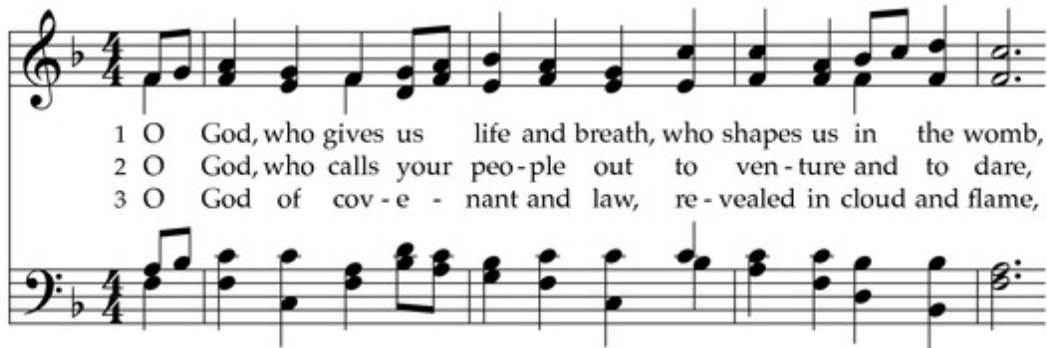
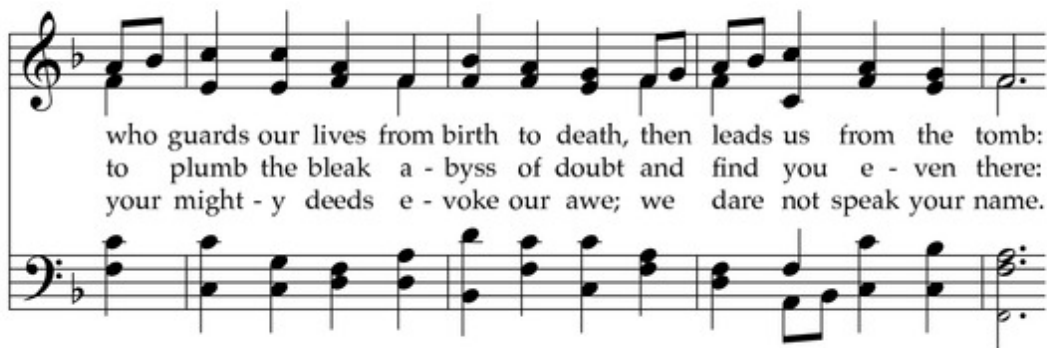


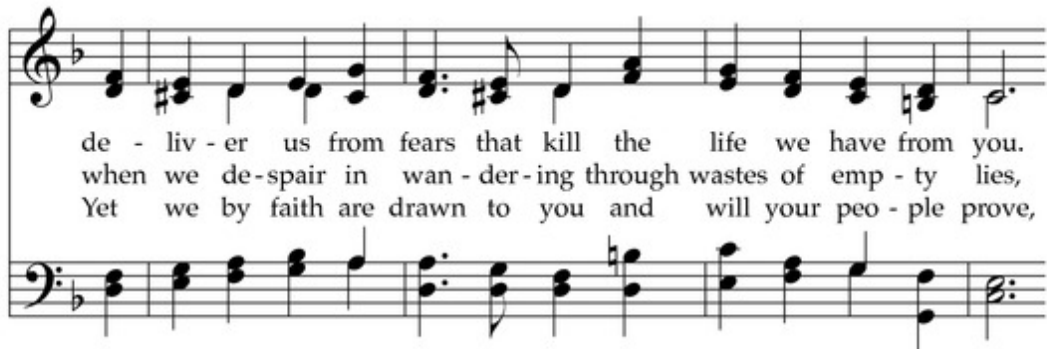
53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e-nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a-bys-s of doubt and find you e-ven there:
 your might-y deeds e-voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de-liv-er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan-der-ing through wastes of emp-ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo-ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir-it still is mak-ing all things new.
 re-fresh us with the liv-ing spring of hope that nev-er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a-new the cov-e-nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).