The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Allegro, Op.3 Hélène Riese-Liebmann

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Words of Welcome

Prelude: Andante, Op. 3 Hélène Riese-Liebmann

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.**
L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
L: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.
C: Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams – including the Missouri, Sun and Roe – bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.
L: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
C: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.
L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.
C: Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW #759

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
   Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
   As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
   Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
   Blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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L: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Glory to God ELW p. 204

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
   Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
   We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
   Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
   Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
   On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
   Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
   Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
   Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
   For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

L: Let us all pray: **C: Lord of all, in Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Enable us to appreciate the uniqueness of each person so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.**

WORD

Gospel Acclamation: ELW p. 205
Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Luke 2:29-32 **Glory to you, O Lord.**
L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

2nd Reading: Acts 15:1-18
L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Sermon Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation ELW #654

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
   She is his new creation by water and the word.
   From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
   With his own blood he brought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
   Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
   One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
   And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,

By schisms… rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed. ELW p.104

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, God from God, 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into 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 and the Son, 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 acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People
P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (petitions end: "Hear us, O God… **Your mercy is great.")**

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated, and can be made on-line by tapping the easy-to-use GIVE button in our New Hope app, available for your smart phone here: https://tithely.app.link/new-hope-lutheran-church, by using the automatic bill paying service offered by your bank, or by sending a check to New Hope via US mail (3125 5th Ave S. GF, 59405). As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory: Andante, Op. 11 Hélène Riese-Liebmann

Offertory Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 & Lord's Prayer

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: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Eat and drink knowing that the body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

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

P: Let us all pray… **C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW #206

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy… with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia!

SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection ELW #361

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
   The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
   From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
   Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
   The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
   And list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
   His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
   The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
   Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
   For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
4. All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,

All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to alone!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude: Vivace, Op. 3 Hélène Riese-Liebmann

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Organist: James F. Rickley
Song Leader: Jodie Tooley

Prayer Focus: Family (In your prayers this week you are encouraged to pray for those members of your family – whether by birth or by baptism – that you find it hard to be reconciled with.)

Announcements:
- All-Team meeting is today at 11 am via Zoom
- Spiritual Practices study continues on Wednesday, May 5th from 7-8:30 pm via Zoom.
- Confirmation students and their families will meet next Sunday, May 9th from 1:30 – 3:30pm at First English (8th St. & 2nd Ave. N) as we celebrate this year's journeys of faith.

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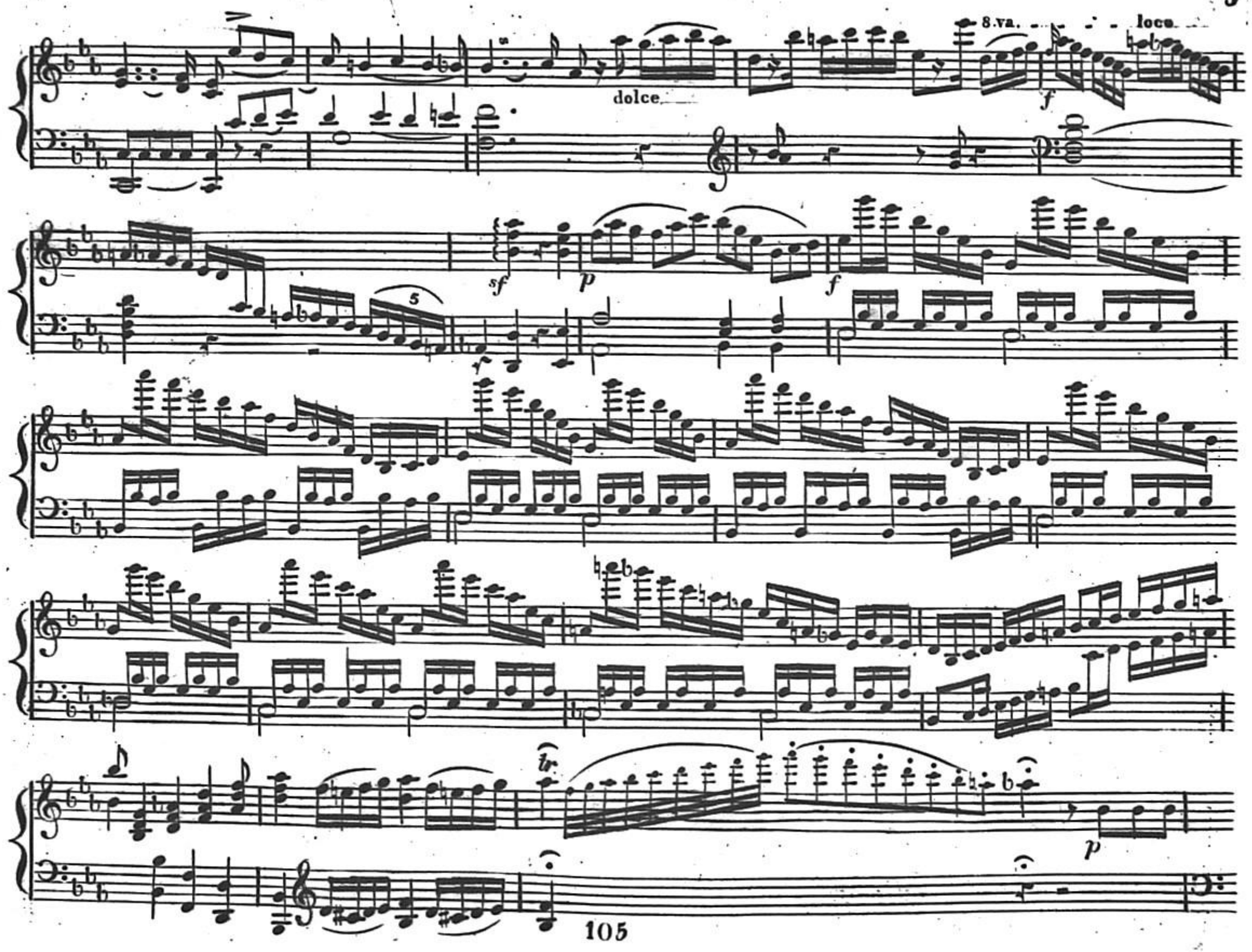
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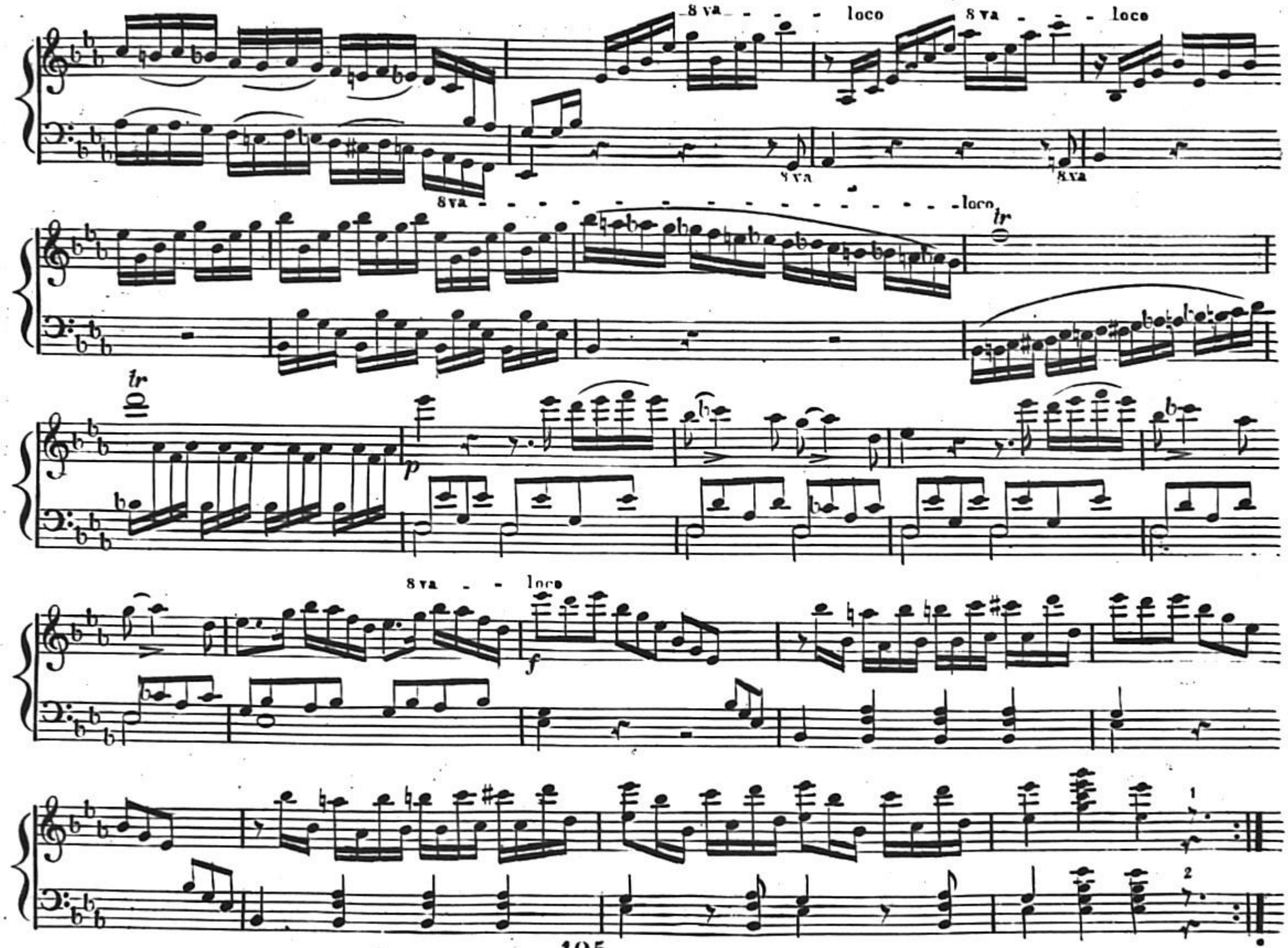
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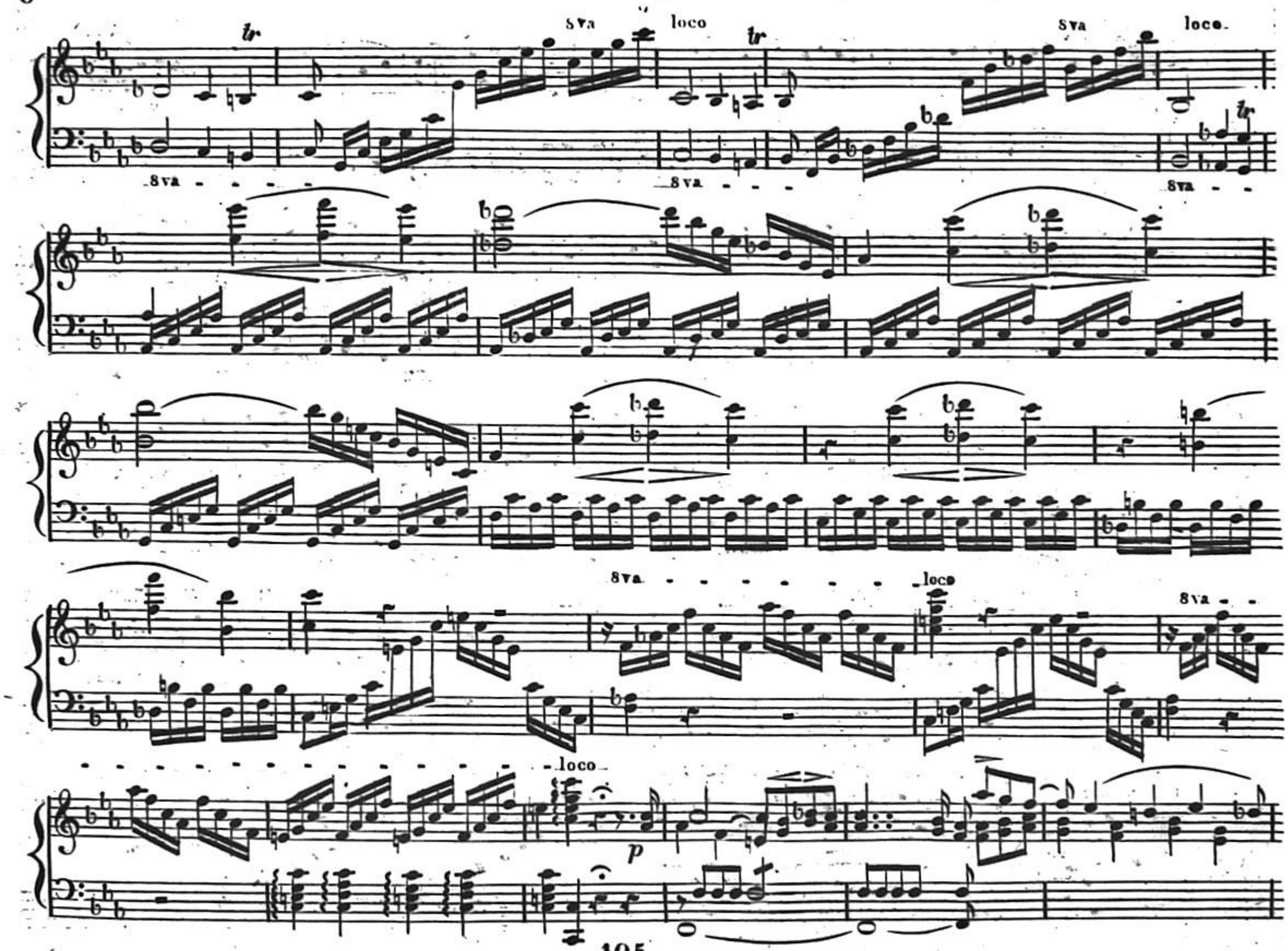
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Andante Espressivo

