Lamp of Our Feet

WORD OF GOD

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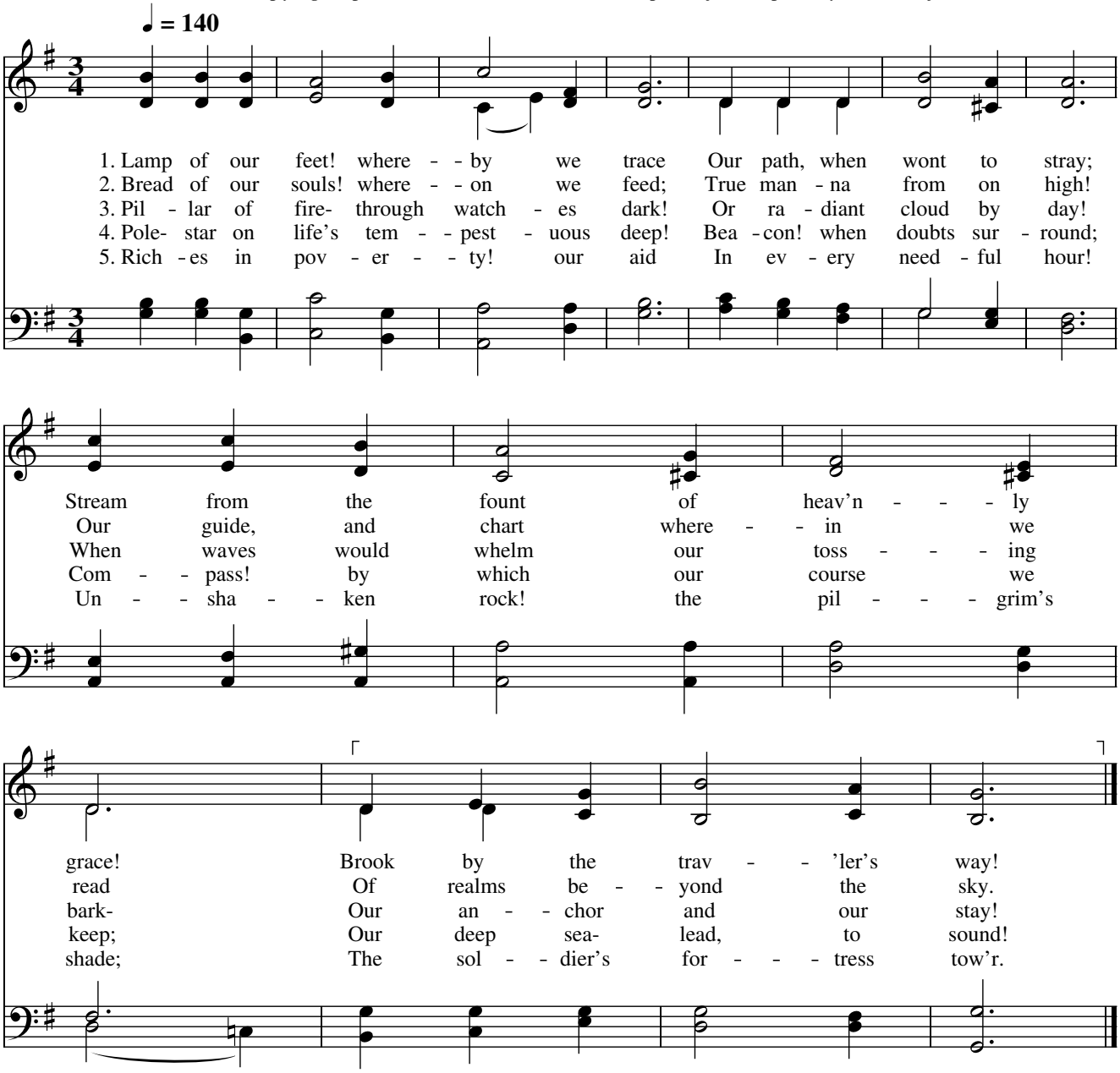
6. Our shield and buckler in the fight!
   Vict'ry's triumphant palm!
   Comfort in grief! in weakness, might!
   In sickness, Gilead's balm.

7. Childhood's preceptor! manhood's trust!
   Old age's firm ally!
   Our hope-when we go down to dust,
   Of immortality.

8. Pure oracles of truth divine!
   Unlike each fabled dream
   Given forth from Delphos' mystic shrine
   Or groves of Academe!

9. Word of the ever-living God!
   Will of His glorious Son!
   Without Thee, how could earth be trod?
   Or Heaven itself be won?

10. Yet to unfold thy hidden worth,
    Thy mysteries to reveal,
    That Spirit which first gave thee forth,
    Thy volume must unseal!

11. And we, if we aright would learn
    The wisdom it imparts,
    Must to its heavenly teaching turn
    With simple, child-like hearts!

Ps 119:105, 2Pt 1:19-21, Jn 1:1-5, 1:14, 5:24, 17:17, Deut 8:3, Lk 1:1-4, 4:32, 1Cor 1:18, Col 3:16, 1Pt 1:25, 1Jn 1:1-3

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