Brigham Young University — Idaho
Department of Music presents the

Twenty-First Annual

Hymn Festival

March 3, 2026 • 7:30 P.M. Ruth H. Barrus Concert Hall

University Choir

Rebecca Harrell, director

Redeemer of Israel
Text: William W. Phelps (1792-1872)
Music: Freeman Lewis (1780-1959)
Arrangement: Mack Wilburg
Fulton Allred and James Montague, *organ*

The Lord is My Shepherd
Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Music: German Folk Melody
Arrangement: Mack Wilburg
Erik Baker, *organ*

Marina Johnson and Angela York, *narrators*

Contributors

Jacob Aird
Shelley Arnold
Holly Boyd
Sydney Chamberlin
Patrick Casaday
Lewis Garner
Terry Gorton
Will Griffis
Spencer Hinton
Jeffrey Hoopes
Talan Jenkins
Justin Nielson
Melinda Nielson
Janessa Orgill
Jon Somoza
Ryan Terry
Brendon Wheeler
Michael Young

Organists

Fulton Allred
Erik Baker
David Djambov
Claire Gurrola
Daniel Kerr
Weldon Layton
Anders Lofgran
James Montague
James Terry

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
Colossians 3:16

Welcome to this evening's Hymn Festival! Hymns are the sacred music of the people of the Church. Hymns teach doctrine, invite the Spirit, comfort the soul, and unify the congregation. Because they are sung by the entire body of worshippers, they are most often led by the organ, whose tone is able to fill the room and support many hundred voices singing together. The hymns that you will be singing tonight are the result of creative efforts by poets and composers. Hymn texts were solicited last fall, and those selected from many entries were forwarded to BYU-Idaho composition students and faculty who set these texts to music. The final results are in this program tonight. We look forward to hearing them for the first time as we sing these hymns together.

We welcome submissions of *original hymn texts* for next year's nineteenth annual festival. The criteria for entries is as follows:

Hymn texts must be on doctrinal themes and in a common poetic meter that facilitates setting them to strophic music (this is what allows many verses of a hymn to be sung to the same tune). See page 405 in the LDS hymnal for information about the meter of hymn texts. Selected texts will be forwarded to composition students who will create a tune and a harmonization for the text. It is also possible to submit additional original verses to public domain texts that already exist in the hymnal. If desired, the new submitted hymn text can also be sung to an existing LDS hymn tune that is in the public domain.

Please note that due to the volume of entries, not all submitted texts can be used in the Festival. We also reserve the right to make minor editorial emendations to submitted material to facilitate the flow of text with music. The poets and composers whose work is selected for the festival retain the copyright for their creations.

Any submissions to be considered for next year's festival are due no later than Friday, October 16, 2026. Please include the following with your submission: your name, address, e-mail address, phone number, and two scriptural references that support the text (such as are provided for each hymn in the LDS hymnal).

Submissions can be sent to:

BYU-Idaho Hymn Festival
Music Department
525 South Center Street
Rexburg, ID 83460-1210

