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Introduction

Since approximately 1990 I have been using the Bach chorales (the 371 four-part chorales, famous to every freshman theory student) as a warmup to my composing. I play a chorale at the keyboard while singing successively soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. This process helps me to make the transition to musical thinking. I have found that the singing is the crucial thing. It bypasses analytical processes, and opens something very deep in my imagination. At a certain point I began composing my own chorales in the old style, and have now written over two hundred of them. This process of singing the Bach chorales, and writing and singing my own, has taken me to the roots of our western tonal musical language. It has profoundly influenced the way I write music.

Instrument parts in all keys have been made for the collected chorales. The chorales can be played by any combination or number of instruments. My intent was to provide musically engaging chorale material for the purpose of ensemble development. I have found over many years that ensembles blossom when each individual is completely engaged (strange idea!), and that the chorales provide each player with a beautifully formed melody within the four-part texture. Dramatic improvements in tone intonation, and ensemble awareness have been achieved through imaginative use of these chorales.

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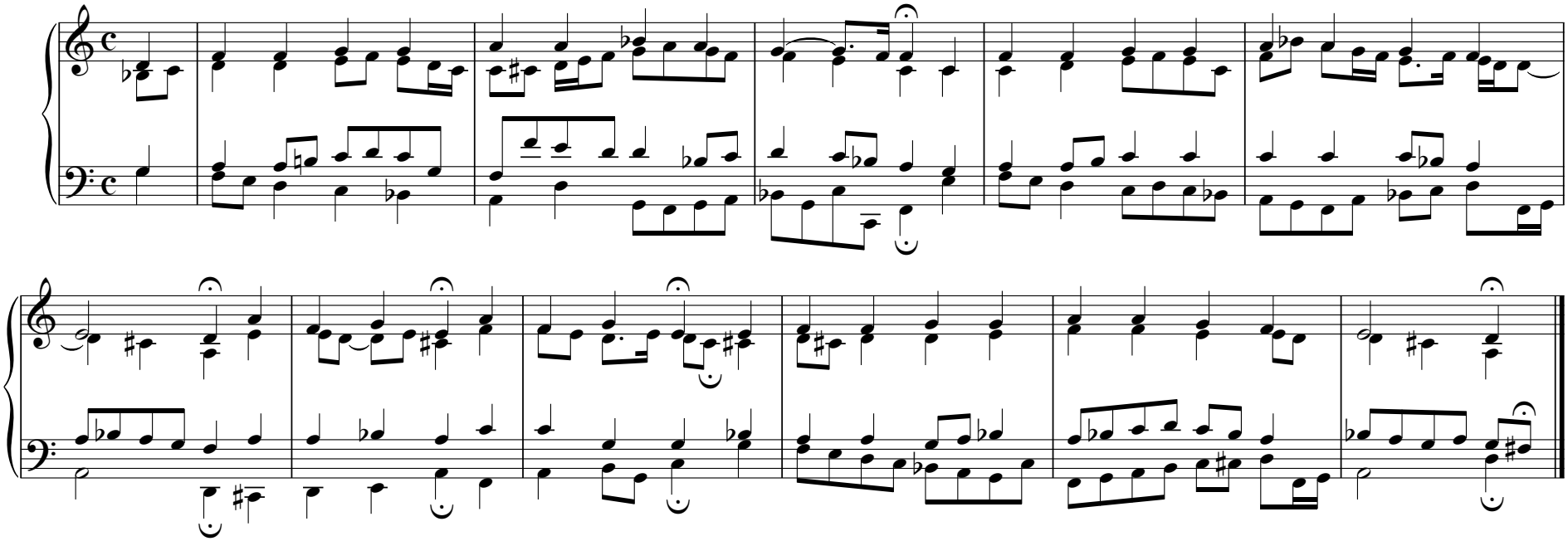

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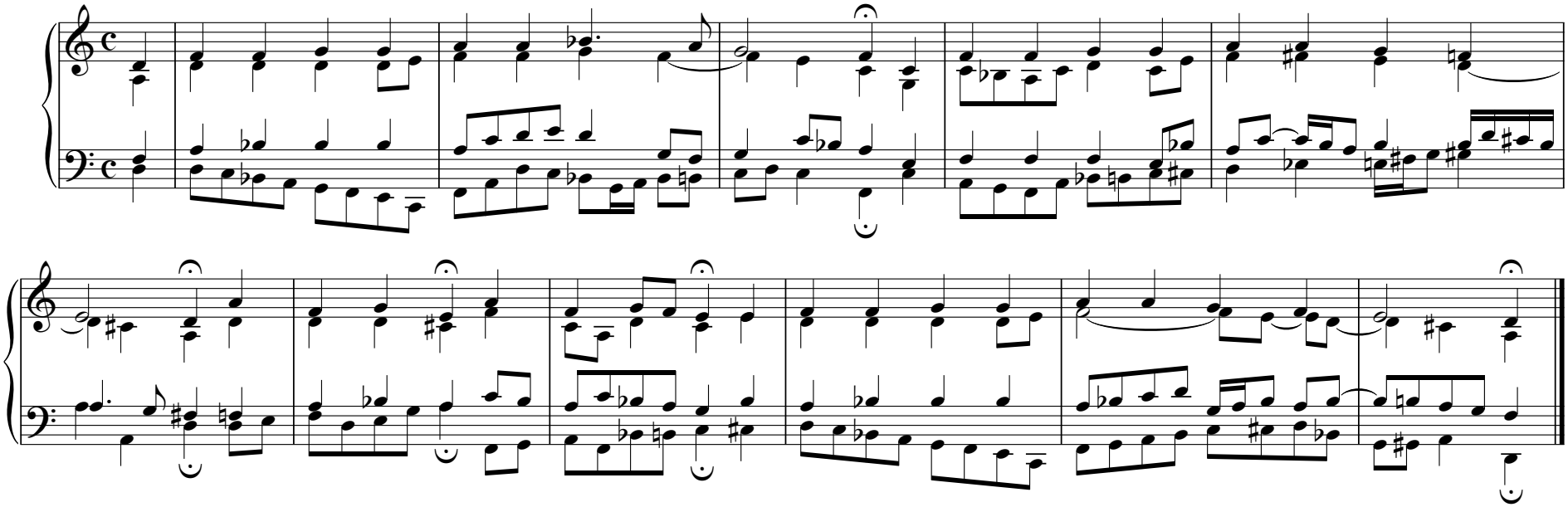

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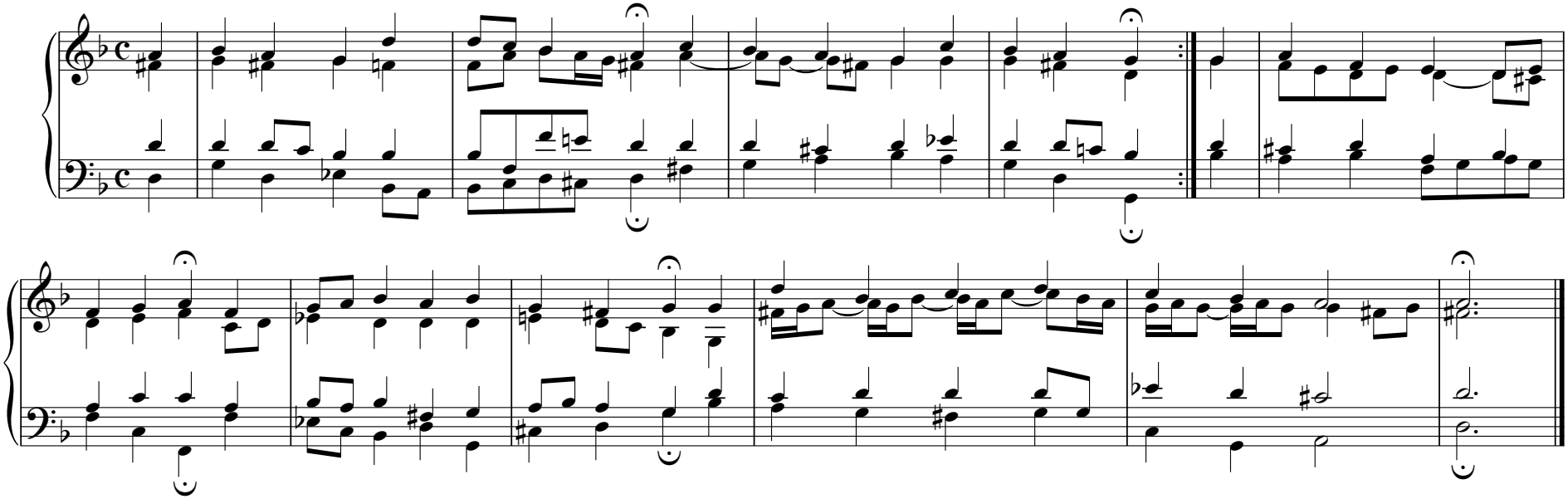
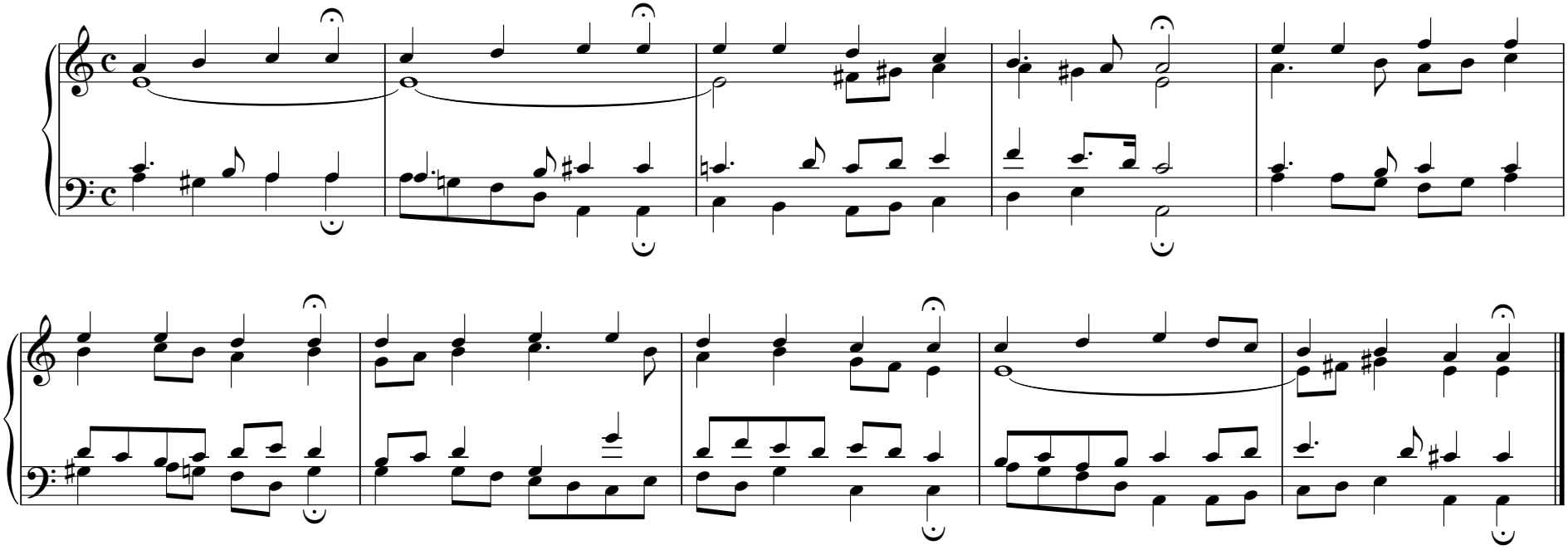
3. Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh' darein | *O Lord, Look Down From Heaven*



4. Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig | *O How Futile, How Swift*



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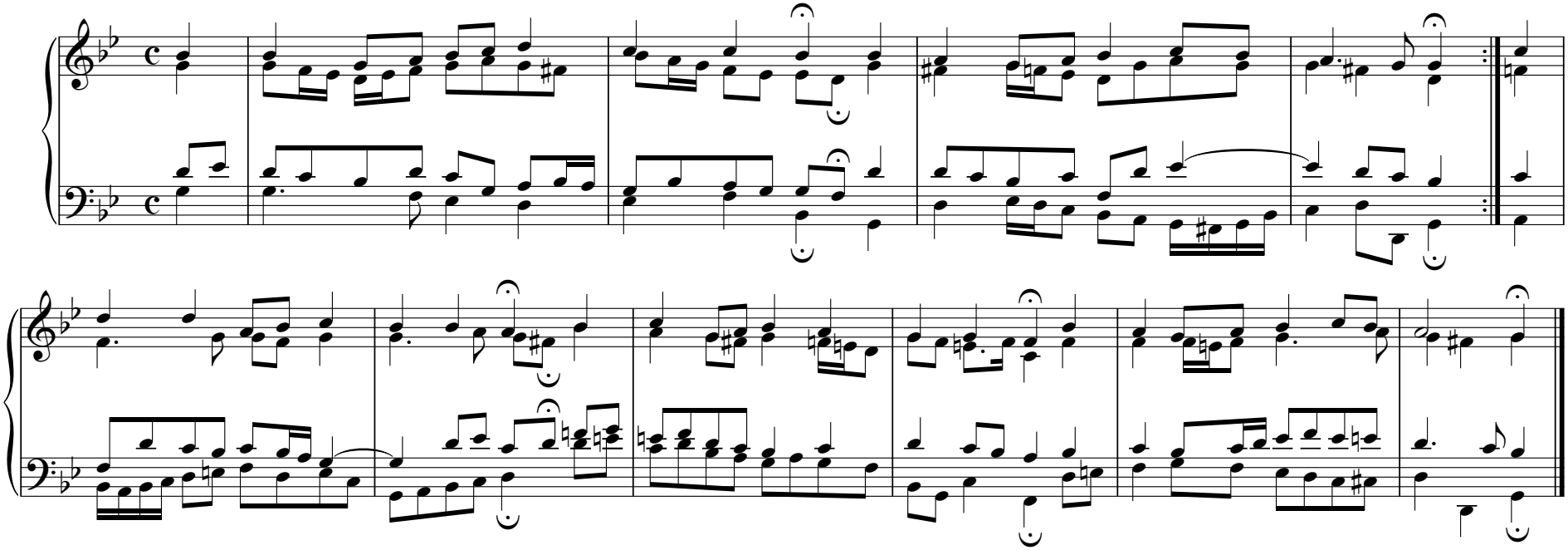
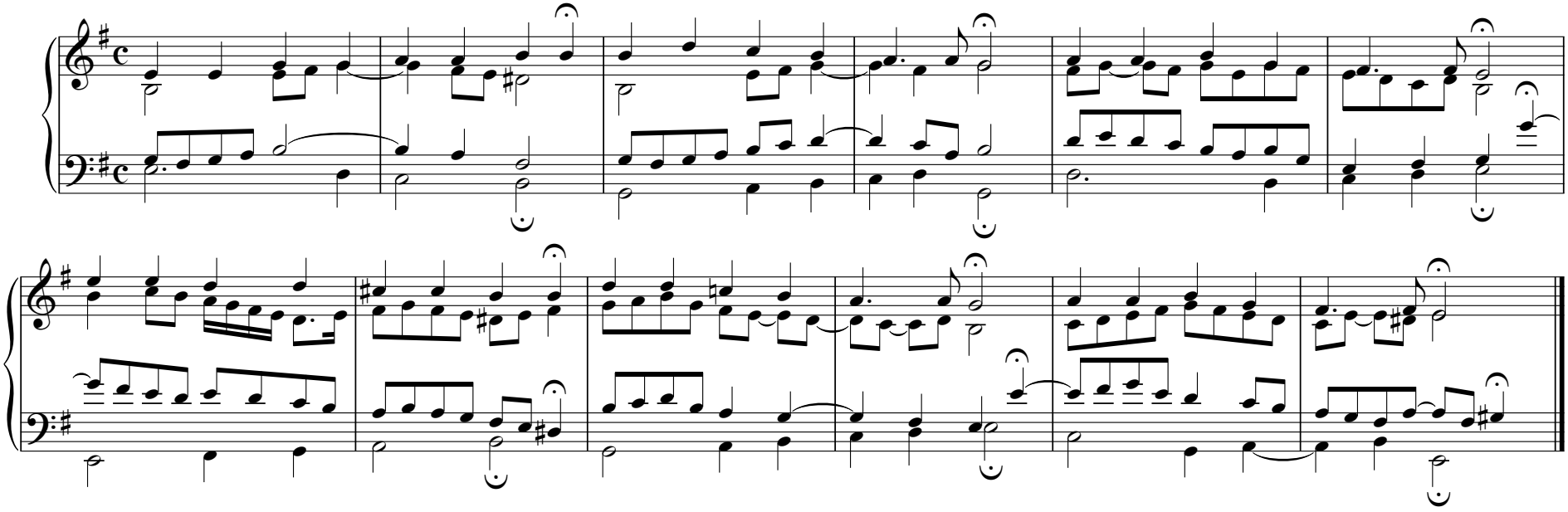
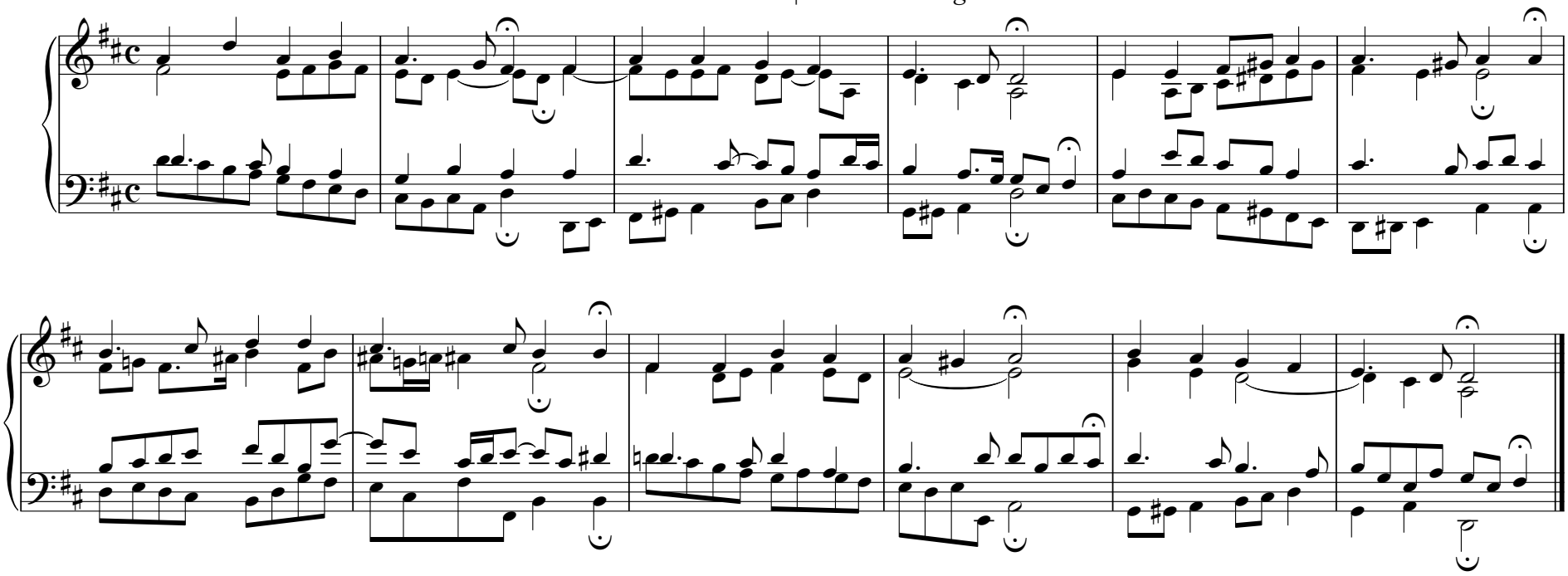


6. Ach, was soll ich Sünder machen | *Jesus Christ, My Pride And Glory*



7. Alle Menschen müssen sterben | *All Men Living Are But Mortal*



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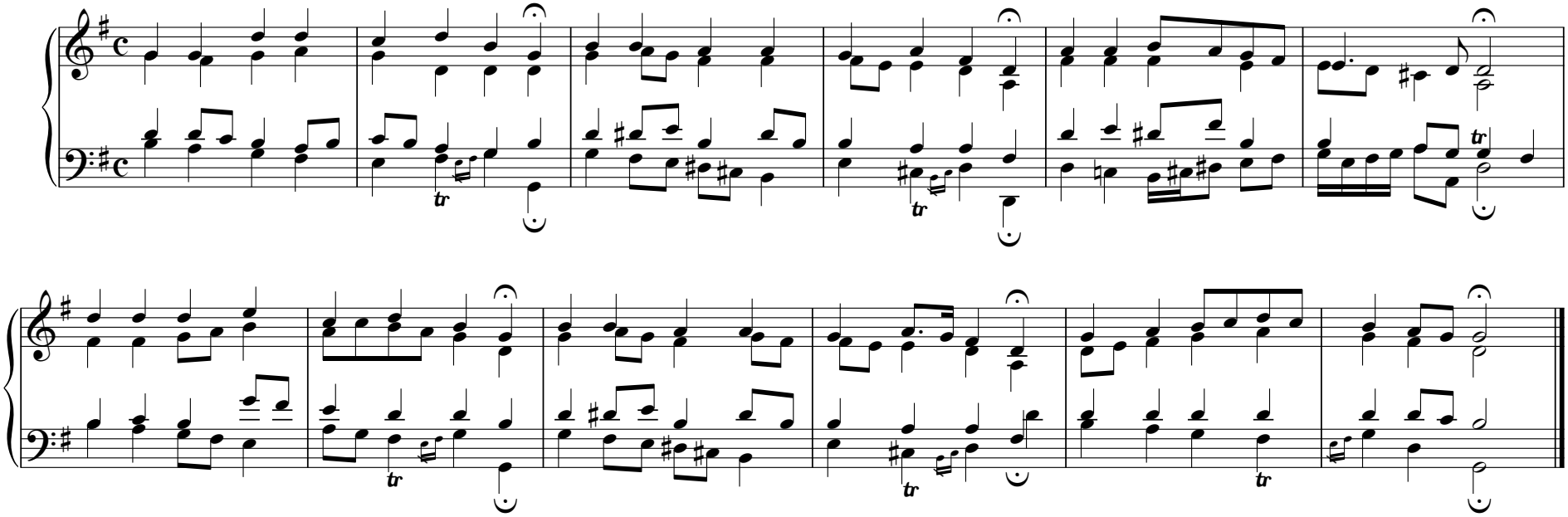

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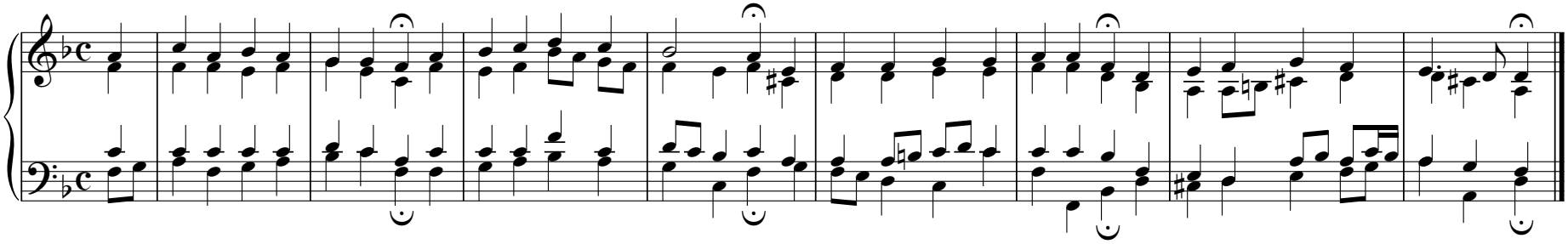

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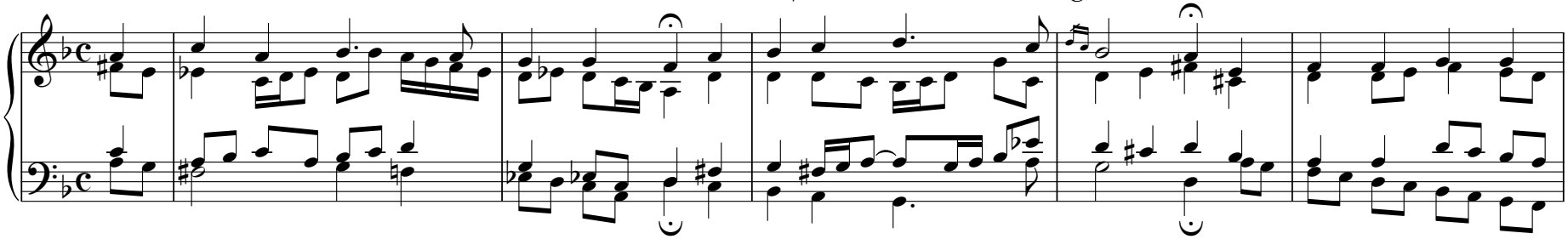

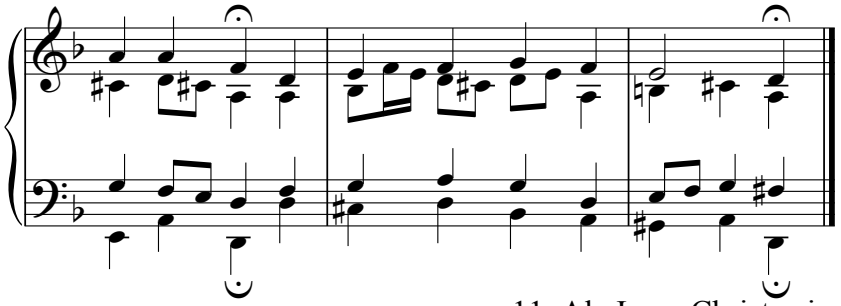

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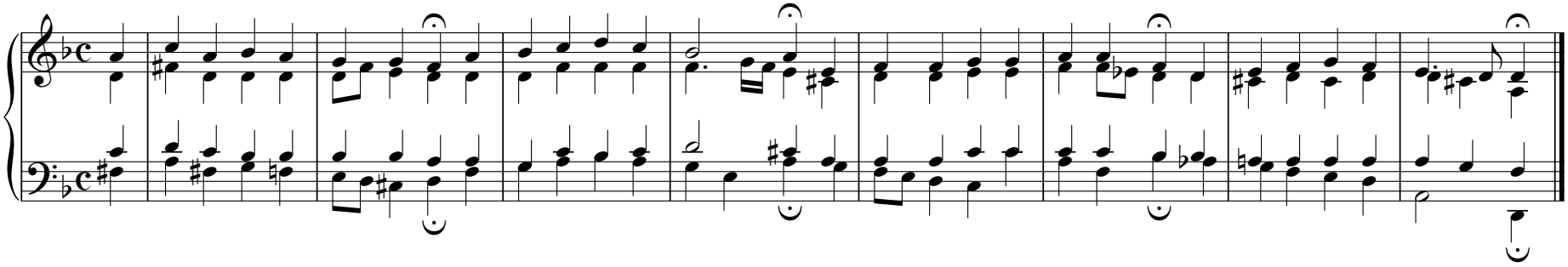
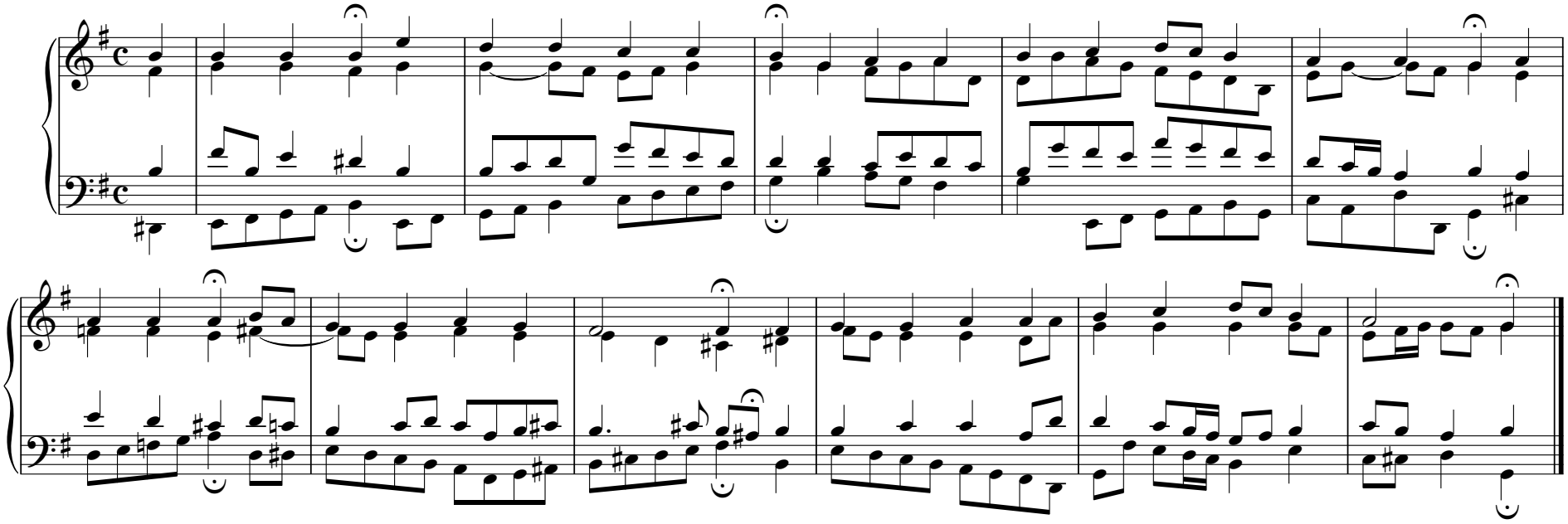


12. Auf, auf, mein Herz, und du, mein ganzer Sinn | *Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*



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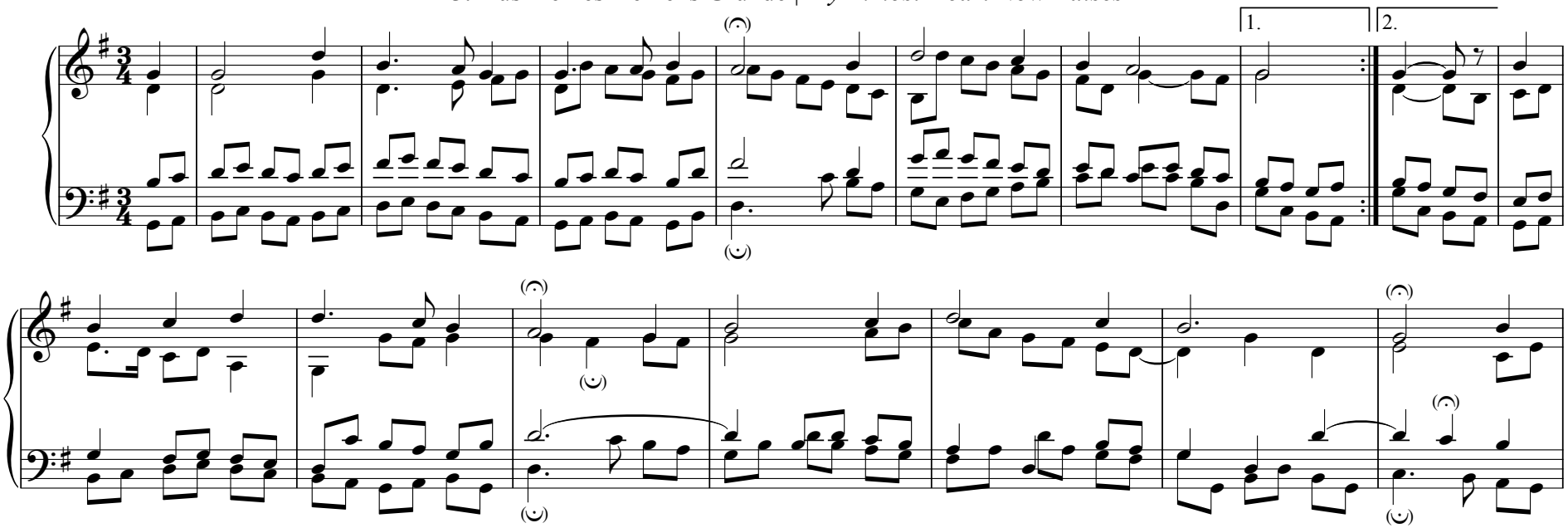
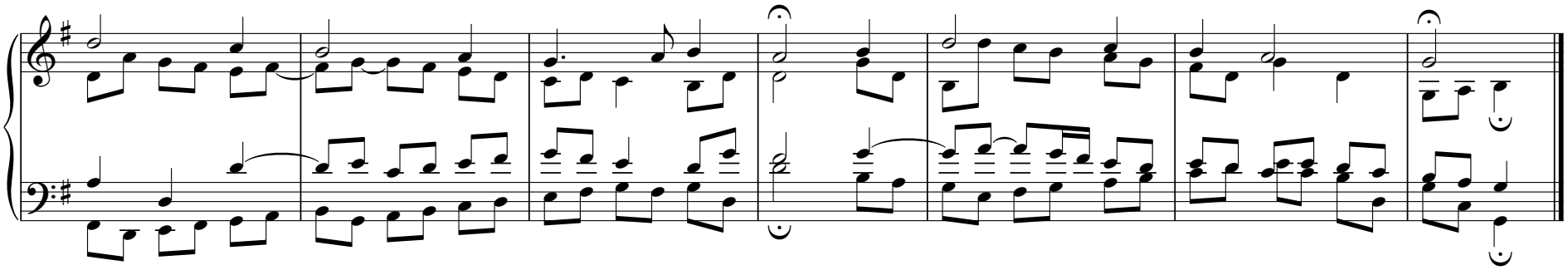
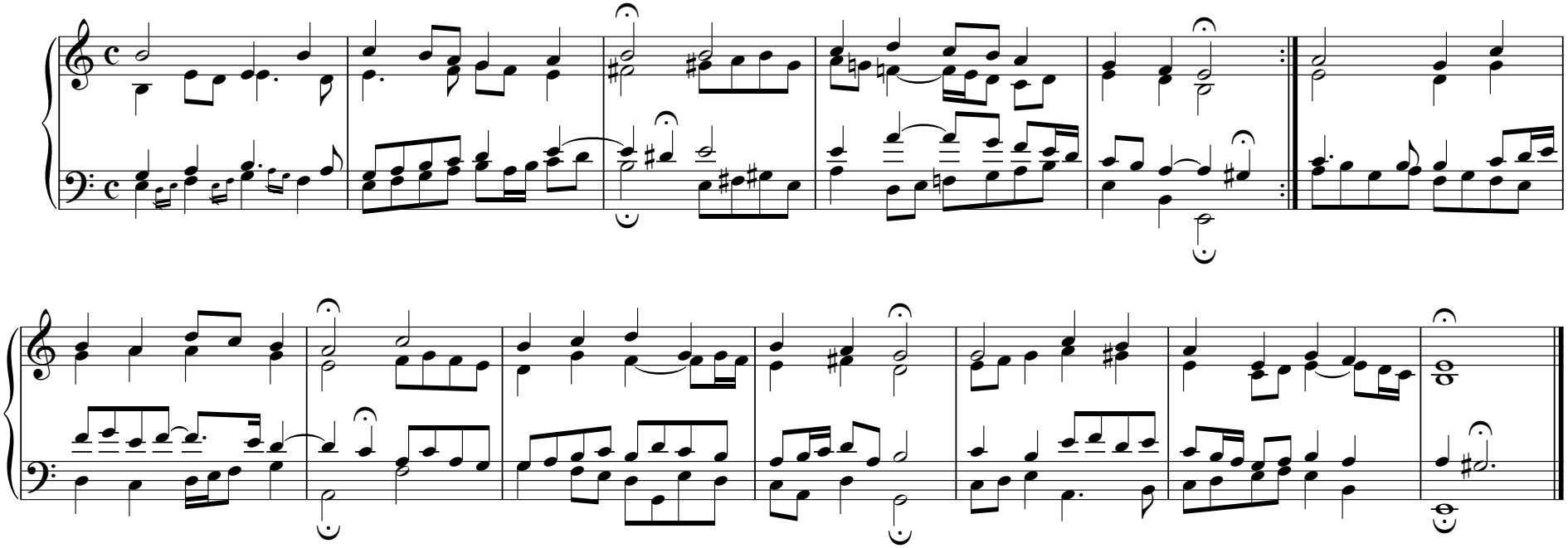
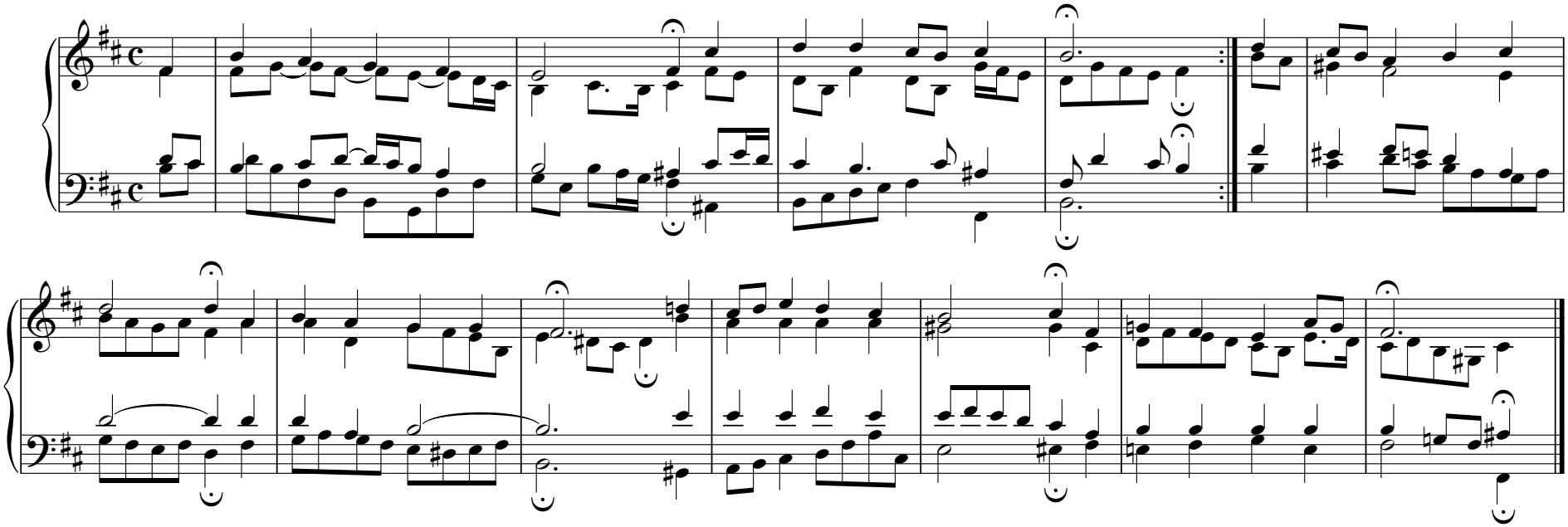




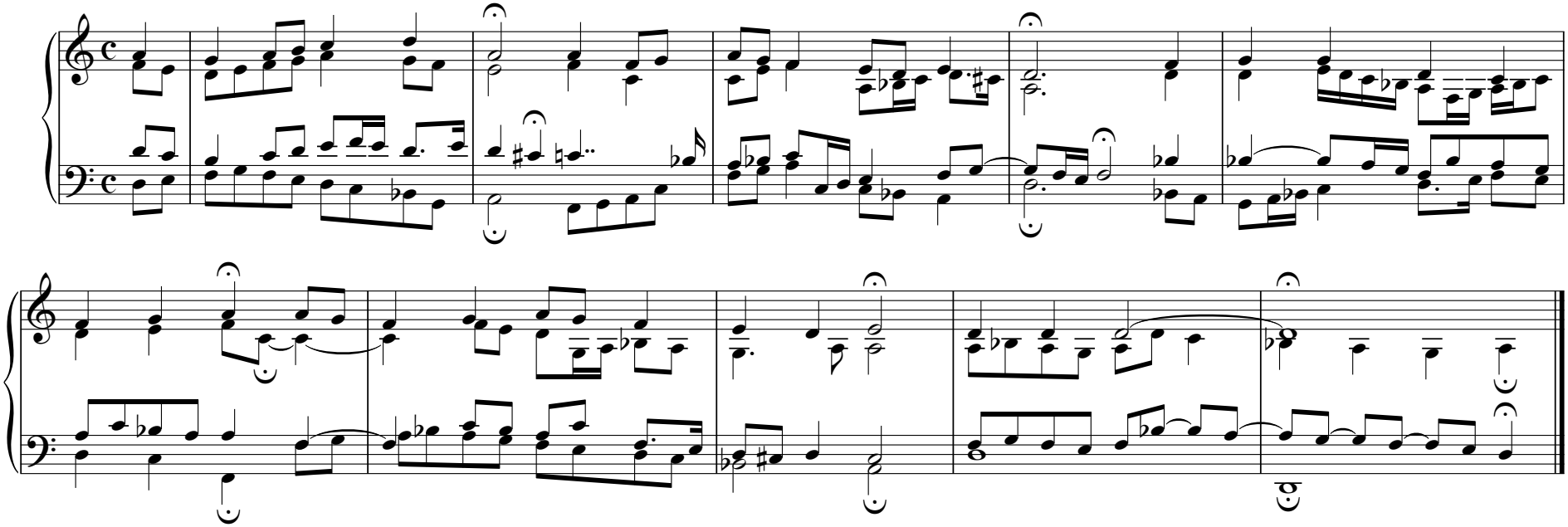
14. Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir | *From The Depths Of Woe I Cry To Thee*



