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Christ the King, For Everything a Season

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy in the side narthex! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents after the children's message. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

GATHERING: CHRIST, LORD OF ALL TIME

WORDS OF WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
C: A time to be born, and a time to die.
L: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.
C: A time to weep, and a time to laugh.
L: A time to mourn, and a time to dance.
C: A time to seek, and a time to lose.
L: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.
C: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
L: Through every season of our lives, God remains faithful.
C: And in every season, Christ is King!
L: Let us worship God, who was, and is, and is to come.
L: I invite you to stand as comfortable as we praise our God in song.
*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

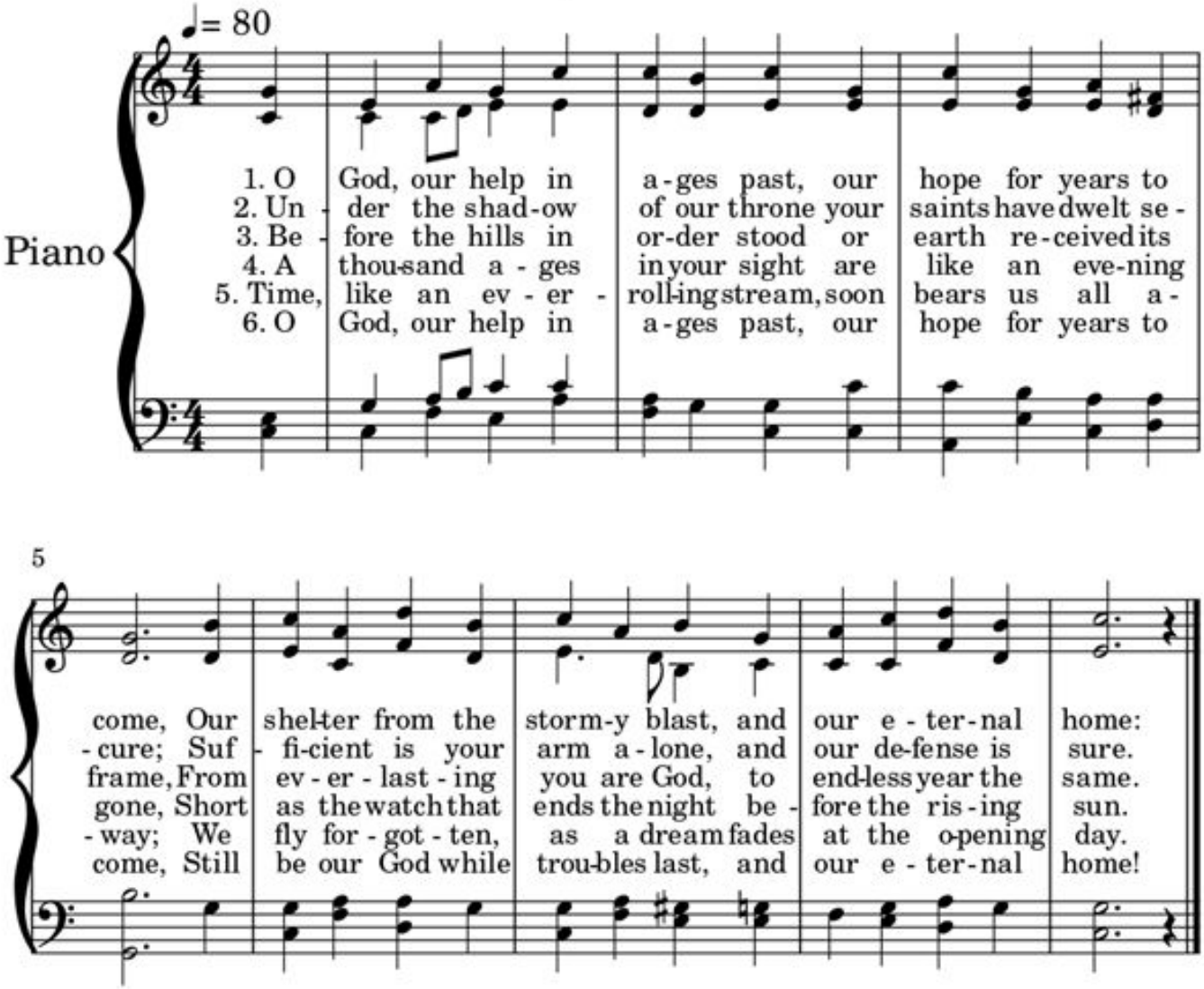
***OPENING HYMN NCH NO. 25** (black hymnal, see below, vs. 1, 2, 5, & 6)

O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, Our Help in Ages Past SATB

Isaac Watts, 1719 — William Croft, 1708

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

P: As we gather at the turning of another church year, we remember that time is a gift. Yet sometimes we hurry through our days without noticing God's presence. Sometimes we cling to the past or worry so much about the future that we miss the opportunities for faithfulness right in front of us. Let us bring our hearts before God in confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Eternal God, you are with us in every season of life.

C: When we are impatient with your timing, teach us to trust. When we cling to what has been, help us embrace what is becoming. When we rush through the days we've been given, help us recognize your presence here and now.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Friends, God's love is not limited by the hours we keep or the seasons we find ourselves in. Through every beginning and ending, God's grace remains. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Let us live faithfully in the time we have been given. Amen.

ADVENT: A TIME FOR WAITING

SEASONAL REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 1:18-24 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

L: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of waiting...God of hope,

C: teach us to wait with patience and expectation. When the world feels dark, remind us that your light is coming. When we grow weary of waiting, renew our trust in your promises. Help us recognize your presence even in the unfinished moments of our lives.

