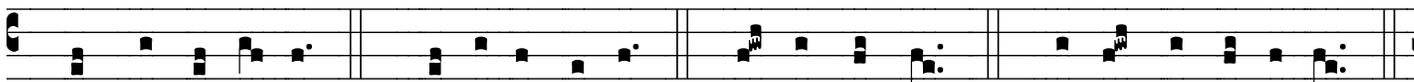
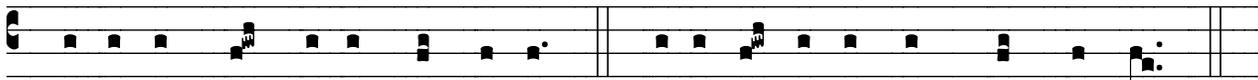


Holy Baptism: The Thanksgiving over the Water

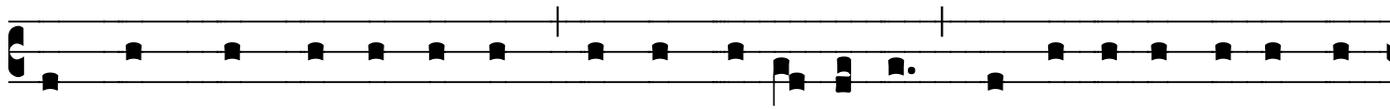
The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying



✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And al-so with you. ✠ Lift up your hearts. ✠ We lift them to the Lord.



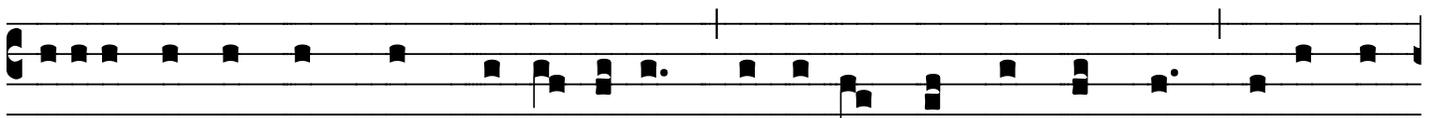
✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ✠ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



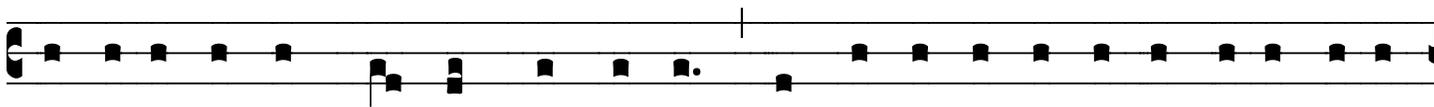
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of wa-ter. O-ver it the Holy Spir-



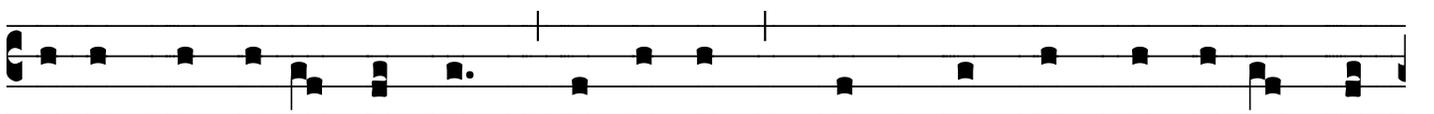
it moved in the beginning of cre-a- tion. Through it you led the children of



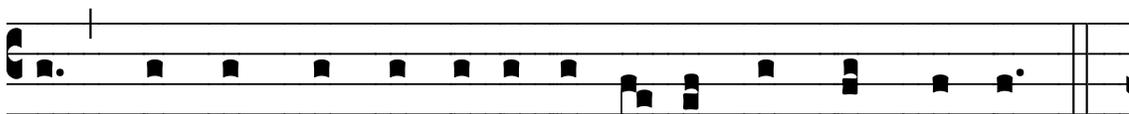
Israel out of their bond-age in E-gypt in-to the land of prom-ise. In it your



Son Jesus received the bap-tism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit



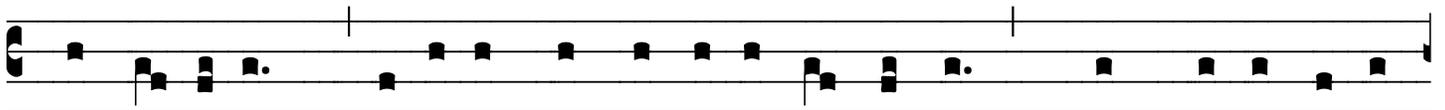
as the Mes-si- ah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and re-sur-rect-



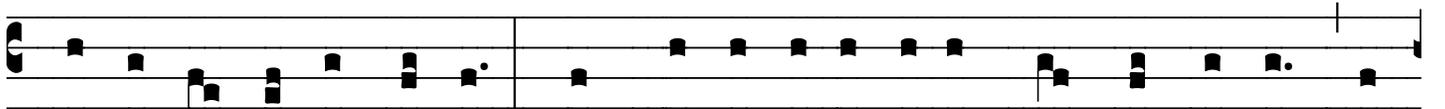
ion, from the bondage of sin in - to ev - er - last - ing life.



