The Psalter

of
Christ Reformed Church

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

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Why Sing Scripture?

"Your statutes are my songs In the house of my pilgrimage."

Psalm 119:54

Seeing that man in his finitude and his fallen state is unable to know God and worship Him as is fitting for His glory (Genesis 4:3-5, Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-18; 14:23, 1 Timothy 6:16), we confess that all areas of the worship of God are to be governed by God's special revelation in His word, the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17). All worship, including musical worship, is to be what God commands and gives to us so that we may worship Him in faith without the stain of idolatry according to the whims and imaginations of men. This is the regulative principle of worship.

In our zeal for obedience to Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16, we believe that the phrase "word of Christ" in Col. 3:16 gives the meaningful context of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." This compels us to restrict our songs of worship in the gathering of the congregation, especially on the Lord's Day, to the songs of Scripture in the book of Psalms, and the Old and New Testament. We read and preach the Word of Christ, we pray according to the pattern given by Christ in the Word of Christ, and so we are to sing the Word of Christ. We are also compelled to therefore reject the uninspired songs and poems of uninspired men, and we seek to sing the God-breathed songs that were written by the holy men who were filled with God the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21). We also believe that singing uninspired hymns is a slippery slope leading to the inevitability of the neglect of singing God's infallible Word.

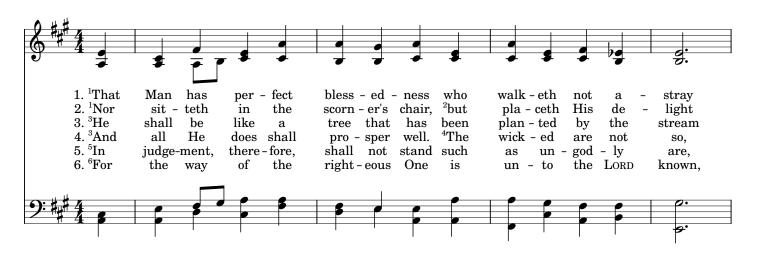
We believe the inspired songs and doxologies of the Old and New Testament are to be sung with joy also, but the fact that singing the book of Psalms in congregational worship is completely nonexistent in the church today is not only a detriment to the health of the church, it is in disobedience to the Holy Spirit who wrote the Psalms through the prophets and has led to the sickly and wicked state of our churches, cities, and country. We believe that it is good and commanded by God to sing every Psalm, from 1 to 150, so that God's people will be equipped as soldiers to fight, not flesh and blood, but the principalities and powers of darkness from which we've been saved by Christ our King. This includes imprecatory prayers in the Psalms, and psalms of judgement should also be sung as it is pleasing to God (Luke 18:7, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, Revelation 6:10; 19:1-5).

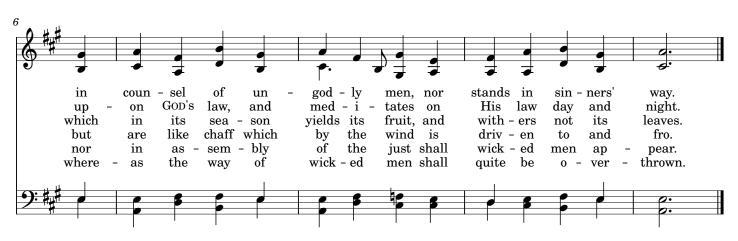
Since God's elect have sung the Psalms for thousands of years, God commands us to sing Psalms, and God gave us the Psalms specifically for us to sing praises to Him that are pleasing to Him and edifying to the saints, shall we disobey the King's command and view Him through the minds of fallible men, even good men, instead of the mind of the Holy Spirit?

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!" (Psalm 150:6)

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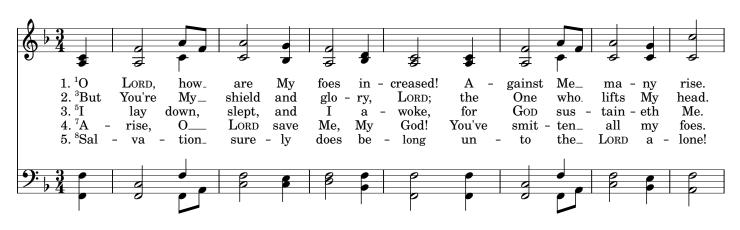
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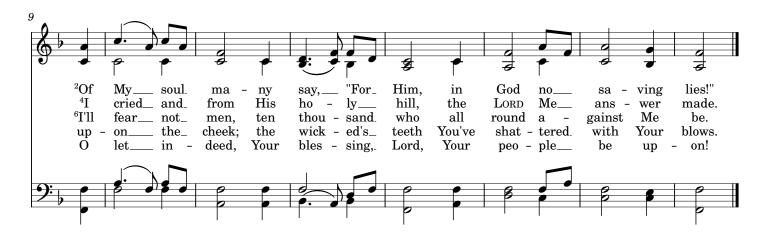






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A Psalm of David.



Text: Psalm 4 adapted Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835

A Psalm of David.

Psalm 5









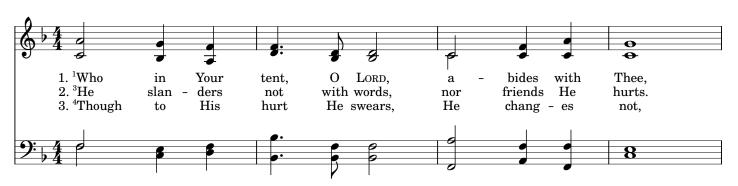
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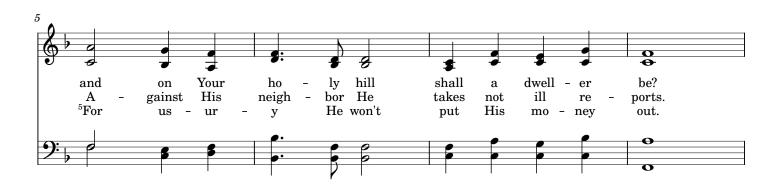


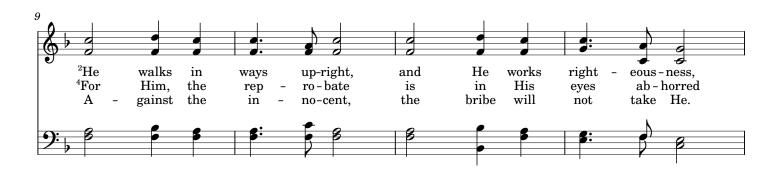




A Psalm of David.









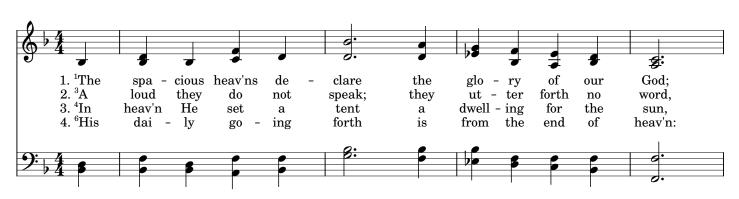
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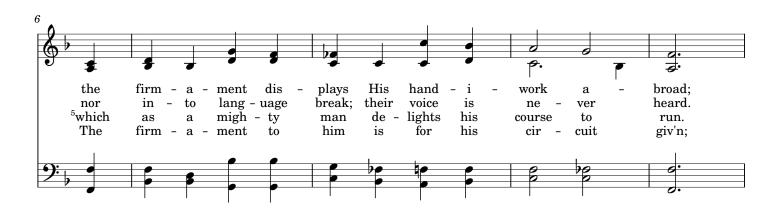
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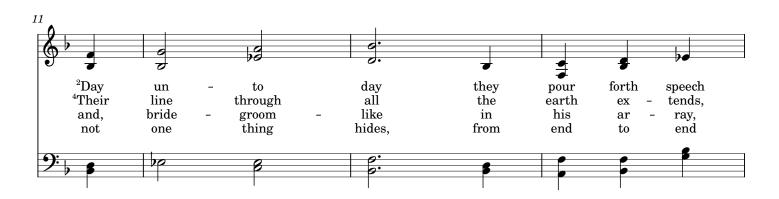


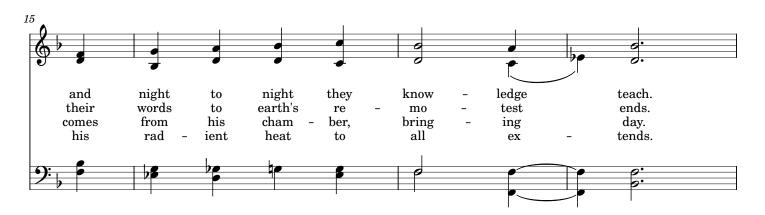
Psalm 19:1-6

A Psalm of David









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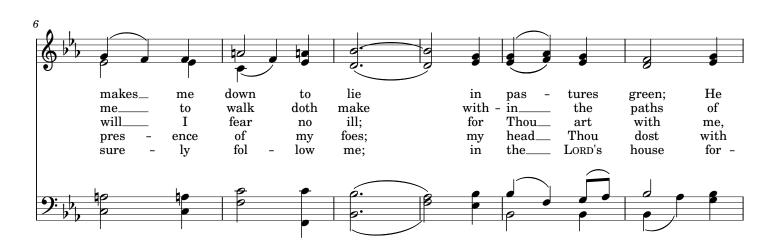


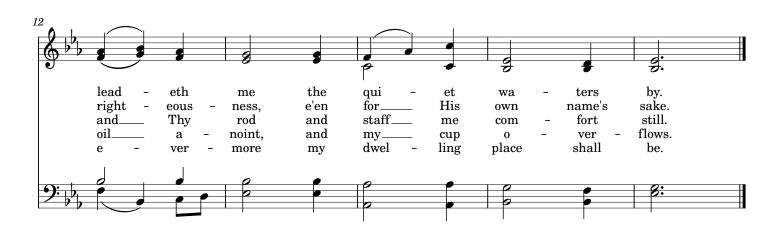
A Psalm of David.



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A Psalm of David.



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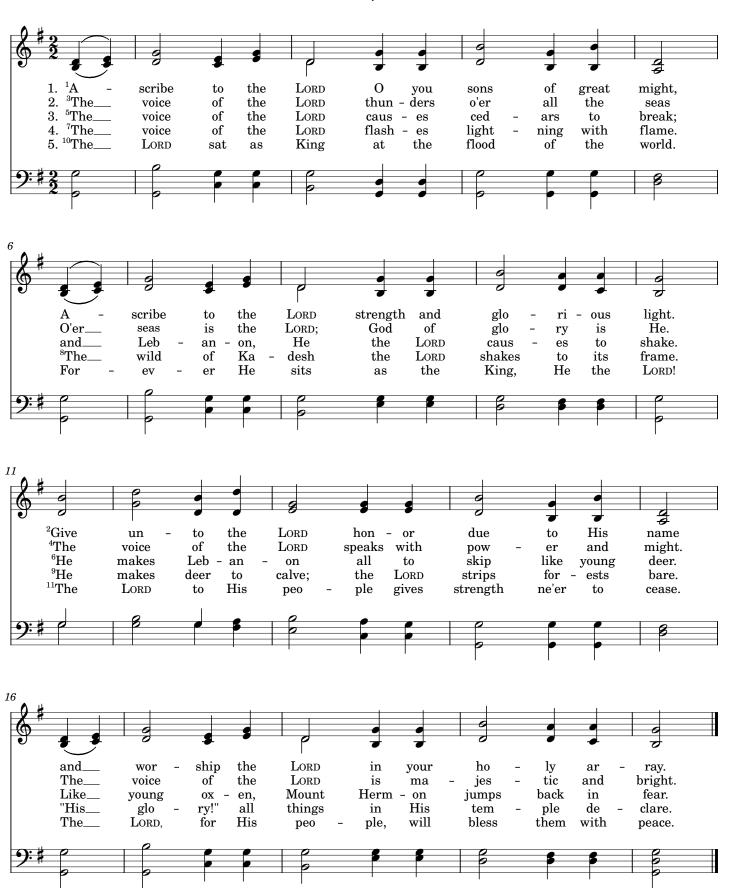


Text: Psalm 27 adapted

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A Psalm of David.



Text: Psalm 29 adapted

Tune: Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

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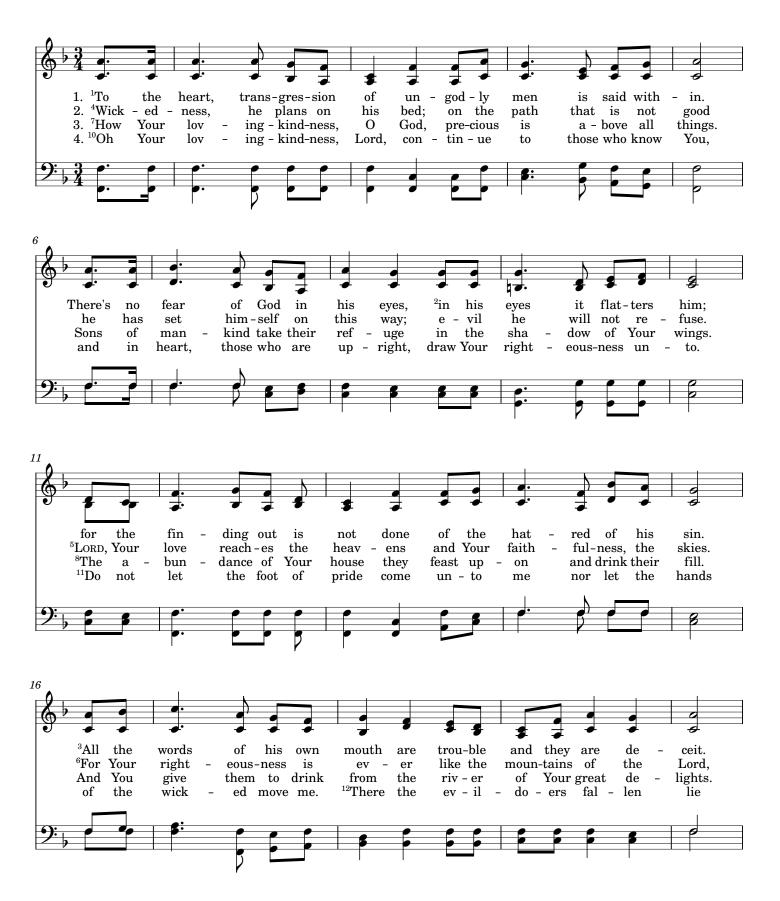
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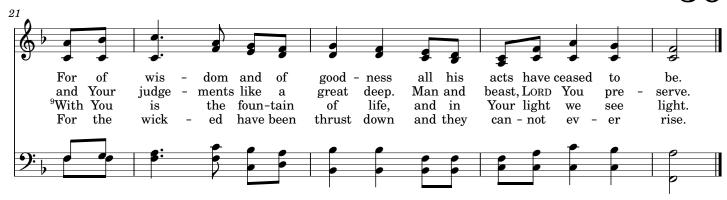
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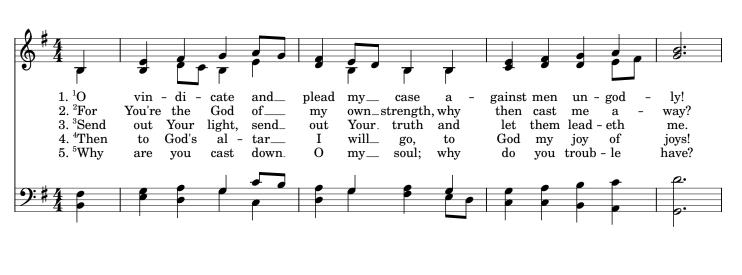
A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.





