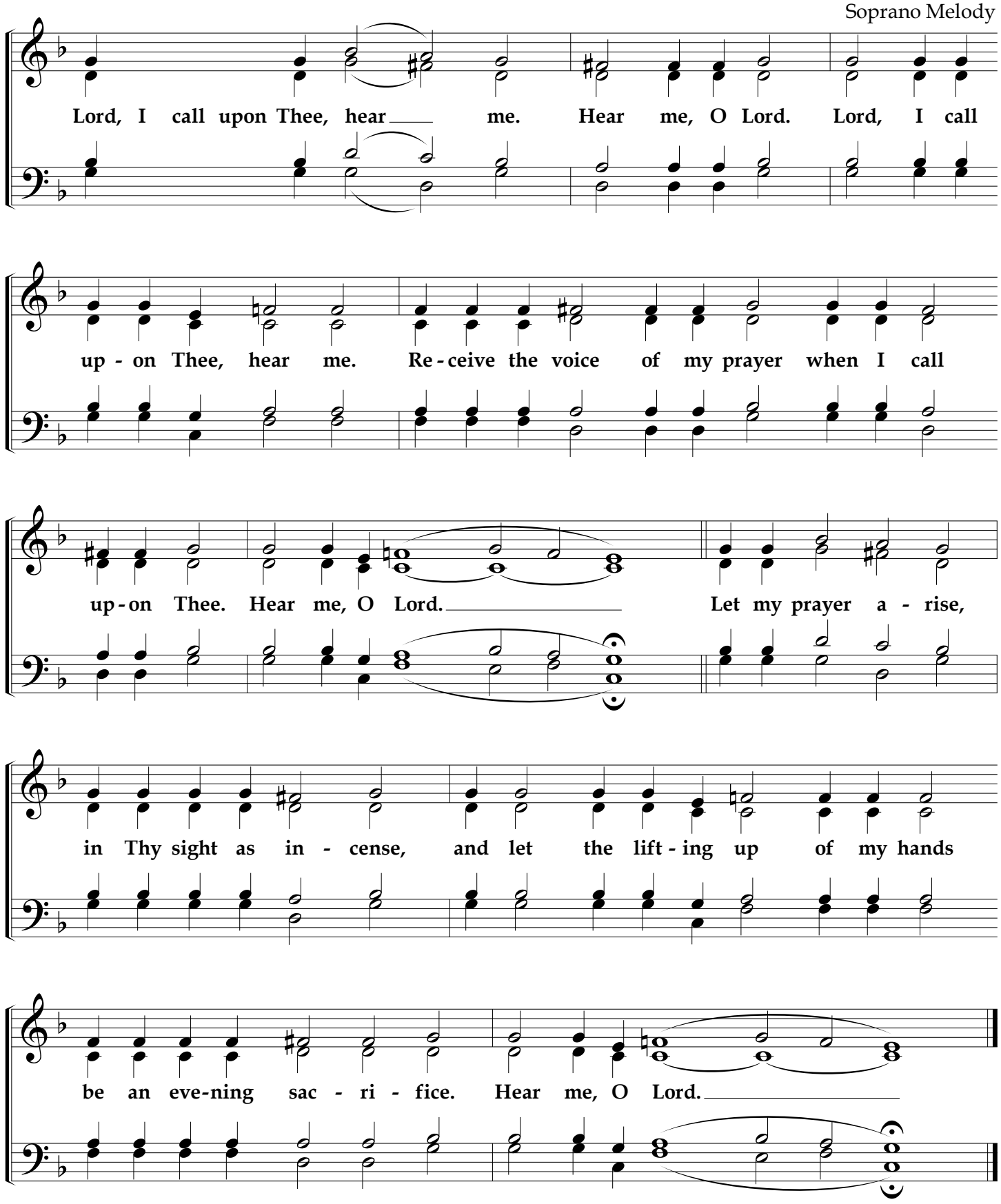
Lord, I Call

Holy Thursday Vesperal Liturgy

Obikhod, Tone 2

(Kiev Caves Chant, arr. Lvov-Bakhmetev)

Soprano Melody



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The hymns of 'Lord, I Call' are sung on the verses of Psalms 140, 141, 129, & 116 [141, 142, 130, & 117]:

The reader begins:

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth,
and keep the door of my lips.
Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
nor to practise wicked deeds with men that work iniquity;
and let me not join their chosen ones.
The righteous shall chasten me with mercy, and shall reprove me;
but let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head,
for yet shall my prayer be against their pleasures.
When their judges are swallowed up in stony places,
they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
As when a clod of earth is broken upon the ground,
so have their bones be strewn at the mouth of the grave.
But mine eyes are unto Thee, O Lord;
Lord, in Thee have I put my trust, take not my soul away.
Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
and from the stumbling blocks of them that work iniquity.
The sinners shall fall into their own net;
I am alone until I shall escape.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice,
with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
I will pour out my prayer before Him;
before Him will I declare my trouble.
When my spirit was fainting within me,
then Thou knewest my paths.
In the way wherein I walked
have they secretly laid a snare for me.
I looked on my right hand, and beheld,
and there was no man that would know me;
I had no place to flee unto,
and no man cared for my soul.
I cried unto Thee, O Lord, and said:
Thou art my hope, my portion in the land of the living.
Attend to my supplication,
for I am brought very low;
deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are stronger than I.

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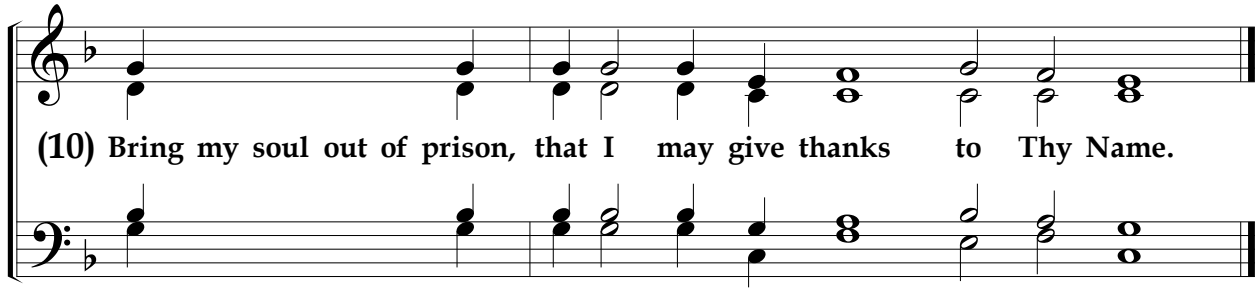
**The first half of the psalm verse is normally said by the reader/canonarch alone,
but in some traditions, where only the first and last stichera are sung,
the entire choir sings the whole verse.**



