The Nicene Creed:
God Rules the Universe
January 12, 2025

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Festival* Martin Ellis
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude: *Salzburg*, 1678 Jakob Hintze/ arr. Karen Beaumont

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

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L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.
C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.
L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song: This Is My Father's World ELW #824

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all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
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of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
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the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
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that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
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The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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: Father of compassion, renew our faith in you and bind us together through your love, so that we can recognize each other as your children, and come together as one. We praise you through Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son, in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:15-17
Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 139: 1-3, 13, 23, 24b
L: Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.
C: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
L: You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
C: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
L: Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.
C: Lead me in the way that is everlasting.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:5-6
Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 11:17-27 **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: My God, How Wonderful Thou Art ELW #863

1. My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
   How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!
2. How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of thee must be –
   Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!
3. No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e'er so mild,
   Bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.
4. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,
   For thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
5. My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
   On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

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, 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; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to 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. 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 confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to 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 partnerships with other Christians in our local community and as a member denomination of the World Council of Churches. 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: *Trust and Obey* Daniel B. Towner/arr. Marianne Kim

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

Be Known to Us ACS p. 40

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.
   Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.
   Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)
3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.
   Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)
4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.
   Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)
5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!
   May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)

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: Let All Things Now Living ELW #881

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator
   triumphantly raise,
   Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on
   to the end of our days.
   God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining
   forth in the night,
   Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel
   from light into light.
2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit
   obediently shine;
   The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean
   proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song
let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!"

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Salvation*, 1816 attr. R. Boyd/ arr. David Lasky

Accompanist: James Rickley Cantor: Victoria Bull
Reader: Julie Haviland Fellowship:
Communion Assistant:

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of January 12:

Mon. 1/13: *Money Generosity* webinar 5-6 pm at the church.
Wed. 1/15: Confirmation Class from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the sanctuary.
WOW! children's ministry meets from 6-7 pm in the Social Hall.
Thu. 1/16: Personnel Team meets at 10 am in the Pastor's office.
R.O.M.E.O. men's lunch group meets at 11:30 am in the Social Hall
GF Community Band rehearsals resume in the Fireside Room 7 pm

Keeping in Prayer... Mari and family following the deaths of her parents; Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; 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.

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 26th in the Social Hall following the worship service. Voting members must be on record as having communed and financially contributed to New Hope's ministry during the current/previous year. A potluck meal will follow the meeting.

January Special Offering benefits ELCA World Hunger Relief.

THANK YOU… to everyone who assisted with the removal of the pews yesterday!

THANK YOU… to the Congregational Life team for hosting the Game Night!

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Festive Recessional

Sw. Foundations 8, 4, 2, Mixture, Trumpet
Gt. Foundations (16) 8, 4, 2, Mixture, Sw. to Gt.
Ped. Foundations 16, 8, Reed 16, Sw. to Ped.

Martin Ellis

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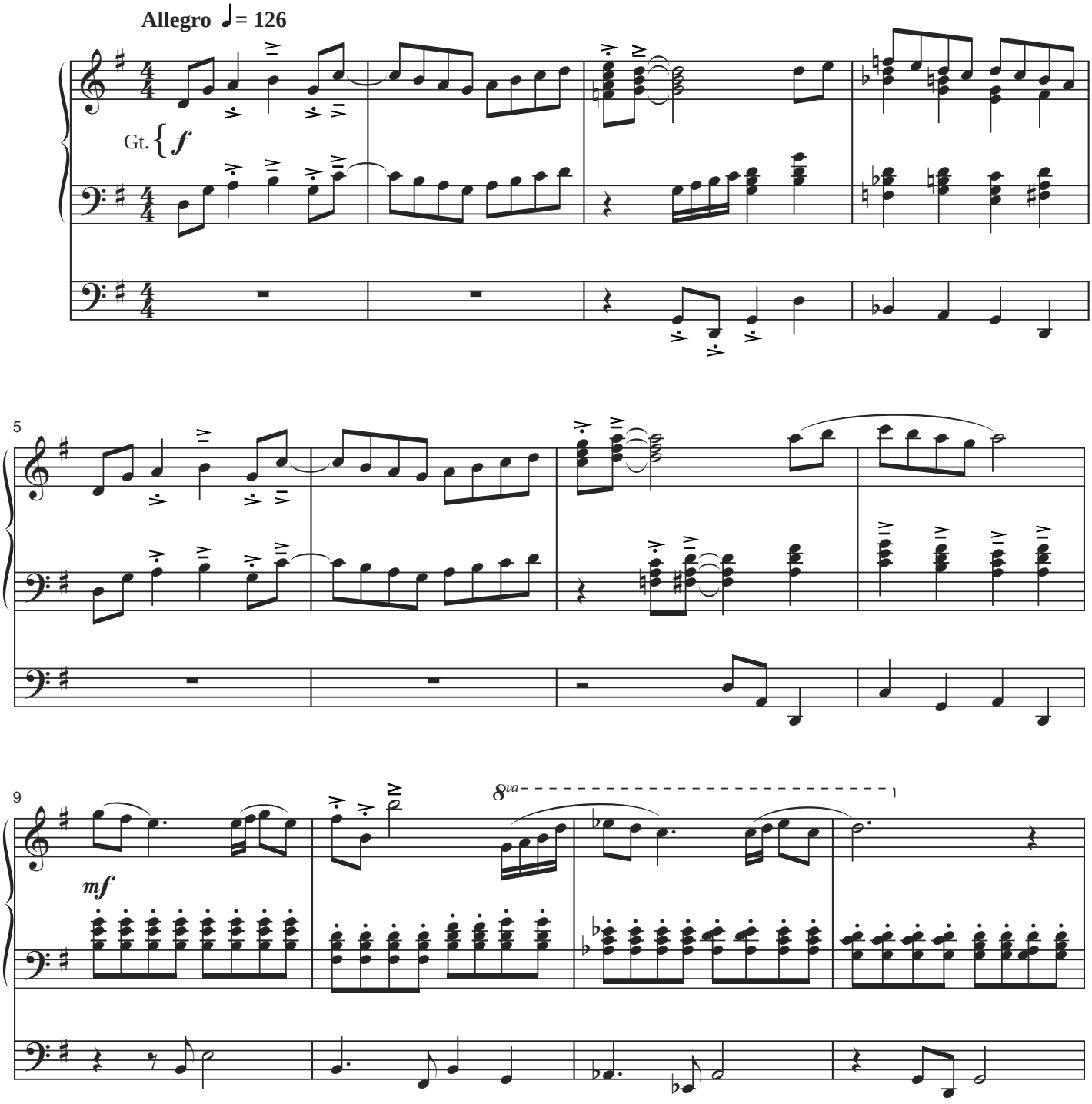

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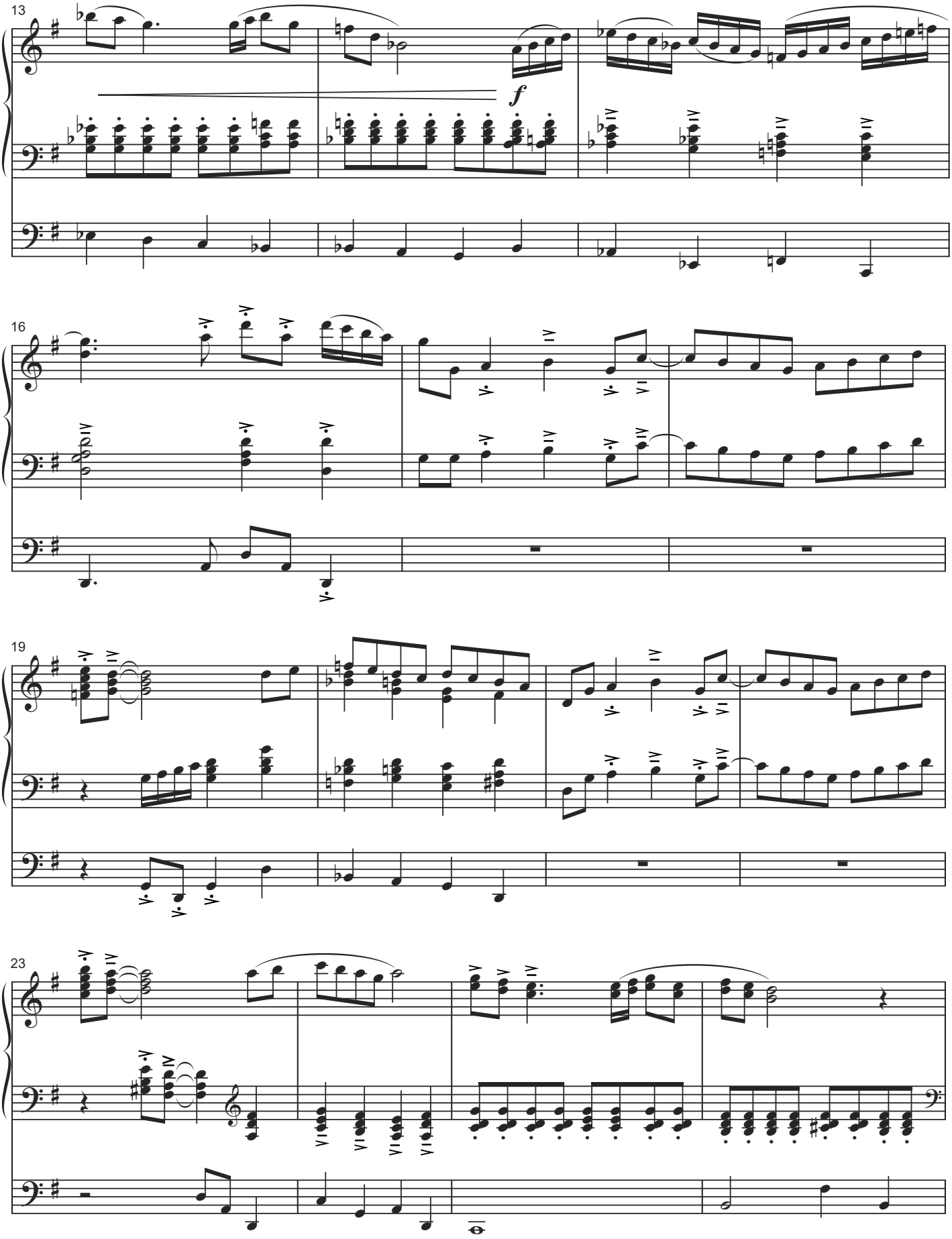

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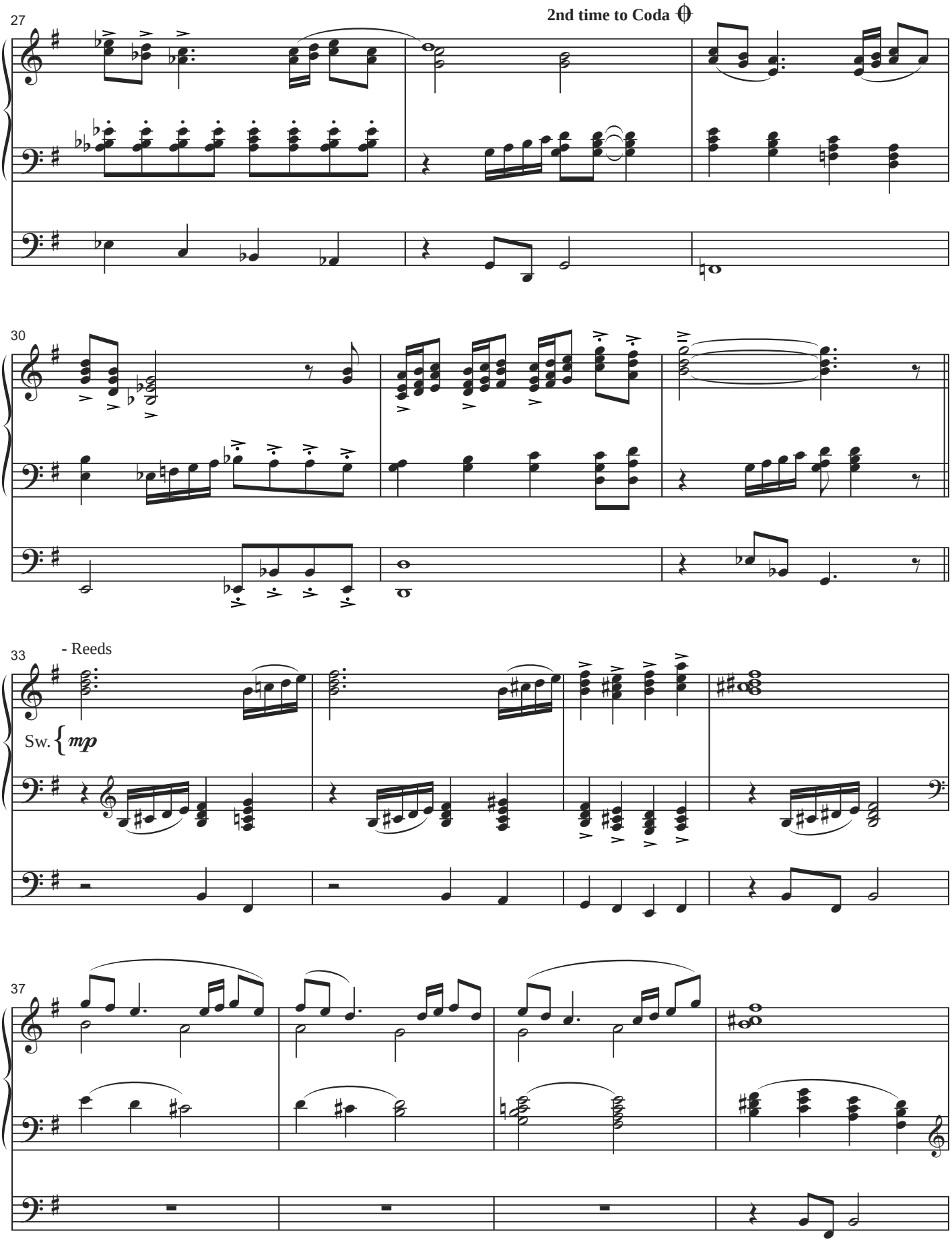

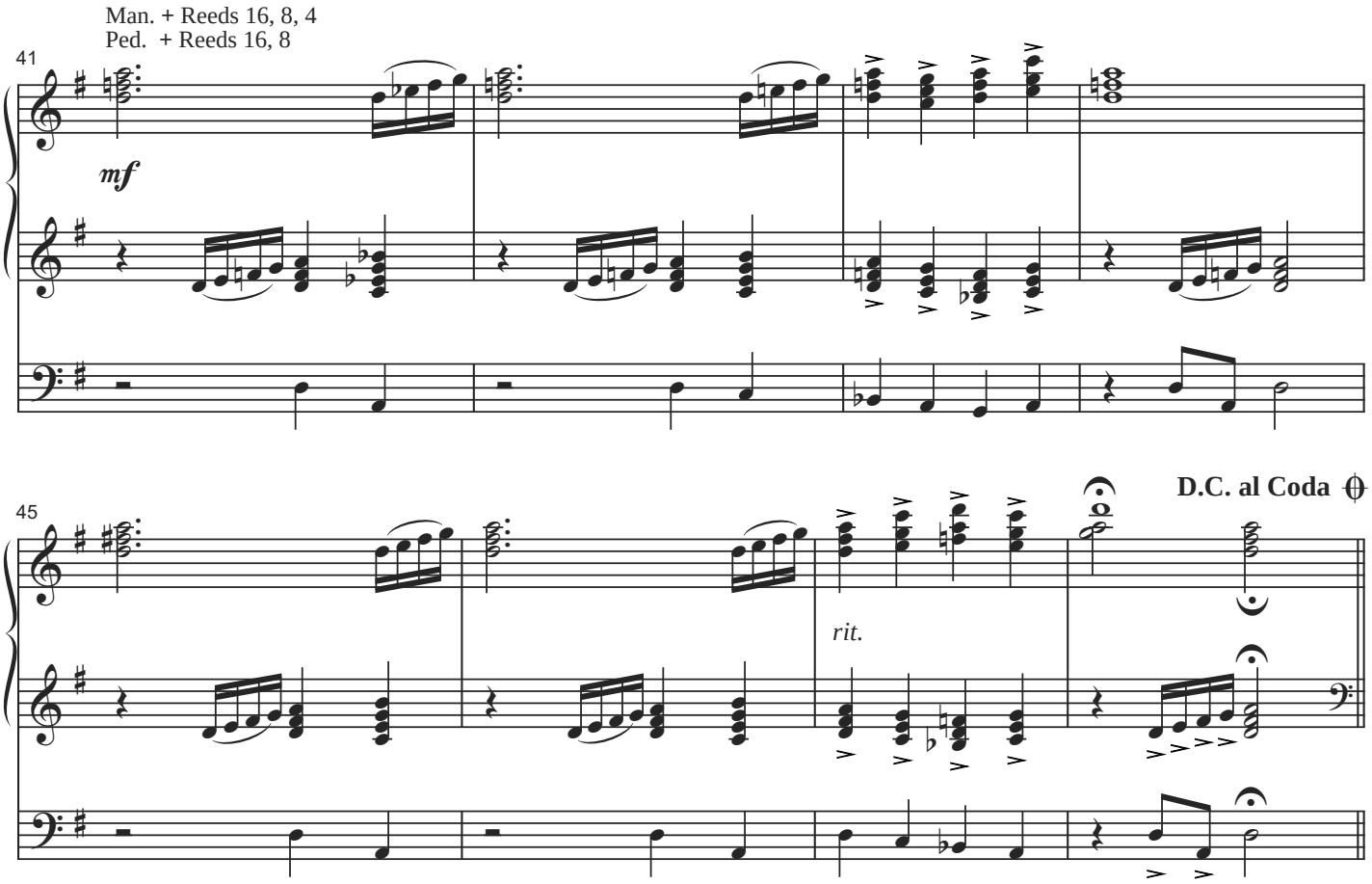

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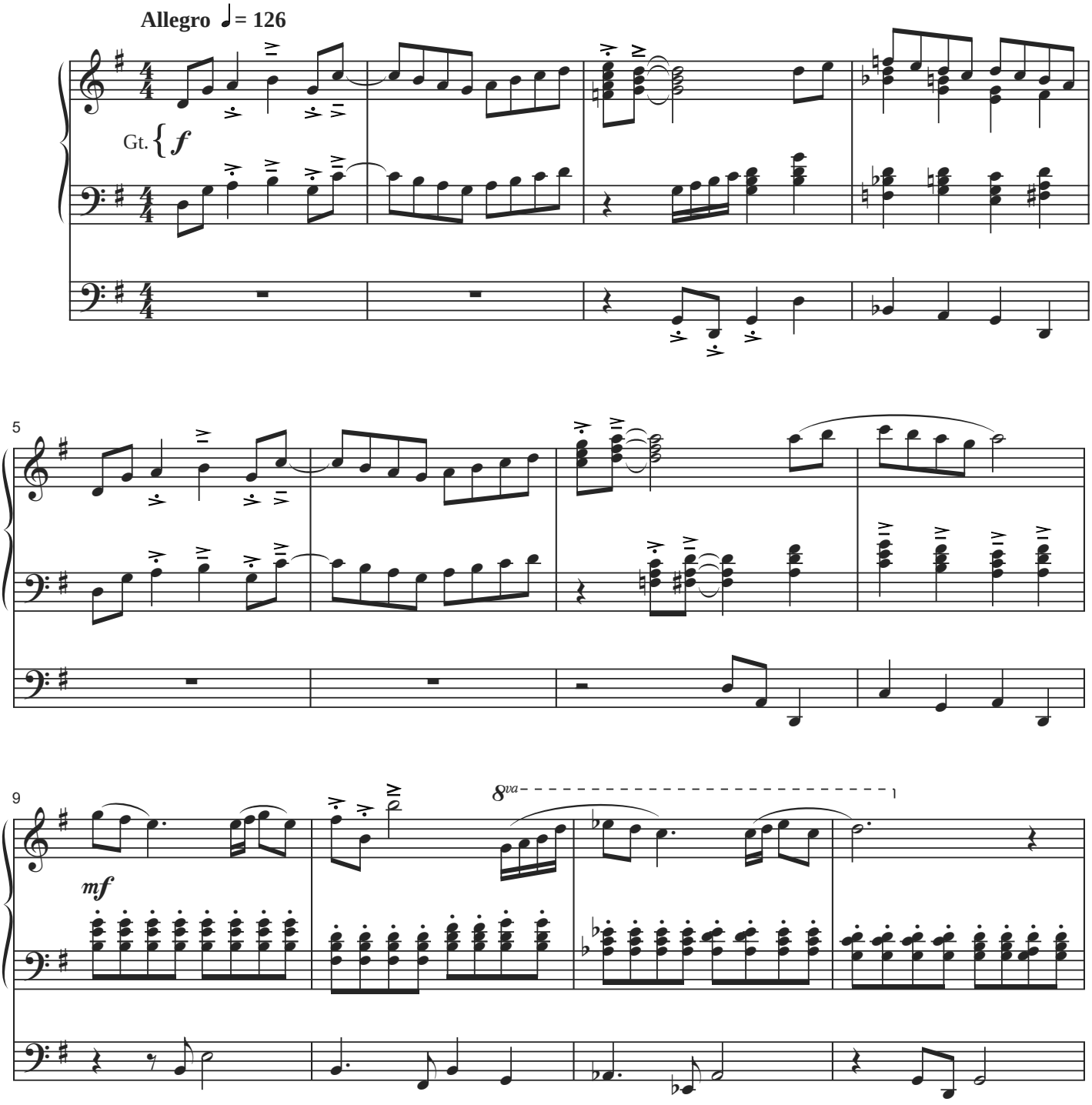