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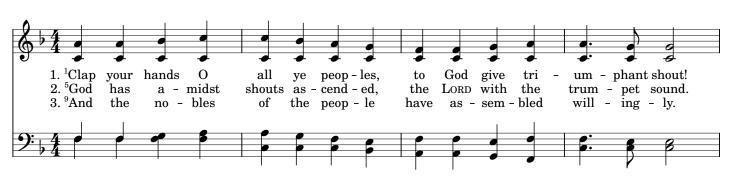


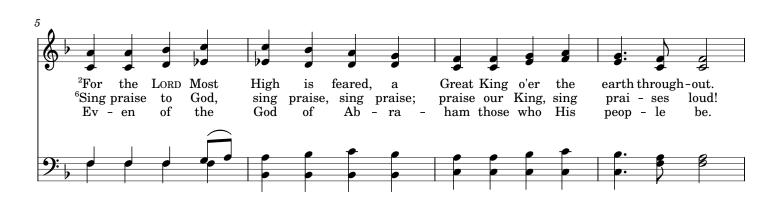


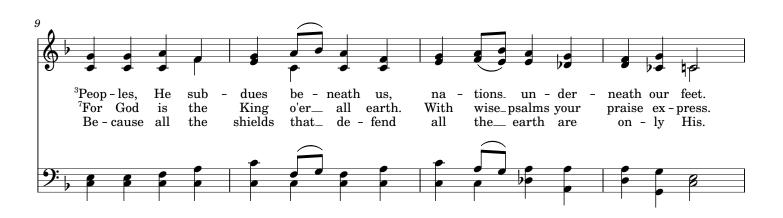
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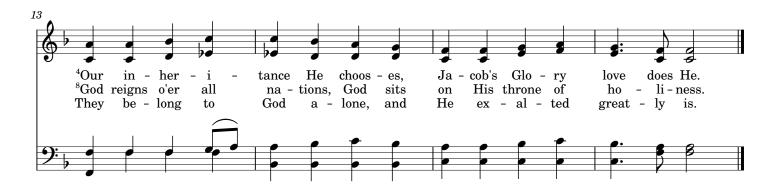


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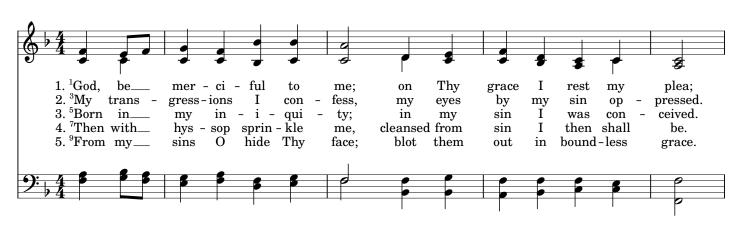


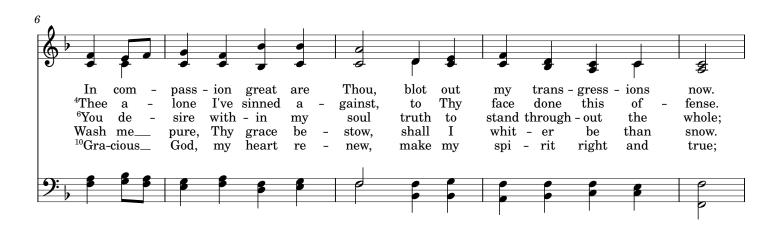
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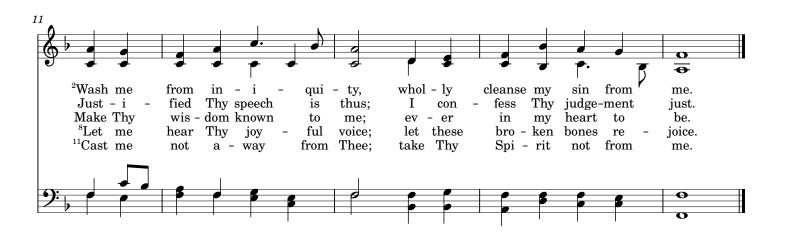
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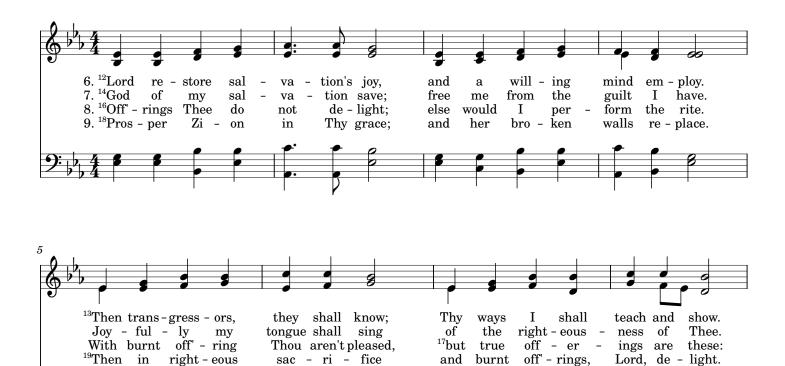
A Psalm of David,

when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba











For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David.



For the choir director; according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.



A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.



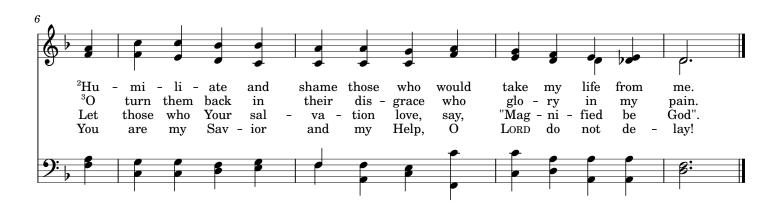
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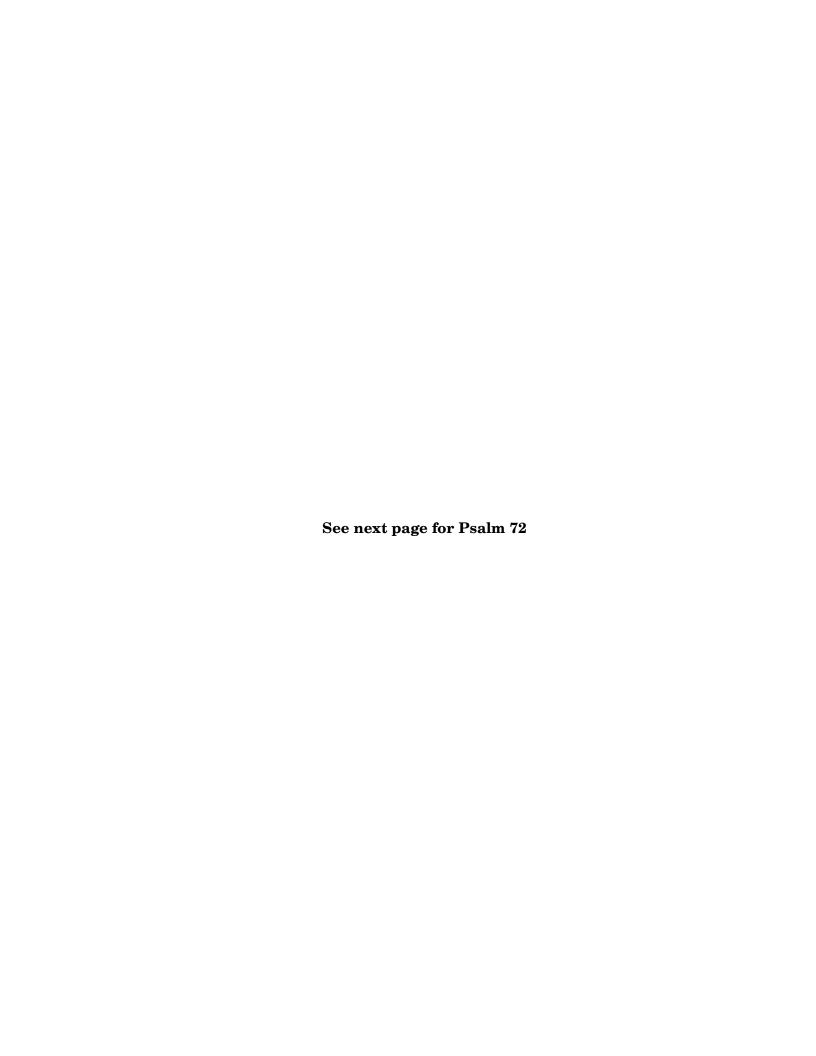
8.7.8.7.D NETTLETON Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.



For the choir director. A Psalm of David; for a memorial.







Text: Psalm 72:1-12 adapted Tune: Felix Mendelssohn and Will Cummings [a] i.e. Christ
[b] lit. "the King's Son" implying
Christ the Son of God the King over all

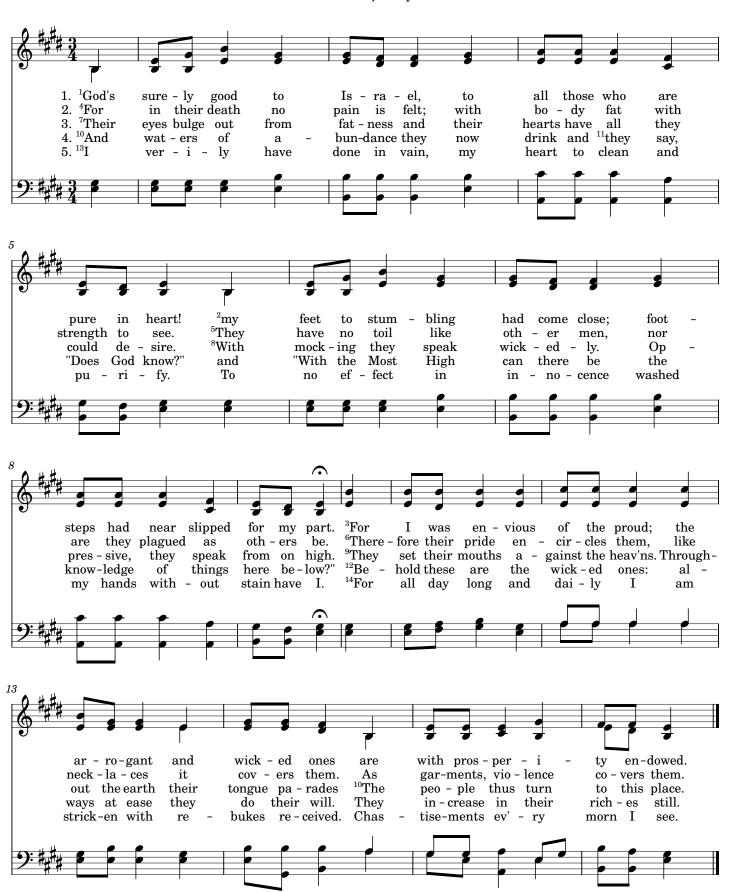
7.7.7.7.D MENDELSSOHN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Ps. 72:20, "The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended."

Psalm 73:1-14

A Psalm of Asaph.



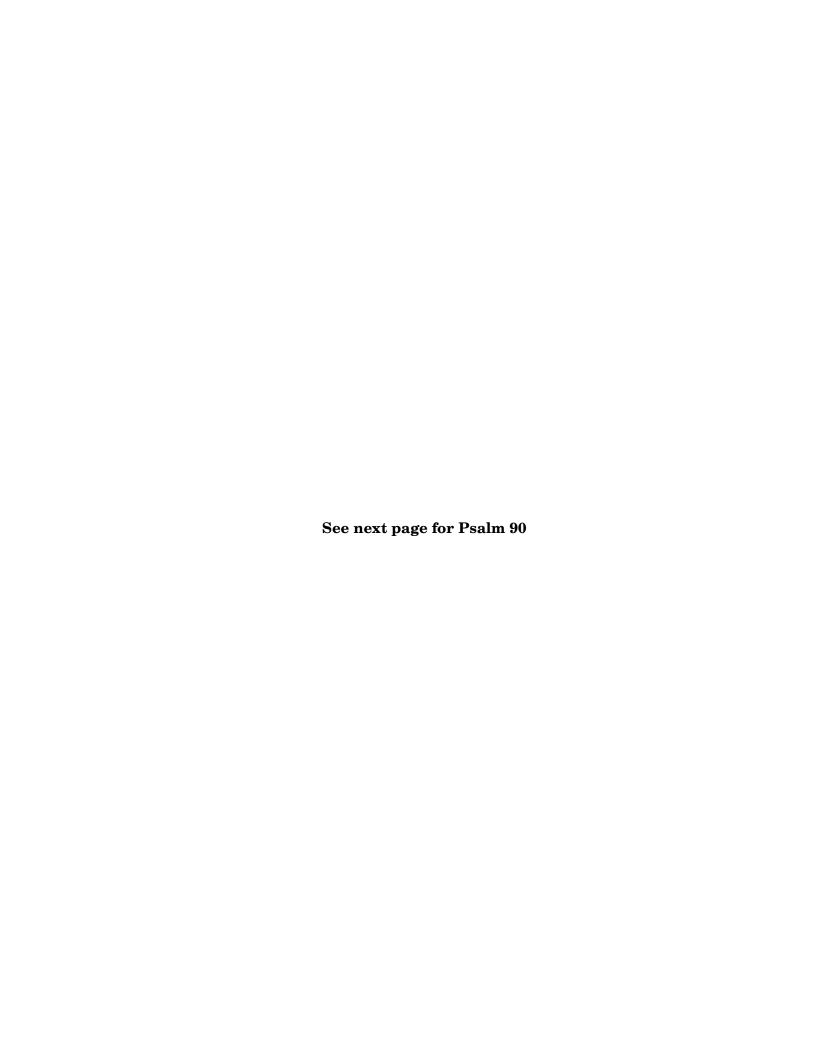
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For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.



