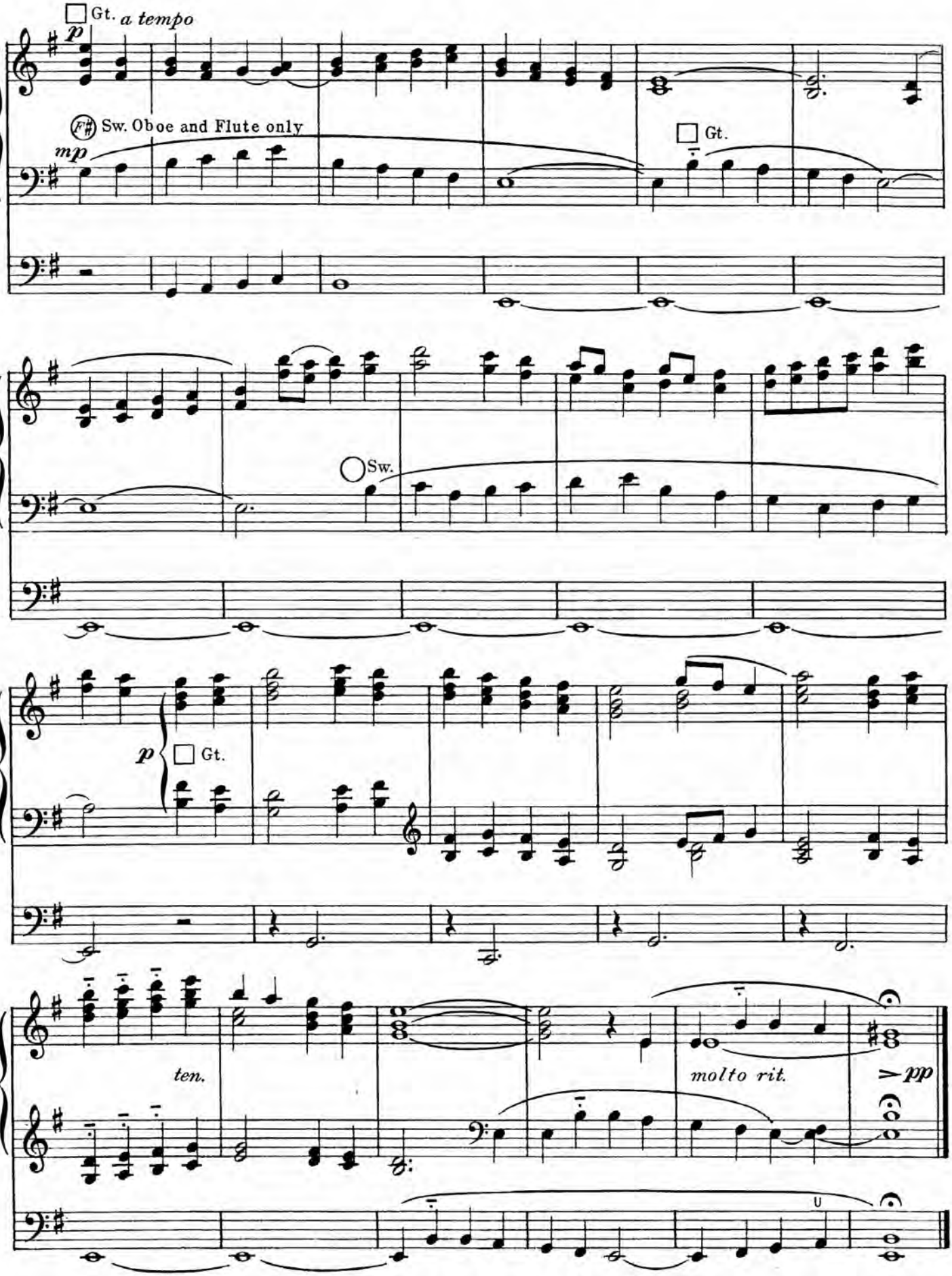
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Welcome & Announcements
Prelude: *Chime Prelude* L. N. Porter

CHIME PRELUDE

1¼ minutes

Sw. Soft String
Gt. Chimes
Ped. String 16′, Sw. to Ped.

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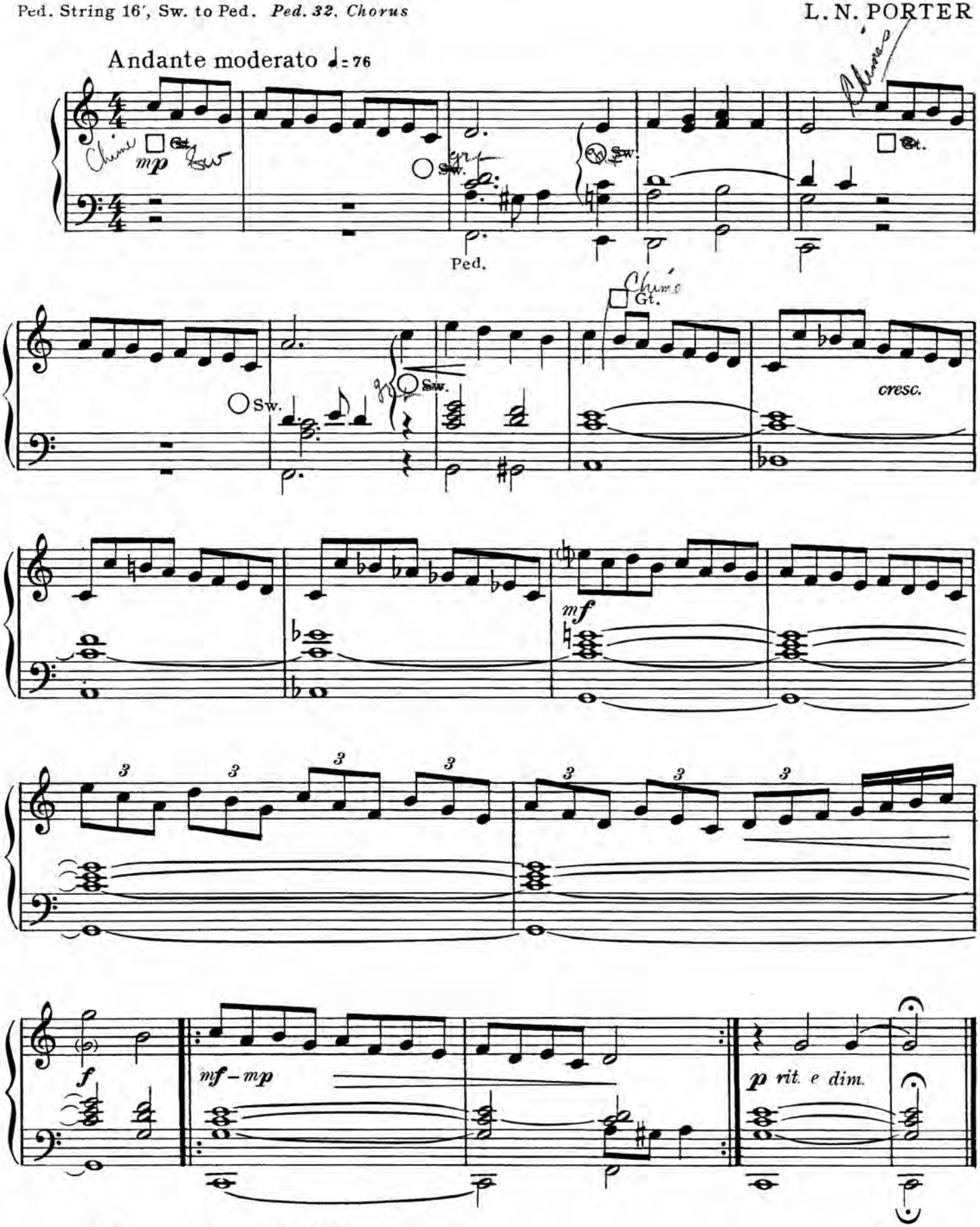
G♯ *or Chimes*
Ped. 32, Chorus

L. N. PORTER



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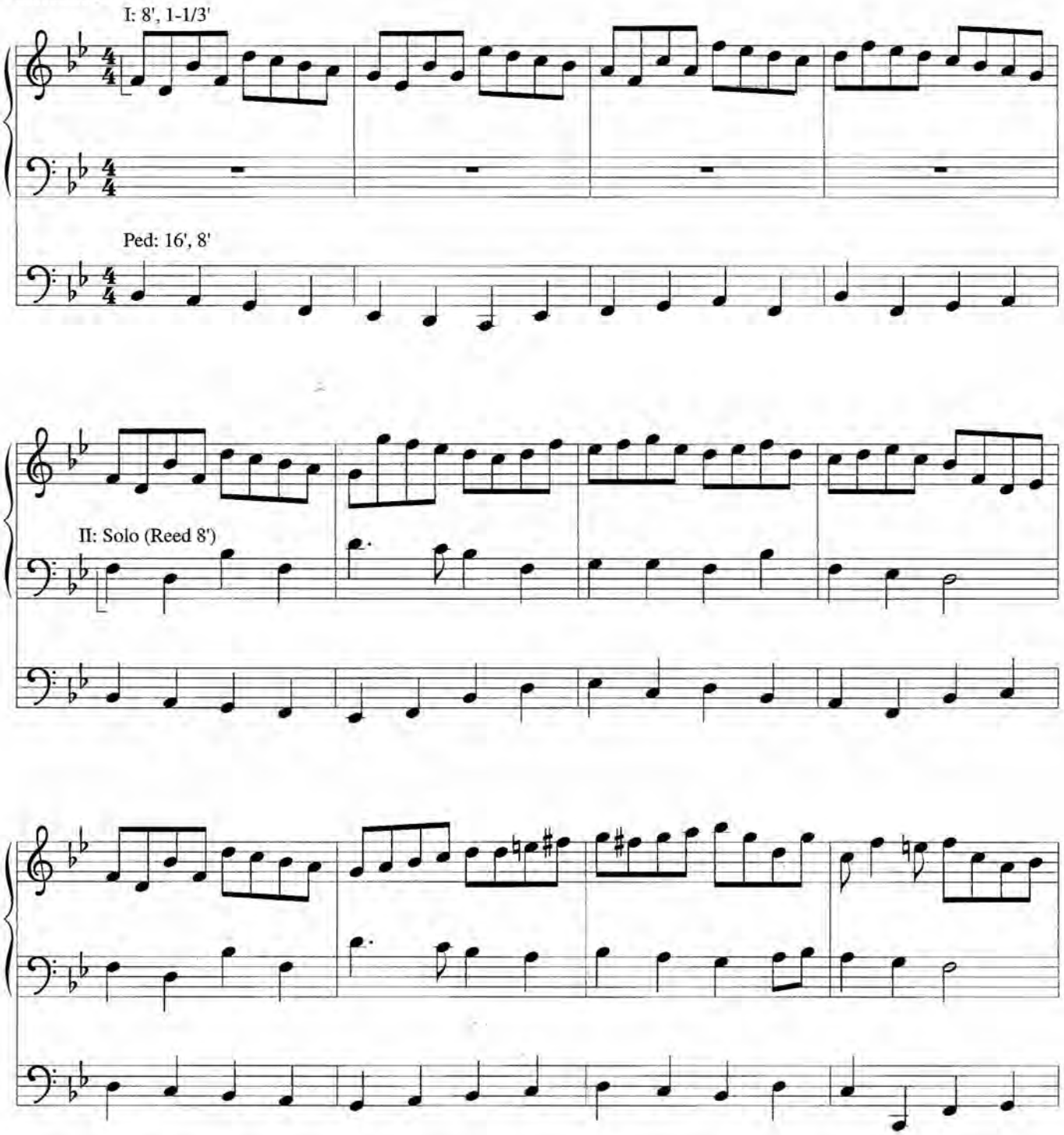
REGENT SQUARE

Introduction



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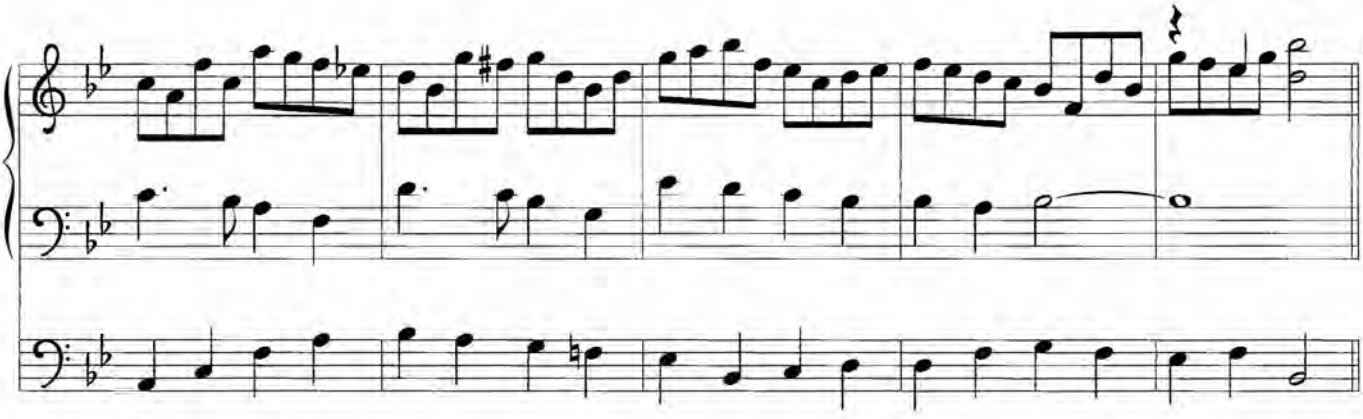

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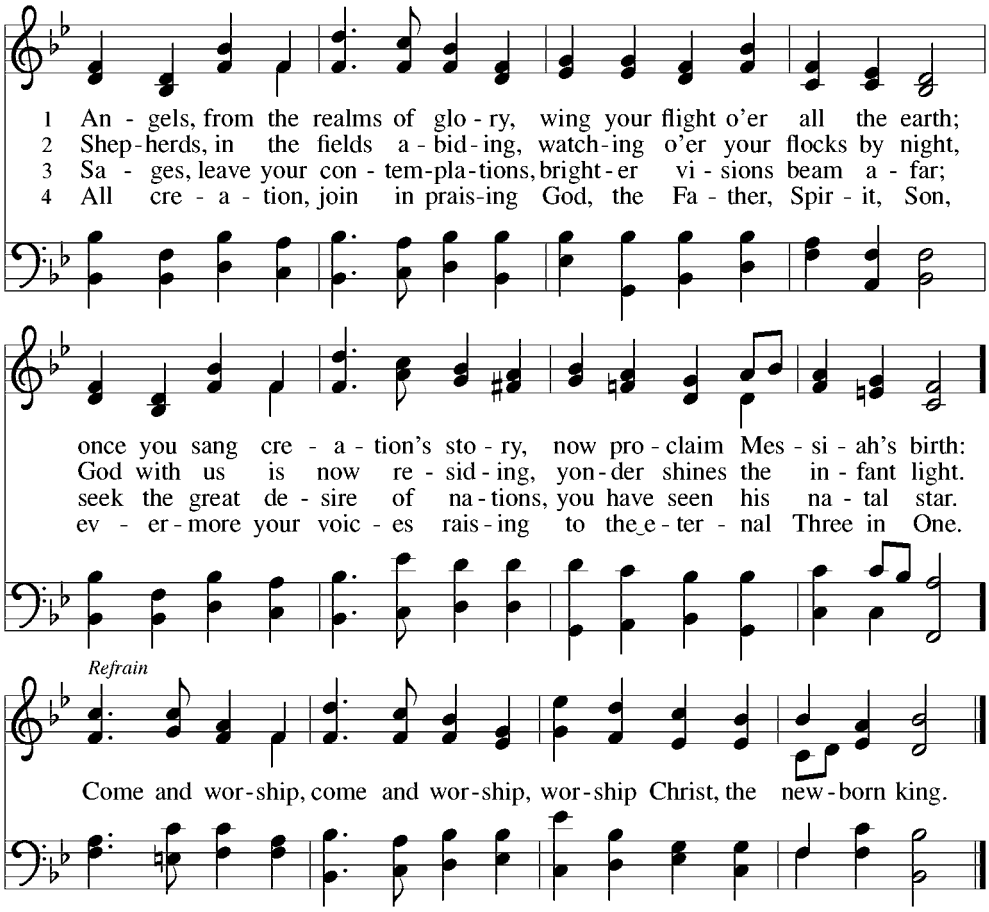

