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PREFACE

THE text of the Responsories here given is that of the authorized Common Service of the Lutheran Church, which in its Orders for Matins and Vespers has retained this characteristic and beautiful element of the historic Liturgy.

The present collection is one of a series of Service Books edited by Mr. Harry G. Archer and the Rev. Luther D. Reed. Desiring a setting for the Responsories which should represent the ablest and best in original modern musical composition, and, at the same time, in formal churchly dignity and devotional restraint, be in entire harmony with the best ideals and traditions in Church music, these editors personally enlisted the interest and services of the eminent composer Dr. Max Reger.

The Scriptural character and appropriateness of the Responsories and the merit and beauty of Dr. Reger's settings suggest a much wider usefulness for these compositions in the Services of all Christian Communions.

The historic use of the Responsories is immediately after the Lesson, but they may be regarded as short anthems which may be used at any appropriate place in the Service.

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1. Behold, the Days Come, Saith the Lord.

(ADVENT.)

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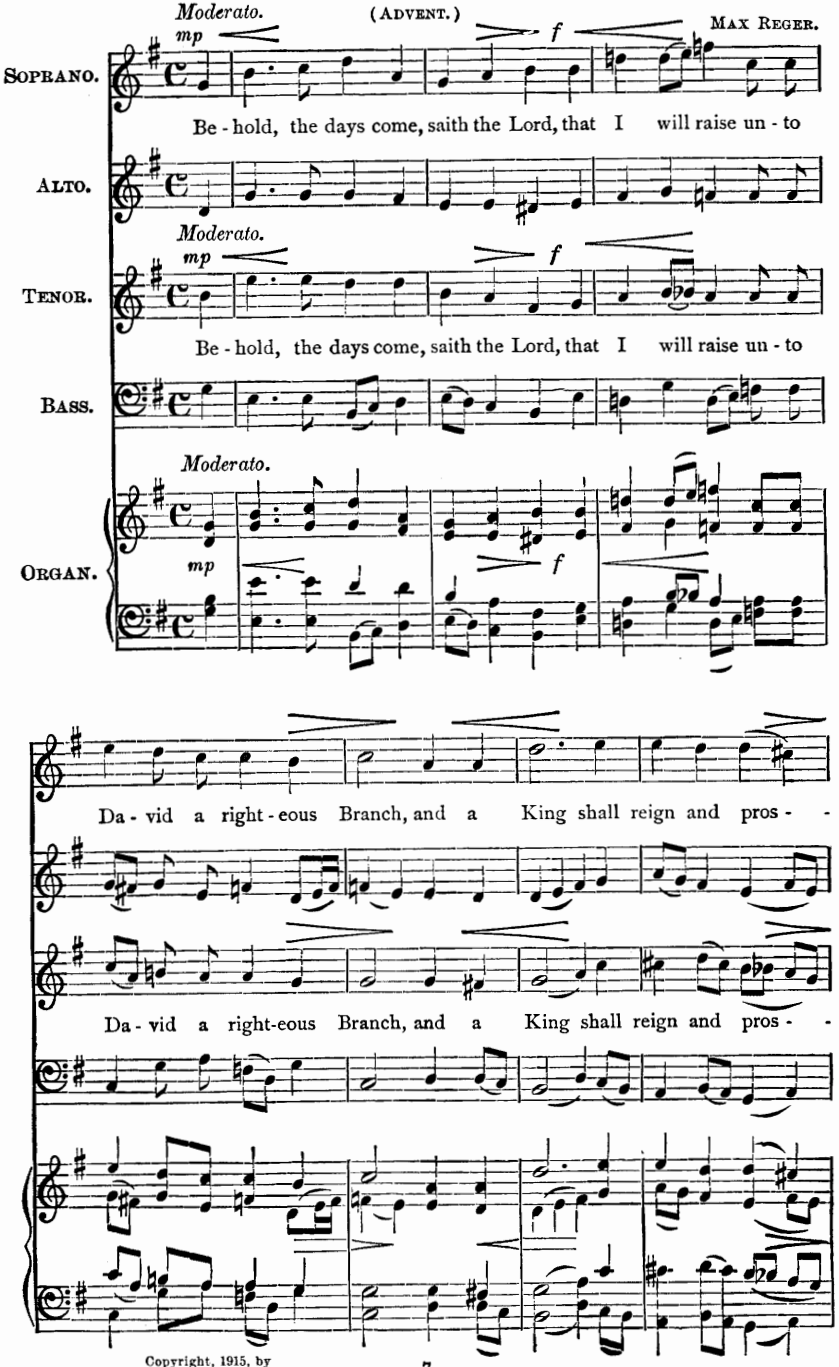

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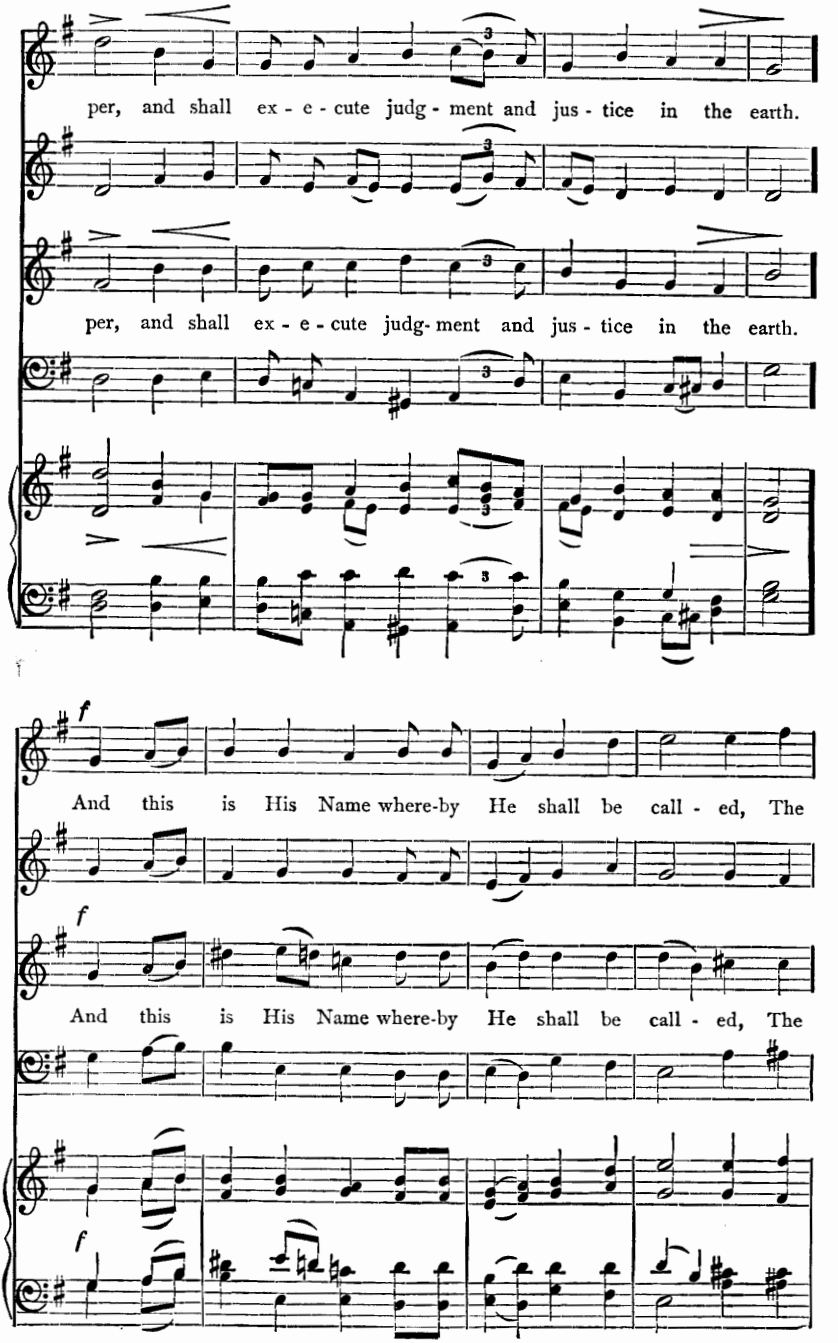
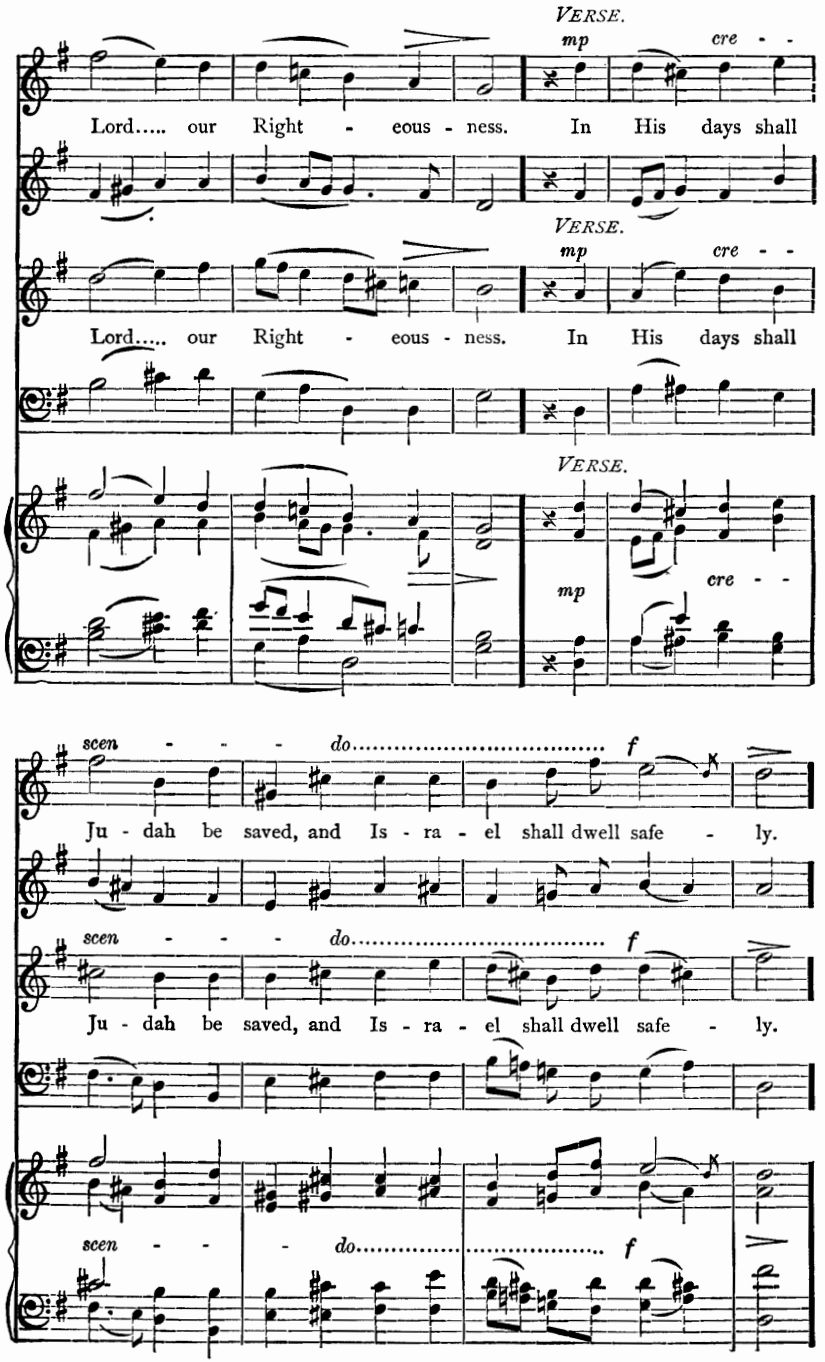
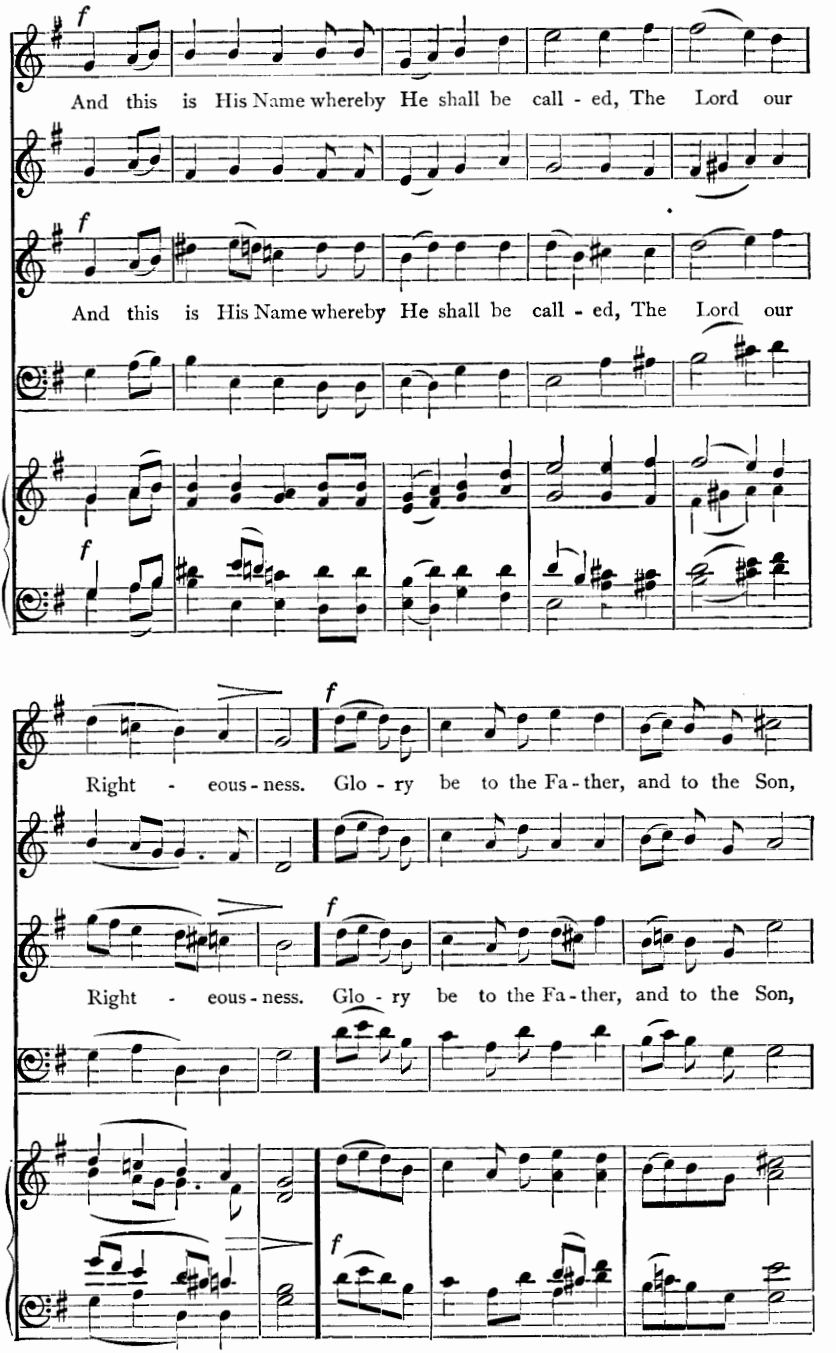

per, and shall ex - e - cute judg - ment and jus - tice in the earth.
per, and shall ex - e - cute judg - ment and jus - tice in the earth.
f
And this is His Name where-by He shall be call - ed, The
f
And this is His Name where-by He shall be call - ed, The
f


VERSE.
mp
cre - -
Lord..... our Right - eous - ness. In His days shall
VERSE.
mp
cre - -
Lord..... our Right - eous - ness. In His days shall
VERSE.
mp
cre - -
scen - - - do..... f
Ju - dah be saved, and Is - ra - el shall dwell safe - ly.
scen - - - do..... f
Ju - dah be saved, and Is - ra - el shall dwell safe - ly.
scen - - - do..... f


f
And this is His Name whereby He shall be call - ed, The Lord our
f
And this is His Name whereby He shall be call - ed, The Lord our
f
Right - eous - ness. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
f
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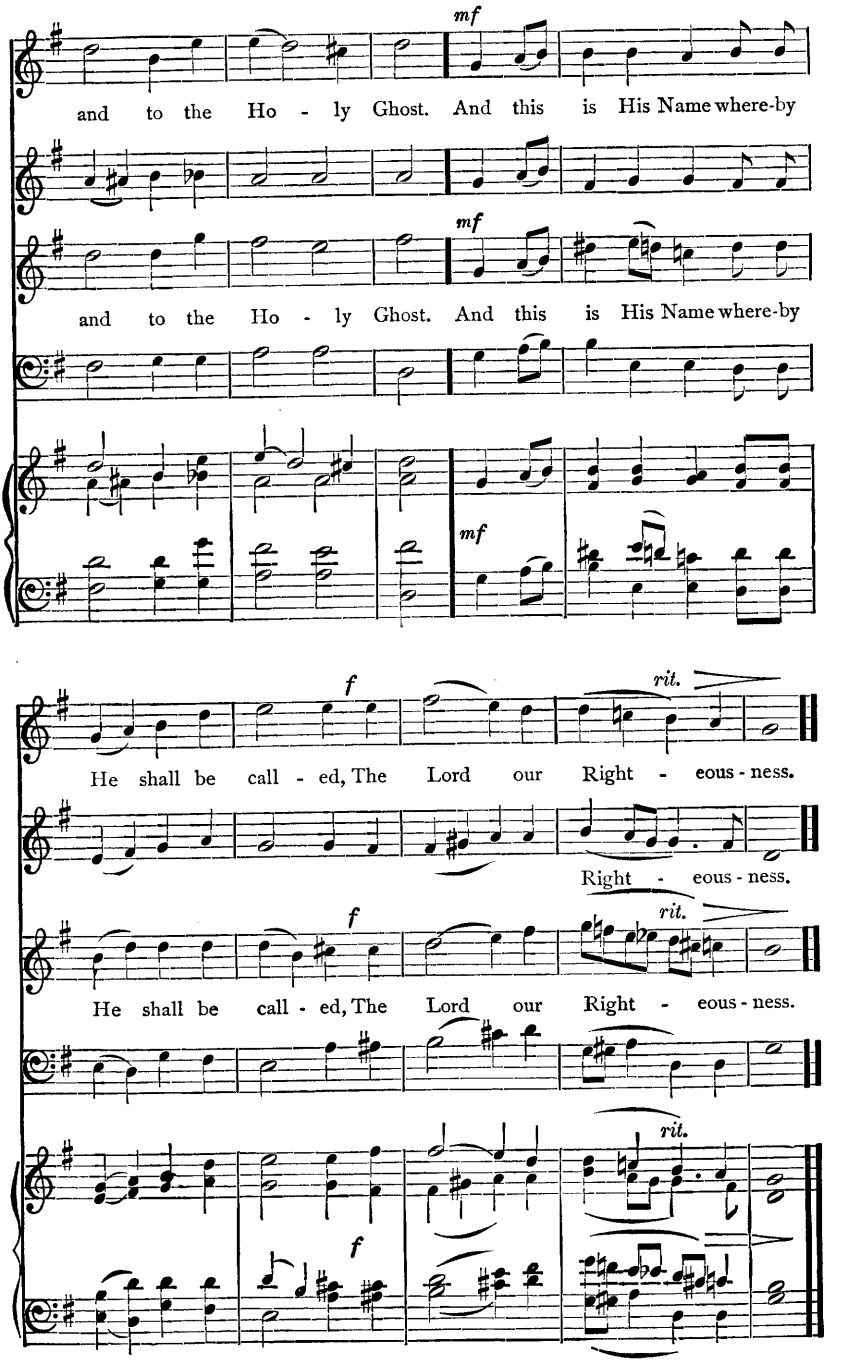
f


mf
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. And this is His Name where-by
mf
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. And this is His Name where-by
mf
f
rit.
He shall be call - ed, The Lord our Right - eous - ness.
Right - eous - ness.
f
rit.
He shall be call - ed, The Lord our Right - eous - ness.
rit.
f

2. The Word was Made Flesh.

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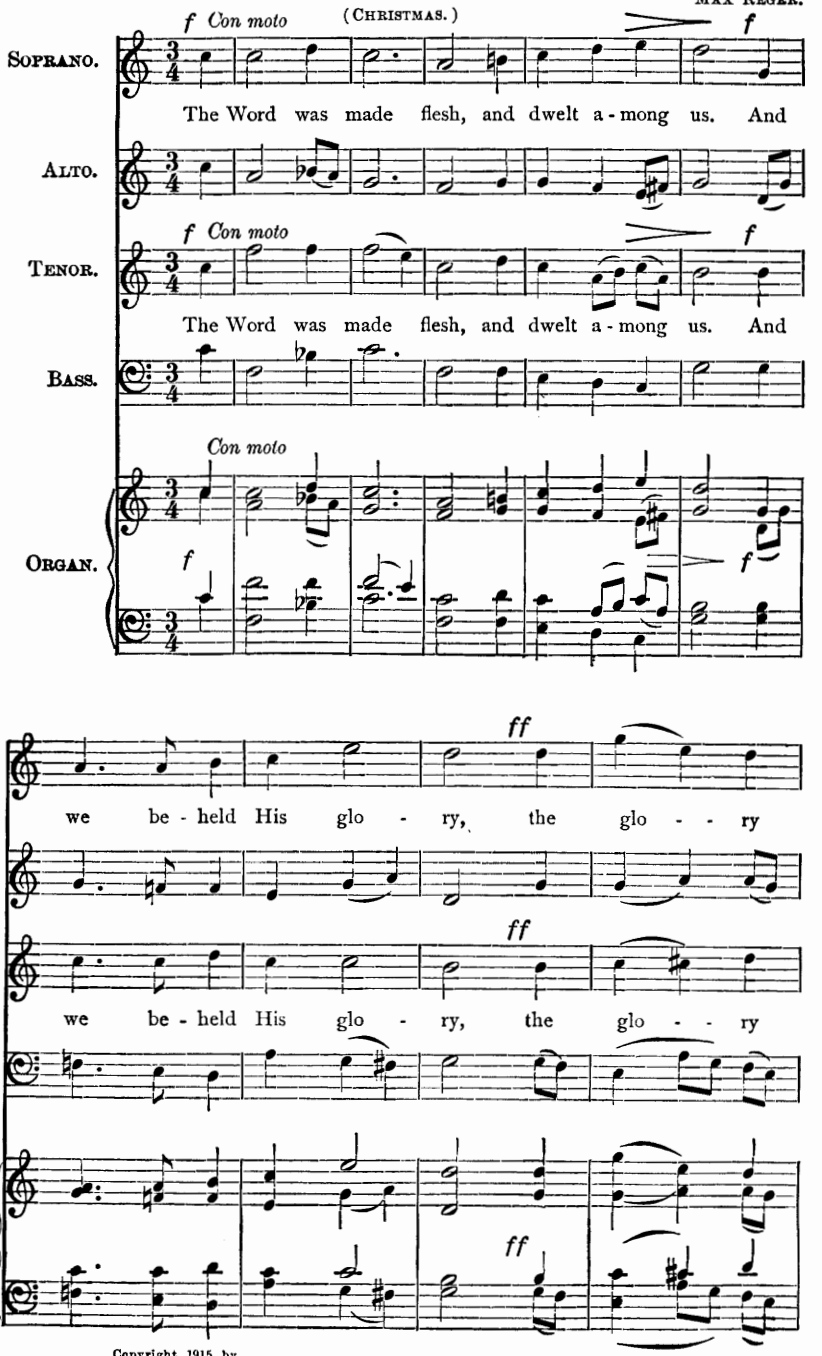
(CHRISTMAS.)



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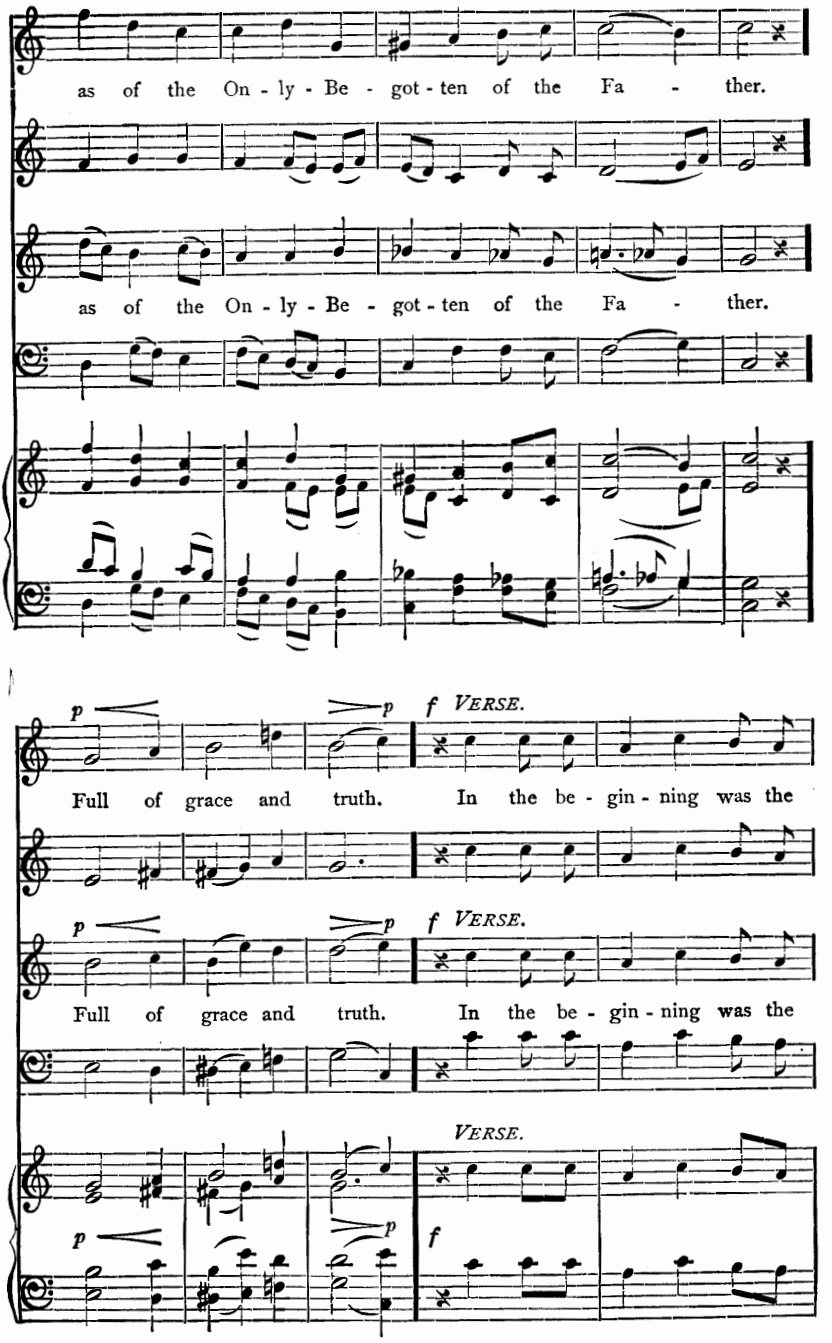
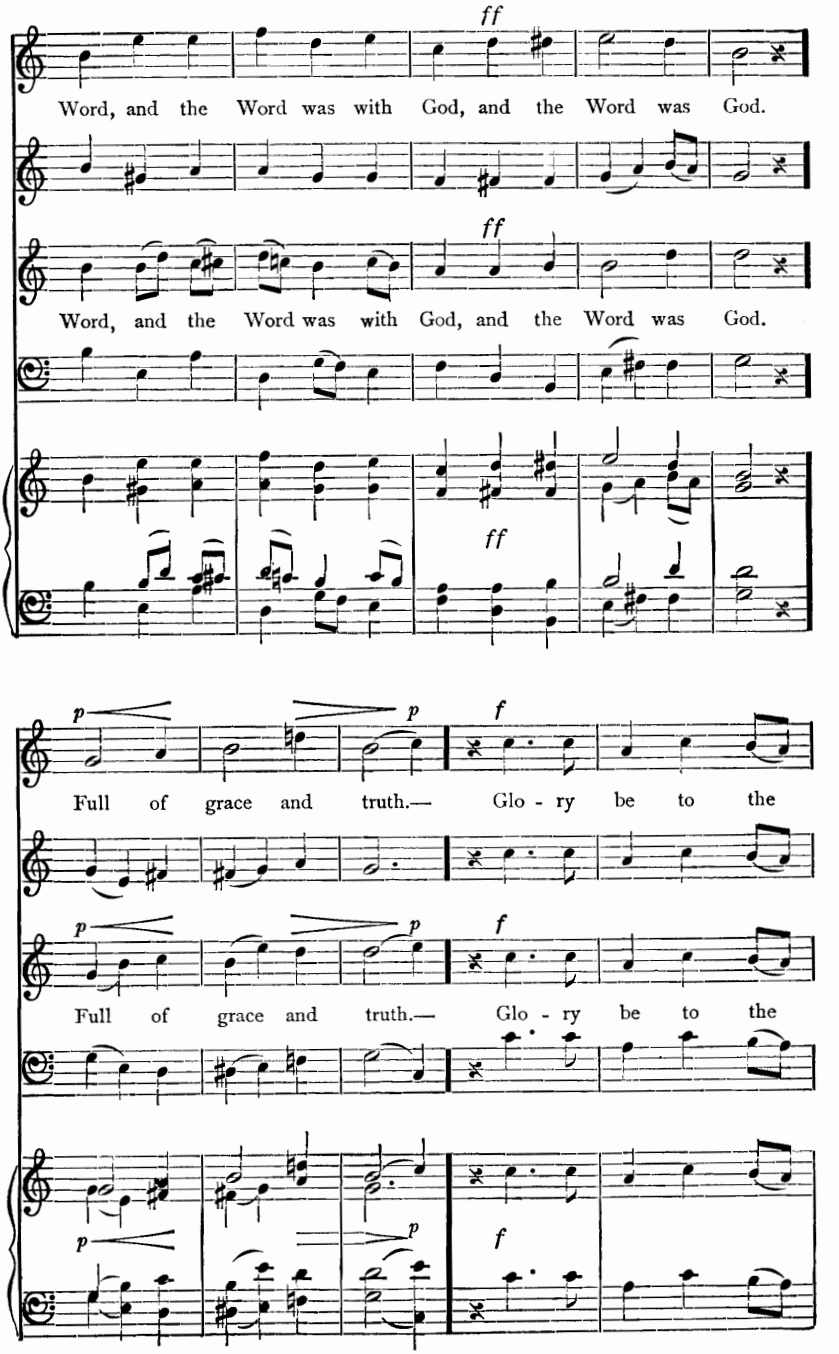
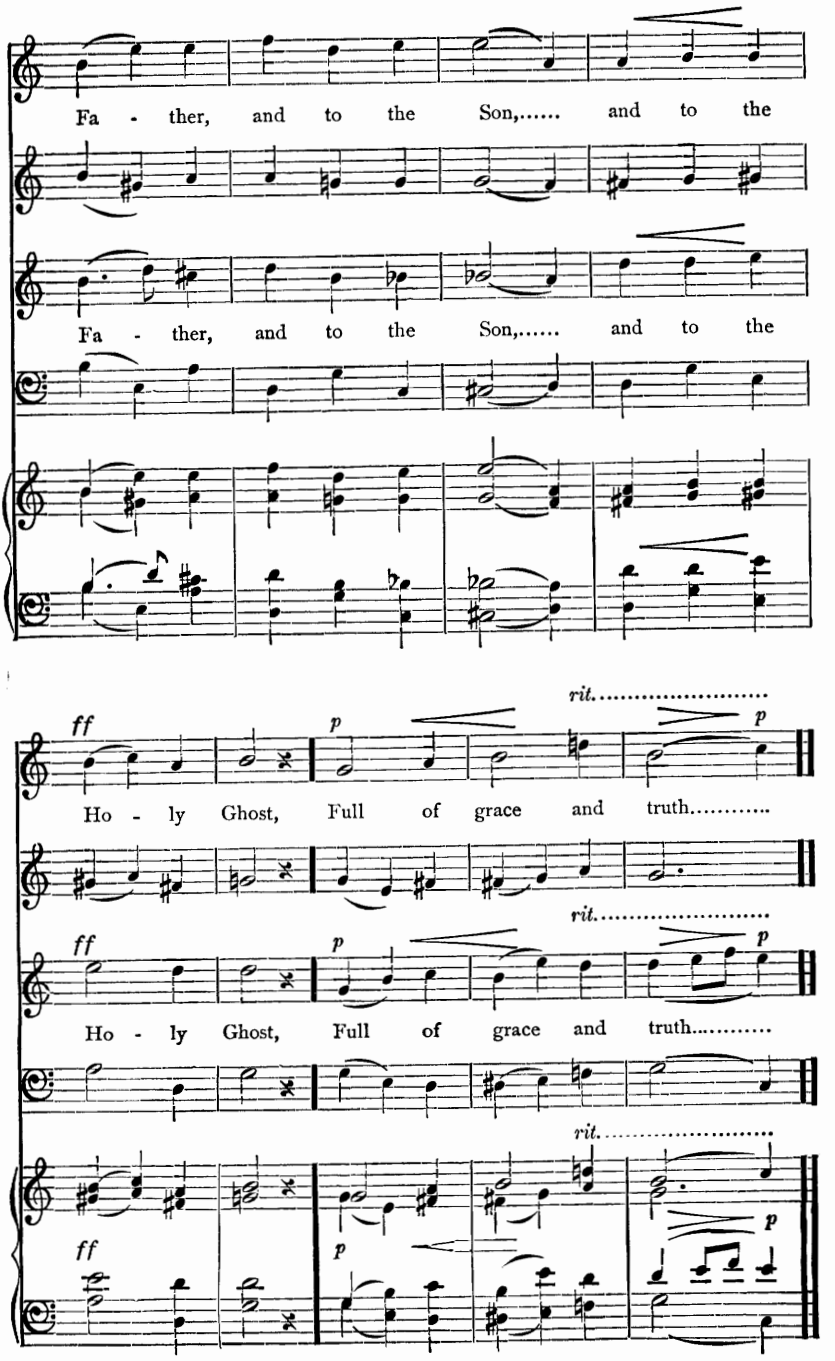
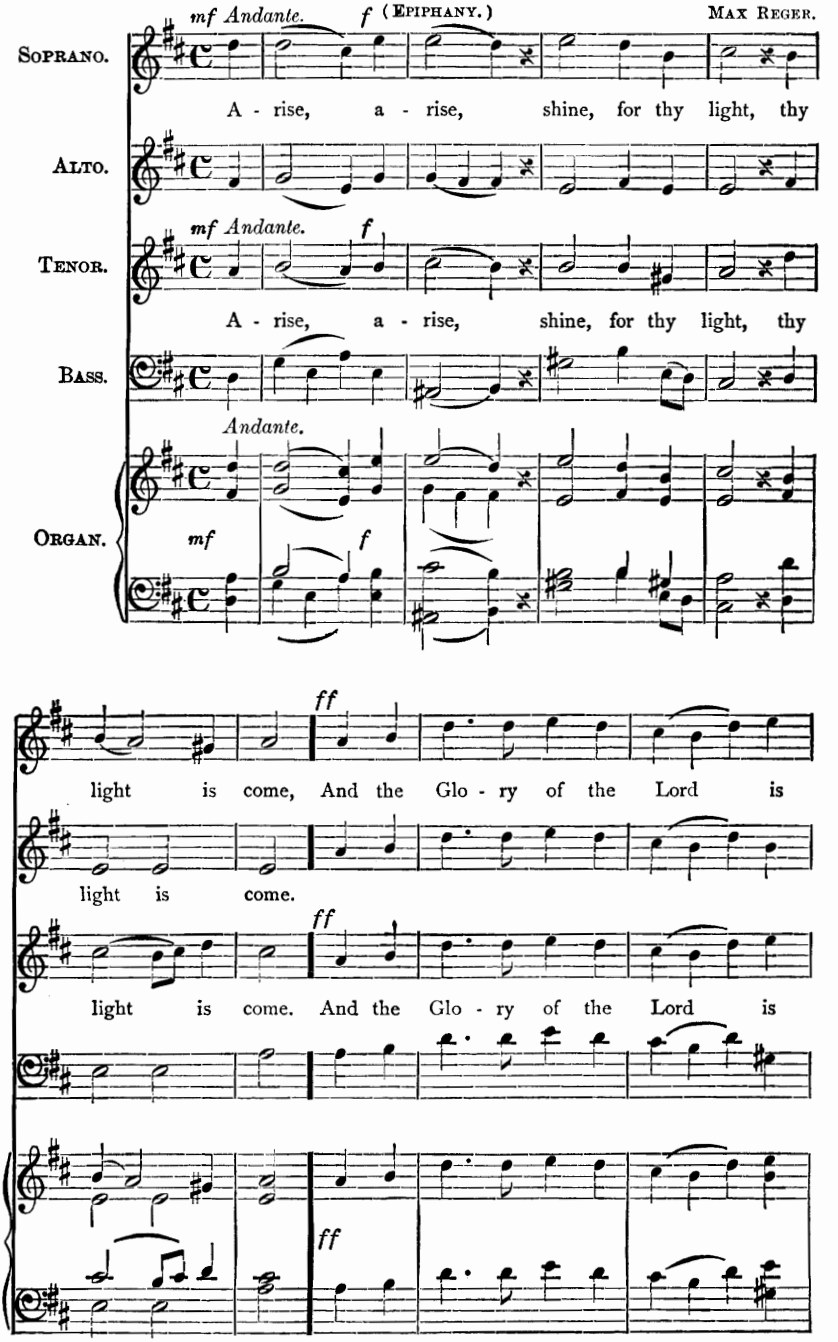

as of the On - ly - Be - got - ten of the Fa - ther.
as of the On - ly - Be - got - ten of the Fa - ther.
p
p
f VERSE.
Full of grace and truth. In the be - gin - ning was the
p
p
f VERSE.
Full of grace and truth. In the be - gin - ning was the
VERSE.
p
p
f


ff
Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
ff
Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
ff
p
p
f
Full of grace and truth.— Glo - ry be to the
p
p
f
Full of grace and truth.— Glo - ry be to the
p
p
f


Fa - ther, and to the Son,..... and to the
Fa - ther, and to the Son,..... and to the
rit.
ff
p
p
Ho - ly Ghost, Full of grace and truth.....
rit.
ff
p
p
Ho - ly Ghost, Full of grace and truth.....
rit.
ff
p
p

3. Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come.