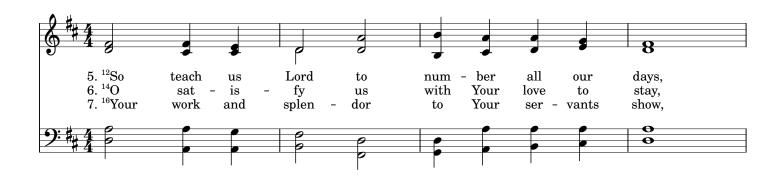
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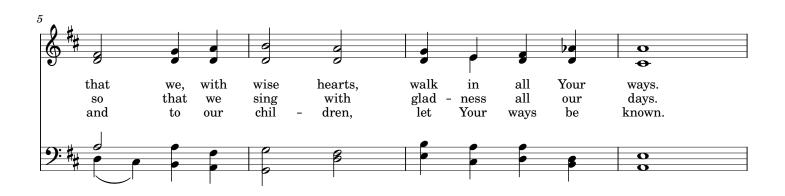


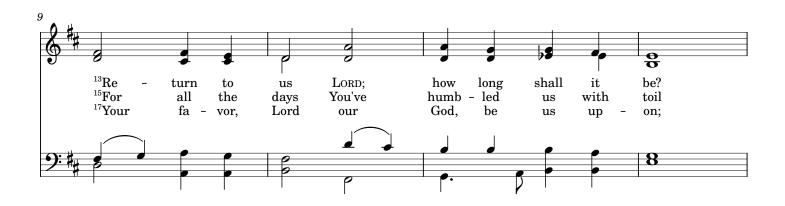
A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

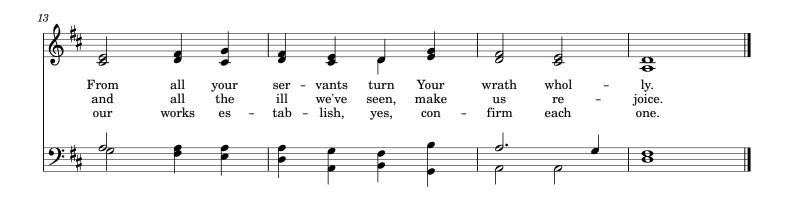


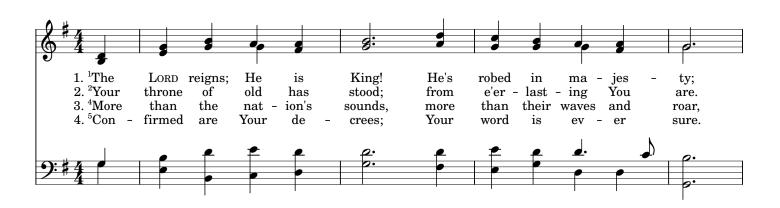
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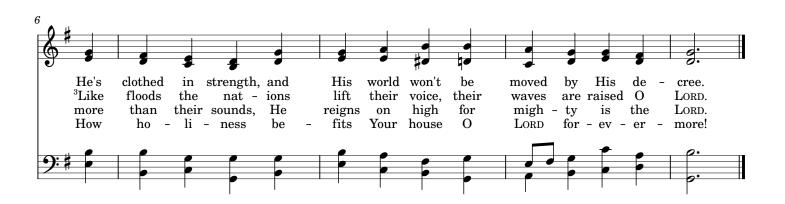


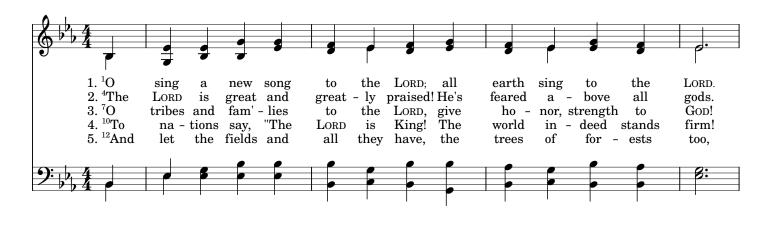


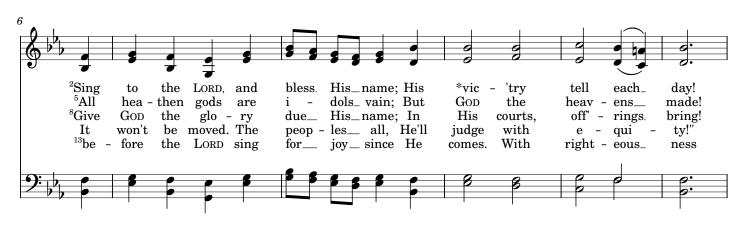


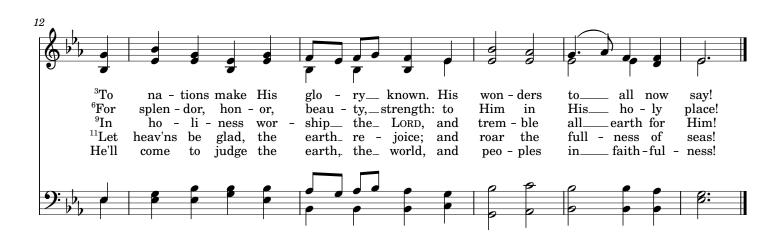












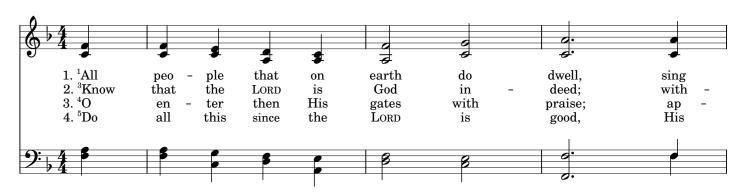
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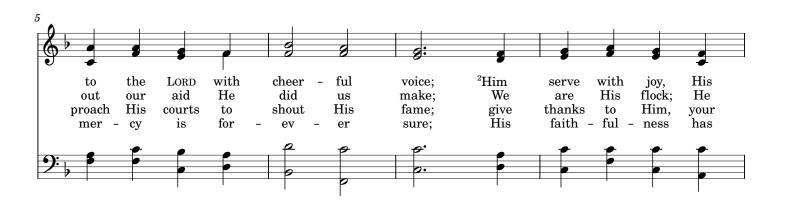


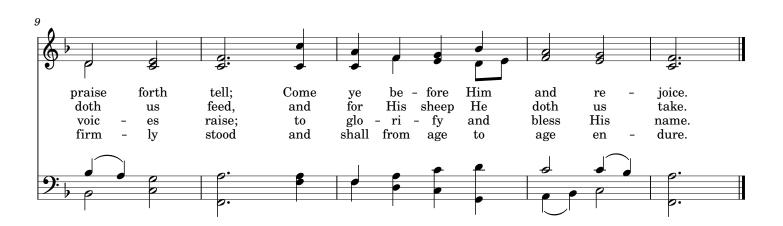
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A Psalm for Thanksgiving.







A Psalm of David.



A Psalm of David.





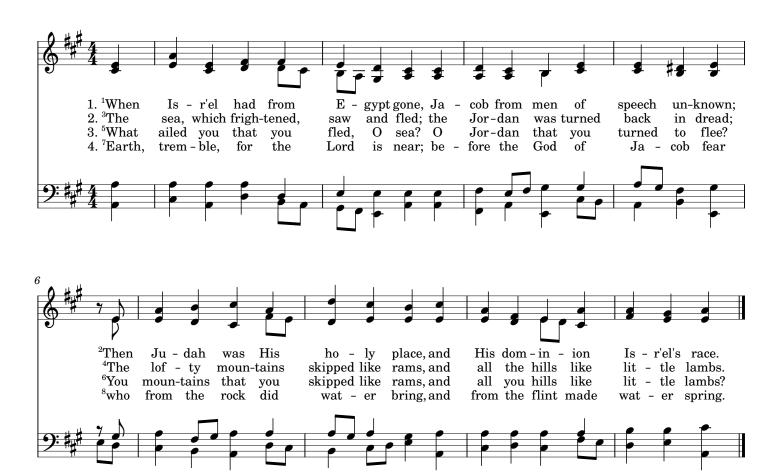


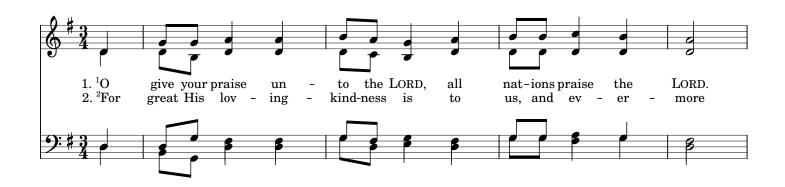
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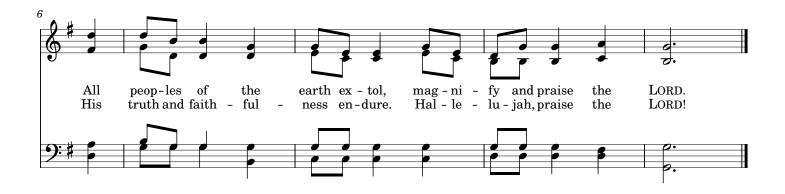


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Psalm 118:1-14





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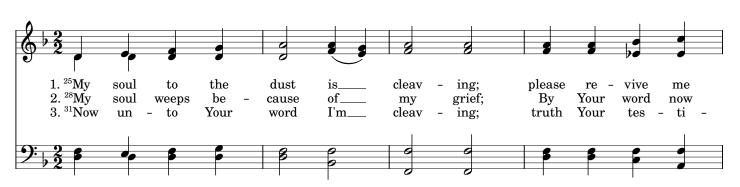
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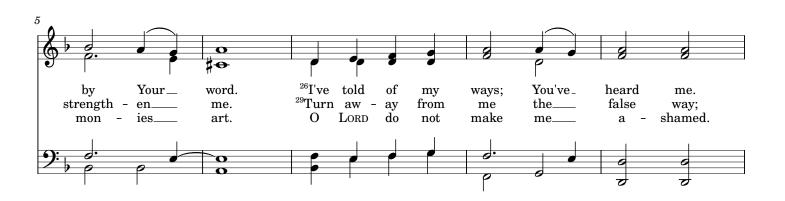
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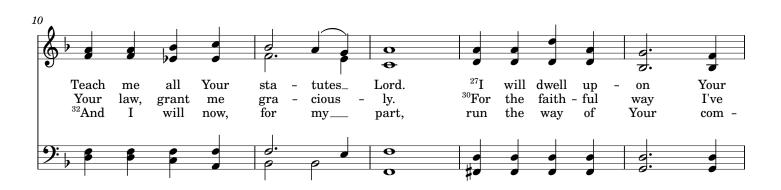


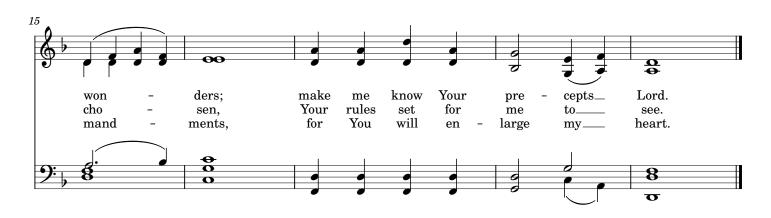
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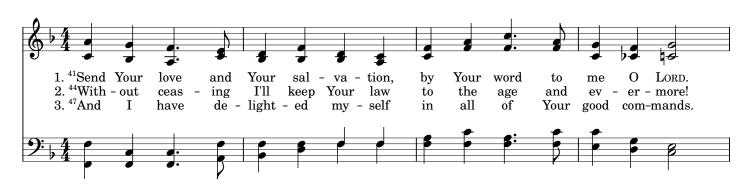
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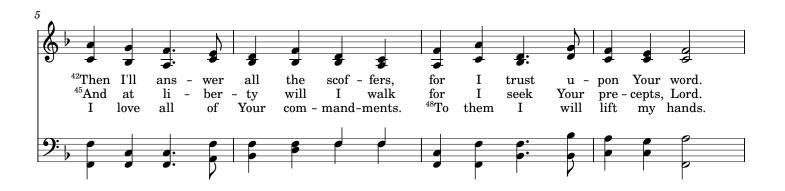