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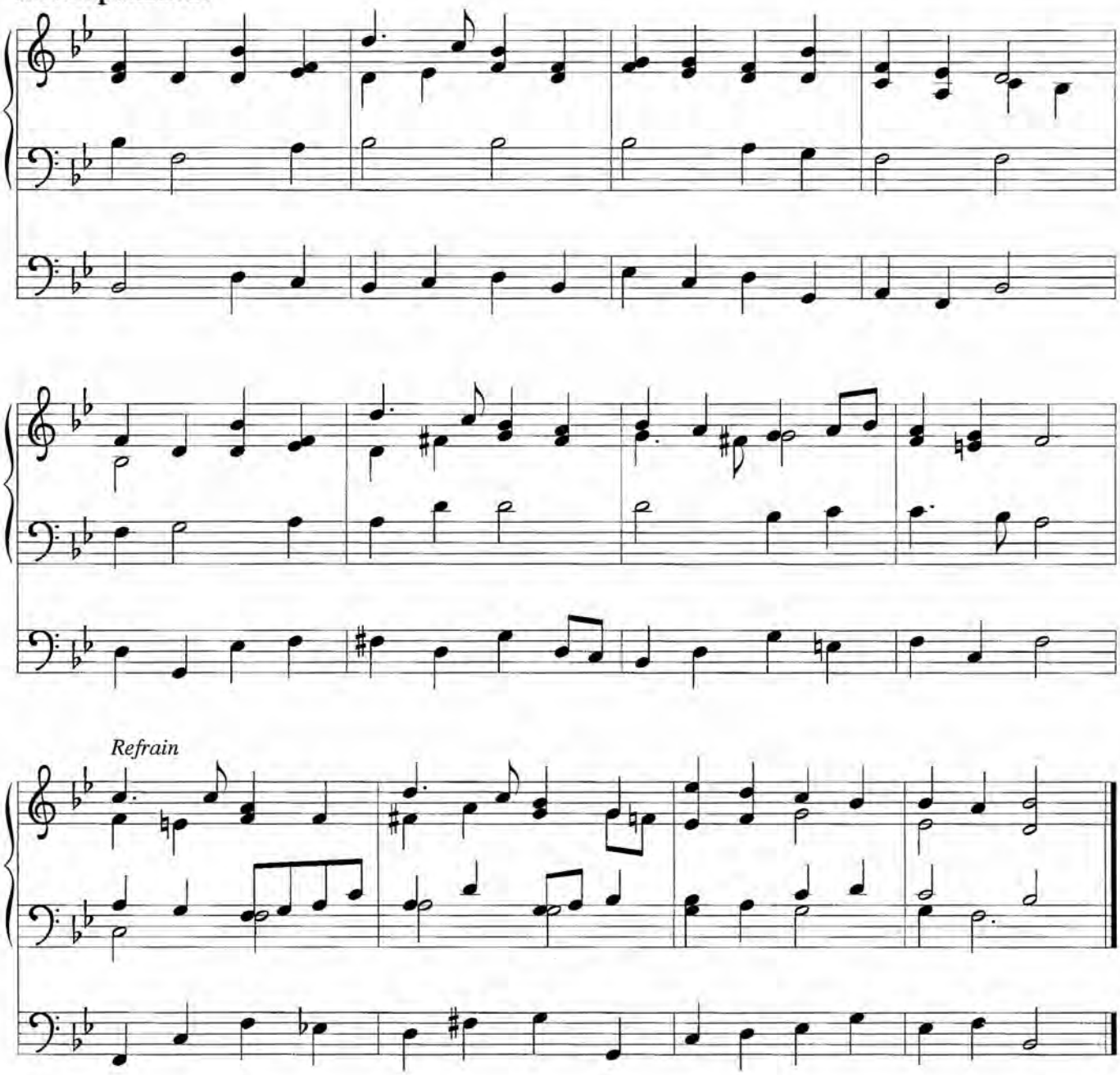

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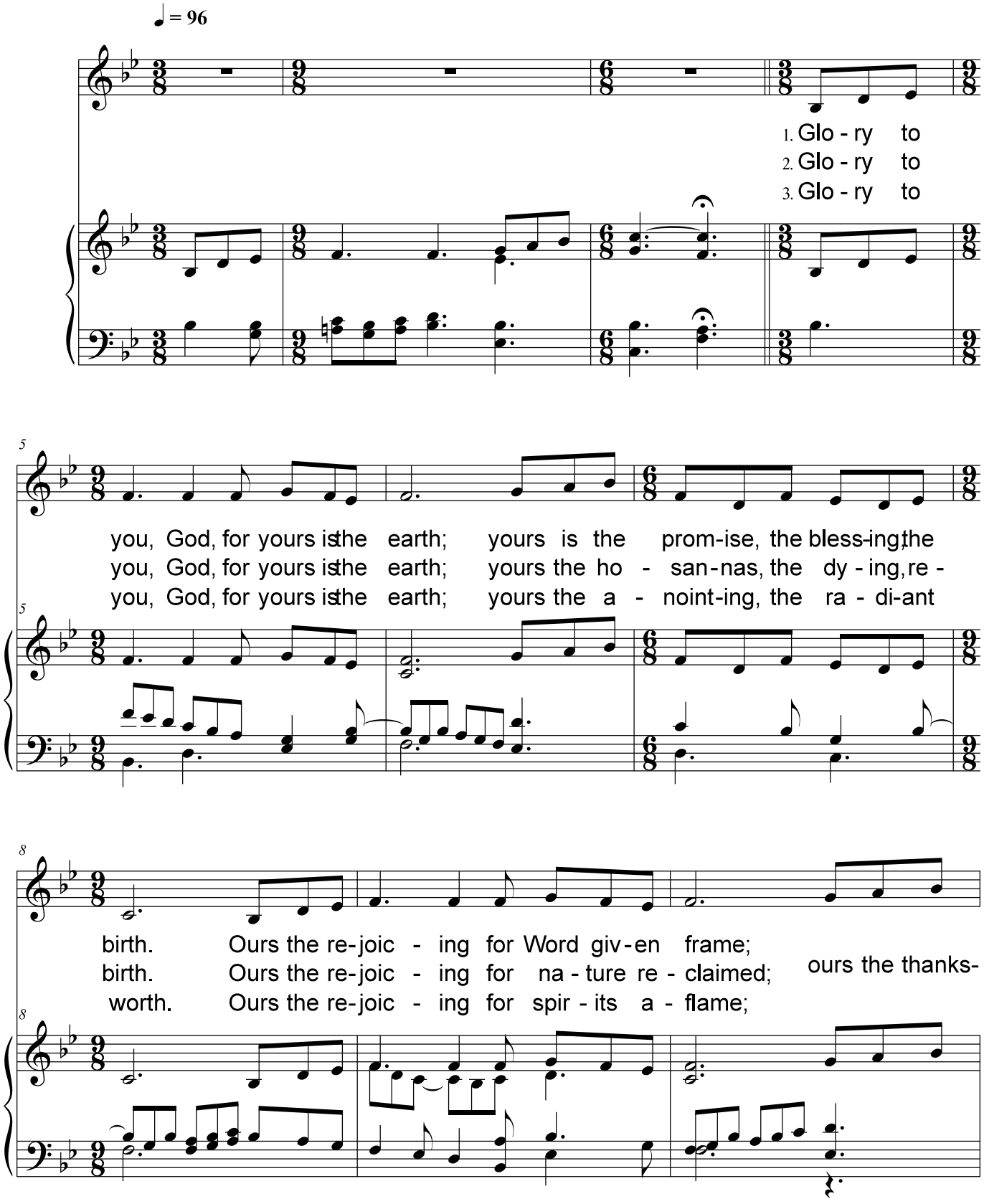

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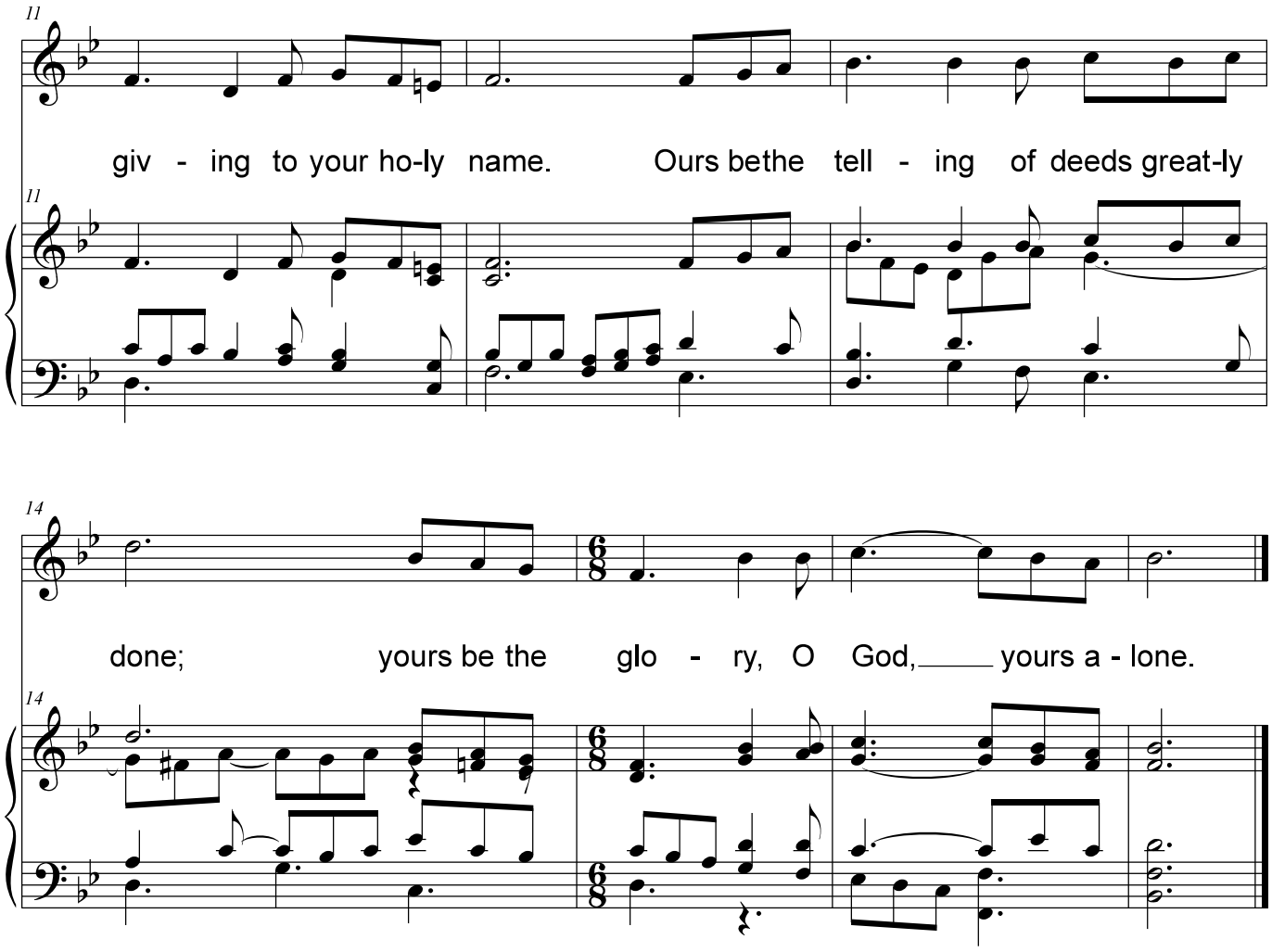
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WORD

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (CEV)

The Child Samuel at Shiloh
18 Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy girded with a linen ephod. 19 And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 Then Eli would bless Elka'nah and his wife, and say, "The Lord give you children by this woman for the loan which she lent to[a] the Lord"; so then they would return to their home.

26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men.

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

Responsive reading of Psalm 148
L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
C: Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
C: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created.
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L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
L: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
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L: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
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L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
C: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

2nd Reading: Luke 2:21-40 (CEV)

Jesus Is Named
21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple
22 And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 27 And inspired by the Spirit[a] he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
30 for mine eyes have seen thy salvation
31 which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to thy people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; 34 and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

“Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel,
and for a sign that is spoken against
35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also),
that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.”

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phan'u-el, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, 37 and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth
39 And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia ACS p. 33

Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

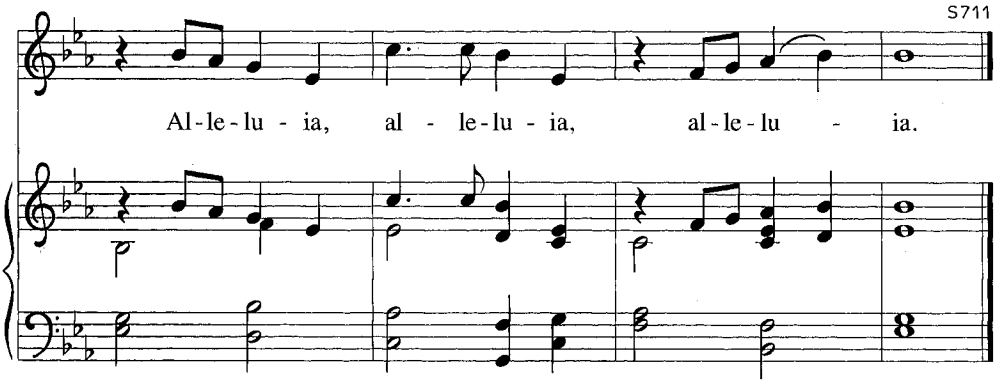
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Readings and Psalm

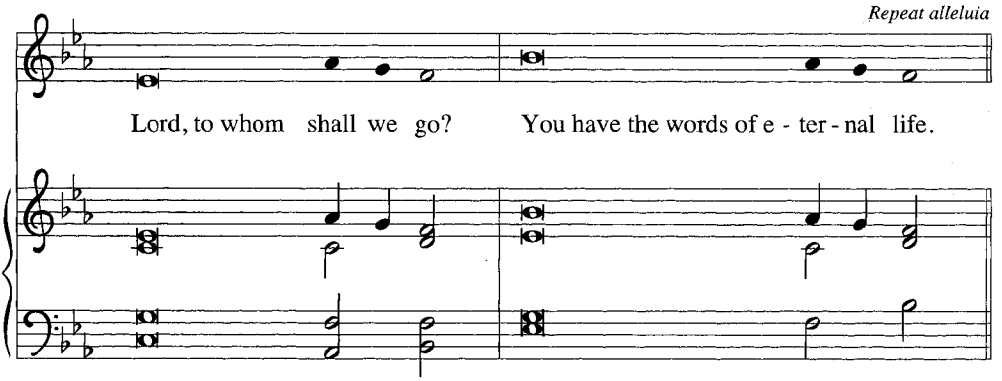
Response after the conclusion of the first and second reading: **Thanks be to God.**

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: Luke 2:41-52 (CEV) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Boy Jesus in the Temple
41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; 43 and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; 47 and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." 49 And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature,[a] and in favor with God and man.

