

Chants from Saint Meinrad Archabbey

for the

Orations at the Chair

from

The Roman Missal

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The Introductory Rites

1. When the people are gathered, the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers while the Entrance Chant is sung.

When he has arrived at the altar, after making a profound bow with the ministers, the Priest venerates the altar with a kiss and, if appropriate, incenses the cross and the altar.

Then, with the ministers, he goes to the chair.

When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest and the faithful, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Priest, facing the people, says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:

Amen.

2. Then the Priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.**

Or:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Or:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

In this first greeting a Bishop, instead of The Lord be with you, says:

Peace be with you.

3. The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

Penitential Act

4. Then follows the Penitential Act, to which the Priest invites the faithful, saying:

**Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

Then they continue:

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

Or:

5. The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

**Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest then says:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

The people reply:

For we have sinned against you.

The Priest:

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

The people:

And grant us your salvation.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
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The people reply:

Amen.

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6. The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

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and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

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The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

**You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Priest:

**You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

The Priest:

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

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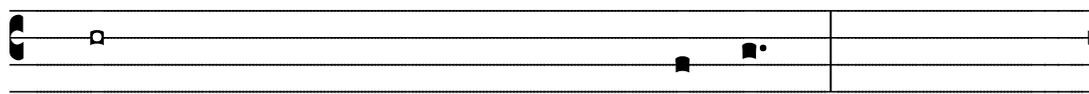
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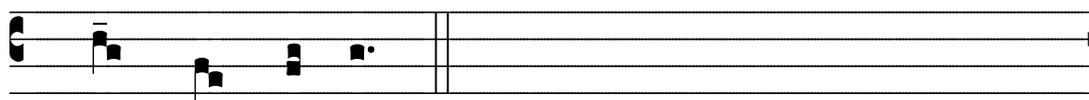
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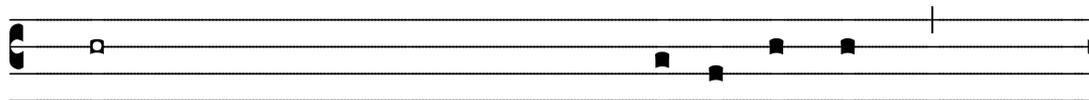
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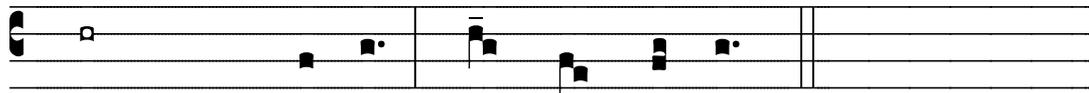
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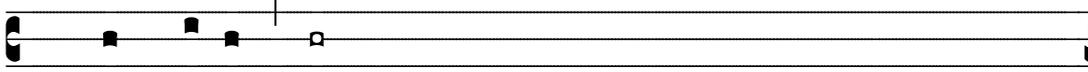
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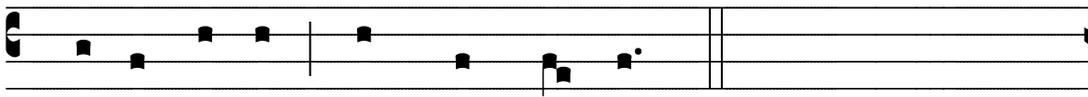
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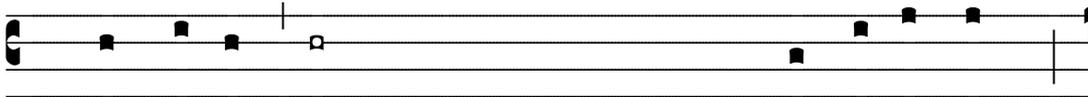
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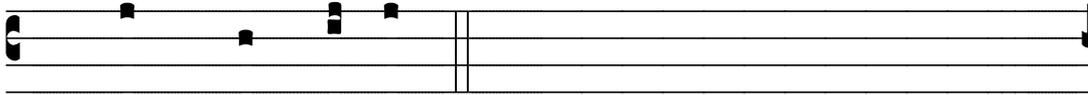
Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and



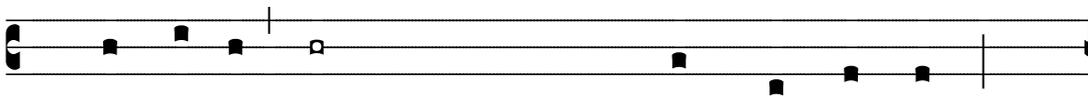
to the Father: Lord, have mer-cy.



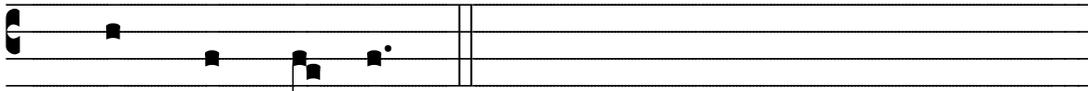
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Christ, have mer-cy.



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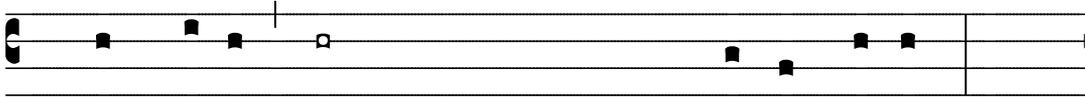
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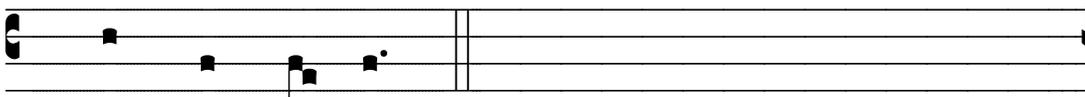
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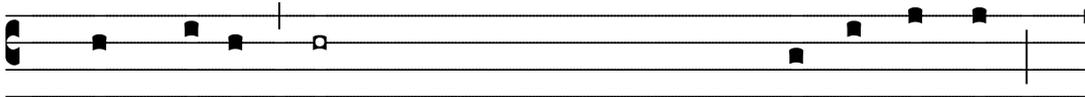
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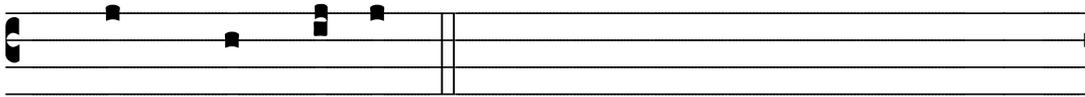
Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:



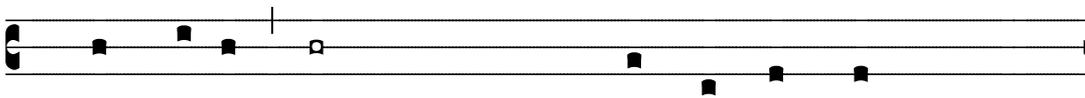
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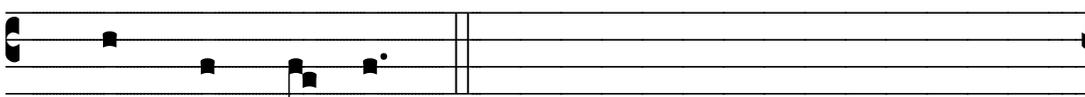
Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:



Christ, have mer-cy.



Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:



Lord, have mer-cy.

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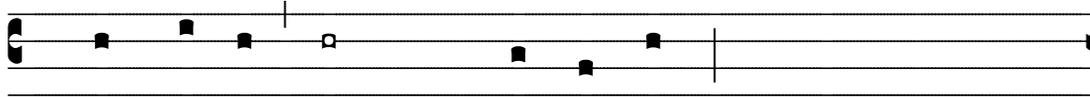
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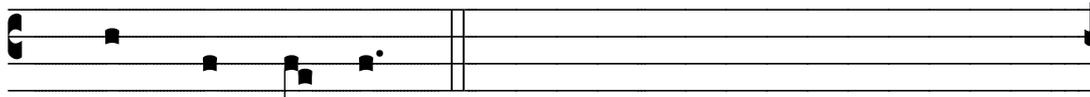
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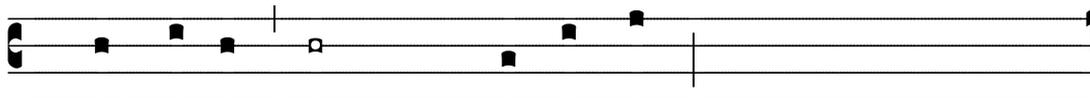
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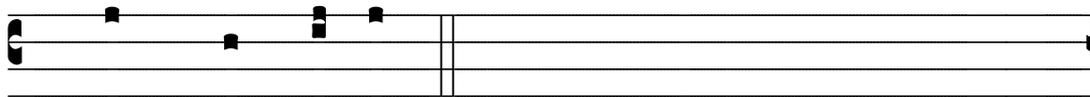
Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:



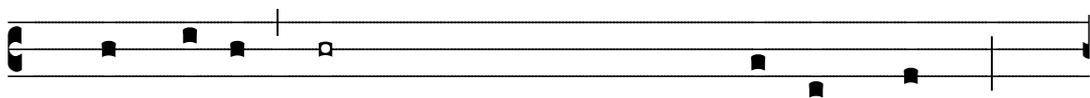
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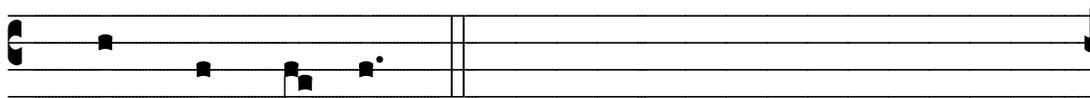
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:



Christ, have mer-cy.



Lord Jesus, you feed us with your bod-y and blood:



Lord, have mer-cy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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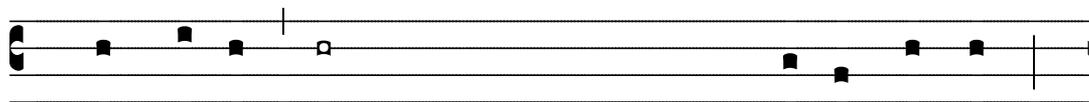
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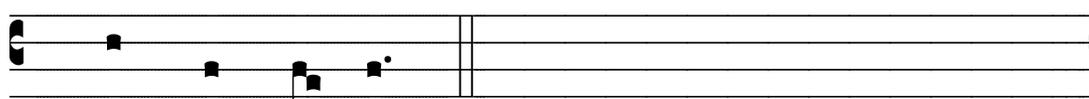
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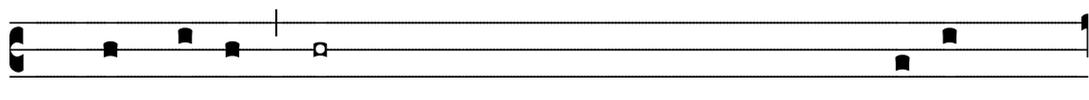
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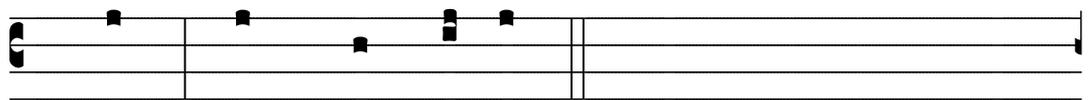
Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:



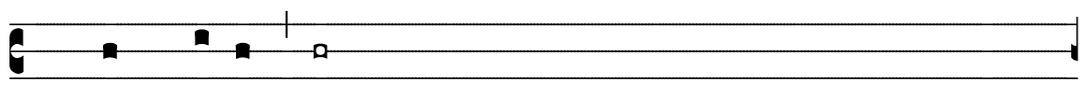
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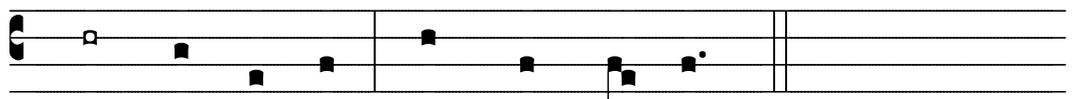
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the



truth: Christ, have mer-cy.



Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into



ever-lasting life: Lord, have mer-cy.

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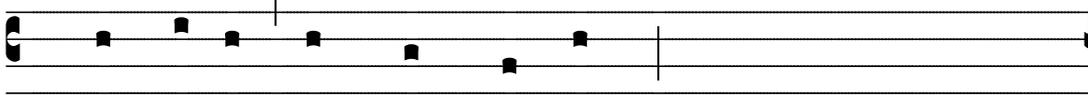
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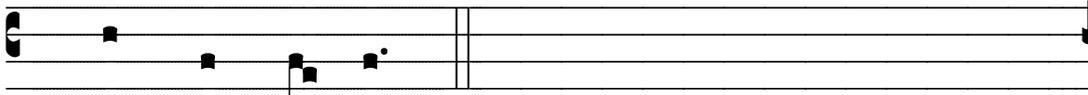
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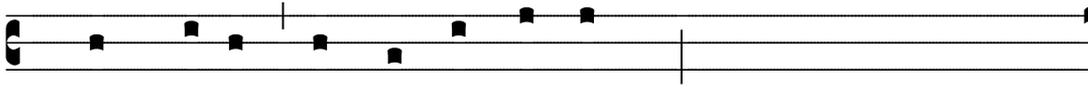
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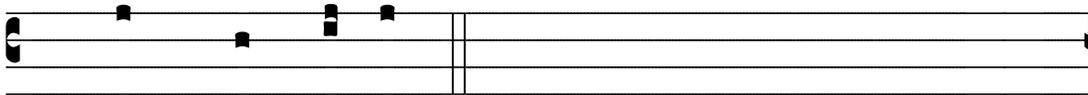
Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:



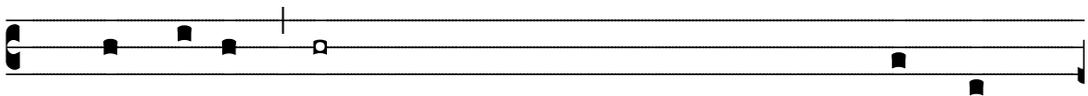
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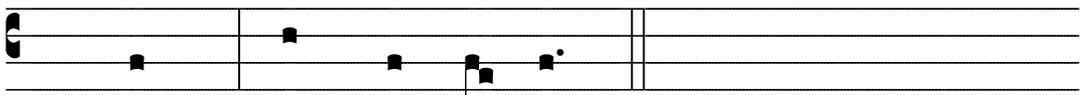
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:



Christ, have mer-cy.



Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us



strength: Lord, have mer-cy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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7. The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the Penitential Act.

V. Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy. R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

8. Then, when it is prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

9. When this hymn is concluded, the Priest, with hands joined, says:

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

10. Then the reader goes to the ambo and reads the First Reading, while all sit and listen.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

11. The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

12. After this, if there is to be a Second Reading, a reader reads it from the ambo, as above.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

13. There follows the Alleluia or another chant laid down by the rubrics, as the liturgical time requires.

14. Meanwhile, if incense is used, the Priest puts some into the thurible. After this, the Deacon who is to proclaim the Gospel, bowing profoundly before the Priest, asks for the blessing, saying in a low voice:

Your blessing, Father.

The Priest says in a low voice:

**May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips,
that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.**

The Deacon signs himself with the Sign of the Cross and replies:

Amen.

If, however, a Deacon is not present, the Priest, bowing before the altar, says quietly:

**Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God,
that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.**

15. The Deacon, or the Priest, then proceeds to the ambo, accompanied, if appropriate, by ministers with incense and candles. There he says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

and, at the same time, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and on his forehead, lips, and breast.

The people acclaim:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

16. At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he kisses the book, saying quietly:

**Through the words of the Gospel
may our sins be wiped away.**

17. Then follows the Homily, which is to be preached by a Priest or Deacon on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation; on other days, it is recommended.

18. At the end of the Homily, the Symbol or Profession of Faith or Creed, when prescribed, is either sung or said:

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

19. Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

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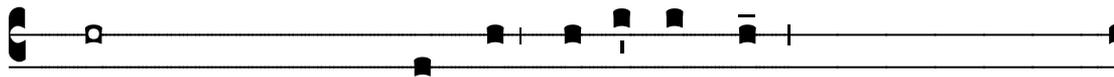
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

20. Then follows the Universal Prayer, that is, the Prayer of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers.

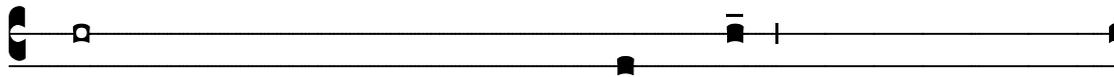
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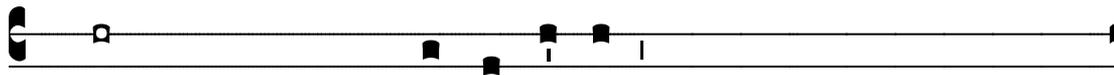
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Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,



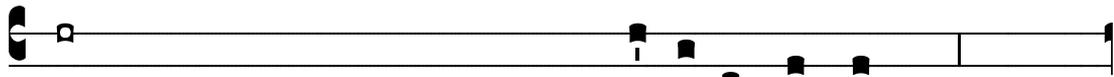
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ



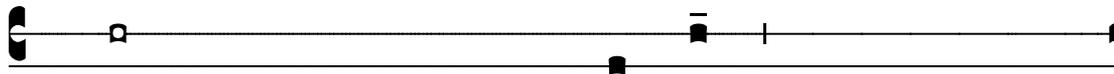
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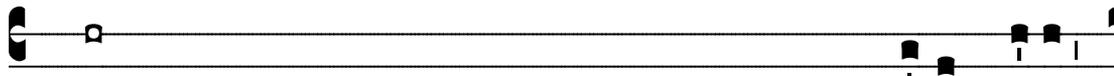
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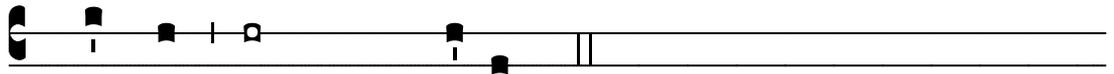
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Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

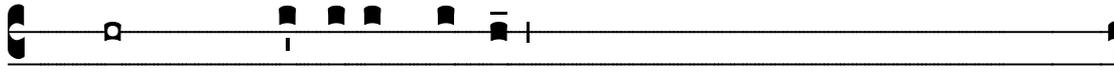


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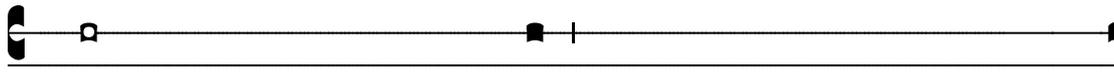


one God, for ever and ever.

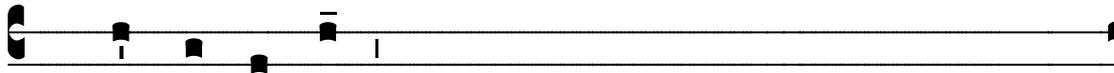
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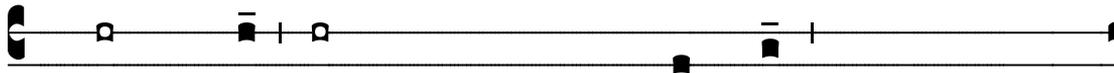
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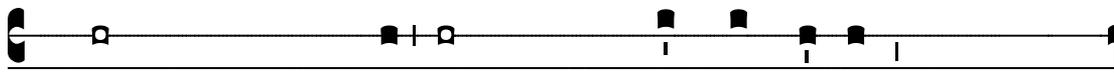
in which we have participated,



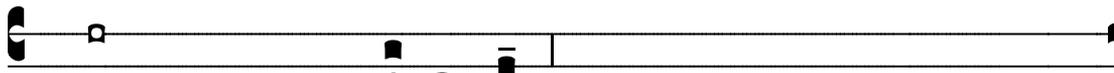
profit us, we pray,



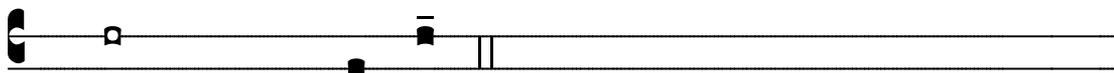
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,



you teach us by them to love the things of heaven



and hold fast to what endures.



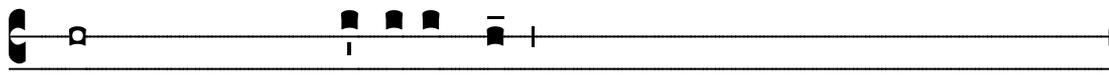
Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.

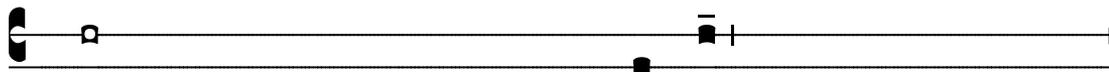
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect



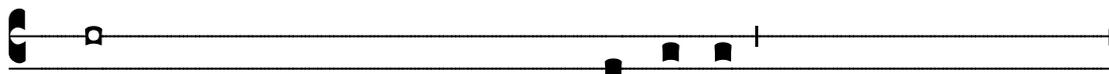
Almighty and merciful God,



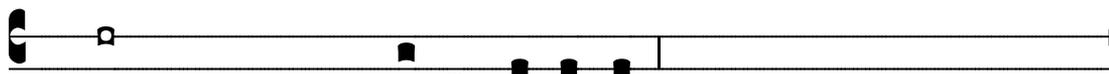
may no earthly undertaking hinder those



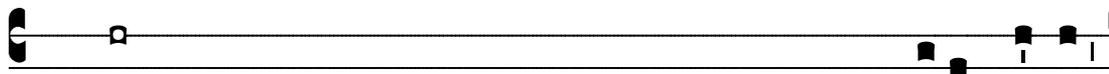
who set out in haste to meet your Son,



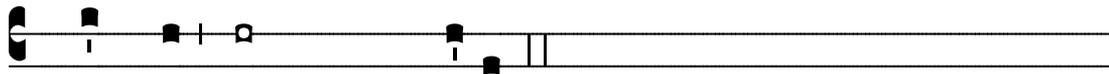
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom



gain us admittance to his company.

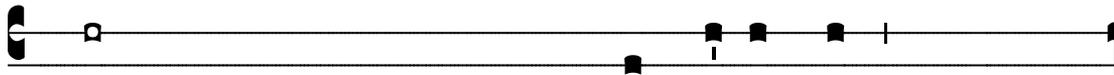


Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

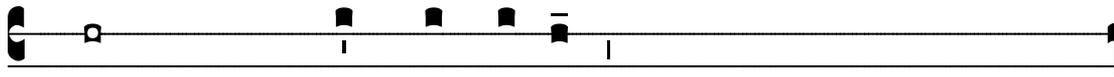


one God, for ever and ever.

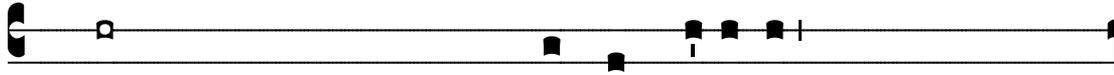
Prayer after Communion



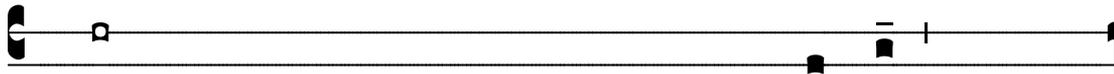
Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,



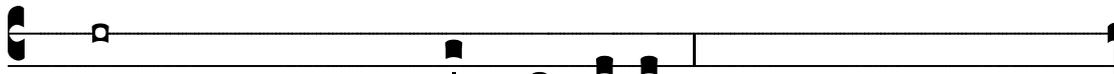
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,



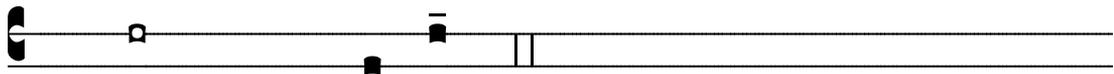
that, through our partaking in this mystery,



you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth



and hold firm to the things of heaven.



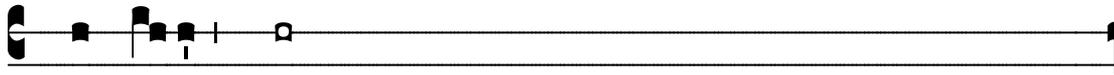
Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.

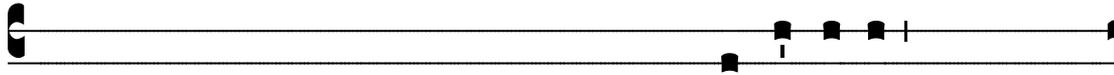
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

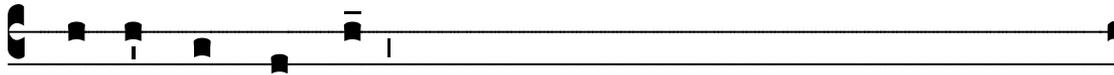
Collect



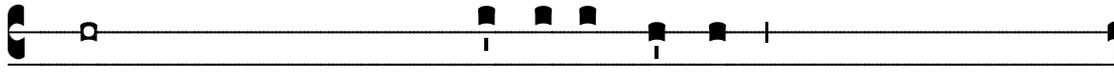
O God, who see how your people



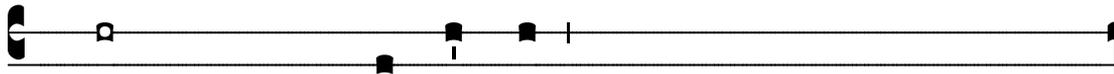
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Na-ti-vi-ty,



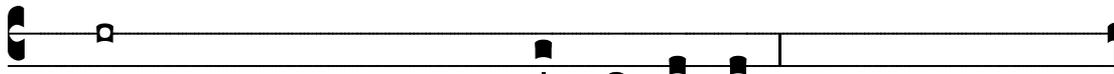
enable us, we pray,



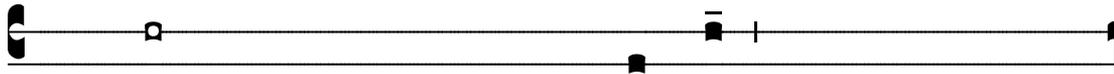
to attain the joys of so great a sal-va-tion



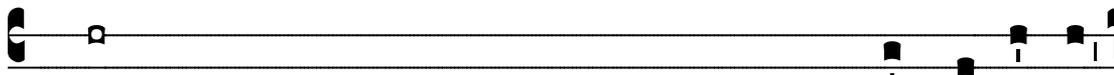
and to celebrate them al-ways



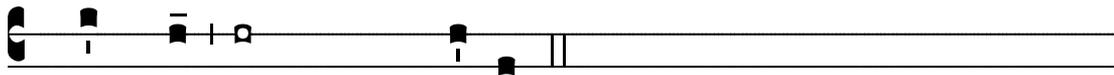
with solemn worship and glad re-joic-ing.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

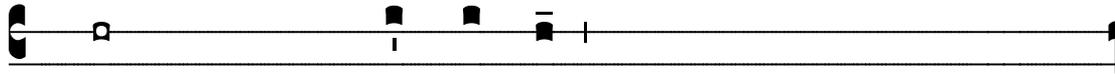


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,

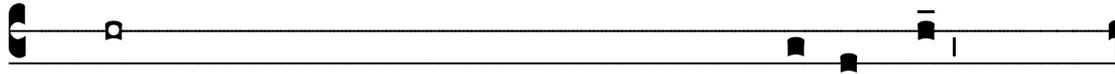


one God, for ever and e-ver.

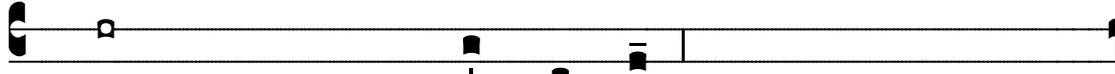
Prayer after Communion



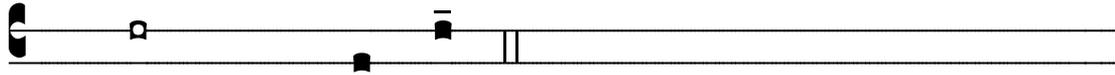
We implore your mer- cy, Lord,



that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults



and prepare us for the com- ing feasts.



Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.

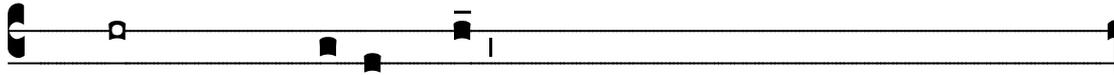
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

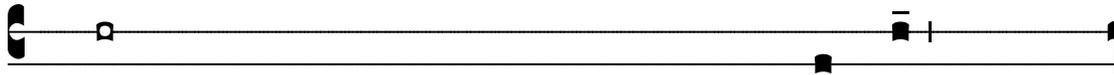
Collect



Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,



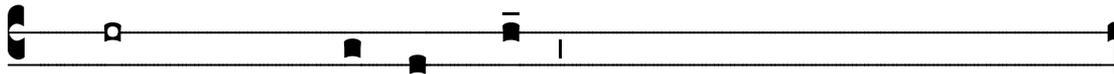
your grace in- to our hearts,



that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son



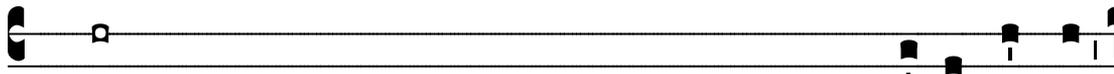
was made known by the message of an Angel,



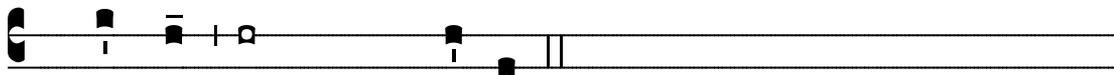
may by his Passion and Cross



be brought to the glory of his Re- sur- rec- tion.

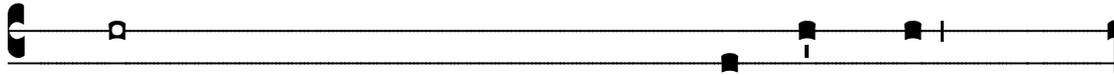


Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho- ly Spir- it,

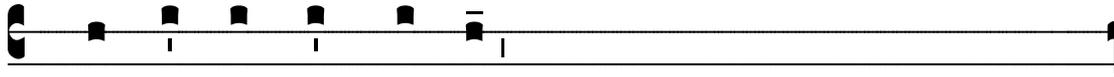


one God, for ever and e- ver.

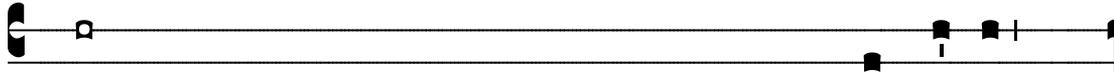
Prayer after Communion



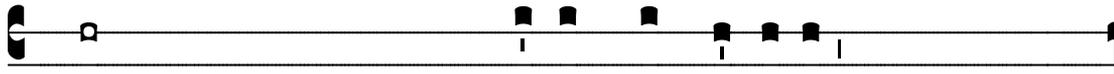
Having received this pledge of eternal re- demp- tion,



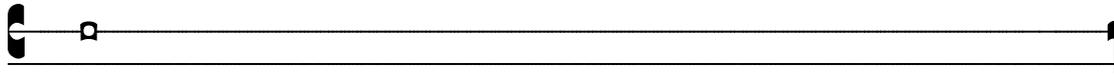
we pray, al- might- y God,



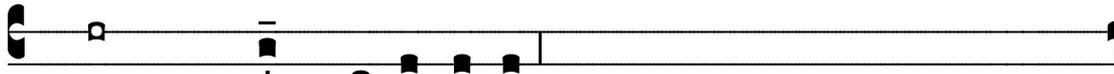
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws e- ver nearer,



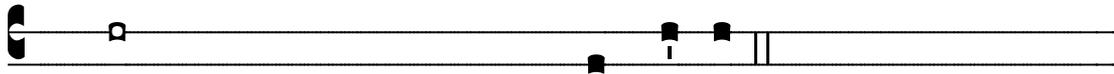
so we may press forward all the more eagerly



to the worthy celebration of the mystery



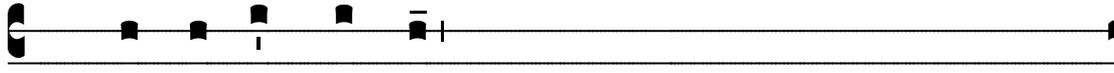
of your Son's Na- ti- vi- ty.



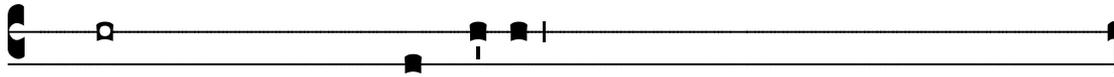
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 273, may be used.

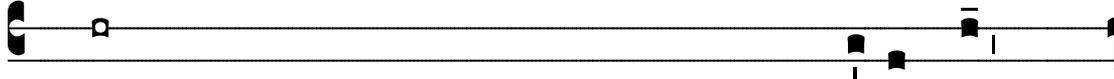
Prayer after Communion



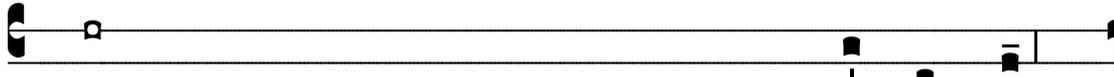
Grant, O Lord, we pray,



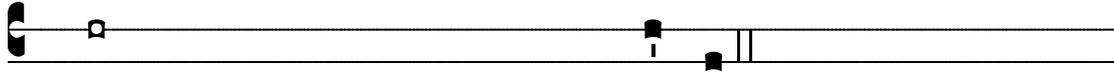
that we may draw new vigor



from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,



by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.

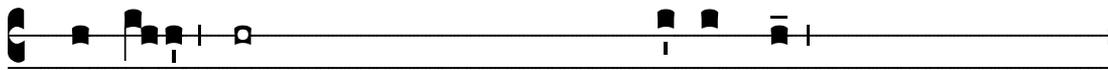
CHRISTMAS

At the Mass during the Night

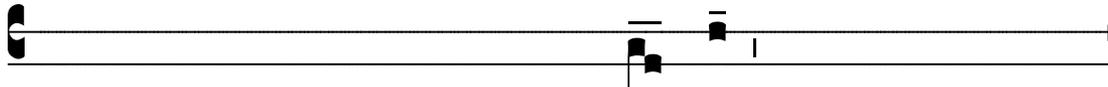
On the Nativity of the Lord all Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided the Masses are celebrated at their proper times.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

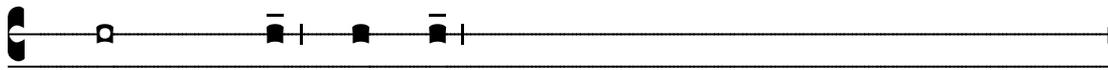
Collect



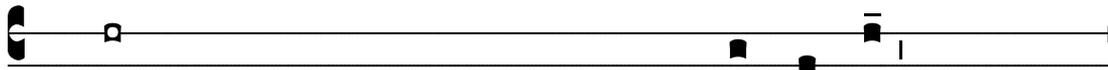
O God, who have made this most sacred night



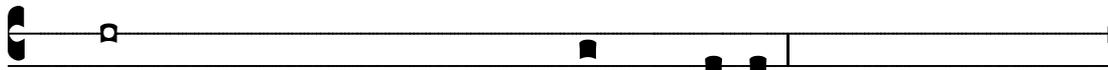
radiant with the splendor of the true light,



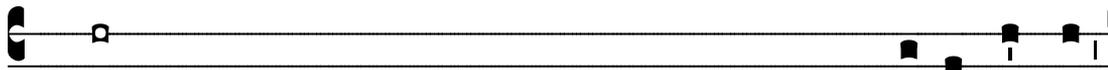
grant, we pray, that we,



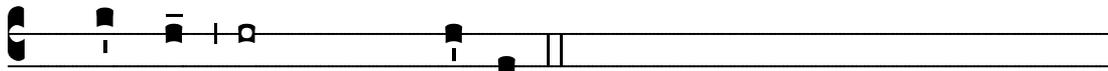
who have known the mysteries of his light on earth,



may also delight in his glad-ness in heaven.



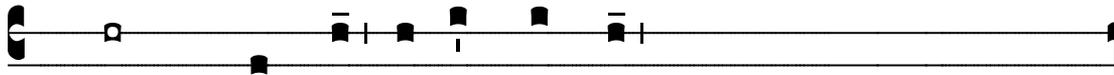
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



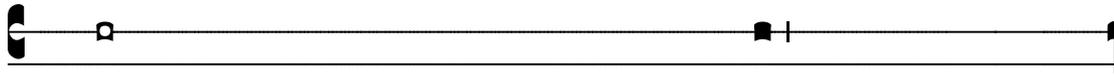
one God, for ever and e-ver.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

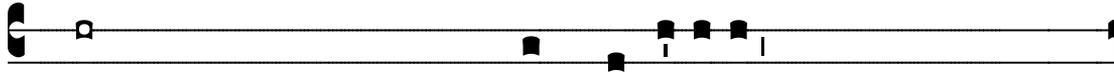
Prayer after Communion



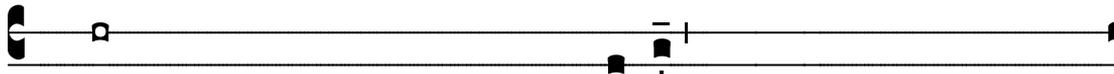
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,



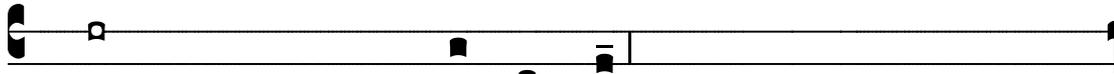
a that we, who are gladdened by participation



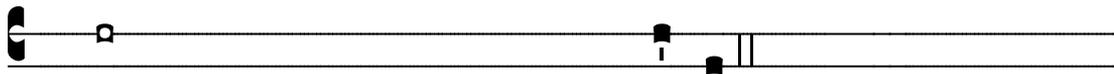
in the feast of our Redeem-er's Na-ti-vi-ty,



may through an honorable way of life



become worthy of union with him.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.

CHRISTMAS

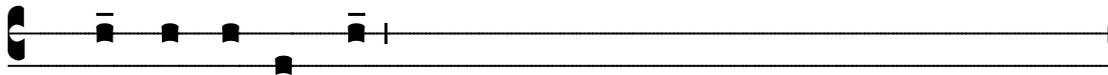
At the Mass at Dawn

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

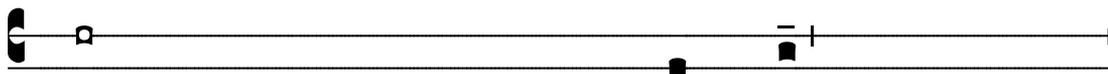
Collect



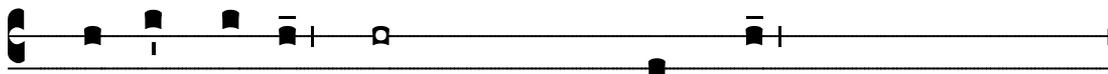
Grant, we pray, almighty God,



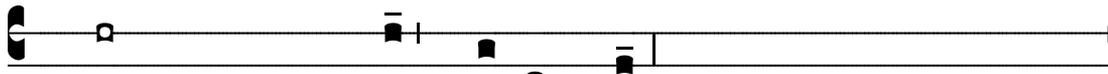
that, as we are bathed



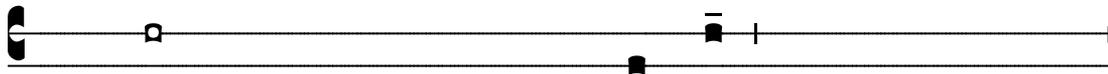
in the new radiance of your in-car-nate Word,



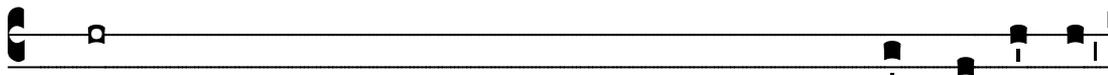
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,



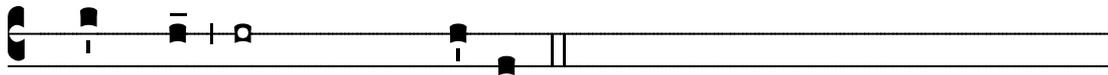
may also shine through in our deeds.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



one God, for ever and e- ver.

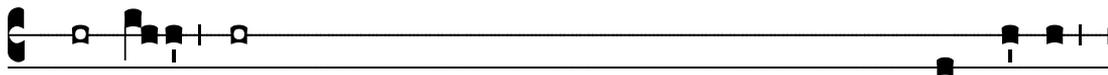
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

CHRISTMAS

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

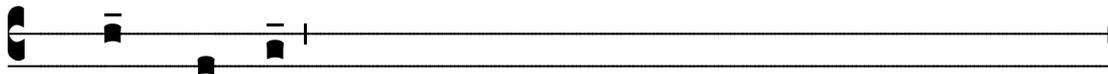
Collect



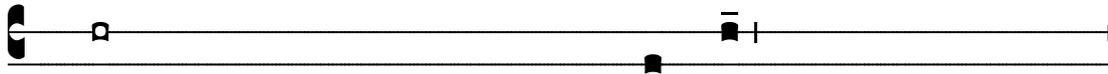
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature



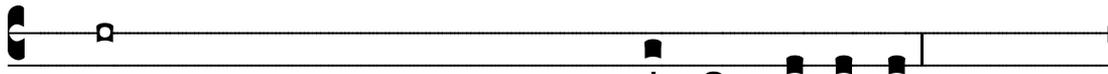
and still more wonderfully restored it,



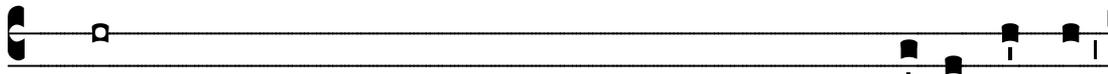
grant, we pray,



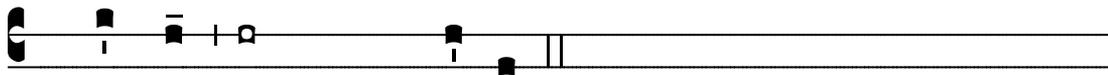
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,



who humbled himself to share in our hu- ma- ni- ty.



Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho- ly Spir- it,



one God, for ever and e- ver.

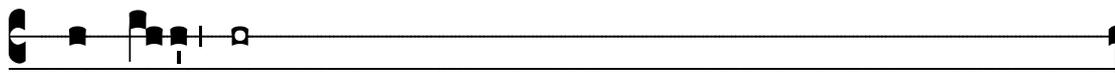
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
or, if there is no Sunday, December 30
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

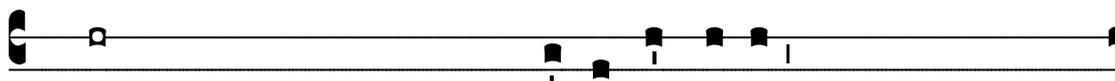
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

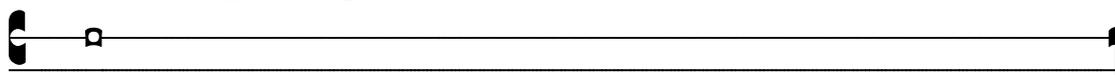
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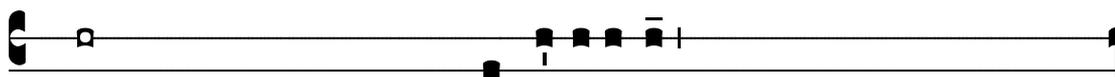
O God, who were pleased to give us



the shining example of the Ho-ly Fa-mi-ly,



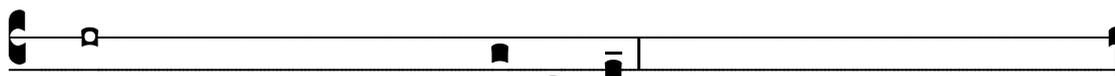
graciously grant that we may imitate them



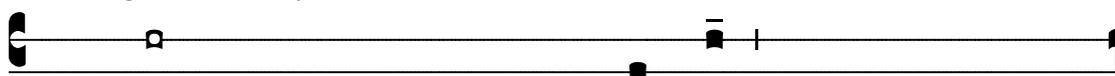
in practicing the virtues of family life



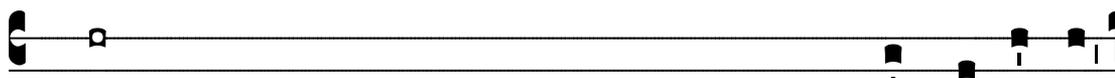
and in the bonds of cha-ri-ty, and so, in the joy of your house,



delight one day in e-ter-nal re-wards.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



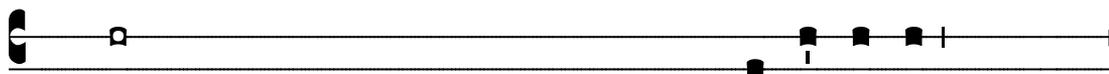
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



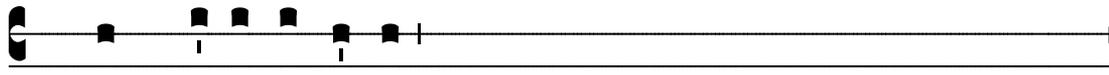
one God, for ever and e-ver.

When this Feast is celebrated on Sunday, the Creed is said.

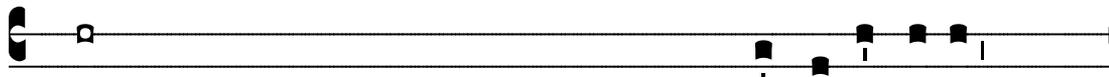
Prayer after Communion



Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,



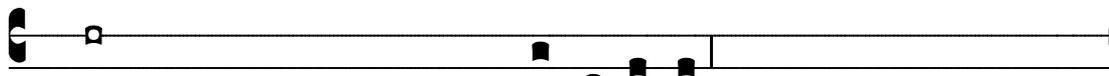
most merciful Father,



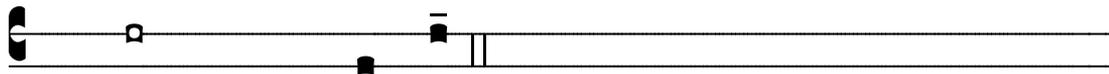
to imitate constantly the example of the Ho-ly Fa-mi-ly,



so that, after the trials of this world,



we may share their company for e-ver.

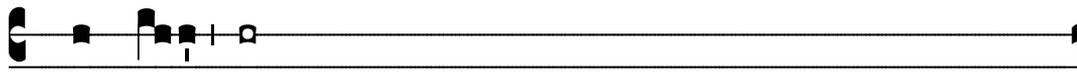


Through Christ our Lord.

January 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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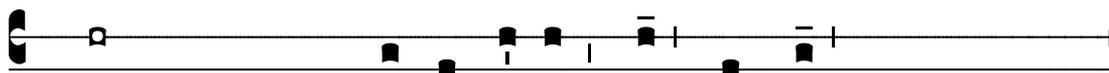
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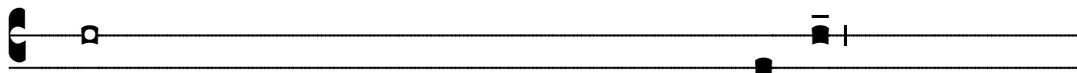
O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary



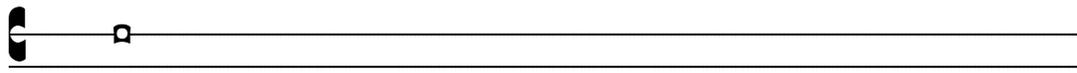
bestowed on the human race



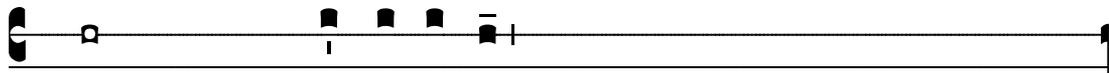
the grace of e-ter-nal sal-va-tion, grant, we pray,



that we may experience the intercession of her,



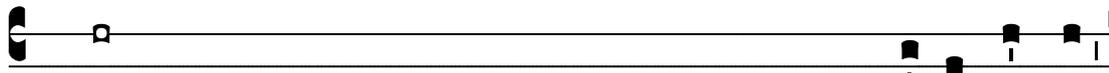
through whom we were found worthy



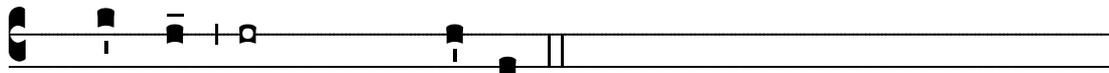
to receive the author of life,



our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.