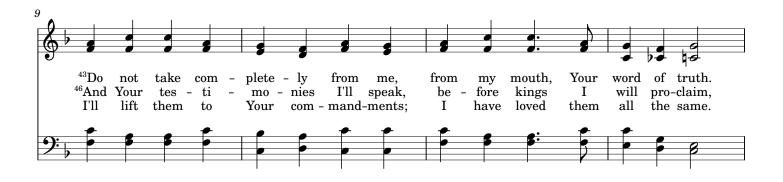
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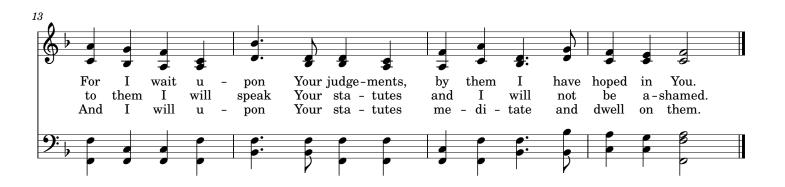
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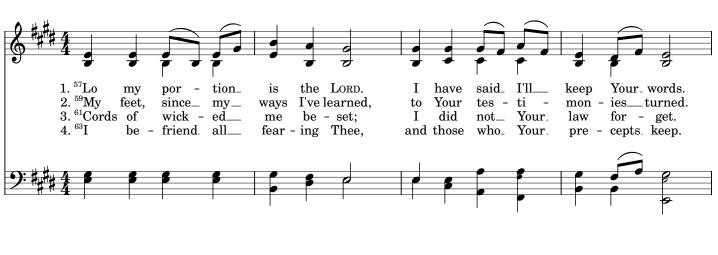
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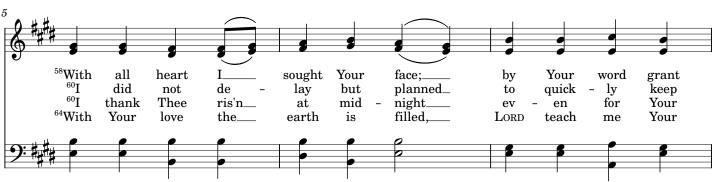


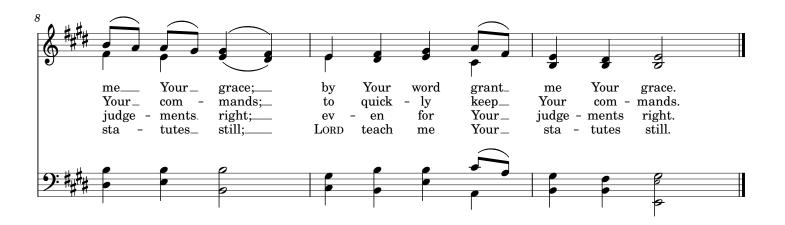
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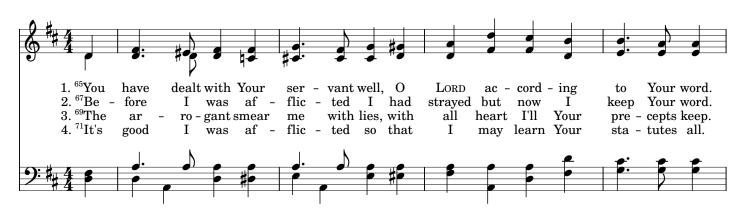


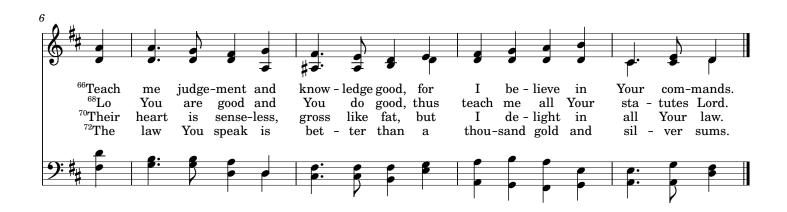


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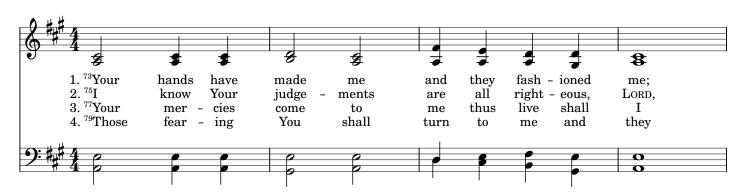
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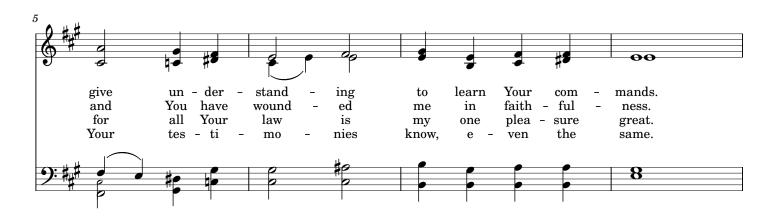


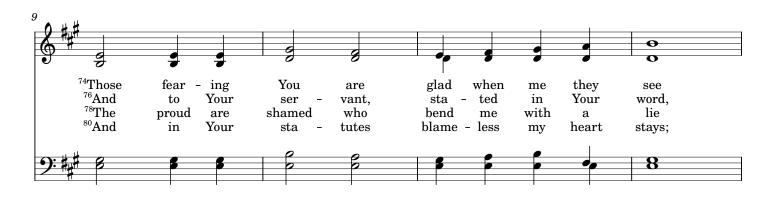


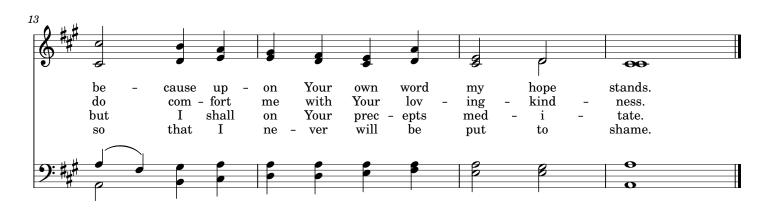
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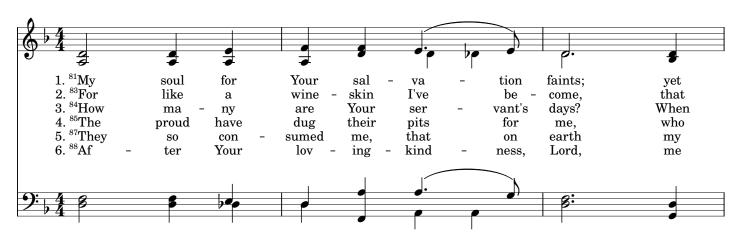


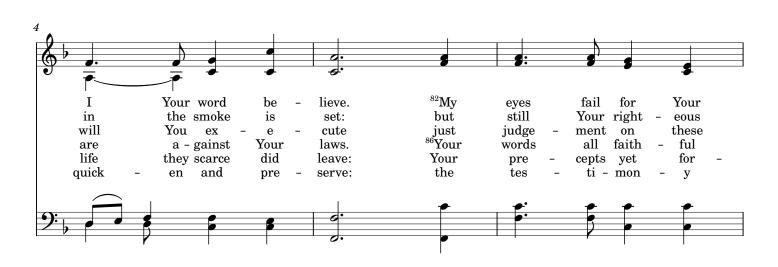


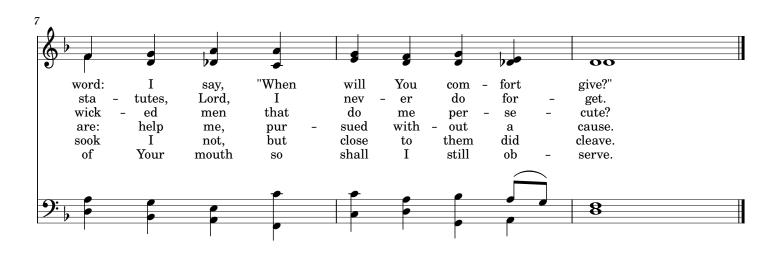




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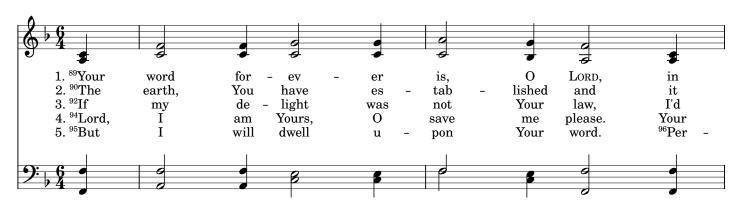


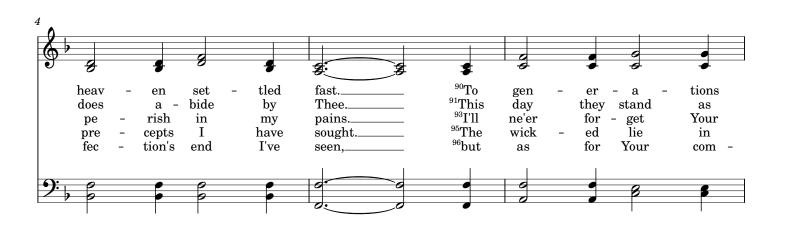


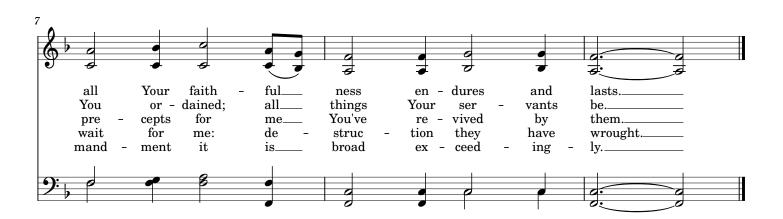
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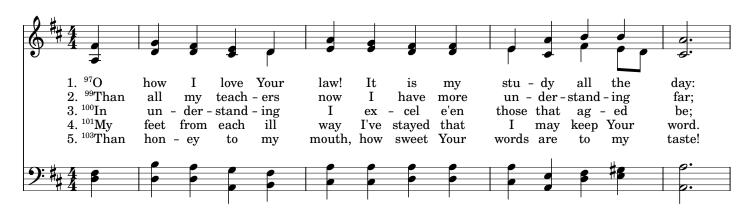


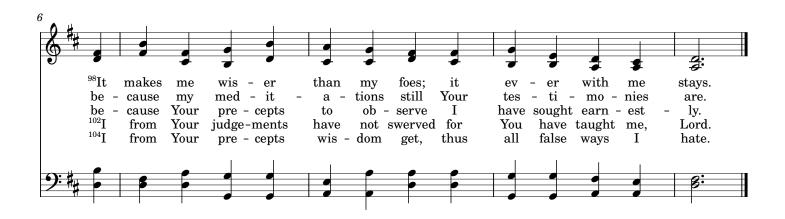


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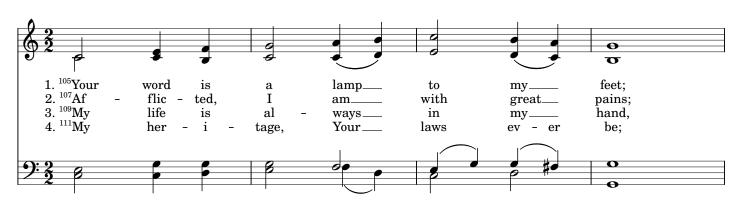


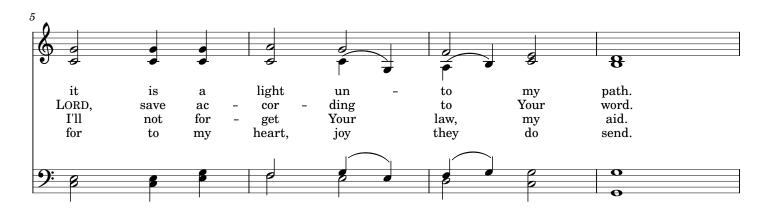


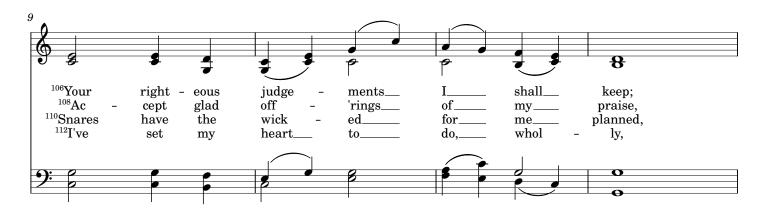
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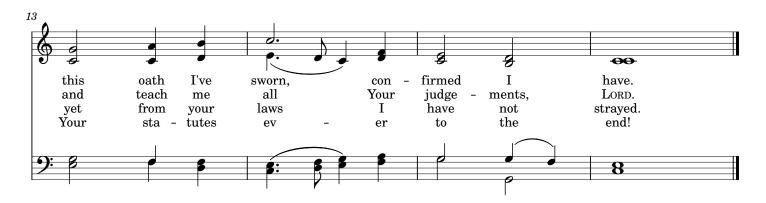
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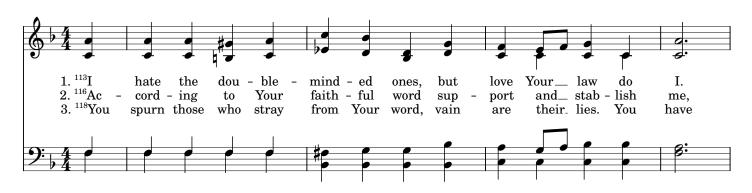


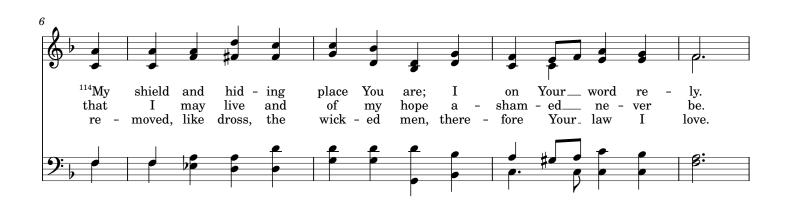
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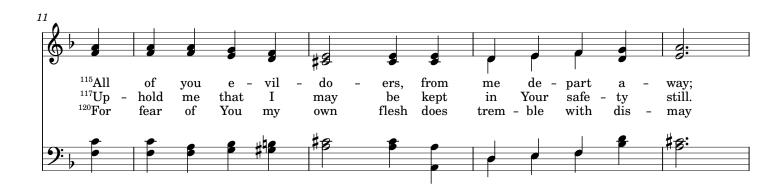
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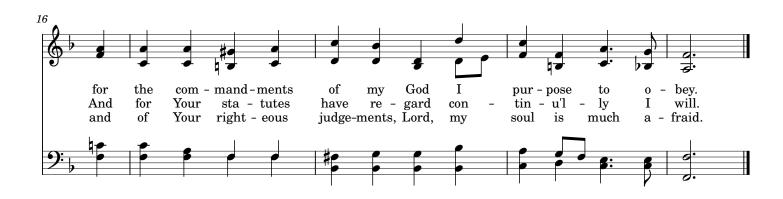
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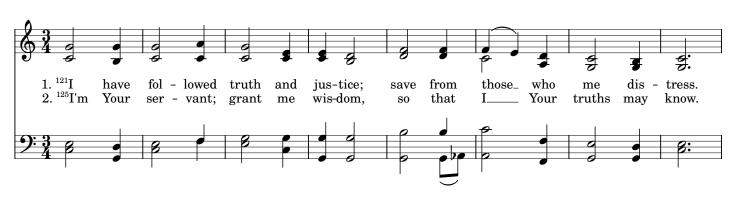