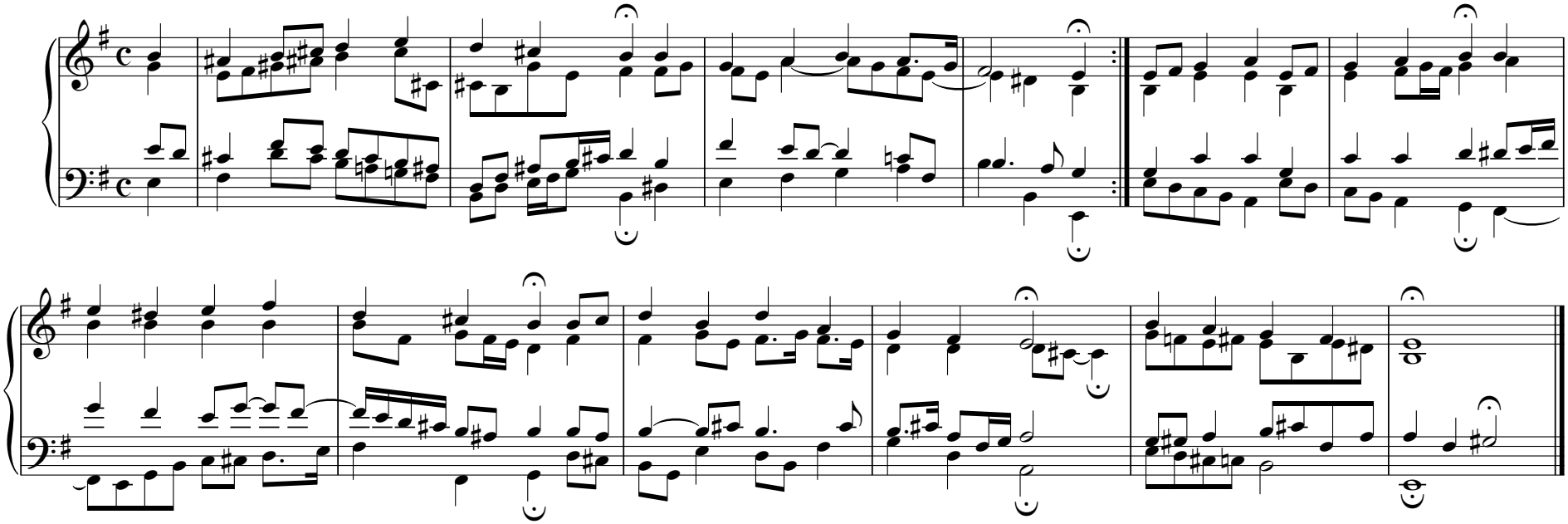
15. Befiel du deine Wege | *Command Thy Way (O Sacred Head)*



16. Christ ist erstanden | *Christ is Arisen*



17. Christ lag in Todesbanden | *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*



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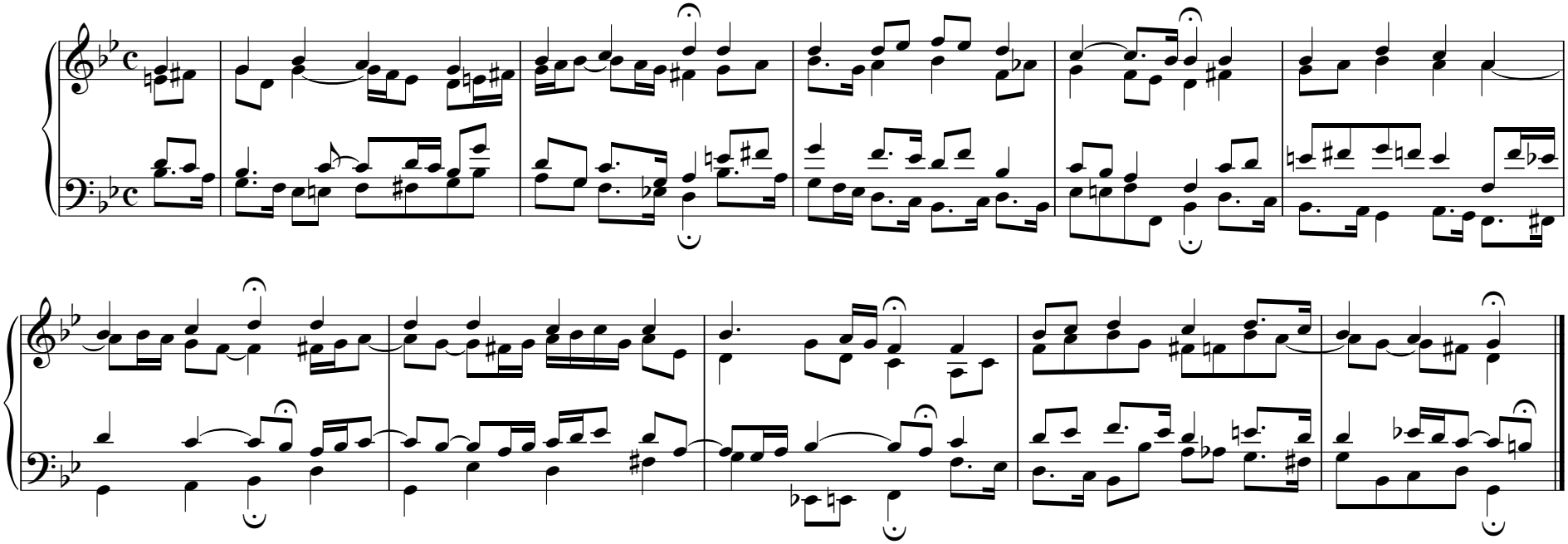
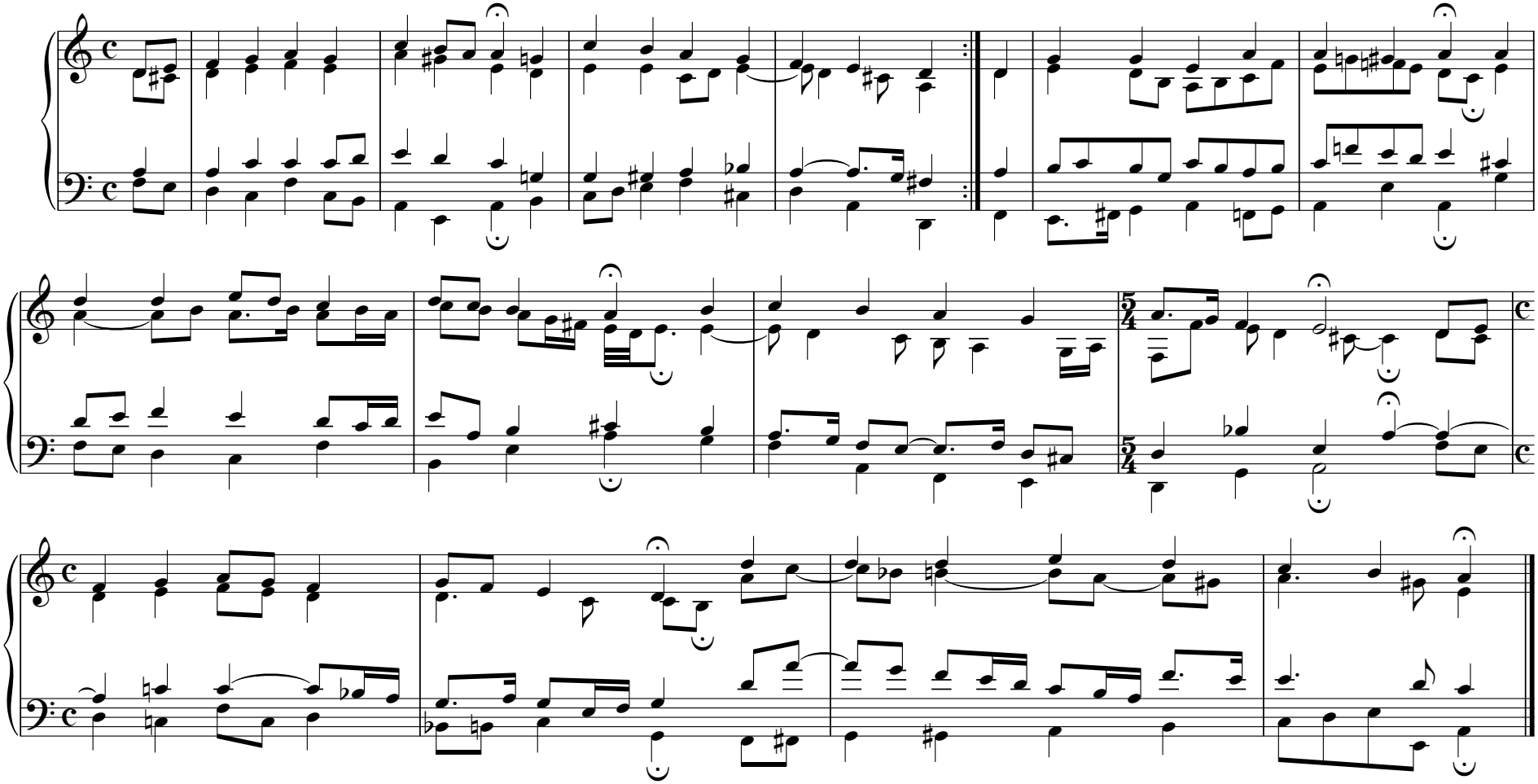


19. Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam | *Christ Our Lord Came To The Jordan **1***



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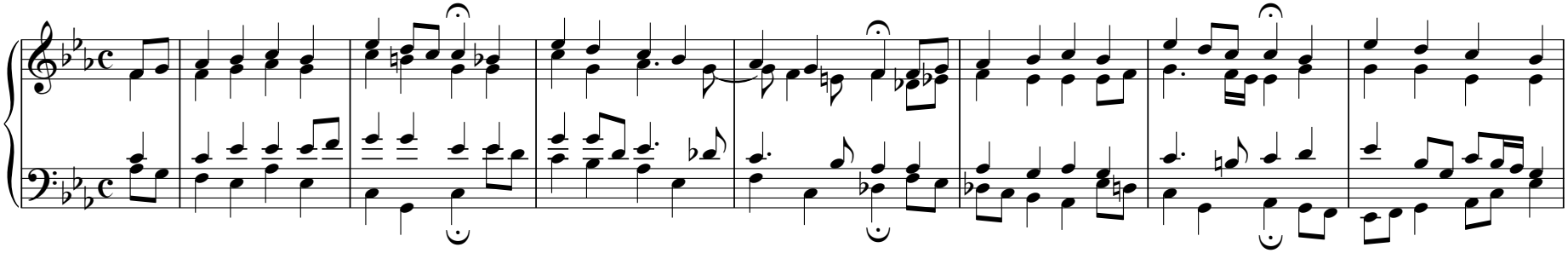
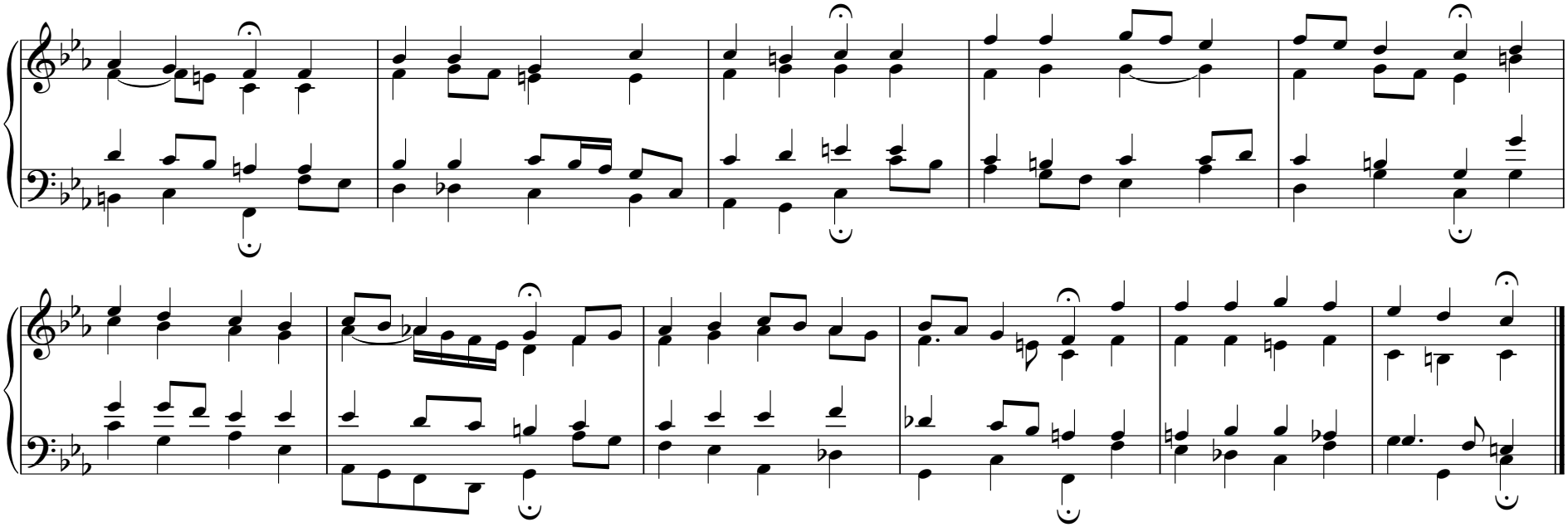
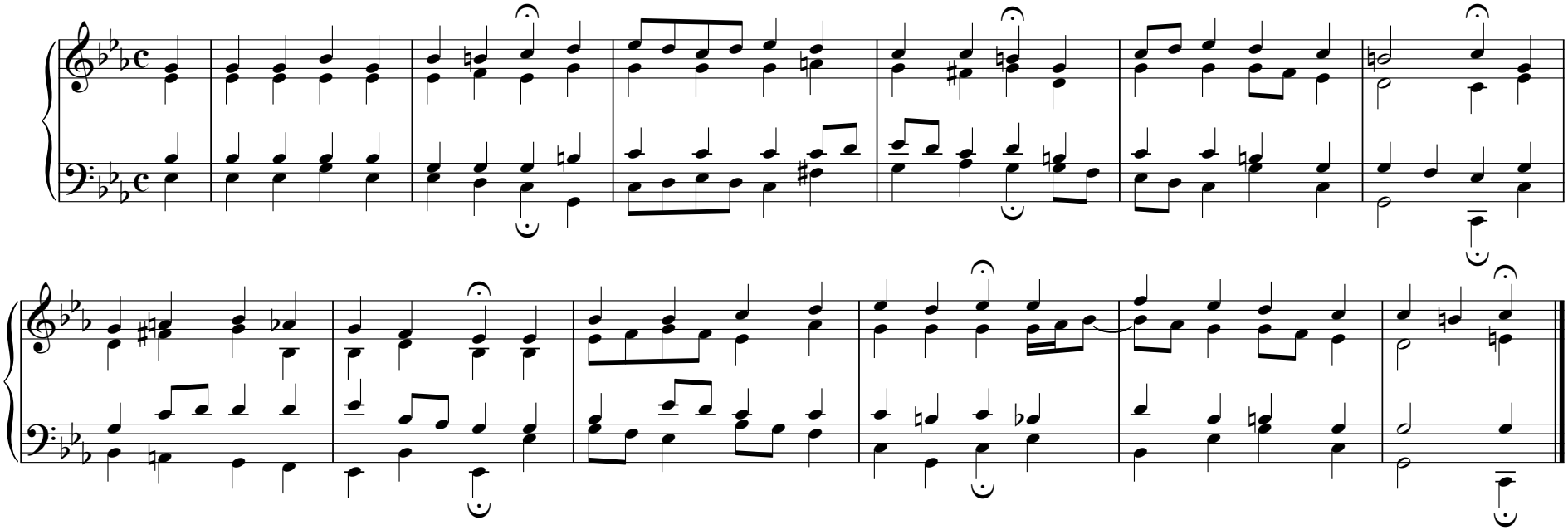




21. Da der Herr Christ zu Tische saß | *Our Lord Christ Sat At The Table*



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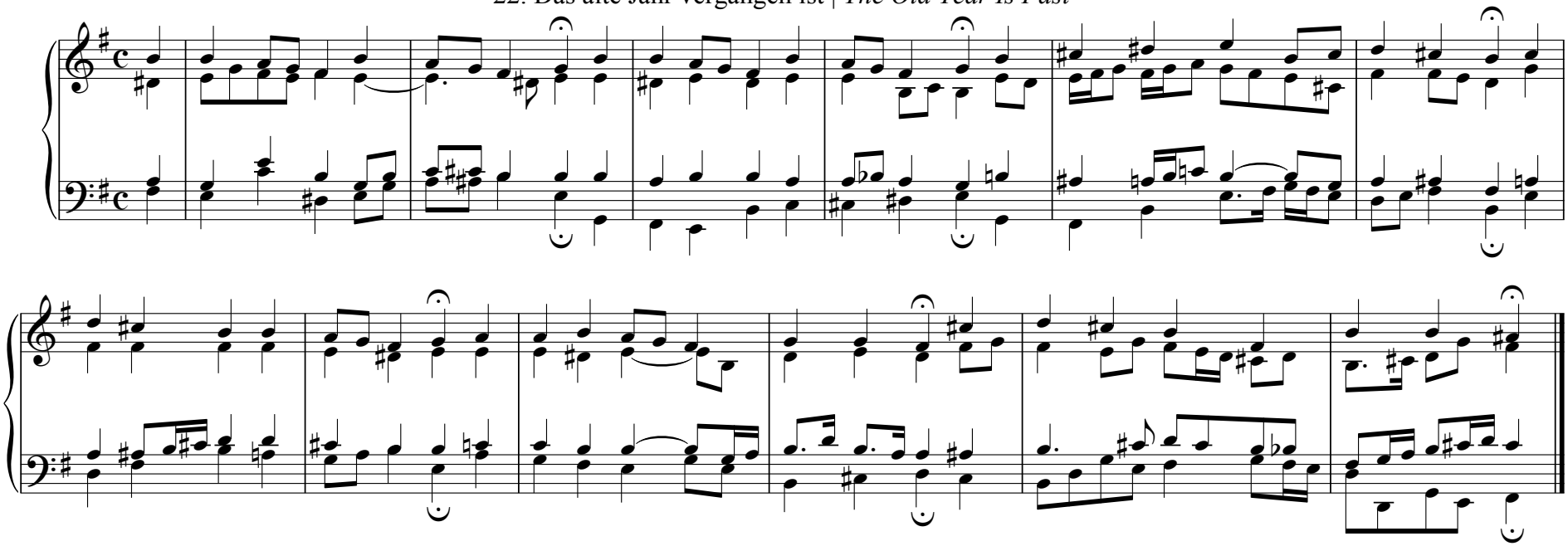

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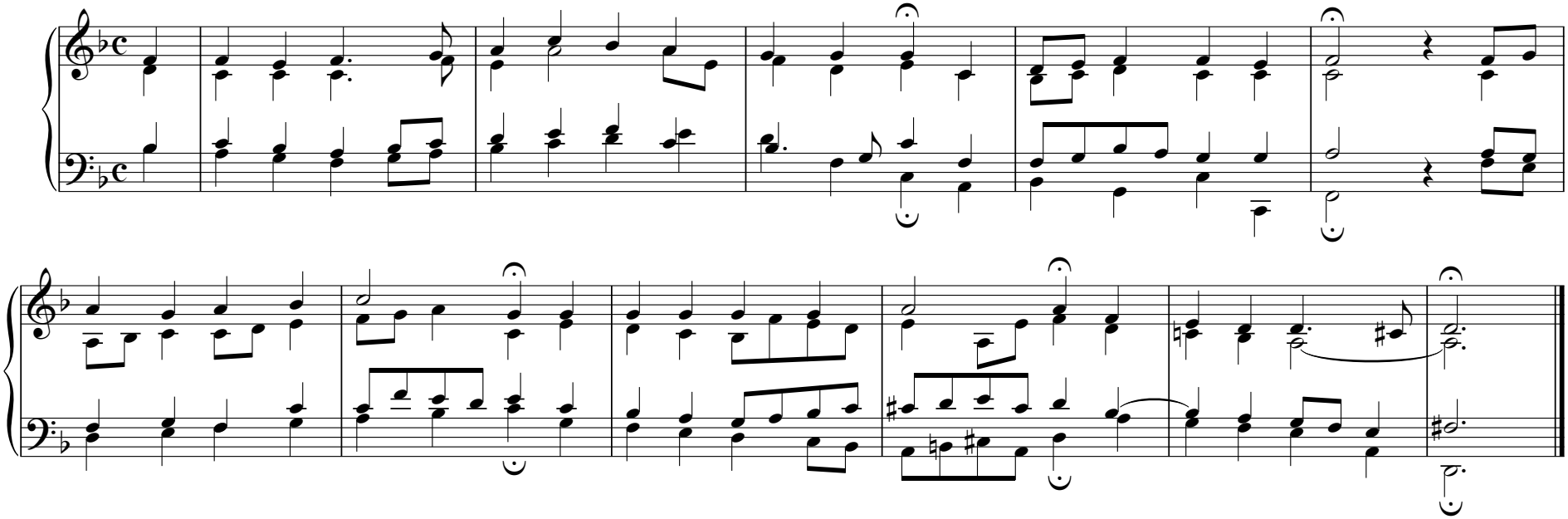

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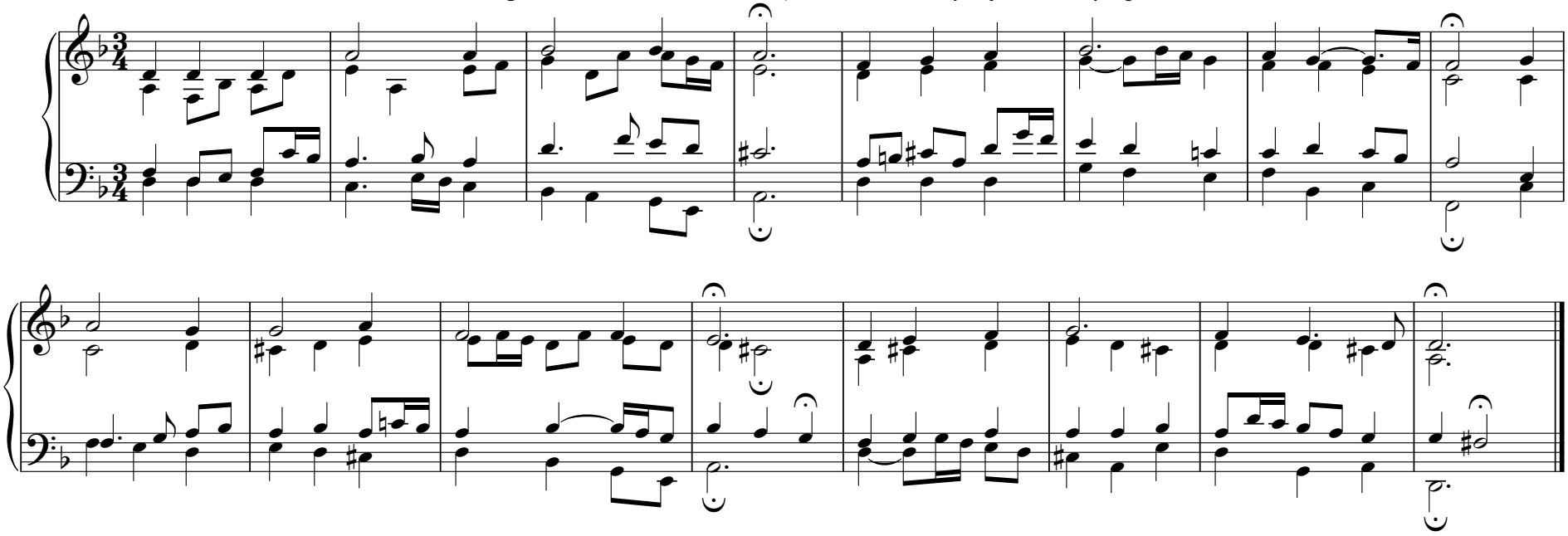

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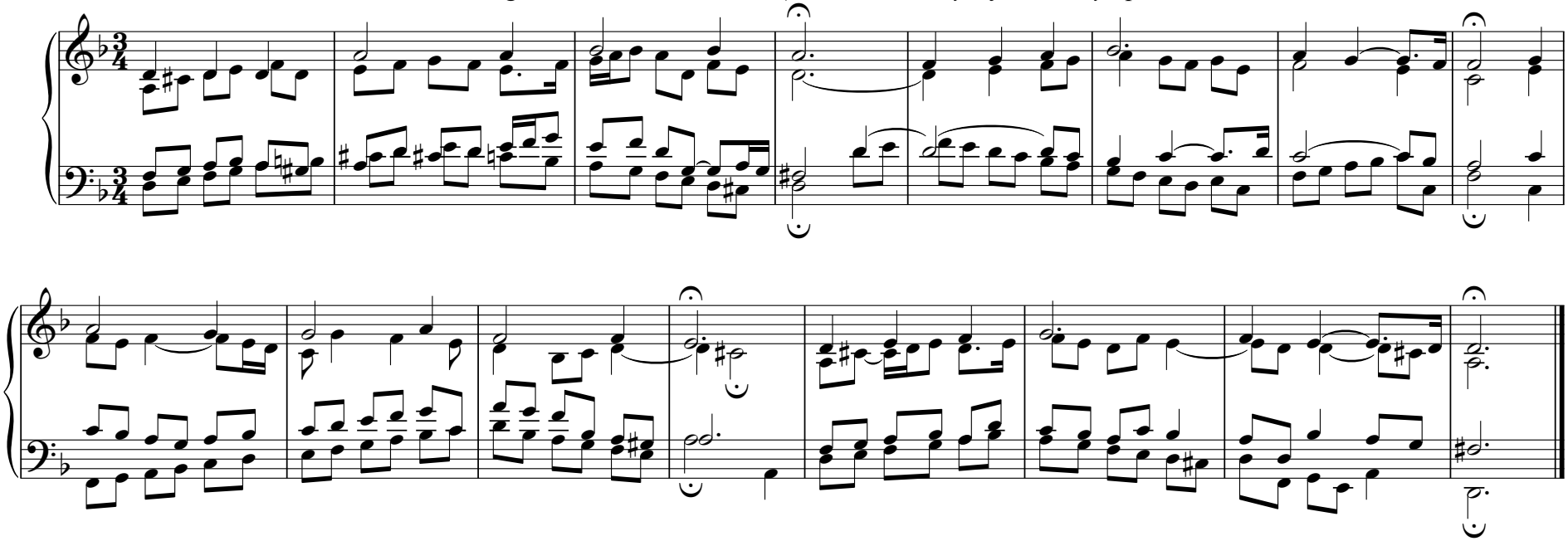

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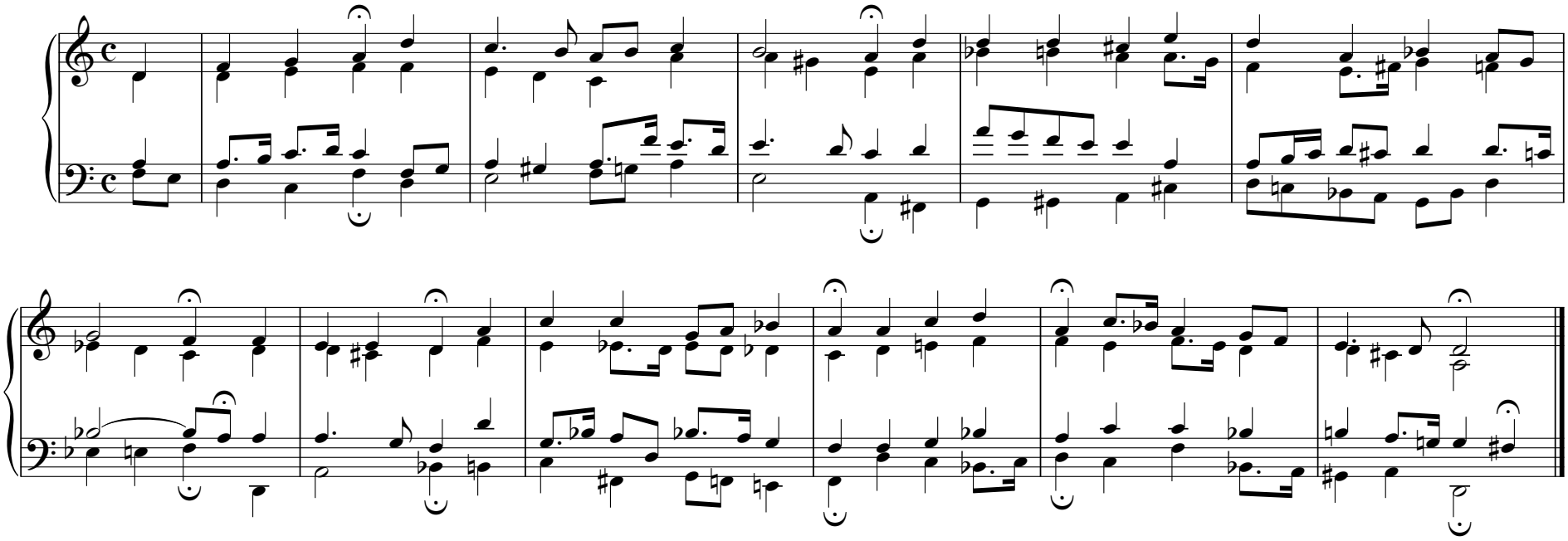
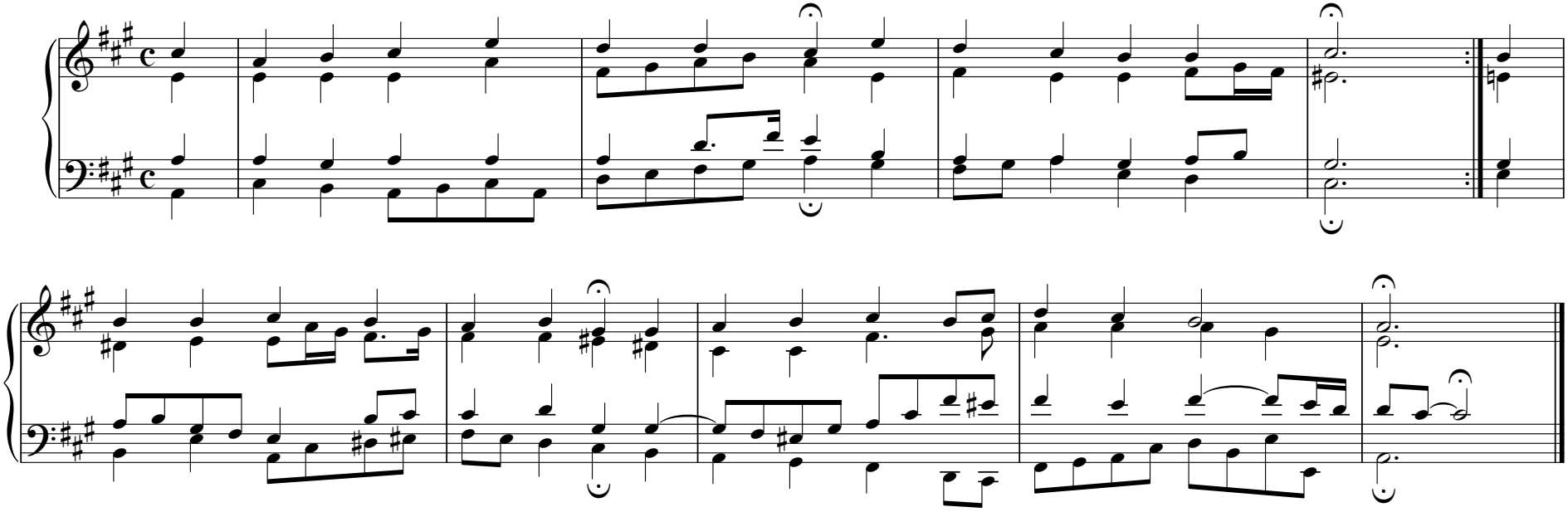
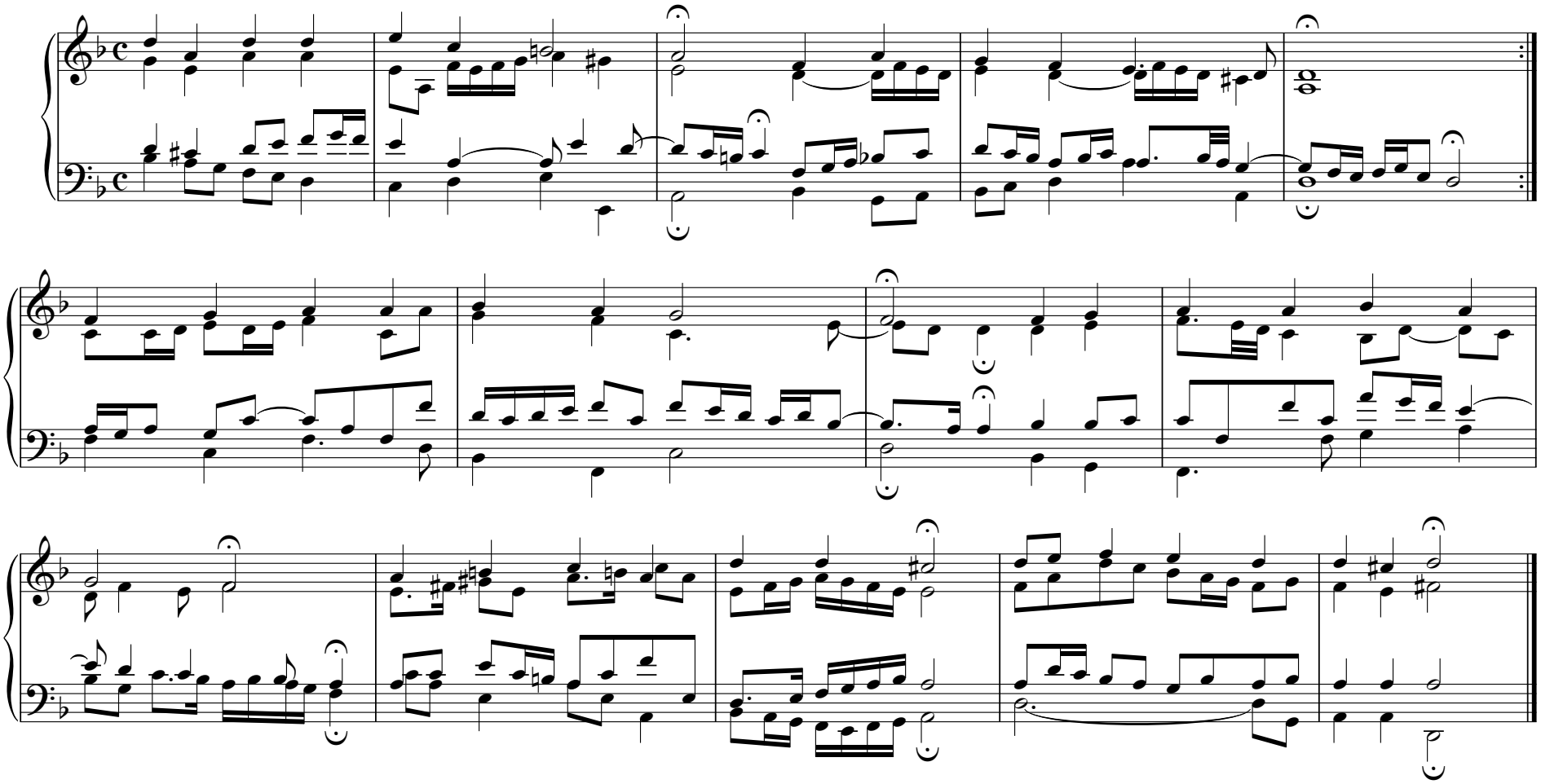
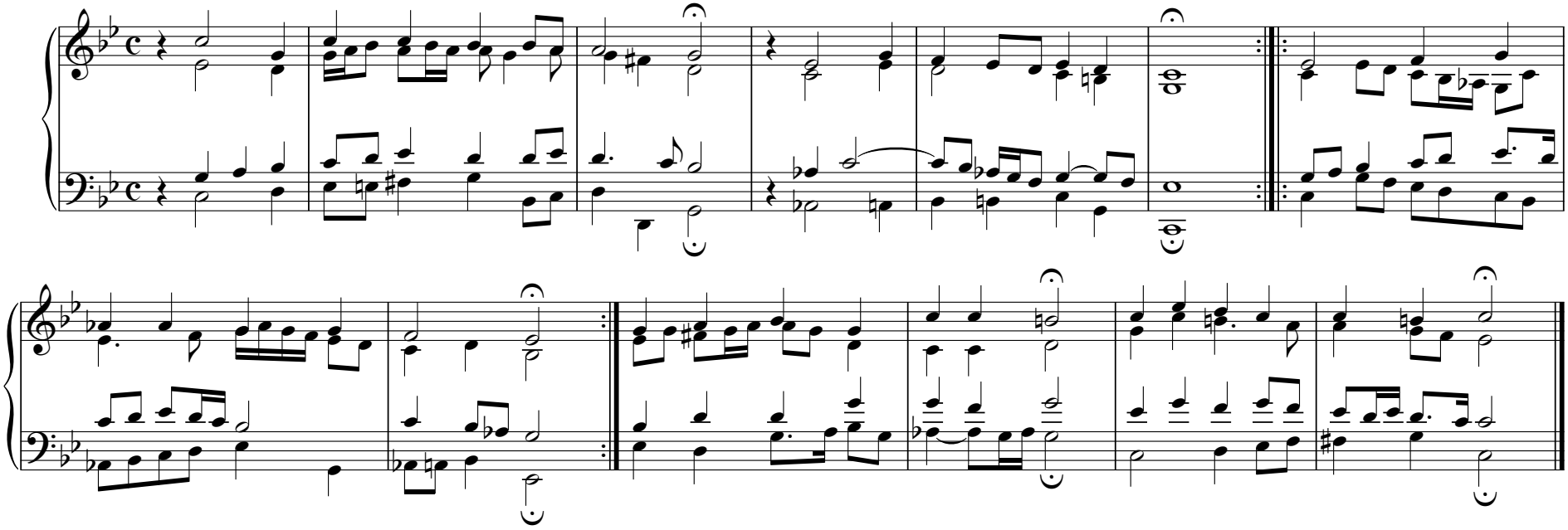


27. Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ | *Thou Prince Of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ*





29. Du, o schönes Weltgebäude | *You, O Wondrous Creator **2***



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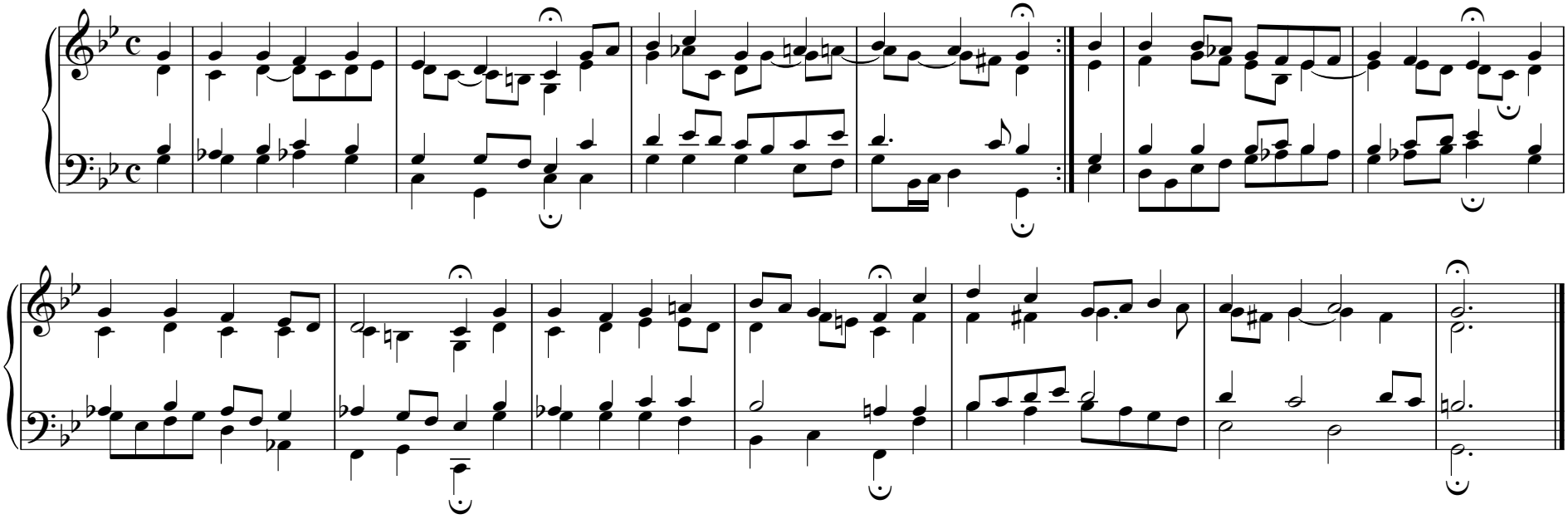

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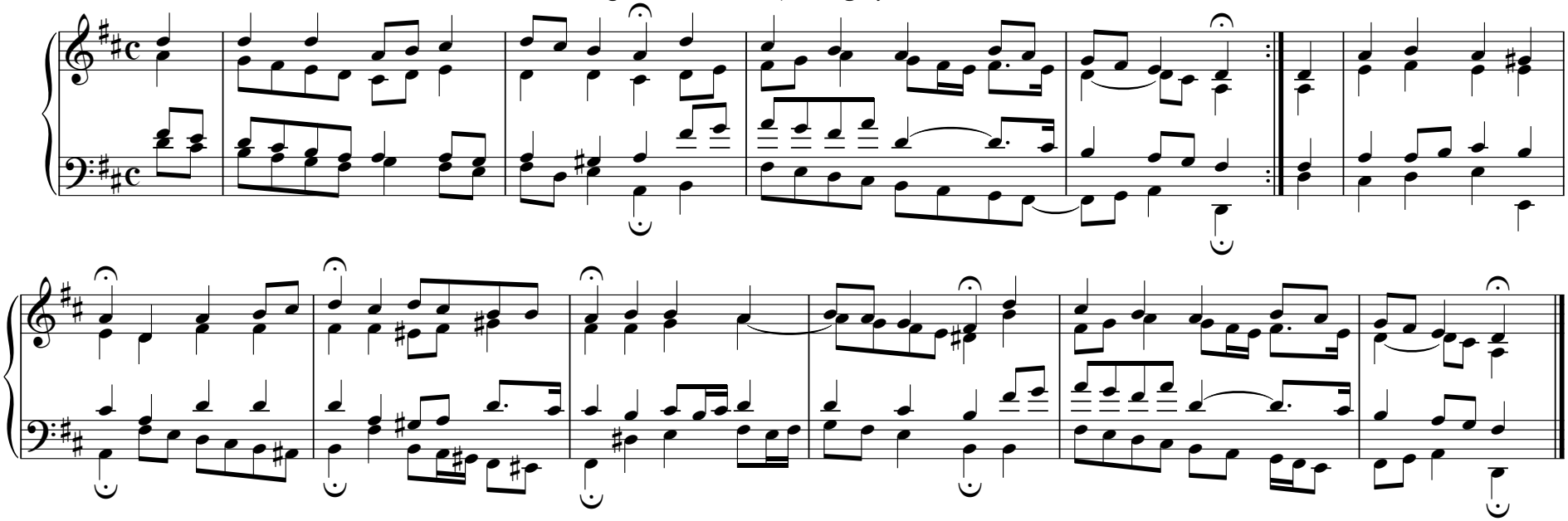