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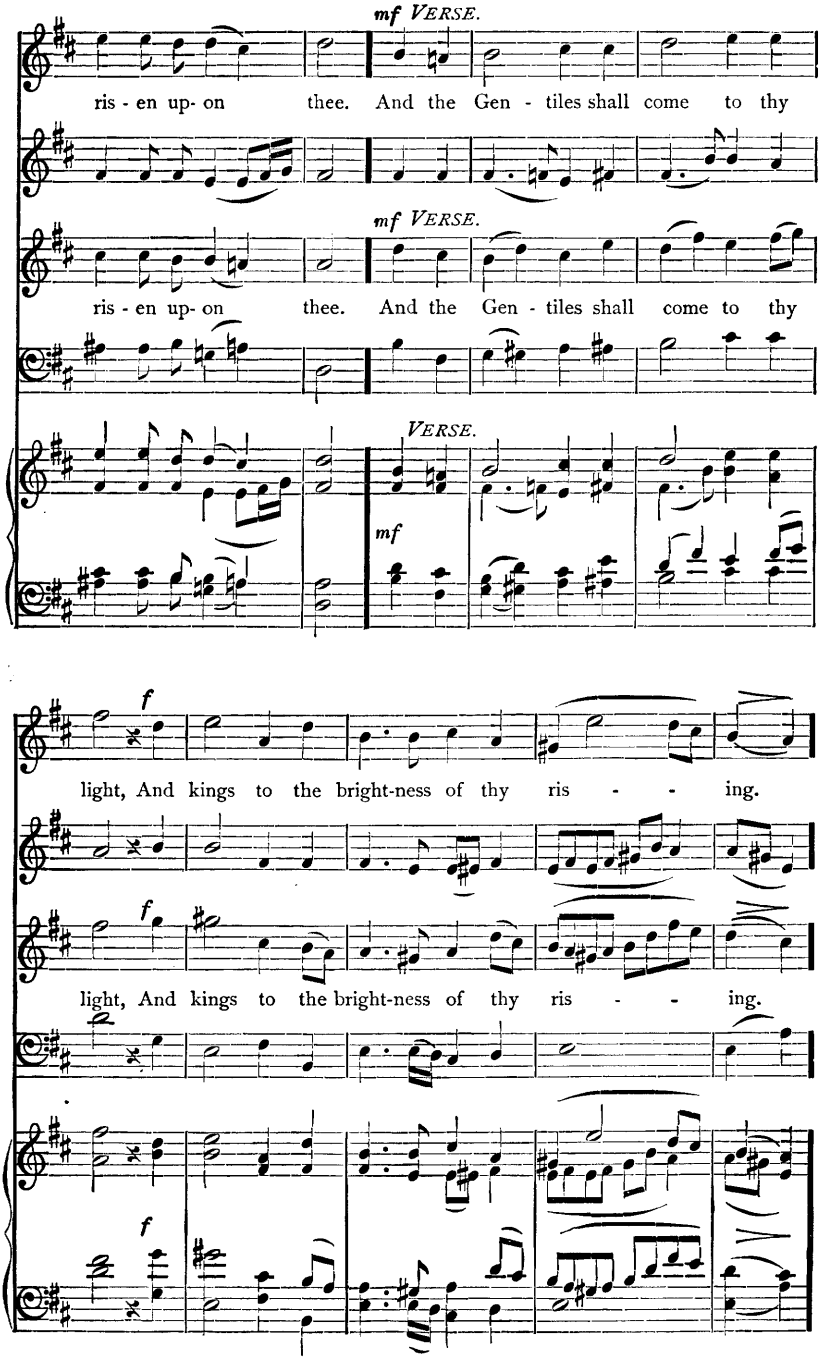
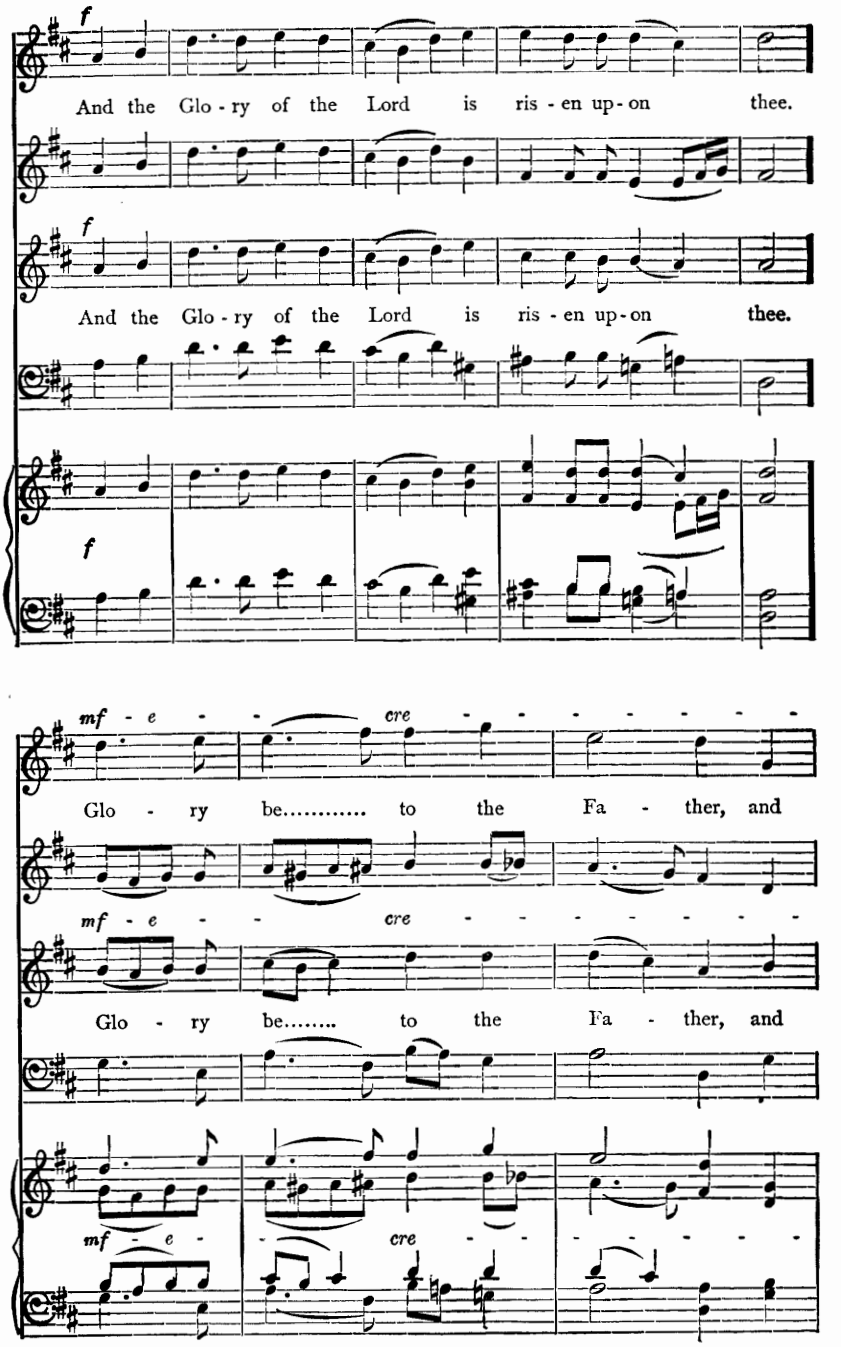
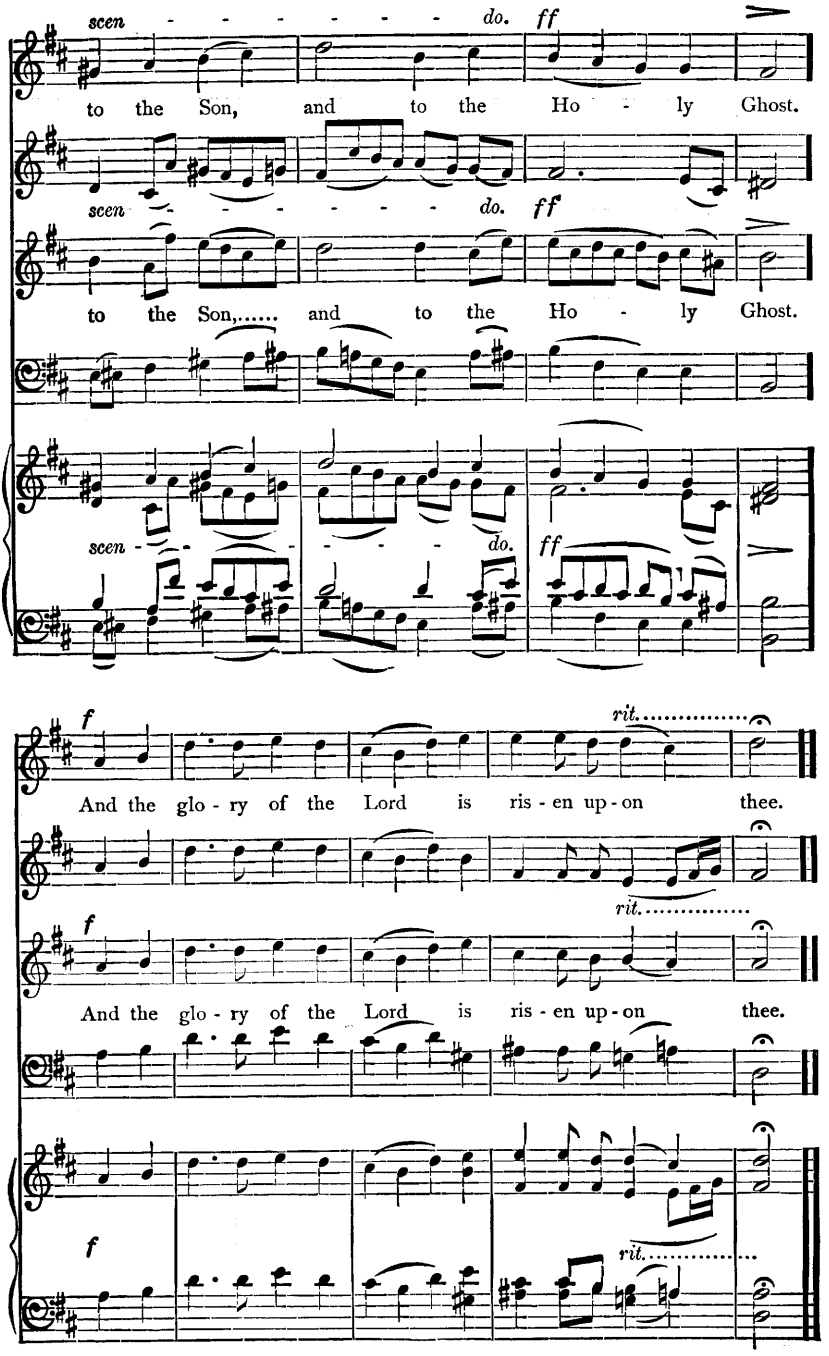

mf VERSE.
ris - en up- on thee. And the Gen - tiles shall come to thy
mf VERSE.
ris - en up- on thee. And the Gen - tiles shall come to thy
VERSE.
mf
f
light, And kings to the bright-ness of thy ris - - ing.
f
light, And kings to the bright-ness of thy ris - - ing.
f


f
And the Glo - ry of the Lord is ris - en up - on thee.
f
And the Glo - ry of the Lord is ris - en up - on thee.
f
mf - e - - - cre - - - - - - - - -
Glo - ry be..... to the Fa - ther, and
mf - e - - - cre - - - - - - - - -
Glo - ry be..... to the Fa - ther, and
mf - e - - - cre - - - - - - - - -


scen - - - - - - - - do. ff
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
scen - - - - - - - - do. ff
to the Son,..... and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
scen - - - - - - - - do. ff
f
rit.
And the glo - ry of the Lord is ris - en up - on thee.
f
rit.
And the glo - ry of the Lord is ris - en up - on thee.
f
rit.

4. He was Brought as a Lamb to the Slaughter.

(Passion Season.)

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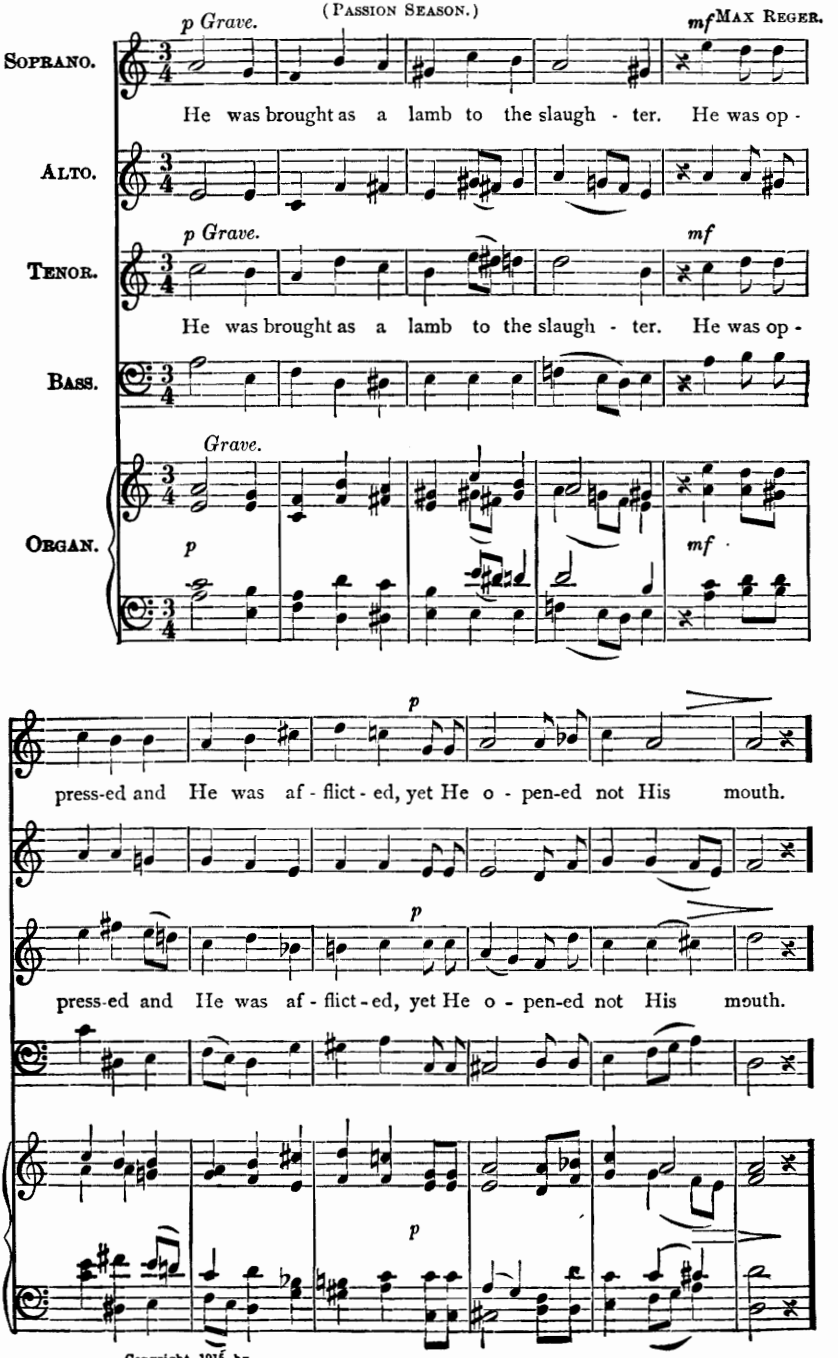

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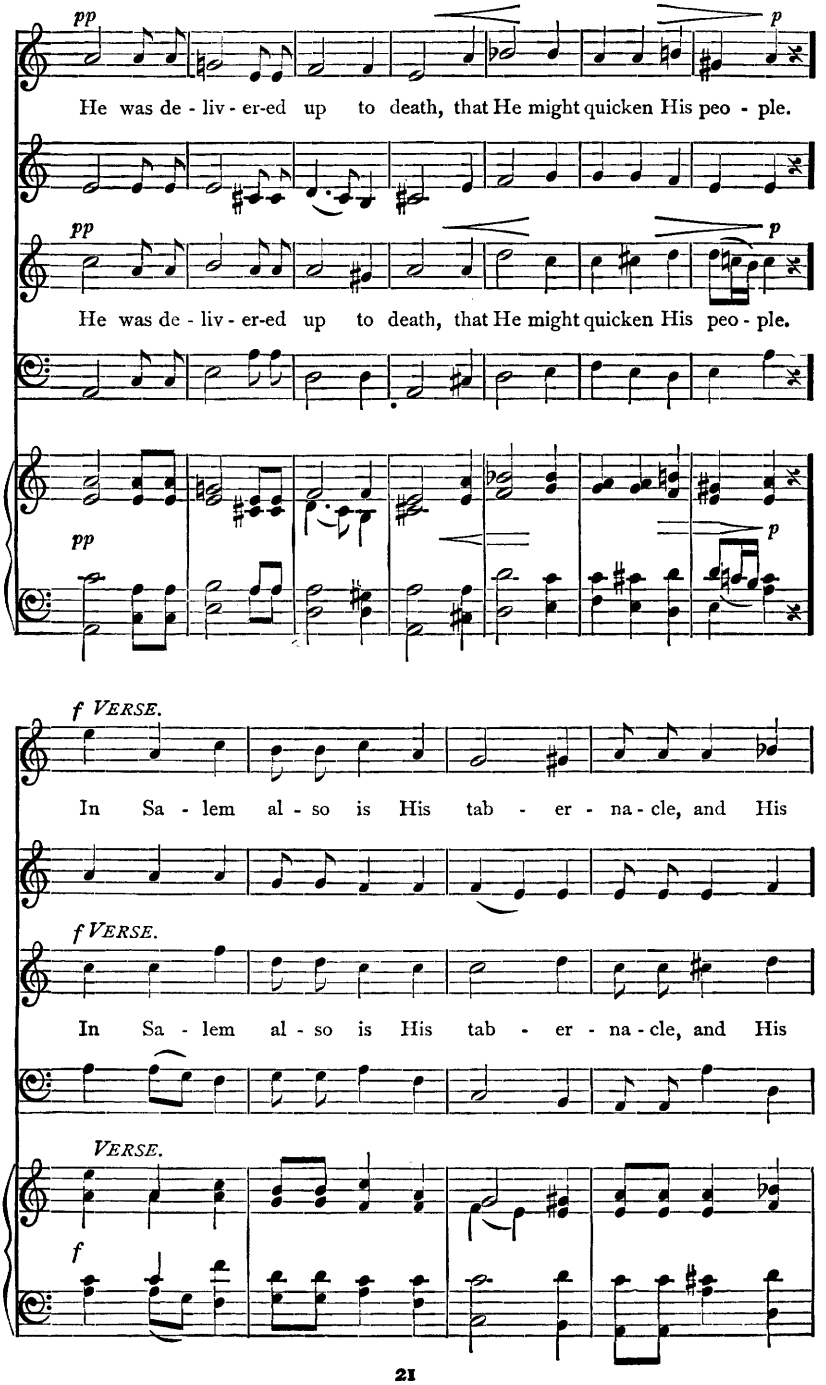
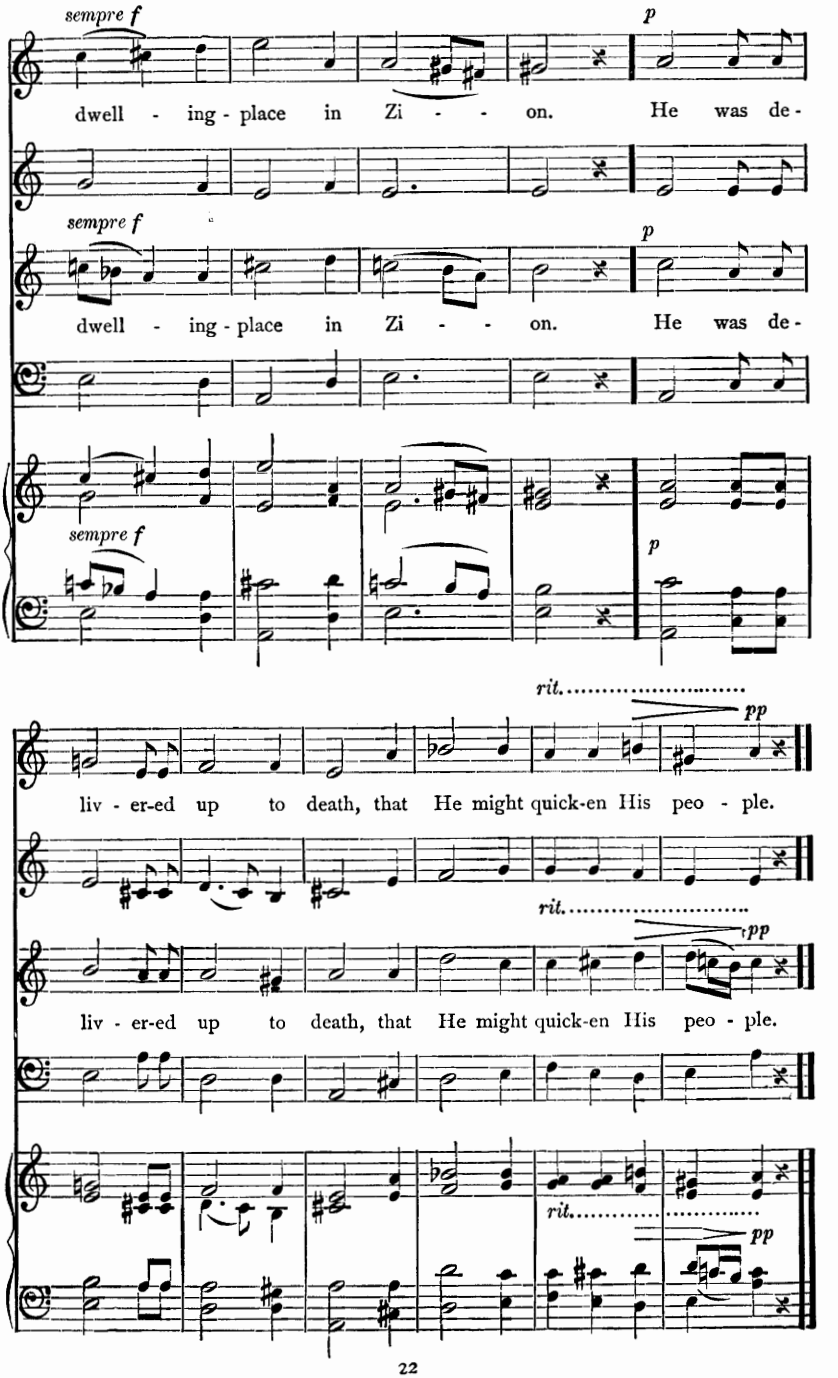
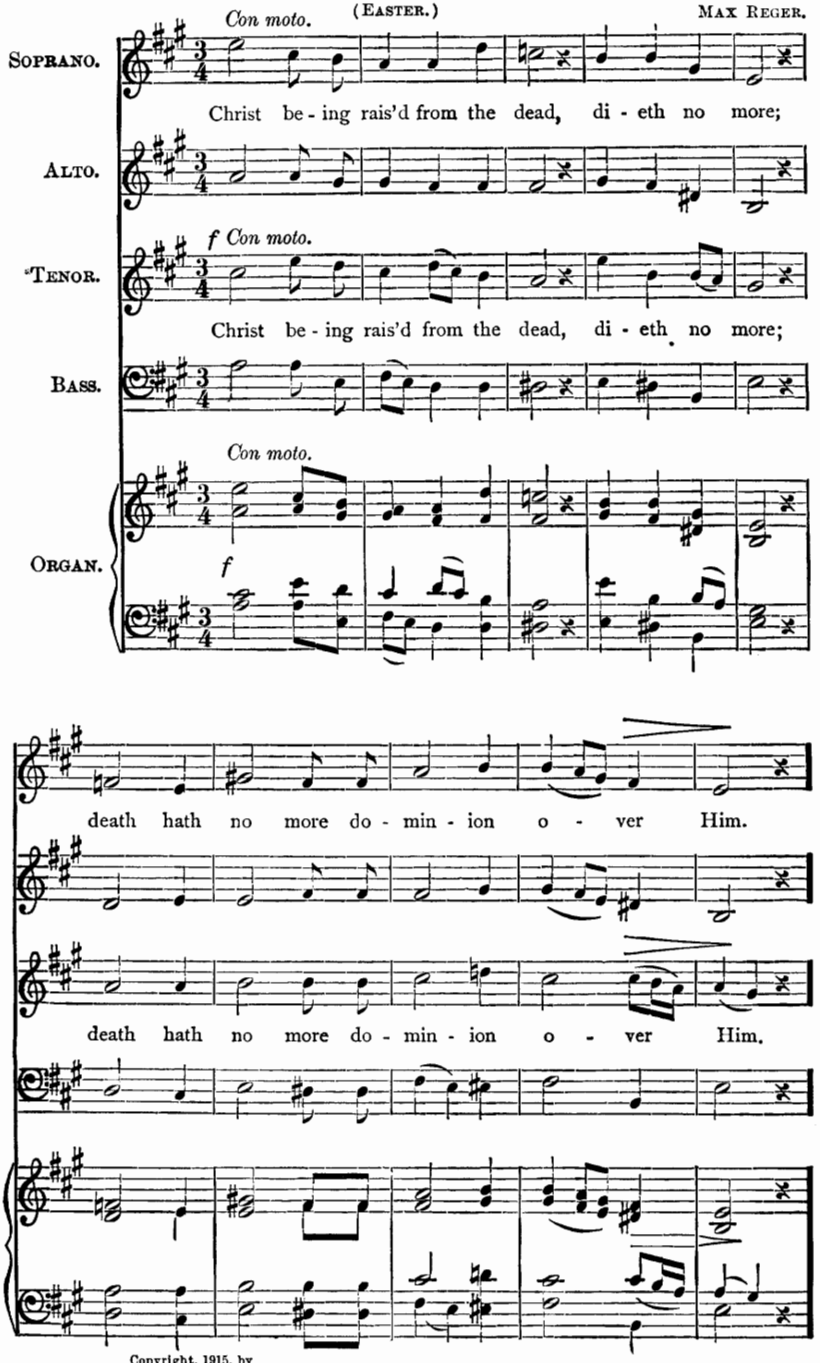

pp
p
He was de - liv - er-ed up to death, that He might quicken His peo - ple.
pp
p
He was de - liv - er-ed up to death, that He might quicken His peo - ple.
pp
p
f VERSE.
In Sa - lem al - so is His tab - er - na - cle, and His
f VERSE.
In Sa - lem al - so is His tab - er - na - cle, and His
VERSE.
f


sempre f
p
dwell - ing - place in Zi - - - on. He was de-
sempre f
p
dwell - ing - place in Zi - - - on. He was de-
sempre f
p
rit.
pp
liv - er-ed up to death, that He might quick-en His peo - ple.
rit.
pp
liv - er-ed up to death, that He might quick-en His peo - ple.
rit.
pp

5. Christ Being Raised From the Dead.

(EASTER.) MAX REGER.



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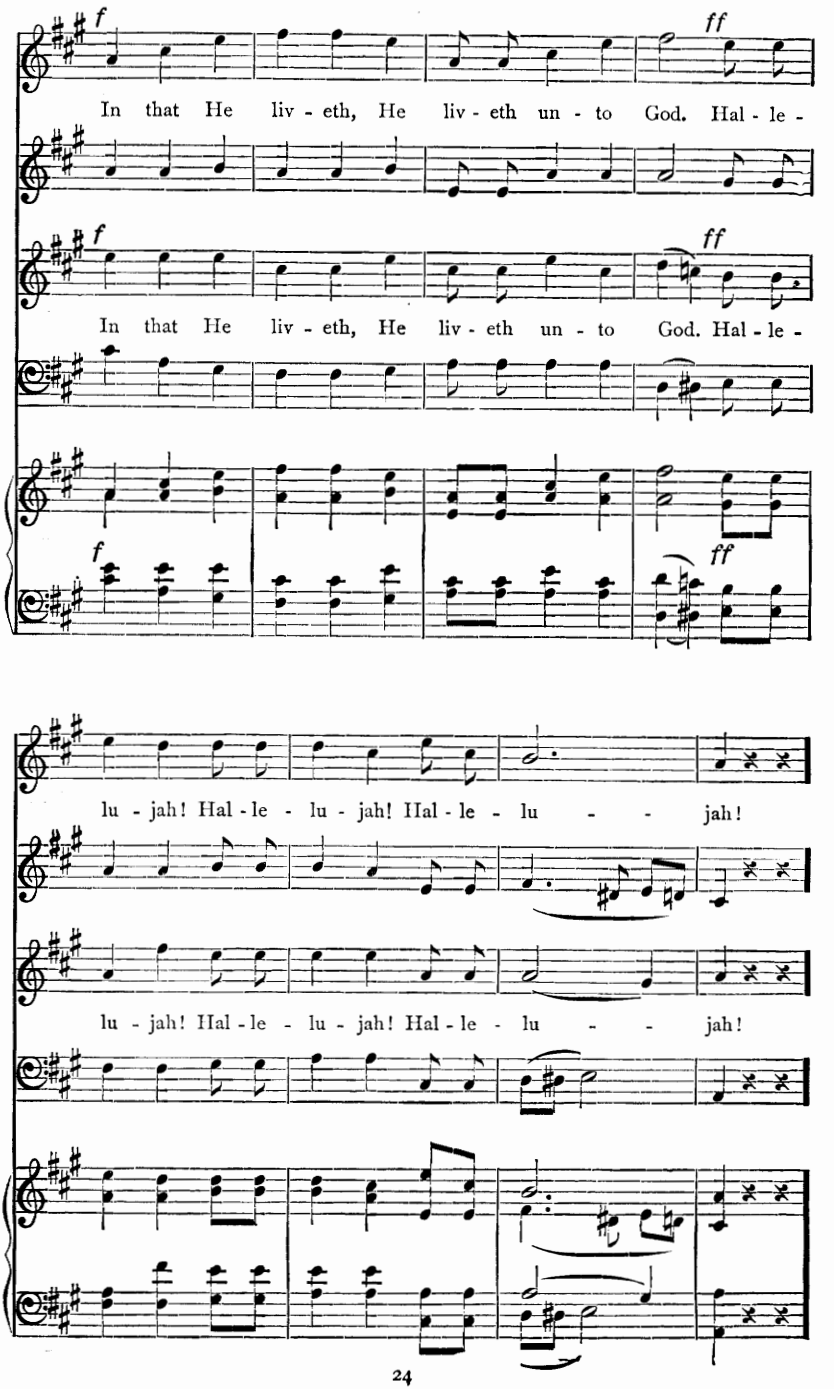
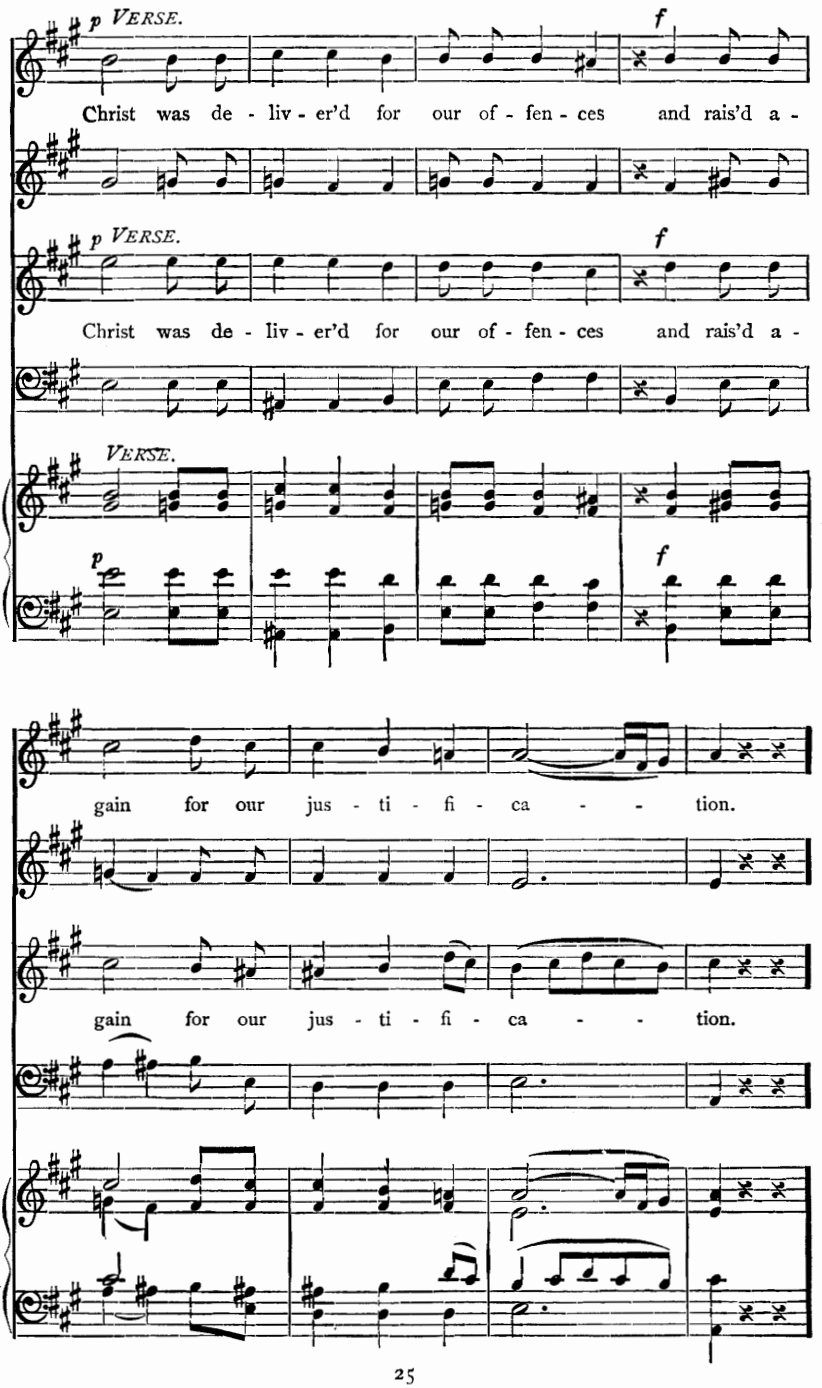
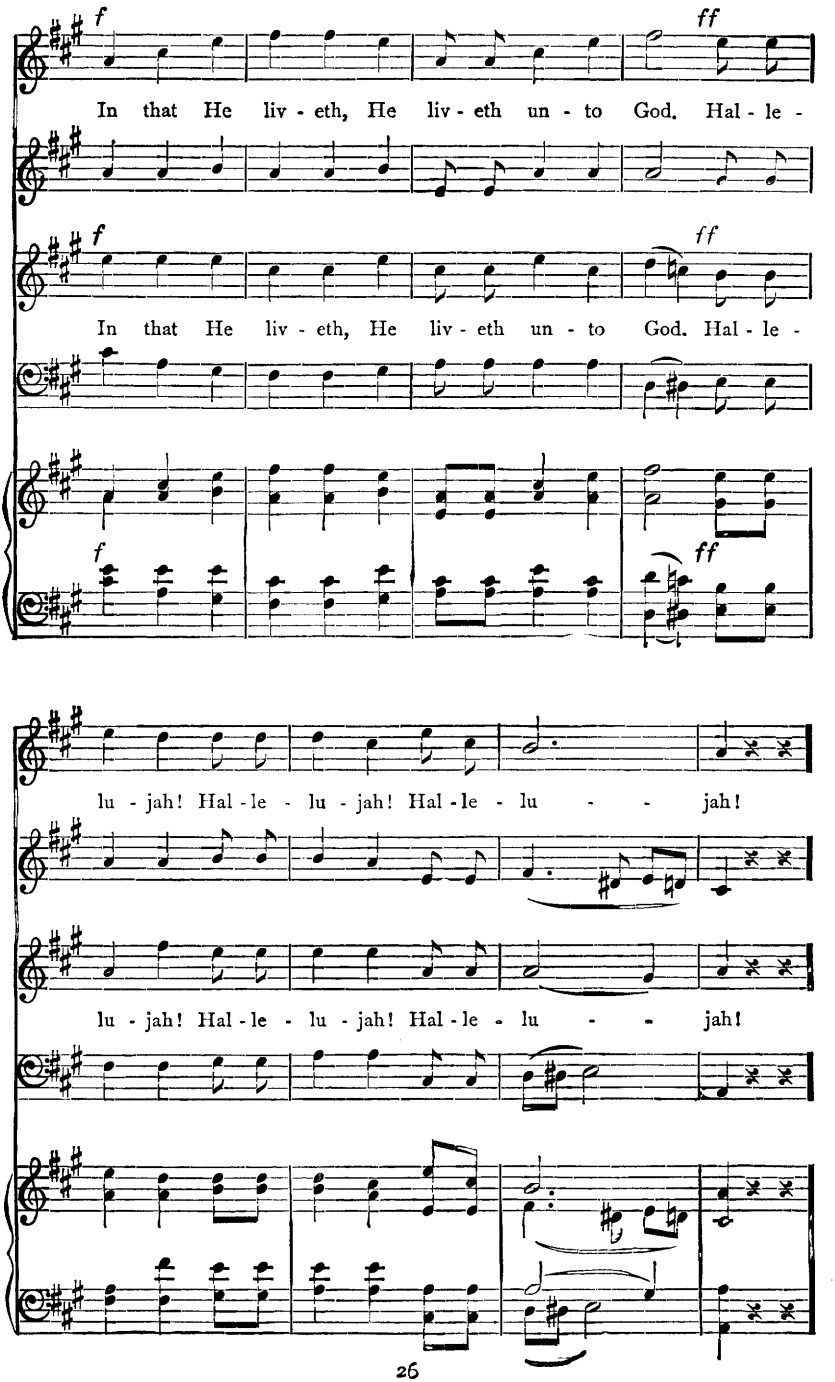

f
ff
In that He liv - eth, He liv - eth un - to God. Hal - le -
f
ff
In that He liv - eth, He liv - eth un - to God. Hal - le -
f
ff
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!