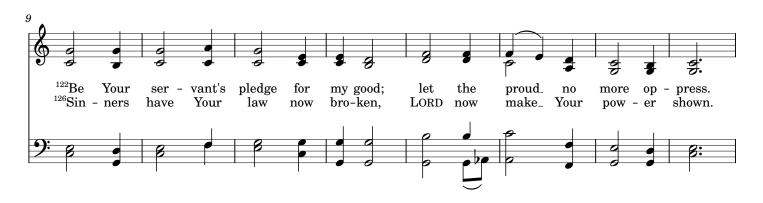


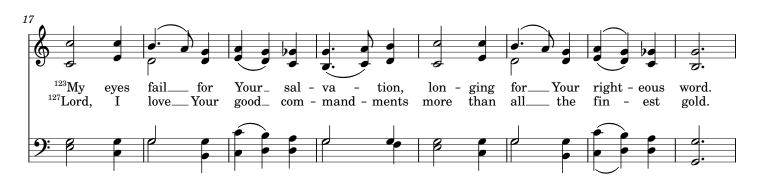
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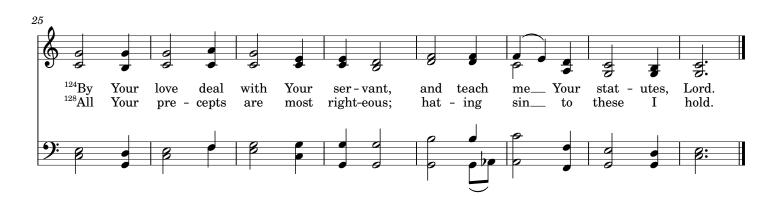
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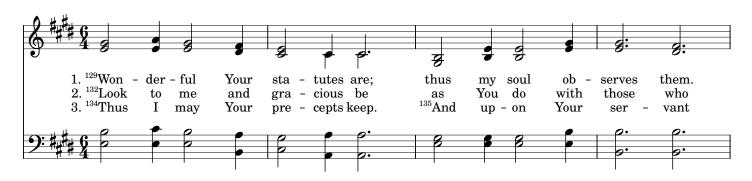


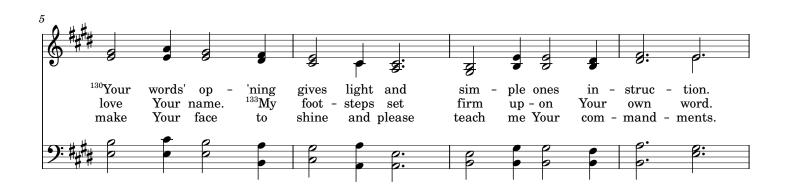
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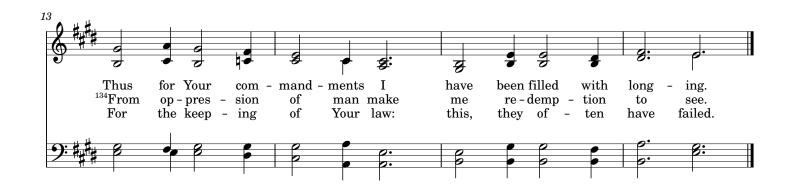
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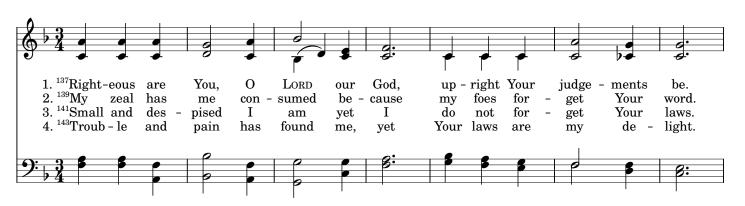


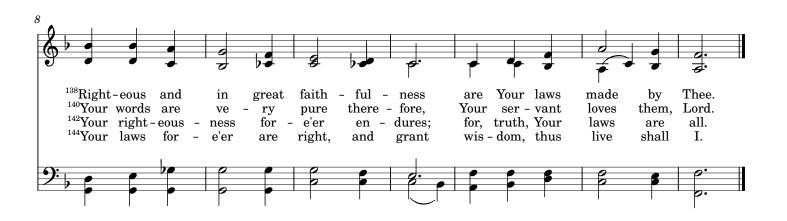


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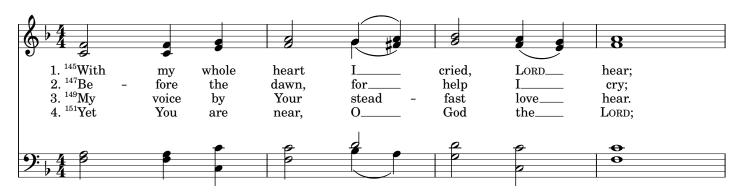


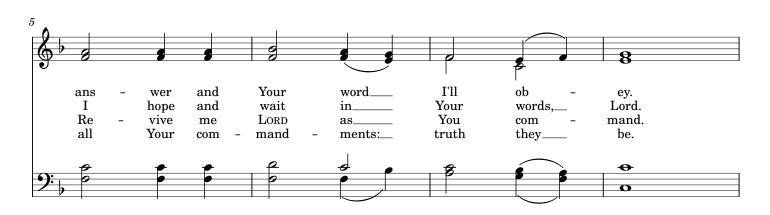


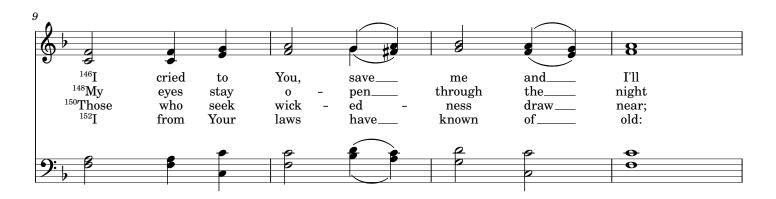
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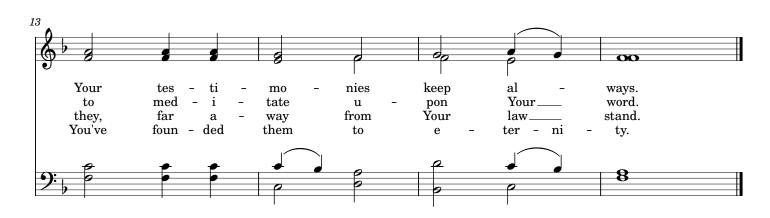
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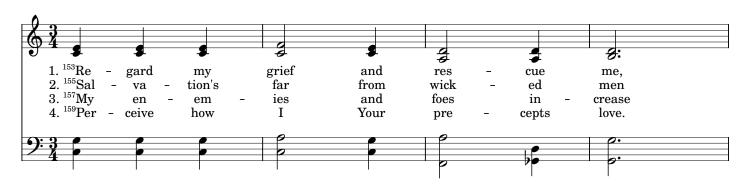


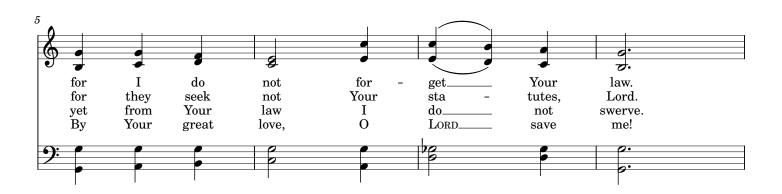


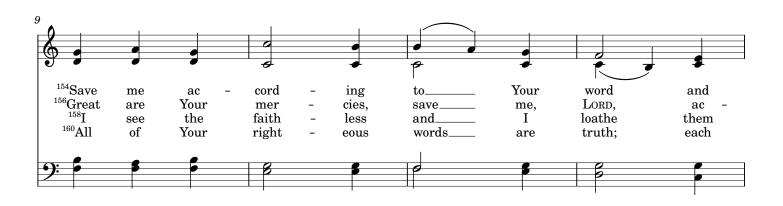


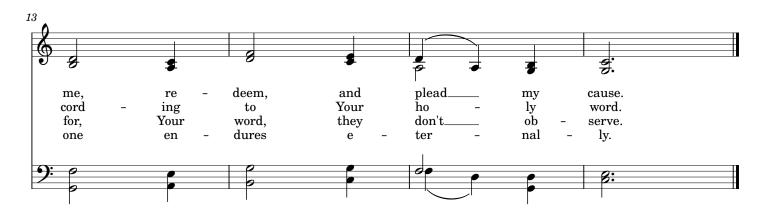
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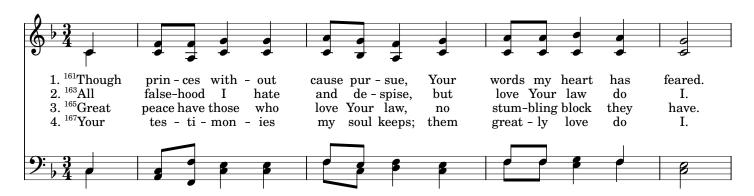


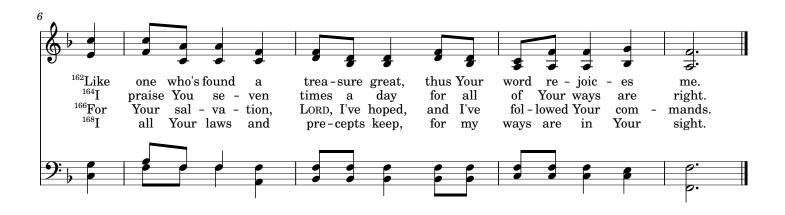
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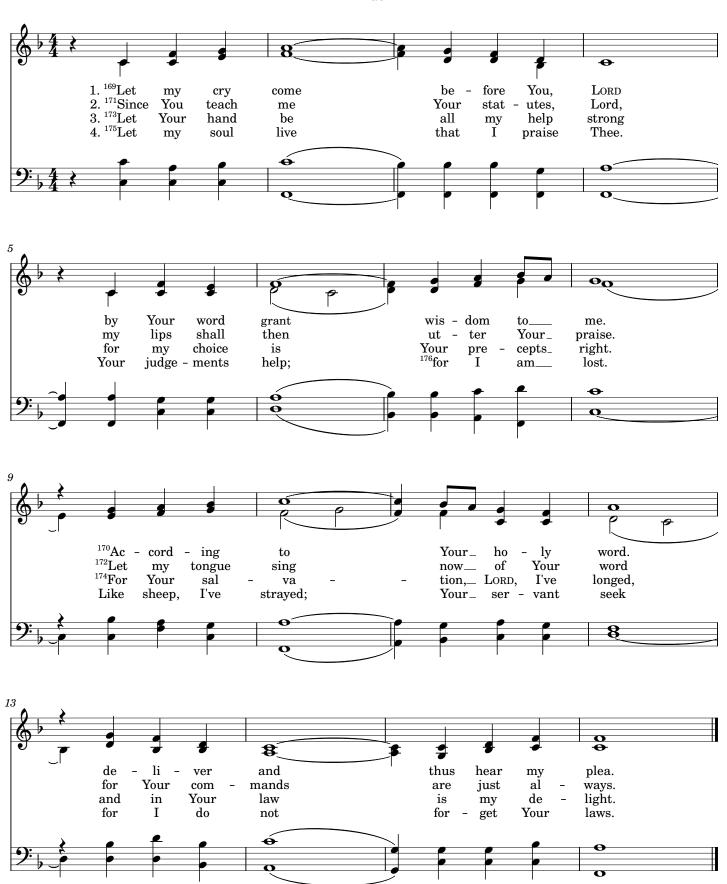