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

Children's Time
Sermon Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: That Boy-Child of Mary ELW #293
Refrain:
That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable, a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

1. What shall we call him, child of the manger?
   What name is given in Bethlehem? (refrain)
2. His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
   born here among us in Bethlehem. (refrain)
3. How can he save us, how can he help us,
   born here among us in Bethlehem. (refrain)
4. Gift of the Father, to human mother,
   makes him our brother in Bethlehem. (refrain)
5. One with the Father, he is our Savior,
   heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem. (refrain)
6. Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,
   give ourselves to him in Bethlehem. (refrain)

That Boy-Child of Mary

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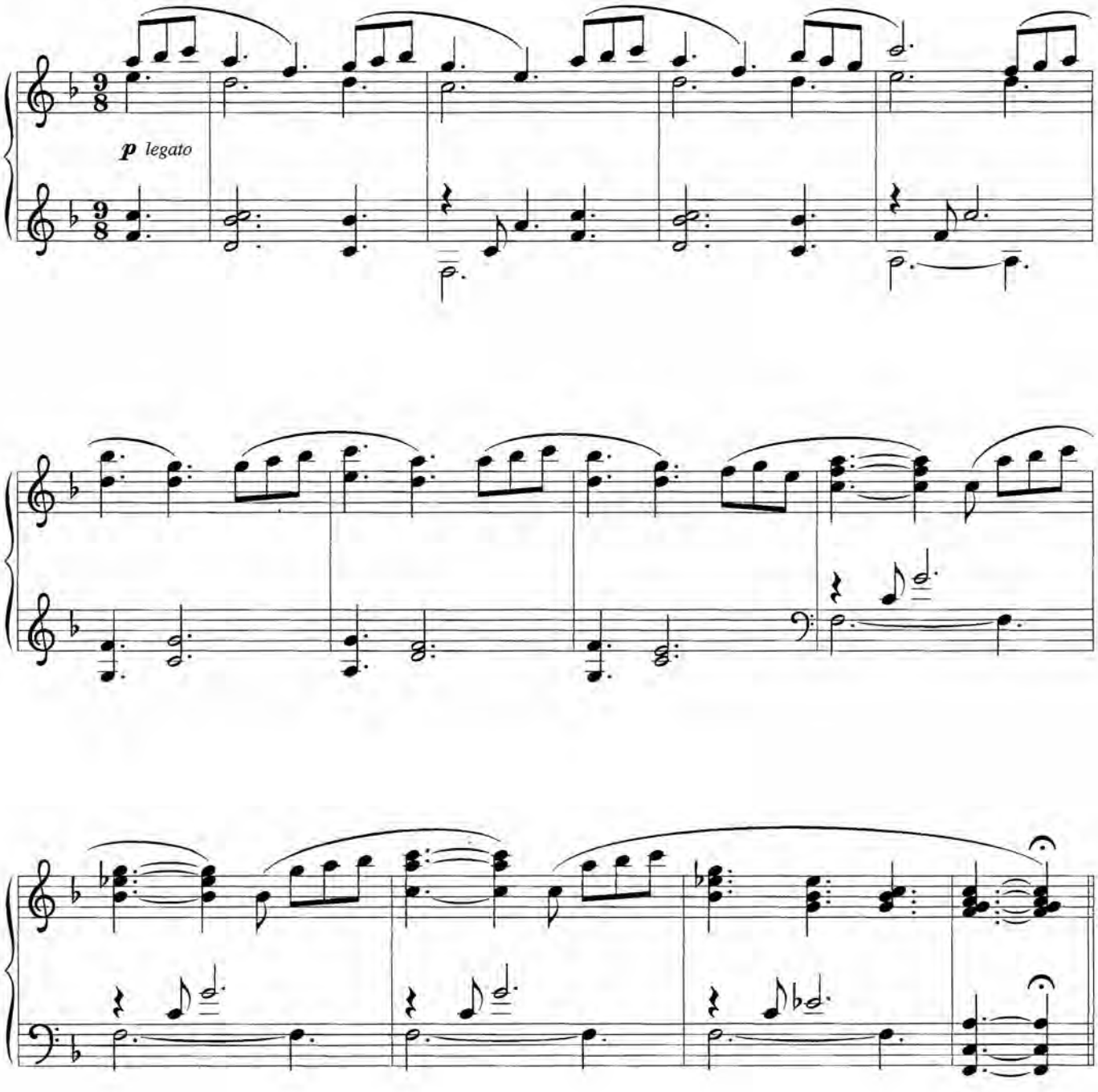

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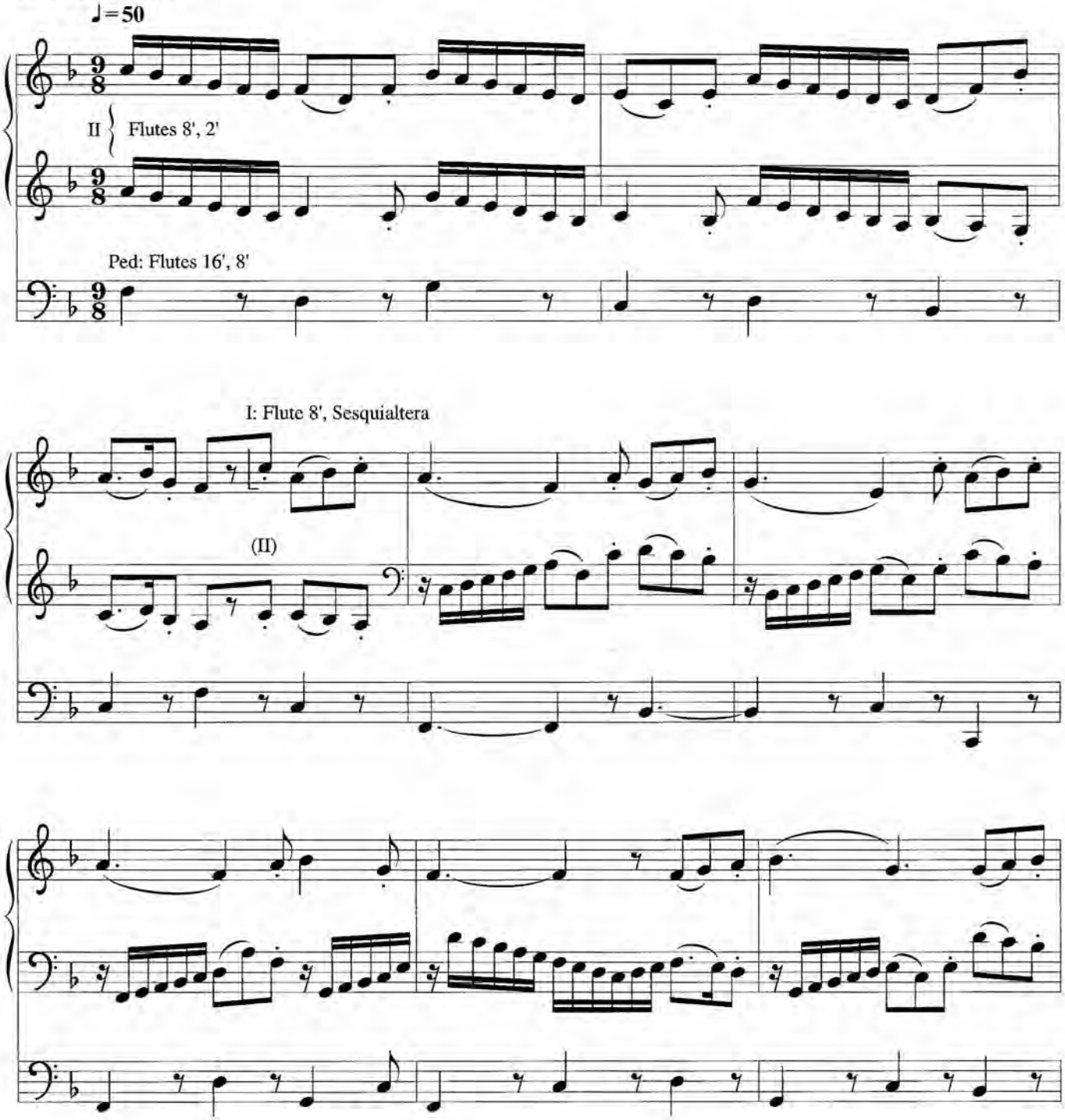

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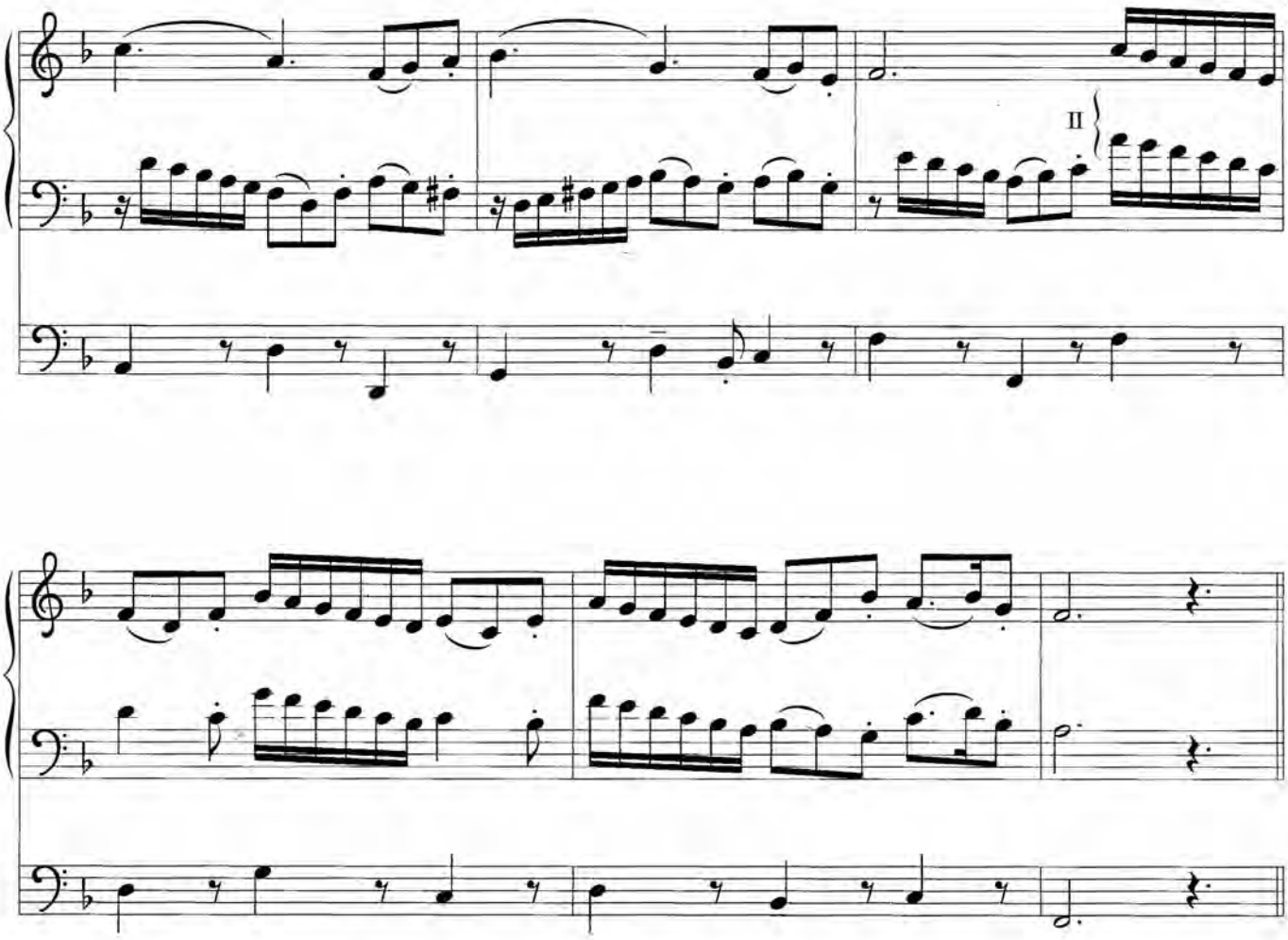
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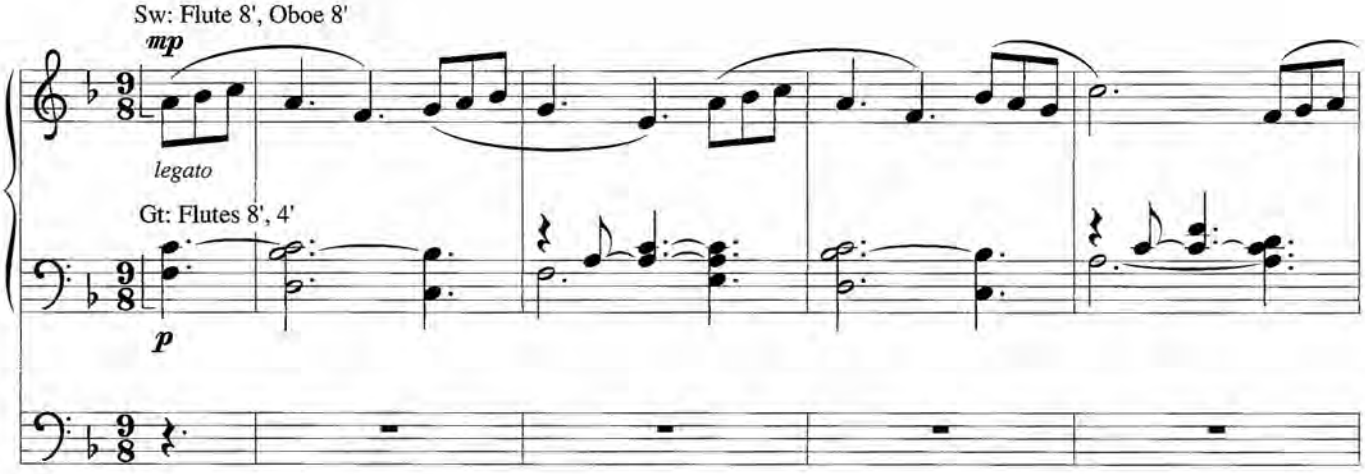

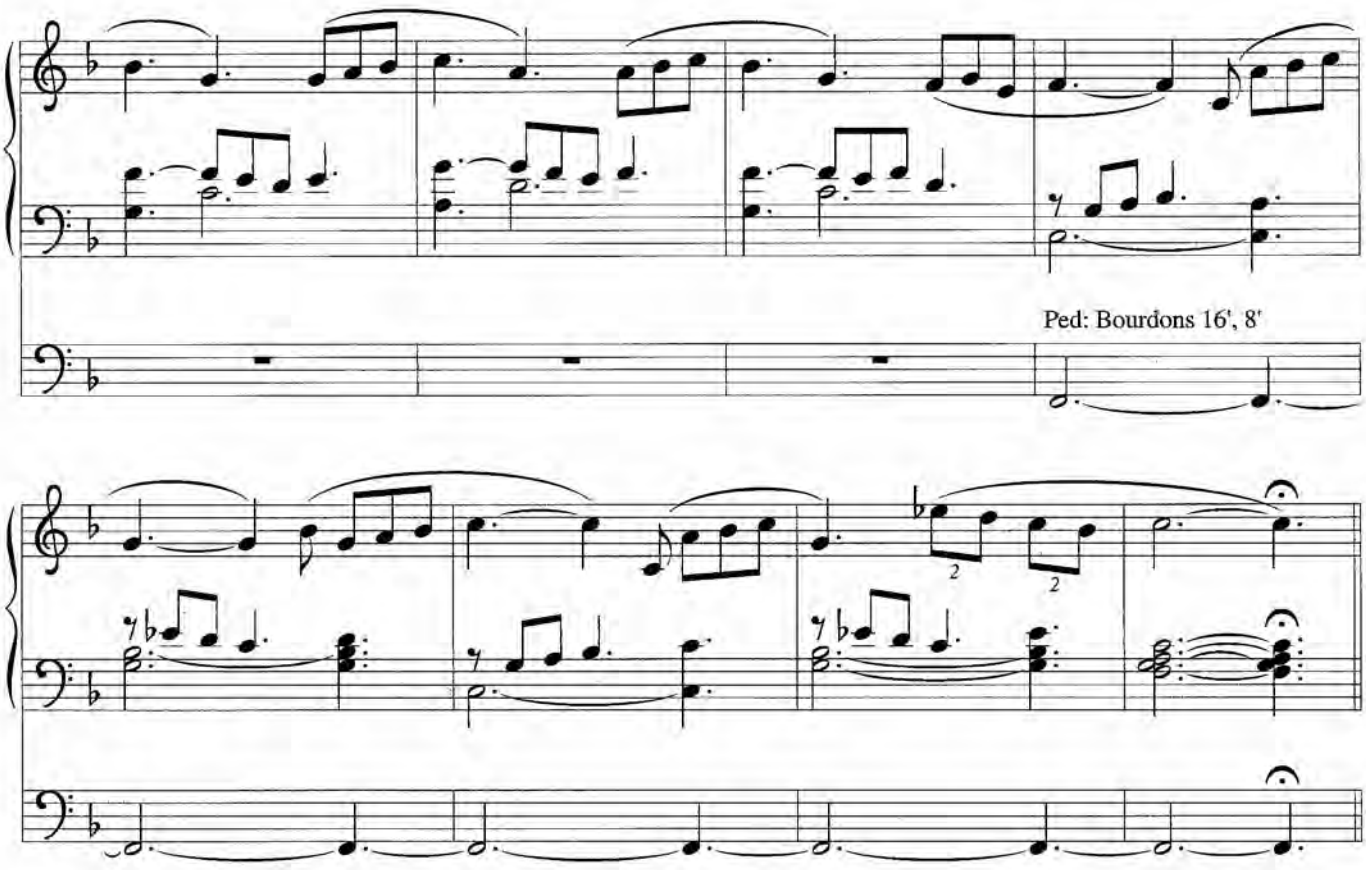
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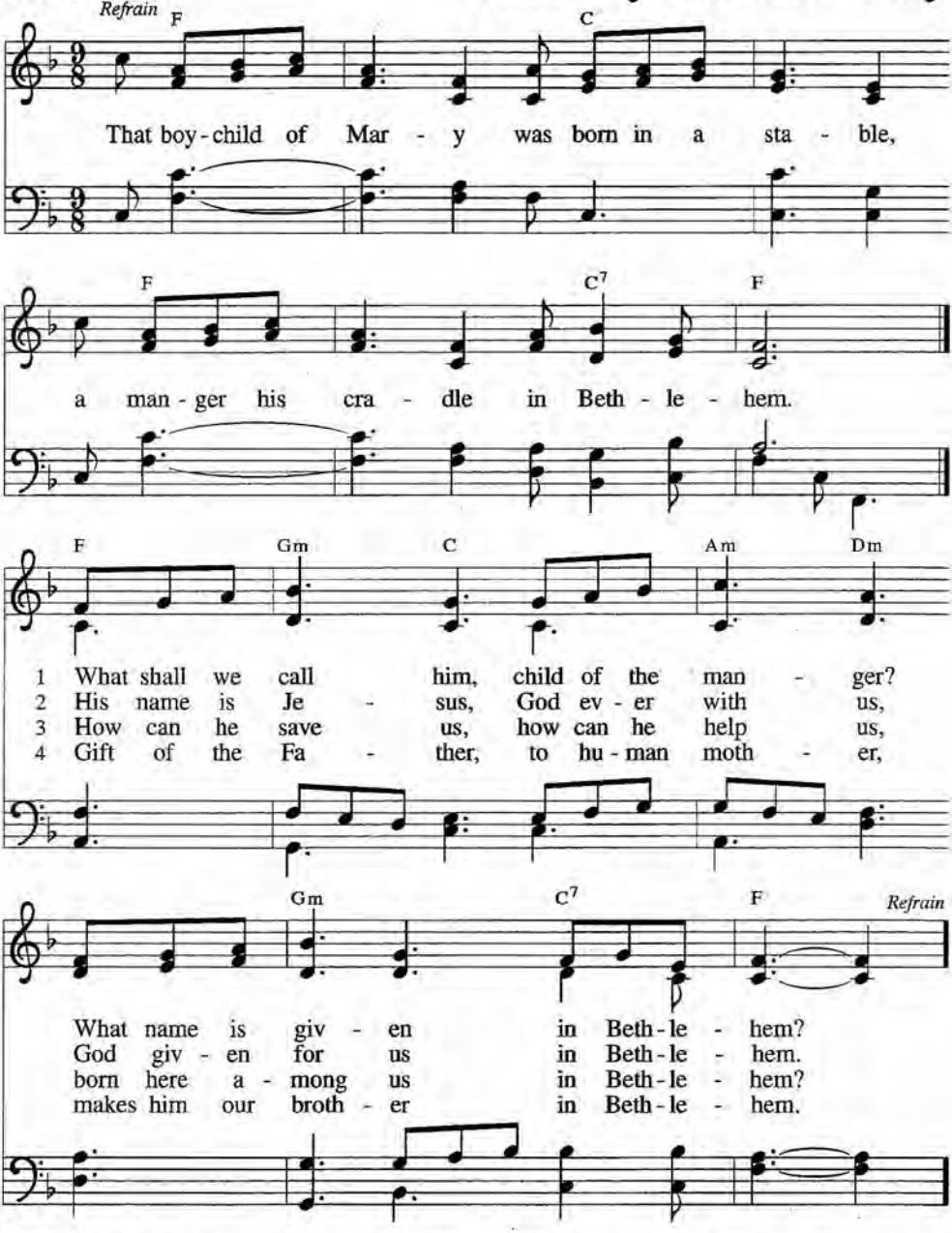

