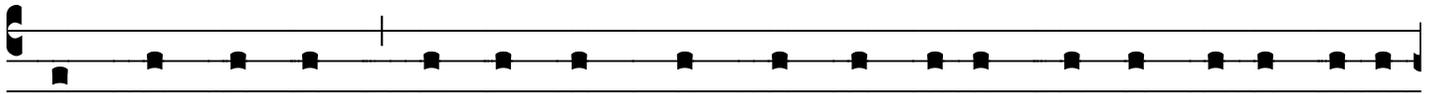


## The Blessing of the Marriage

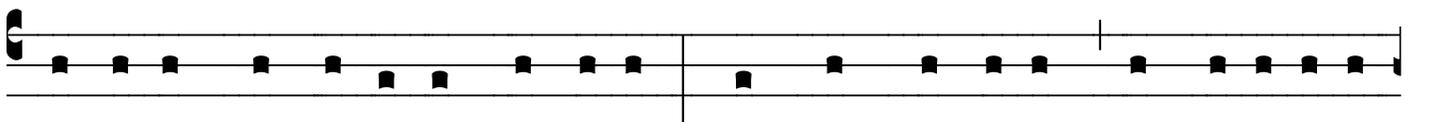
*The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says one of the following prayers.*



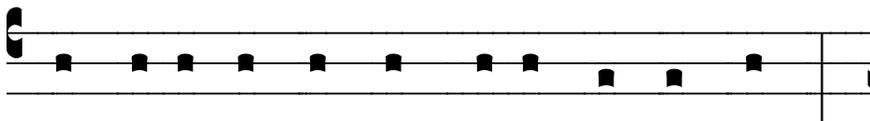
Most gra-cious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus



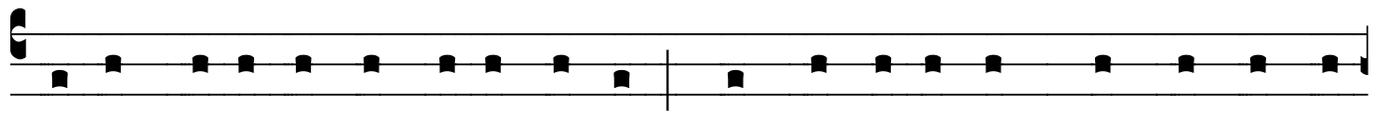
Christ to come a-mong us, to be born of a human mo-ther, and to make the



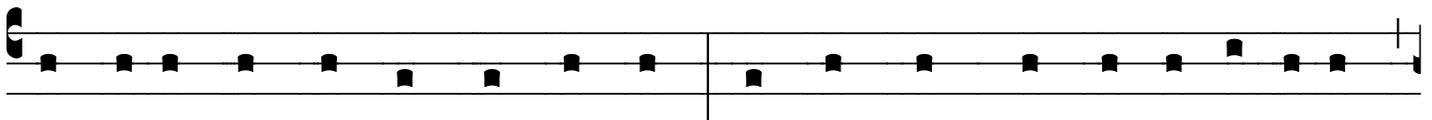
way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, al-so, for consecrating



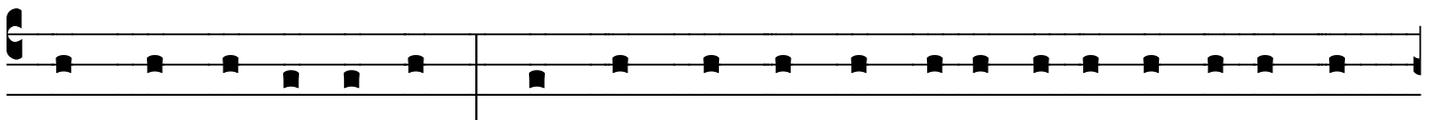
the union of man and woman in his Name.



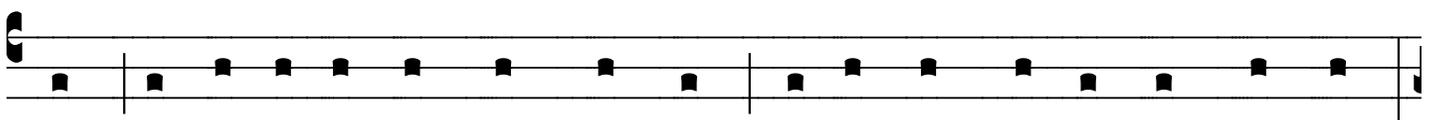
By the power of your Holy Spir-it, pour out the a-bun-dance of your bles-



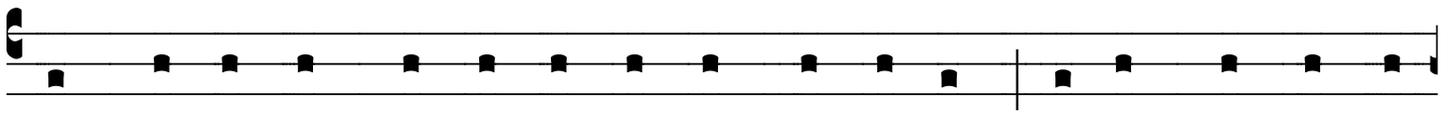
sing upon this man and this wom-an. De-fend them from ev-'ry en- e- my.