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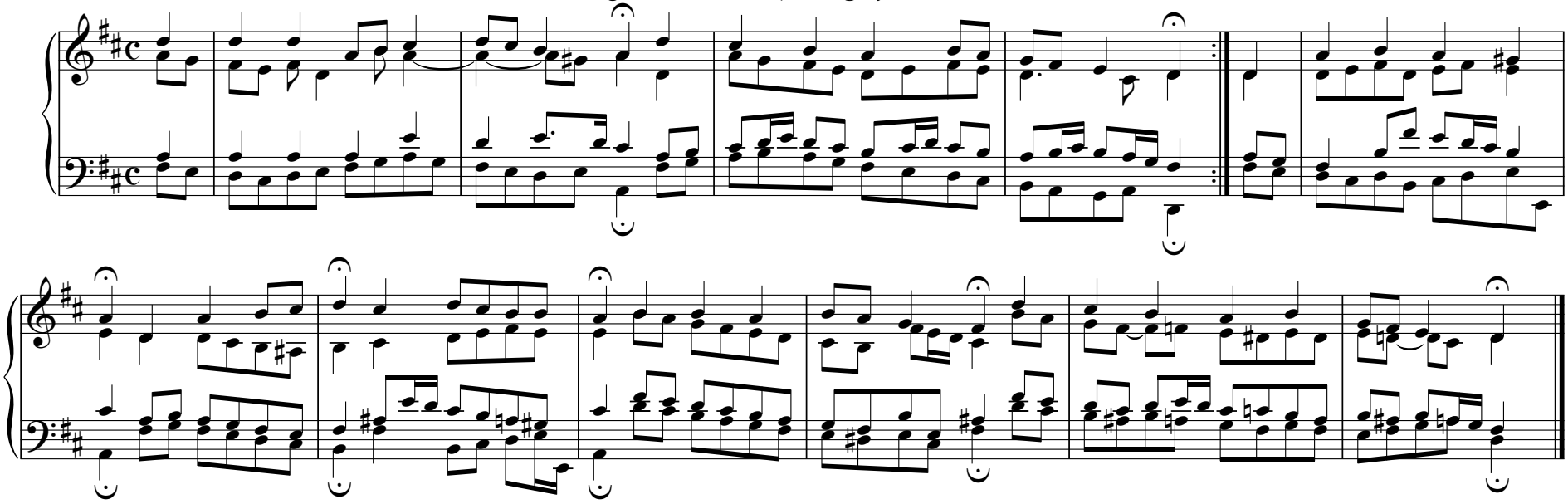
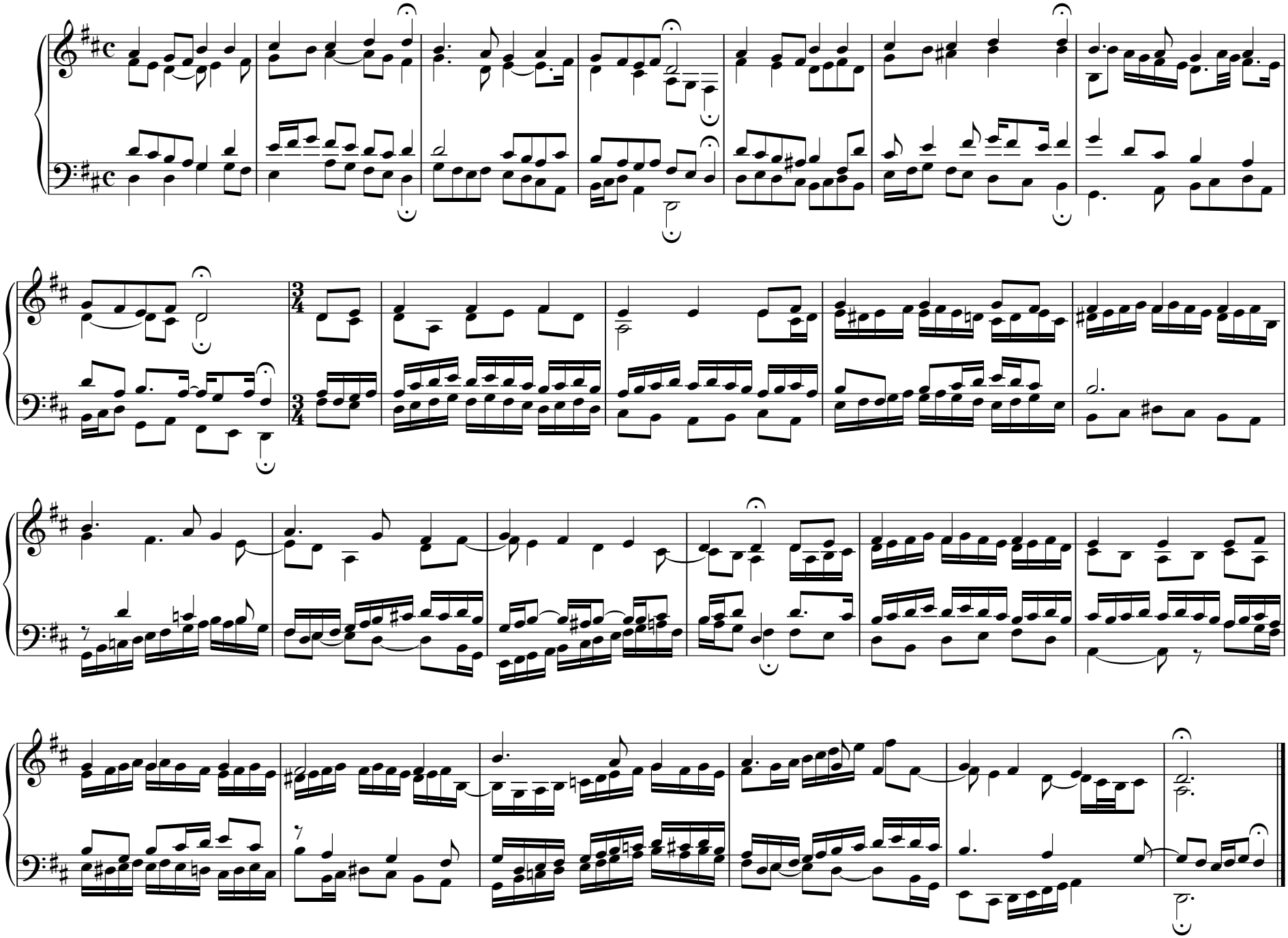
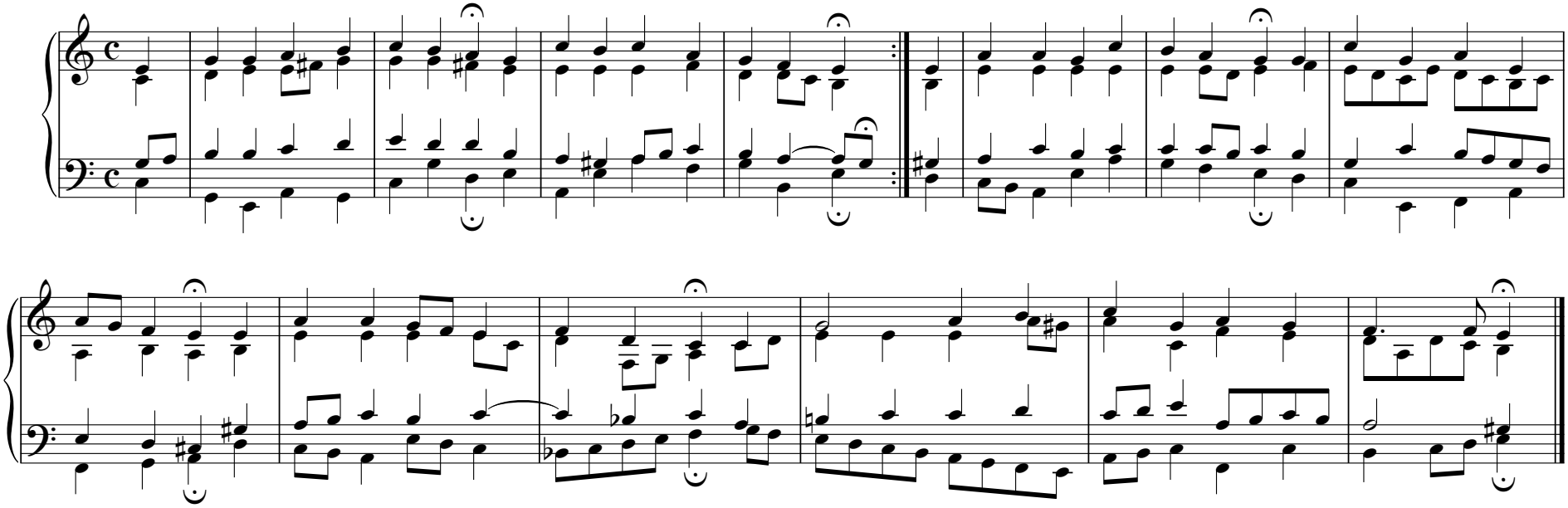


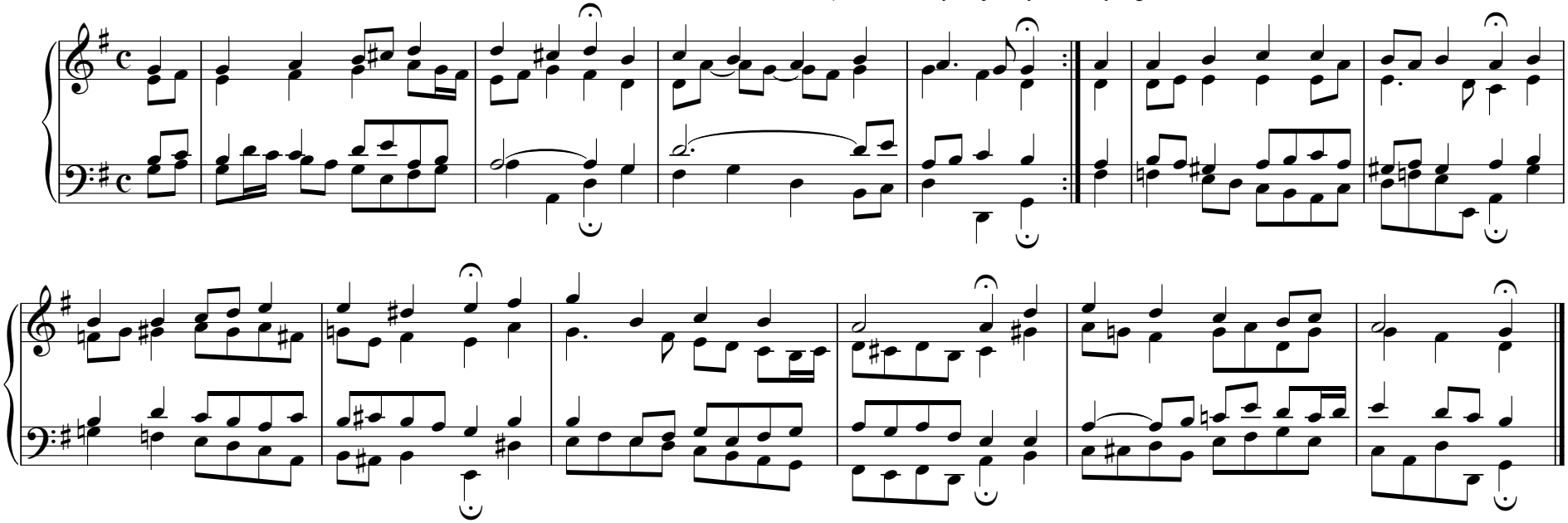
33. Eins ist not, ach Herr, dies Eine | *One Thing's Needful*



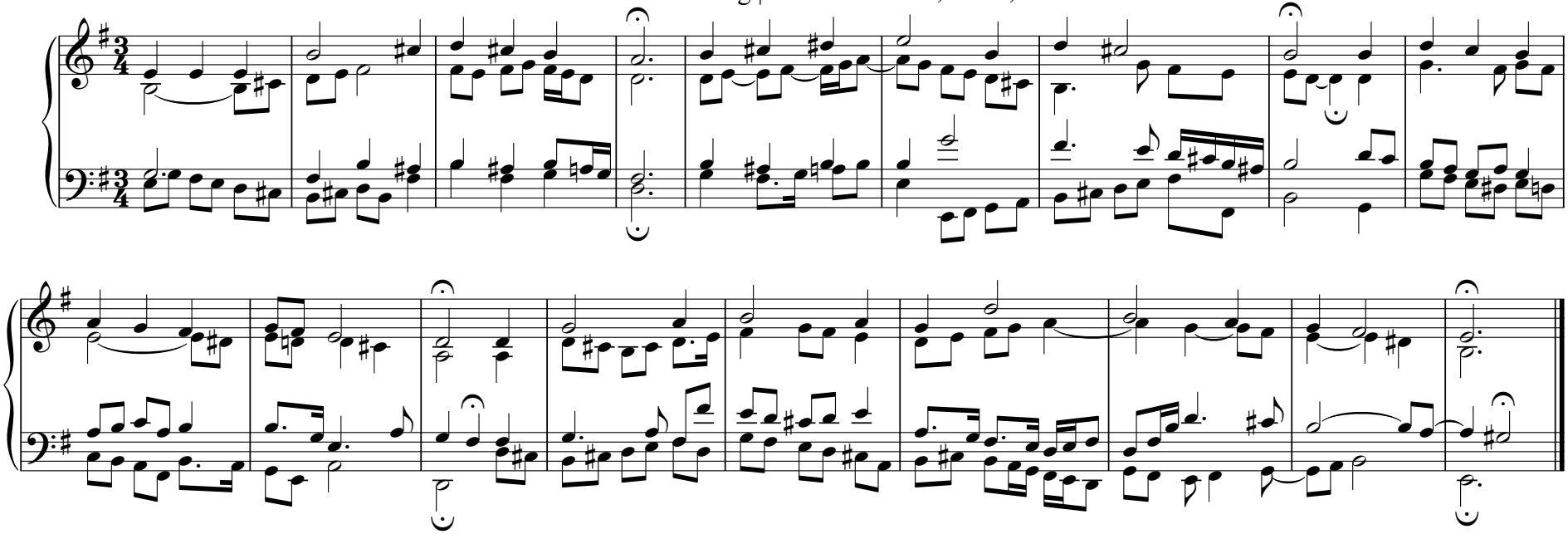
34. Erbarm’ dich mein, o Herre Gott | *Have Mercy On Me, Lord God*



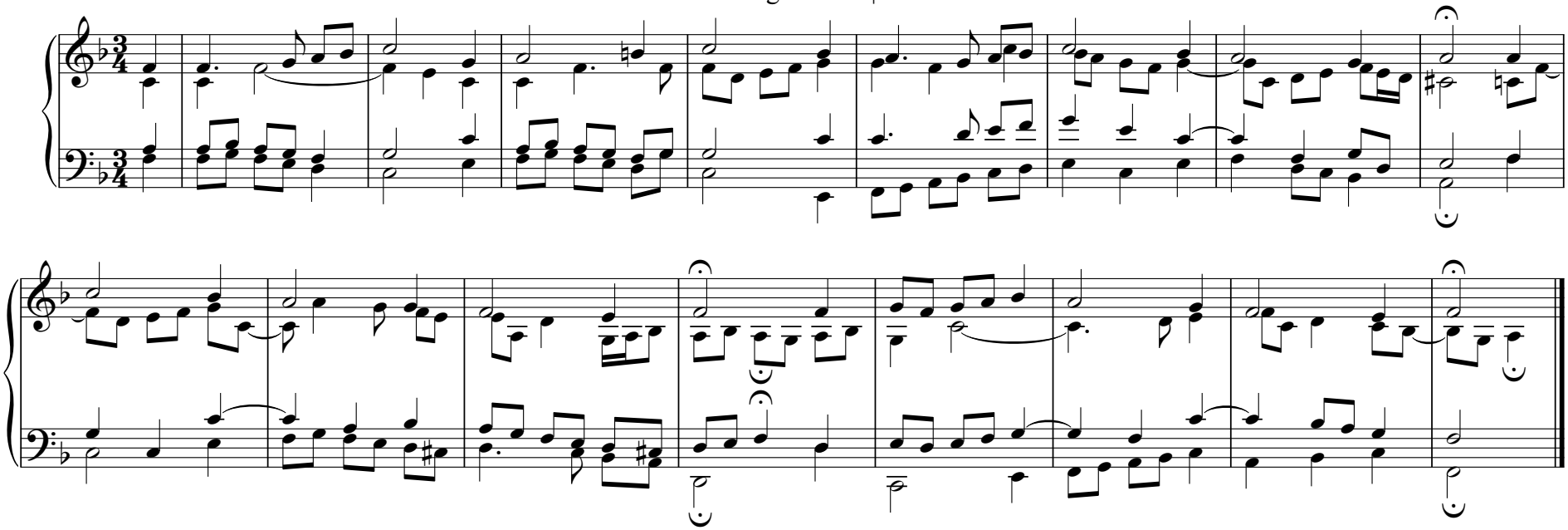
35. Ermuntre dich, mein schwacher Geist | *Rouse Thyself, My Weary Spirit*



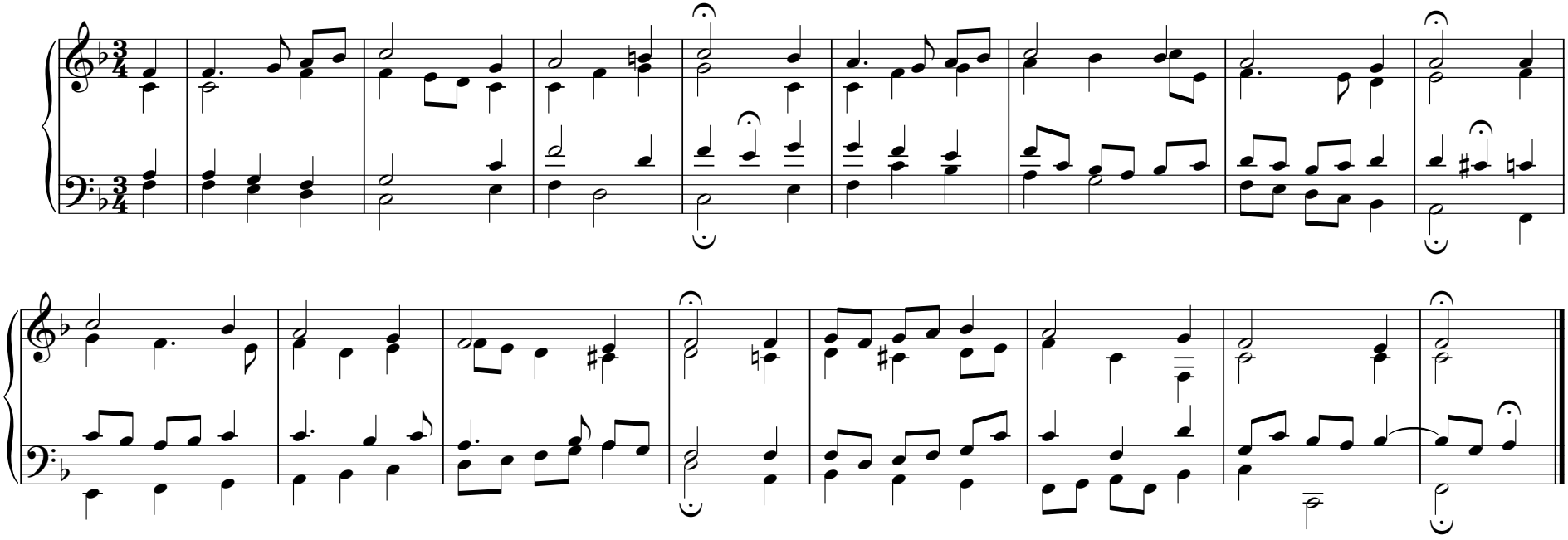
36. Erscheinen is der herrliche Tag | *We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend*



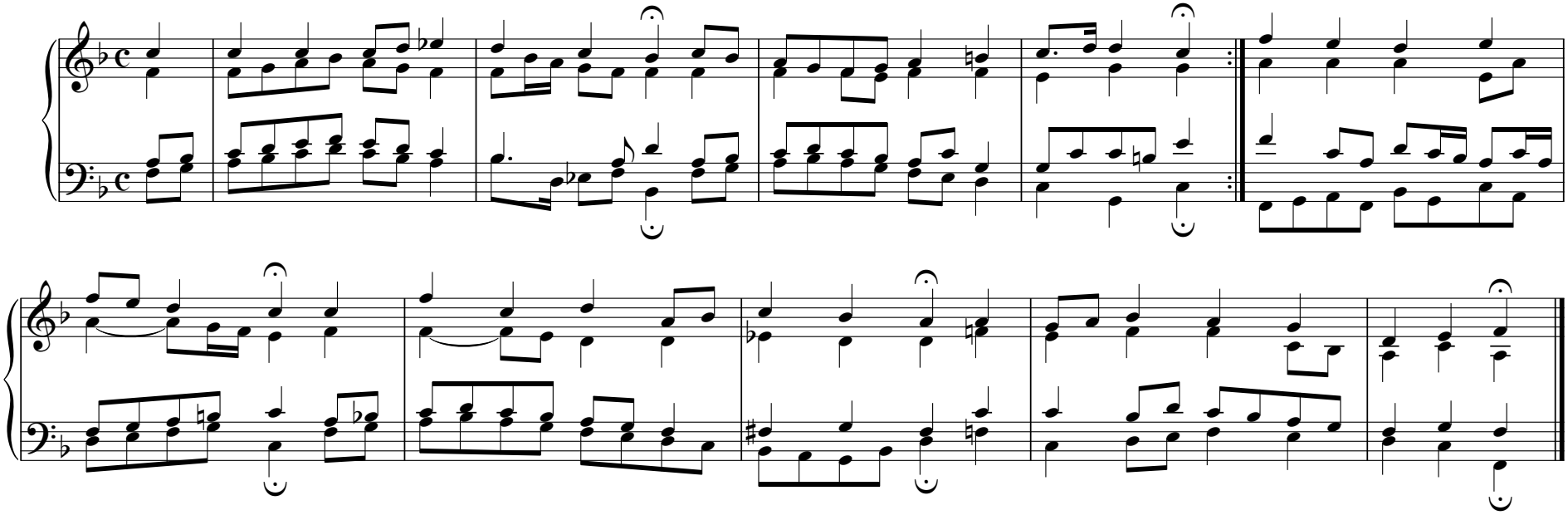
37. Erstanden ist der heilige Christ | *Christ is Arisen **1***



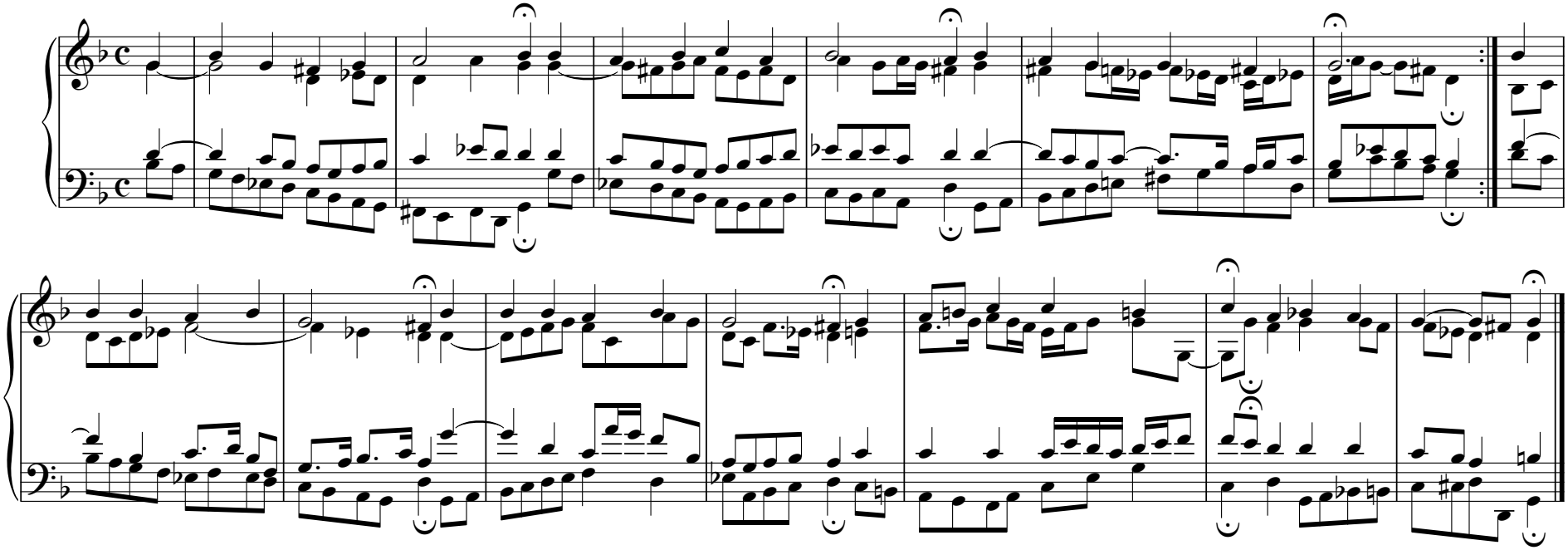
38. Erstanden ist der heilige Christ | *Christ Is Arisen* ***2***



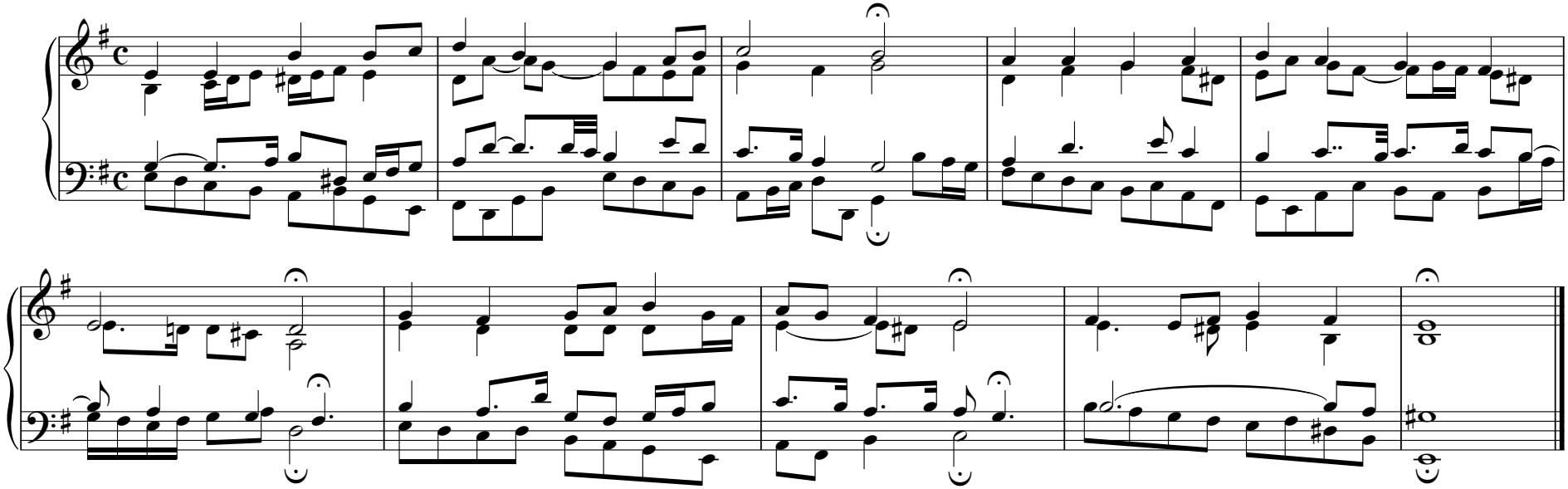
39. Es ist das Heil uns kommen her | *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*



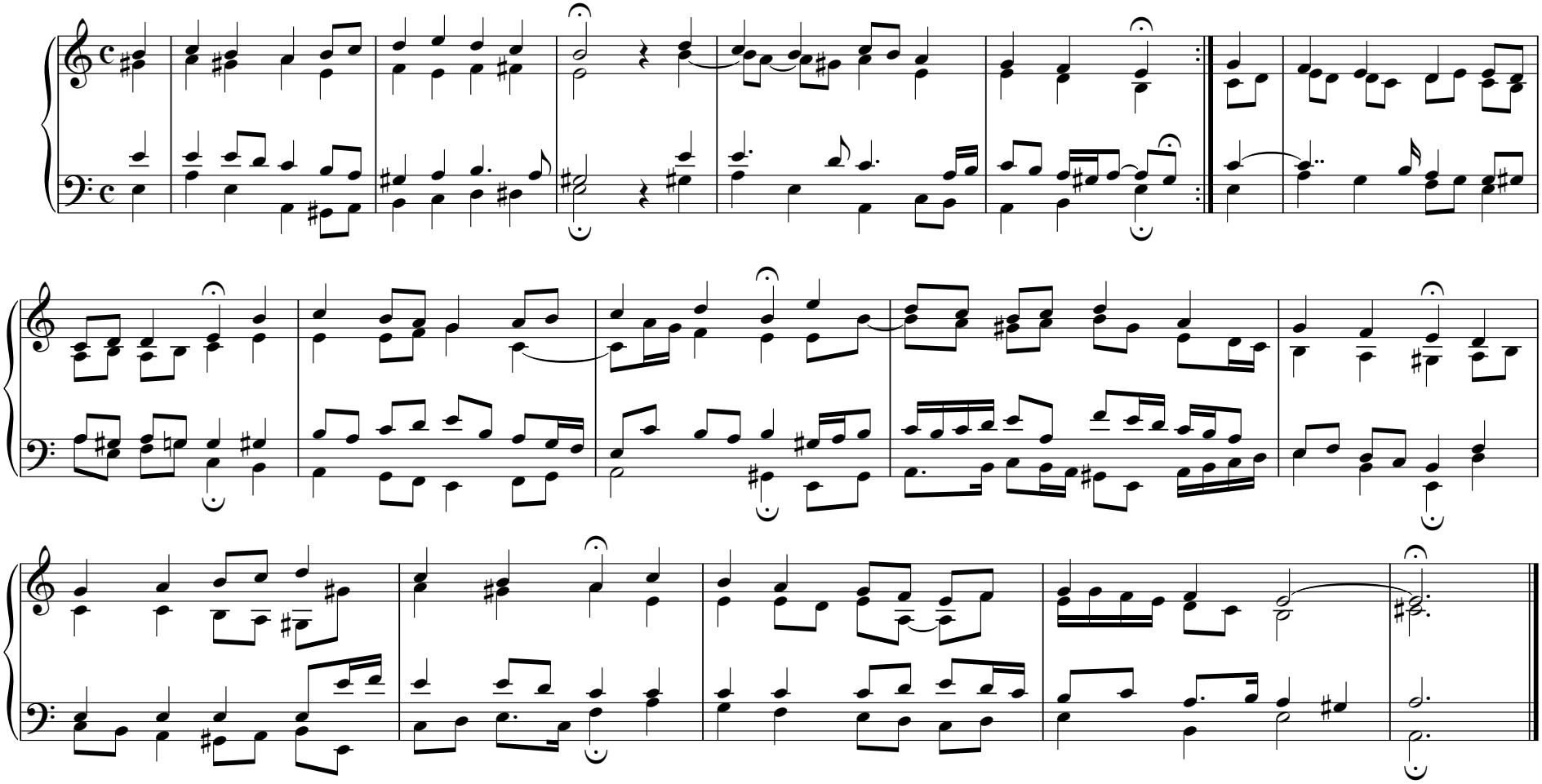
40. Es stehn vor Gottes Throne | *Before God's Throne I Stand*



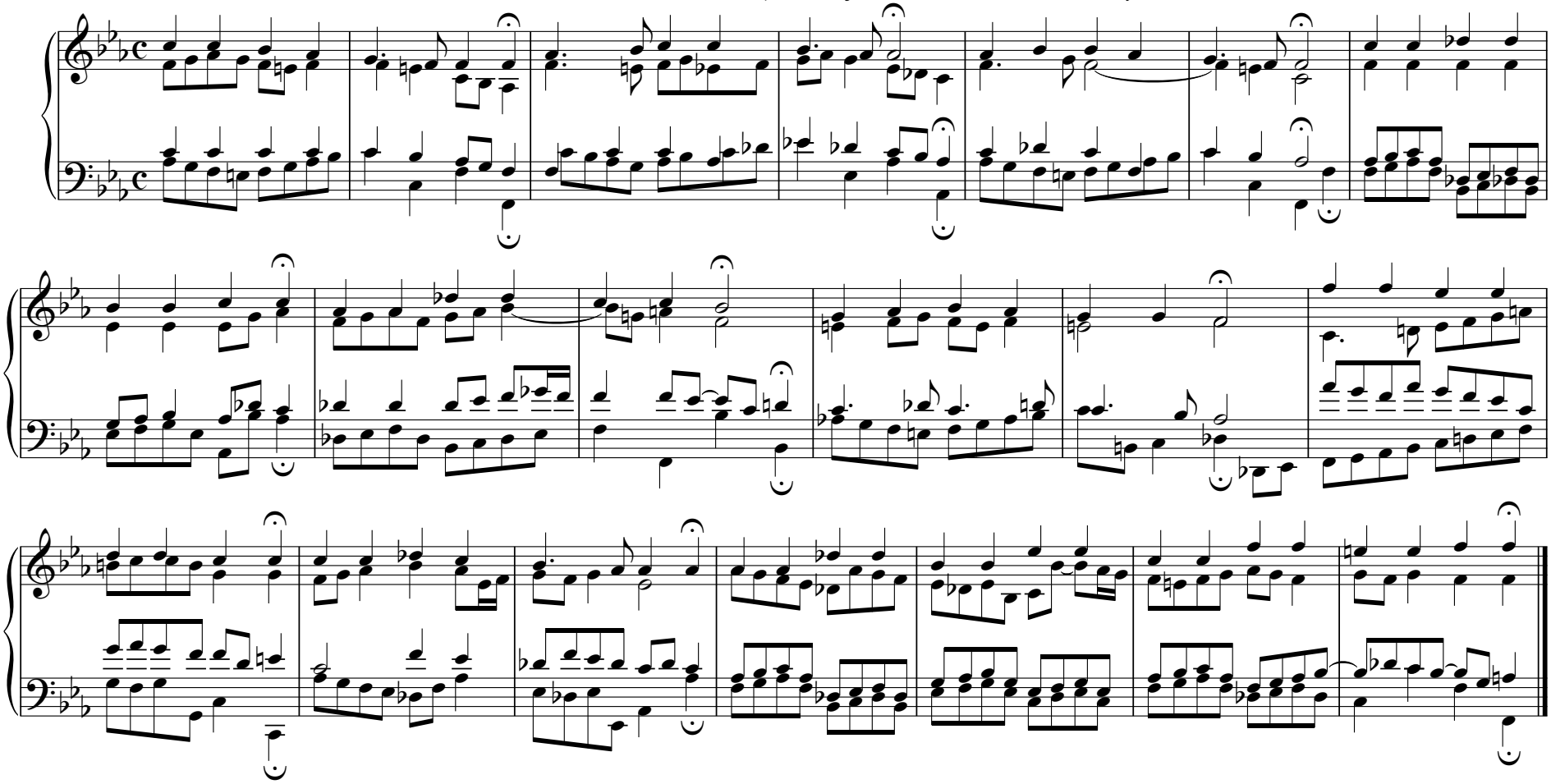
41. Es wird schier der letzte Tag herkommen | *The Last Day Has Almost Come*



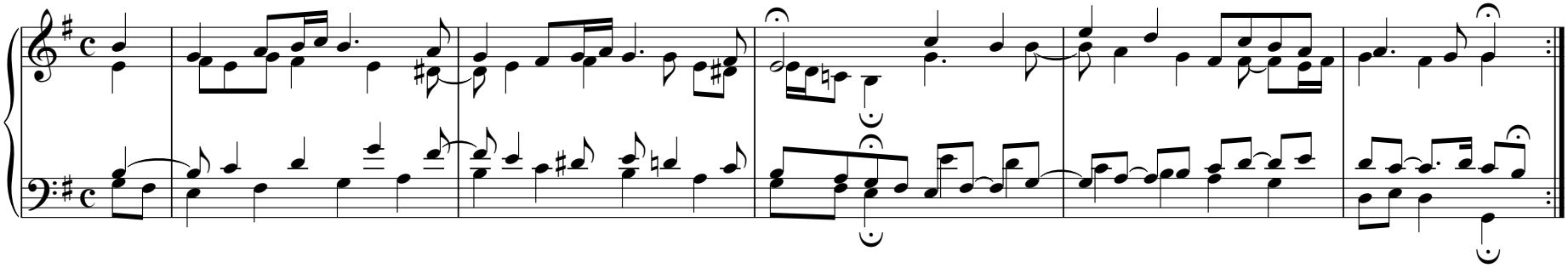
42. Es woll’ uns Gott genädig sein | *May God Bestow On Us His Grace*

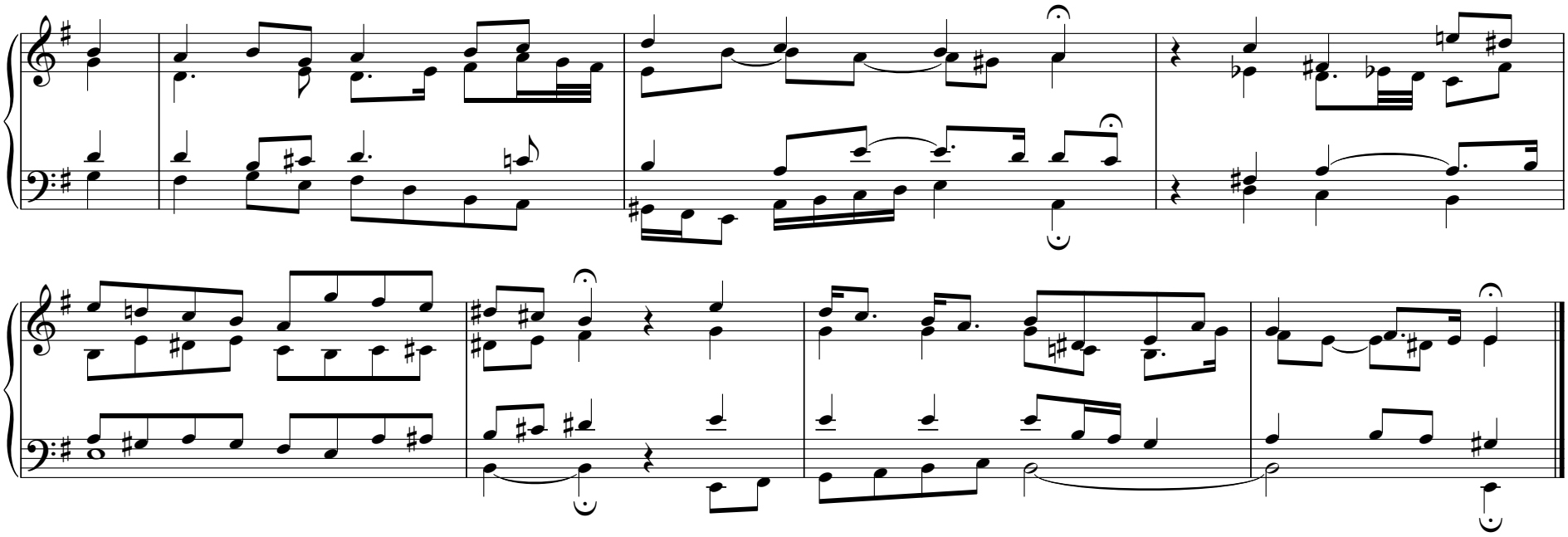


43. Freuet euch, ihr Christen alle | *Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly*

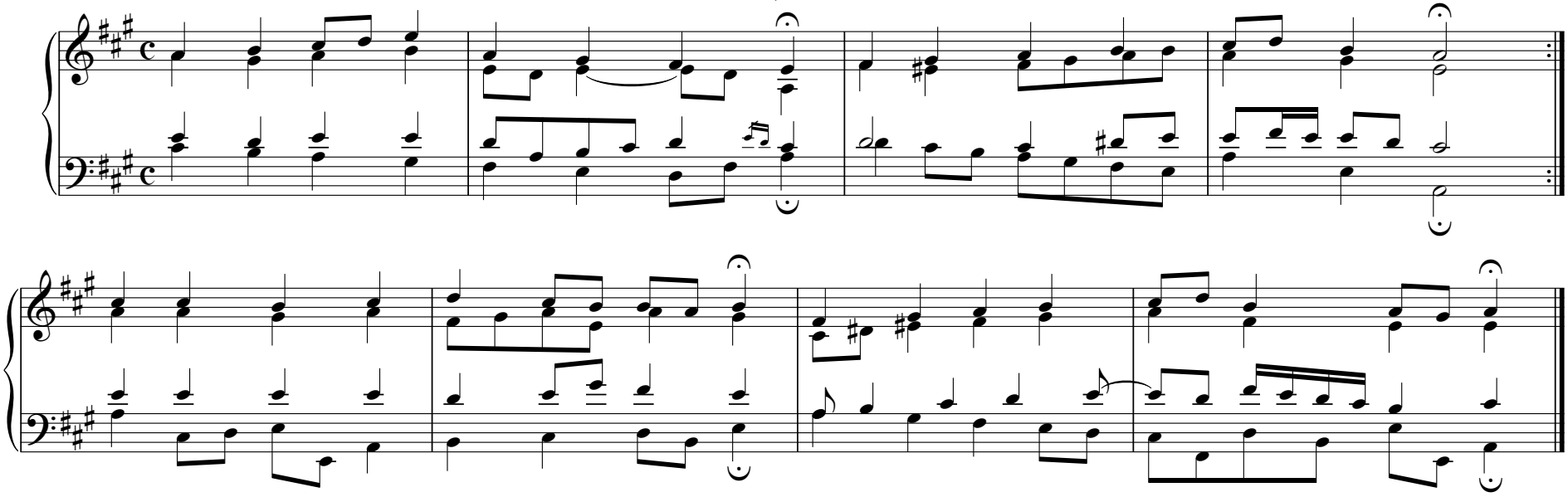


44. Gib dich zufrieden und sei stille | *Be Content and Calm*

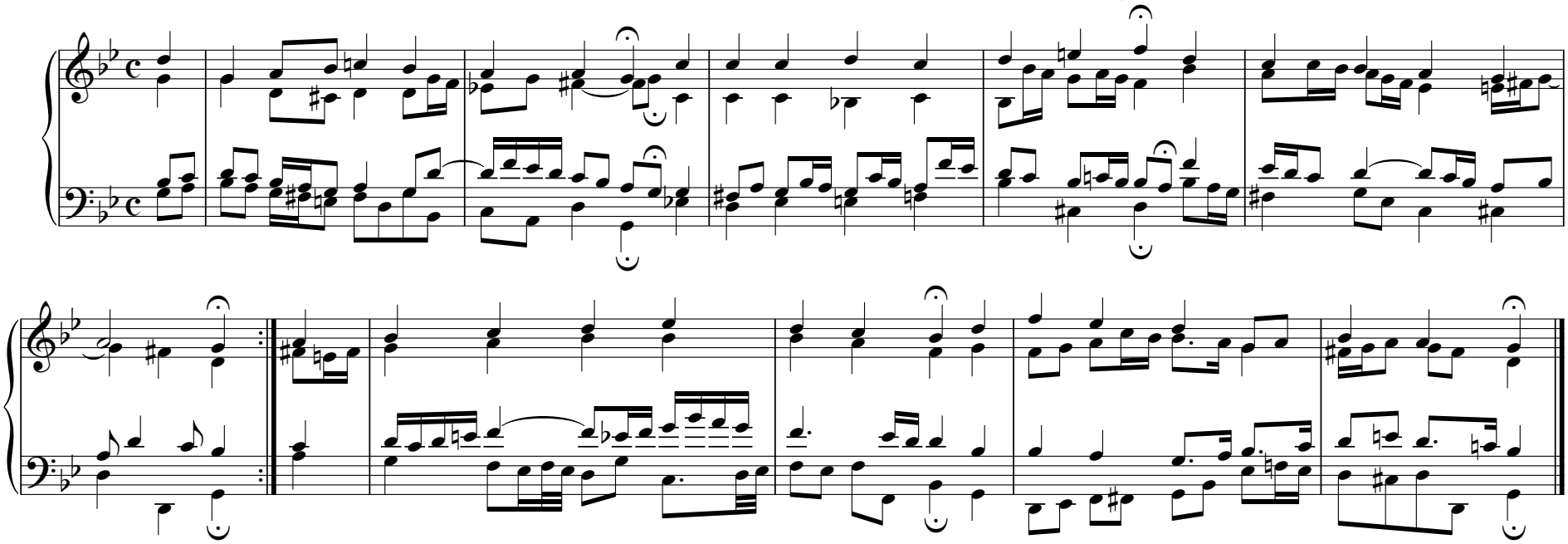




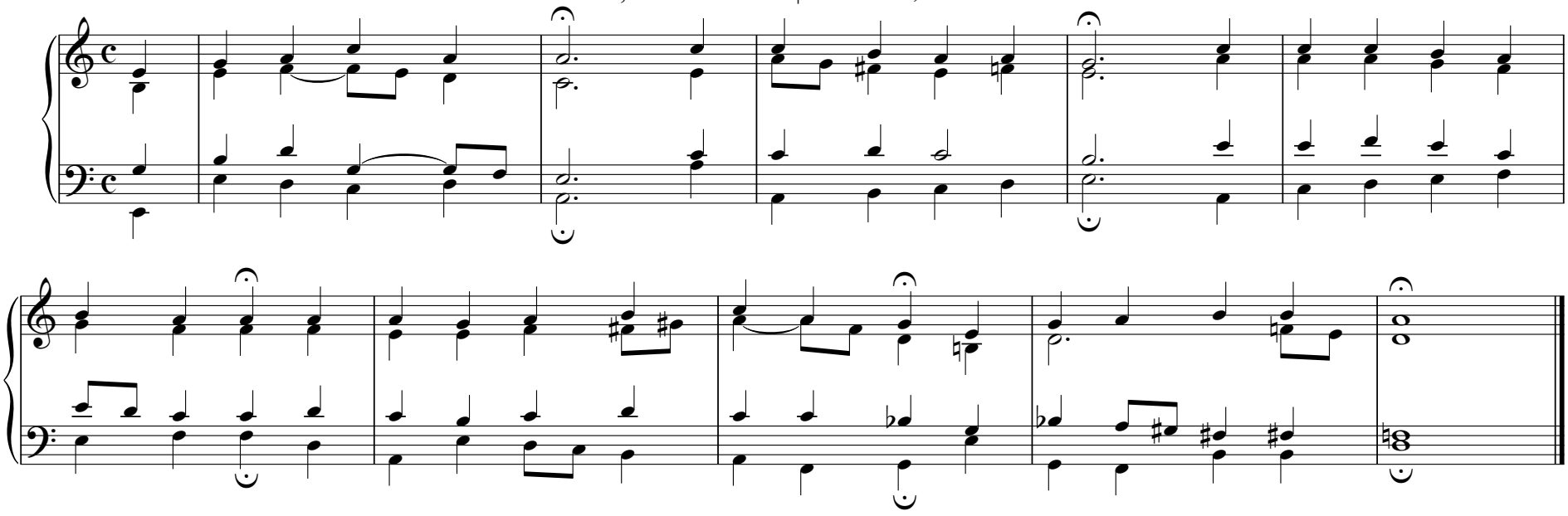
45. Gott des Himmels und der Erden | *God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven*