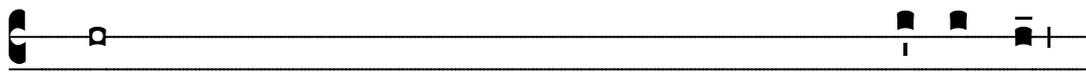
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



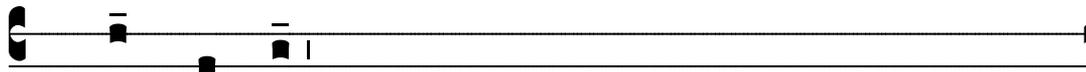
one God, for ever and e-ver.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



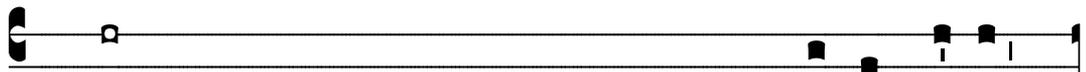
We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:



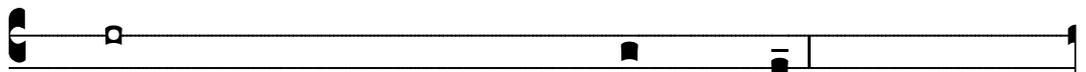
grant, we pray,



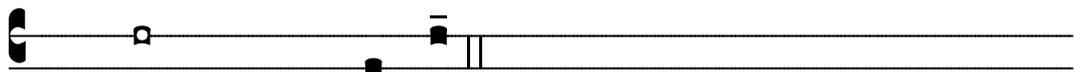
that it may lead us to e-ter-nal life,



for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Vir-gin Mary



Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.



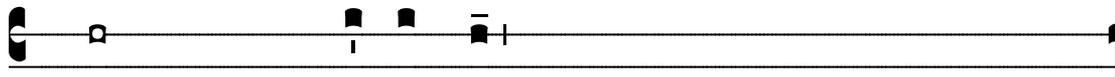
Through Christ our Lord.

A formulay of Solemn Blessing, p. 274, may be used.

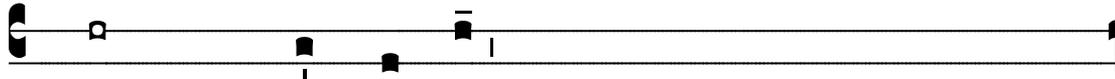
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

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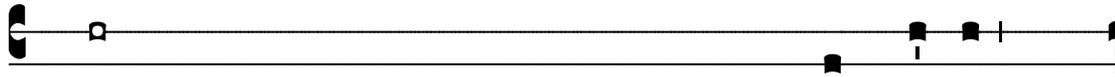
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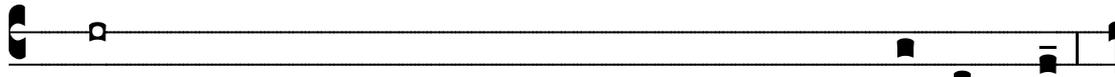
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



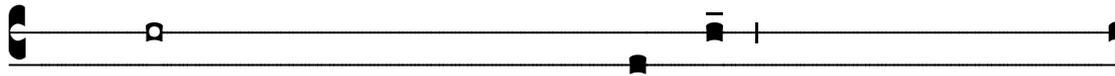
splendor of faith-ful souls,



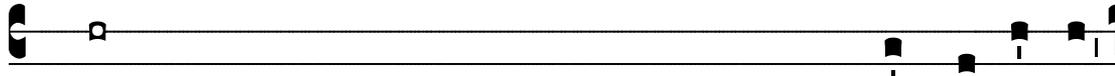
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glo-ry,



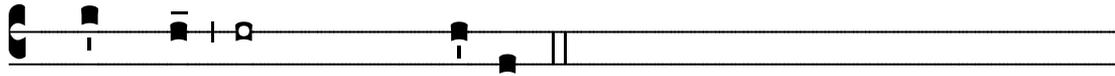
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



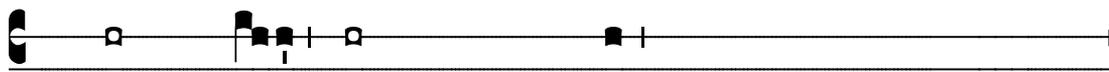
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



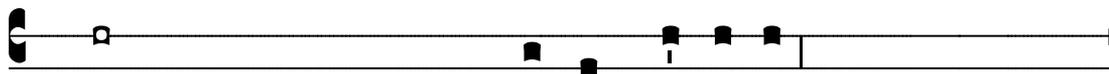
one God, for ever and e- ver.

The Creed is said.

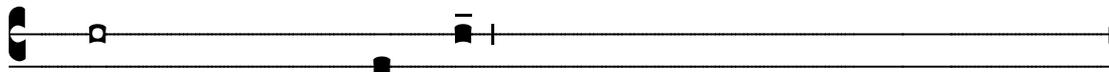
Prayer after Communion



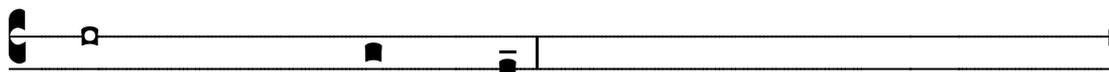
Lord our God, we humbly ask you,



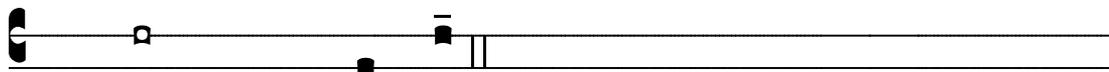
that, through the working of this mys-ter-y,



our offenses may be cleansed



and our just de-sires ful-filled.



Through Christ our Lord.

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[In the Diocese of the United States]
Sunday between January 2 and January 8
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

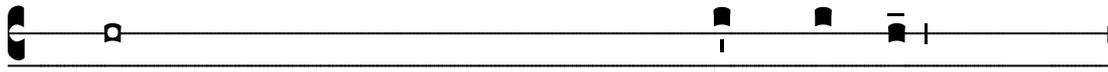
Solemnity

At the Vigil Mass

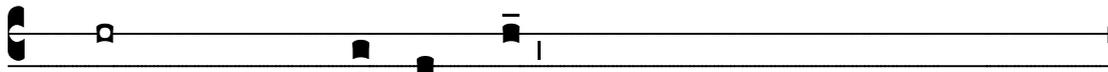
This Mass is used on the evening of the day before the Solemnity, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Epiphany.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

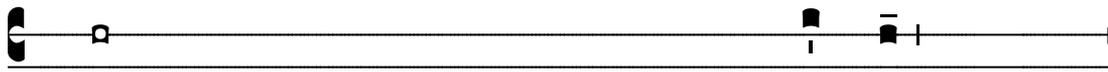
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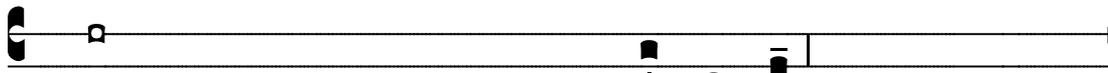
May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,



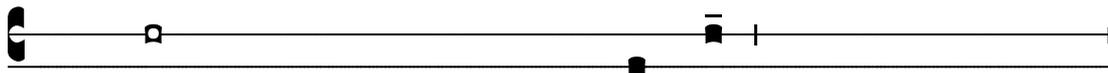
shed its light u-pon our hearts,



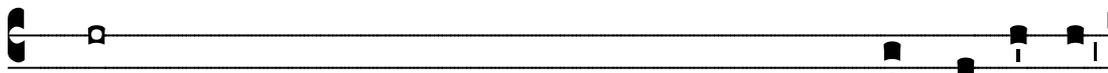
that we may pass through the shadows of this world



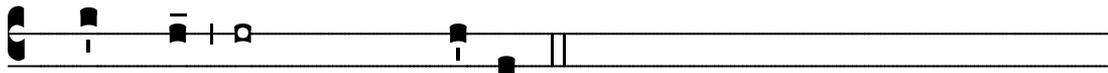
and reach the brightness of our e-ter-nal home.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



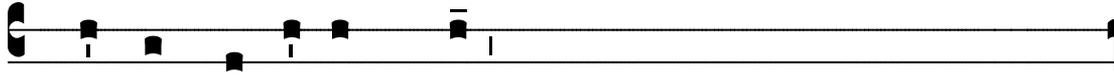
one God, for ever and e- ver.

The Creed is said.

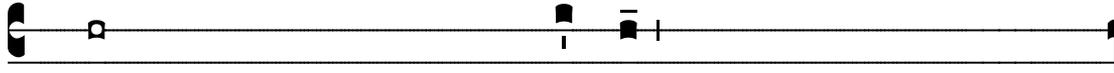
Prayer after Communion



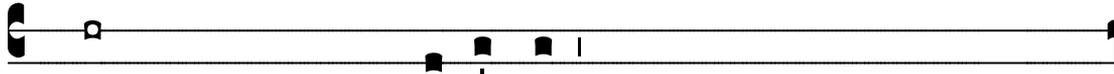
Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,



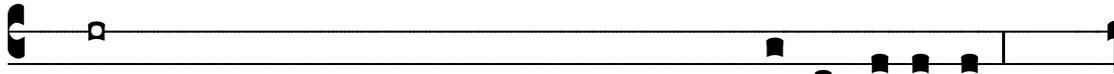
al-ways and e-very-where,



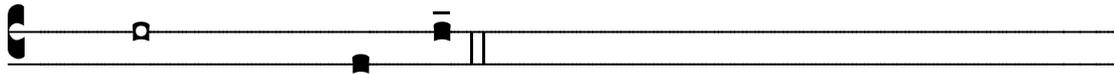
that we may perceive with clear sight



and revere with true af-fec-tion



the mystery in which you have willed us to par-ti-ci-pate.



Through Christ our Lord.

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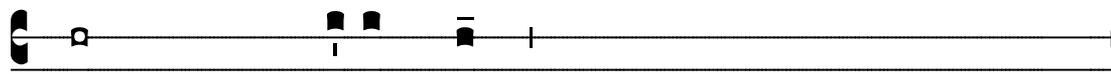
Sunday after the Epiphany of the Lord
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast

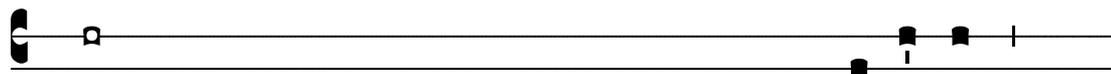
Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, if this Sunday occurs on January 7 or 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

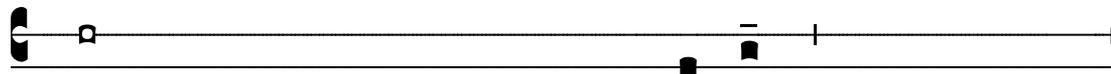
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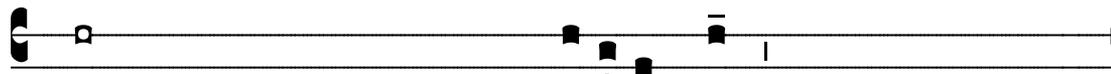
Almighty ever-living God,



who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan



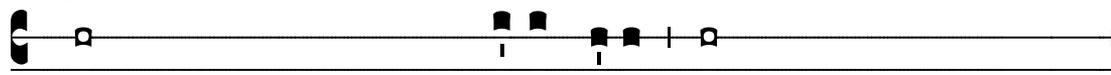
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,



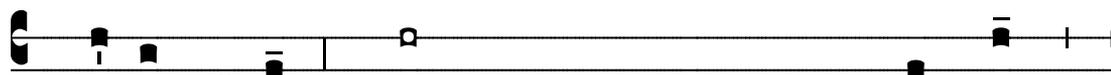
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,



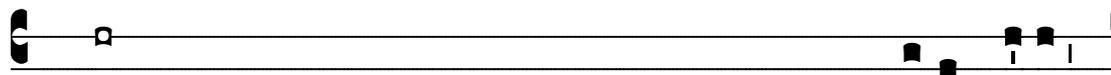
grant that your children by adoption,



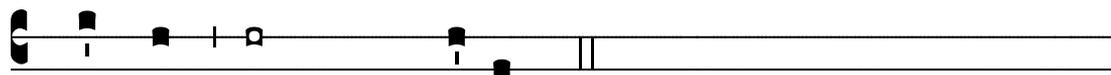
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well



pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

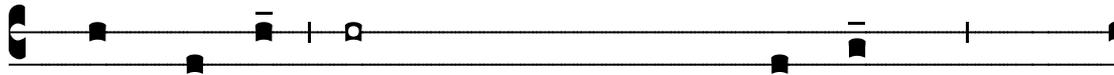
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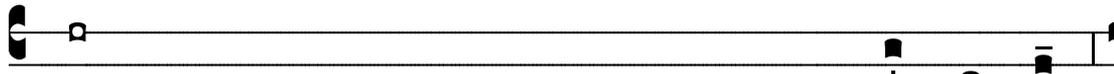
O God, whose Only Begotten Son



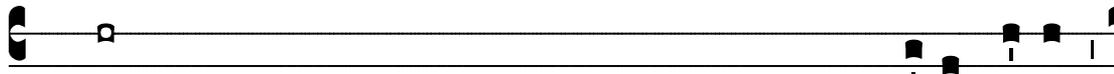
has appeared in our very flesh,



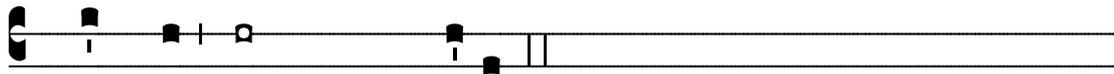
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed



through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.



Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



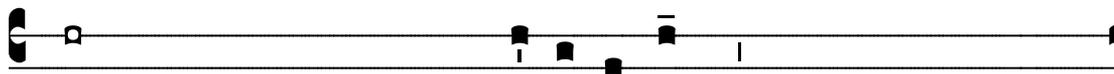
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

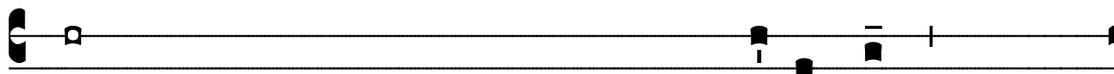
Prayer after Communion



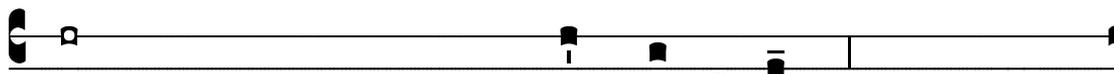
Nourished with these sacred gifts,



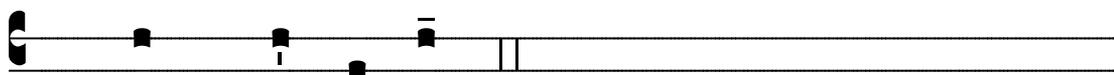
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,



that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,



we may be your children in name and in truth.



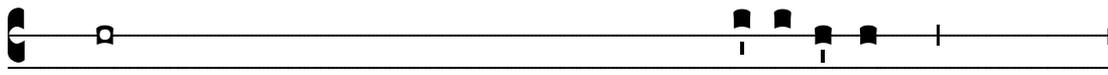
Through Christ our Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY

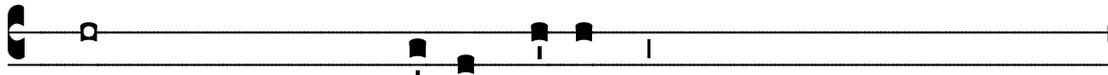
In the course of today's Mass, ashes are blessed and distributed. These are made from the olive branches or branches of other trees that were blessed the previous year.

The Penitential Act is omitted, and the Distribution of Ashes takes its place.

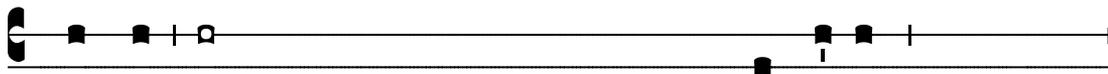
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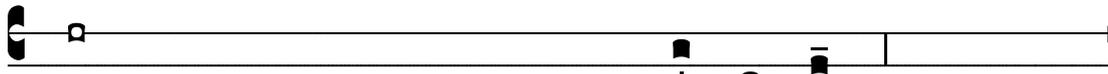
Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting



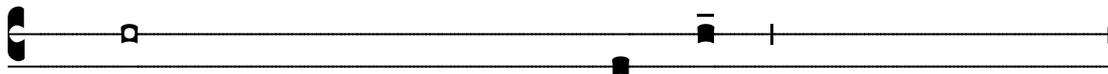
this campaign of Christian service,



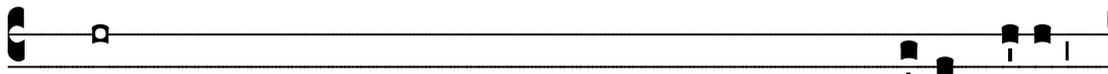
so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,



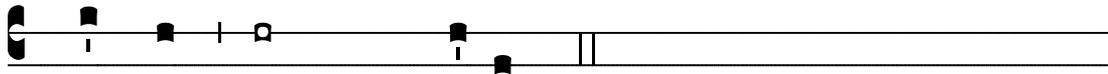
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



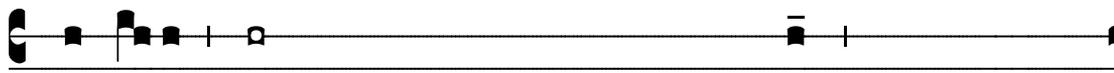
one God, for ever and ever.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

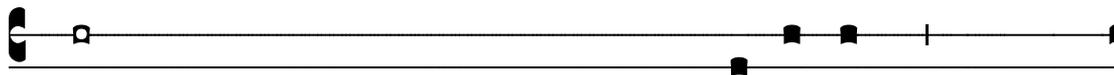
After the Homily, the Priest, standing with hands joined, says:

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), let us humbly ask God our Father that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

After a brief prayer in silence, and, with hands extended, he continues:



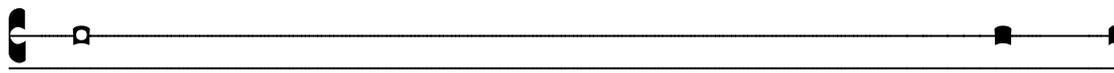
O God, who are moved by acts of humility



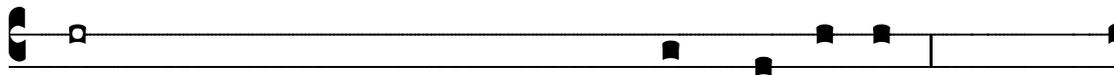
and respond with forgiveness to works of penance,



lend your merciful ear to our prayers



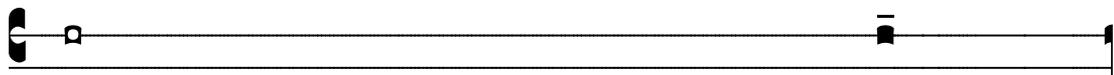
and in your kindness pour out the grace of your ✠ blessing



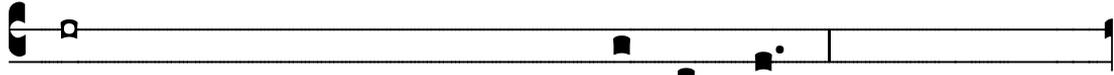
on your servants who are marked with these ashes,



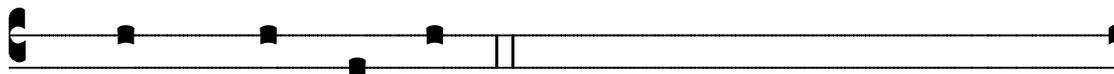
that, as they follow the Lenten observances,



they may be worthy to come with minds made pure

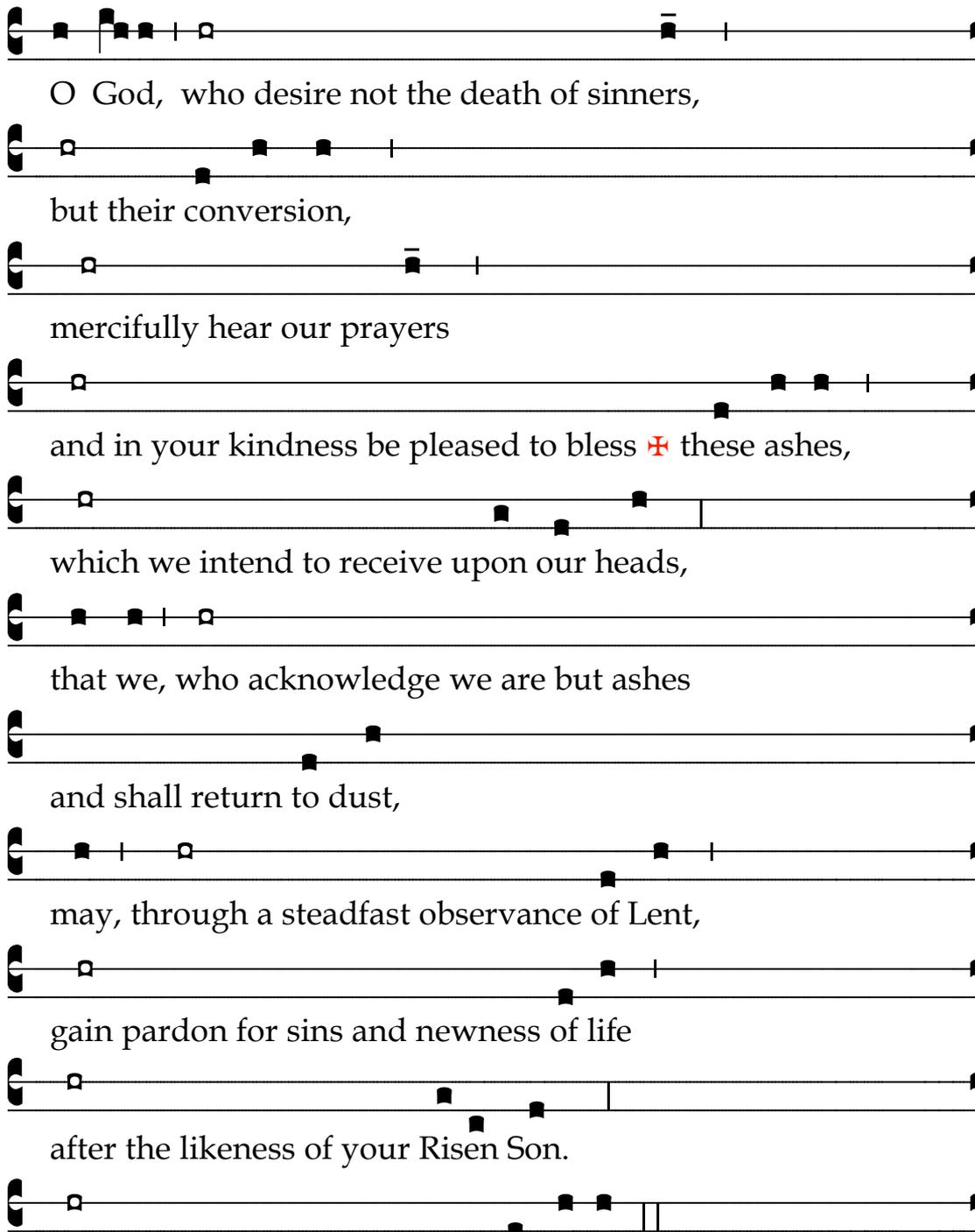


to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.



Through Christ our Lord.

Or:



O God, who desire not the death of sinners,
but their conversion,
mercifully hear our prayers
and in your kindness be pleased to bless ✠ these ashes,
which we intend to receive upon our heads,
that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes
and shall return to dust,
may, through a steadfast observance of Lent,
gain pardon for sins and newness of life
after the likeness of your Risen Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything.

Then the Priest places ashes on the head of all those present who come to him, and says to each one:

Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Or:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Meanwhile, the following are sung:

Antiphon 1

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes,
let us fast and weep before the Lord,
that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins.

Antiphon 2 C f. Jl 2: 17; Est 4: 17

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord,
stand between the porch and the altar and weep and cry out:
Spare, O Lord, spare your people;
do not close the mouths of those who sing your praise, O Lord.

Antiphon 3 P s 51 (50): 3

Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

This may be repeated after each verse of Psalm 51 (50) (Have mercy on me, O God).

Responsory C f. Bar 3: 2; Ps 79 (78): 9

R. Let us correct our faults which we have committed in ignorance, let us not be taken unawares by the day of our death, looking in vain for leisure to repent. * Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy, for we have sinned against you.

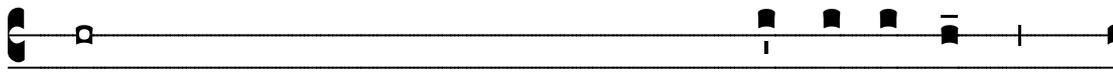
V. **Help us, O God our Savior; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free. * Hear us, O Lord . . .**

Another appropriate chant may also be sung.

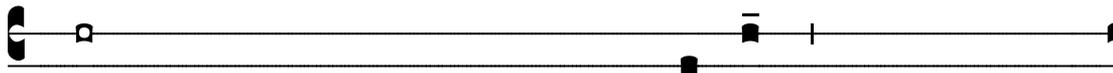
After the distribution of ashes, the Priest washes his hands and proceeds to the Universal Prayer, and continues the Mass in the usual way.

The Creed is not said.

Prayer after Communion



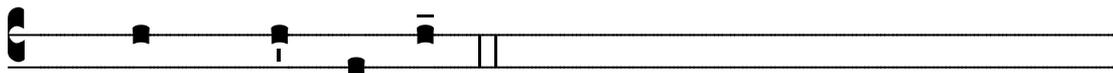
May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord,



that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you



and be for us a healing remedy.



Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

For the dismissal, the Priest stands facing the people and, extending his hands over them, says this prayer:

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

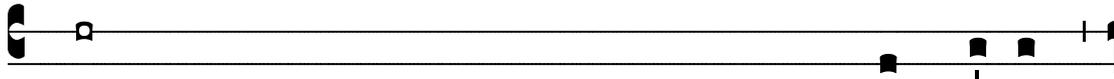
Bow down for the blessing.



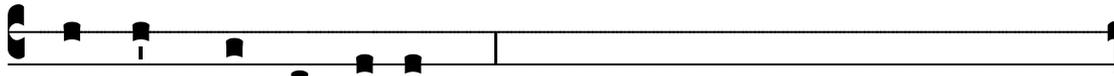
Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God,



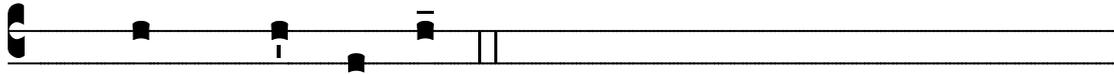
on those who bow before your majesty,



and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise



to those who do penance.



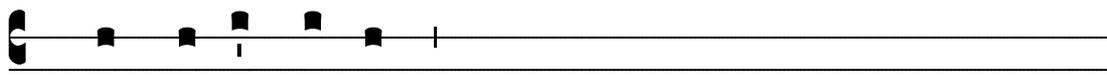
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

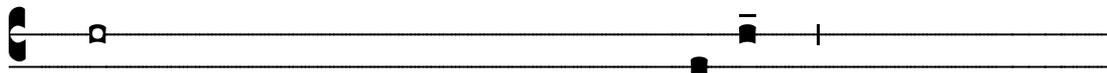
On this Sunday is celebrated the rite of "election" or "enrollment of names" for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

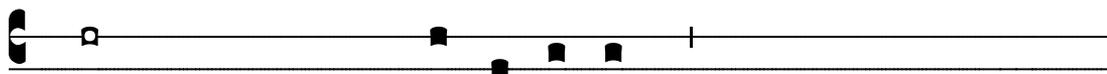
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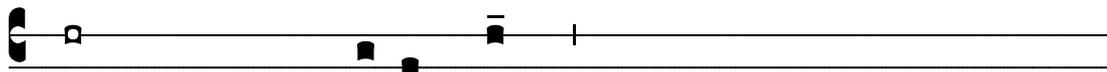
Grant, almighty God,



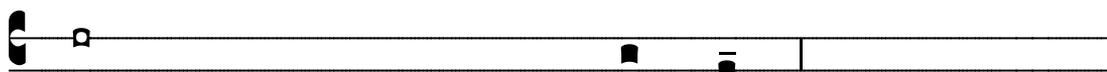
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,



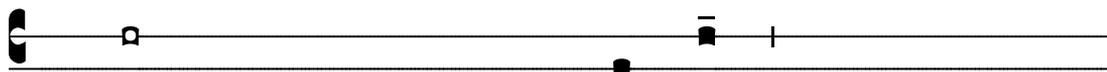
that we may grow in understanding



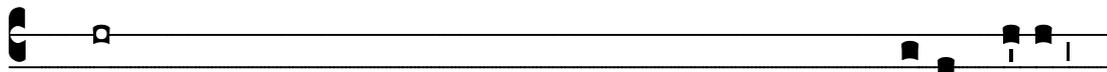
of the riches hidden in Christ



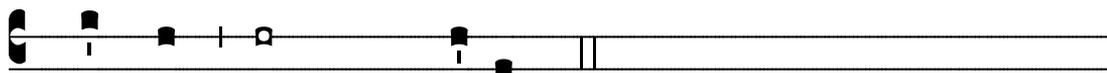
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



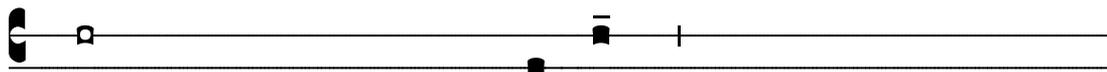
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



Renewed now with heavenly bread,



by which faith is nourished, hope increased,

and charity strengthened,
 we pray, O Lord,
 that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
 the true and living Bread,
 and strive to live by every word
 which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
 come down upon your people,
 that hope may grow in tribulation,
 virtue be strengthened in temptation,
 and eternal redemption be assured.

Through Christ our Lord.

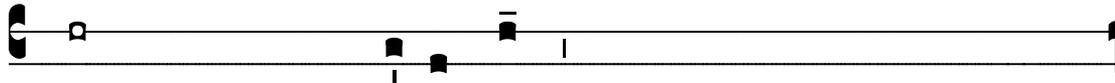
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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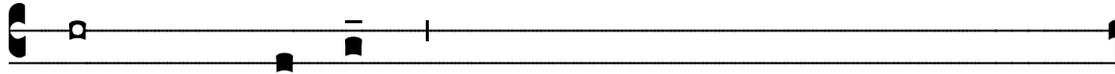
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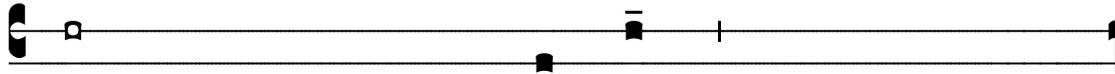
O God, who have commanded us



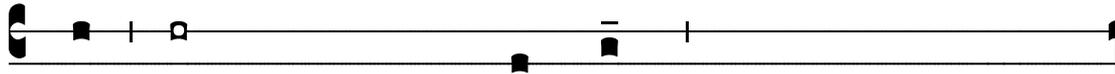
to listen to your beloved Son,



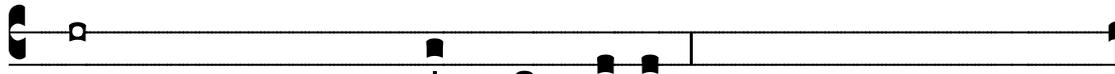
be pleased, we pray,



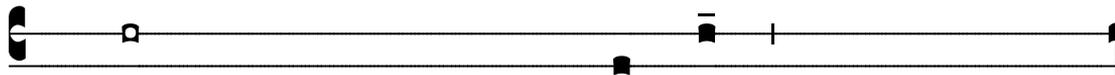
to nourish us inwardly by your word,



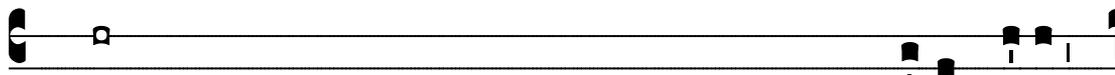
that, with spiritual sight made pure,



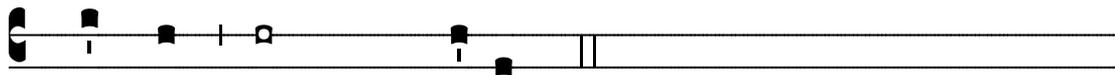
we may rejoice to behold your glory.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



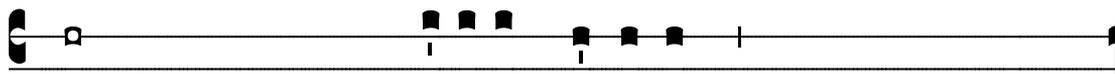
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



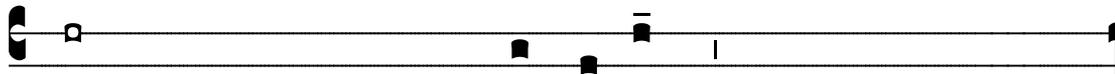
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



As we receive these glorious mysteries,



we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,

for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Ps. The Lord be with you.

Rx. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.

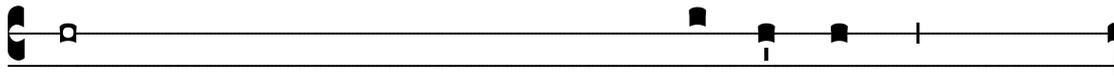
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

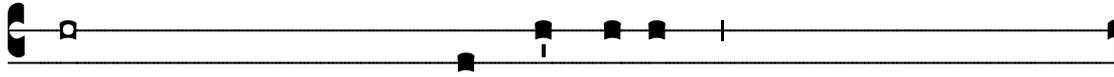
On this Sunday is celebrated the first scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

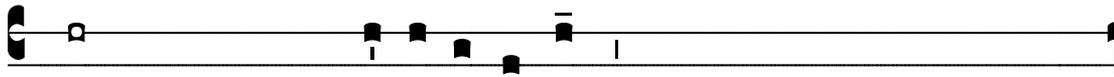
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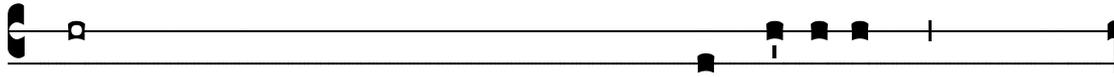
O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,



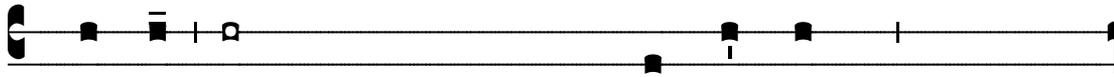
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving



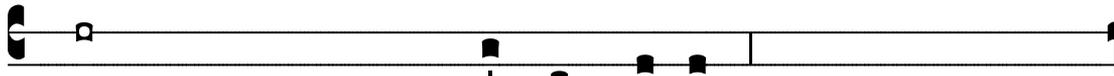
have shown us a remedy for sin,



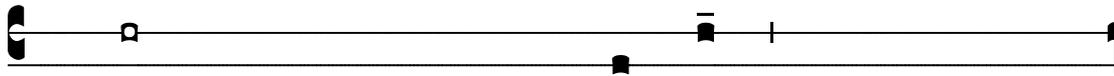
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,



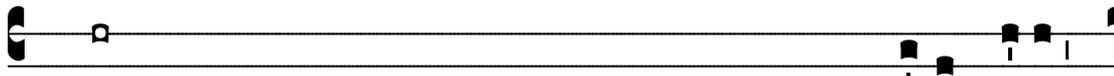
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,



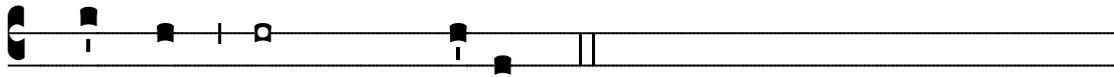
may always be lifted up by your mercy.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



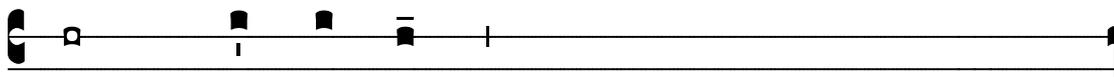
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



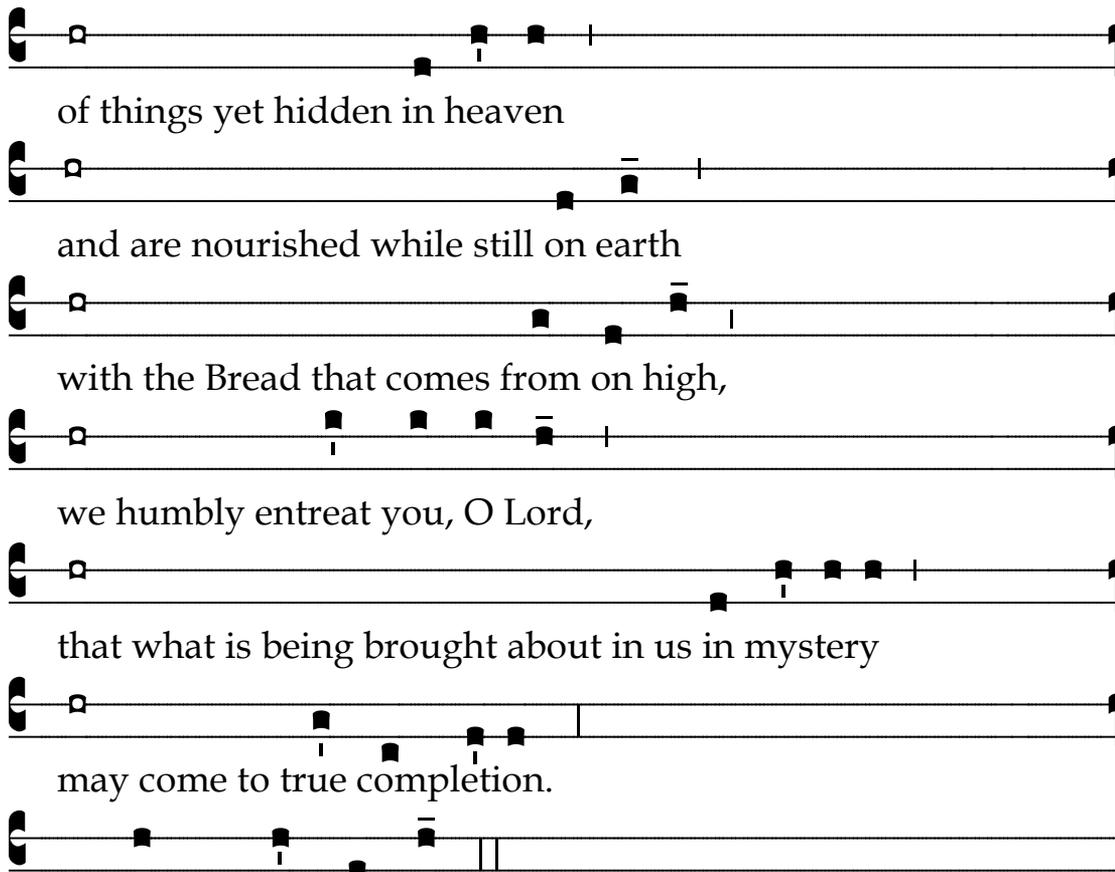
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



As we receive the pledge



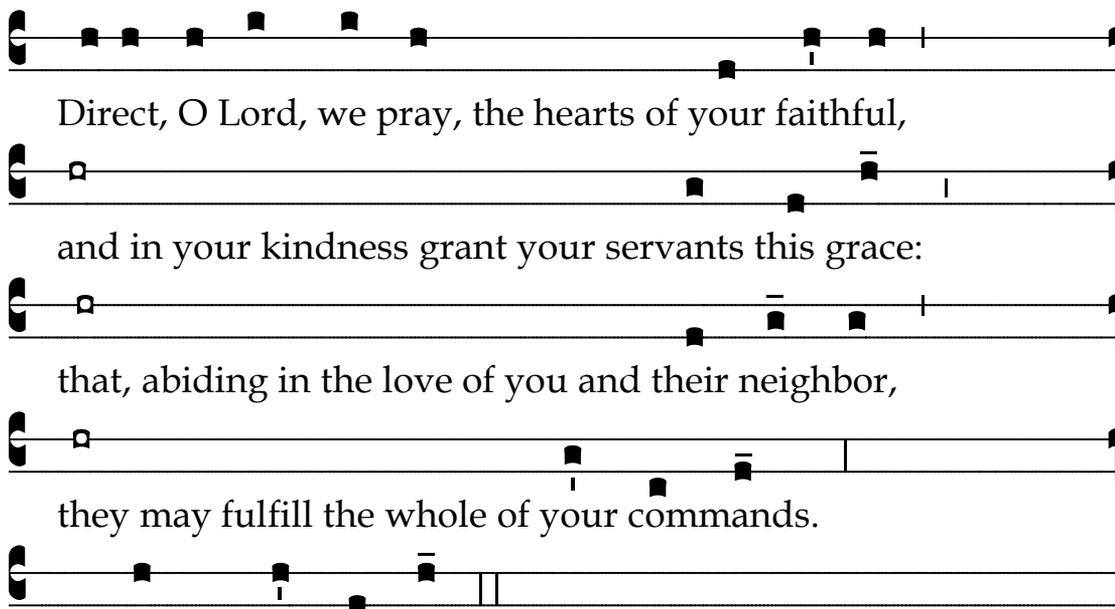
of things yet hidden in heaven
 and are nourished while still on earth
 with the Bread that comes from on high,
 we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
 that what is being brought about in us in mystery
 may come to true completion.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

℣. The Lord be with you. **℟.** And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.



Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,
 and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:
 that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor,
 they may fulfill the whole of your commands.

Through Christ our Lord.

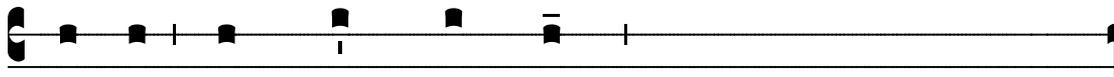
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Mass, the color violet or rose is used. Instrumental music is permitted, and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

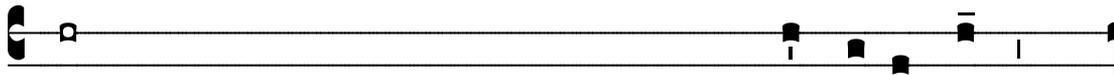
On this Sunday is celebrated the second scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

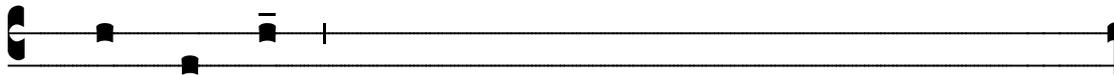
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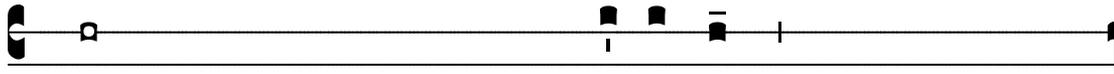
O God, who through your Word



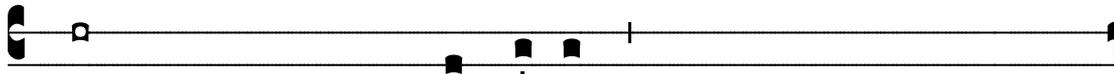
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,



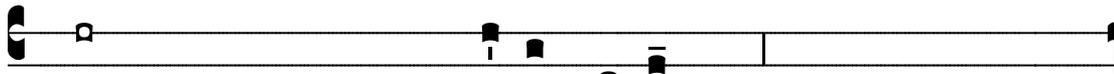
grant, we pray,



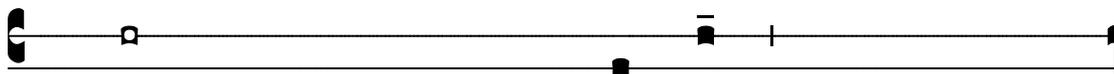
that with prompt devotion and eager faith



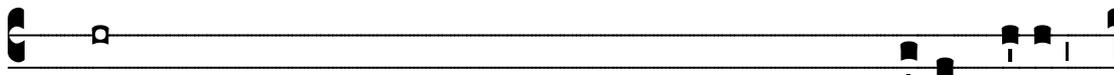
the Christian people may hasten



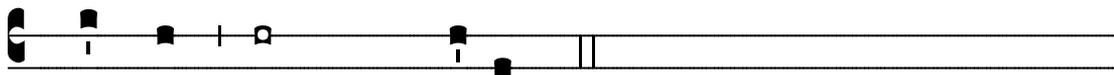
toward the solemn celebrations to come.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

The musical notation consists of eight staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The notes are represented by black squares on the staff lines, with vertical stems and horizontal beams. Some notes have a horizontal bar above them, indicating a longer duration. The text is aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across multiple staves.

Prayer over the People

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil
to reach the highest good.
Through Christ our Lord.

The musical notation consists of nine staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The notes are represented by black squares on the staff lines, with vertical stems and horizontal beams. Some notes have a horizontal bar above them, indicating a longer duration. The text is aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across multiple staves.

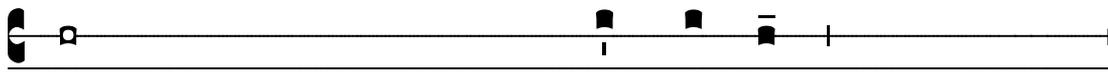
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

On this Sunday is celebrated the third scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, using the proper prayers and intercessions.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

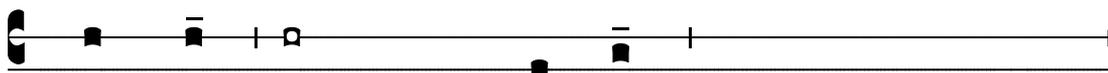
Collect



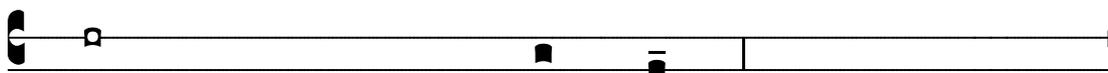
By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,



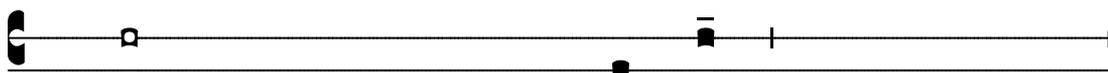
may we walk eagerly in that same charity



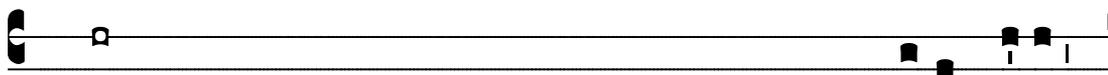
with which, out of love for the world,



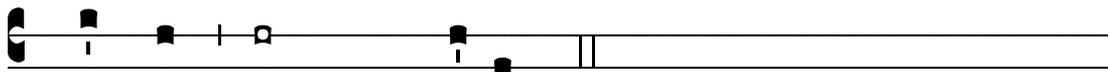
your Son handed himself over to death.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



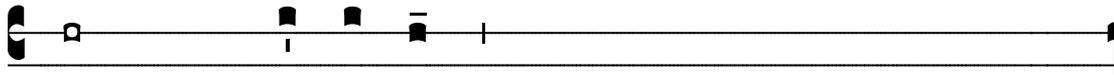
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



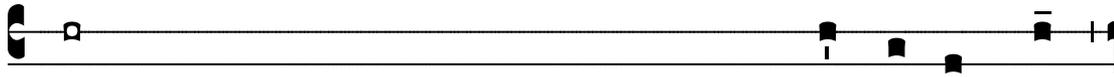
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

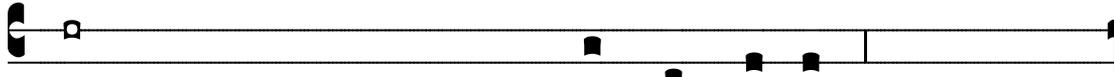
Prayer after Communion



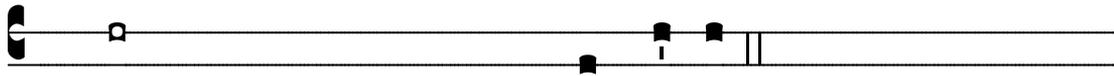
We pray, almighty God,



that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,



in whose Body and Blood we have communion.