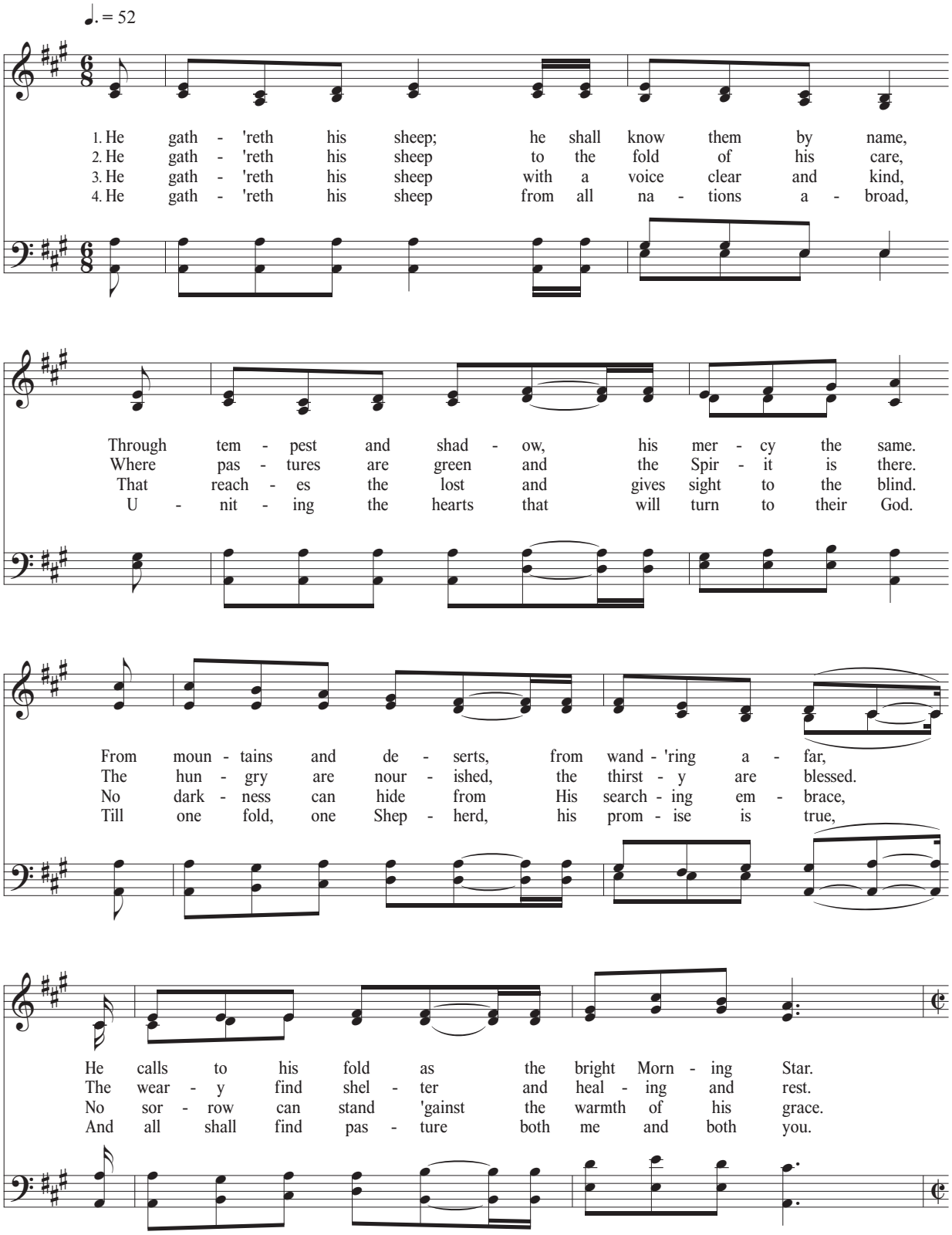
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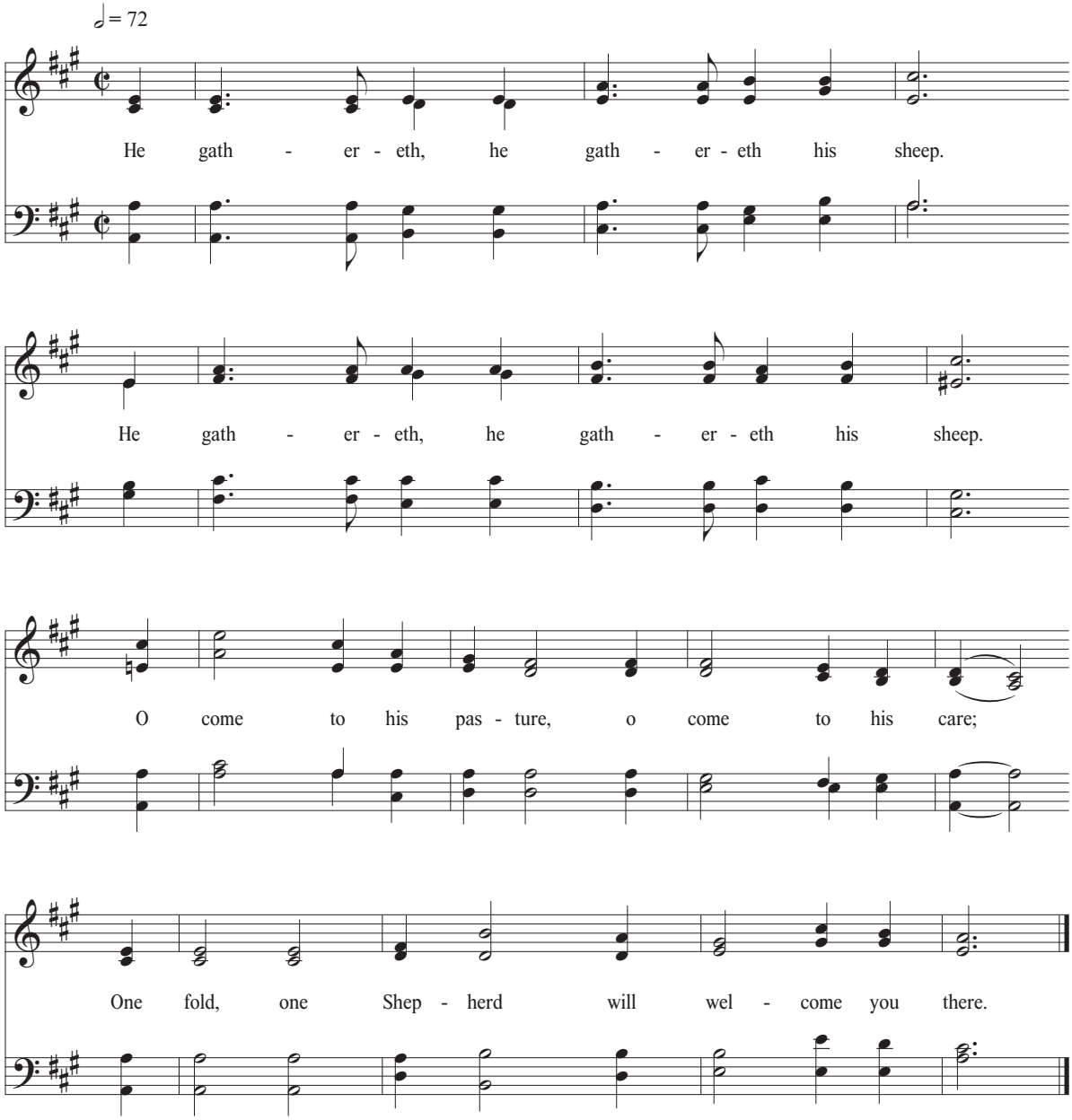
Thank you for joining us this evening!