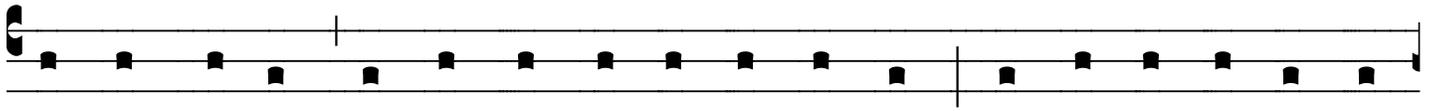
Lead them in-to all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their



hearts, a man-tle a-bout their shoul-ders, and a crown up-on their foreheads.



Bless them in their work and in their com-pan-ion-ship; in their sleep-ing and



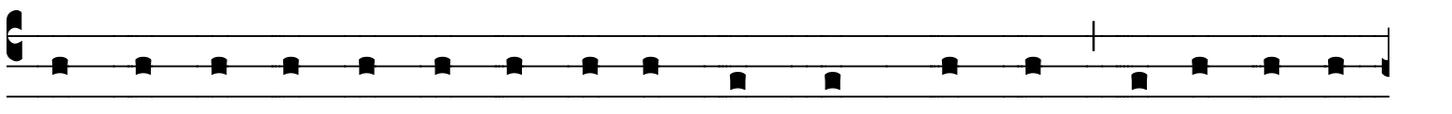
in their wak-ing; in their joys and in their sor-rows; in their life and in their



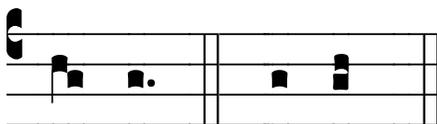
death. Fi-nal-ly, in your mer-cy, bring them to that table where your saints



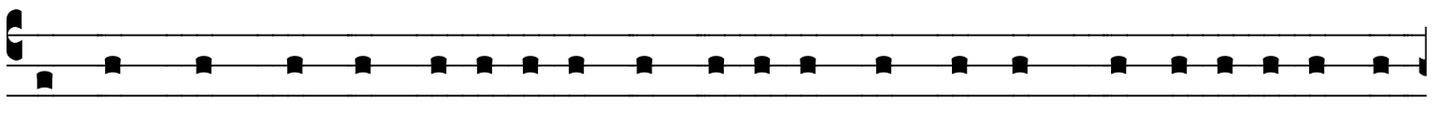
feast for ev-er in your heav-en-ly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who



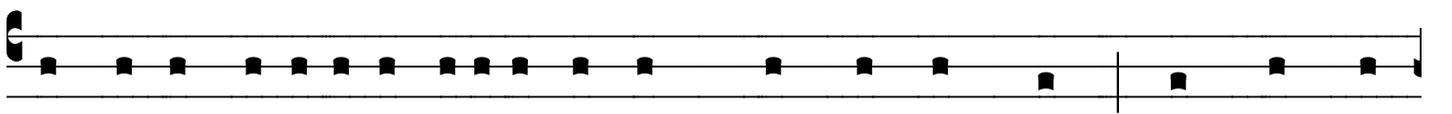
with you and the Ho - ly Spir - it lives and reigns, one God, for ev - er and



ev - er. *A - men. or this*



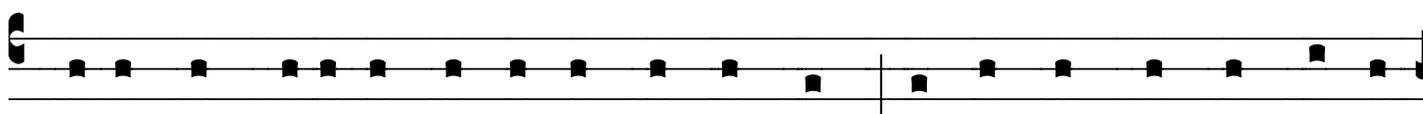
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is re-pre-