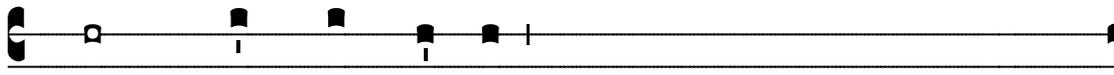
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

Prayer over the People

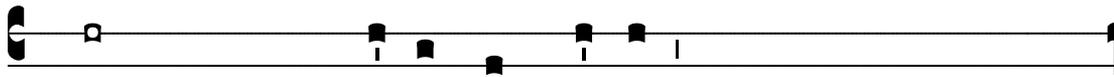
℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

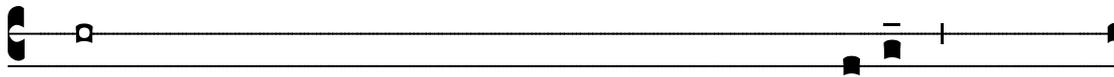
Bow down for the blessing.



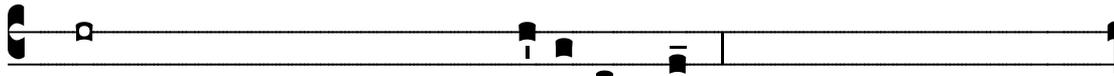
Bless, O Lord, your people,



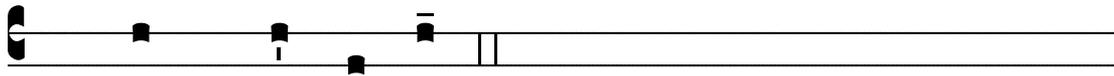
who long for the gift of your mercy,



and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire



they may receive by your generous gift.



Through Christ our Lord.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1. On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses, by means of the Procession or the Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass or the Simple Entrance before other Masses. The Solemn Entrance, but not the Procession, may be repeated before other Masses that are usually celebrated with a large gathering of people. It is desirable that, where neither the Procession nor the Solemn Entrance can take place, there be a sacred celebration of the Word of God on the messianic entrance and on the Passion of the Lord, either on Saturday evening or on Sunday at a convenient time.

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

First Form: The Procession

2. At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold branches in their hands.

3. Wearing the red sacred vestments as for Mass, the Priest and the Deacon, accompanied by other ministers, approach the place where the people are gathered. Instead of the chasuble, the Priest may wear a cope, which he leaves aside when the procession is over, and puts on a chasuble.

4. Meanwhile, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.

Ant. Mt 21: 9

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest

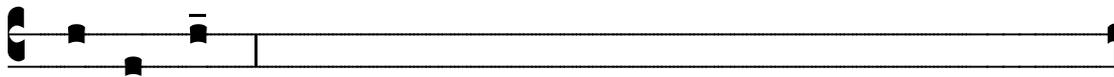
Or:

Hosanna filio David:
benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine.
Rex Israel:
Hosanna in excelsis.

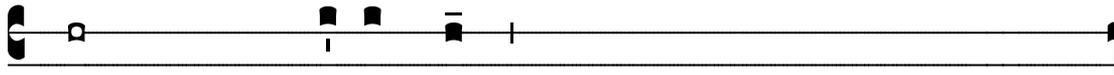
5. After this, the Priest and people sign themselves, while the Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then he greets the people in the usual way. A brief address is given, in which the faithful are invited to participate actively and consciously in the celebration of this day, in these or similar words:

**Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
since the beginning of Lent until now
we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.
Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church
the beginning of the celebration
of our Lord's Paschal Mystery,
that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.
For it was to accomplish this mystery
that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.
Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate
the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation,
following in his footsteps,
so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross,
we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.**

6. After the address, the Priest says one of the following prayers with hands extended.



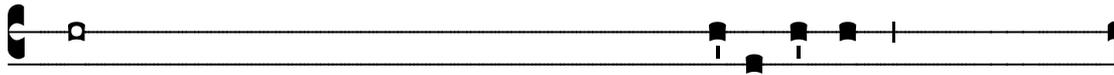
Let us pray.



Almighty ever-living God,



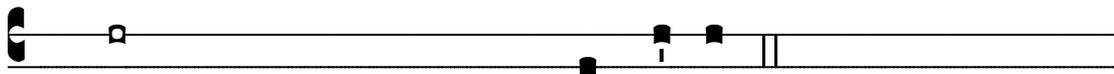
sanctify these branches with your blessing,



that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,

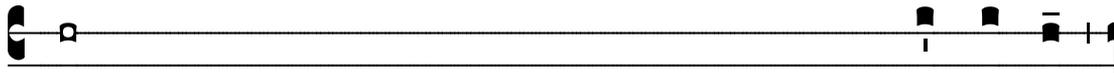


may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.

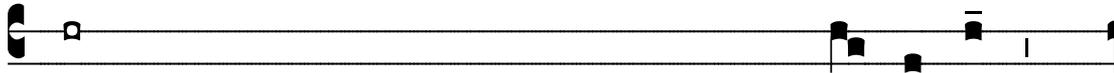


Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

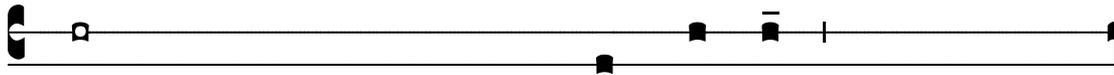
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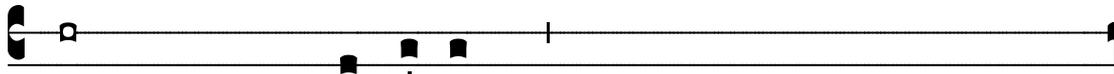
Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God,



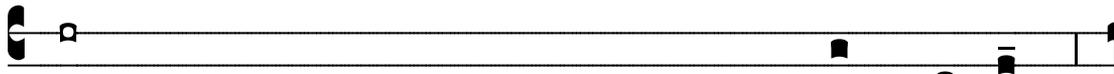
and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you,



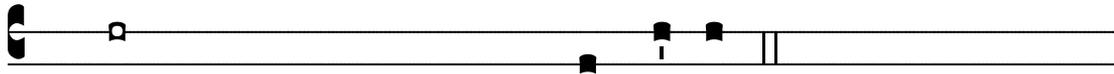
that we, who today hold high these branches



to hail Christ in his triumph,



may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

R. Amen.

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

7. Then a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, a Priest, proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord's entrance according to one of the four Gospels. If appropriate, incense may be used.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

Year A:

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 21: 1-11**

- 1** When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them,
"Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me.
3 And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once."
4 This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:
5 Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.
7 They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them.
8 The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.
9 The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:
"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."
10 And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"
11 And the crowds replied,
"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Year B:

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. 11: 1-10

- 1 When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here.
- 3 If anyone should say to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ reply, ‘The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.’ “
- 4 So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it.
- 5 Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”
- 6 They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it.
- 7 So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it.
- 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.
- 9 Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”
- The Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 12: 12-16

- 12 When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
- 13 they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.”
- 14 Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:
- 15 Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass’s colt.
- 16 His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.
- The Gospel of the Lord.

Year C

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 19: 28-40

28 Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.

29 As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples.

30 He said, “Go into the village opposite you,
and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one
has ever sat.

Untie it and bring it here.

31 And if anyone should ask you,
‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer,
‘The Master has need of it.’ “

32 So those who had been sent went off
and found everything just as he had told them.

33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why
are you untying this colt?”

34 They answered,
“The Master has need of it.”³⁵ So they brought it to Jesus,
threw their cloaks over the colt,
and helped Jesus to mount.

36 As he rode along,
the people were spreading their cloaks on the road;
37 and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of his disciples
began to praise God aloud with joy
for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

38 They proclaimed:
“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

39 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke
your disciples.”

40 He said in reply,
“I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

8. After the Gospel, a brief homily may be given. Then, to begin the Procession, an invitation may be given by a Priest or a Deacon or a lay minister, in these or similar words:

**Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem,
let us go forth in peace.**

Or:

Let us go forth in peace.

In this latter case, all respond:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

9. The Procession to the church where Mass will be celebrated then sets off in the usual way. If incense is used, the thurifer goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then an acolyte or another minister, carrying a cross decorated with palm branches according to local custom, between two ministers with lighted candles. Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, the Priest with the ministers, and, after them, all the faithful carrying branches.

As the Procession moves forward, the following or other suitable chants in honor of Christ the King are sung by the choir and people.

Antiphon 1

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

If appropriate, this antiphon is repeated between the strophes of the following Psalm.

Psalm 24 (23)

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, *
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas; *
on the rivers he made it firm.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? *
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things, †
who has not sworn deceitful words. *

(The antiphon is repeated)

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, *
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him, *
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

(The antiphon is repeated)

O gates, lift high your heads; †
grow higher, ancient doors. *
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory? *
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant;
the Lord, the valiant in war.

(The antiphon is repeated)

O gates, lift high your heads; †
grow higher, ancient doors.*
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory? *
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Antiphon 2

The children of the Hebrews spread their garments on the road,
crying out and saying: Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

If appropriate, this antiphon is repeated between the strophes of the following Psalm.

Psalm 47 (46)

All peoples, clap your hands.*
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most high, is awesome,*
the great king over all the earth.

(The antiphon is repeated)

He humbles peoples under us*
and nations under our feet.
Our heritage he chose for us,*
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God goes up with shouts of joy.*
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Sing praise for God; sing praise! *
Sing praise to our king; sing praise!
God is king of all earth.*
Sing praise with all your skill.

(The antiphon is repeated)

God reigns over the nations.*
God sits upon his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples are assembled
with the people of the God of Abraham. †
The rulers of the earth belong to God,*
who is greatly exalted.

(The antiphon is repeated)

Hymn to Christ the King

Chorus:

Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ, King and Redeemer,
to whom young children cried out loving Hosannas with joy.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Israel's King are you, King David's magnificent offspring;
you are the ruler who come blest in the name of the Lord.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Heavenly hosts on high unite in singing your praises;
men and women on earth and all creation join in.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Bearing branches of palm, Hebrews came crowding to greet you;
see how with prayers and hymns we come to pay you our vows.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

They offered gifts of praise to you, so near to your Passion;
see how we sing this song now to you reigning on high.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

Chorus:

Those you were pleased to accept; now accept our gifts of devotion,
good and merciful King, lover of all that is good.

All repeat: Glory and honor . . .

10. As the procession enters the church, there is sung the following responsory or another chant, which should speak of the Lord's entrance.

R. As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. *Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. *Waving their branches.

11. When the Priest arrives at the altar, he venerates it and, if appropriate, incenses it. Then he goes to the chair, where he puts aside the cope, if he has worn one, and puts on the chasuble.

Omitting the other Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.

Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

12. When a procession outside the church cannot take place, the entrance of the Lord is celebrated inside the church by means of a Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass.

13. Holding branches in their hands, the faithful gather either outside, in front of the church door, or inside the church itself. The Priest and ministers and a representative group of the faithful go to a suitable place in the church outside the sanctuary, where at least the greater part of the faithful can see the rite.

14. While the Priest approaches the appointed place, the antiphon Hosanna or another appropriate chant is sung. Then the blessing of branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem take place as above (nos. 5-7). After the Gospel, the Priest processes solemnly with the ministers and the representative group of the faithful through the church to the sanctuary, while the responsory As the Lord entered (no. 10) or another appropriate chant is sung.

15. Arriving at the altar, the Priest venerates it. He then goes to the chair and, omitting the Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.

Third Form: The Simple Entrance

16. At all other Masses of this Sunday at which the Solemn Entrance is not held, the memorial of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem takes place by means of a Simple Entrance.

17. While the Priest proceeds to the altar, the Entrance Antiphon with its Psalm (no. 18) or another chant on the same theme is sung. Arriving at the altar, the Priest venerates it and goes to the chair. After the Sign of the Cross, he greets the people and continues the Mass in the usual way. At other Masses, in which singing at the entrance cannot take place, the Priest, as soon as he has arrived at the altar and venerated it, greets the people, reads the Entrance Antiphon, and continues the Mass in the usual way.

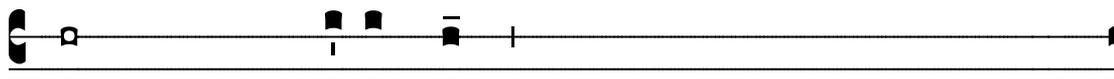
18. Entrance Antiphon C f. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 24 (23): 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:
*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

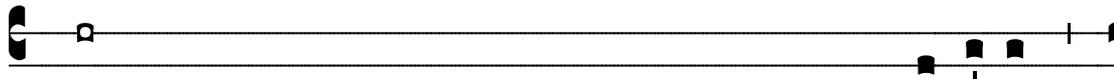
At the Mass

19. After the Procession or Solemn Entrance the Priest begins the Mass with the Collect.

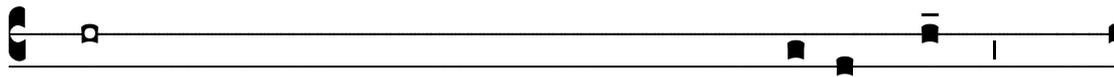
20. Collect



Almighty ever-living God,



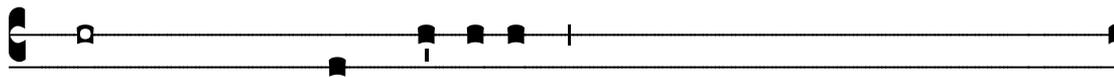
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow



caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,



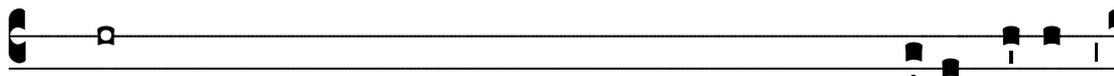
graciously grant that we may heed



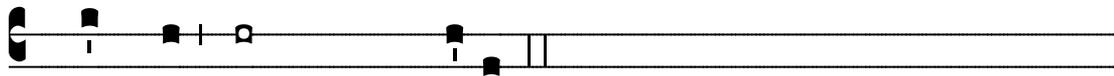
his lesson of patient suffering



and so merit a share in his Resurrection.



Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



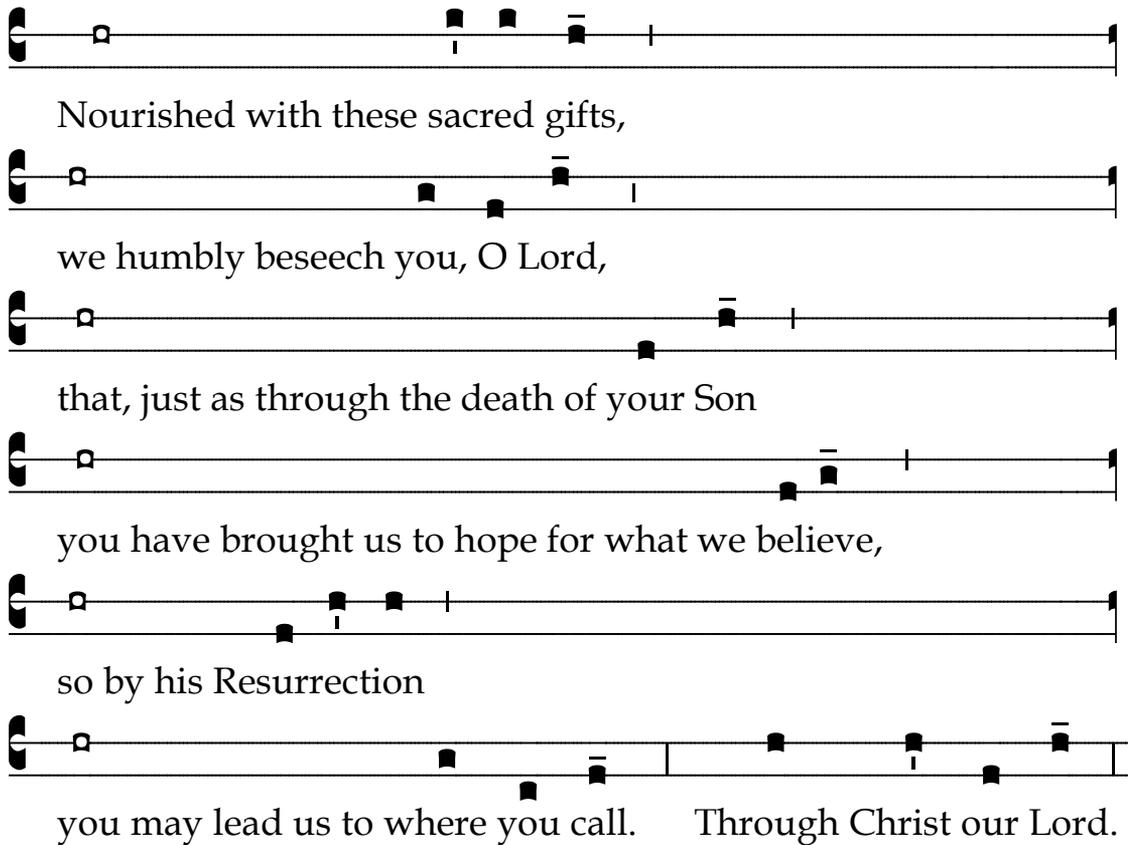
one God, for ever and ever.

21. The narrative of the Lord's Passion is read without candles and without incense, with no greeting or signing of the book. It is read by a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, by a Priest. It may also be read by readers, with the part of Christ, if possible, reserved to a Priest. Deacons, but not others, ask for the blessing of the Priest before singing the Passion, as at other times before the Gospel.

22. After the narrative of the Passion, a brief homily should take place, if appropriate. A period of silence may also be observed.

The Creed is said, and the Universal Prayer takes place.

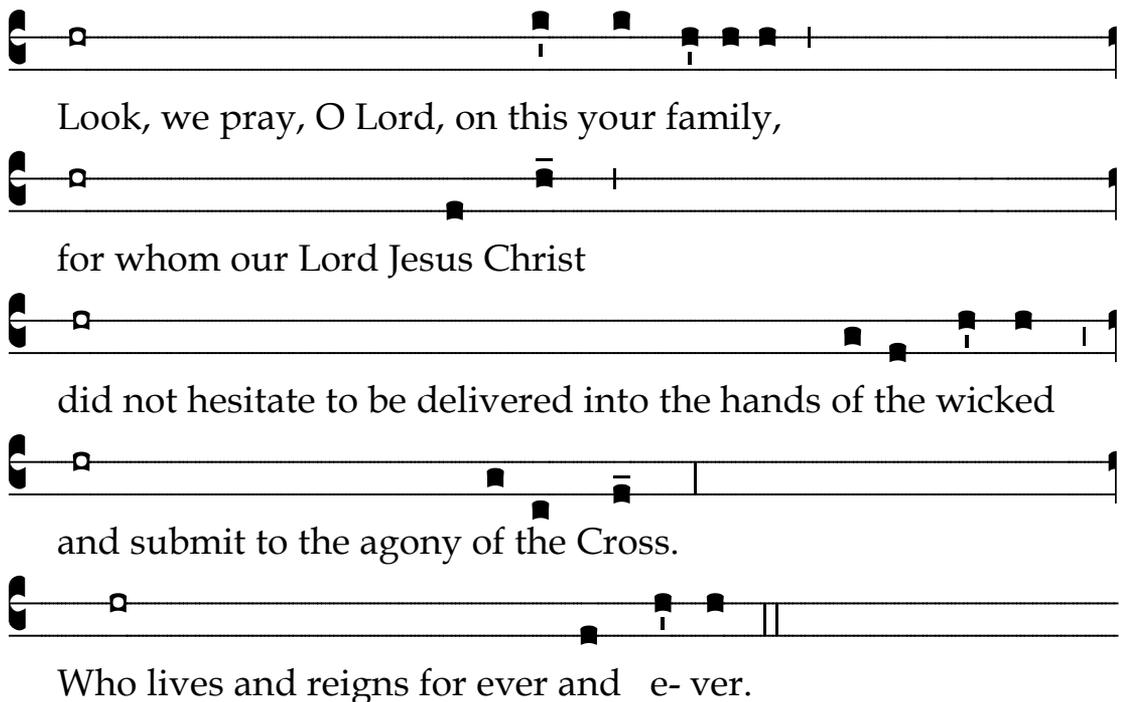
Prayer after Communion



Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

℣. The Lord be with you. **℟.** And with your spirit.
Bow down for the blessing.



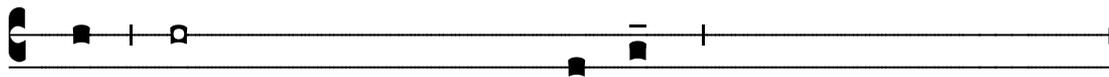
Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

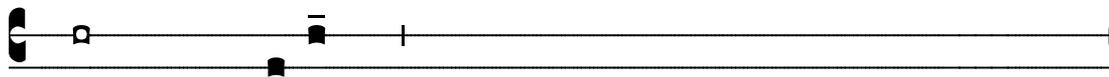
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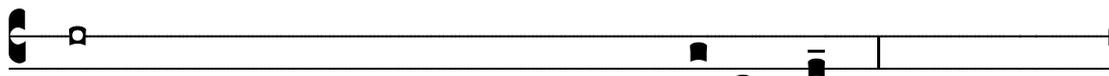
Grant, we pray, almighty God,



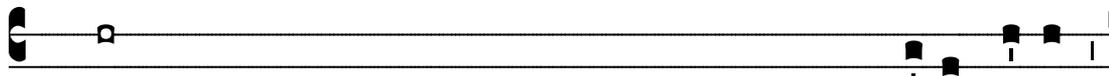
that, though in our weakness we fail,



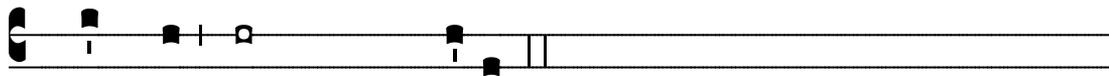
we may be revived



through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son.

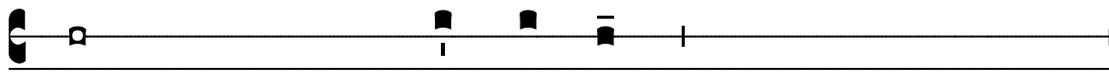


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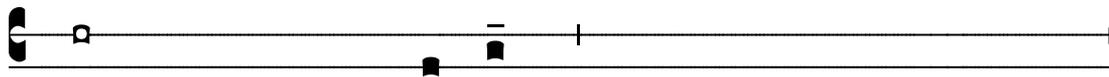


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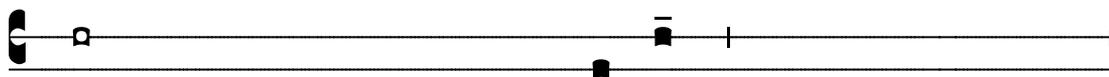
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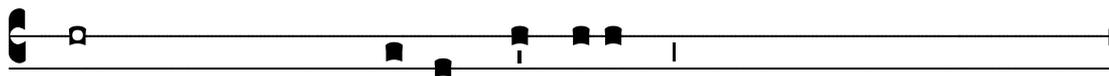
Visit your people, O Lord, we pray,



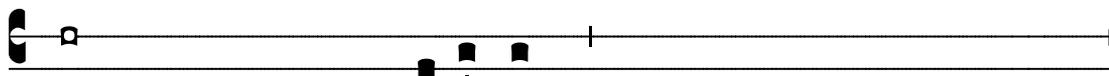
and with ever-watchful love



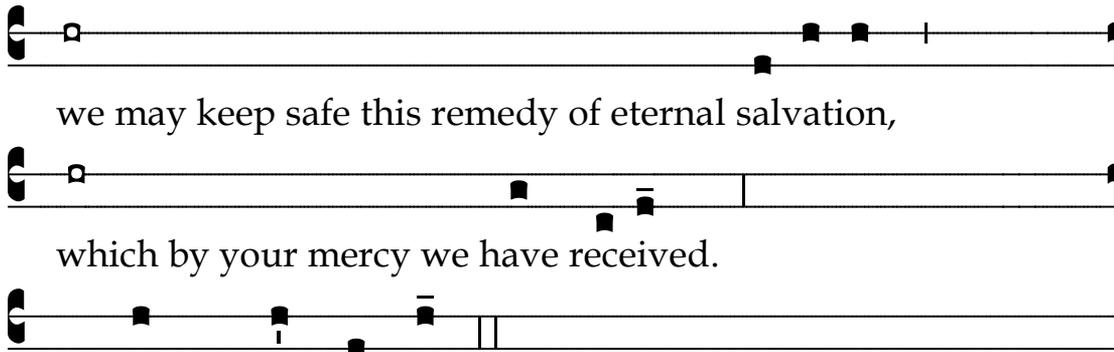
look upon the hearts dedicated to you



by means of these sacred mysteries,



so that under your protection



we may keep safe this remedy of eternal salvation,
 which by your mercy we have received.
 Through Christ our Lord.

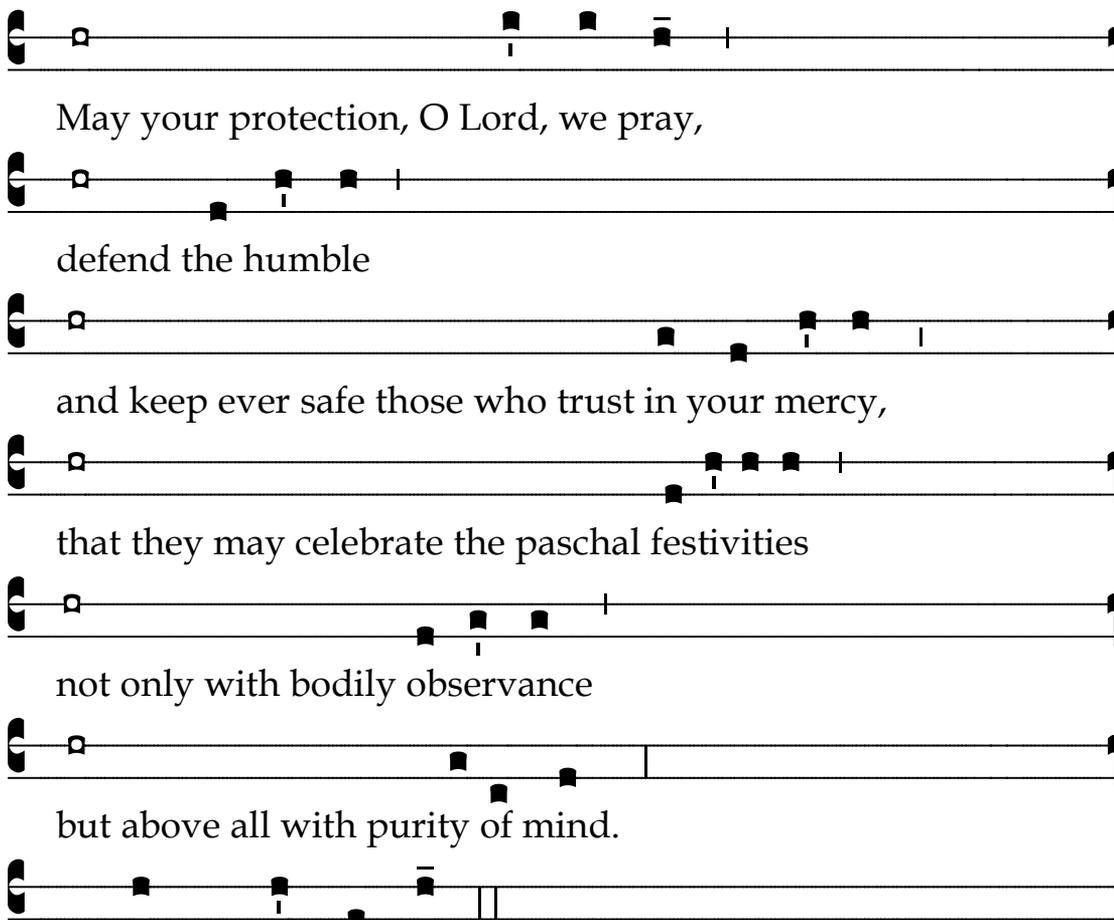
Prayer over the People

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℟. And with your spirit.

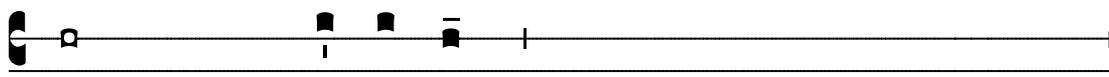
Bow down for the blessing.



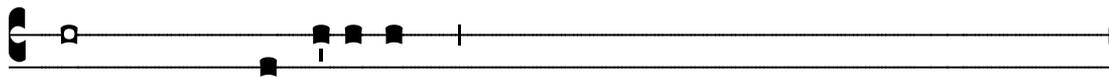
May your protection, O Lord, we pray,
 defend the humble
 and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy,
 that they may celebrate the paschal festivities
 not only with bodily observance
 but above all with purity of mind.
 Through Christ our Lord.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

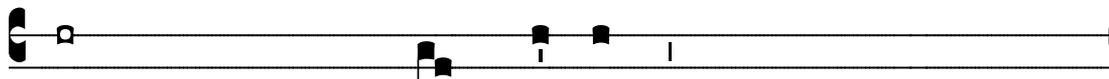
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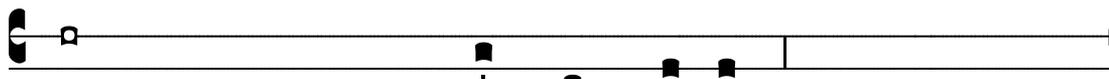
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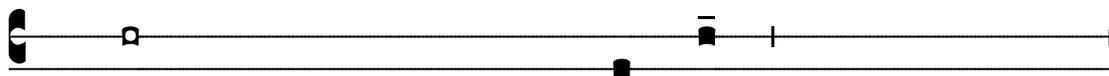
grant us so to celebrate



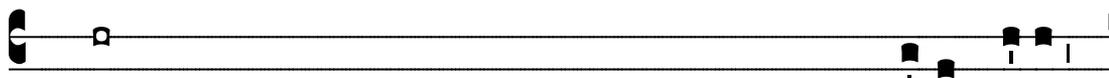
the mysteries of the Lord's Passion



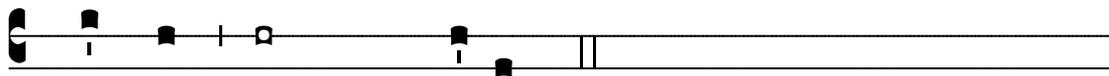
that we may merit to receive your pardon.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

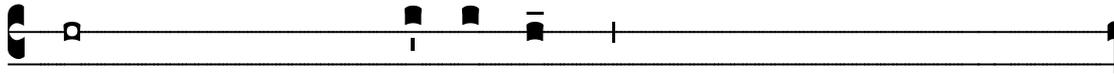


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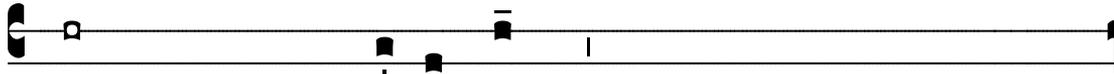


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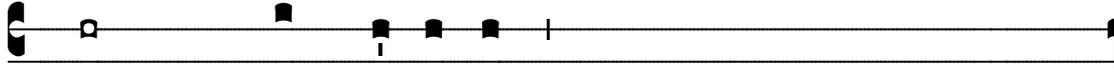
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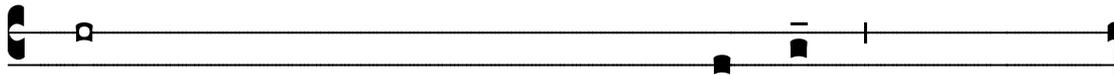
Nourished by your saving gifts,



we beseech your mercy, Lord,



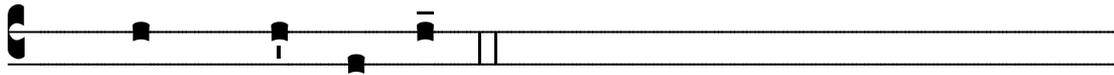
that by this same Sacrament,



with which you have fed us in the present age



you may make us partakers of life eternal.



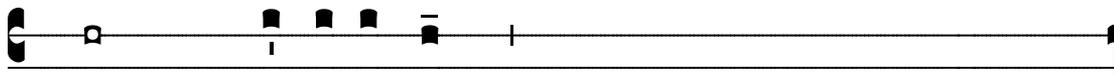
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

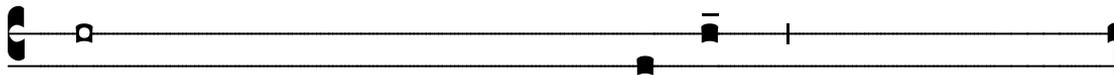
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✠ **The Lord be with you.** ✠ And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.



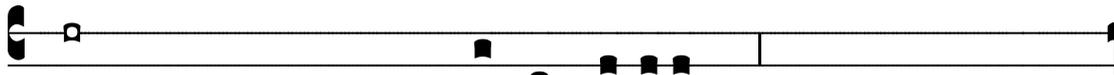
May your mercy, O God,



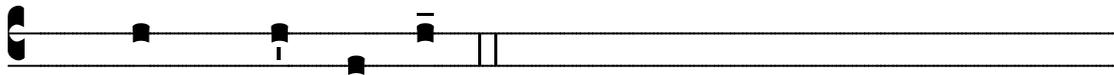
cleanse the people that are subject to you



from all seduction of former ways



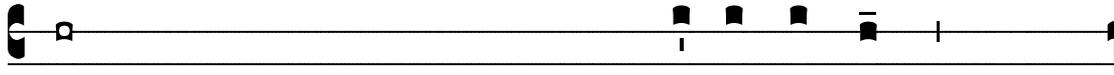
and make them capable of new holiness.



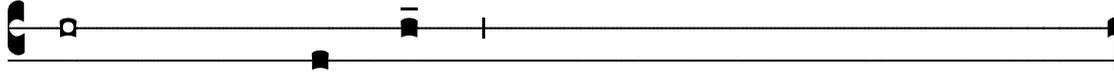
Through Christ our Lord.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

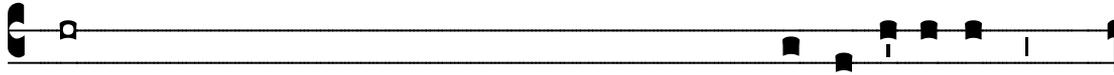
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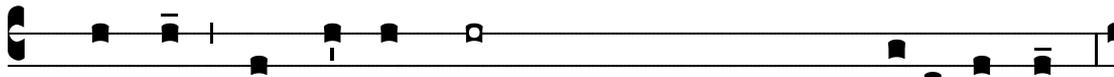
O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake



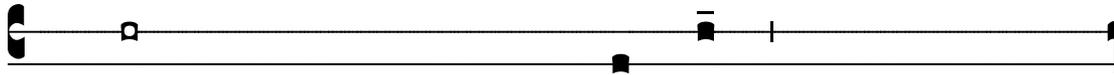
to the yoke of the Cross,



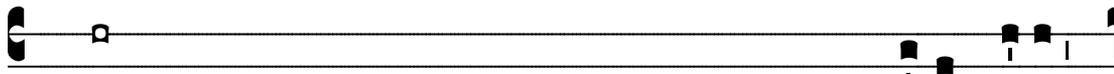
so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy,



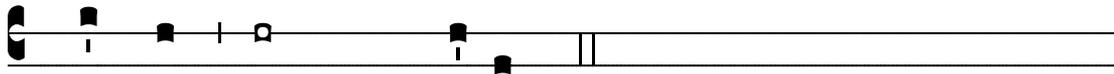
grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

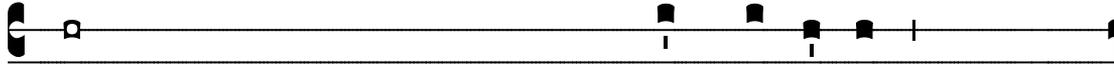


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

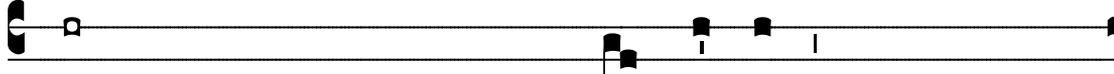
Prayer after Communion



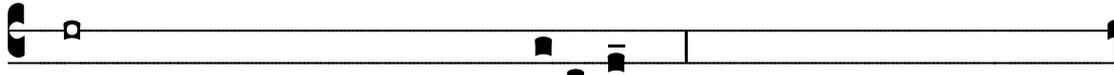
Endow us, almighty God, with the firm conviction



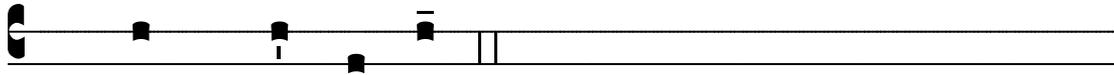
that through your Son's Death in time,



to which the revered mysteries bear witness,



we may be assured of perpetual life.



Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

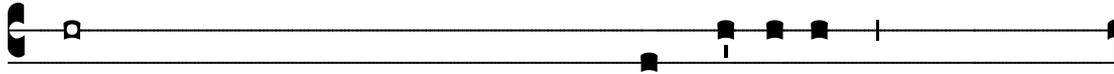
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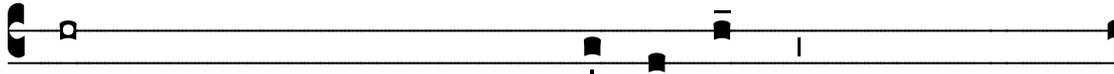
Bow down for the blessing.



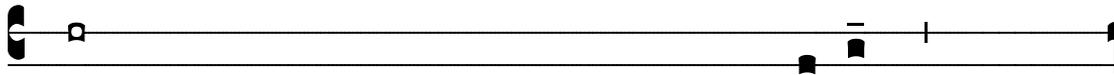
Grant your faithful, O Lord, we pray,



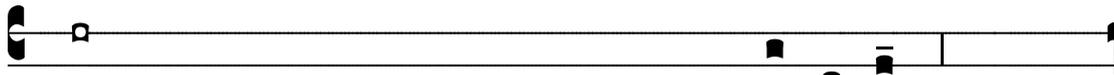
to partake unceasingly of the paschal mysteries



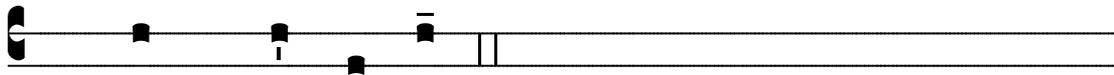
and to await with longing the gifts to come,



that, persevering in the Sacraments of their rebirth,



they may be led by Lenten works to newness of life.



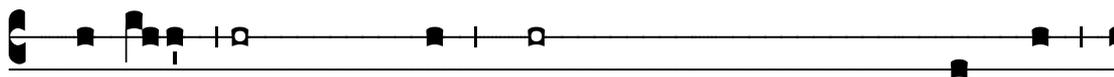
Through Christ our Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:



Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Or:



Go in peace, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

All reply:



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

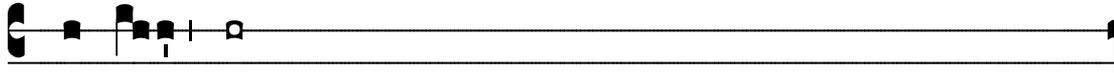
This practice is observed throughout the Octave of Easter.

The paschal candle is lit in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of this period.

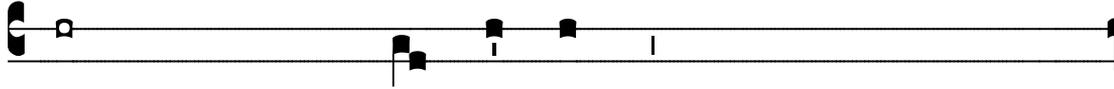
MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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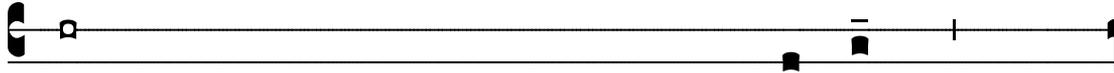
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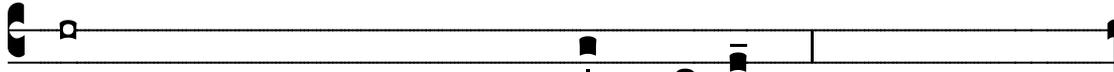
O God, who give constant increase



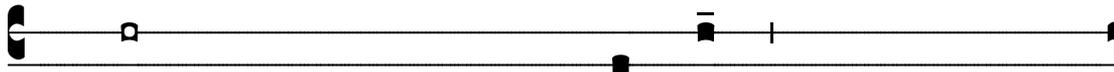
to your Church by new offspring,



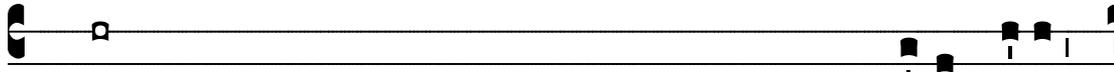
grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives



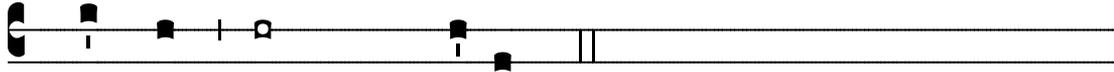
to the Sacrament they have received in faith.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

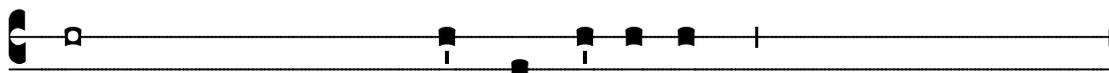


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

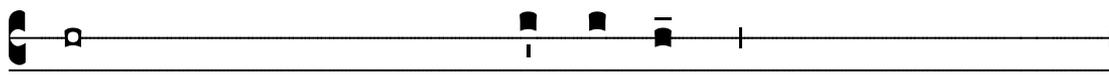


one God, for ever and ever.

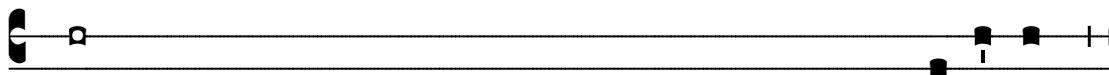
Prayer after Communion



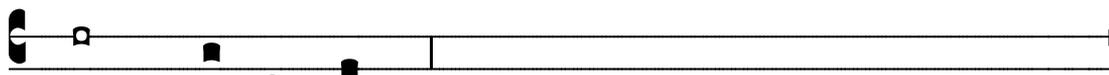
May the grace of this paschal Sacrament



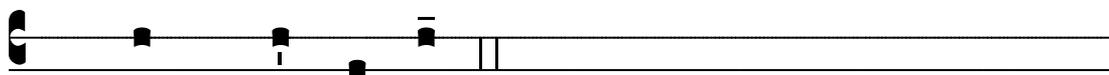
abound in our minds, we pray, O Lord,



and make those you have set on the way of eternal salvation



worthy of your gifts.

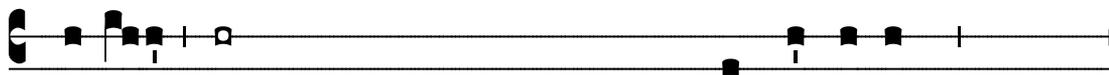


Through Christ our Lord.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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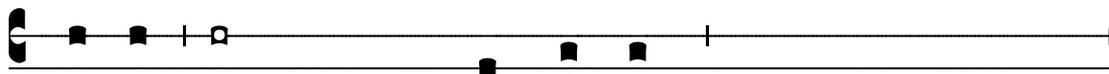
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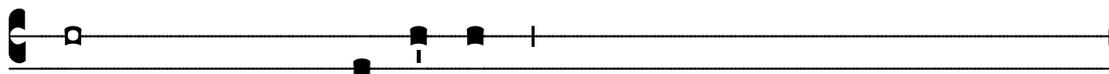
O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies,



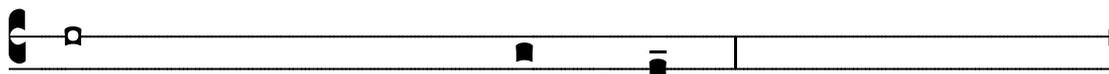
endow your people with heavenly gifts,



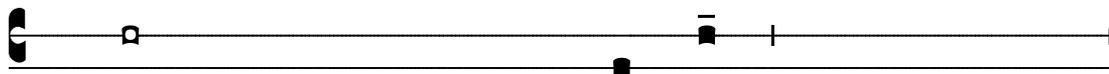
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,



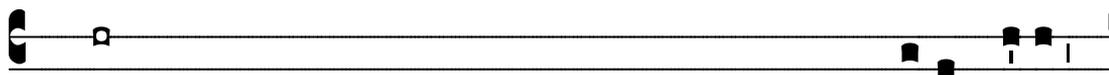
they may rejoice in heaven



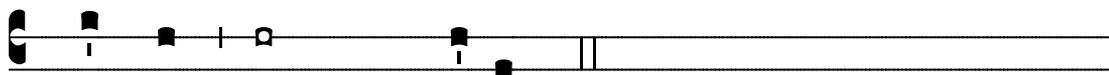
over what gladdens them now on earth.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

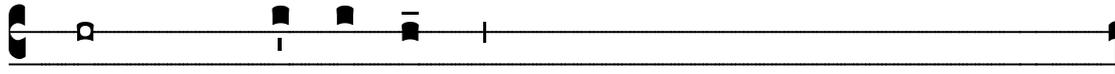


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

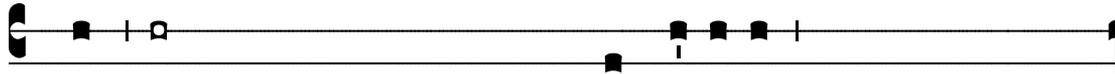


one God, for ever and ever.

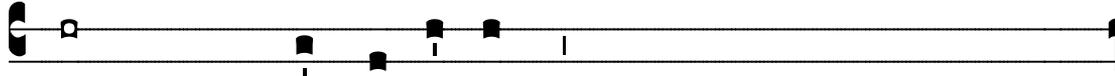
Prayer after Communion



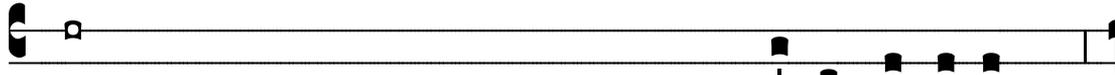
Hear us, almighty God,



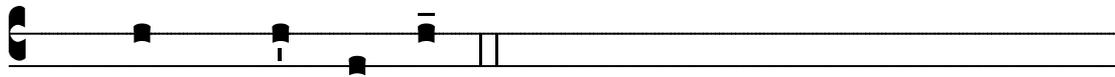
and, as you have bestowed on your family



the perfect grace of Baptism,



so prepare their hearts for the reward of eternal happiness.



Through Christ our Lord.

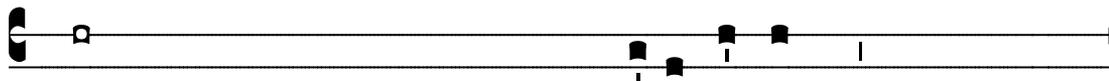
WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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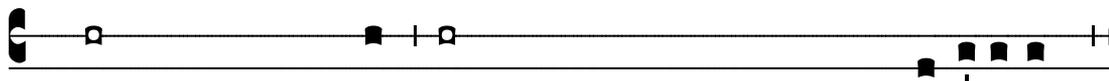
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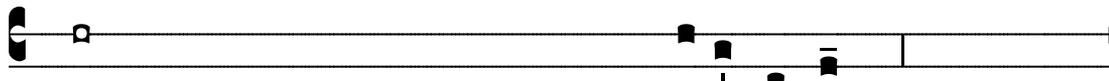
O God, who gladden us year by year



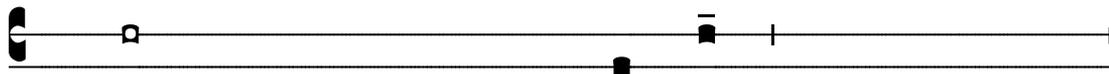
with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection,



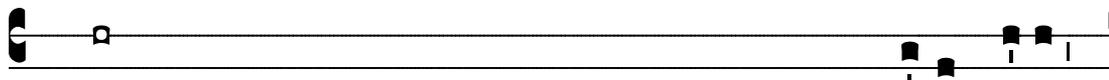
graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities,



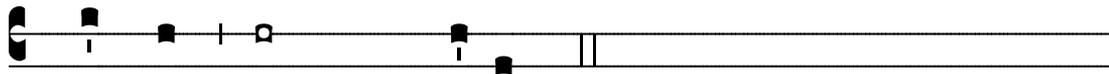
we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

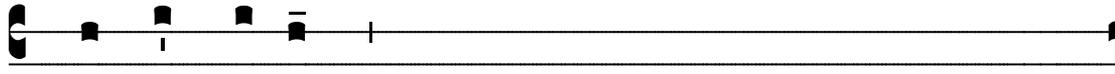


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

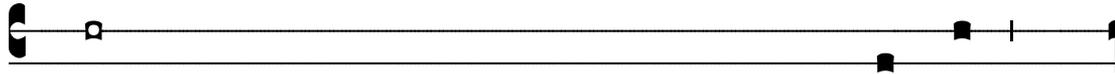


one God, for ever and ever.