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He Gathereth His Sheep

John 10:14-16 | 1 Nephi 22:25
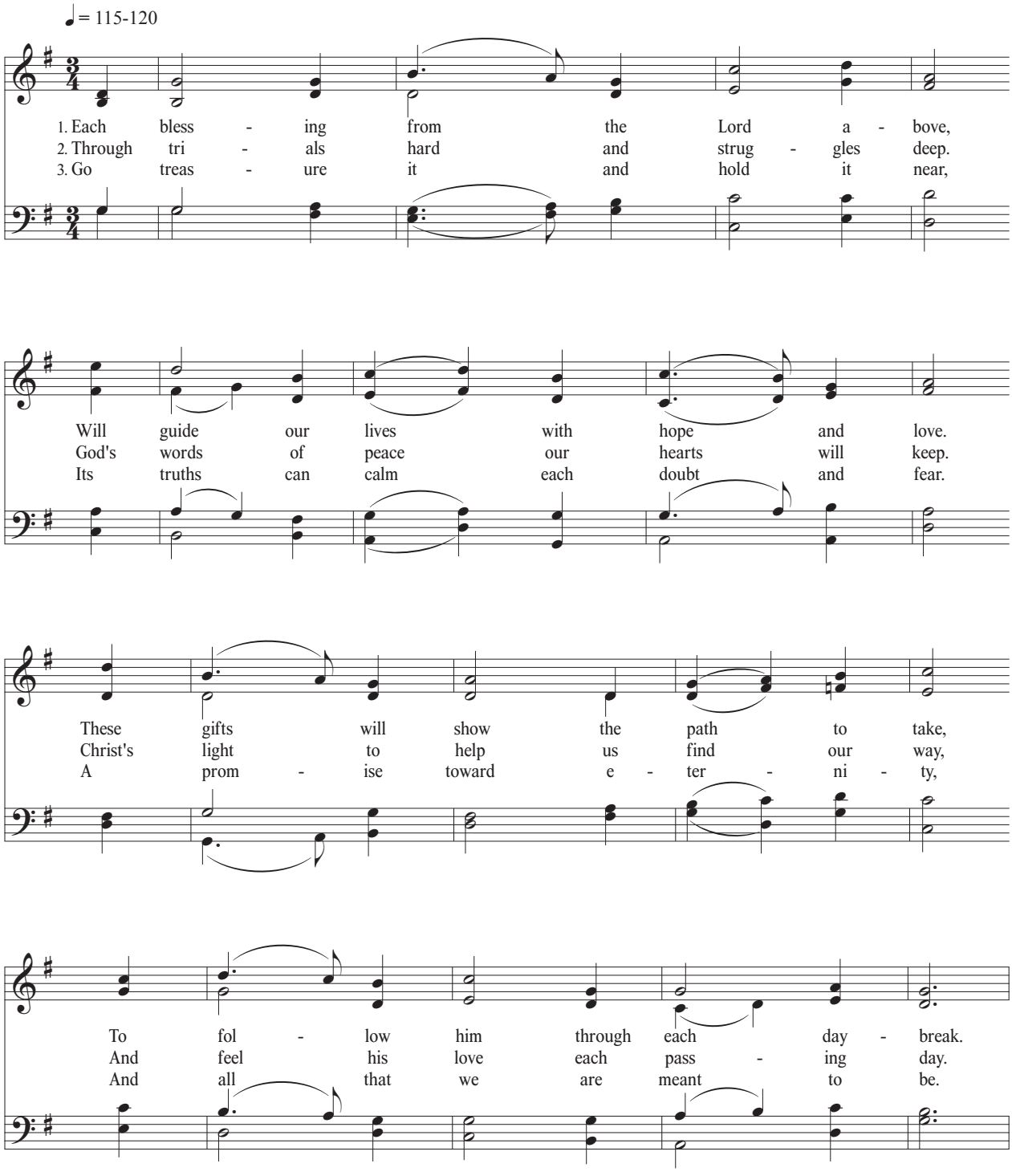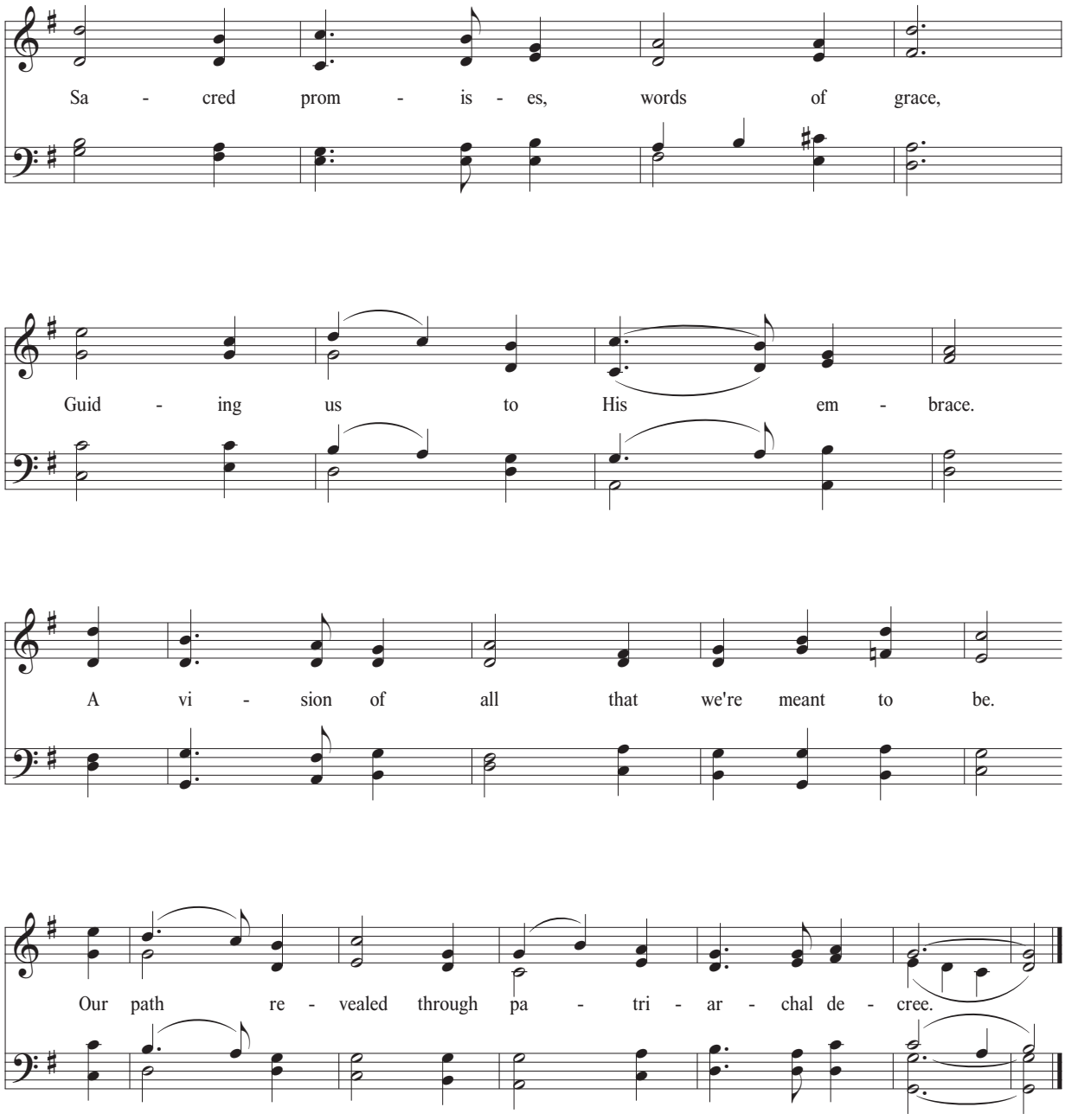