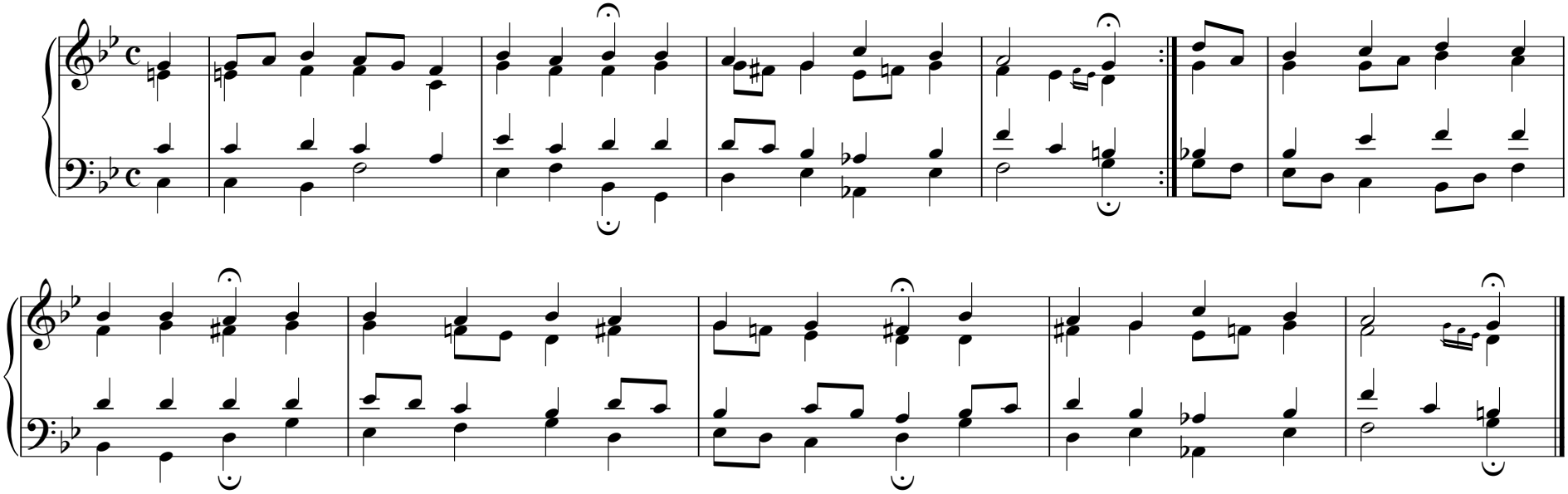
46. Gott, der du selber bist das Licht | *God, You Alone Are The Light*



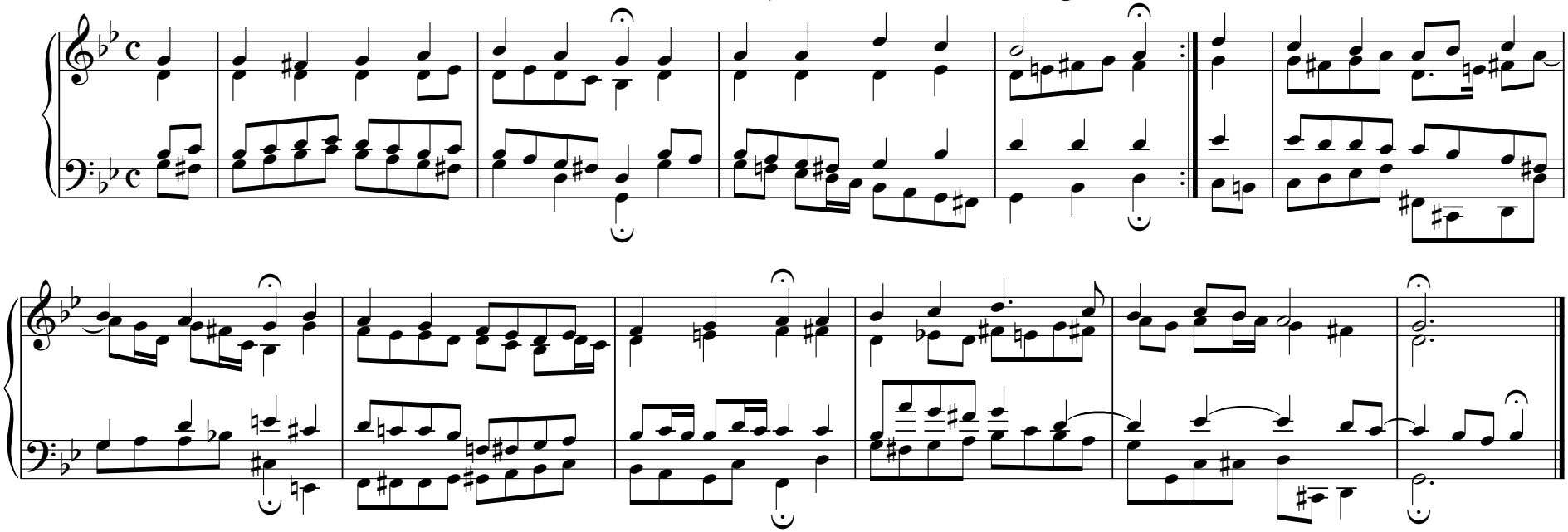
47. Herr Gott, dich loben wir | *Lord God, We Praise You*



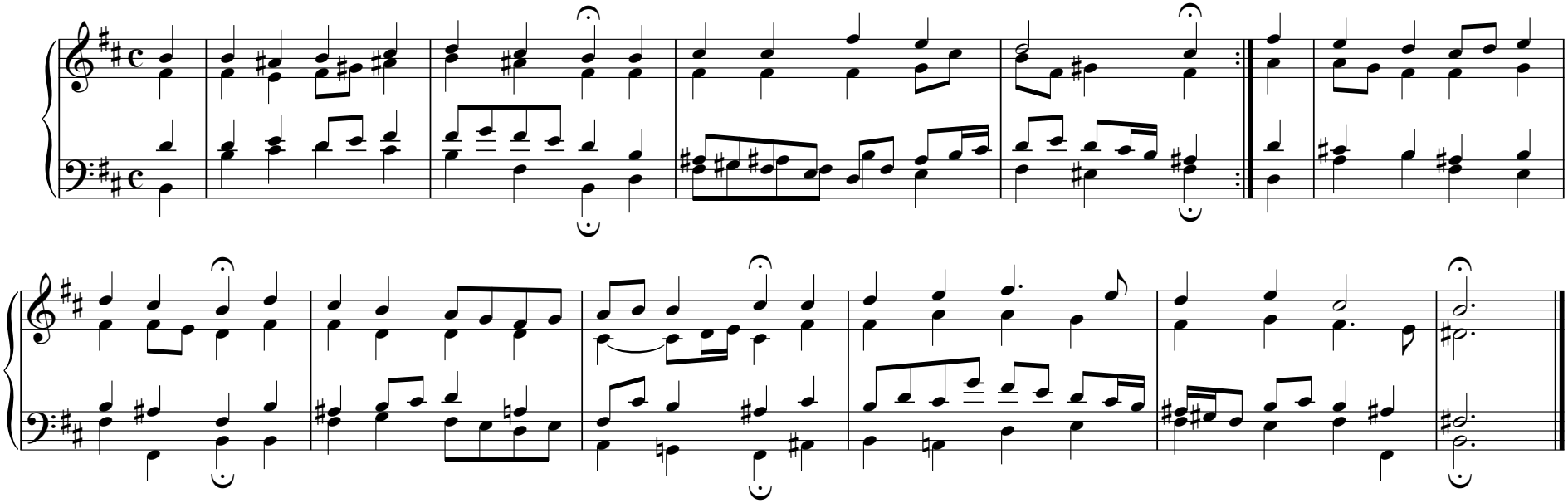
48. Herr Jesu Christ, du hast bereit | *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared*



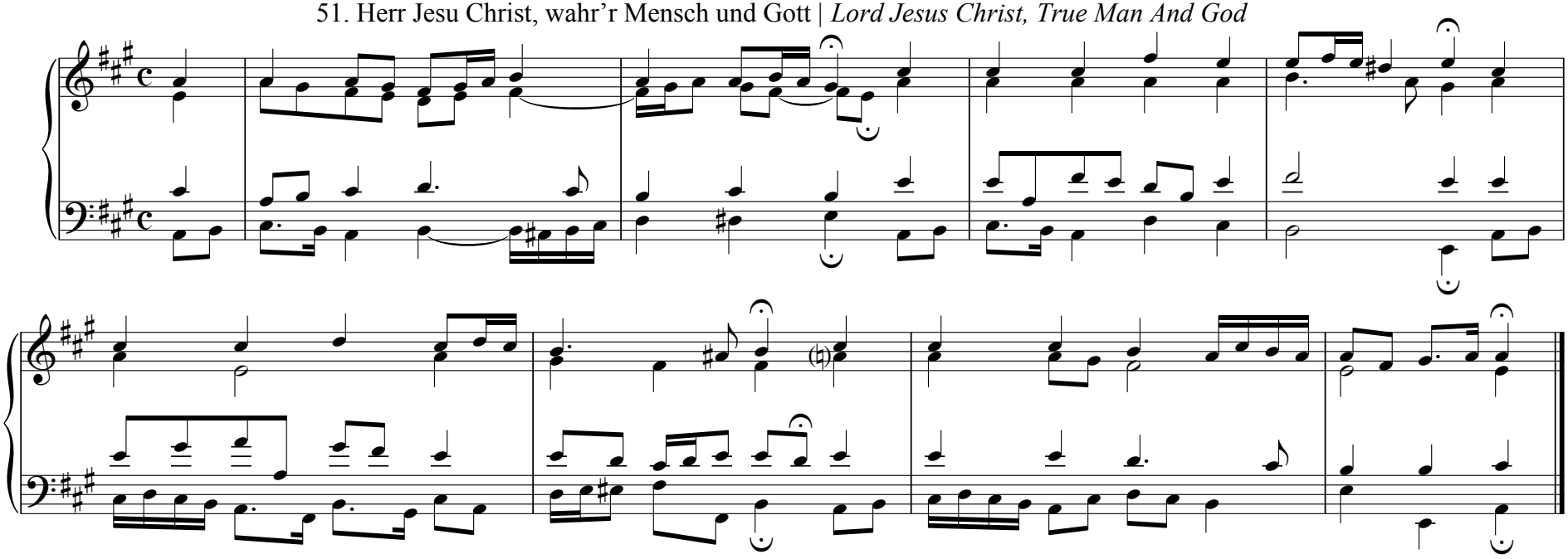
49. Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut | *Lord Jesus Christ, You Highest Good* ***1***



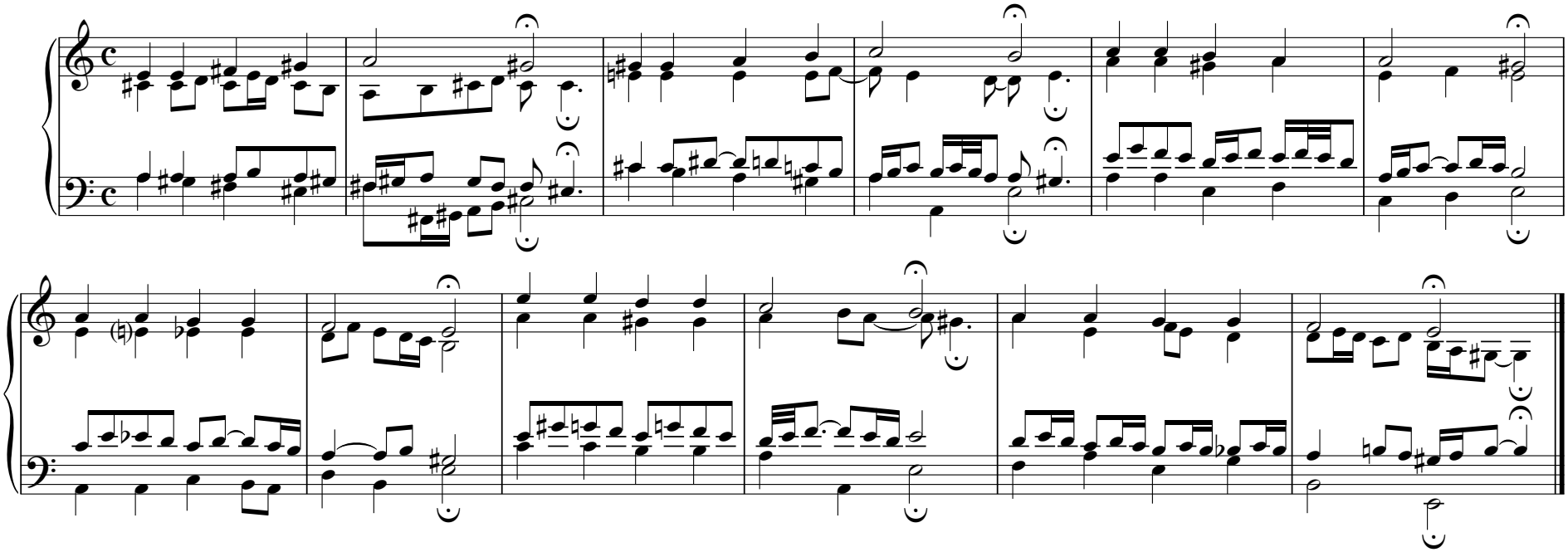
50. Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut | *Lord Jesus Christ, You Highest Good* ***2***



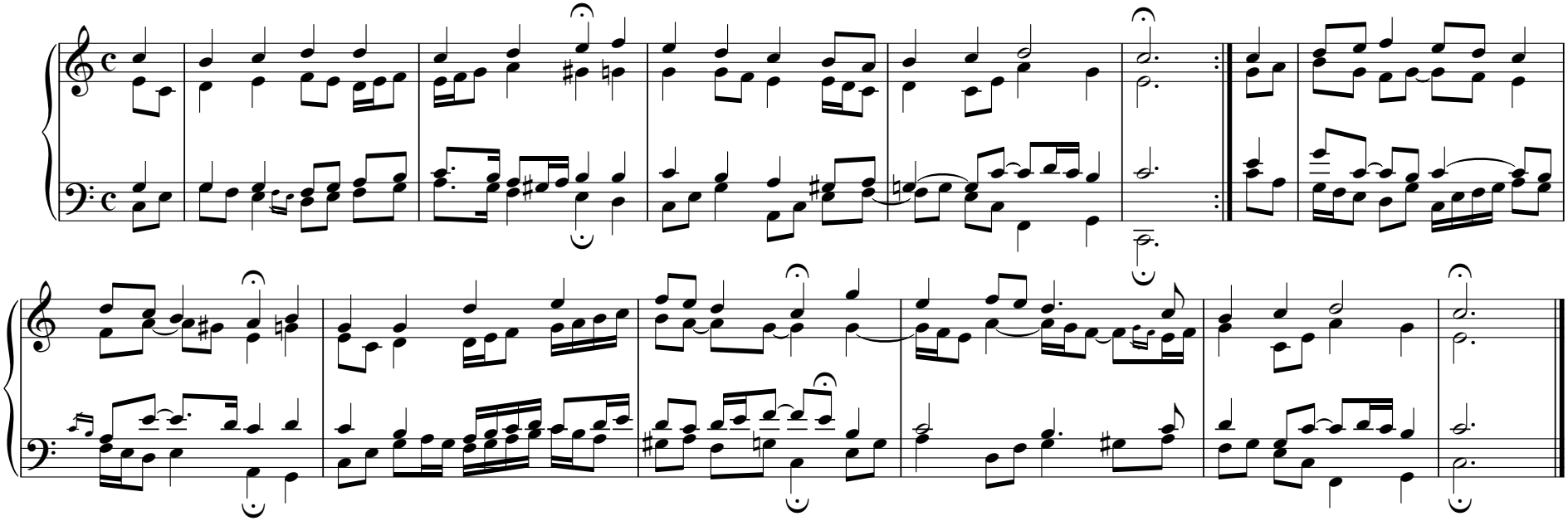
51. Herr Jesu Christ, wahr'r Mensch und Gott | *Lord Jesus Christ, True Man And God*



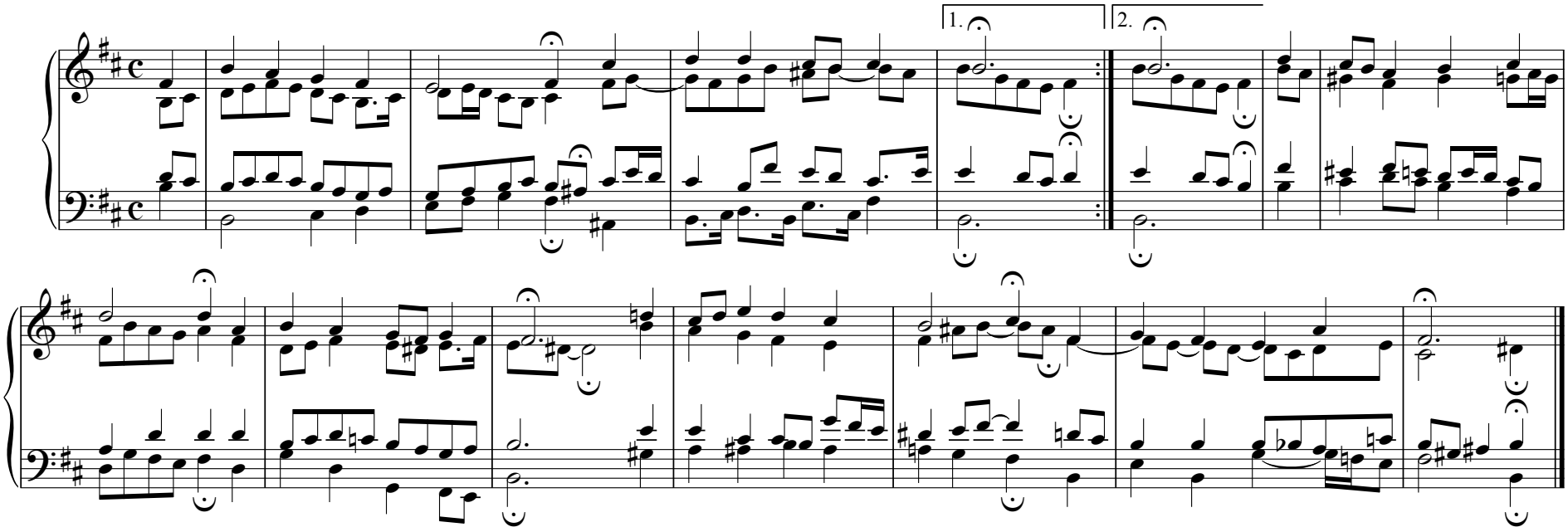
52. Herr, nun laß in Frieden | *Lord, Now Let It Be*



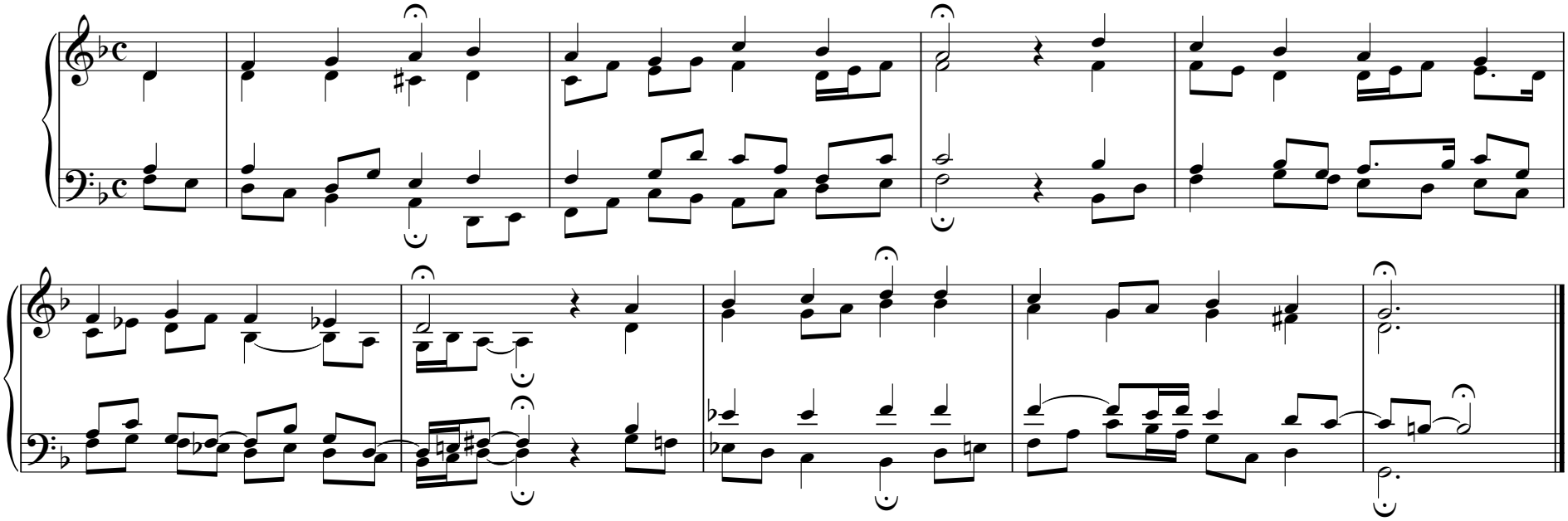
53. Herr, wie du willst | *Lord, As Thou Wilt*



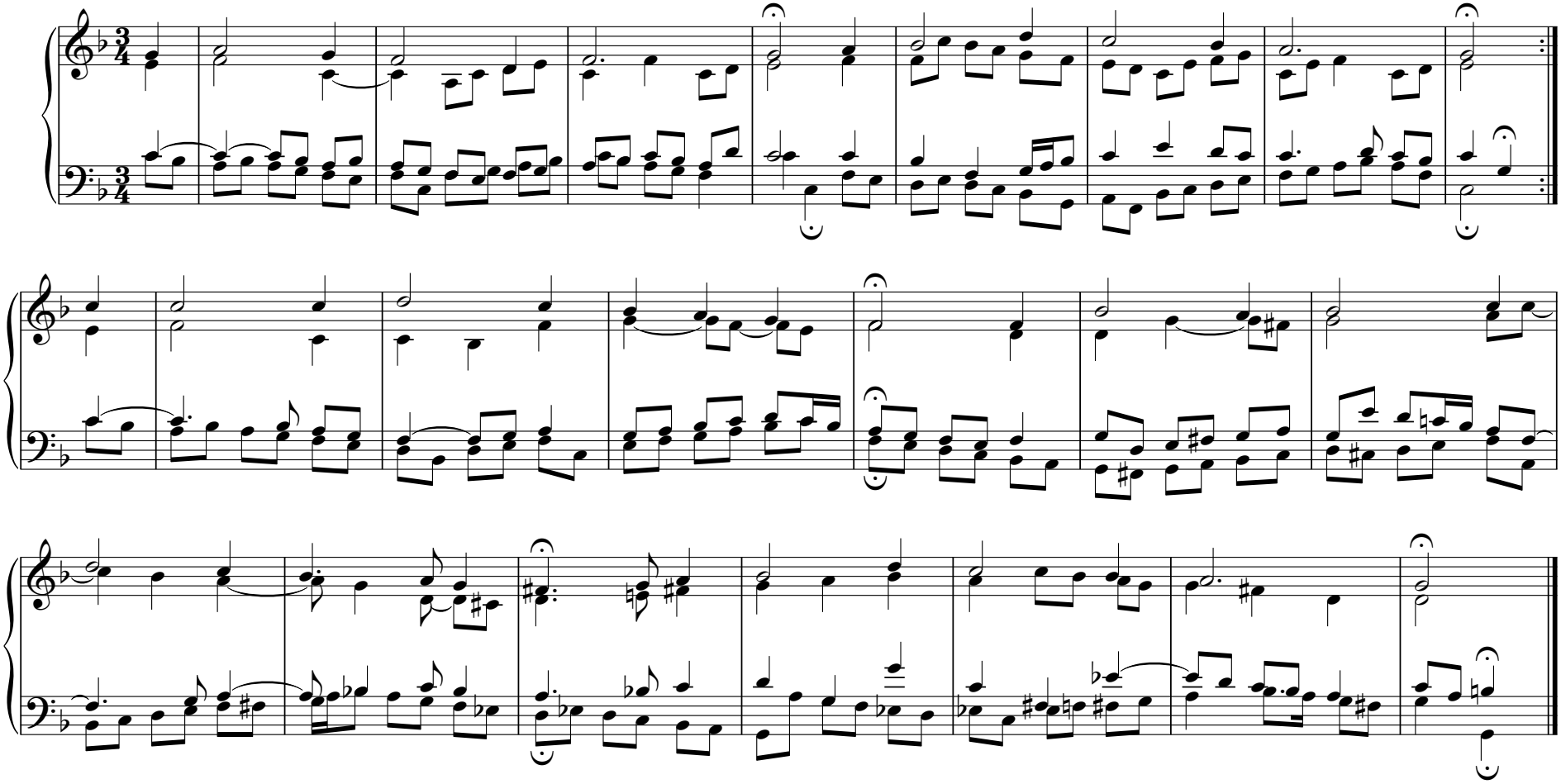
54. Herzlich tut mich verlangen | *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*



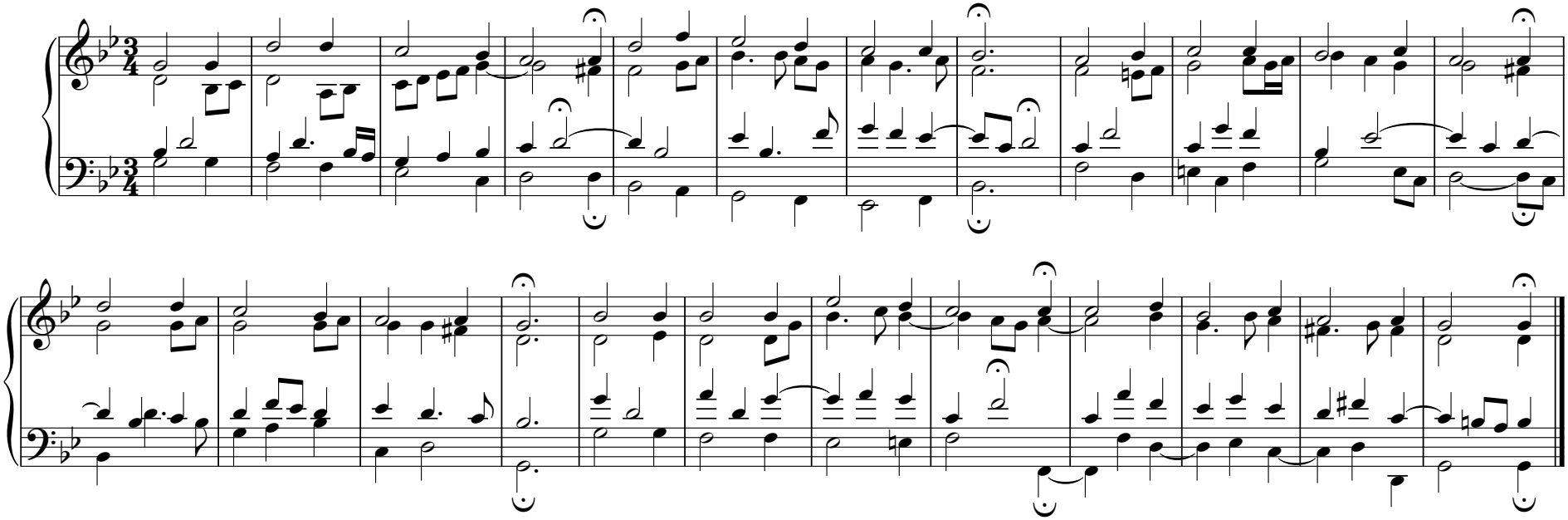
55. Heut ist, o Mensch, ein großer Trauertag | *Today Is The Great Day Of Suffering*



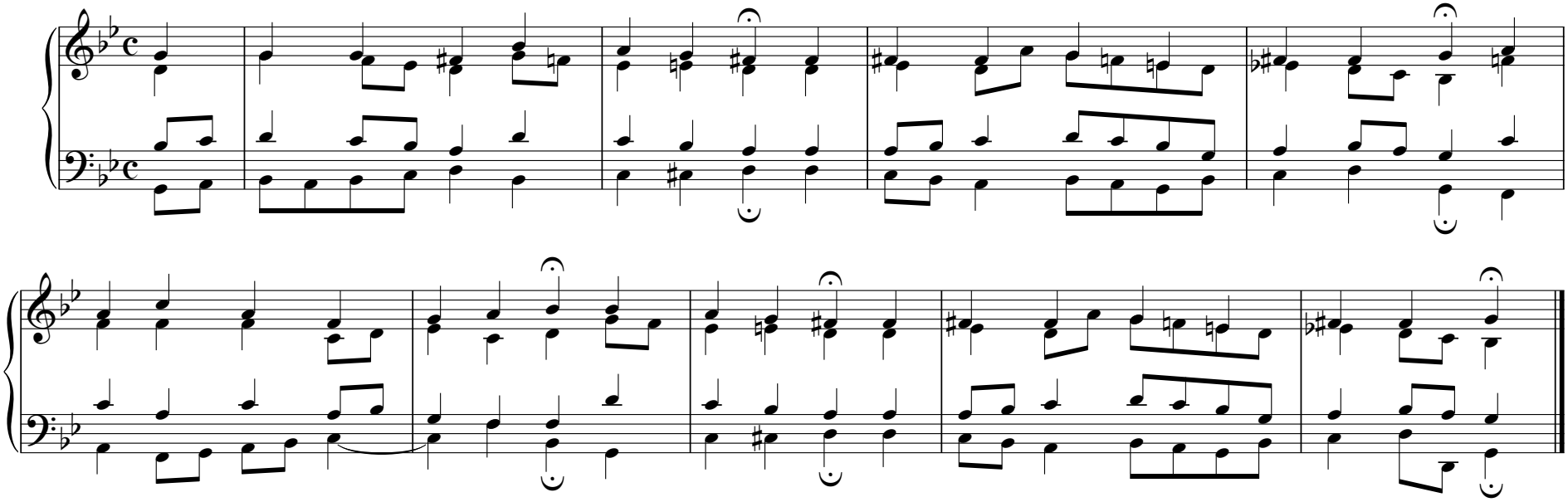
56. Hilf, Gott, laß mir's gelingen | *Help, God, Let Me Succeed*



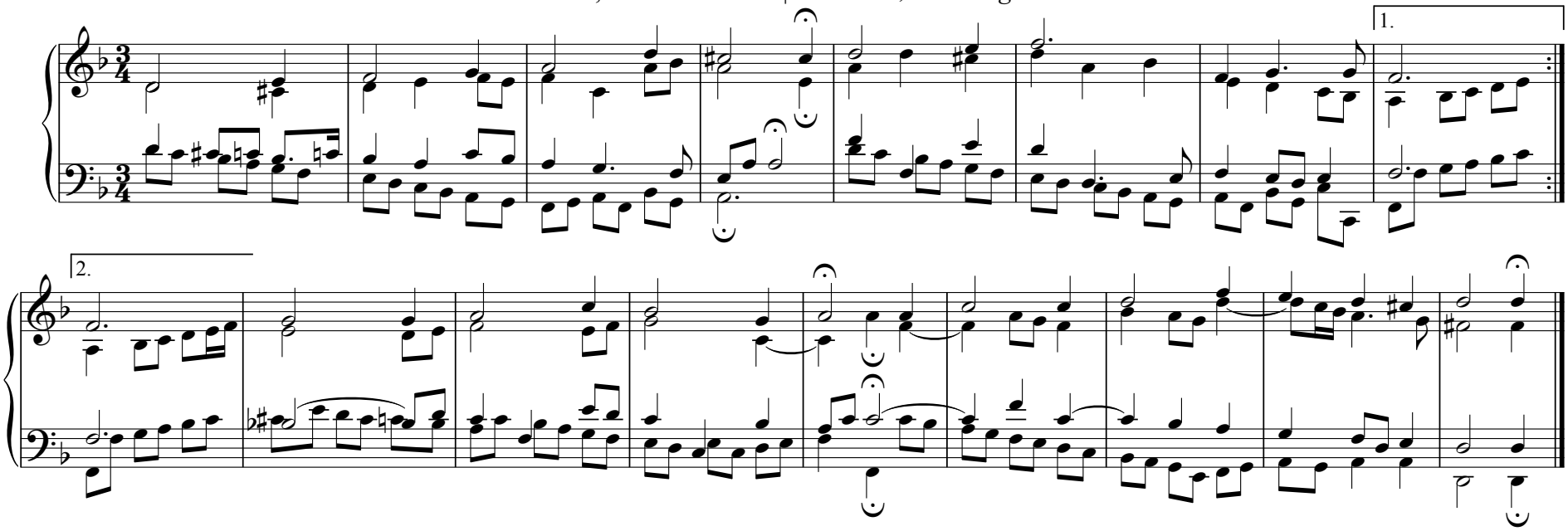
57. Hilf, Herr Jesu, lass gelingen | *Help, Lord Jesus, Let Us Succeed*



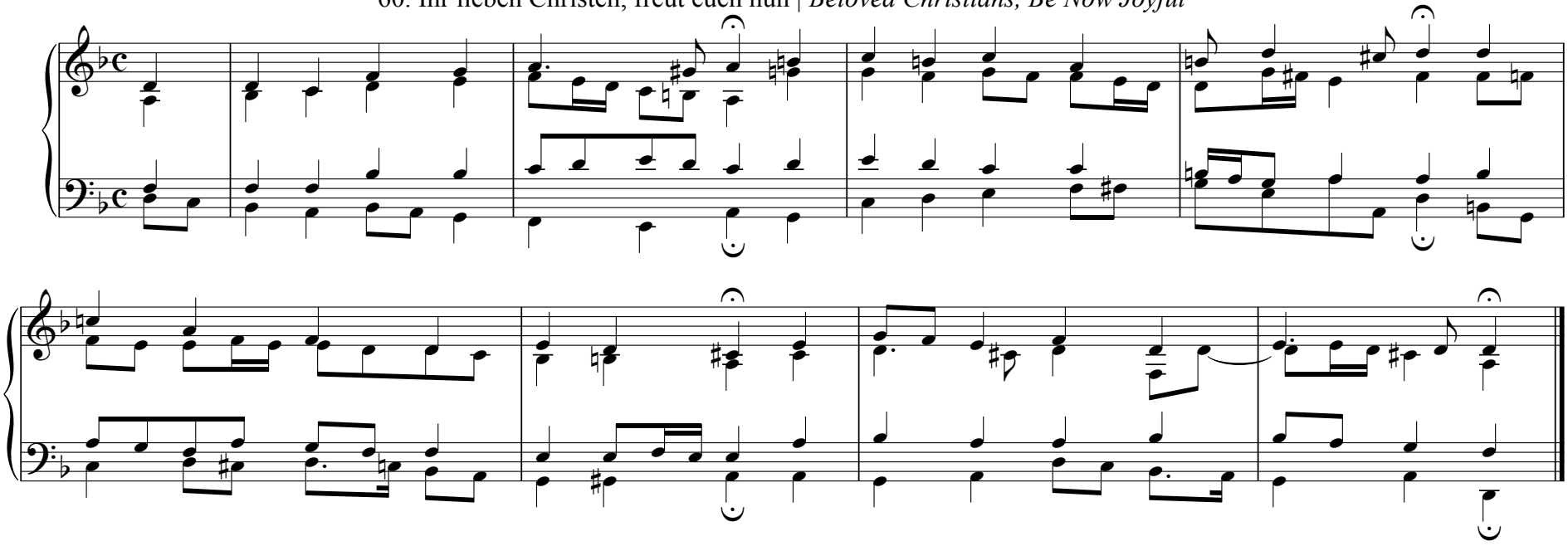
58. Ich hab' mein' Sach' Gott heimgestellt | *I Have Placed My Affairs In God's Care*



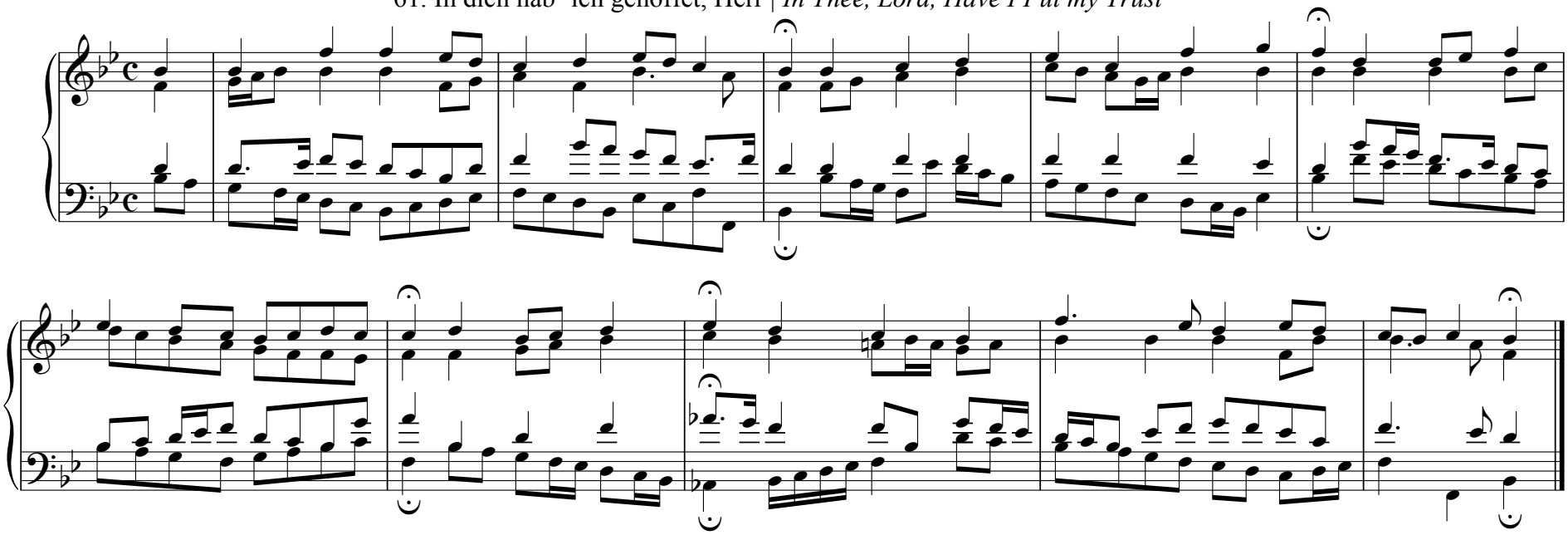
59. Ihr Gestirn, ihr hohen Lüfte | *Your Star, Your High Heavens*