L: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.
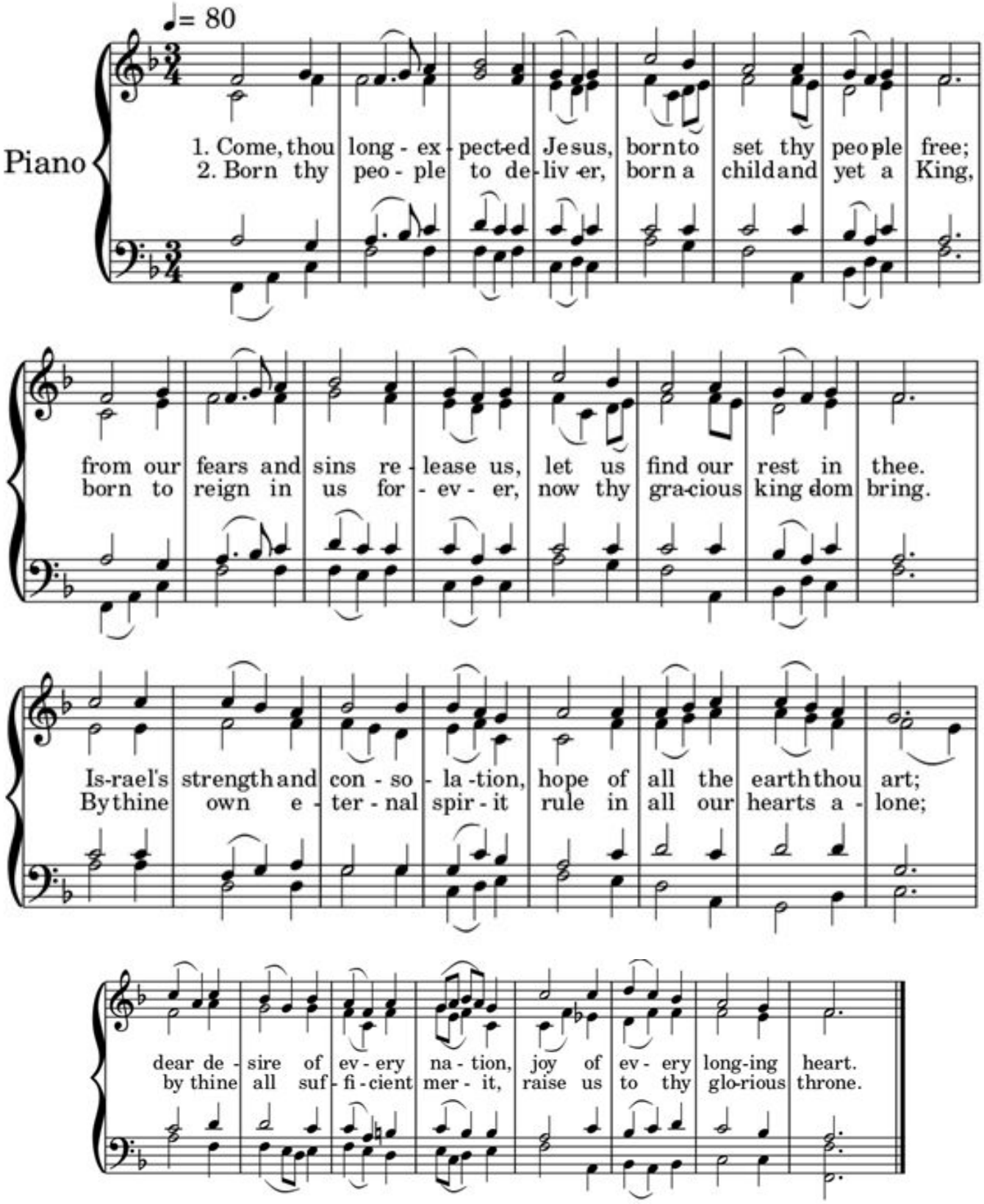
HYMN (see next page) *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus SATB

Charles Wesley, 1747 — Prichard, 1830

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHRISTMAS: A TIME FOR REJOICING

SEASONAL REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:8-14 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

P: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of rejoicing...God of joy,

C: Thank you for the moments of celebration that fill our lives. For new beginnings, unexpected blessings, and good news worth sharing. Help us recognize the joy of your presence in our midst, and teach us to share that joy with others, especially those who struggle to find reasons to rejoice.