Hélène Riese Liebmann
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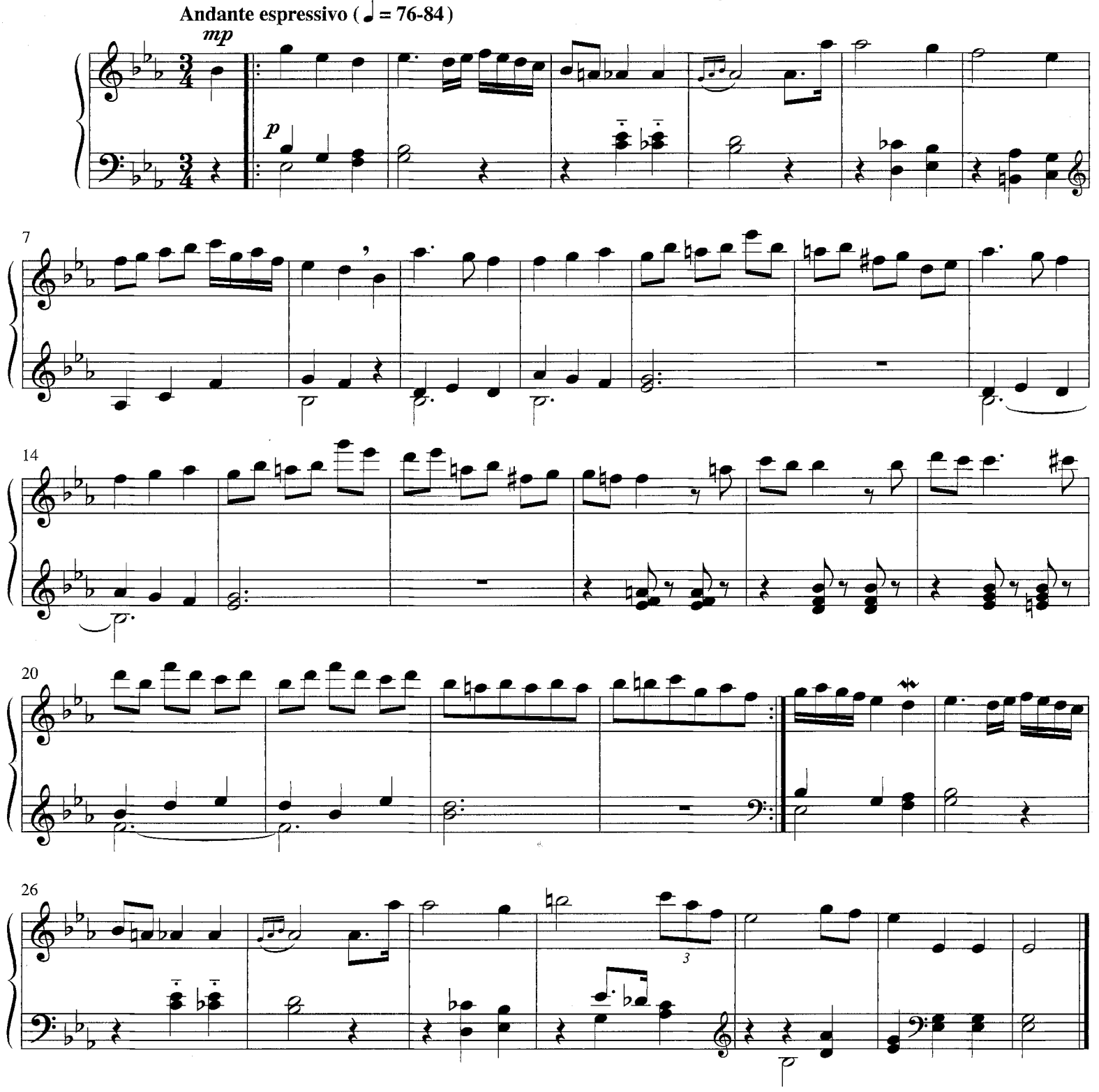

This movement is freely transcribed from her *Grand Sonata*, Op. 3. Hélène Riese was born in Berlin, the second child of a Jewish family. She converted to Christianity in 1813. Her husband, John Joseph Liebmann, converted in 1819, and took the surname Liebert. She was recognized as a virtuoso pianist, and she also composed works for piano, voice, and chamber music, combining aspects of both Classical and Romantic styles.

Music: Hélène Riese Liebmann, 1795-ca. 1859, and written in 1811 (PD).
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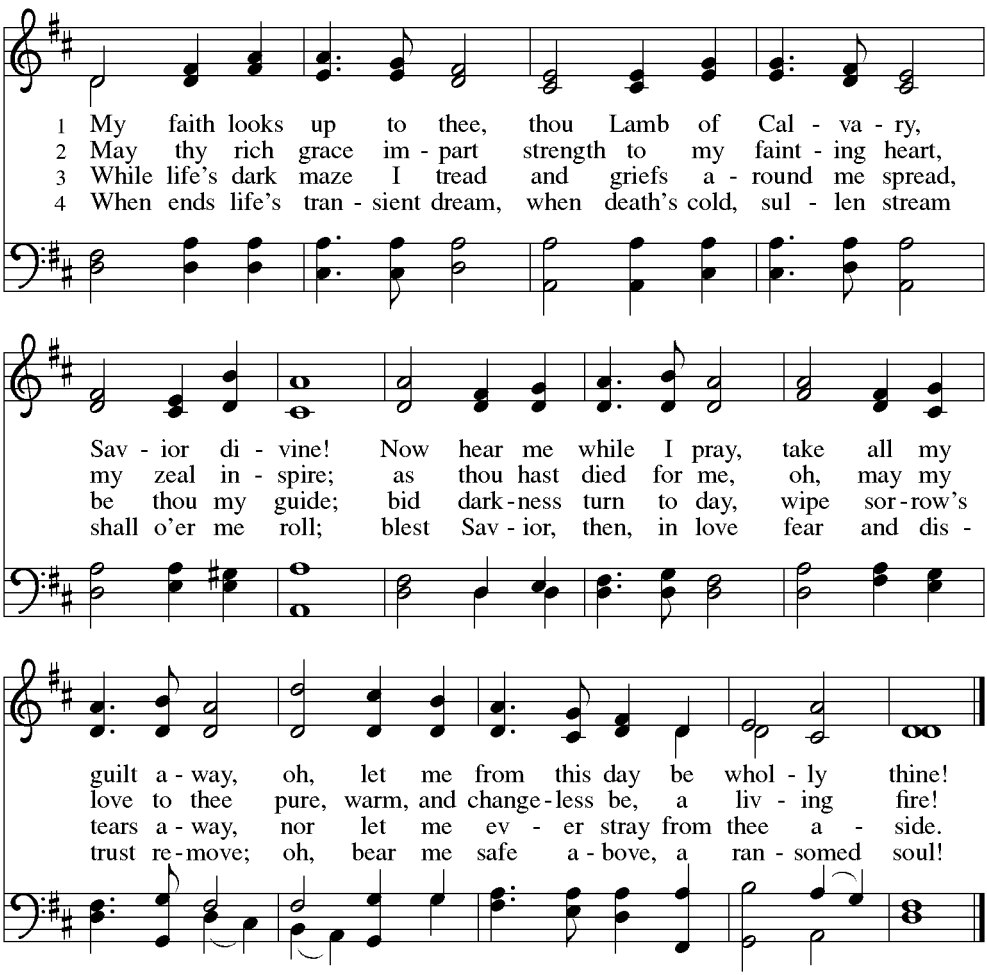

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Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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One of the following or another canticle of praise may be sung.