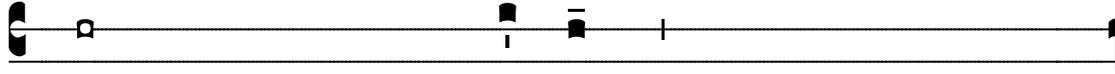
Prayer after Communion



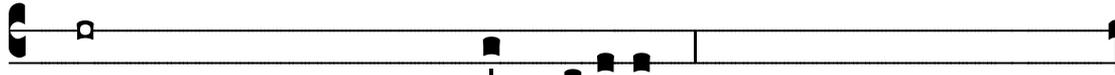
We pray, O Lord,



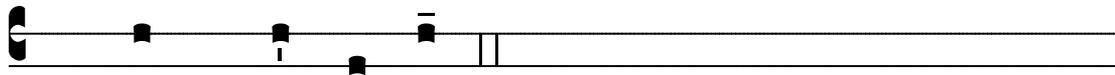
that the reverent reception of the Sacrament of your Son



may cleanse us from our old ways



and transform us into a new creation.

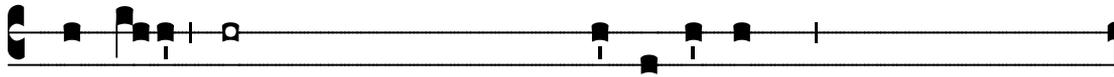


Through Christ our Lord.

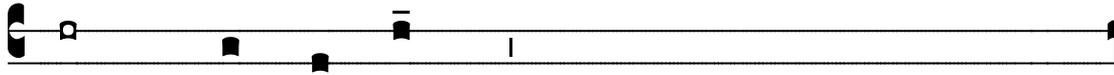
THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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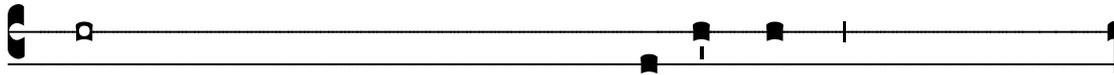
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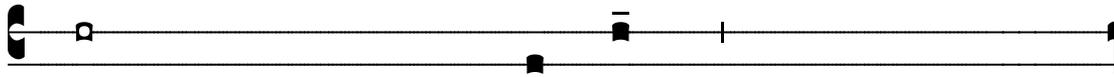
O God, who have united the many nations



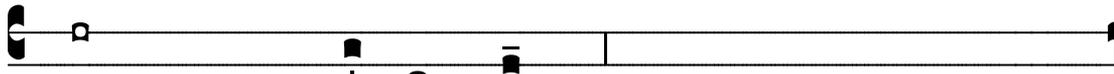
in confessing your name,



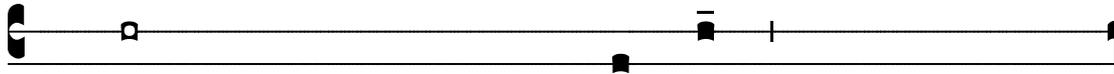
grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism



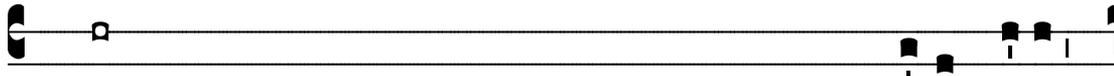
may be one in the faith of their hearts



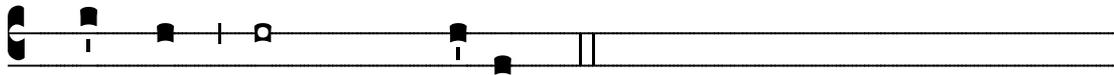
and the homage of their deeds.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

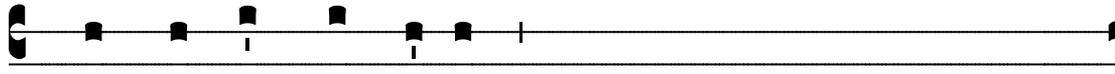


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

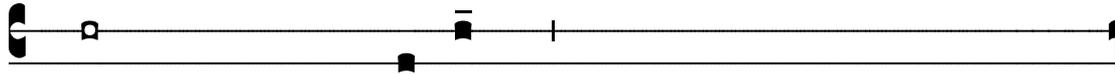


one God, for ever and ever.

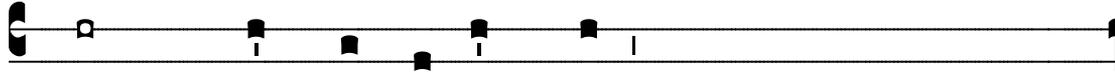
Prayer after Communion



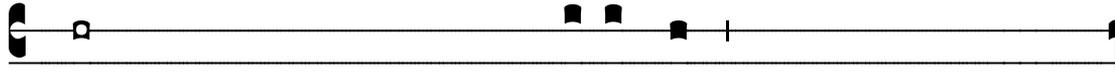
Hear, O Lord, our prayers,



that this most holy exchange,



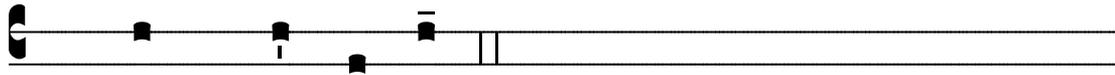
by which you have redeemed us,



may bring your help in this present life



and ensure for us eternal gladness.

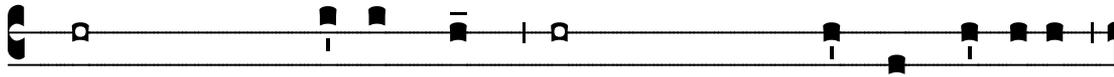


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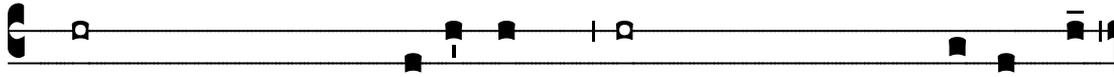
FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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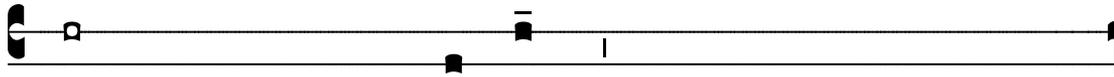
Collect



Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery



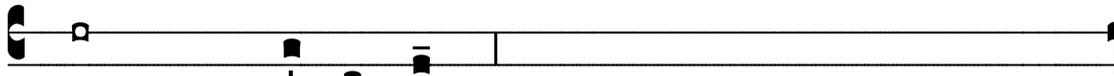
in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race,



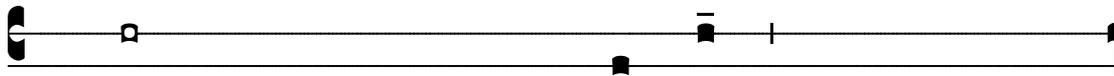
so dispose our minds, we pray,



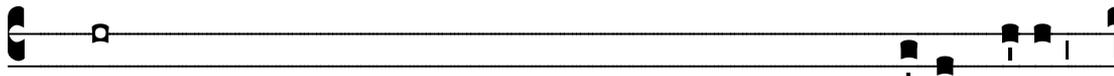
that what we celebrate by professing the faith



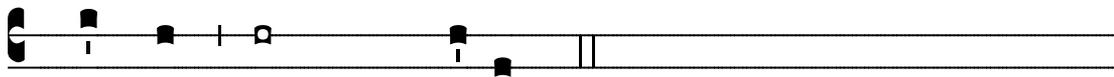
we may express in deeds.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

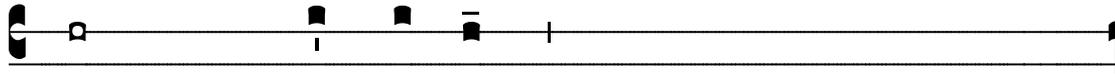


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

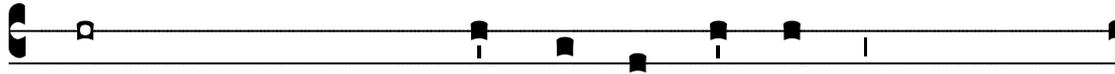


one God, for ever and ever.

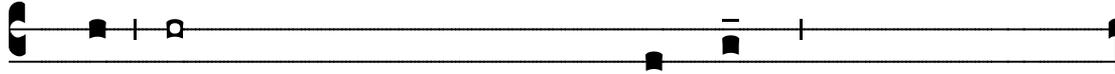
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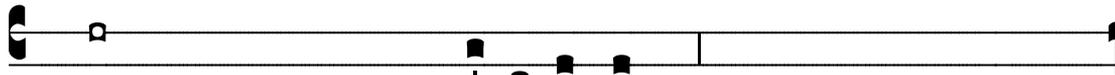
Keep safe, O Lord, we pray,



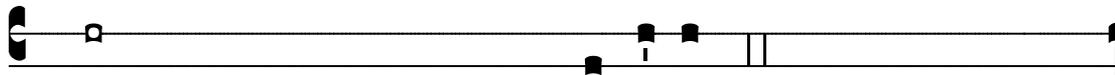
those whom you have saved by your kindness



that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,



they may rejoice in his Resurrection.

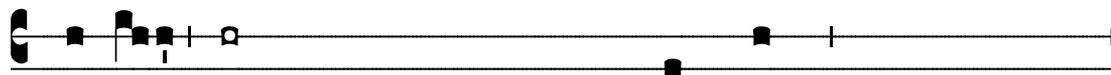


Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

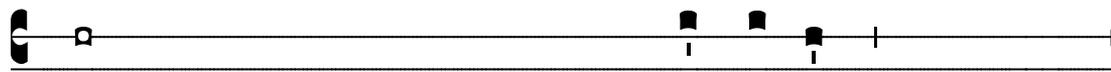
SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

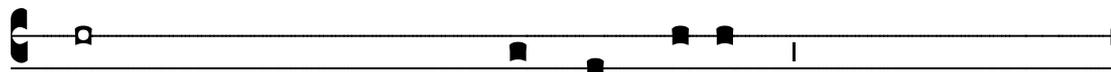
Collect



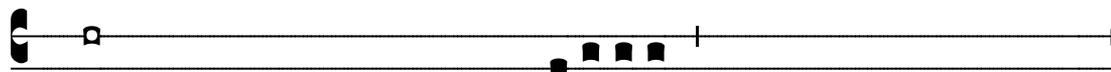
O God, who by the abundance of your grace



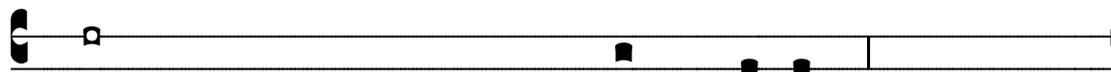
give increase to the peoples who believe in you,



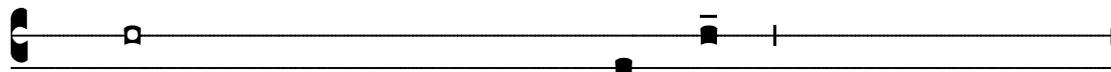
look with favor on those you have chosen



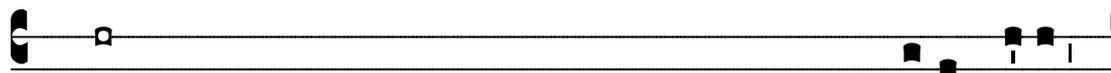
and clothe with blessed immortality



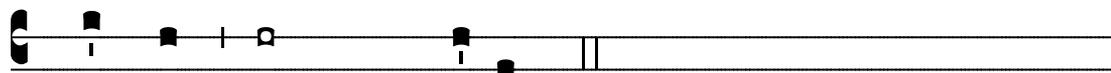
those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

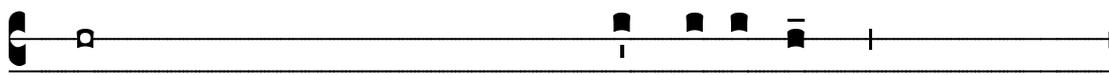


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

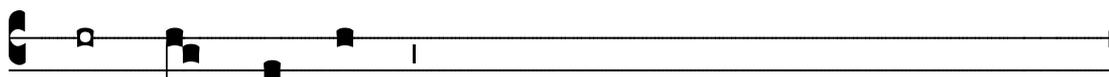


one God, for ever and ever.

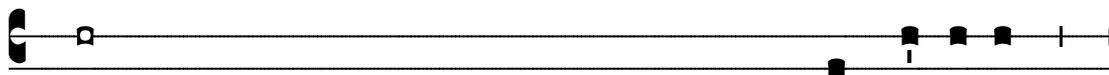
Prayer after Communion



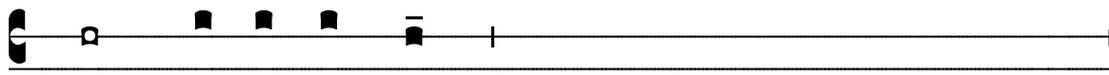
Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,



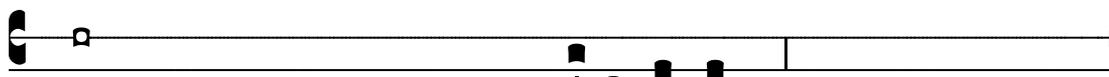
and grant, we pray,



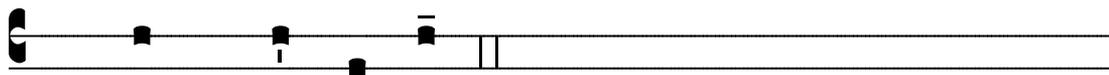
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries



may attain in their flesh



the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.



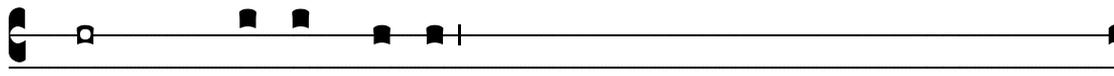
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

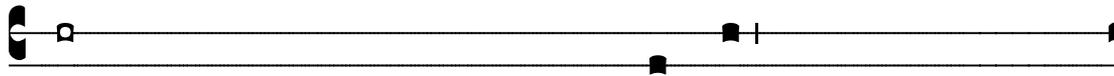
(or of Divine Mercy)

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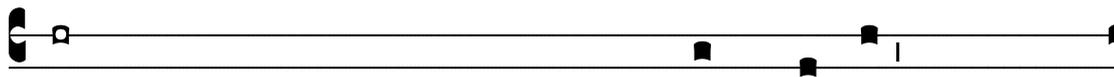
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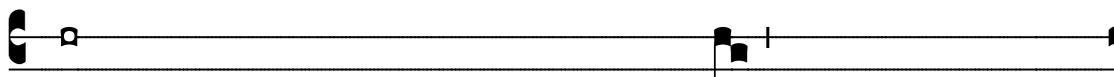
God of everlast-ing mer-cy,



who in the very recurrence of the pas-chal feast



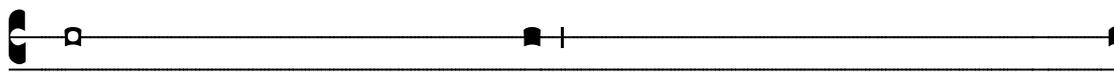
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,



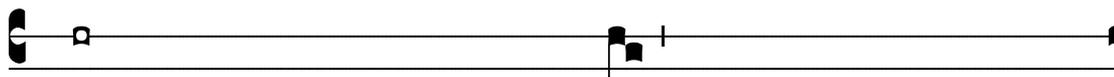
increase, we pray, the grace you have be-stowed,



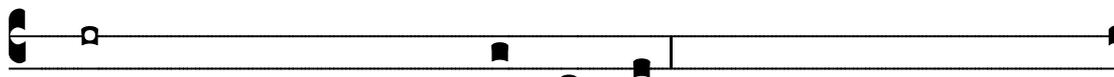
that all may grasp and rightly und-er-stand



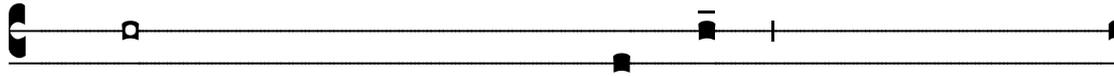
in what font they have been washed,



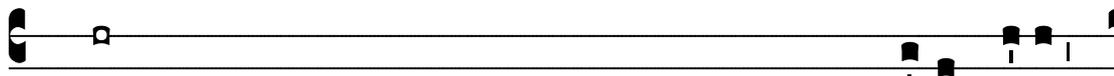
by whose Spirit they have been re-born,



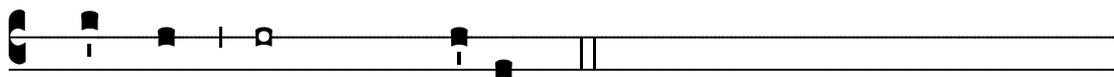
by whose Blood they have been re-deemed.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



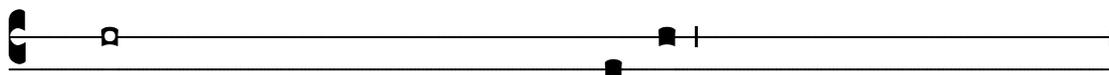
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

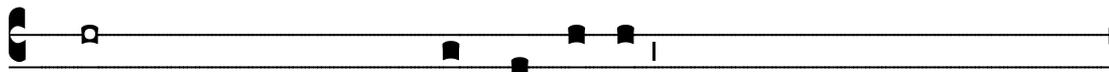
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

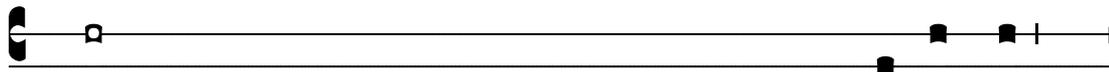
Collect



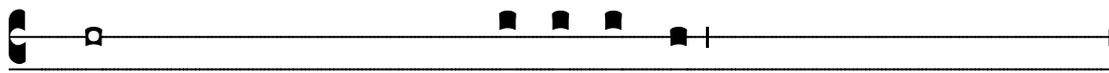
May your people exult for ever, O God,



in renewed youth-ful-ness of spir-it,



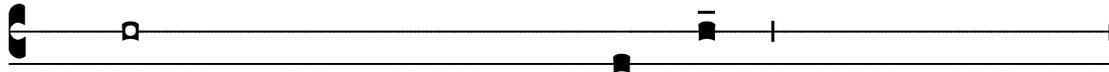
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our a-dop-tion,



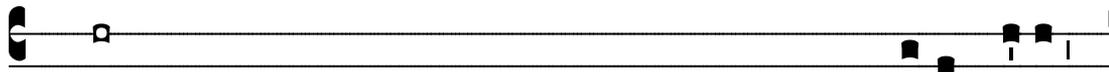
we may look forward in con-fi-dent hope



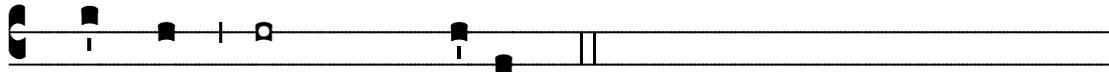
to the rejoicing of the day of re-sur-rec-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



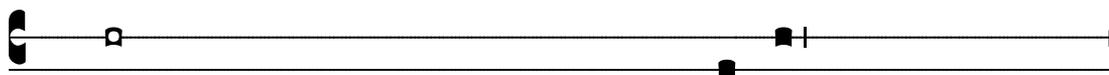
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



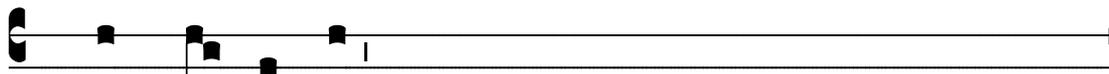
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

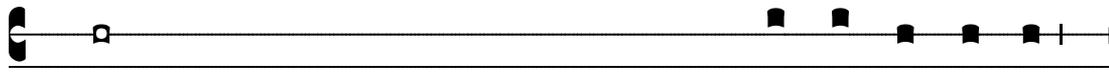
Prayer after Communion



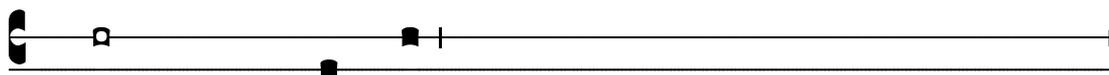
Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,



and grant, we pray,



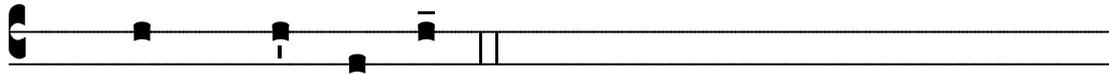
that those you were pleased to renew by e-ter-nal my-ster-ies



may attain in their flesh



the incorruptible glory of the re-sur-rec-tion.



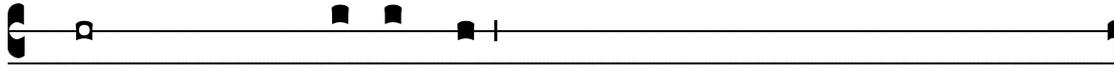
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.

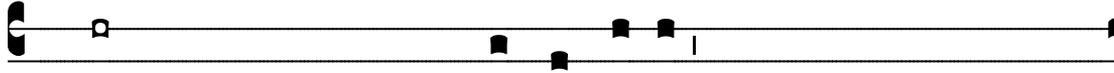
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



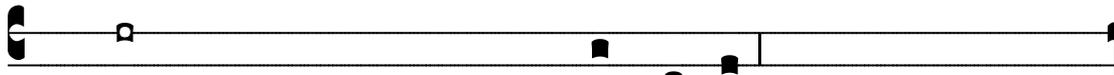
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



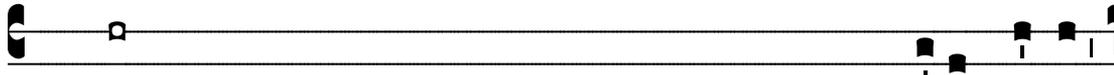
lead us to a share in the joys of heav-en,



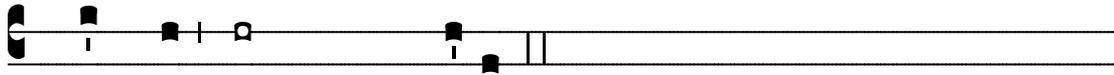
so that the humble flock may reach



where the brave Shepherd has gone be-fore.



Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



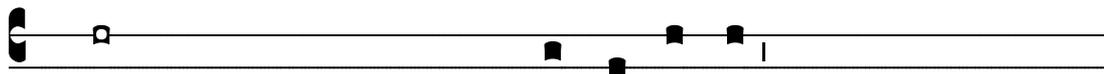
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

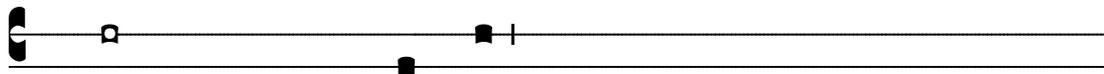
Prayer after Communion



Look upon your flock, kind Shep-herd,



and be pleased to settle in e-ter-nal pas-tures



the sheep you have re-deemed



by the Precious Blood of your Son.



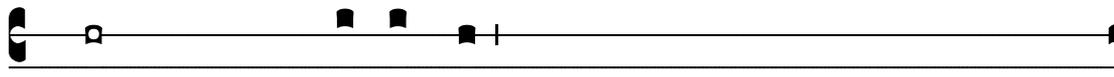
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

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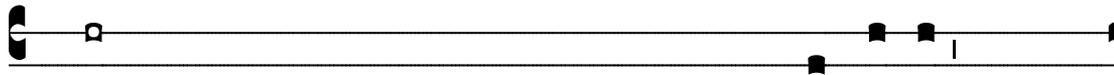
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

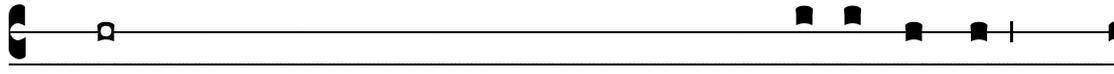
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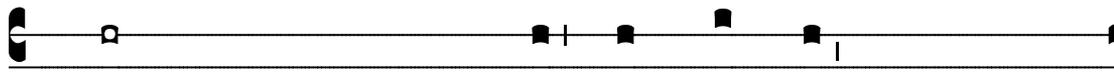
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery with-in us,



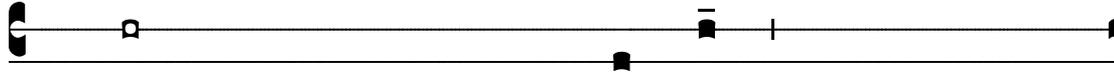
that those you were pleased to make new in Ho-ly Bap-tism



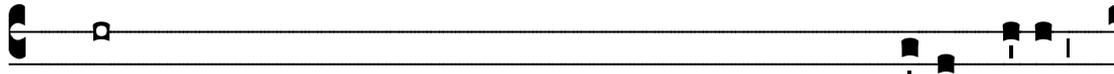
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit



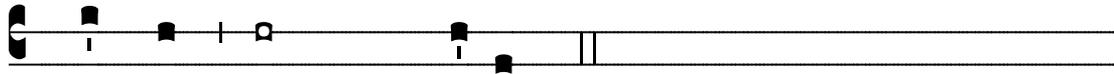
and come to the joys of life e-ter-nal.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



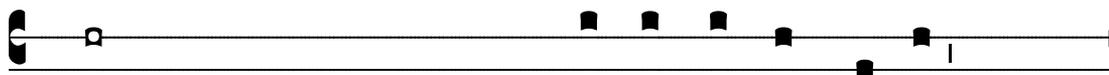
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



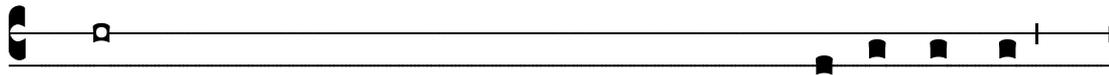
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

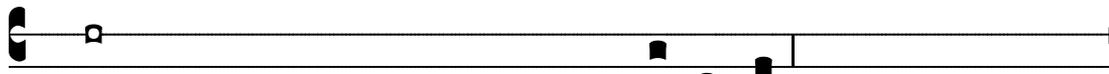
Prayer after Communion



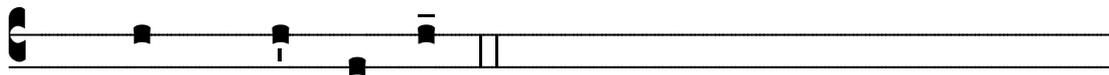
Graciously be present to your peo-ple, we pray, O Lord,



and lead those you have imbued with heaven-ly my-ster-ies



to pass from former ways to new-ness of life.



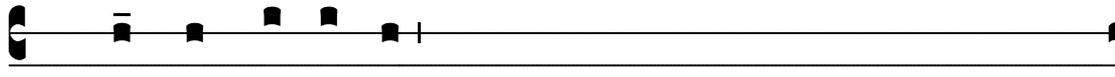
Through Christ our Lord.

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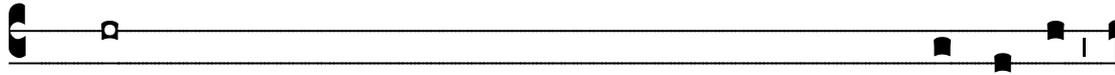
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



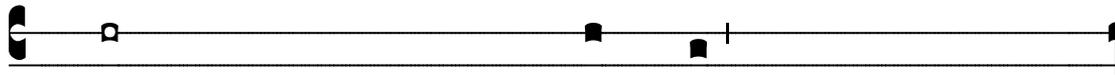
Grant, al-might-y God,



that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,



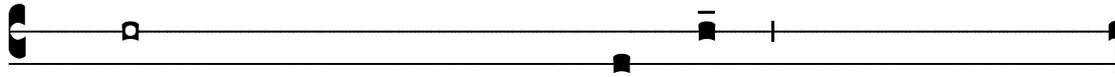
which we keep in honor of the ri-sen Lord,



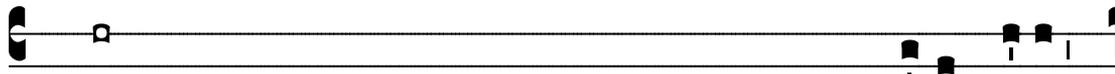
and that what we relive in re-mem-brance



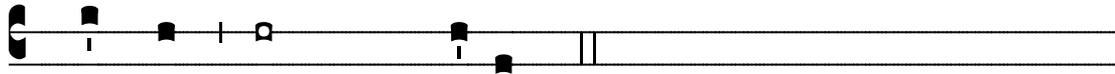
we may always hold to in what we do.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



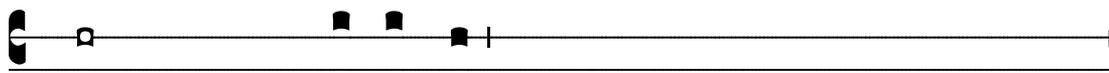
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



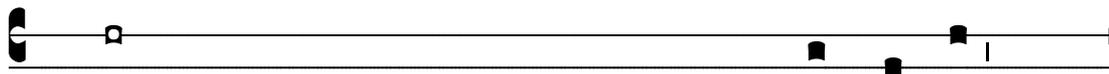
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

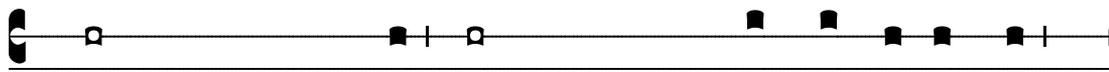
Prayer after Communion



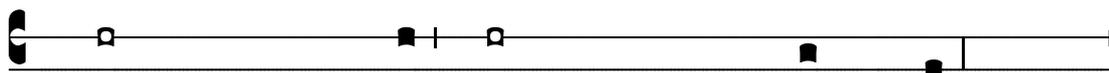
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



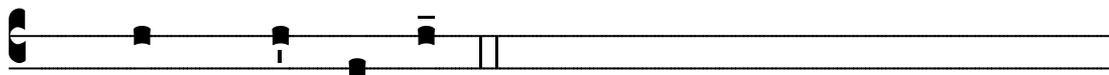
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrec-tion of Christ,



increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this pas-chal Sa-cra-ment



and pour into our hearts the strength of this sav-ing food.



Through Christ our Lord.

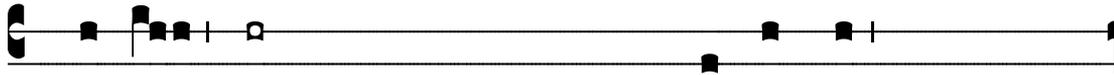
A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

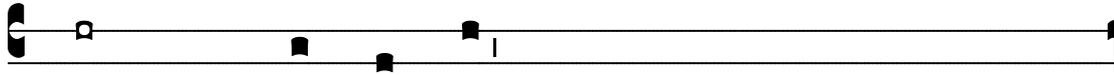
At the Vigil Mass

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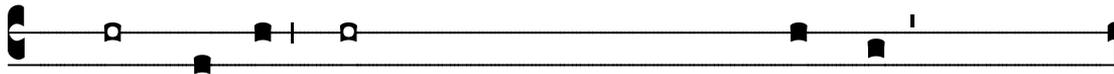
Collect



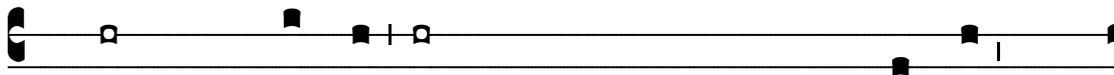
O God, whose Son today ascended to the heav-ens



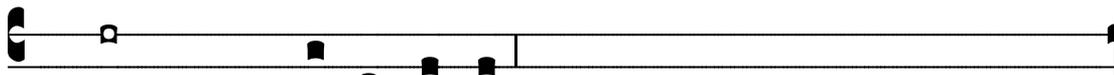
as the Apos-tles looked on,



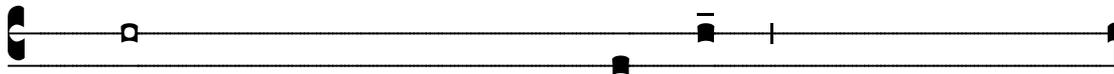
grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his pro-mise,



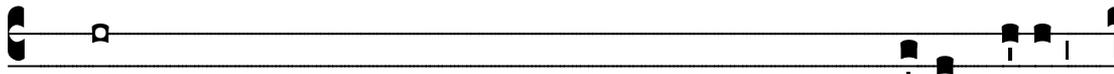
we may be wor-thy for him to live with us always on earth,



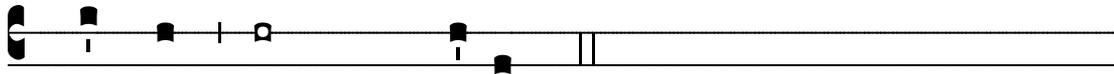
and we with him in heav-en.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



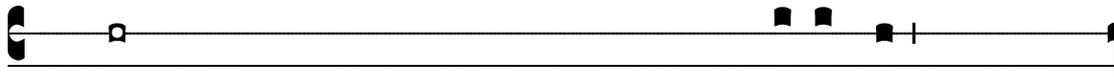
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



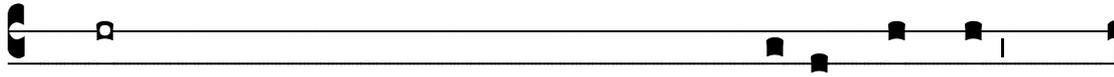
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

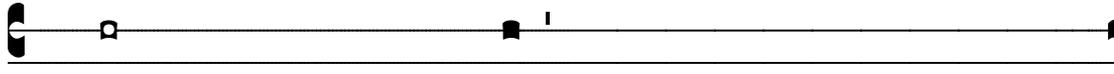
Prayer after Communion



May the gifts we have received from your al-tar, Lord,



kindle in our hearts a long-ing for the heav-en-ly home-land



and cause us to press forward,



fol-low-ing in the Sav-ior's foot-steps,



to the place where for our sake he en-tered be-fore us.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

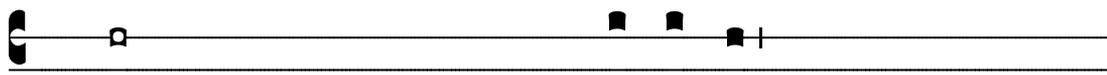
A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

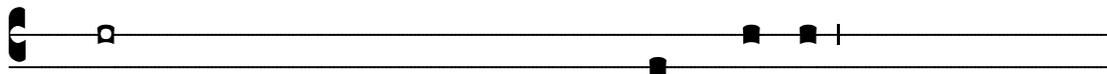
At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



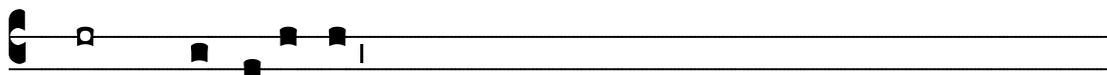
Gladden us with holy joys, al-might-y God,



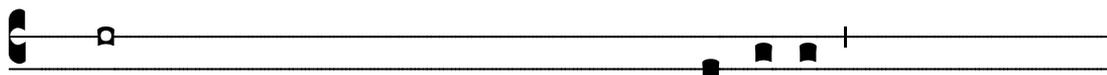
and make us rejoice with devout thanks-giv-ing,



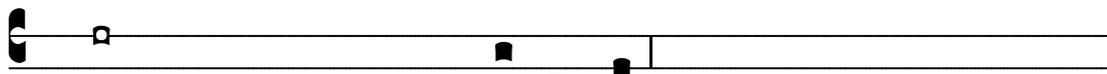
for the Ascension of Christ your Son



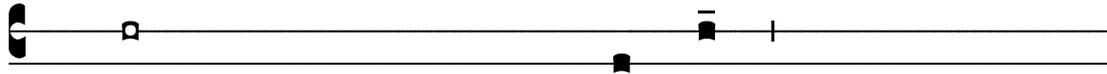
is our ex-al-ta-tion,



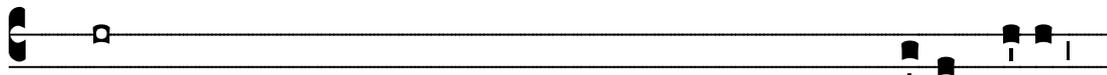
and, where the Head has gone be-fore in glo-ry,



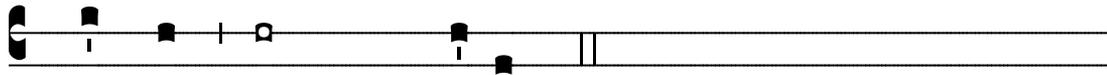
the Body is called to fol-low in hope.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

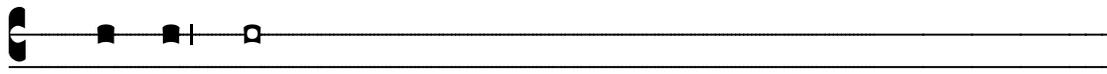


one God, for ever and ever.

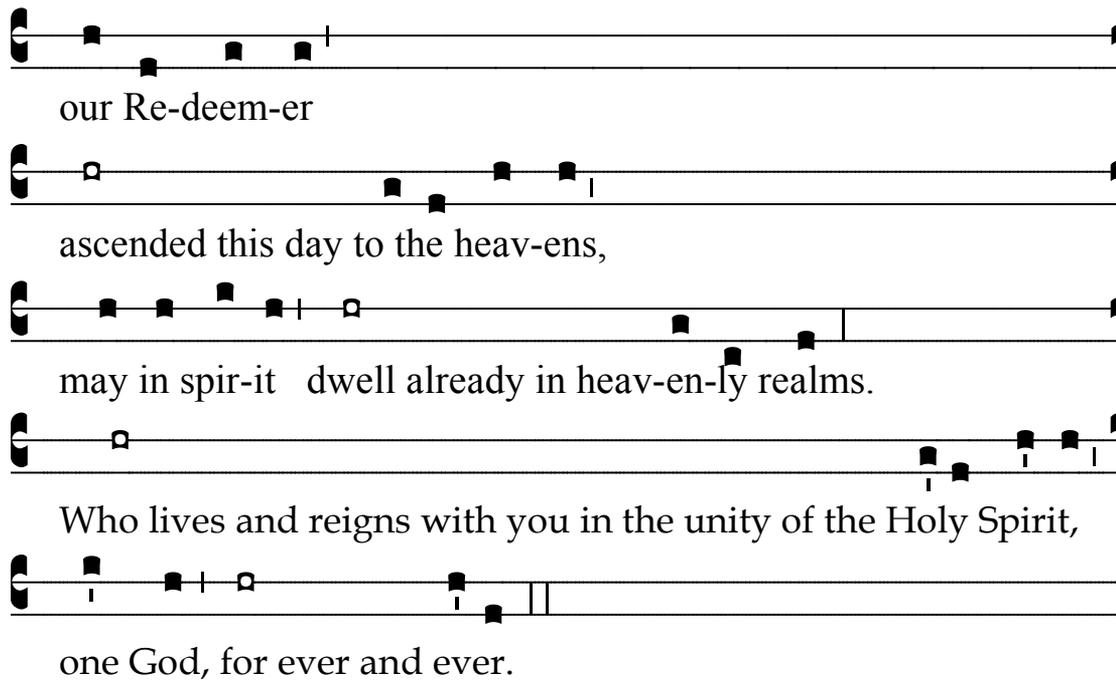
Or:



Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



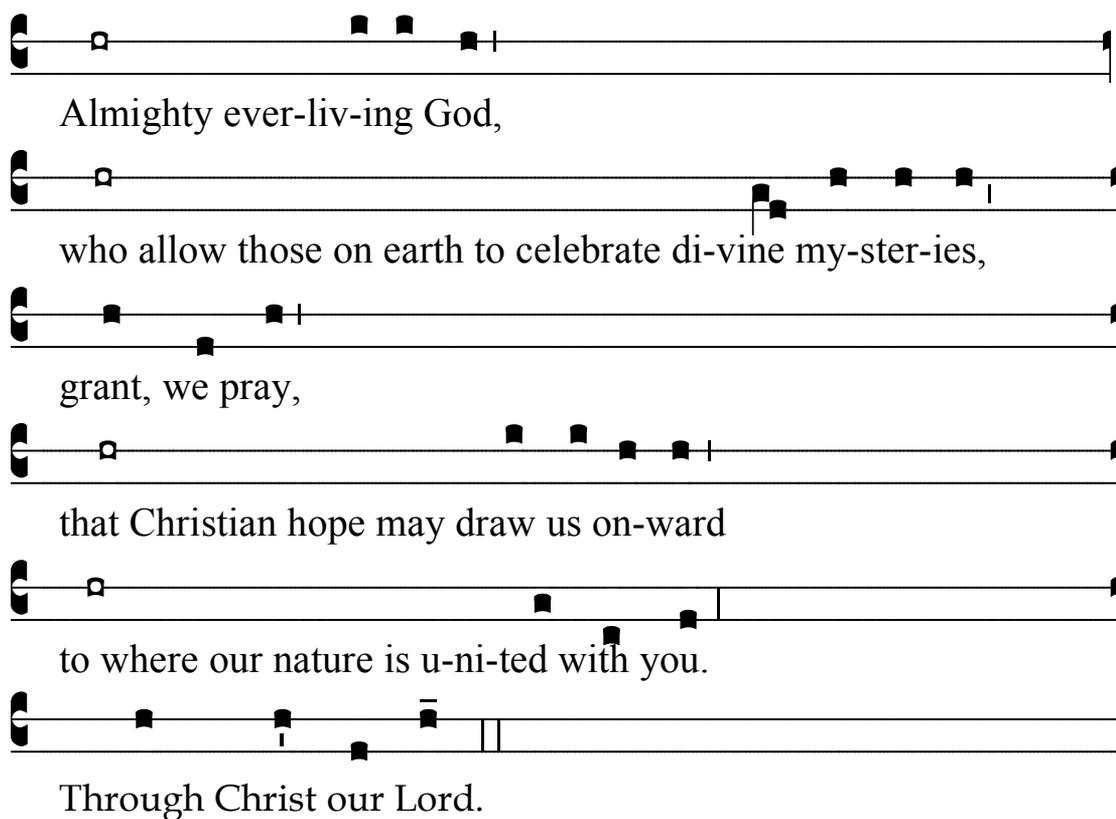
that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son,



our Re-deem-er
ascended this day to the heav-ens,
may in spir-it dwell already in heav-en-ly realms.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



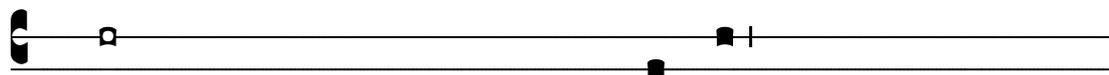
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate di-vine my-ster-ies,
grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us on-ward
to where our nature is u-ni-ted with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.

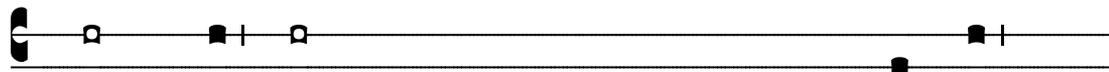
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

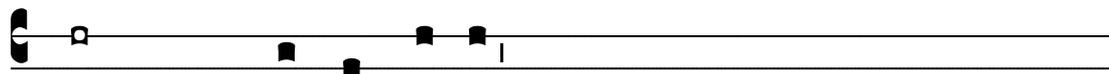
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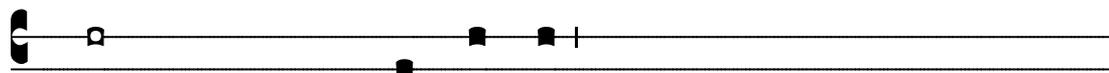
Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,



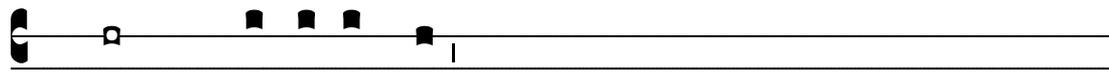
so that we, who believe that the Savior of the hu-man race



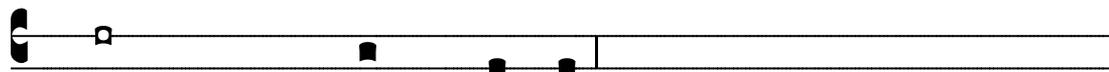
is with you in your glo-ry,



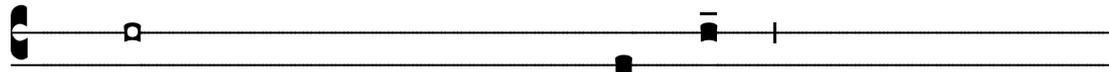
may experience, as he prom-ised,



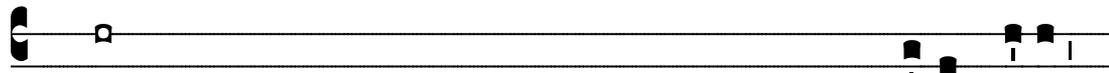
until the end of the world,



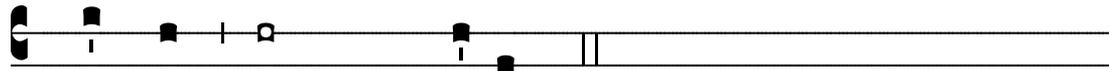
his abiding pres-ence a-mong us.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



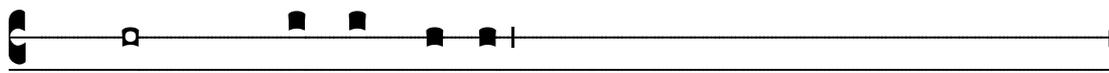
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



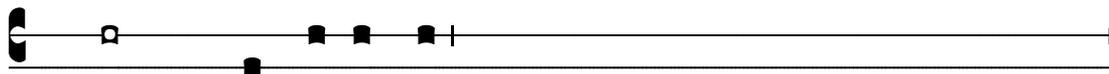
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

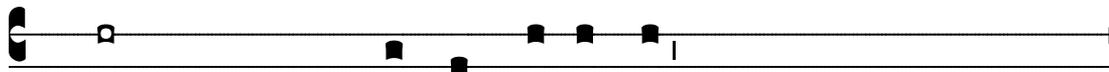
Prayer after Communion



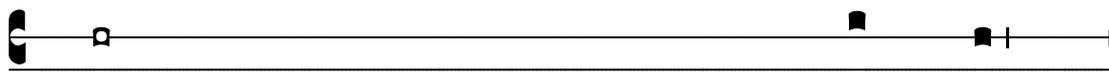
Hear us, O God our Sav-ior,



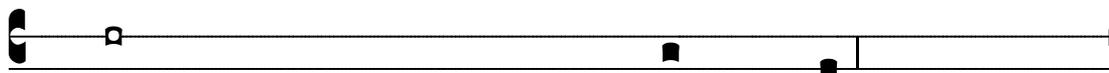
and grant us con-fi-dence,



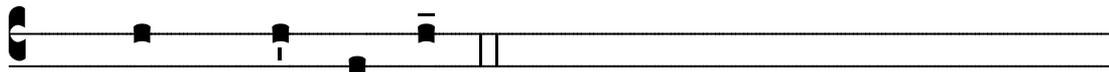
that through these sa-cred my-ster-ies



there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church



what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.



Through Christ our Lord.