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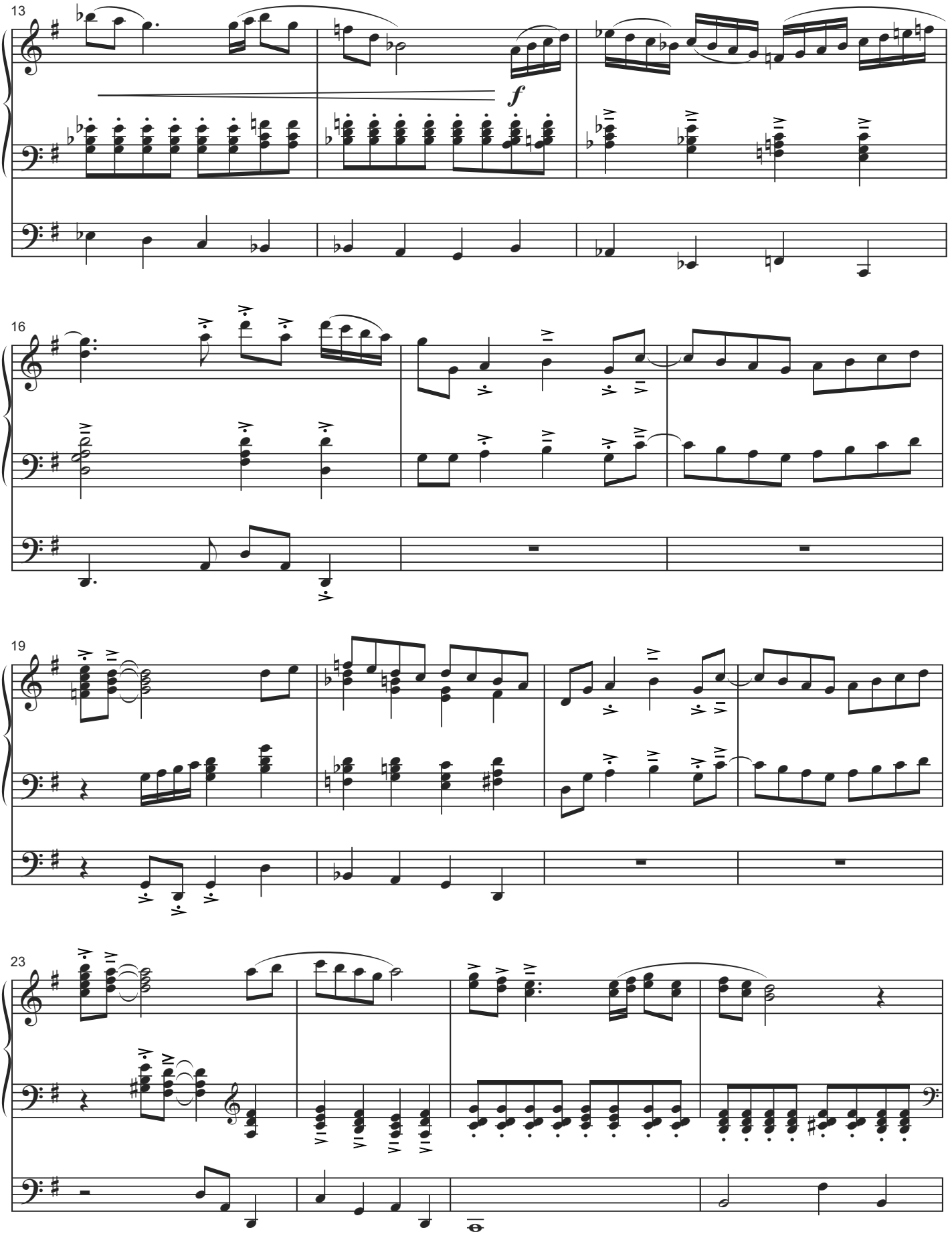
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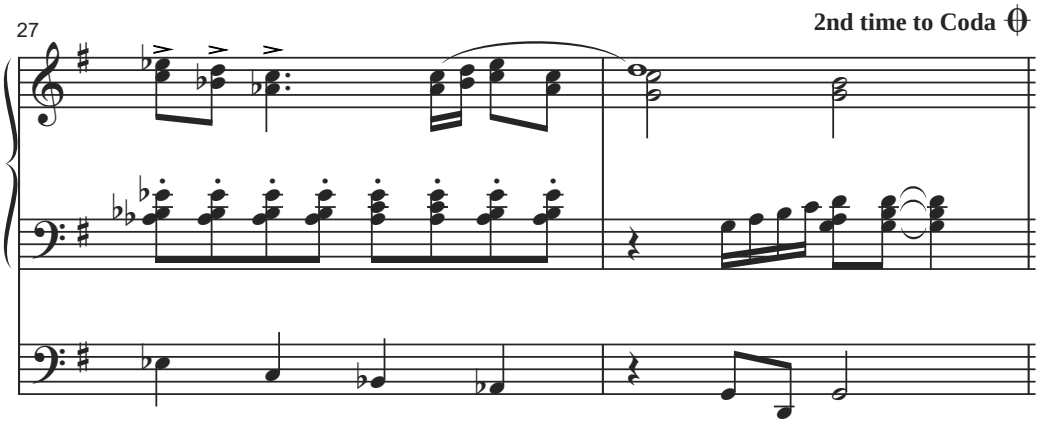
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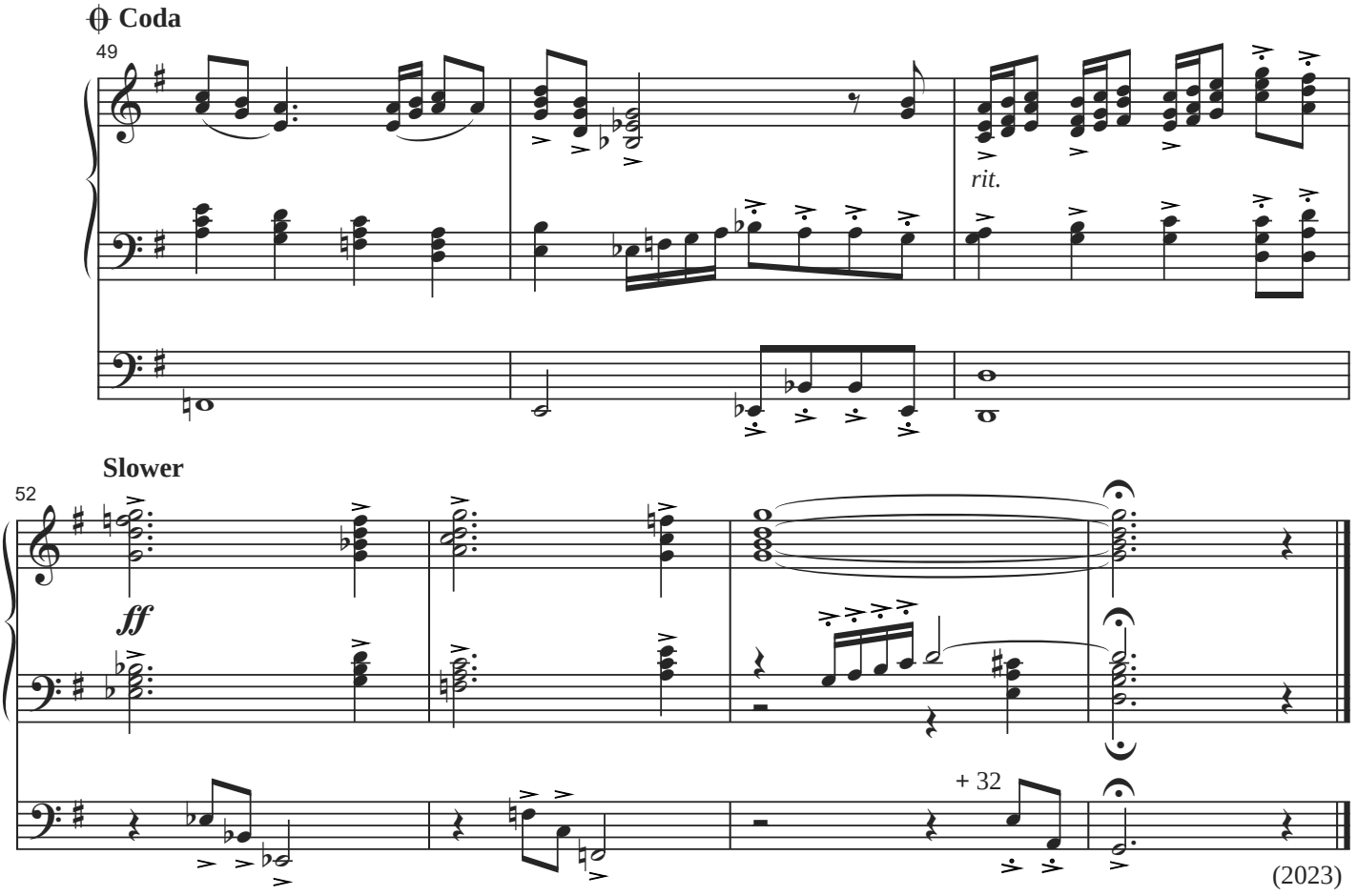

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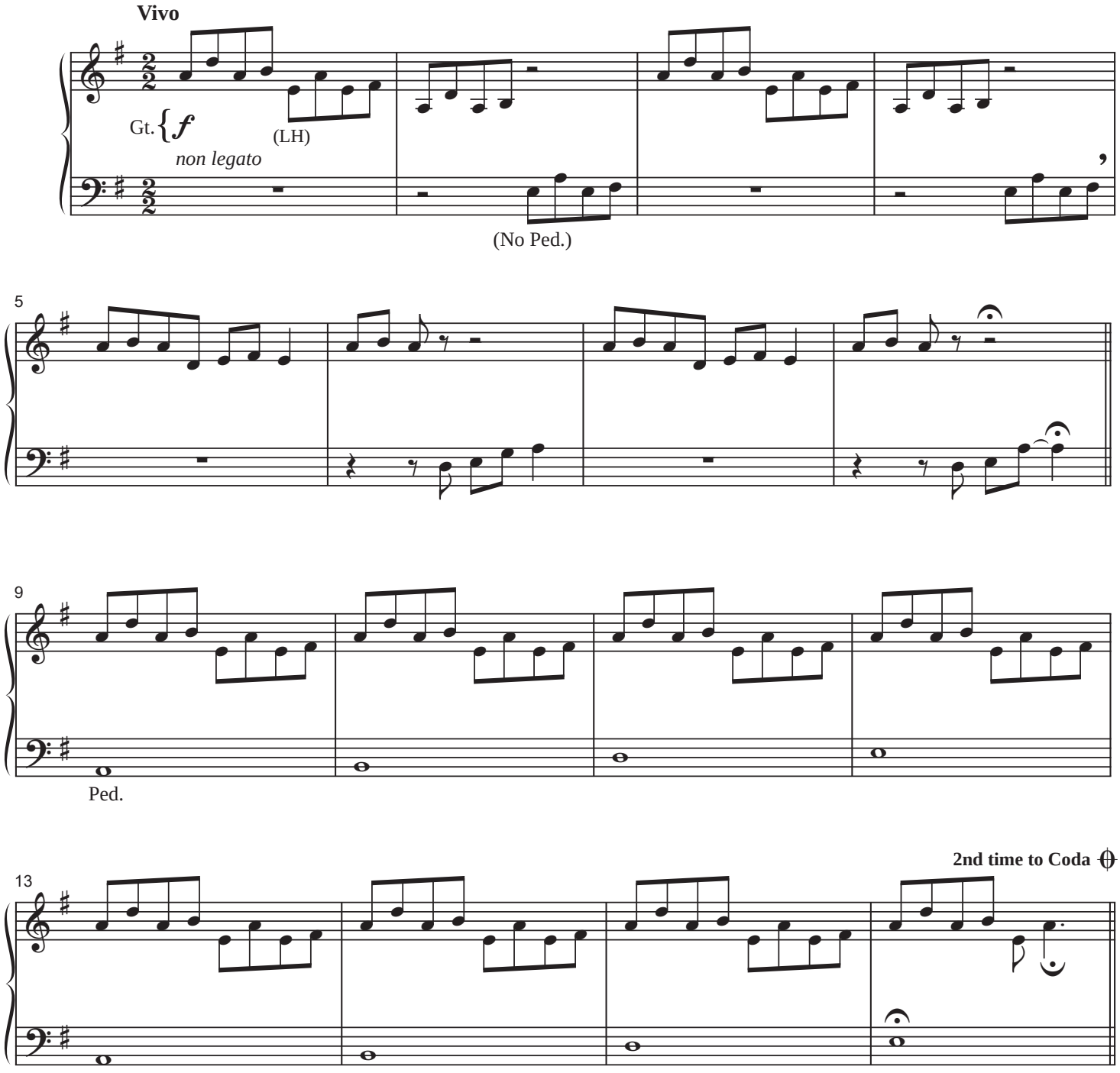
Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Salzburg*, 1678 Jakob Hintze/ arr. Karen Beaumont

Prelude on “Salzburg”

Sw. Full (box closed)
Gt. Principals 8, 4, 2, Mix.
Ped. 16, 8 to balance, Gt. to Ped.

Karen Beaumont
Tune: **SALZBURG**
by **Jakob Hintze**



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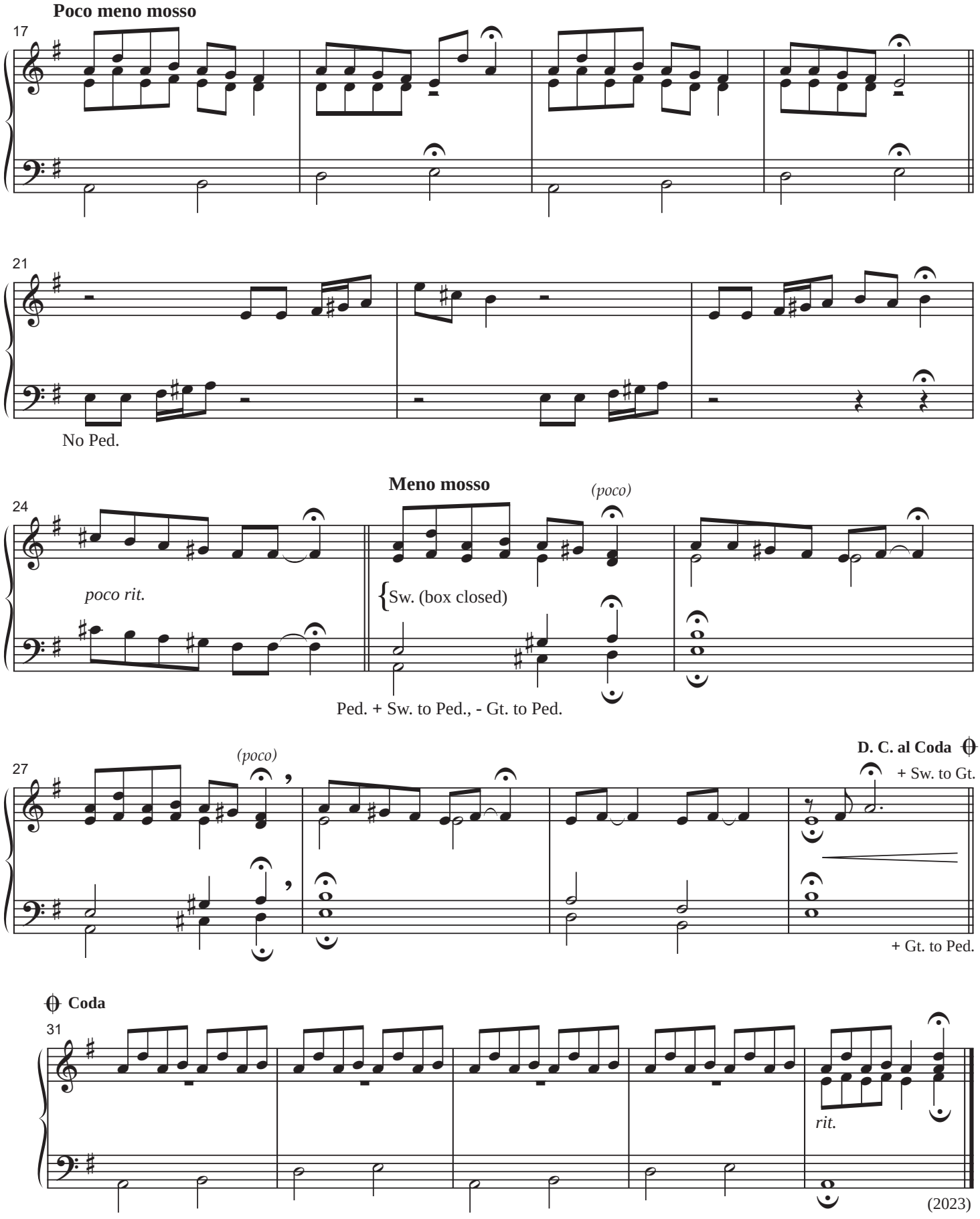

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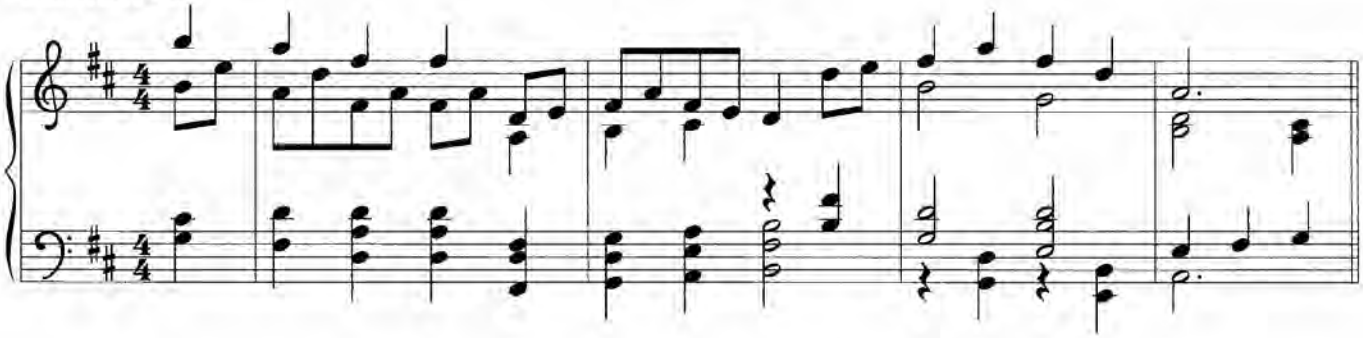

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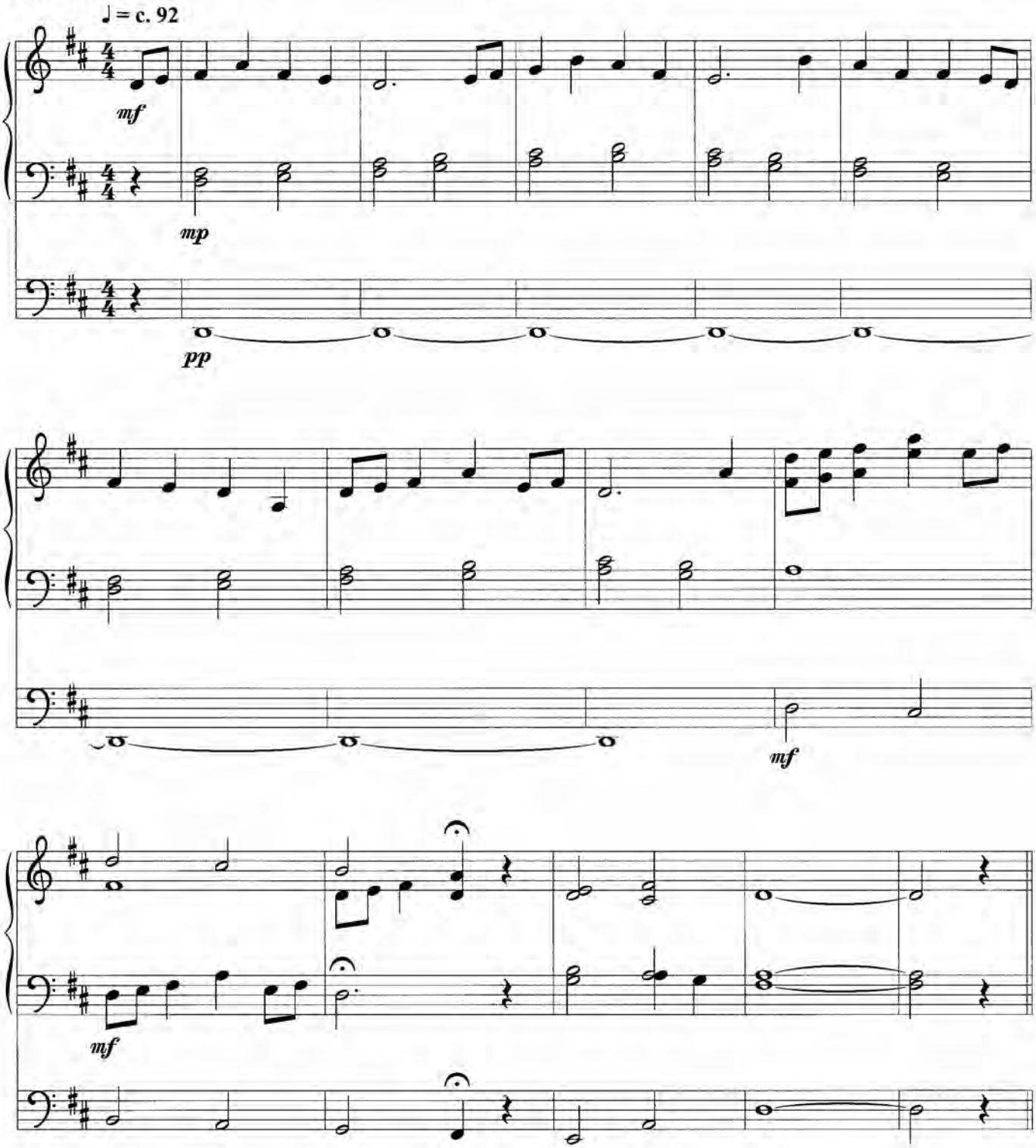

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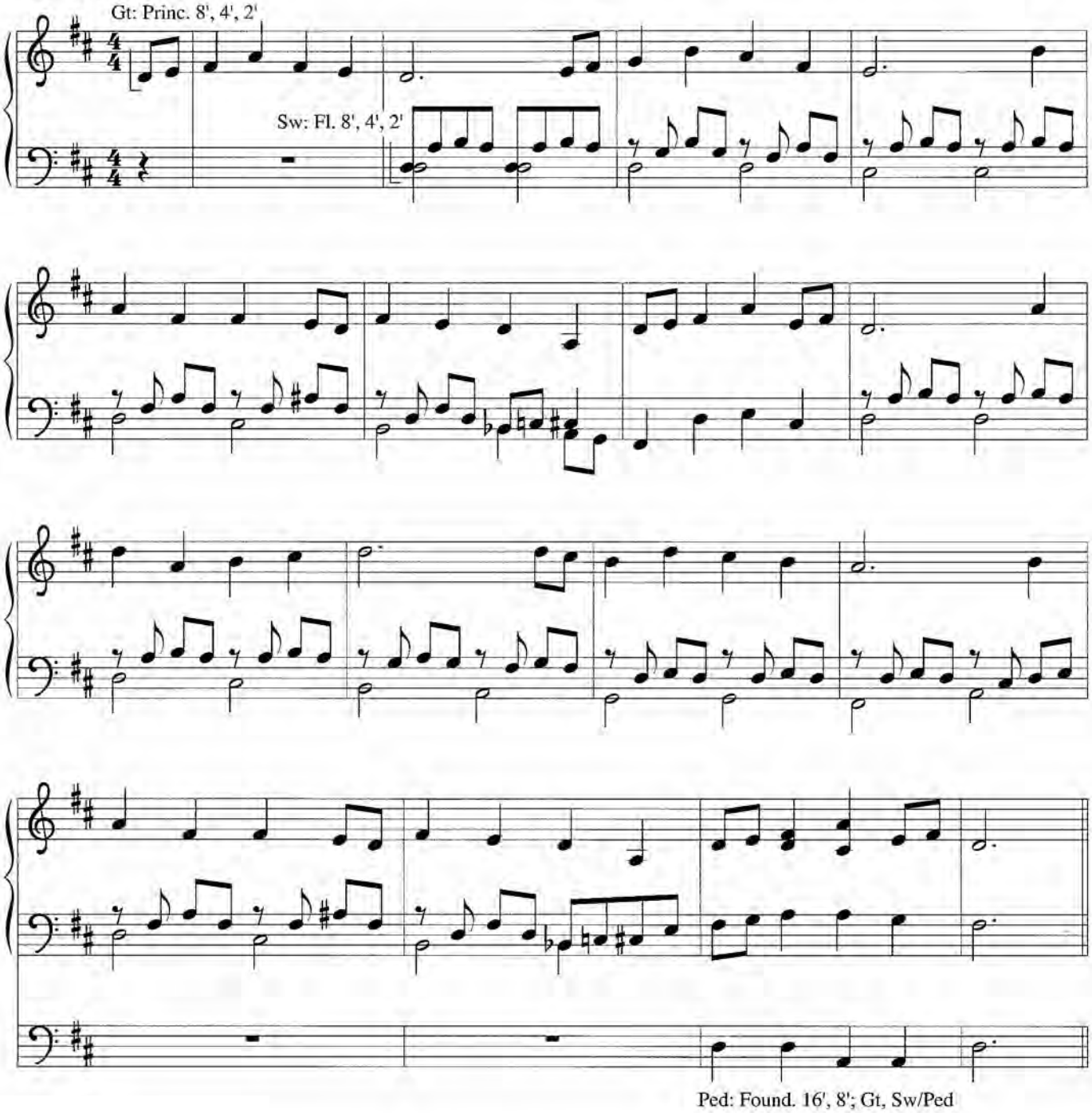

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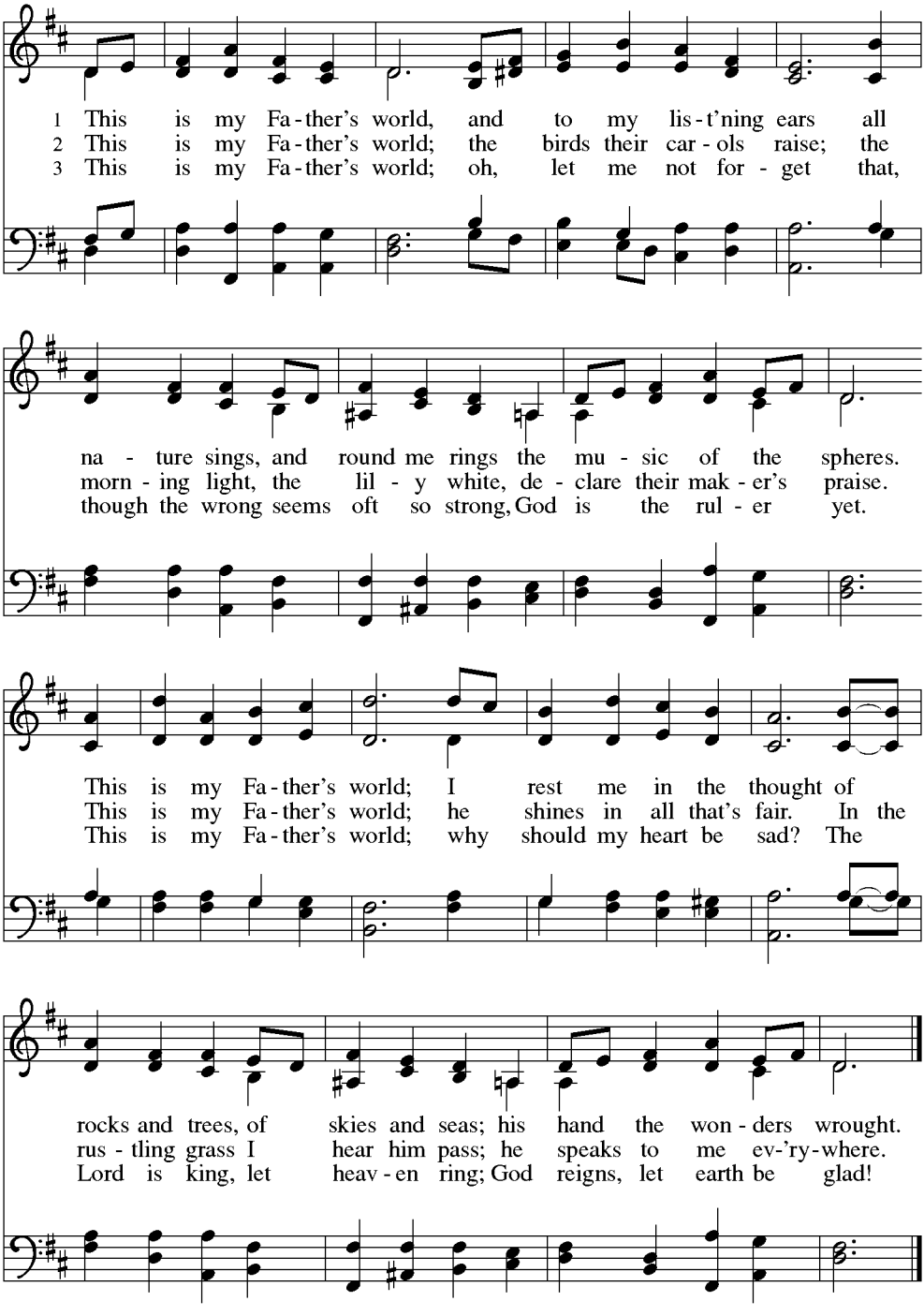