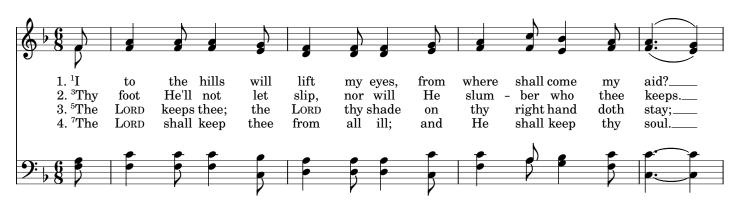


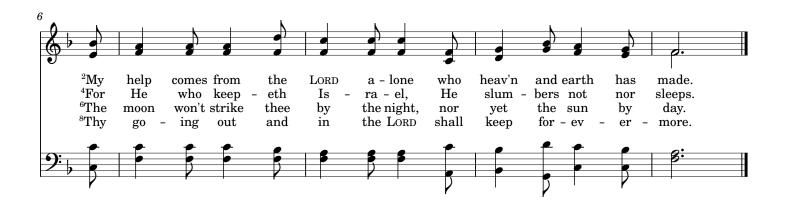
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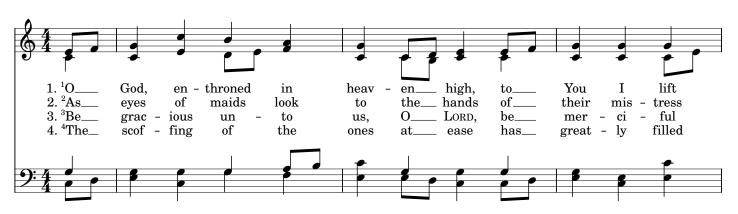
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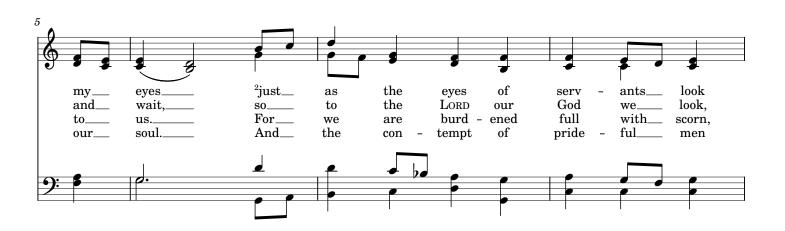
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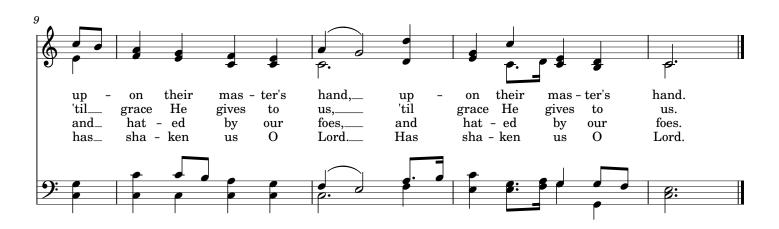


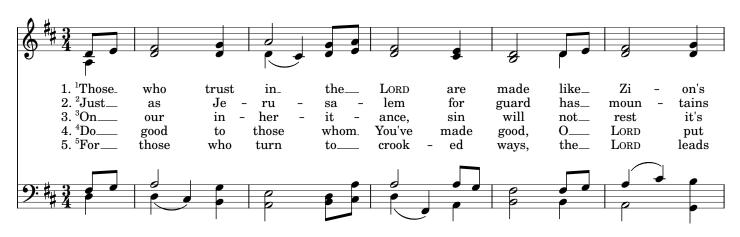


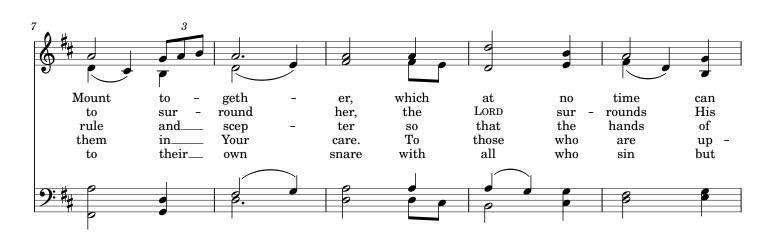


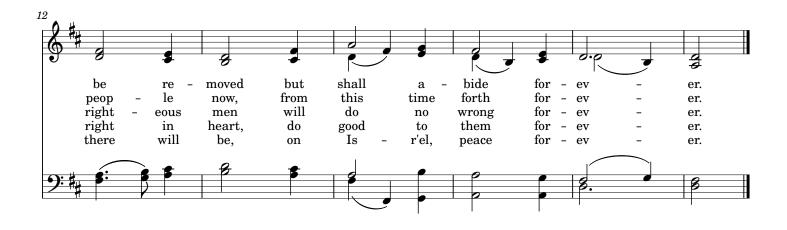




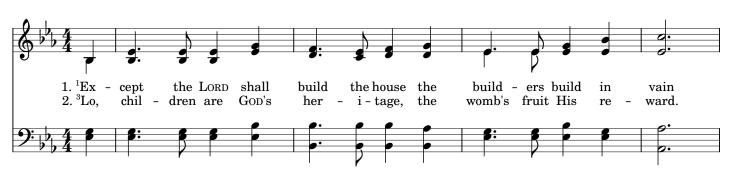


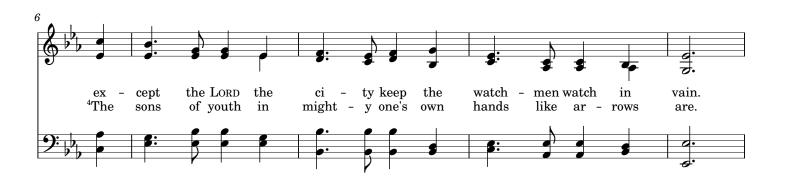


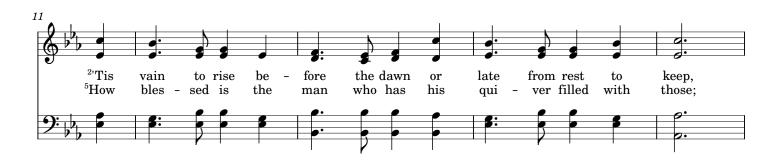


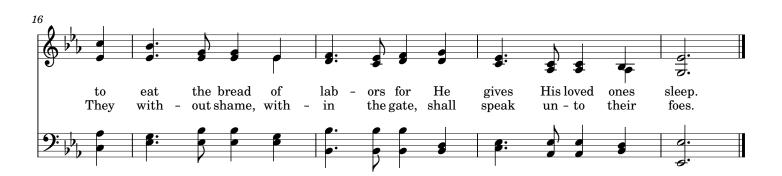


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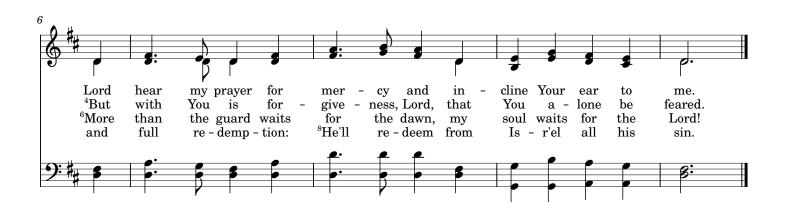




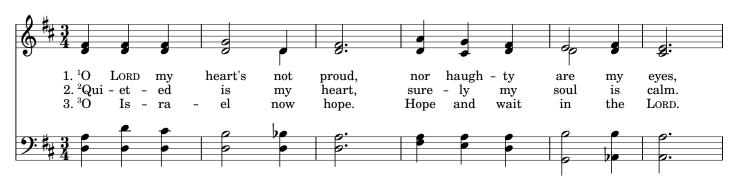


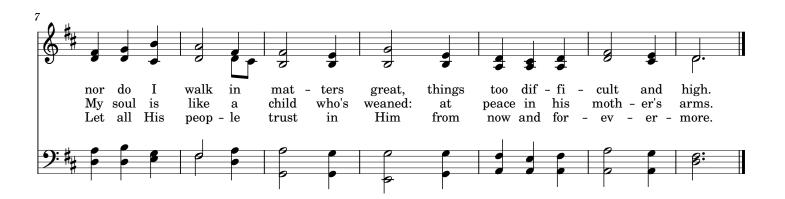




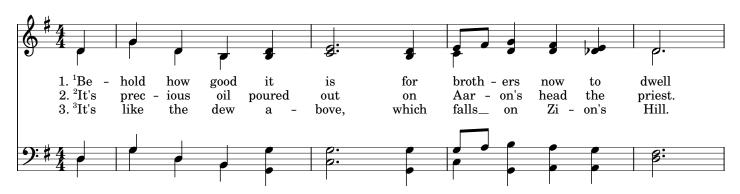


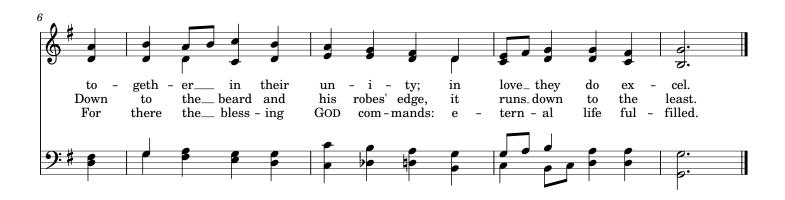
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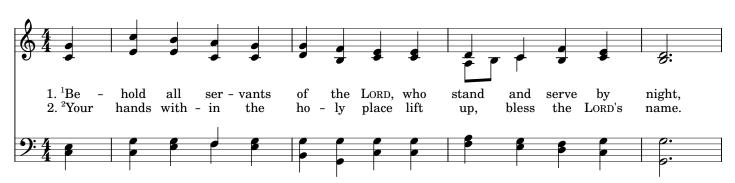


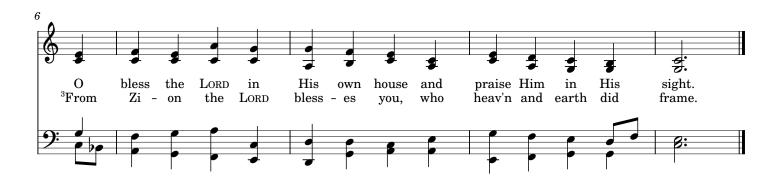


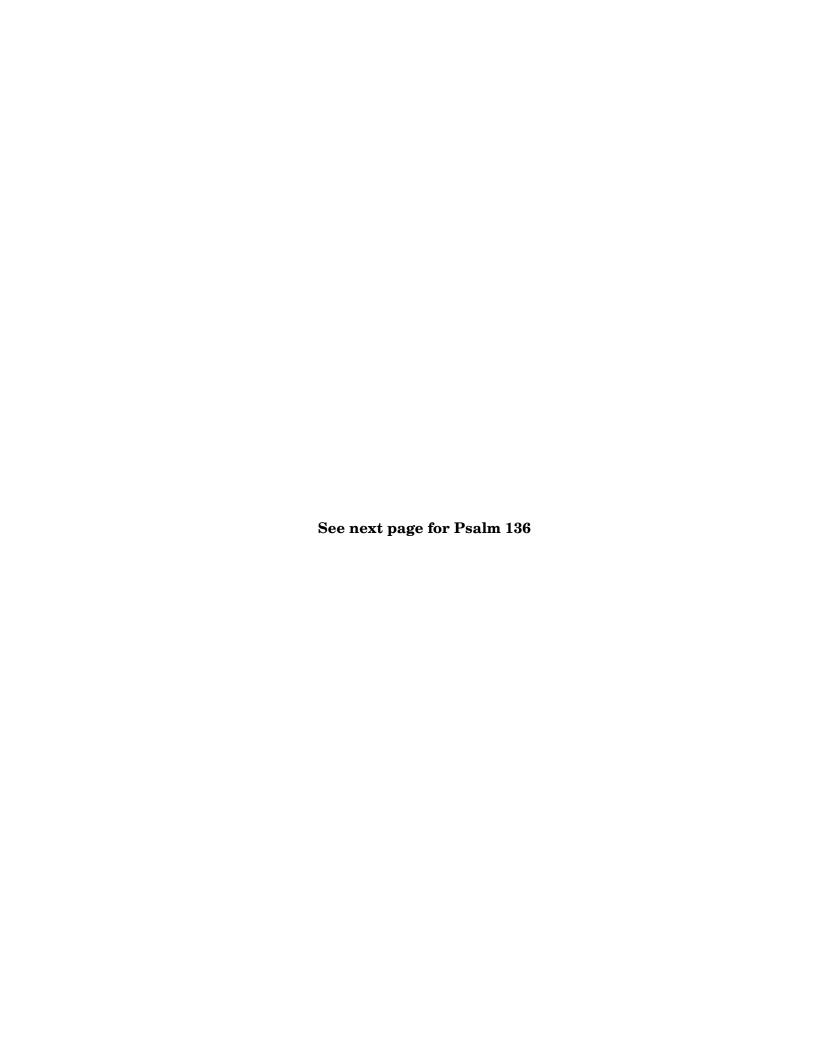
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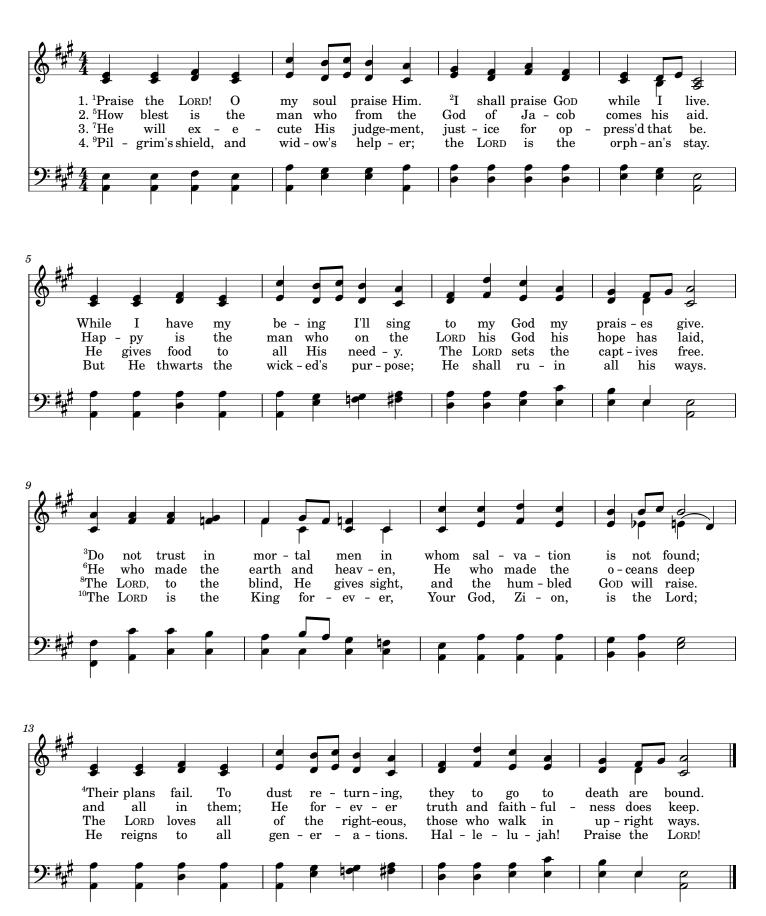