P: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

***HYMN NCH NO. 145** (black hymnal, vs. 1, 2, & 5, see next page)

Once in Royal David's City
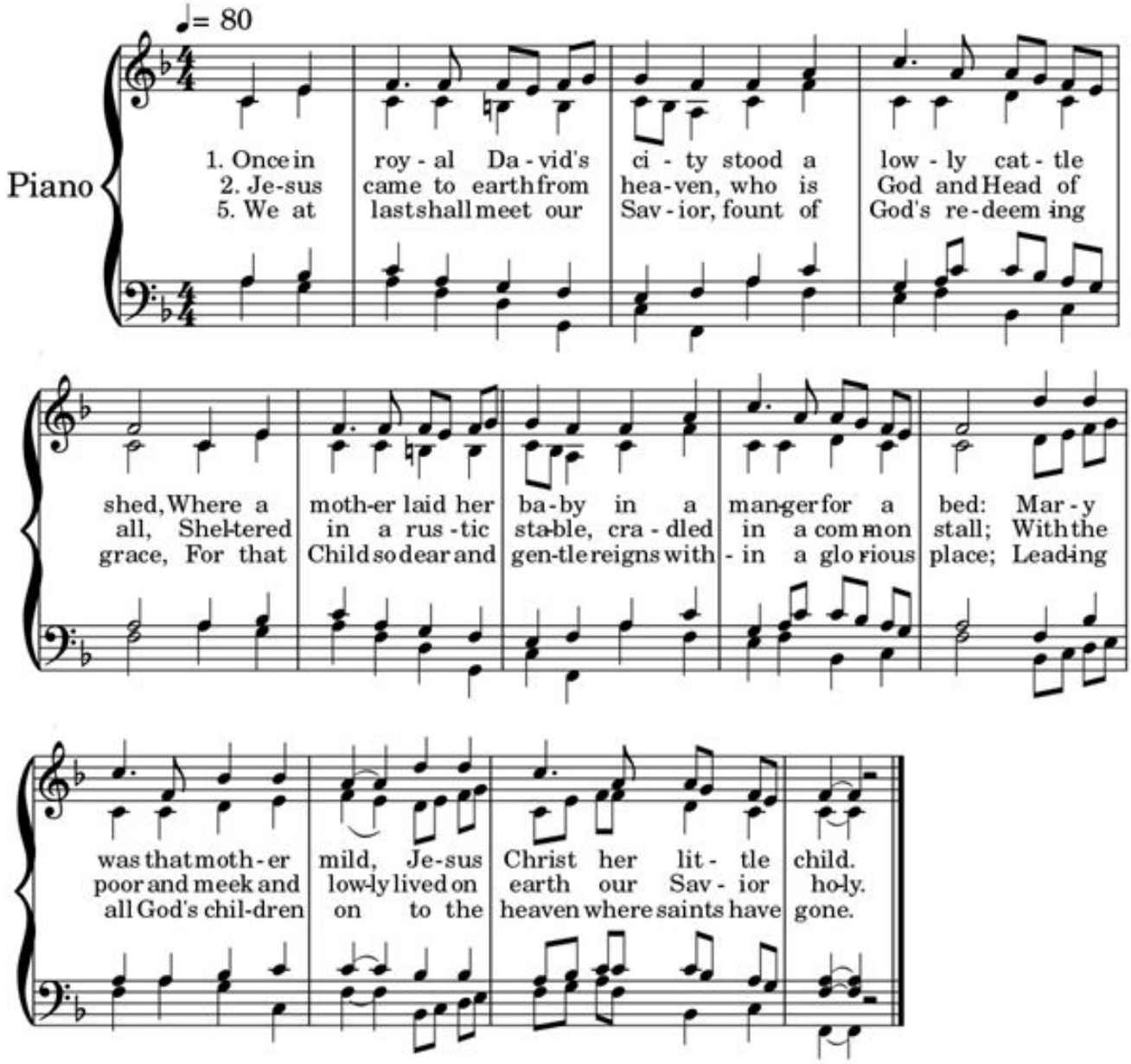


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Once in Royal David's City

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848 — Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

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EPIPHANY: A TIME FOR DISCOVERY

SEASONAL REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

L: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of discovery...God of light,

C: Guide those who are searching for direction, asking difficult questions, or beginning something new. Give us the courage to follow where you lead, even when the path ahead is uncertain. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in unexpected places, and help us remain curious about the ways you are still revealing yourself to us.

L: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

HYMN NCH NO. 159 (black hymnal, see next page, vs. 1 & 3)

As With Gladness Those of Old
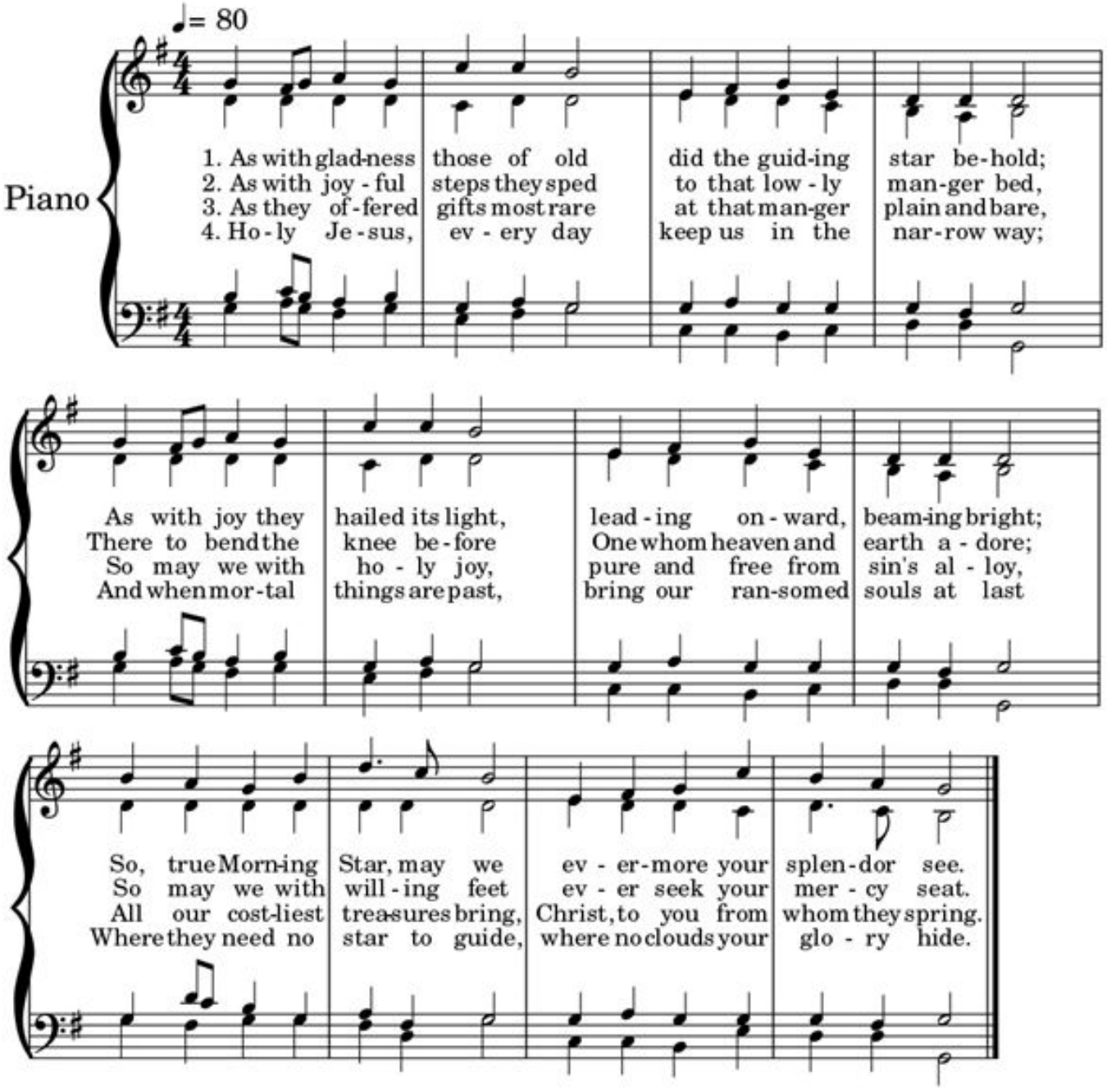


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As With Gladness Those of Old SATB

William C. Dix, 1861

Conrad Kocher, 1838

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LENT: A TIME FOR TURNING

SEASONAL REFLECTION
SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:12-15 (NRSVUE)*
PRAYER

P: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of turning...God of mercy,

C: When we have lost our way, help us find the courage to turn toward you. When we recognize things in our lives that need to change, give us the strength to begin again. Remind us that your grace meets us wherever we are, and that every step toward love, justice, and compassion brings us closer to the life you call us to live.