p VERSE.
f
Christ was de - liv - er'd for our of - fen - ces and rais'd a -
p VERSE.
f
Christ was de - liv - er'd for our of - fen - ces and rais'd a -
VERSE.
p
f
gain for our jus - ti - fi - ca - - tion.
gain for our jus - ti - fi - ca - - tion.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In that He liv - eth, He liv - eth un - to God. Hal - le -
f
ff
In that He liv - eth, He liv - eth un - to God. Hal - le -
f
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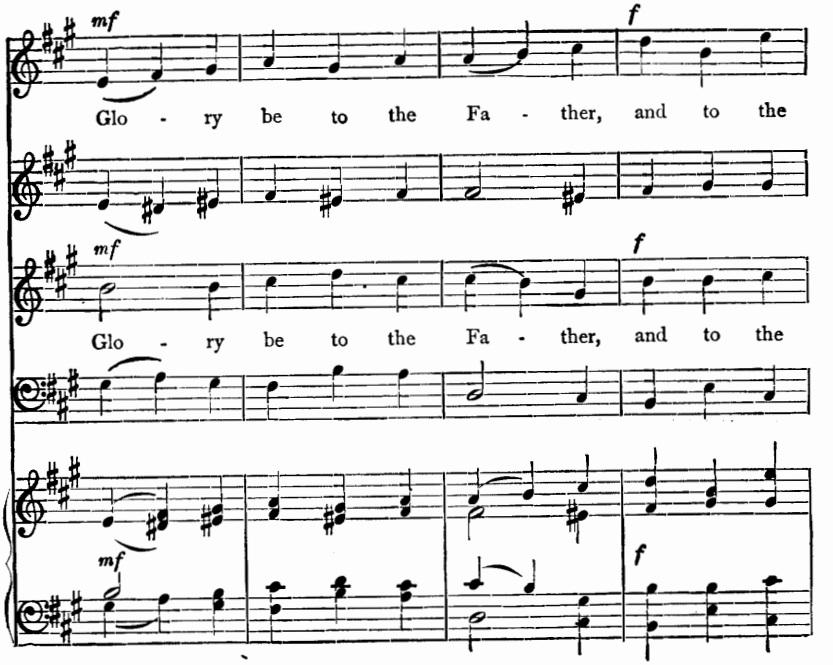
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!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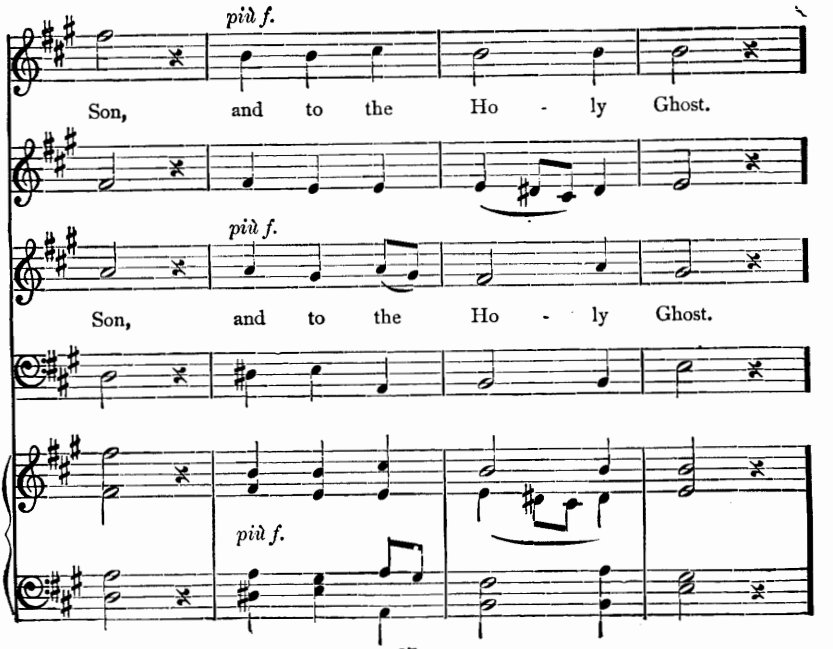
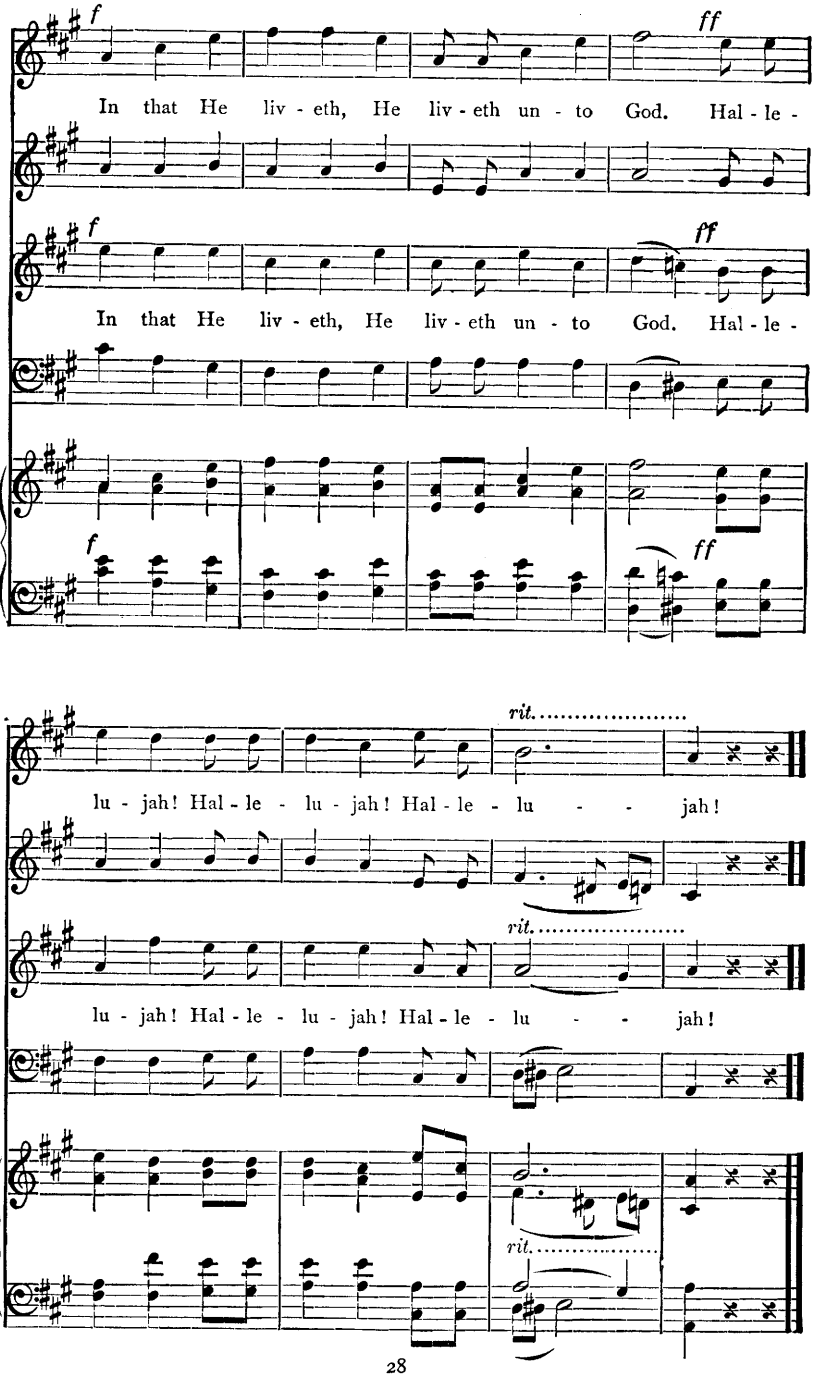
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
mf
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
mf
f


più f.
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
più f.
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
più f.


f
ff
In that He liv - eth, He liv - eth un - to God. Hal - le -
f
ff
In that He liv - eth, He liv - eth un - to God. Hal - le -
f
ff
rit.
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!
rit.
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!
rit.

6. Go Ye Into All the World.

(ASCENSION.)

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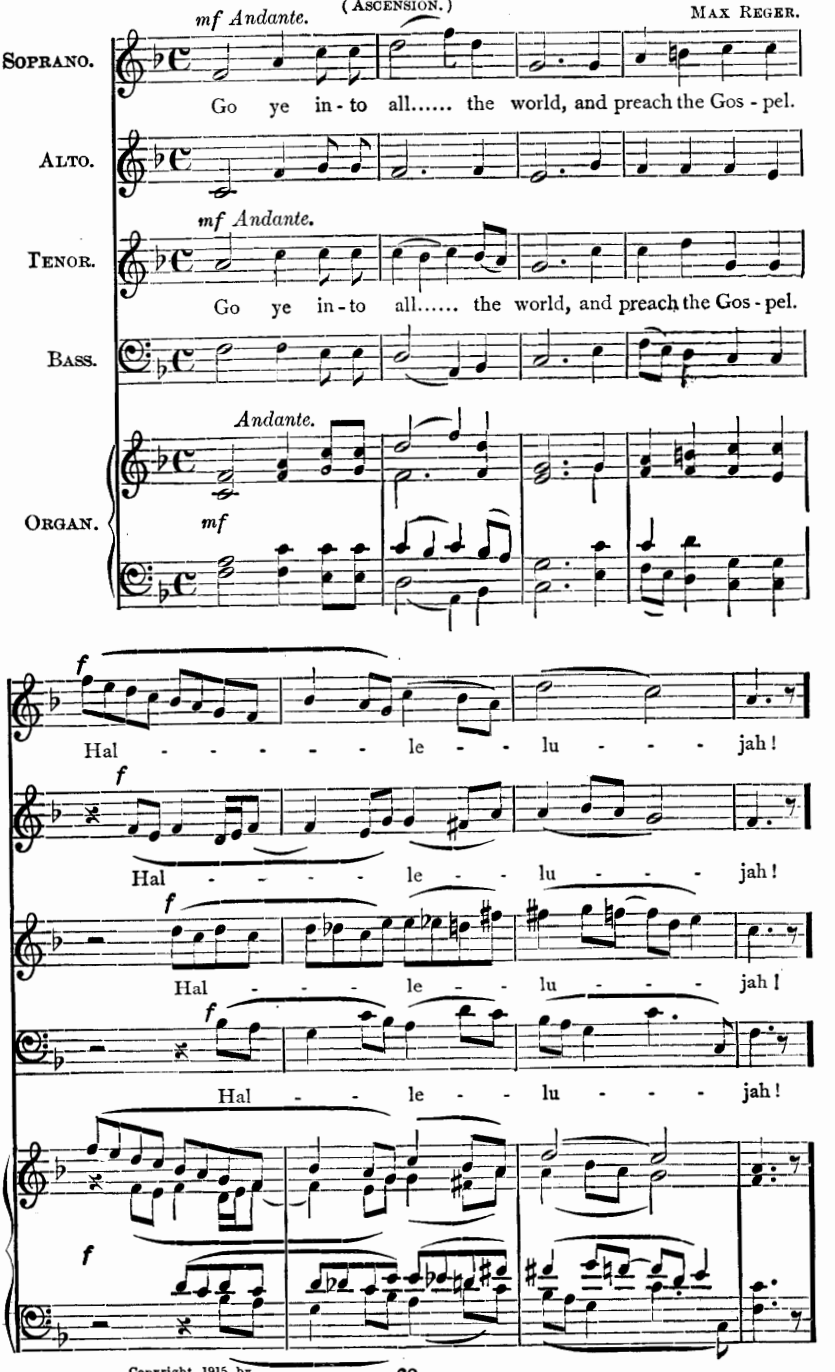

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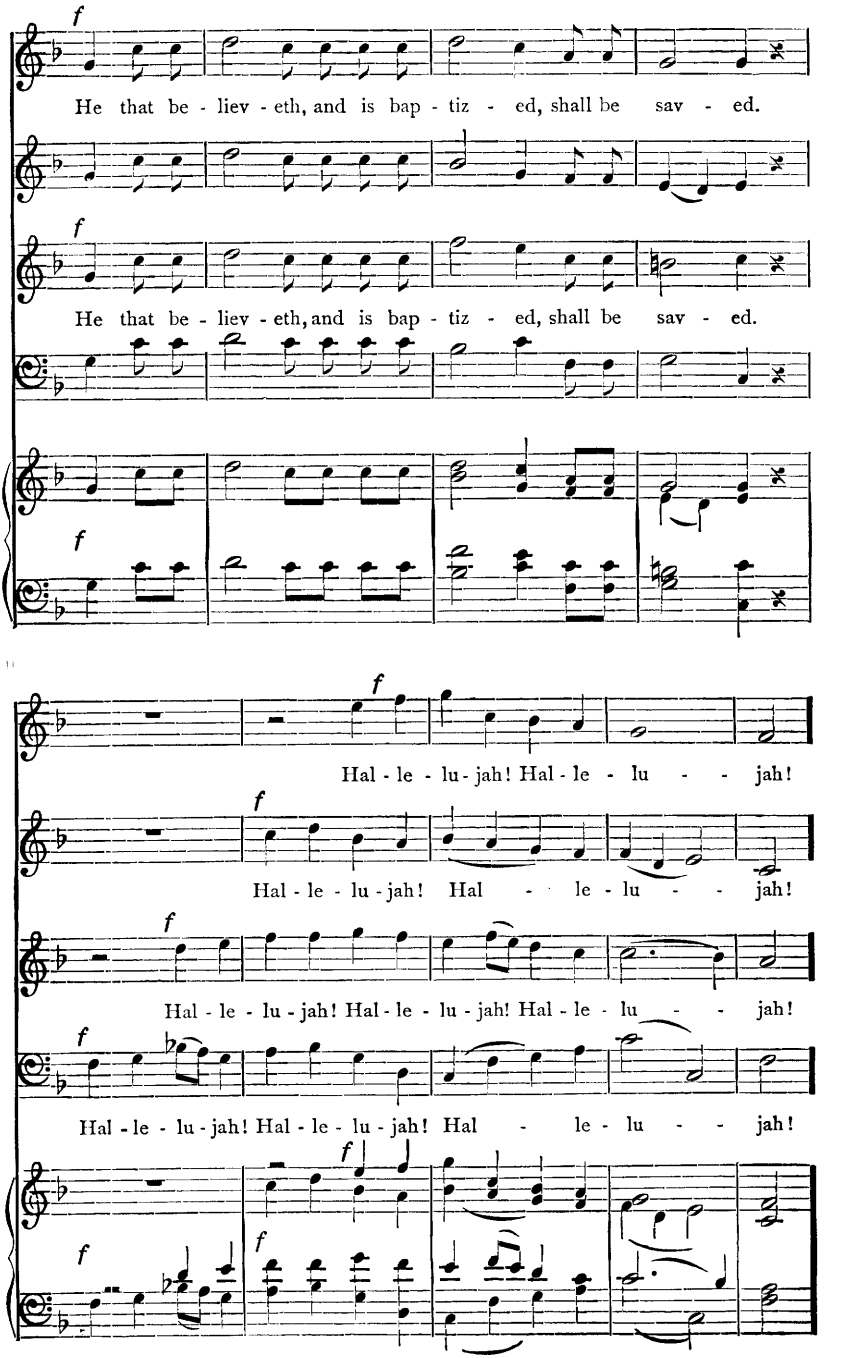
f
He that be - liev - eth, and is bap - tiz - ed, shall be sav - ed.
f
He that be - liev - eth, and is bap - tiz - ed, shall be sav - ed.
f
f
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!
f
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!
f
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!
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Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!
f
f
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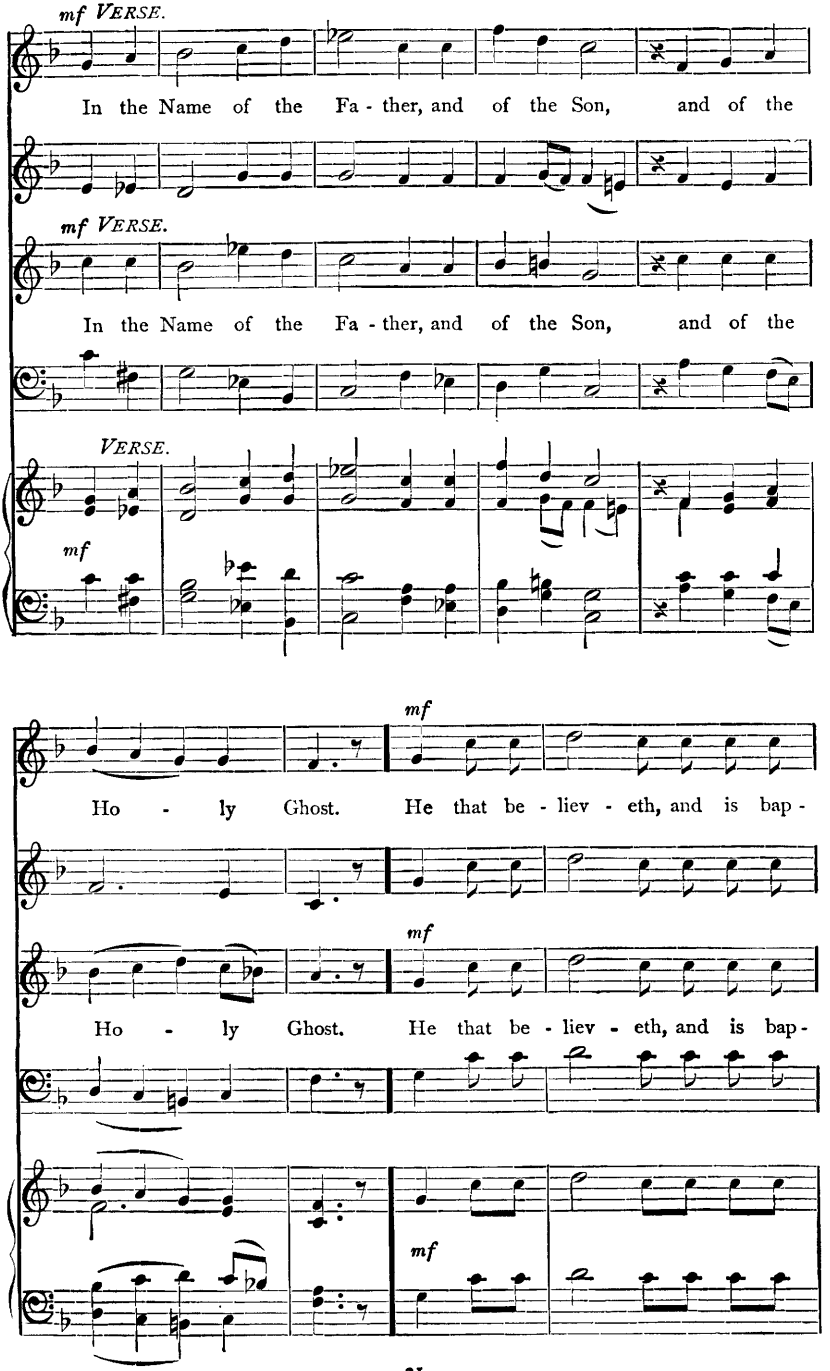
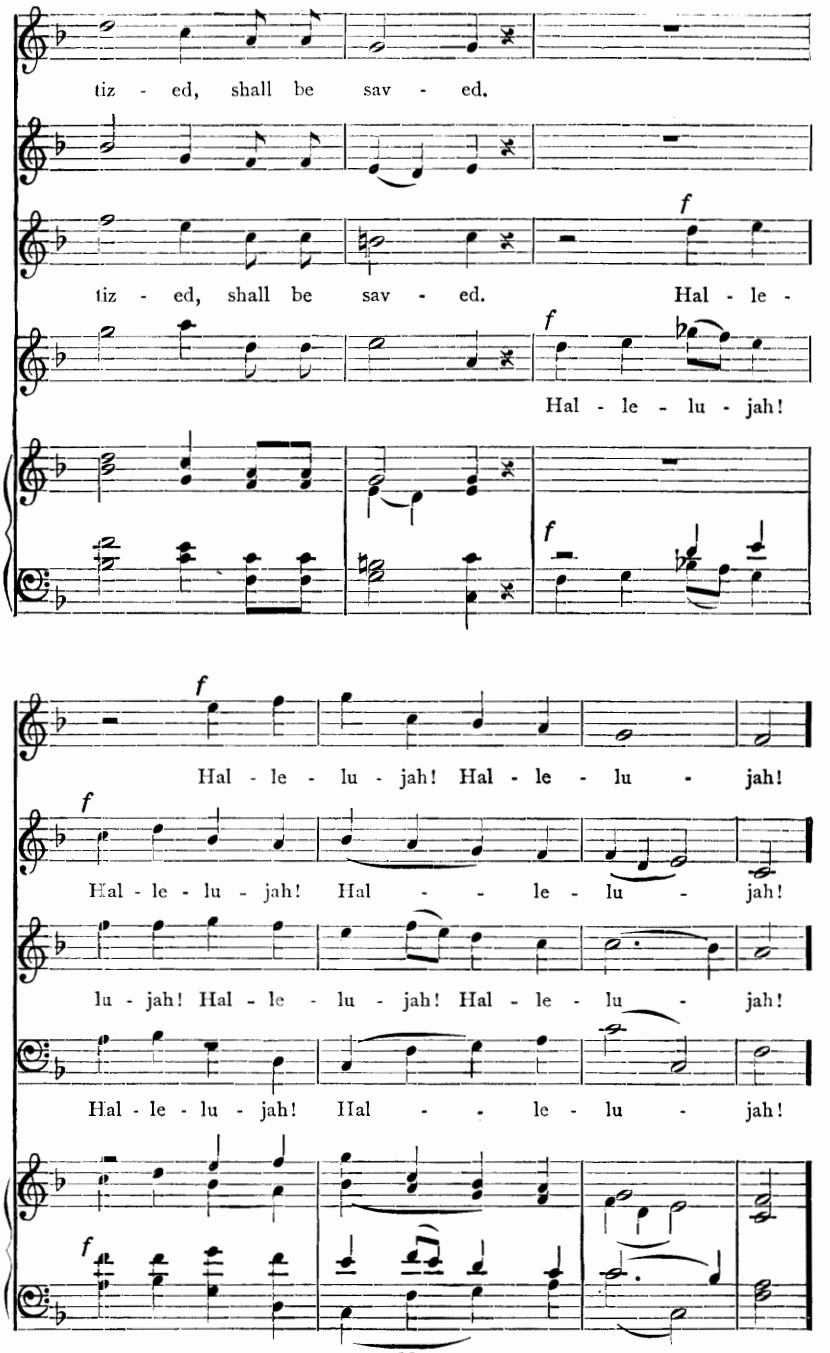
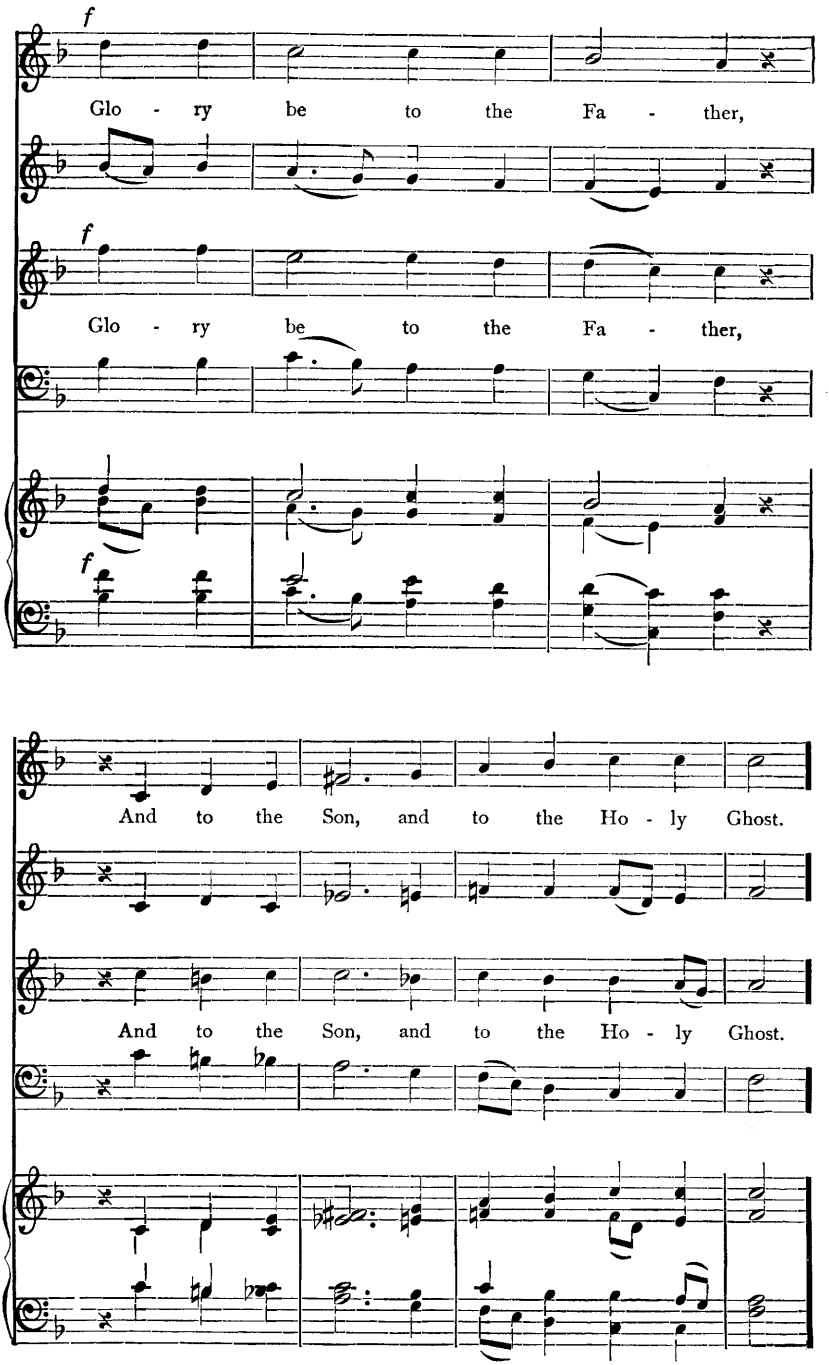
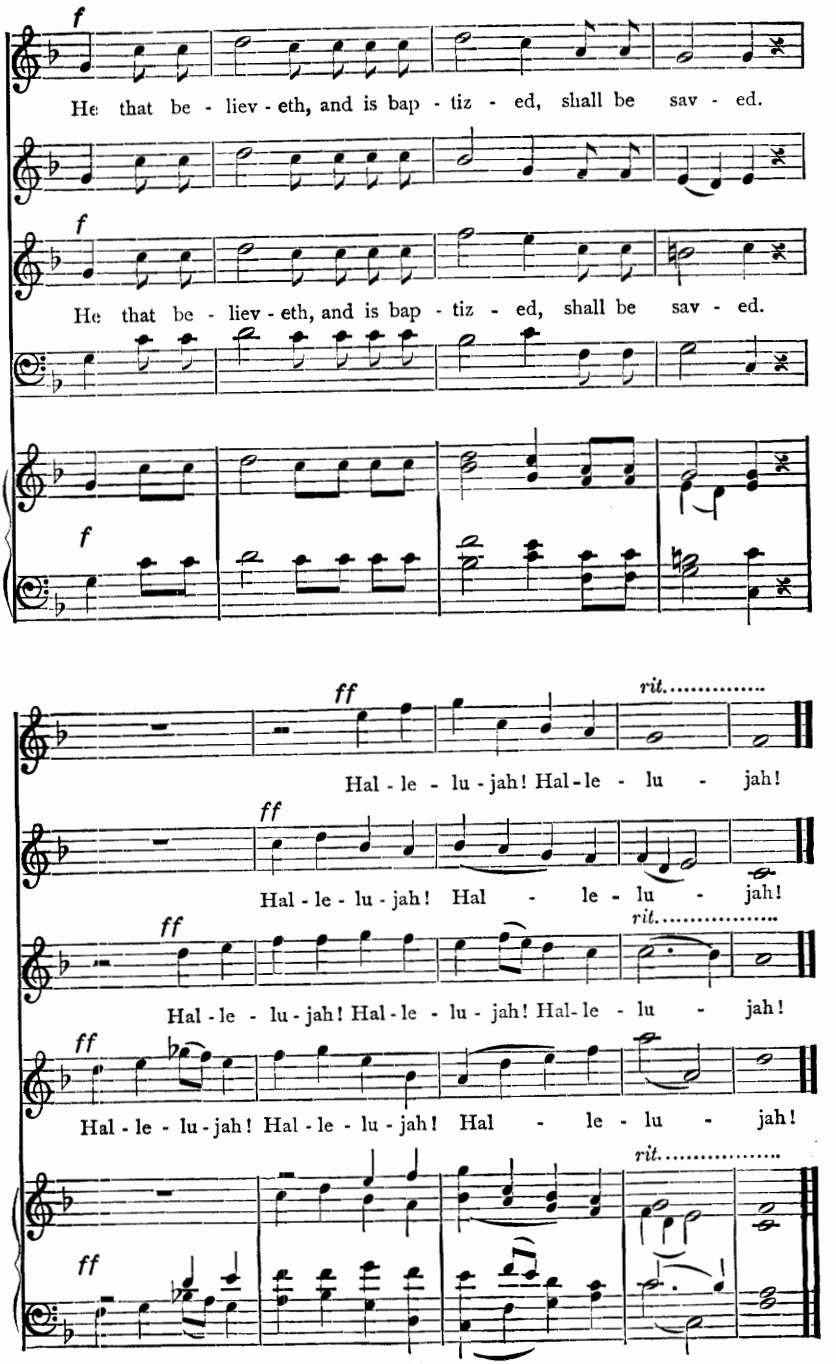

mf VERSE.
In the Name of the Fa - ther, and of the Son, and of the
mf VERSE.
In the Name of the Fa - ther, and of the Son, and of the
VERSE.
mf
mf
Ho - ly Ghost. He that be - liev - eth, and is bap -
mf
Ho - ly Ghost. He that be - liev - eth, and is bap -
mf


tiz - ed, shall be sav - ed.
tiz - ed, shall be sav - ed. Hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - - le - lu - jah!
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - - le - lu - jah!


f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
f
And to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
And to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.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He that be - liev - eth, and is bap - tiz - ed, shall be sav - ed.
f
He that be - liev - eth, and is bap - tiz - ed, shall be sav - ed.
f
ff
rit.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
ff
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal le - lu - jah!
ff
rit.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
ff
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
rit.
ff

7. And There Appeared Unto the Apostles.

(WHITSUNTIDE.)

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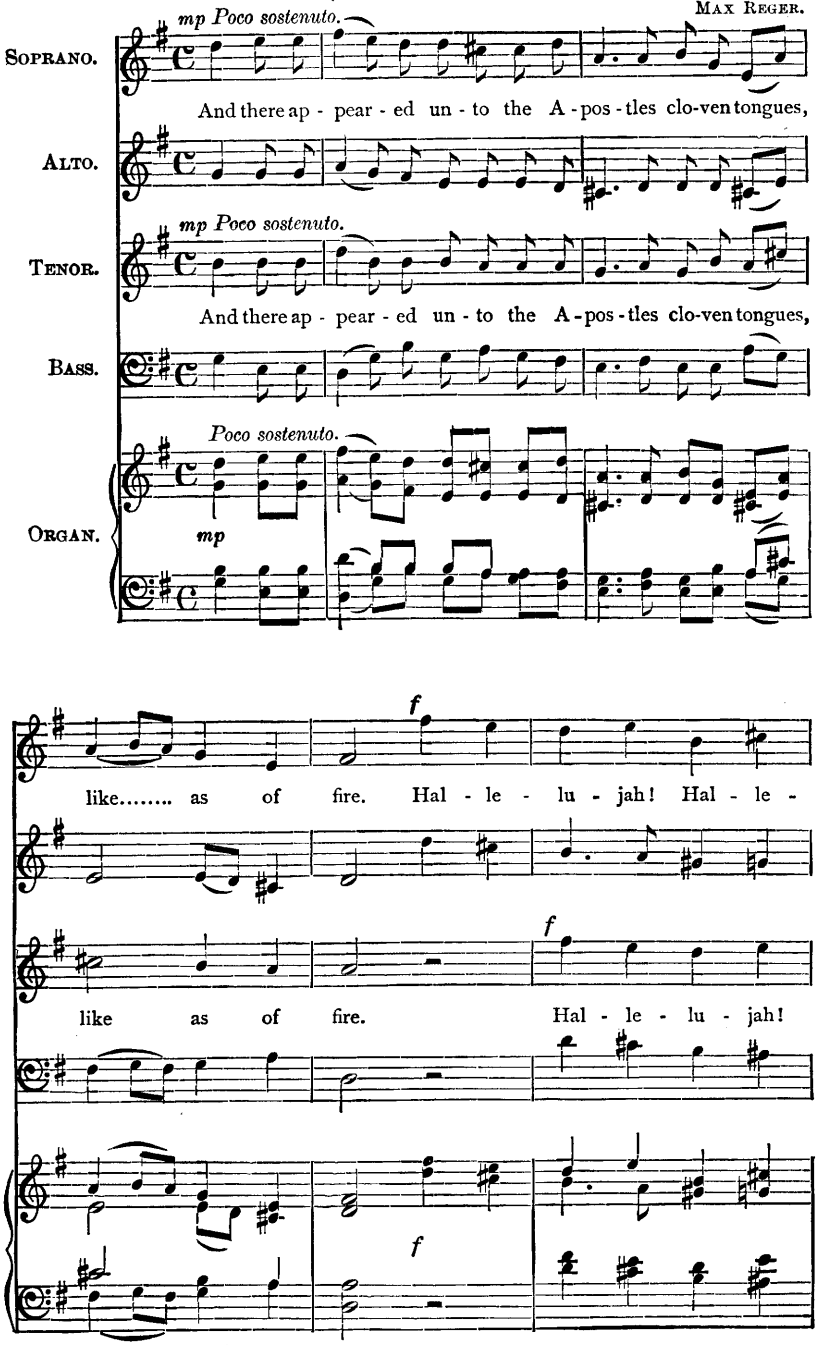