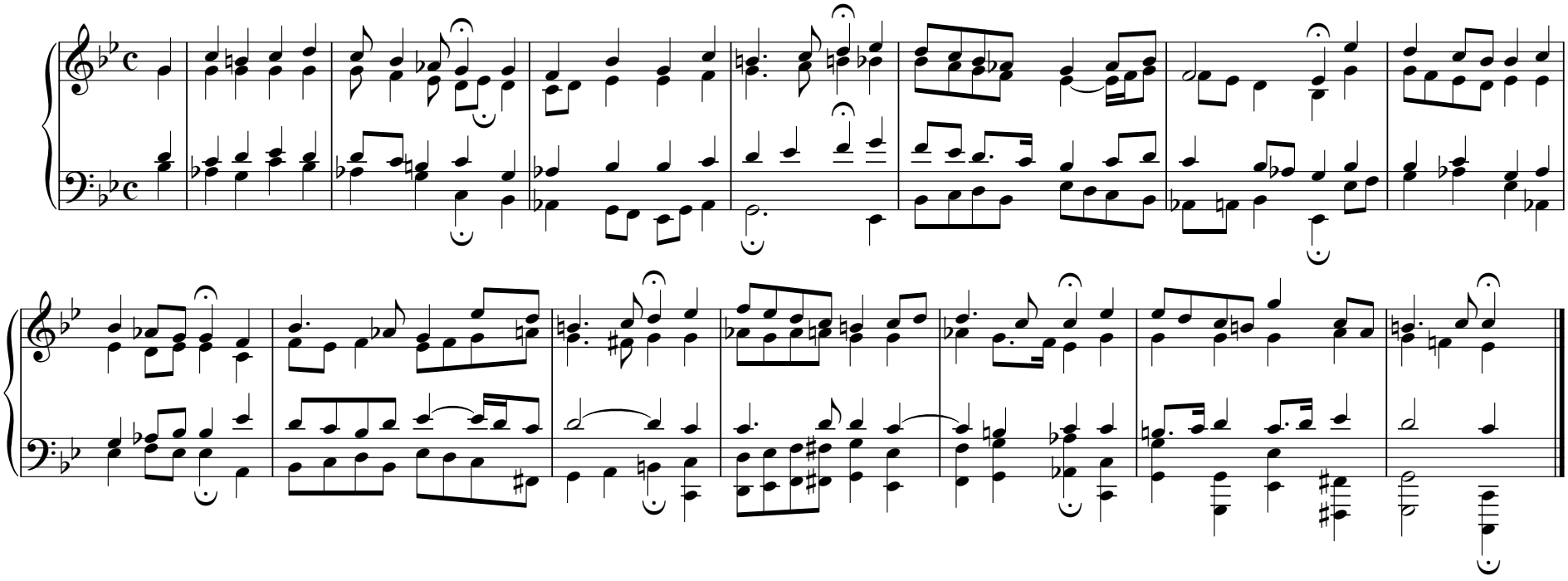
60. Ihr lieben Christen, freut euch nun | *Beloved Christians, Be Now Joyful*



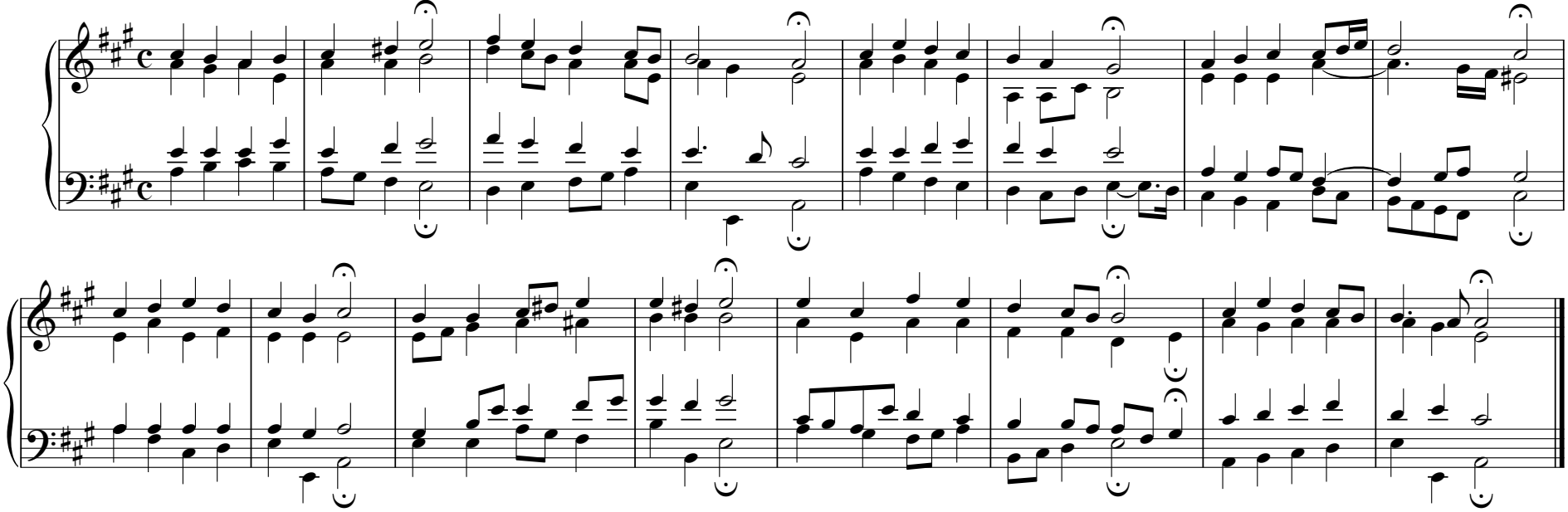
61. In dich hab' ich gehoffet, Herr | *In Thee, Lord, Have I Put my Trust*



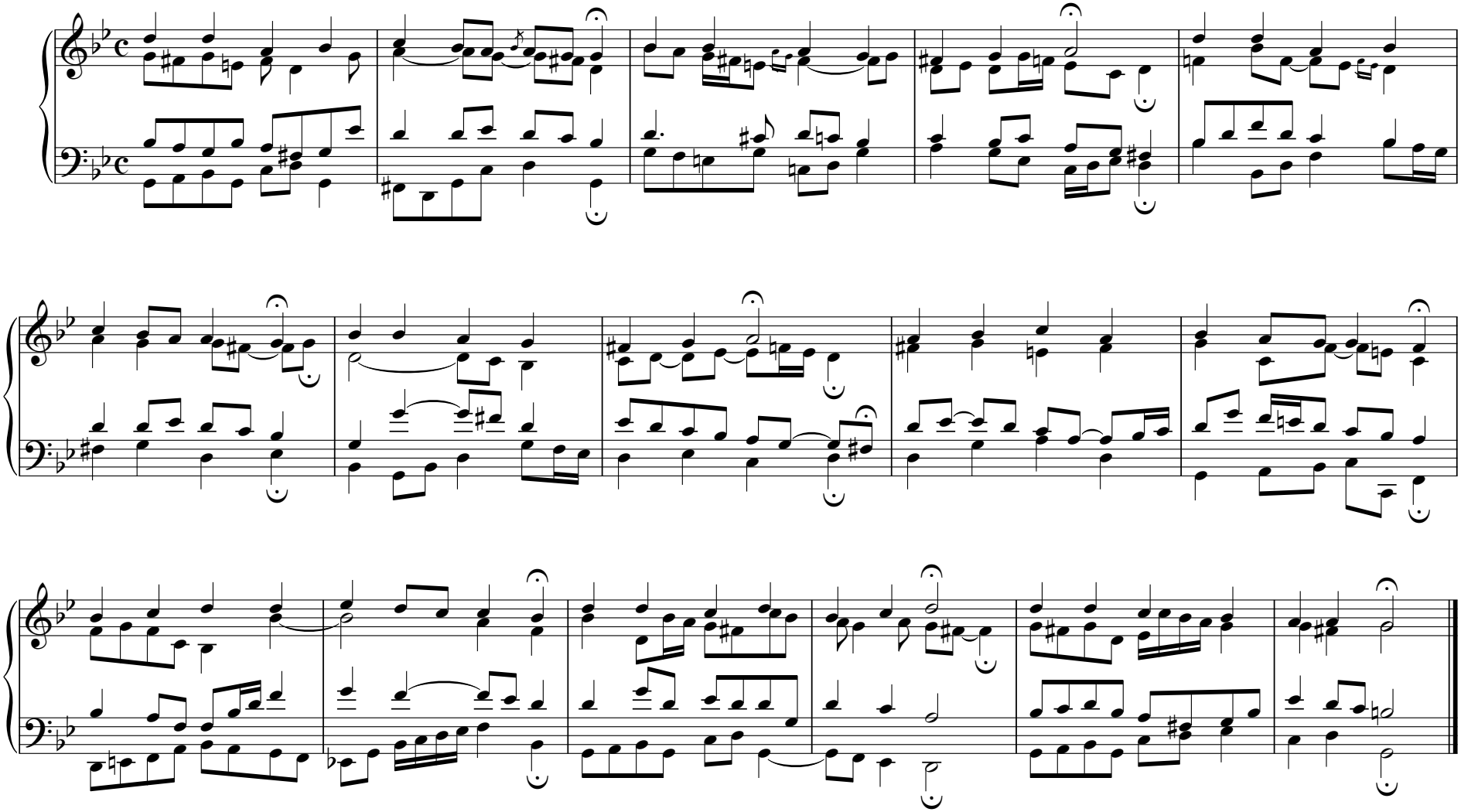
62. Ist Gott mein Schild und Helfersmann | *If God Is My Shield And Protector*

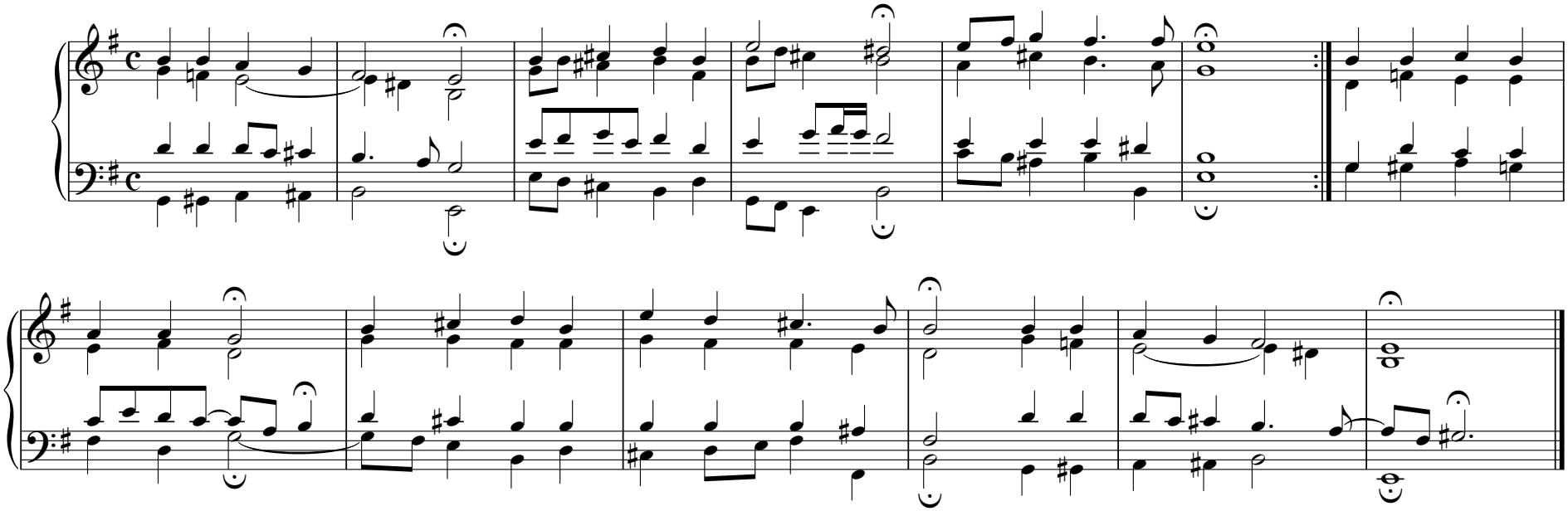


63. Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein | *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

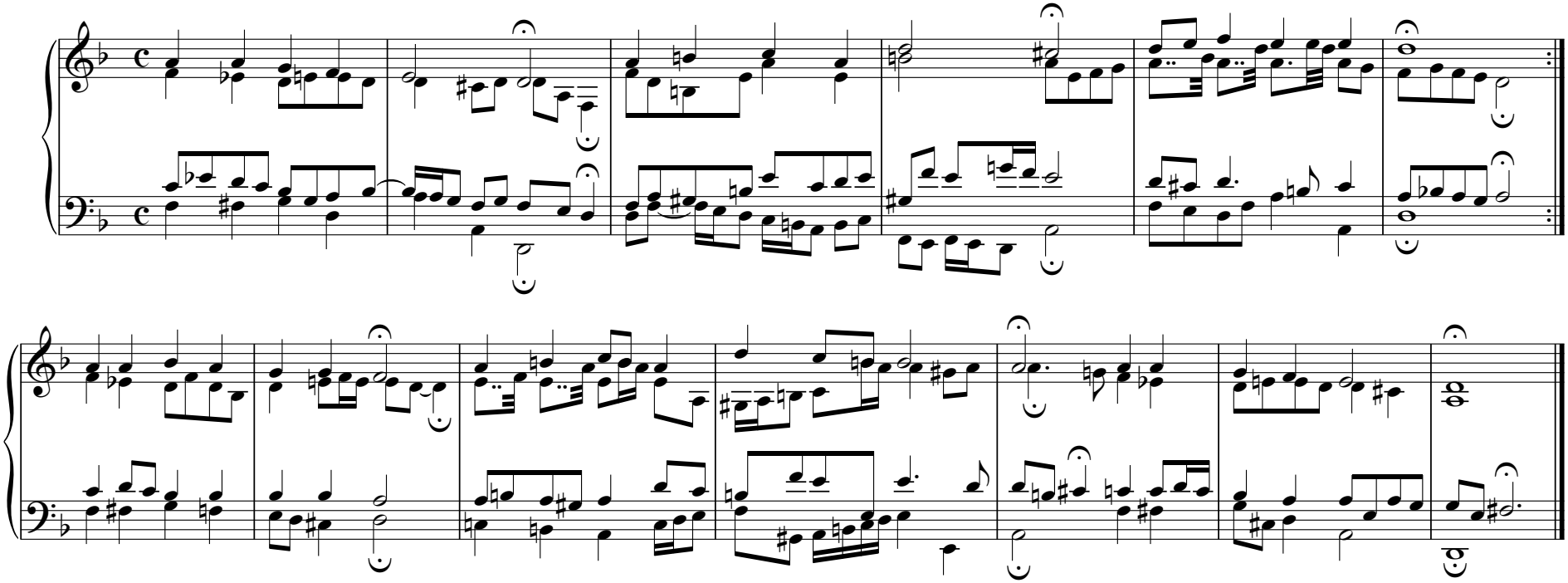


64. Jesu, der du meine Seele | *Jesus, Who Is My Soul*

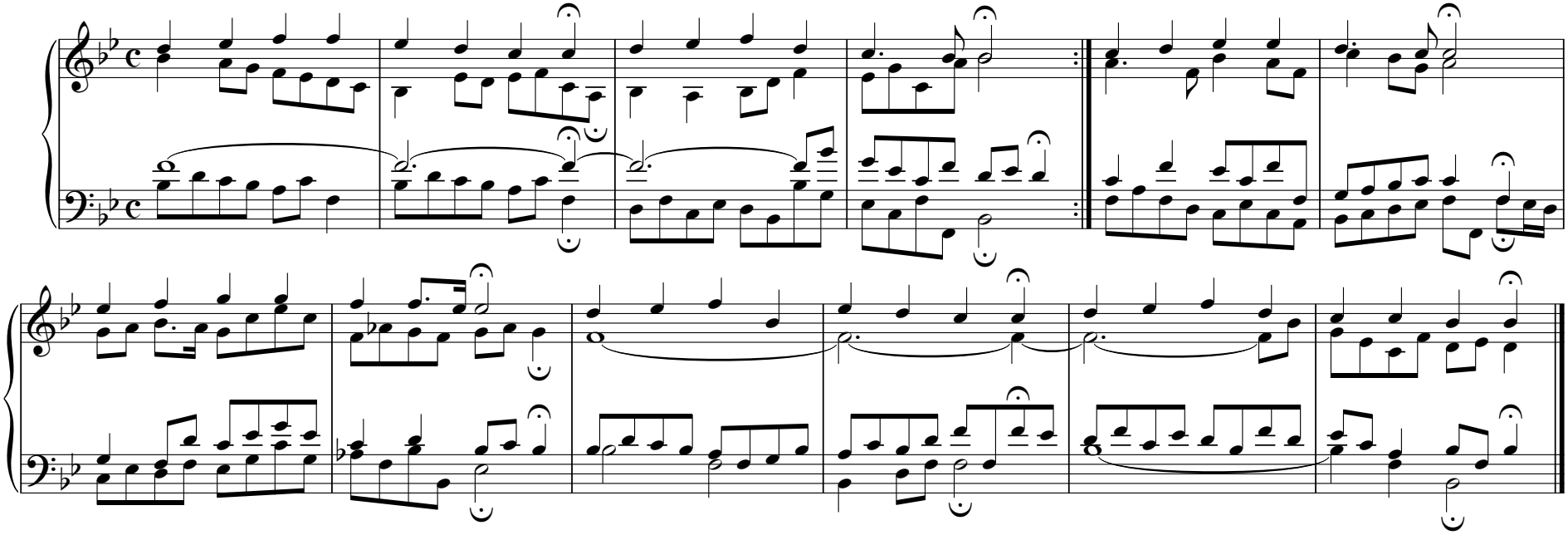




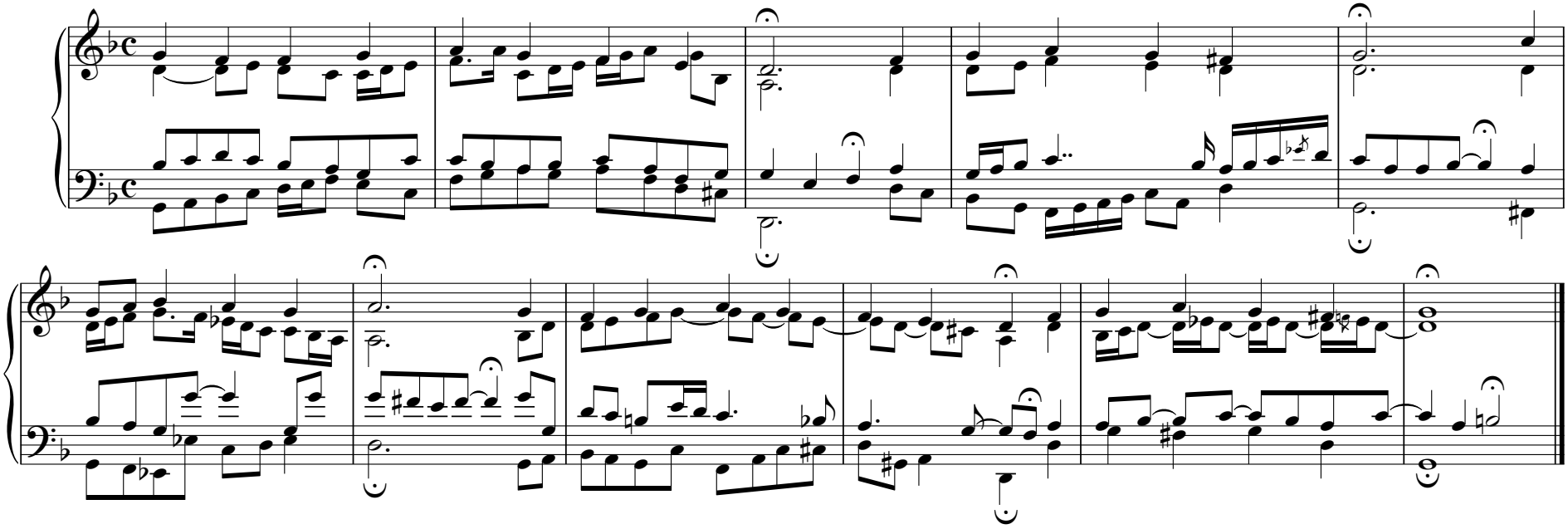
66. Jesu, meine Freude | *Jesus, Priceless Treasure **2***



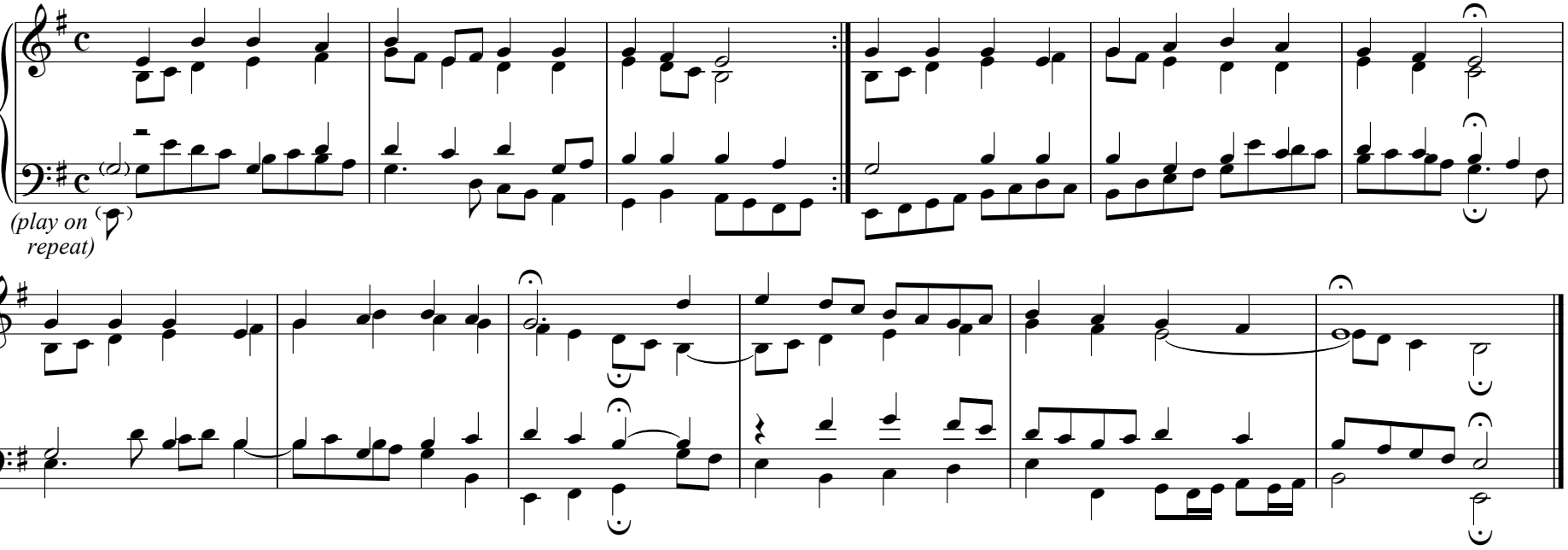
67. Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne | *Jesus, Delight Of My Soul*



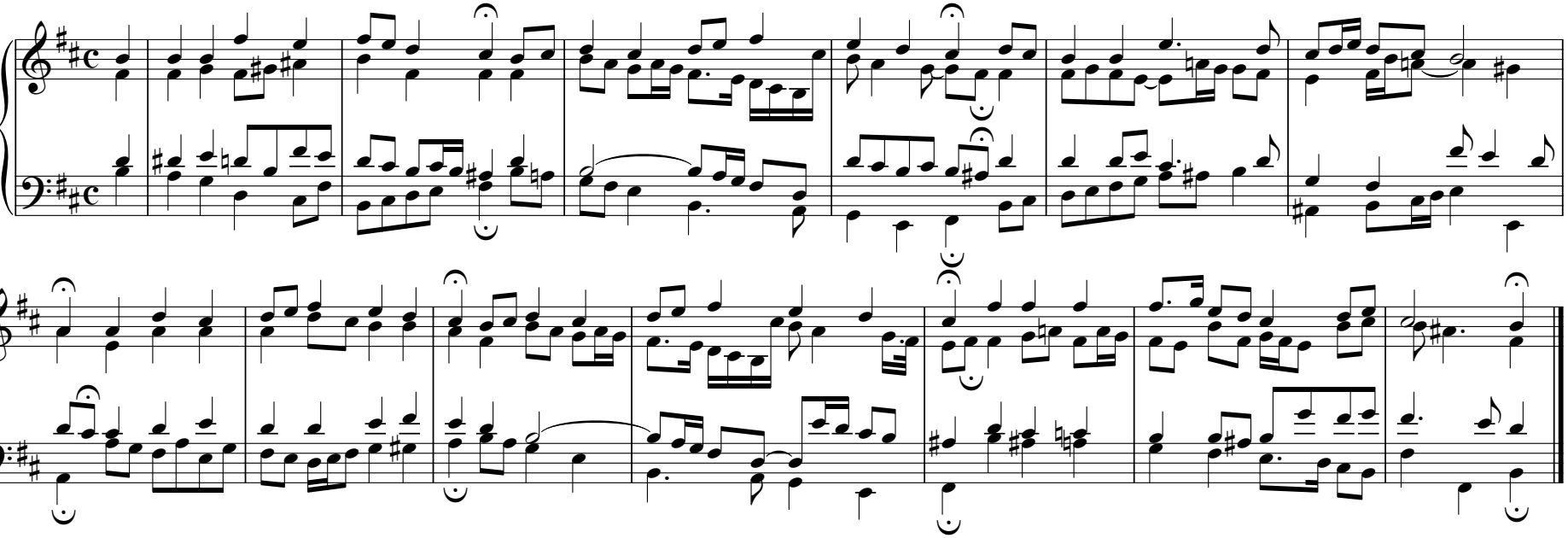
68. Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwandt | *Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Who Overcame Death*



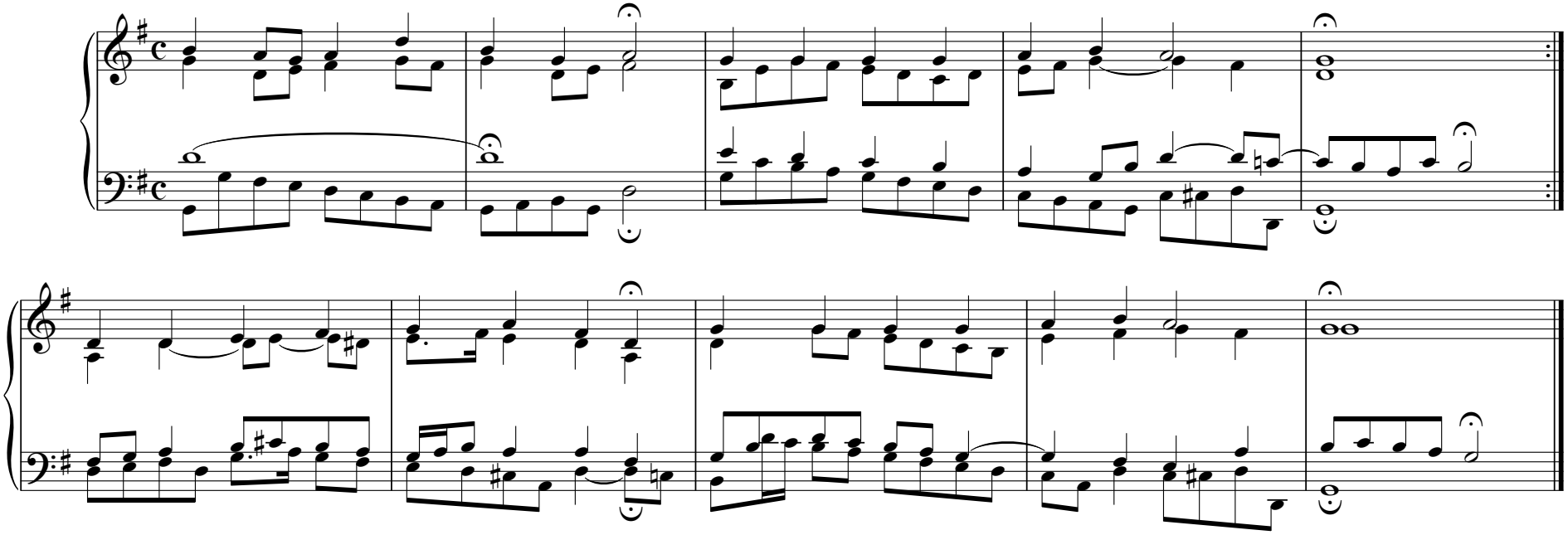
69. Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der von uns den Gottes Zorn wandt
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior, Who Protects Us From God's Wrath



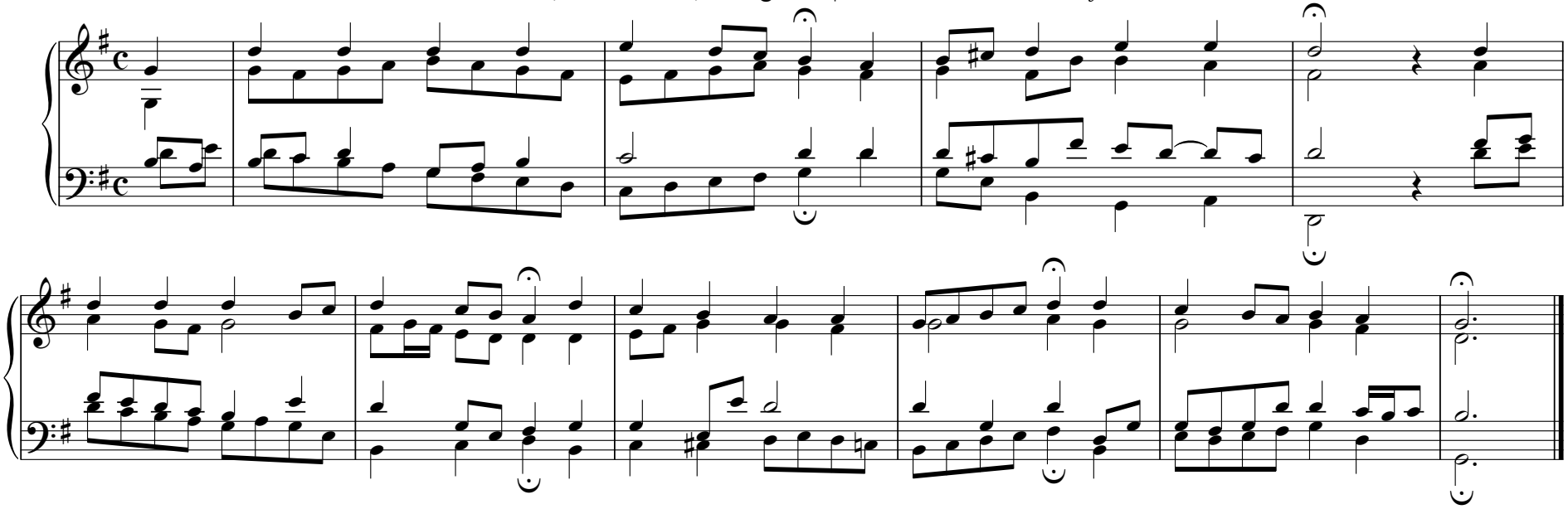
70. Kommt her zu mir, spricht Gottes Sohn | *O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe*



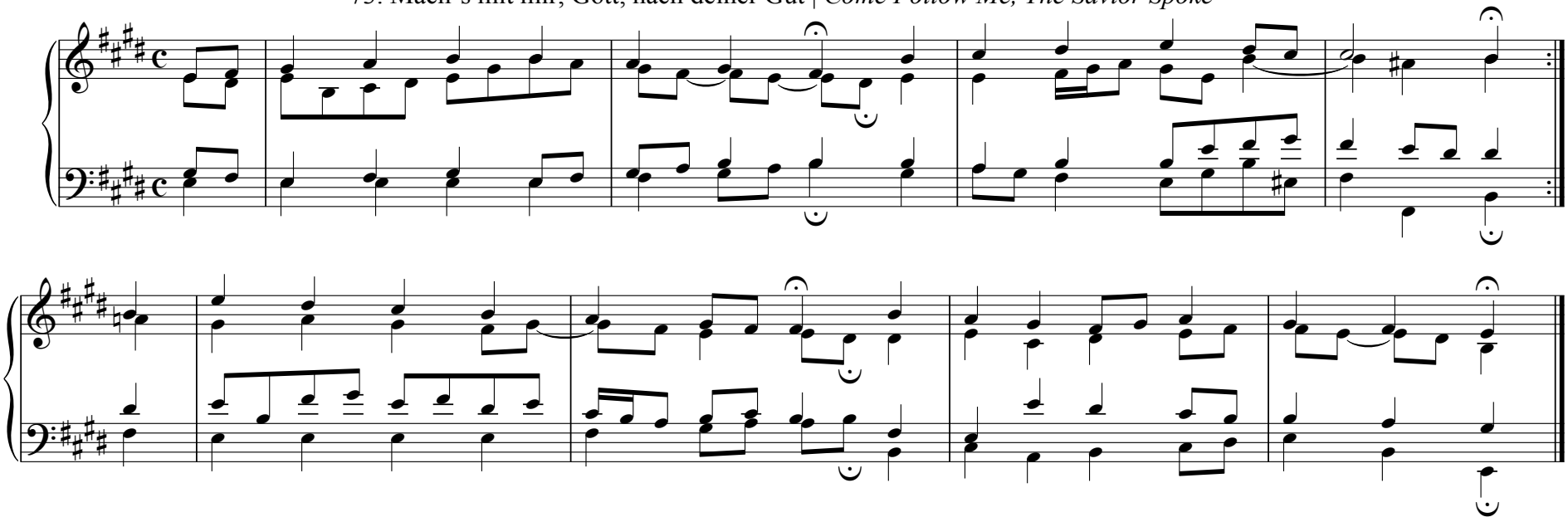
71. Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier | *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word*



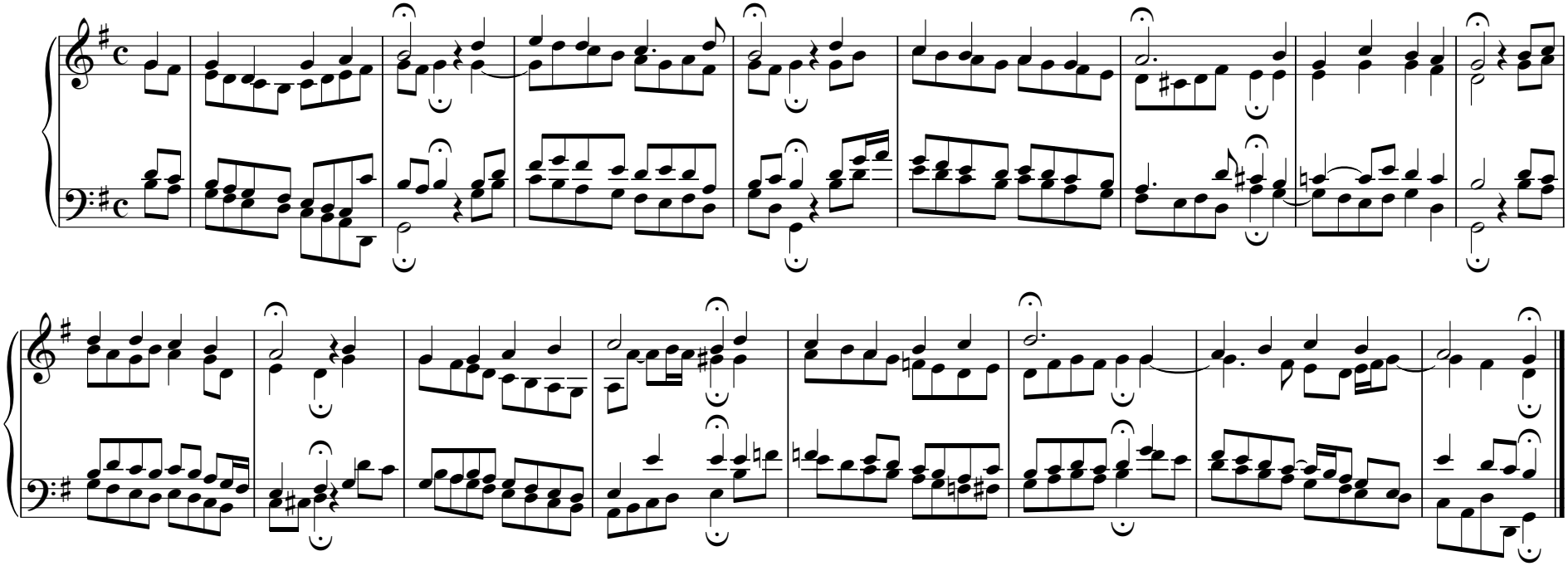
72. Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich | *Praise God, Ye Sons Of Men*



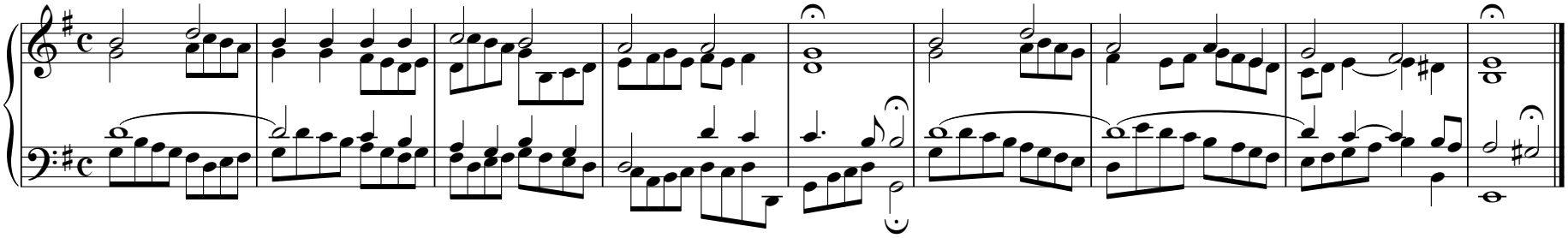
73. Mach's mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Güt | *Come Follow Me, The Savior Spoke*



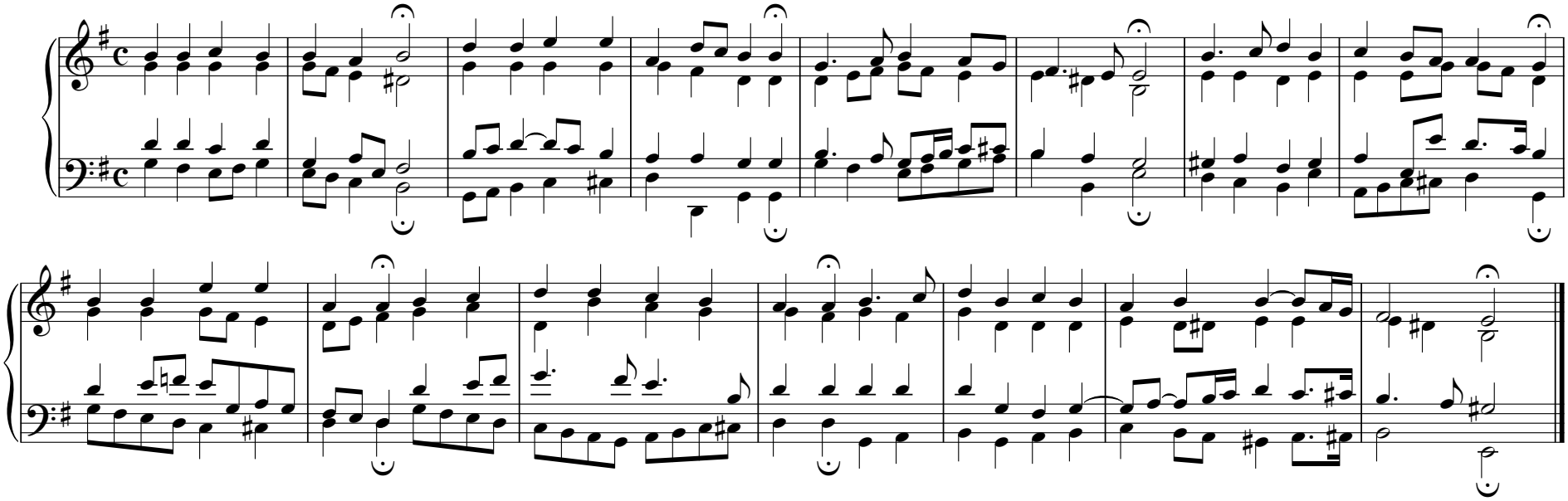
74. Meine Augen schliess' ich jetzt | *Now I Close My Eyes*