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The Patriarchal Blessing

John 14:27 | 2 Nephi 32:3
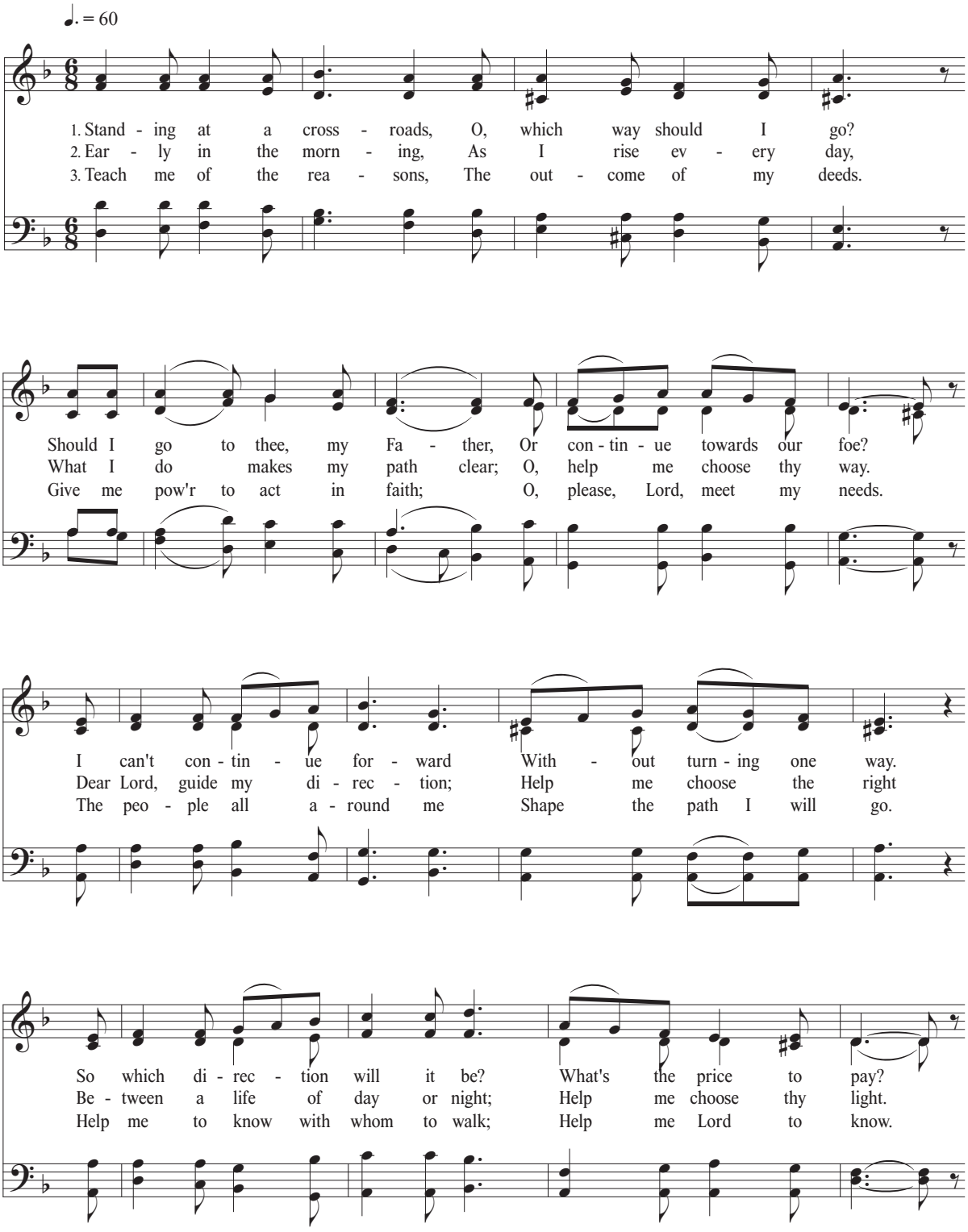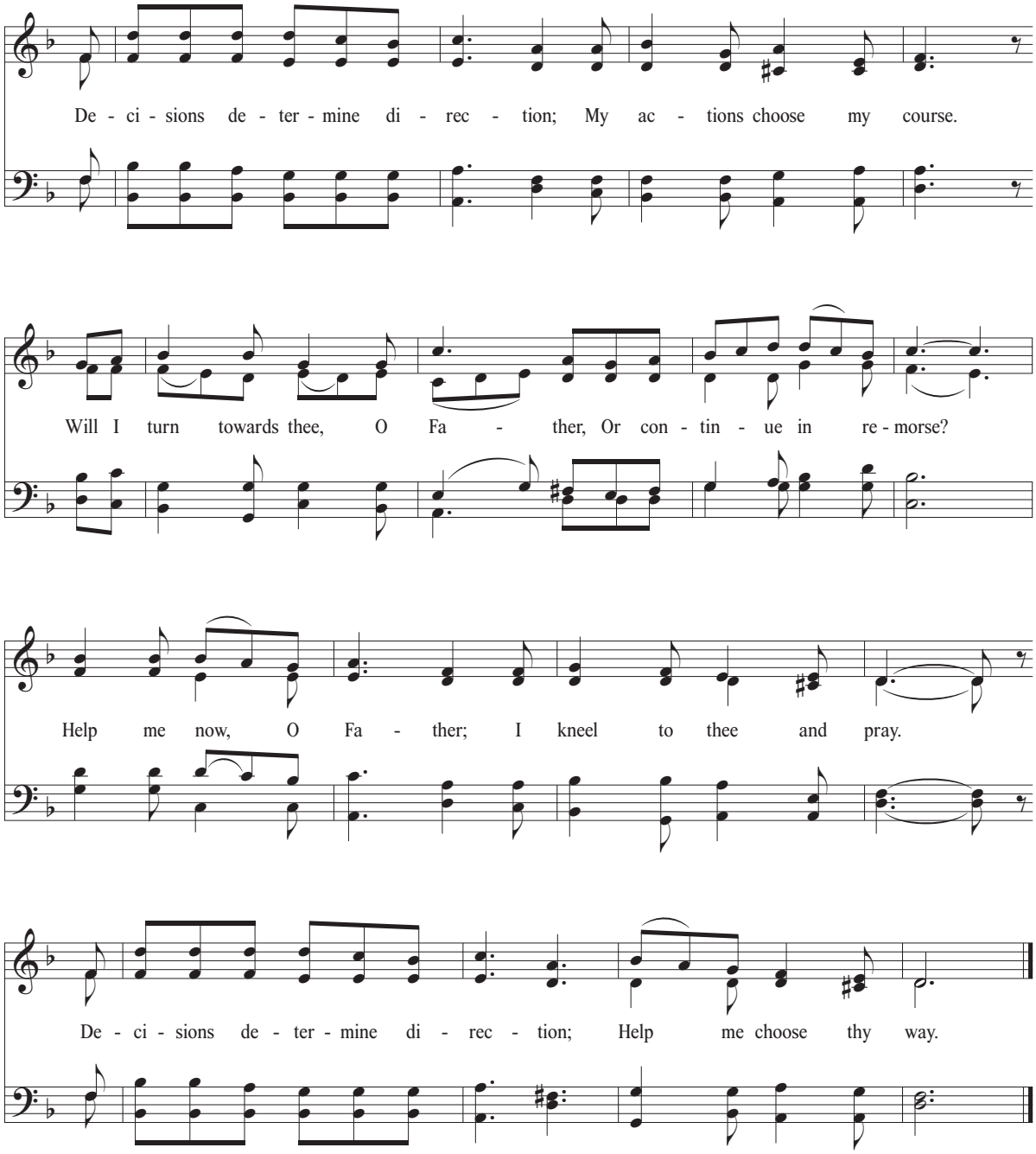




