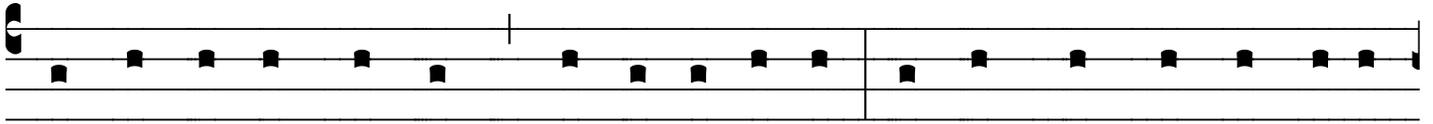
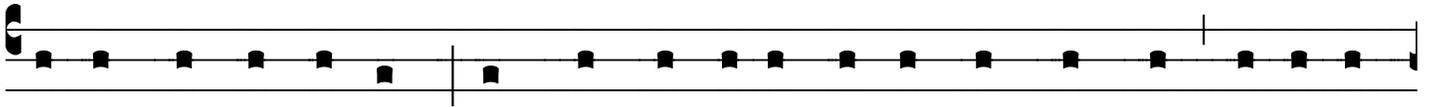


Prayer of Blessing over the Couple

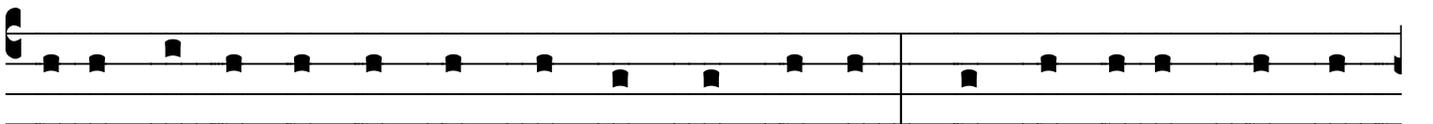
The couple may kneel. The presiding minister may extend a hand over the couple while praying for God's blessing in the following or similar words.



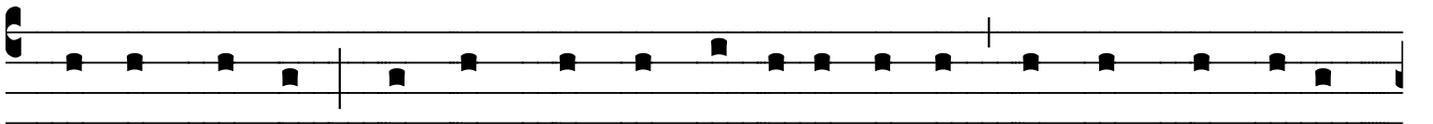
Bles-sed are you, Lord God, heav-en-ly Fa-ther. In your great love you cre-at-



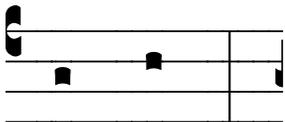
ed us male and fe-male and made the union of husband and wife an image



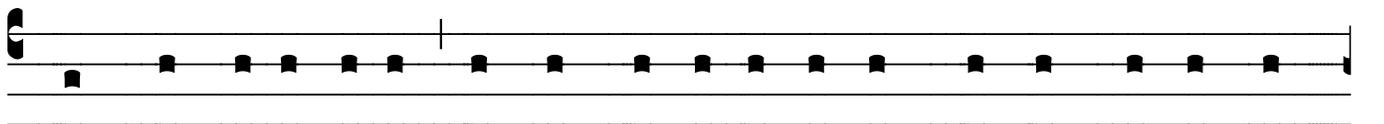
of the cov-e-nant between you and your peo-ple. You sent Jesus Christ to



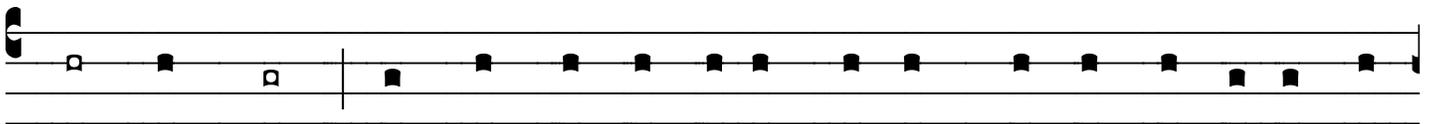
come a-mong us, mak-ing your love vis-i-ble in him, to bring new life to