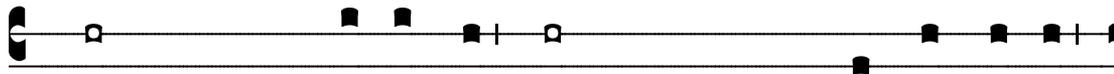
A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 276, may be used.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
At the Vigil Mass (Simple Form)

This Mass is used on the Saturday evening, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Pentecost Sunday.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

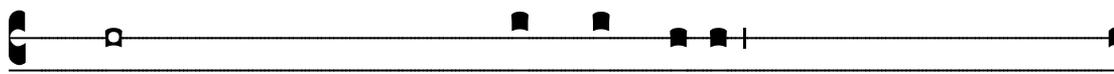
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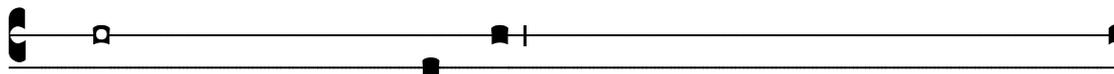
Almighty ever-liv-ing God, who willed the Pas-chal My-ster-y



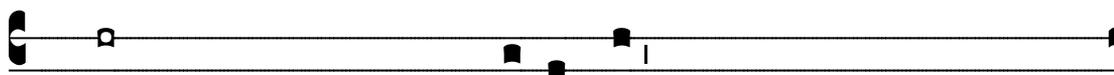
to be encompassed as a sign in fif-ty days,



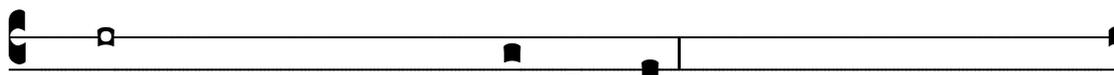
grant that from out of the scat-tered na-tions



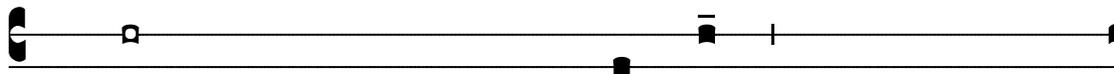
the confusion of man-y tongues



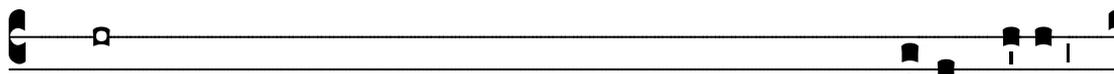
may be gathered by heav-en-ly grace



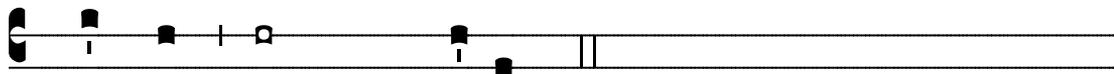
into one great confession of your name.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

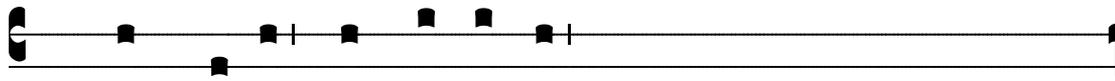


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

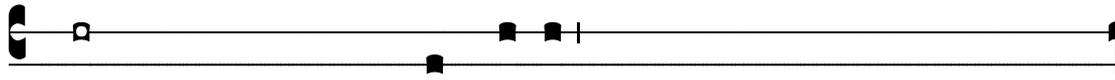


one God, for ever and ever.

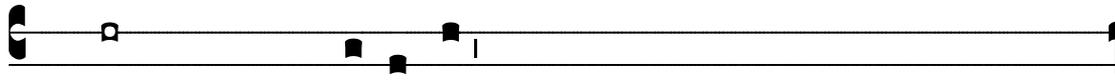
Or:



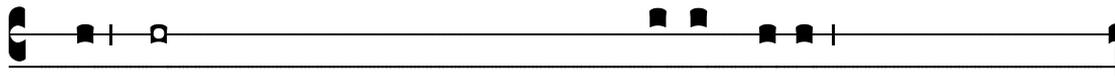
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



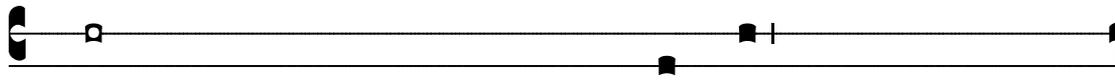
that the splendor of your glo-ry



may shine forth u-pon us



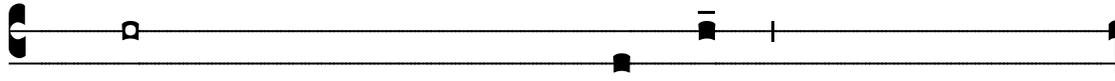
and that, by the bright rays of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



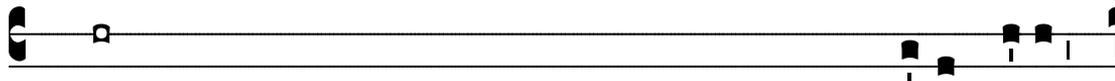
the light of your light may confirm the hearts



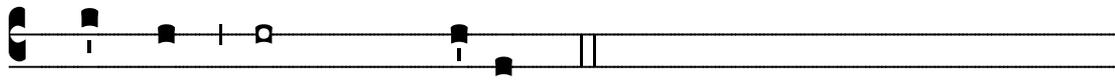
of those born again by your grace.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



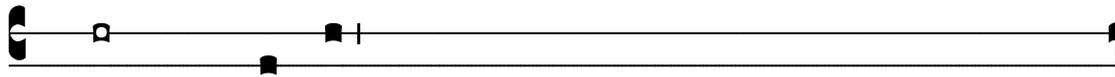
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

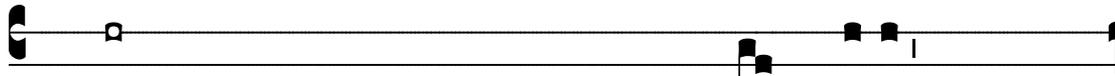
Prayer after Communion



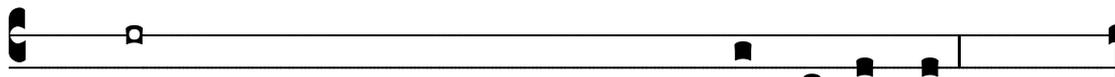
May these gifts we have con-sumed



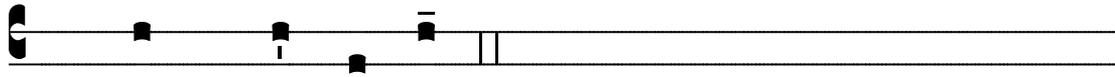
benefit us, O Lord,



that we may always be aflame with the same Spir-it,



whom you wondrously poured out on you're a-pos-tles.



Through Christ our Lord.

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Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Or:



Go in peace, al-le-lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia.

And the people reply:



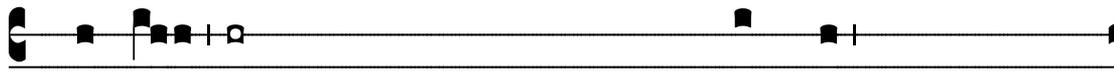
Thanks be to God, al- le- lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

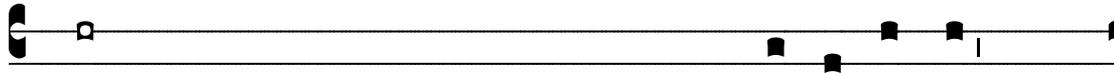
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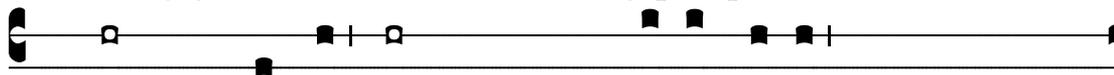
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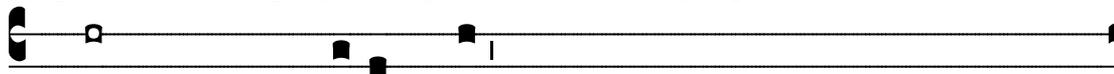
O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast



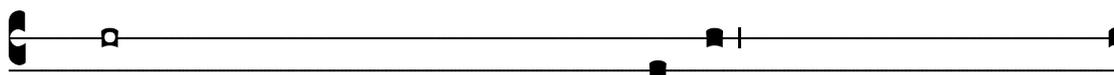
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,



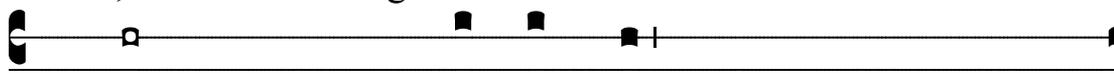
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit



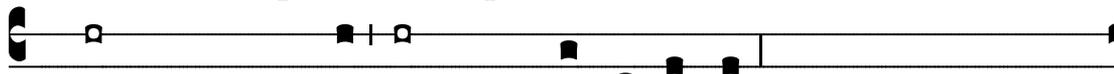
across the face of the earth



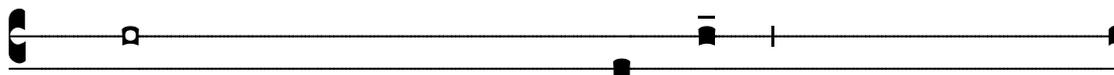
and, with the divine grace that was at work



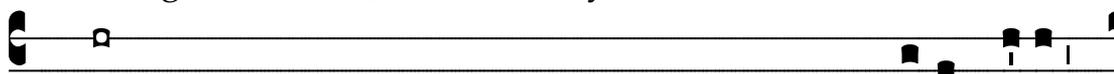
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,



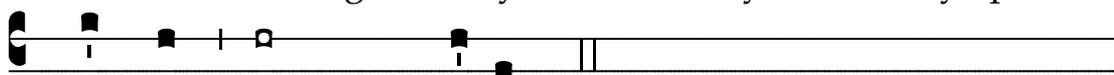
fill now once more the hearts of believers.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



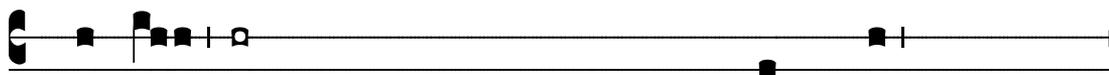
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



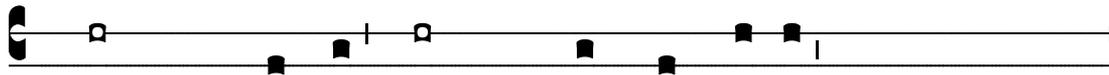
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

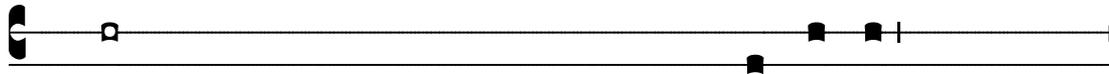
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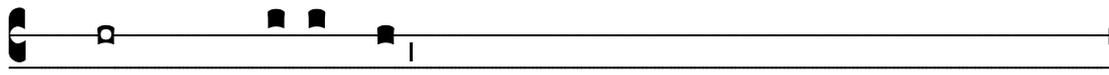
O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,



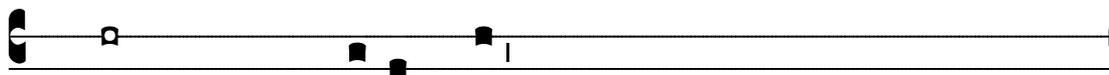
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have giv-en,



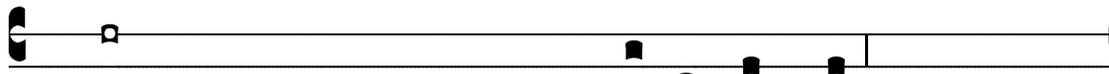
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out u-pon her



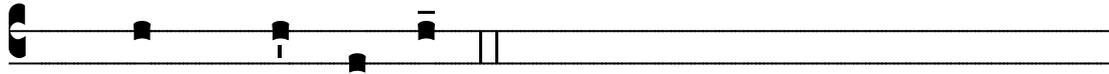
may retain all its force



and that this spi-ri-tual food



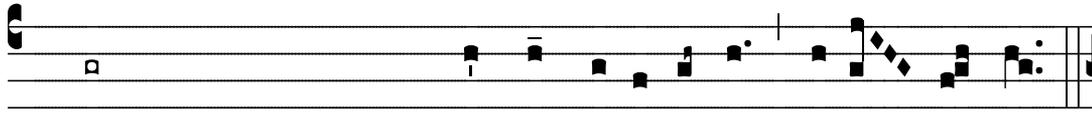
may gain her abundance of e-ter-nal re-demp-tion.



Through Christ our Lord.

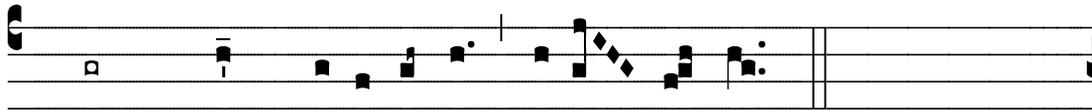
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Or:



Go in peace, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

And the people reply:



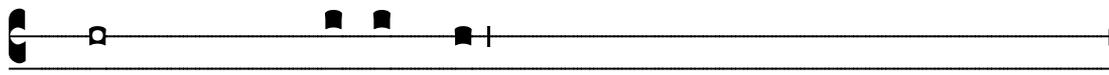
Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

With Easter Time now concluded, the paschal candle is extinguished. It is desirable to keep the paschal candle in the baptistery with due honor so that it is lit at the celebration of Baptism and the candles of those baptized are lit from it.

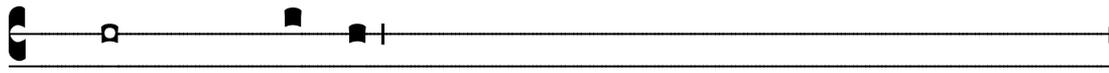
Where the Monday or Tuesday after Pentecost are days on which the faithful are obliged or accustomed to attend Mass, the Mass of Pentecost Sunday may be repeated, or a Mass of the Holy Spirit may be said.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

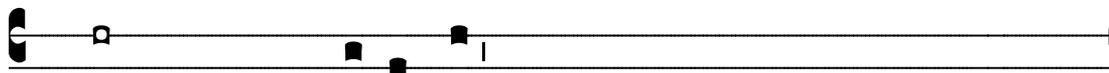
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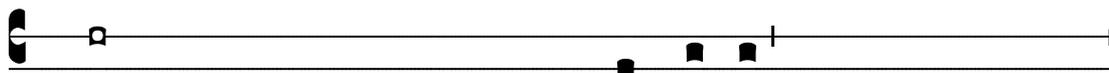
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



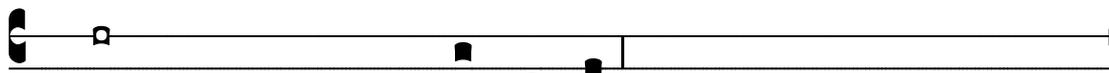
who govern all things,



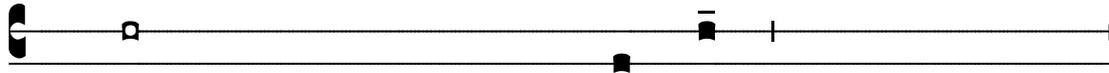
both in heaven and on earth,



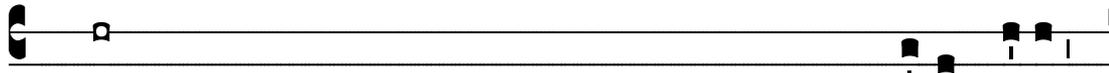
mercifully hear the pleading of your peo-ple



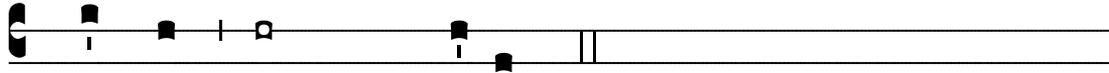
and bestow your peace on our times.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

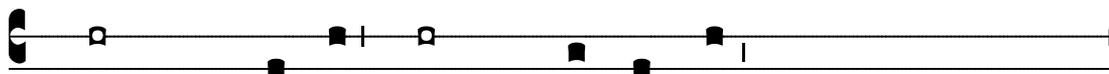


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

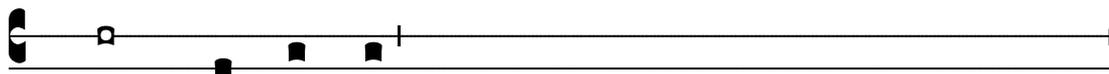


one God, for ever and ever.

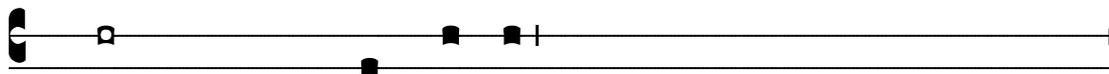
Prayer after Communion



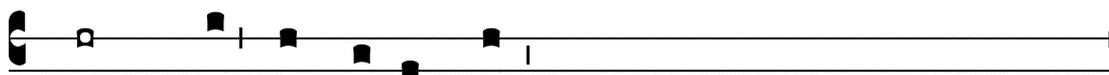
Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,



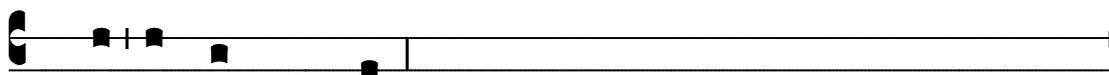
and in your kind-ness



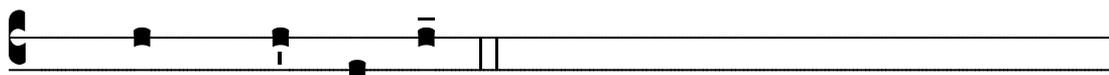
make those you have nourished



by this one heav-en-ly Bread



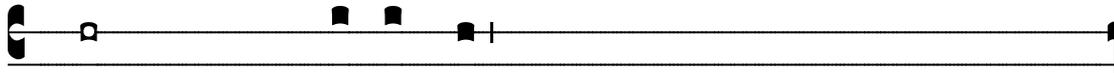
one in mind and heart.



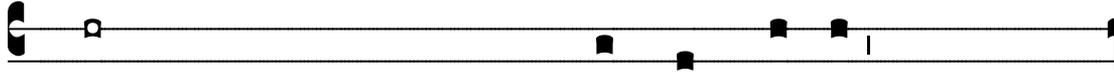
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

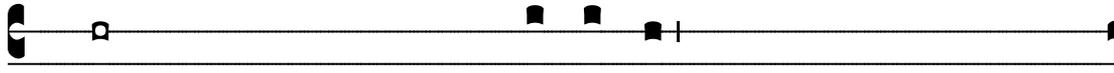
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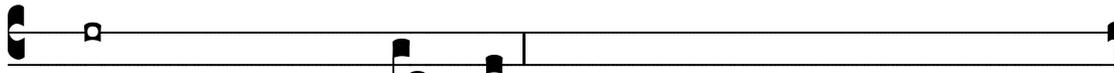
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



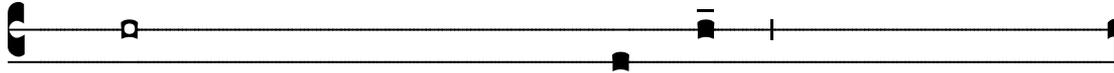
direct our actions according to your good plea-sure,



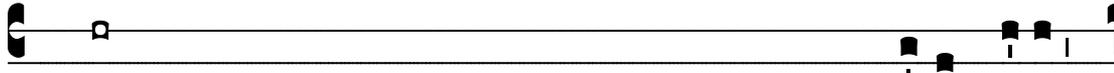
that in the name of your be-lov-ed Son



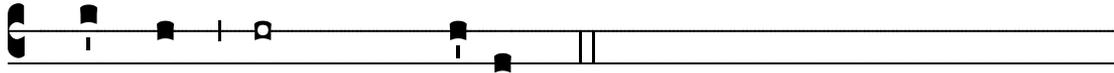
we may abound in good works.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

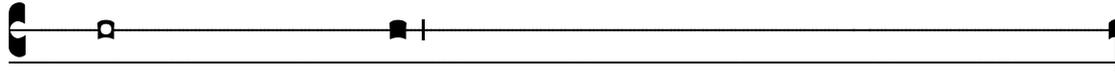


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



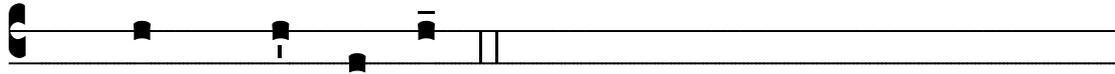
that, receiving the grace



by which you bring us to new life,



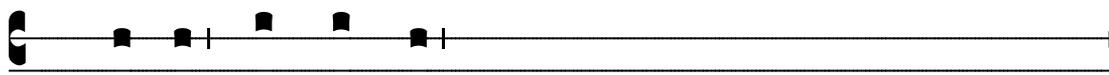
we may always glory in your gift.



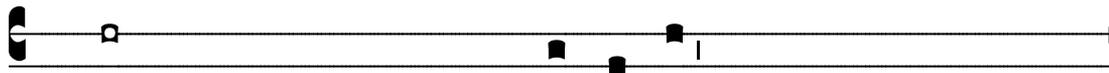
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

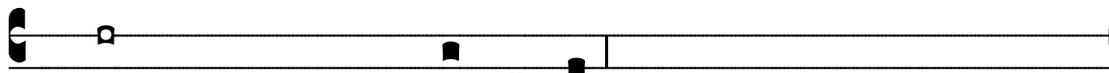
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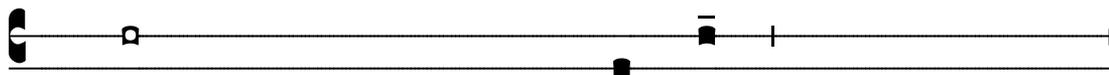
Grant us, Lord our God,



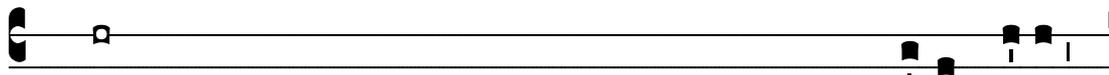
that we may honor you with all our mind,



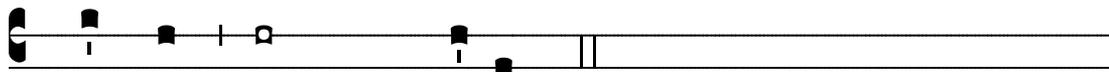
and love everyone in truth of heart.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

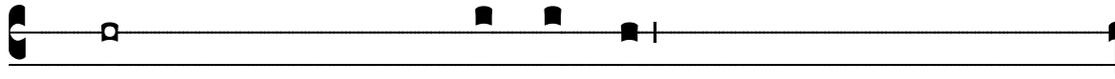


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

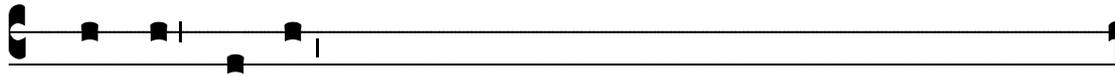


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



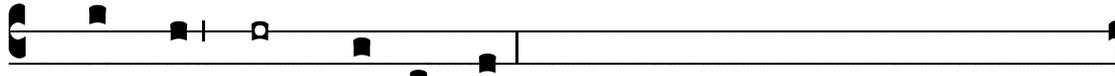
Nourished by these re-deem-ing gifts,



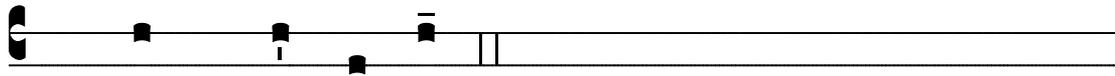
we pray, O Lord,



that through this help to eter-nal sal-va-tion



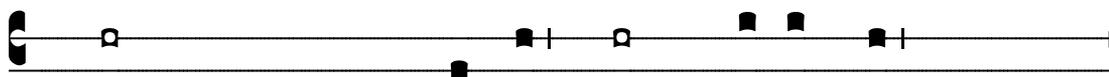
true faith may e-ver in-crease.



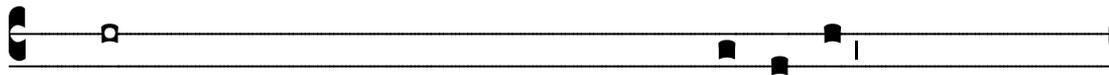
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

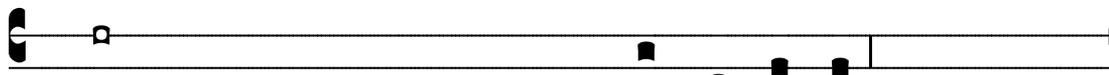
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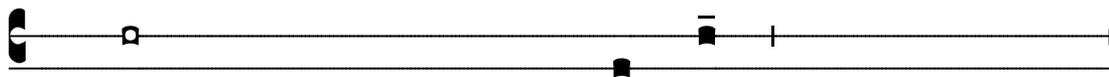
Keep your family safe, O Lord, with un-fail-ing care,



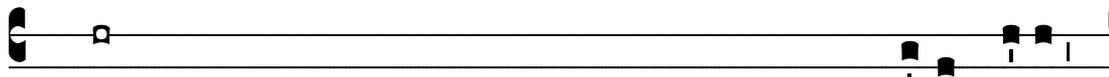
that, relying solely on the hope of heav-en-ly grace,



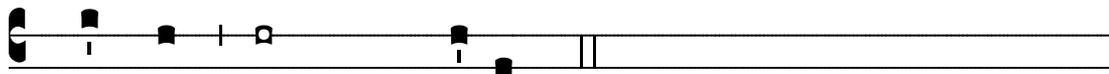
they may be defended always by your pro-tec-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

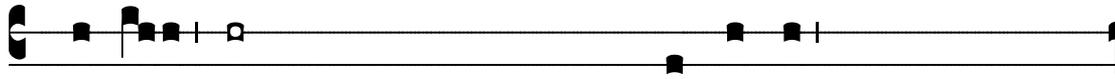


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

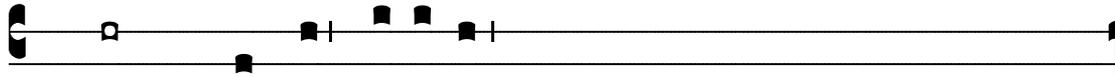
Prayer after Communion



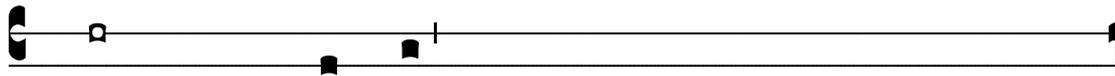
O God, who have willed that we be par-tak-ers



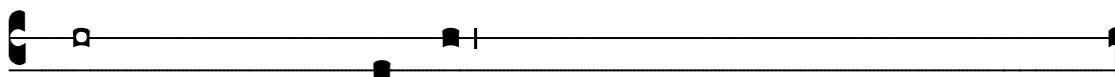
in the one Bread and the one Cha-lice,



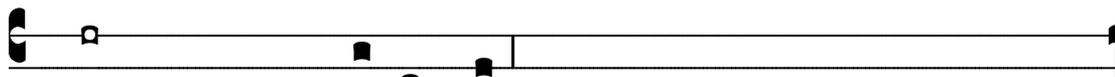
grant us, we pray, so to live



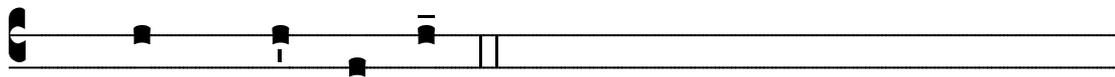
that, made one in Christ,



we may joyfully bear fruit



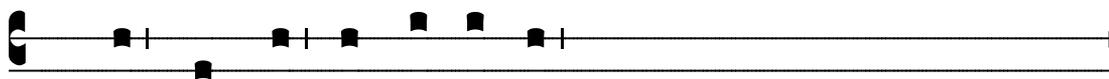
for the salvation of the world.



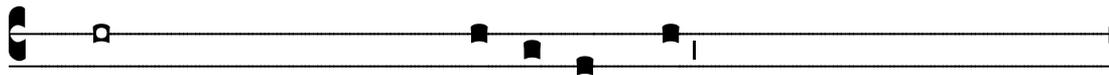
Through Christ our Lord.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

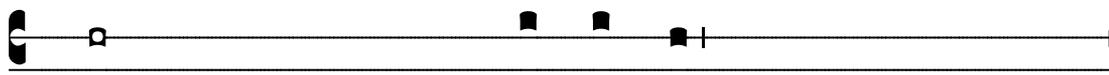
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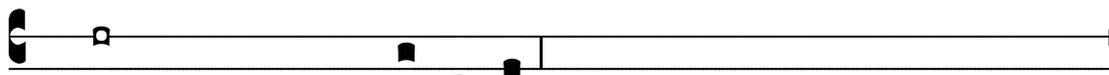
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



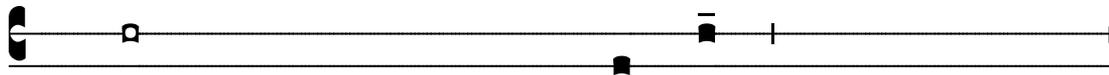
that, always pondering spi- ri- tual things,



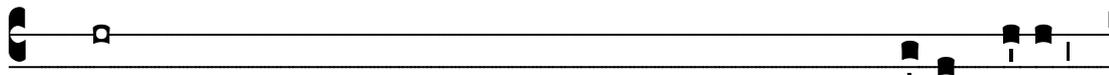
we may carry out in both word and deed



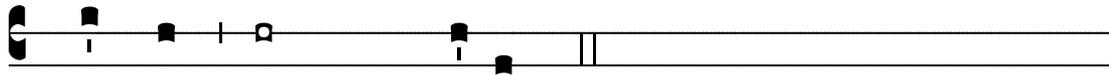
that which is pleas-ing to you.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

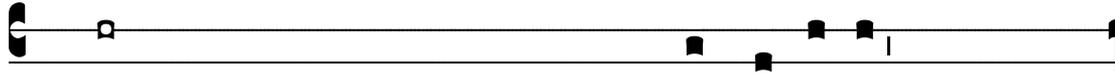


one God, for ever and ever.

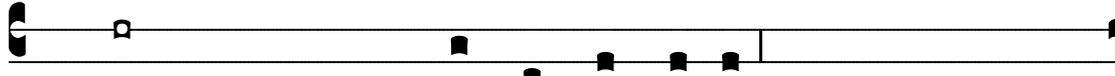
Prayer after Communion



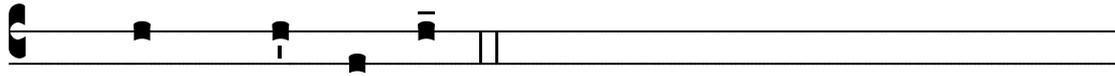
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



that we may experience the effects of the sal-va-tion



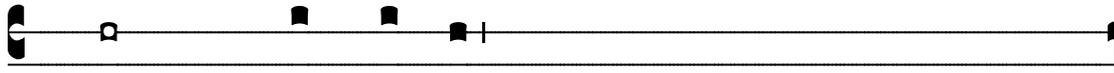
which is pledged to us by these my-ster-ies.



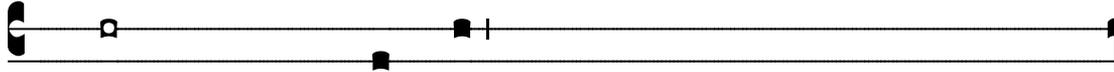
Through Christ our Lord.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

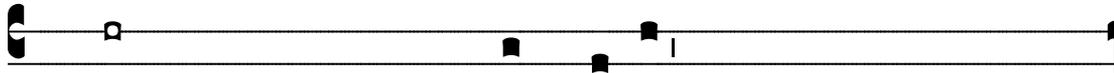
Collect



Grant us, O Lord, we pray,



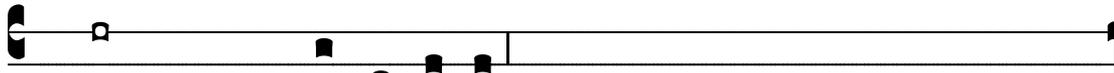
that the course of our world



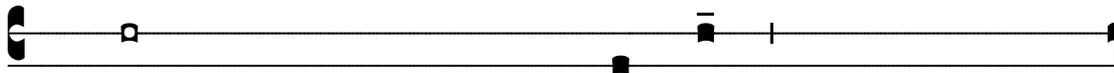
may be directed by your peace-ful rule



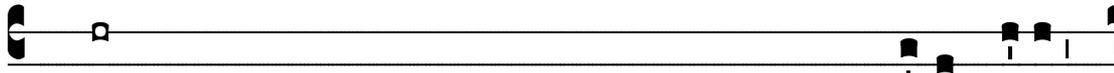
and that your Church may re-joice,



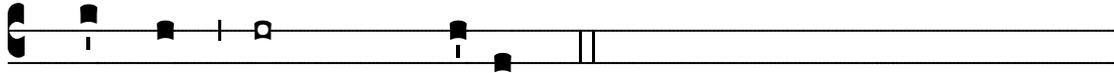
untroubled in her de-vo-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

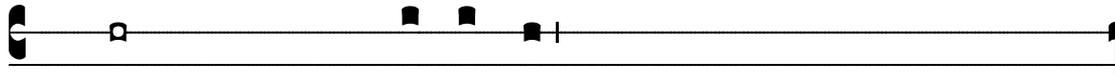


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

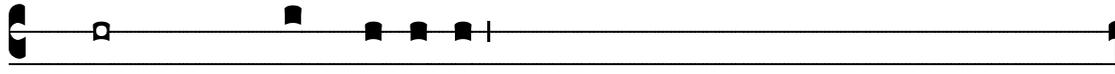
Prayer after Communion



Nourished by your sav-ing gifts,



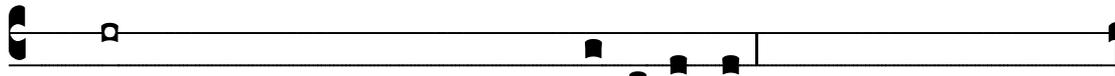
we beseech your mer-cy, Lord,



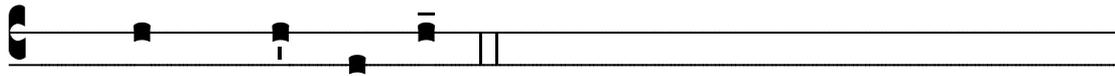
that by this same Sacrament



with which you feed us in the present age,



you may make us partakers of life e-ter-nal.

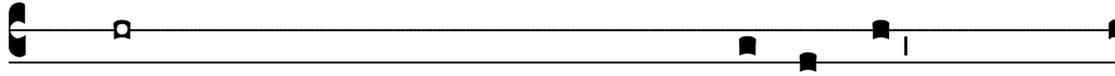


Through Christ our Lord.

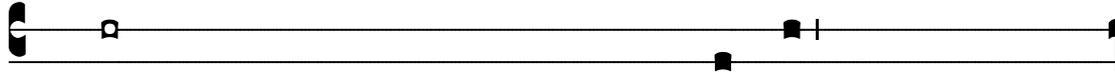
Prayer after Communion



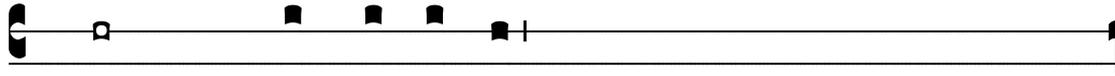
Govern by your Spir-it, we pray, O Lord,



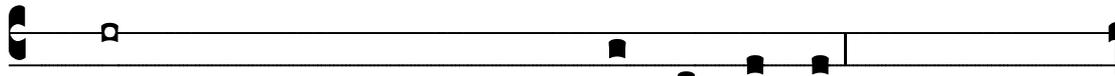
those you feed with the Body and Blood of your Son,



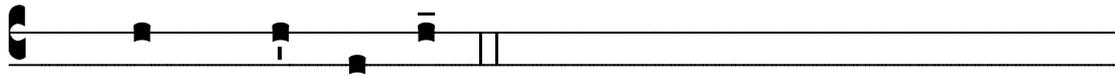
that, professing you not just in word or in speech,



but also in works and in truth,



we may merit to enter the King-dom of Heav-en.



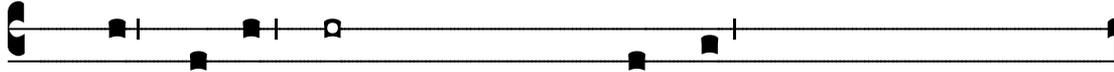
Through Christ our Lord.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

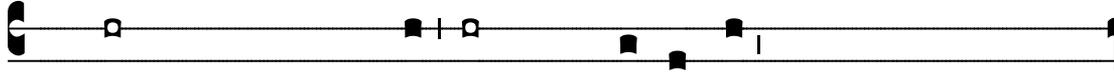
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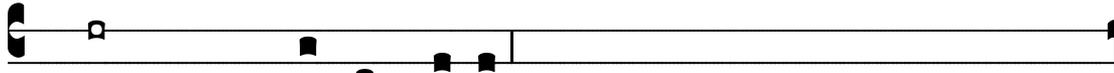
O God, from whom all good things come,



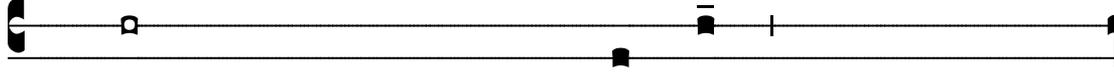
grant that we, who call on you in our need,



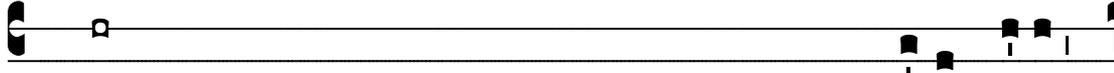
may at your prompting discern what is right,



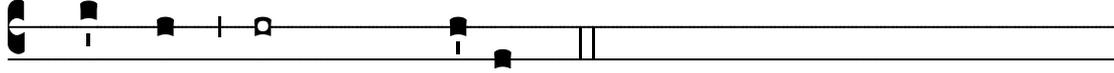
and by your guidance do it.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

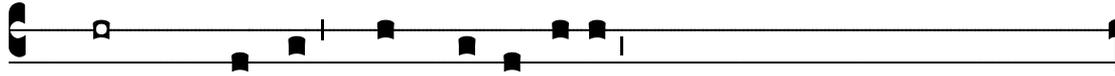


one God, for ever and ever.

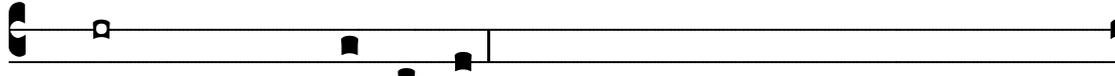
Prayer after Communion



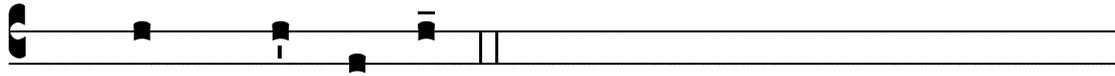
May your healing work, O Lord,



free us, we pray, from do-ing e-vil



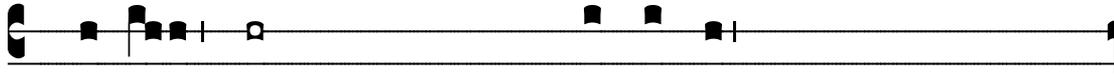
and lead us to what is right.



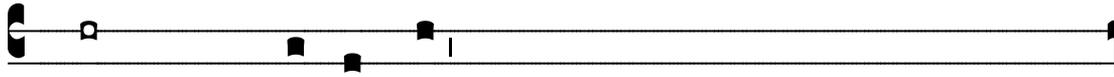
Through Christ our Lord.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

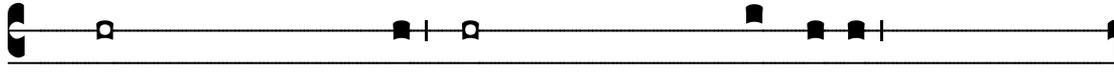
Collect



O God, strength of those who hope in you,



graciously hear our pleas,



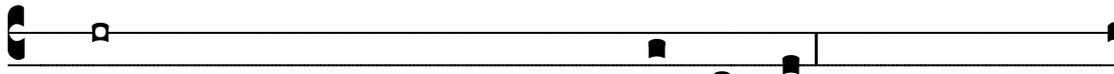
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,



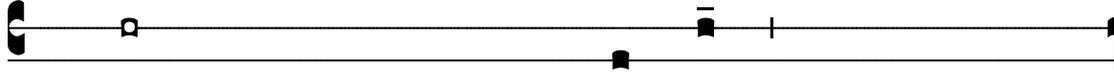
grant us always the help of your grace,



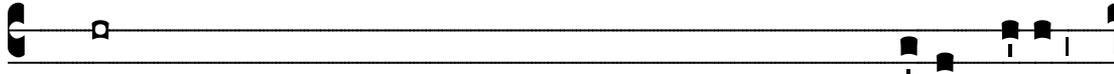
that in following your commands



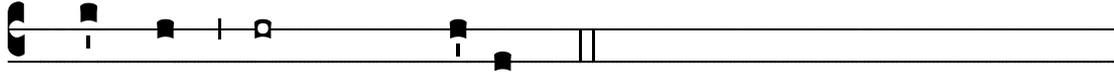
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

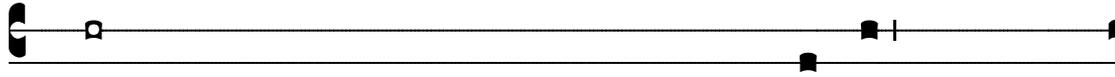


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

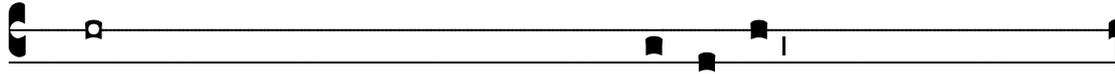


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



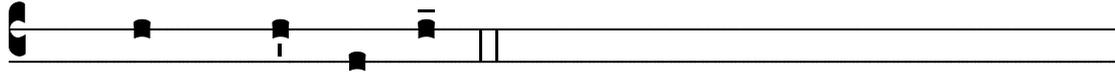
As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,



foreshadows the union of the faith-ful in you,



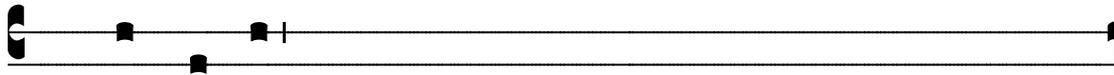
so may it bring about unity in your Church.



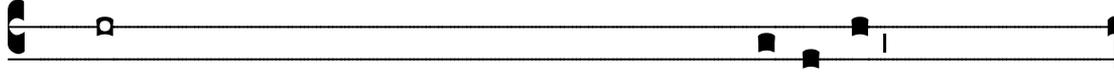
Through Christ our Lord.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

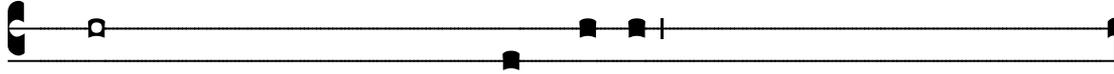
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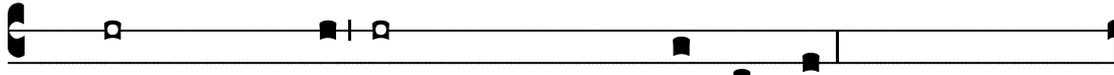
Grant, O Lord,



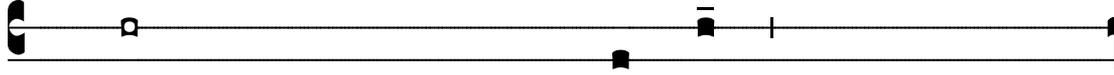
that we may always revere and love your ho-ly name,



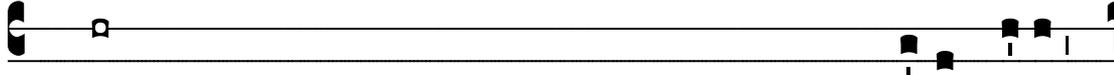
for you never deprive of your guidance



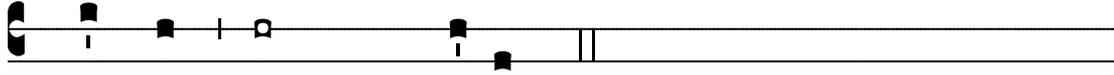
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

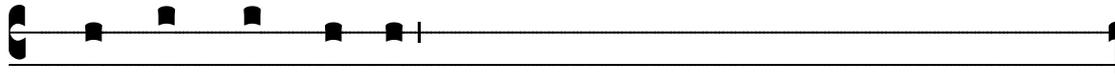


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

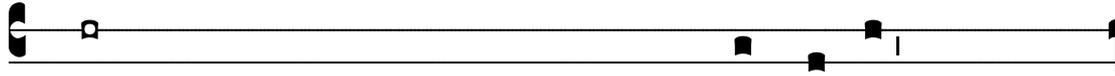


one God, for ever and ever.

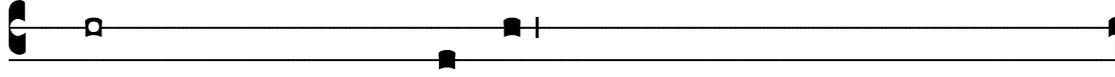
Prayer after Communion



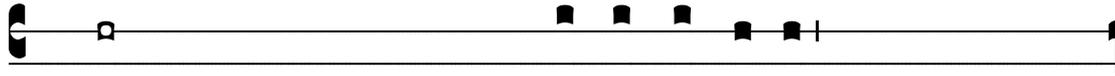
Renewed and nourished



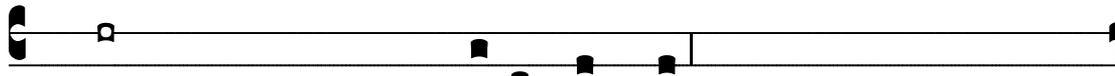
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,



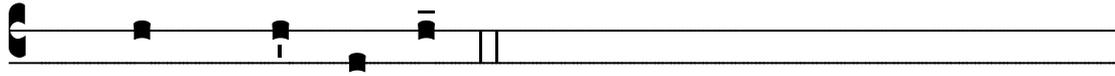
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,



that what we celebrate with constant de-vo-tion



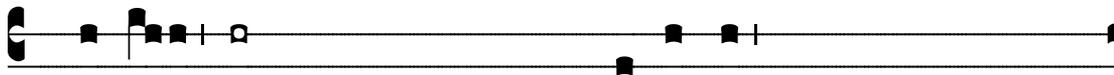
may be our sure pledge of re-demp-tion.



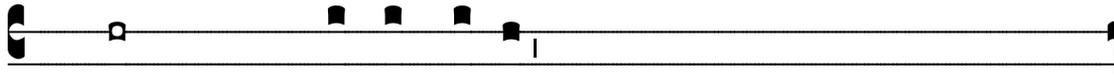
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

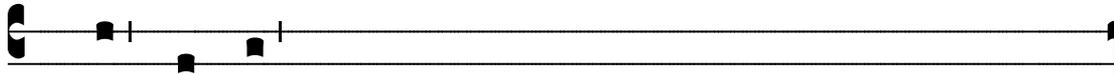
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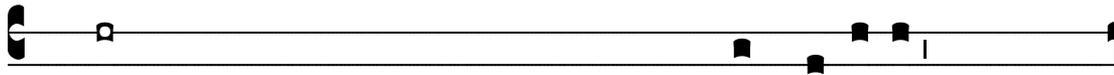
O God, who through the grace of a-dop-tion



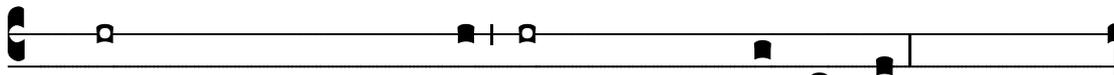
chose us to be children of light,



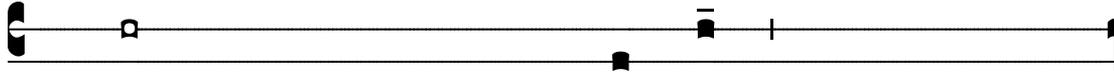
grant, we pray,



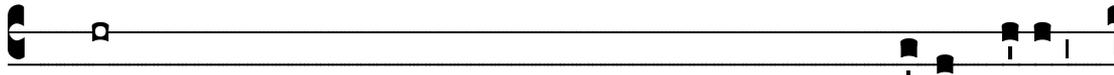
that we may not be wrapped in the dark-ness of er-ror



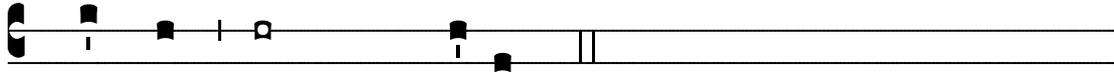
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

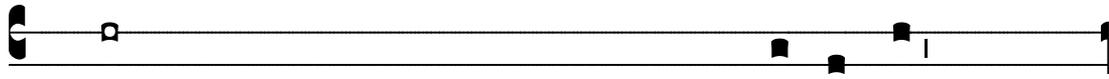


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

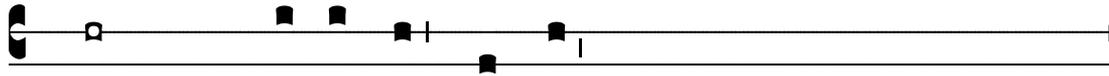


one God, for ever and ever.