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Morning Prayer

2 Nephi 2:27 | Alma 37:37
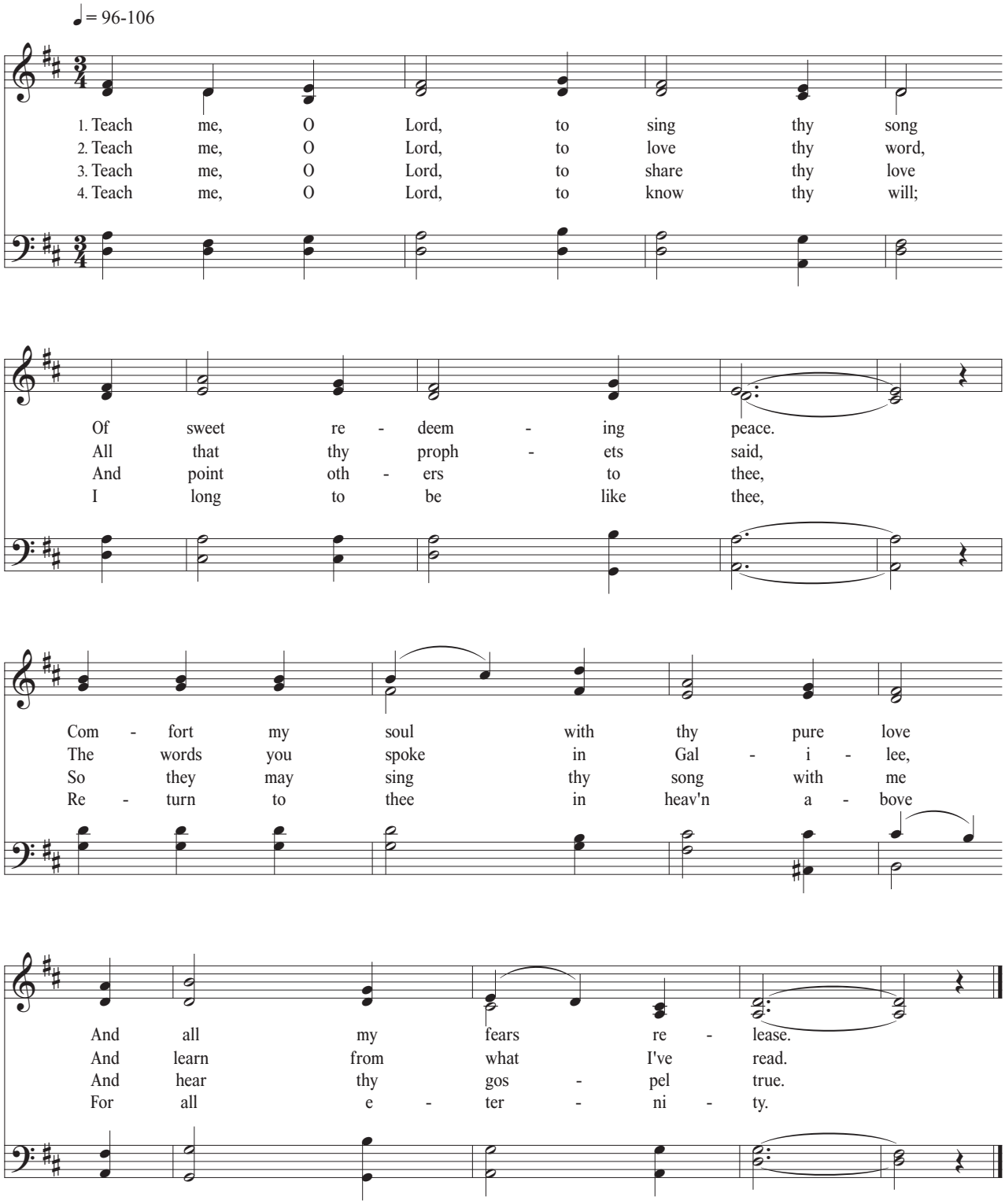




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Music: Spencer Hinton © 2026

Teach Me, O Lord
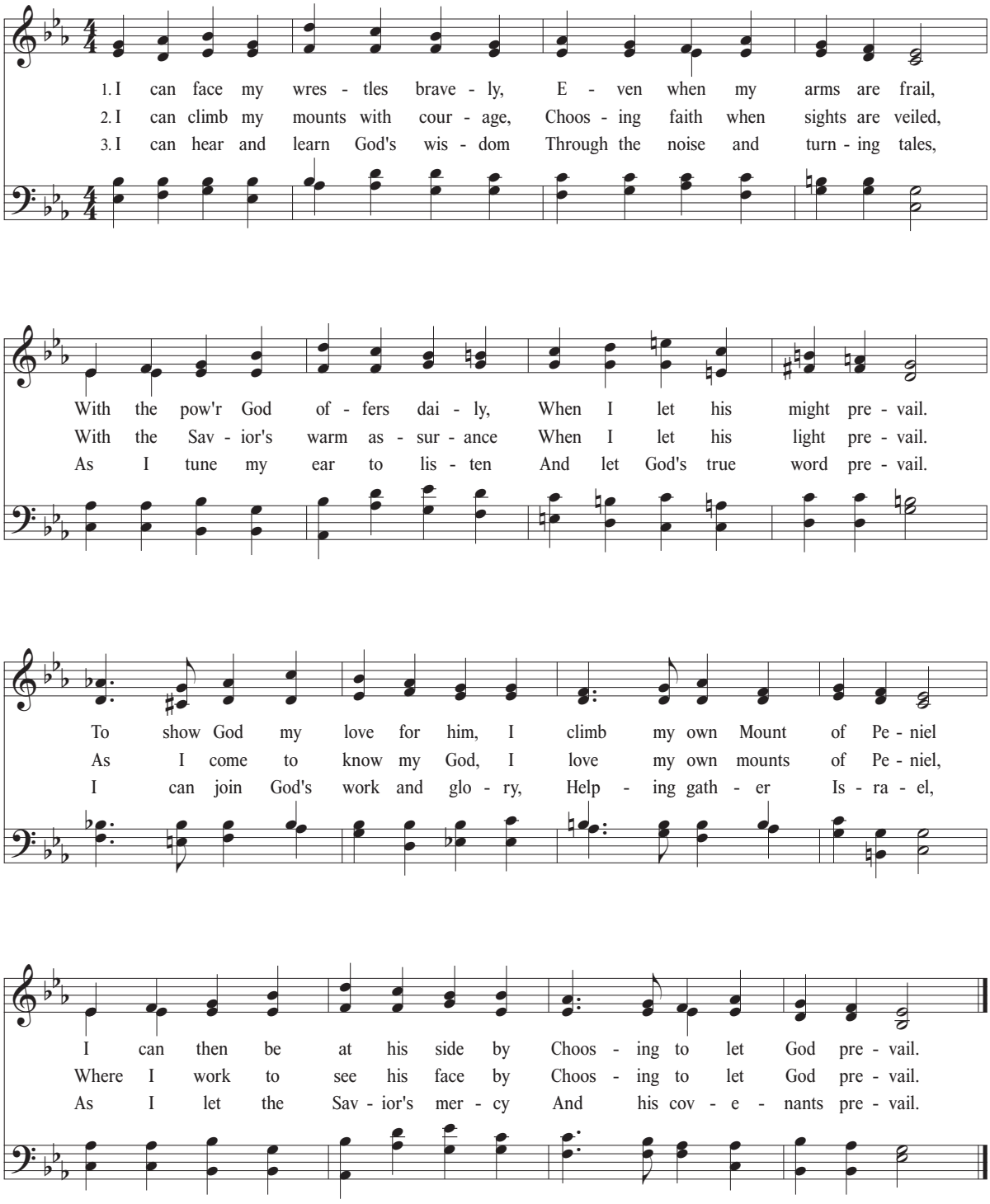
Psalm 25:4-5 | Psalm 86:11-12