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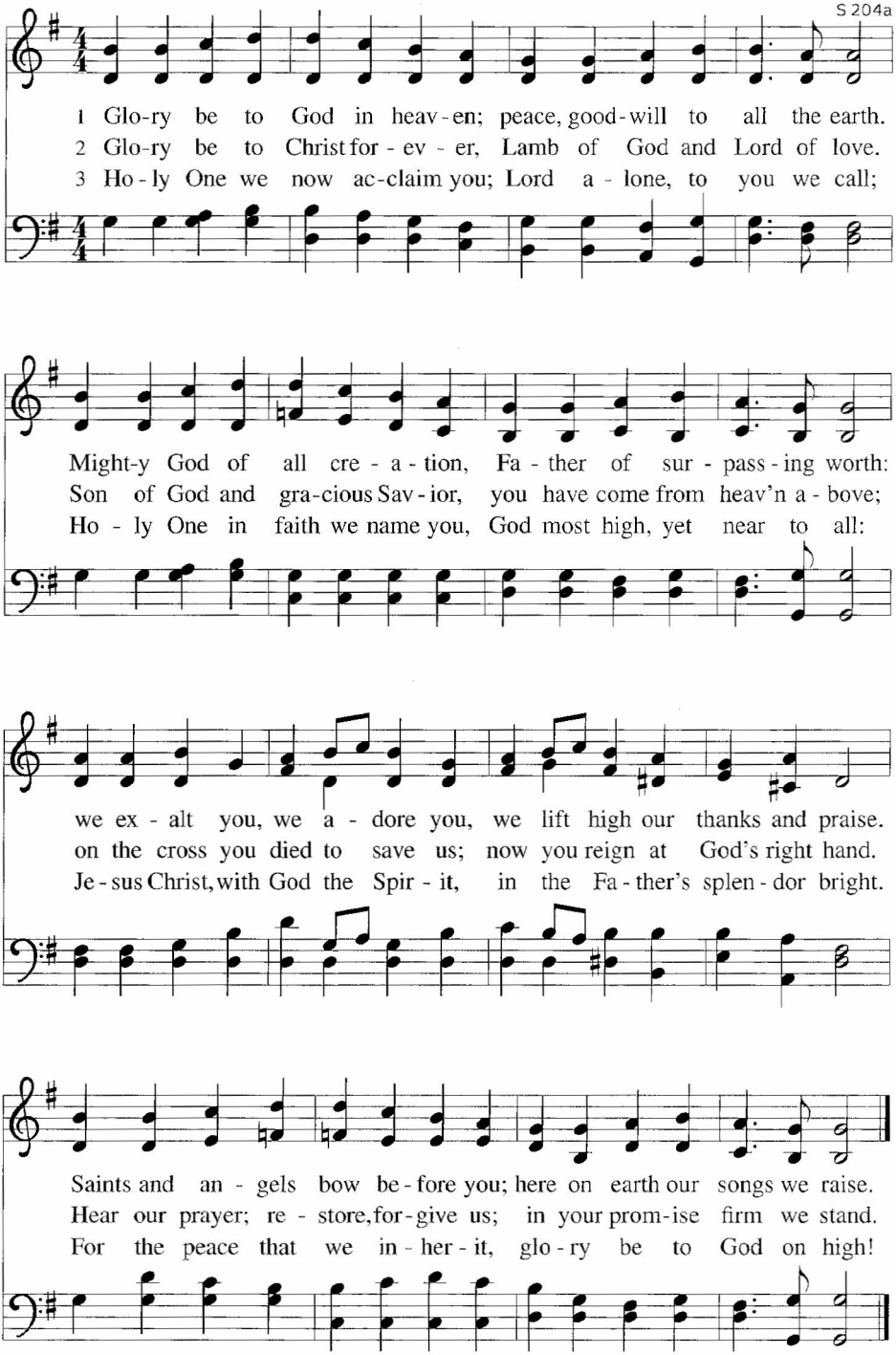

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Word

First Reading

The reading may be announced: A reading from _____.
The reading may be concluded: The word of the Lord. **OR** Word of God, word of life.
The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

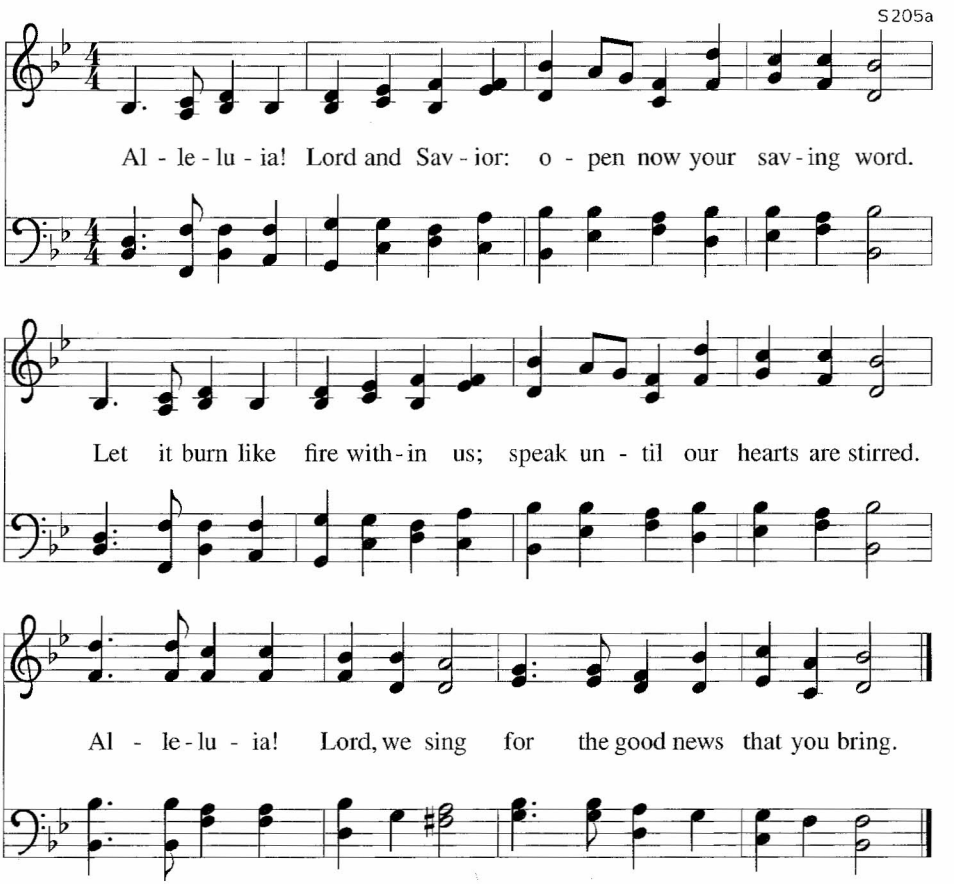
The psalm for the day is sung.

Second Reading

The reading may be announced and concluded in the same way as the first reading.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: Luke 2:29-32 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 2:29-32
New Revised Standard Version
29 “Master, now you are dismissing your servant[a] in peace,
according to your word;
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

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

2nd Reading: Acts 15:1-18

Acts 15:1-18
New Revised Standard Version
The Council at Jerusalem
15 Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. 3 So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.[a] 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. 5 But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

6 The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. 7 After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers,[b] you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. 8 And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; 9 and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. 10 Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? 11 On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

12 The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. 13 After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers,[c] listen to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. 15 This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

16 ‘After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;
from its ruins I will rebuild it,
and I will set it up,
17 so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—
even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called.
Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things 18 known from long ago.’[d]

