

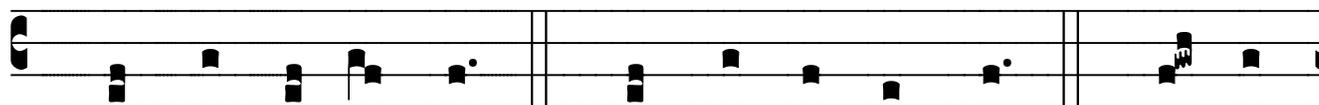
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offering of the Bread and Wine

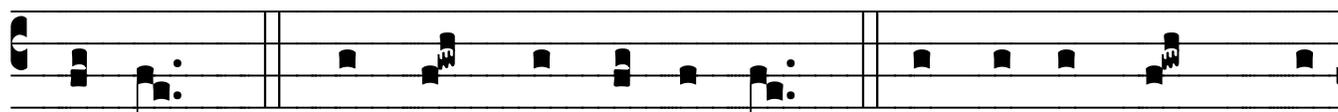
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
 Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
 which earth has given and human hands have made.
 It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
 Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
 fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
 It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

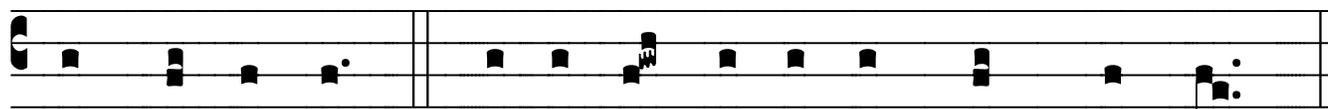
The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says



∇ The Lord be with you. R. And al - so with you. ∇ Lift up



your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord. ∇ Let us give thanks to

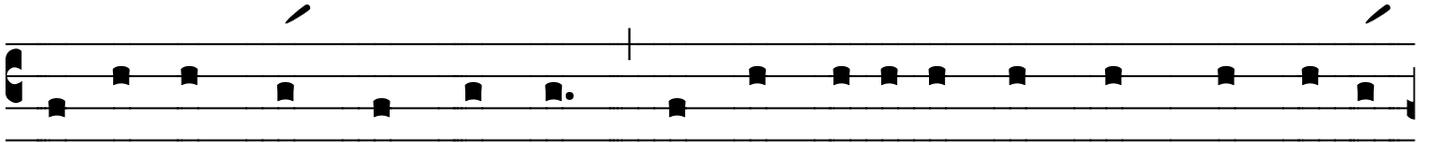


the Lord our God. R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

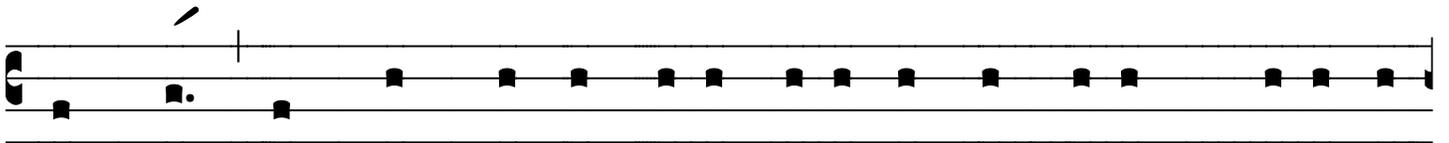
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

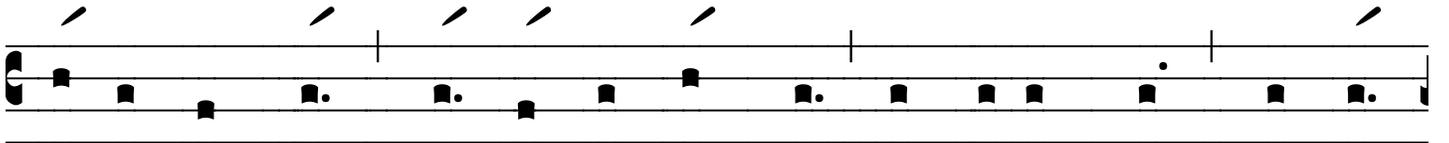
The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues