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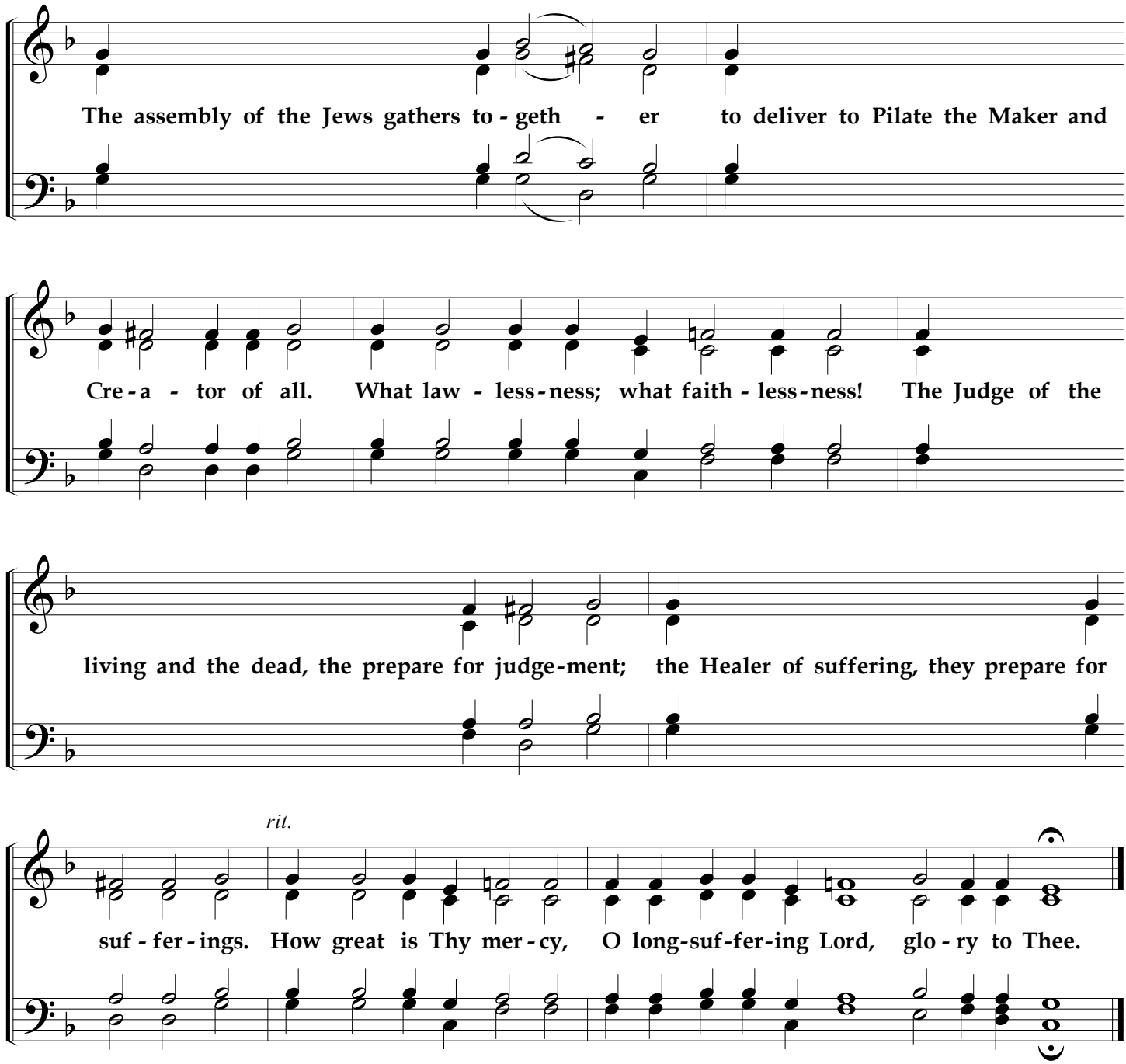
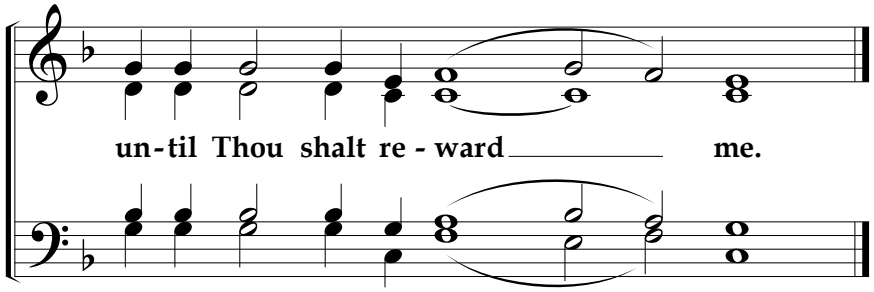
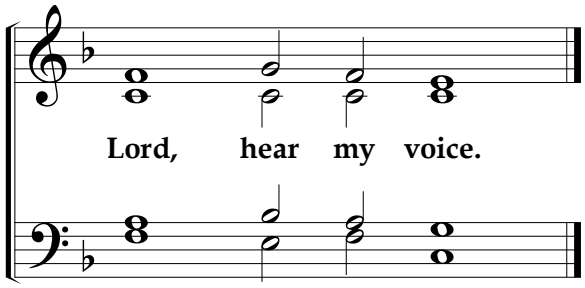


(9) The righteous shall wait patiently for me,



Repeat the previous sticheron: *"The assembly of the Jews…"*
[or omit, simply reading the above psalm verse]

(8) Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;