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Refrain

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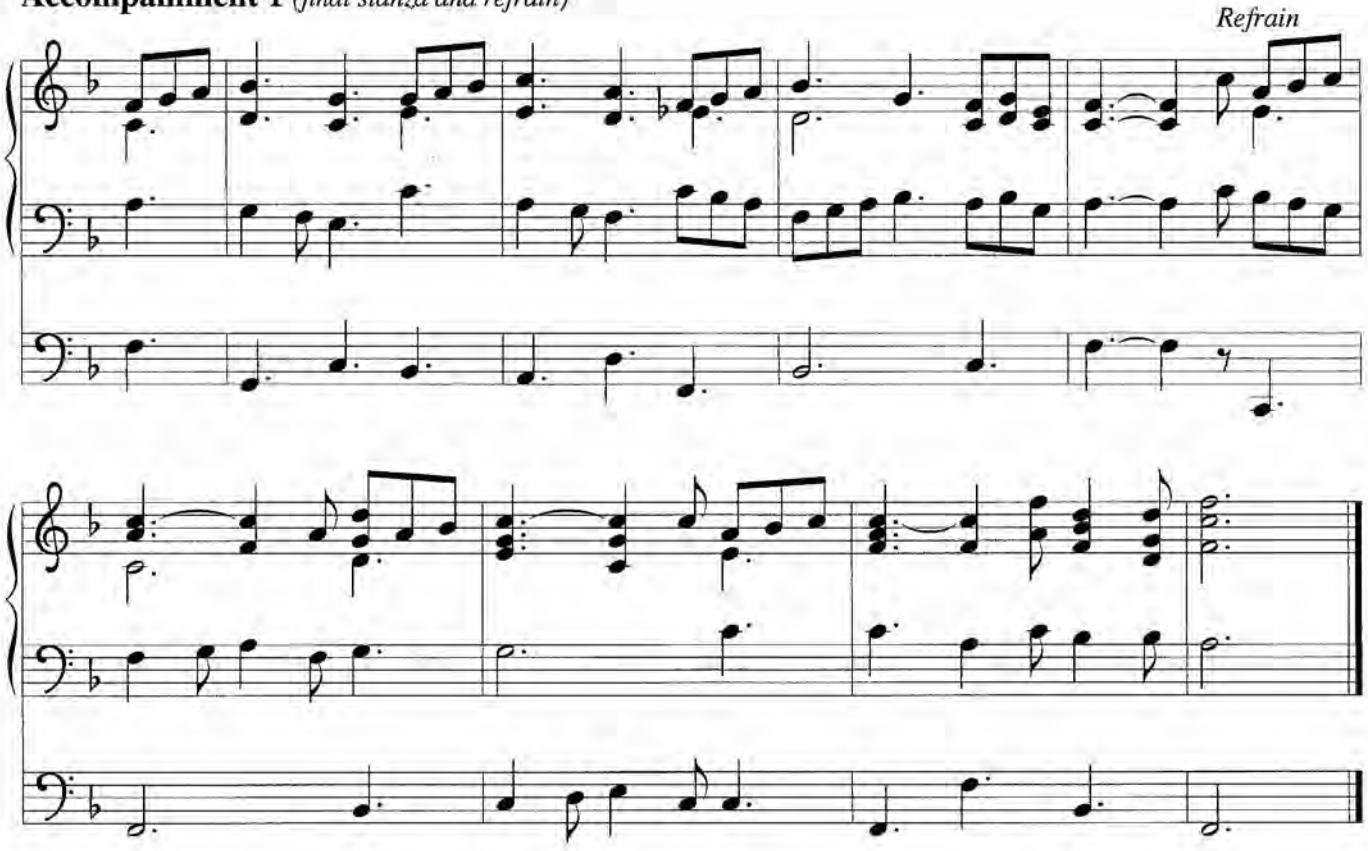
Accompaniment 1 *(final stanza and refrain)*



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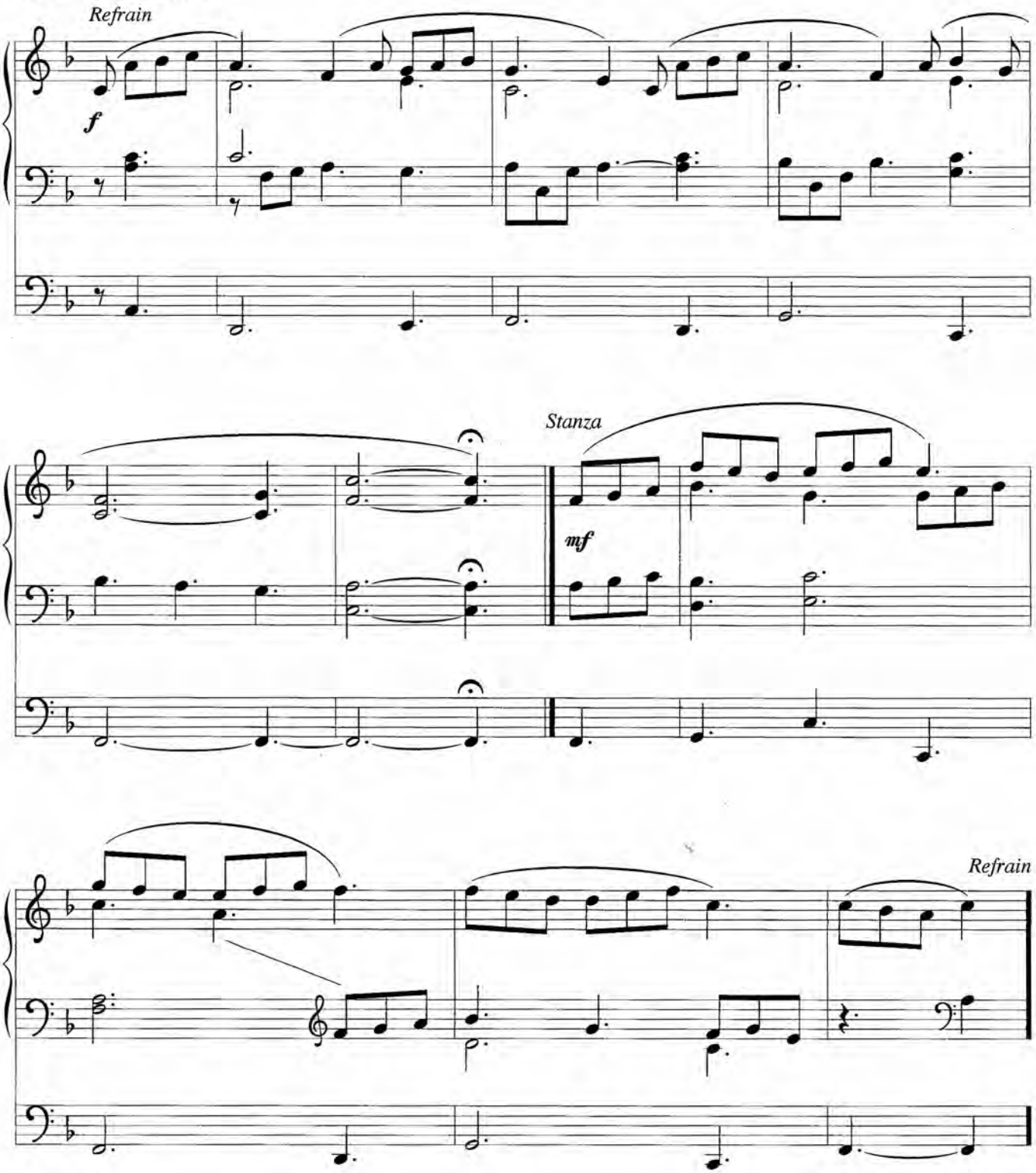

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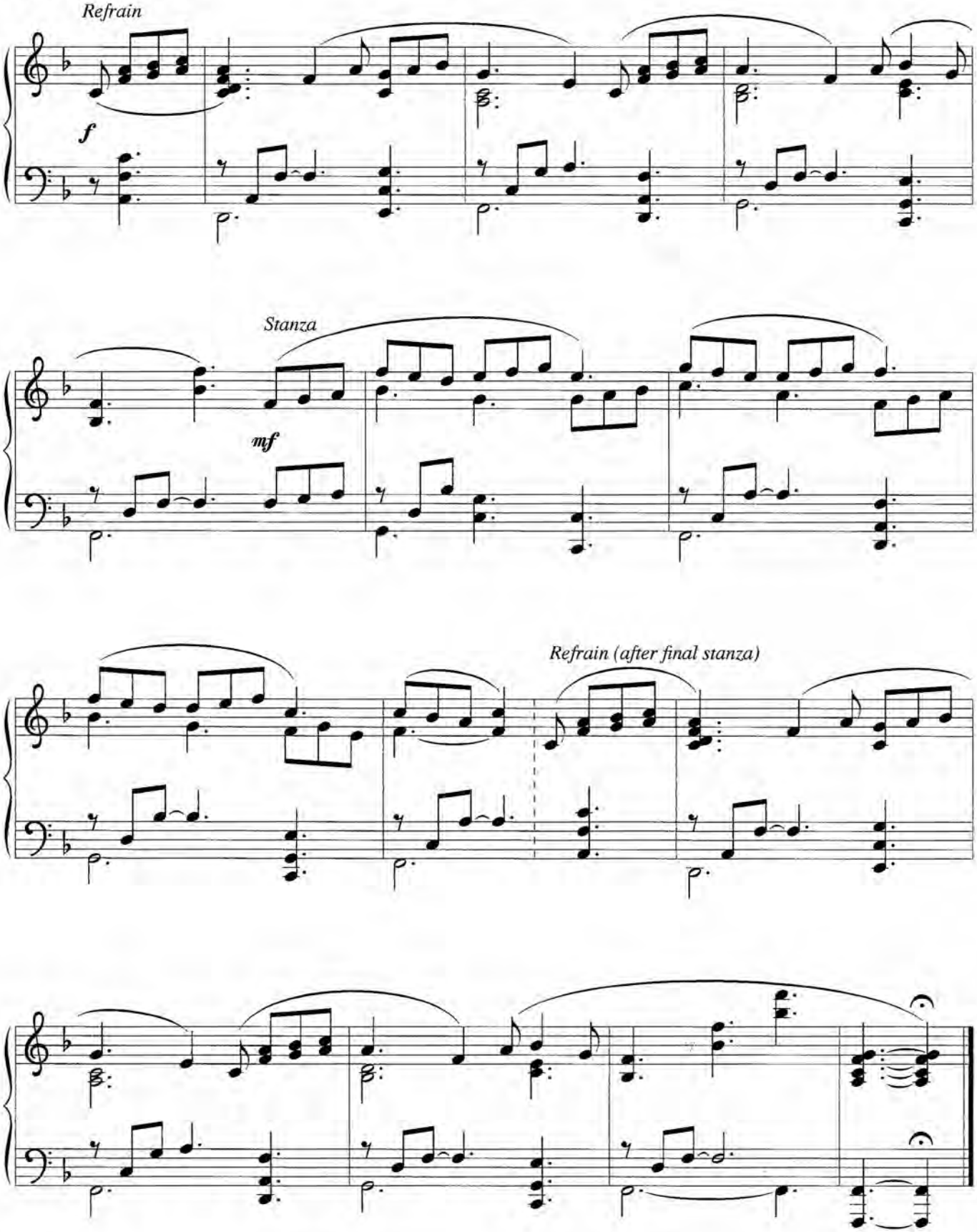

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith…

Nicene Creed ACS p. 17

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends… "Hear us O God… **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

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. We do this, in part, through the ministry of hospitality. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *New Year's Song* Robert Schumann/arr. Allen James

Offering Response: Create in Me ELW #186

NEW YEAR'S SONG

Gt. *mf* Stops 8′ and 4′ G
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2½ or 1¼ minutes

ROBERT SCHUMANN
Arr. by Allen James

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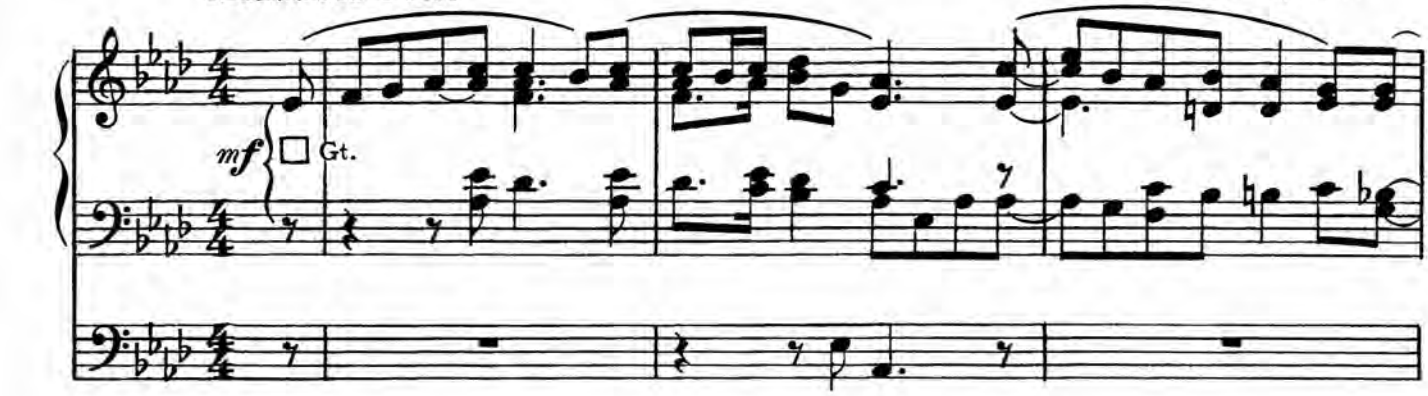