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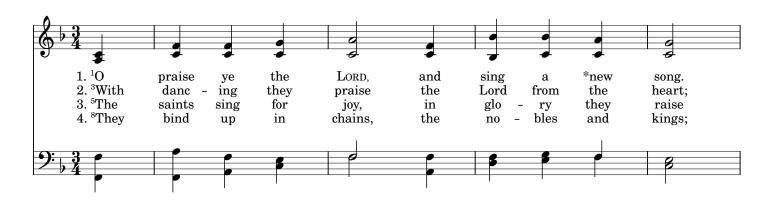


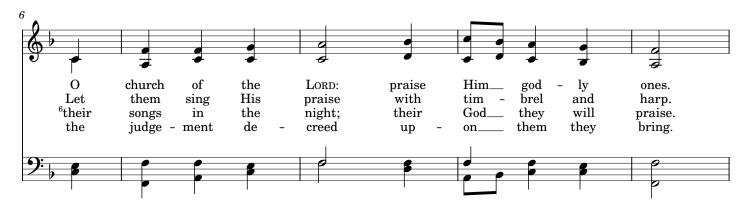
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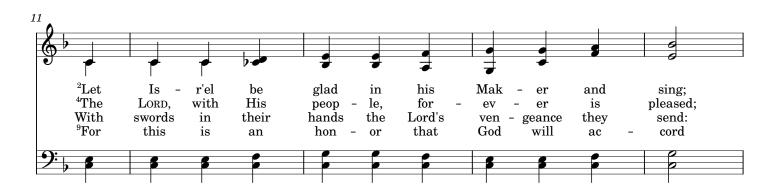


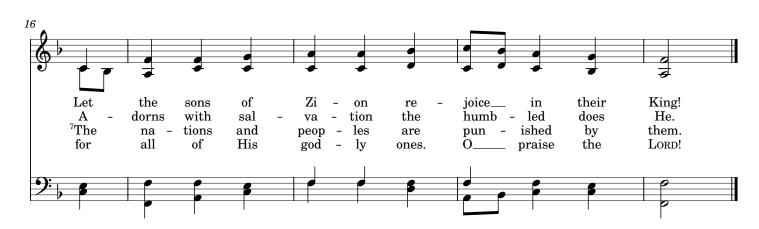


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Praise,

Let

all our sight.

praise ac - cord.

for His great-ness,

ev'-ry-thing now

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day and night!

praise the LORD!

"By Myself I have sworn..." Genesis 22:16



Mary's Song

"And Mary said..." Luke 1:46

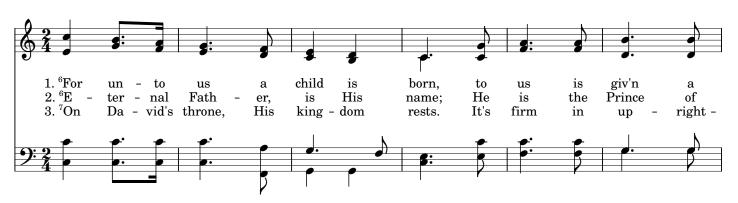


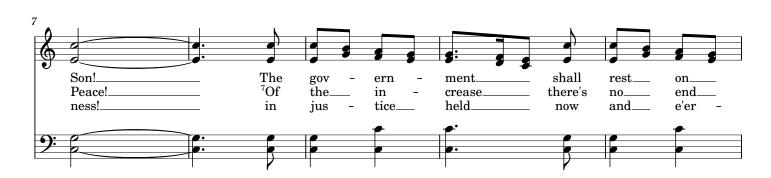
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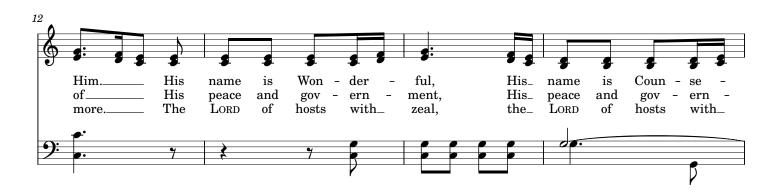


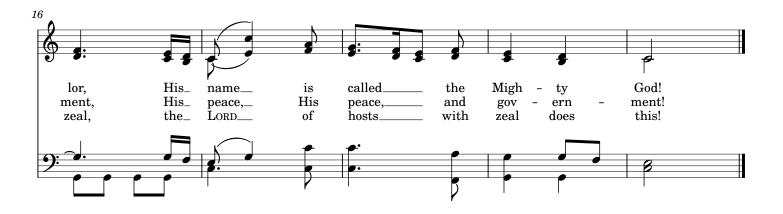
A Son is Given

"For a child will be born to us," Isaiah 9:6



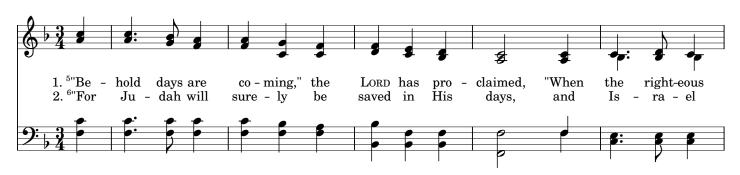


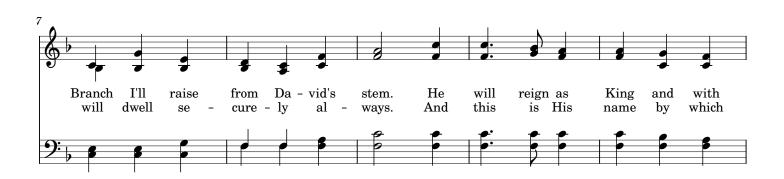


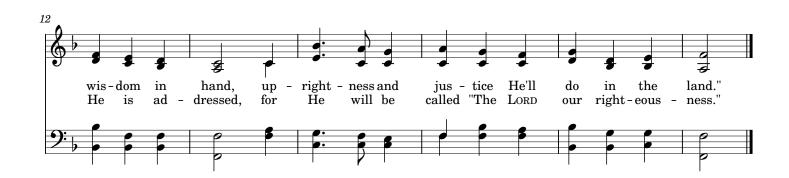


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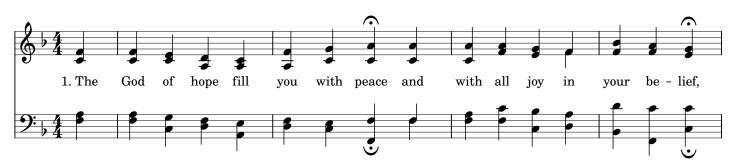
"I will raise up for David a righteous Branch..." Jeremiah 23:5

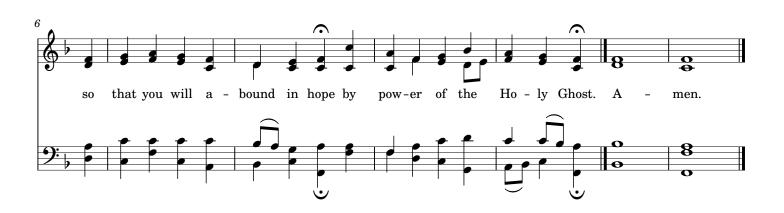




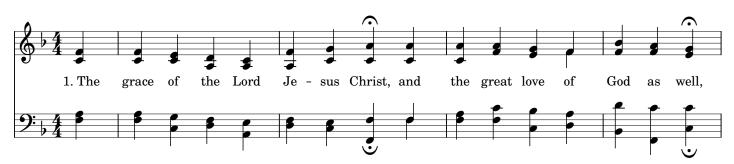


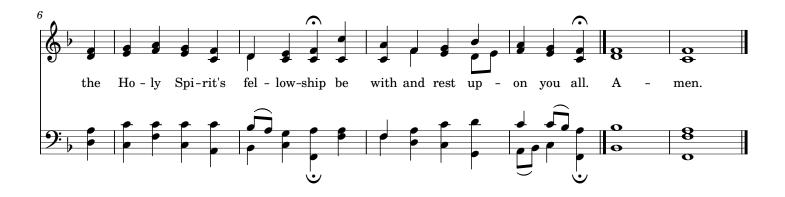
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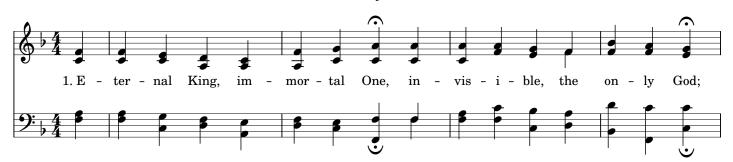
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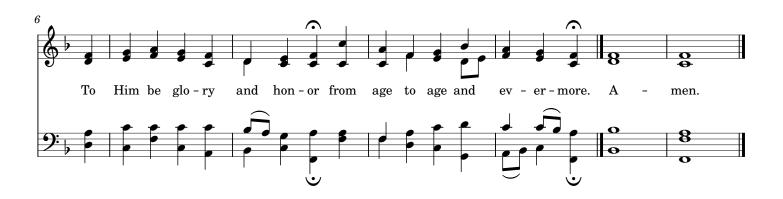




The Eternal King

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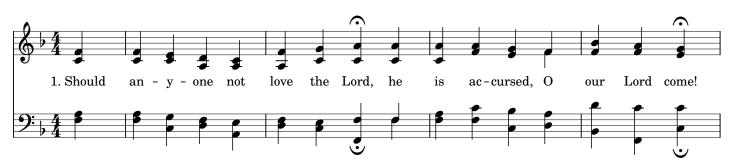


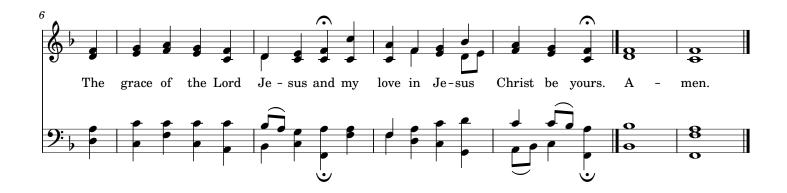


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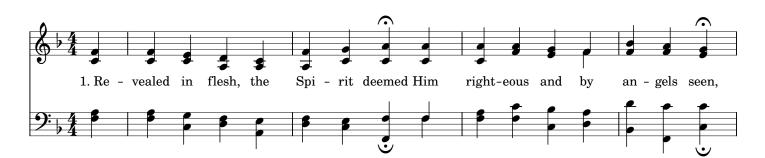


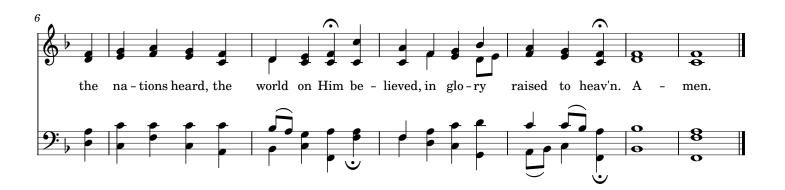


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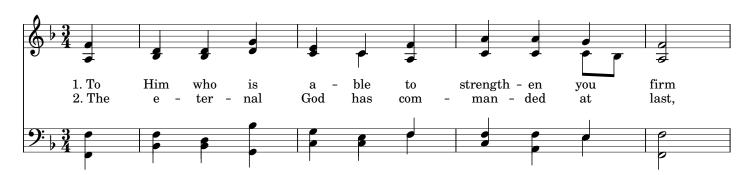


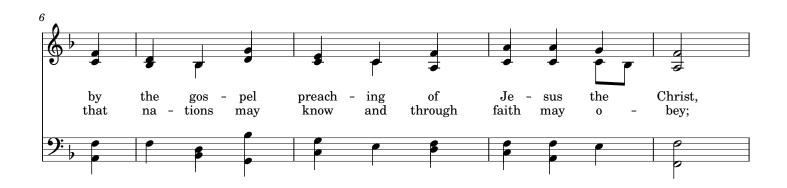


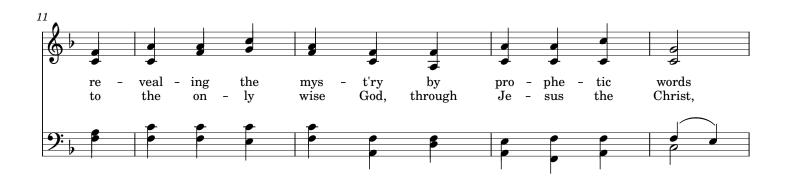
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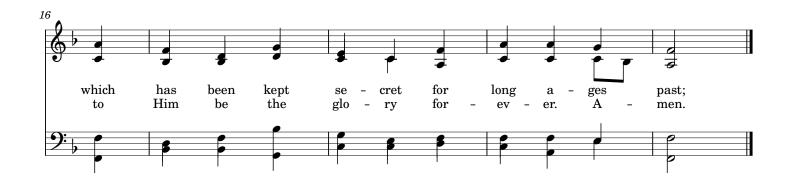
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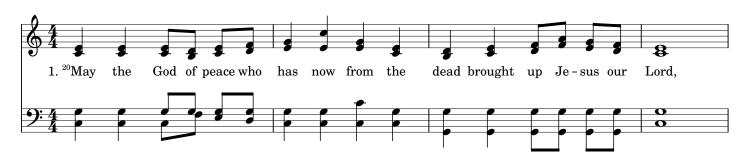




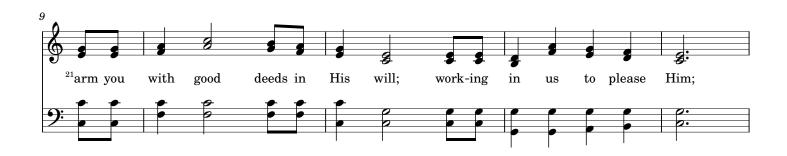
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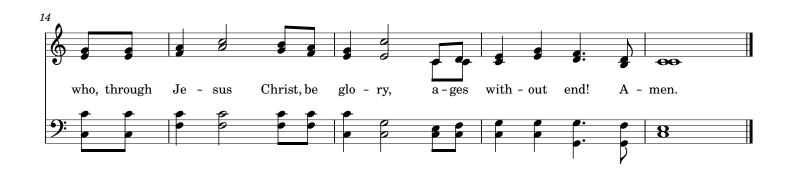