P: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

HYMN NCH NO. 99 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4, see next page) *Abide with Me*
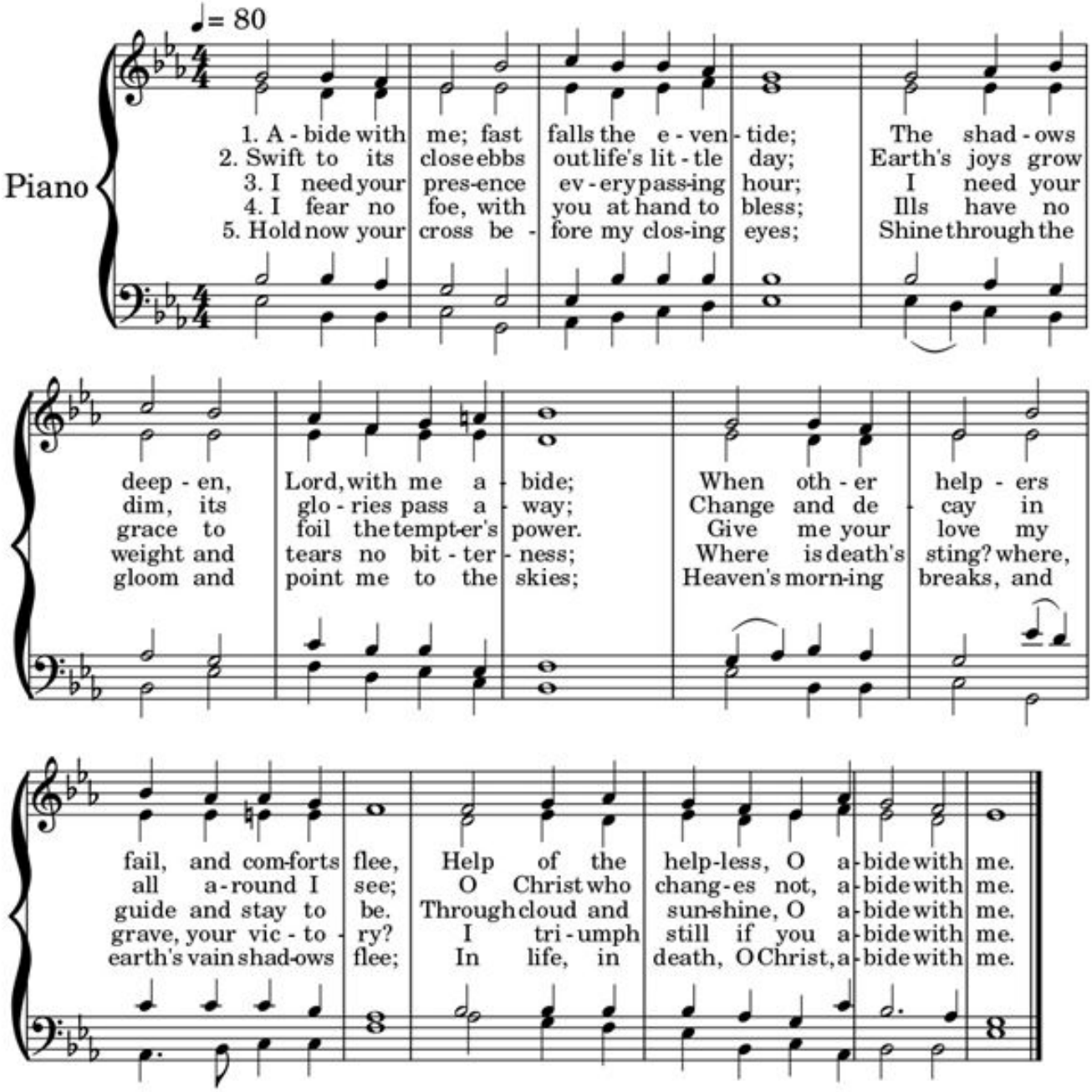


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Abide with Me SATB

Text: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Tune: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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SEASON REFELECTION

SCRIPTURE READING *John 19:15–20, 25b–30 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

L: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of remembrance, grief, or loss...God of compassion,
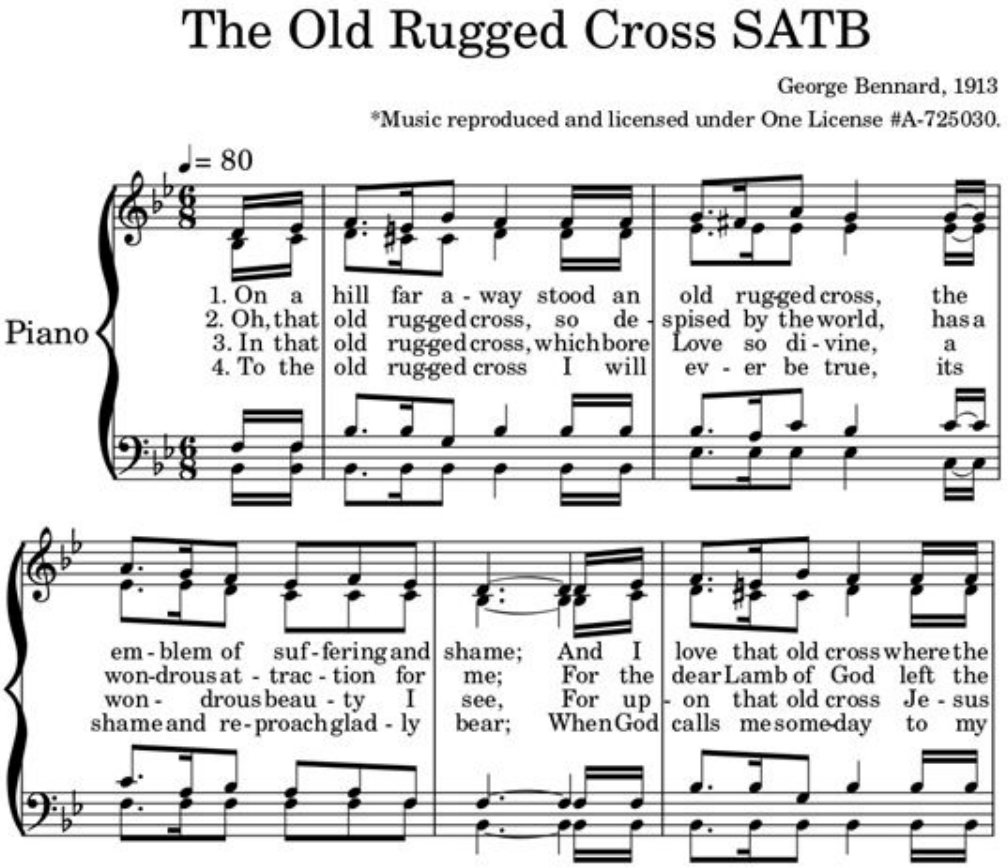
C: Be near to those who are suffering, grieving, or carrying burdens too heavy to bear alone. Help us remember those whose lives have shaped our own, and give us the courage to stand beside those who are hurting. When the world feels dark and hope seems distant, remind us that your love does not abandon us, even at the foot of the cross.