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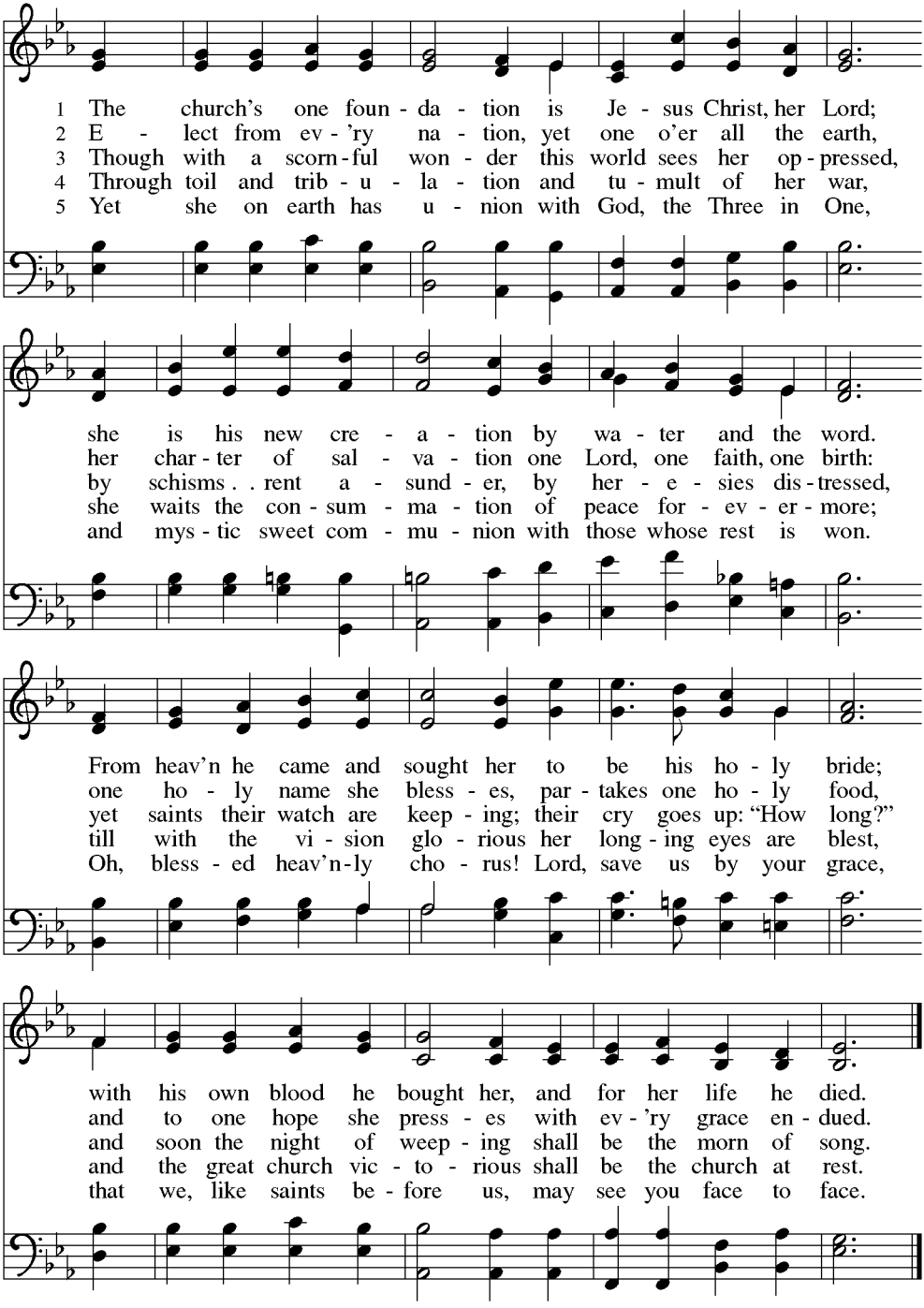