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Music: Talan Jenkins © 2026

Let God Prevail
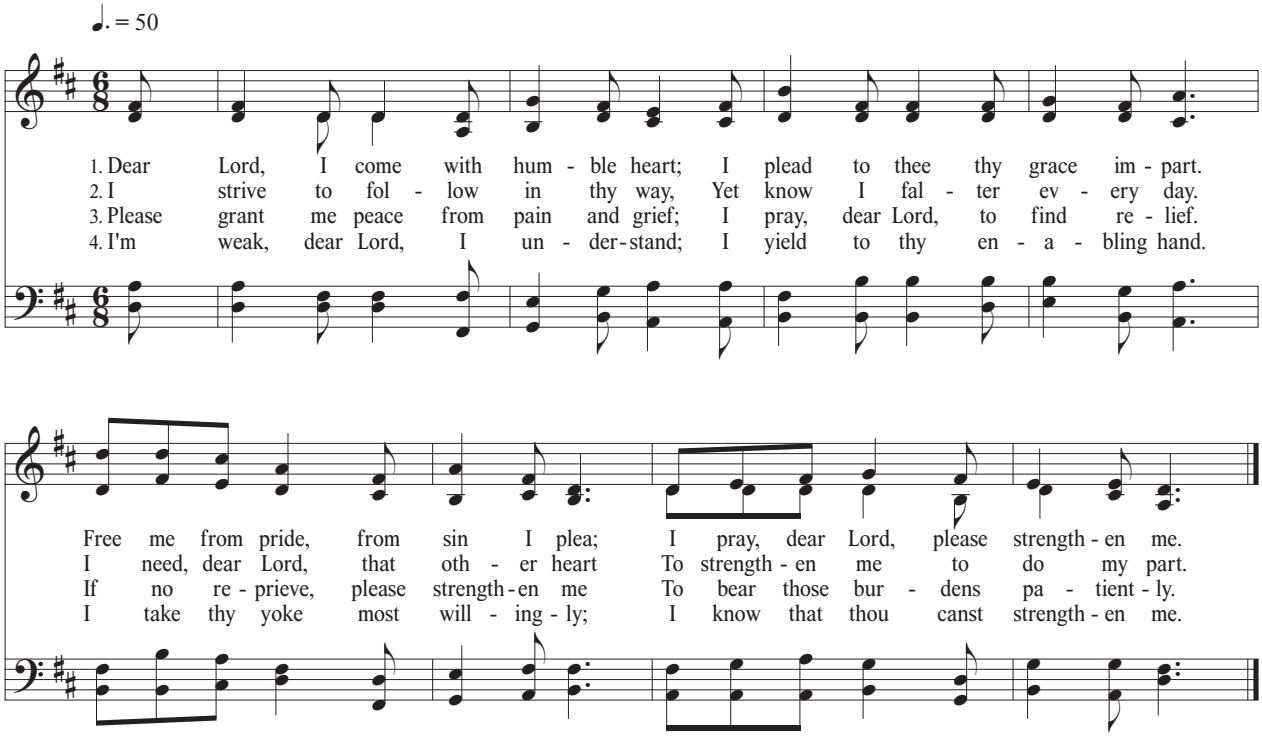
Genesis 32:24-30



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Music: Brendon Wheeler © 2026

I Pray, Dear Lord, Please Strengthen Me
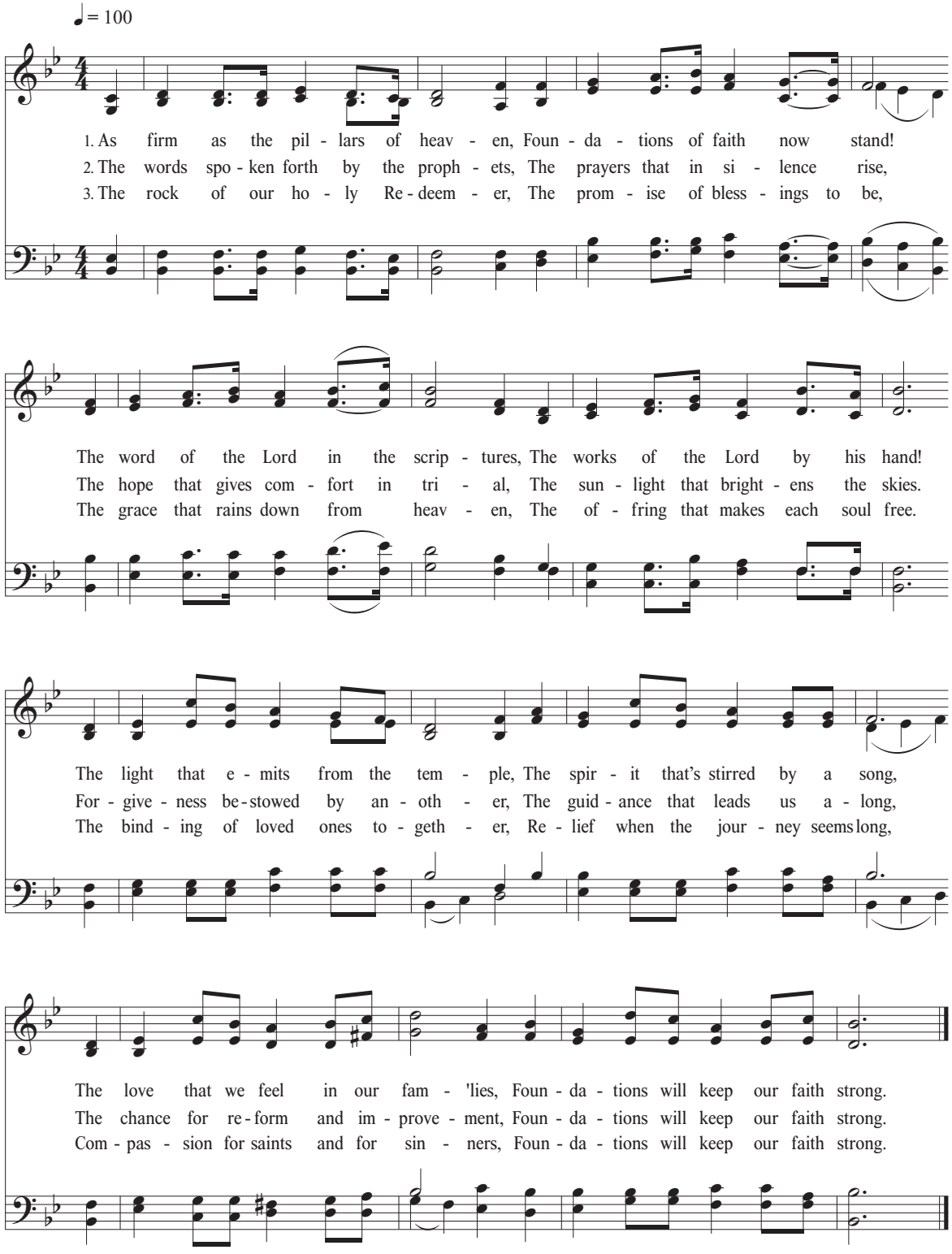
1 Peter 5:10 | Mosiah 24:15