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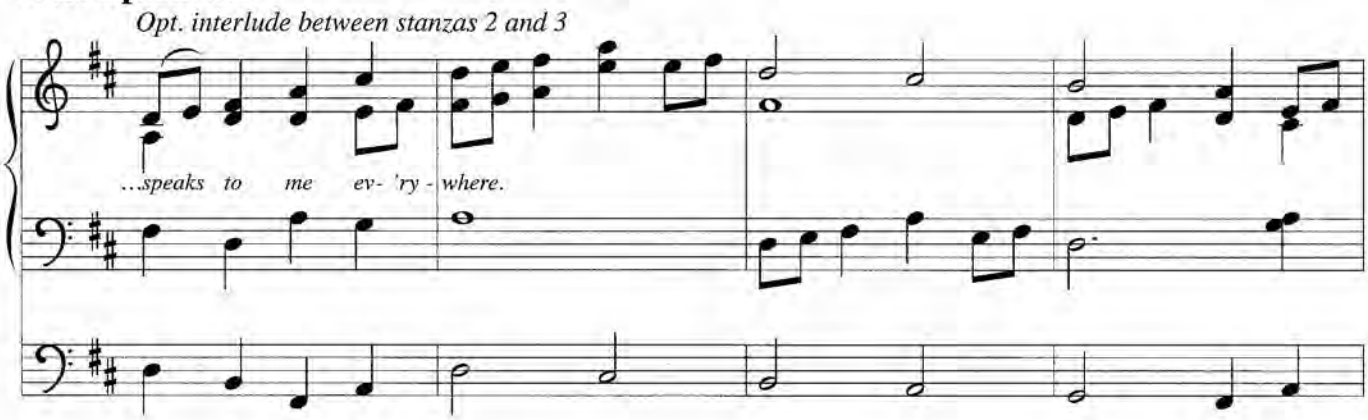

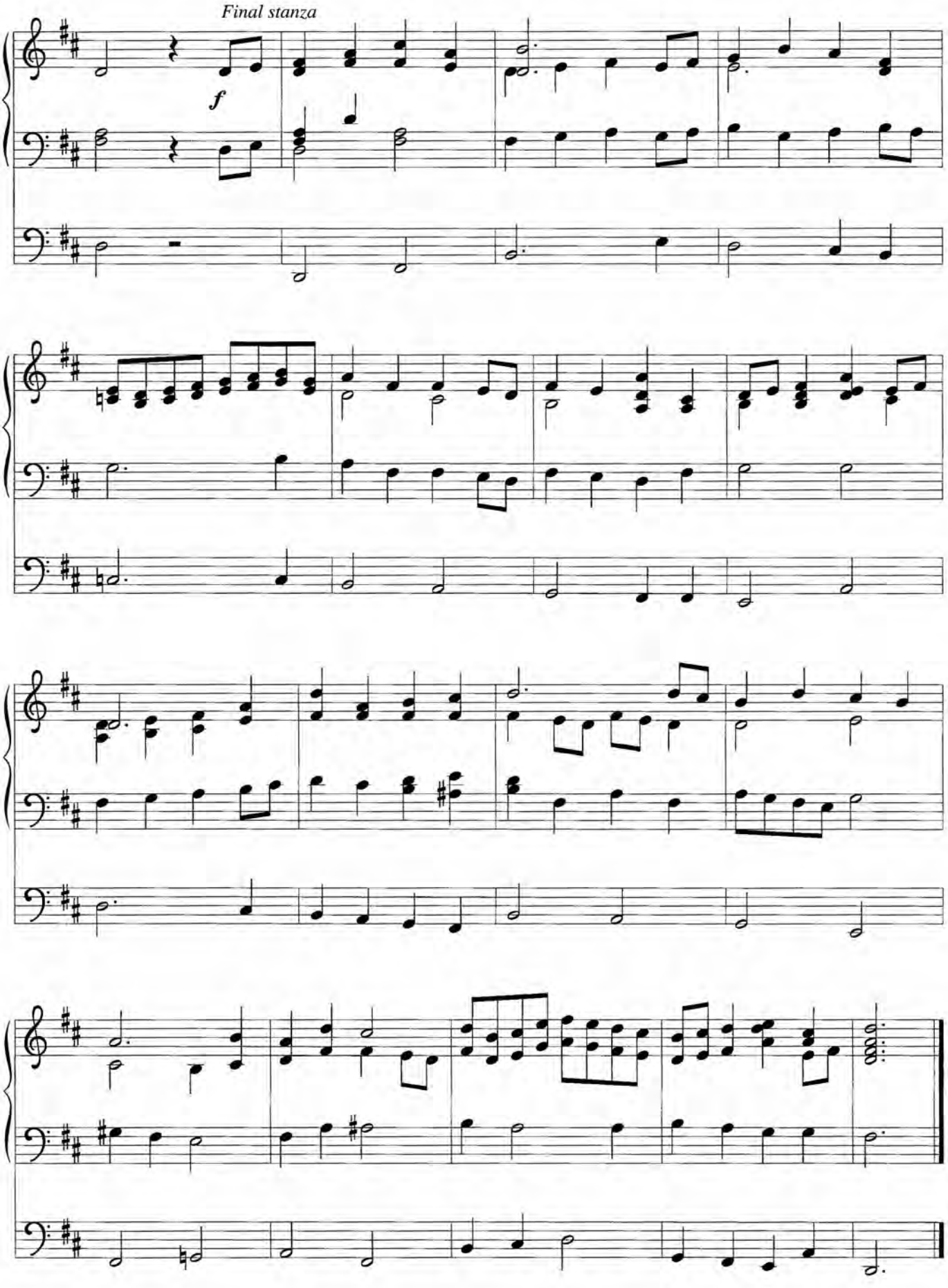
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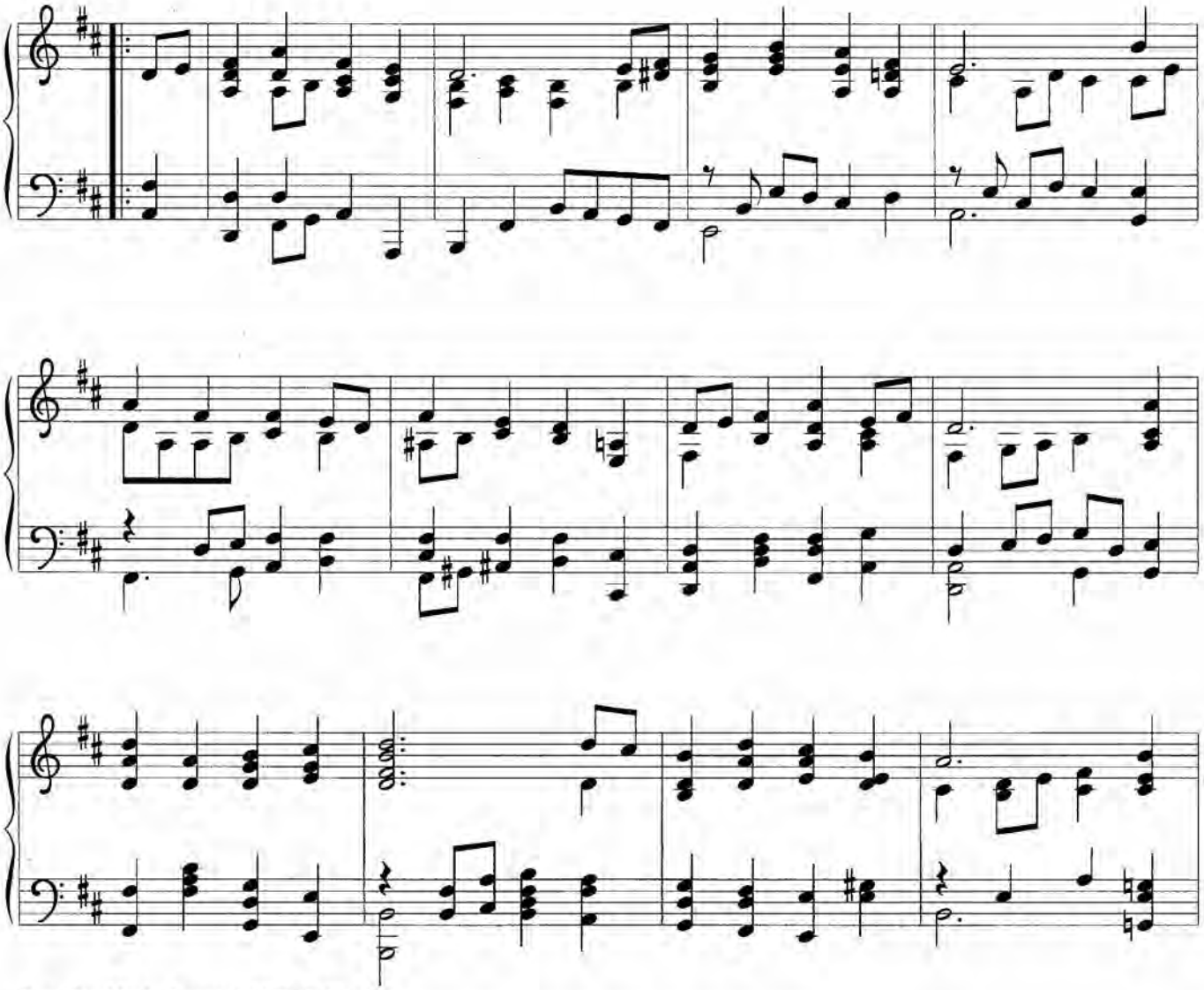

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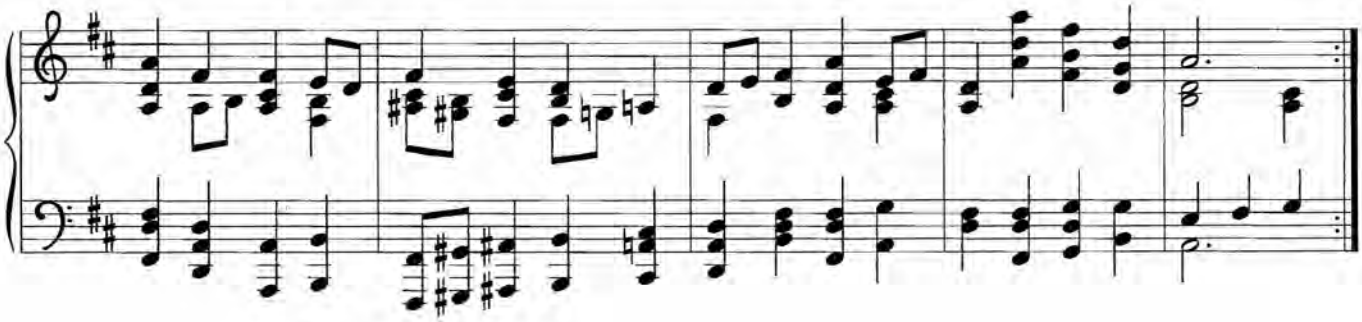

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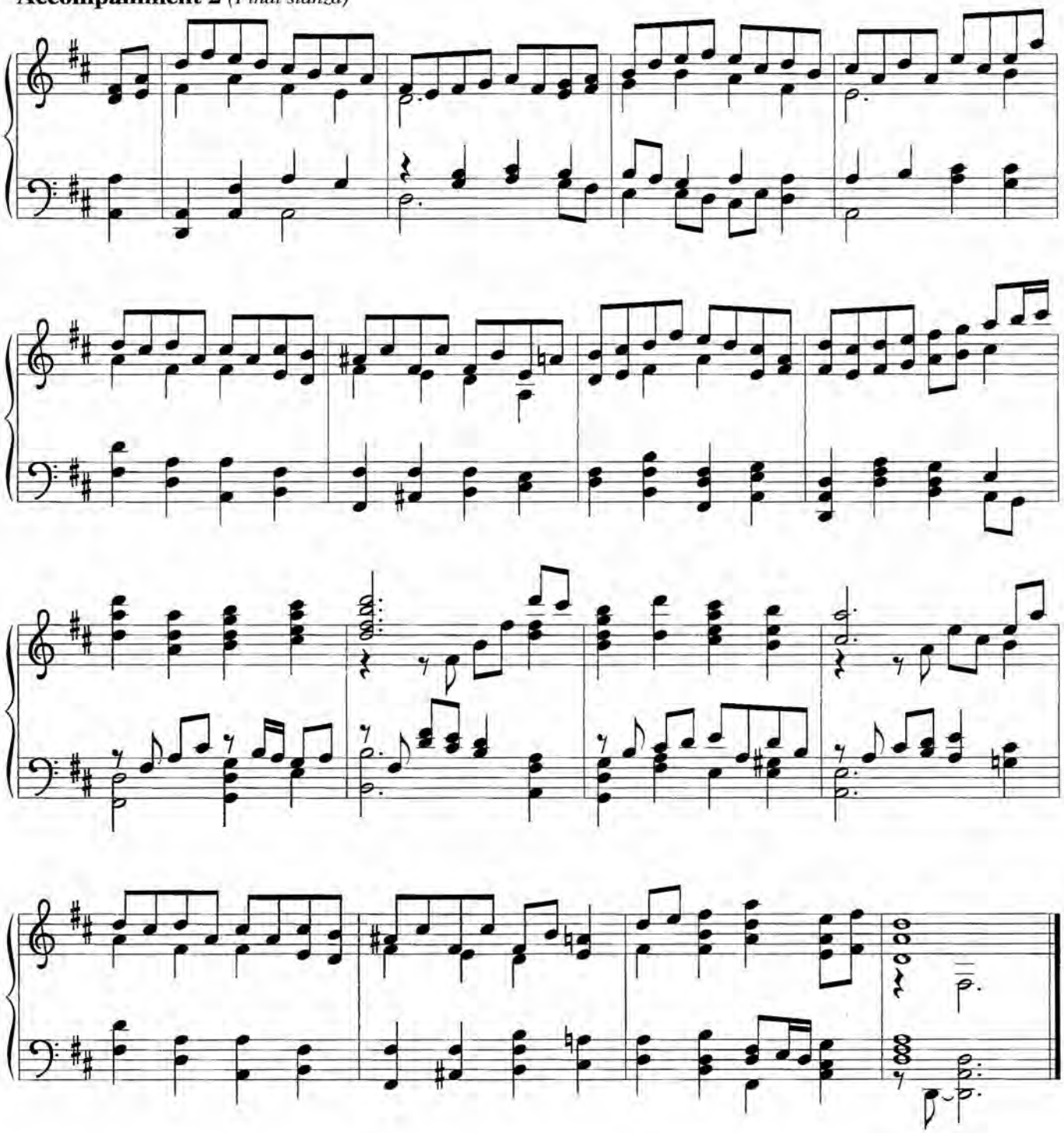
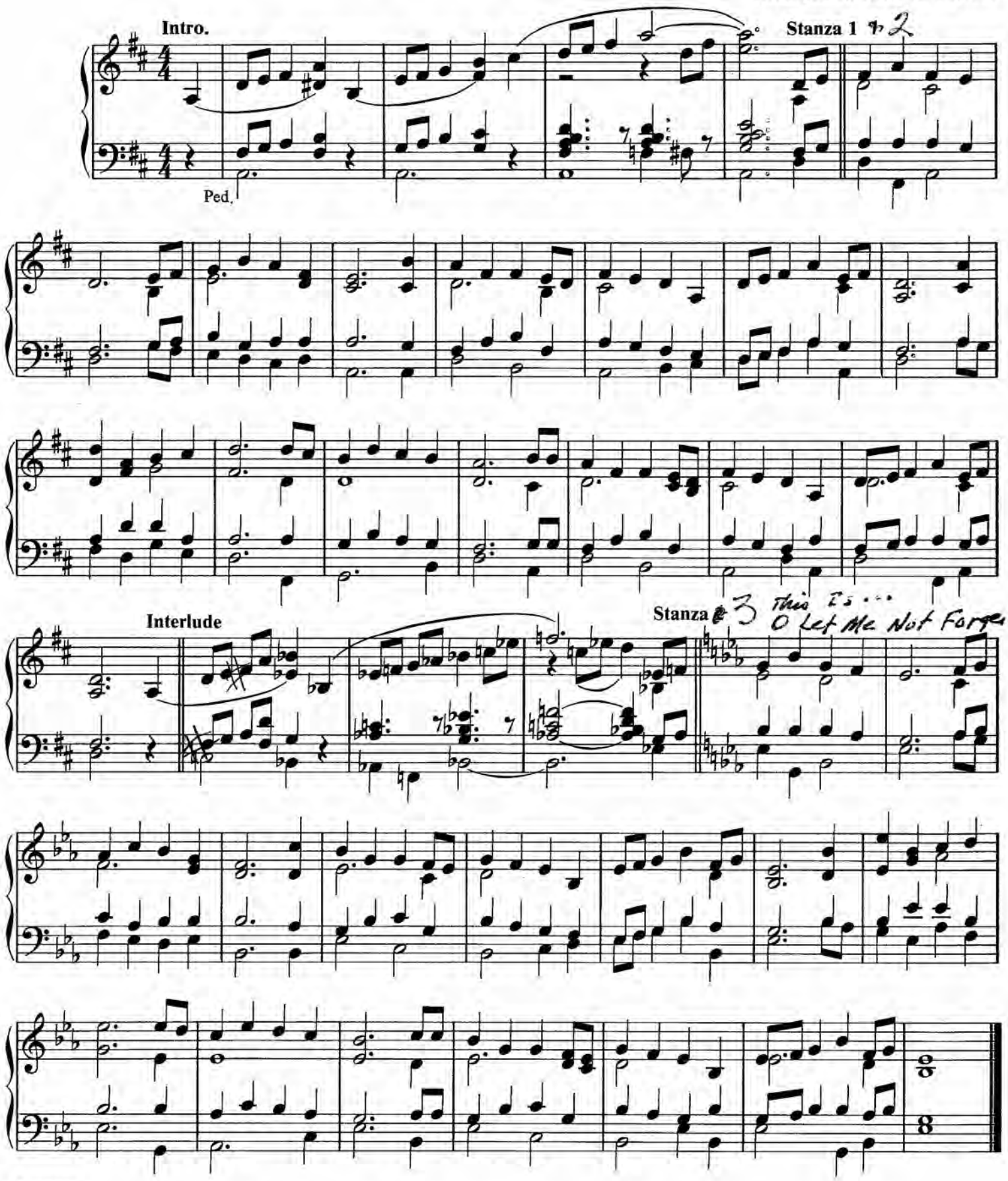


TERRA BEATA
(This Is My Father's World)

English Melody
Arranged by Richard Unfreid



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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

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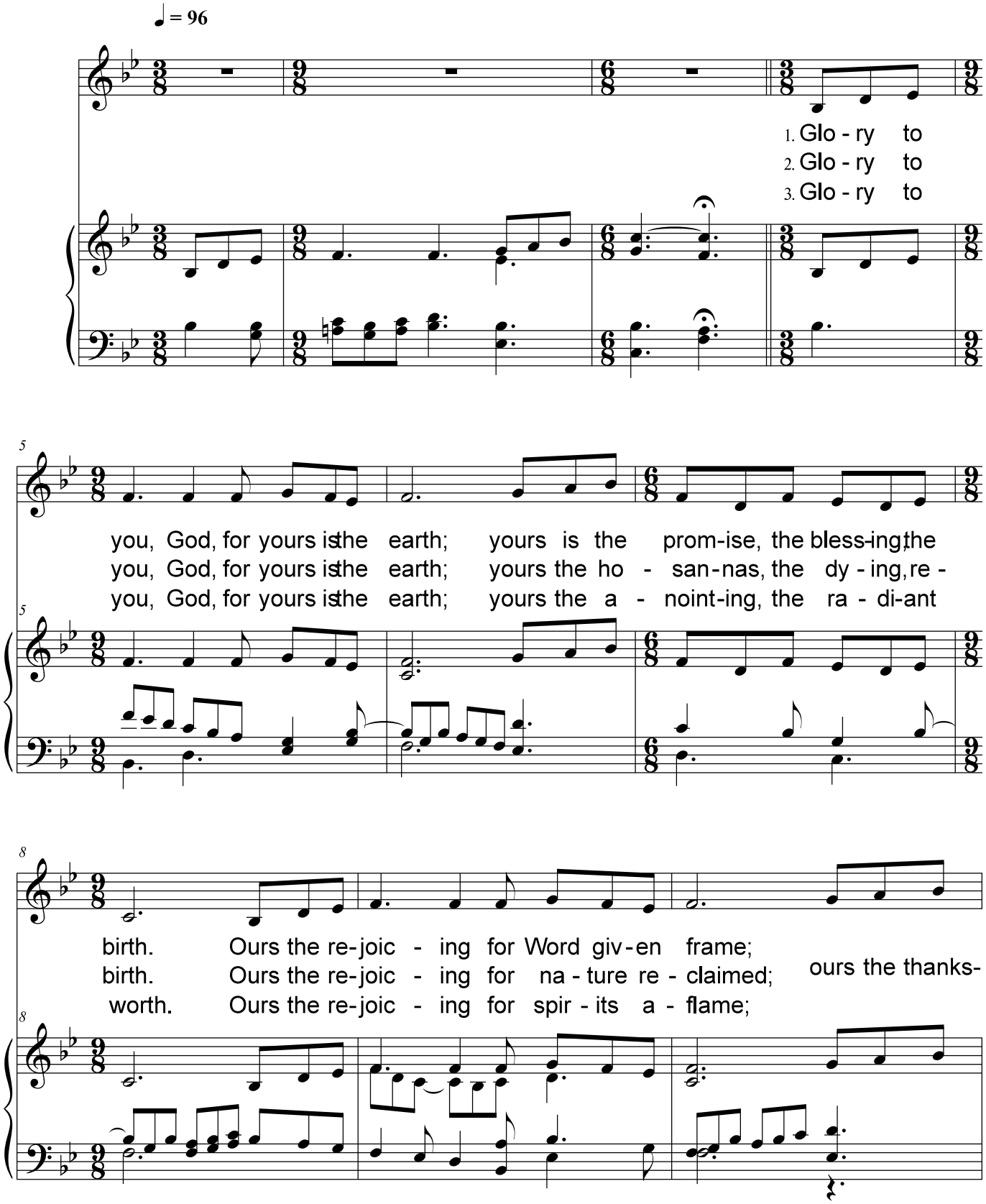

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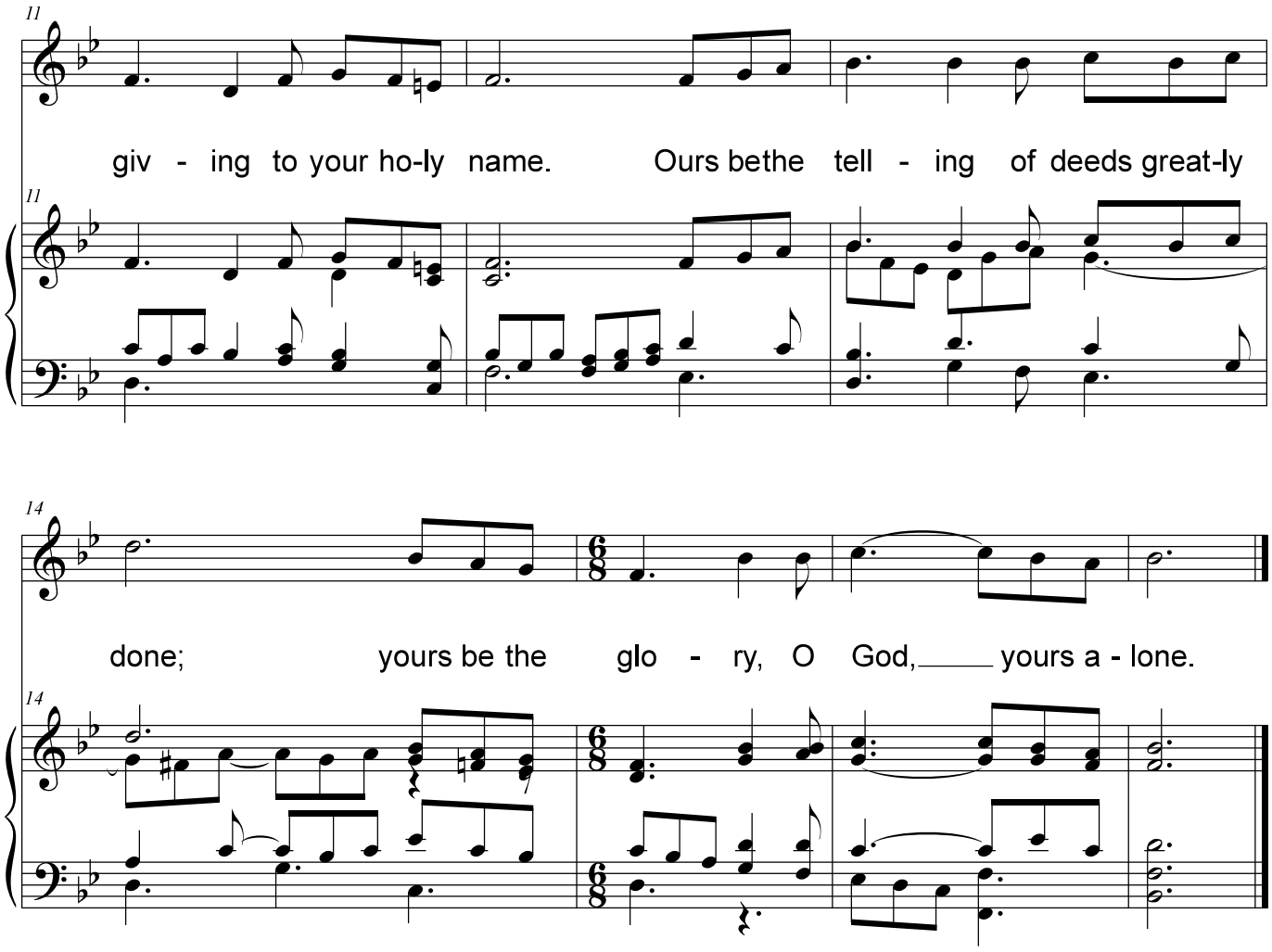
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giv - ing to your ho-ly name. Ours bethe tell - ing of deeds great-ly
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done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.
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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day…
C: Father of compassion, renew our faith in you and bind us together through your love, so that we can recognize each other as your children, and come together as one. We praise you through Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son, in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:15-17

A Prayer of Penitence
15 Look down from heaven and see,
from thy holy and glorious habitation.
Where are thy zeal and thy might?
The yearning of thy heart and thy compassion
are withheld from me.
16 For thou art our Father,
though Abraham does not know us
and Israel does not acknowledge us;
thou, O Lord, art our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is thy name.
17 O Lord, why dost thou make us err from thy ways
and harden our heart, so that we fear thee not?
Return for the sake of thy servants,
the tribes of thy heritage.

