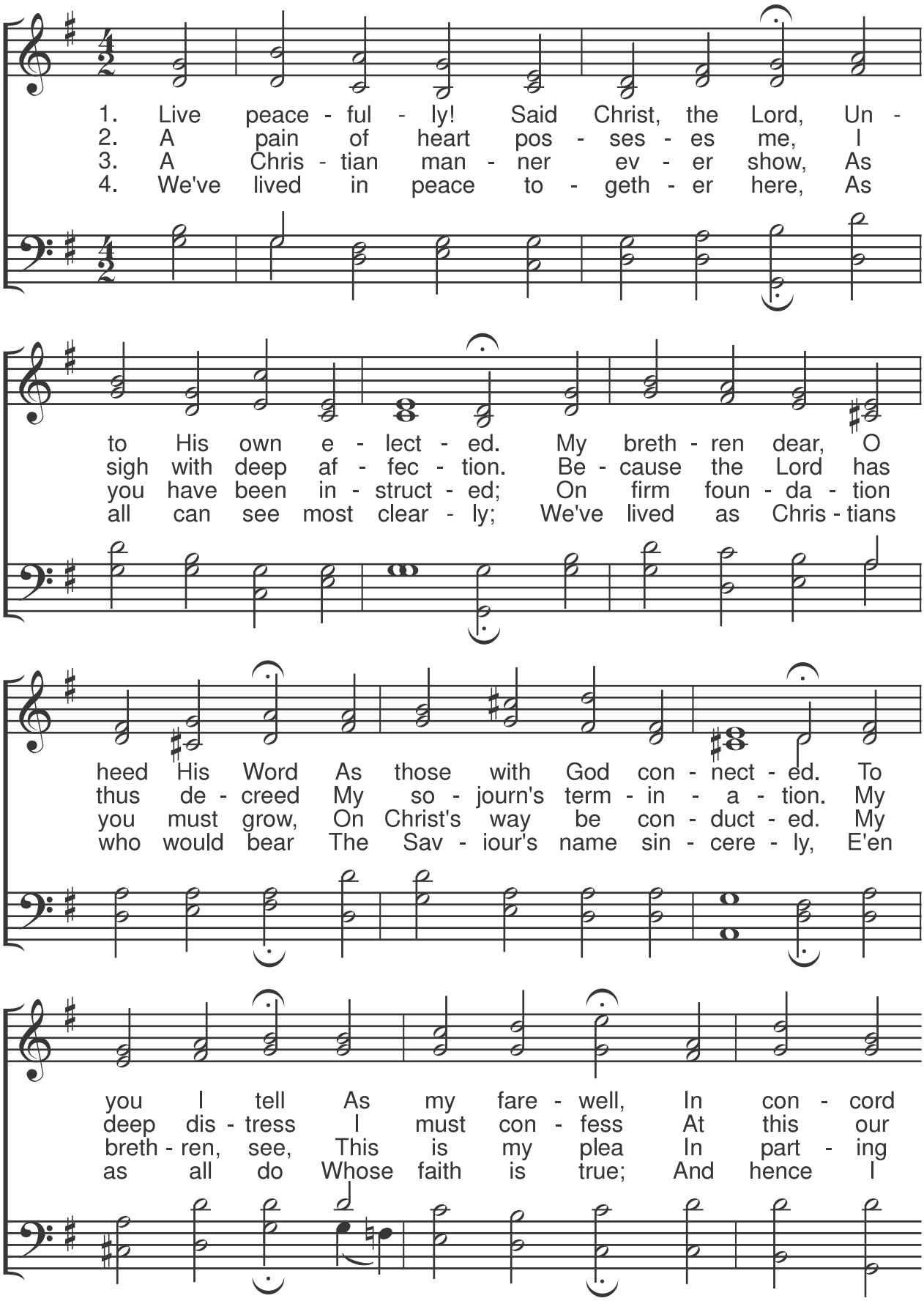
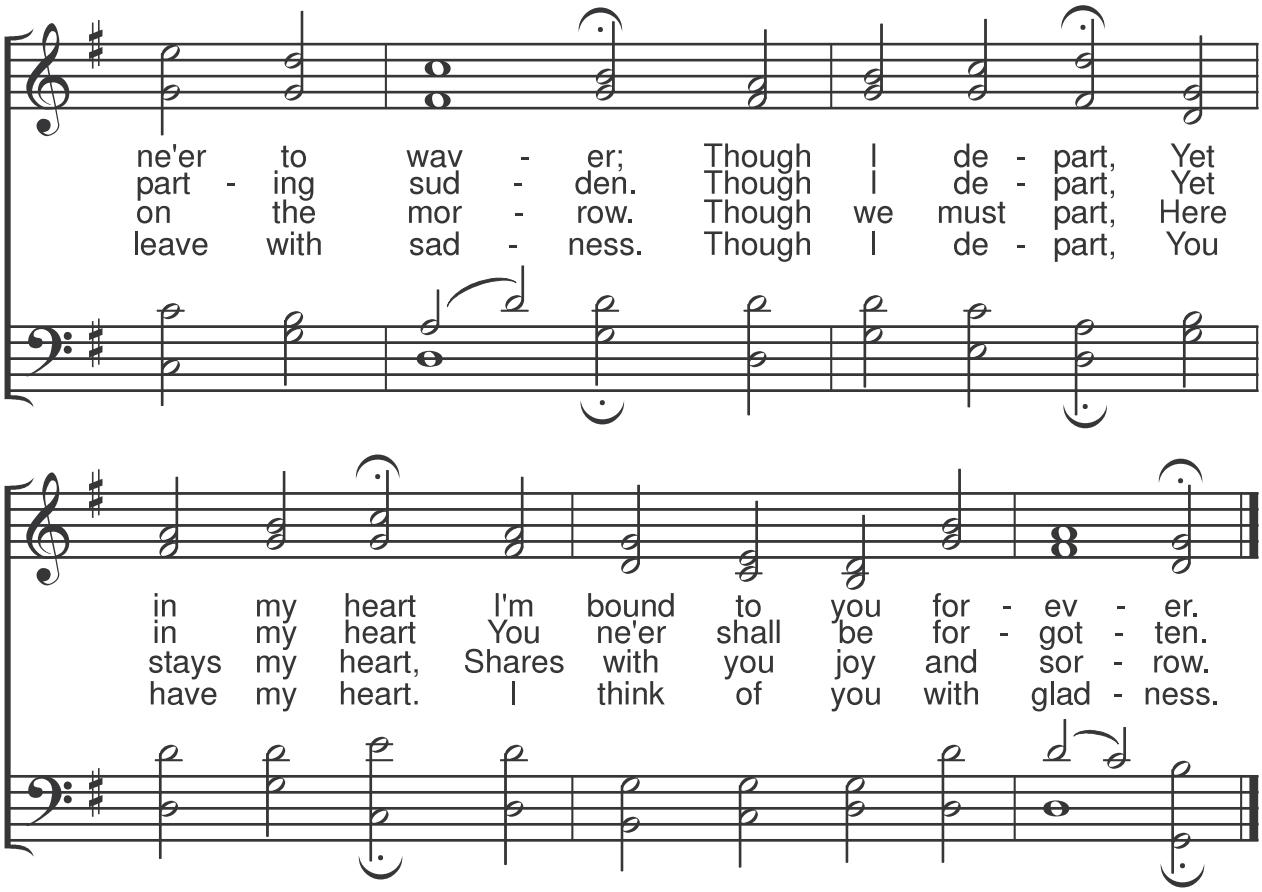
195. FAREWELL





5. My loving friends, full many a tear
Have I shed for you, weeping;
This has been done in love sincere
While I my watch was keeping.
For night and day My heart did pray:
"God keep you ev'ry hour!"
Though I depart,
You have my heart
That you with love will shower.

6. Ye fathers, strive with courage bold,
In sowing and in reaping;
With watchful care attend the fold
That God puts in your keeping.
Then Christ the Lord As your reward
The crown of life will render.
Although we part,
Yet shall my heart
In love to you surrender.

7. Ye children, in submission yield
Due rev'rence to the fathers.
Through love and peace shall be revealed
How good fruits you may gather.
Each heart increase In perfect peace
And joy in Christ the Saviour;
Though now we part,
Yet pleads my heart:
Learn wisdom, truth and favor!

8. Praised be the Lord who gives us strength,
Who leads and gives direction.
My brethren, when you kneel in pray'r,
For me make intercession.
'Twill not be vain; Pray'r as a chain
Binds us in God together,
And when we part,
Unites each heart
In Jesus' name forever.