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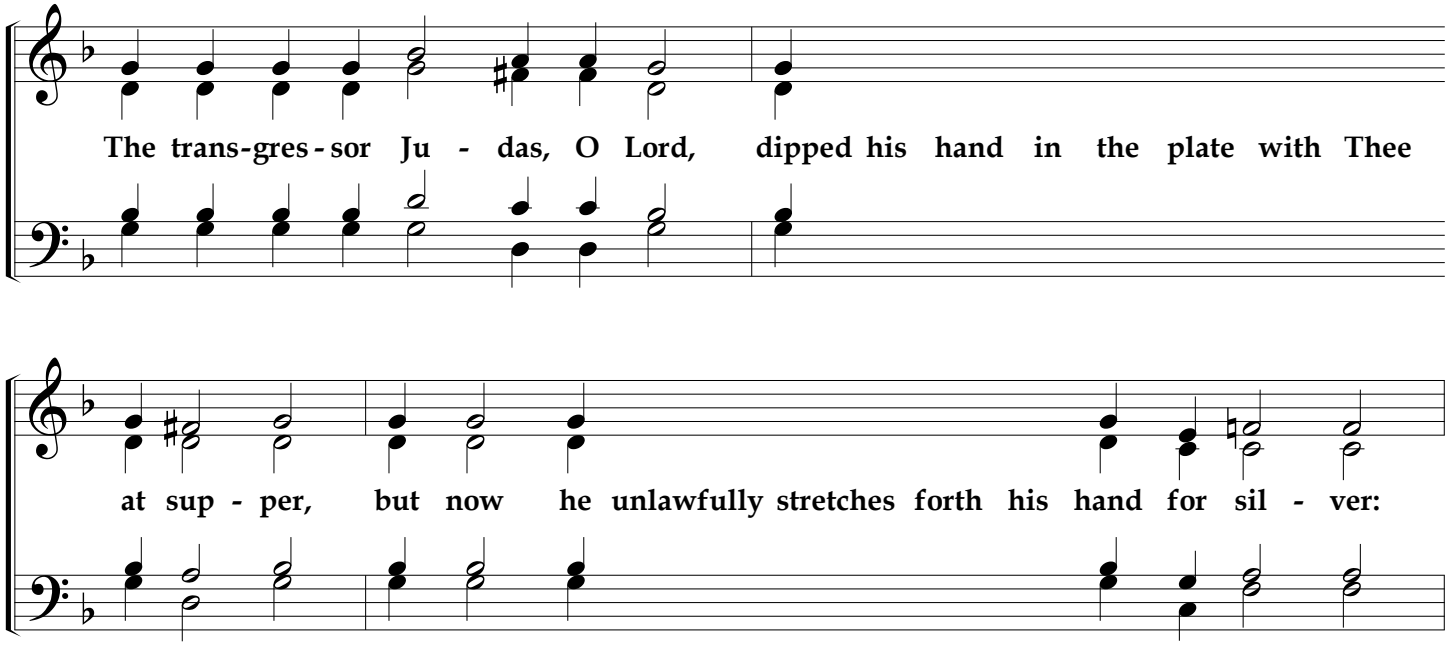
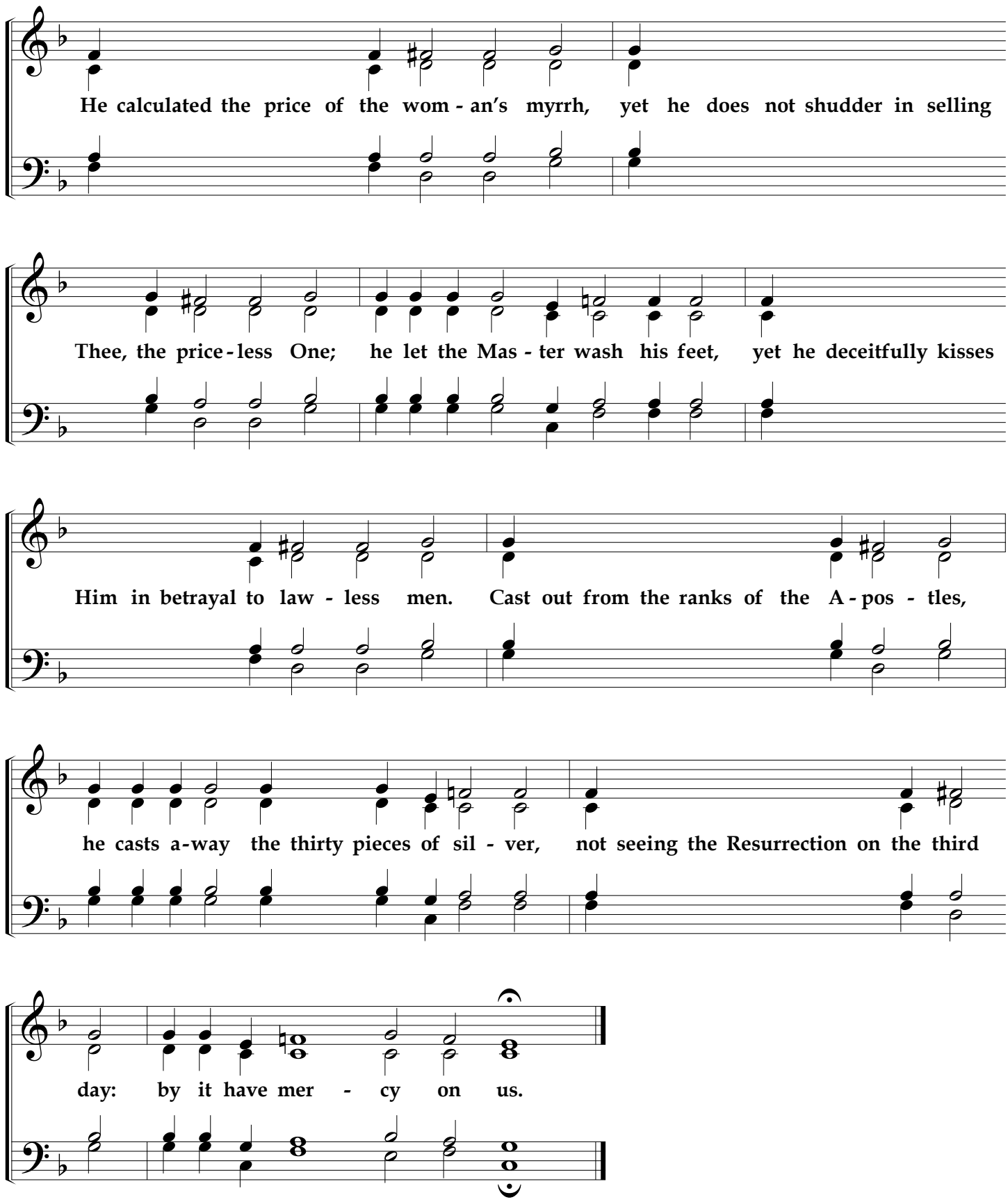
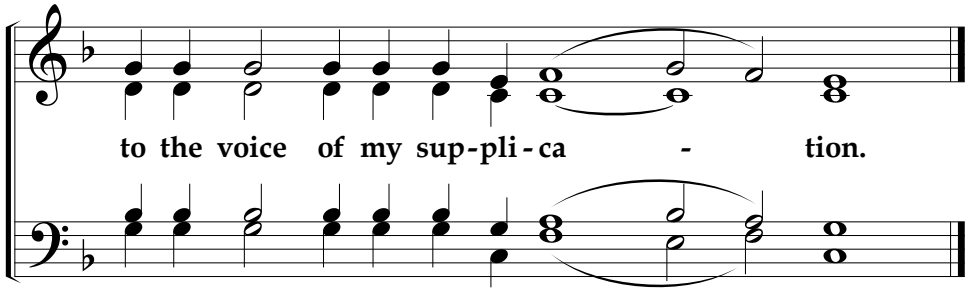