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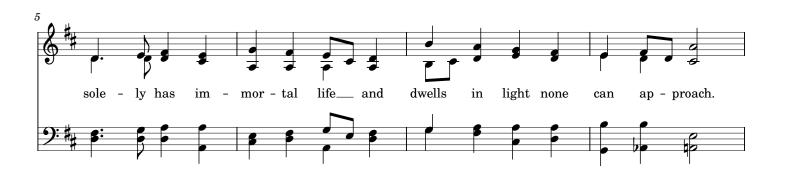




The Blessed Sovereign

1 Timothy 6:15-16









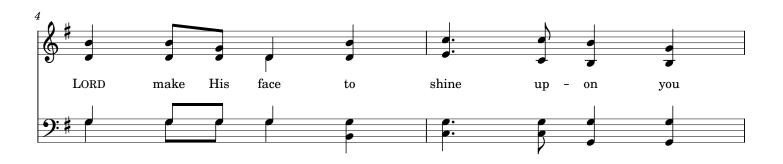
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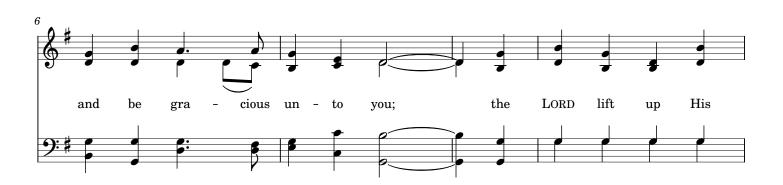


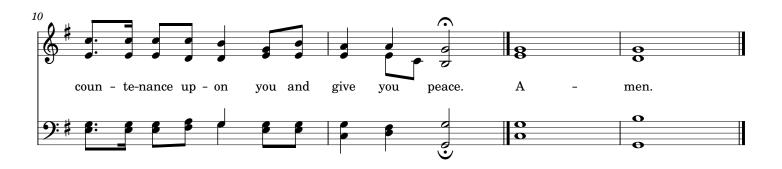


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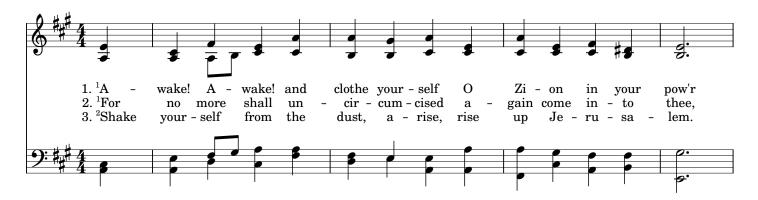








"Awake, awake..." Isaiah 52:1





Reading Response: Isaiah 52:3-12

Worship Leader: For thus says the LORD, "You were sold for nothing and you will be redeemed without money." For thus says the Lord GOD, "My people went down at the first into Egypt to reside there; then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what do I have here," declares the LORD, "seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?" Again the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually blasphemed all day long. Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am."

Congregation: How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Worship Leader: Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together; for they will see with their own eyes when the LORD restores Zion. Break forth, shout joyfully together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God.

Congregation: Depart, depart go out from there, touch nothing unclean; go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. But you will not go out in haste, nor will you go as fugitives; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

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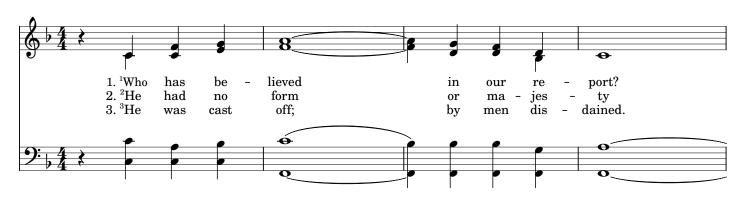
My Servant Shall Prosper

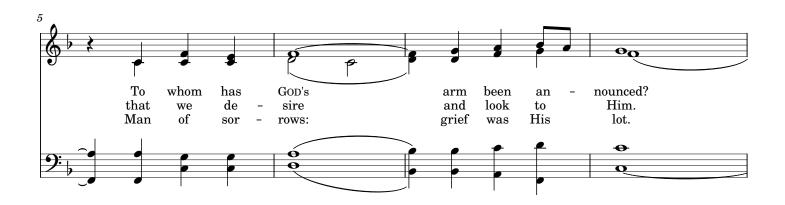
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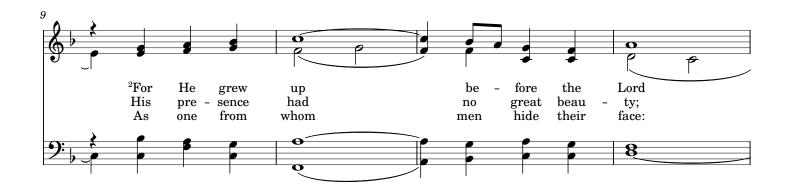
"Behold, My Servant shall prosper..." Isaiah 52:13

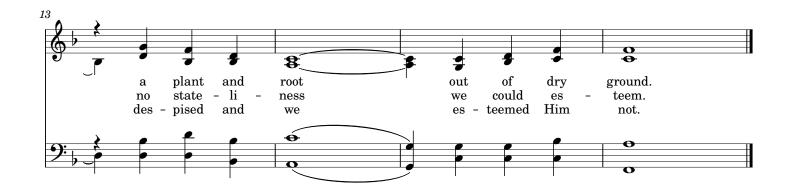


"A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief..." Isaiah 53:3

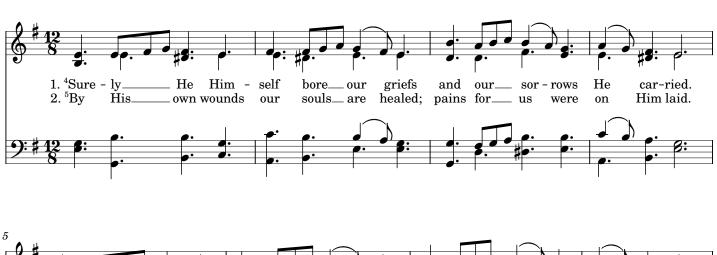




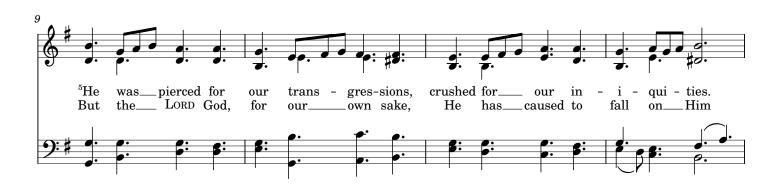




"But He was pierced through for our transgressions..." Isaiah 53:5









The Servant Sacrificed

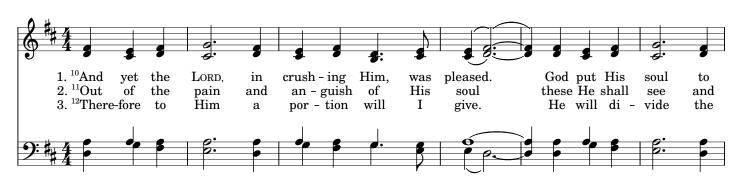
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"Like a lamb that was led to slaughter..." Isaiah 53:7



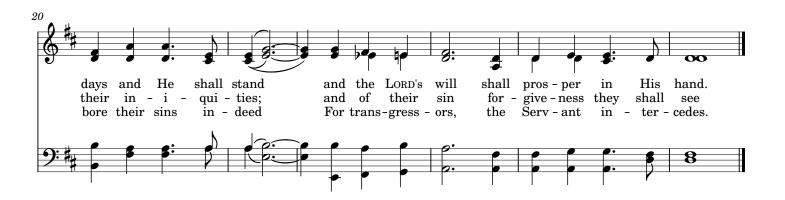
The Servent Satisfied

"He will see it and be satisfied..." Isaiah 53:11



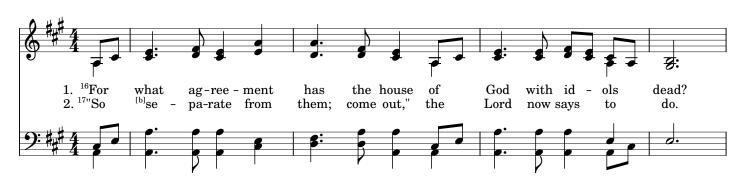




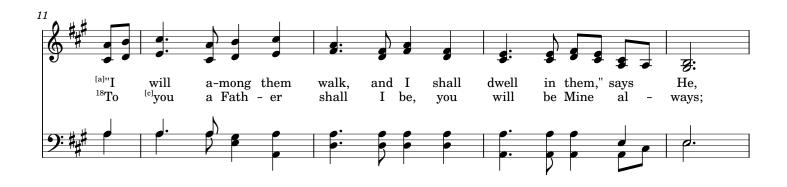


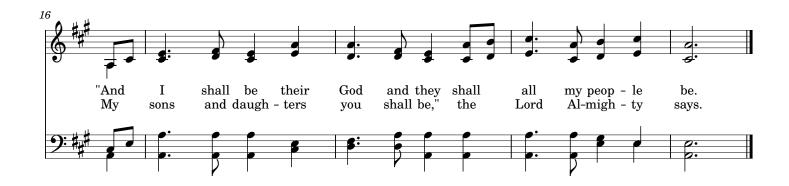
Zion, Come Out!

"Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate..." 2 Cor. 6:17



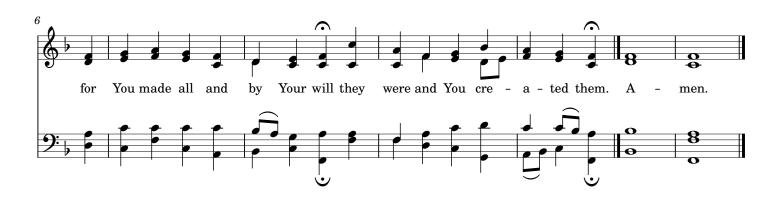






"...and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying," Revelation 4:10





The New Song

"And they sang a new song, saying," Revelation 5:9



Rev. 5:14, "And the four living creatures kept saying, 'Amen.' And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reading Response: Revelation 7:9-17

Worship Leader: After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

Congregation: "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Worship Leader: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

Congregation: "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Worship Leader: Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

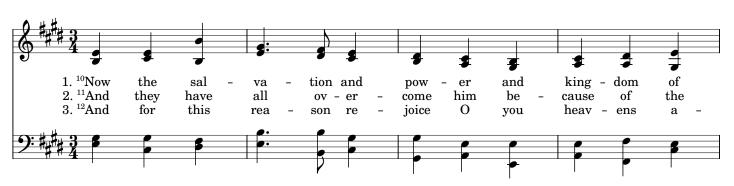
Congregation: "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

"Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven saying," Revelation 11:15



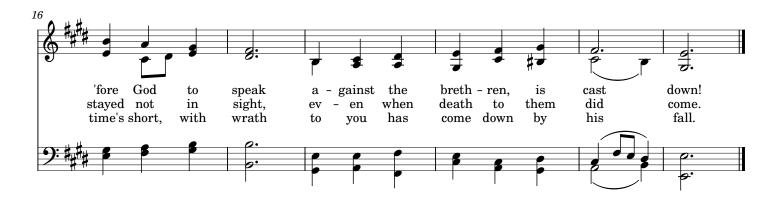
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"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying," Revelation 12:10

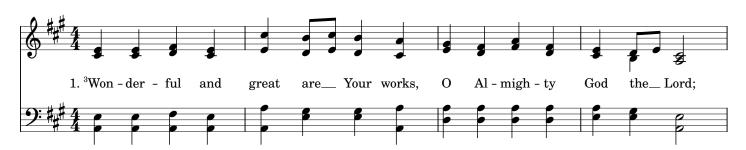








"And they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying," Revelation 15:3









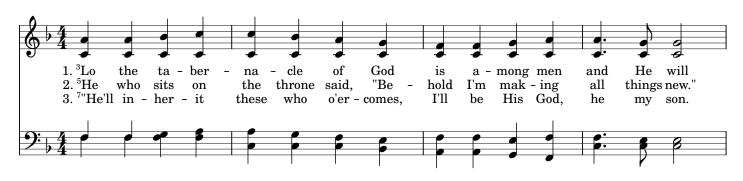
"After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying," Revelation 19:1

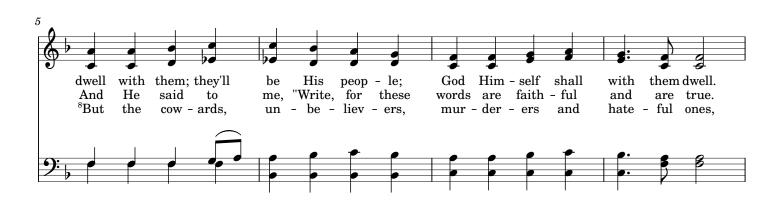


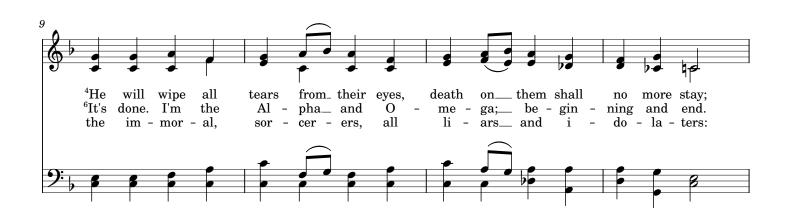
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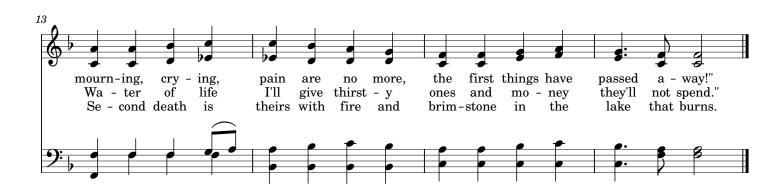
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"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying," Revelation 21:3









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The Last Song

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"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20