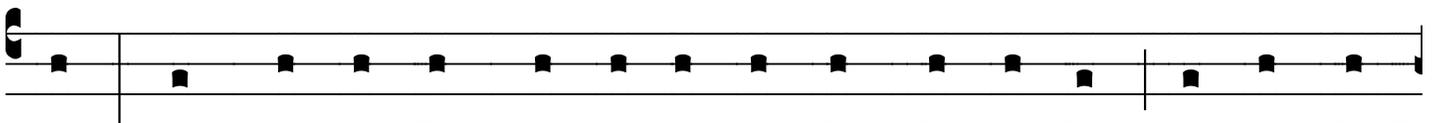
the world.



Send your Holy Spirit to pour out the abundance of your blessing on



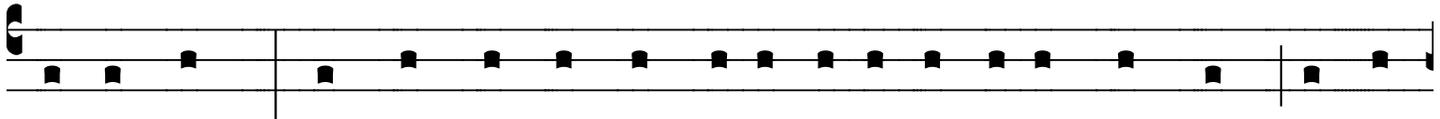
Name and *Name*, who have this day given themselves to each oth-er in mar-



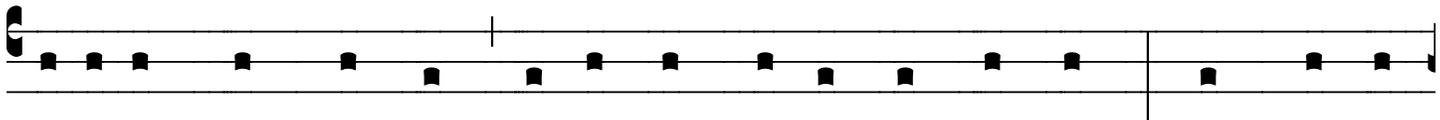
riage. Bless them in their work and in their com-pan-ion-ship; in their sleep-



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



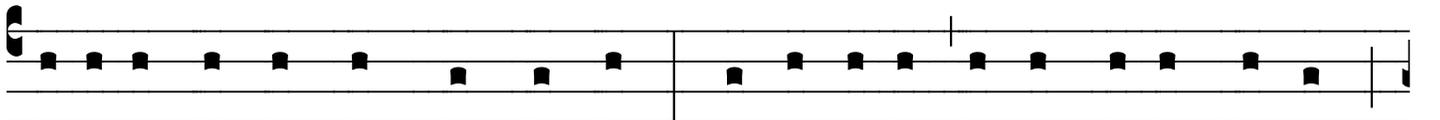
in their death. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a man-



tle about their shoul-ders, and a crown up-on their fore-heads. Bless them so



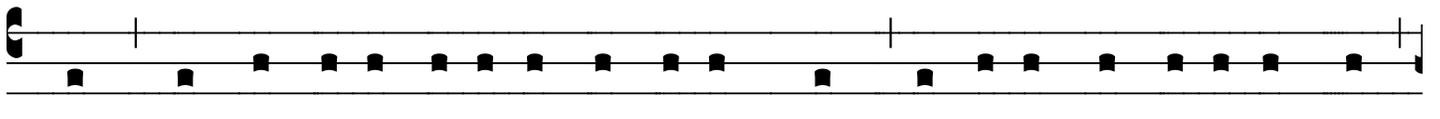
that all may see in their lives together within the community of your peo-ple



a vision of your king-dom on earth. And fi-nal-ly, in the fullness of time,



wel-come them into the glo-ry of your pres-ence. Through your Son Jesus



Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church all honor and glory is yours,



Al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for - ev - er. *A - men.*