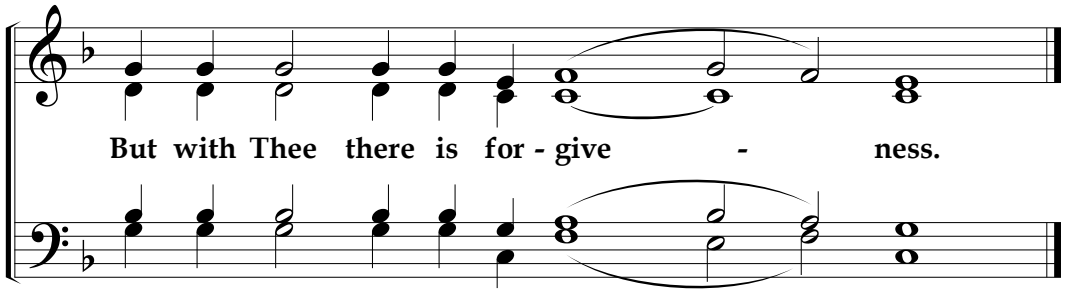

He calculated the price of the wom - an's myrrh, yet he does not shudder in selling
Thee, the price - less One; he let the Mas - ter wash his feet, yet he deceitfully kisses
Him in betrayal to law - less men. Cast out from the ranks of the A - pos - tles,
he casts a-way the thirty pieces of sil - ver, not seeing the Resurrection on the third
day: by it have mer - cy on us.

(7) Let Thine ears be attentive,



Repeat the previous sticheron: *"The transgressor Judas, O Lord…"*
[or omit, simply reading the above psalm verse]

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?



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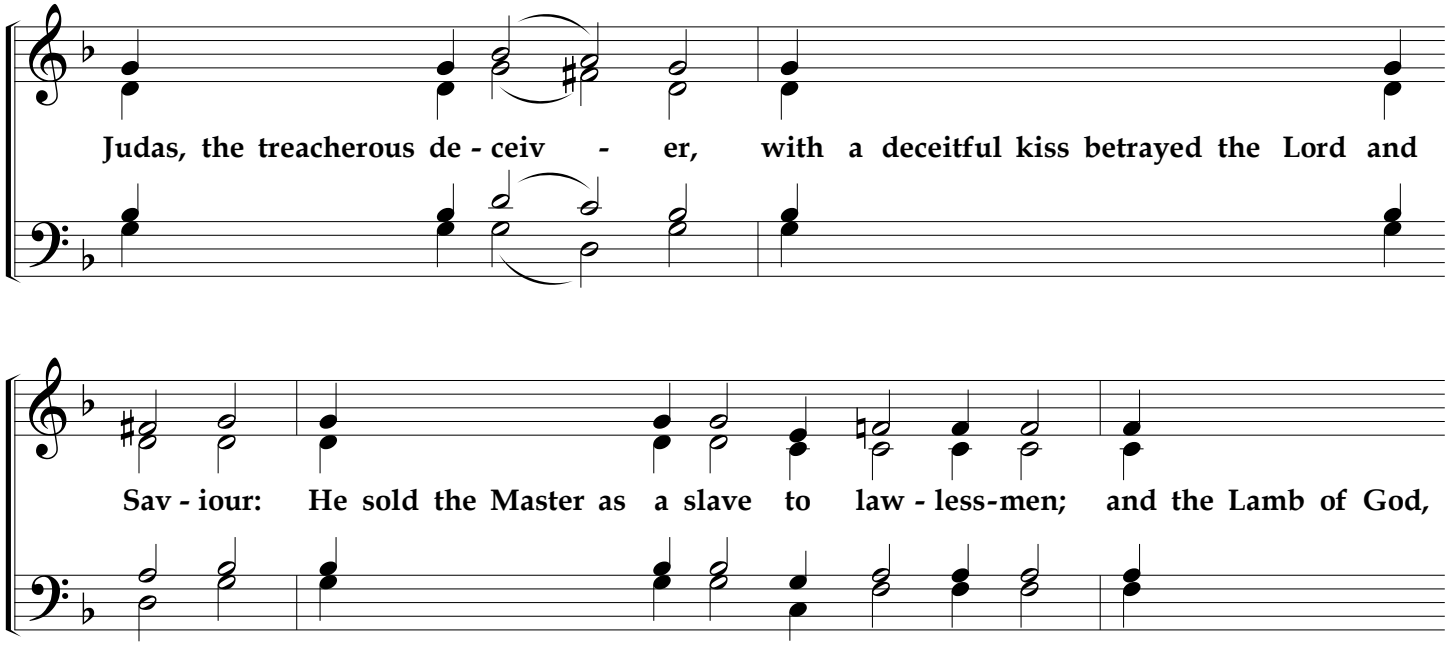
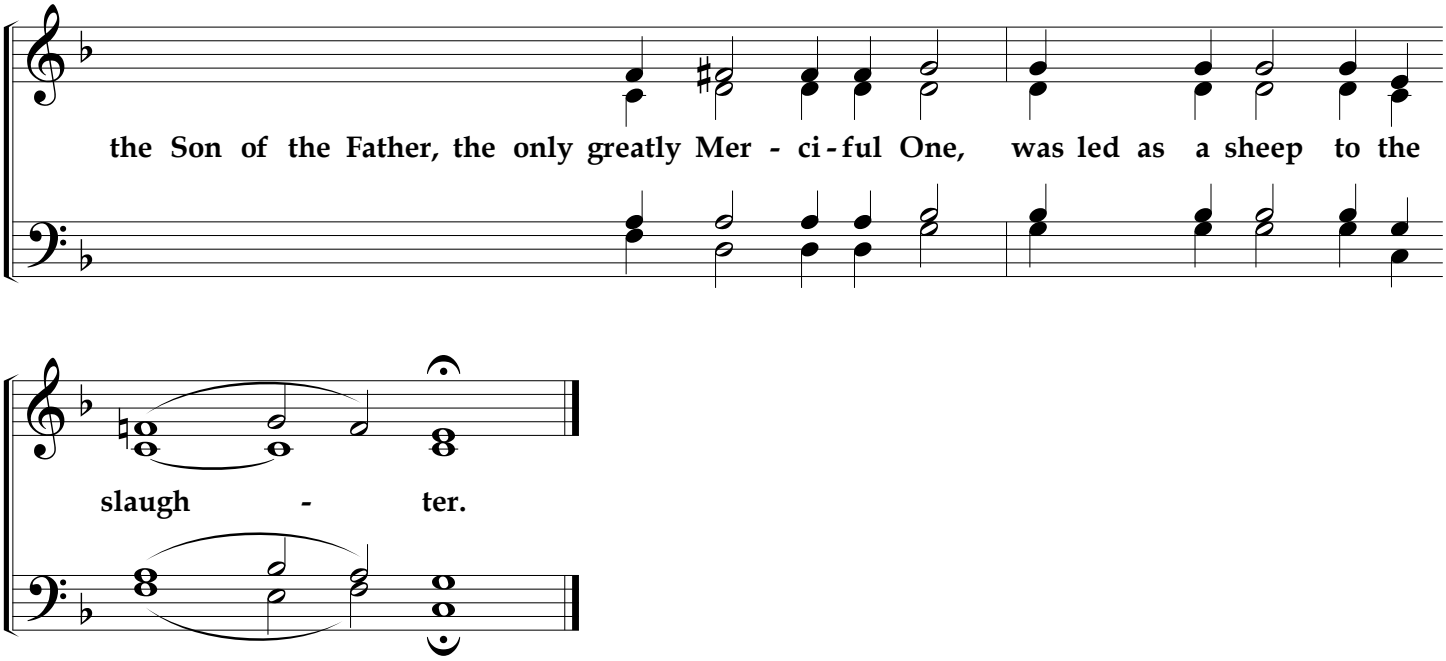
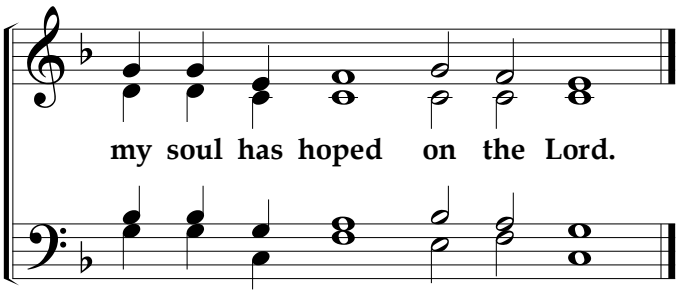