L: For everything, there is a season.
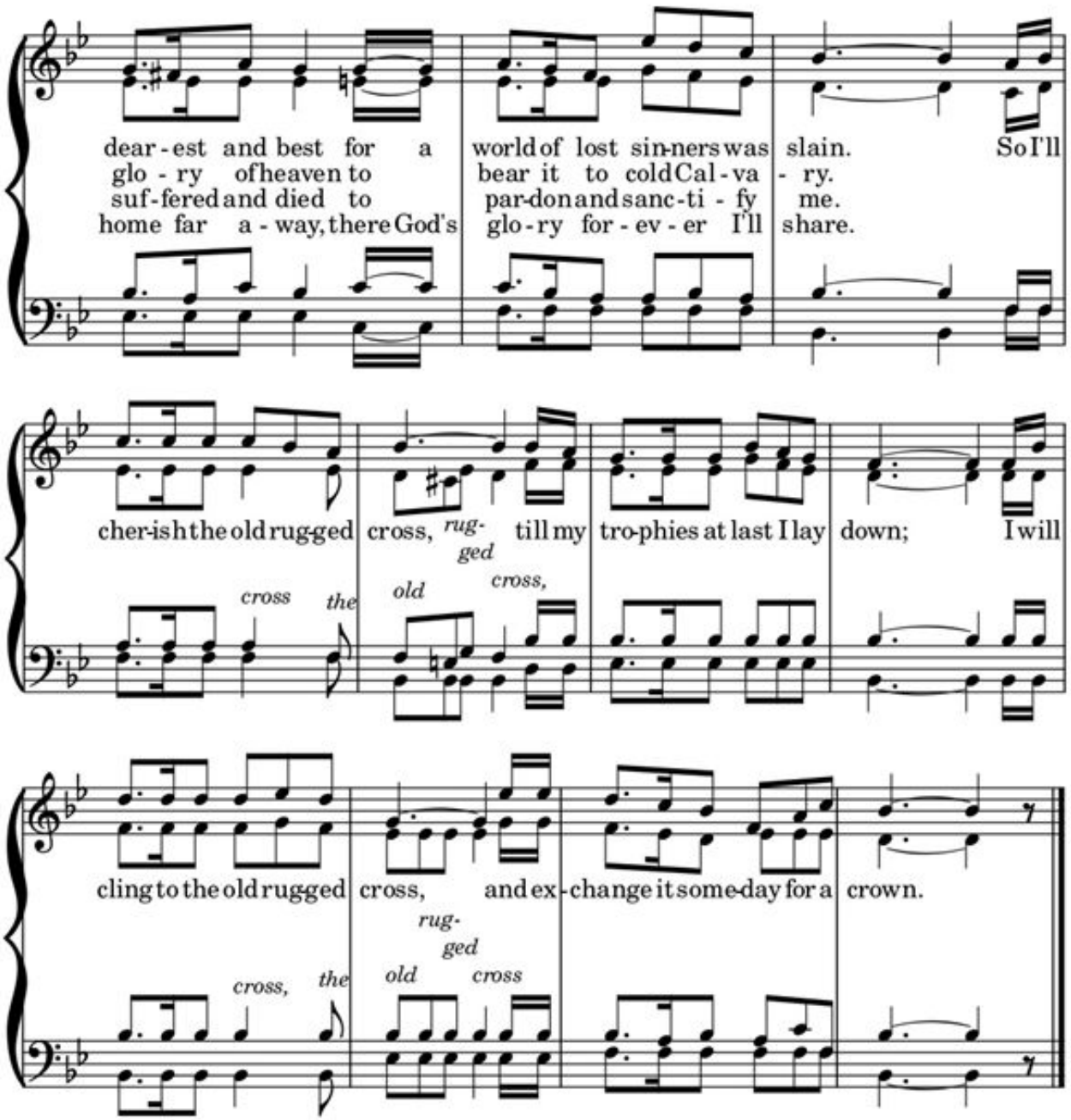
C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

HYMN NCH NO. 195 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 3, see below & next page)

The Old Rugged Cross



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SEASONAL REFLECTION
SCRIPTURE READING *John 20:1, 11-18 (NRSVUE)*
PRAYER

P: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of new life and unexpected hope...God of resurrection,

C: Thank you for the new beginnings that remind us of your faithfulness. Be near to those who are searching for hope after loss, and those who are discovering joy where they least expected it. Open our eyes to the new life you are bringing into our world, and give us the courage to proclaim your love through the ways we live.