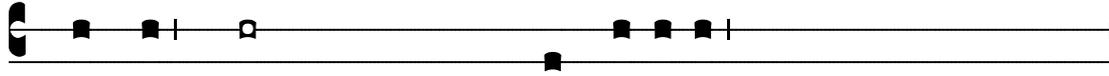
Prayer after Communion



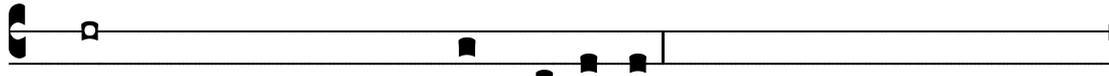
May this divine sacrifice we have offered and re-ceived



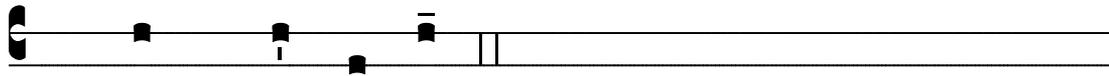
fill us with life, O Lord, we pray,



so that, bound to you in last-ing cha-ri-ty,



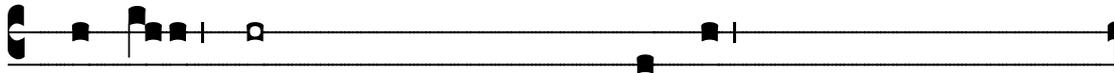
we may bear fruit that lasts for e-ver.



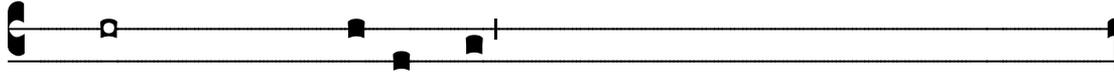
Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

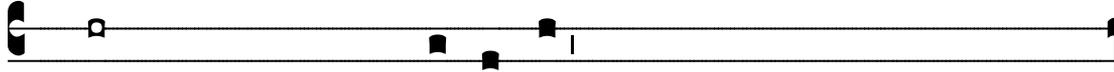
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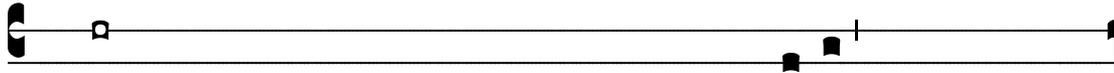
O God, who in the abasement of your Son



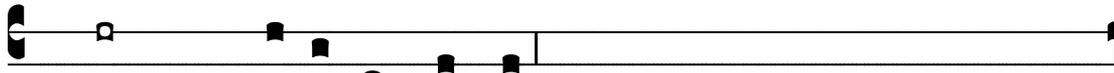
have raised up a fallen world,



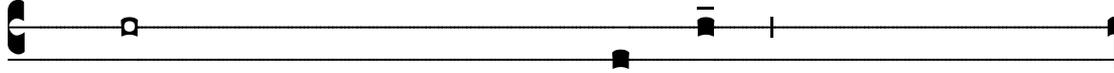
fill your faithful with ho-ly joy,



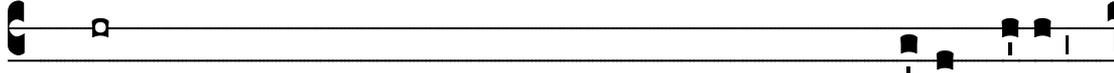
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin



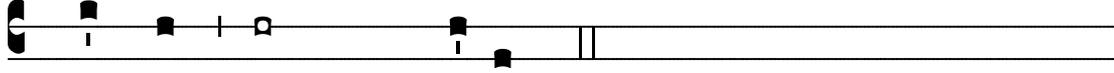
you bestow e-ter-nal glad-ness.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

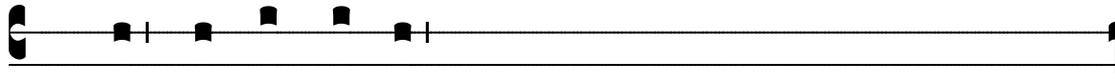


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

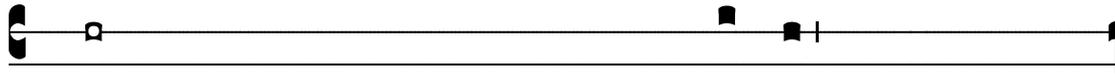


one God, for ever and ever.

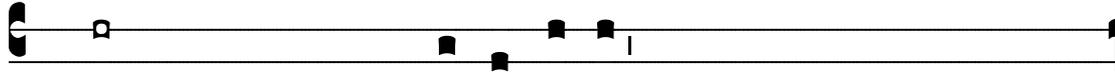
Prayer after Communion



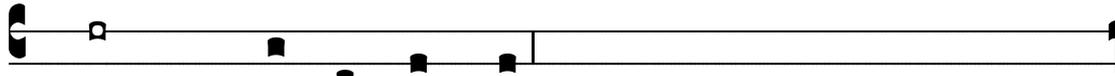
Grant, we pray, O Lord,



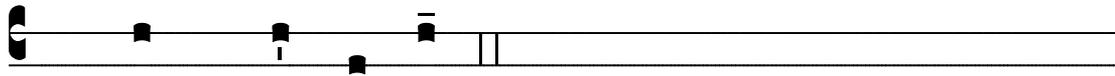
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,



we may gain the prize of sal-va-tion



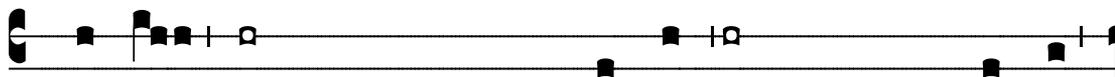
and never cease to praise you.



Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

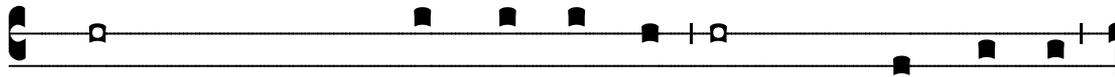
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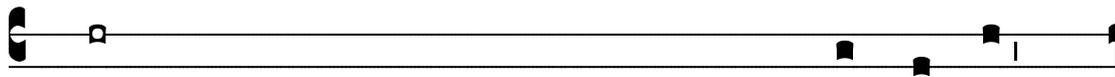
O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go a-stray,



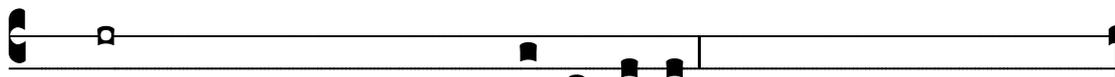
so that they may return to the right path,



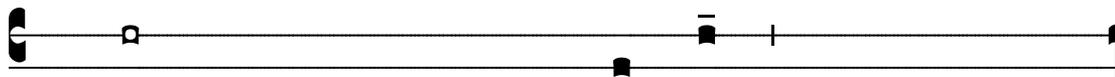
give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians



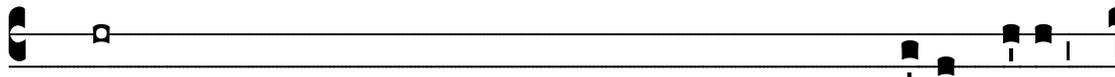
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ



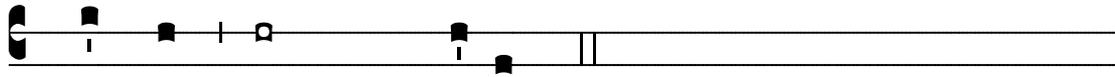
and to strive after all that does it honor.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

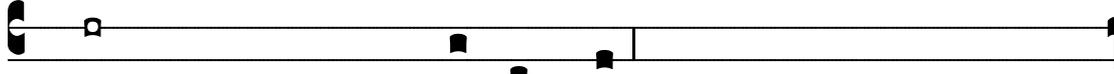
Prayer after Communion



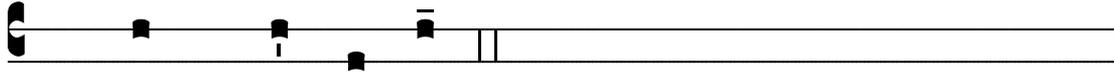
Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,



that, by our participation in this my-ster-y,



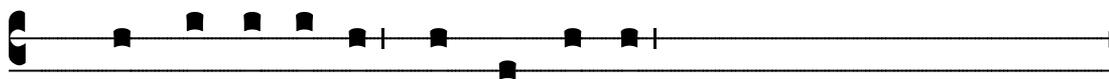
its saving effects upon us may grow.



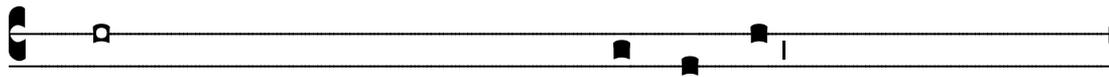
Through Christ our Lord.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

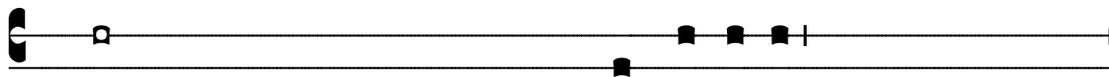
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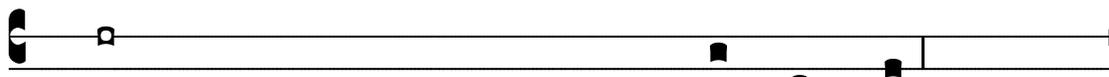
Show fa-vor, O Lord, to your servants



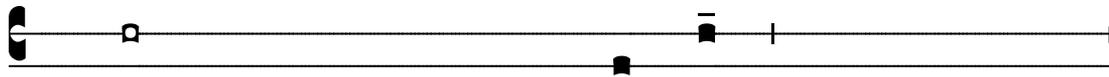
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,



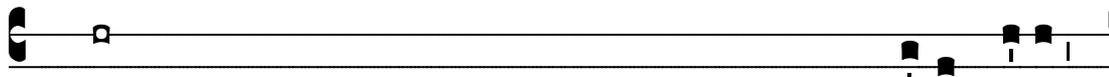
that, made fervent in hope, faith and cha-ri-ty,



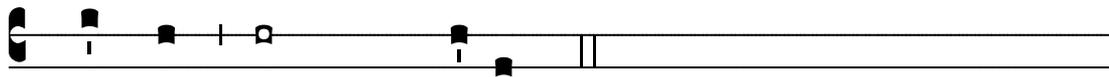
they may be ever watchful in keeping your com-mands.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



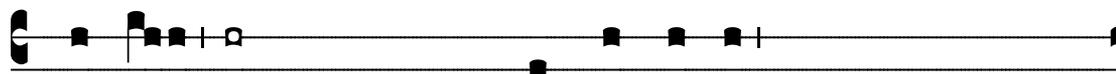
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



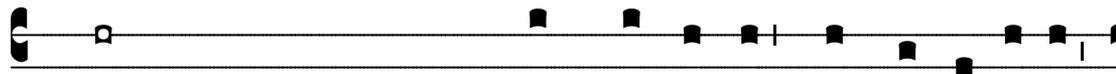
one God, for ever and ever.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

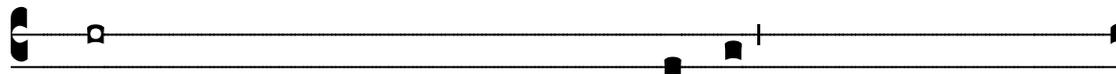
Collect



O God, protector of those who hope in you,



without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,



bestow in abundance your mercy upon us



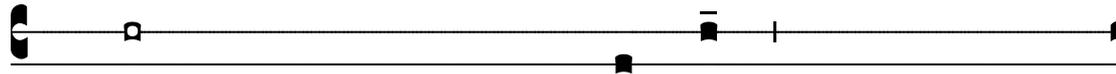
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,



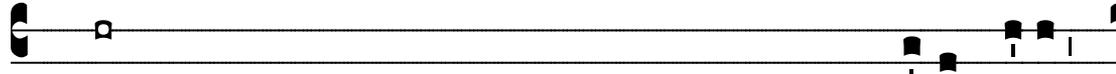
we may use the good things that pass



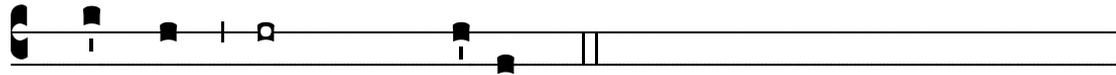
in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

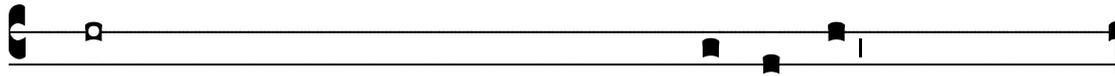


one God, for ever and ever.

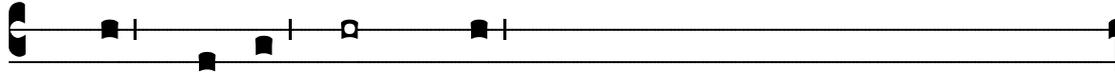
Prayer after Communion



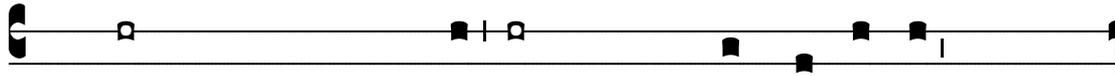
We have consumed, O Lord, this di-vine Sa-cra-ment,



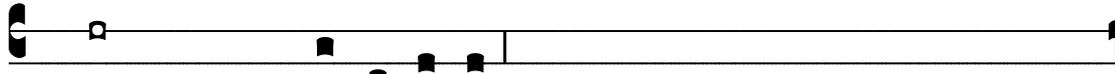
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;



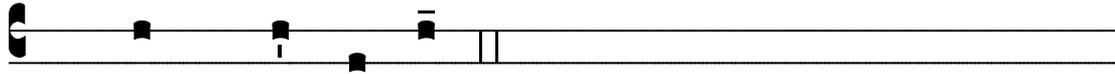
grant, we pray, that this gift,



which he himself gave us with love be-yond all tell-ing,



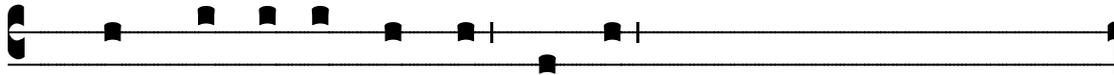
may profit us for sal-va-tion.



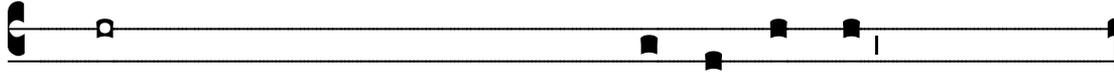
Through Christ our Lord.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

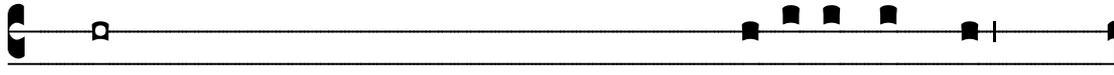
Collect



Draw near to your ser-vants, O Lord,



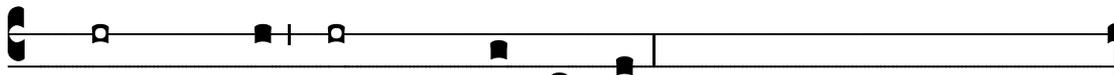
and answer their prayers with un-ceas-ing kind-ness,



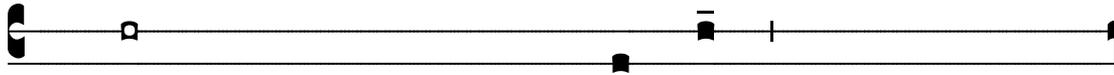
that, for those who glory in you as their Cre-a-tor and guide,



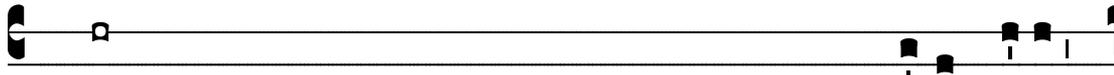
you may restore what you have cre-a-ted



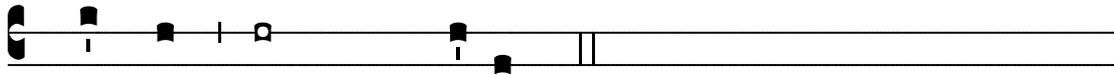
and keep safe what you have re-stored.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

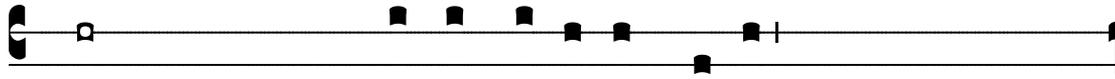


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

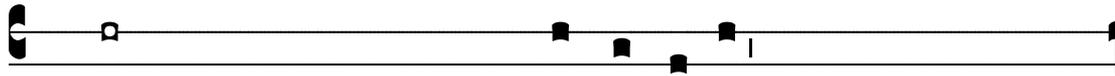


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,



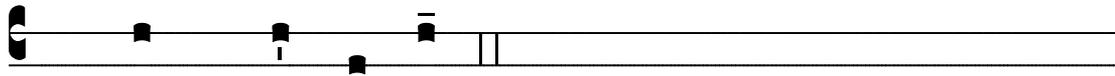
those you renew with these heav-en-ly gifts



and, in your never-failing care for them,



make them worthy of eter-nal re-demp-tion.



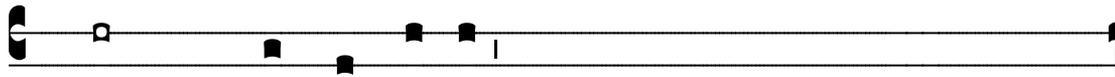
Through Christ our Lord.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

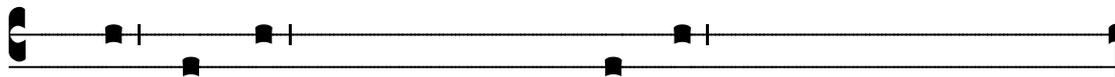
Collect



Almighty ever-liv-ing God, whom, taught by the Ho-ly Spir-it,



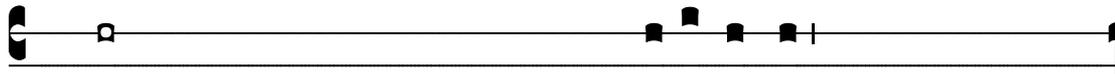
we dare to call our Fa-ther,



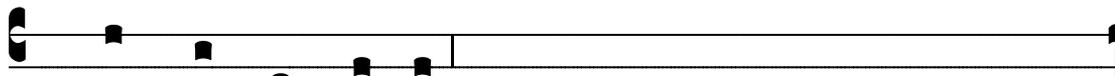
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts



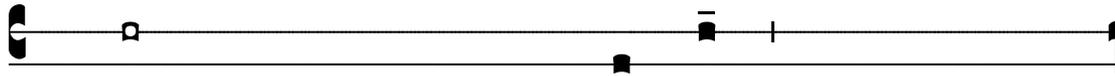
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,



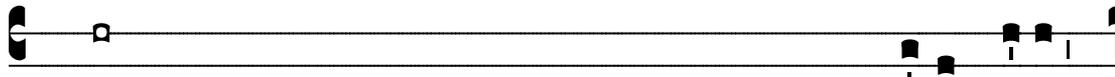
that we may merit to enter into the in-he-ri-tance



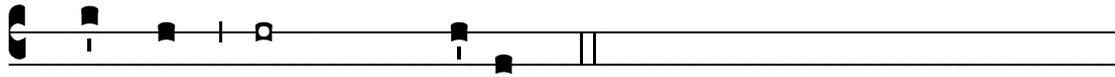
which you have promised.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

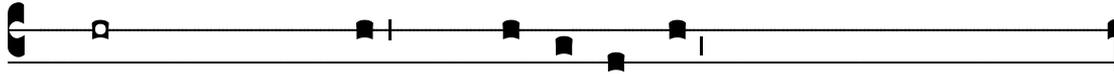


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



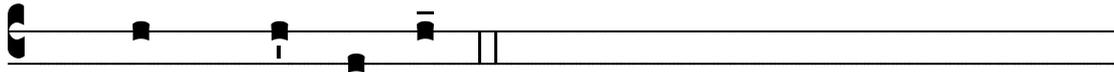
May the communion in your Sa-cra-ment



that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,



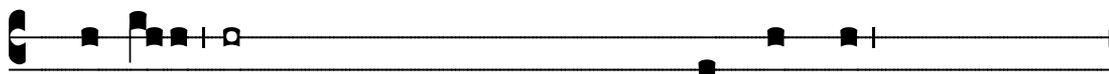
and confirm us in the light of your truth.



Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

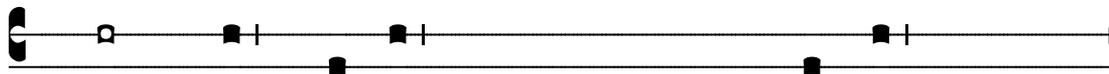
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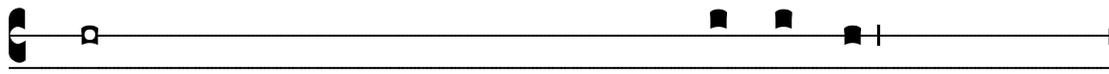
O God, who have prepared for those who love you



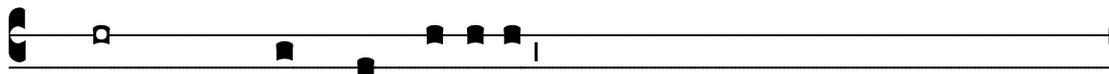
good things which no eye can see,



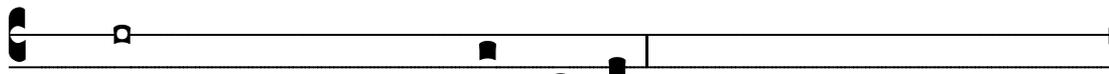
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,



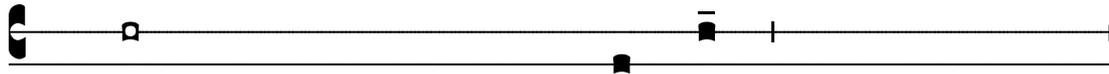
so that, loving you in all things and a-bove all things,



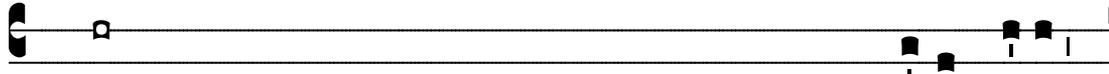
we may at-tain your promises,



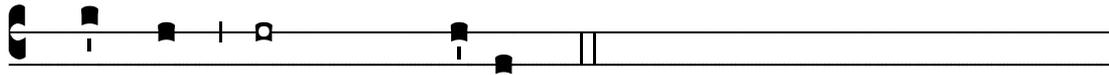
which surpass every hu-man de-sire.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

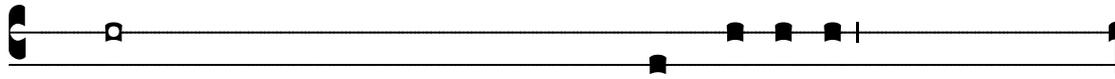


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

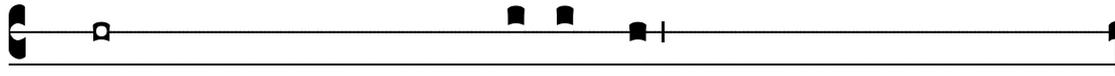


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



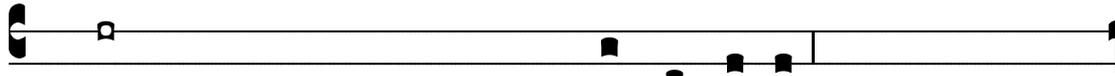
Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,



we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,



that, conformed to his i-mage on earth,



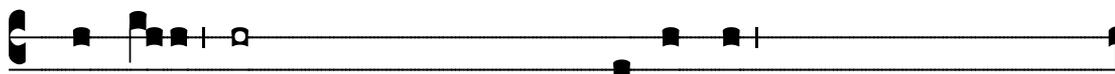
we may merit also to be his co-heirs in heaven.



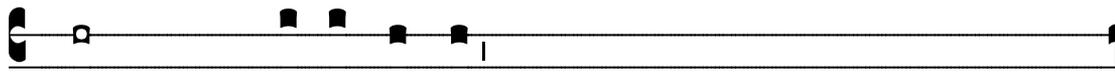
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

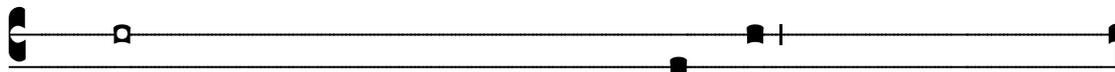
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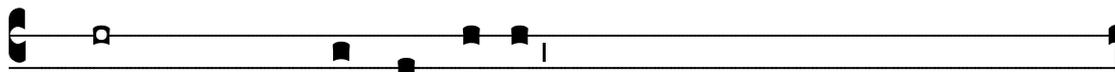
O God, who cause the minds of the faithful



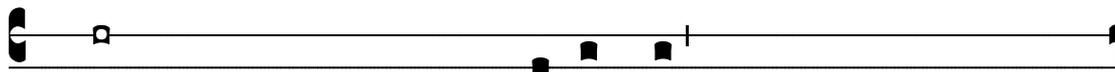
to unite in a single purpose,



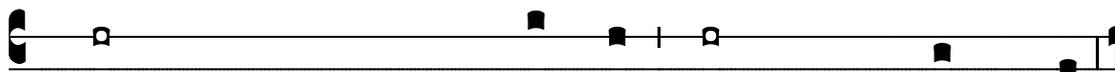
grant your people to love what you com-mand



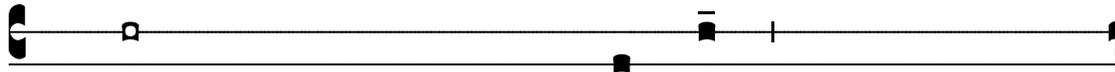
and to desire what you promise,



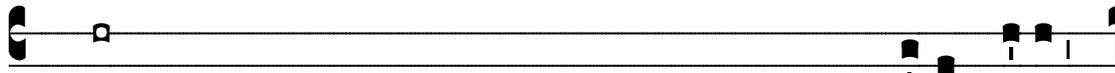
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,



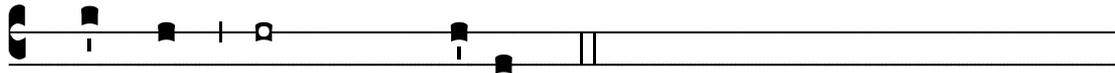
our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



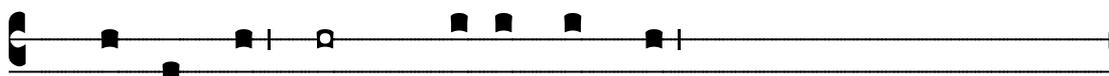
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



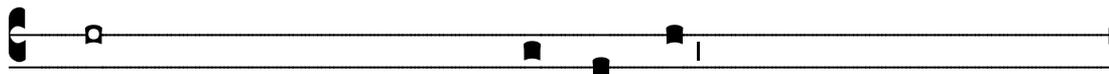
one God, for ever and ever.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

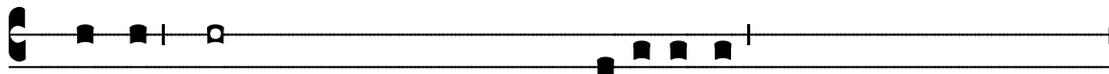
Collect



God of might, giver of every good gift,



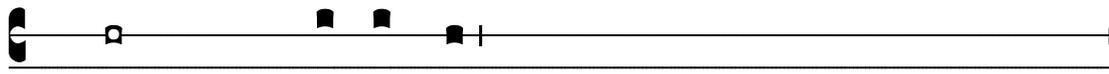
put into our hearts the love of your name,



so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,



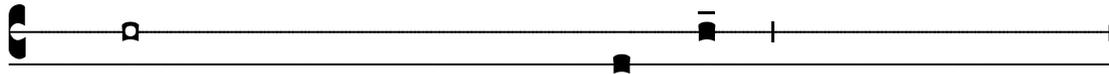
you may nurture in us what is good



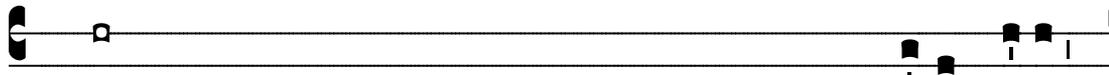
and, by your watchful care,



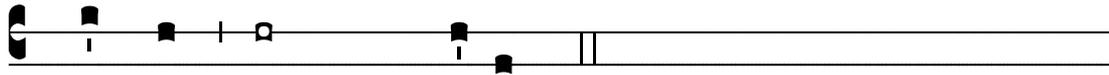
keep safe what you have nurtured.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

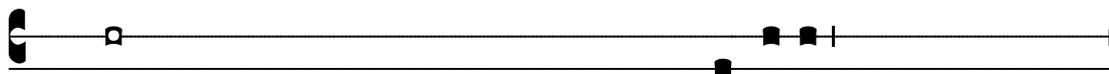


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

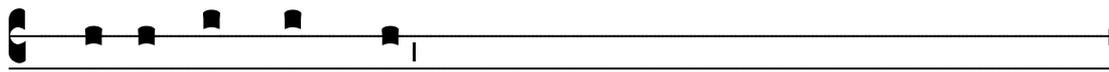


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



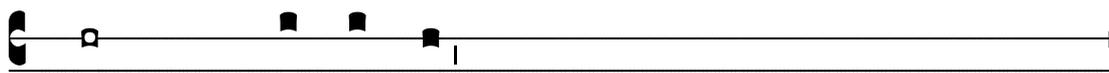
Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,



we be-seech you, Lord,



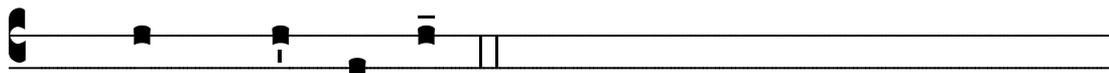
that, being the food of charity,



it may con-firm our hearts



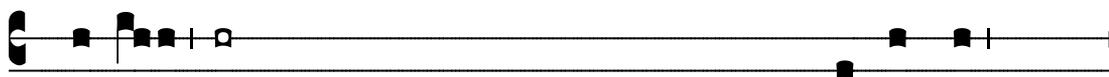
and stir us to serve you in our neighbor.



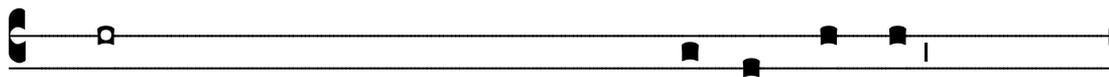
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

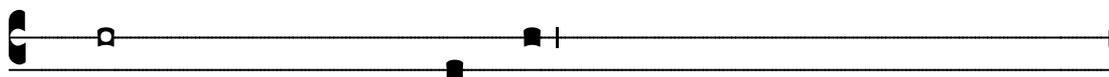
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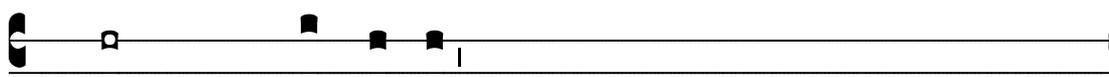
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive a-dop-tion,



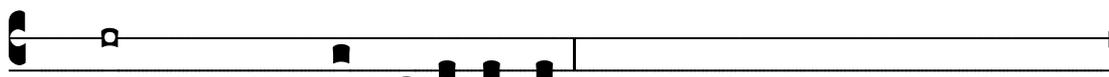
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,



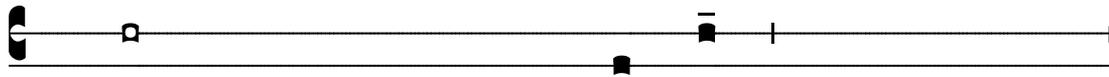
that those who believe in Christ



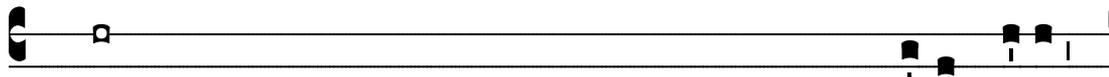
may receive true freedom



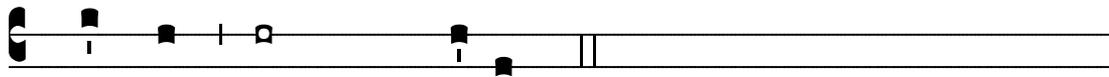
and an everlast-ing in-he-ri-tance.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

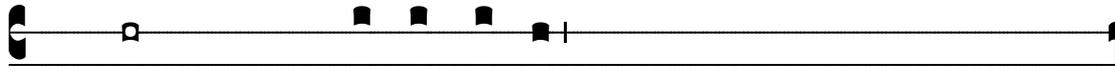


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

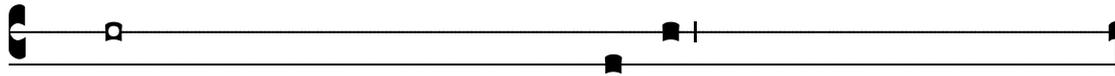


one God, for ever and ever.

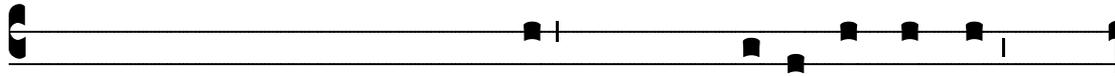
Prayer after Communion



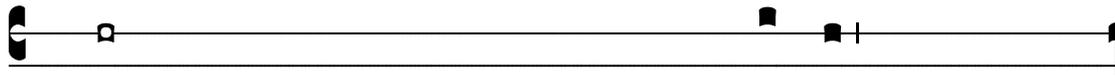
Grant that your faithful, O Lord,



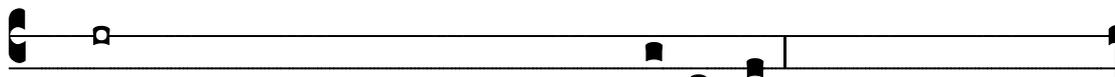
whom you nourish and endow with life



through the food of your Word and heav-en-ly Sa-cra-ment,



may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts



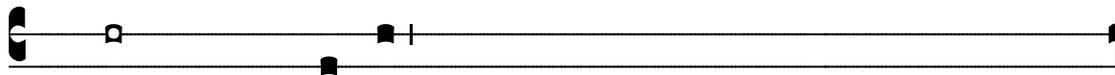
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.



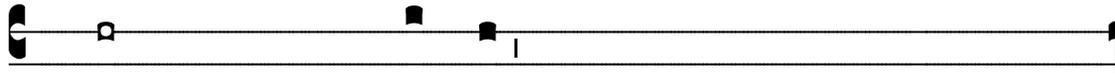
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

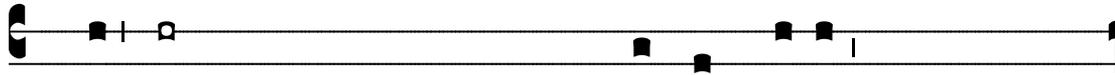
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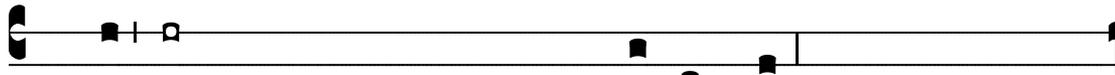
Look upon us, O God,



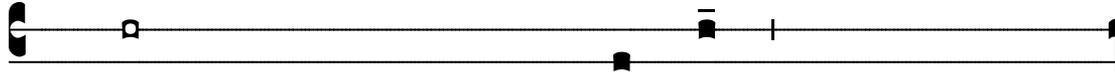
Creator and ruler of all things,



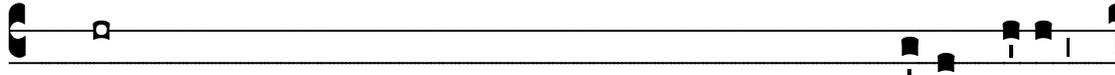
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,



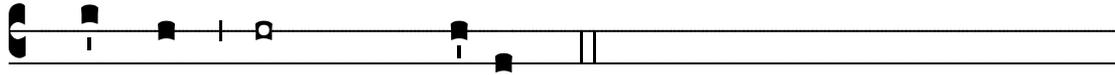
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

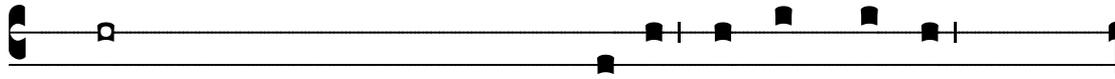


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one God, for ever and ever.

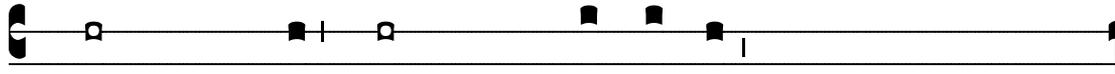
Prayer after Communion



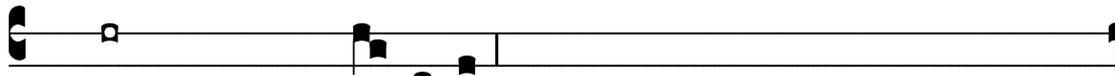
May the working of this heaven-ly gift, O Lord, we pray,



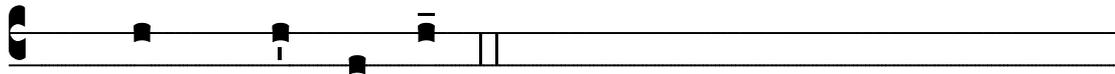
take possession of our minds and bodies,



so that its effects, and not our own de-sires,

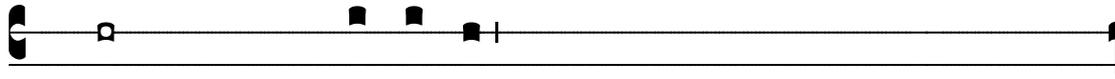


may always pre-vail in us.

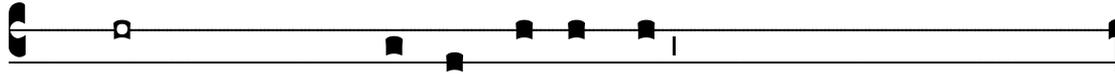


Through Christ our Lord.

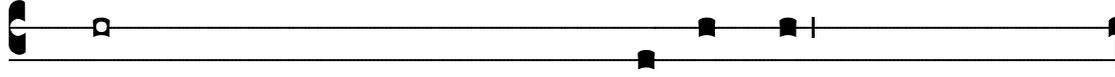
Prayer after Communion



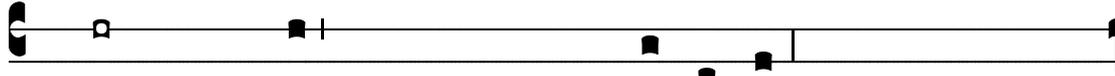
Graciously raise up, O Lord,



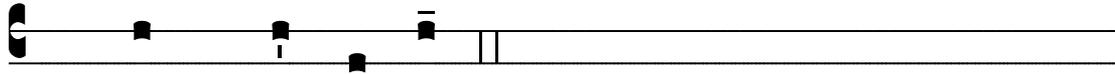
those you renew with this Sa-cra-ment,



that we may come to possess your re-demp-tion



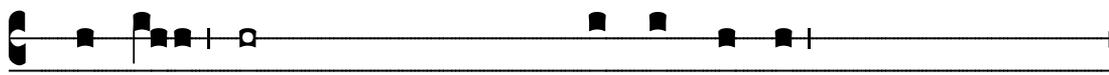
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.



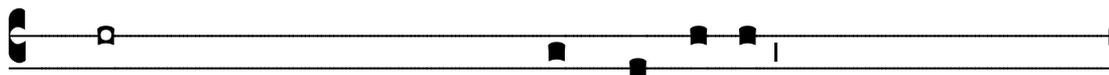
Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

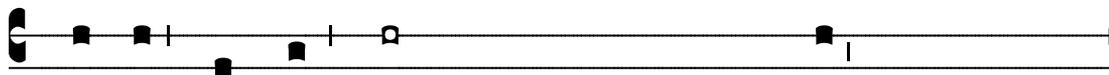
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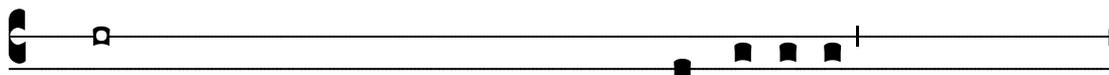
O God, who manifest your al-might-y pow-er



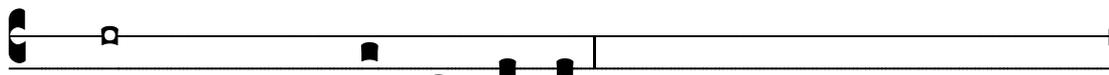
above all by pardoning and show-ing mercy,



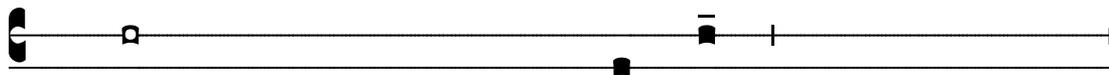
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us



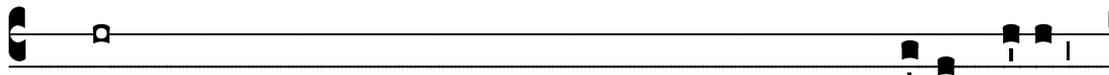
and make those hastening to attain your promises



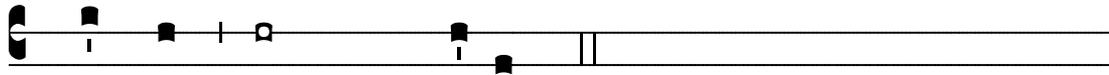
heirs to the trea-sures of heav-en.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

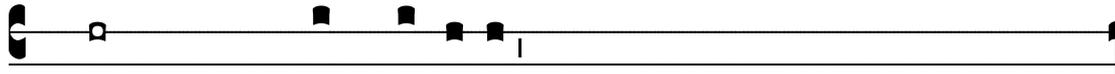


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,



restore us in mind and body,



that we may be coheirs in glo-ry with Christ,



to whose suffering we are u-ni-ted



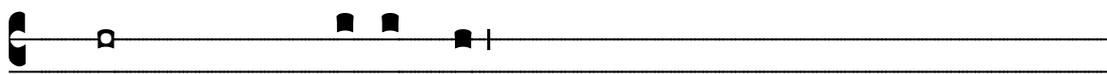
whenever we pro-claim his Death.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

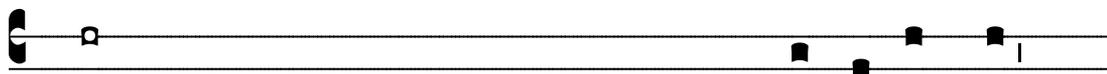
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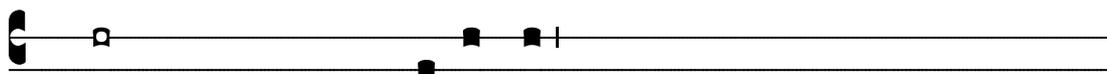
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



who in the abundance of your kindness



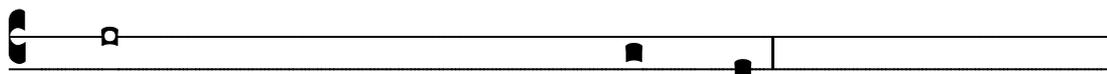
surpass the merits and the desires of those who en-treat you,



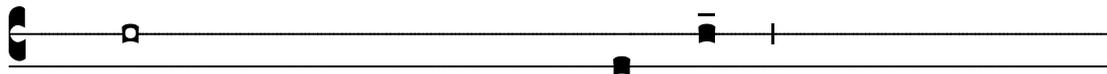
pour out your mercy u-pon us



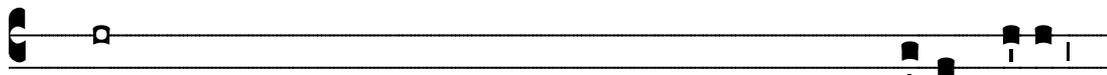
to pardon what con-science dreads



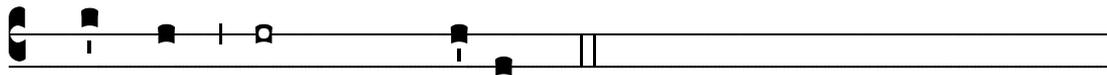
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



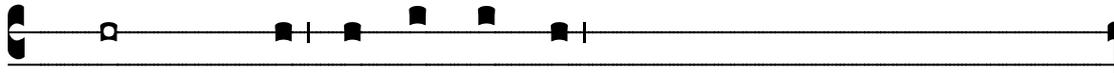
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



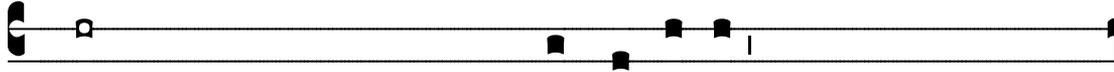
one God, for ever and ever.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

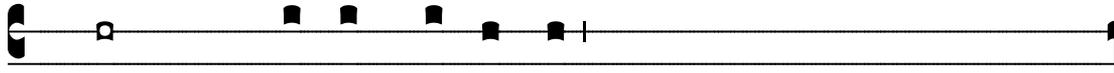
Collect



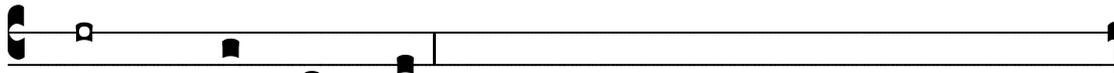
May your grace, O Lord, we pray,



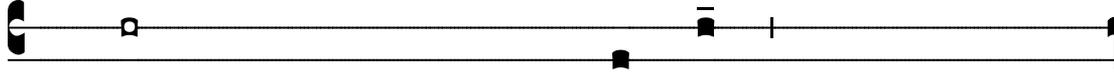
at all times go before us and fol-low af-ter



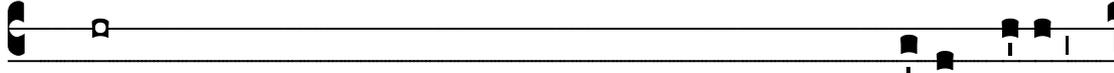
and make us al-ways de-ter-mined



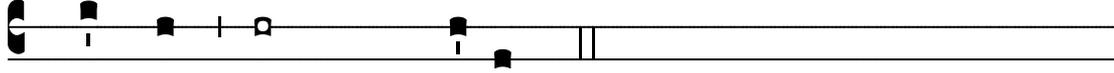
to carry out good works.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

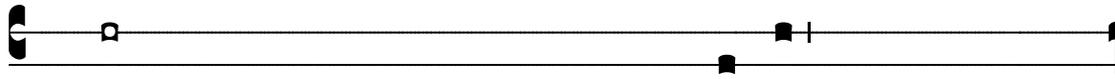


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

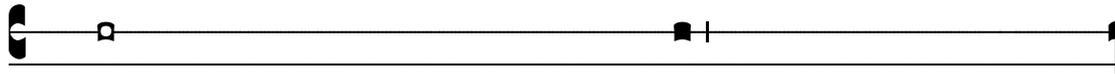


one God, for ever and ever.

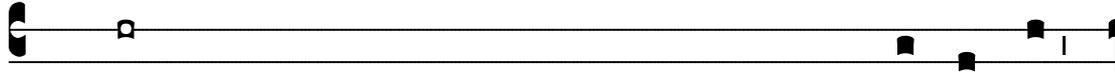
Prayer after Communion



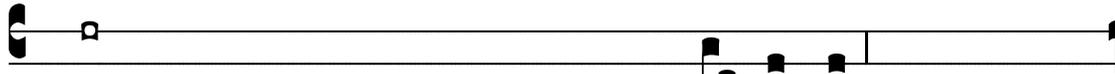
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,



that, as you feed us with the nourishment



which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,



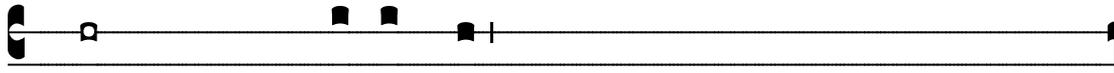
so you may make us sharers of his di-vine na-ture.