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Score

Sonata, Op. 11

Helene Liebmann nee Riese

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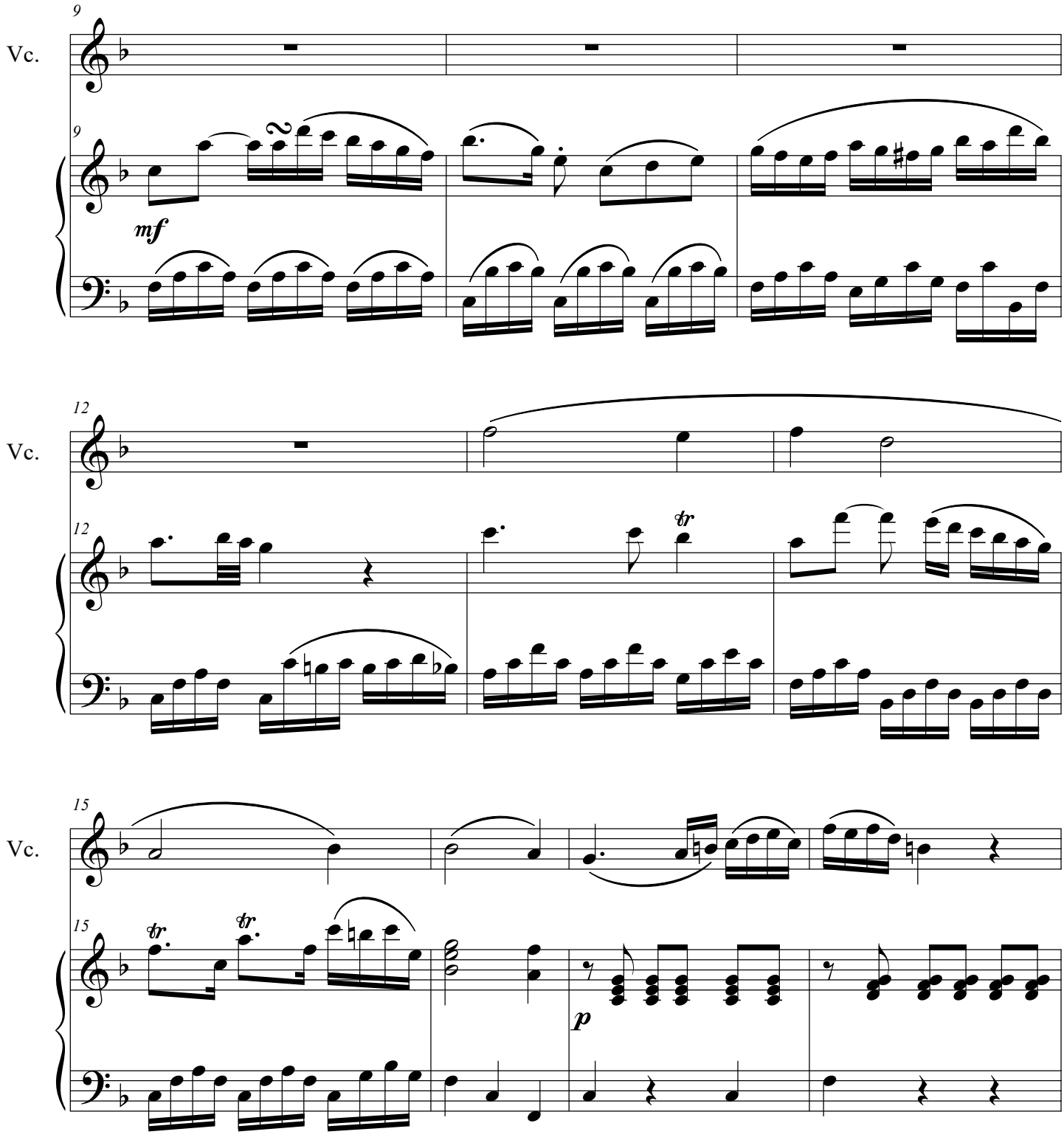
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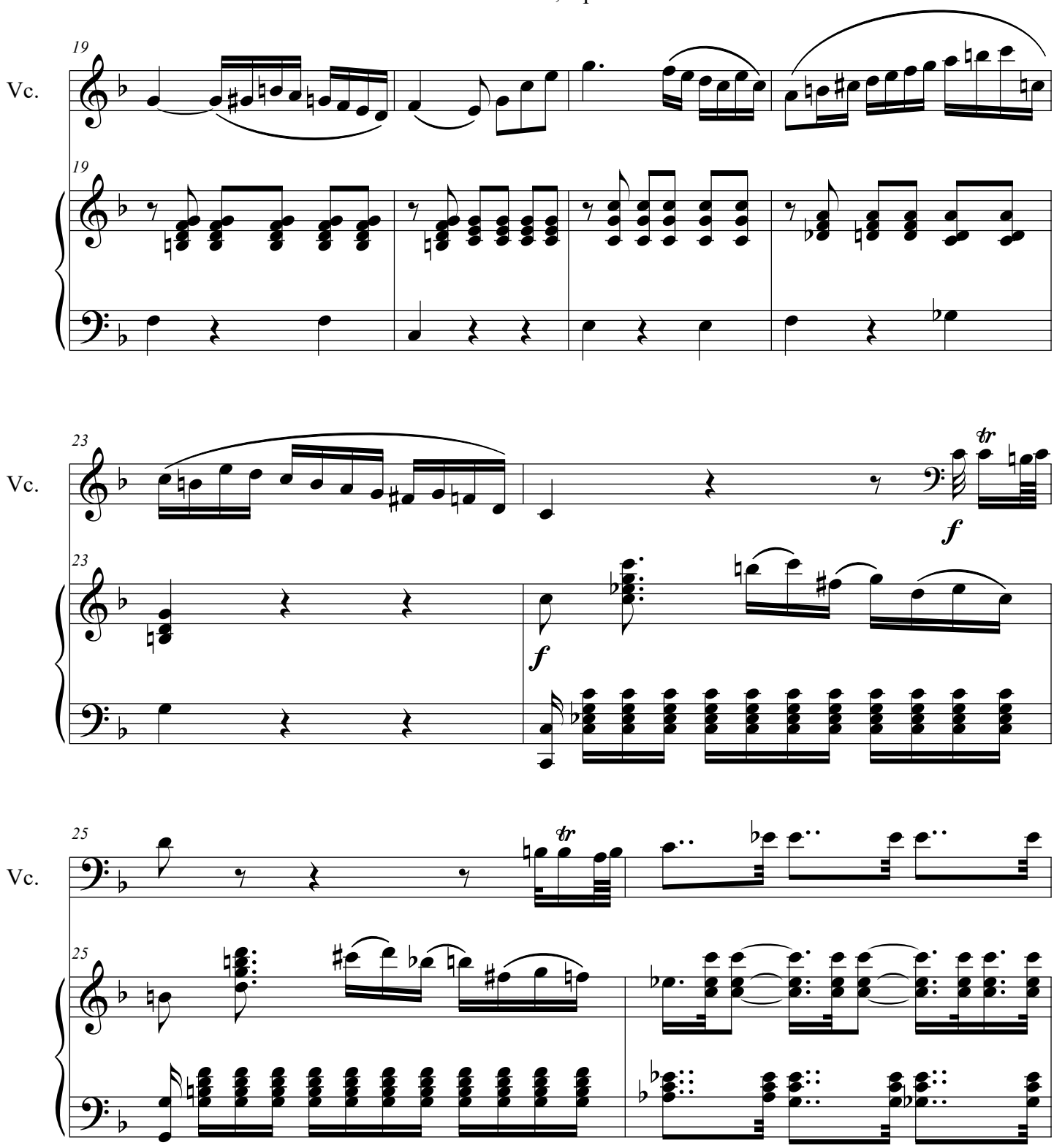
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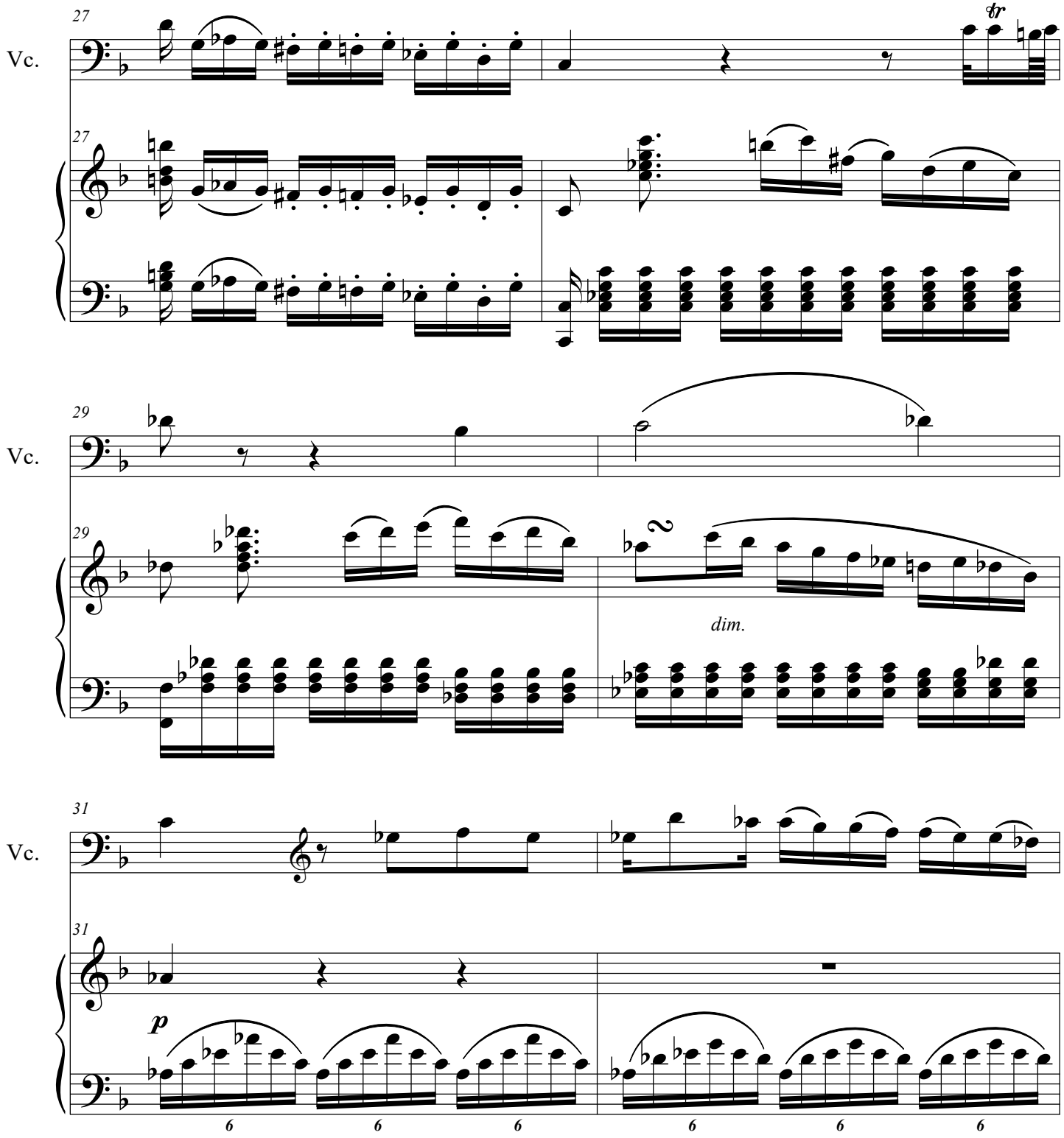
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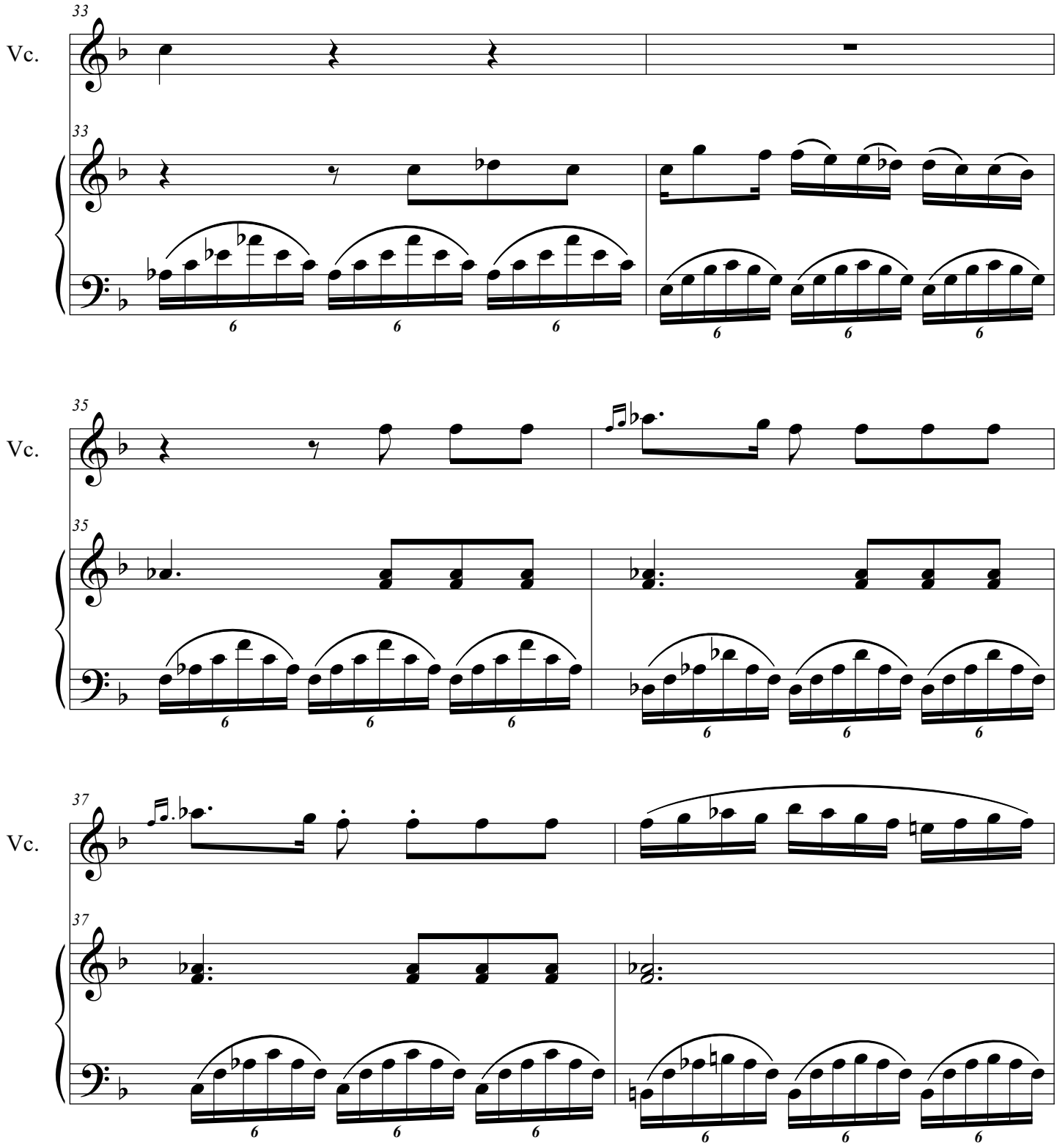
