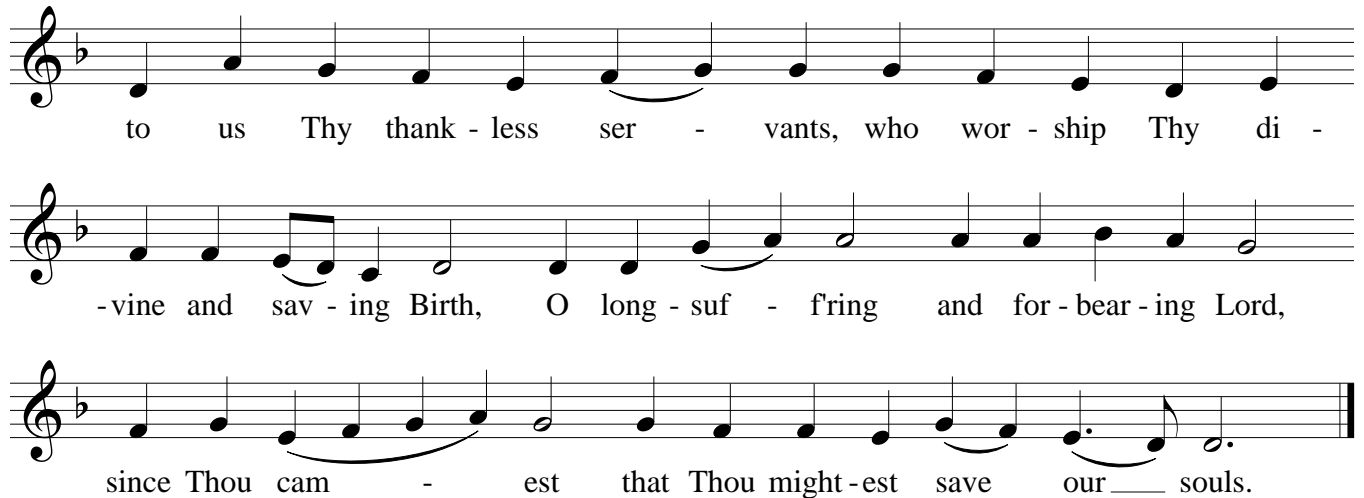
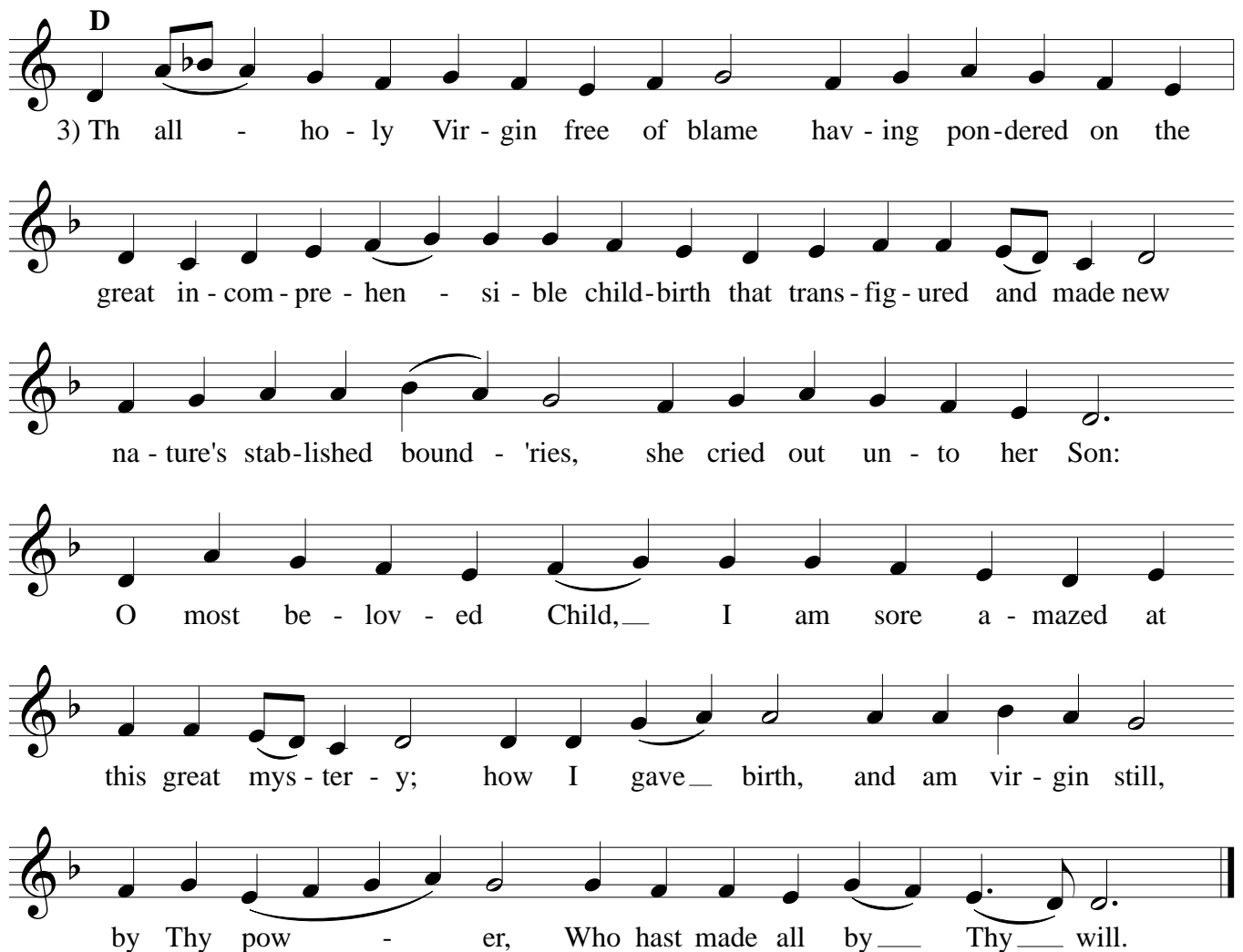


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to us Thy thank-less ser-vants, who wor-ship Thy di-vine and sav-ing Birth, O long-suf-fring and for-bear-ing Lord, since Thou cam-est that Thou might-est save our souls.

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3) Th all-ho-ly Vir-gin free of blame hav-ing pon-dered on the great in-com-pre-hen-si-ble child-birth that trans-fig-ured and made new na-ture's stab-lished bound-ries, she cried out un-to her Son: O most be-lov-ed Child, I am sore a-mazed at this great mys-ter-y; how I gave birth, and am vir-gin still, by Thy pow-er, Who hast made all by Thy will.