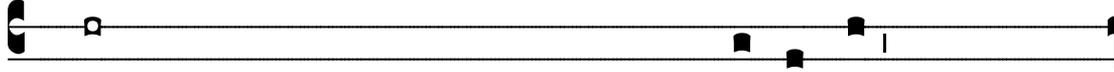
Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

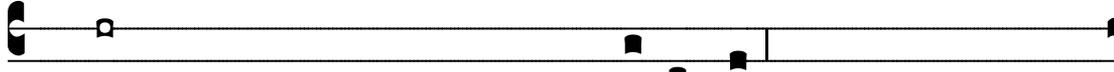
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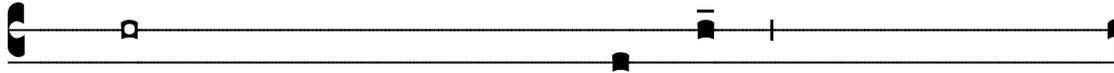
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



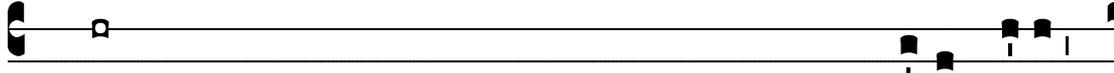
grant that we may always conform our will to yours



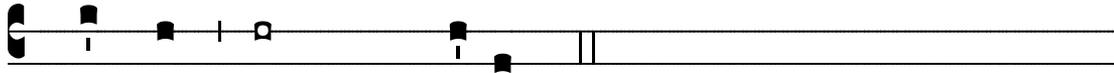
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

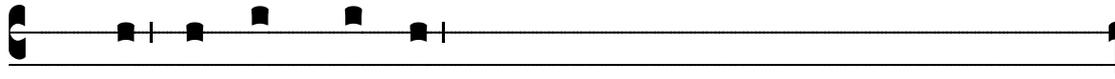


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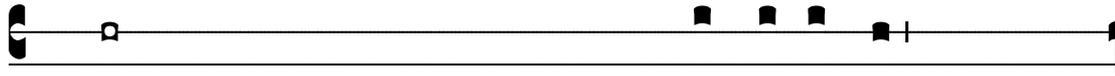


one God, for ever and ever.

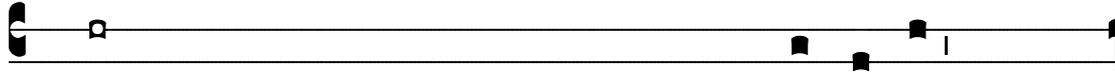
Prayer after Communion



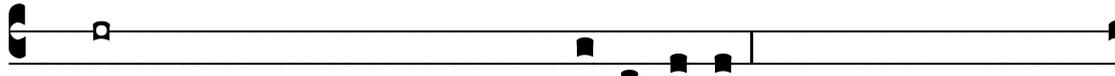
Grant, O Lord, we pray,



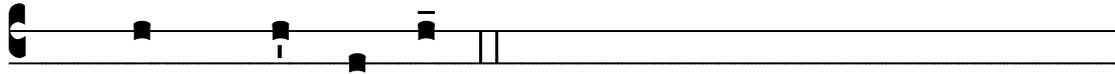
that, benefiting from participation in heav-en-ly things,



we may be helped by what you give in this pre-sent age



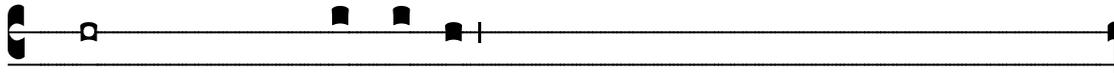
and prepared for the gifts that are e-ter-nal.



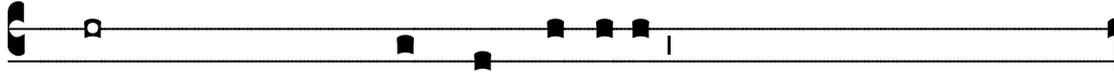
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect



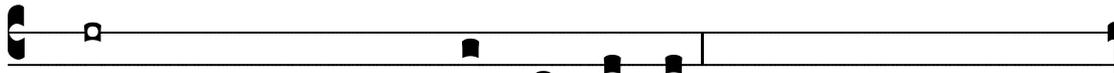
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



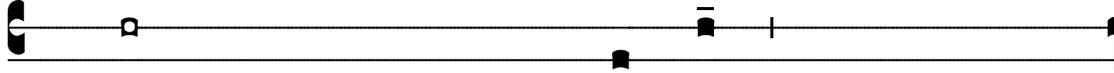
increase our faith, hope and cha-ri-ty,



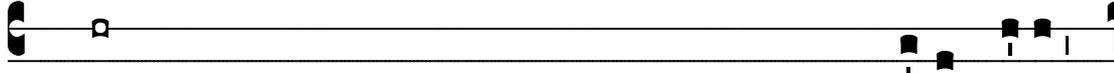
and make us love what you com-mand,



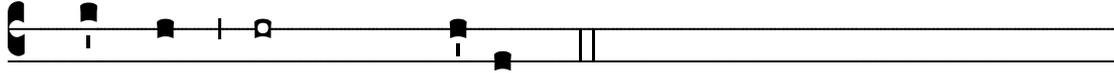
so that we may merit what you pro-mise.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

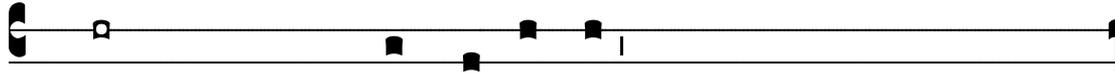


one God, for ever and ever.

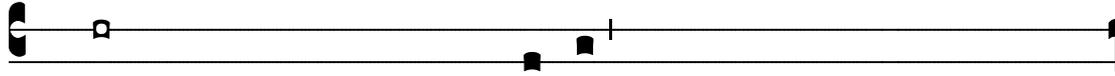
Prayer after Communion



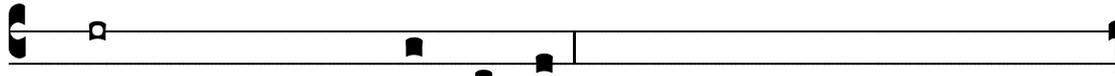
May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,



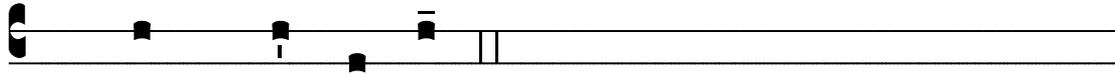
perfect in us what lies with-in them,



that what we now celebrate in signs



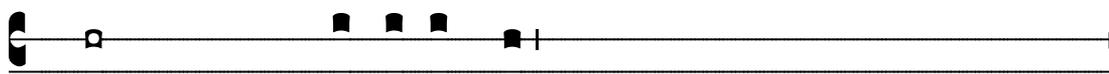
we may one day possess in truth.



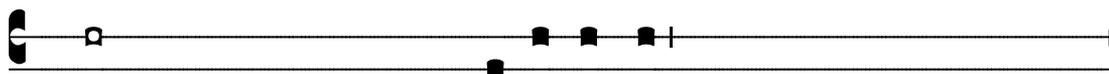
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

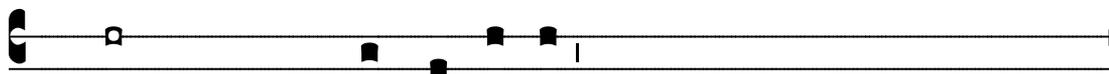
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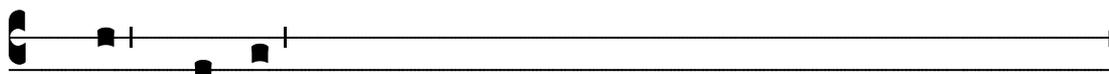
Almighty and mer-ci-ful God,



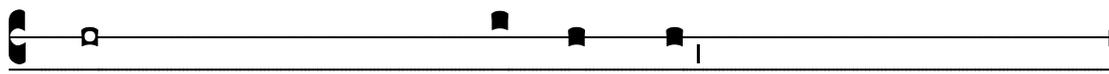
by whose gift your faith-ful of-fer you



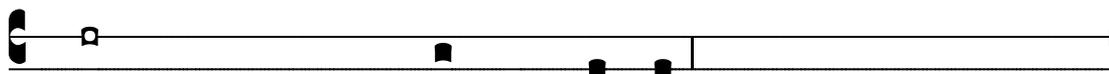
right and praise-wor-thy ser-vice,



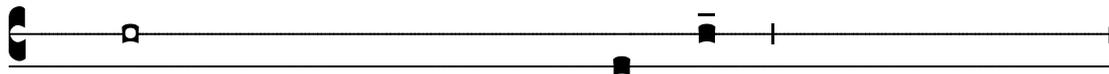
grant, we pray,



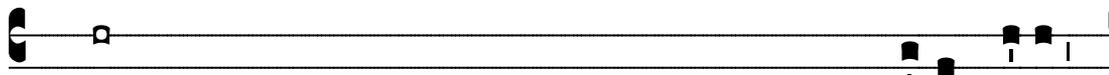
that we may hasten with-out stumb-ling



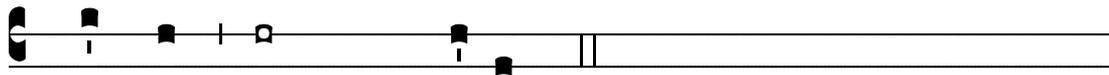
to receive the things you have pro-mised.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

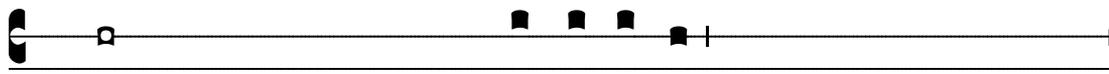


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

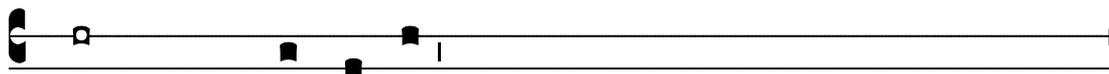


one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



May the working of your pow-er, O Lord,



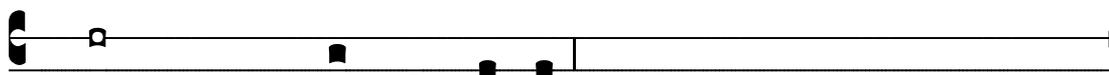
In-crease in us, we pray,



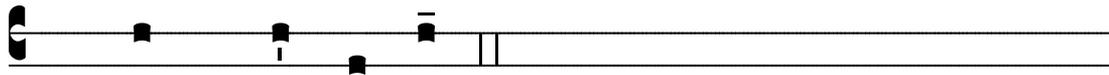
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,



we may be prepared by your gift



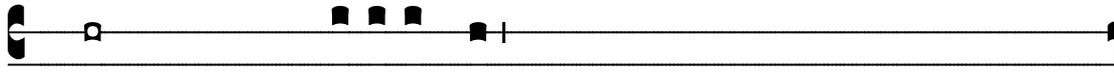
for receiving what they promise.



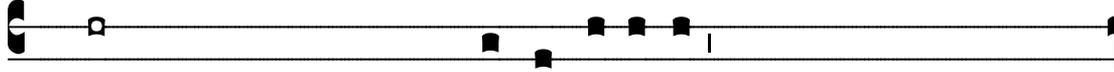
Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

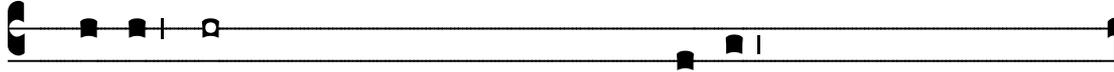
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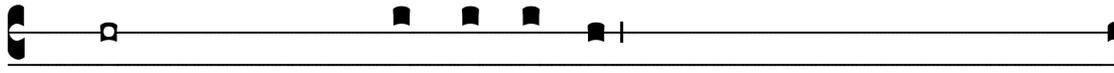
Almighty and merciful God,



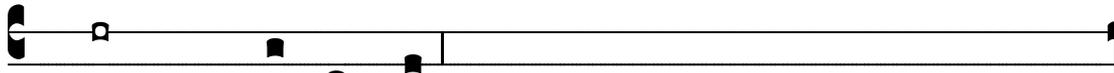
graciously keep from us all ad-ver-si-ty,



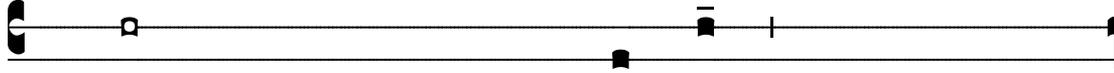
so that, unhindered in mind and body a-like,



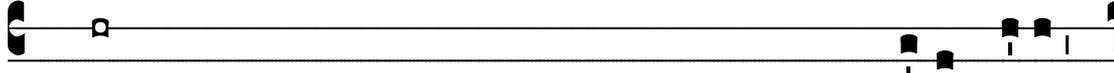
we may pursue in free-dom of heart



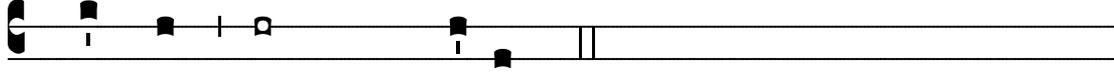
the things that are yours.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



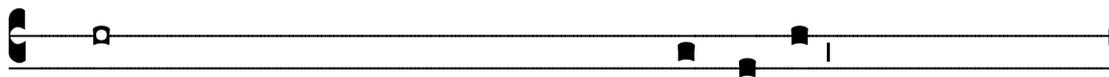
one God, for ever and ever.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect



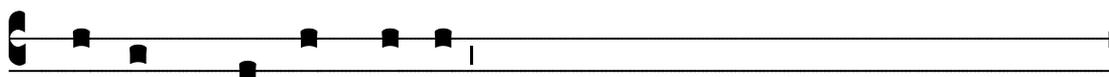
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,



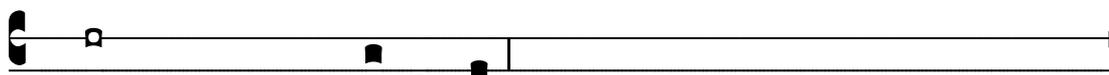
the constant gladness of being de-vo-ted to you,



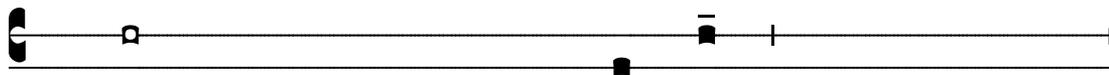
for it is full and last-ing hap-pi-ness



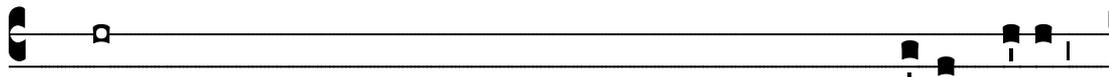
to serve with con-stan-cy



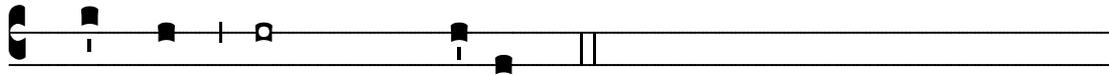
the author of all that is good.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

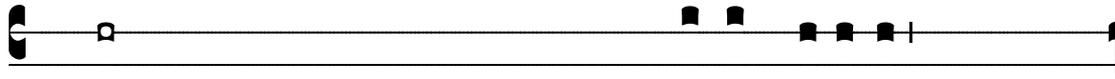


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

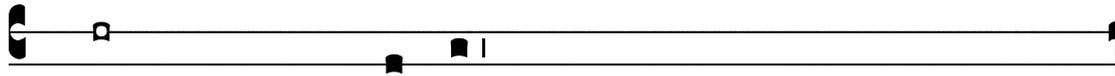


one God, for ever and ever.

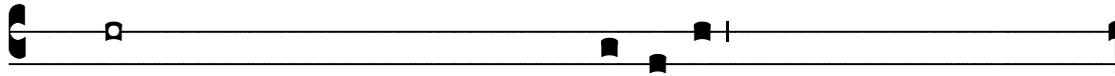
Prayer after Communion



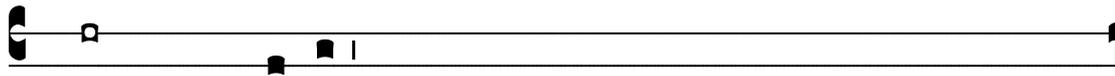
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,



humbly imploring, O Lord,



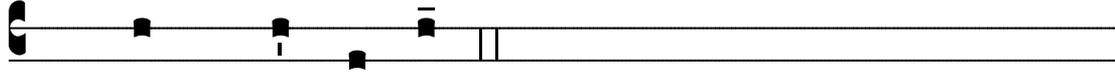
that what your Son commanded us to do



in memory of him



may bring us growth in cha-ri-ty.



Through Christ our Lord.

THE SOLEMNITIES OF THE LORD DURING ORDINARY TIME

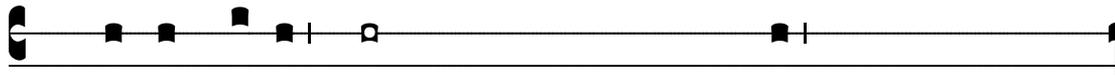
First Sunday after Pentecost

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

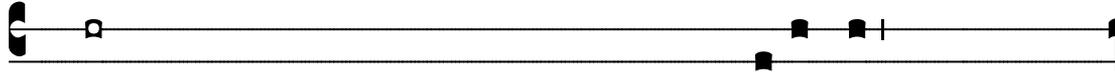
Solemnity

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

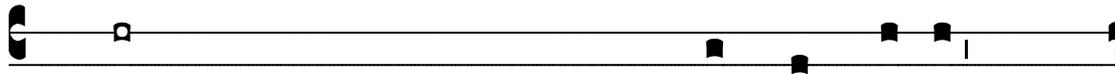
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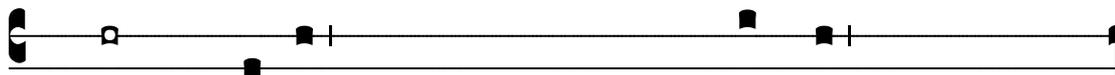
God our Father, who by sending into the world



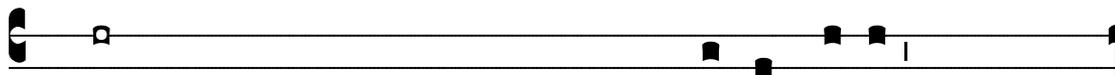
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanc-ti-fi-ca-tion



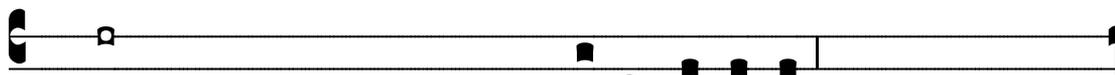
made known to the human race your won-drous mys-tery,



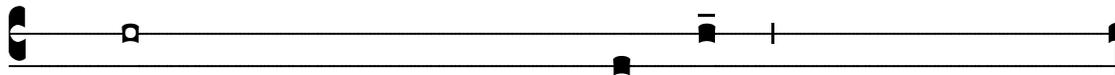
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,



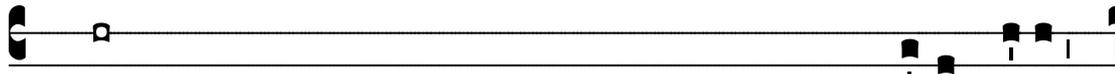
we may acknowledge the Trinity of e-ter-nal glo-ry



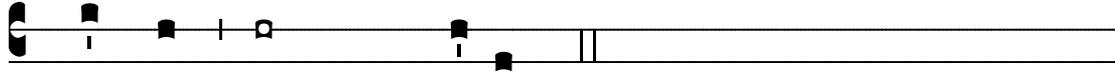
and adore your Unity, pow-er-ful in ma-jes-ty.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



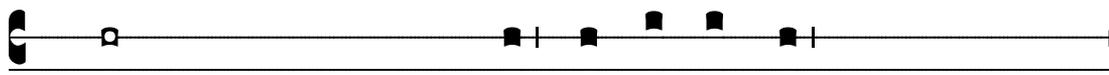
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



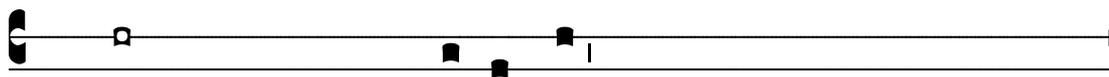
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

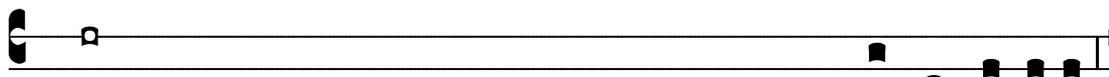
Prayer after Communion



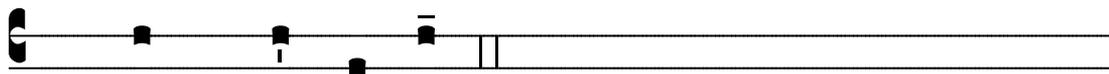
May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,



bring us health of bod-y and soul,



as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undi-vi-ded U-ni-ty.



Through Christ our Lord.

[In the Dioceses of the United States]
Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

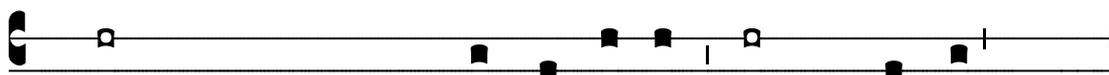
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

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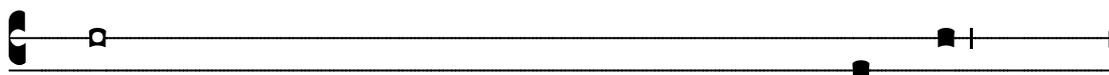
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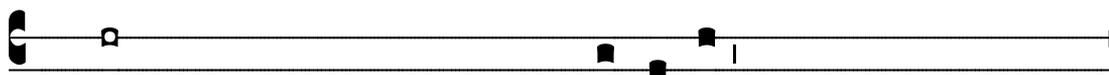
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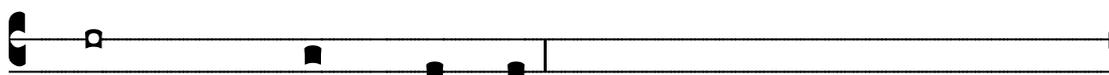
have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray,



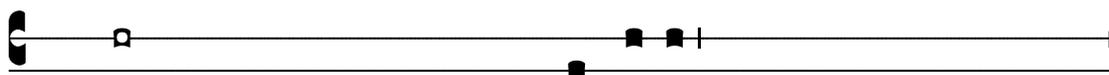
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood



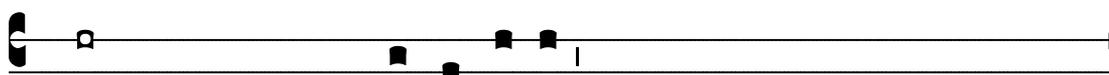
that we may always experience in our-selves



the fruits of your re-demp-tion.



Who live and reign with God the Father



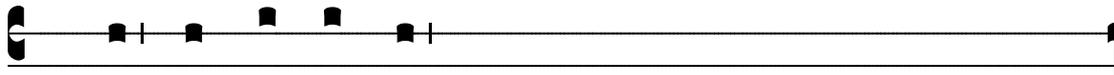
in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,



one God, for ever and e-ver.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



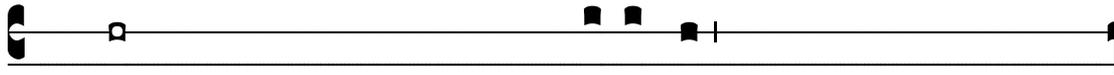
Grant, O Lord, we pray,



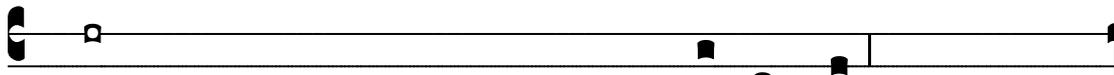
that we may delight for all e-ter-ni-ty



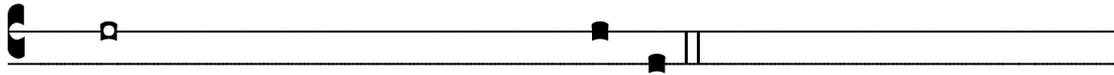
in that share in your di-vine life,



which is foreshadowed in the present age



by our reception of your precious Bod-y and Blood.



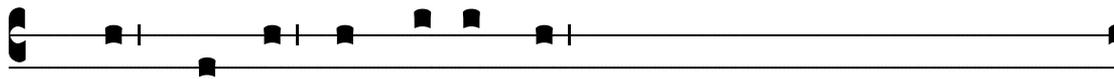
Who live and reign for ever and e-ver.

It is desirable that a procession take place after the Mass in which the Host to be carried in the procession is consecrated. However, nothing prohibits a procession from taking place even after a public and lengthy period of adoration following the Mass. If a procession takes place after Mass, when the Communion of the faithful is over, the monstrance in which the consecrated host has been placed is set on the altar. When the Prayer after Communion has been said, the Concluding Rites are omitted and the procession forms.

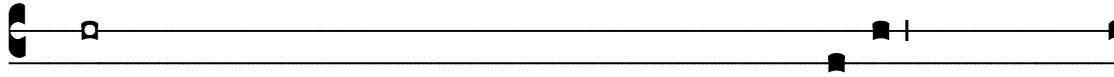
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THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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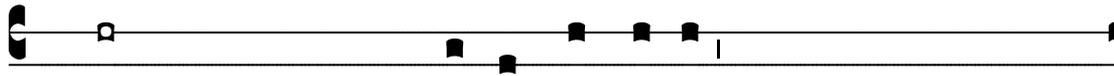
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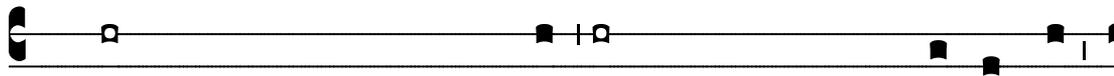
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



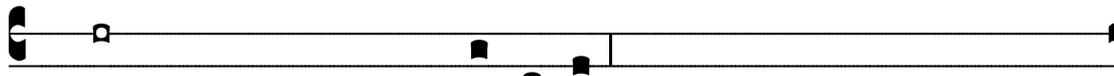
that we, who glory in the Heart of your belov-ed Son



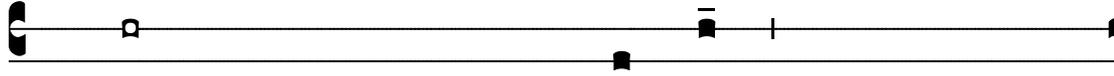
and recall the wonders of his love for us,



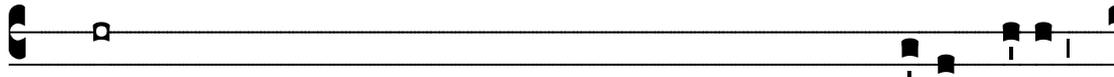
may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace



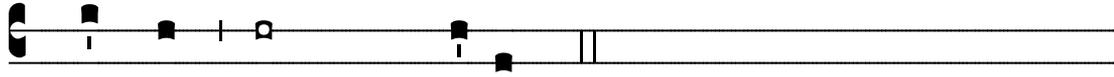
from that fount of heav-en-ly gifts.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

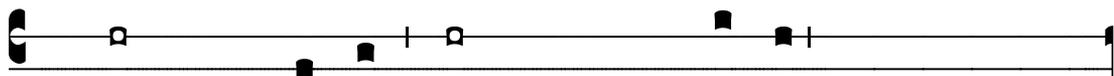


one God, for ever and ever.

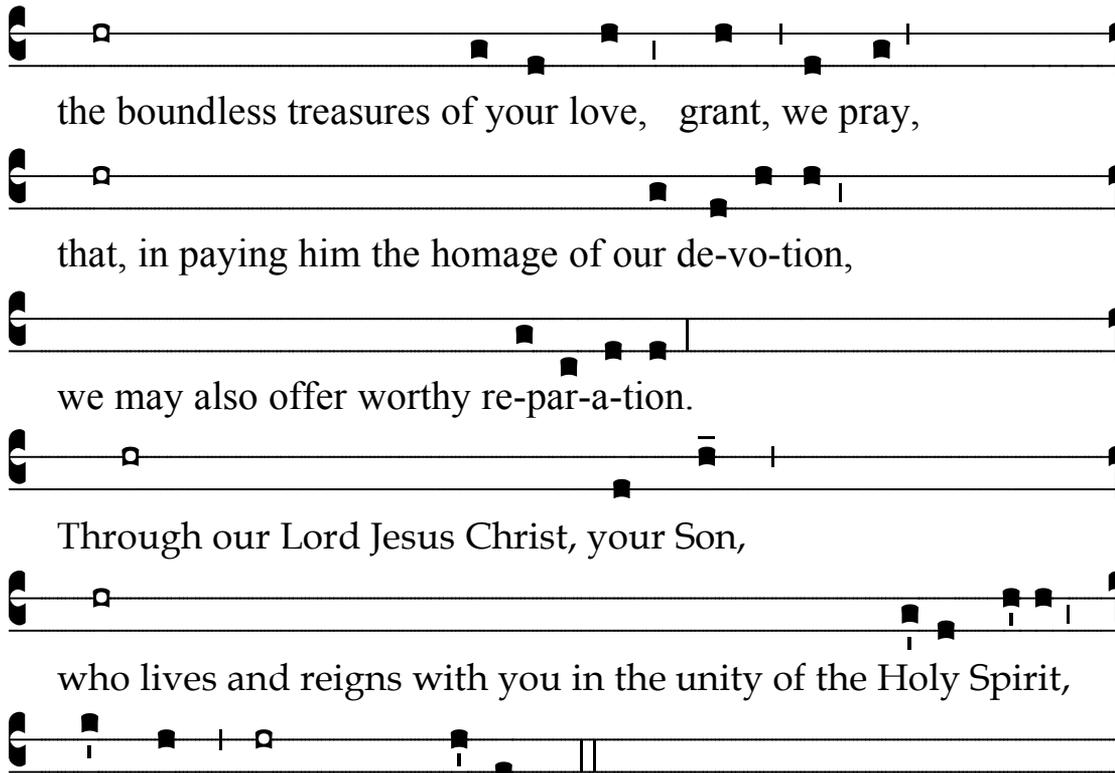
Or:



O God, who in the Heart of your Son,



wounded by our sins, bestow on us in mer-cy

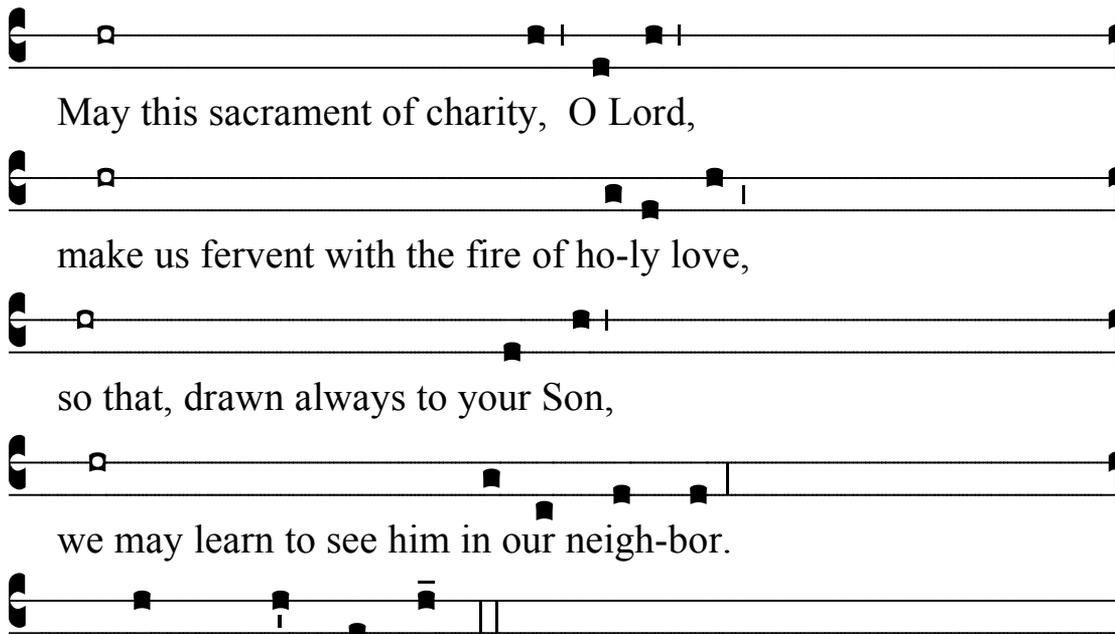


the boundless treasures of your love, grant, we pray,
 that, in paying him the homage of our de-vo-tion,
 we may also offer worthy re-par-a-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



May this sacrament of charity, O Lord,
 make us fervent with the fire of ho-ly love,
 so that, drawn always to your Son,
 we may learn to see him in our neigh-bor.

Through Christ our Lord.

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

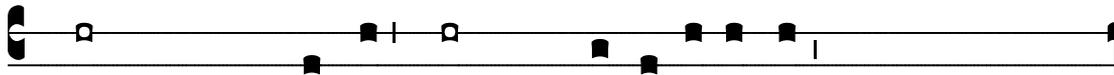
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

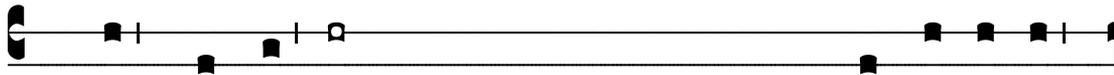
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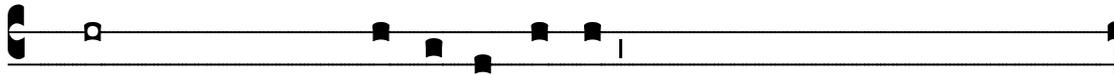
Almighty ever-liv-ing God, whose will is to restore all things



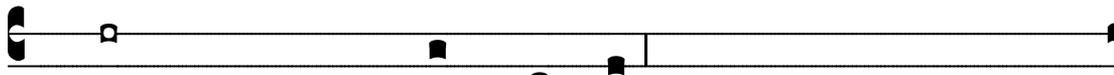
in your belov-ed Son, the King of the un-i-verse,



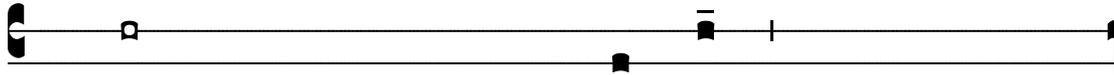
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from sla-ver-y,



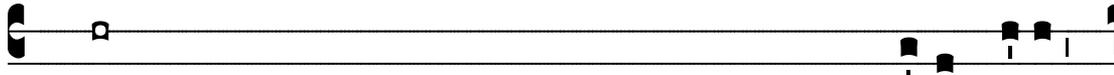
may render your ma-jes-ty ser-vice



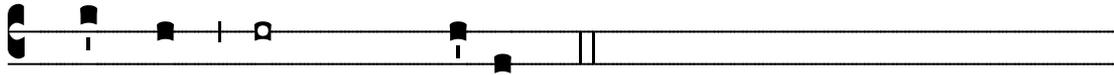
and ceaselessly pro-claim your praise.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



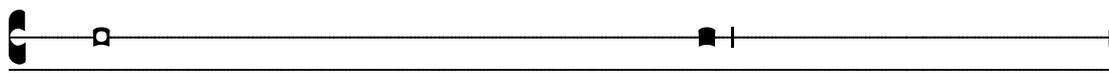
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



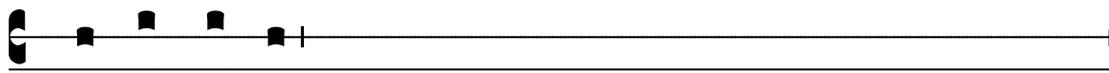
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

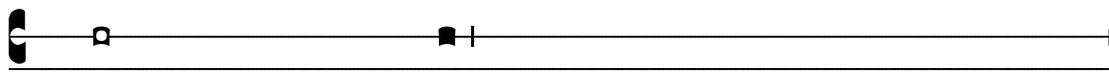
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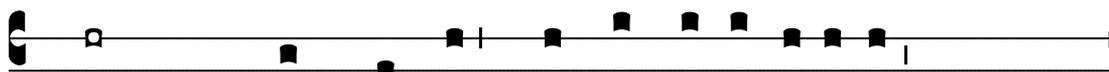
Having received the food of immortality,



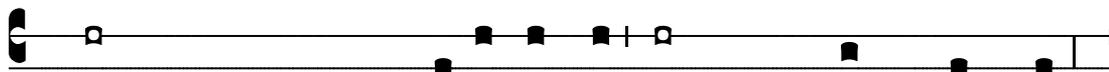
we ask, O Lord,



that, glorying in obedience



to the com-mands of Christ, the King of the universe,



we may live with him e-ter-nal-ly in his heav-en-ly king-dom.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

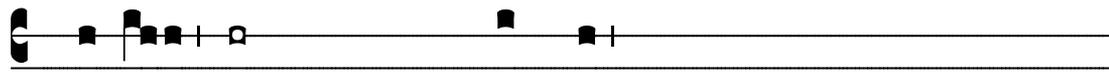
January 25

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

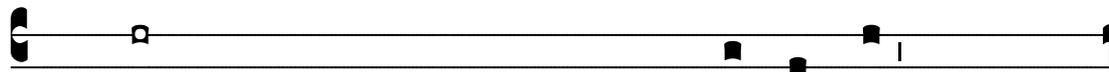
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

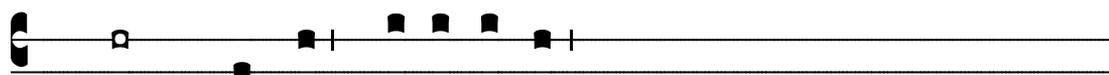
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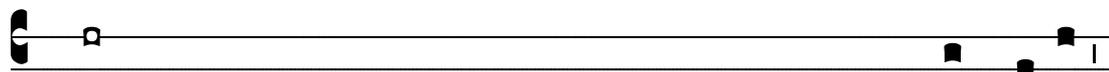
O God, who taught the whole world



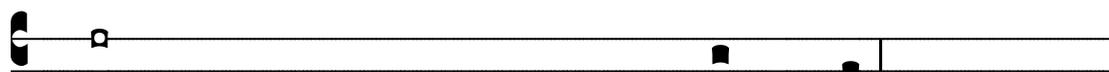
through the preaching of the blessed A-pos-tle Paul,



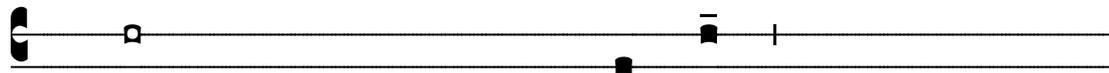
draw us, we pray, nearer to you



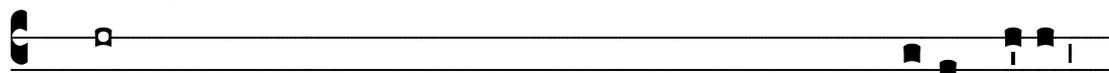
through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today,



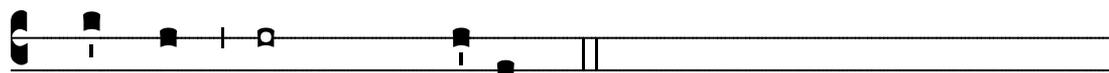
and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

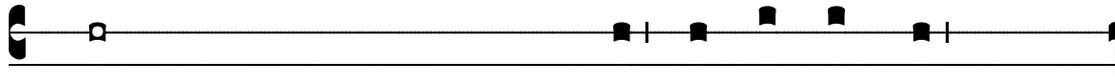


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

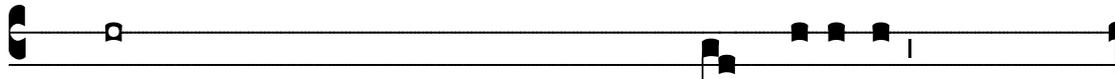
Prayer after Communion



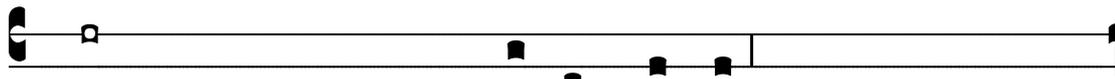
May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,



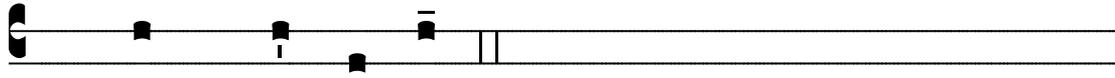
stir up in us that fire of charity



with which the blessed Apostle Paul burned ardently



as he bore his concern for all the Churches.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Feast

The Blessing of Candles and the Procession

First Form: The Procession

1. At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold in their hands unlighted candles.
2. The Priest, wearing white vestments as for Mass, approaches with the ministers. Instead of the chasuble, the Priest may wear a cope, which he leaves aside after the procession is over.
3. While the candles are being lit, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.

Behold, our Lord will come with power,
to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.

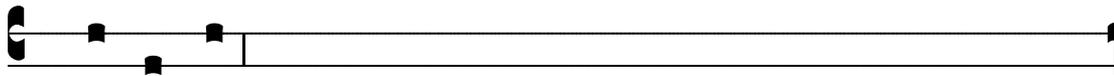
Or:

Ecce Dominus noster cum virtute veniet,
ut illuminet oculos servorum suorum, alleluia.

4. When the chant is concluded, the Priest, facing the people, says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then the Priest greets the people in the usual way, and next he gives an introductory address, encouraging the faithful to celebrate the rite of this feast day actively and consciously. He may use these or similar words:

**Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast
of the Nativity of the Lord.
Today is the blessed day
when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.
Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law,
but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.
Prompted by the Holy Spirit,
Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.
Enlightened by the same Spirit,
they recognized the Lord
and confessed him with exultation.
So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ.
There we shall find him
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
until he comes again, revealed in glory.**

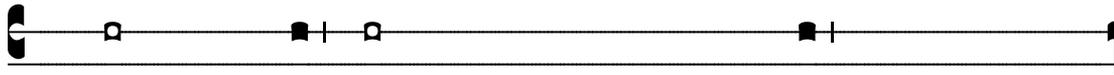
5. After the address the Priest blesses the candles, saying, with hands extended:



Let us pray.



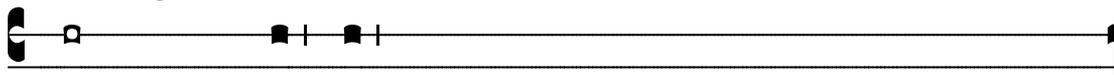
O God, source and origin of all light,



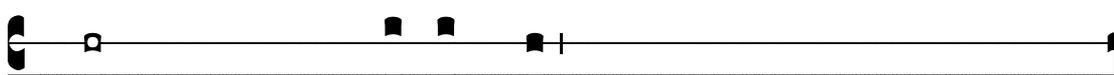
who on this day showed to the just man Simeon



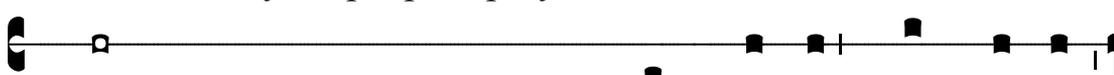
the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,



we humbly ask that,



in answer to your people's prayers,



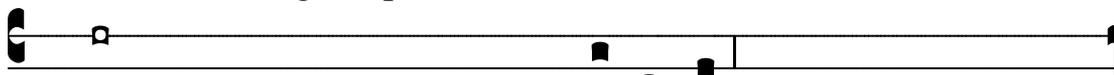
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing ✠ these candles,



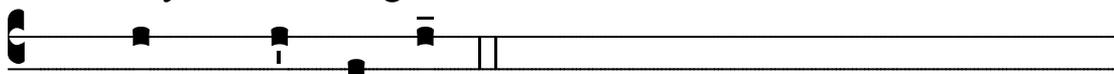
which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,



so that, treading the path of virtue,



we may reach that light which nev-er fails.



Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

O God, true light, who create light e-ter-nal,
 spreading it far and wide,
 pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful
 the brilliance of per-pet-ual light,
 so that all who are brightened in your ho-ly tem-ple
 by the splendor of these can-dles
 may happily reach the light of your glo-ry.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

He sprinkles the candles with holy water without saying anything, and puts incense into the thurible for the procession.

6. Then the Priest receives from the Deacon or a minister the lighted candle prepared for him and the procession begins, with the Deacon announcing (or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself):

Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

In this case, all respond:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

7. All carry lighted candles. As the procession moves forward, one or other of the antiphons that follow is sung, namely the antiphon A light for revelation with the canticle (Lk 2: 29-32), or the antiphon Sion, adorn your bridal chamber or another appropriate chant.

I

Ant. Lk 2: 29-32

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.
Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,
in accordance with your word.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles . . .
For my eyes have seen your salvation.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles . . .
Which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles . . .

II

Ant. Sion, adorn your bridal chamber and welcome Christ the King; take Mary in your arms, who is the gate of heaven, for she herself is carrying the King of glory and new light. A Virgin she remains, though bringing in her hands the Son before the morning star begotten, whom Simeon, taking in his arms announced to the peoples as Lord of life and death and Savior of the world.

8. As the procession enters the church, the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass is sung. When the Priest has arrived at the altar, he venerates it and, if appropriate, incenses it. Then he goes to the chair, where he takes off the cope, if he used it in the procession, and puts on a chasuble. After the singing of the hymn Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest), he says the Collect as usual. The Mass continues in the usual manner.

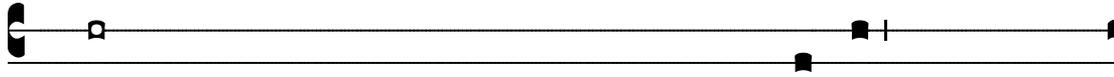
Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

9. Whenever a procession cannot take place, the faithful gather in church, holding candles in their hands. The Priest, wearing white sacred vestments as for Mass, together with the ministers and a representative group of the faithful, goes to a suitable place, either in front of the church door or inside the church itself, where at least a large part of the faithful can conveniently participate in the rite.

10. When the Priest reaches the place appointed for the blessing of the candles, candles are lit while the antiphon Behold, our Lord (no. 3) or another appropriate chant is sung.

11. Then, after the greeting and address, the Priest blesses the candles, as above nos. 4-5; and then the procession to the altar takes place, with singing (nos. 6-7). For Mass, what is indicated in no. 8 above is observed.

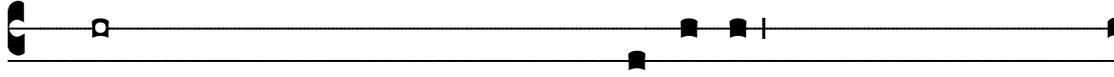
Prayer after Communion



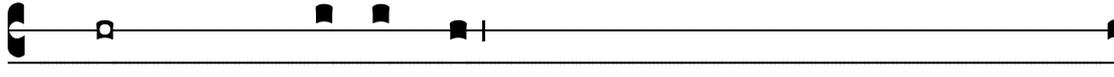
By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,



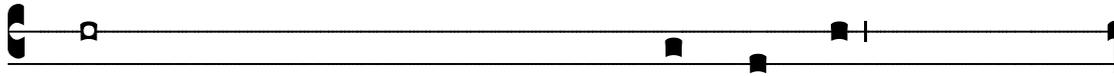
bring your grace to perfec-tion with-in us,



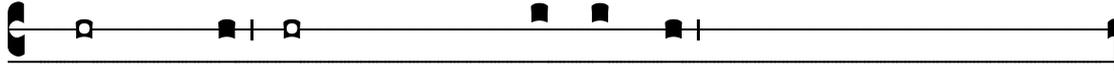
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's ex-pec-ta-tion



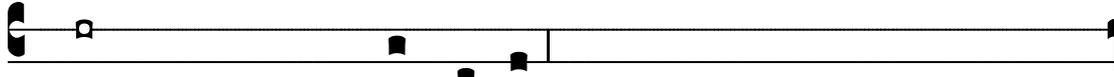
that he would not see death



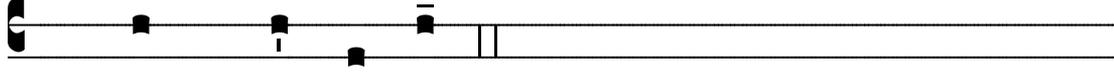
until he had been privileged to wel-come the Christ,



so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,



obtain the gift of e-ter-nal life.



Through Christ our Lord.