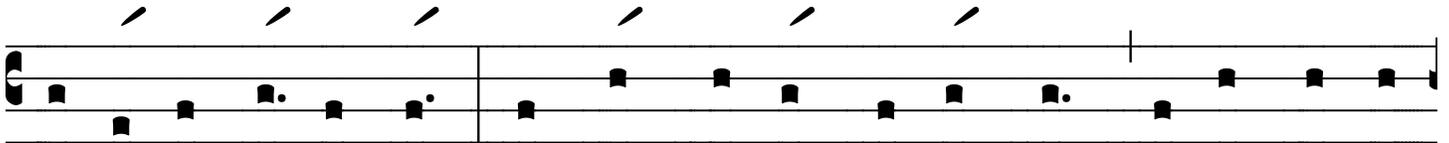
Ho-ly and gra-cious Fa - ther: In your infinite love you made us for



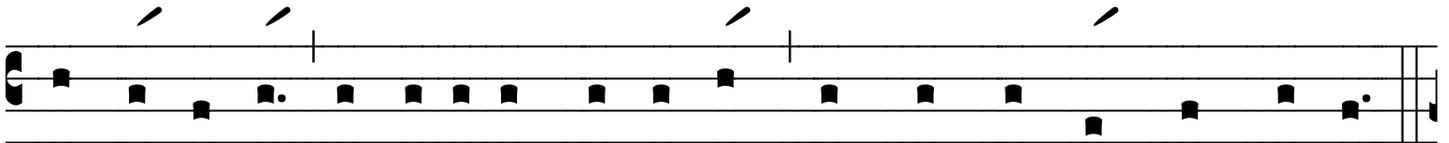
your - self; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to



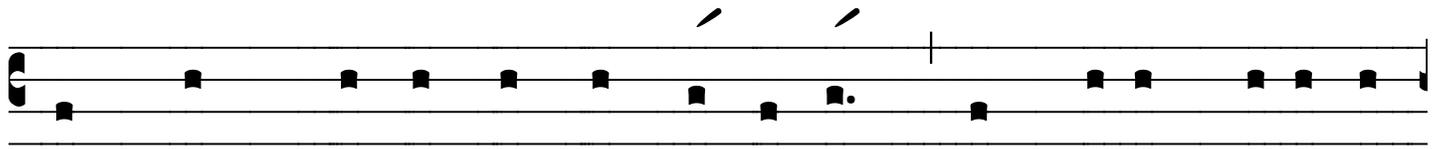
e - vil and death, you, in your mer - cy, sent Jesus Christ, your on -



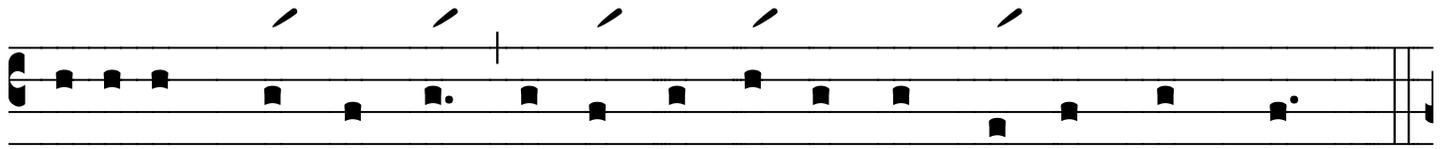
ly and e - ter- nal Son, to share our hu-man na - ture, to live and die



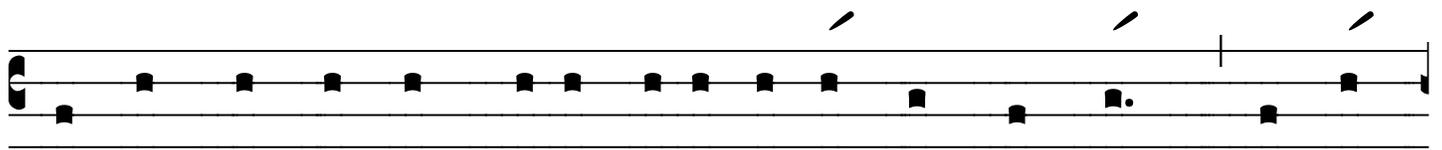
as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Fa - ther of all.