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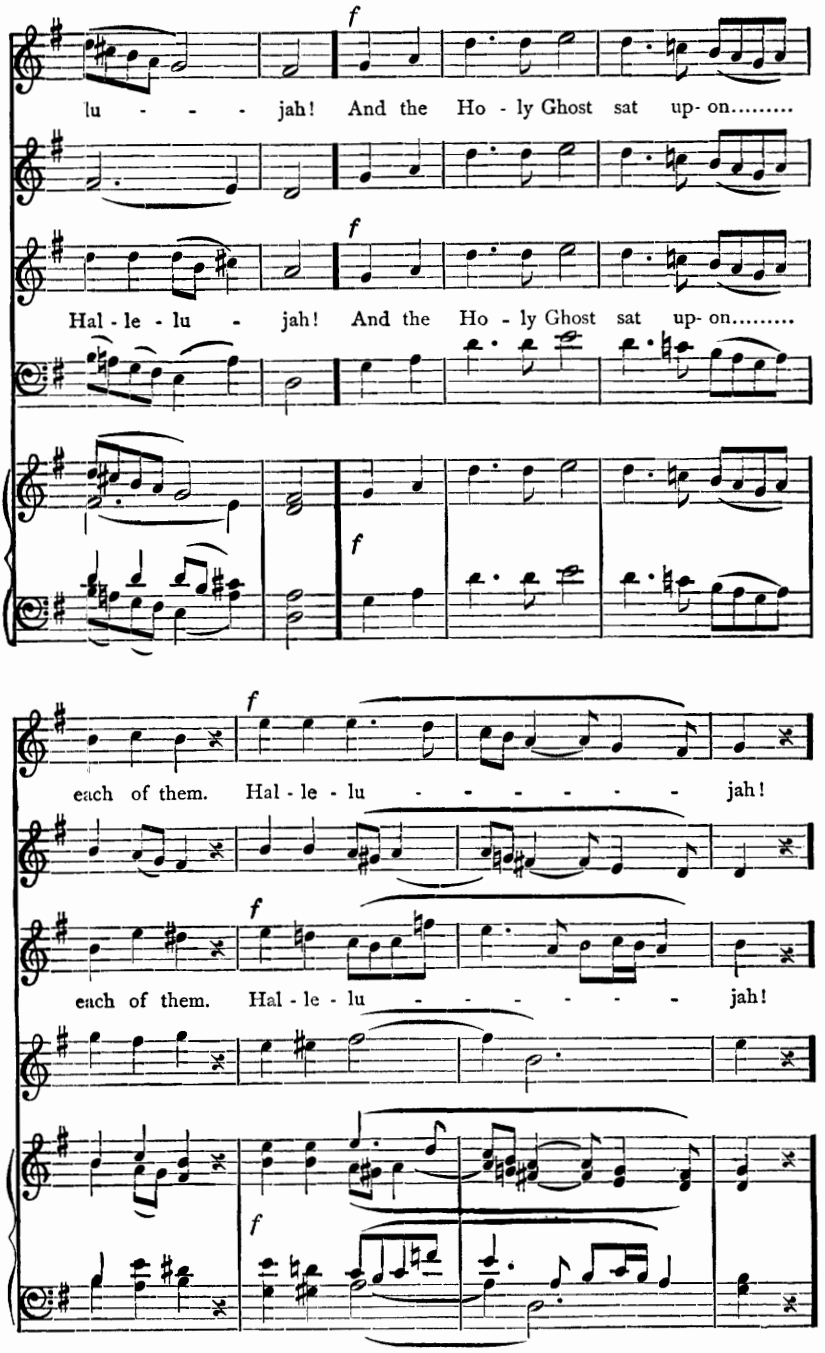
f
lu - - - - jah! And the Ho - ly Ghost sat up- on.....
f
Hal - le - lu - jah! And the Ho - ly Ghost sat up- on.....
f
f
each of them. Hal - le - lu - - - - - - - jah!
f
each of them. Hal - le - lu - - - - - - - jah!
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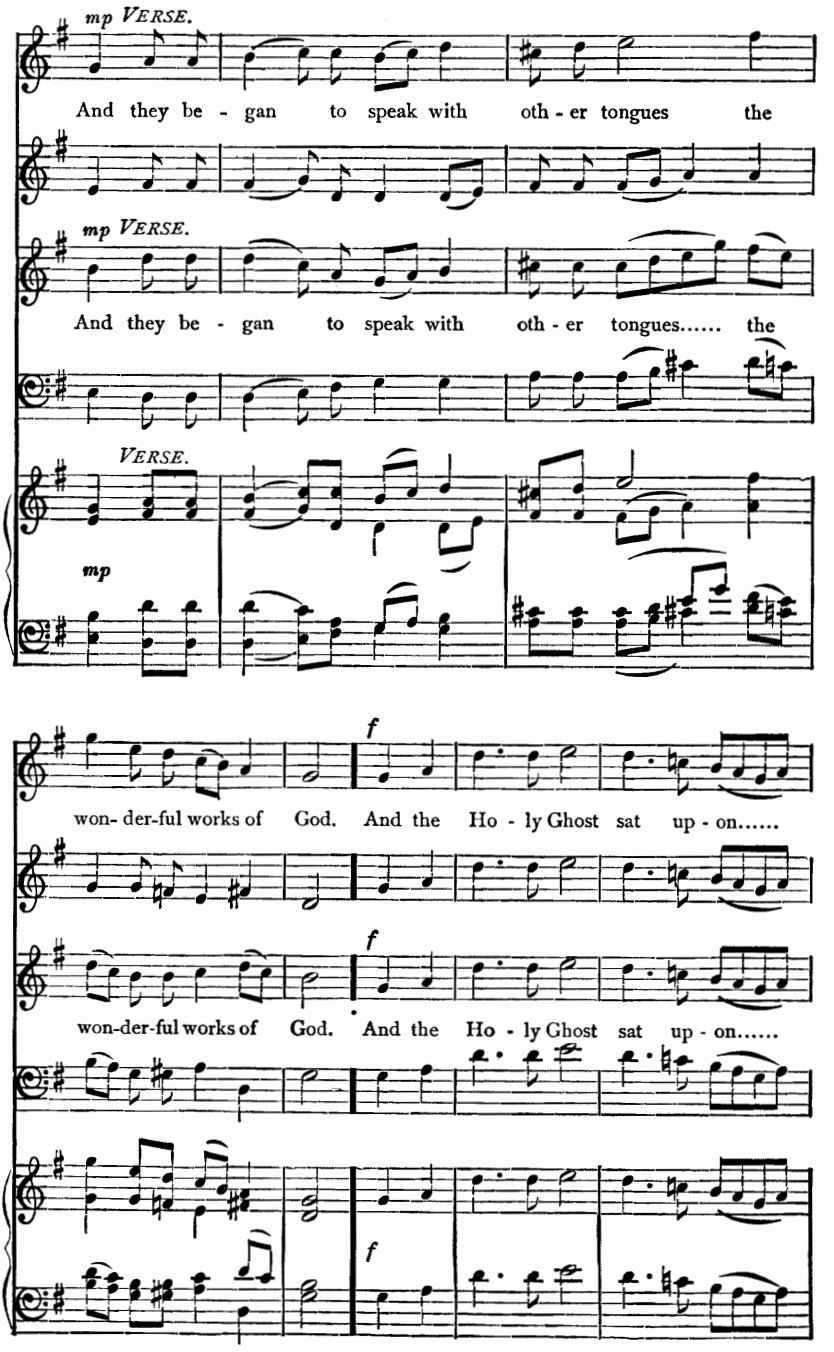
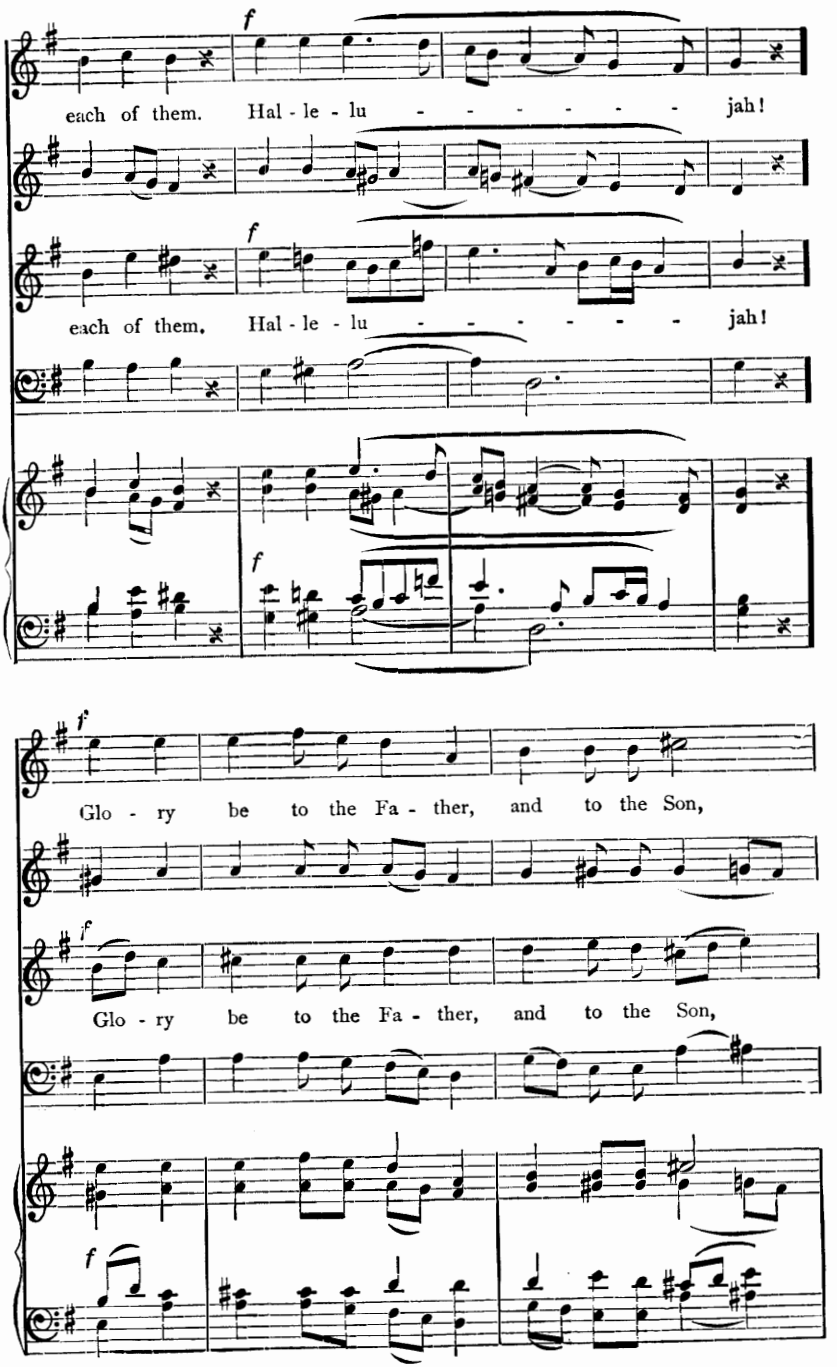
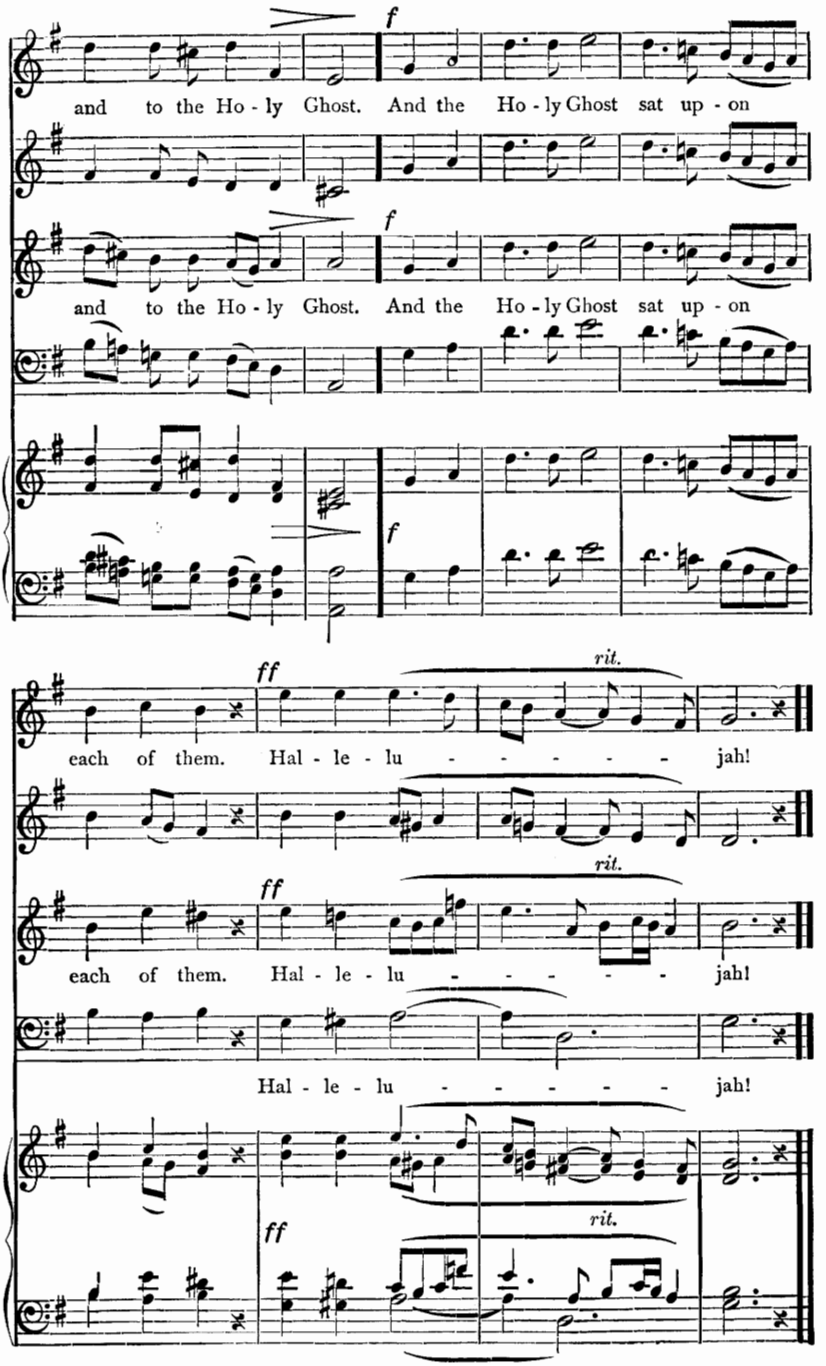
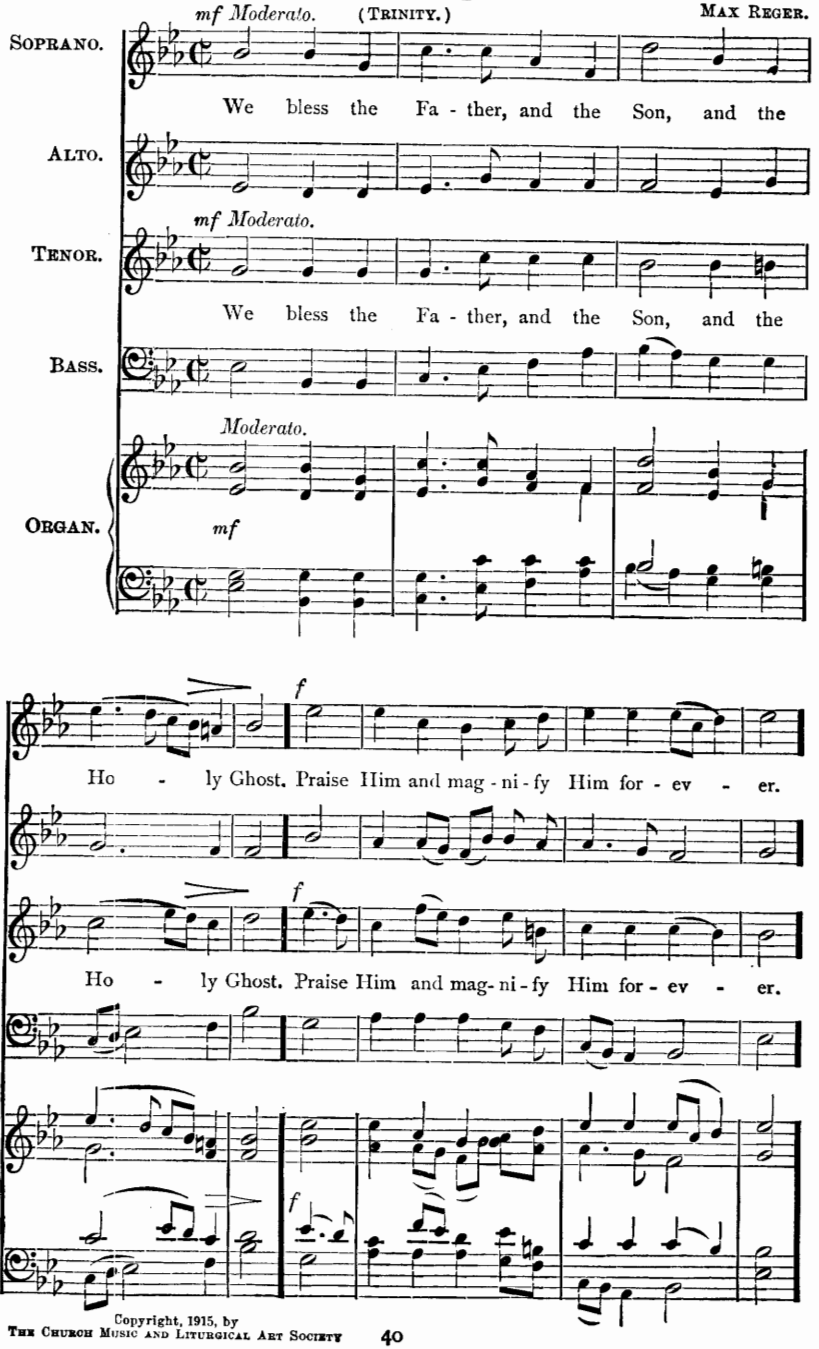

mp VERSE.
And they be - gan to speak with oth - er tongues the
mp VERSE.
And they be - gan to speak with oth - er tongues..... the
VERSE.
mp
f
won- der-ful works of God. And the Ho - ly Ghost sat up - on.....
f
won-der-ful works of God. And the Ho - ly Ghost sat up - on.....
f


f
each of them. Hal - le - lu - - - - - - jah!
f
each of them. Hal - le - lu - - - - - - jah!
f
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
f


f
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. And the Ho - ly Ghost sat up - on
f
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. And the Ho - ly Ghost sat up - on
f
ff
rit.
each of them. Hal - le - lu - - - - - jah!
ff
rit.
each of them. Hal - le - lu - - - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - - - - - jah!
ff
rit.

8. We Bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.



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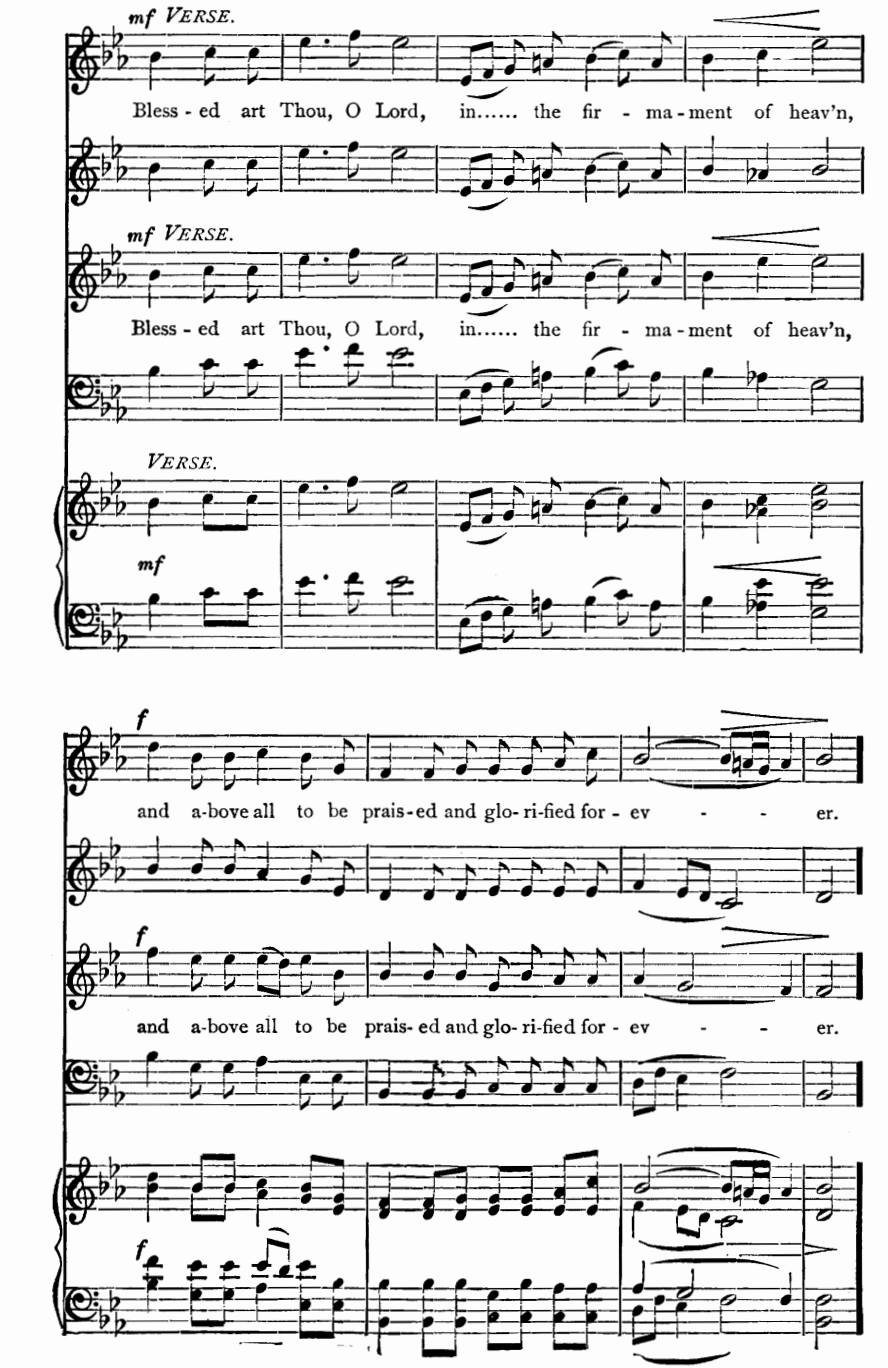
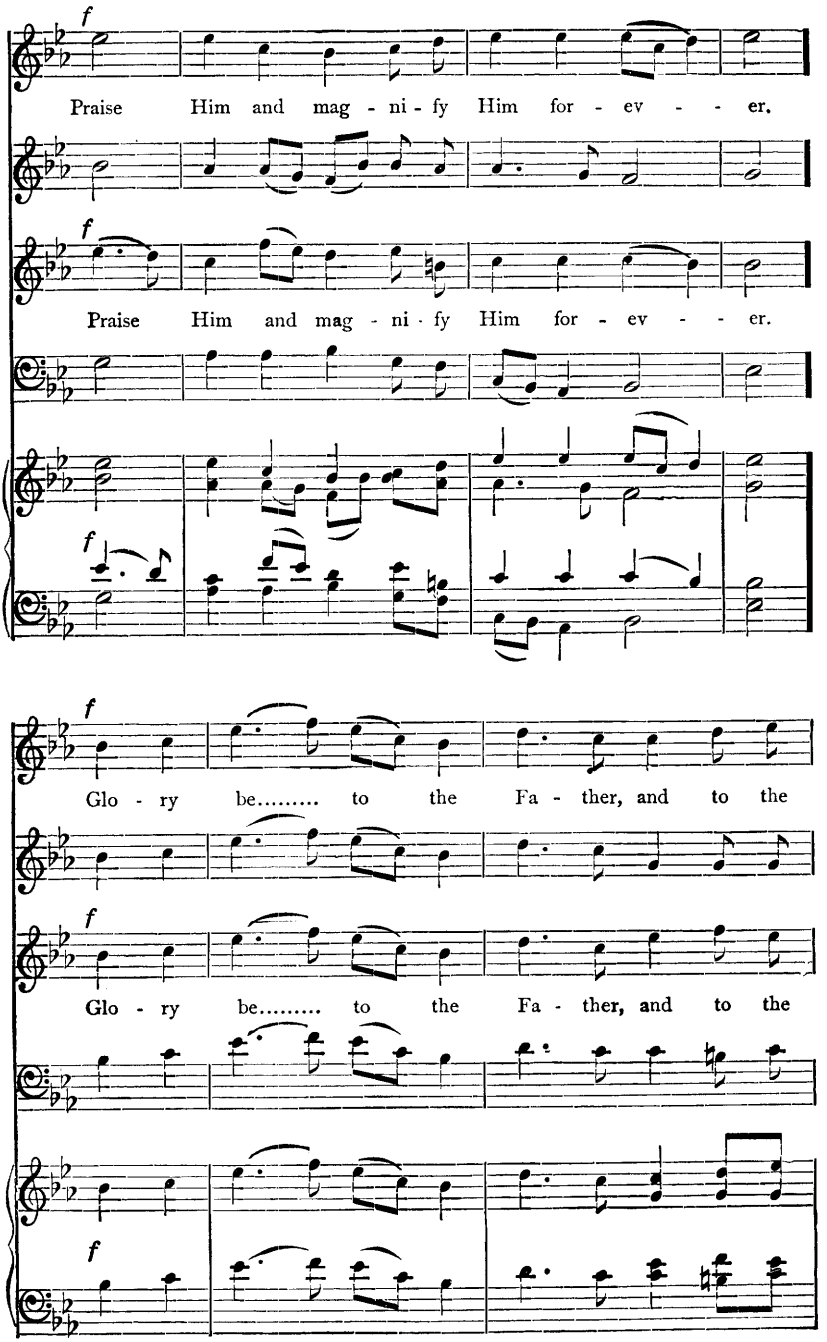
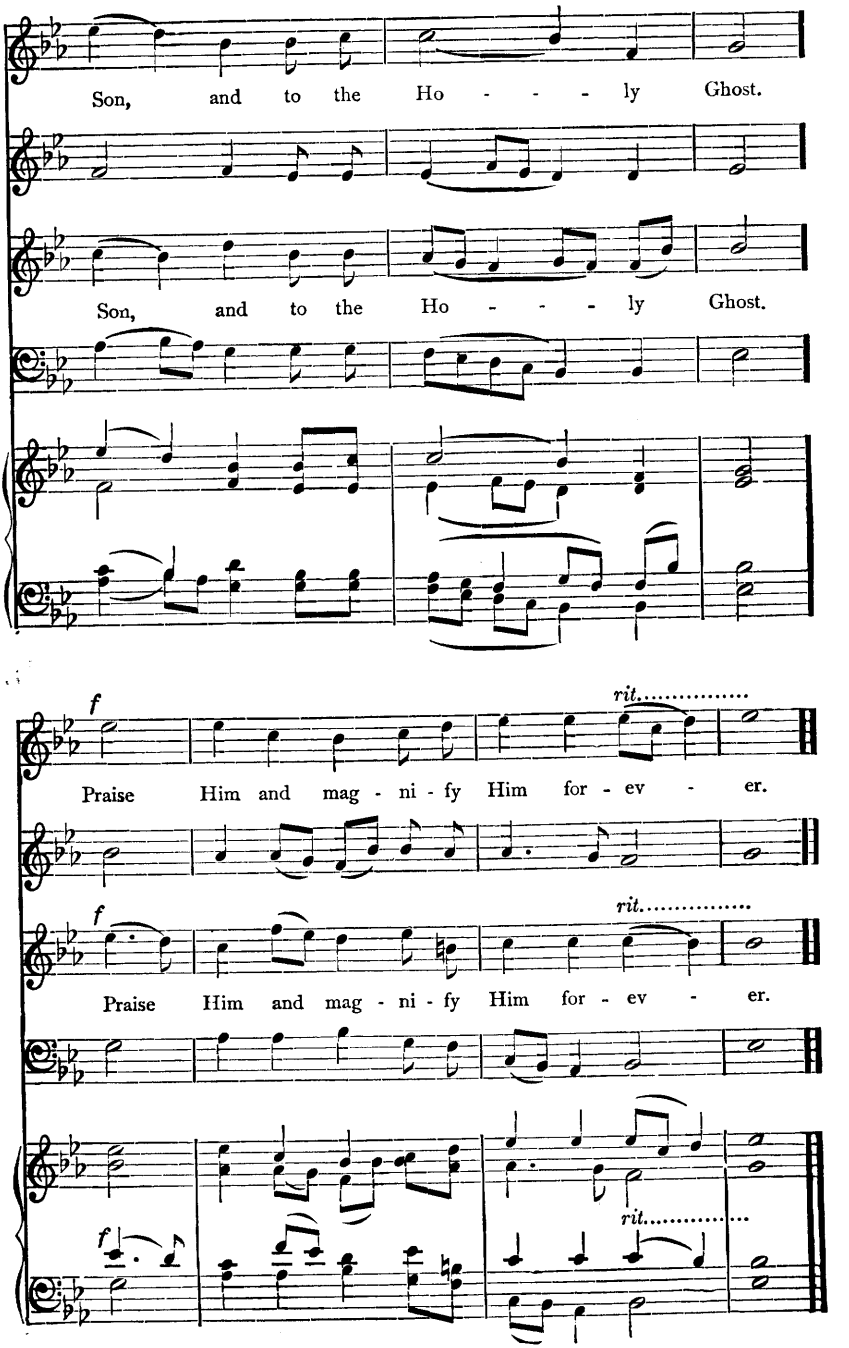

mf VERSE.
Bless - ed art Thou, O Lord, in..... the fir - ma - ment of heav'n,
mf VERSE.
Bless - ed art Thou, O Lord, in..... the fir - ma - ment of heav'n,
VERSE.
mf
f
and a-bove all to be prais-ed and glo- ri-fied for - ev - - er.
f
and a-bove all to be prais- ed and glo- ri-fied for - ev - - er.
f


f
Praise Him and mag - ni - fy Him for - ev - - - er.
f
Praise Him and mag - ni - fy Him for - ev - - - er.
f
f
Glo - ry be..... to the Fa - ther, and to the
f
Glo - ry be..... to the Fa - ther, and to the
f
f


Son, and to the Ho - - - - ly Ghost.
Son, and to the Ho - - - - ly Ghost.
f
rit.
Praise Him and mag - ni - fy Him for - ev - er.
f
rit.
Praise Him and mag - ni - fy Him for - ev - er.
f
rit.

9. Forever, O Lord, Thy Word Is Settled.

(GENERAL.)

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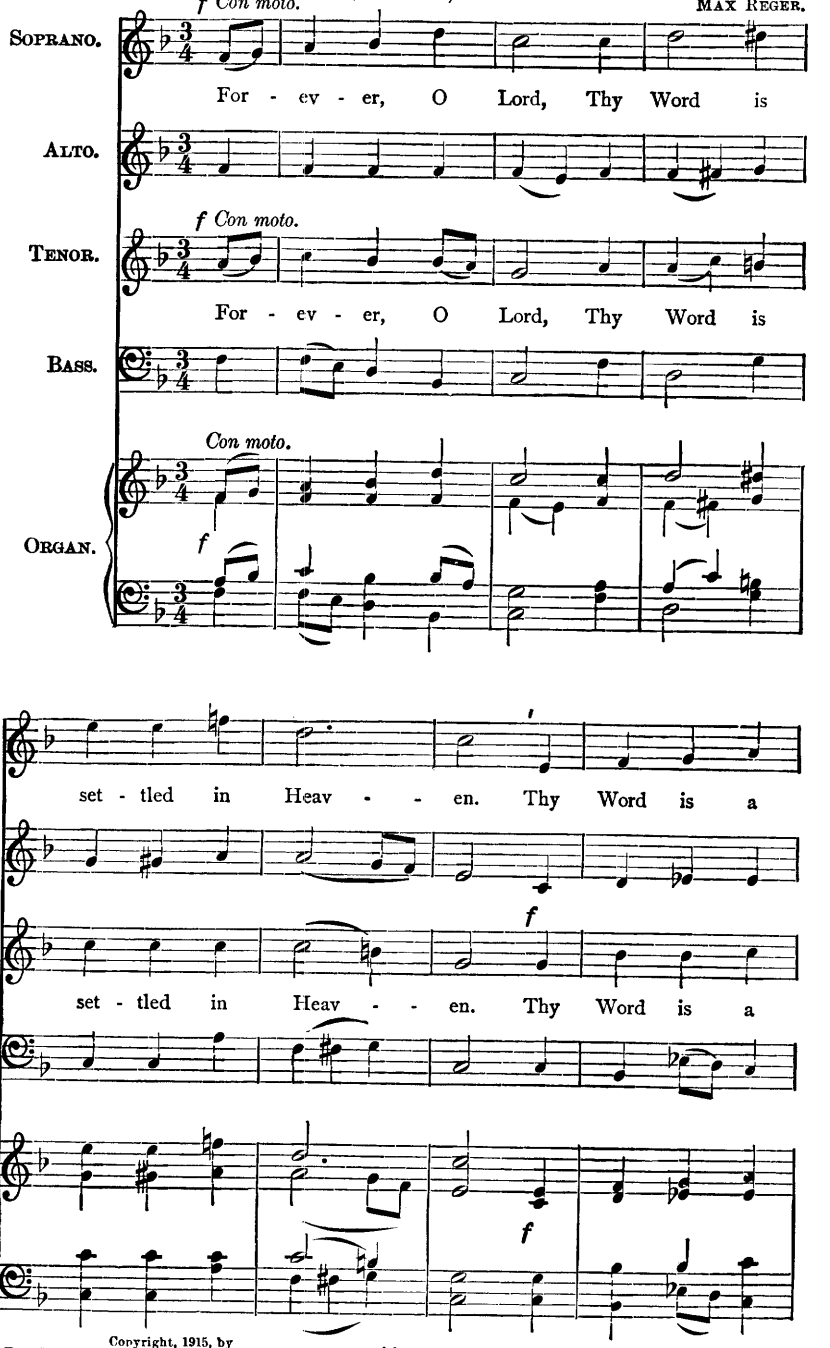

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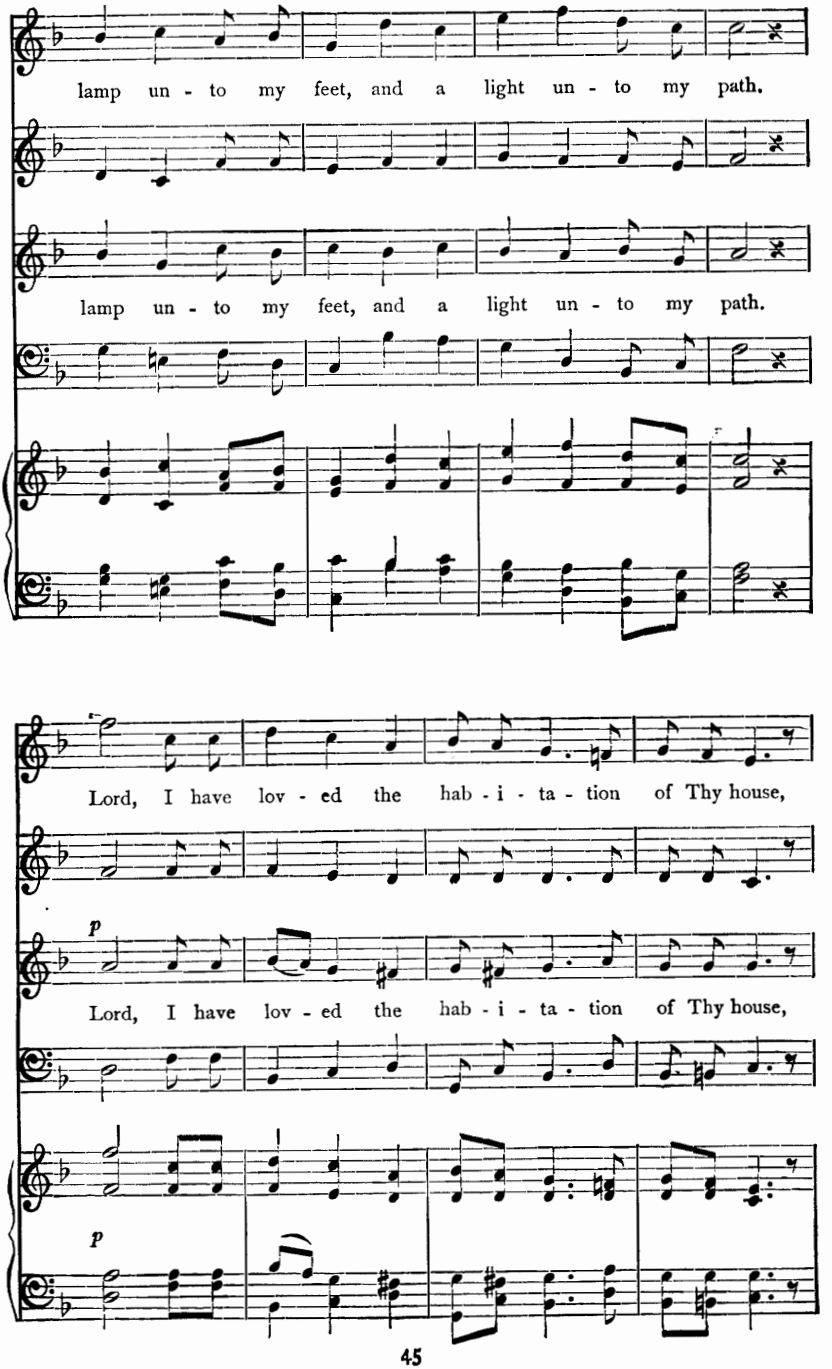
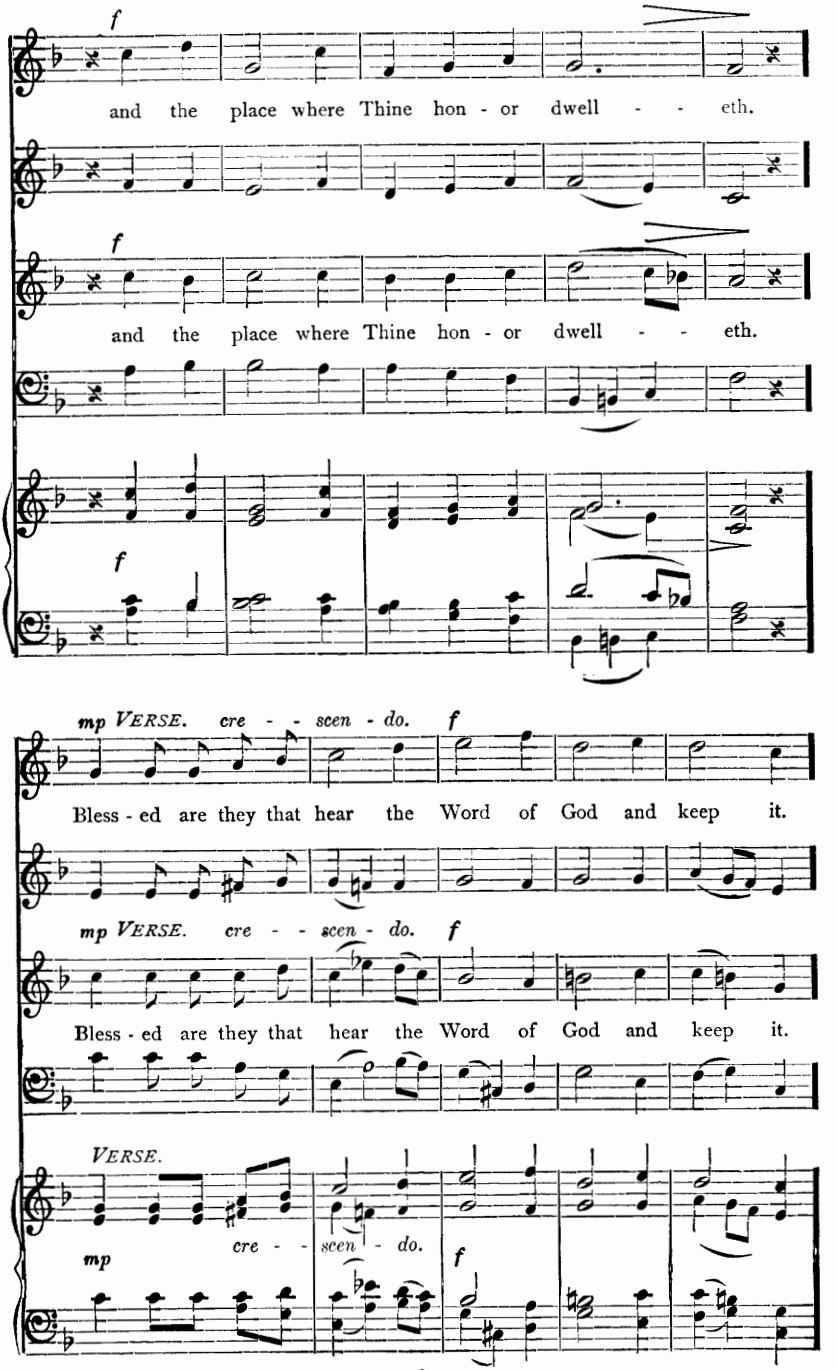
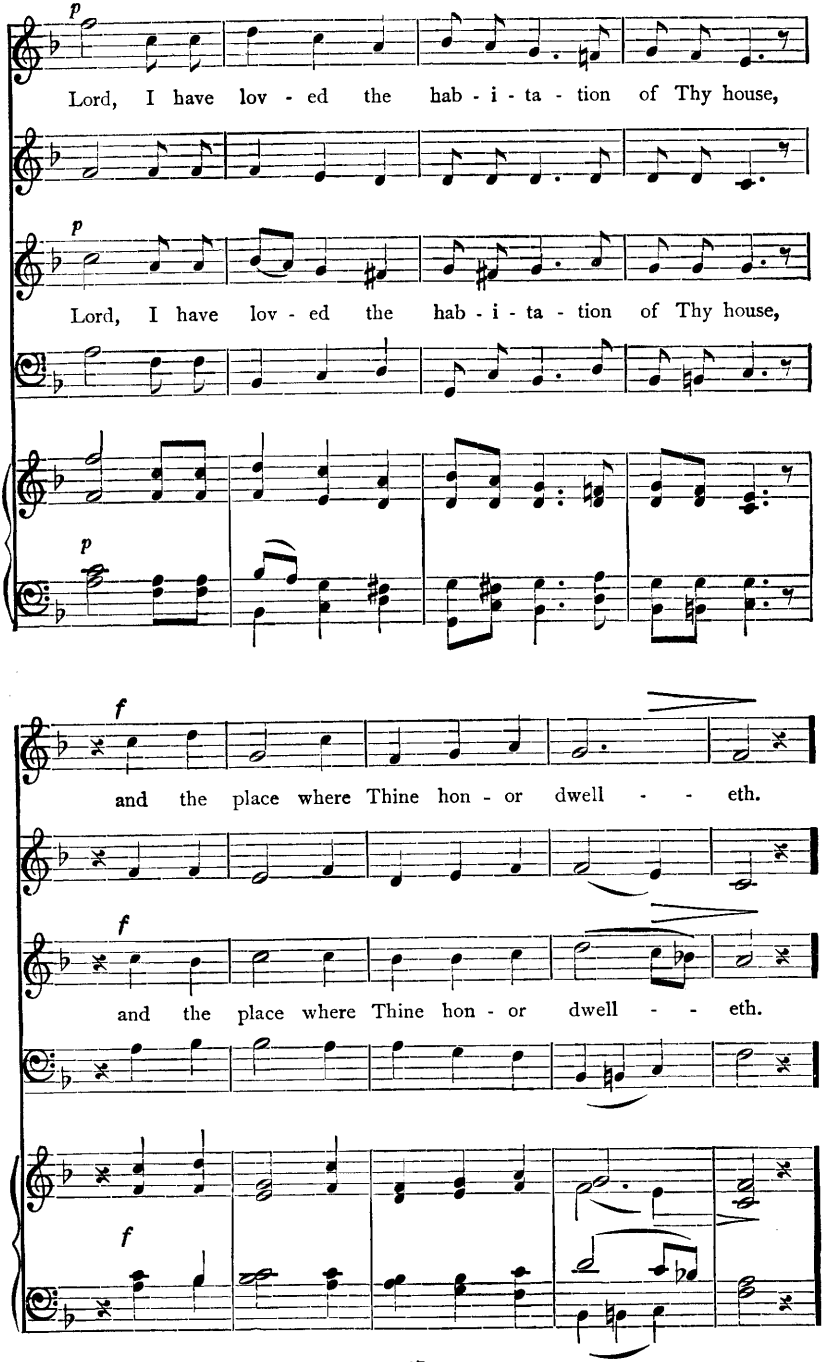
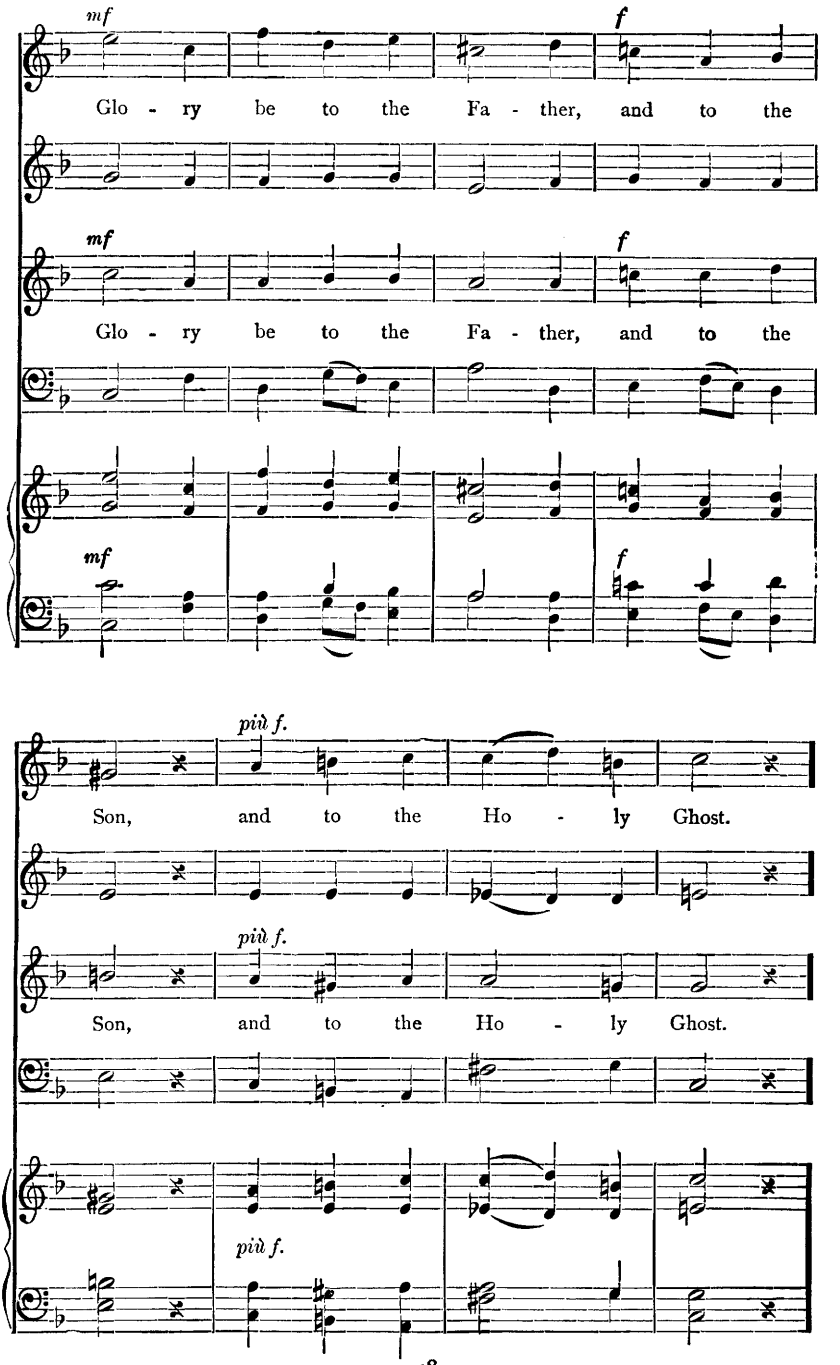
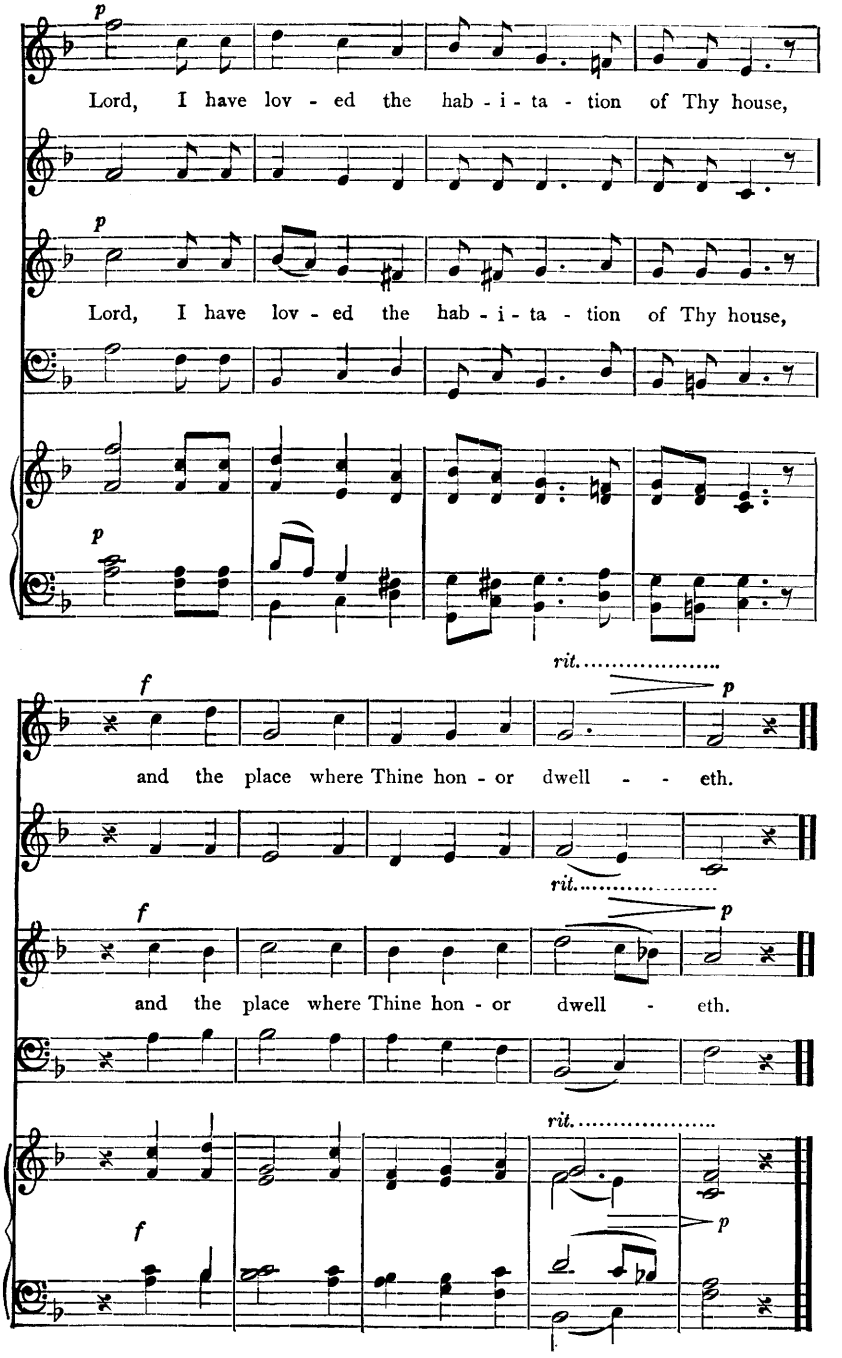