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

Responsive Reading from Psalm 139: 1-3, 13, 23, 24b
L: Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.
C: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
L: You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
C: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
L: Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.
C: Lead me in the way that is everlasting.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:5-6
Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

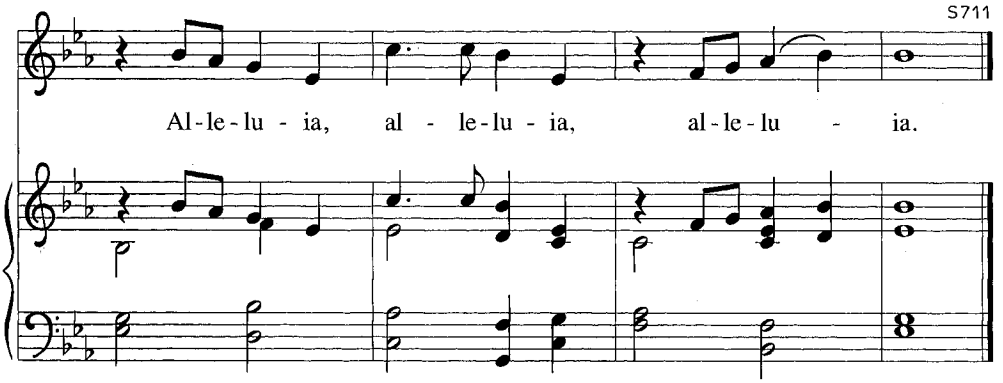
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Readings and Psalm

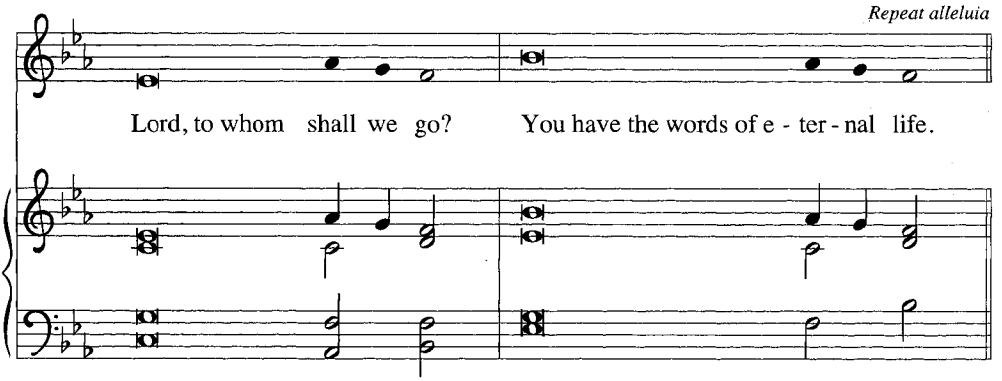
Response after the conclusion of the first and second reading: **Thanks be to God.**

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: John 11:17-27 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life
17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus[a] had already been in the tomb four
days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles[b] off, 19 and many of the Jews had
come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 When Martha
heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. 21
Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 And
even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her,
“Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the
resurrection at the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life;[c] he
who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and whoever lives and believes in
me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you
are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.”

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

Children’s Time
Sermon Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: My God, How Wonderful Thou Art ELW #863

1. My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
   How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!
2. How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of thee must be –
   Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow’r, and awesome purity!
3. No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e’er so mild,
   Bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.
4. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,
   For thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
5. My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
   On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

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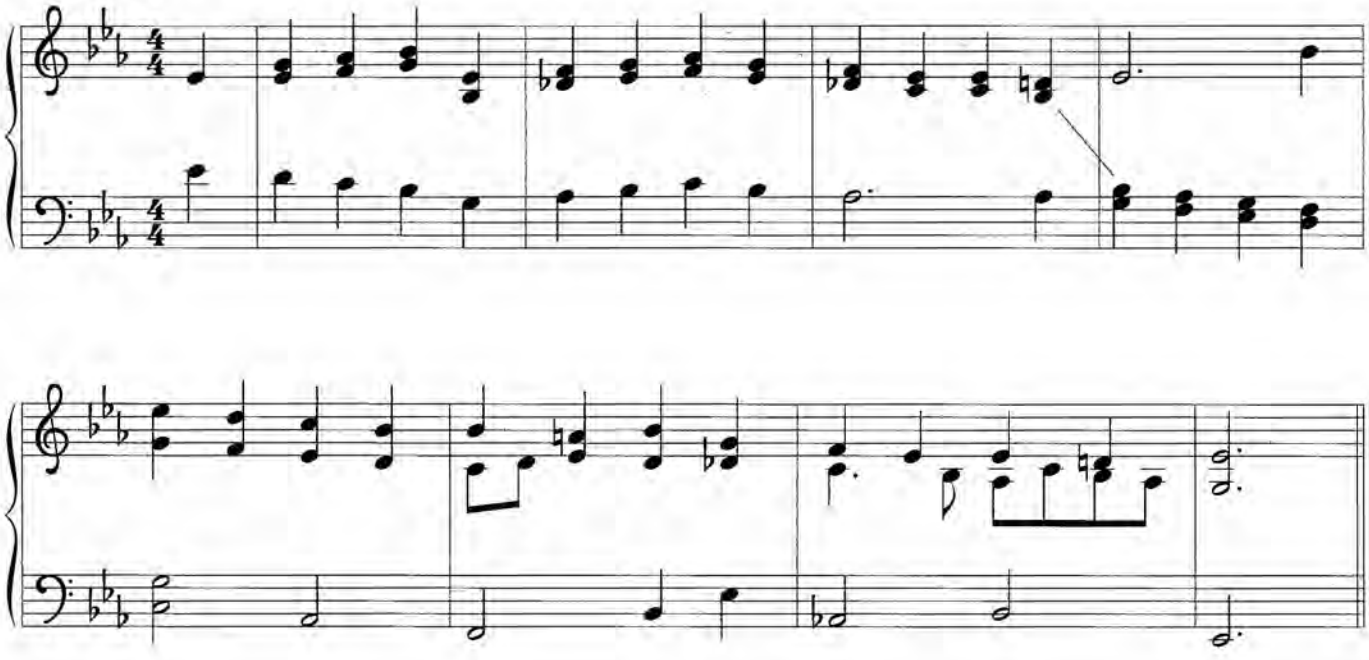

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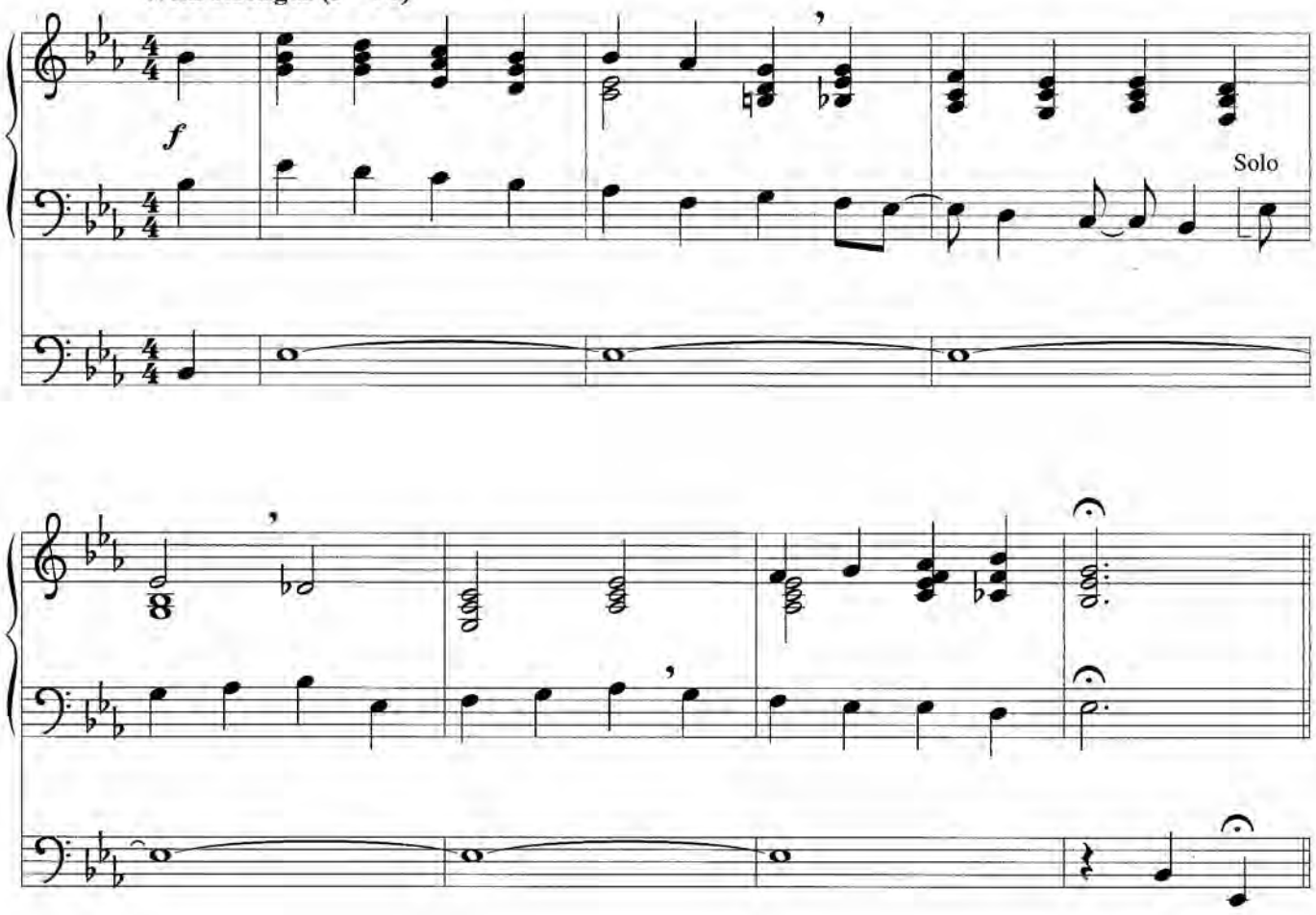

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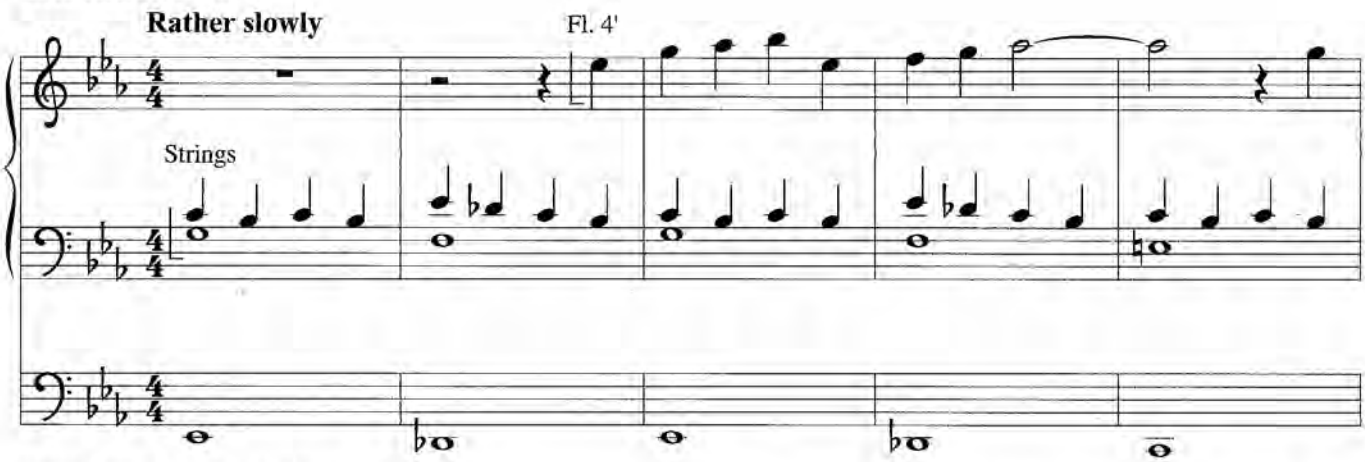

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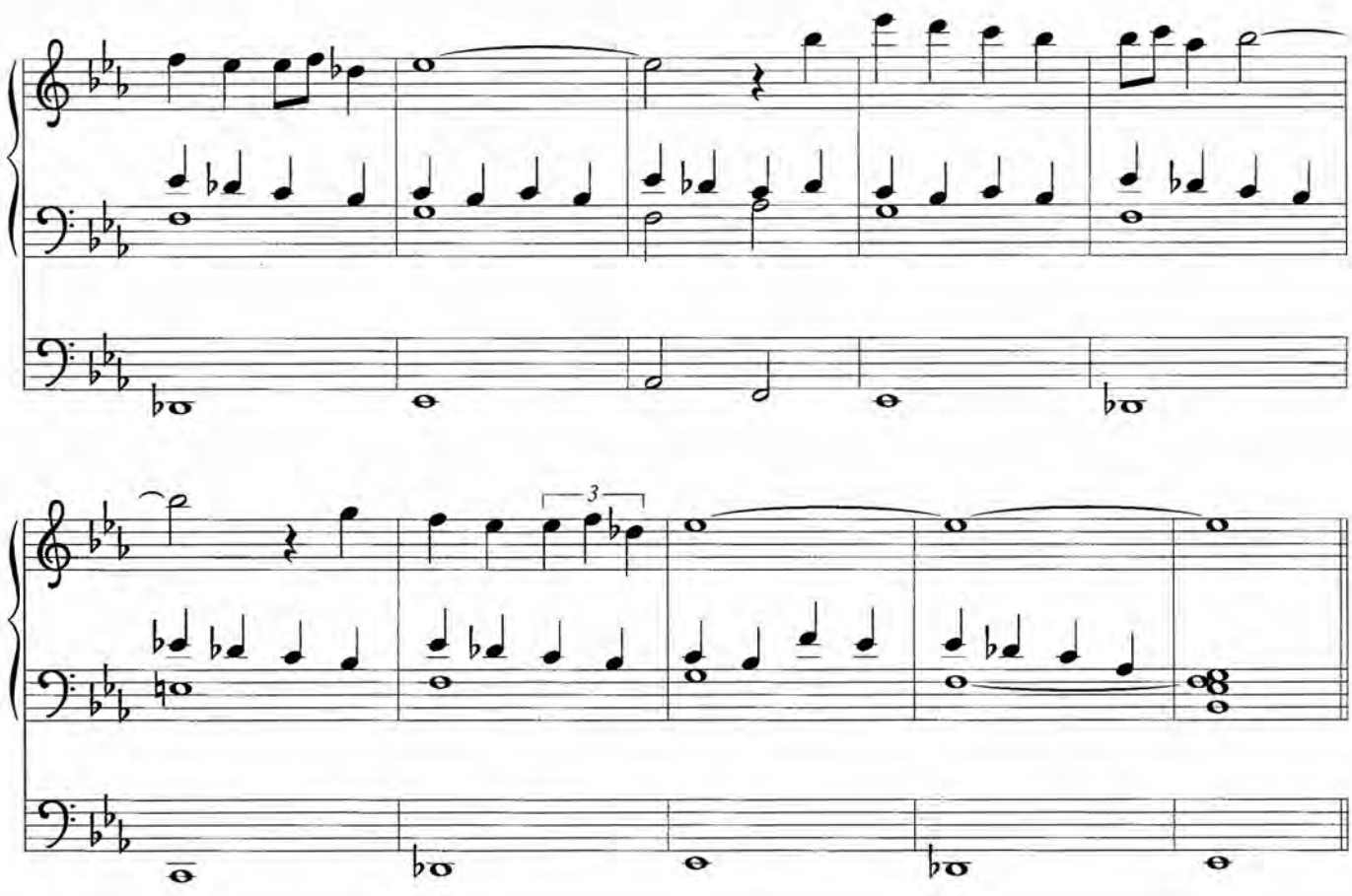
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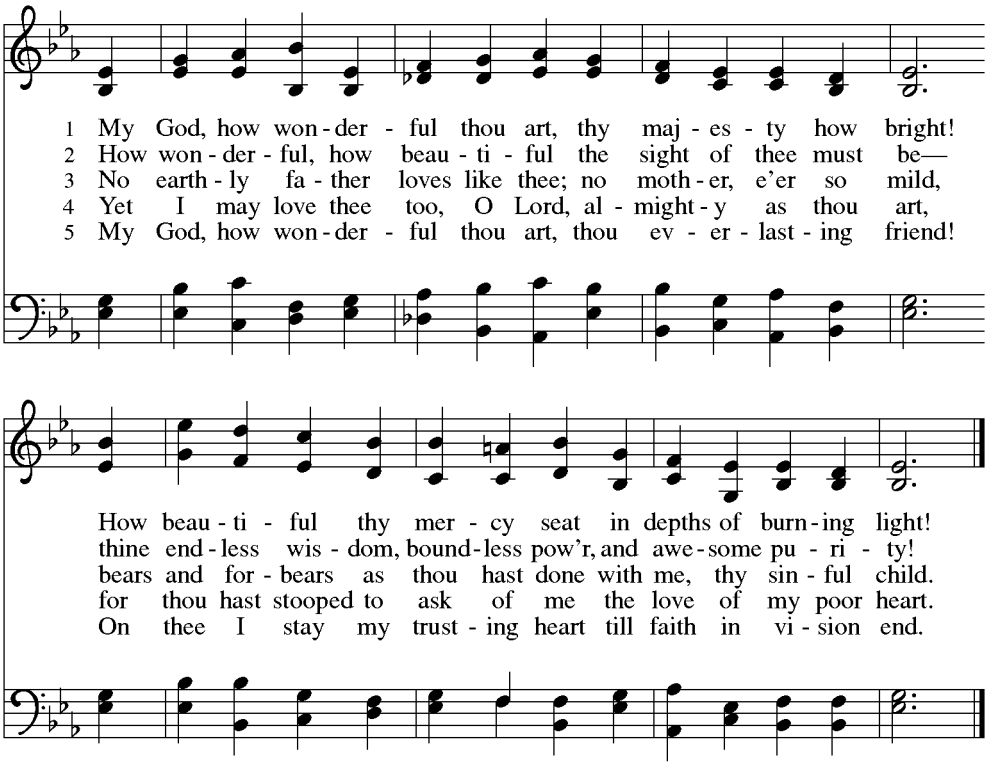

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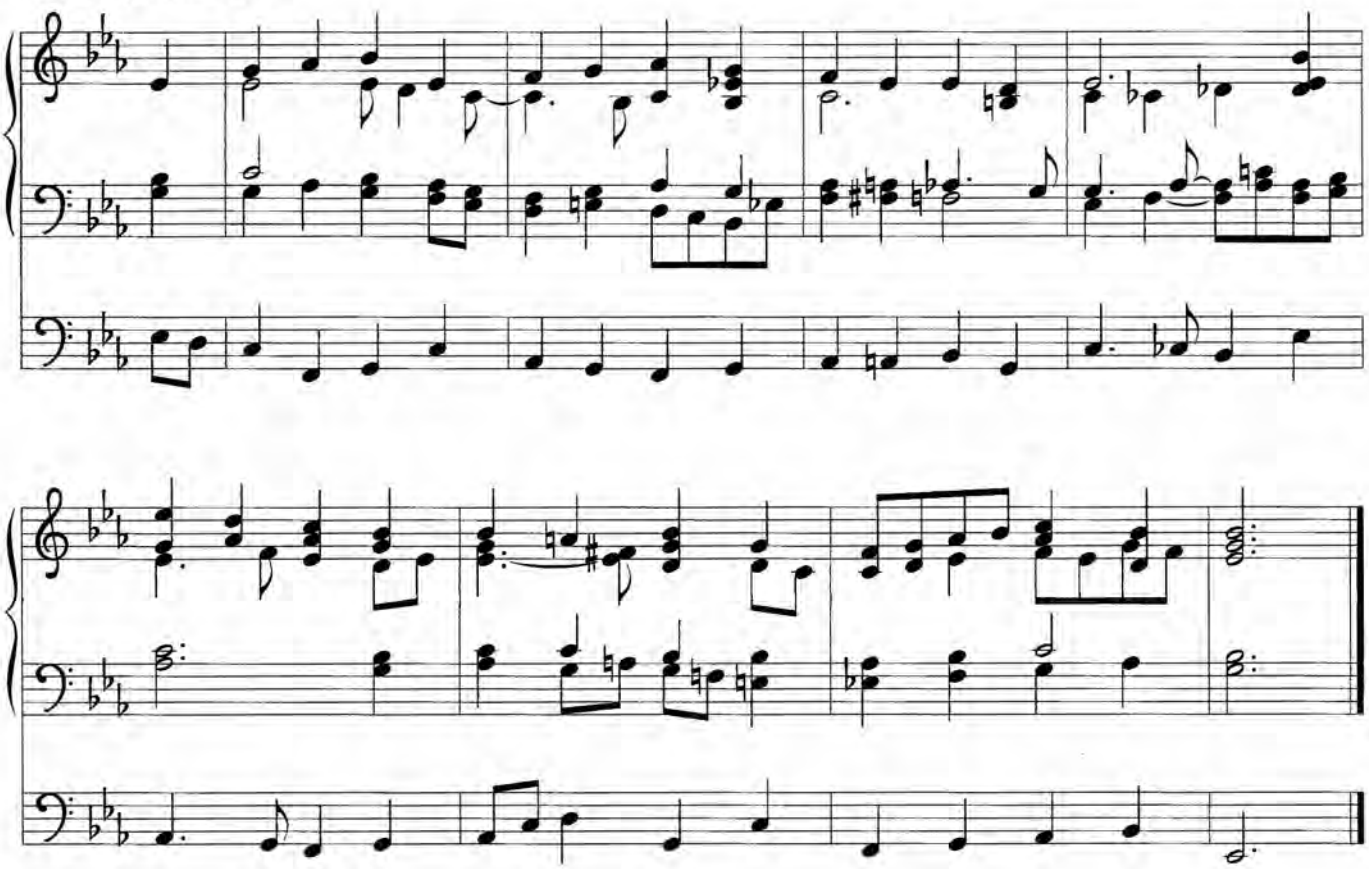