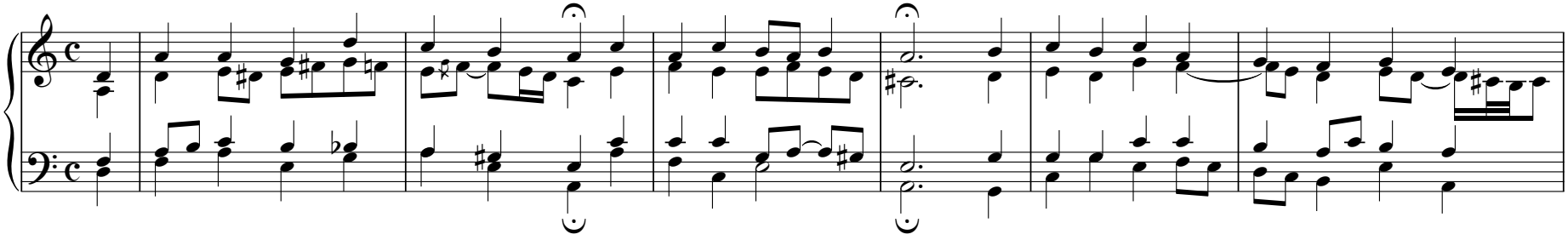
75. Meine Seele erhebet den Herren | *The Lord Elevates My Soul*

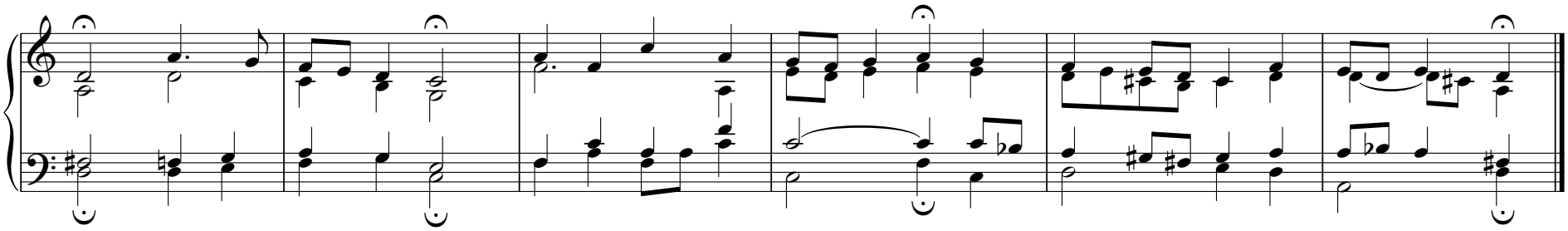


76. Meines Lebens letzte Zeit | *My Life's Last Hour*

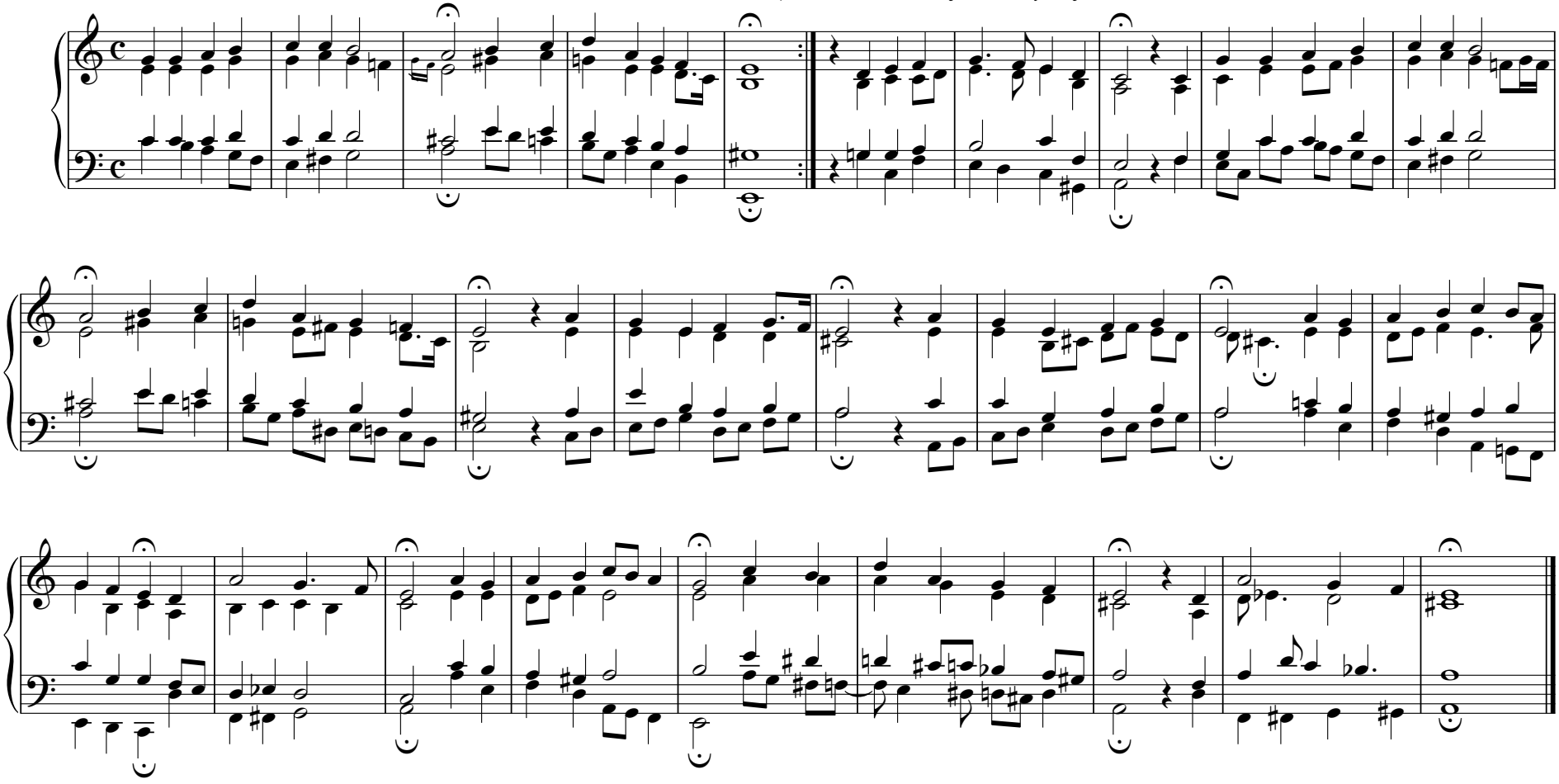


77. Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin | *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

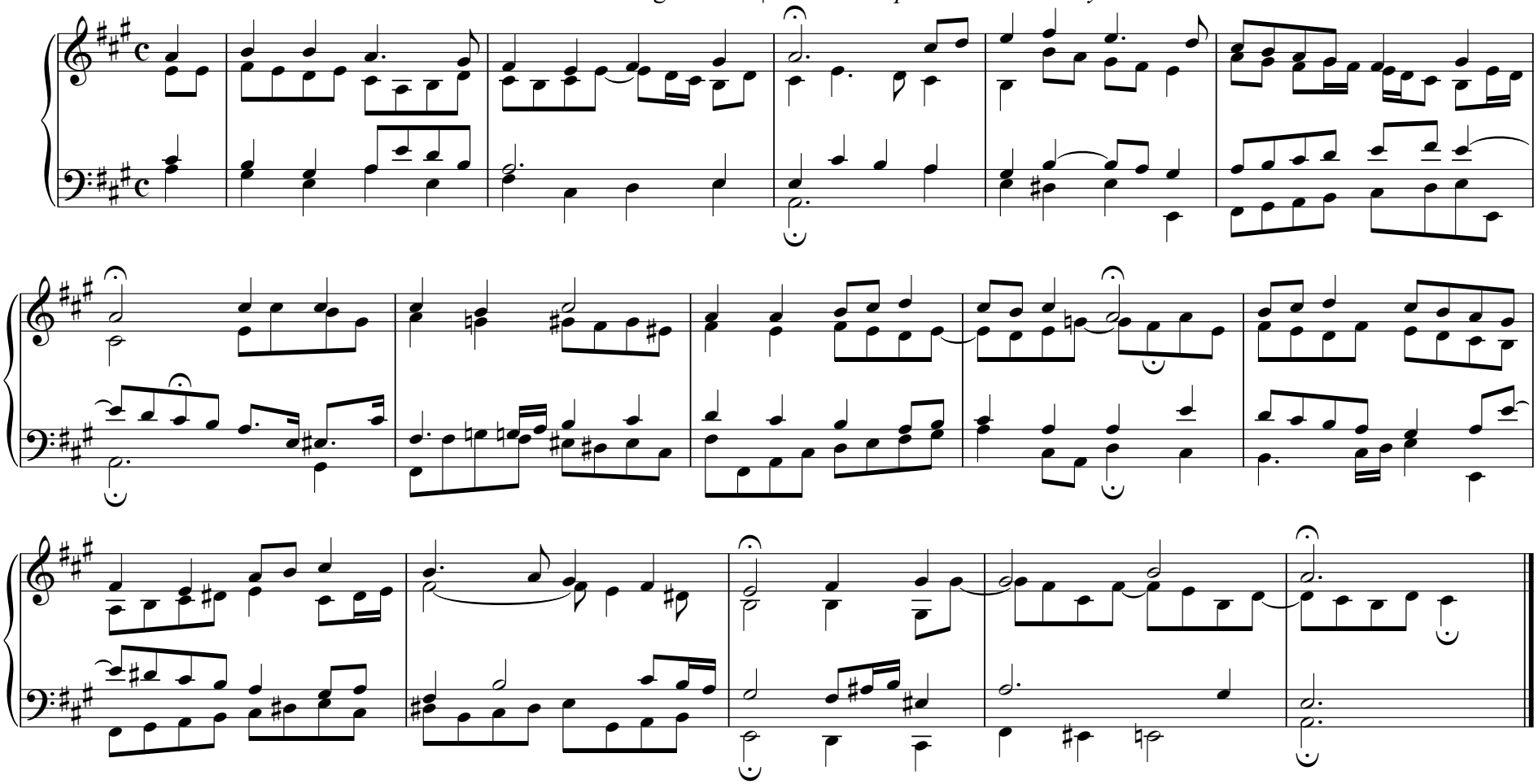




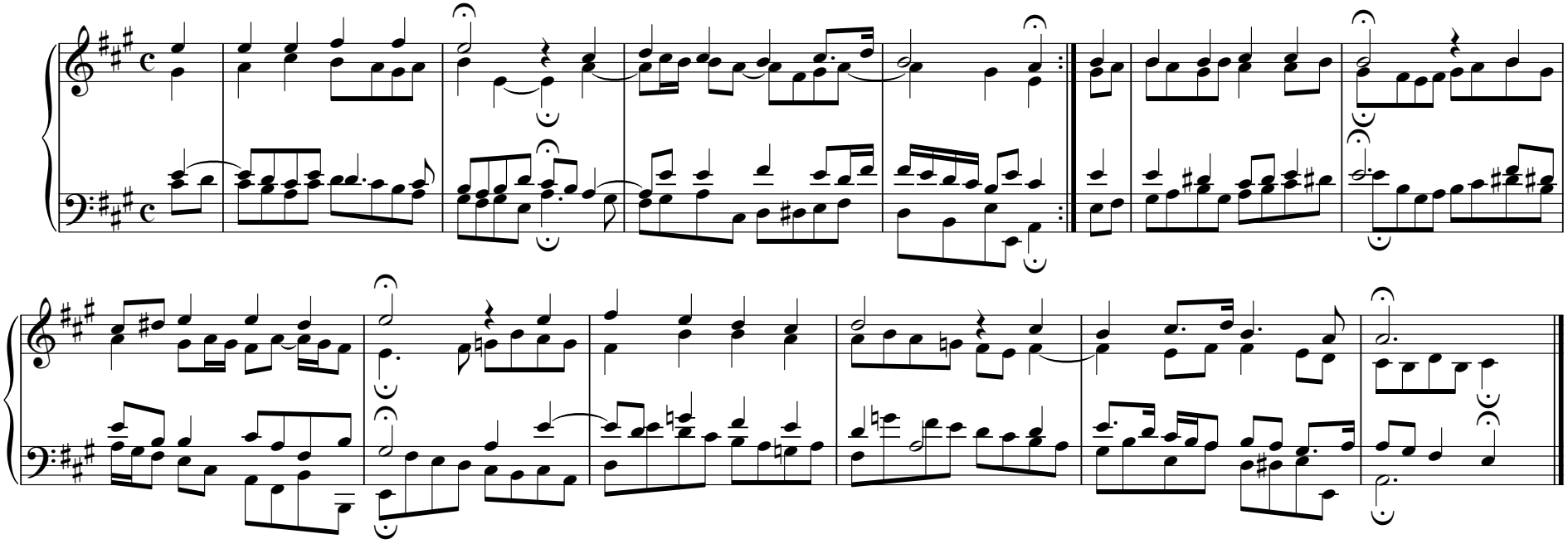
78. Mitten wir im Leben sind | *In The Midst Of Earthly Life*



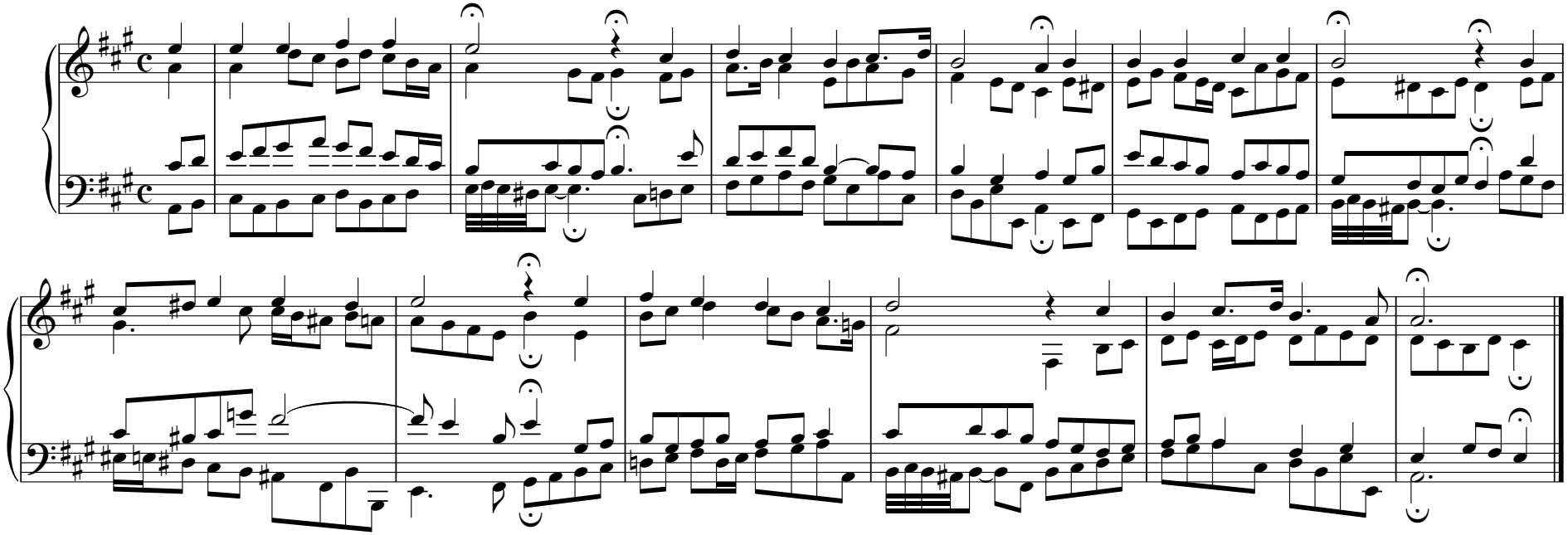
79. Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist | *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*



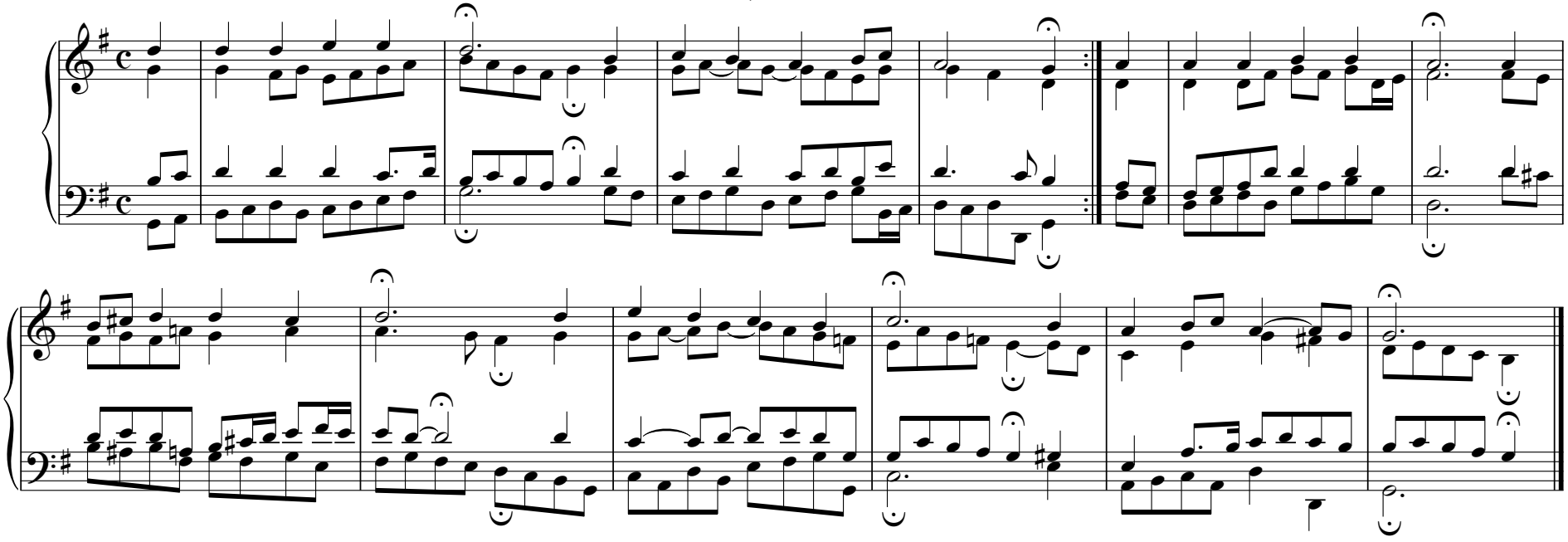
80. Nun Danket alle Gott | *Now Thank We All Our God* ***1***



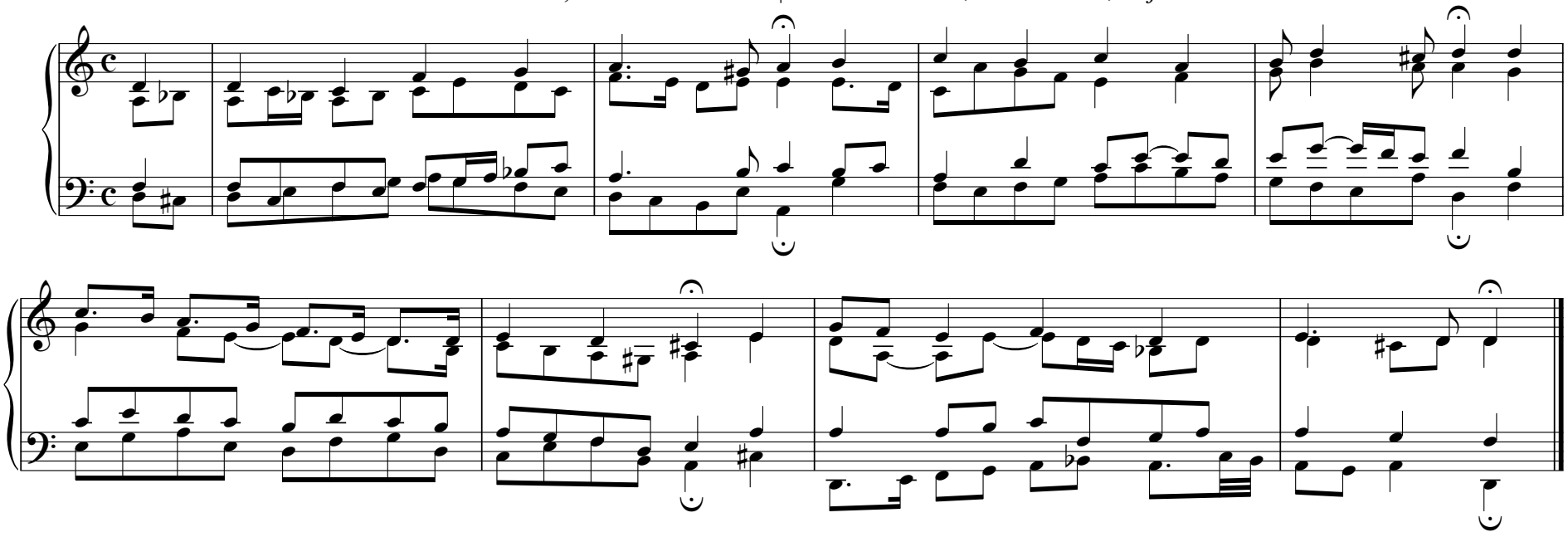
81. Nun danket alle Gott | *Now Thank We All Our God* ***2***



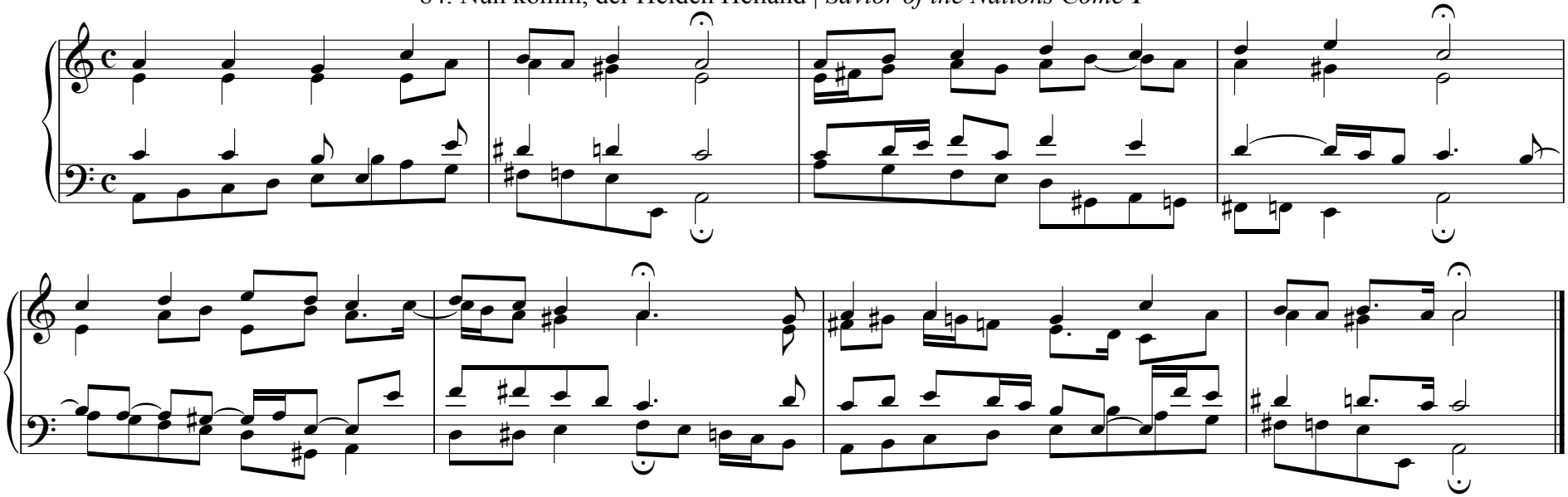
82. Nun danket alle Gott | *Now Thank We All Our God* ***3***



83. Nun freut' euch, Gottes Kinder all' | *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*



84. Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland | *Savior of the Nations Come **1***



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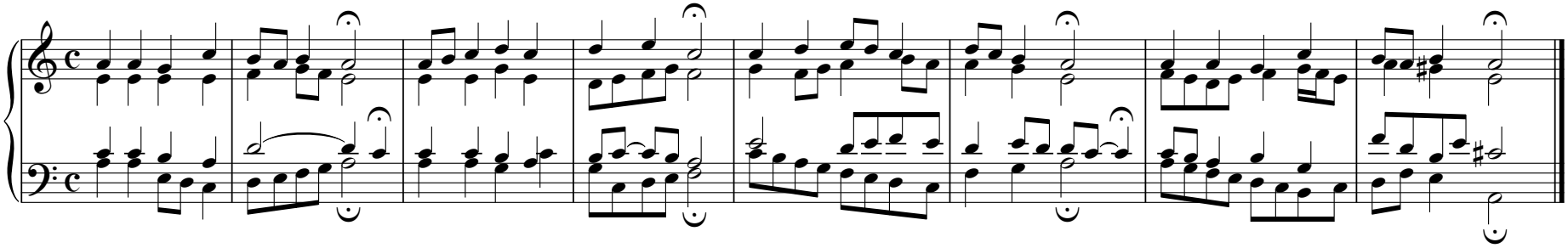
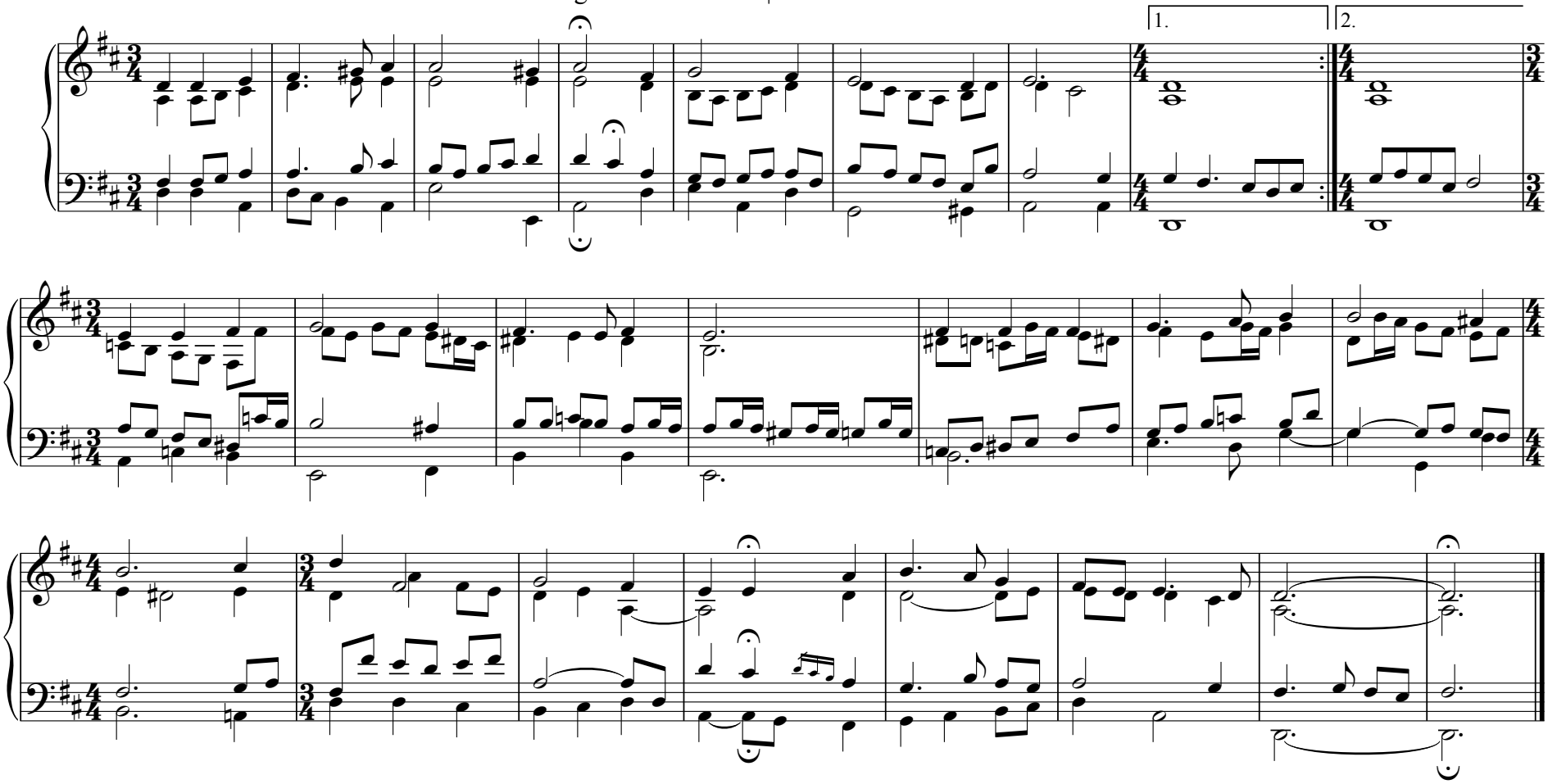
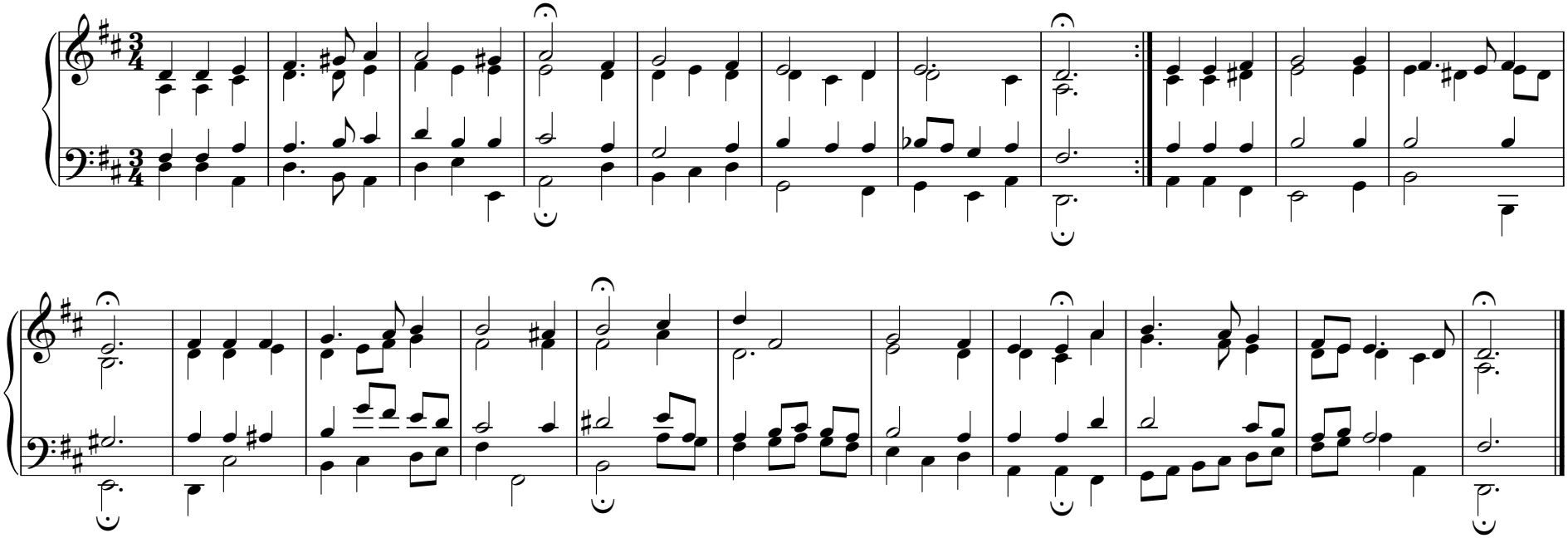


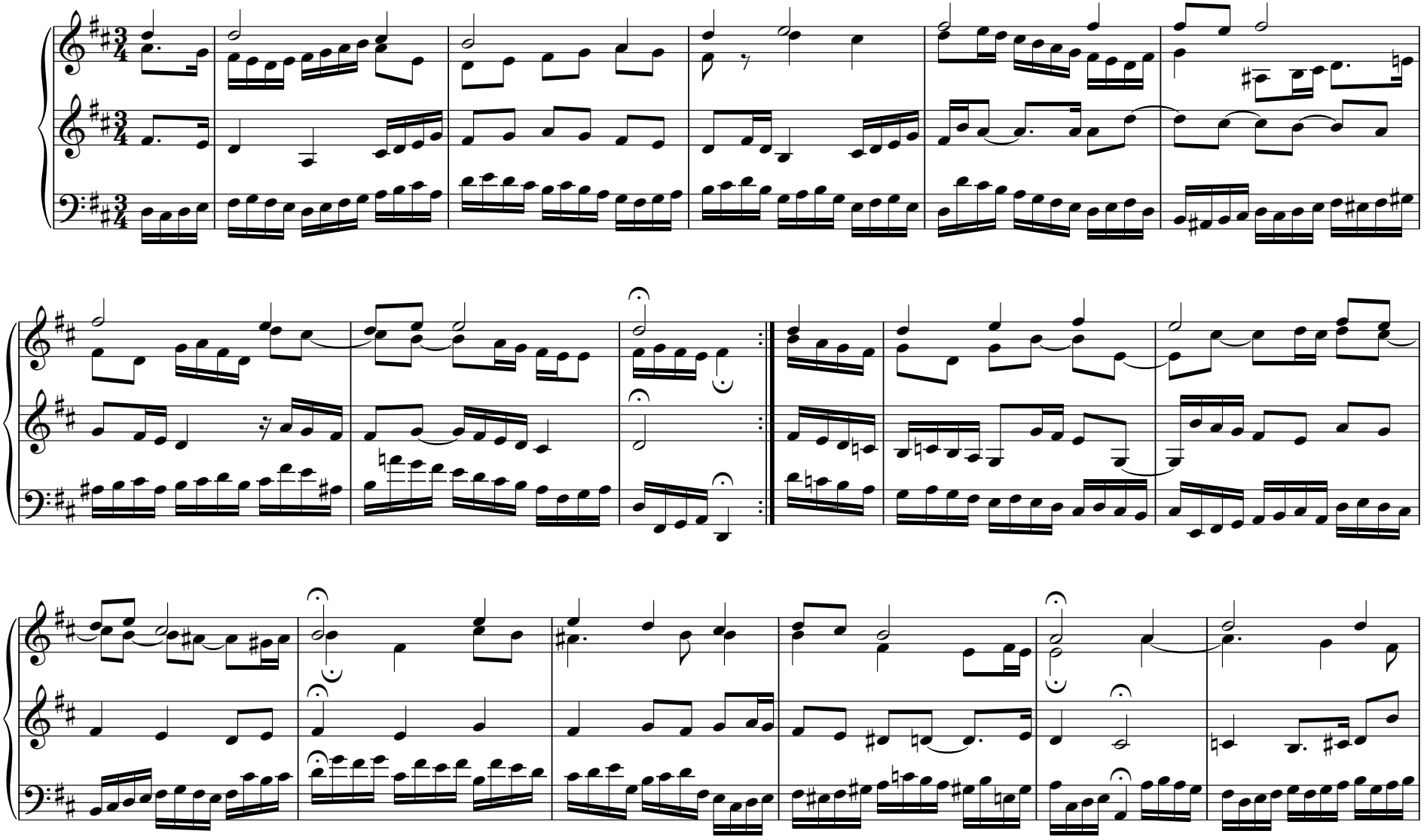
86. Nun lieget alles unter dir | *Now All Lies Beneath Thee **1***

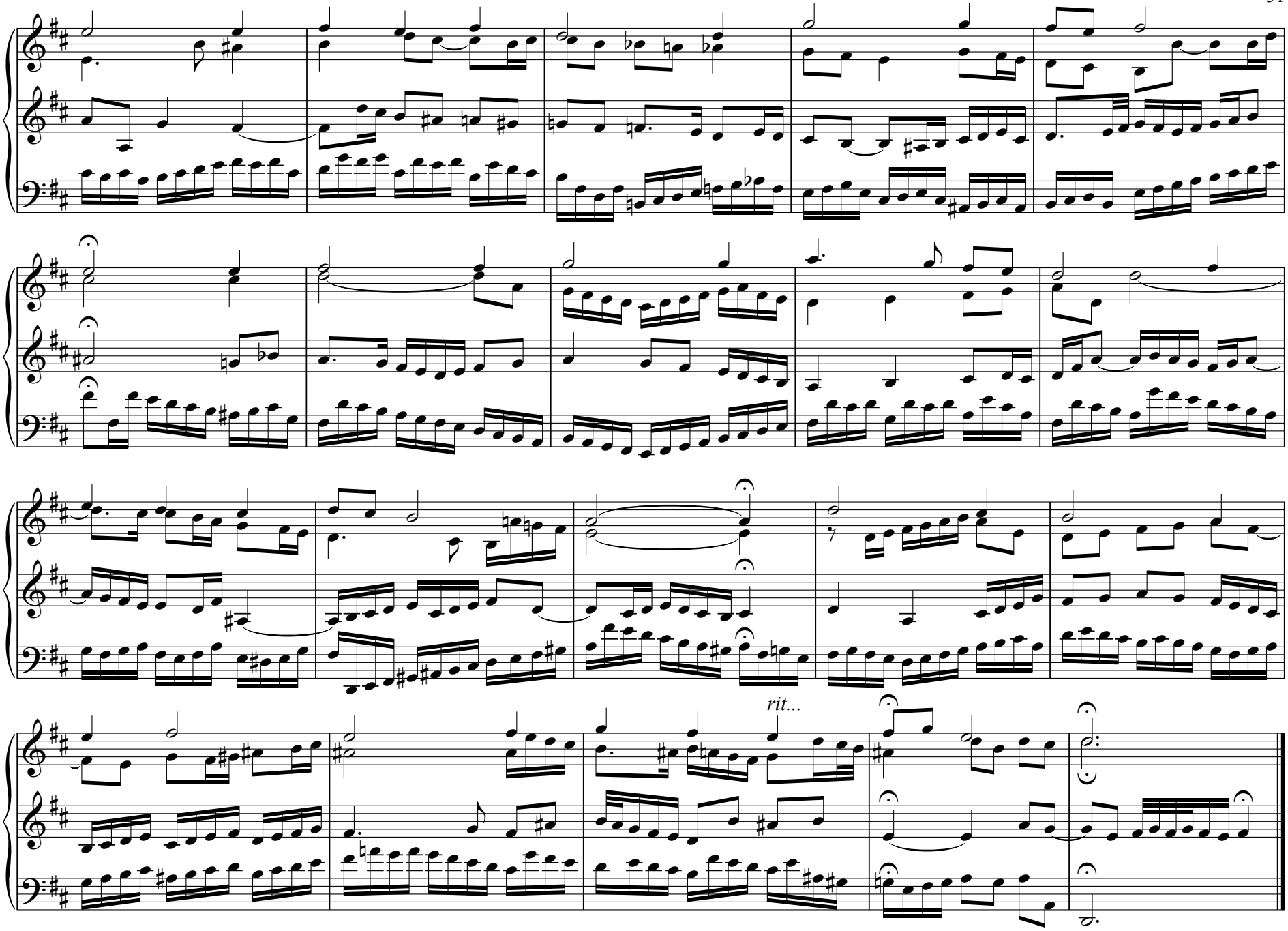


87. Nun lieget alles unter dir | *Now All Lies Beneath Thee* ***2***



88. Nun lob' mein Seel' den Herren | *My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker*

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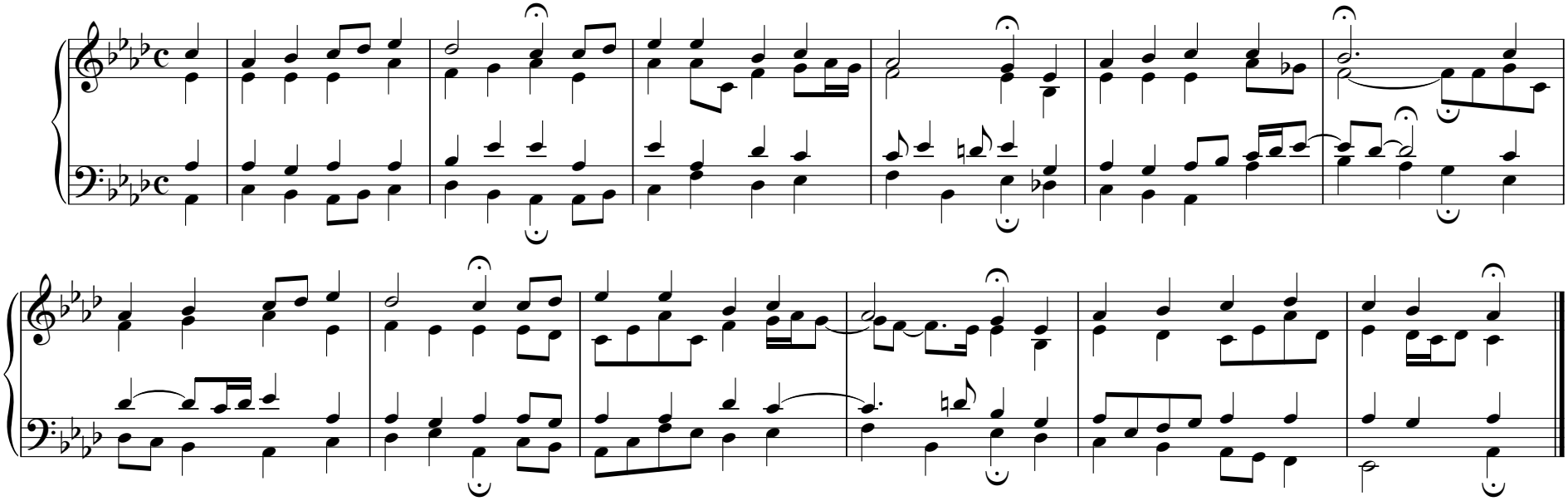
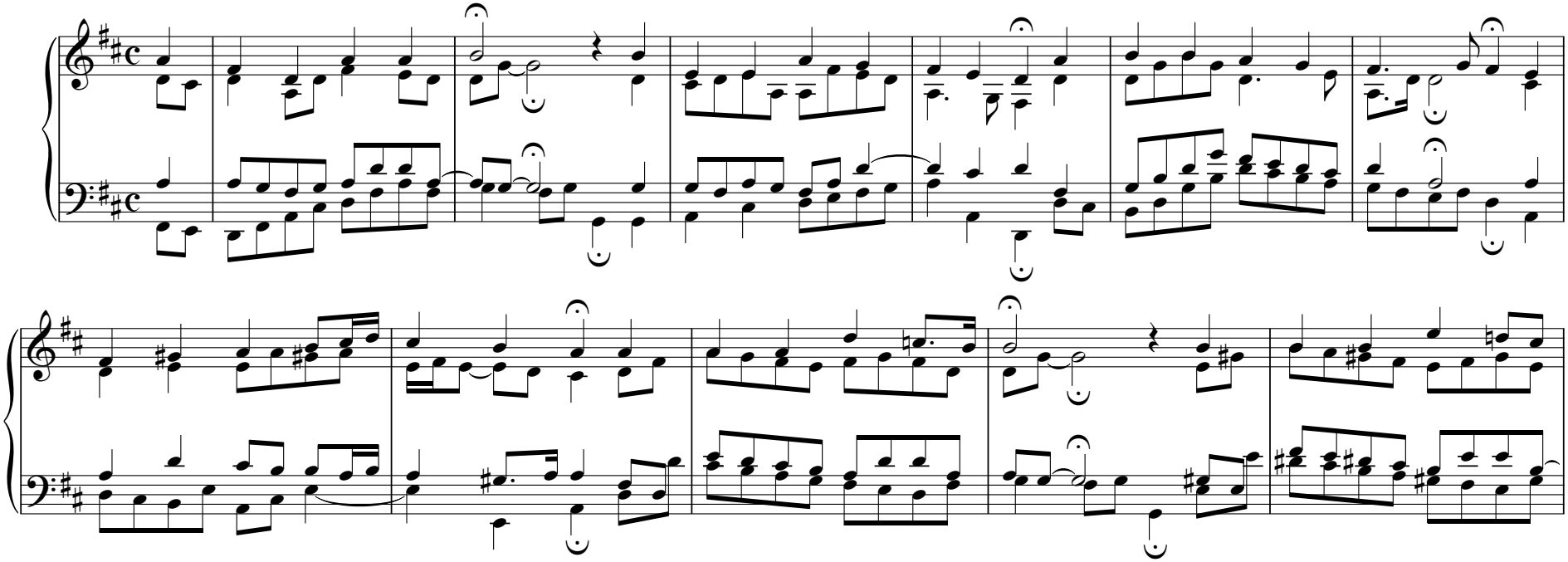
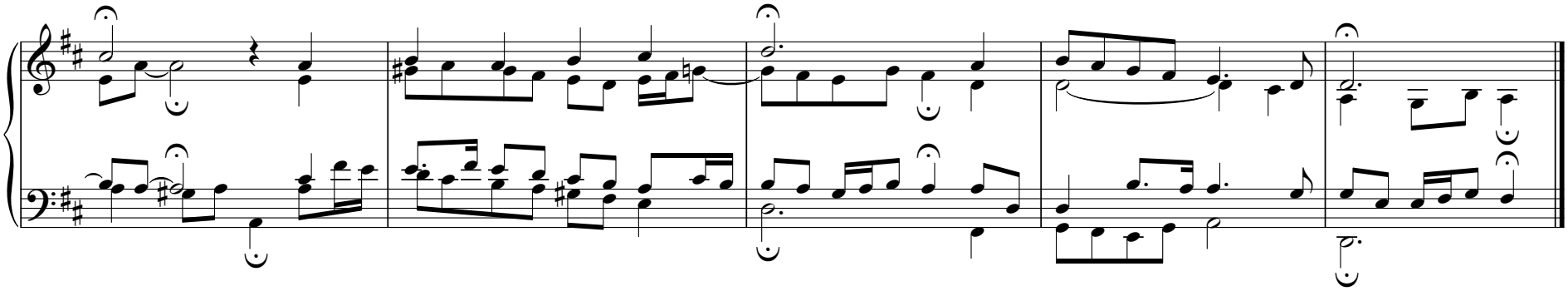
89. Nun ruhen alle Walder | *Now Slumber All The Forest*