P: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

HYMN NCH NO. 233 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2, see next page) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
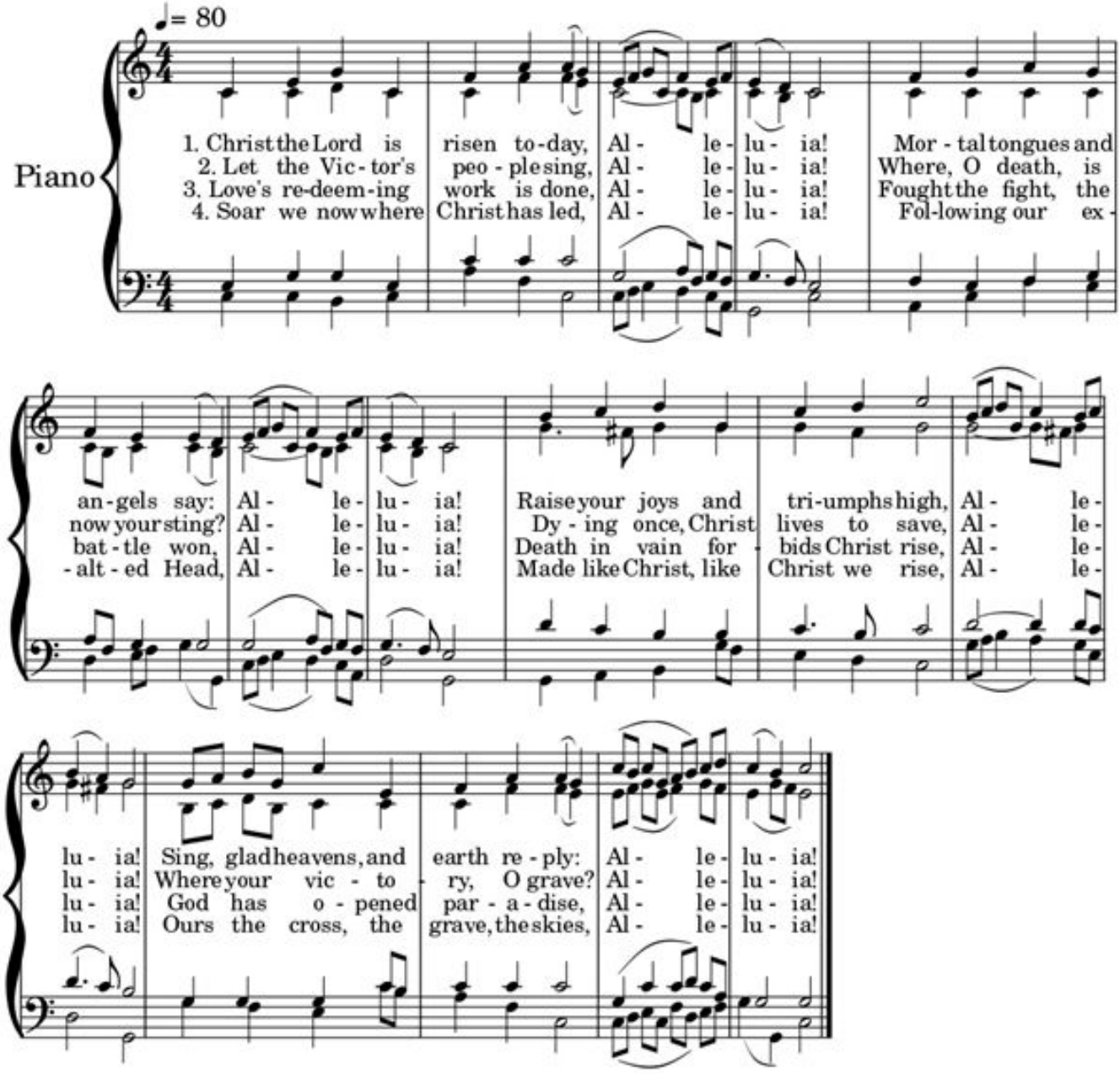


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Christ the Lord is Risen Today SATB

Charles Wesley, 1739

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SEASONAL REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2:1-4, 4-17 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

L: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of new beginnings and answering God's call...God of the Holy Spirit,

C: Breathe new life into your church and into our lives. Give courage to those beginning new ministries, strength to those serving faithfully, and wisdom to those discerning where you are leading them. Open our hearts to new possibilities, and help us recognize the gifts you have given each of us to share with the world.

L: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

HYMN (see next page, vs. 1 & 3, see next page) *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