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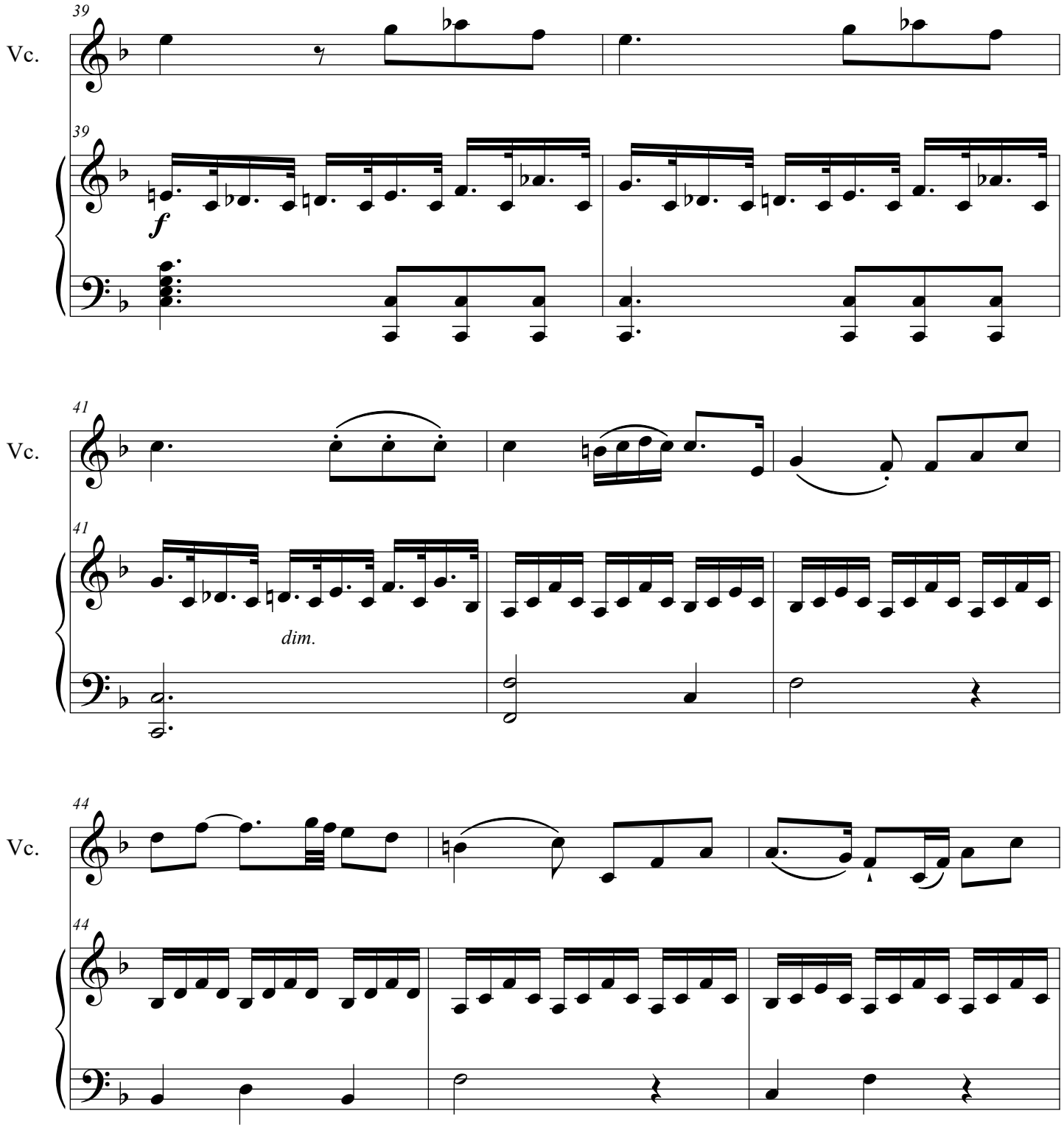
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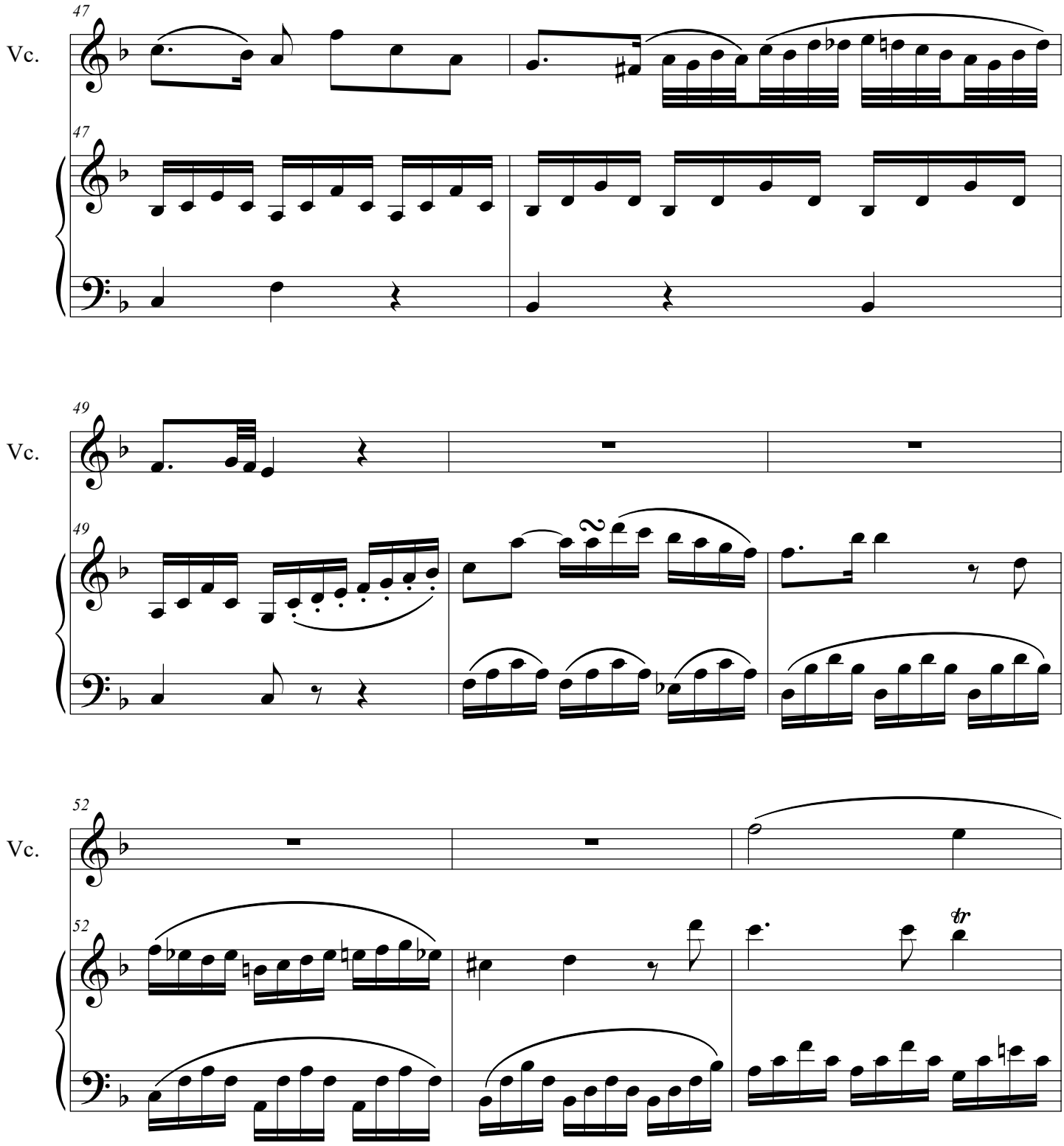
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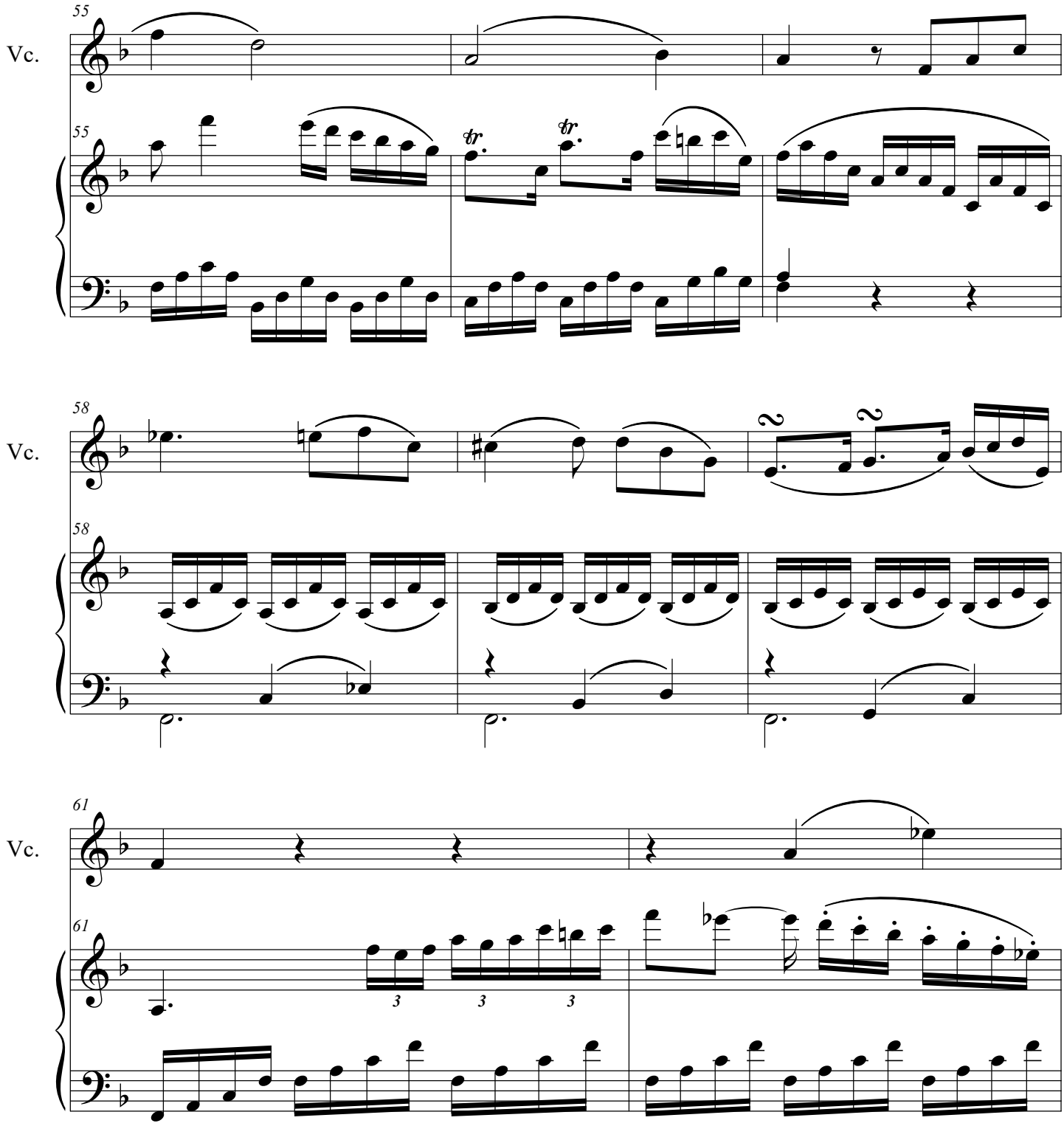
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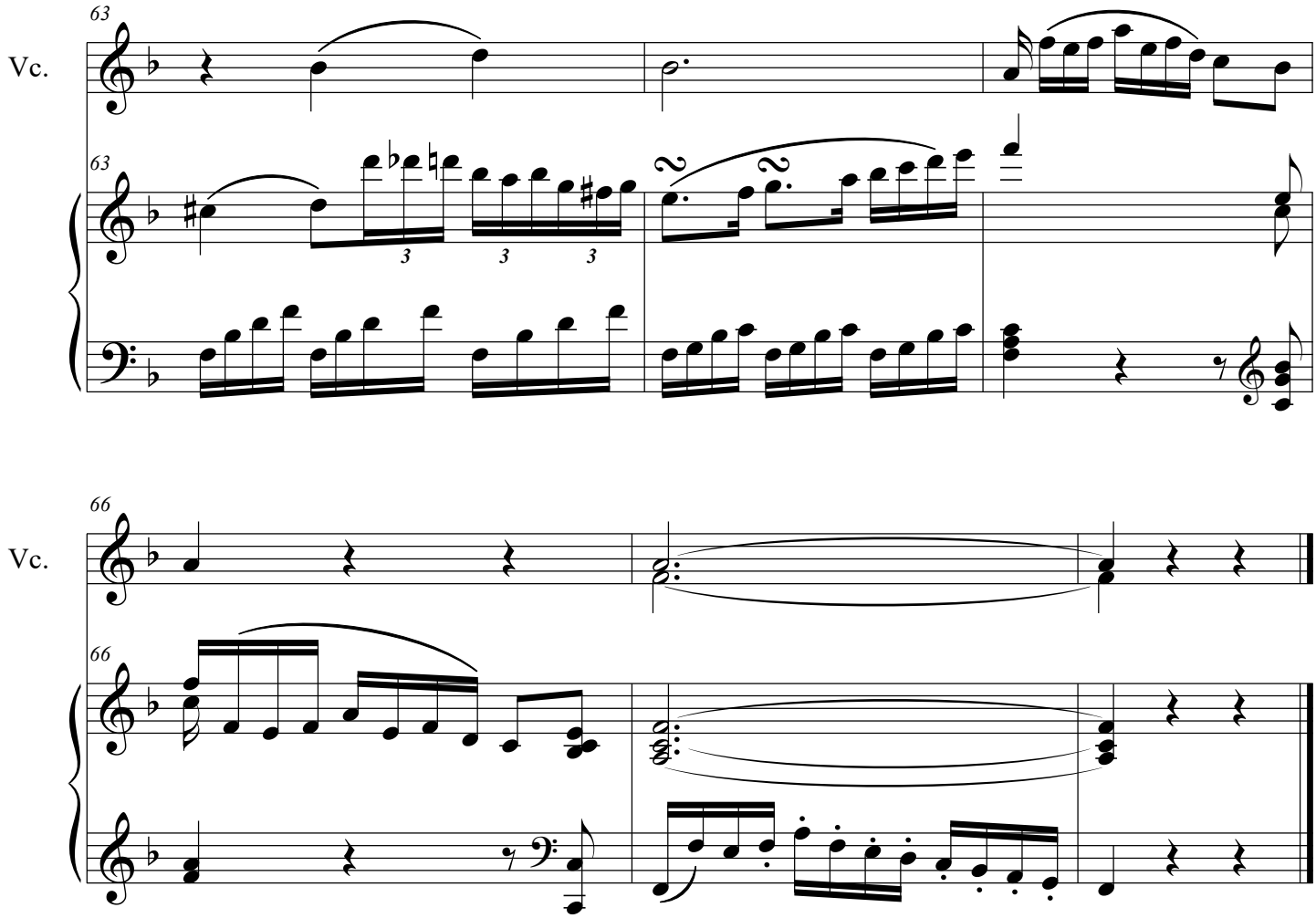
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Offertory Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 & Lord's Prayer