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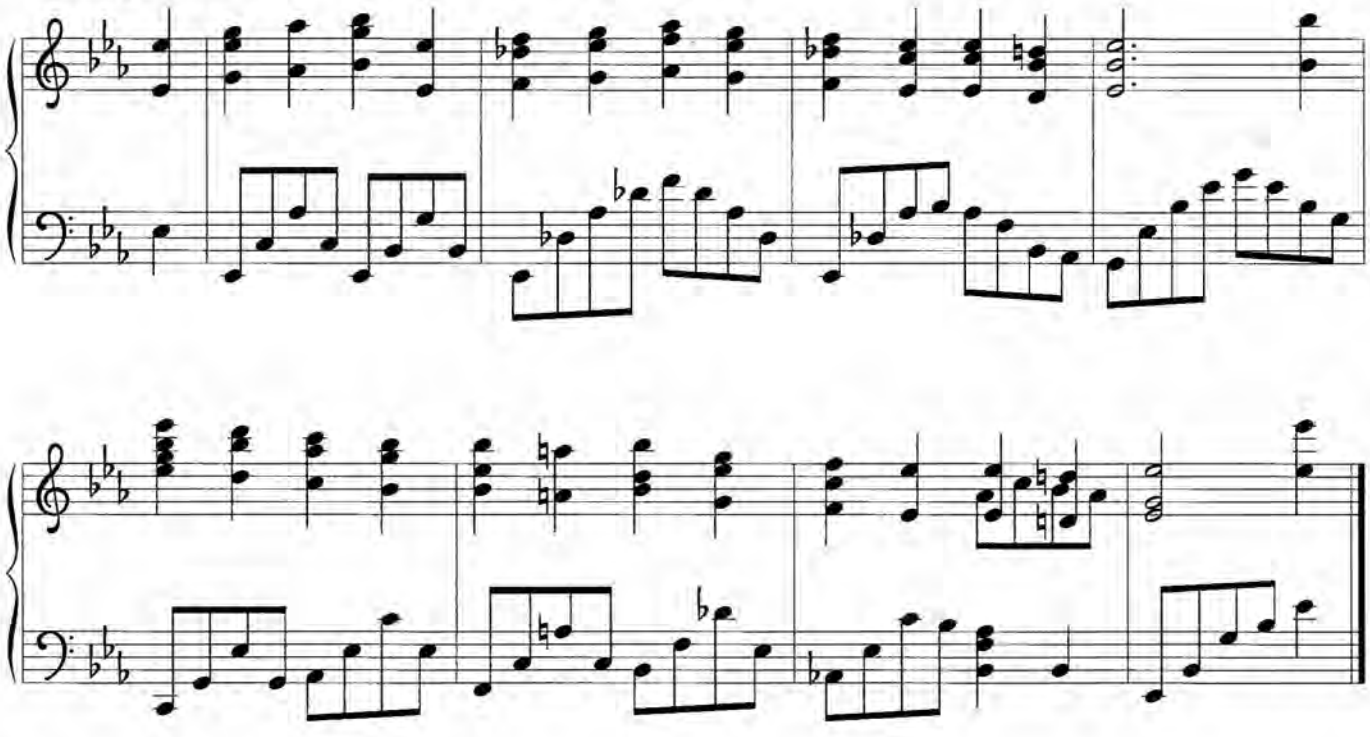

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L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith…

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, 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; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to 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. 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 confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to 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 partnerships with other Christians in our local community and as a member denomination of the World Council of Churches. 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: *Trust and Obey* Daniel B. Towner/arr. Marianne Kim

Offering Response: Create in Me ELW #186

Trust and Obey

Sw. Soft 8, 4
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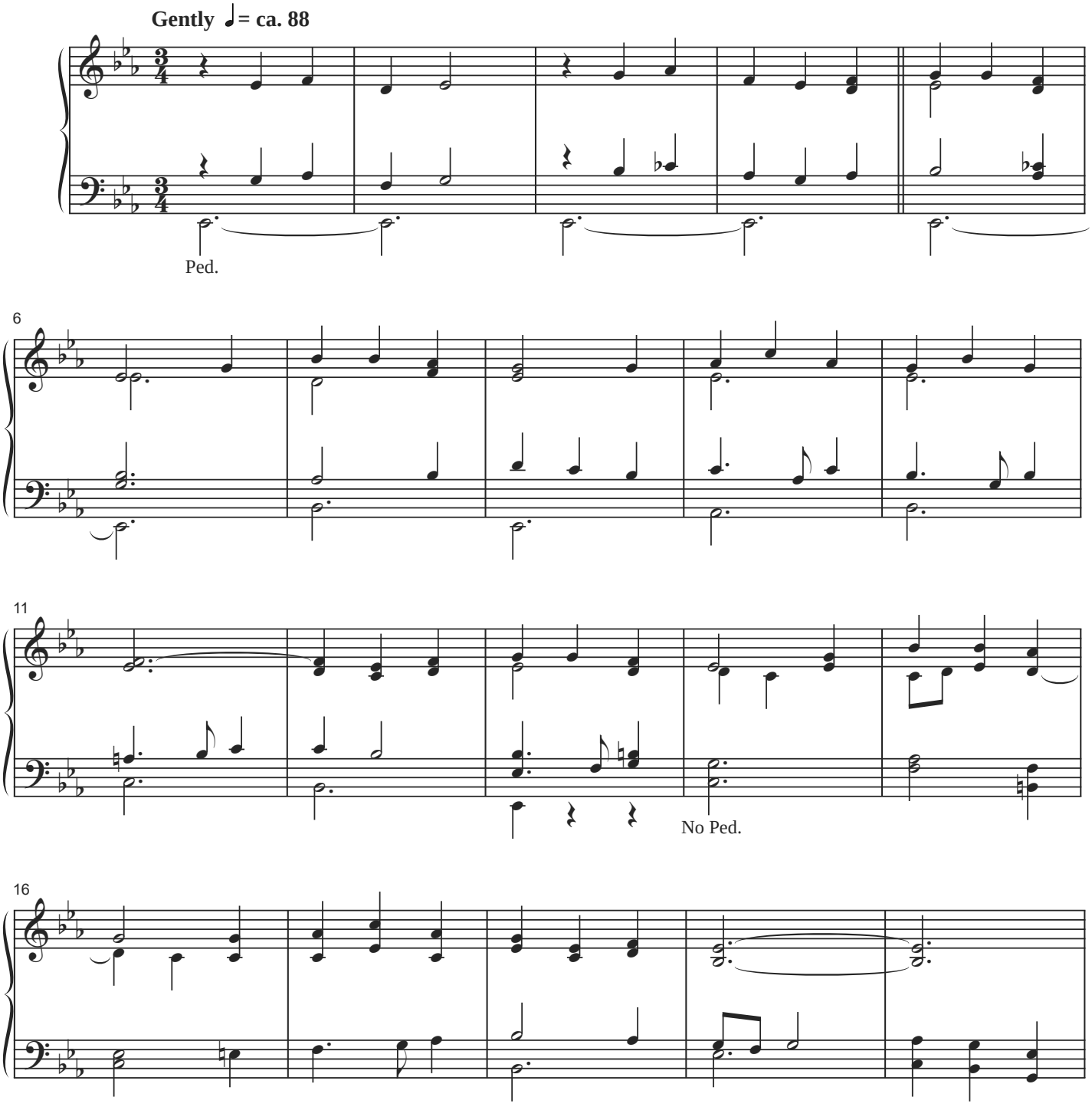
Marianne Kim
Tune: **TRUST AND OBEY**
by **Daniel B. Towner**



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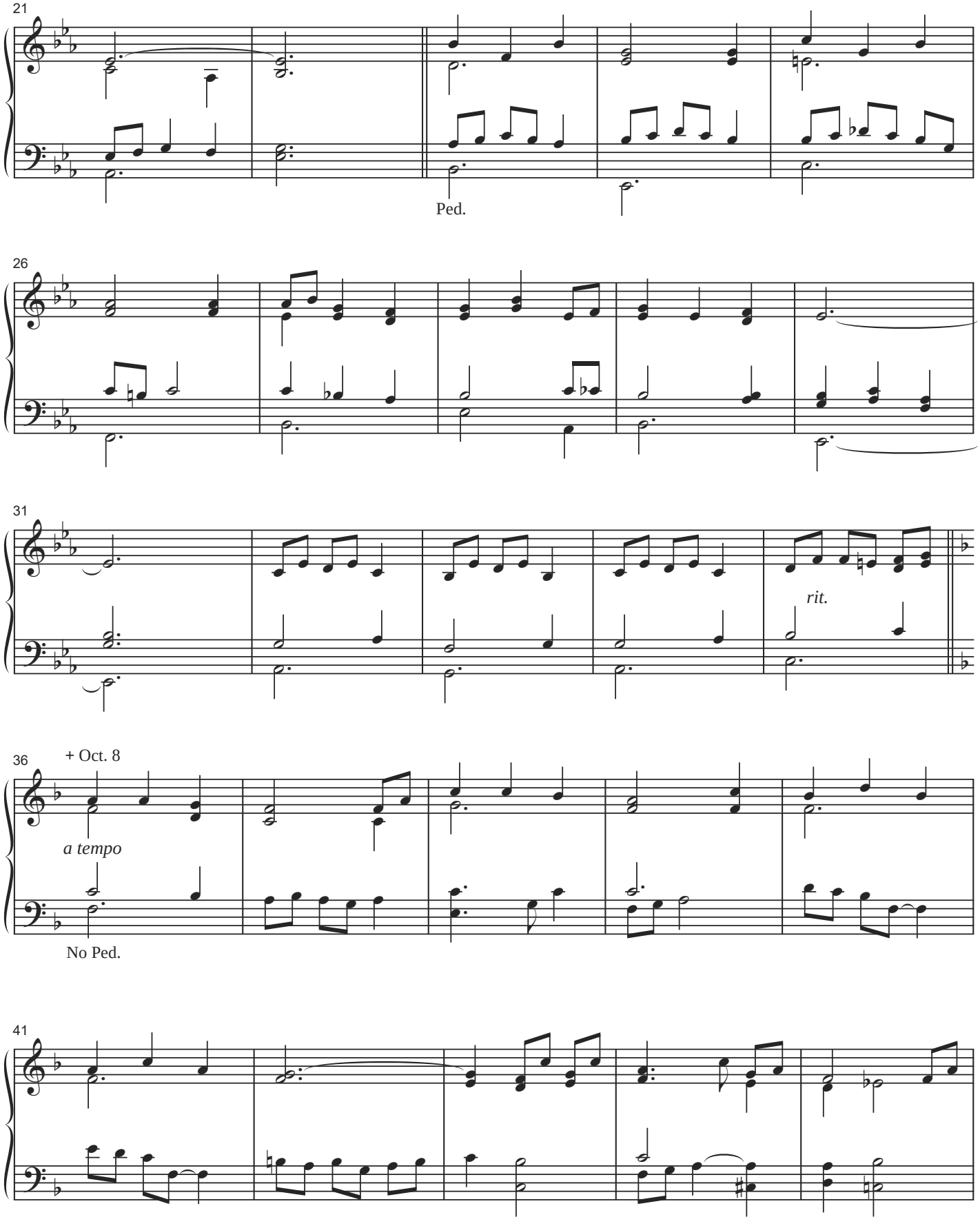

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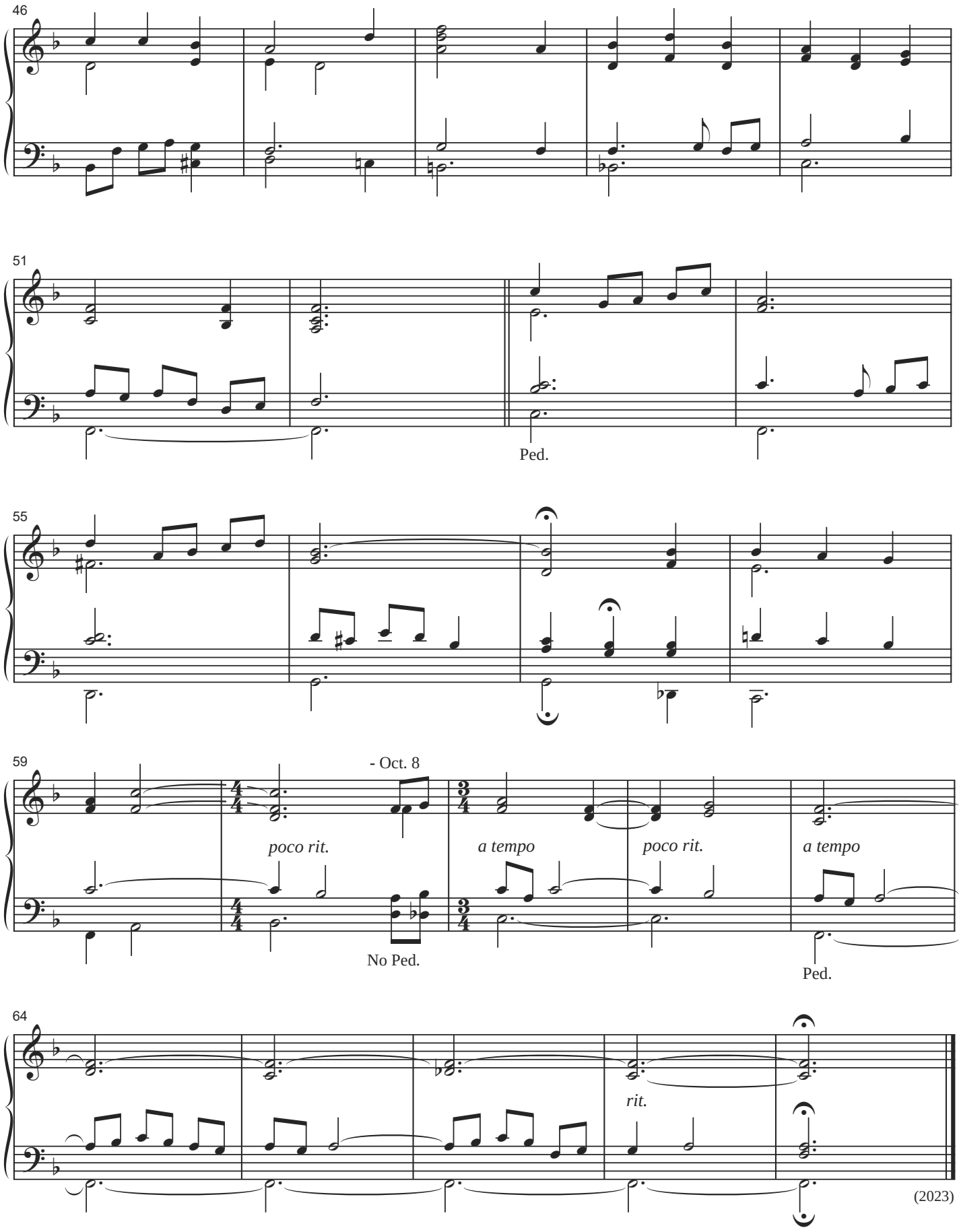

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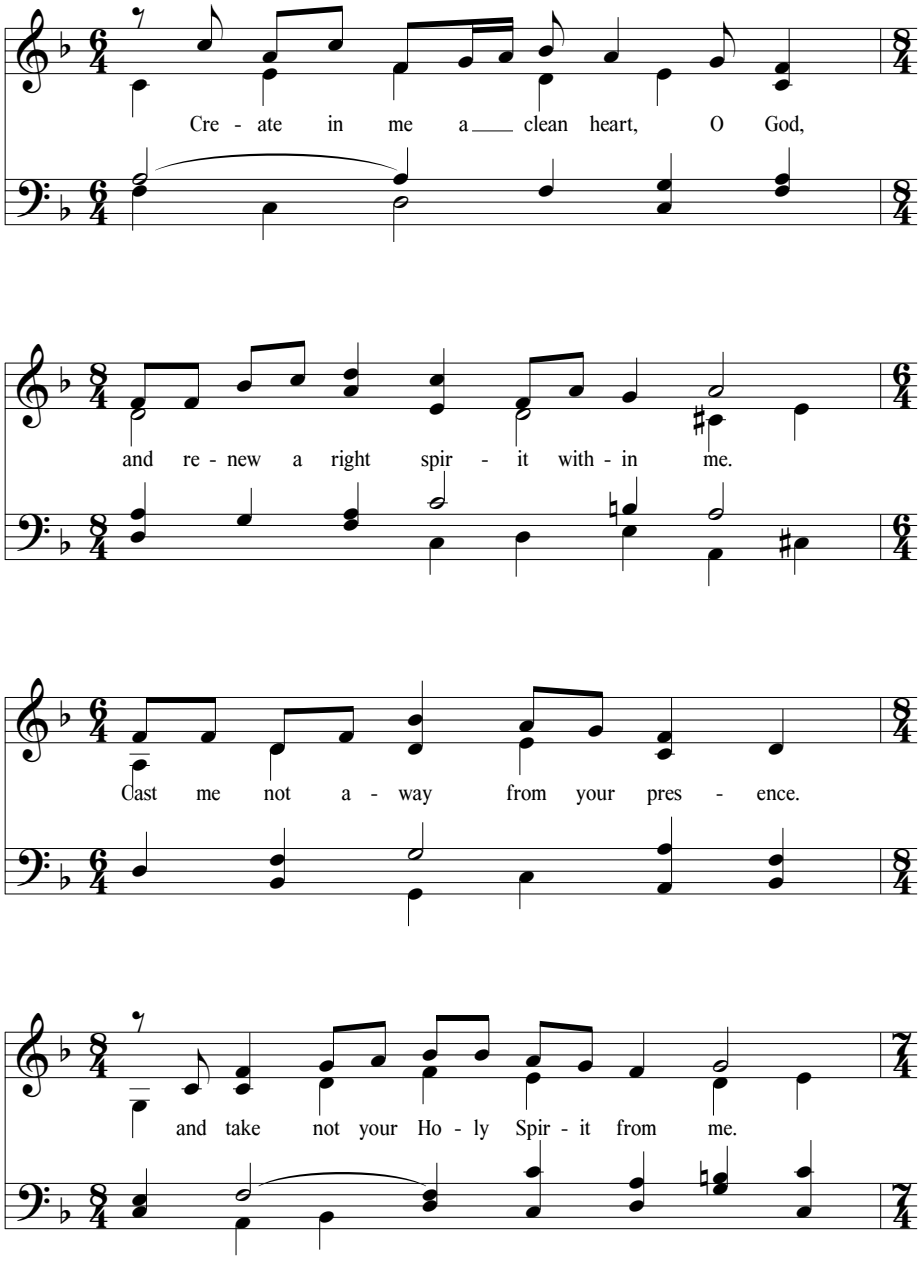
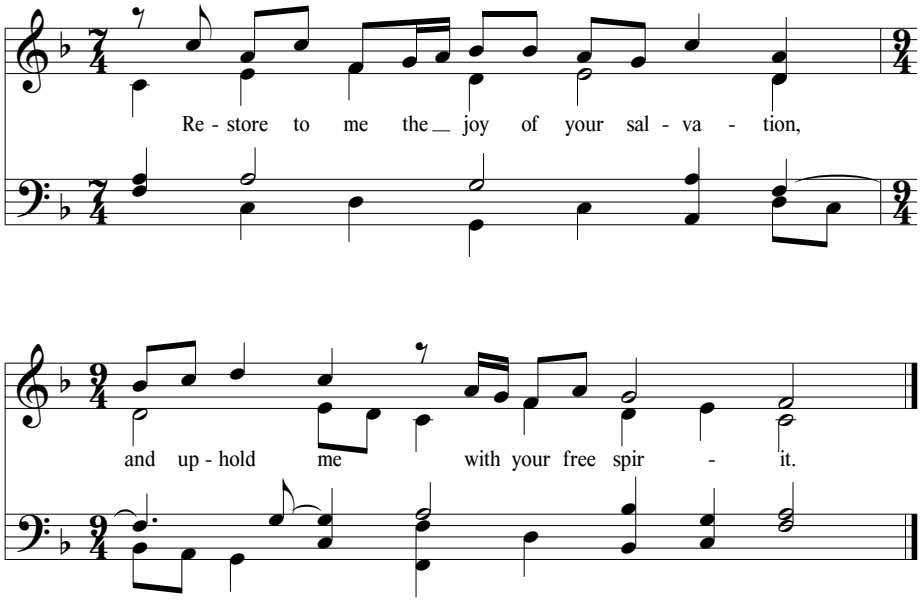
Hymn # 186

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

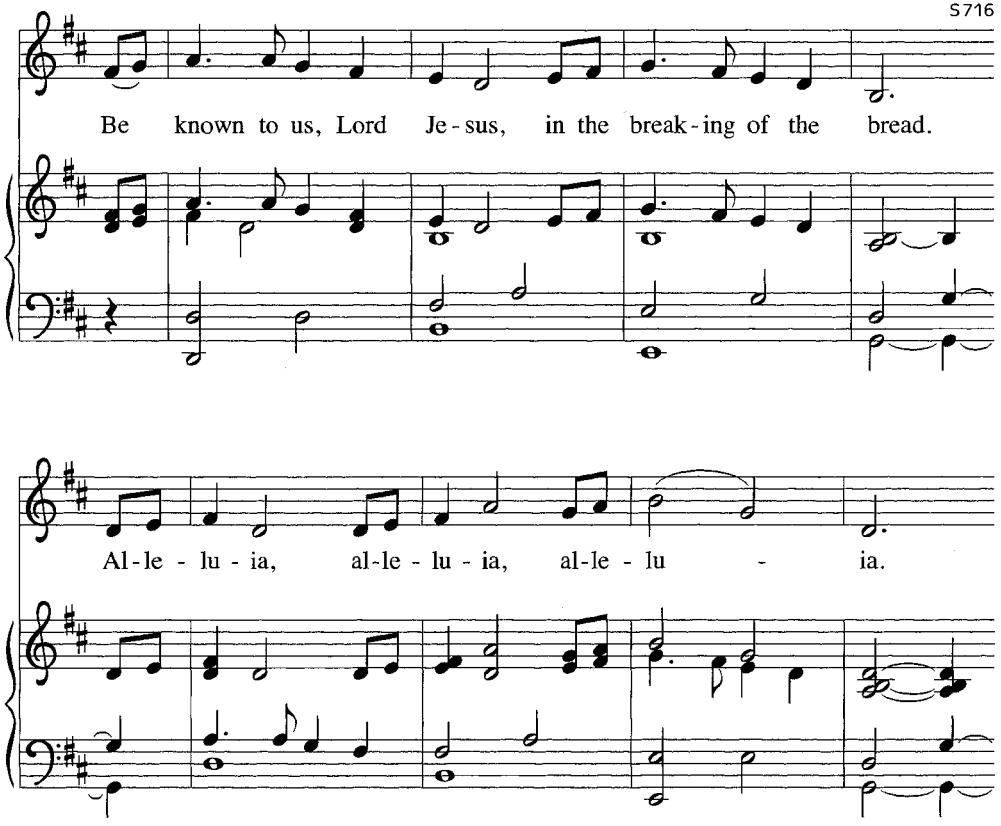
Be Known to Us ACS p. 40

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.
   Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.
   Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)
3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.
   Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)
4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.
   Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)
5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!
   May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)


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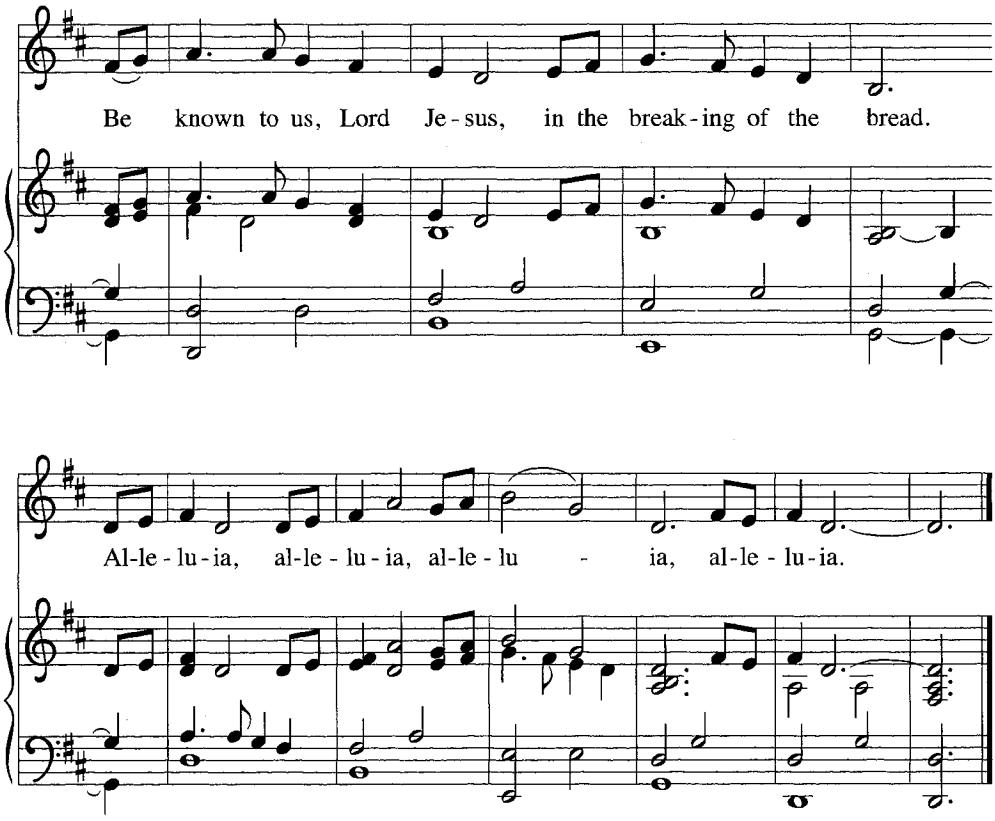