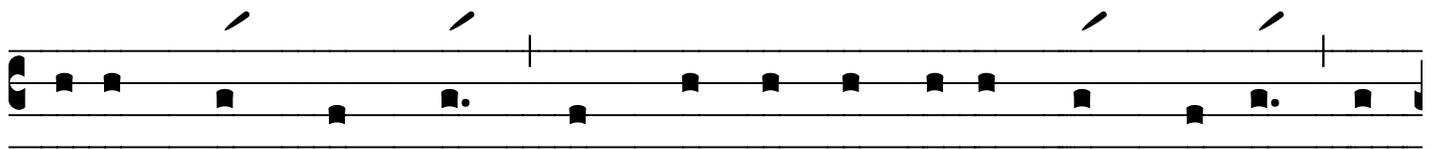
He stretched out his arms up - on the cross, and offered himself in



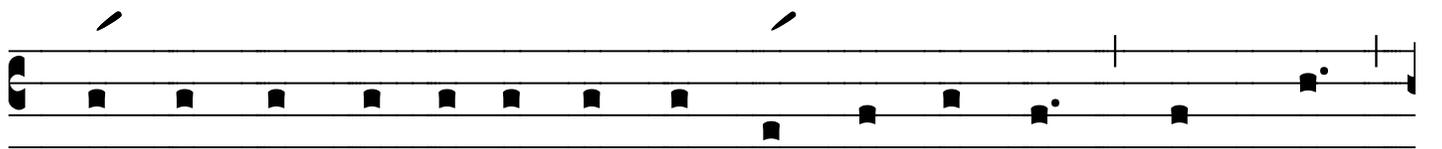
obedience to your will, a per-fect sac-ri - fice for the whole world.



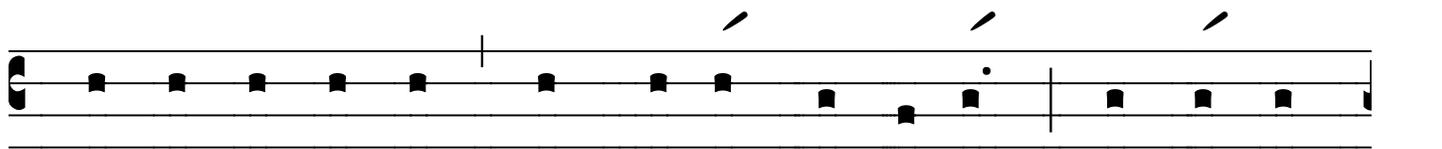
On the night he was handed over to suf-f'ring and death, our Lord



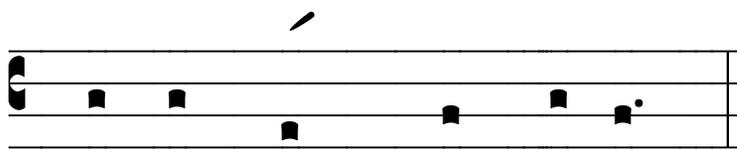
Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he



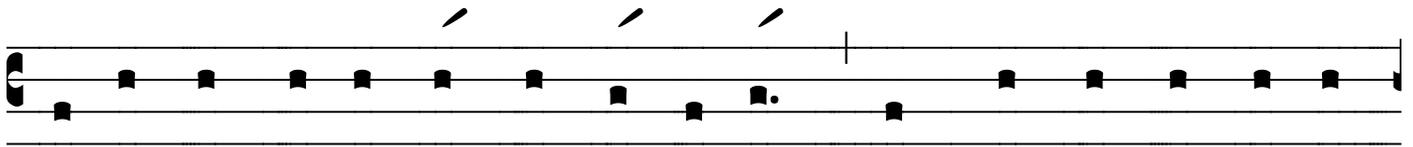
broke it, and gave it to his dis - ci - ples, and said, "Take, eat:



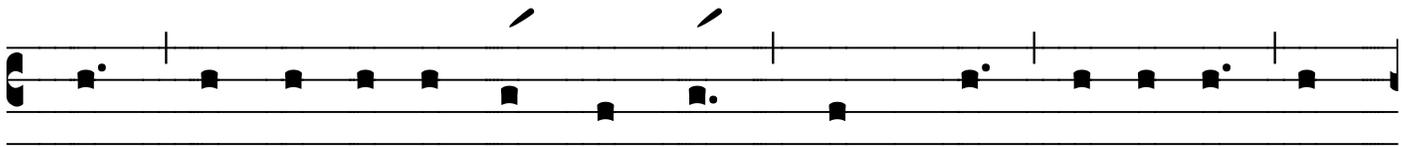
This is my Bo - dy, which is giv - en for you. Do this for