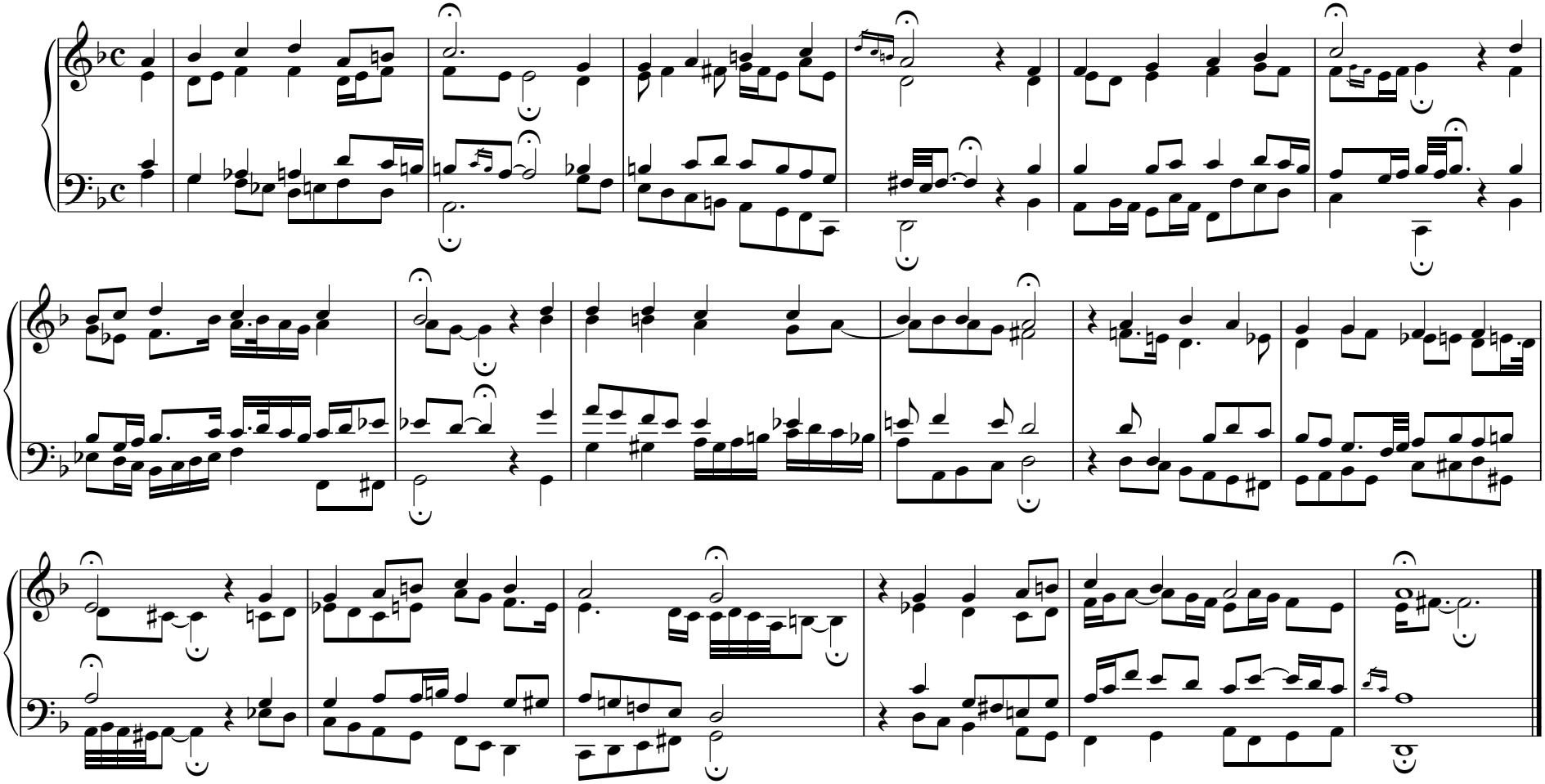


90. O Gott, du frommer Gott | *O God, Thou Faithful God*

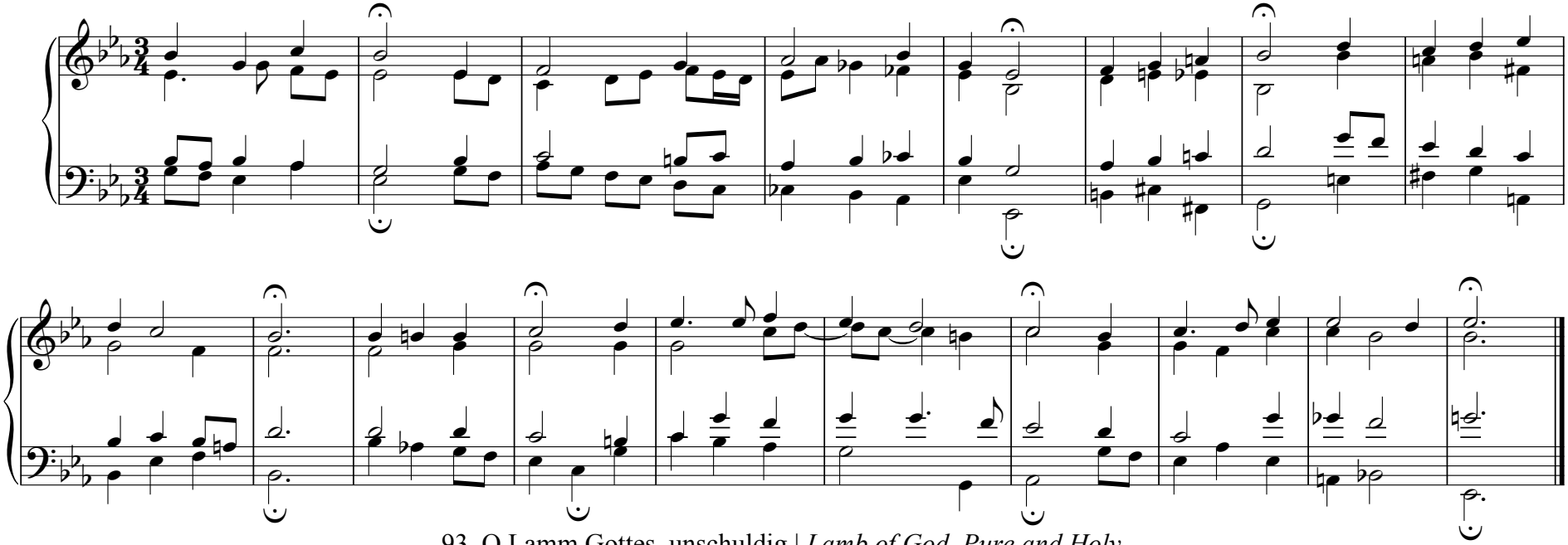




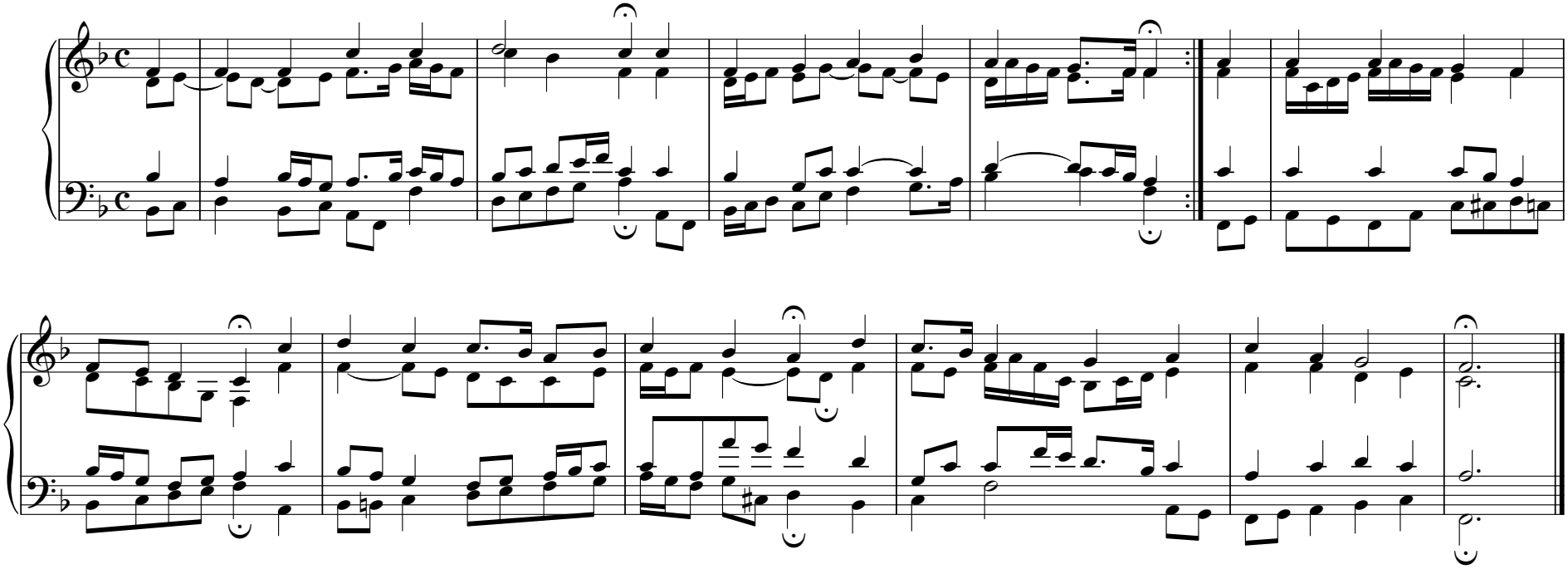
91. O großer Gott von Macht | *O God of God, O Light of Light*



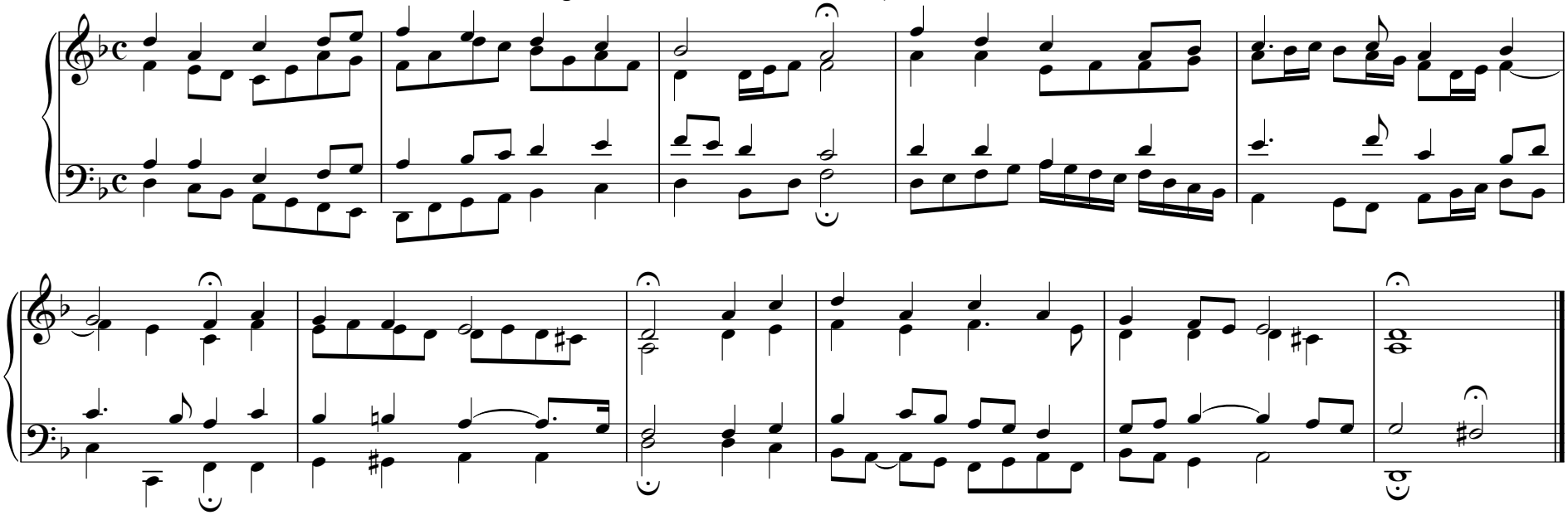
92. O Herzensangst, o Bangigkeit und Zagen | *O Fear, O Disquiet and Apprehension*



93. O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig | *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*



94. O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen | *Oh, How Blest Are Ye **1***



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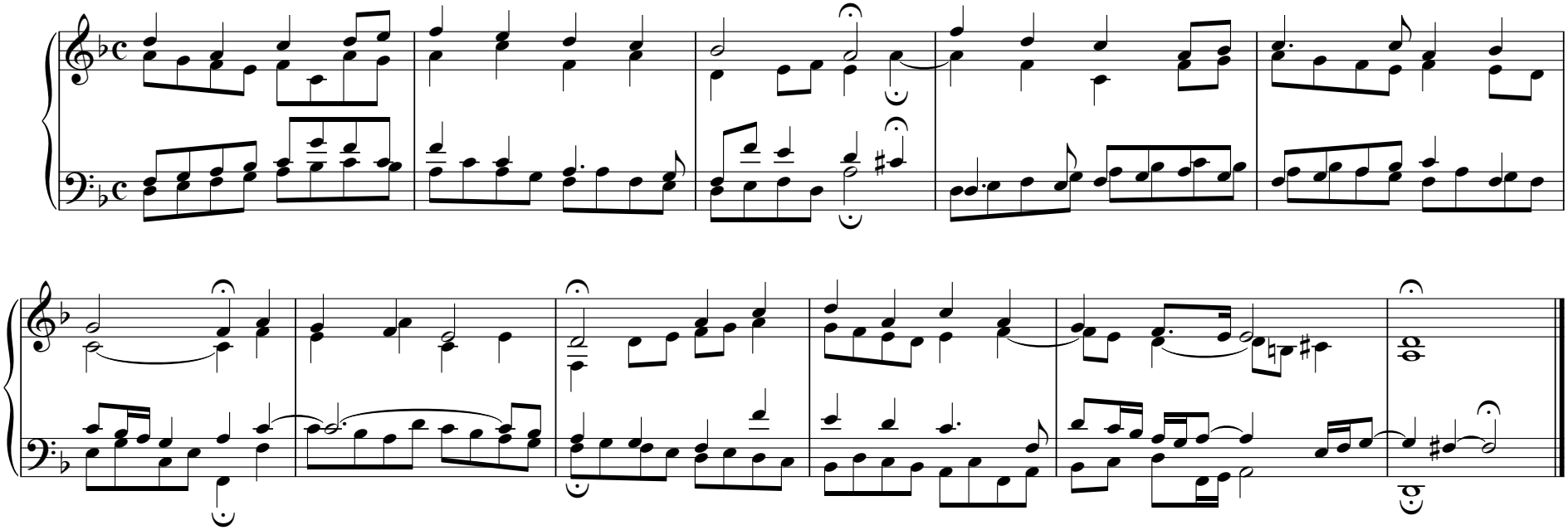

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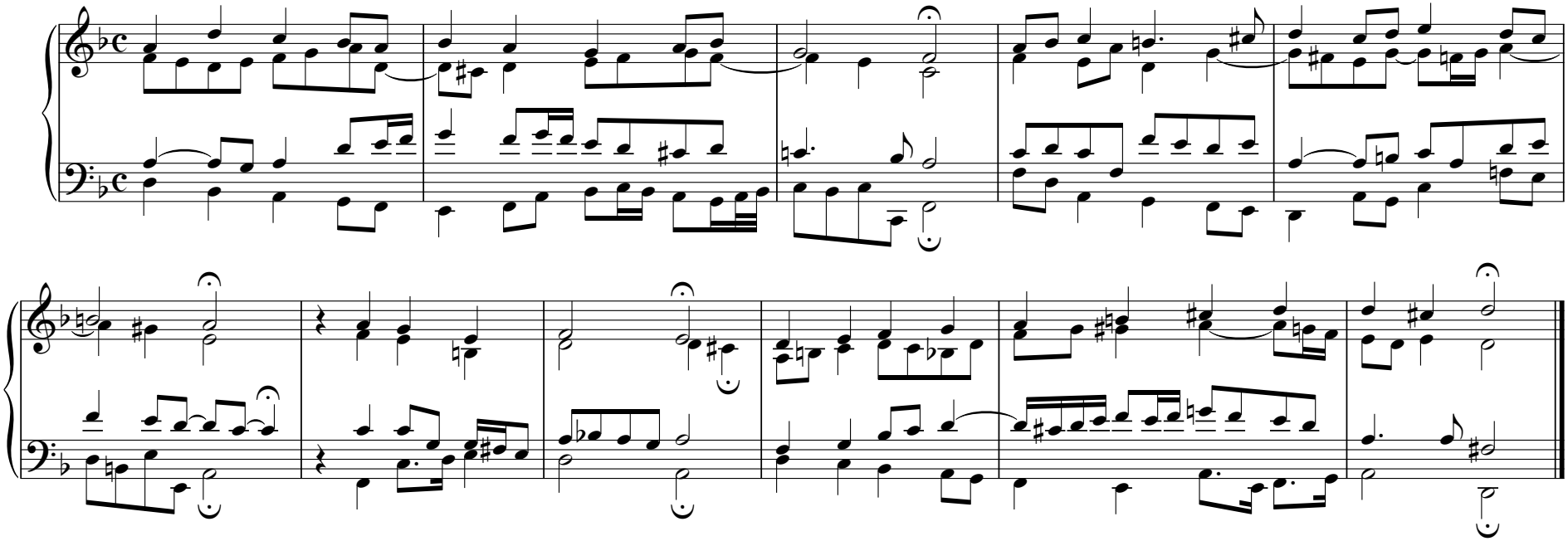
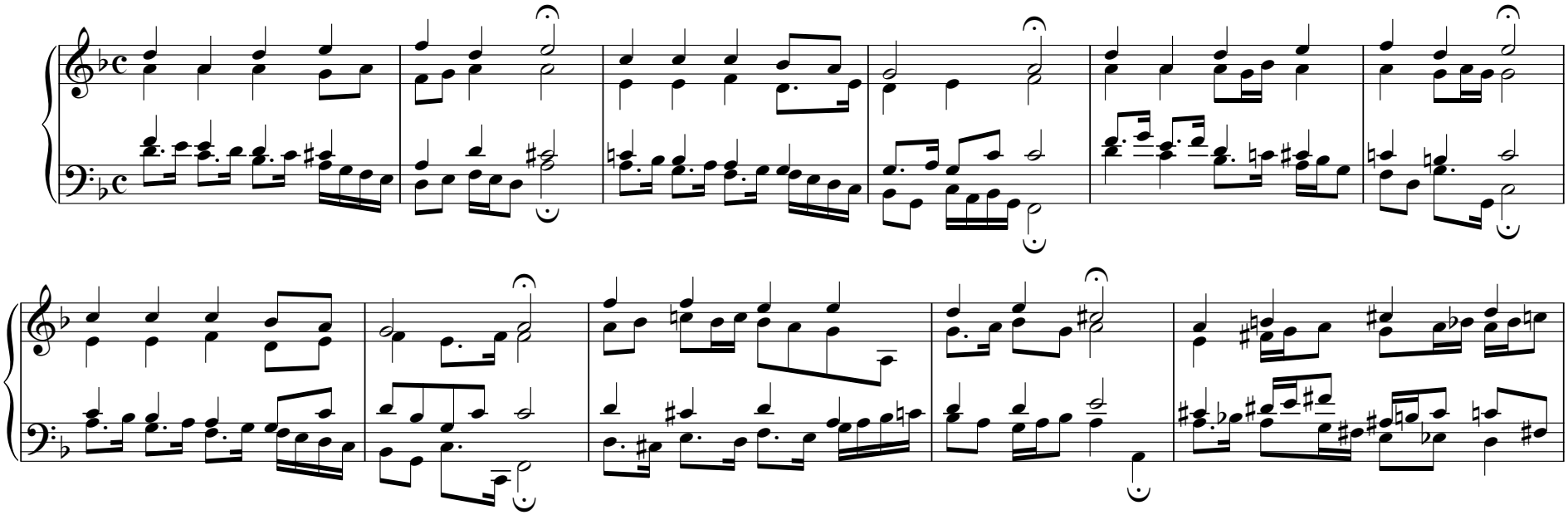
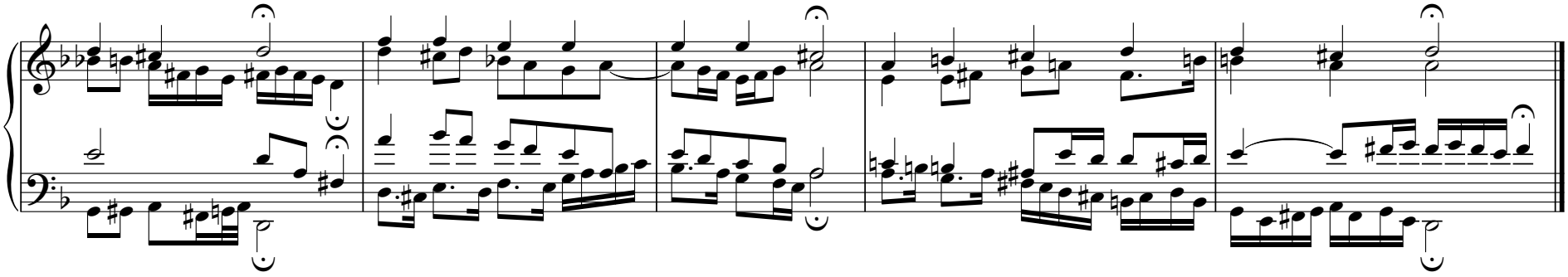
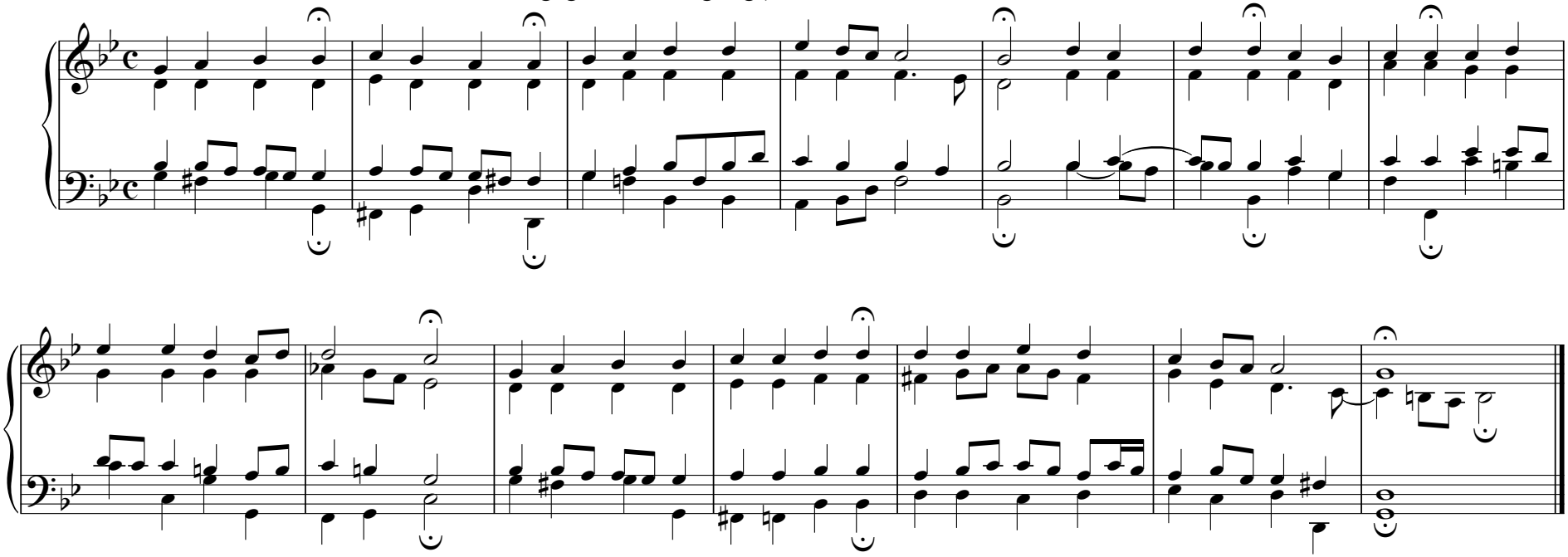


97. Schwing' dich auf zu deinem Gott | *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain*

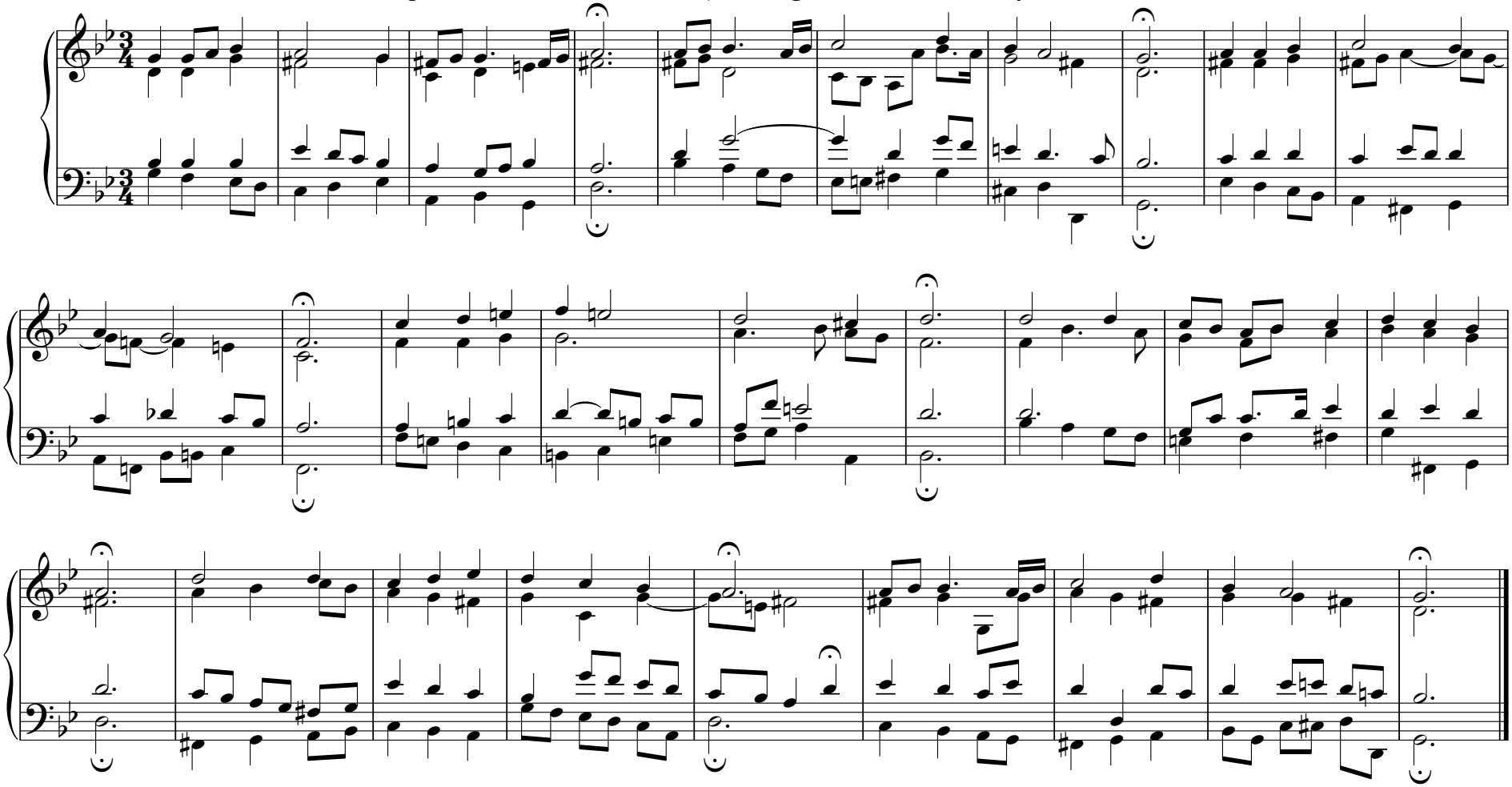




98. Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig | *Hail To Thee, Precious Savior*



99. Singen wir aus Herzens' Grund | *We Sing From The Bottom Of Our Hearts **1***



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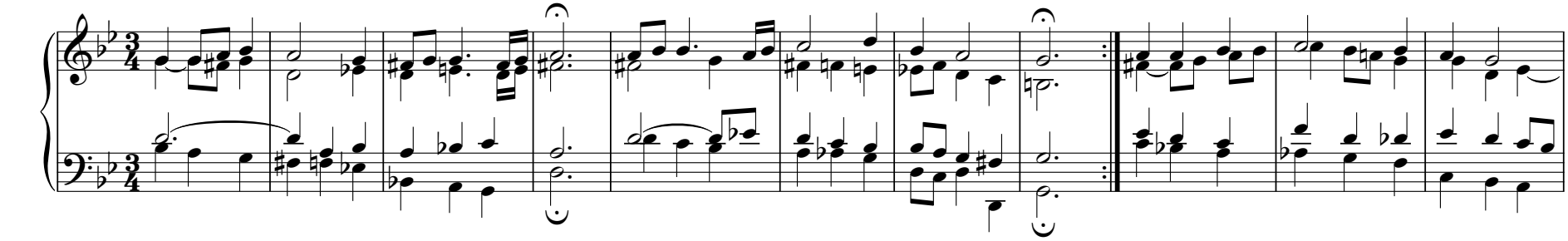
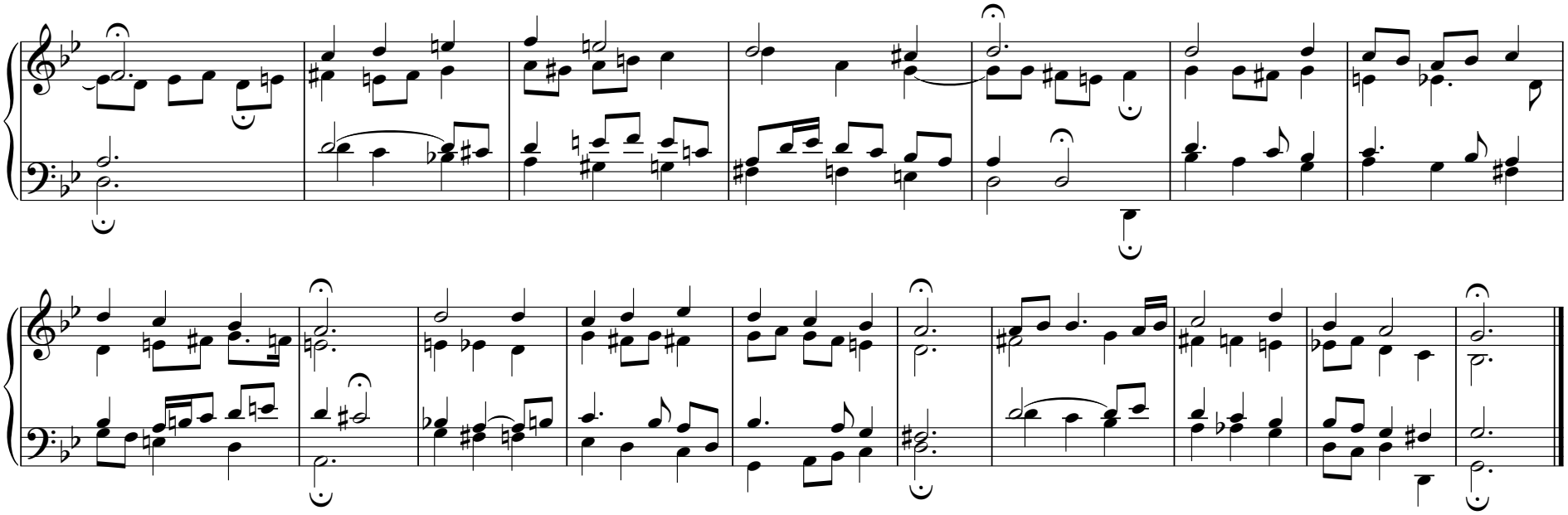
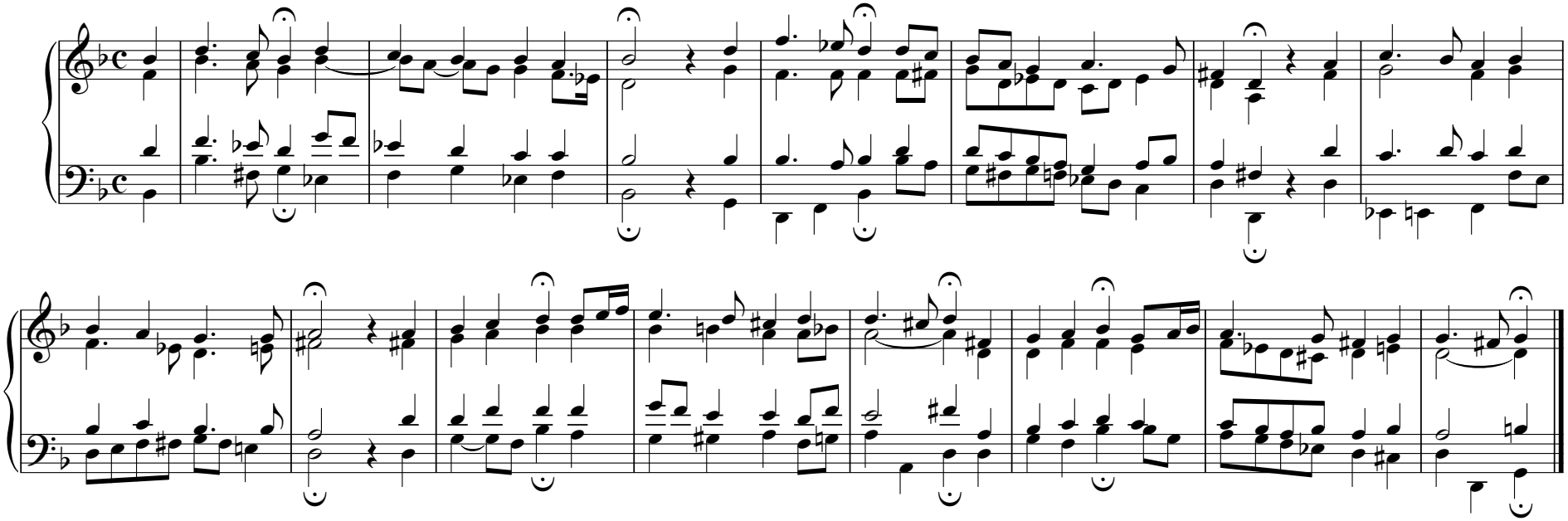
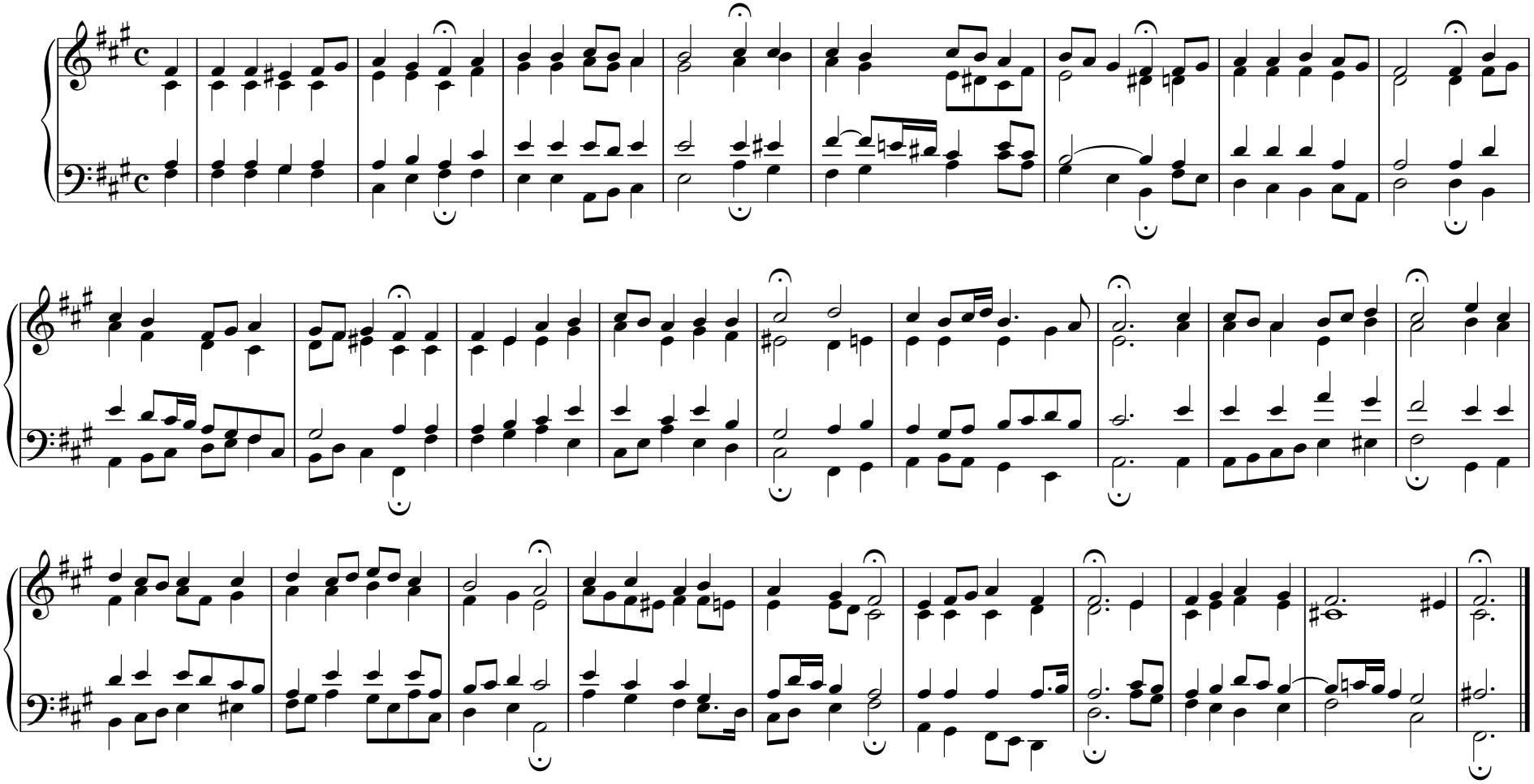




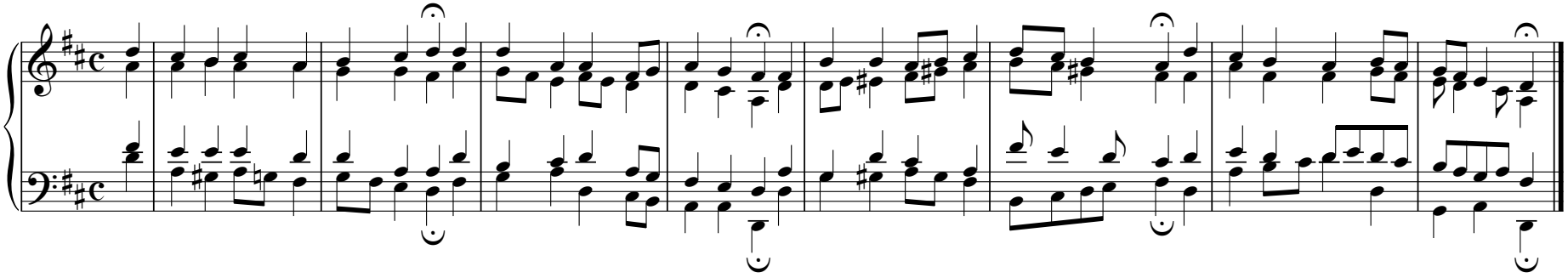
101. So gibst du nun, mein Jesu, gute Nacht | *So Now You Say Good Night, My Jesus*