the Son of the Father,…

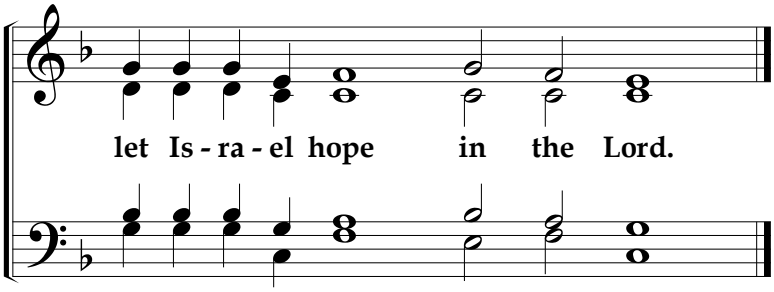


(5) For Thy Names' sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul has waited for Thy word,



Repeat the previous sticheron: *"Judas, the trecherous deceiver…"*
[or omit, simply reading the above psalm verse]

(4) From the morning watch until night,
from the morning watch;



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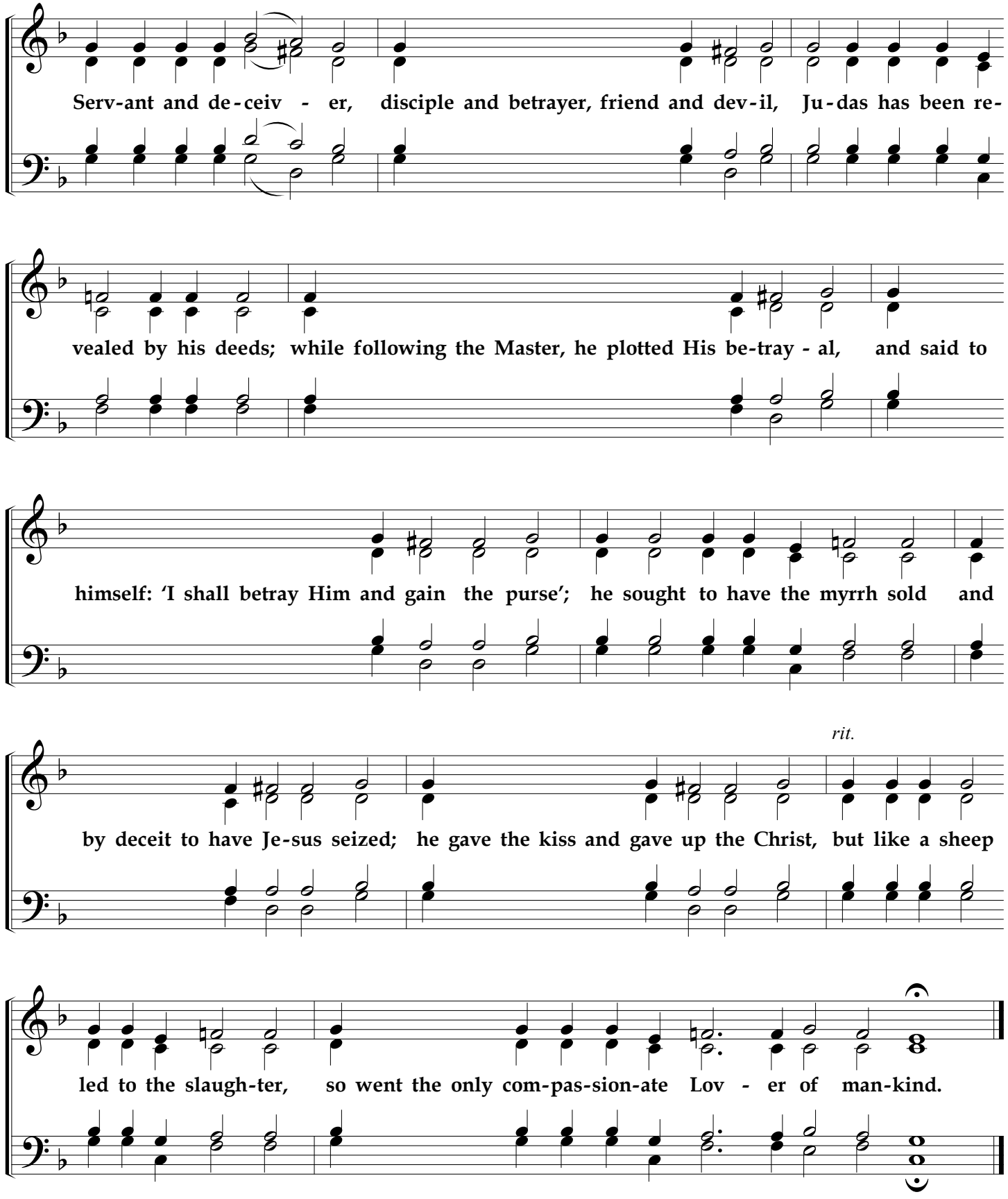
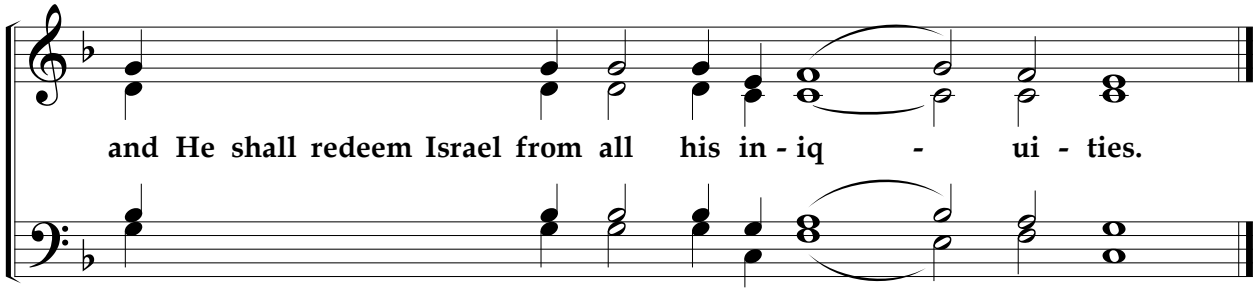

