Welcome

to

Kirkwood!

Sharing the Peace

of Christ

Opening Hymn

“Rest on Us”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

People: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Leader: Fling wide the portals of your hearts: Let us feel the presence of God’s grace and love!

People: O Holy Spirit, lead us on in worship;

All: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged to us your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold.

You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Jesus laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love.

Let us be your community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies, and the glory of abiding with you forevermore.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession….Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead,

People: so that the gates of heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed.

Leader: So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down

in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through

the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff -

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord my whole life long.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

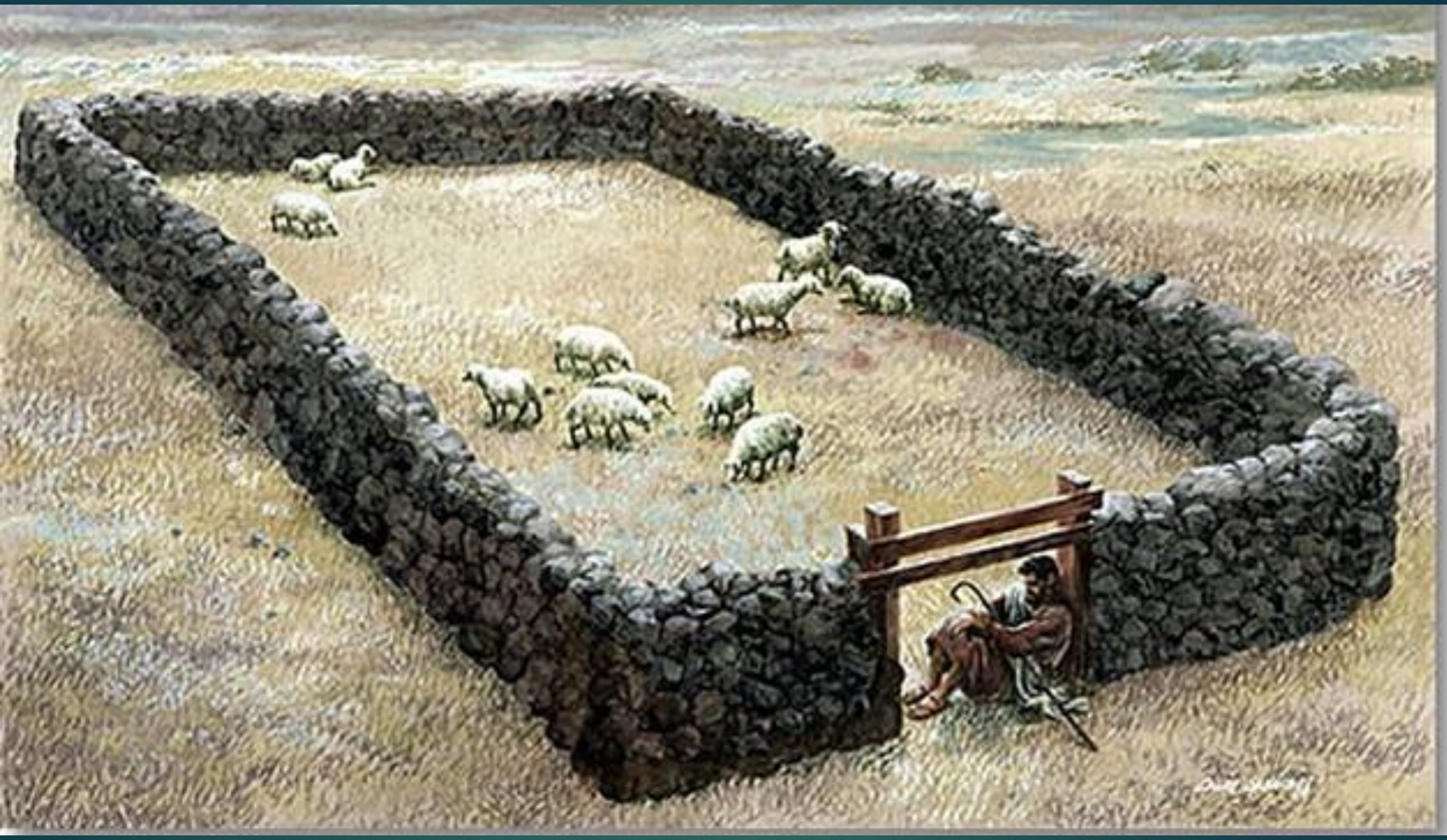
So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Shepherd and the Gate