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: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Eat and drink knowing that the body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

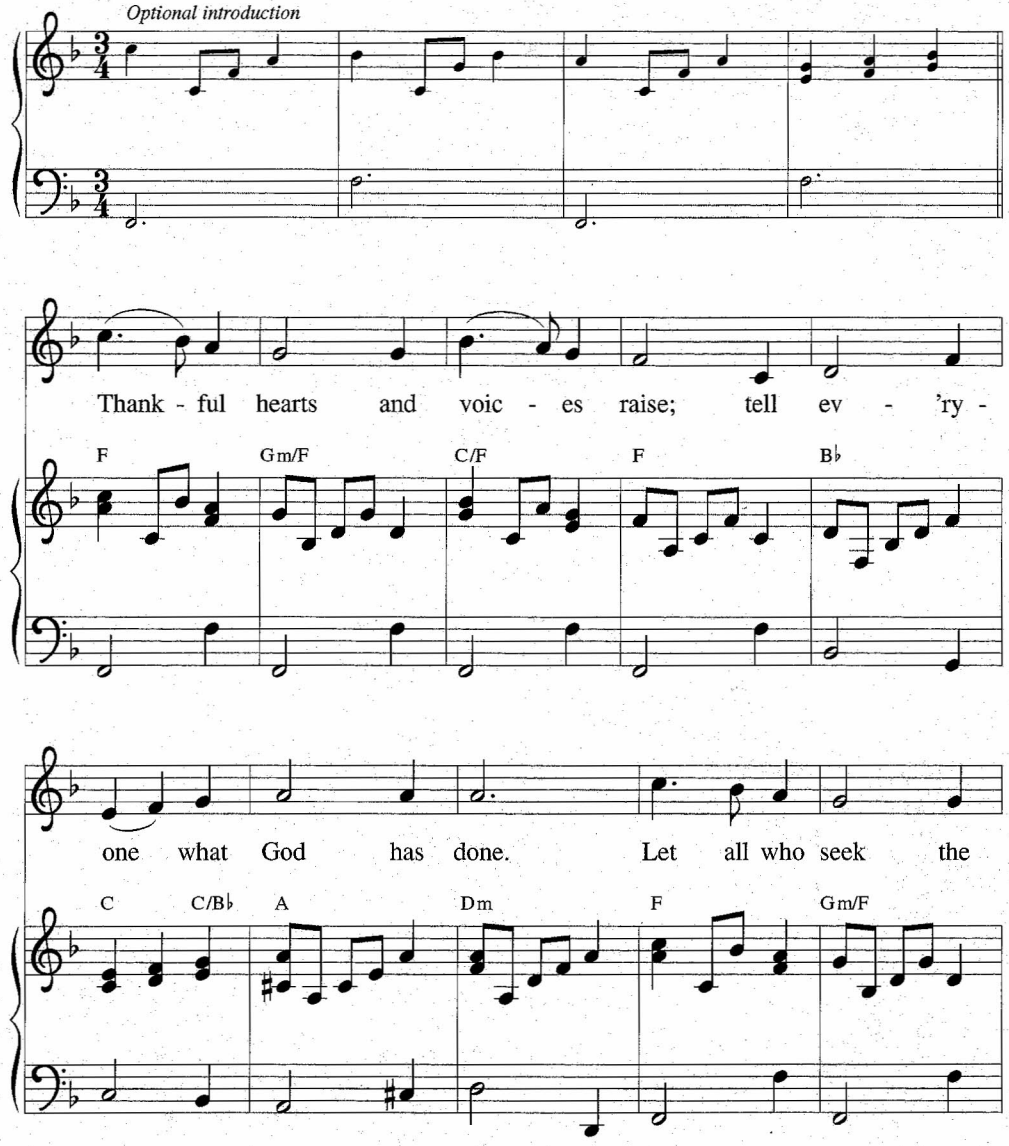
P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

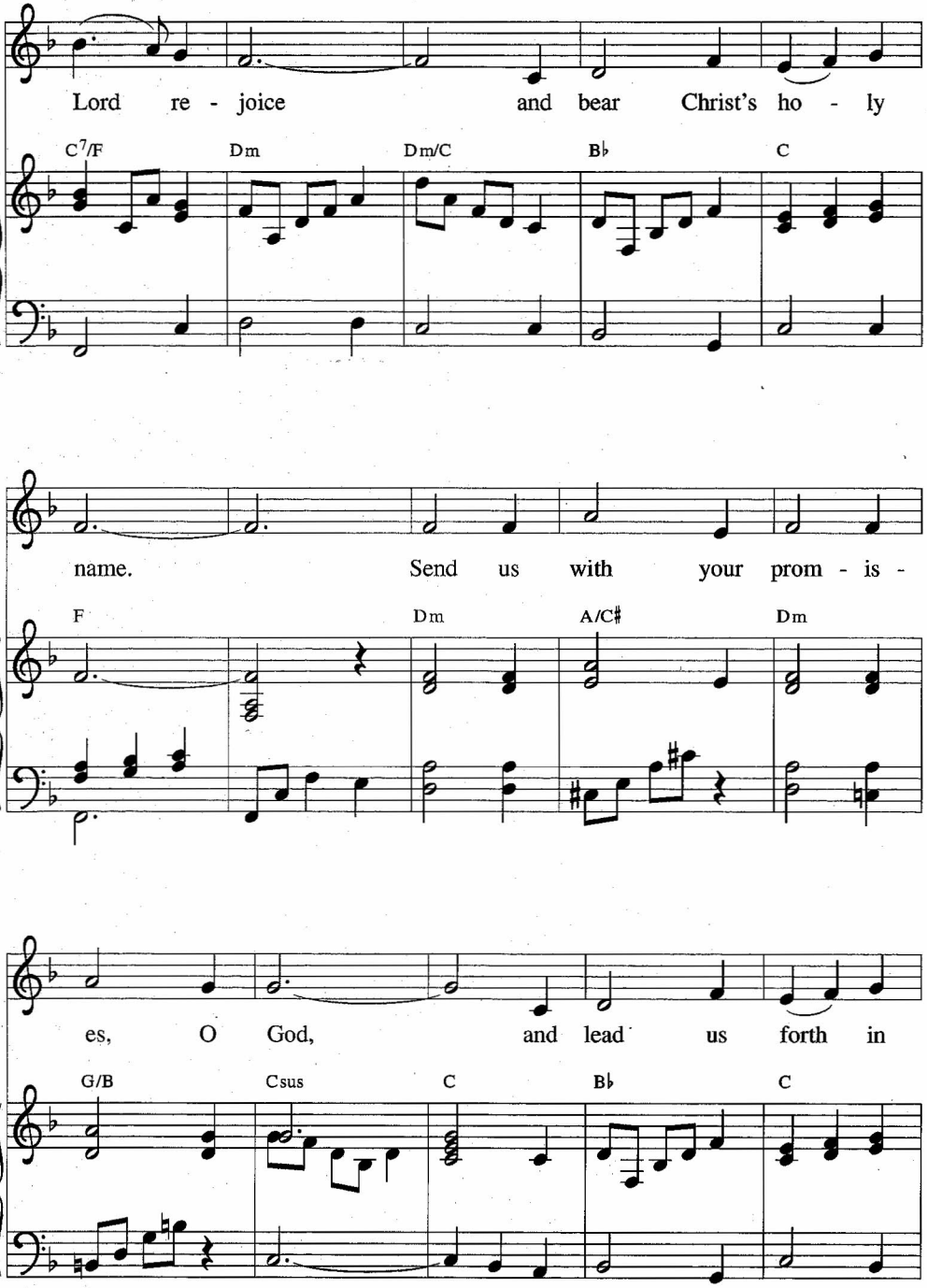
P: Let us all pray… **C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW #206

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy… with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia!