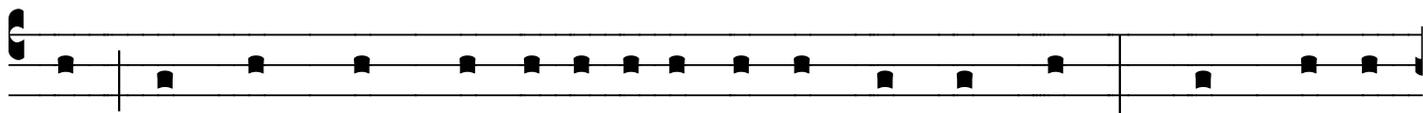
sent-ed the spirit-u-al un-i-ty between Christ and his Church: Send there-fore



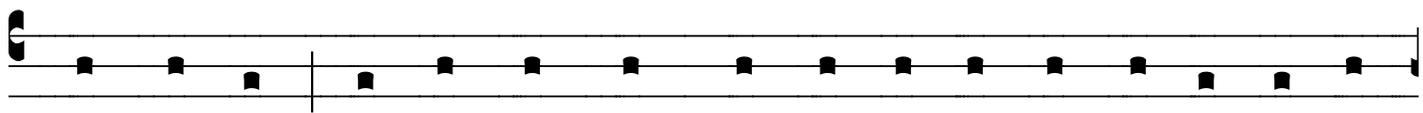
your blessing upon these your ser-vants, that they may so love, honor, and



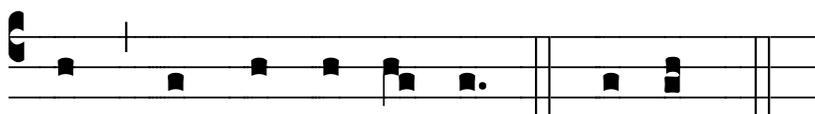
cherish each other in faithfulness and pa-tience, in wis-dom and true god-li-



ness, that their home may be a haven of bles-sing and peace; through Je-sus

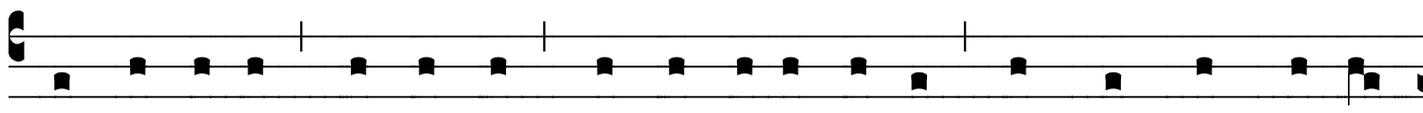


Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Ho - ly Spir - it, one

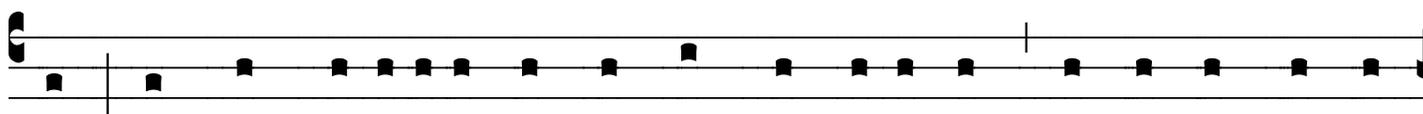


God, now and for ev - er. *A-men.*

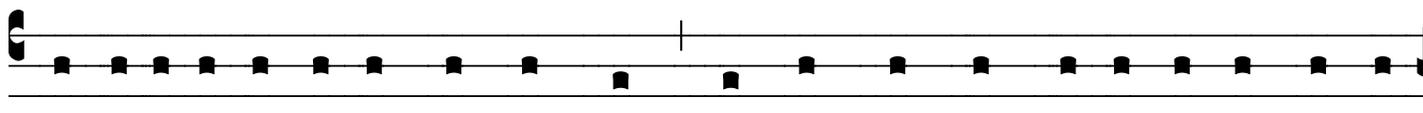
*The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing*



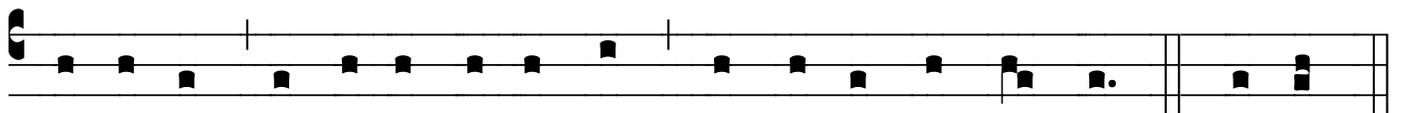
God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spir-it, bless, pre-serve, and keep



you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all



spir-it-u-al ben-e-dic-tion and grace; that you may faith-ful-ly live to-geth-er



in this life, and in the age to come have life ev - er - last - ing. *A - men.*