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THE VOICE OF GOD

Glory to God #442

Middle Hymn

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

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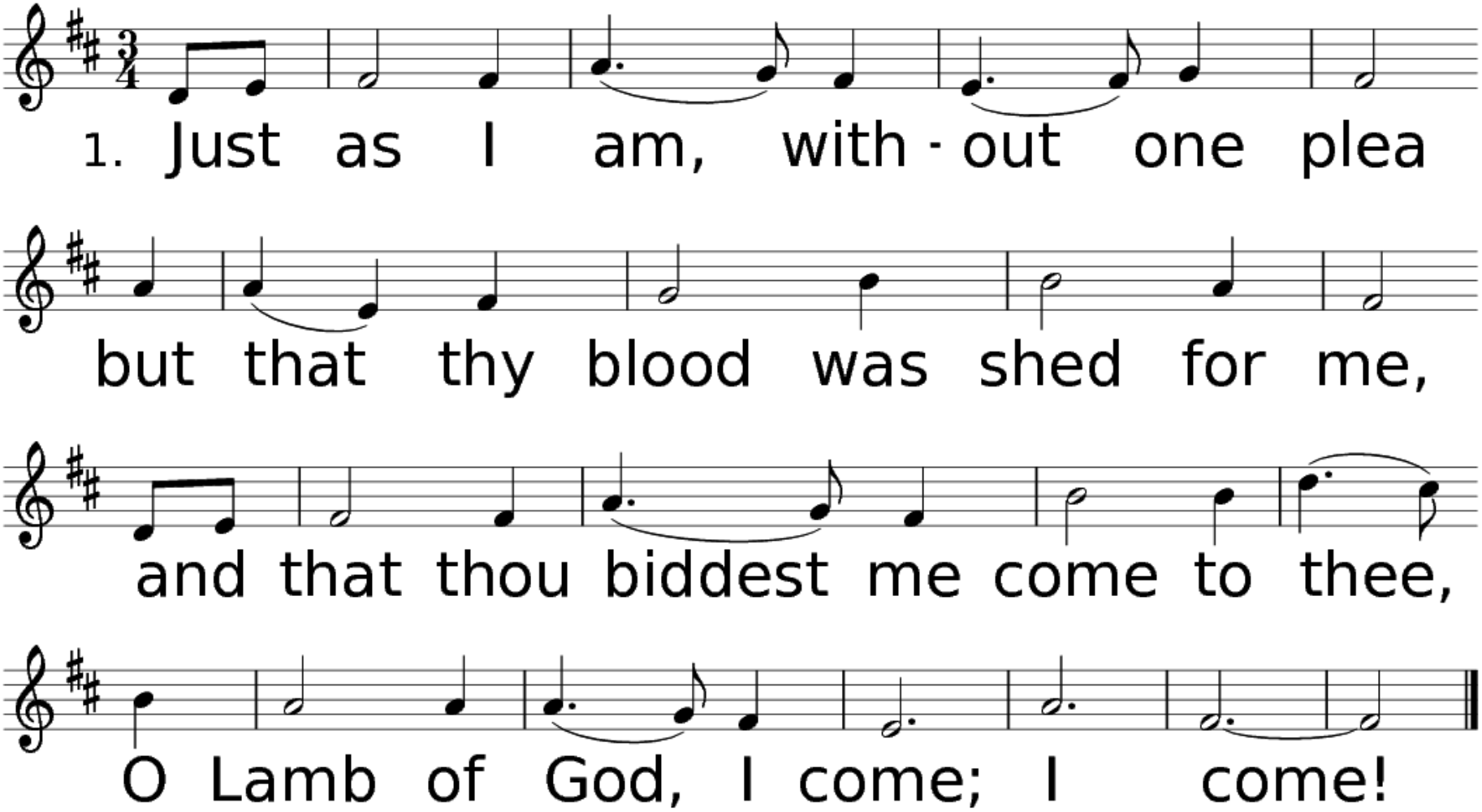