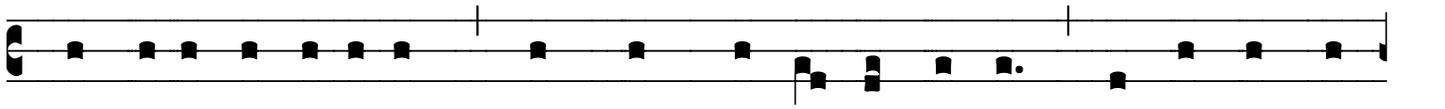
We thank you, Fa-ther, for the wa-ter of Bap-tism. In it we are buried with



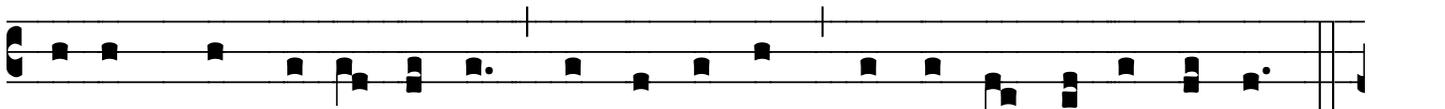
Christ in his death. By it we share in his re-sur-rect-ion. Through it we are re -



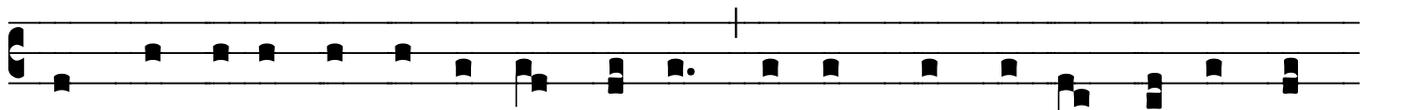
born by the Ho-ly Spir- it. There-fore in joyful o-be-dience to your Son, we



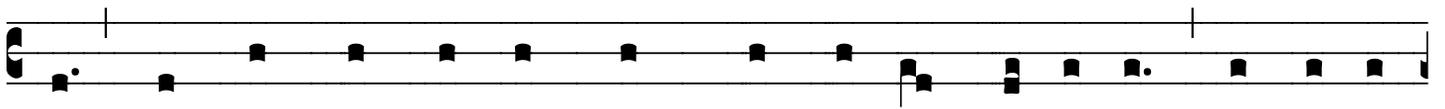
bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, bap-tiz-ing them



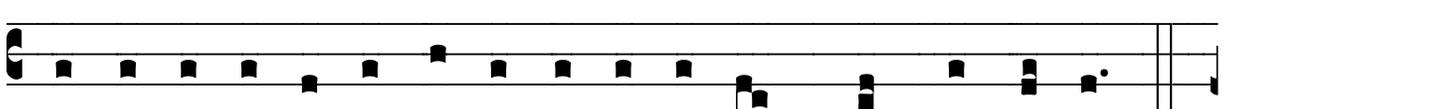
in the Name of the Fa-ther, and of the Son, and of the Ho-ly Spir-it.



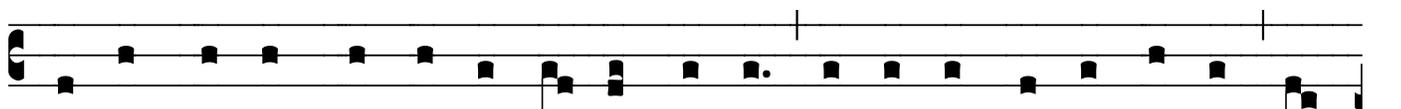
Now sanc-ti-fy this wa-ter, we pray you, by the pow'r of your Ho-ly Spir -



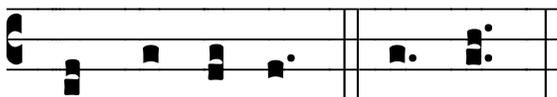
it, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born a-gain may contin -



ue for ev-er in the ris-en life of Je - sus Christ our Sav-ior.



To him, to you, and to the Ho-ly Spir- it, be all hon-or and glo-ry, now



and for ev - er. *A - men.*