lamp un - to my feet, and a light un - to my path.
lamp un - to my feet, and a light un - to my path.
Lord, I have lov - ed the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
p
Lord, I have lov - ed the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
p


f
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - - eth.
f
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - - eth.
f
mp VERSE. cre - - scen - do. f
Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.
mp VERSE. cre - - scen - do. f
Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.
VERSE.
mp
cre - - scen - do.
f


p
Lord, I have lov - ed the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
p
Lord, I have lov - ed the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
p
f
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - - eth.
f
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - - eth.
f


mf
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
mf
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
mf
f
più f.
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
più f.
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
più f.


p
Lord, I have lov - ed the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
p
Lord, I have lov - ed the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
p
f
rit.
p
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - - eth.
f
rit.
p
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.
f
rit.
f
p

10. We know no other God.

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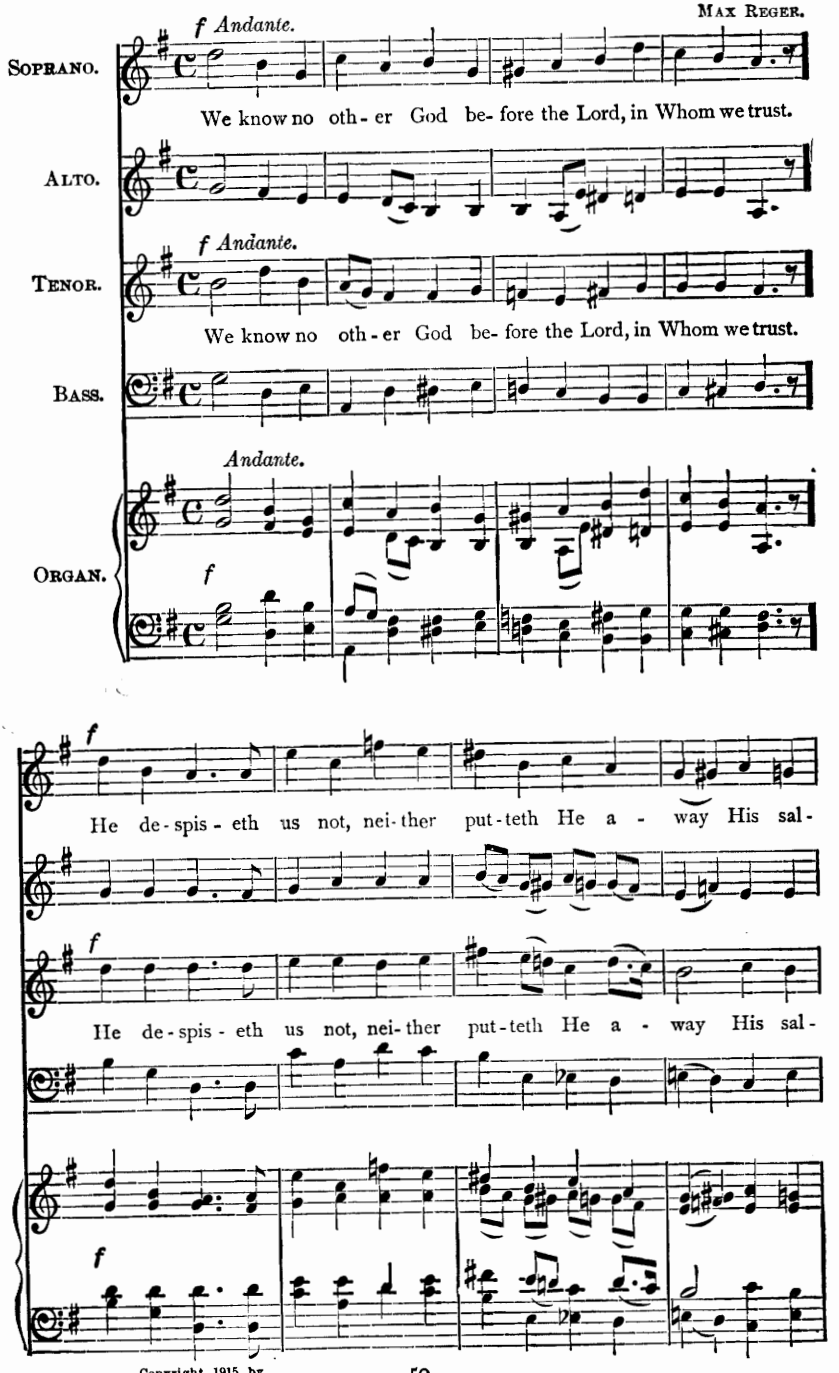

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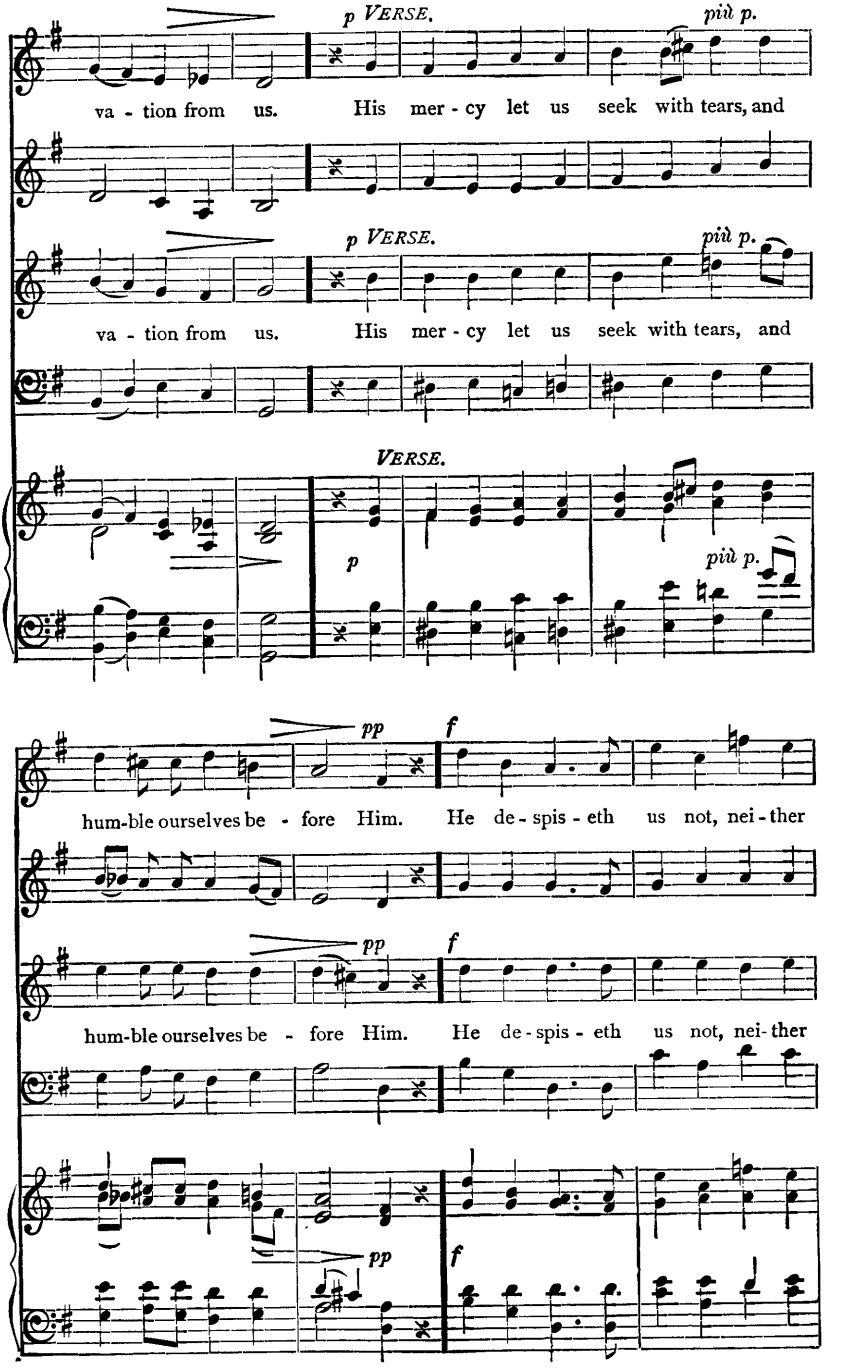
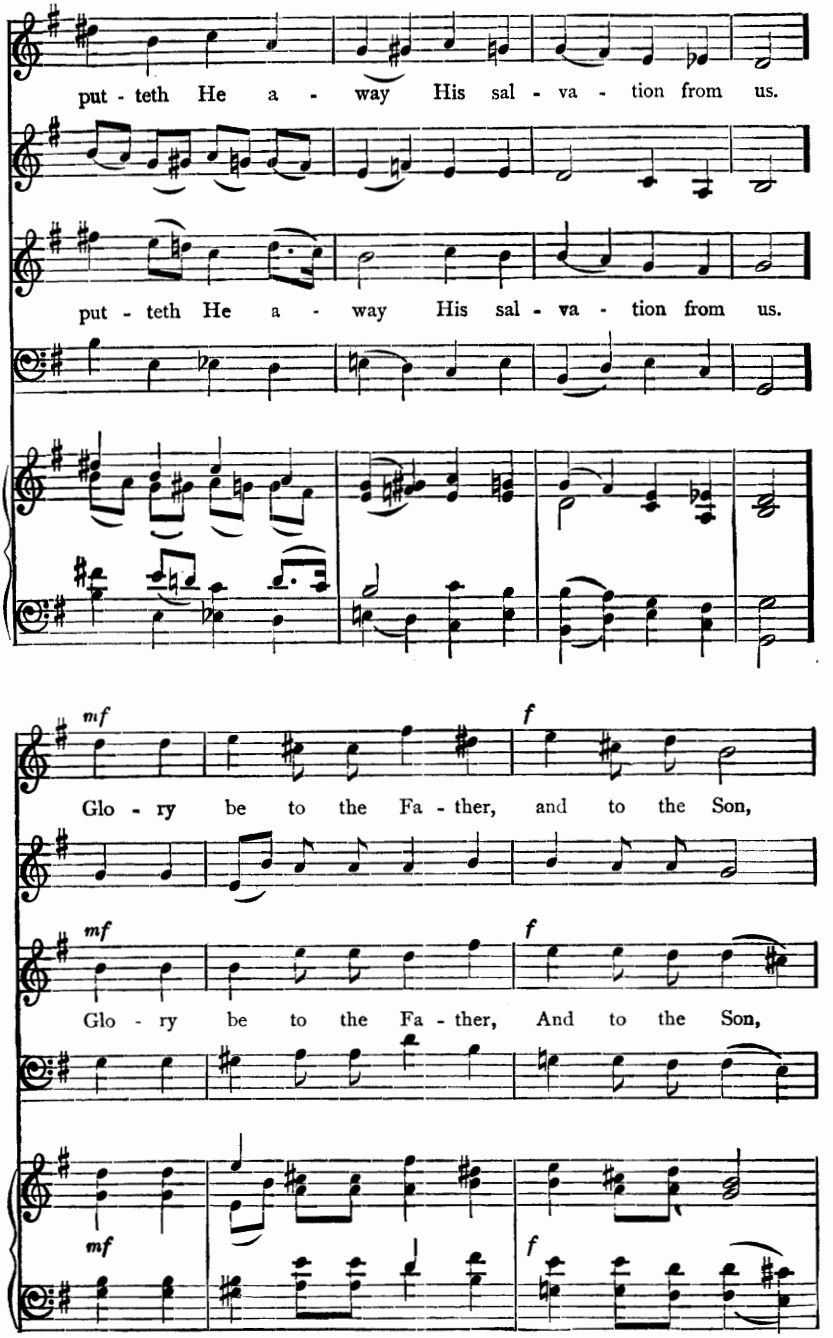
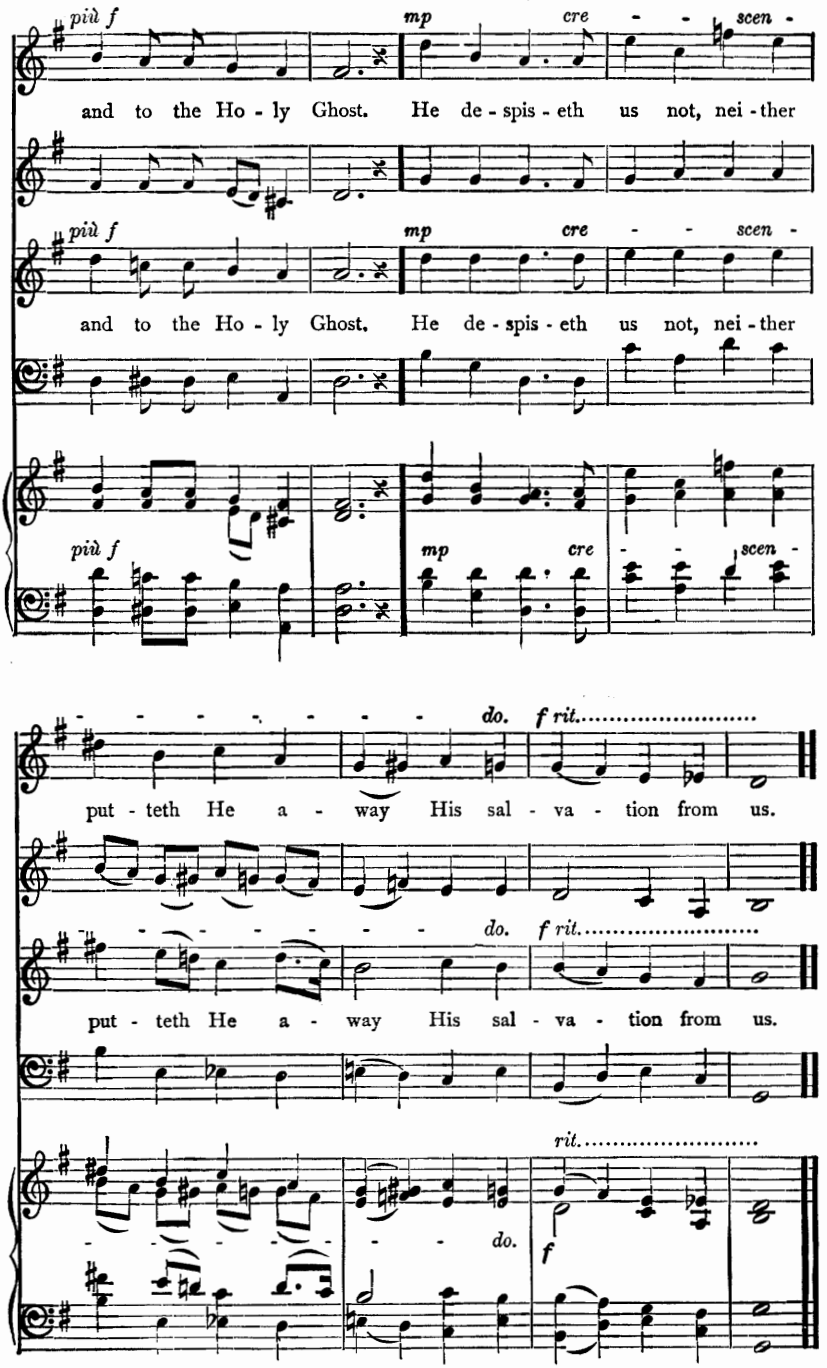
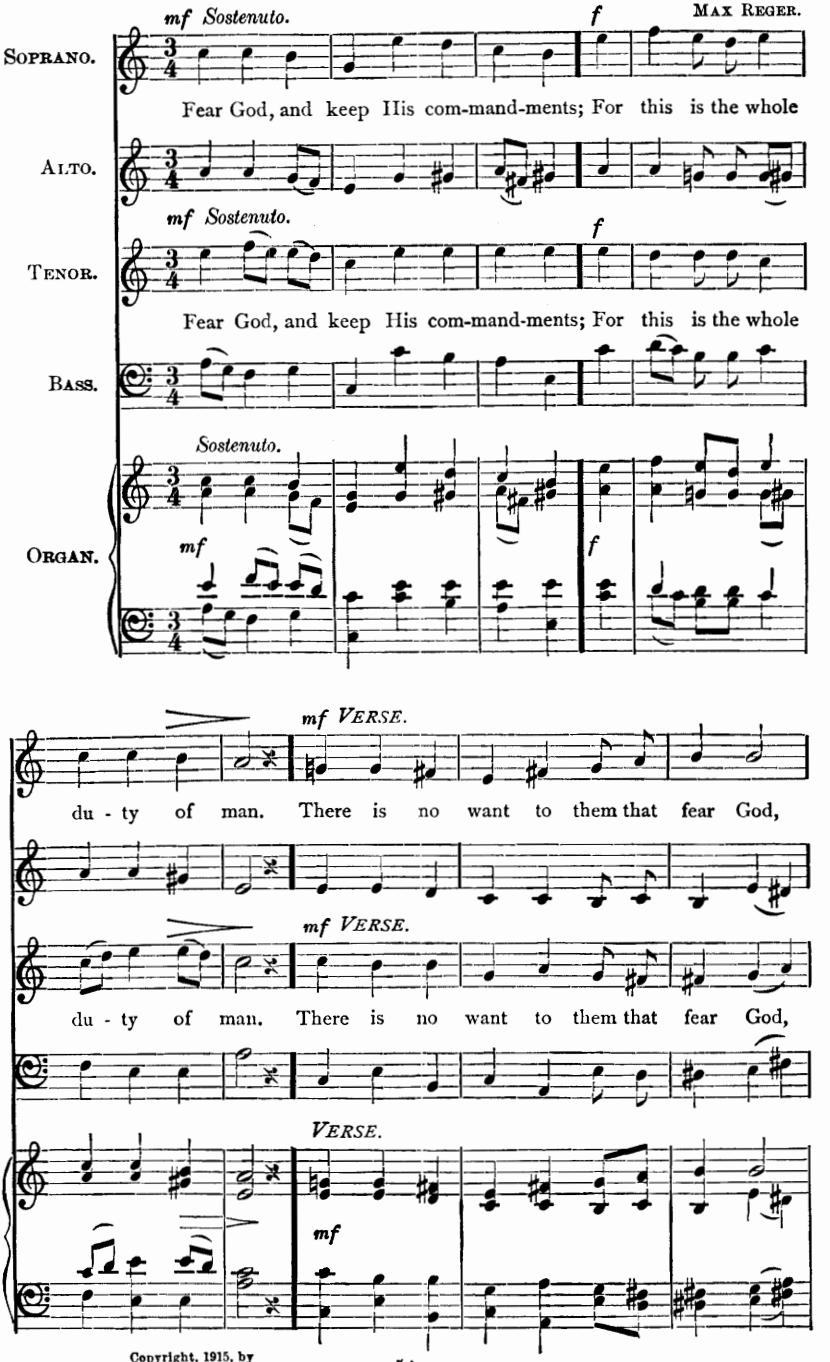

p VERSE.
più p.
va - tion from us. His mer - cy let us seek with tears, and
p VERSE.
più p.
va - tion from us. His mer - cy let us seek with tears, and
VERSE.
p
più p.
pp
f
hum-ble ourselves be - fore Him. He de - spis - eth us not, nei - ther
pp
f
hum-ble ourselves be - fore Him. He de - spis - eth us not, nei - ther
pp
f


put - teth He a - way His sal - va - tion from us.
put - teth He a - way His sal - va - tion from us.
mf
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
mf
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, And to the Son,
mf
f


più f
mp
cre
scen
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. He de - spis - eth us not, nei - ther
più f
mp
cre
scen
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. He de - spis - eth us not, nei - ther
più f
mp
cre
scen
do.
f rit.
put - teth He a - way His sal - va - tion from us.
do.
f rit.
put - teth He a - way His sal - va - tion from us.
rit.
do.
f

11. Fear God, and Keep His Commandments.



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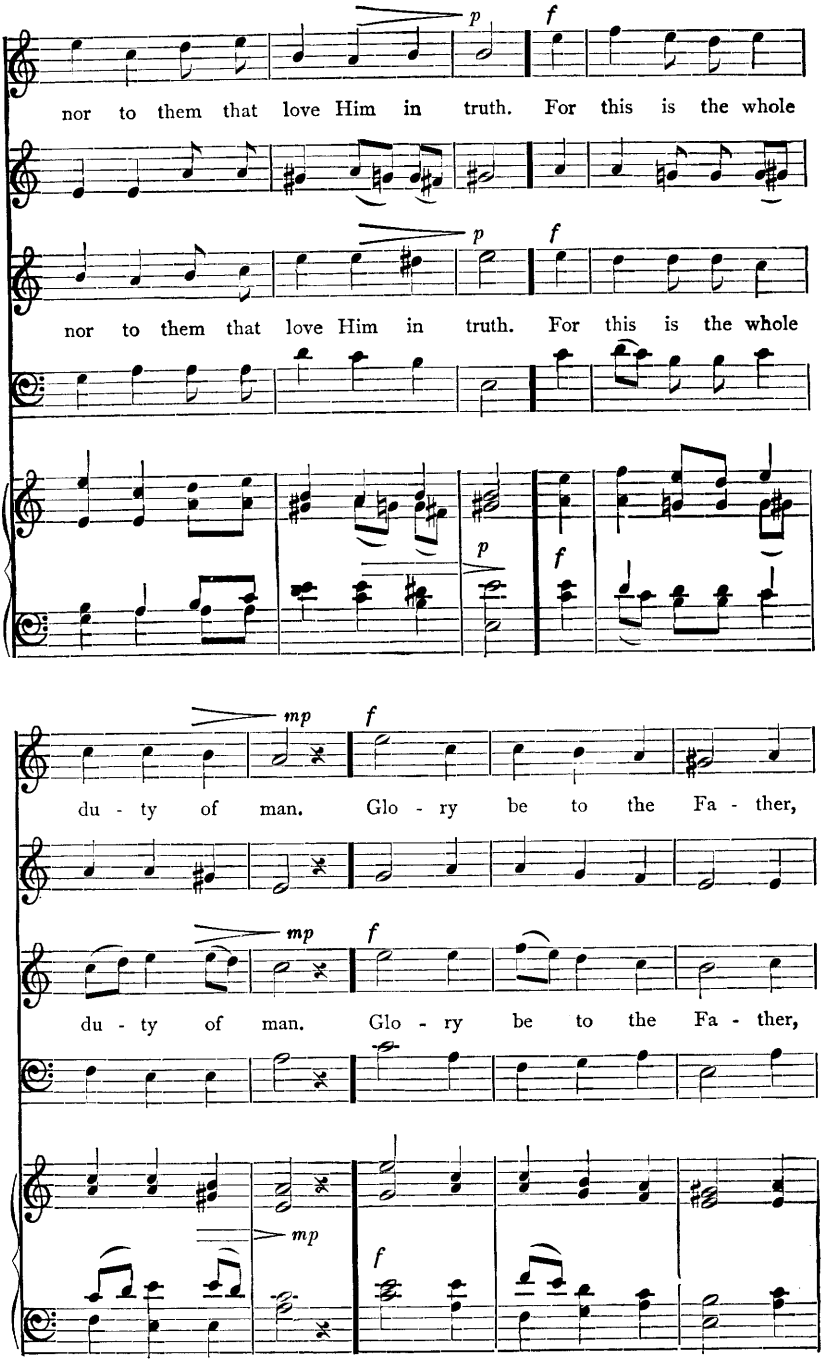
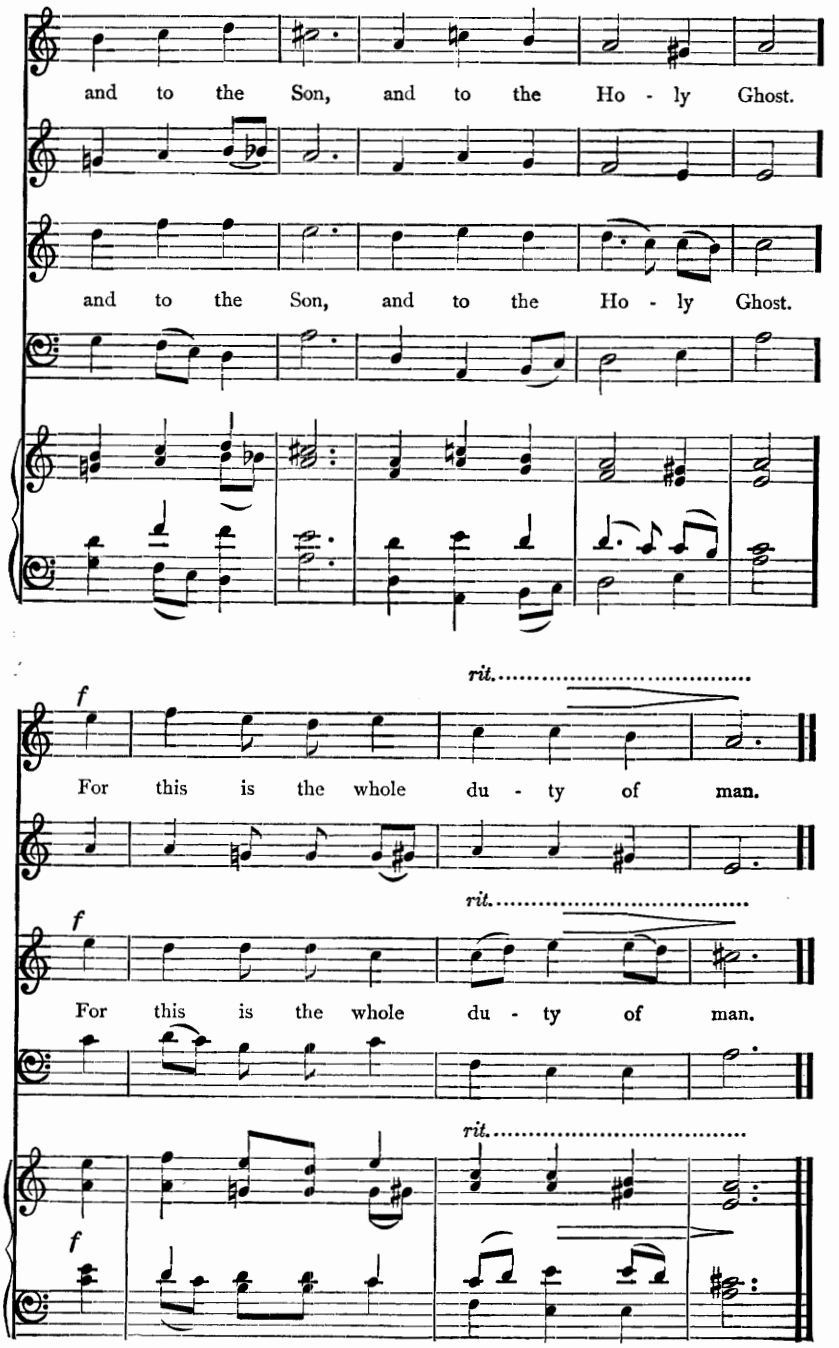

p
f
nor to them that love Him in truth. For this is the whole
p
f
nor to them that love Him in truth. For this is the whole
p
f
mp
f
du - ty of man. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
mp
f
du - ty of man. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
mp
f


and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
rit.
f
For this is the whole du - ty of man.
rit.
f
For this is the whole du - ty of man.
rit.
f

12. Thine, O Lord, is the Power.

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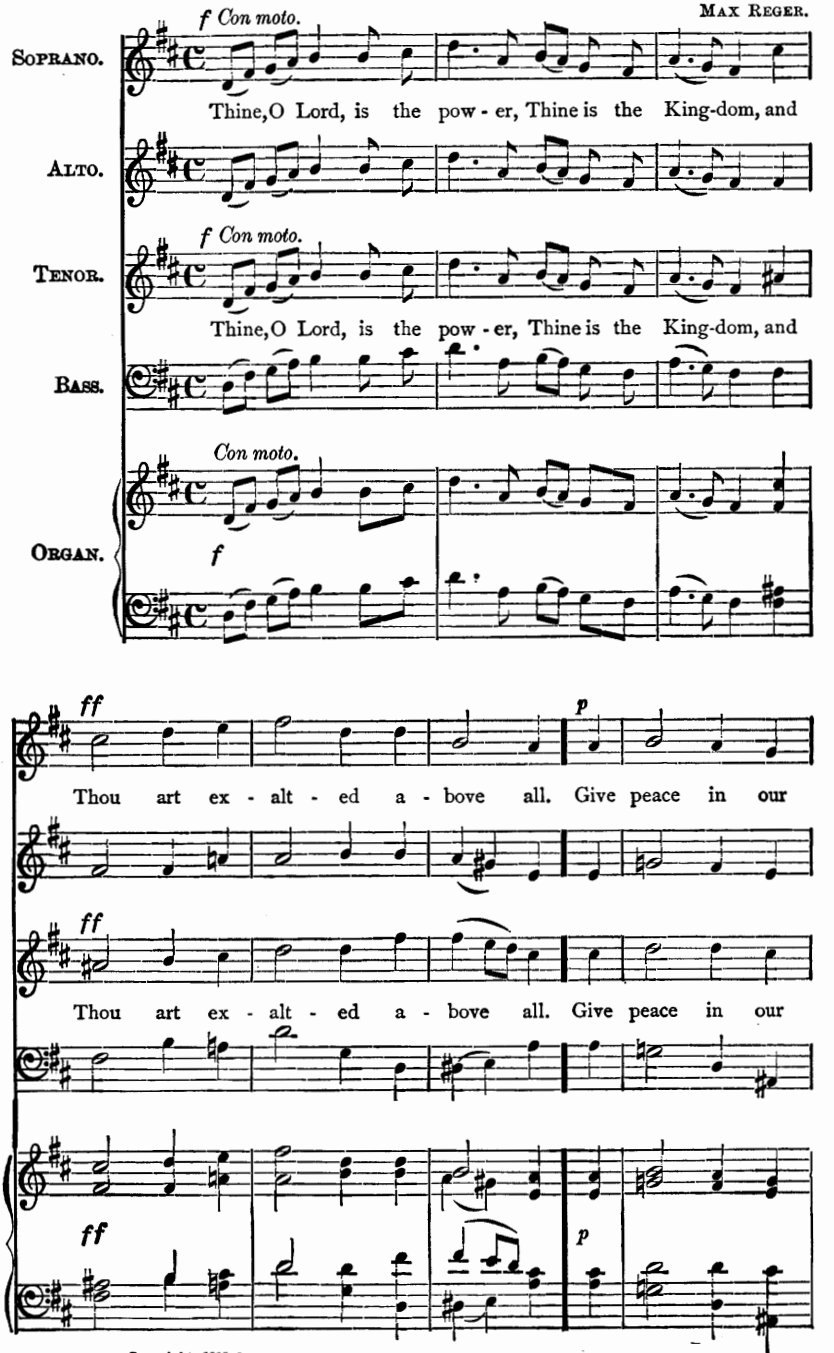