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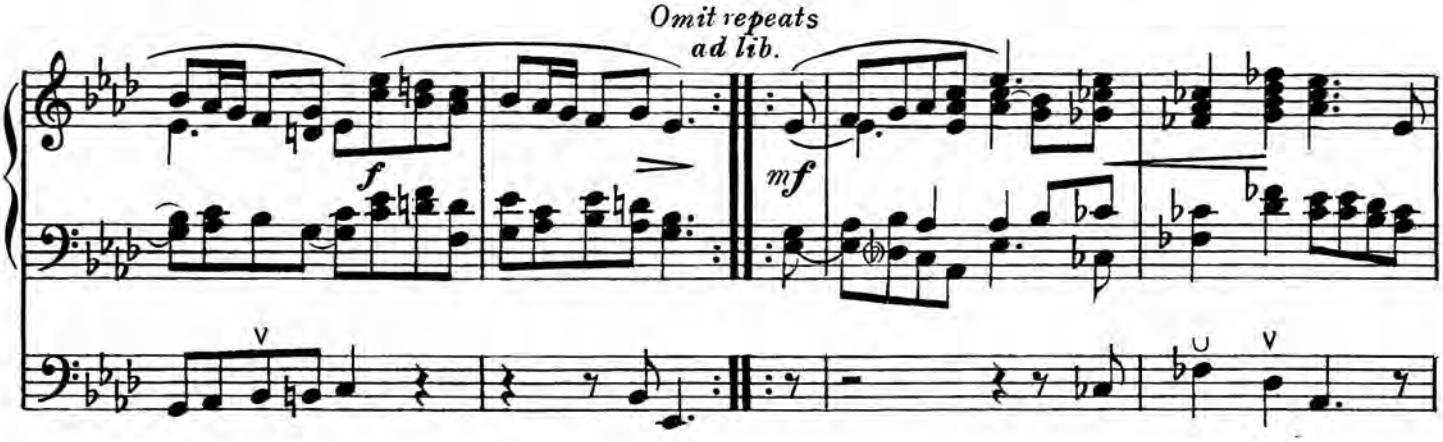

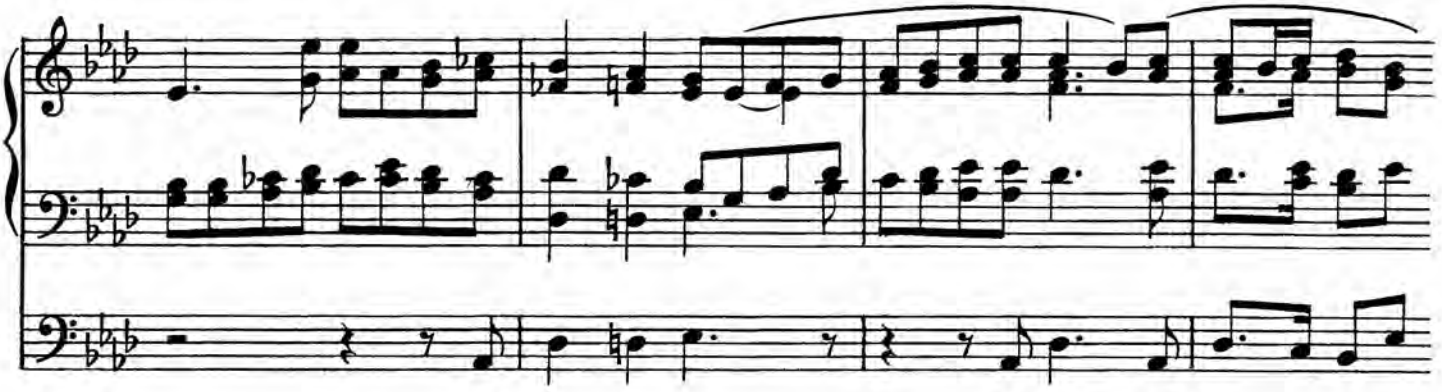

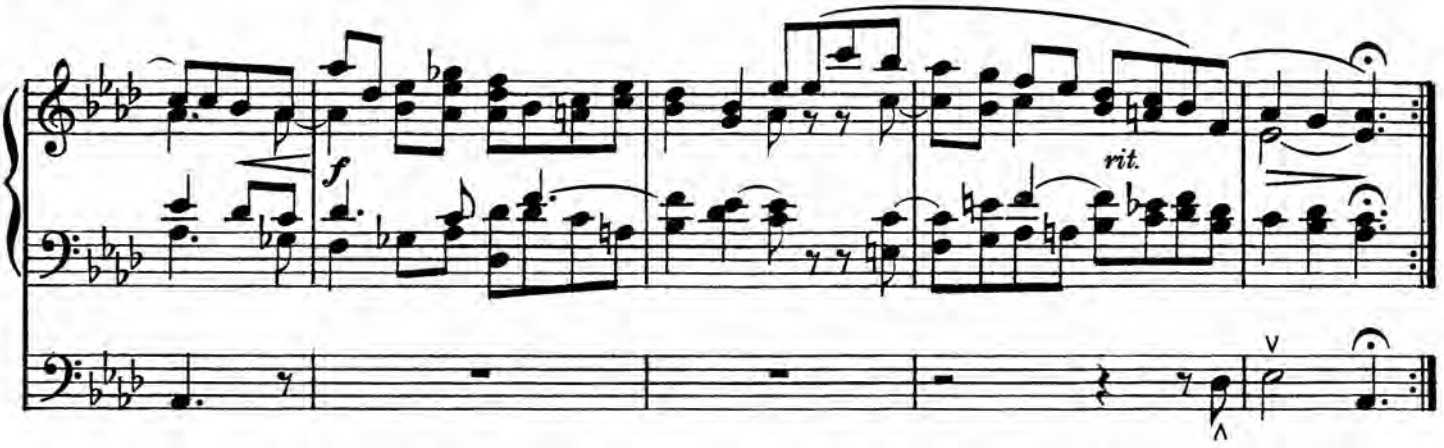

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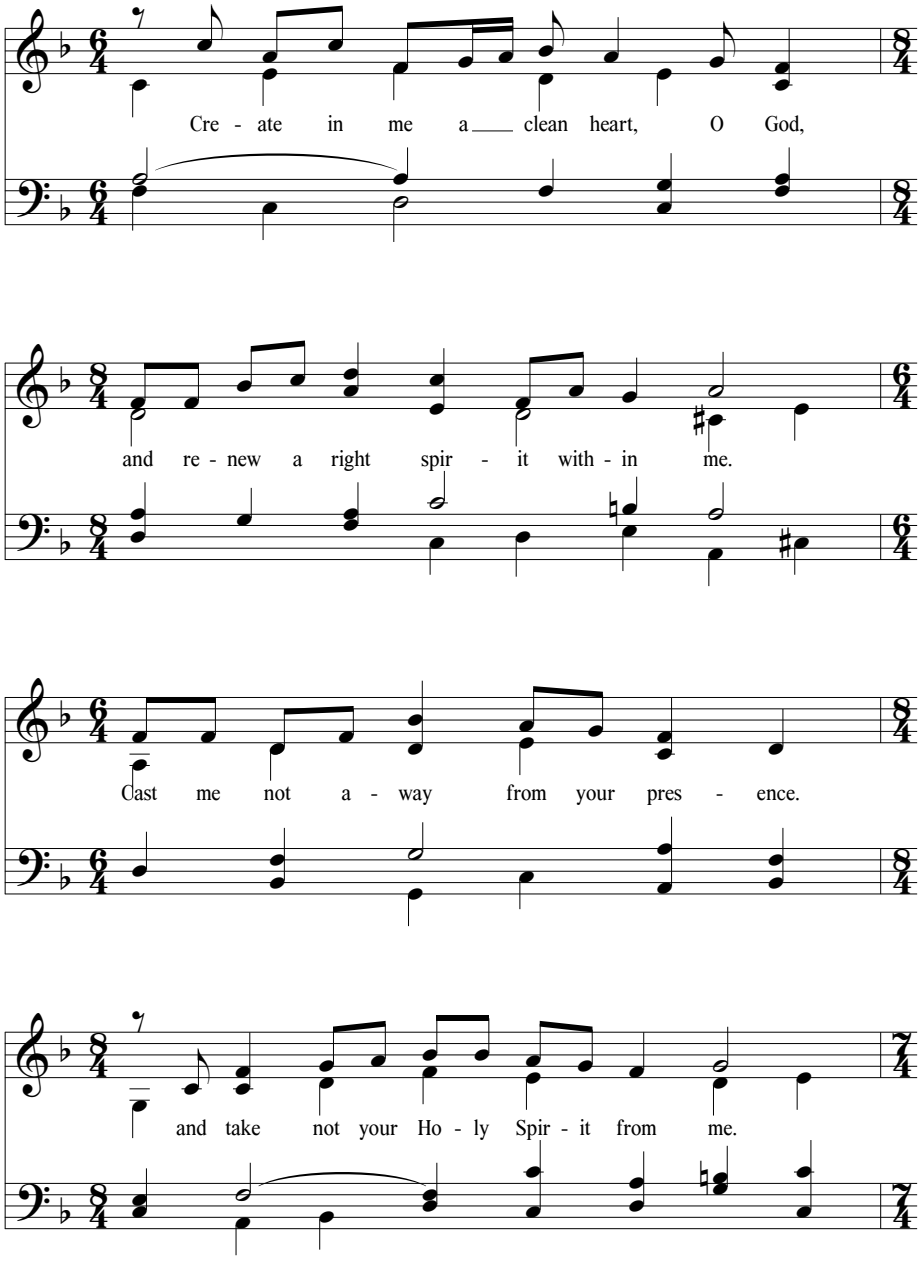
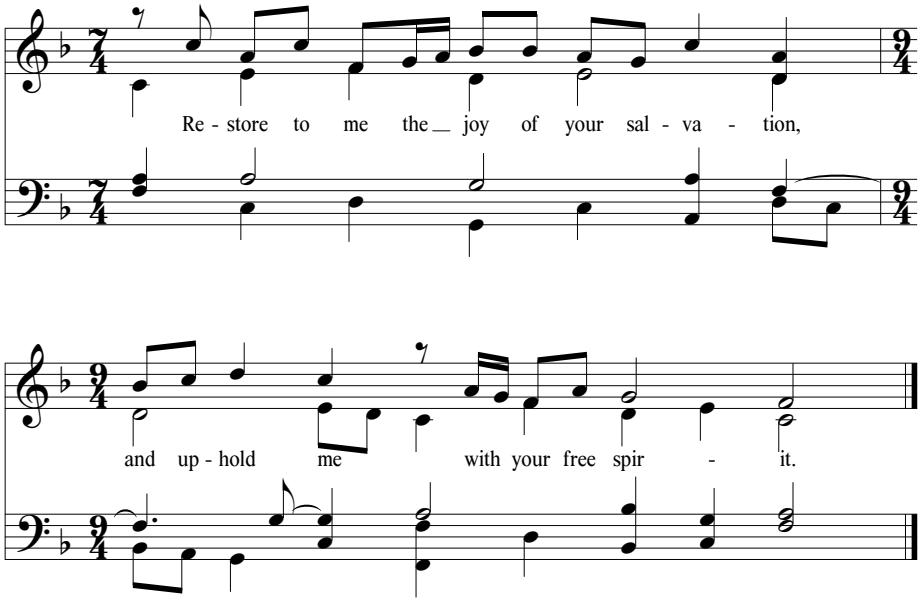
Hymn # 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Richard W. Hillert




Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

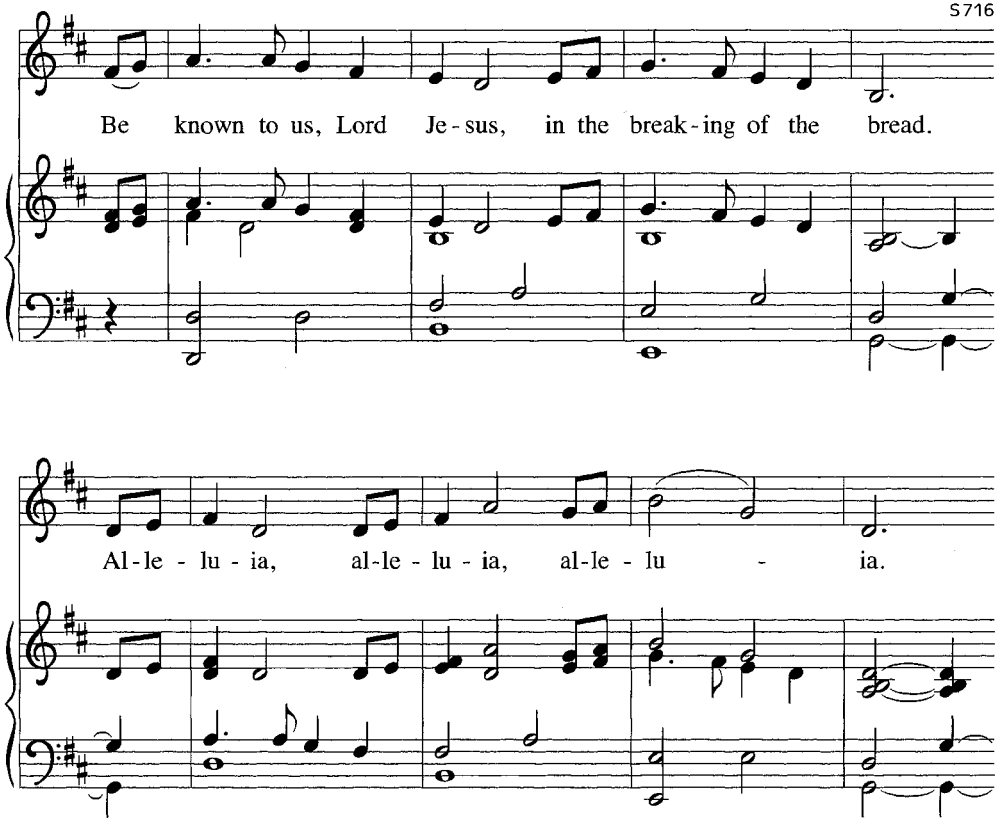
Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer
P: In the night [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion
A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Be Known to Us ACS p. 40

Hymn during Communion: Let All Together Praise Our God ELW #287

1. Let all together praise our God before the highest throne;
   Today God opens heav'n again and sends the only Son,
   and sends the only Son.
2. From God's right hand the Son descends, is born an infant small,
   And lies in poverty, his bed a manger in a stall, a manger in a stall.
3. O tender Child, you veil in flesh the splendor of your might;
   A servant's garb now wraps the one who clothed the sky with light,
   who clothed the sky with light.
4. Your mother feeds you tenderly, sings you a lullaby,
   While angels, hailing David's heir, your glory magnify, your glory magnify.
5. A wonderful exchange you make: you take our flesh and blood,
   And in return give us to share the shining realm of God,
   the shining realm of God.
6. Unlock the door again today that leads to paradise;
   The angel bars the way no more. To God let praises rise,
   to God let praises rise!