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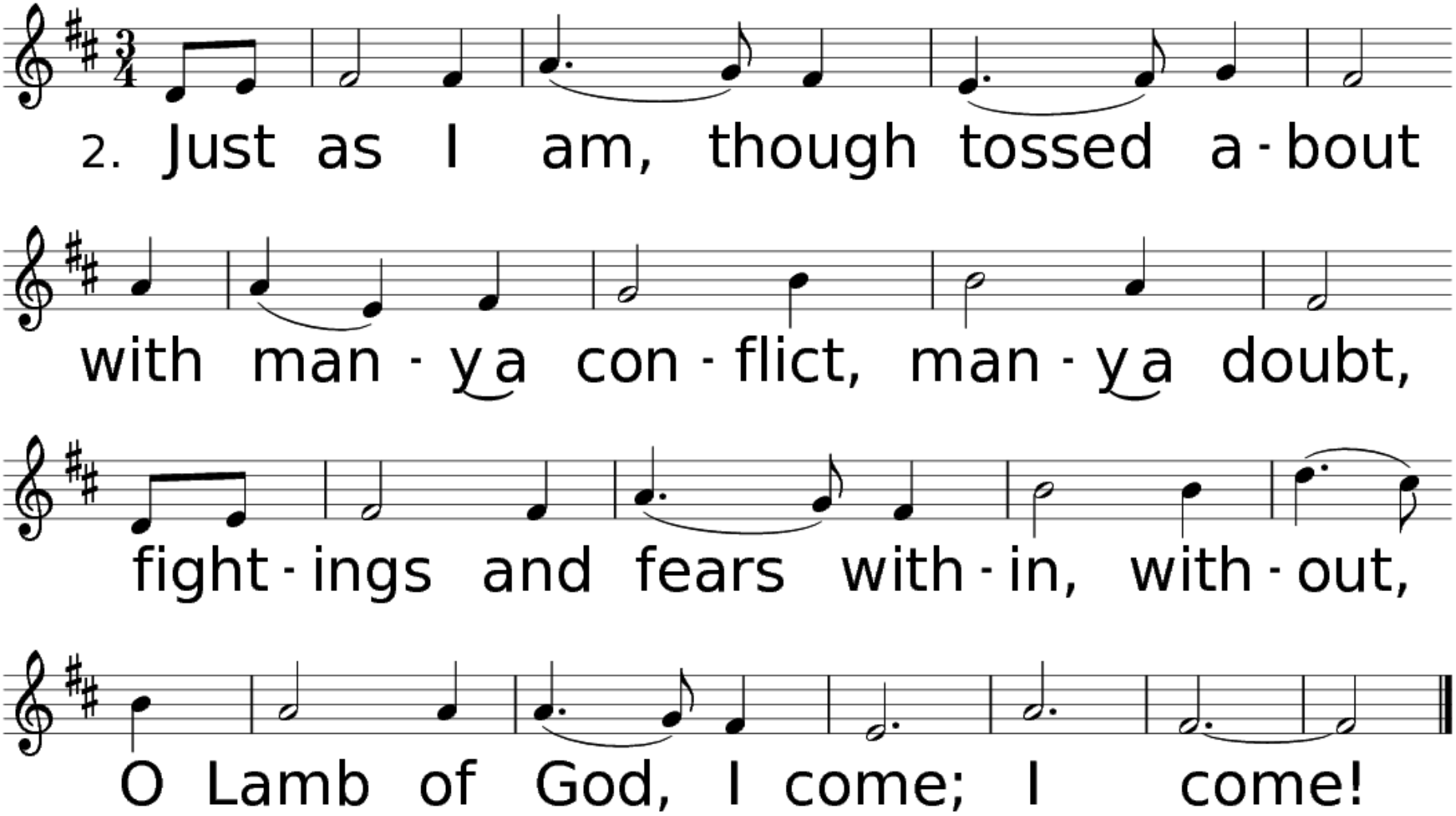
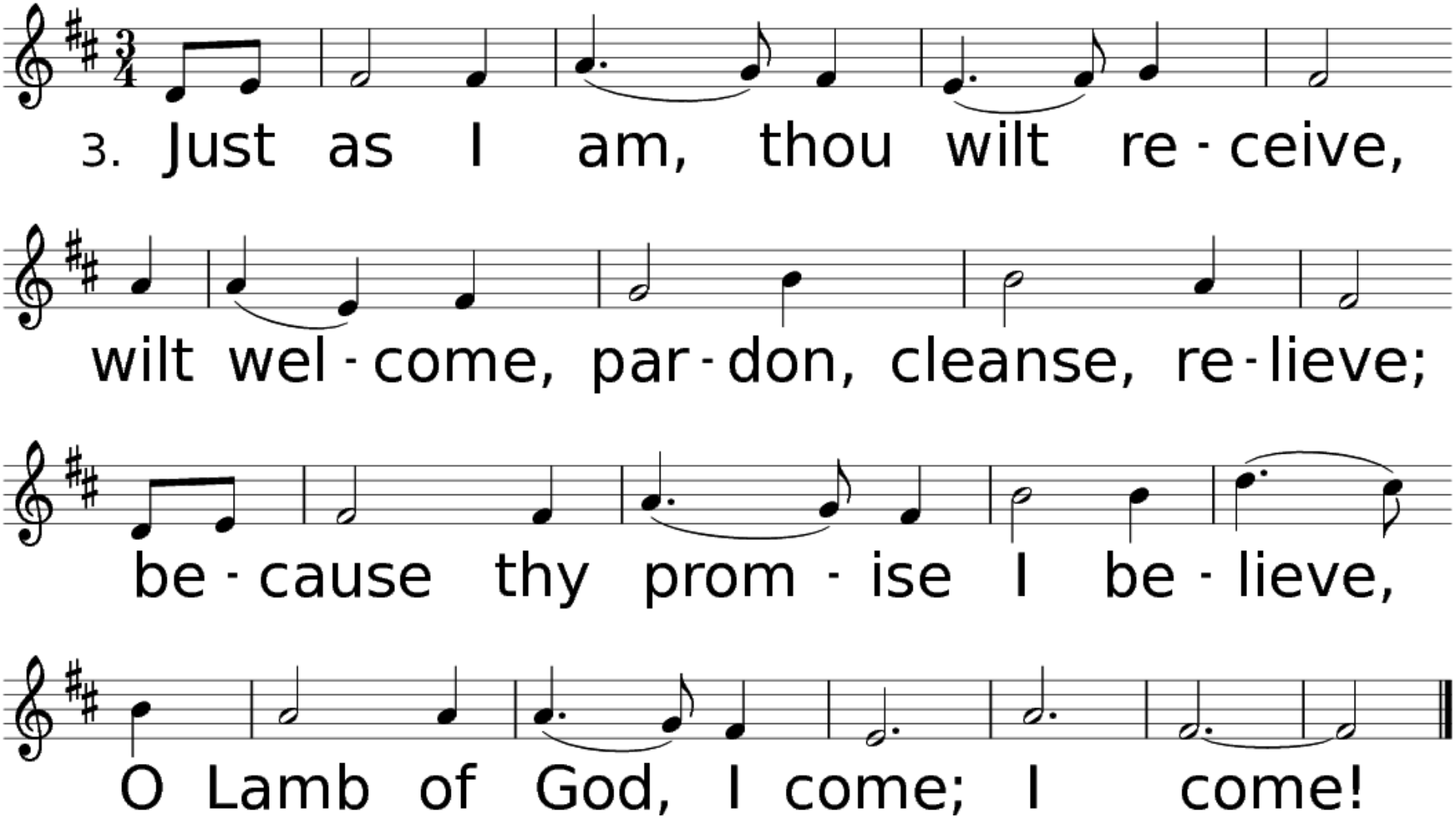
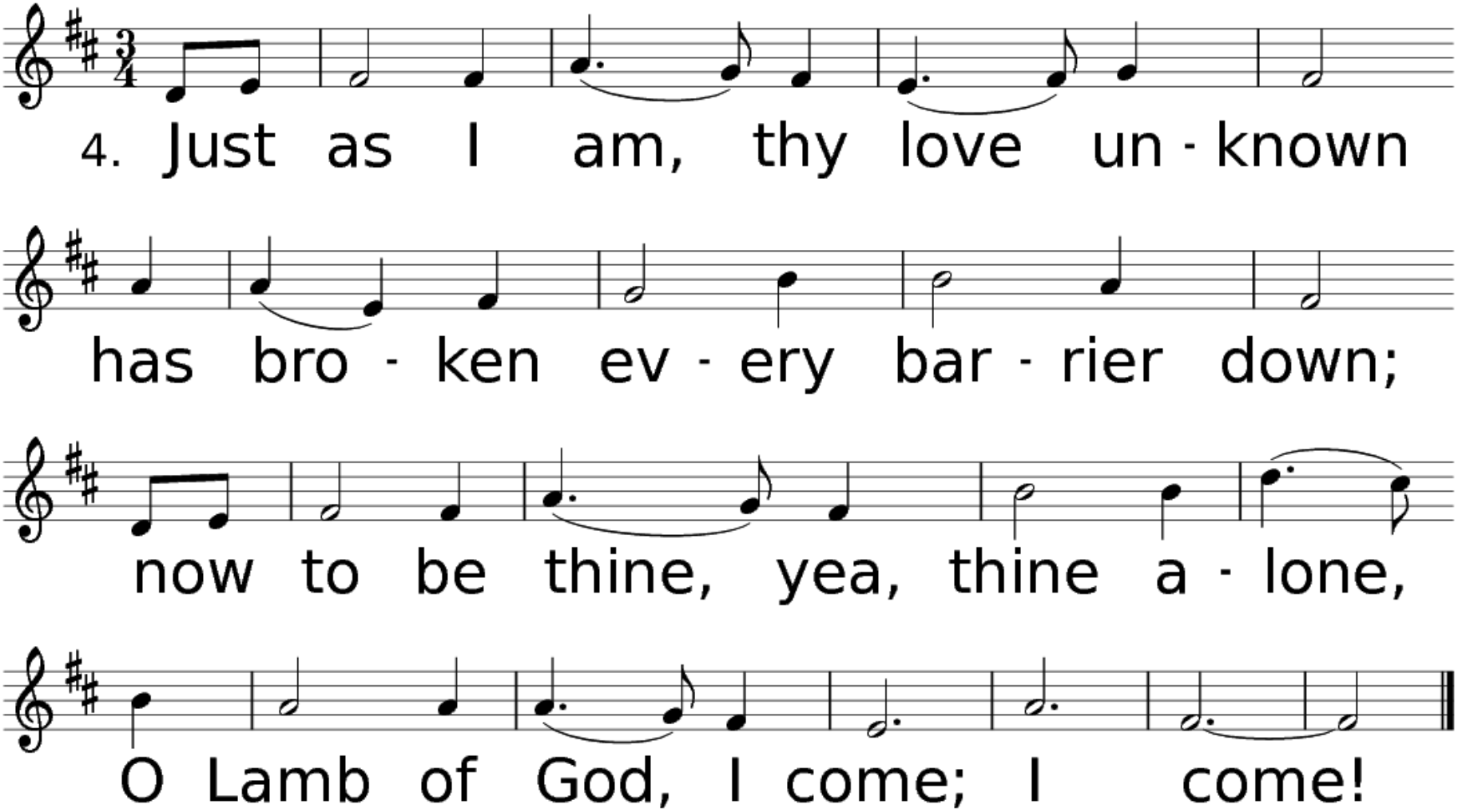

2. Just as I am, though tossed a-bout
with man-ya con-flict, man-ya doubt,
fight-ings and fears with-in, with-out,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!


3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,
wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;
be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!


4. Just as I am, thy love un - known
has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles' Creed)

I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ,

his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on

the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving Thanks to God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song

Doxology

Praise God, from whom

all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures

here below;

Praise God above,

ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son

and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

(repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

People: Shepherding God, you lead us, guard us, prepare us, and preserve us. We have responded by giving back to you what has come from you.

Bless these gifts, and multiply them in the life of your church, so that the gates of salvation may be flung wide, and all your community may know the love and the peace that is ours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Charge and Blessing