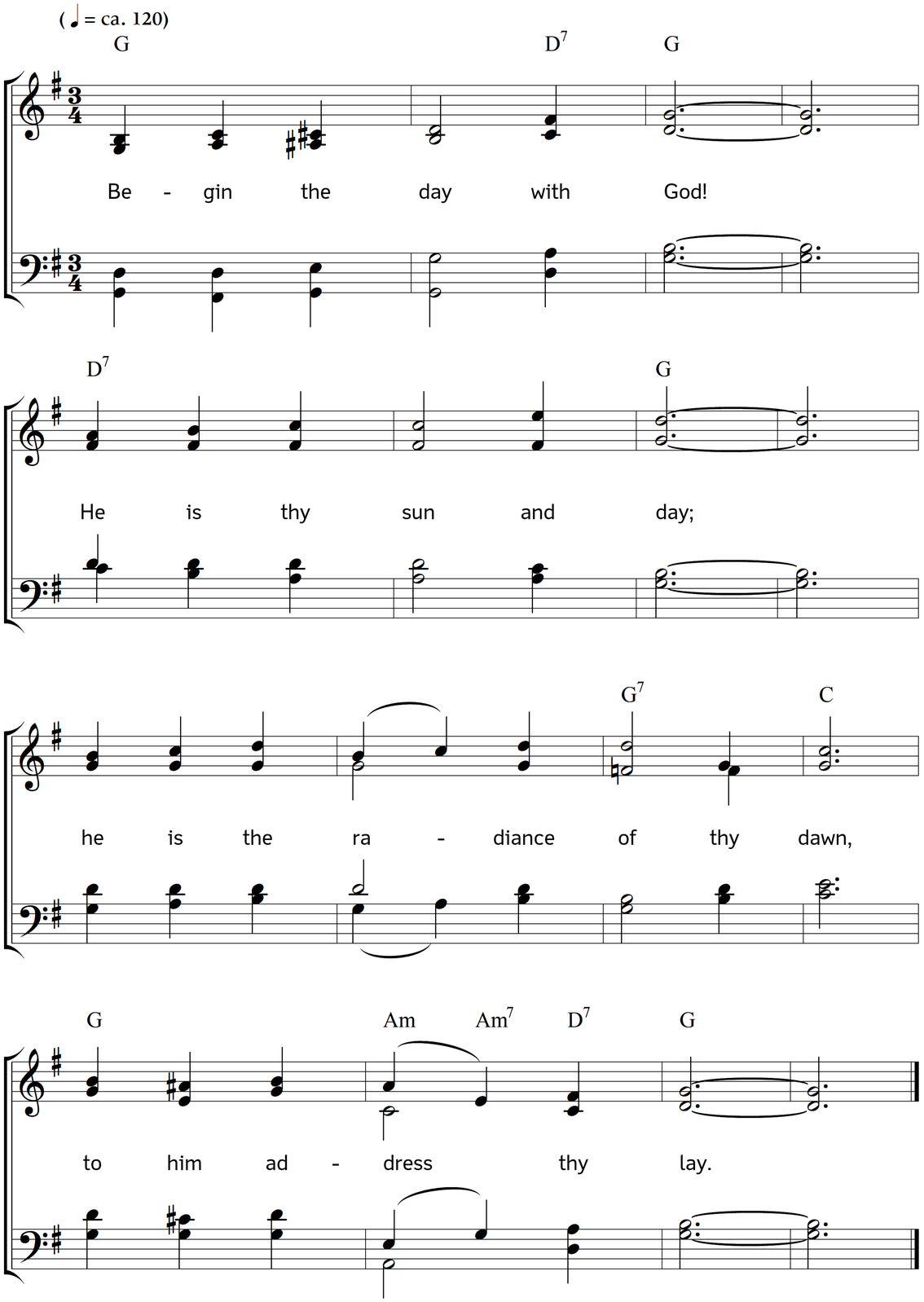
BEGIN WITH GOD



2. Sing a new song at morn!
  Join the glad woods and hills;
join the fresh winds and seas and plains,
  join the bright flowers and rills.

3. Sing thy first song to God!
  Not to thy fellow-man;
not to the creatures of his hand,
  but to the glorious One.

4. Awake, cold lips, and sing!
  Arise, dull knees, and pray;
lift up, O man, thy heart and eyes,
  brush slothfulness away.

5. Look up beyond these clouds!
  Thither thy pathway lies;
mount up, away, and linger not,
  thy goal is yonder skies.

6. Cast every weight aside!
  Do battle with each sin;
fight with the faithless world without,
  the faithless heart within.

7. Take thy first meal with God!
  He is thy heavenly food;
feed w i t h and o n him; he with thee
  will feast in brotherhood.

8. Take thy first walk with God!
  Let him go forth with thee;
by stream, or sea, or mountain-path,
  seek still his company.

9. Thy first transaction be
  with God himself above!
So shall thy business prosper well,
  and all thy day be love.

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