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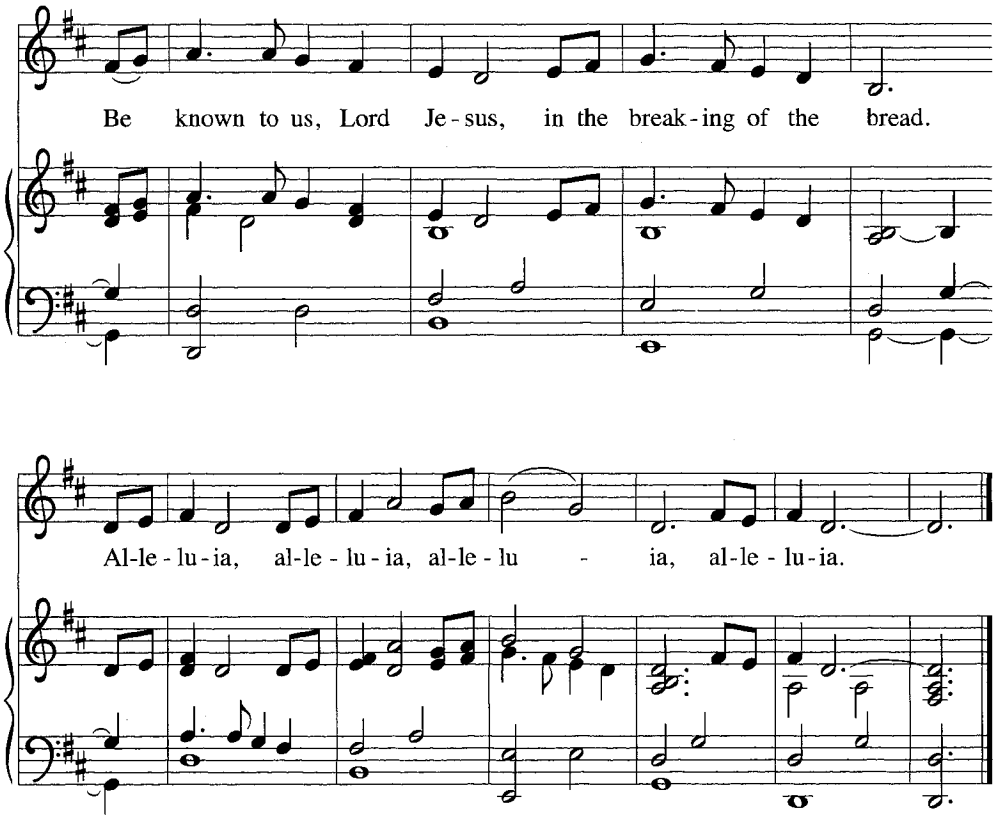

[41] *After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "At last, Lord" (p. 26 [26]) or another suitable song may be sung.*

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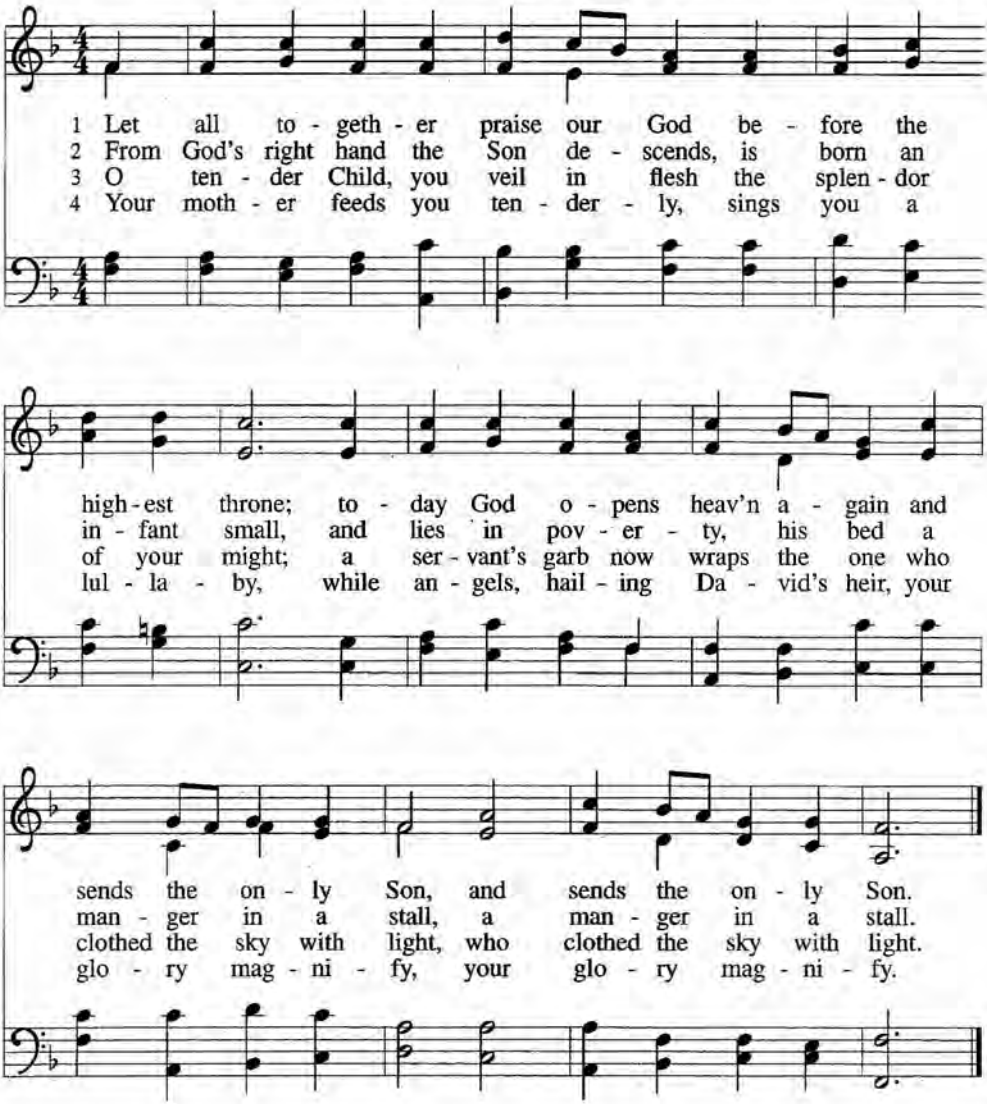

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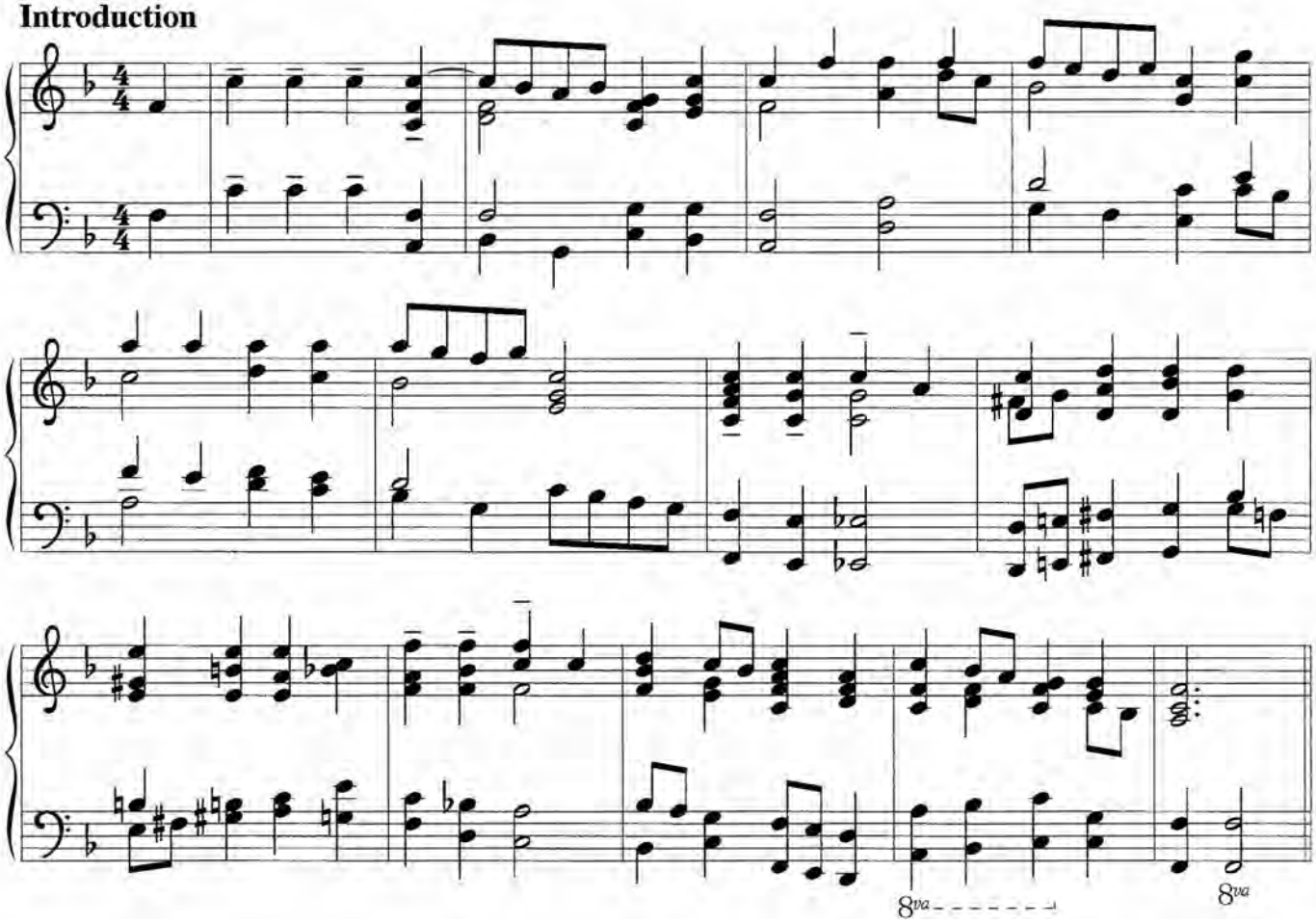

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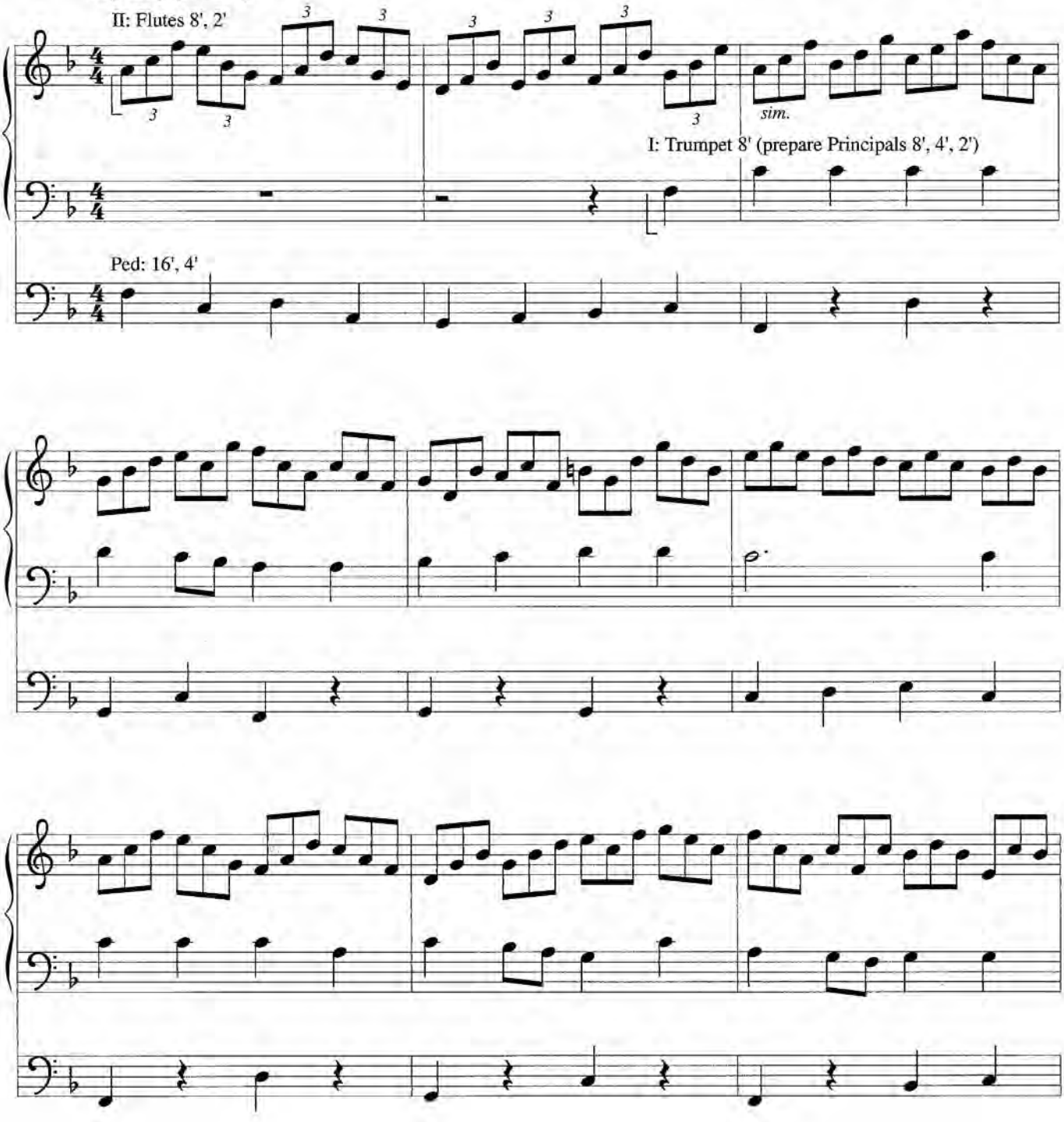

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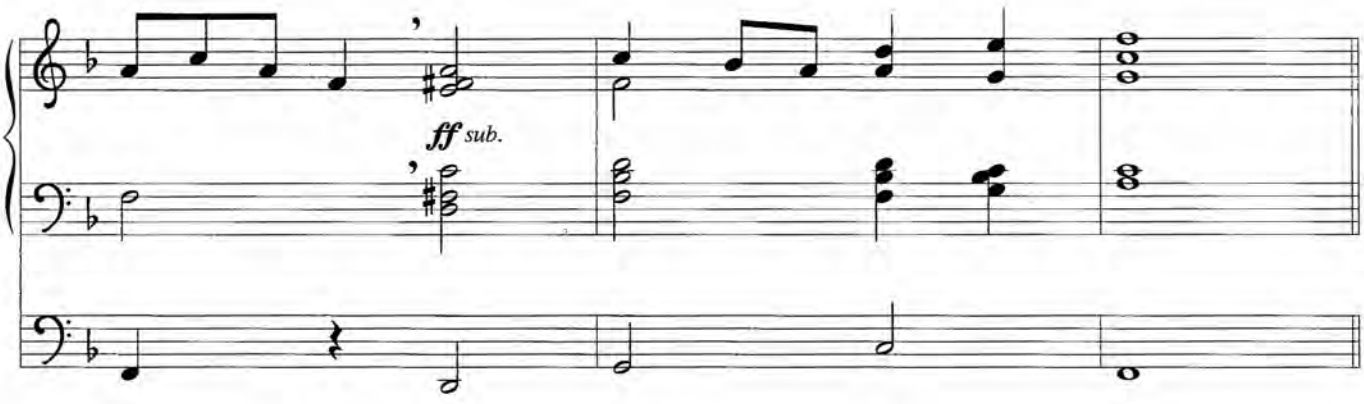
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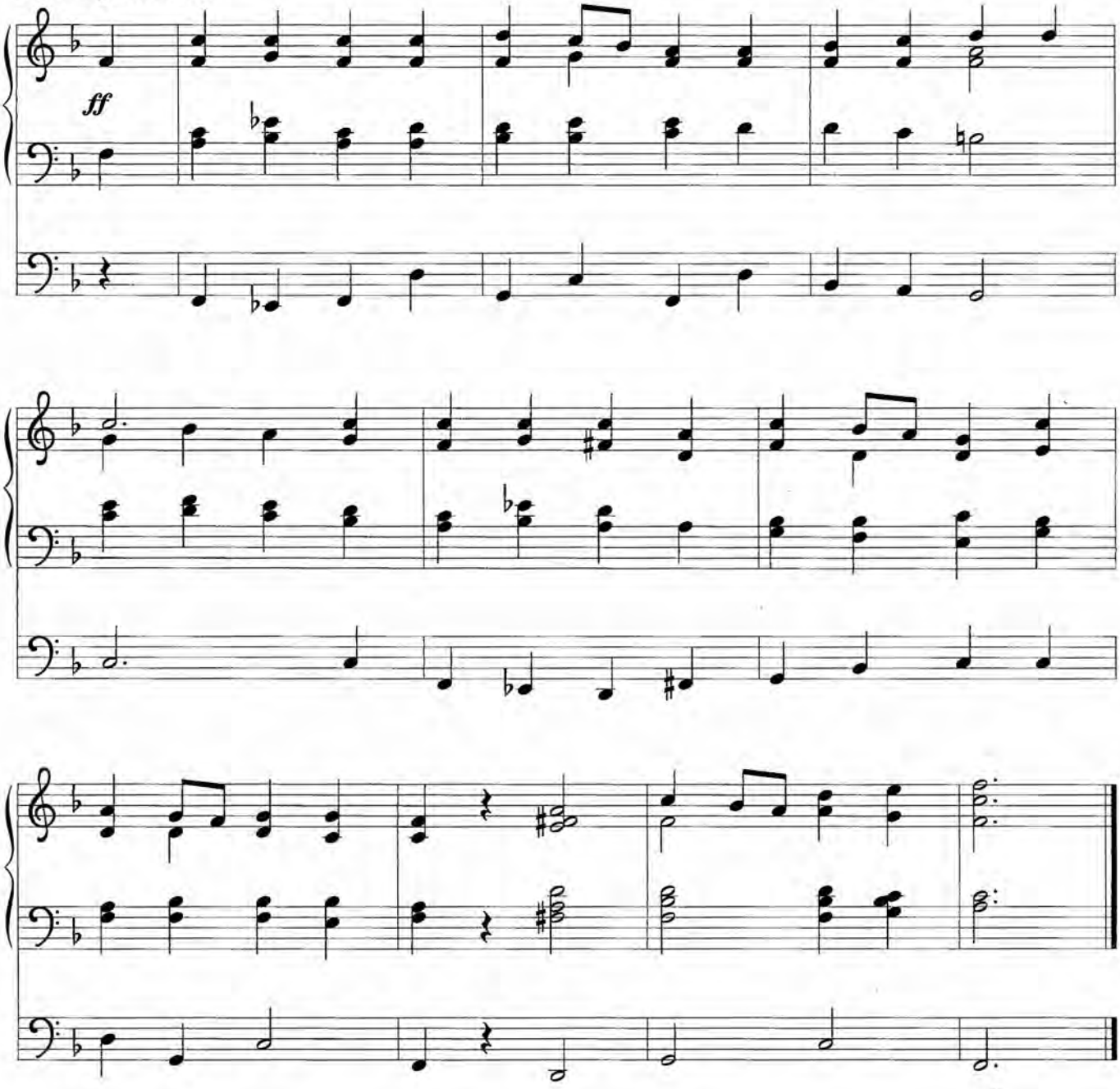