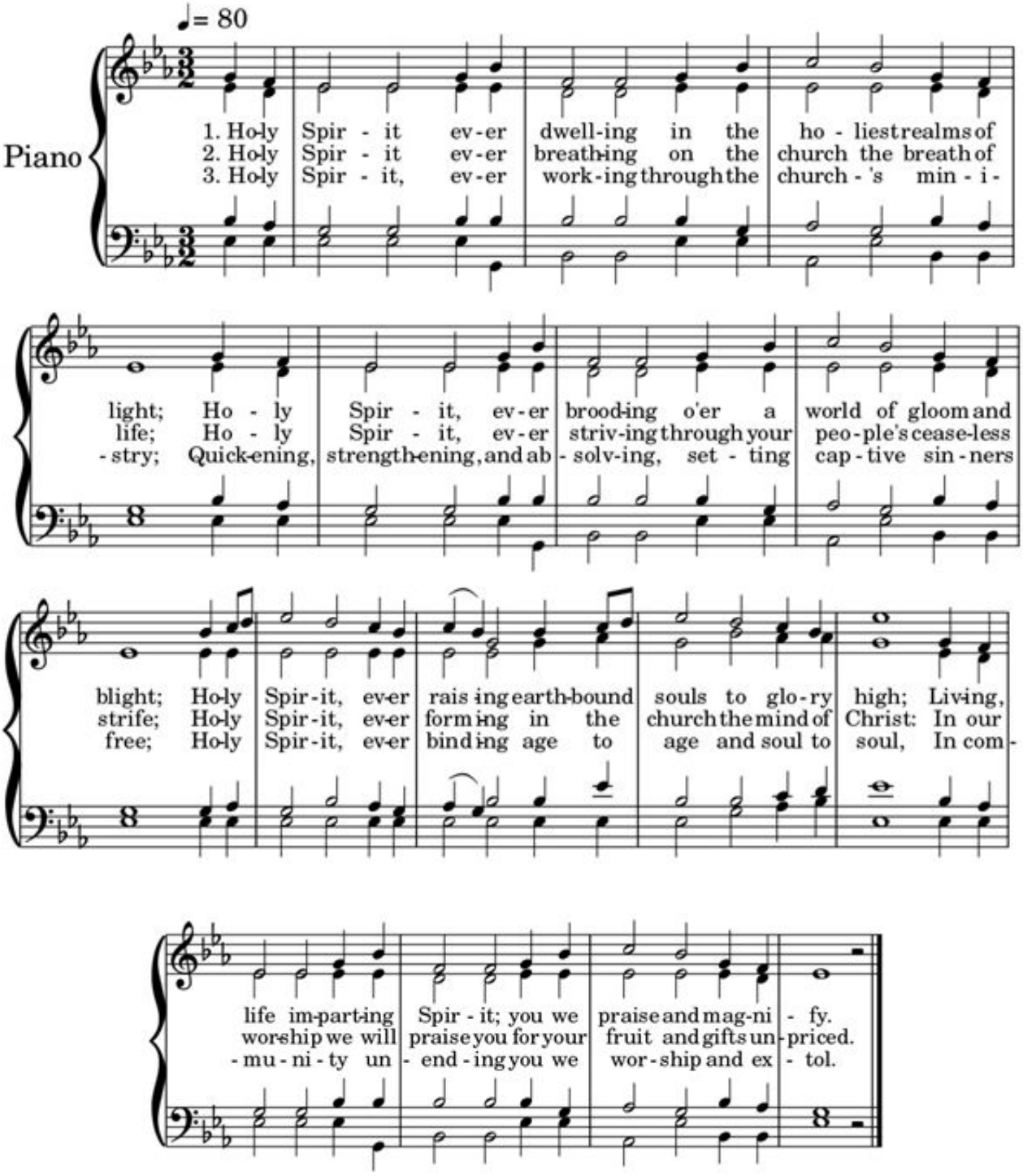


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Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling SATB

Timothy Rees, 1922

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ORDINARY TIME: A TIME FOR GROWTH

SEASONAL REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE *John 15:1-5 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

P: Let us pray for those who find themselves living in a season of growth, whether that growth is easy to see or not...God of life,

C: Help us recognize your presence in the ordinary moments of our days. Give us patience when growth seems slow, strength when life feels difficult, and gratitude for the people who nurture and encourage us along the way. Keep us rooted in your love, that our lives might bear the fruit of kindness, compassion, justice, and peace.

P: For everything, there is a season.

C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING[1]

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORING HYMN NCH NO. 438 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4, see next page)

It is Well With My Soul

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

P: Faithful God, you have blessed us through every season of our lives. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to your work. May they help your love take root, grow, and bear fruit in our congregation and beyond. Amen.

CHRIST THE KING: A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

CLOSING REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 93 (NRSVUE)*

PRAYER

L: Let us pray for all who find themselves standing at the threshold of something new...Eternal God,

C: Thank you for walking with us through every season of our lives. Help us carry the lessons of the past with gratitude, embrace the present with faithfulness, and welcome the future with hope. As one season ends and another begins, remind us that your love remains constant, your promises endure, and your presence goes with us wherever we may go.

L: For everything, there is a season.
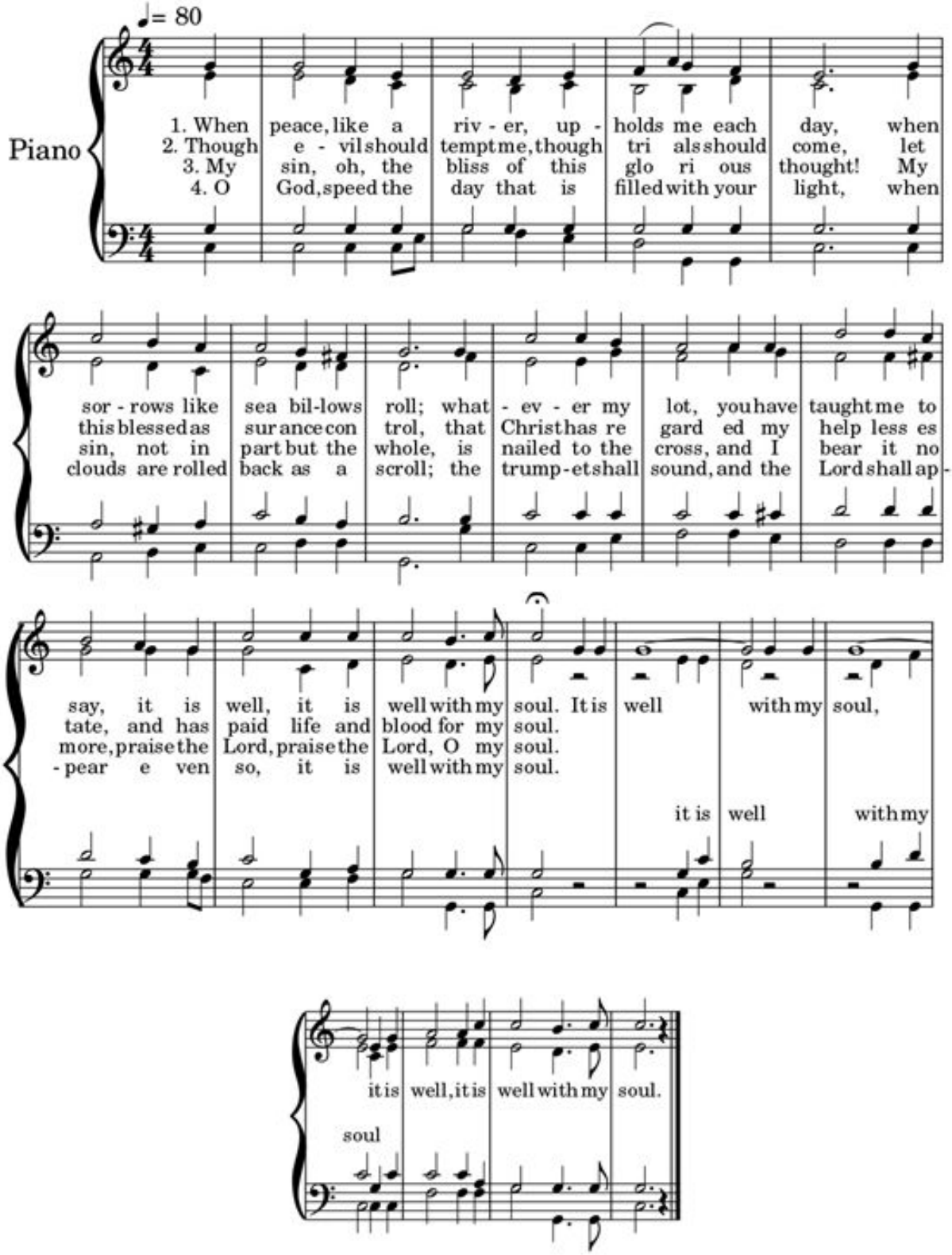
C: And in every season, Christ is King. Amen.