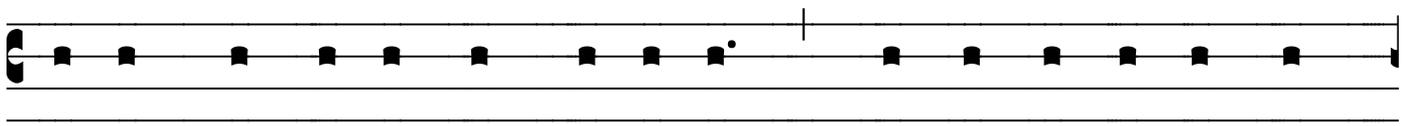
the re - mem - brance of me."



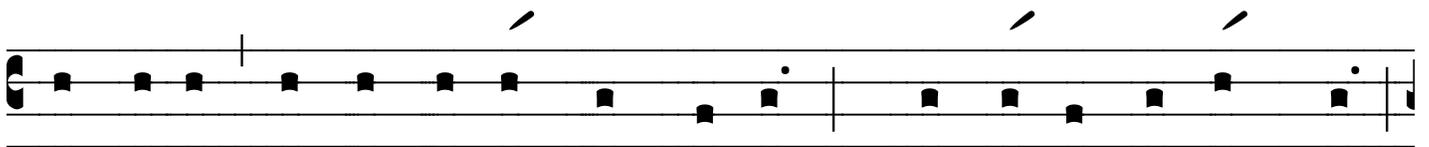
Af-ter sup-per he took the cup of wine; and when he had giv-en



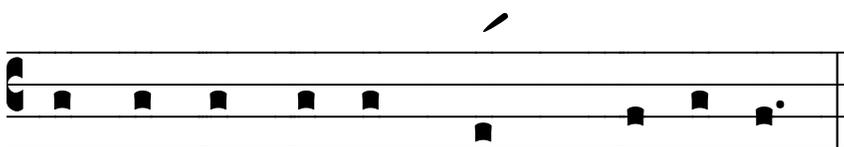
thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This



is my Blood of the new Cov-e - nant, which is shed for you and

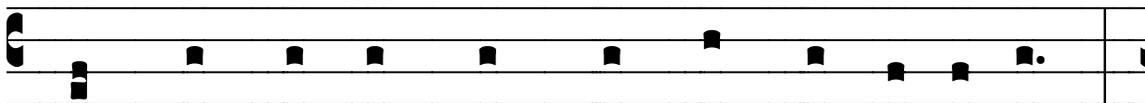


for many for the for-give-ness of sins. When-ev-er you drink it,



do this for the re - mem - brance of me."

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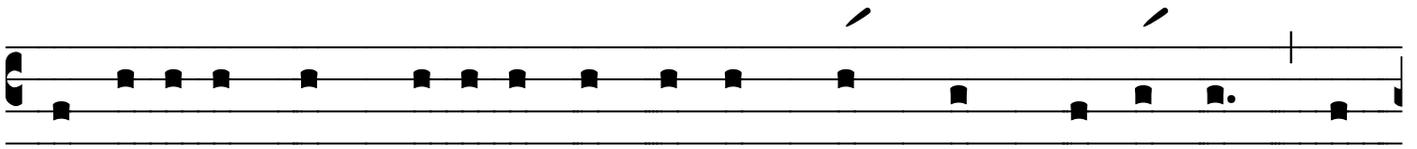