206 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

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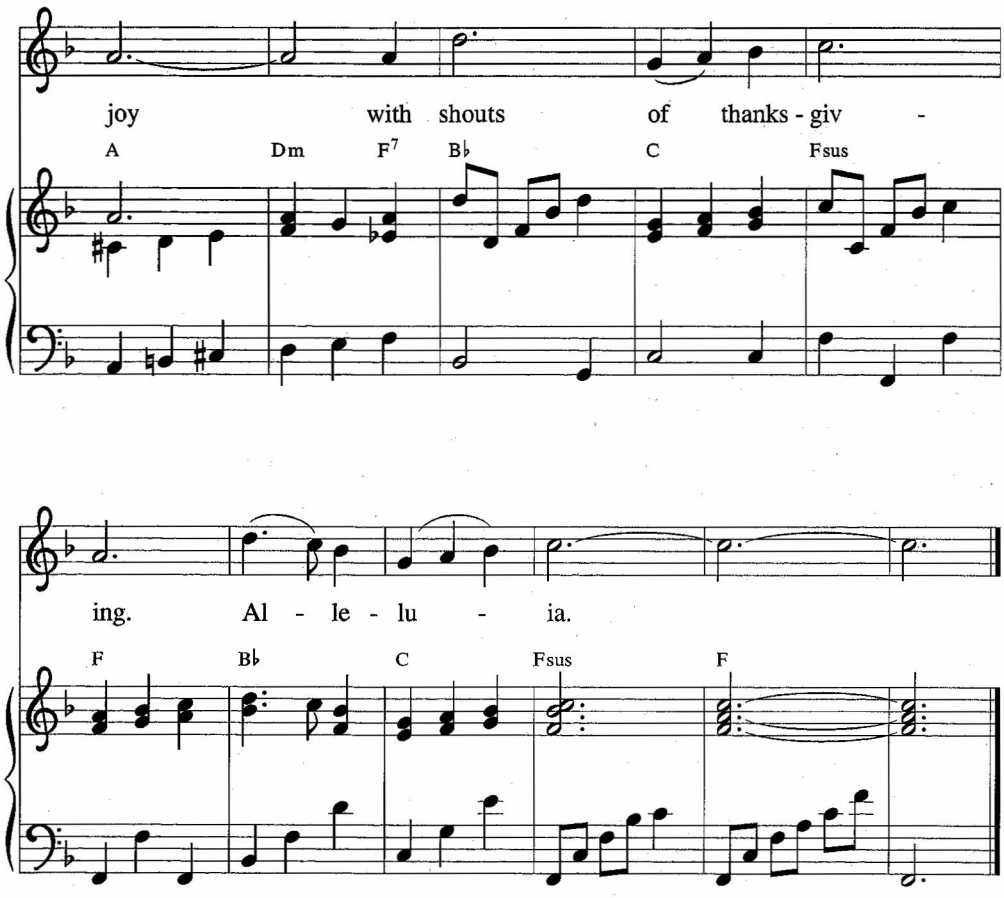
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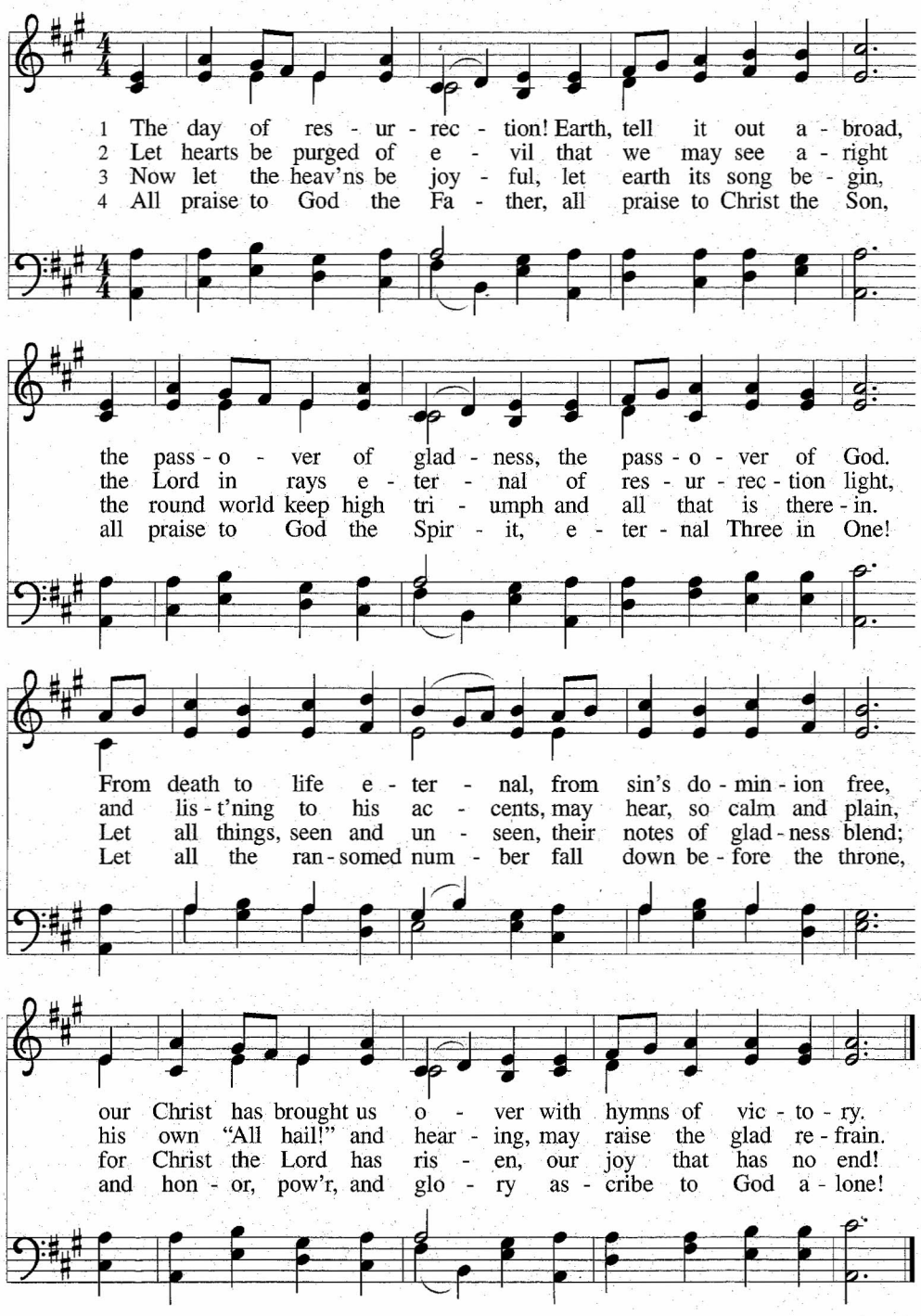
SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection
ELW #361

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
4. All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to alone!

361 The Day of Resurrection!



L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!
Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude: Vivace, Op. 3 Hélène Riese-Liebmann

Allegro Vivace.

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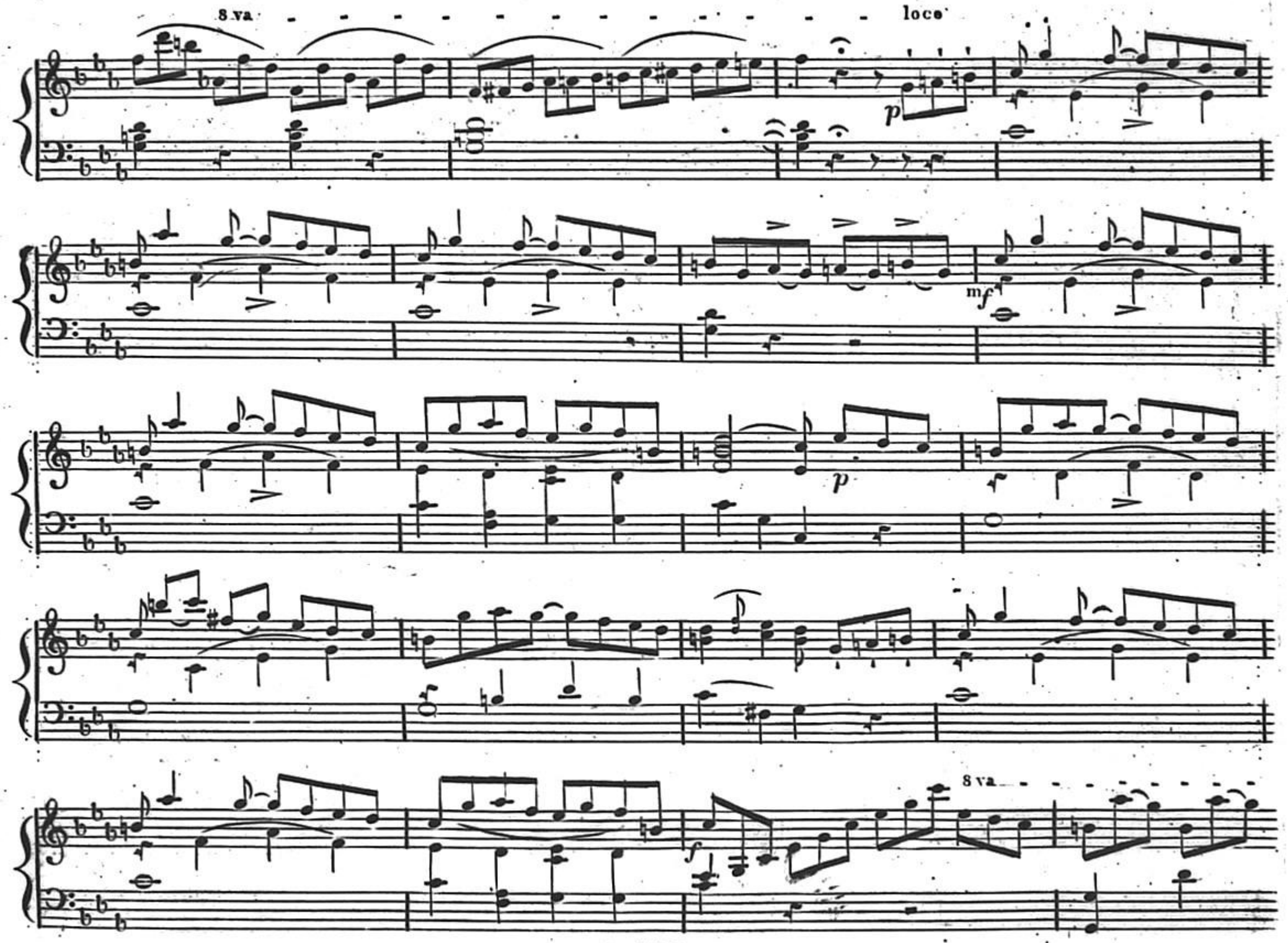
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