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It Is Well With My Soul SATB

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873 — Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM *The First Song of Isaiah* Jack Noble White

SENDING & BLESSING OF JOHN & CONNIE WOLFE

INTRODUCTION

FAREWELL TO LAY STAFF MEMBERS[1]

PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

P: Friends, as we give thanks for John and Connie's ministry among us, let us send them into this new season with our love and blessing.

C: John and Connie, we give thanks to God for you, for your faithfulness, your friendship, and the many ways you have shared your gifts with us. Though our journeys now take us to different places, we remain connected through the love of Christ. Go with our gratitude, our prayers, and our blessing. And know that wherever God leads you, you will always have a home among us.

P: And now receive this blessing...

BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL SENDING SONG** (see next page) *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

References

[1]The Farewell to Lay Staff Members is adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson, Speak It Plain: Words for Worship and Life Together, pp. 144–145. © 2020 Fortress Press.

Service Participants

Thank you to the worship choir for enhancing the service with their talents this morning.
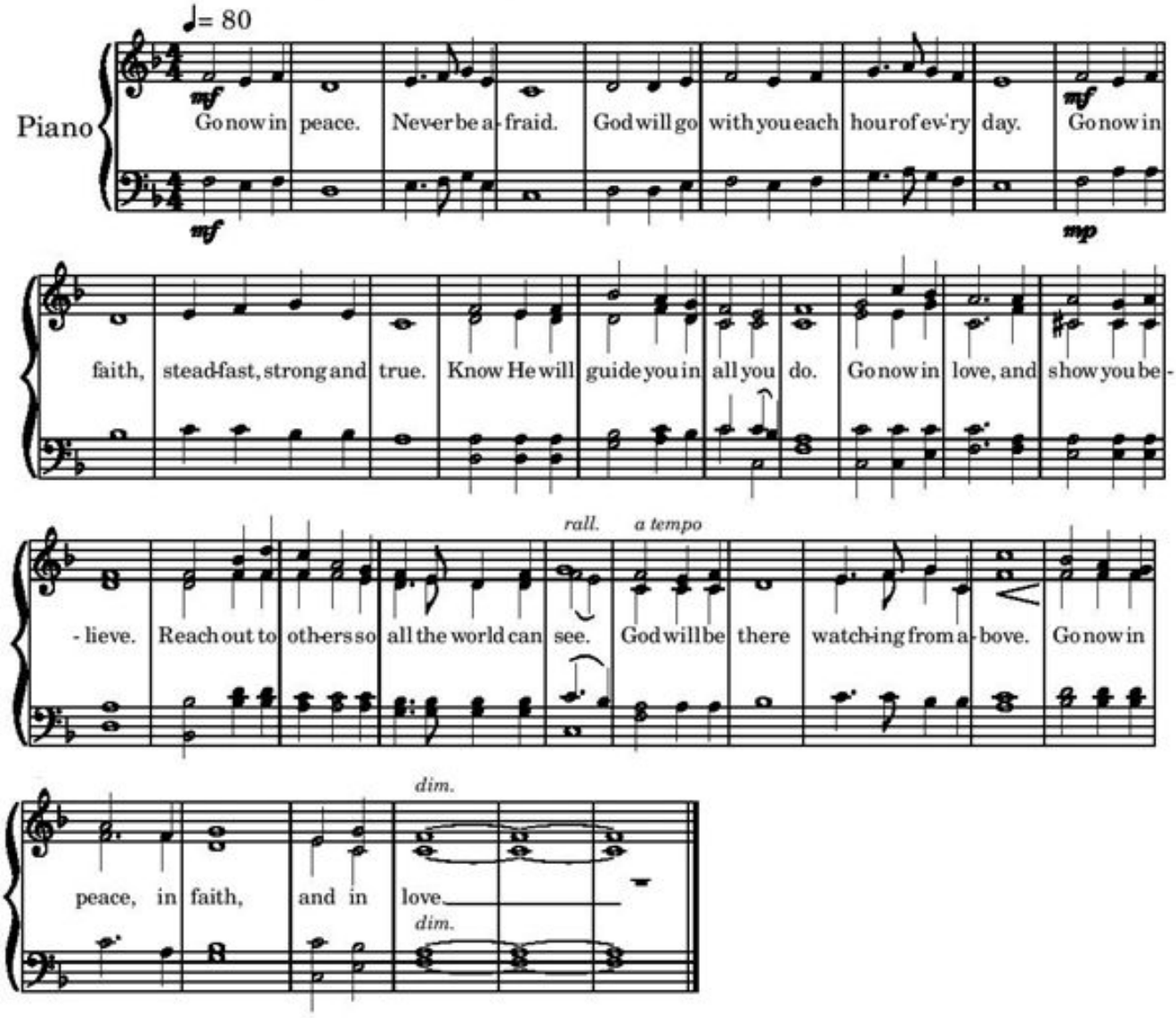
Welcome Team Members— Jennifer Damon, Nancy Sleeger
Liturgist— Brenda Beyer
Tech Team— Louis Allison, Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker

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Go Now in Peace

Don Besig & Nancy Price — Don Besig

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