There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

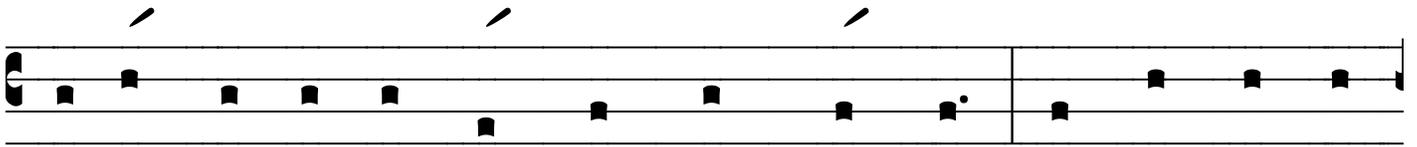


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

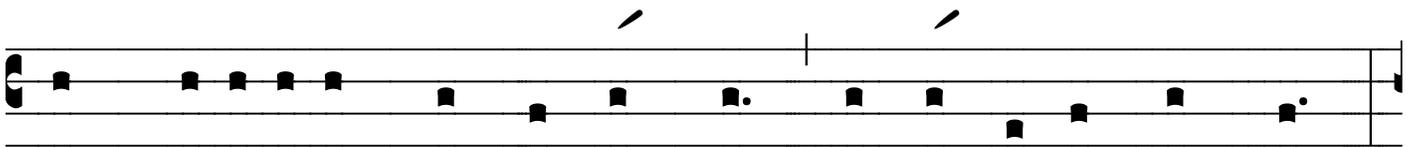
The Celebrant continues



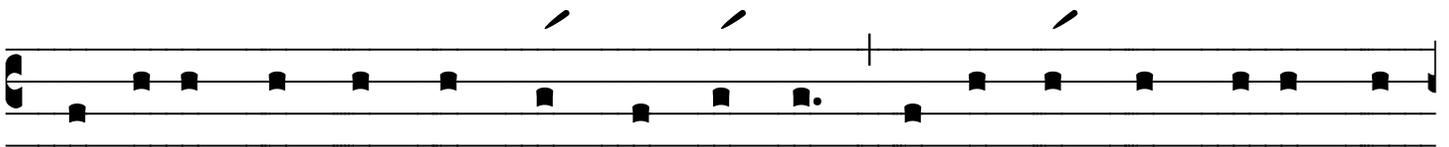
We celebrate the memorial of our re - demp - tion, O Fa - ther, in



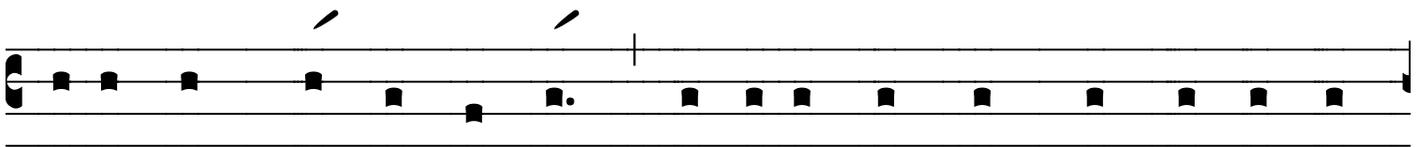
this sac - ri - fice of praise and thanks - giv - ing. Re - cal - ling his



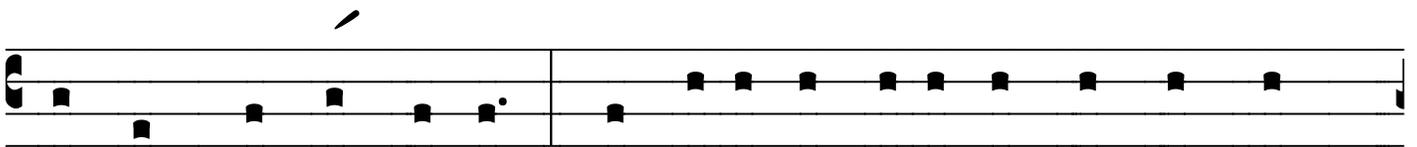
death, resurrection, and as - cen - sion, we of - fer you these gifts.