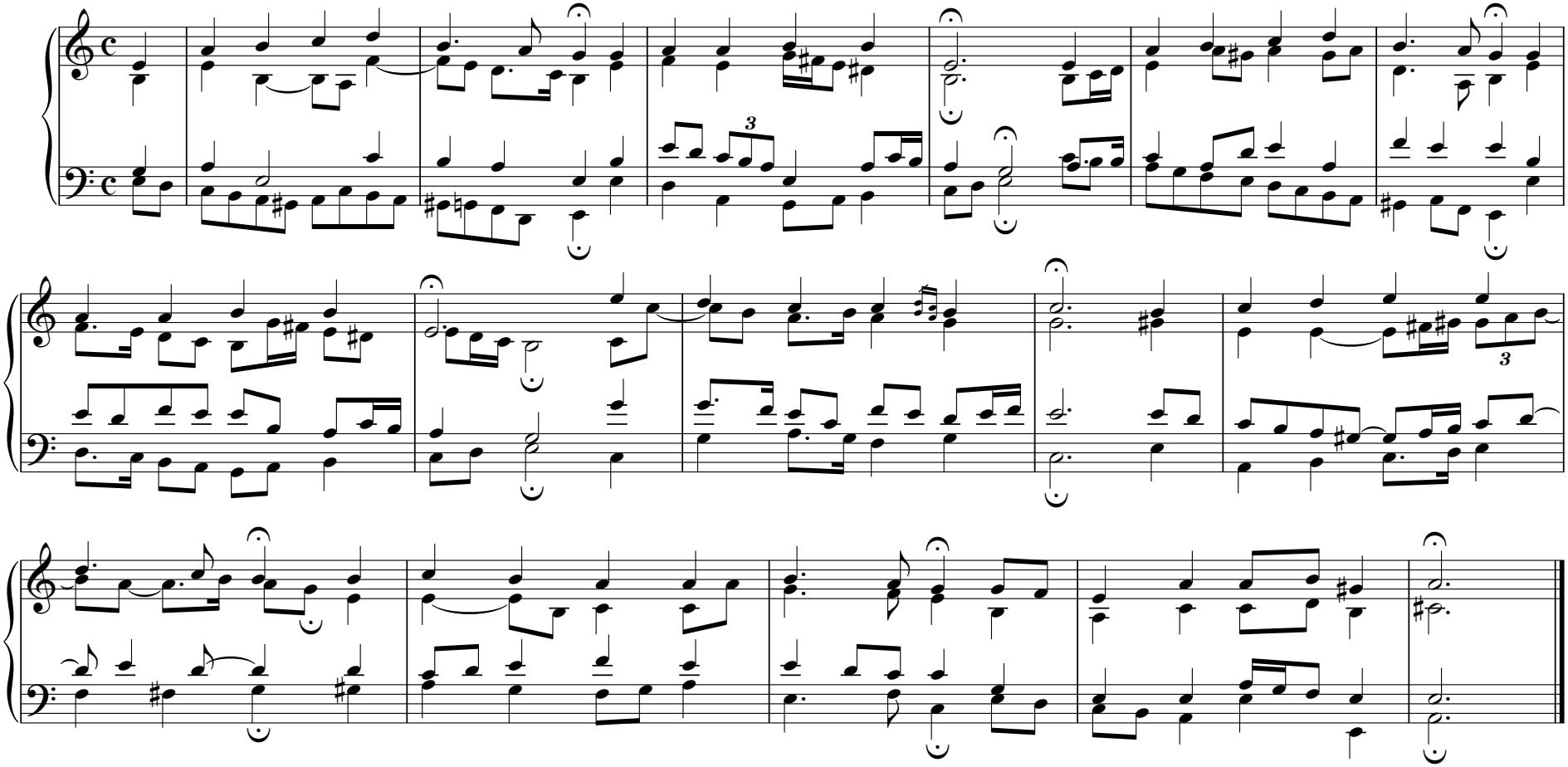
102. Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich | *Merciful God, Grant Us Peace*



103. Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her | *From Heaven Above To Earth I Come*



104. Von Gott will ich nicht lassen | *From God Shall Naught Divide Me* ***1***



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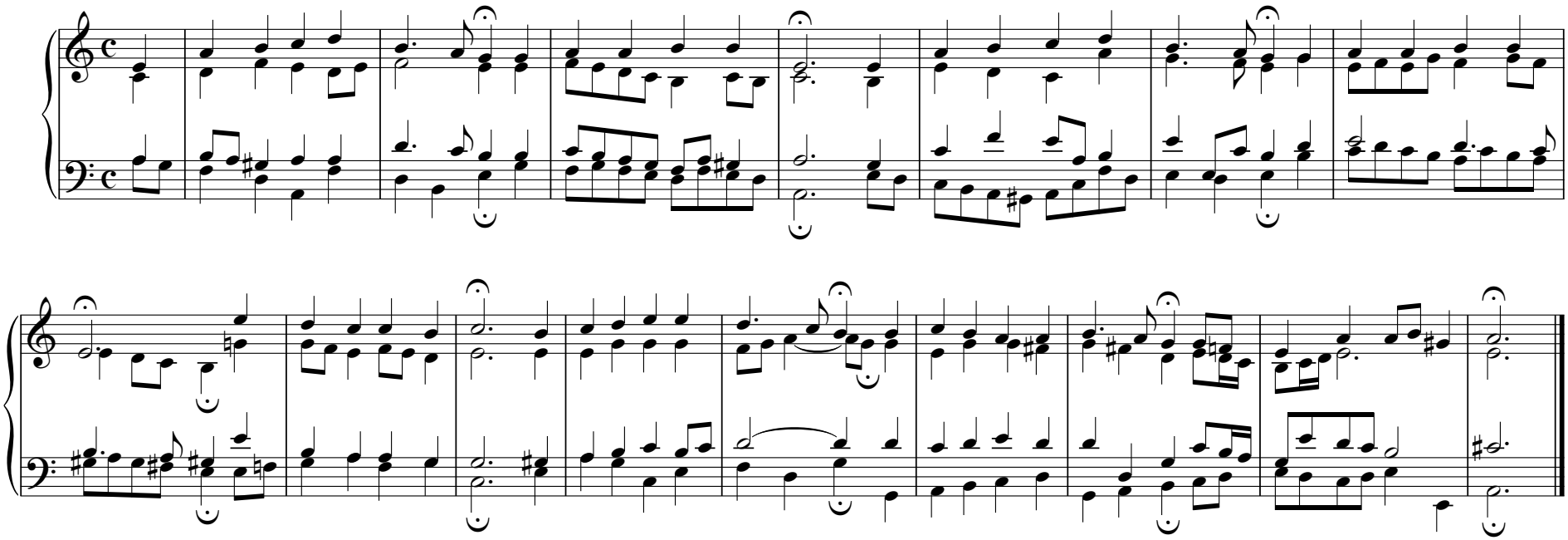
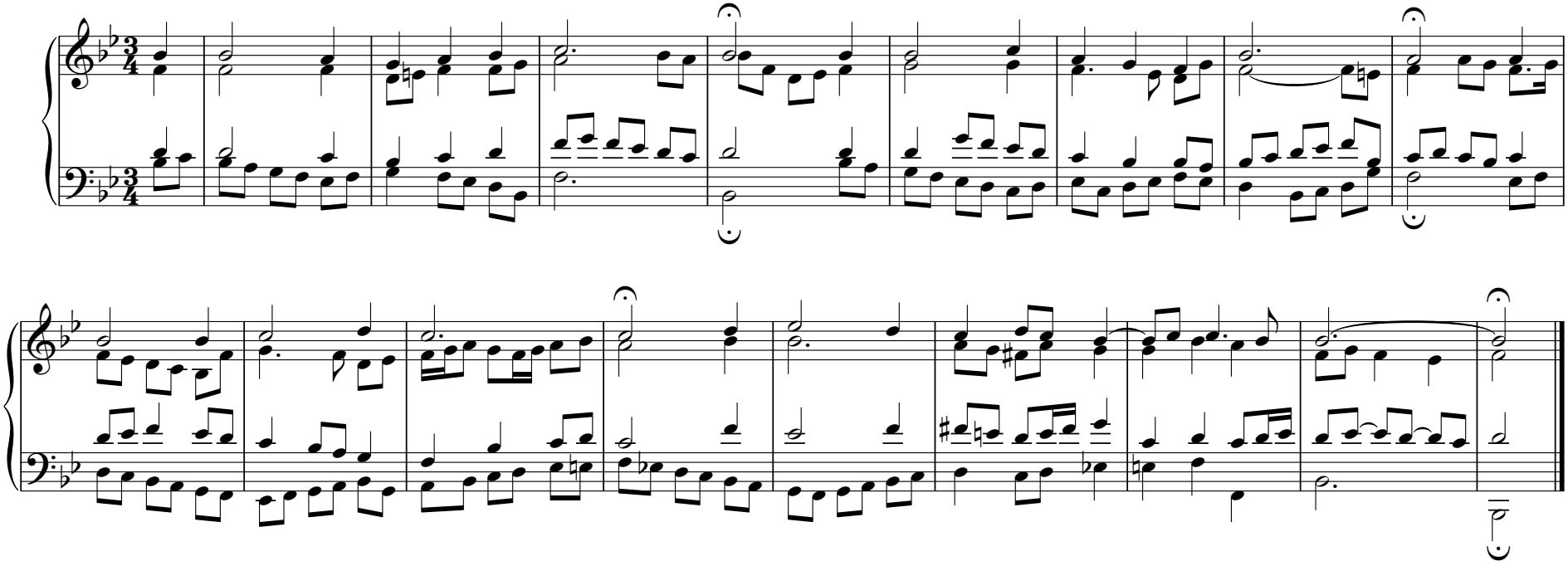
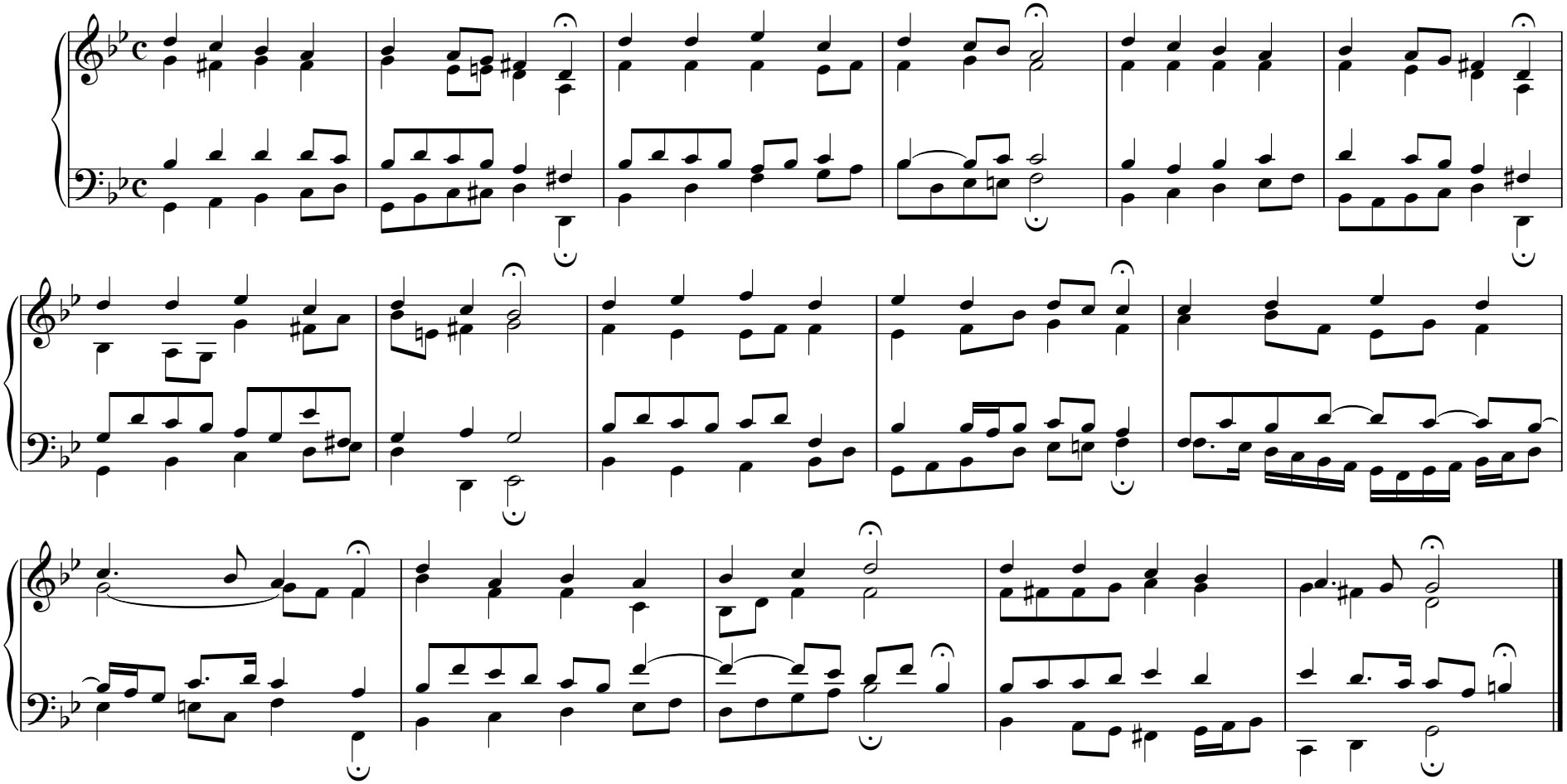


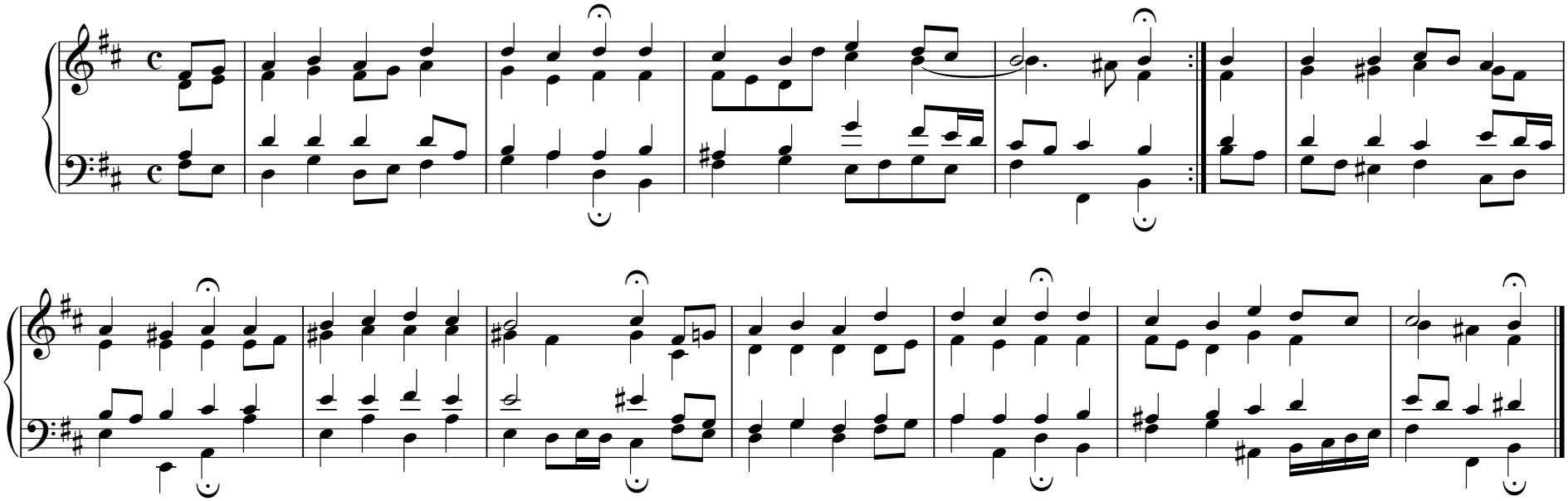
106. Wach auf, mein Herz | *Awake, My Heart*



107. Was betrübst du dich, mein Herze | *What Saddens Thee, My Heart*



108. Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh allzeit | *The Will Of God Is Always Best **1***



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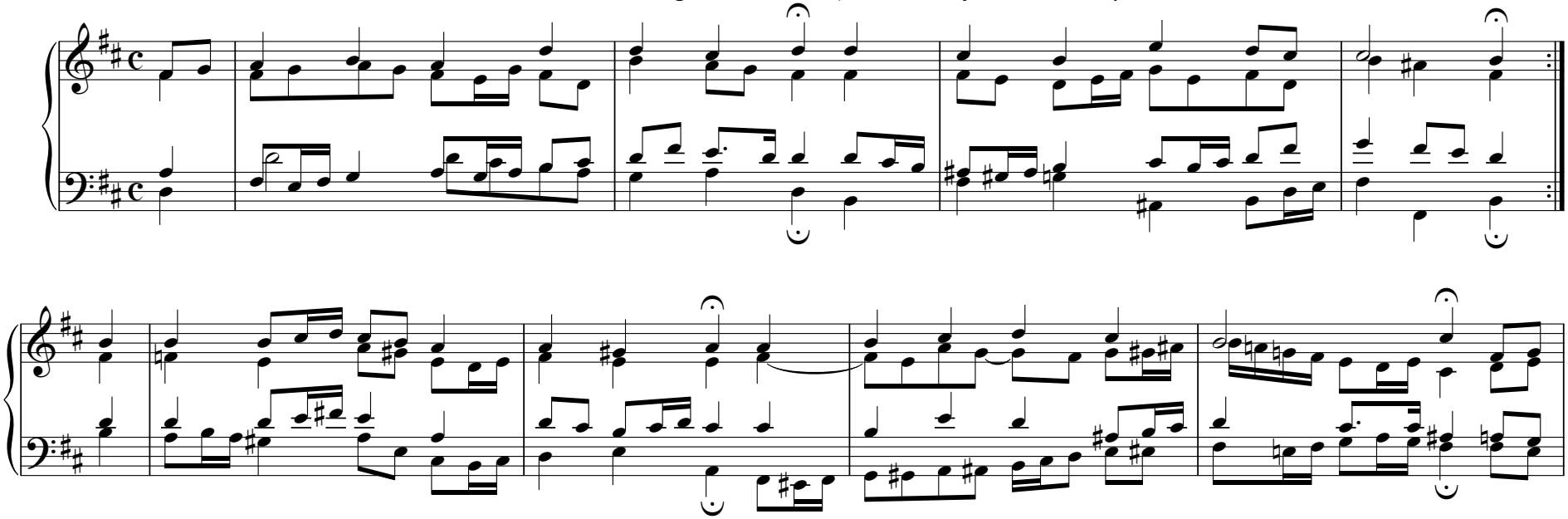
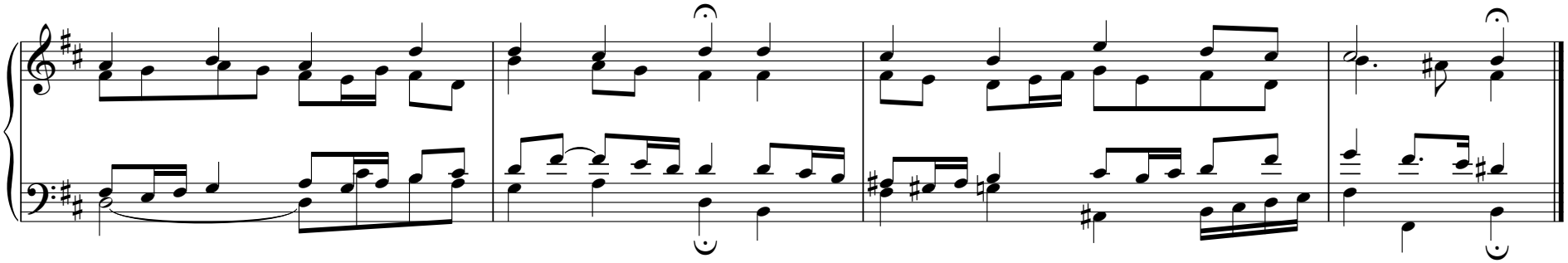
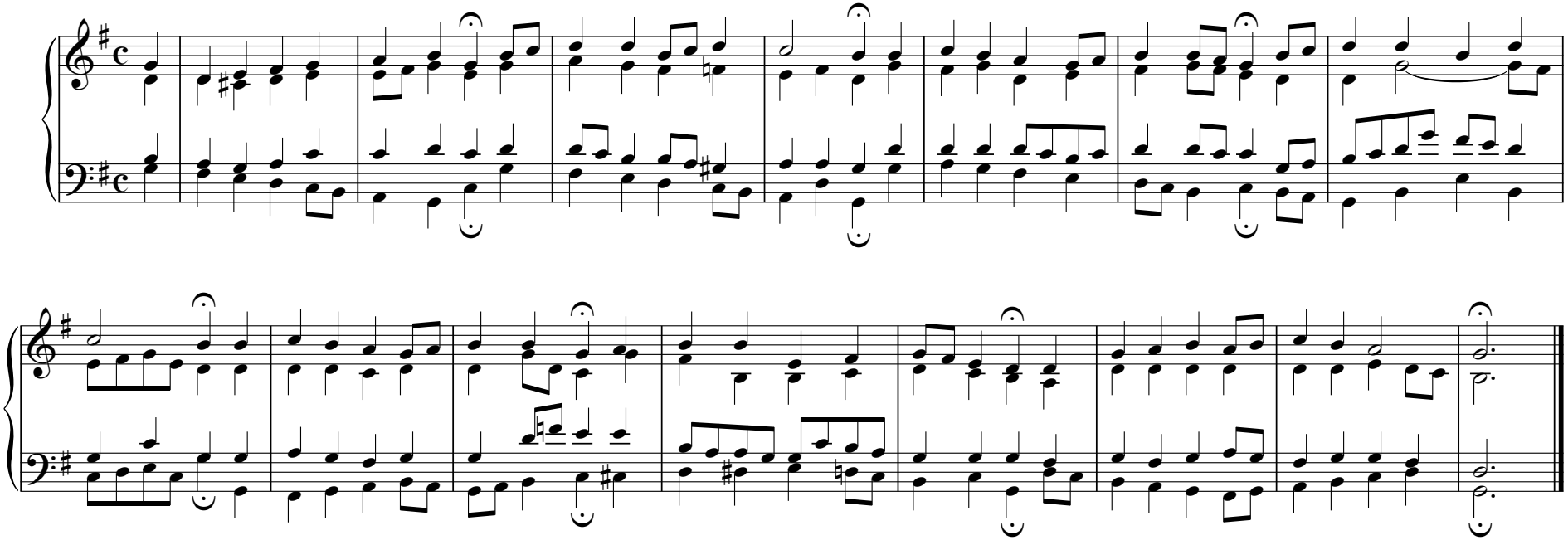
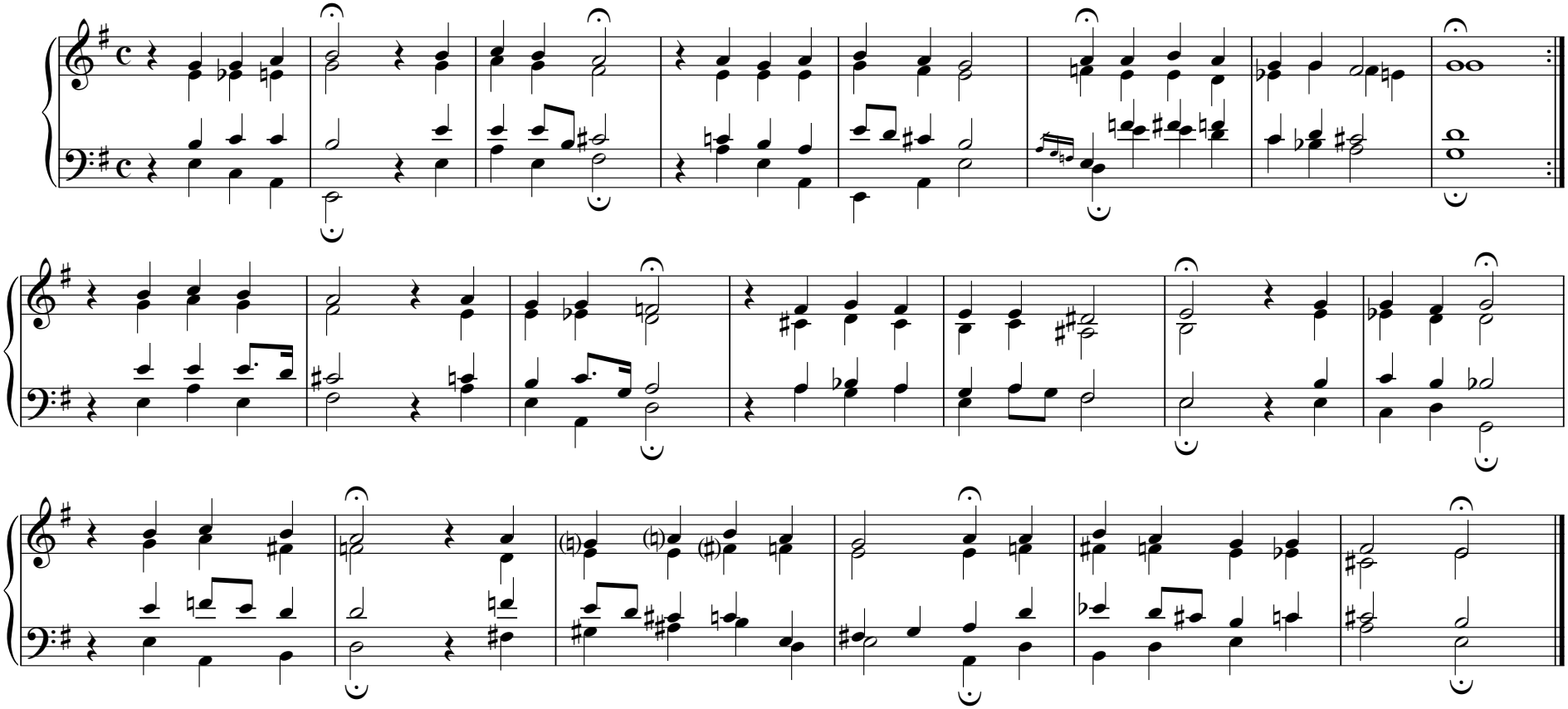




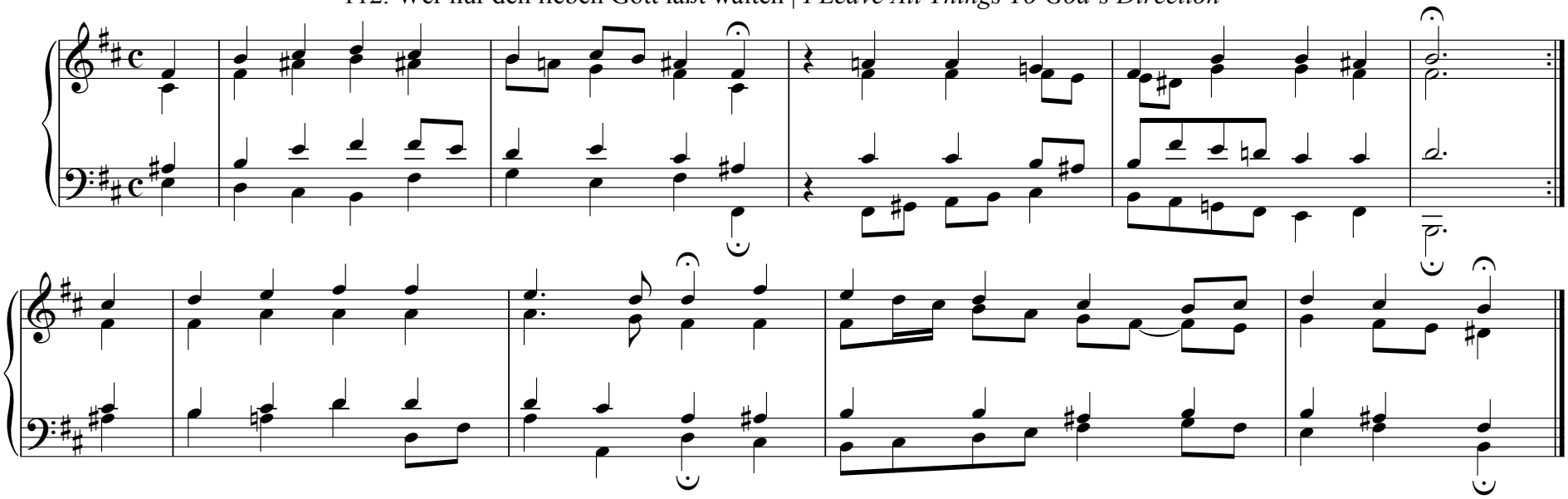
110. Wenn mein Stündlein vorhanden ist | *When My Last Hours Are Close At Hand*



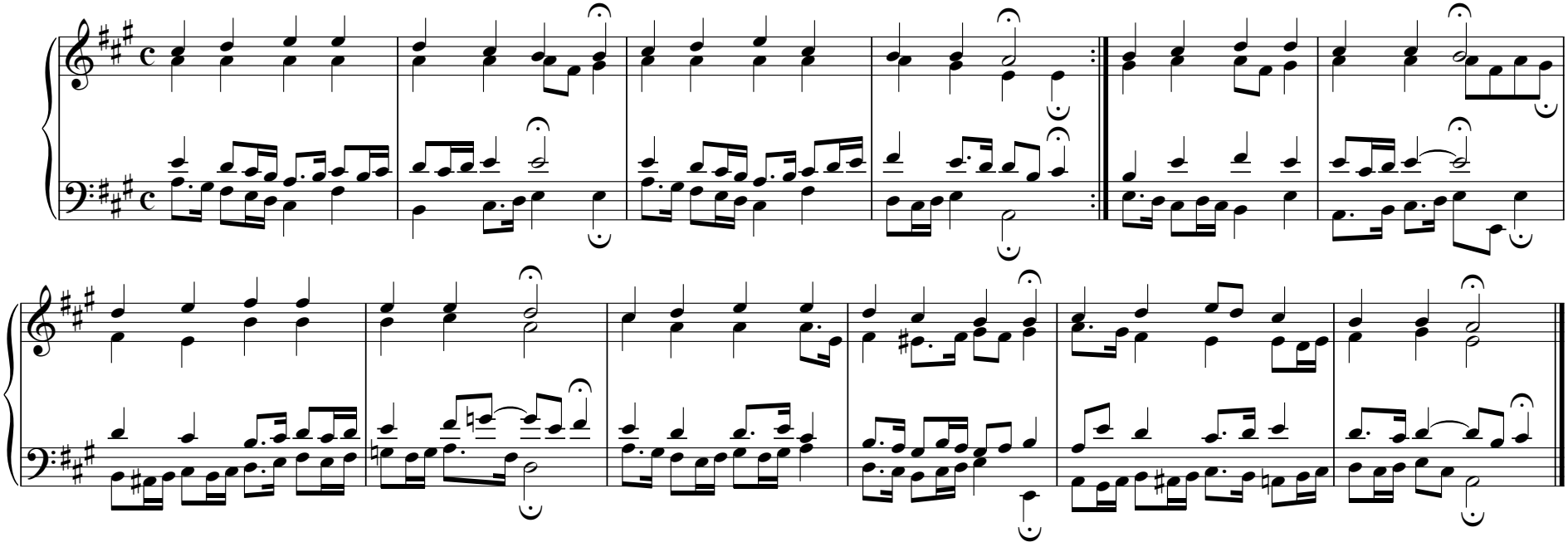
111. Wer Gott vertraut, hat wohl gebaut | *Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode*



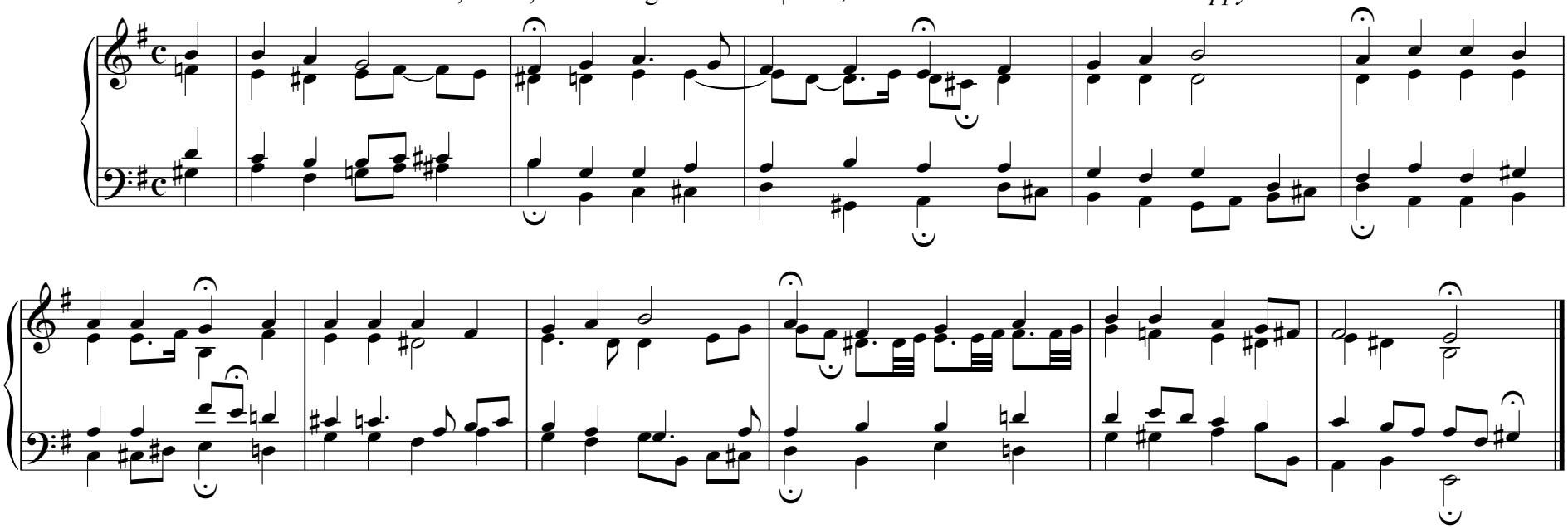
112. Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten | *I Leave All Things To God's Direction*



113. Werde munter, mein Gemüte | *Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit*



114. Wie bist du, Seele, in mir so gar betrübt? | *Soul, How Have You Become So Unhappy?* ***1***



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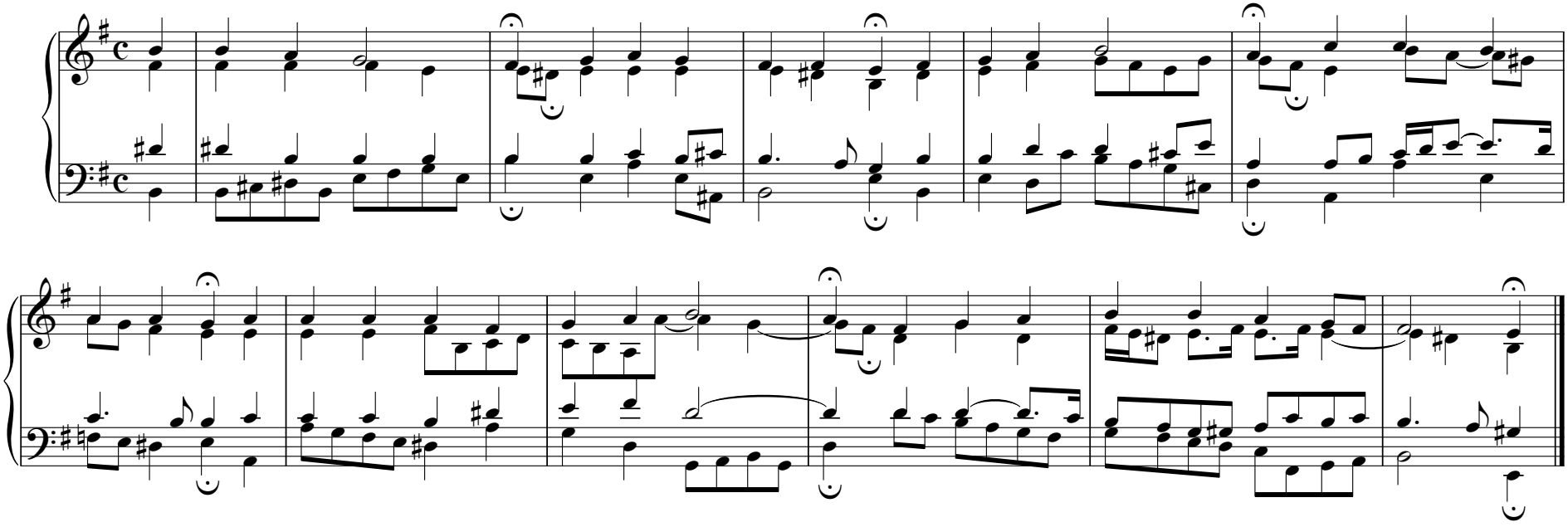
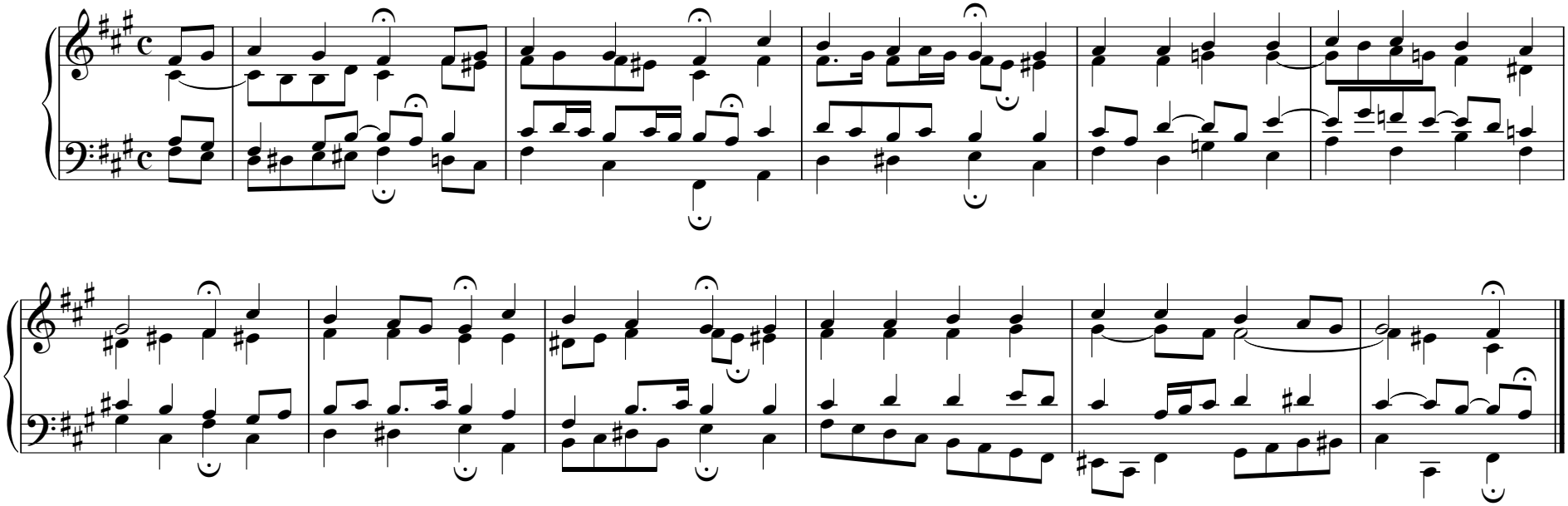
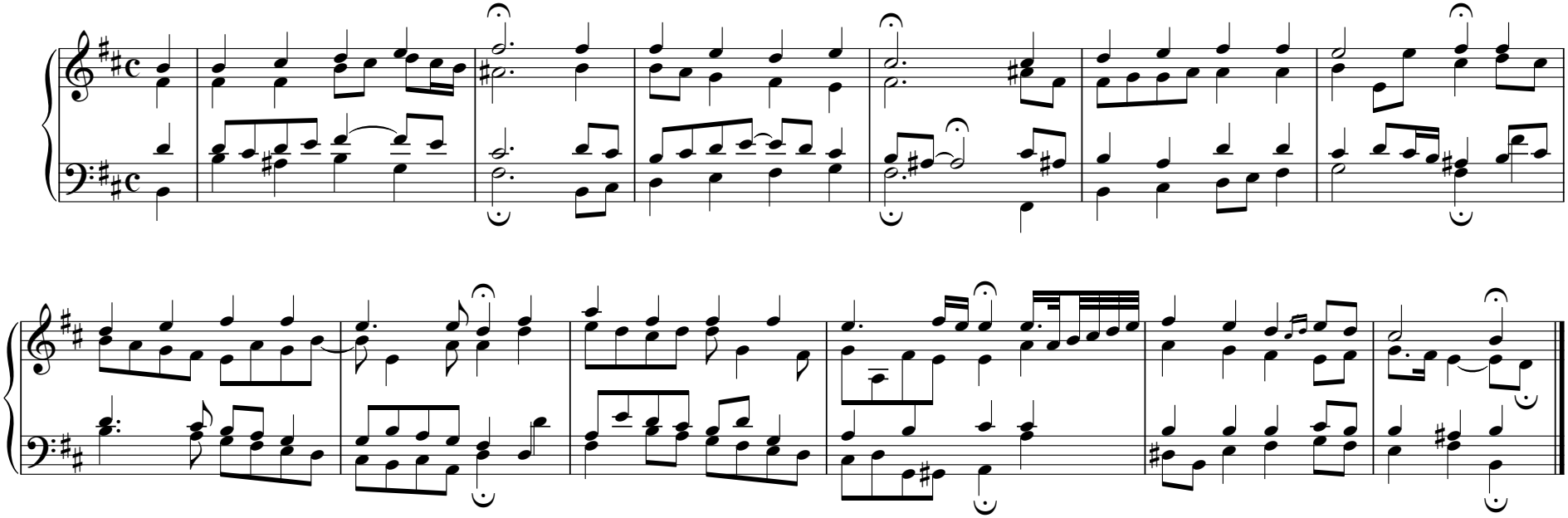


116. Wir Christenleut | *We Christian People*



117. Wo soll ich fliehen hin | *O Bride Of Christ, Rejoice*