[41] *After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "At last, Lord" (p. 26 [26]) or another suitable song may be sung.*

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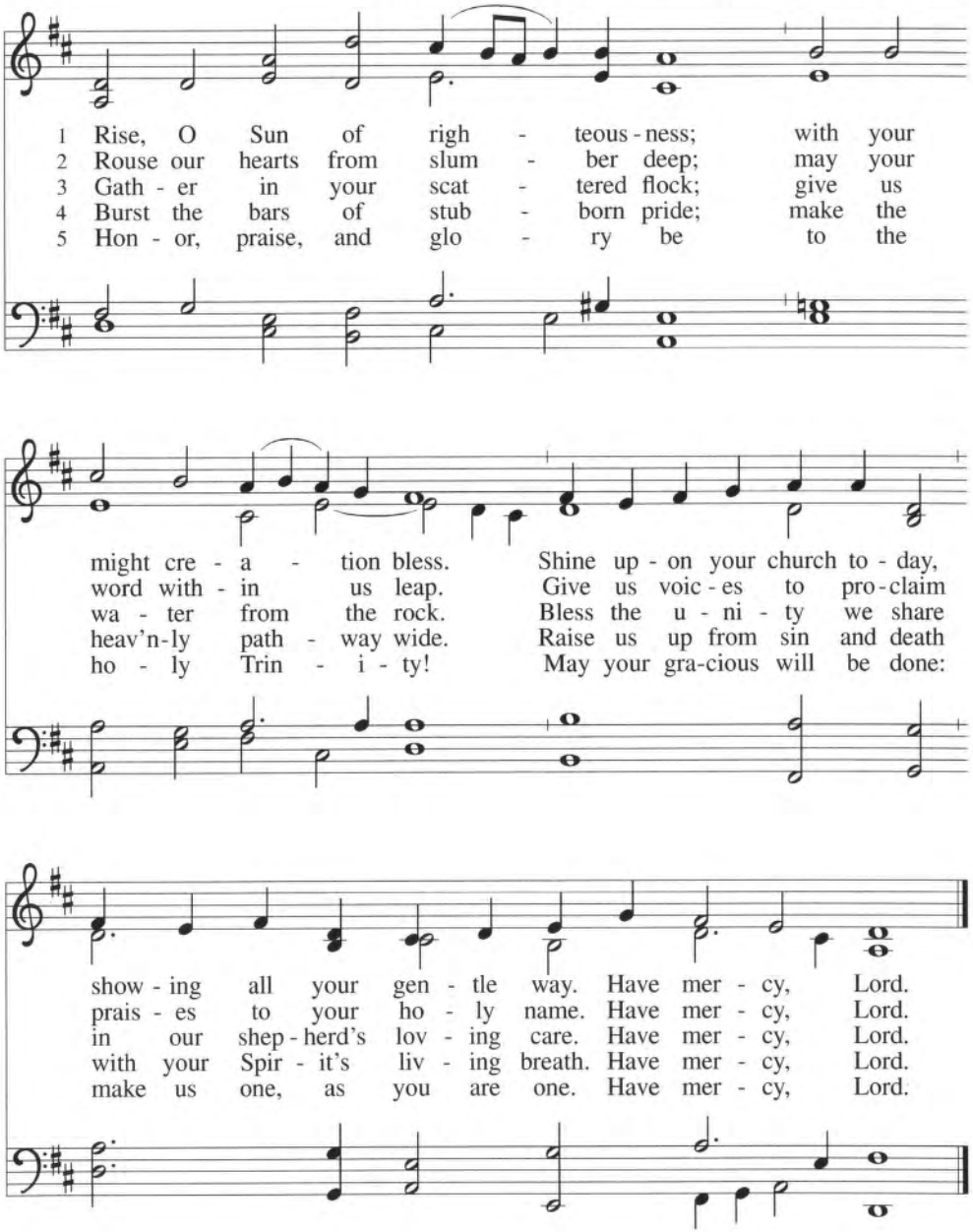

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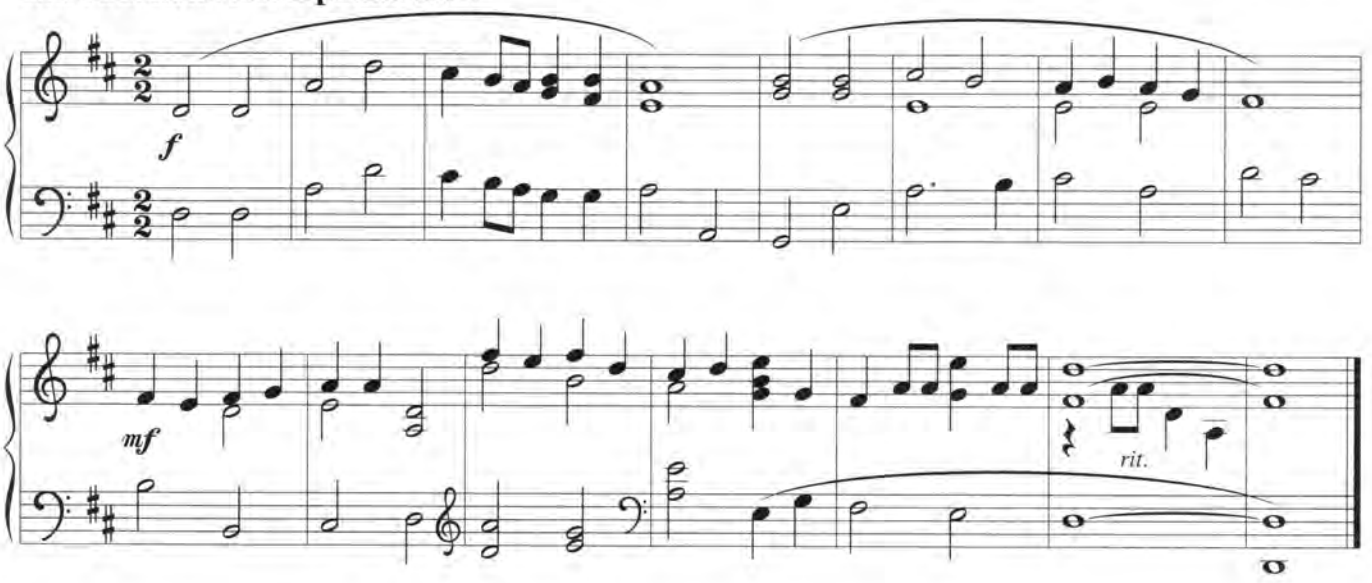

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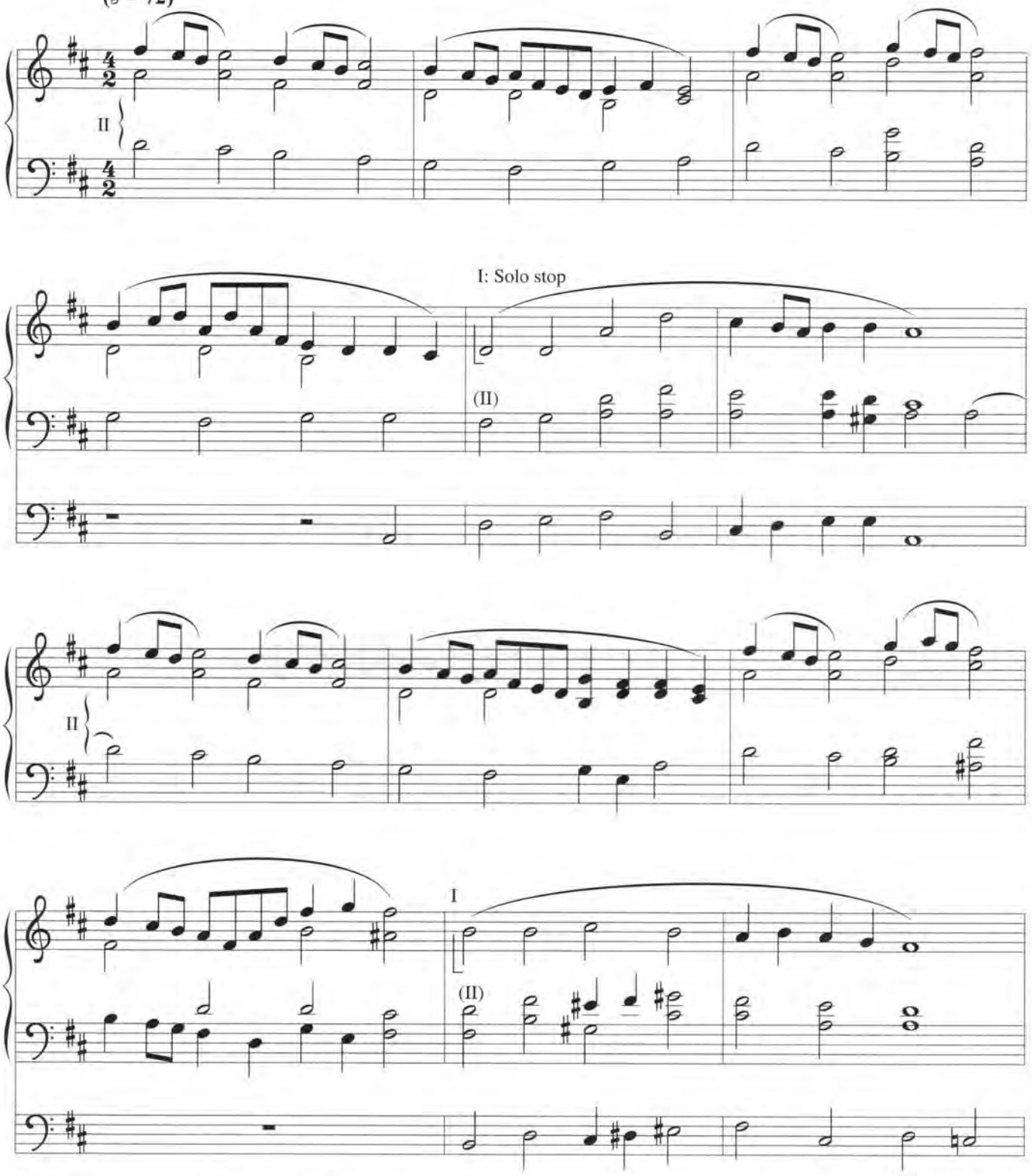

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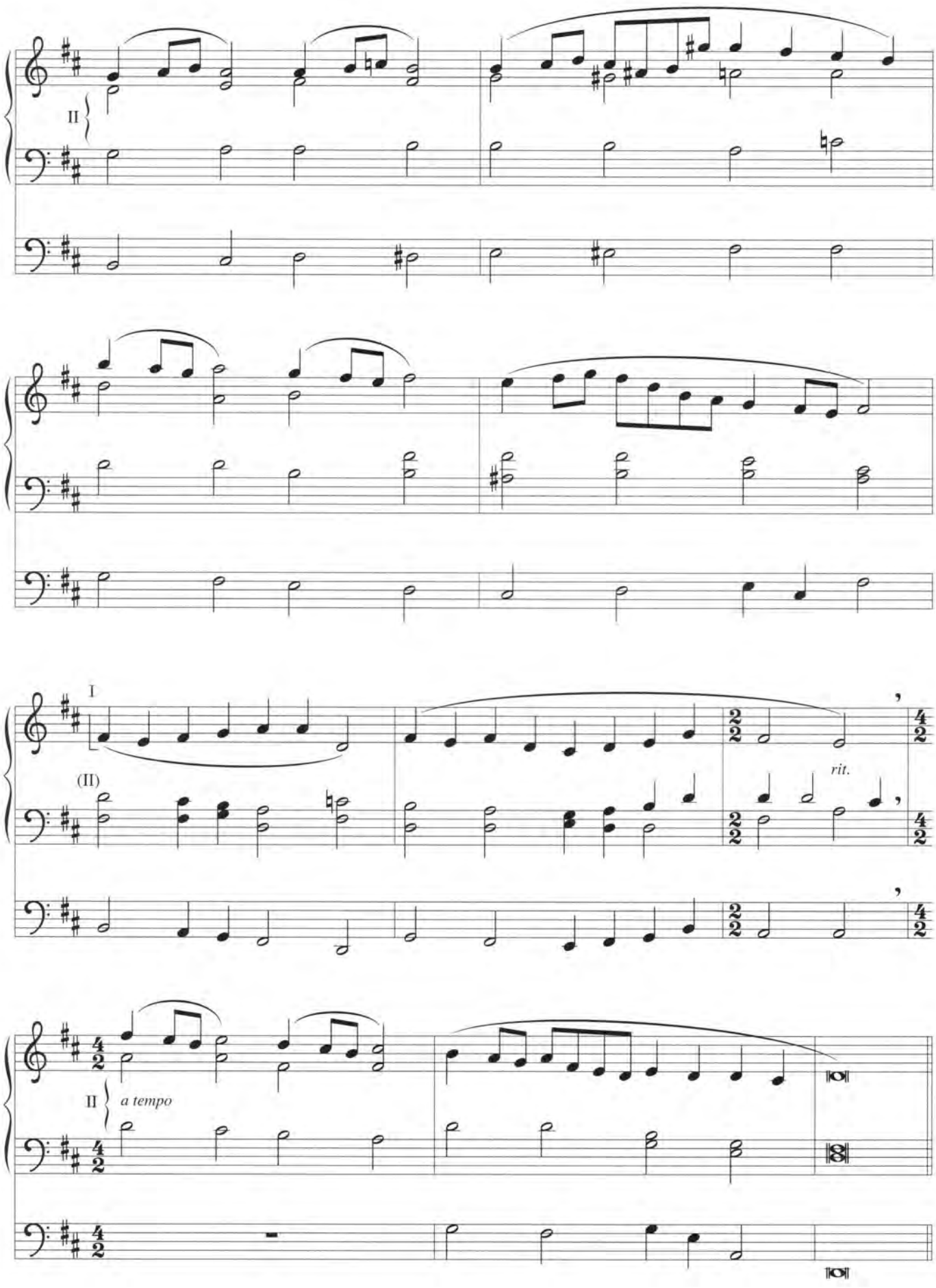
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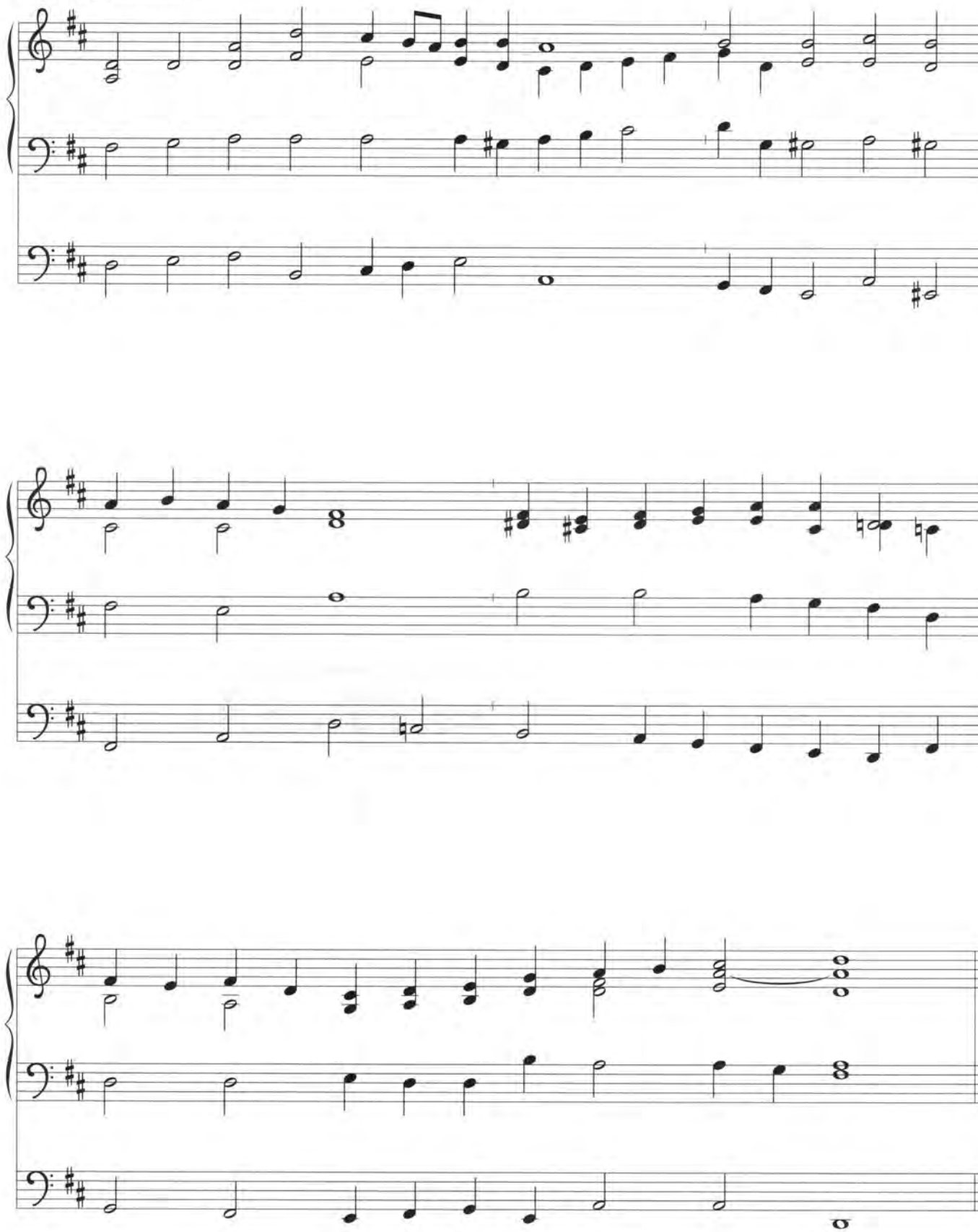

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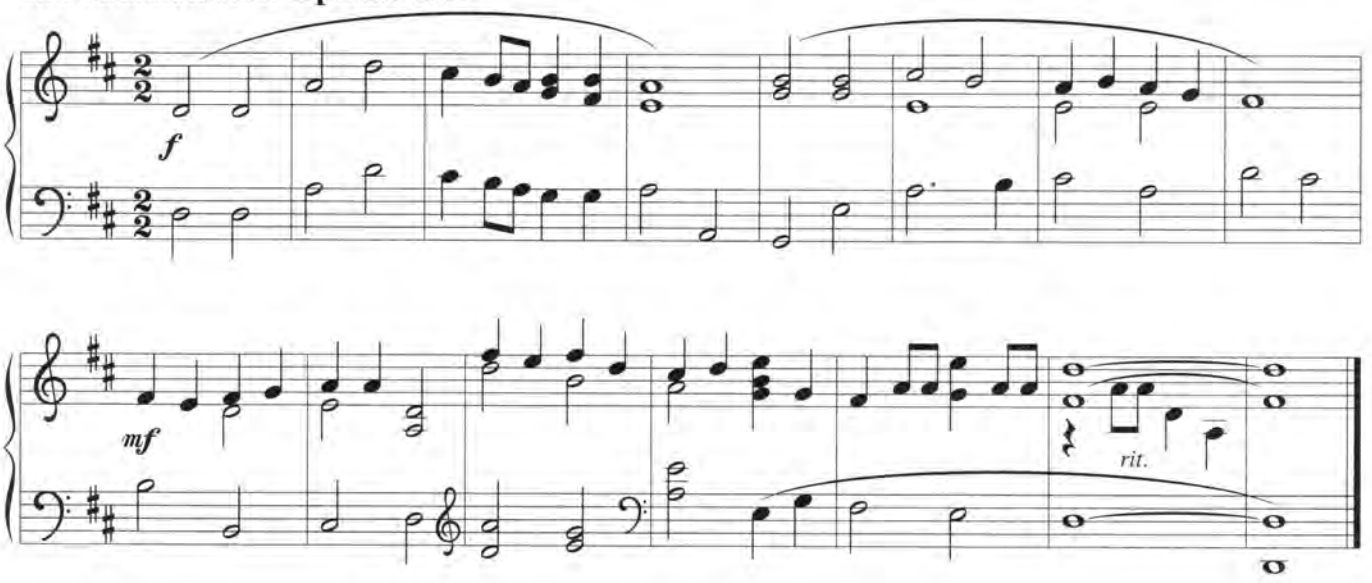

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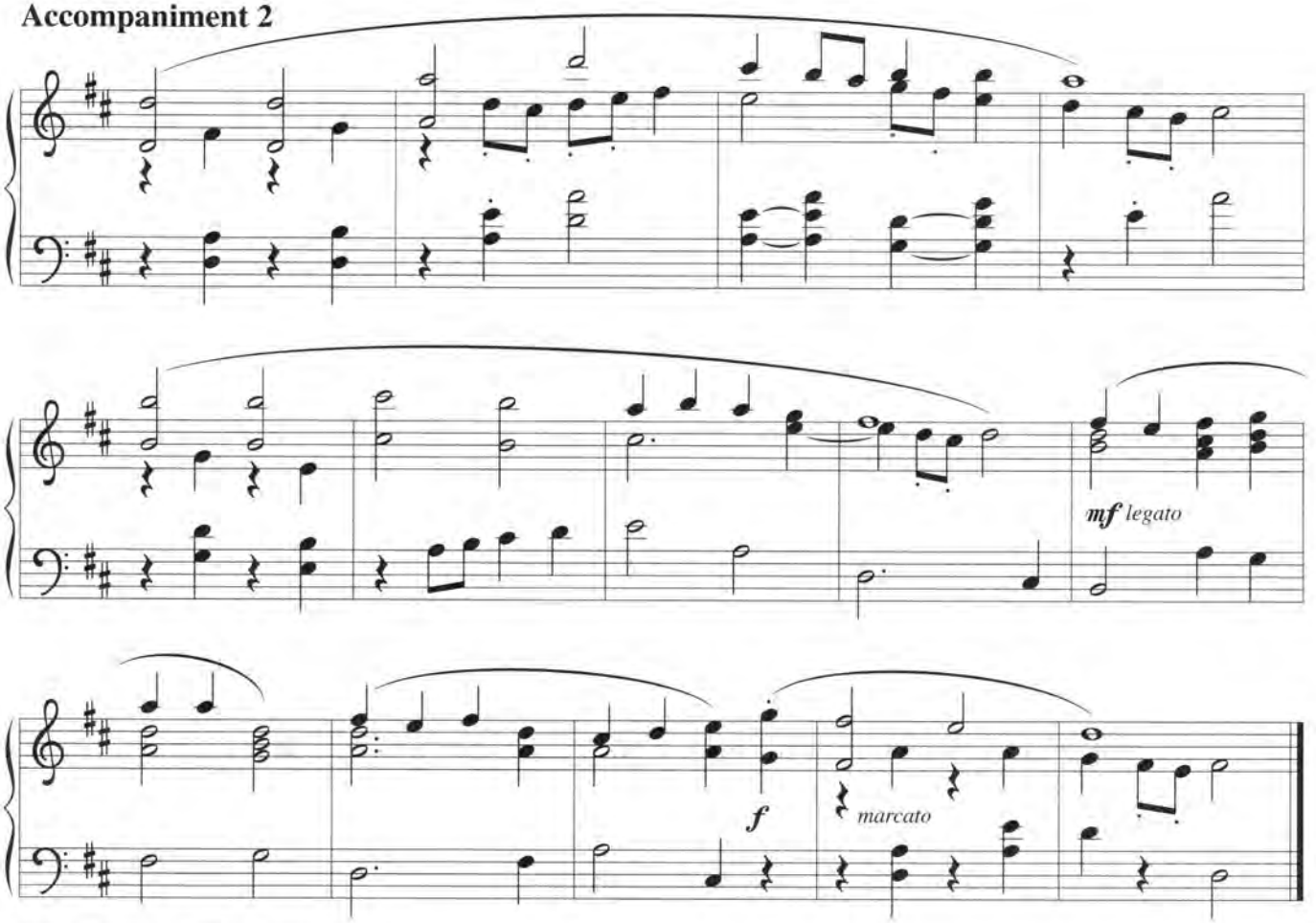

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P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

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: Let All Things Now Living ELW #881

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator
   triumphantly raise,
   Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on
   to the end of our days.
   God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining
   forth in the night,
   Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel
   from light into light.
2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit
   obediently shine;
   The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean
   proclaim God divine.
   We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song
   let us raise
   Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest,
   hosanna and praise!"

