

The Celebrant continues

We bless you, O God, for clothing us with light for the work of justice, and for encircling us with your constant love. Bless to us all our actions and desires, and the yearnings of our hearts.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon it and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Above all, we thank you for blessing us through your child Jesus, born of Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit; and for sanctifying us through Jesus Christ, who sat at supper with his friends and took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to them saying, “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

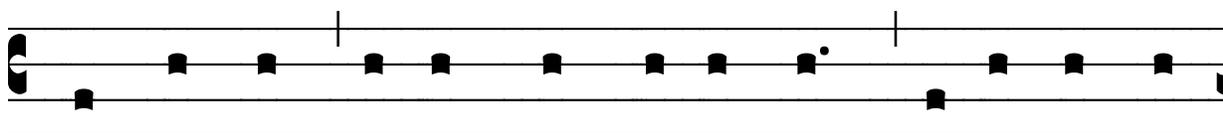
Therefore we affirm in Jesus:

Celebrant and people.

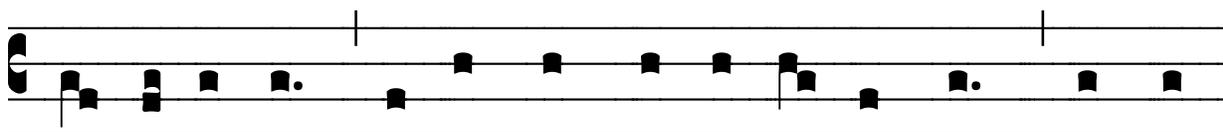
Your love faithful even to death;
Your power which raised Christ to life;
Your promise that Christ will come again.

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And we lift up to you, along with our lives, these gifts of bread and wine. Send the fire of your Spirit upon them that they may be for us the very Body and Blood of Christ. Enkindle in us also the light of your Spirit that we may show you forth to all the world, that every corner of creation may be filled with the radiance of your delight and design.



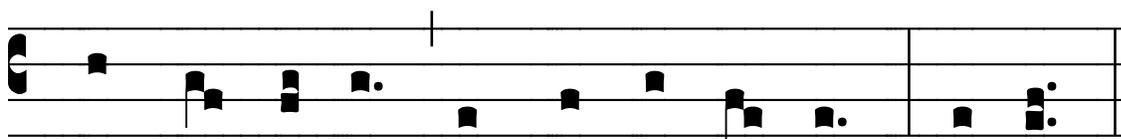
Send us forth, in the Name of the Three, in the en-fold -



ing of the One, in the com-pa-ny of the saints, to serve



your peo - ple and of - fer you praise; through Je - sus



Christ our Sav-ior, to - day and al - ways. *A - men.*