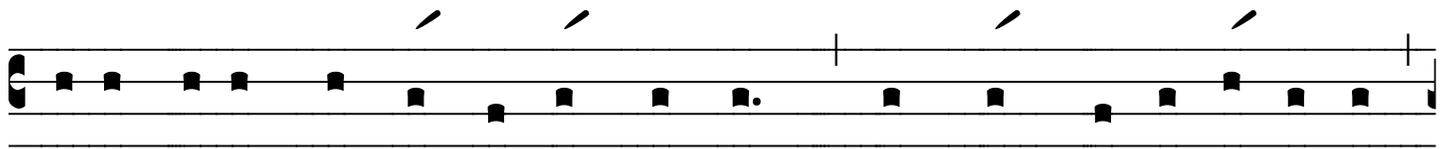
Sanc-ti-fy them by your Ho - ly Spi - rit to be for your people the



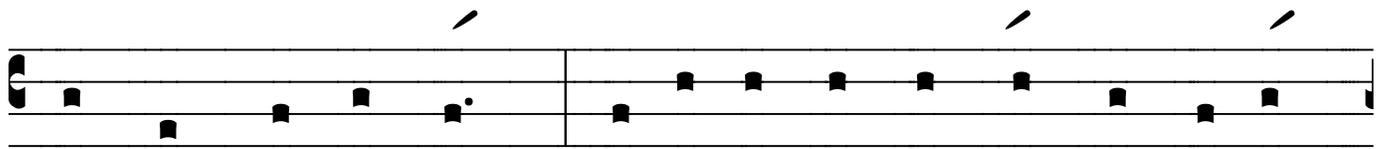
Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and



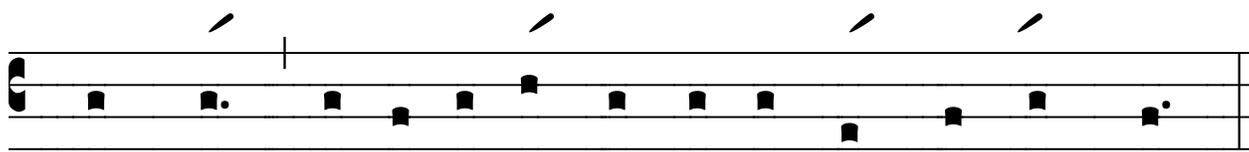
un - end - ing life in him. Sanc-ti-fy us also that we may faith -



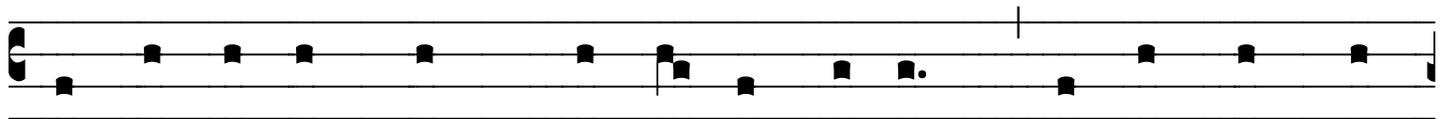
ful-ly receive this ho - ly Sac - ra - ment, and serve you in u - ni - ty,



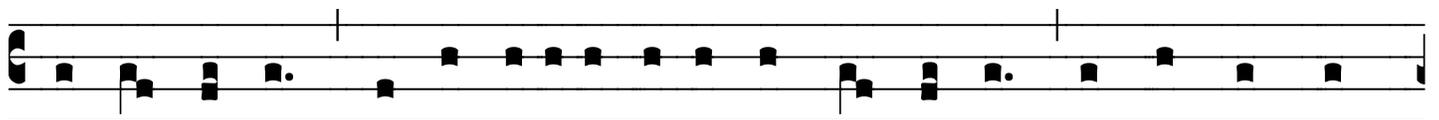
con - stan - cy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all



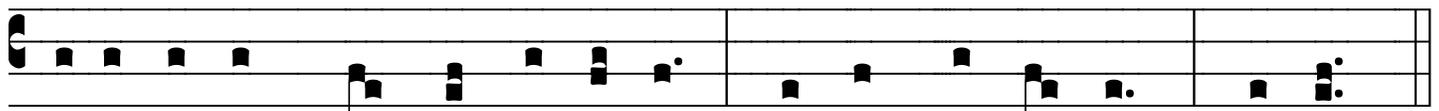
your saints in - to the joy of your e - ter - nal king - dom.



All this we ask through your Son Je - sus Christ. By him, and with



him, and in him, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi - rit all ho - nor and



glo-ry is yours, Al-migh-ty Fa-ther, now and for ev - er. *A - men.*



And now, as our Sav-ior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,