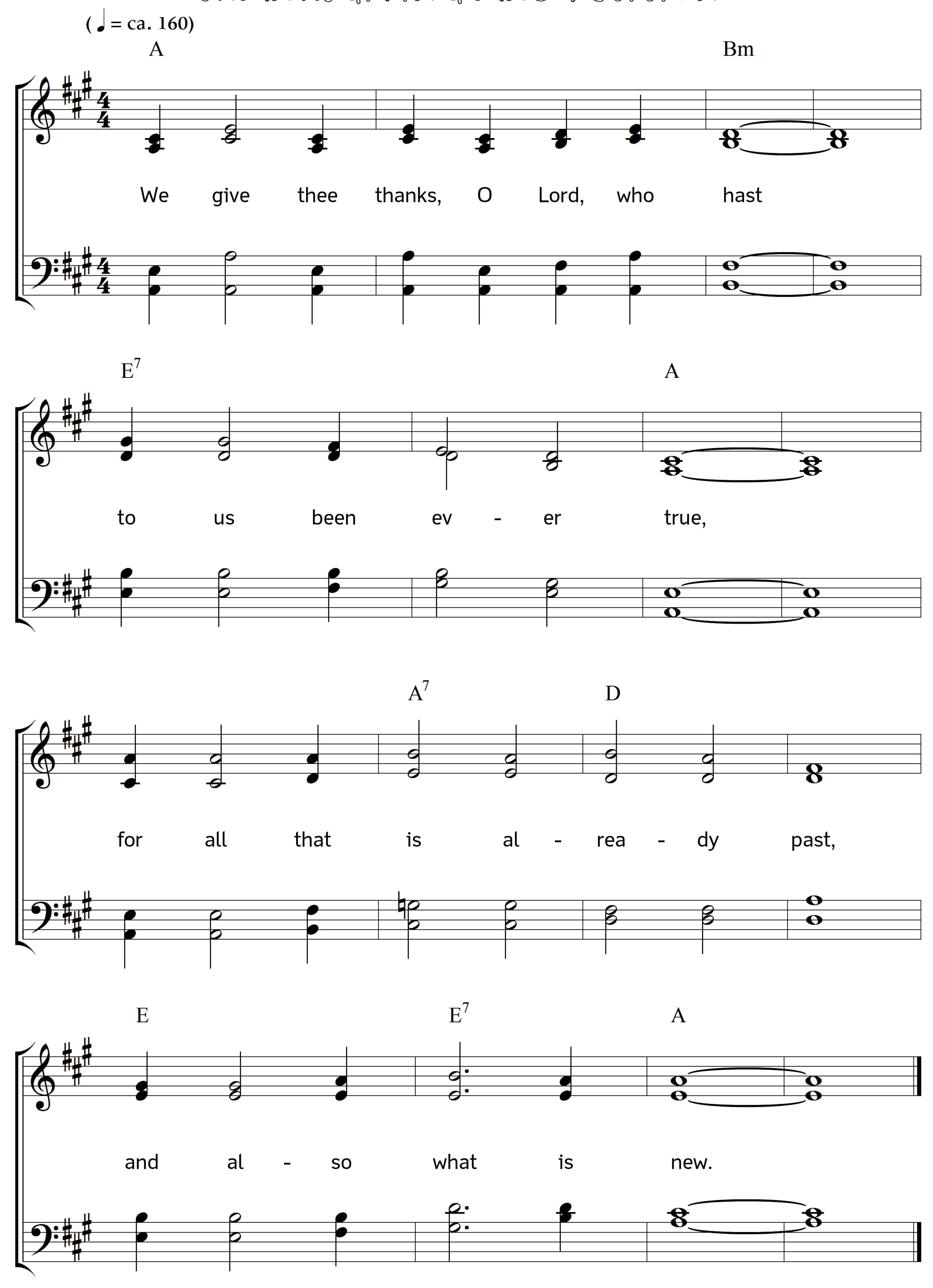
THANKIGIVING AND PETITION



- Past is the false security
 wherein so long we lay,
 till we were kindly called by thee
 to wake without delay.
- 3. New are the longings and desires we feel for things above; thy grace it is, which now inspires, and fills our hearts with love.
- 4. And yet how much remains, alas! which needs to be made new, ere we reflect, as in a glass, thine image pure and true.
- 5.Thou who didst make our bosoms glow with longings after thee, present thyself to us e'en so, as thou wouldst have us be.
- 6. Awake us daily, keep alive the flame that else would die; our spirit, when it faints, revive, our soul, oh! sanctify.
- 7. Make to the spirit pleasing what the flesh abhors, O God: thy grace makes sweet the bitter lot, and light the heavy load.
- 8. Embitter all, be what it may, which severs us from thee; draw us, and we will run the way of life and liberty.
- 9. Do with us what to thee seems best, so all be done in love, to bring us to our heavenly rest, our Father's house above.

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