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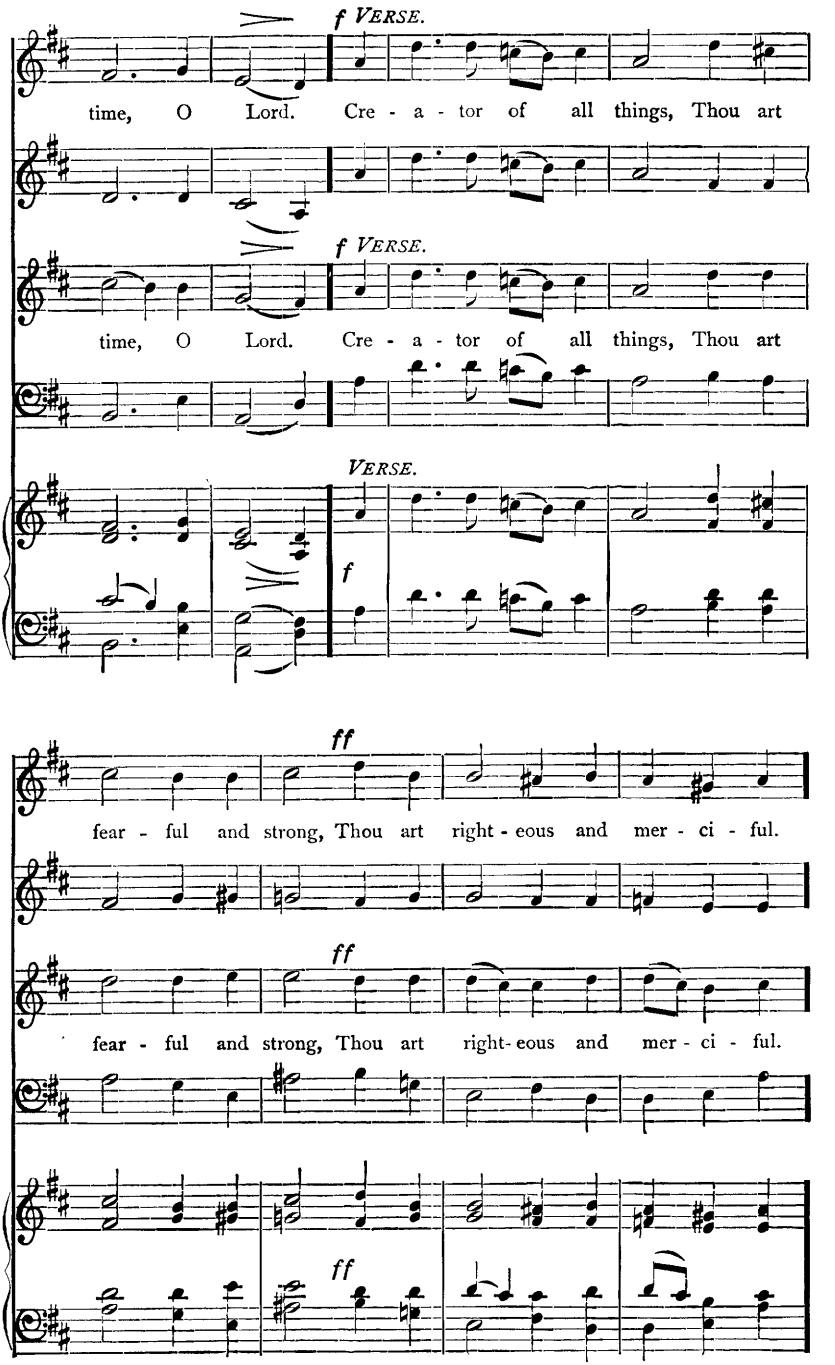
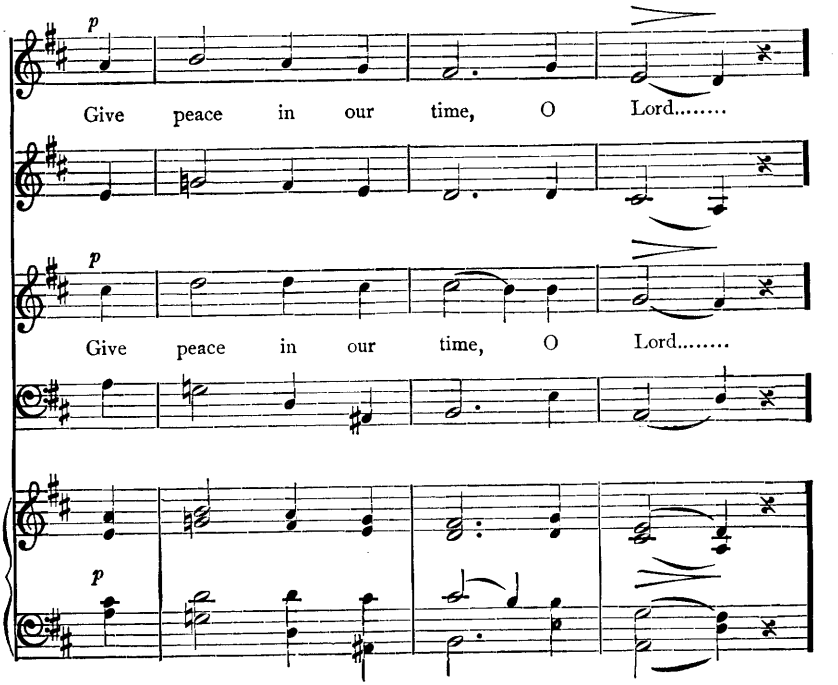
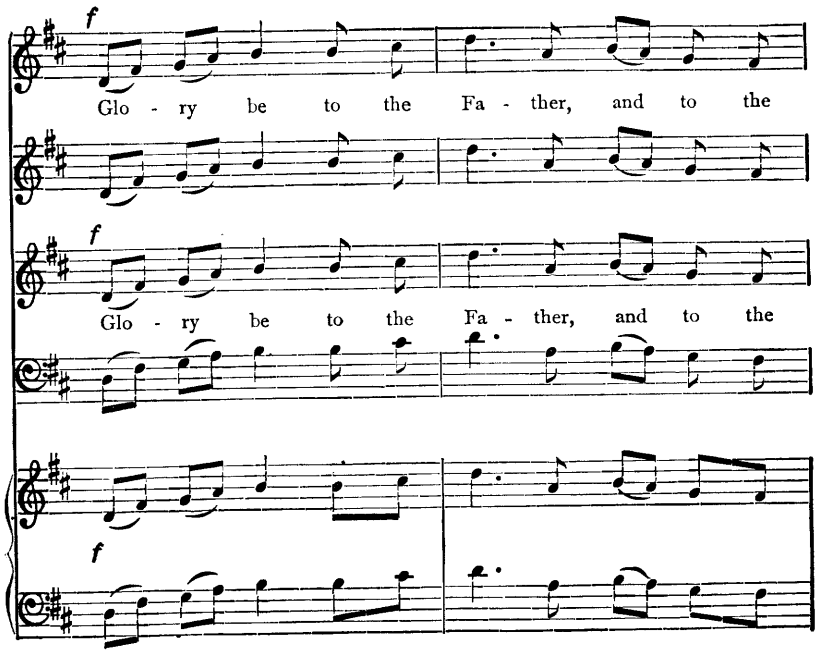

f VERSE.
time, O Lord. Cre - a - tor of all things, Thou art
f VERSE.
time, O Lord. Cre - a - tor of all things, Thou art
VERSE.
f
ff
fear - ful and strong, Thou art right - eous and mer - ci - ful.
ff
fear - ful and strong, Thou art right - eous and mer - ci - ful.
ff


p
Give peace in our time, O Lord.....
p
Give peace in our time, O Lord.....
p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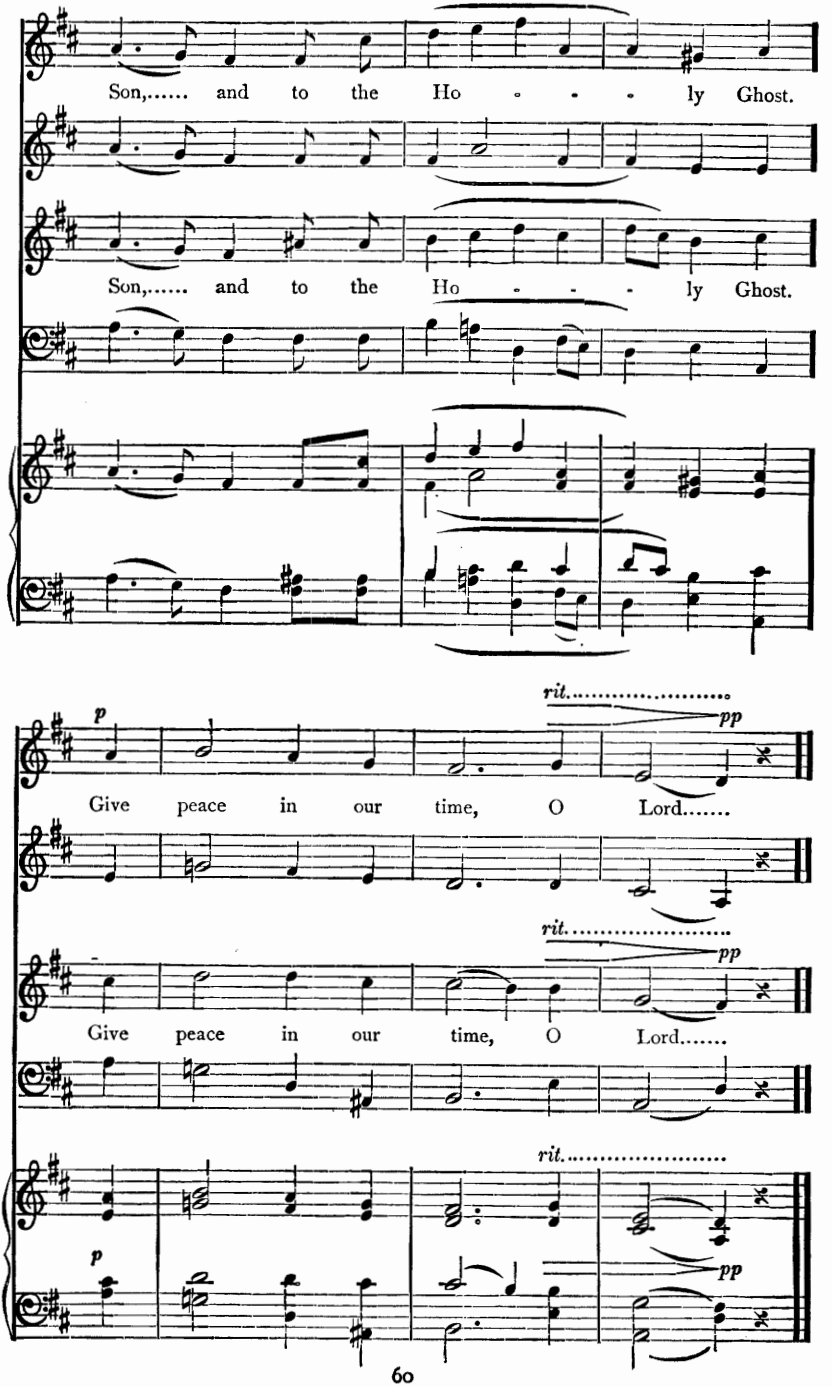
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
f


Son,..... and to the Ho - - - ly Ghost.
Son,..... and to the Ho - - - ly Ghost.
p
rit.
pp
Give peace in our time, O Lord.....
rit.
pp
Give peace in our time, O Lord.....
rit.
p
pp

13. Look Down, O Lord, from Thy Holy Place.

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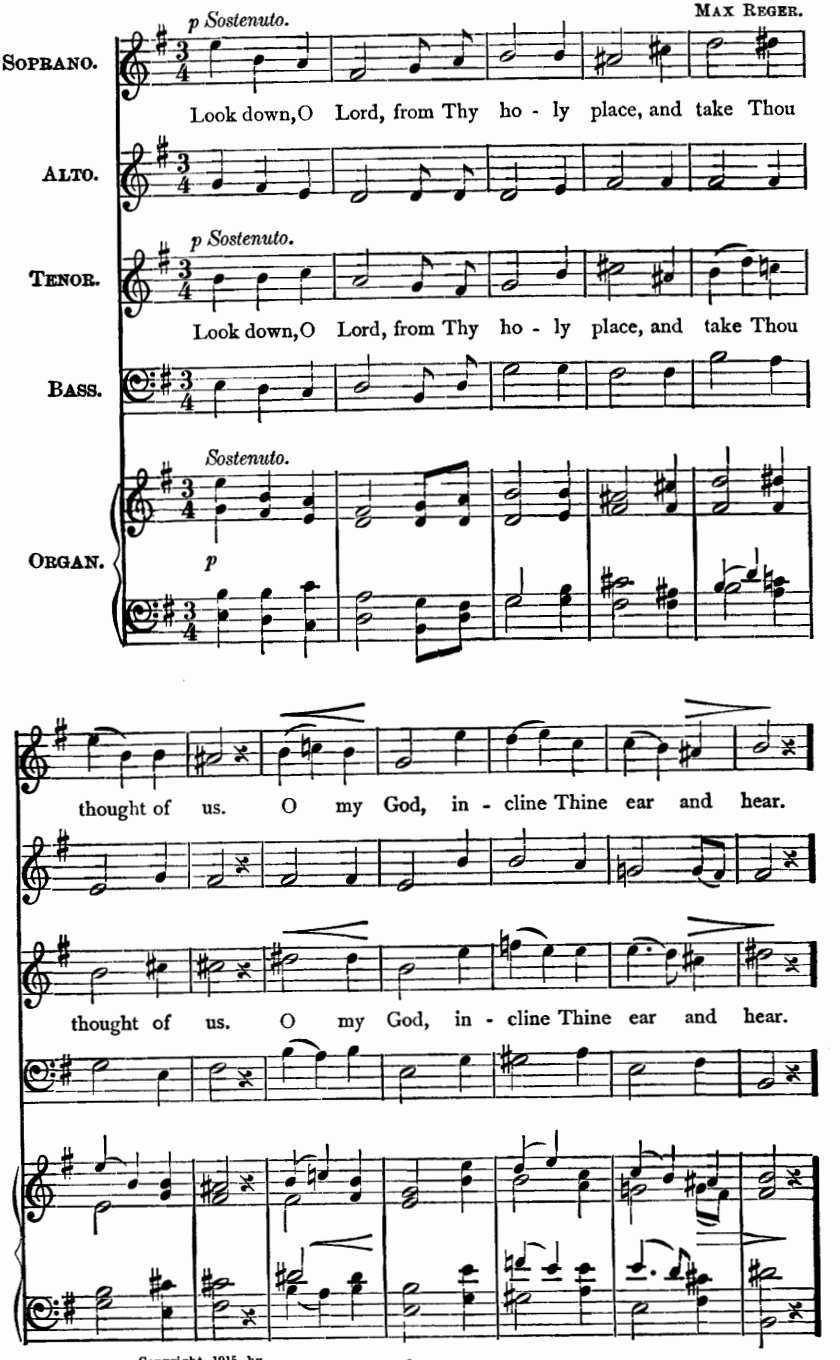

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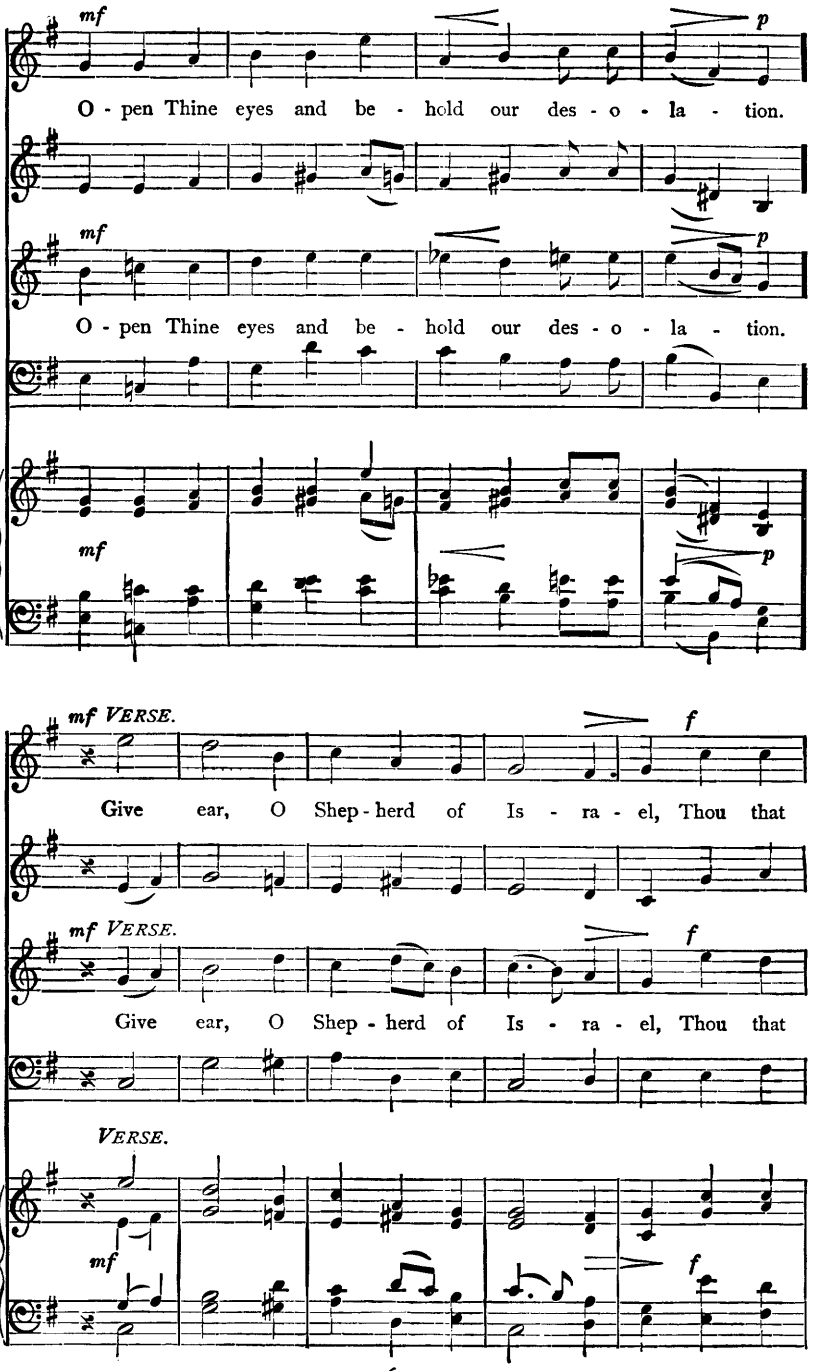
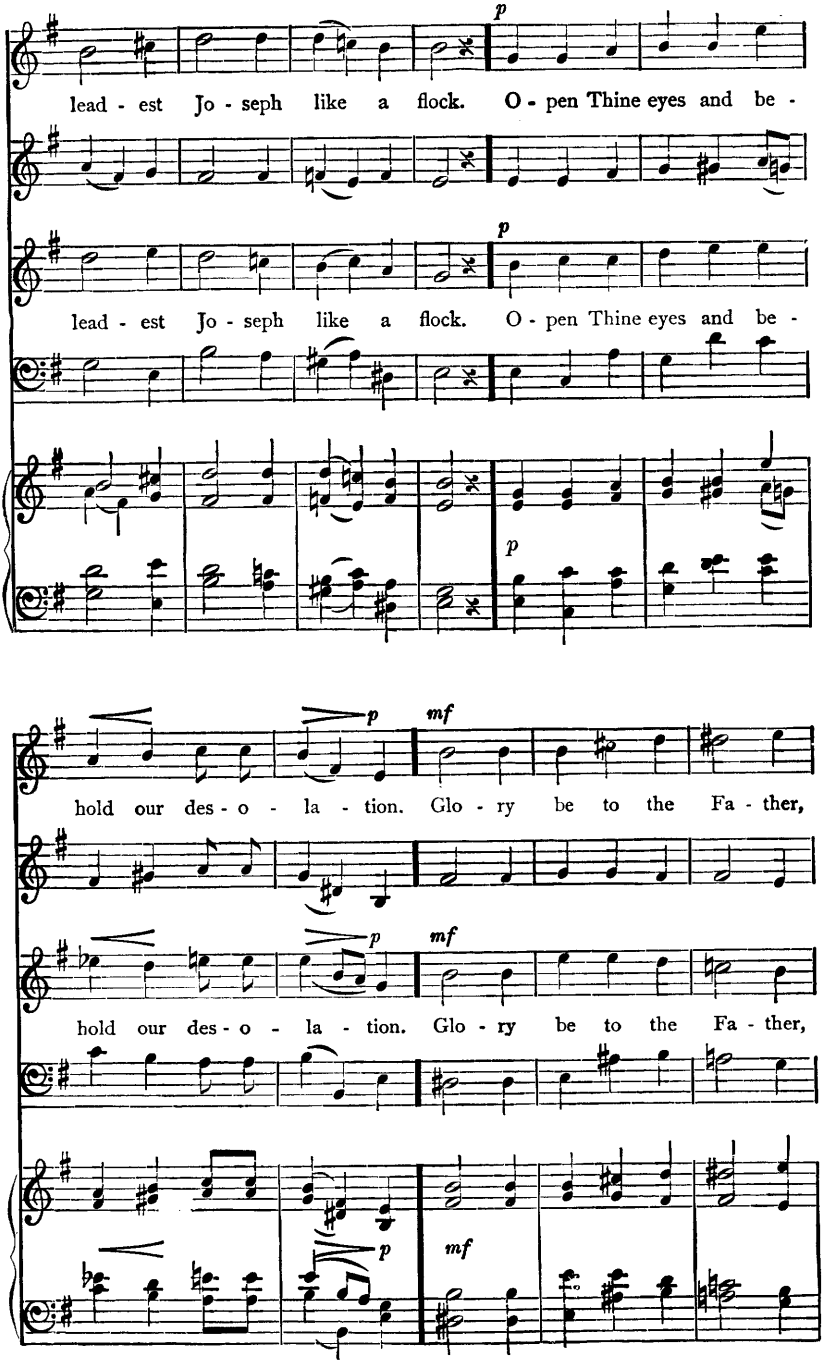
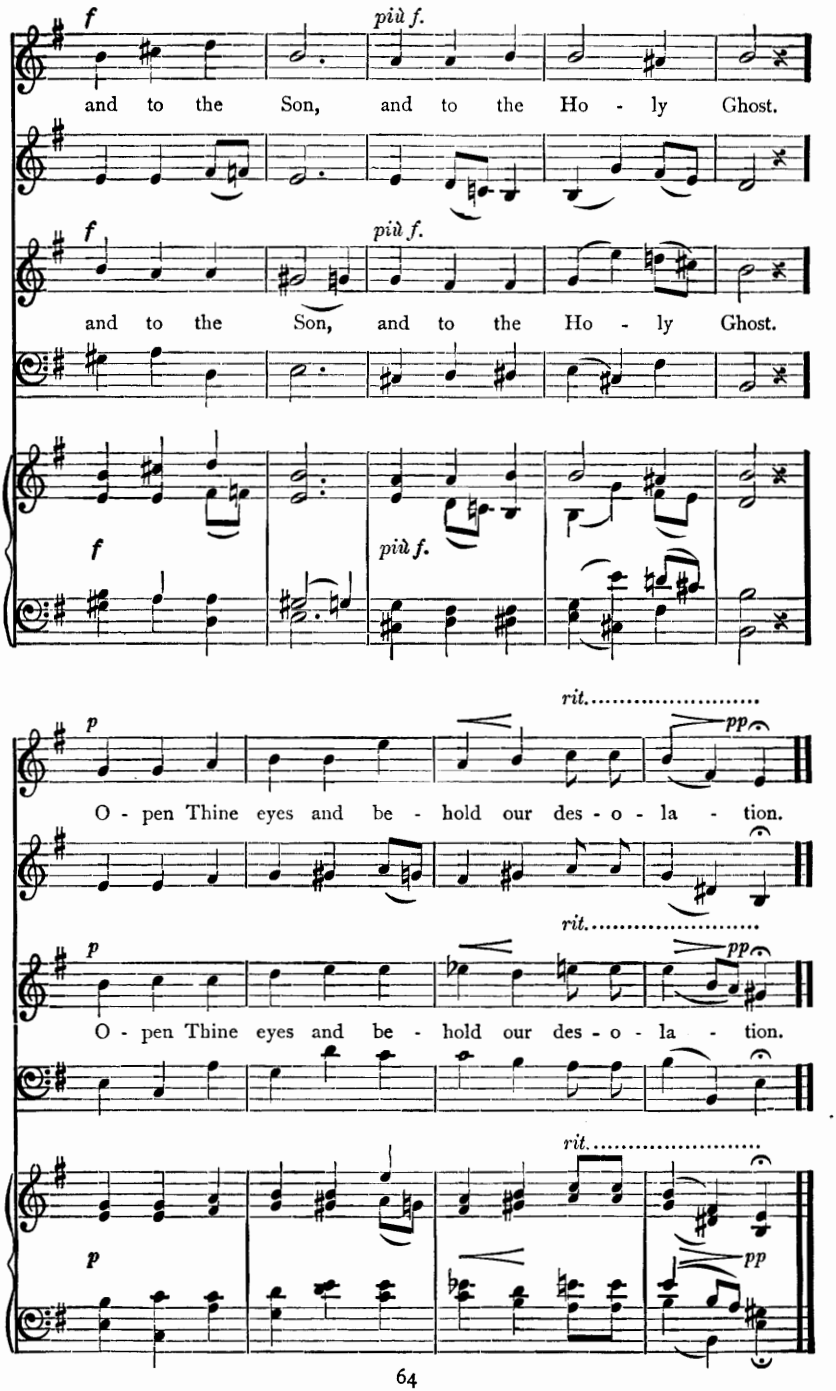
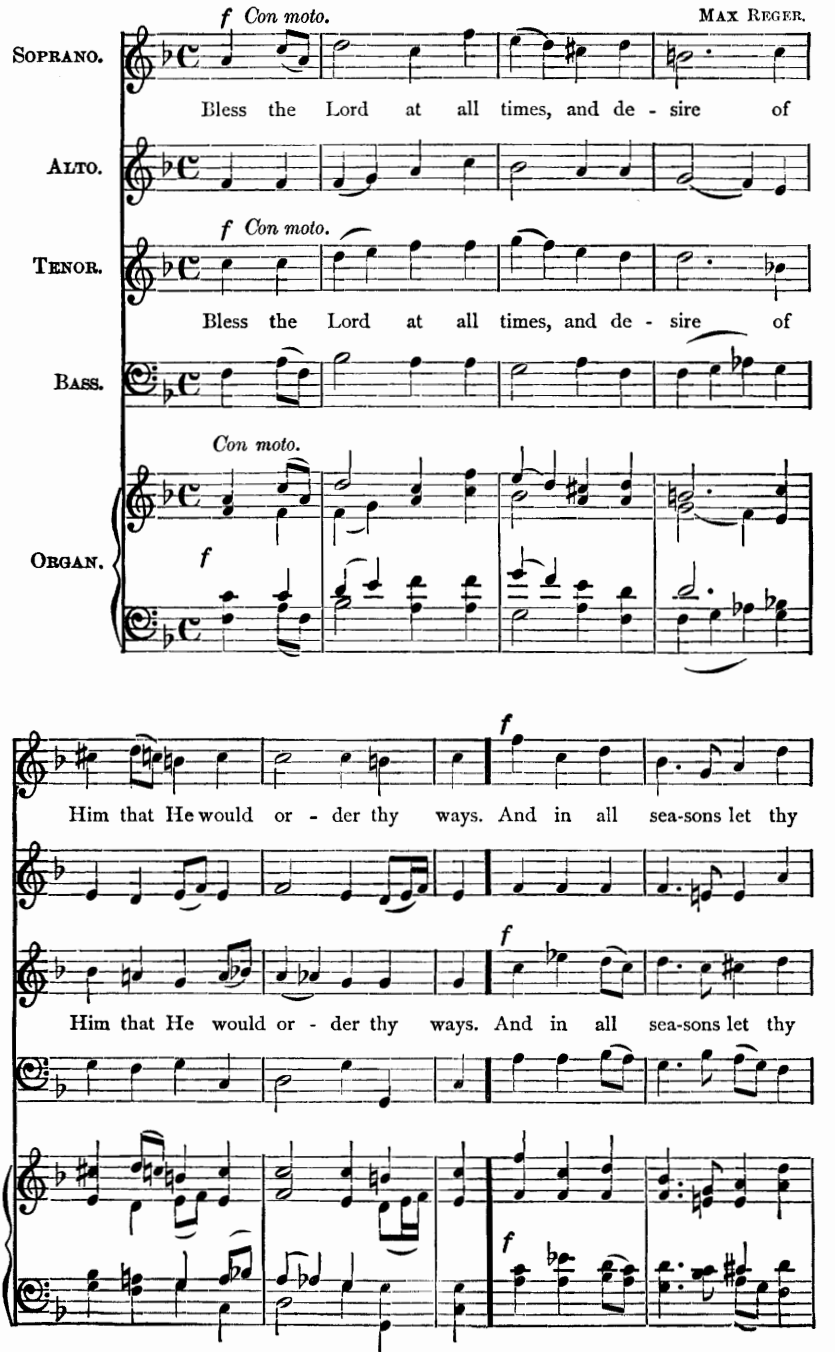

mf
p
O - pen Thine eyes and be - hold our des - o - la - tion.
mf
p
O - pen Thine eyes and be - hold our des - o - la - tion.
mf
p
mf VERSE.
f
Give ear, O Shep - herd of Is - ra - el, Thou that
mf VERSE.
f
Give ear, O Shep - herd of Is - ra - el, Thou that
VERSE.
mf
f


p
lead - est Jo - seph like a flock. O - pen Thine eyes and be -
p
lead - est Jo - seph like a flock. O - pen Thine eyes and be -
p
p
mf
hold our des - o - la - tion. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
p
mf
hold our des - o - la - tion. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
p
mf


f
più f.
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
f
più f.
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
f
più f.
rit.
p
pp
O - pen Thine eyes and be - hold our des - o - la - tion.
rit.
p
pp
O - pen Thine eyes and be - hold our des - o - la - tion.
rit.
p
pp

14. Bless the Lord at All Times.



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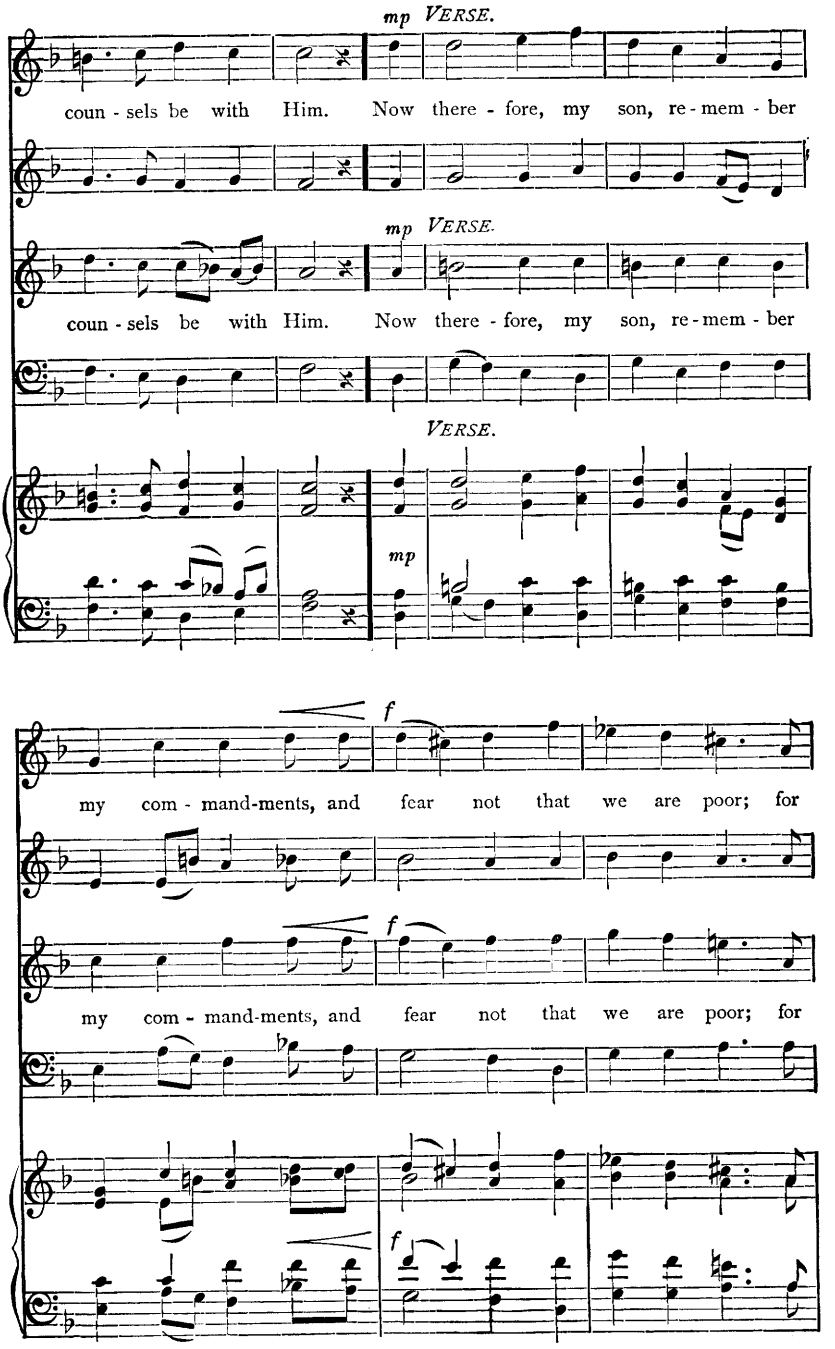
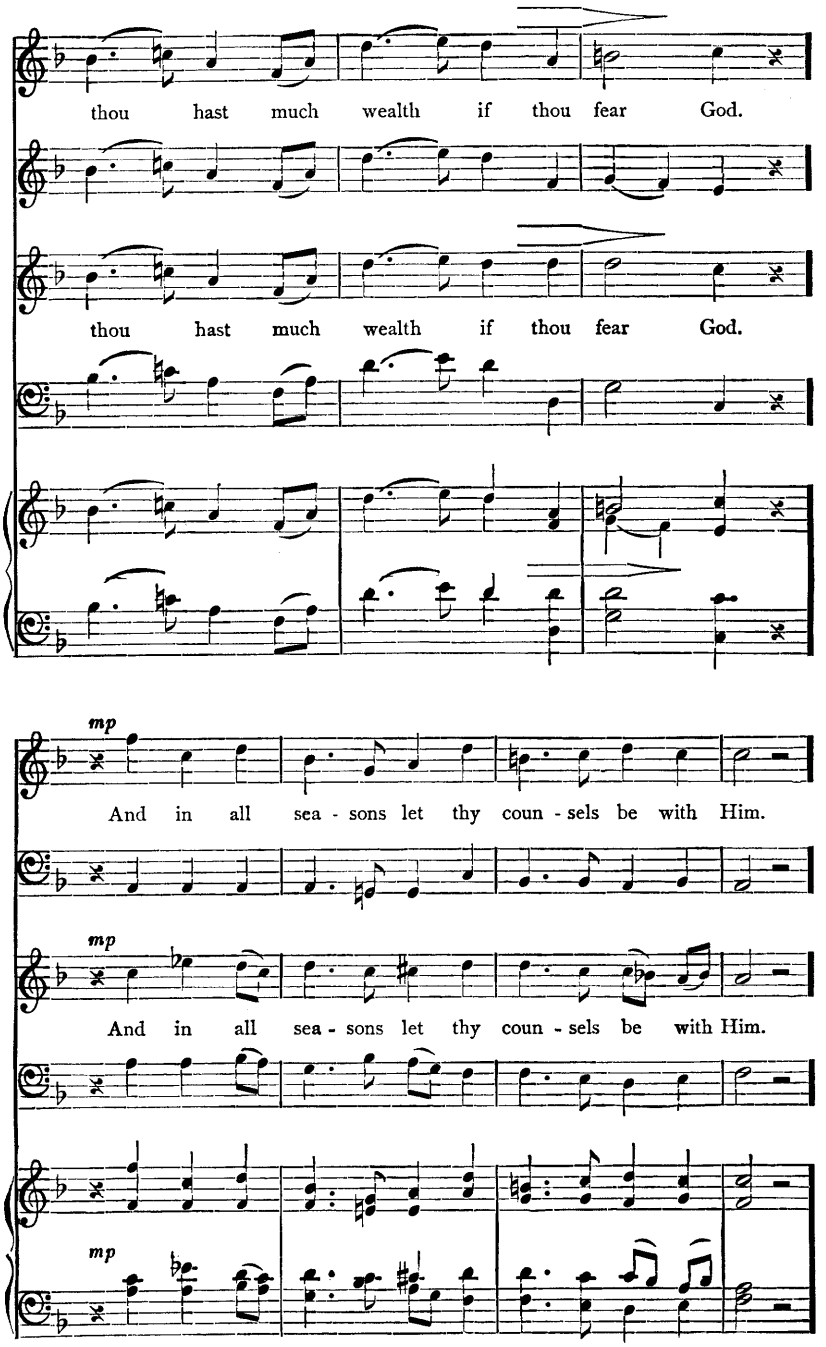
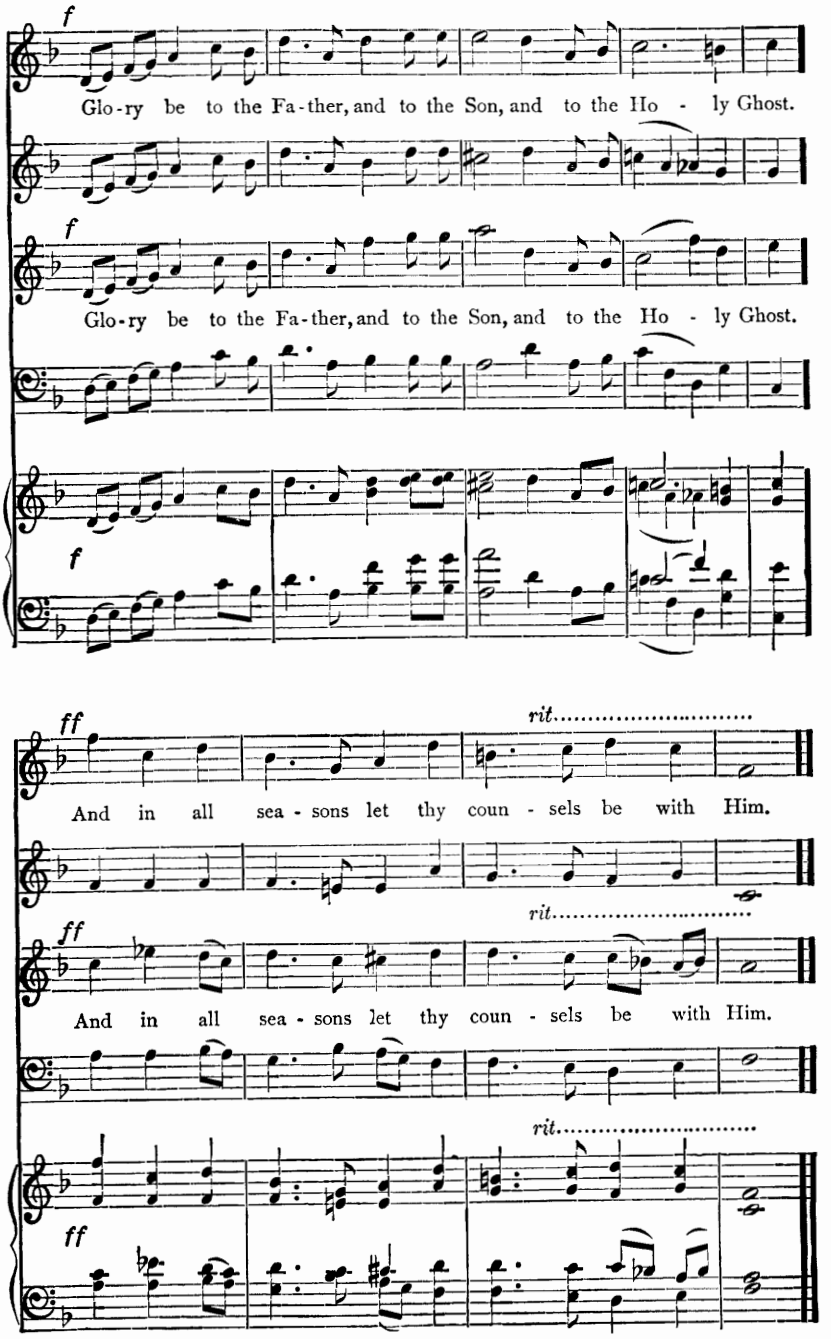
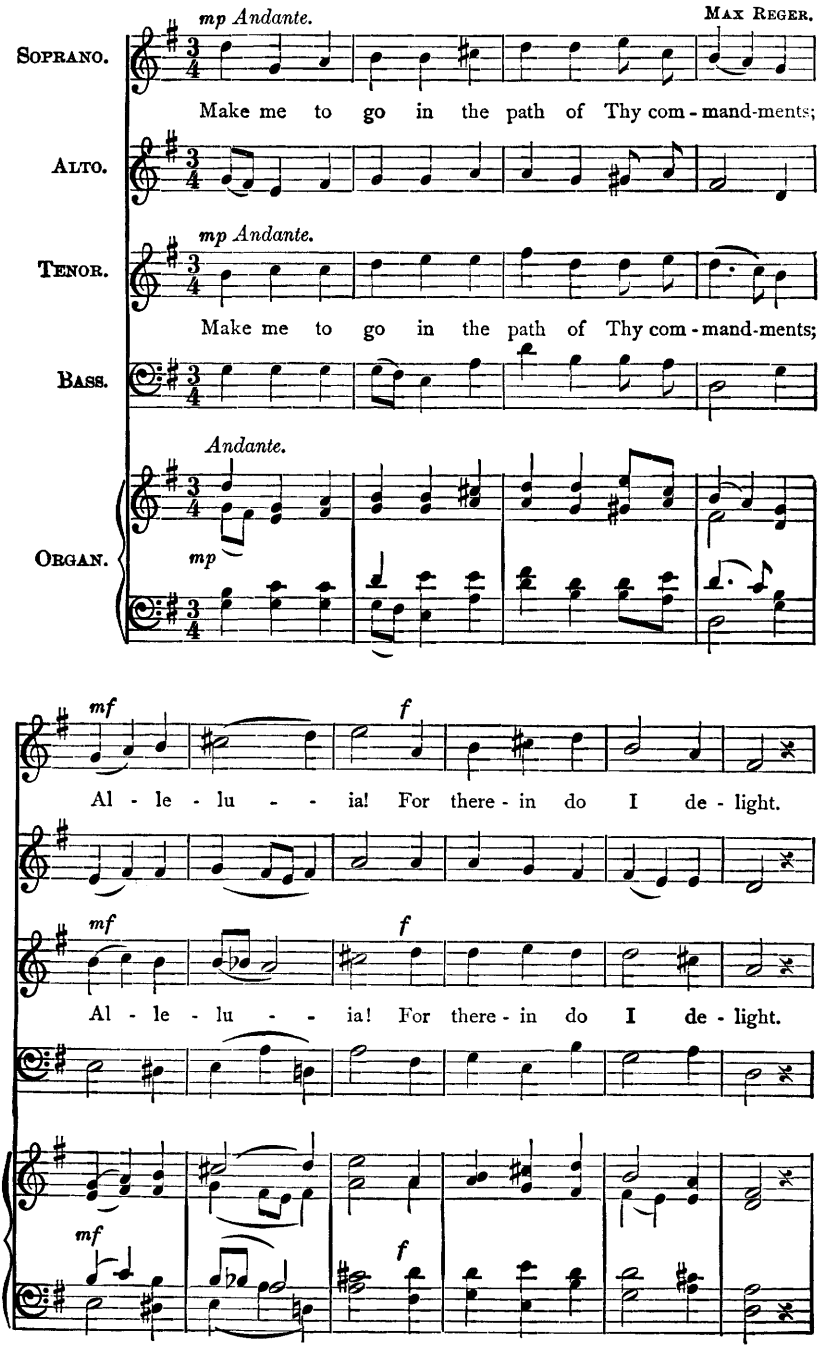