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Foundations of Faith
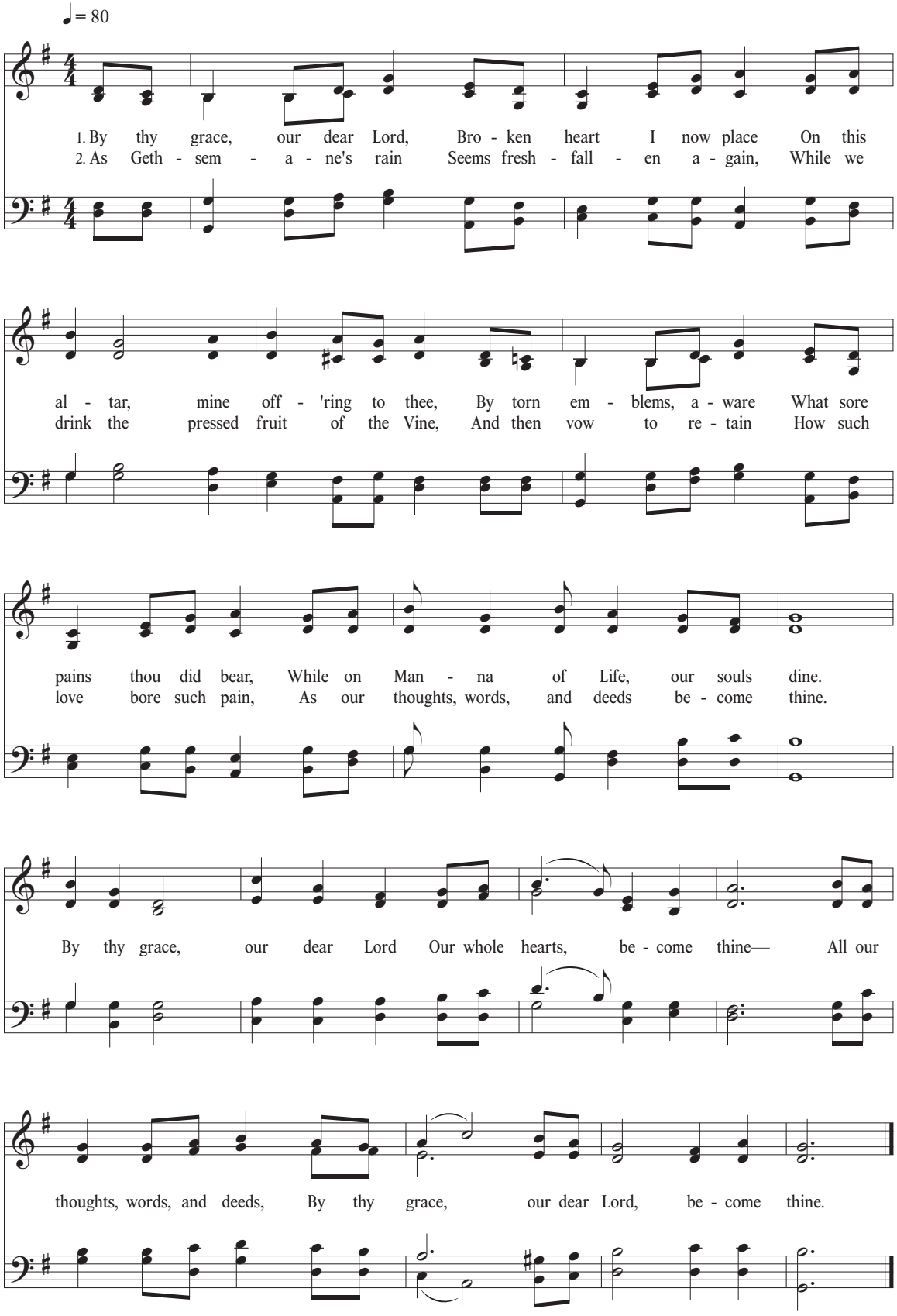
Helaman 5:12