Serv-ant and de-ceiv - er, disciple and betrayer, friend and dev-il, Ju-das has been re-
vealed by his deeds; while following the Master, he plotted His be-tray - al, and said to
himself: 'I shall betray Him and gain the purse'; he sought to have the myrrh sold and
rit.
by deceit to have Je-sus seized; he gave the kiss and gave up the Christ, but like a sheep
led to the slaugh-ter, so went the only com-pas-sion-ate Lov - er of man-kind.

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy,
and with Him is plenteous redemption;



Repeat the previous sticheron: *"Servant and deceiver…"*
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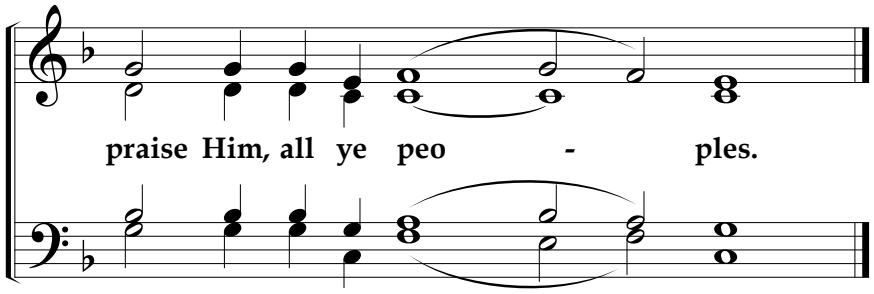
(2) O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



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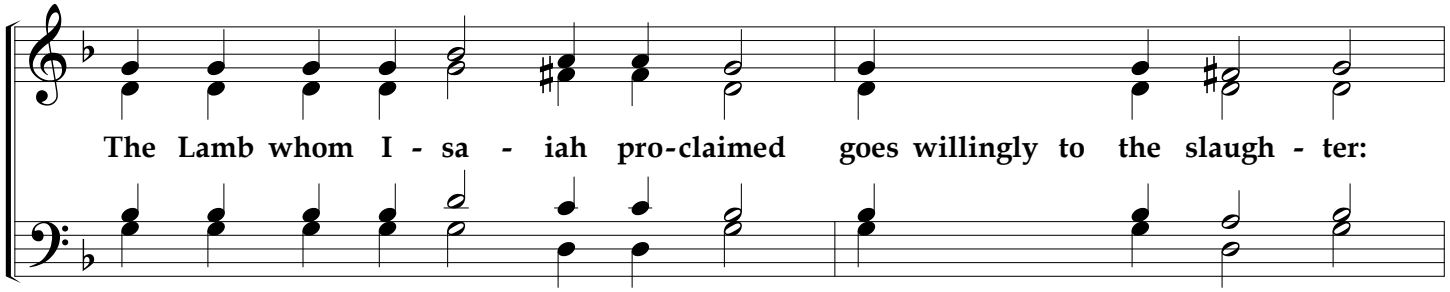
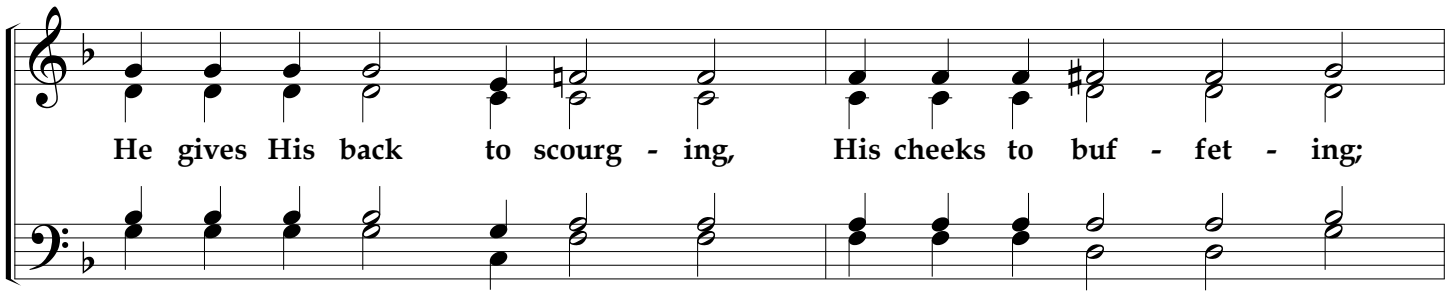
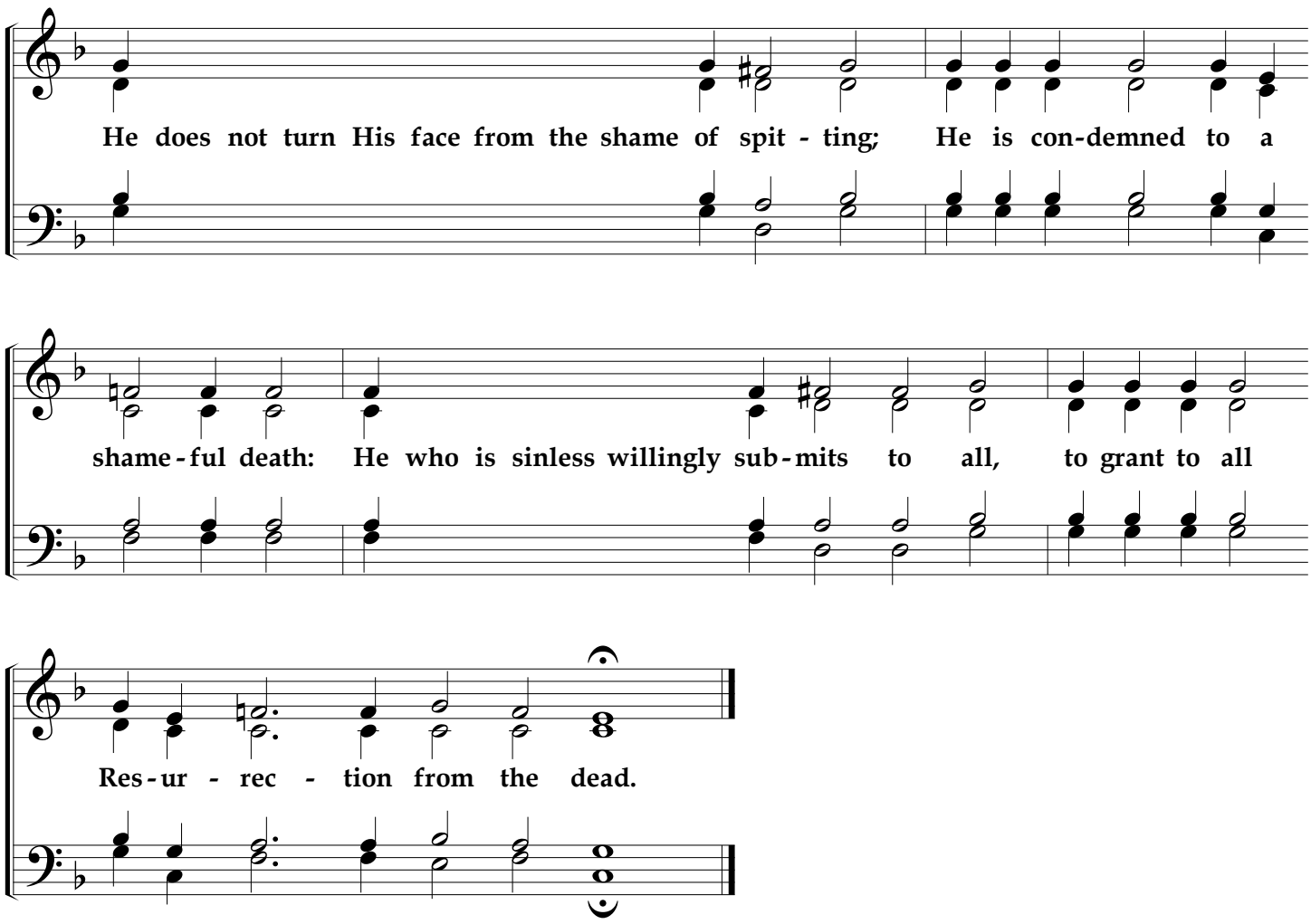
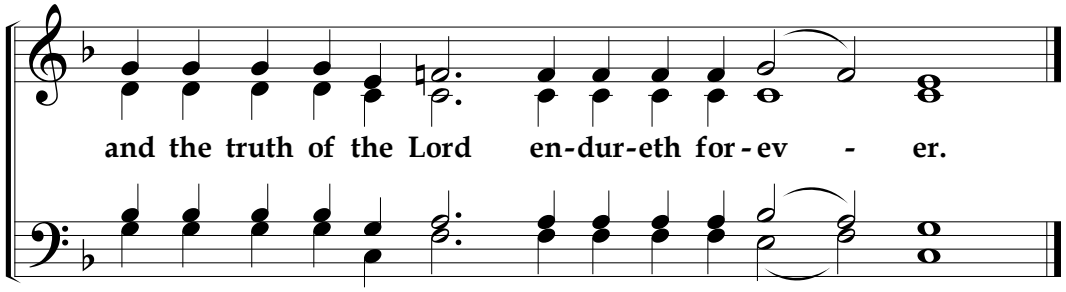