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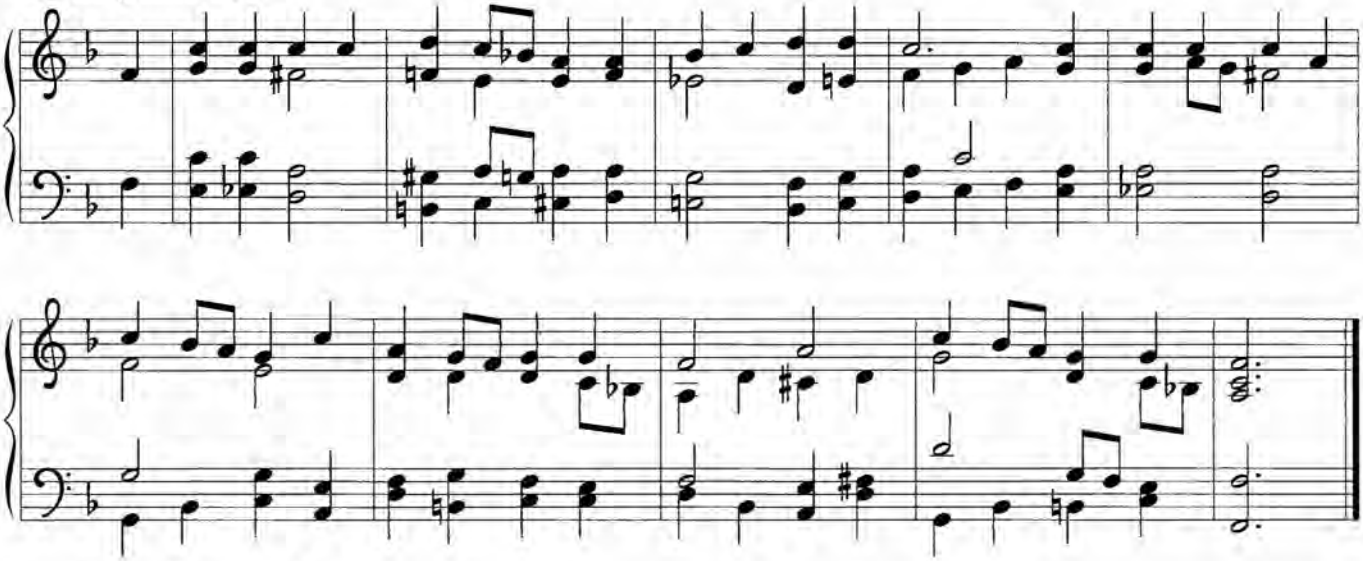

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P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray… **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: He Comes to Us as One Unknown ELW #737

1. He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
   As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
   A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.
2. He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
   Half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
   Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.
3. He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
   Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
   A voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
4. He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
   To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
   For ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.
5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
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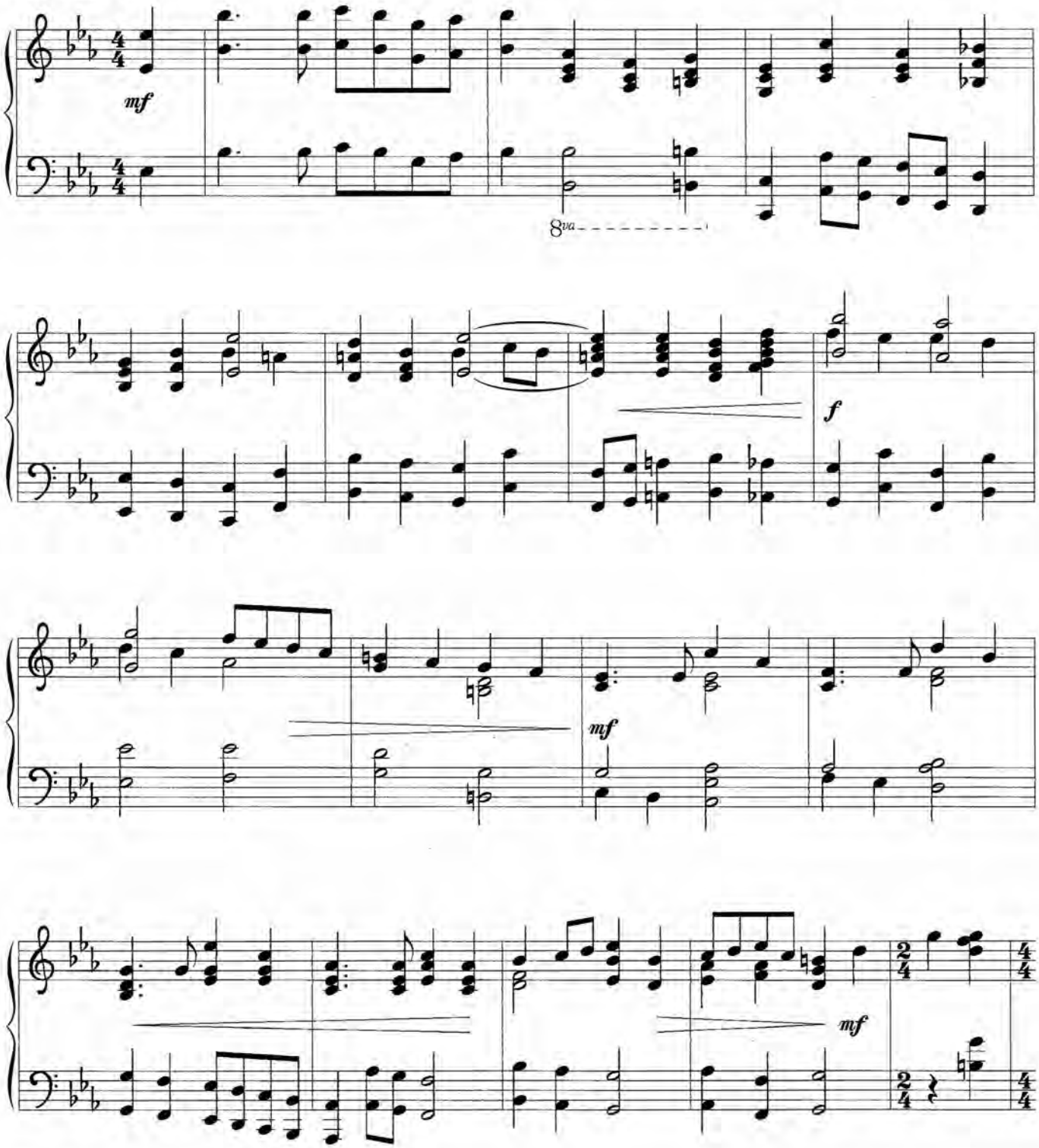

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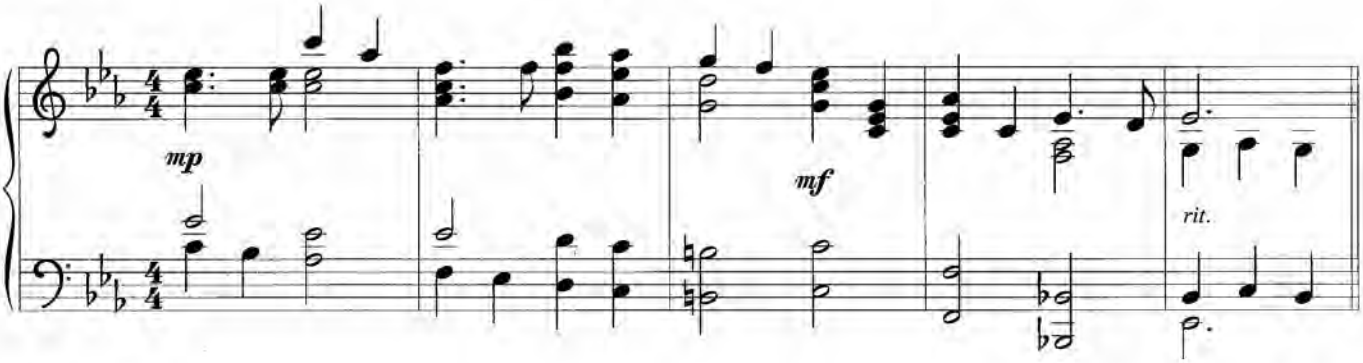
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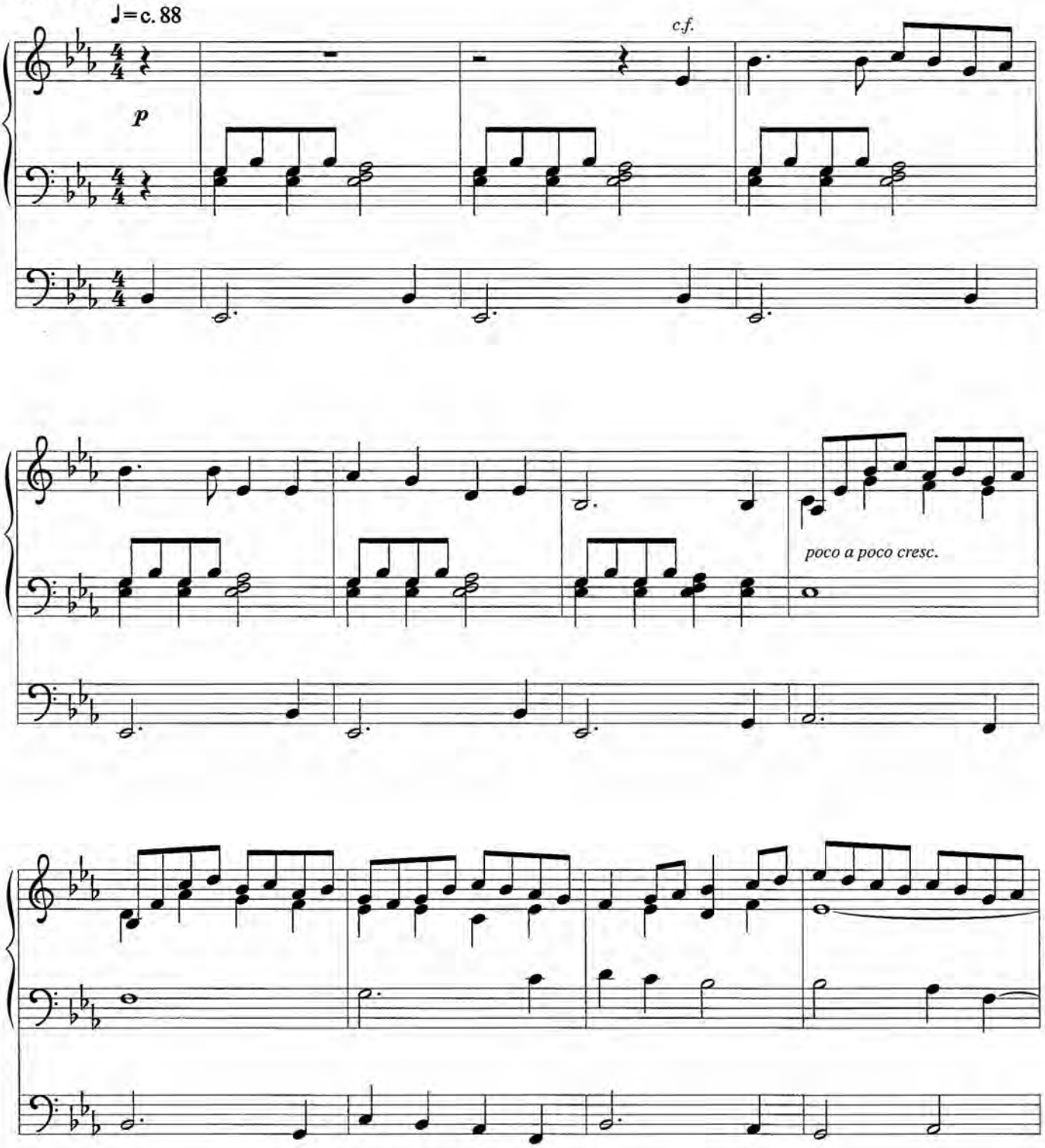

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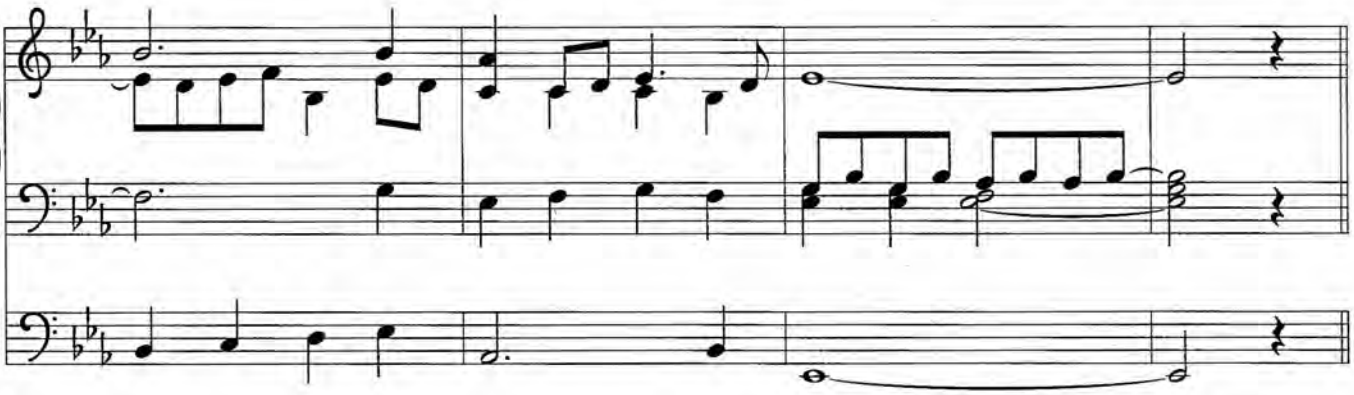

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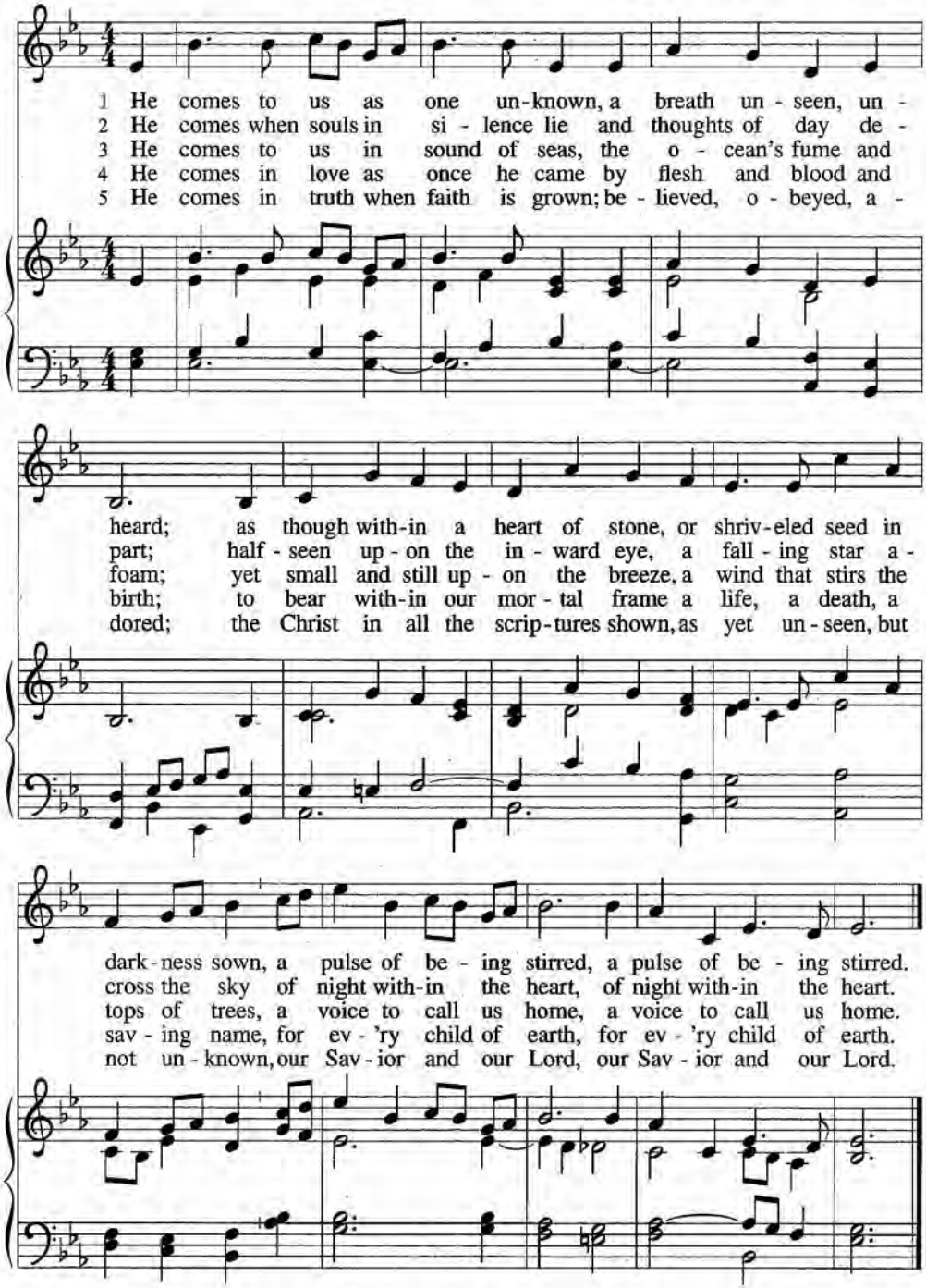