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A Broken Heart
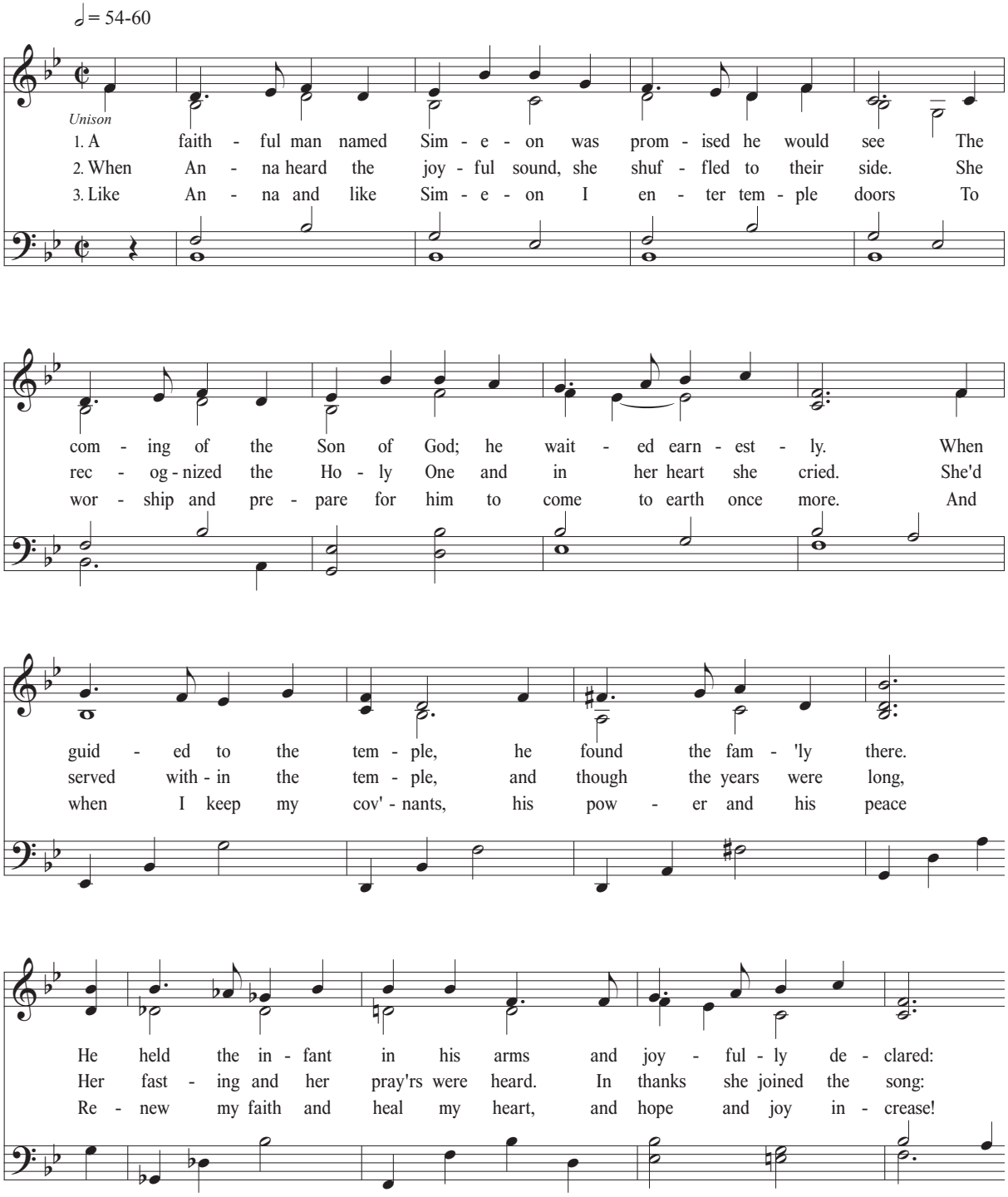
John 6:48-51 | 3 Nephi 9:20
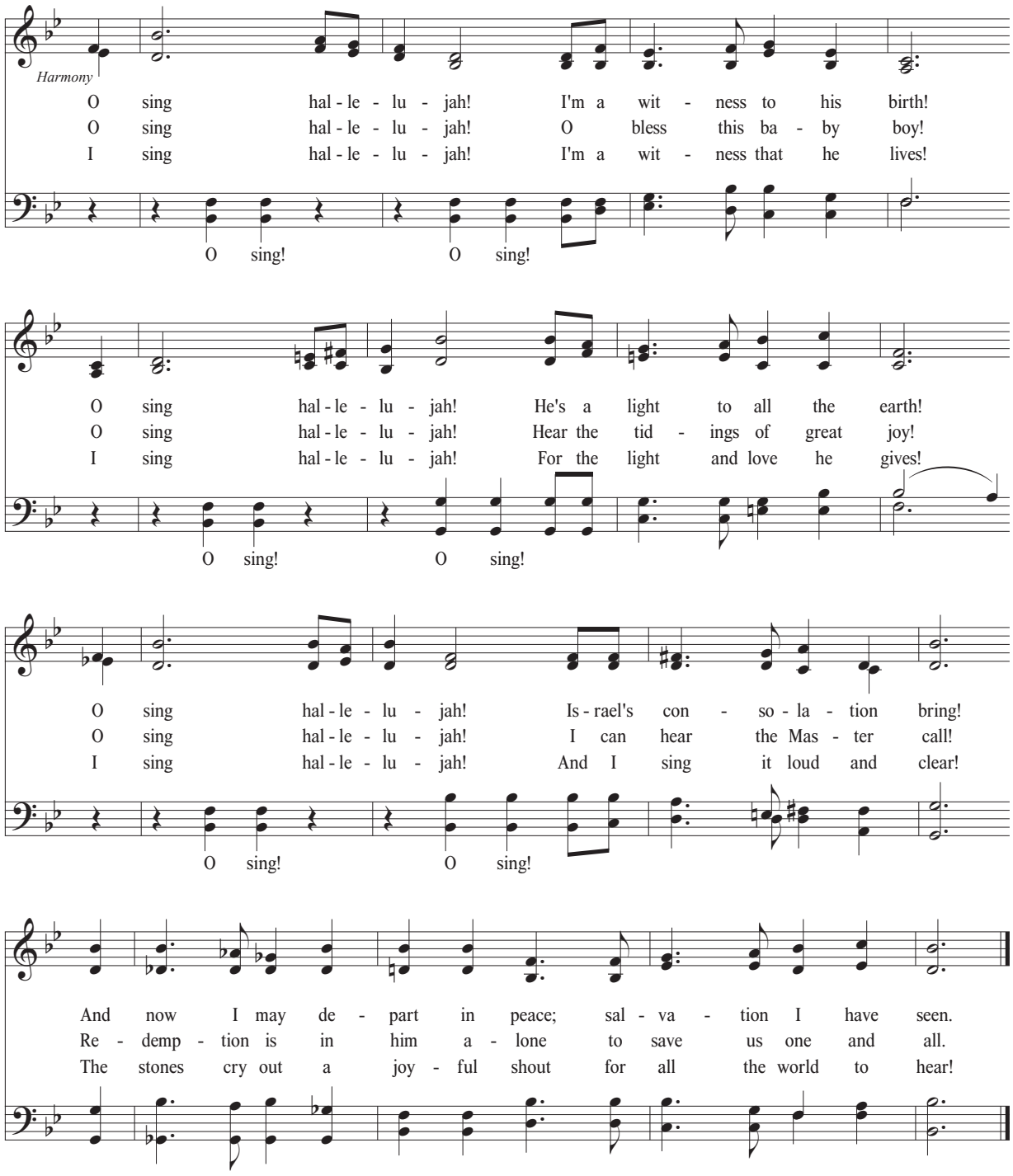


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Finding Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:25-38 | Luke 19:37-40





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