(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us;



Repeat the previous sticheron: *"The Lamb whom Isaiah proclaimed…"*
[or omit, simply reading the above psalm verse]

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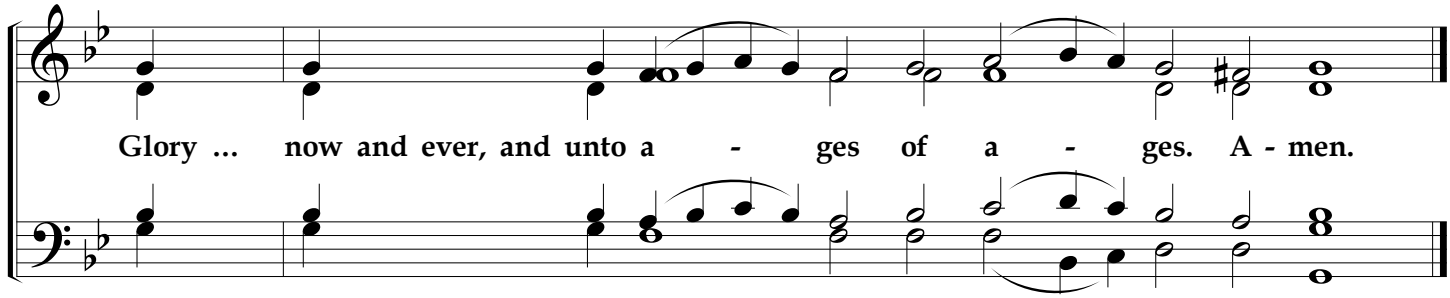
Abbr. Kievan Chant, Tone 6
(Soprano Melody)

Glory; Now and ever; in the Sixth Tone:



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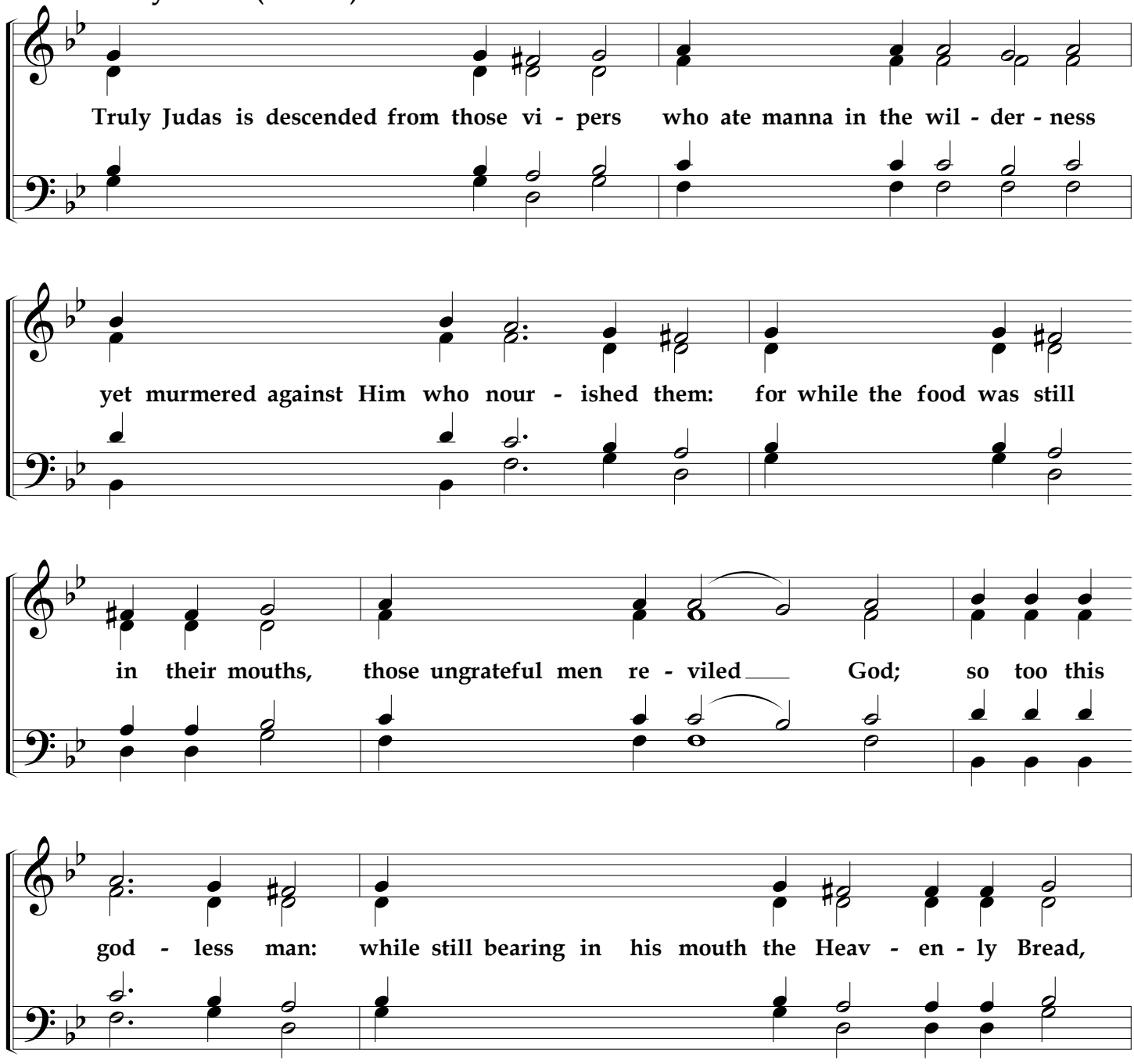

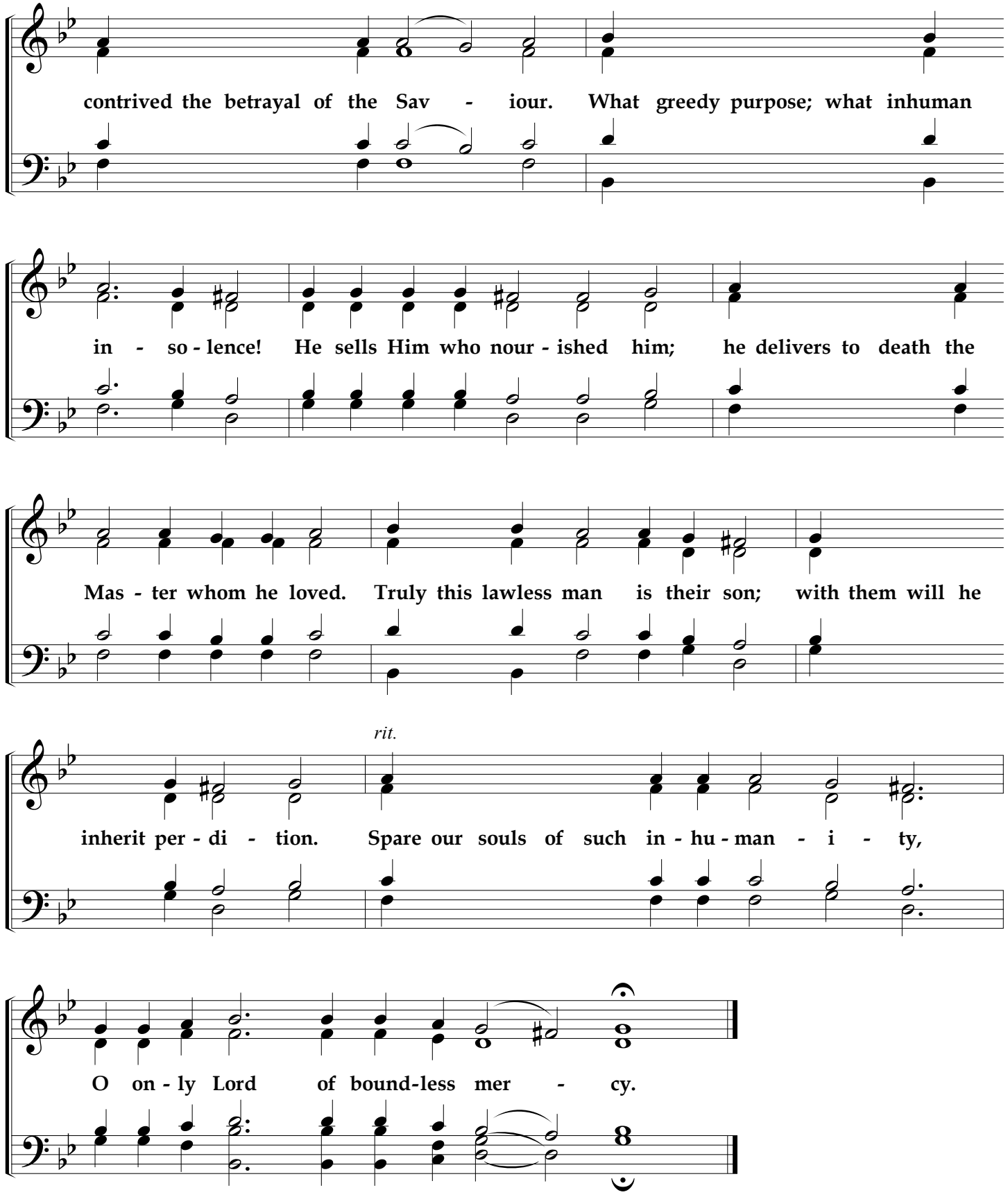
contrived the betrayal of the Sav - iour. What greedy purpose; what inhuman
in - so - lence! He sells Him who nour - ished him; he delivers to death the
Mas - ter whom he loved. Truly this lawless man is their son; with them will he
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inherit per - di - tion. Spare our souls of such in - hu - man - i - ty,
O on - ly Lord of bound-less mer - cy.