mp VERSE.
coun - sels be with Him. Now there - fore, my son, re - mem - ber
mp VERSE.
coun - sels be with Him. Now there - fore, my son, re - mem - ber
VERSE.
mp
f
my com - mand-ments, and fear not that we are poor; for
f
my com - mand-ments, and fear not that we are poor; for
f


thou hast much wealth if thou fear God.
thou hast much wealth if thou fear God.
mp
And in all sea - sons let thy coun - sels be with Him.
mp
And in all sea - sons let thy coun - sels be with Him.
mp


f
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
f
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.
f
ff
rit.
And in all sea - sons let thy coun - sels be with Him.
ff
rit.
And in all sea - sons let thy coun - sels be with Him.
rit.
ff

15. Make Me to Go in the Path.



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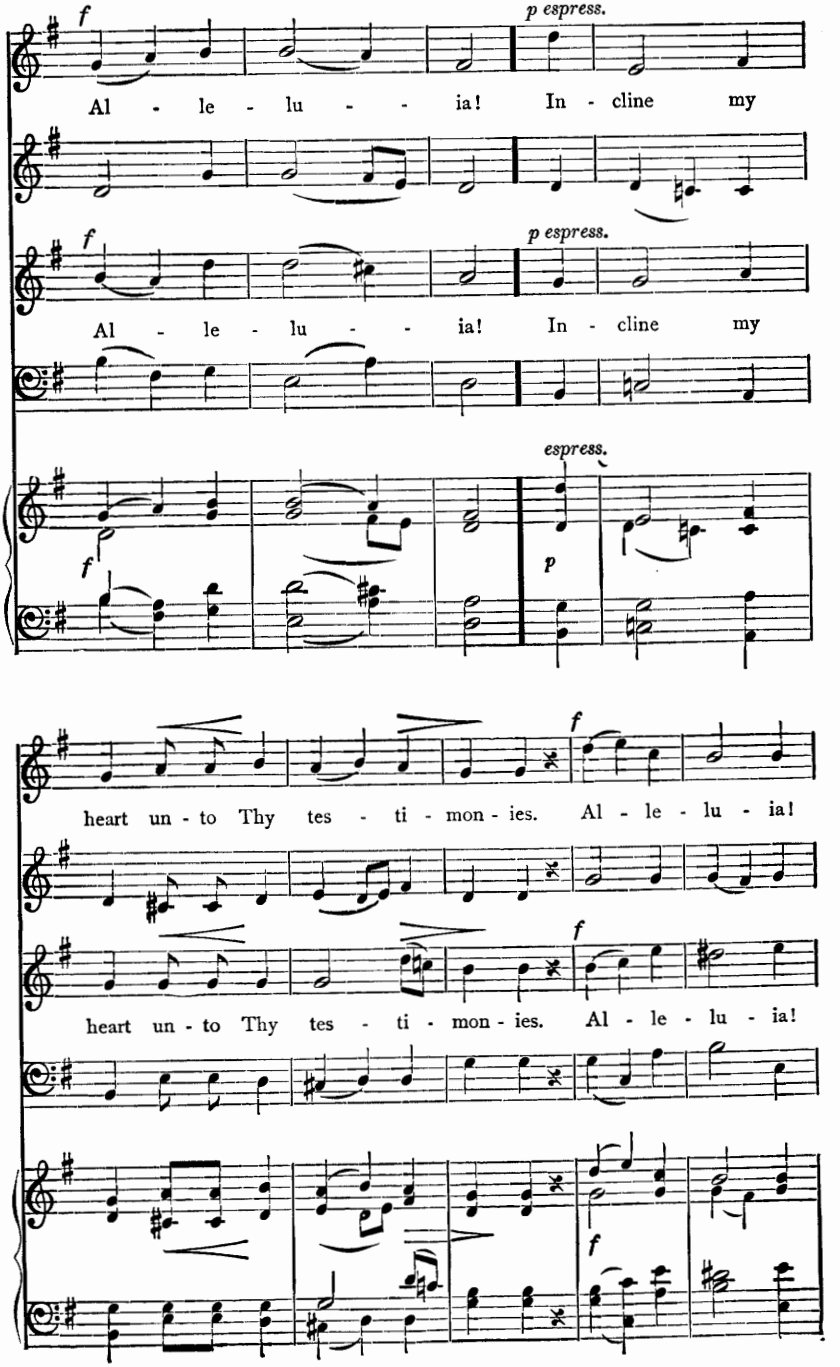
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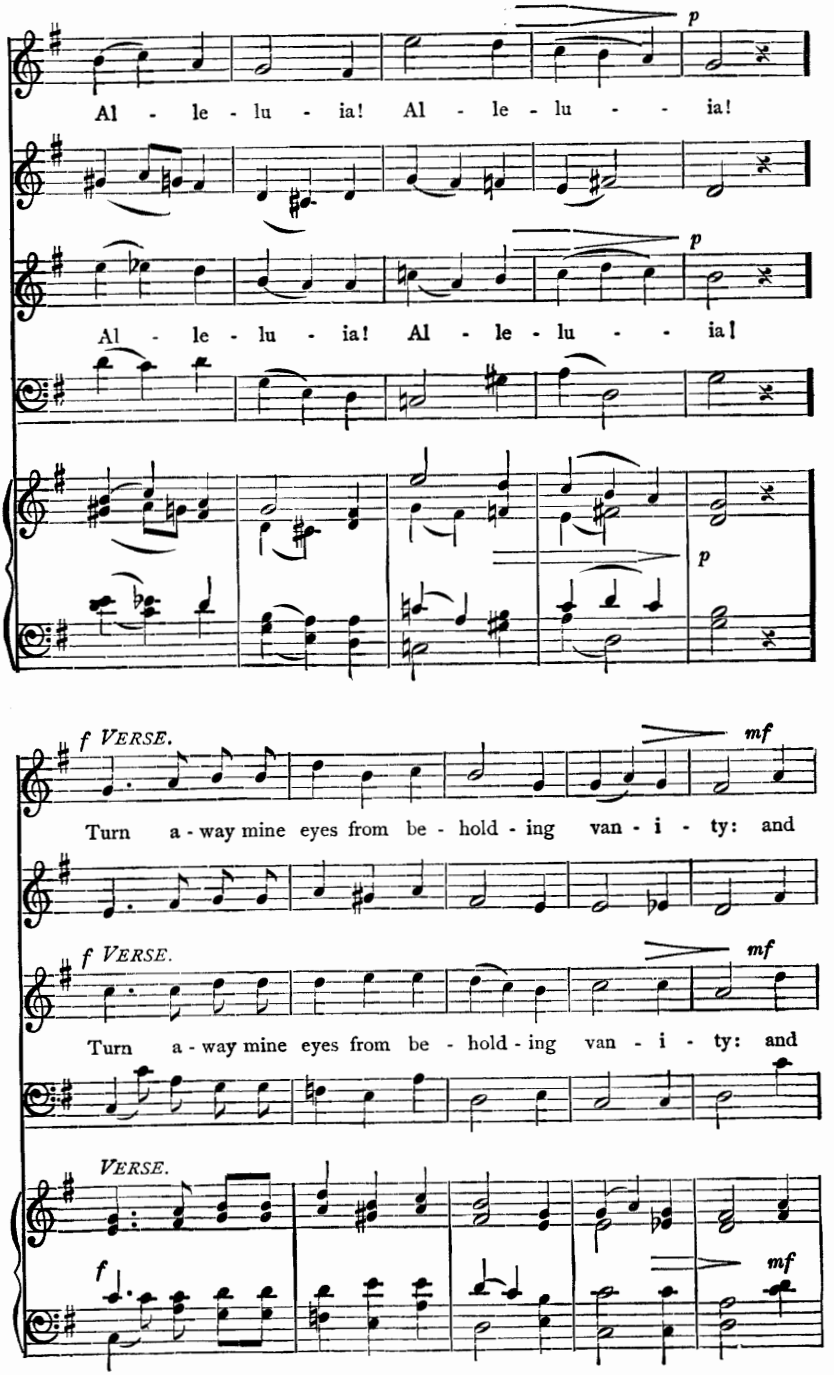
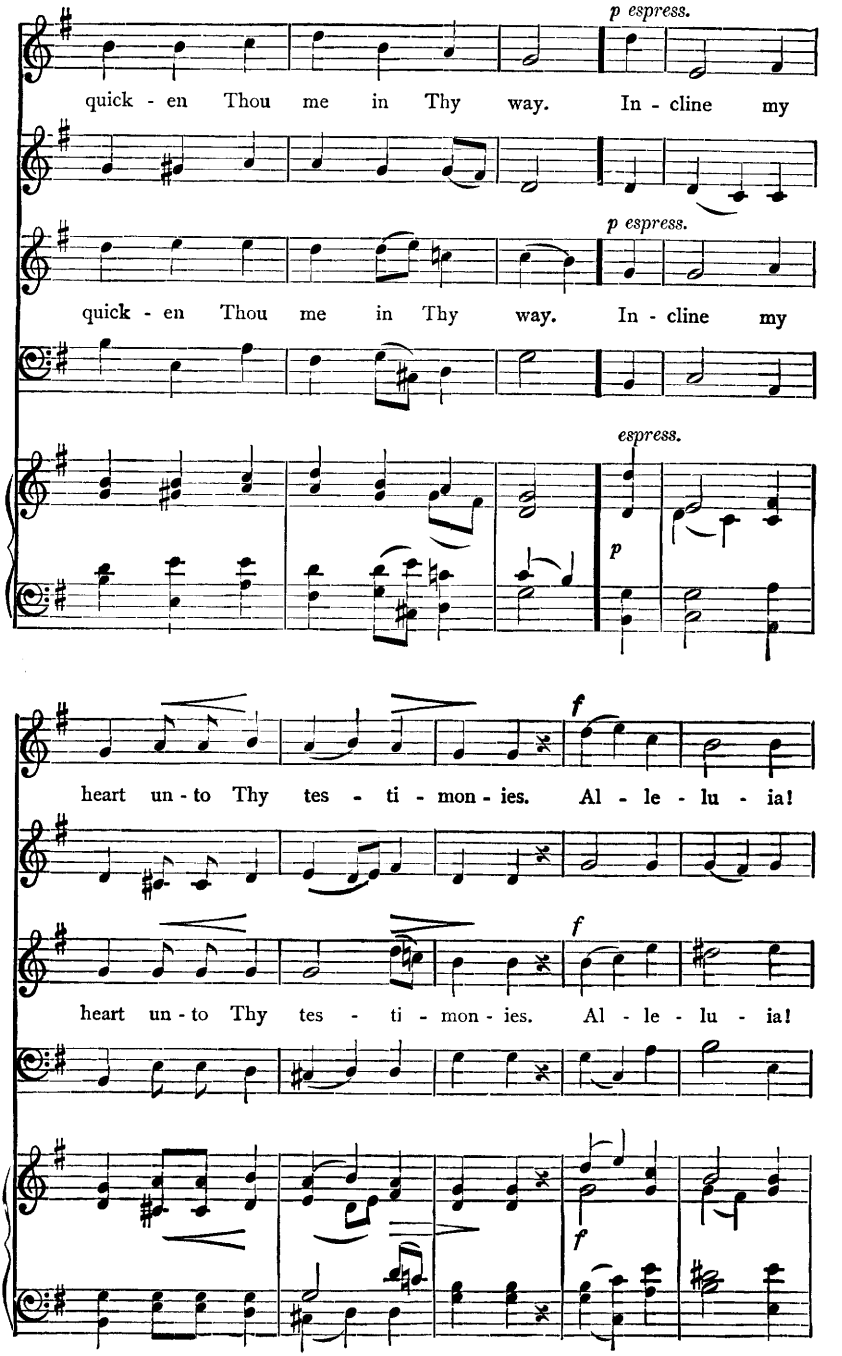
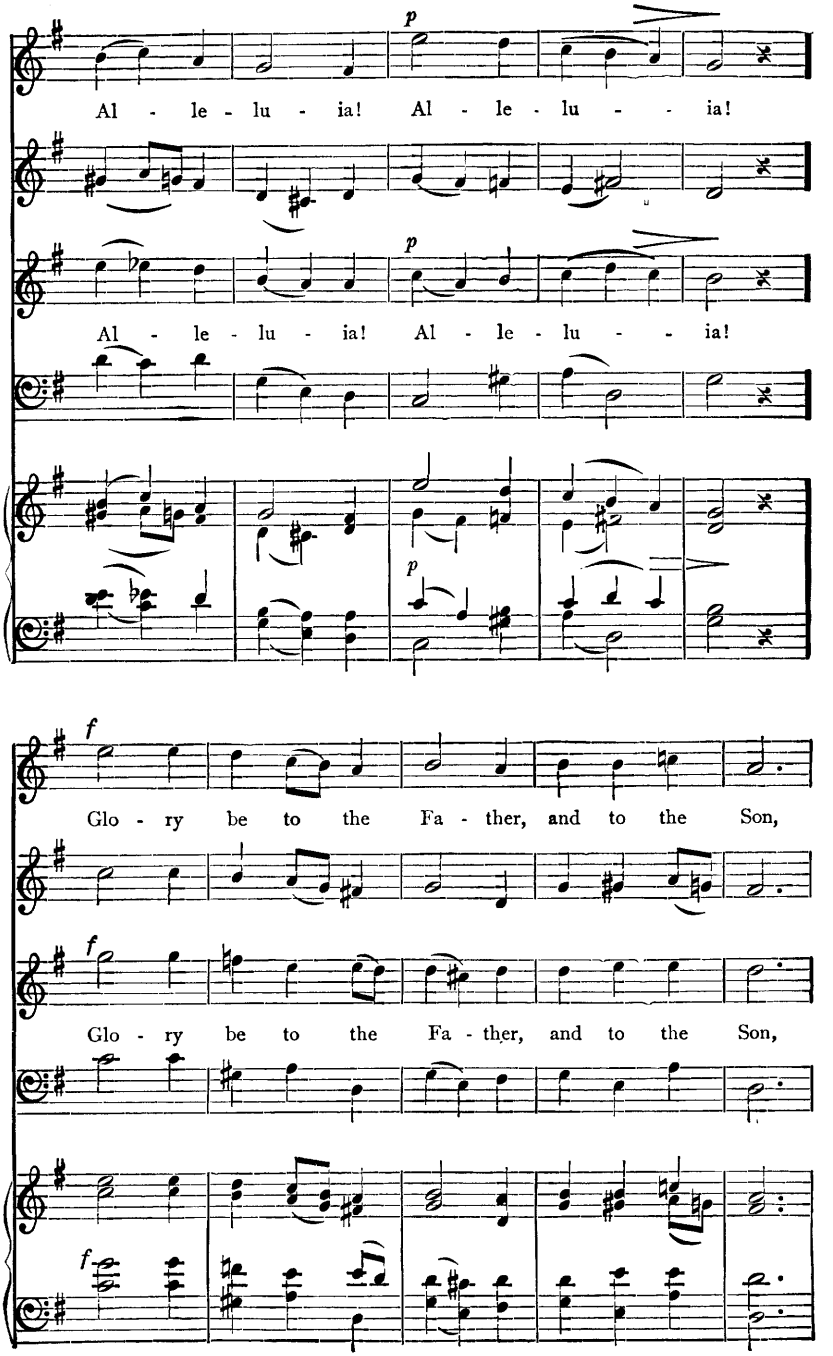
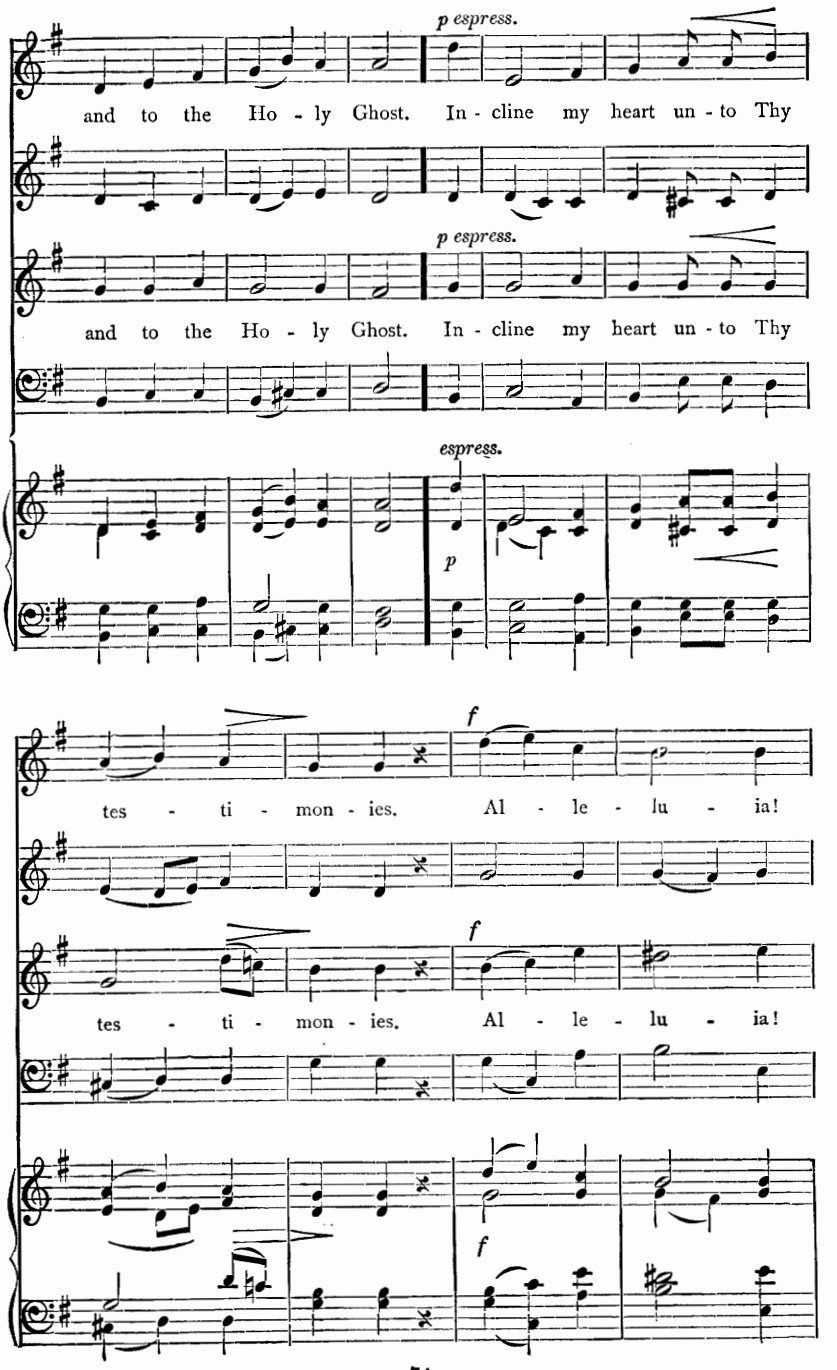
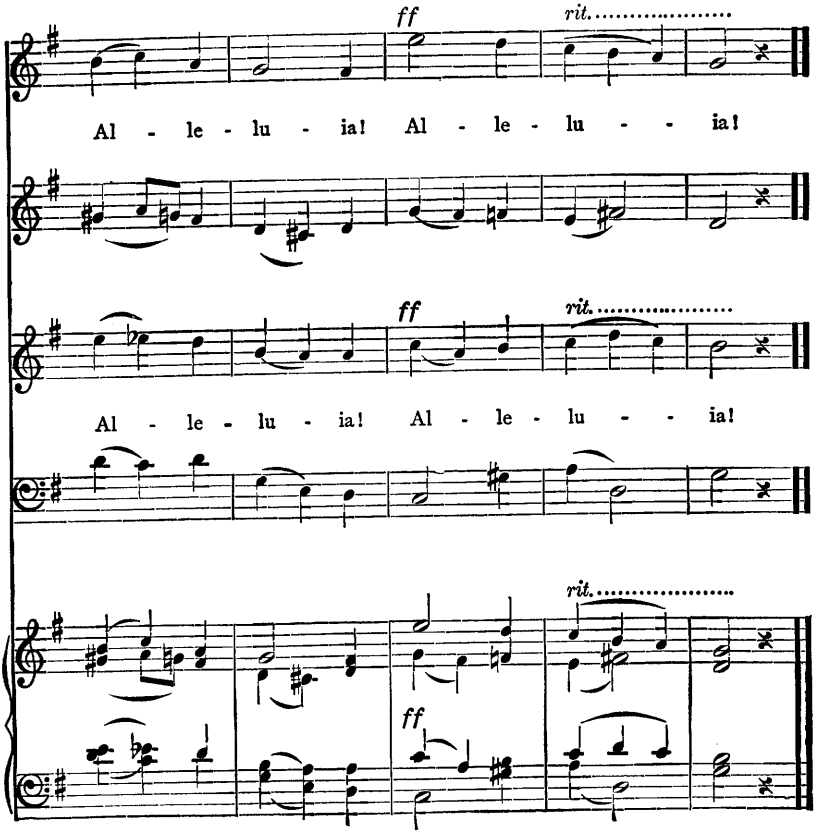
p espress.
Al - le - lu - - ia! In - cline my
f
p espress.
Al - le - lu - - ia! In - cline my
espress.
f
p
f
heart un - to Thy tes - ti - mon - ies. Al - le - lu - ia!
f
heart un - to Thy tes - ti - mon - ies. Al - le - lu - ia!
f


p
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!
p
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!
p
f VERSE.
mf
Turn a - way mine eyes from be - hold - ing van - i - ty: and
f VERSE.
mf
Turn a - way mine eyes from be - hold - ing van - i - ty: and
VERSE.
f
mf


p espress.
quick - en Thou me in Thy way. In - cline my
p espress.
quick - en Thou me in Thy way. In - cline my
espress.
p
heart un - to Thy tes - ti - mon - ies. Al - le - lu - ia!
f
heart un - to Thy tes - ti - mon - ies. Al - le - lu - ia!
f
f


p
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!
p
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!
p
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
f
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
f


p espress.
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. In - cline my heart un - to Thy
p espress.
and to the Ho - ly Ghost. In - cline my heart un - to Thy
espress.
p
f
tes - ti - mon - ies. Al - le - lu - ia!
f
tes - ti - mon - ies. Al - le - lu - ia!
f


ff
rit.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!
ff
rit.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!
rit.
ff

16. Shall We Receive Good.

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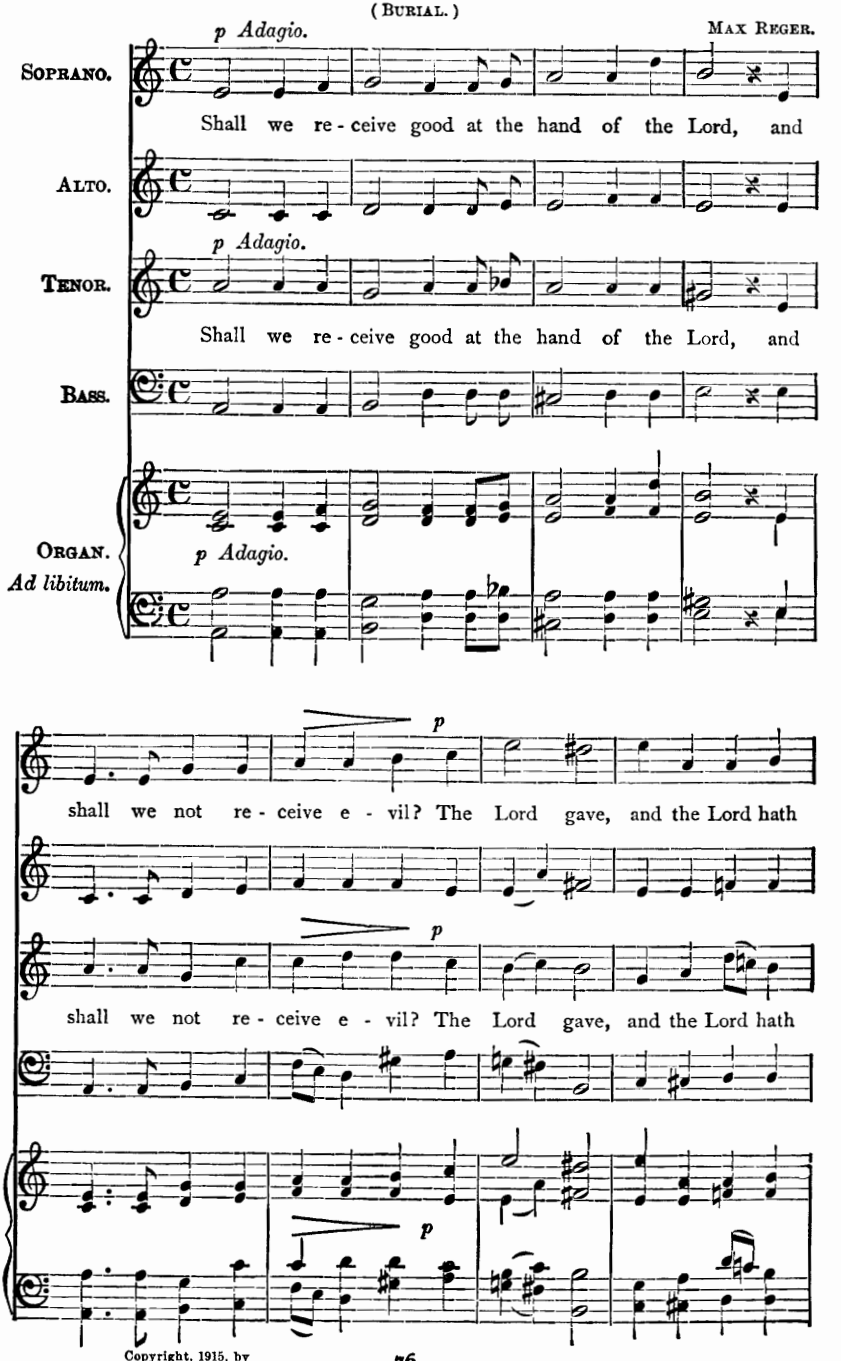

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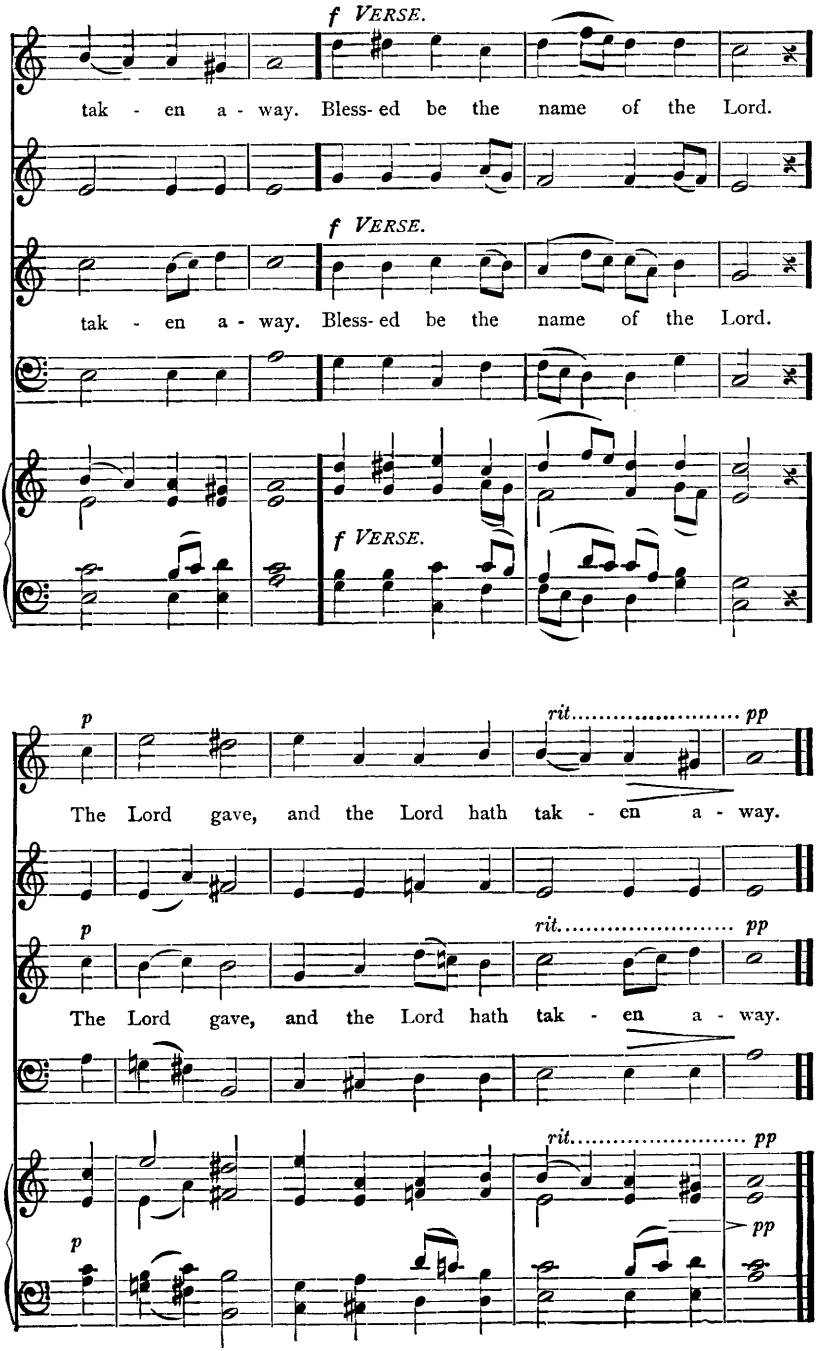
f VERSE.
tak - en a - way. Bless- ed be the name of the Lord.
f VERSE.
tak - en a - way. Bless- ed be the name of the Lord.
f VERSE.
p
rit..... pp
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath tak - en a - way.
p
rit..... pp
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath tak - en a - way.
rit..... pp
p
pp

17. I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.

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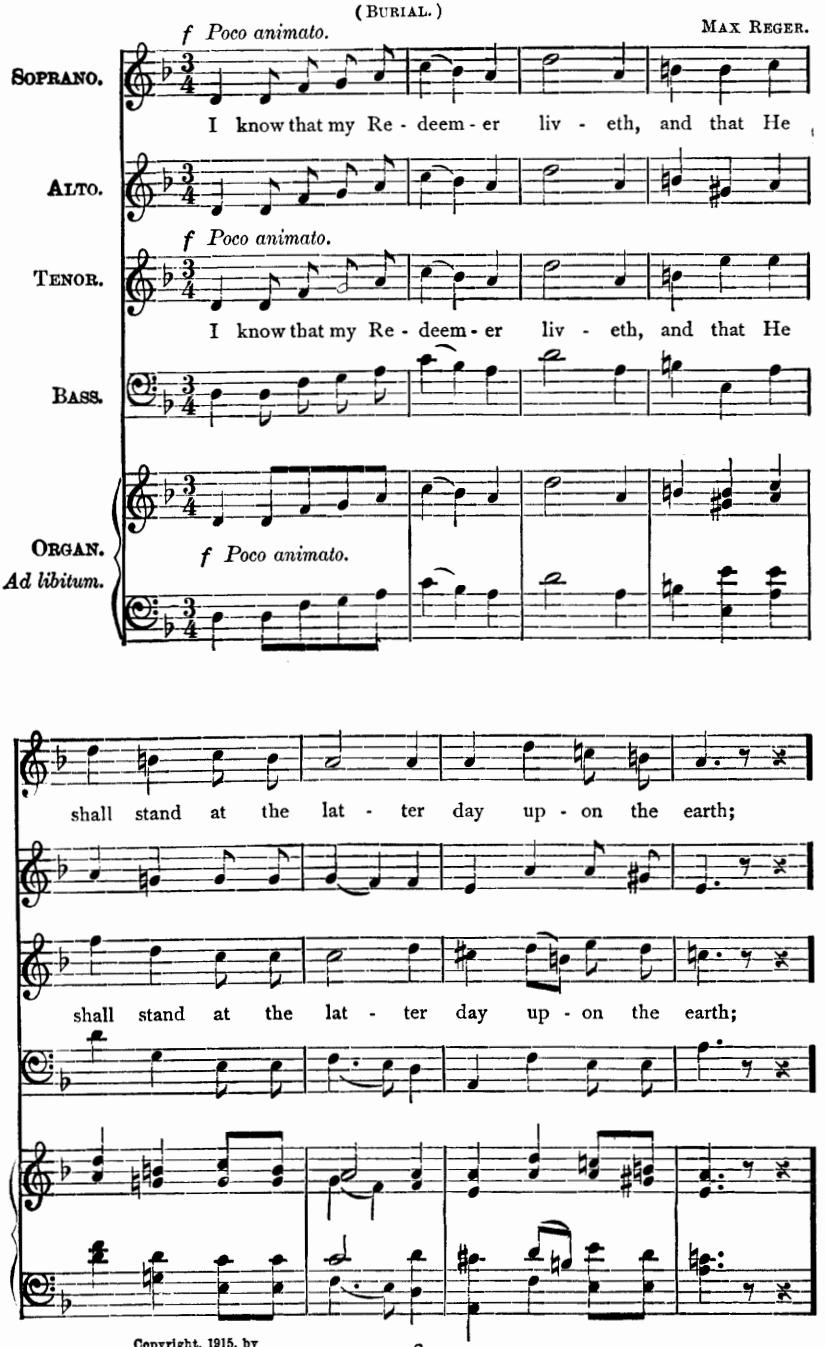