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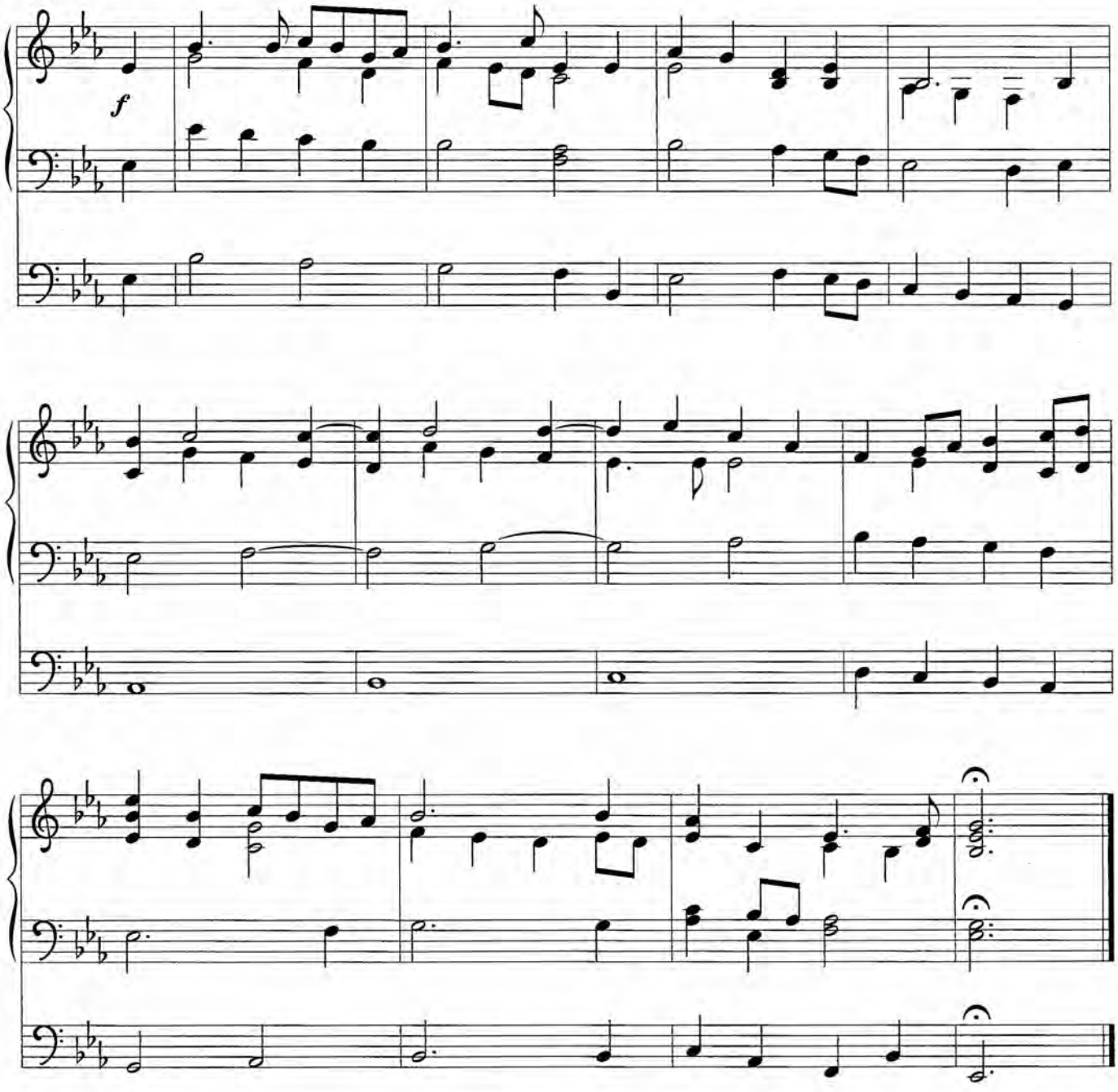

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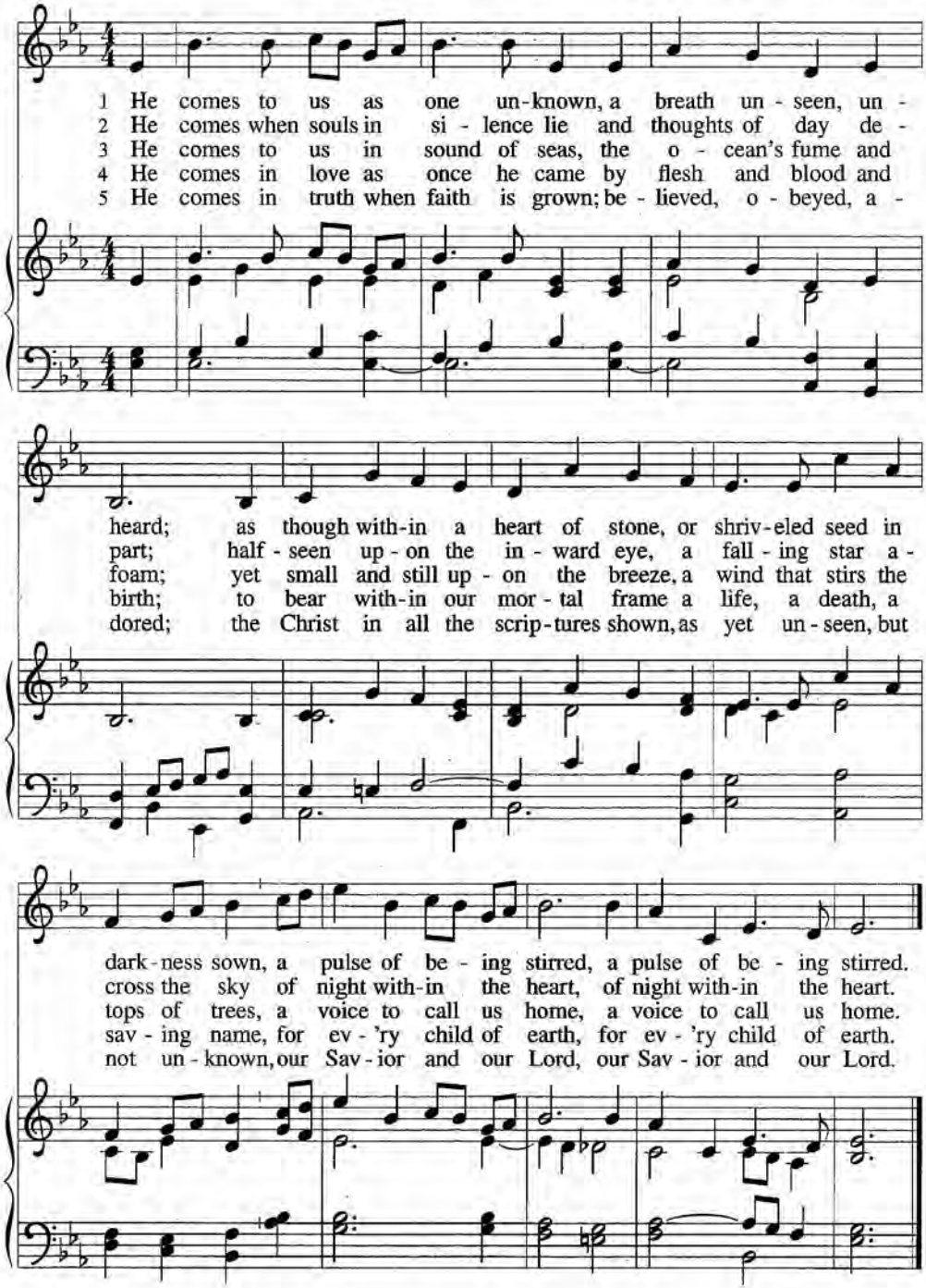

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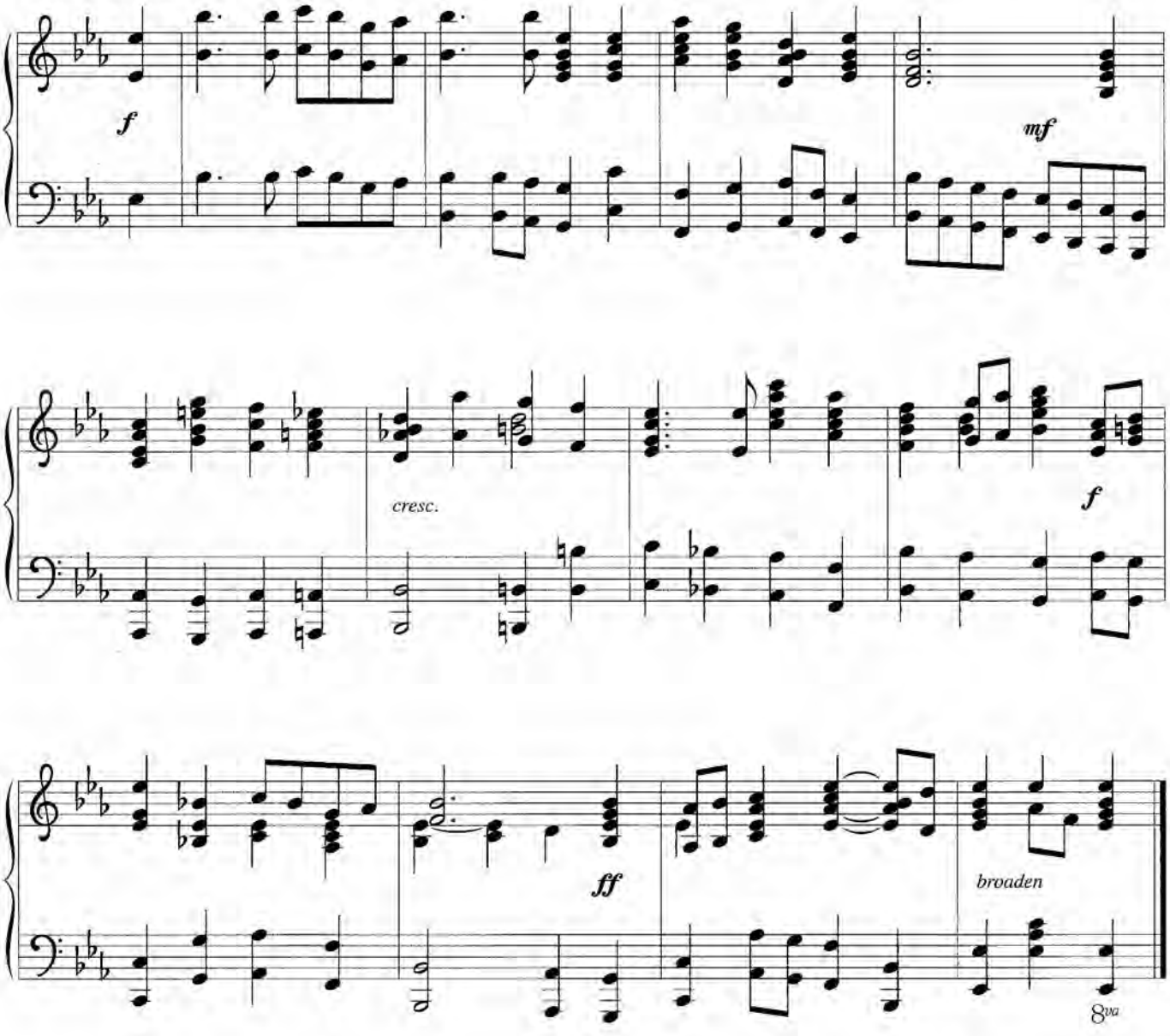

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *For Christmas* Carl Simone

POSTLUDE FOR CHRISTMAS

2 minutes

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Ped. Flutes 16′, 8′ *Ped. 44, Chorus*

CARL SIMONE
Tune: Czech Carol

Brightly ♩= 80

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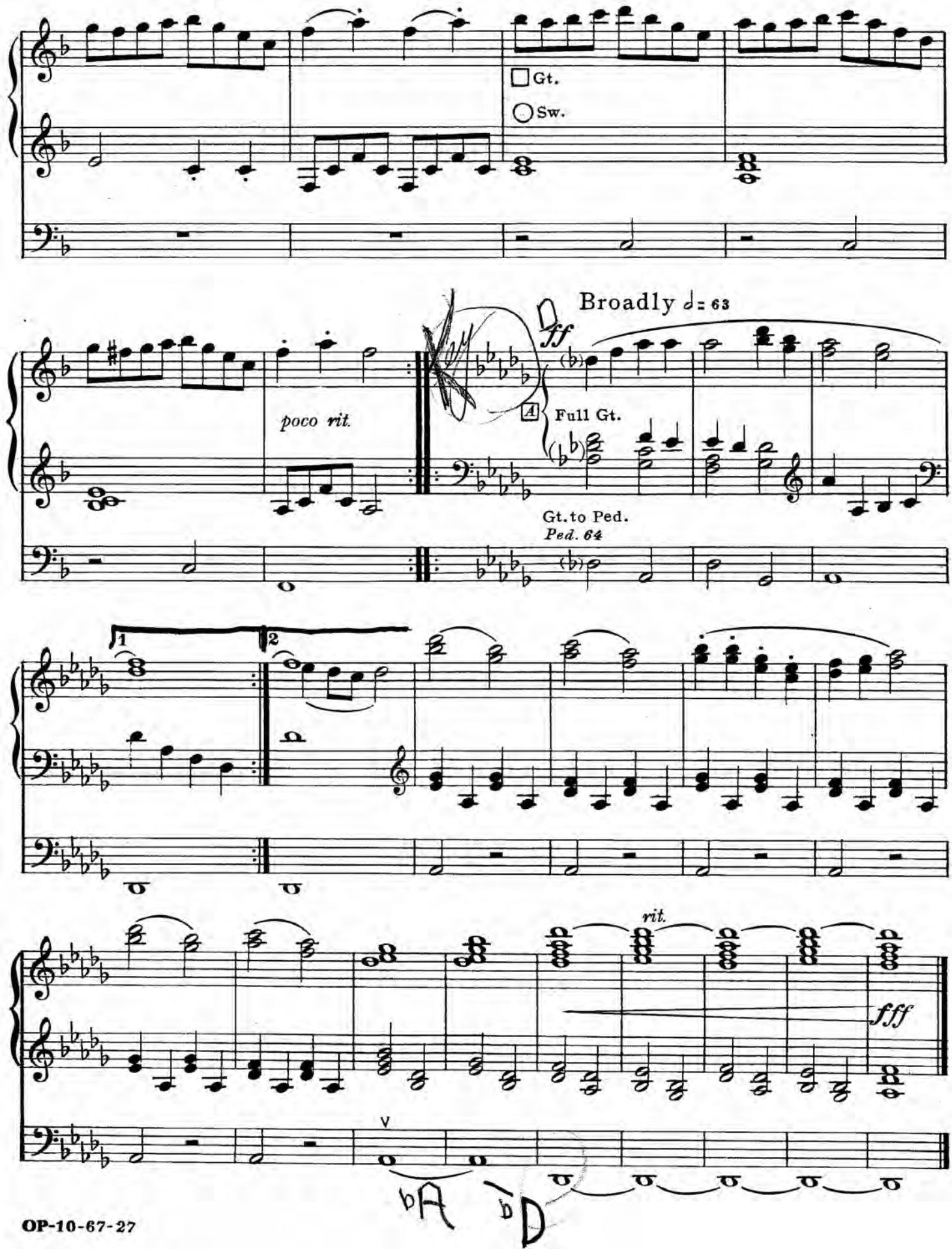
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