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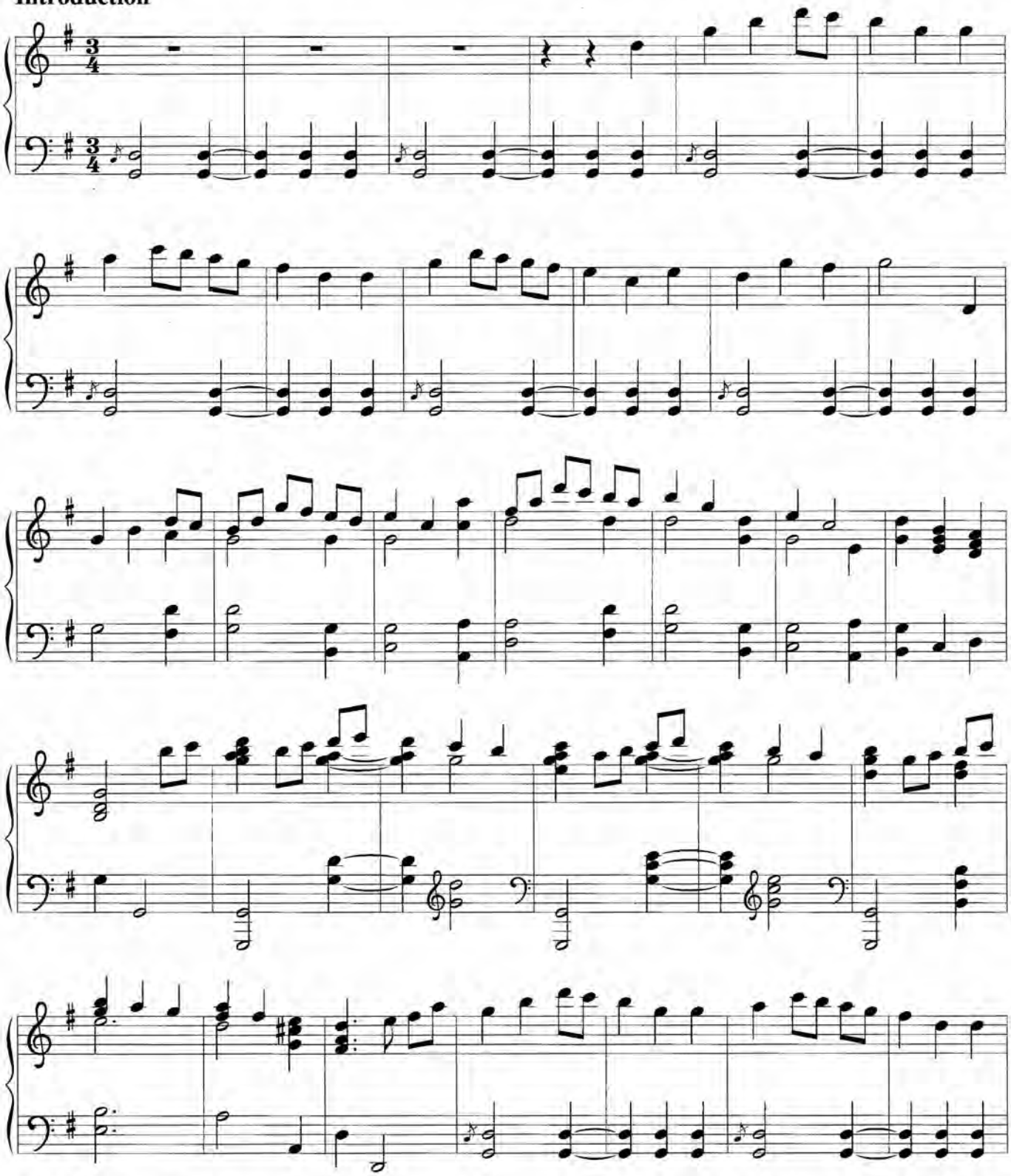

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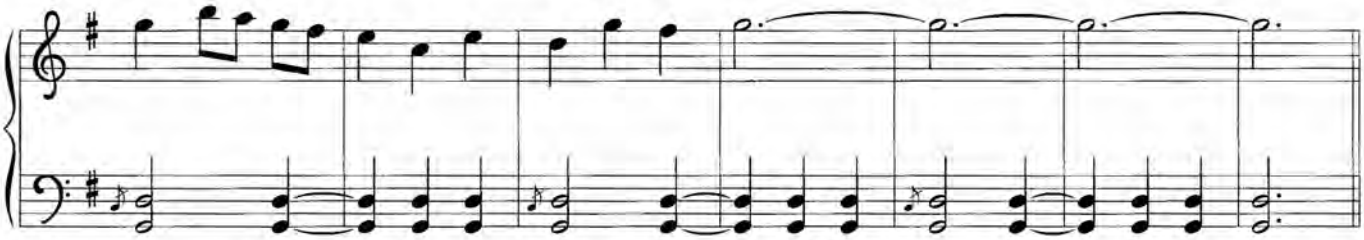

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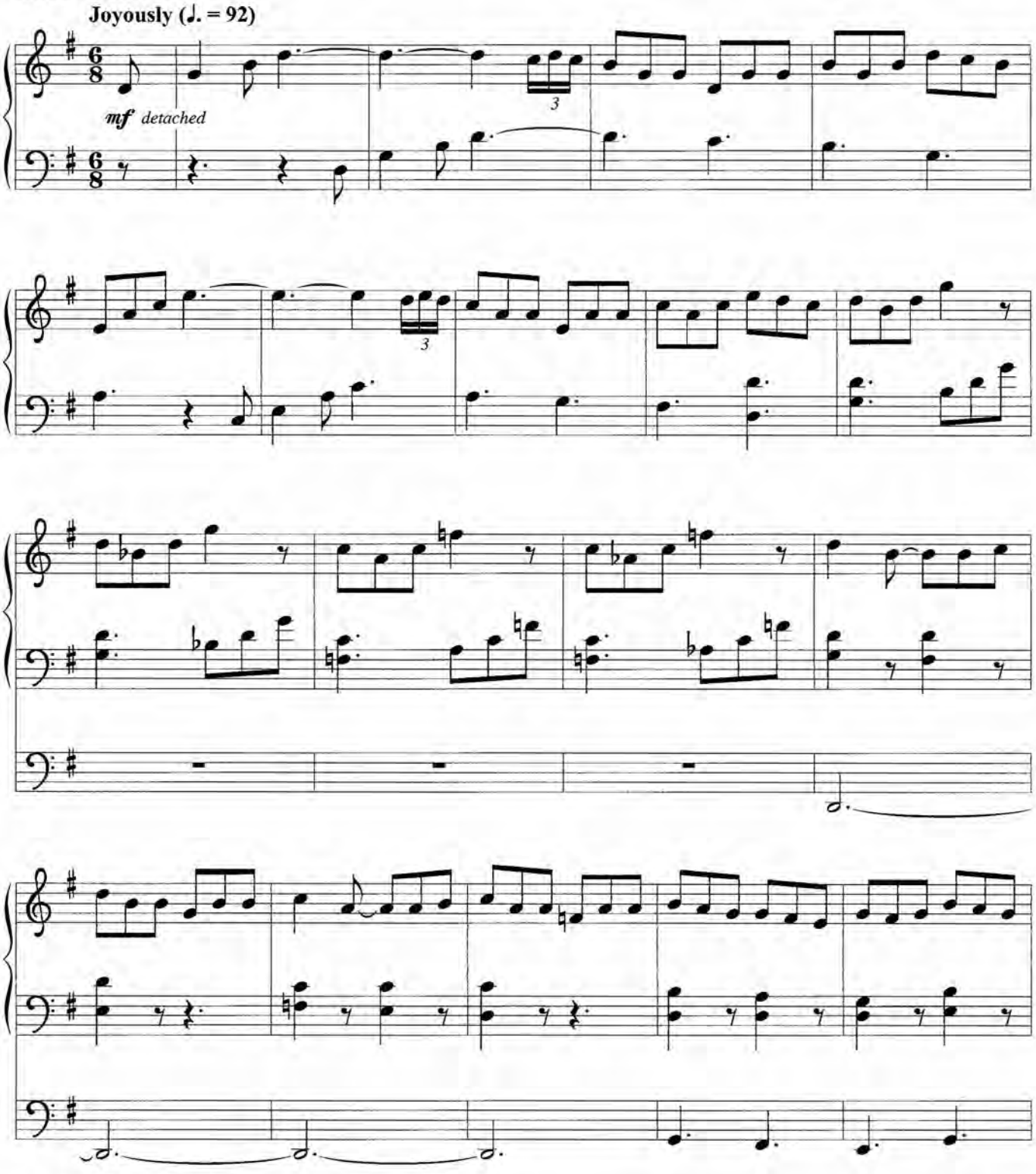

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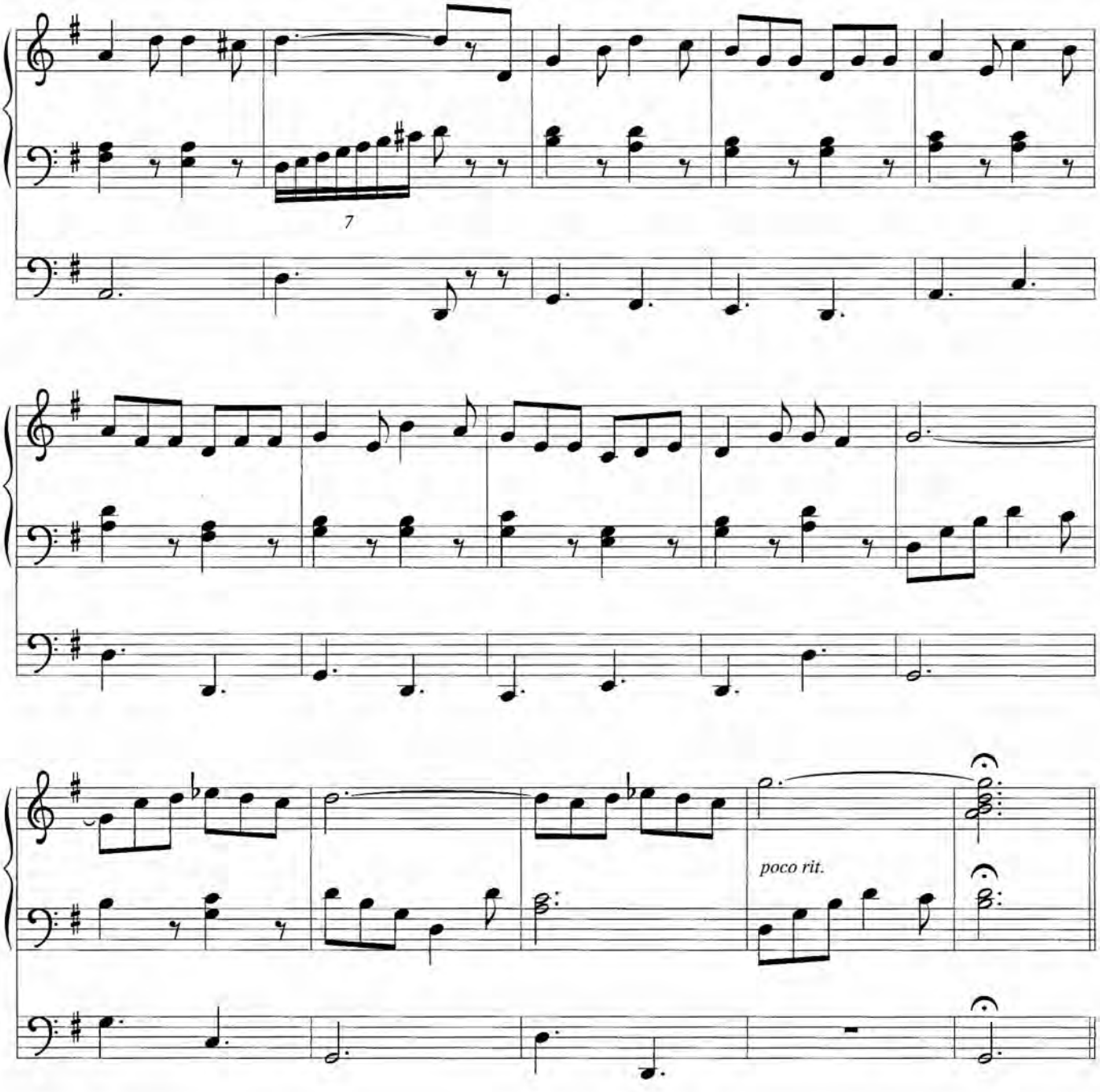
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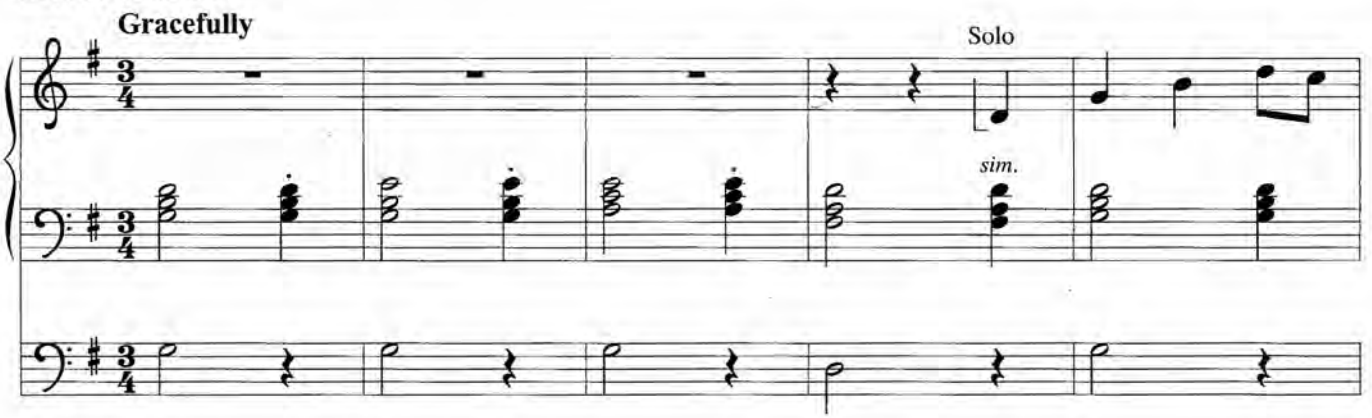

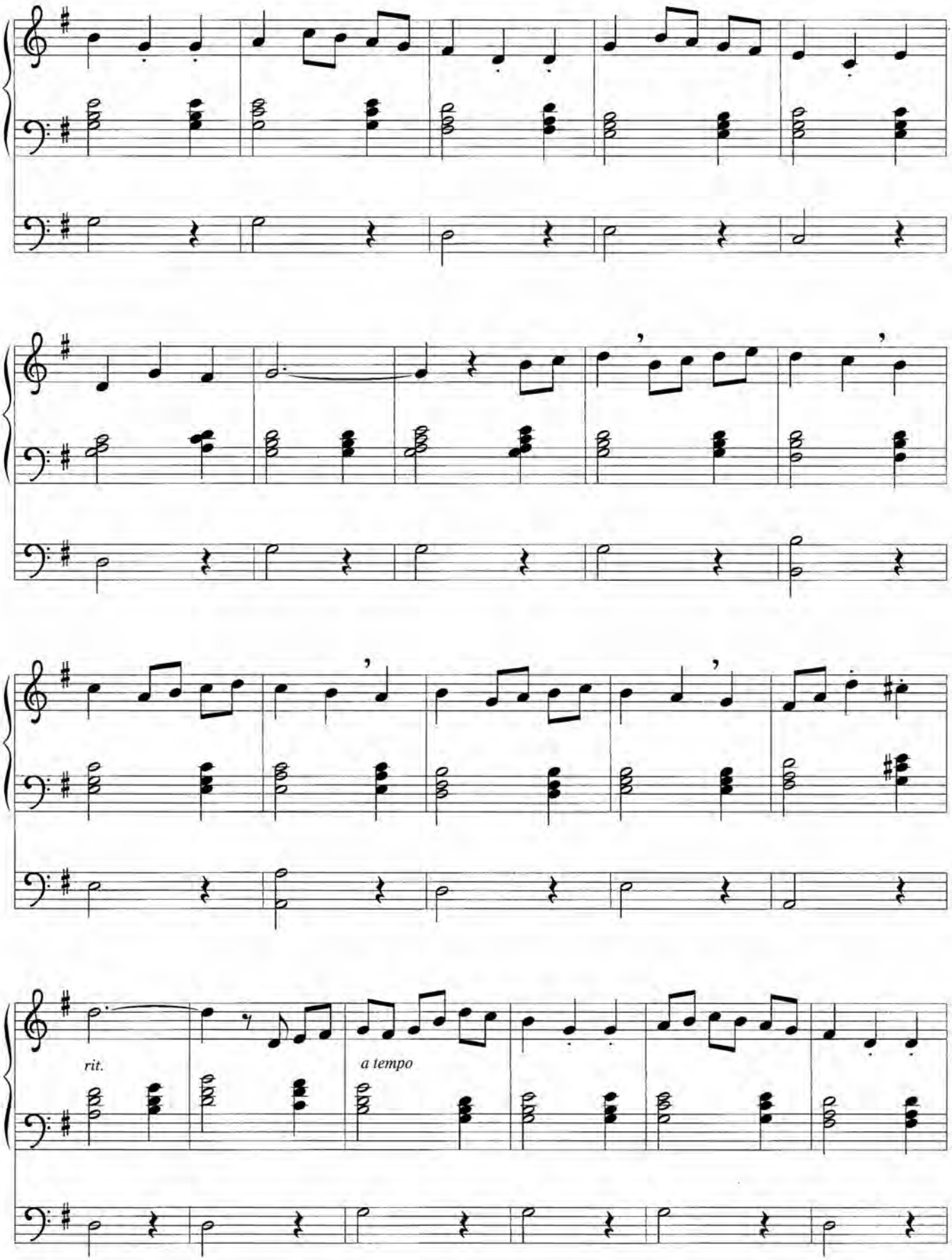
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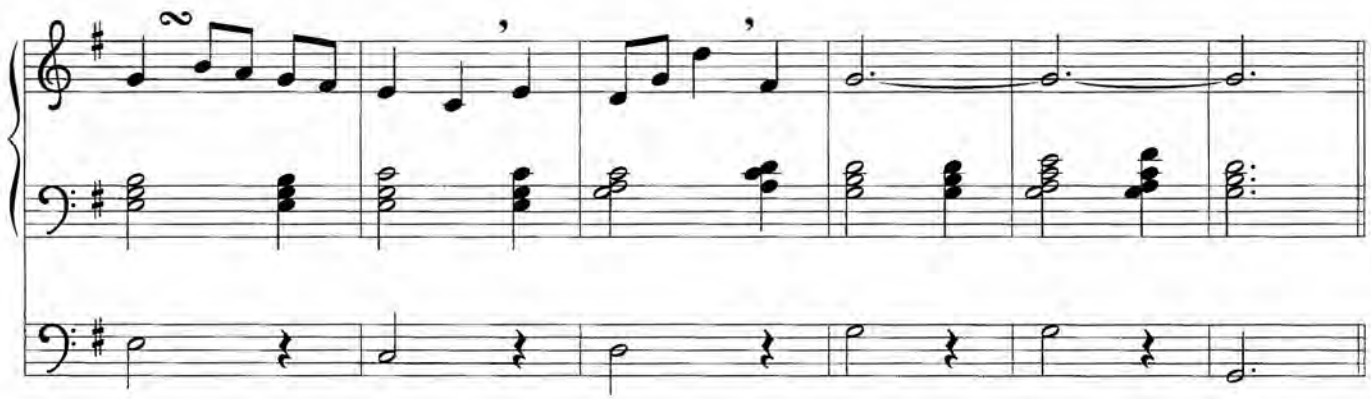

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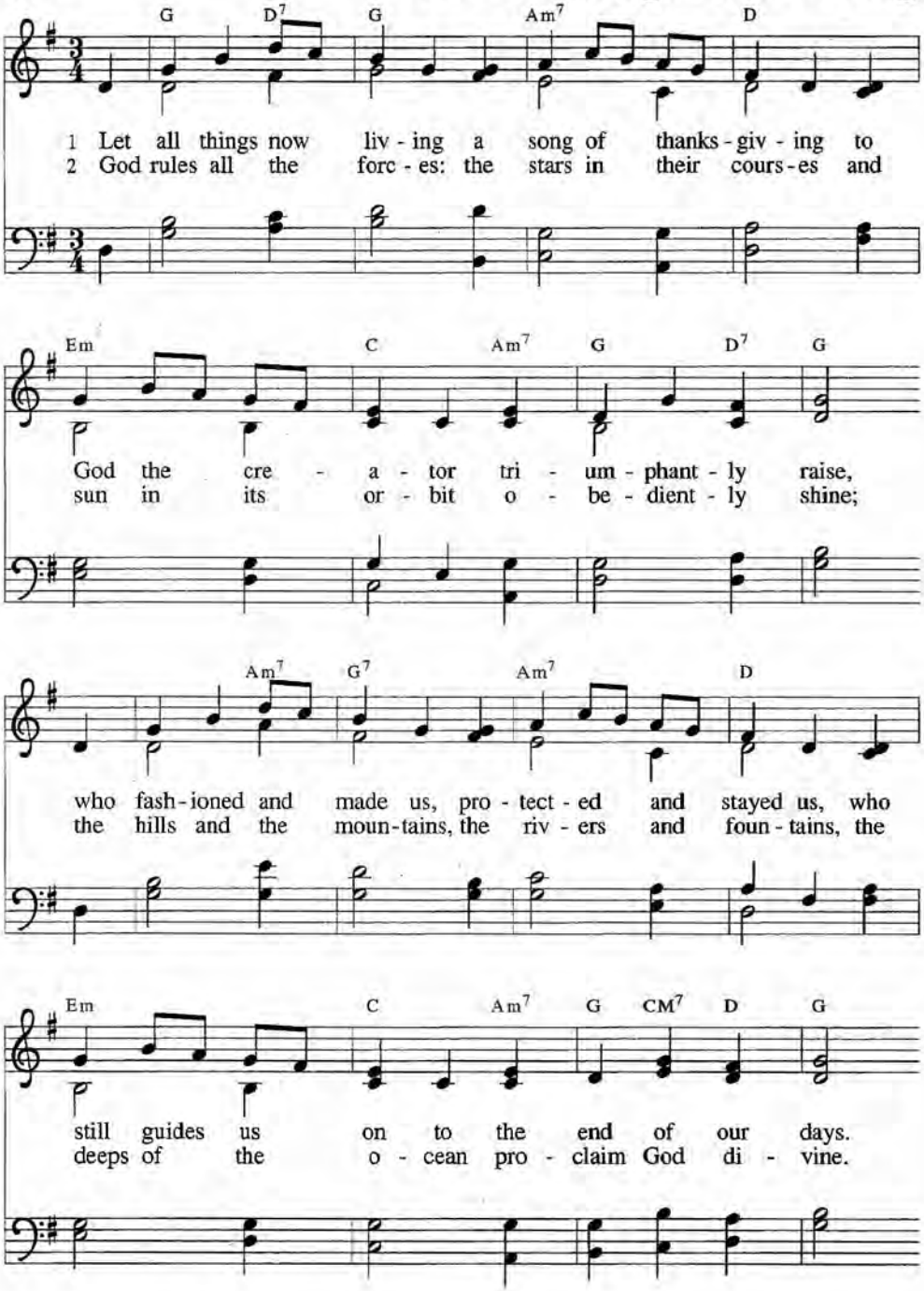