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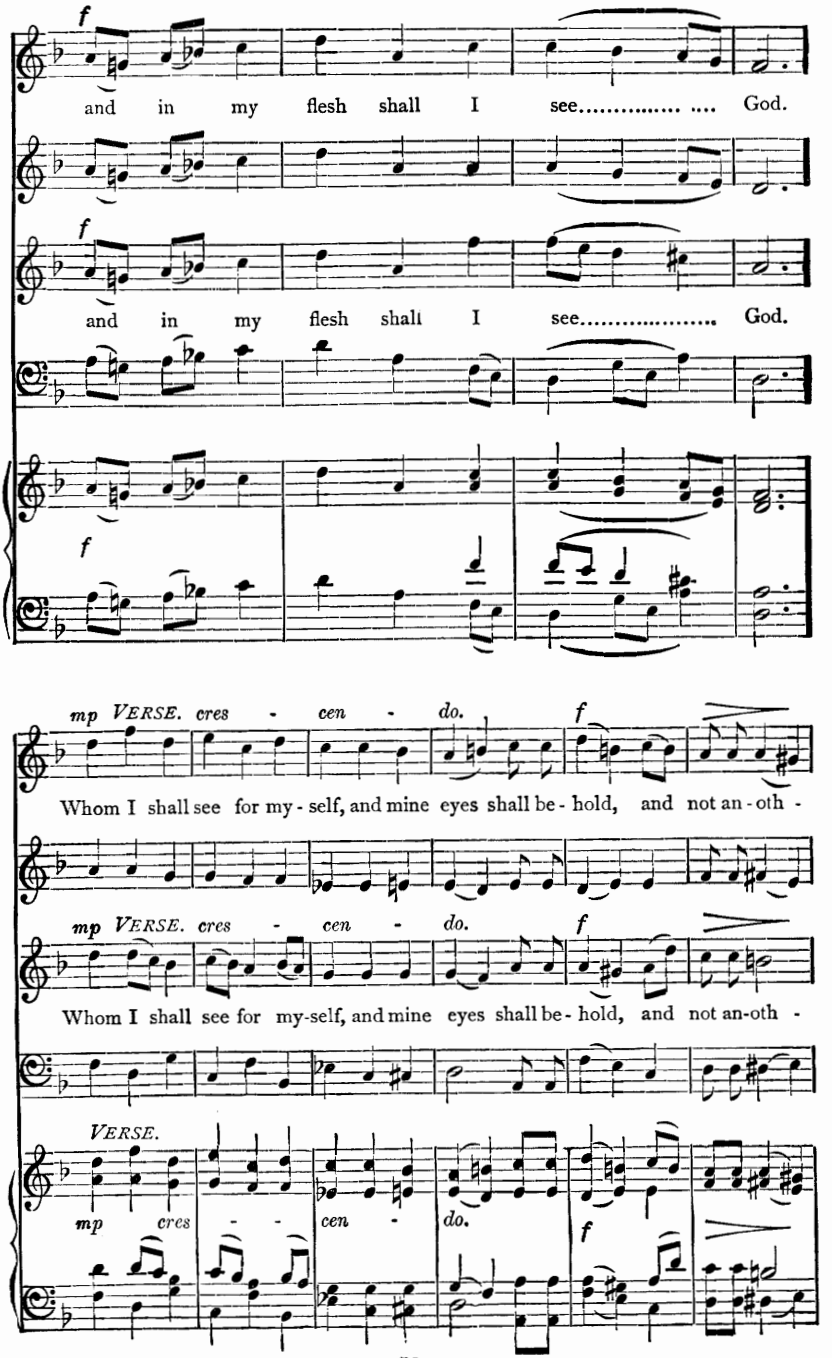
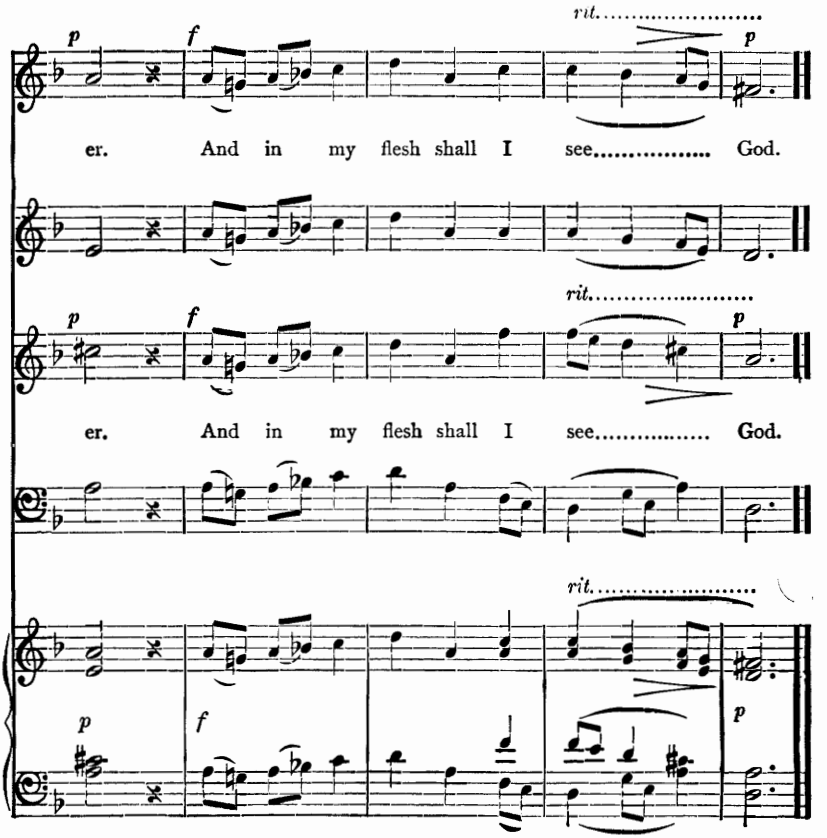

f
and in my flesh shall I see..... .... God.
f
and in my flesh shall I see..... God.
f
mp VERSE. cres - cen - do. f
Whom I shall see for my - self, and mine eyes shall be - hold, and not an - oth -
mp VERSE. cres - cen - do. f
Whom I shall see for my-self, and mine eyes shall be - hold, and not an-oth -
VERSE.
mp cres - - cen - do. f


rit.
p
f
p
er. And in my flesh shall I see..... God.
rit.
p
f
p
er. And in my flesh shall I see..... God.
rit.
p
f
p

18. If We Believe That Jesus Died.

(BURIAL.)

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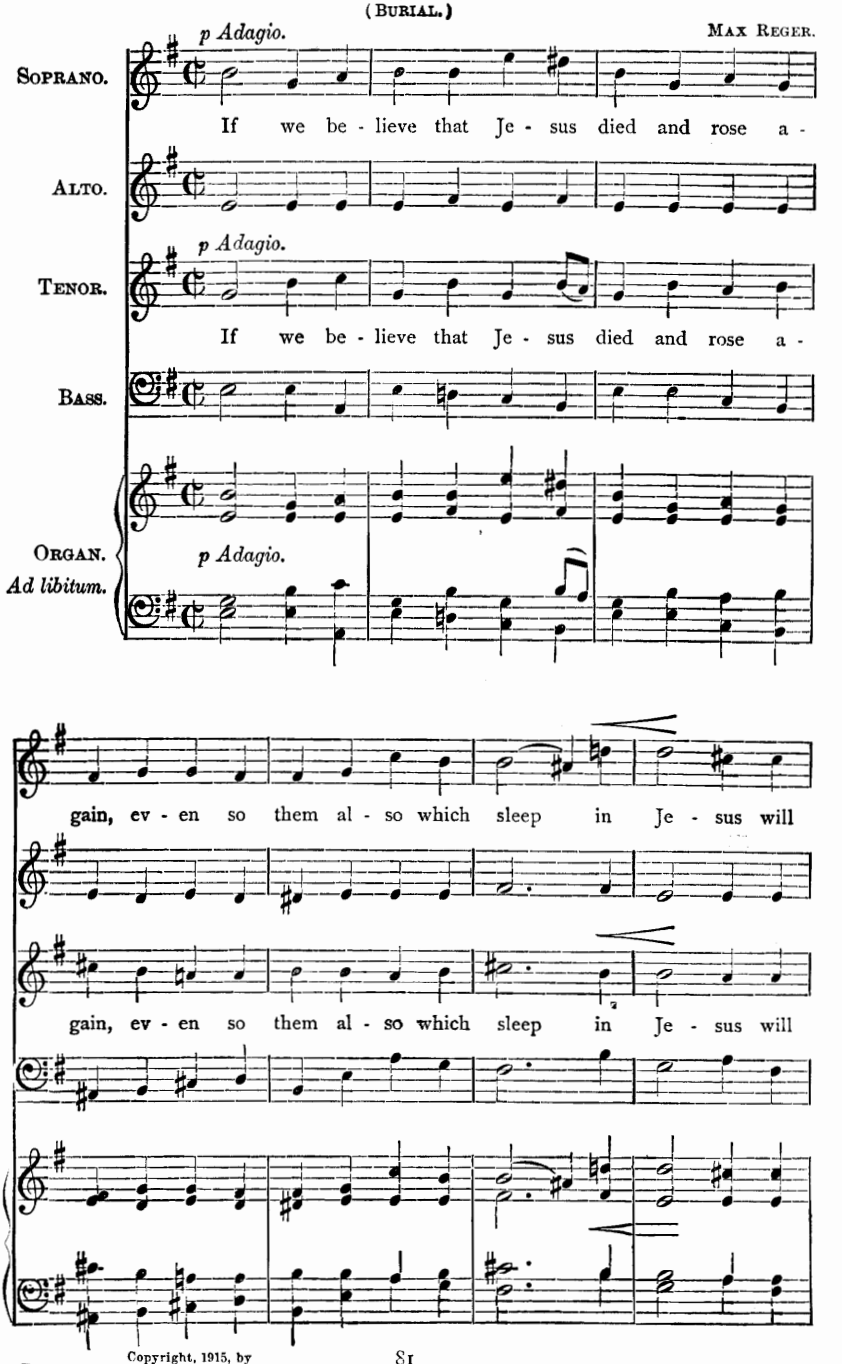

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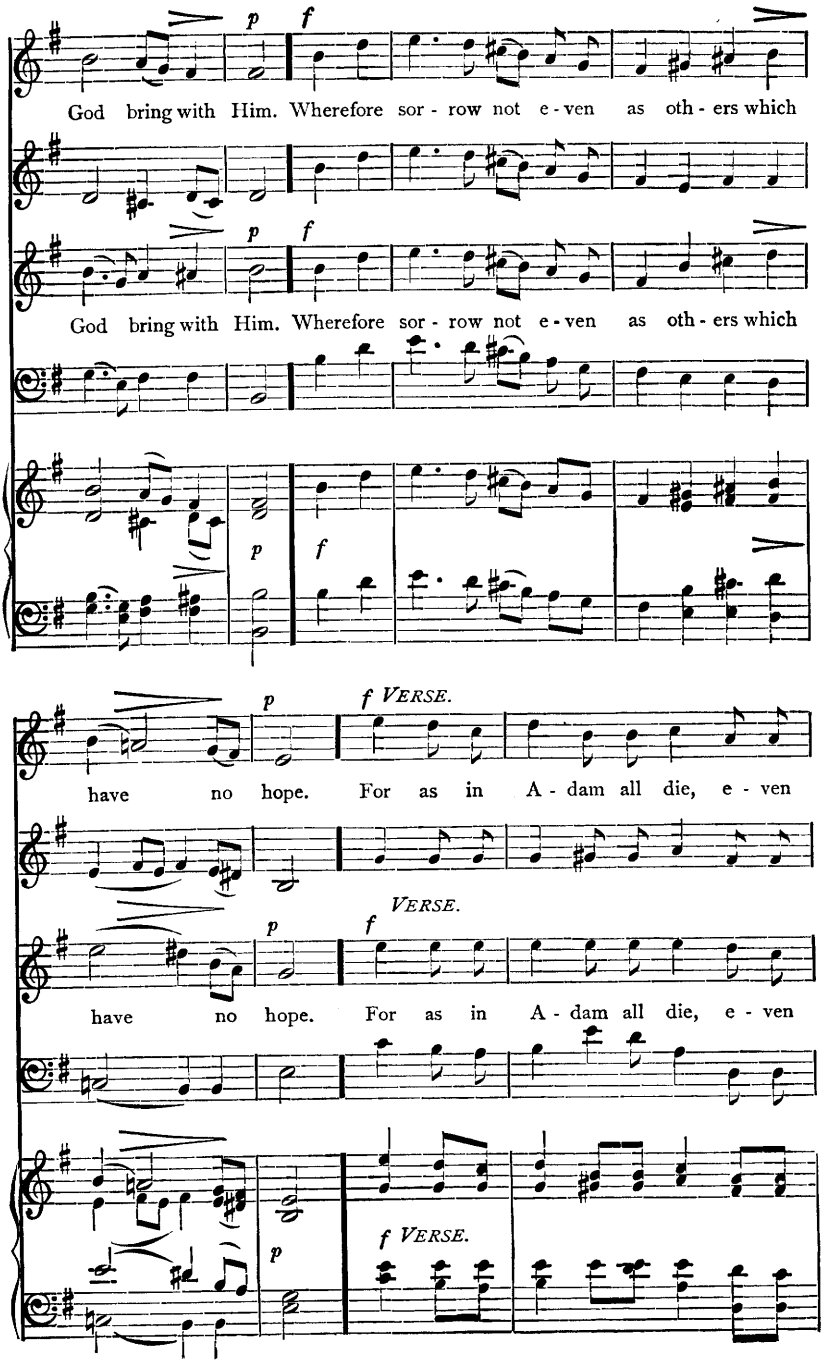
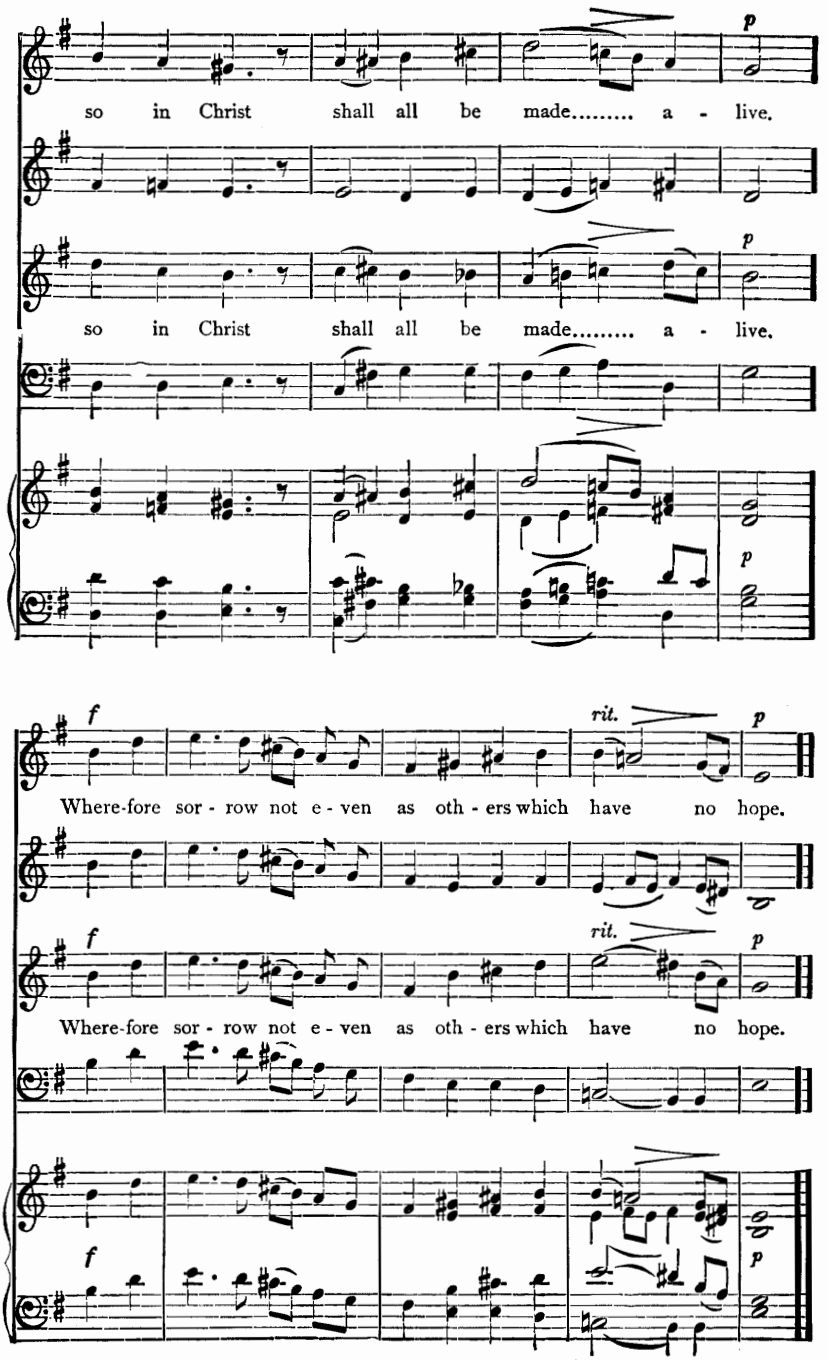

p
f
God bring with Him. Wherefore sor - row not e - ven as oth - ers which
p
f
God bring with Him. Wherefore sor - row not e - ven as oth - ers which
p
f
p
f
p
f VERSE.
have no hope. For as in A - dam all die, e - ven
p
f VERSE.
have no hope. For as in A - dam all die, e - ven
p
f VERSE.


p
so in Christ shall all be made..... a - live.
p
so in Christ shall all be made..... a - live.
p
f
rit.
p
Where-fore sor - row not e - ven as oth - ers which have no hope.
f
rit.
p
Where-fore sor - row not e - ven as oth - ers which have no hope.
f
p

19. Behold, How the Righteous Dieth.

(Burial.)

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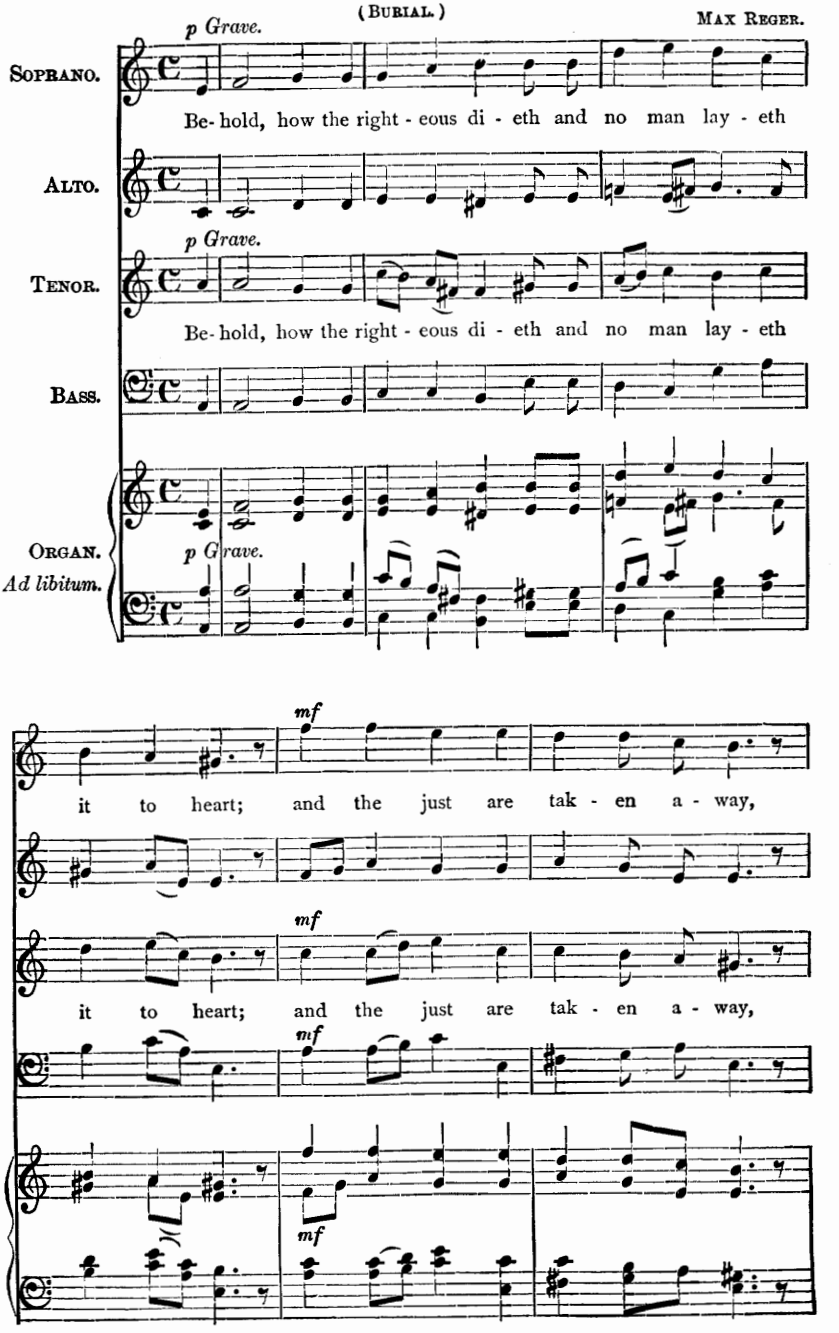

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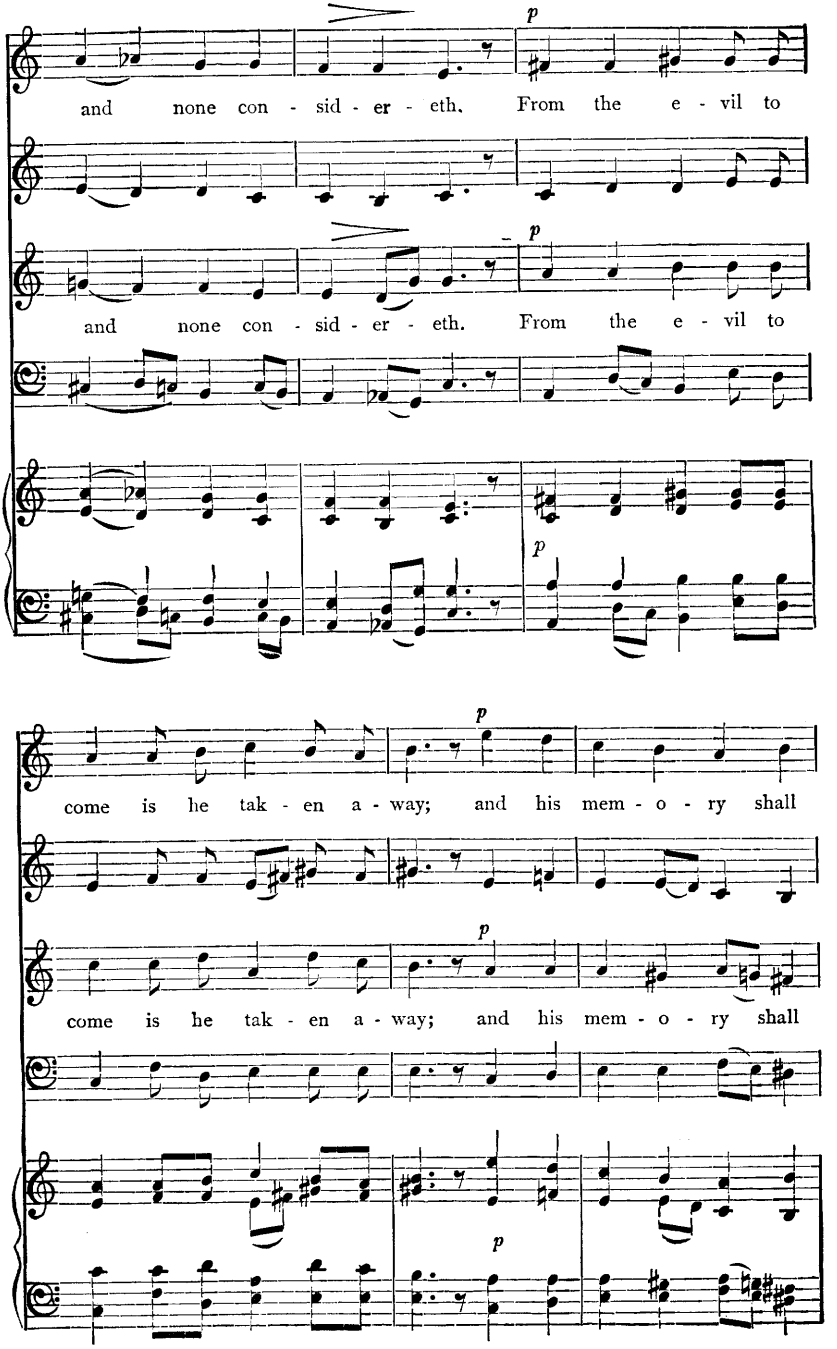
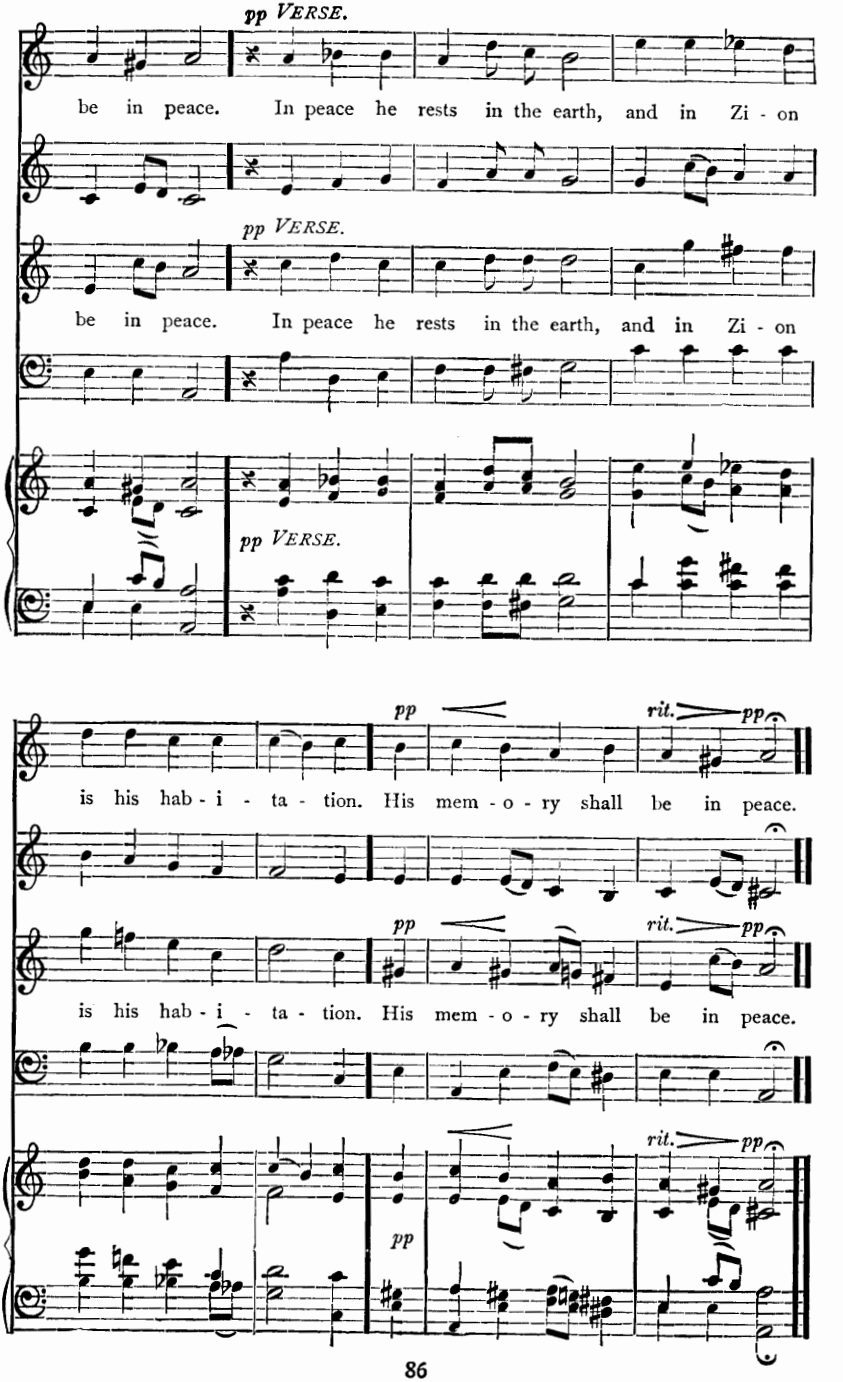

p
and none con - sid - er - eth. From the e - vil to
p
and none con - sid - er - eth. From the e - vil to
p
p
come is he tak - en a - way; and his mem - o - ry shall
p
come is he tak - en a - way; and his mem - o - ry shall
p


pp VERSE.
be in peace. In peace he rests in the earth, and in Zi - on
pp VERSE.
be in peace. In peace he rests in the earth, and in Zi - on
pp VERSE.
pp
rit.
pp
is his hab - i - ta - tion. His mem - o - ry shall be in peace.
pp
rit.
pp
is his hab - i - ta - tion. His mem - o - ry shall be in peace.
rit.
pp
pp

20. I Will Lay Me Down in Peace and Sleep.

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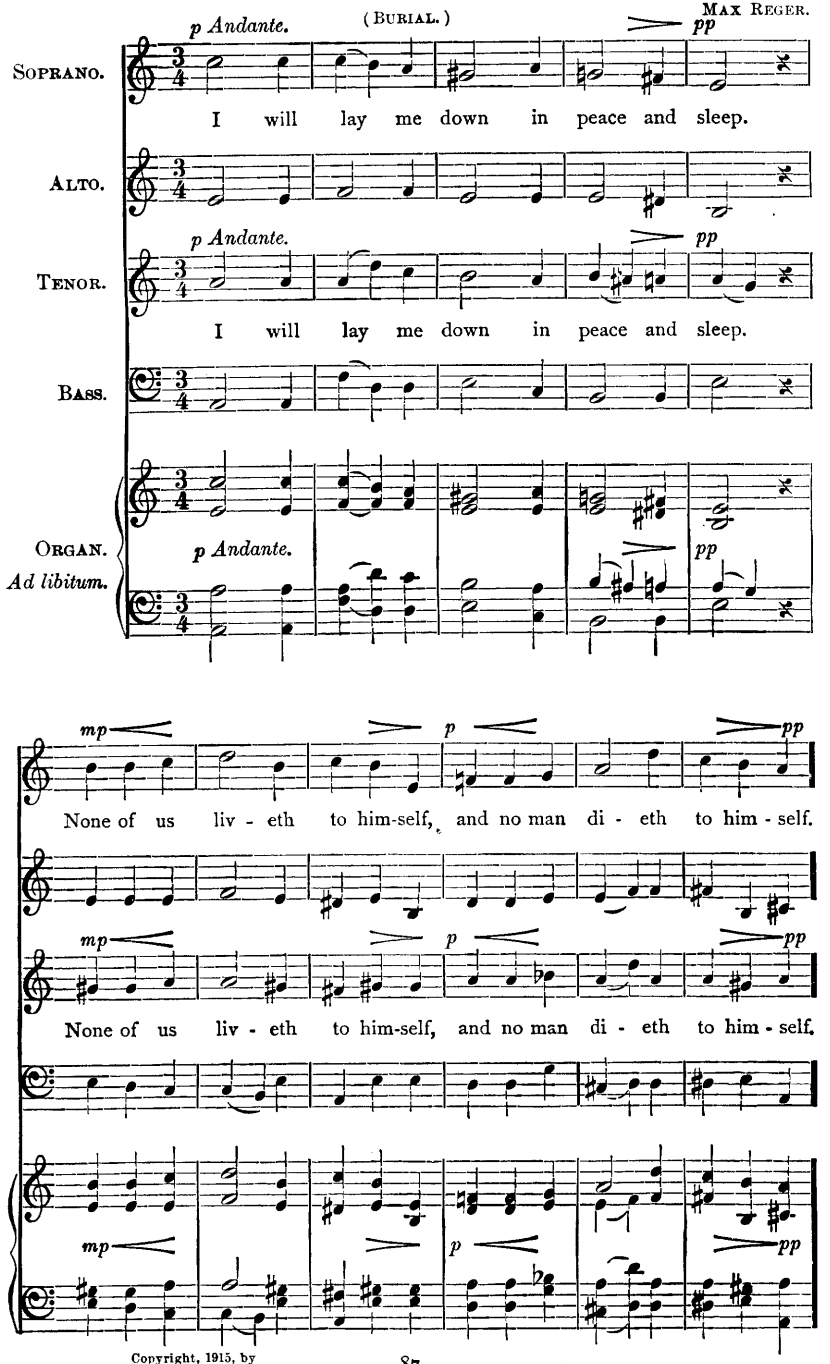

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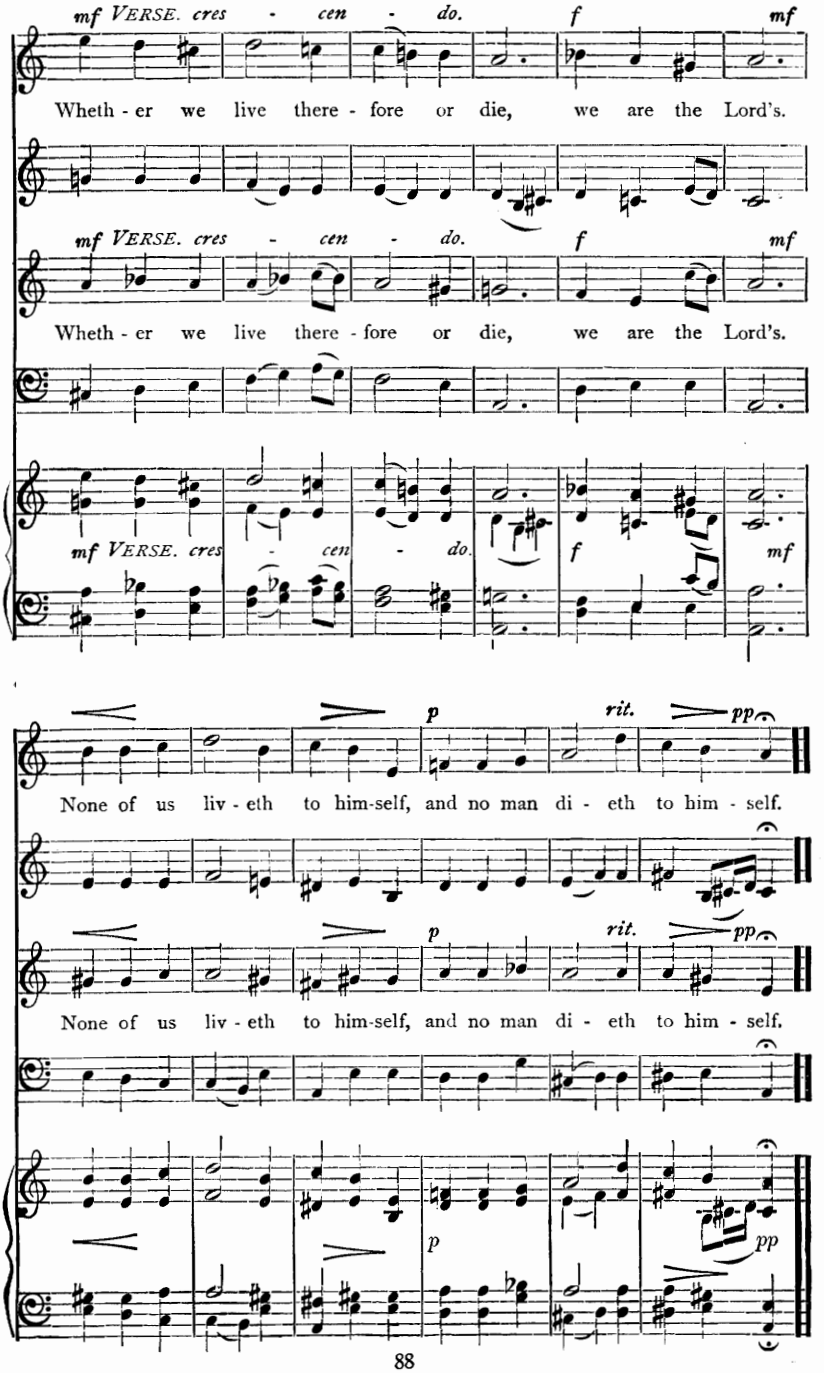
mf VERSE. cres - cen - do. f mf
Wheth - er we live there - fore or die, we are the Lord's.
mf VERSE. cres - cen - do. f mf
Wheth - er we live there - fore or die, we are the Lord's.
mf VERSE. cres - cen - do. f mf
p rit. pp
None of us liv - eth to him-self, and no man di - eth to him - self.
p rit. pp
None of us liv - eth to him-self, and no man di - eth to him - self.
p pp