O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

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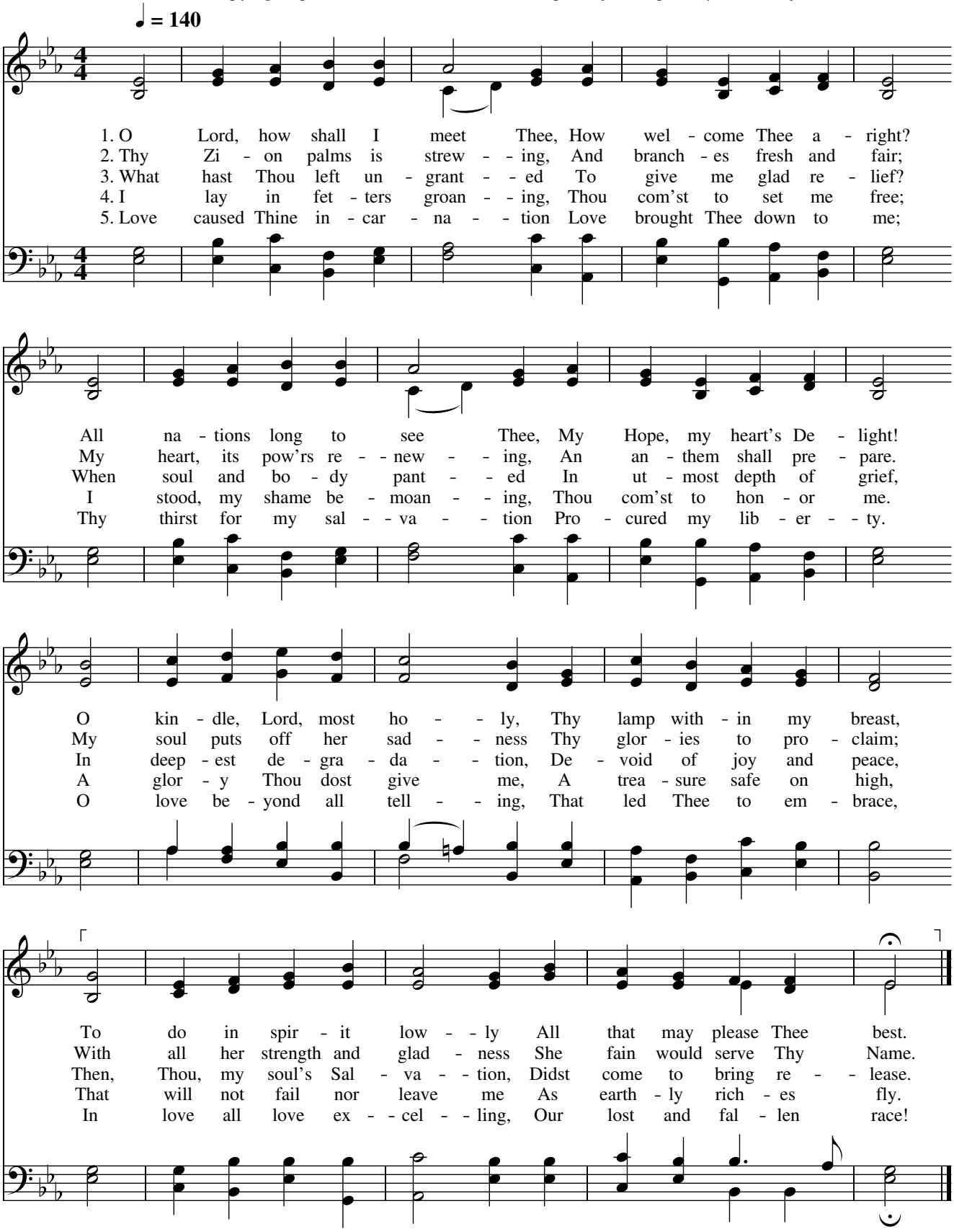
Mt 21:1-9, Ps 42:1-2

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6. Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted, Who sit in deepest gloom,
   Who mourn o'er joys departed, And tremble at your doom:
   Despair not, He is near you, Yea, standing at the door;
   He brings His pity near you, And bids you weep no more.

7. No care nor effort either Is needed day or night,
   How ye may draw Him hither In your own strength and might.
   He comes, He comes with gladness, Moved by His love alone,
   To calm your fear and sadness, To Him they well are known.

8. Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Let not your souls distress;
   Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover with His grace.
   He comes, He comes procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n,
   To all God's sons securing Their part and lot in heav'n.

9. Why should the wicked move you? Heed not their craft and spite!
   Your Savior who doth love you, Will scatter all their might.
   He comes, a King most glorious, and all His earthly foes
   In vain His course victorious Endeavor to oppose.

10. He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,
    A light of consolations And blessed hope to those
    Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
    Send forth Thy beams so cheering, And guide is safely home!

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