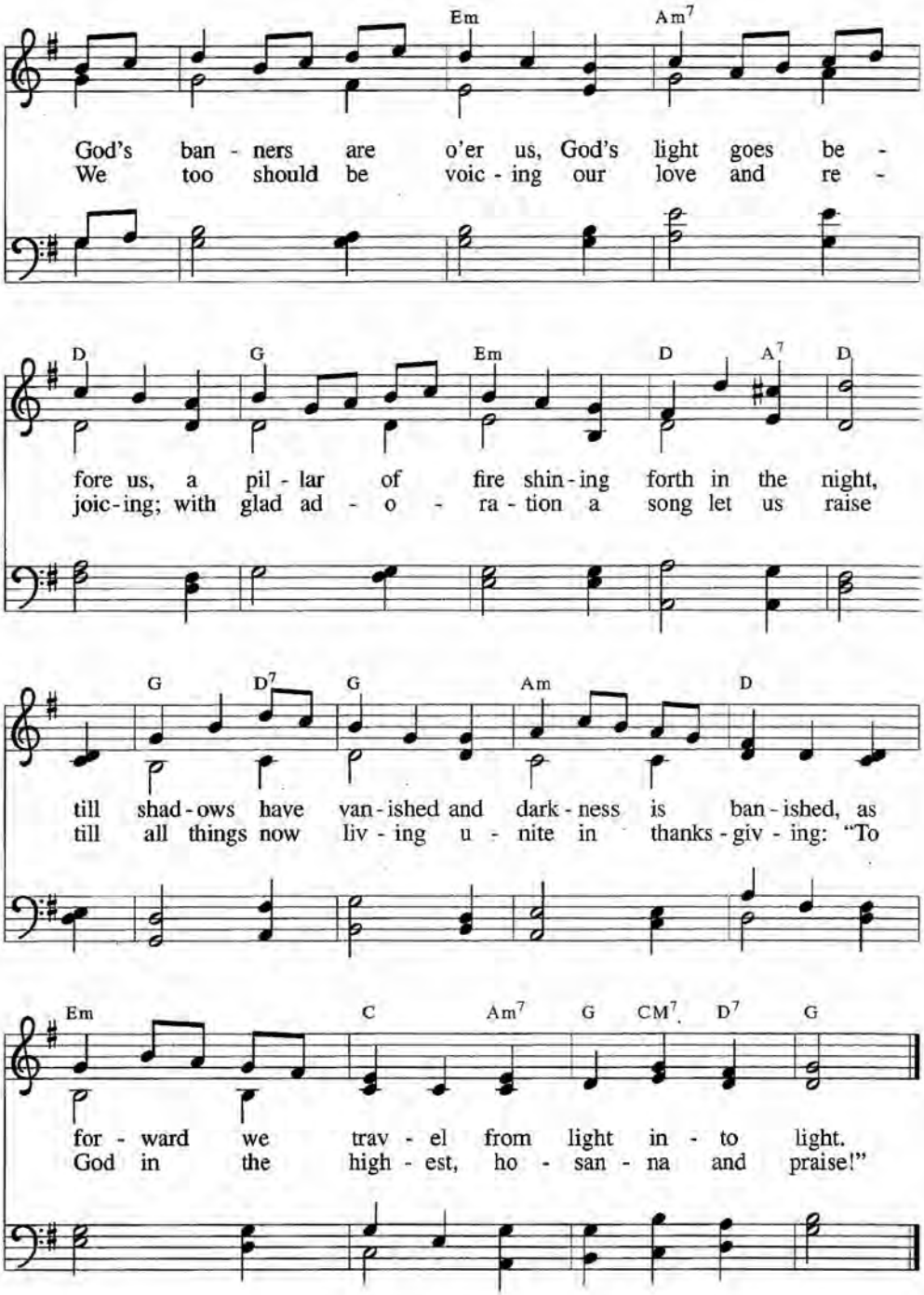
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Am7
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
D
G
Em
D
A7
D
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
G
D7
G
Am
D
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To
Em
C
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for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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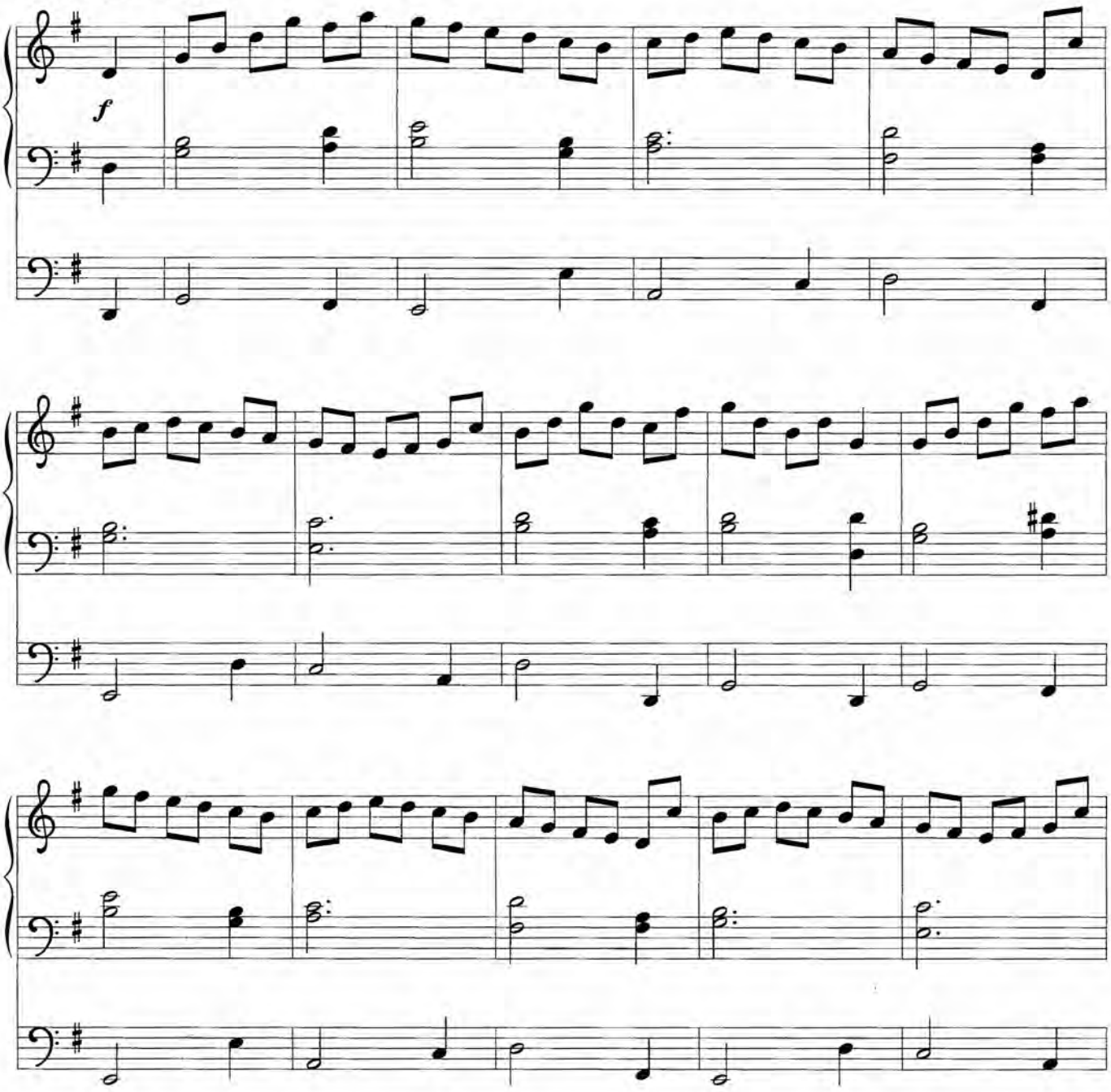

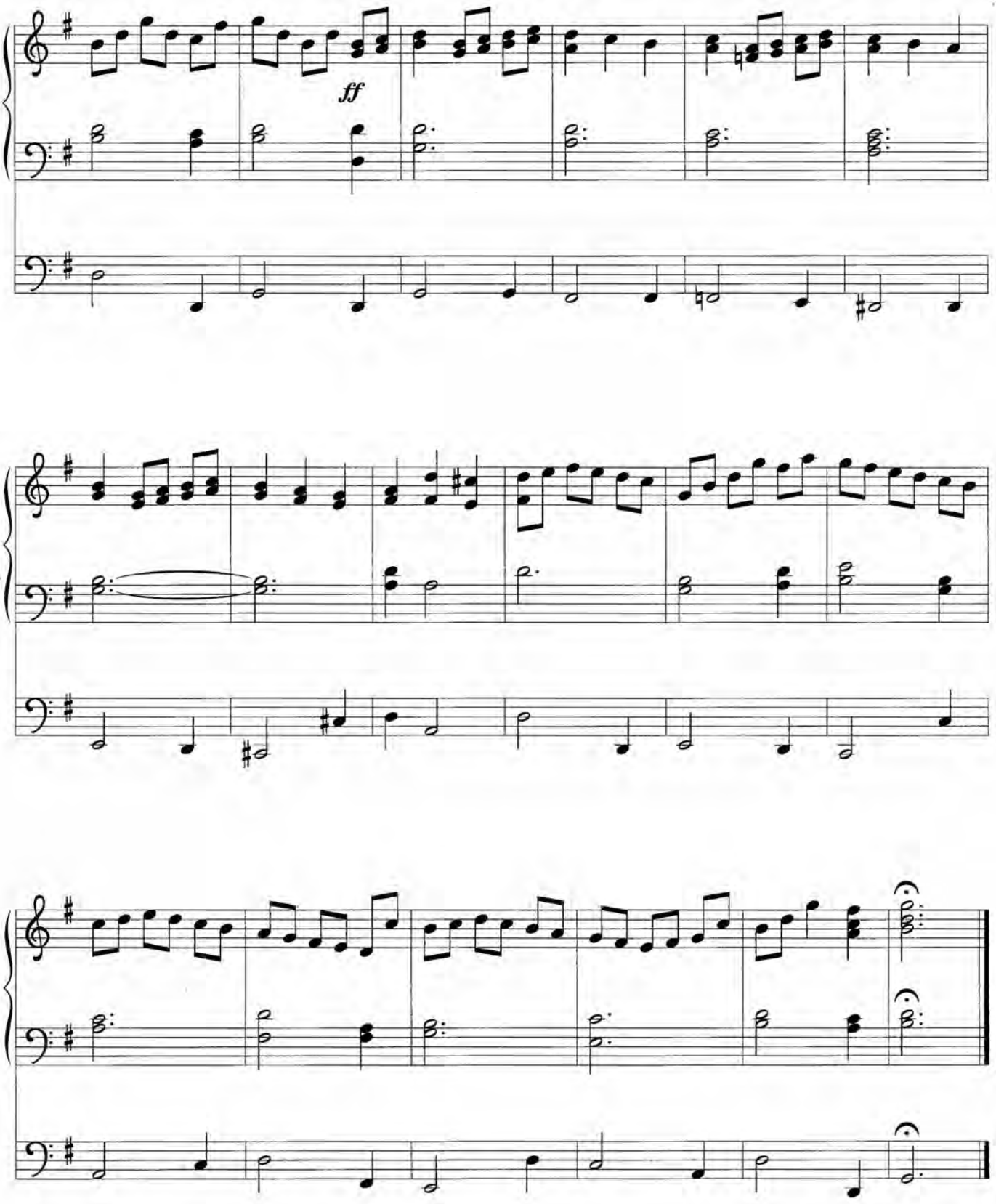
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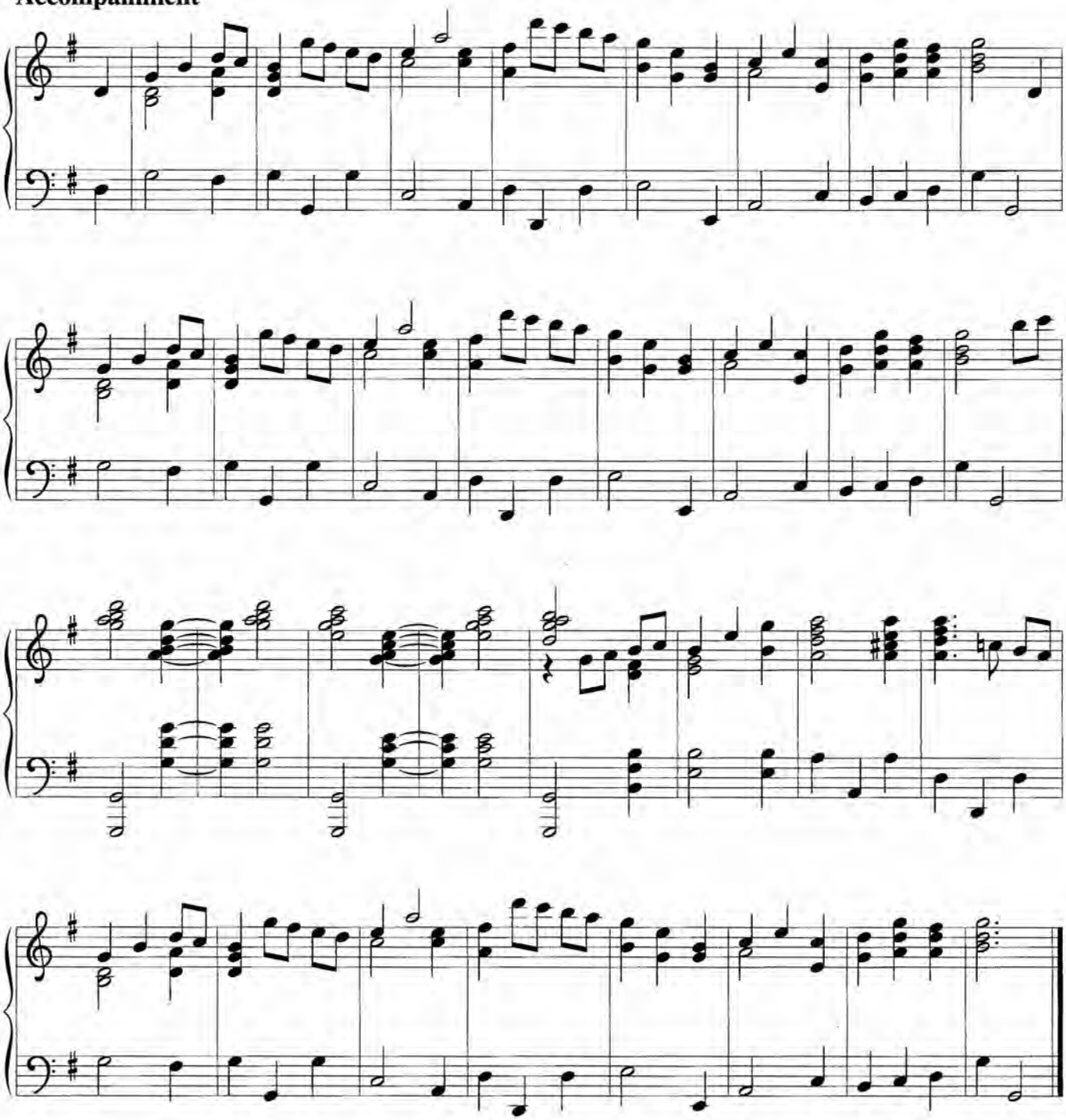


L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

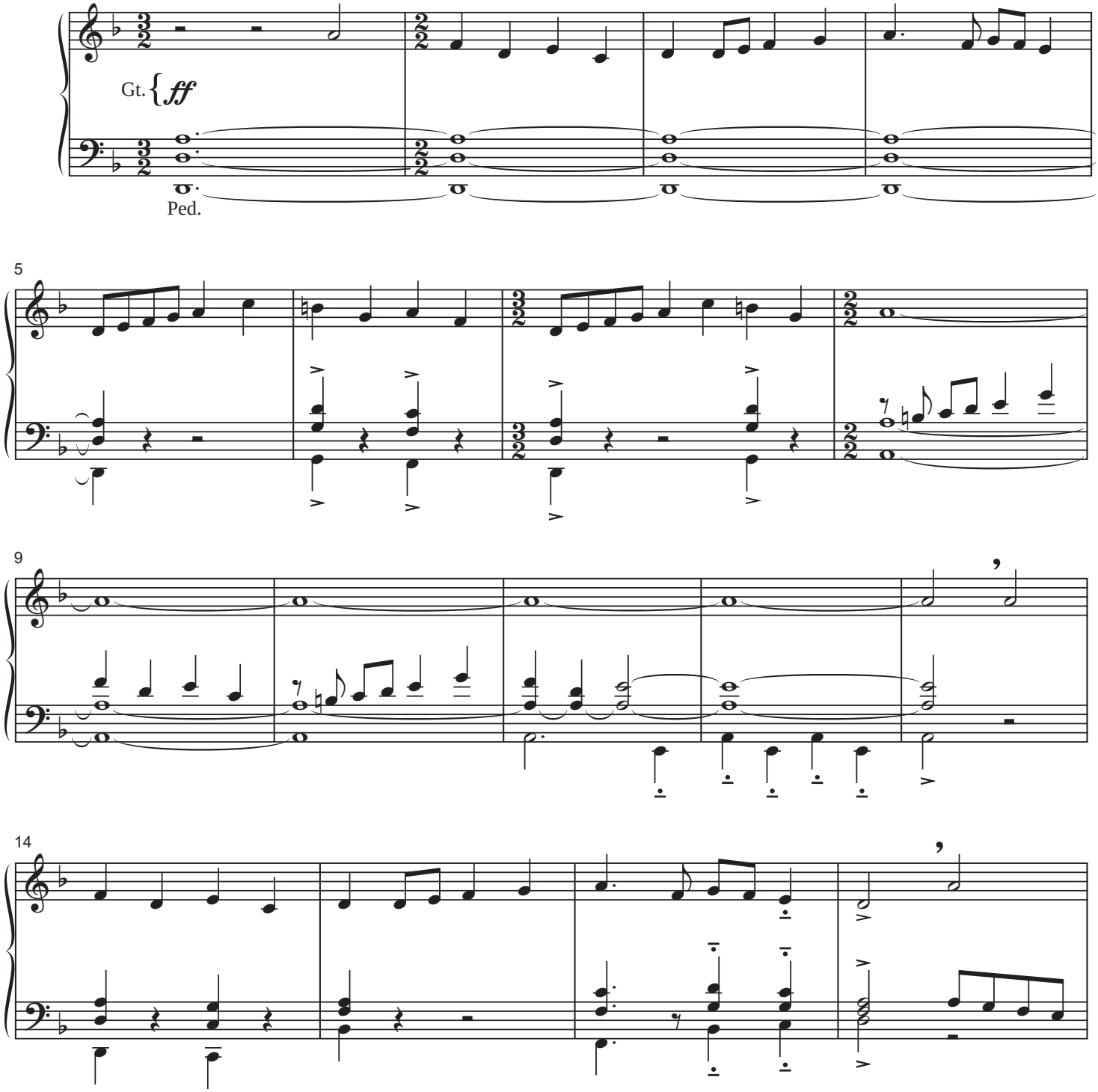
Postlude: *Salvation*, 1816 attr. R. Boyd/ arr. David Lasky

Postlude on “Salvation”

Sw. Full to Mixture, Reed 8
Gt. Full to Mixture, Reeds 8, 4, Sw. to Gt.
Ped. Principals 16, 8, Sw. to Ped.

David Lasky
Tune: **SALVATION**
attrib. to **R. Boyd** (*Kentucky Harmony*)

In a lively, sturdy manner ♩= ca. 70–74



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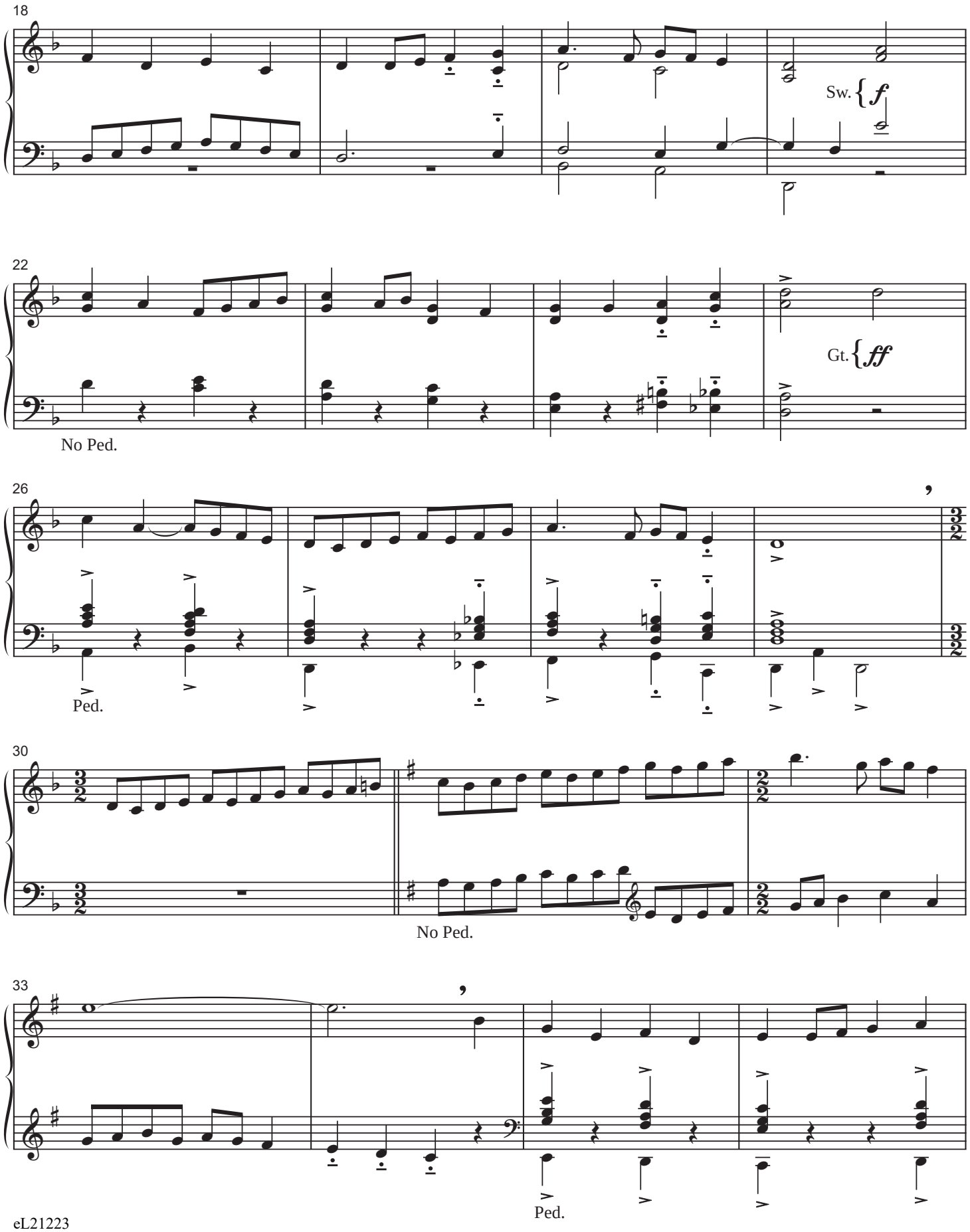

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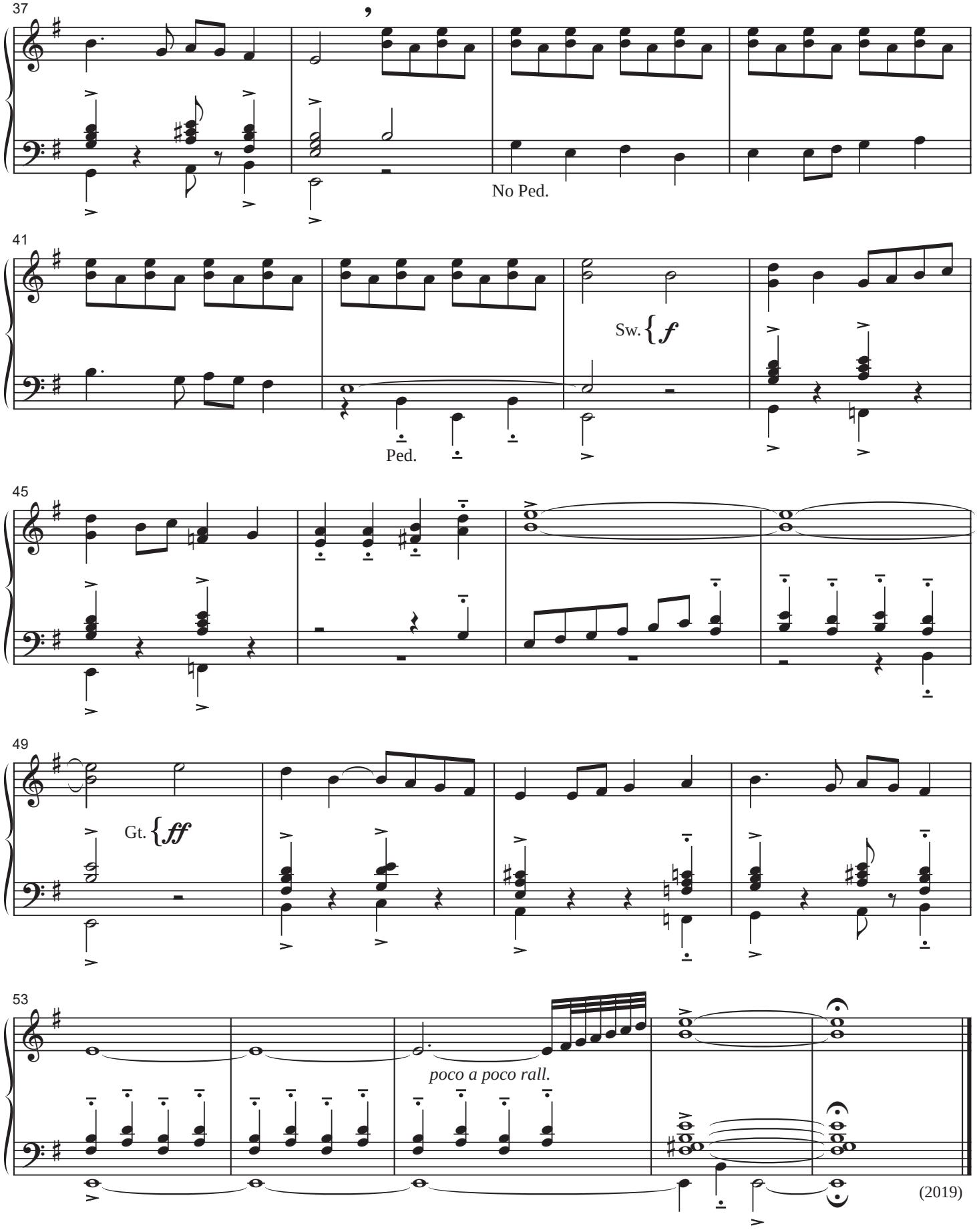

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