February 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

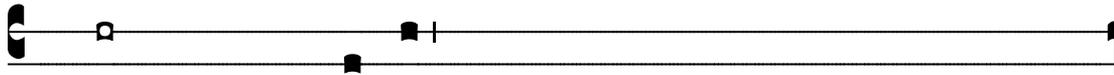
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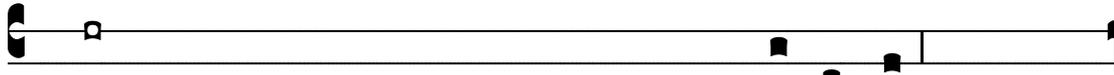
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



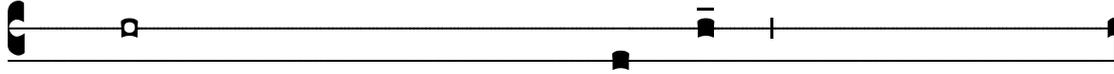
that no tempests may dis-turb us,



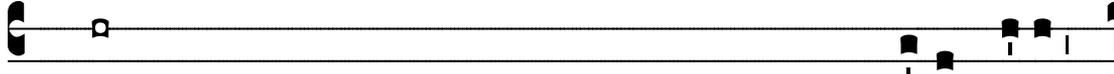
for you have set us fast



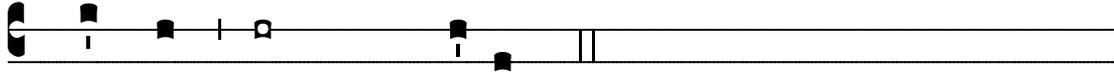
on the rock of the Apostle Peter's con-fess-ion of faith.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

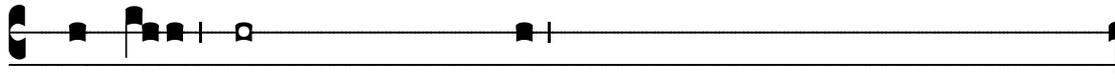


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

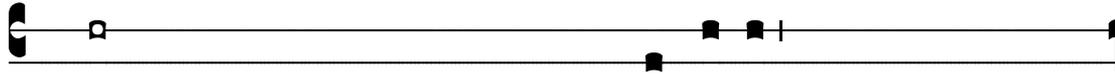


one God, for ever and ever.

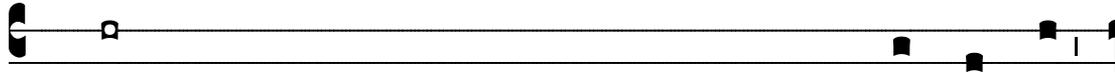
Prayer after Communion



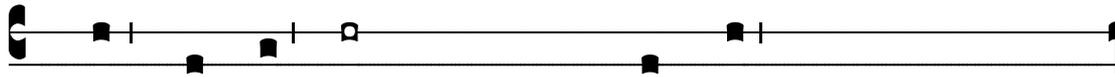
O God, who at our celebration



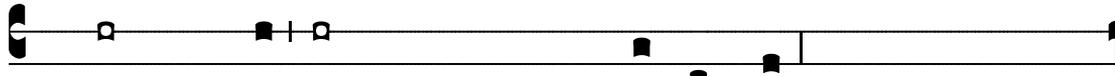
of the feast day of the blessed Apostle Peter



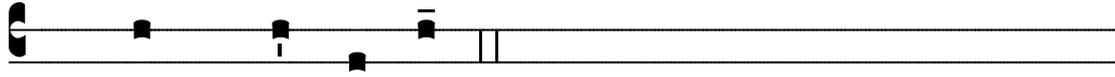
have nourished us by communion in the Body and Blood of Christ,



grant, we pray, that this redeeming ex-change



may be for us a Sacrament of uni-ty and peace.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

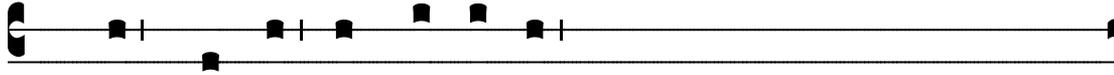
March 19

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



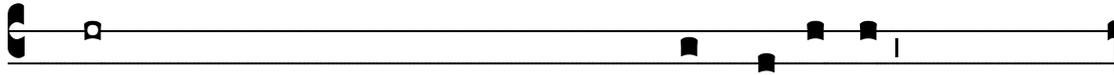
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



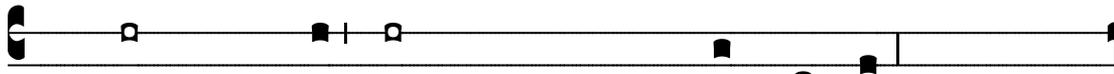
that by Saint Joseph's in-ter-cess-ion



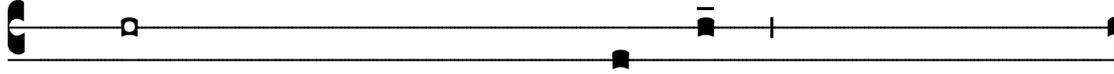
your Church may constantly watch o-ver



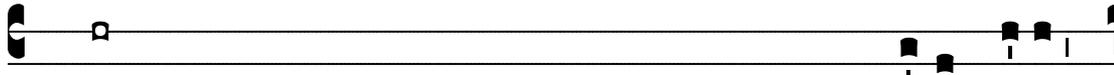
the unfolding of the mysteries of hu-man sal-va-tion,



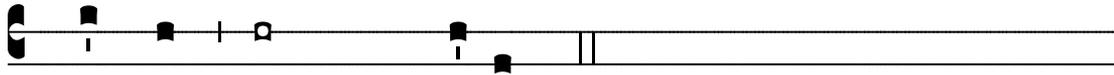
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faith-ful care.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

March 25

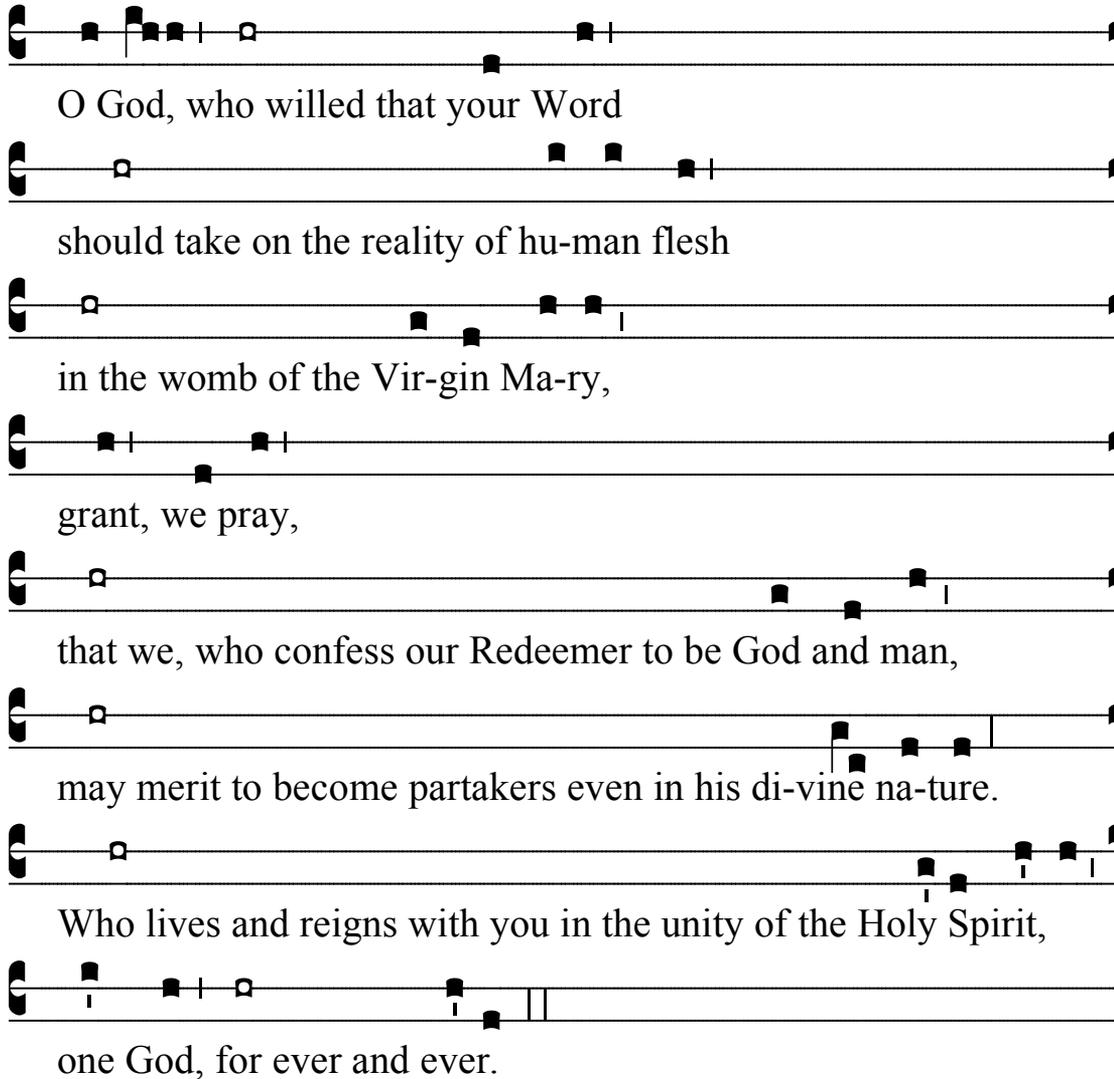
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Solemnity

Whenever this Solemnity occurs during Holy Week, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

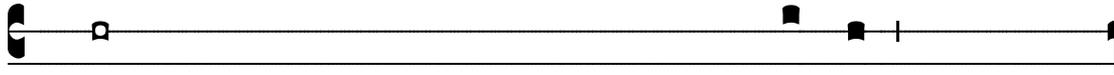
Collect



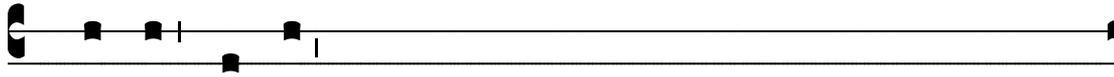
O God, who willed that your Word
should take on the reality of hu-man flesh
in the womb of the Vir-gin Ma-ry,
grant, we pray,
that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man,
may merit to become partakers even in his di-vine na-ture.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said. At the words and was incarnate all genuflect.

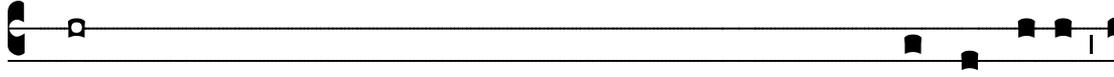
Prayer after Communion



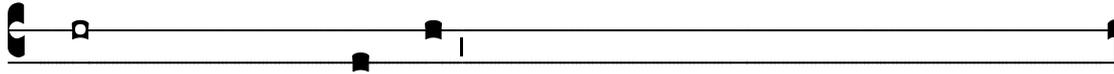
Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith,



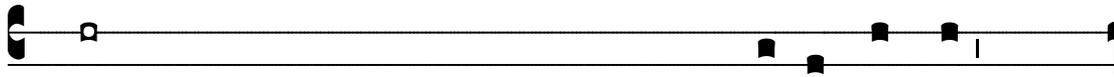
we pray, O Lord,



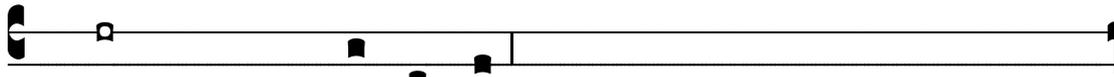
so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary



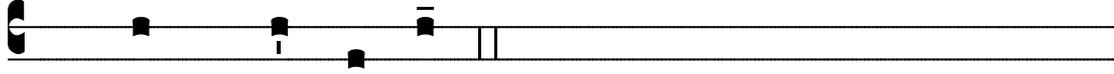
is true God and true man,



we may, through the saving power of his Re-sur-rec-tion,



merit to attain e-ter-nal joy.



Through Christ our Lord.

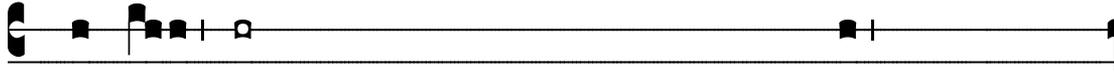
April 25

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

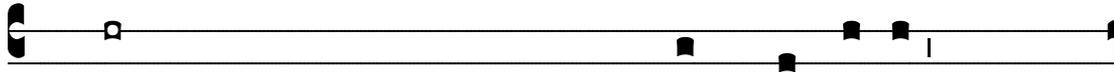
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

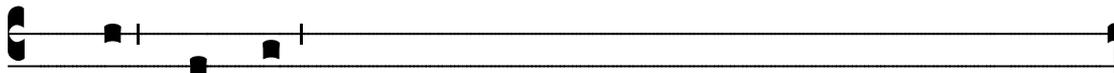
Collect



O God, who raised up Saint Mark, your Evangelist,



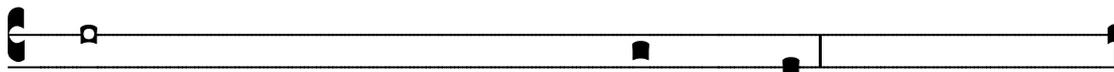
and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel,



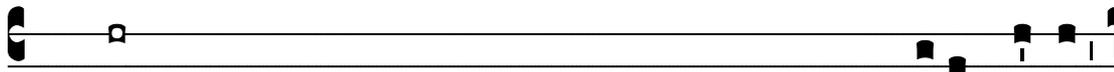
grant, we pray,



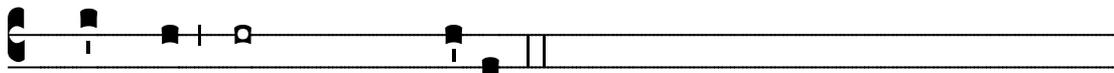
that we may so profit from his teach-ing



as to follow faithfully in the foot-steps of Christ.

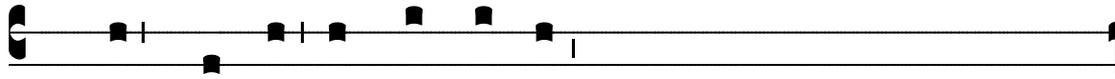


Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

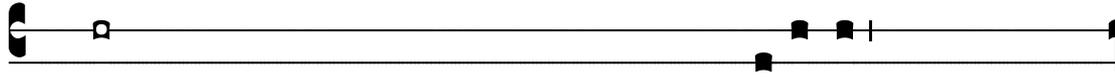


one God, for ever and ever.

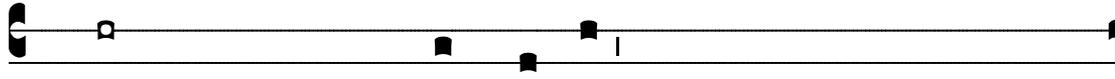
Prayer after Communion



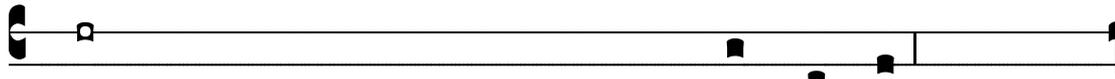
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



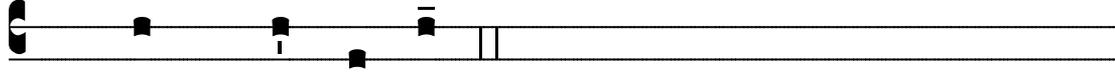
that what we have received from your ho-ly al-tar



may sanctify us and make us strong



in the faith of the Gospel which Saint Mark pro-claimed.



Through Christ our Lord.

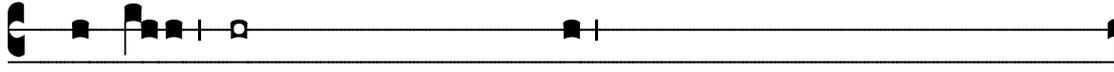
May 3

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

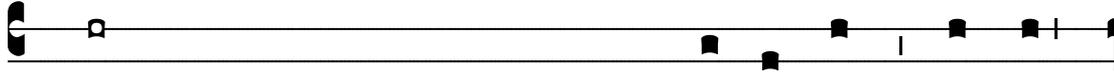
Feast

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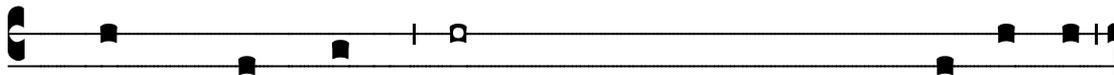
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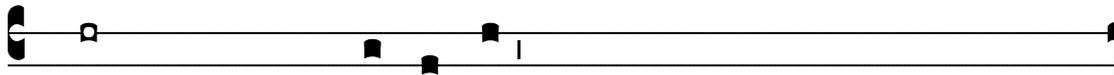
O God, who gladden us each year



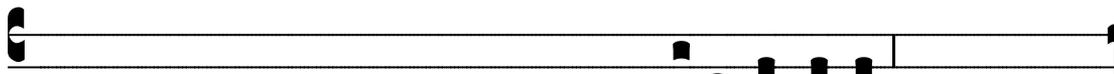
with the feast day of the Apostles Phil-ip and James, grant us,



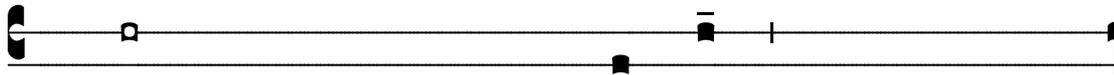
through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Re-sur-rec-tion



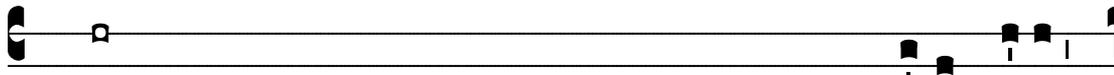
of your Only Be-got-ten Son,



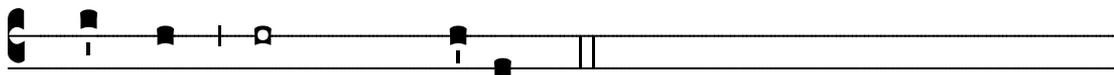
so that we may merit to behold you for e- ter-ni-ty.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

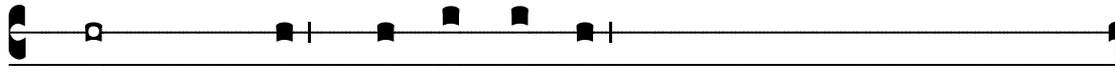


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

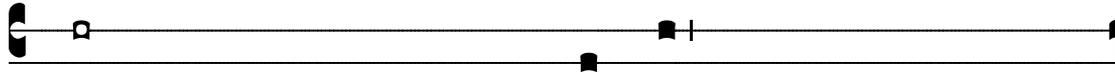
Prayer after Communion



Purify our minds, we pray, O Lord,



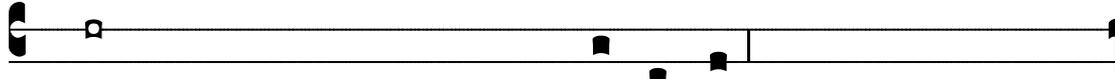
by these holy gifts we have re-ceived,



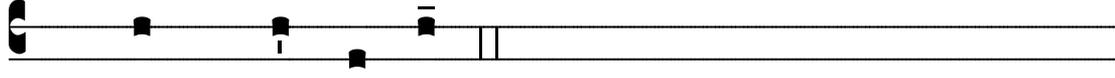
so that, contemplating you in your Son



together with the Apostles Phil-ip and James,



we may be worthy to possess e-ter-nal life.



Through Christ our Lord.

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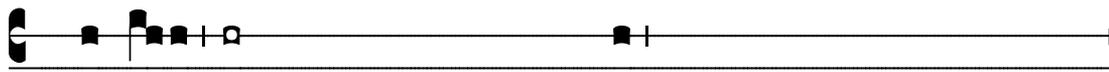
May 14

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

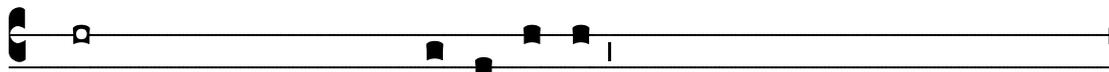
Feast

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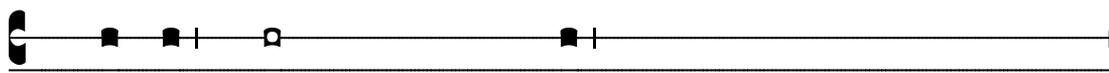
Collect



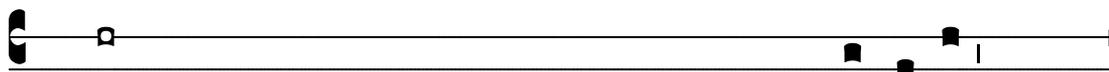
O God, who assigned Saint Matthias



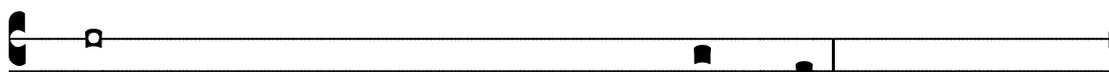
a place in the college of A-postles,



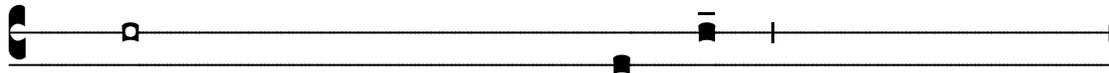
grant us, through his intercession,



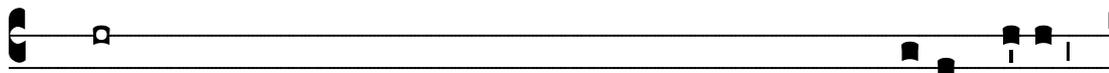
that, rejoicing at how your love has been al-lot-ted to us,



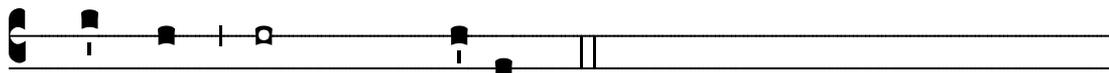
we may merit to be numbered among the e-lect.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

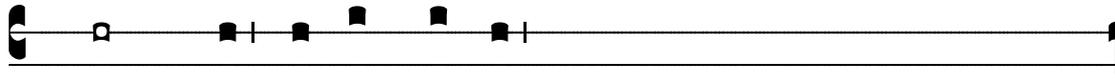


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



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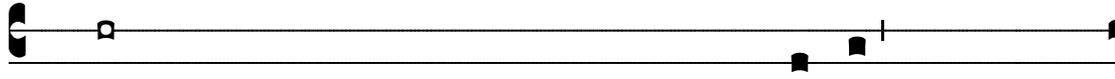
Prayer after Communion



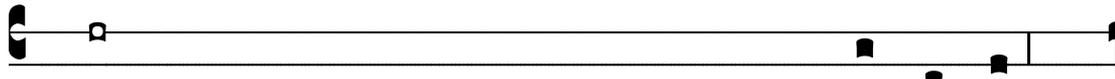
Never cease, O Lord, we pray,



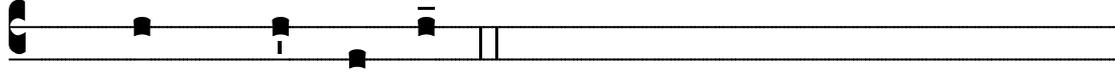
to fill your family with di-vine gifts,



and, through blessed Matthias' intercession for us,



graciously admit us to a share in the lot of the Saints in light.



Through Christ our Lord.

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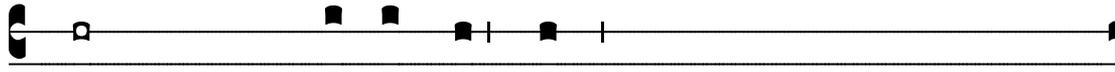
May 31

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

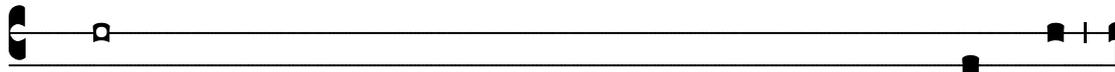
Feast

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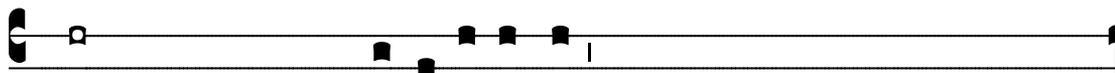
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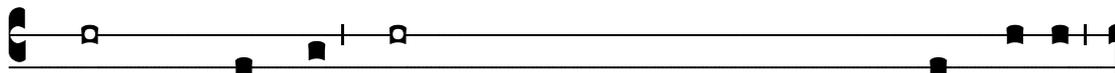
Almighty ever-liv-ing God, who,



while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb,



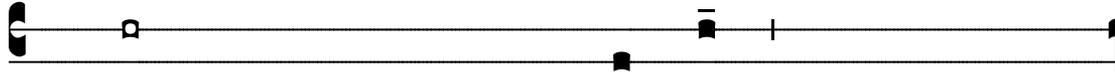
inspired her to vi-sit E-li-za-beth,



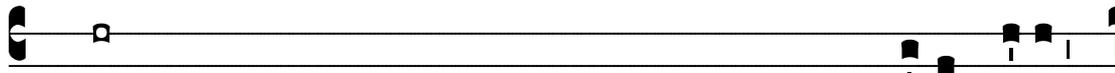
grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spir-it,



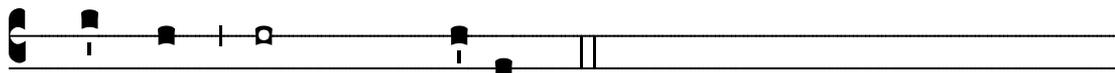
we may magni-fy your great-ness with the Virgin Mary at all times.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

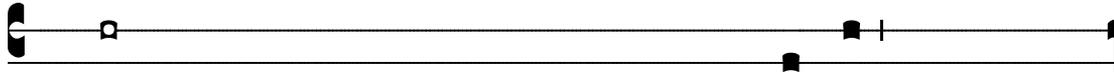


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

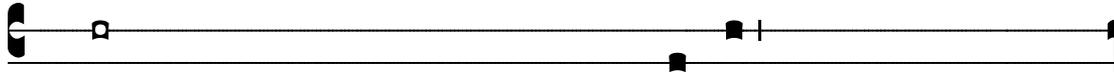
Prayer after Communion



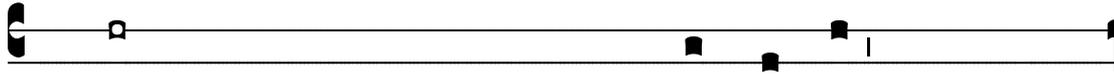
May your Church proclaim your greatness, O God,



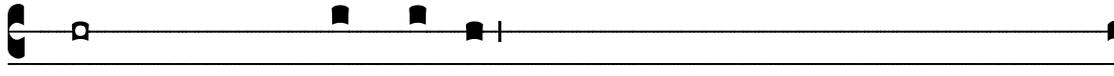
for you have done great things for your faith-ful,



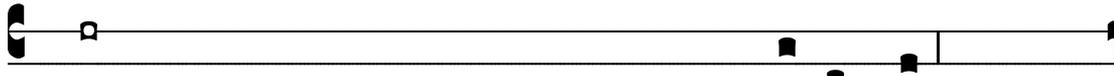
and, as Saint John the Baptist leapt with joy



when he first sensed the hidden pre-sence of Christ,



so may your Church re-joice



to receive in this Sacrament the same ever-liv-ing Lord.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.

June 24

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Solemnity

At the Vigil Mass

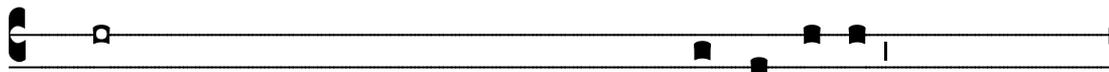
This Mass is used on the evening of 23 June, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

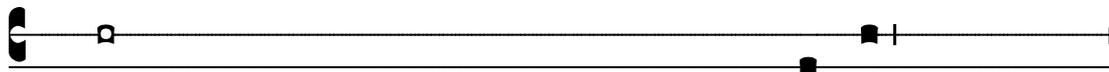
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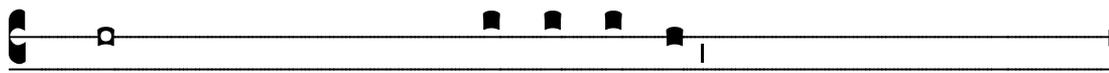
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



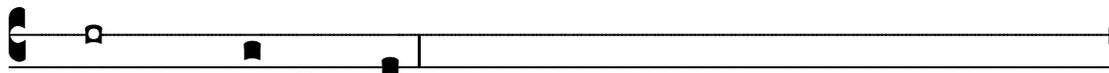
that your family may walk in the way of sal-va-tion



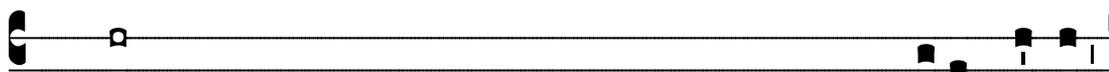
and, attentive to what Saint John the Precur-sor urged,



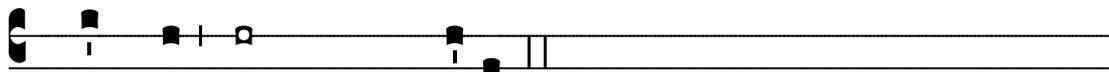
may come safely to the One he fore-told,



our Lord Je-sus Christ.



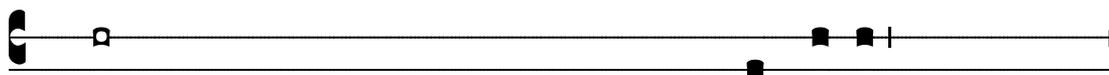
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



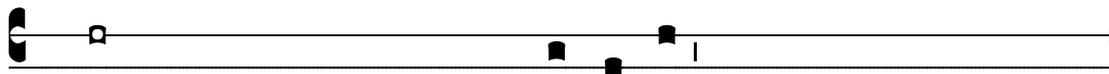
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



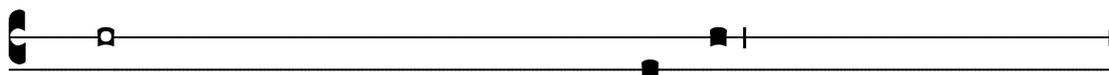
May the marvelous prayer of Saint John the Baptist



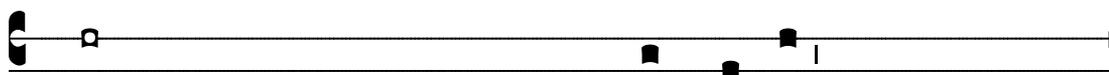
accompany us who have eat-en our fill



at this sacrificial feast, O Lord,



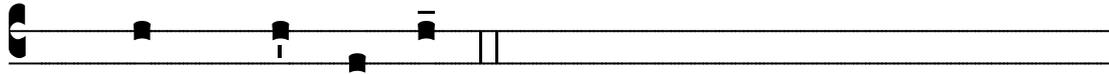
and, since Saint John proclaimed your Son



to be the Lamb who would take a-way our sins,

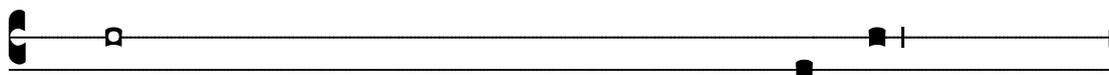


may he implore now for us your fa-vor.

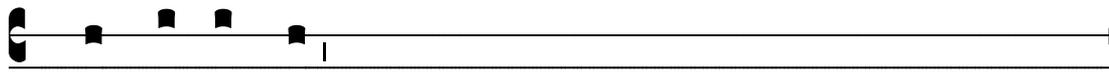


Through Christ our Lord.

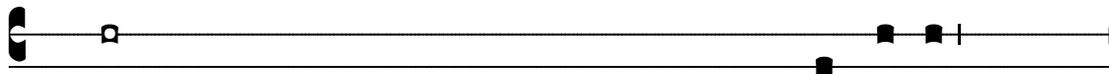
Prayer after Communion



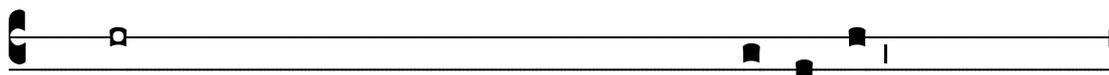
Having feasted at the banquet of the heaven-ly Lamb,



we pray, O Lord,



that, finding joy in the nativity of Saint John the Baptist,



your Church may know as the author of her re-birth



the Christ whose coming John fore-told.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

June 29

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

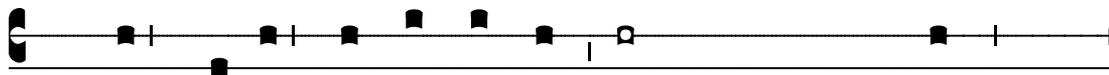
Solemnity

At the Vigil Mass

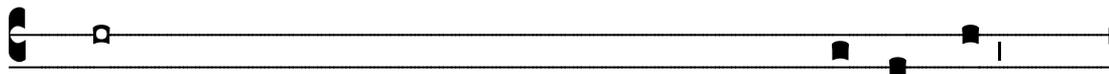
This Mass is used on the evening of June 28, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

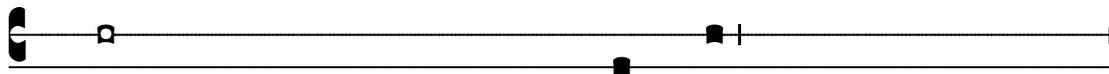
Collect



Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained



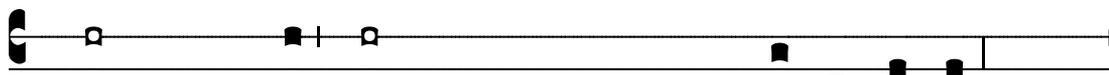
by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Pe-ter and Paul,



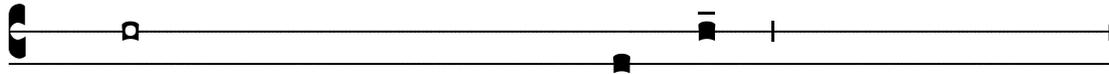
that, as through them you gave your Church



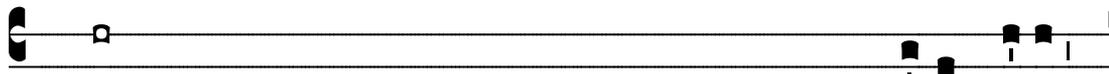
the foundations of her heav-en-ly of-fice,



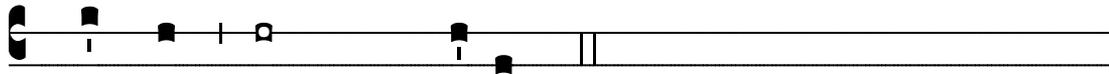
so through them you may help her to e-ter-nal sal-va-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



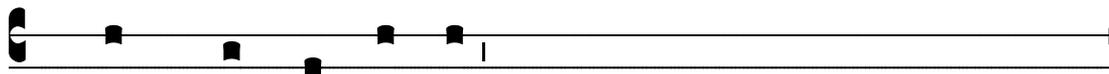
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

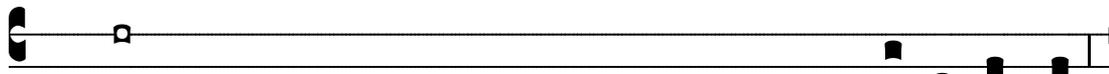
Prayer after Communion



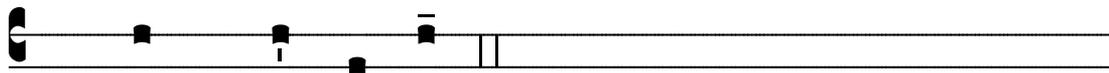
By this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we pray,



Strength-en your faith-ful,



whom you have enlightened with the teaching of the A-po-stles.



Through Christ our Lord.

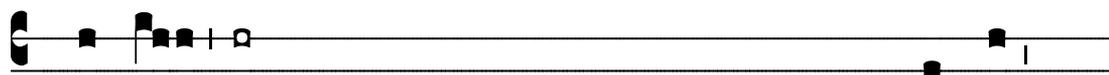
The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

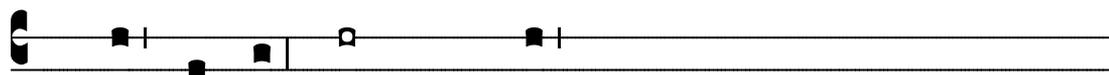
Collect



O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul



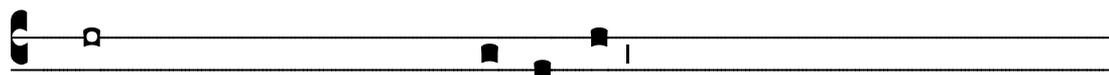
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,



grant, we pray, that your Church



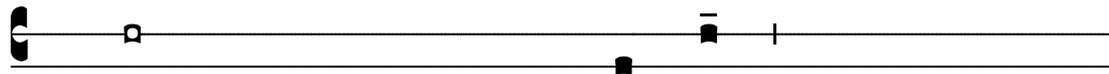
may in all things fol-low the teach-ing



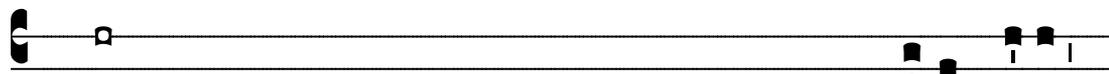
of those through whom she re-ceived



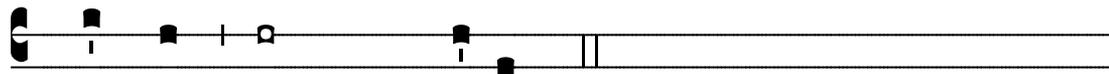
the beginnings of right re-li-gion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

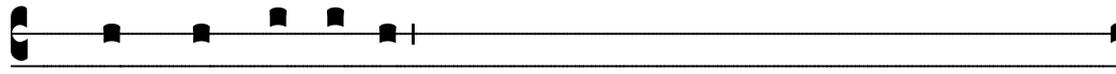
The Creed is said.

July 3
SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

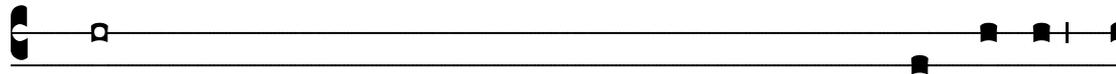
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

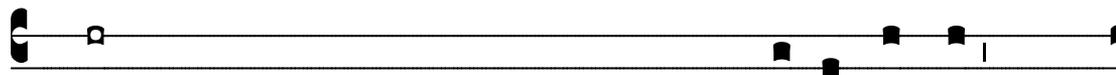
Collect



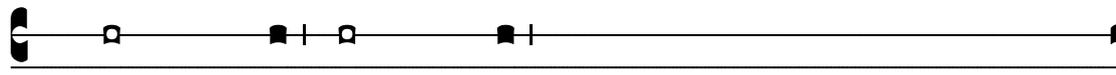
Grant, al-might-y God,



that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apo-stle Thomas,



so that we may always be sustained by his in-ter-cess-ion



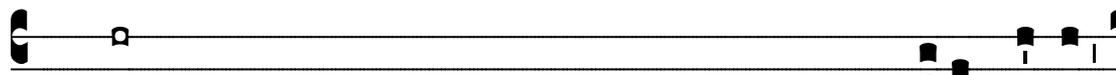
and, believing, may have life



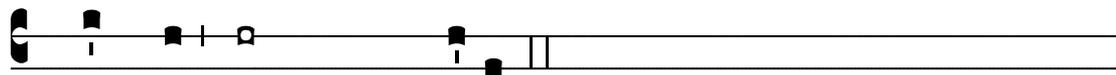
in the name of Jesus Christ your Son,



whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord.

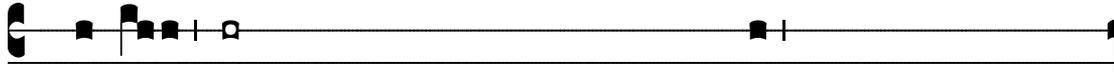


Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

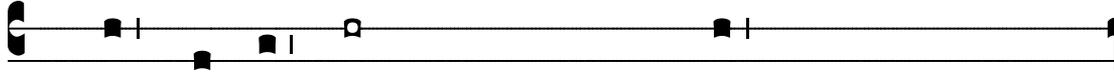
Prayer after Communion



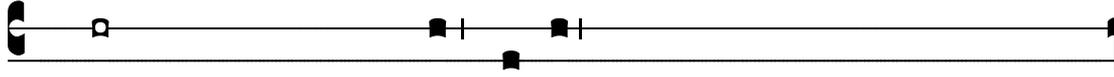
O God, as we truly receive in this Sacrament



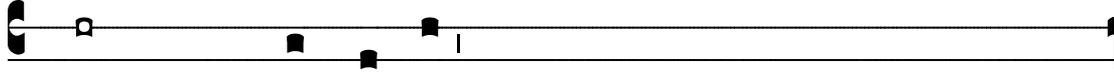
the Body of your Only Be-got-ten Son,



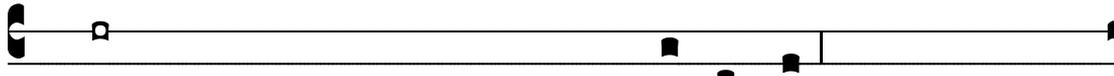
grant, we pray, that we may recognize him



with the Apostle Thomas by faith



as our Lord and our God



and proclaim him by our deeds and by our life.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

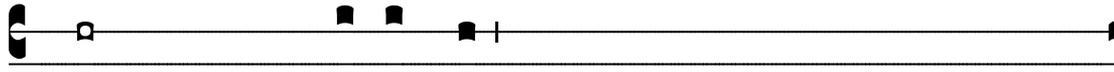
July 25

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

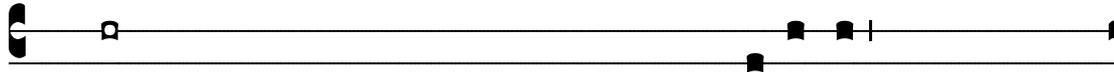
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

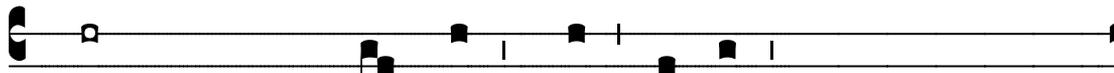
Collect



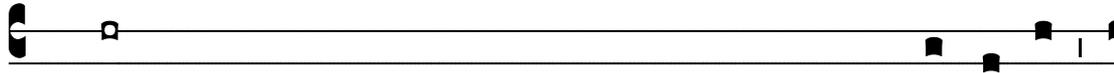
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



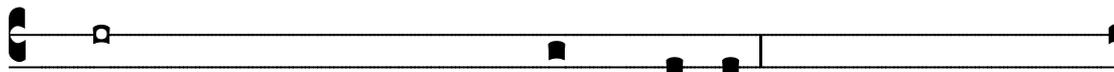
who consecrated the first fruits of you're a-po-stles



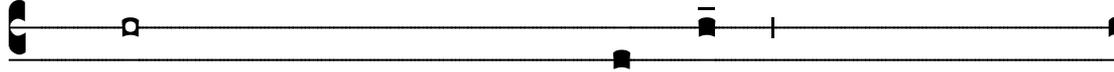
by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray,



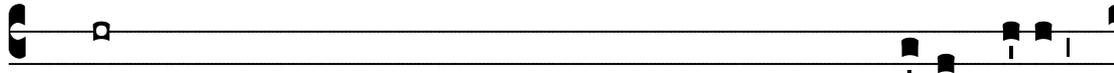
that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith



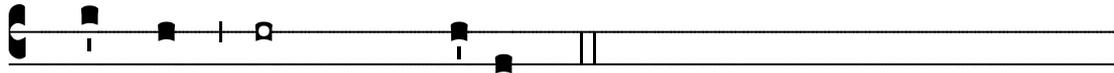
and constantly sustained by his pro-tec-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

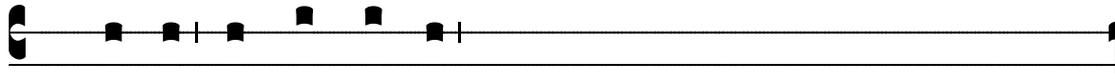


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

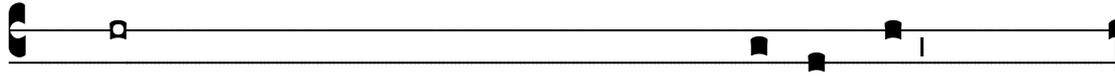


one God, for ever and ever.

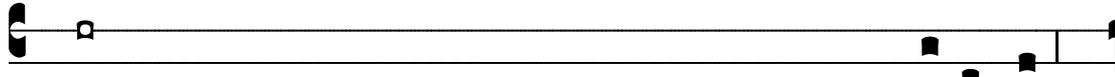
Prayer after Communion



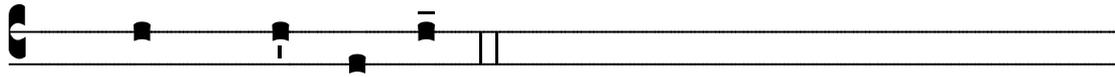
Help us, O Lord, we pray,



through the intercession of the blessed A-po-stle James,



on whose feast day we have received with joy your ho-ly gifts.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

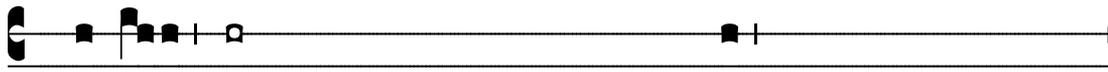
August 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

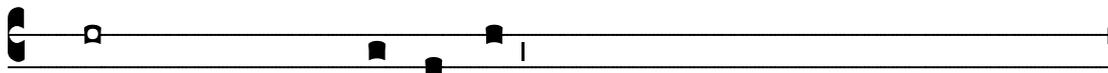
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

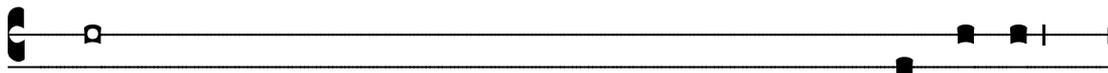
Collect



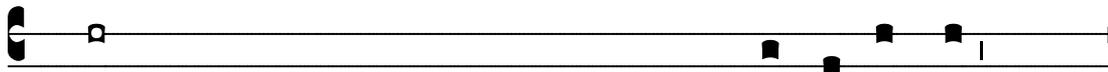
O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration



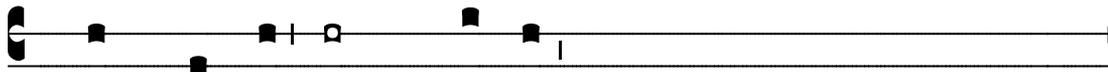
of your Only Be-got-ten Son



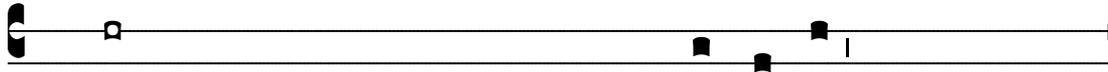
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fa-thers



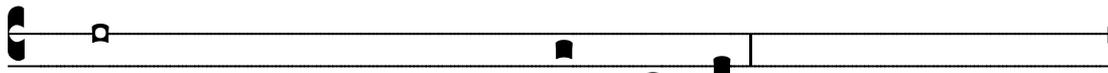
and wonderfully prefigured our full adop-tion to son-ship,



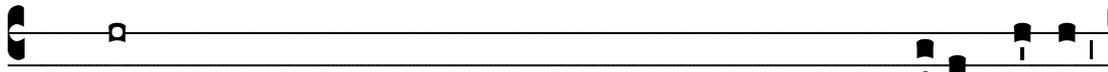
grant, we pray, to your ser-vants,



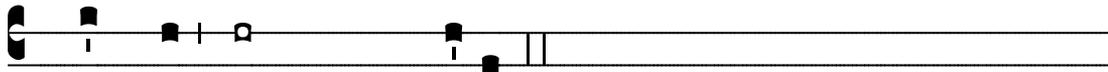
that, listening to the voice of your be-lov-ed Son,



we may merit to become co-heirs with him.



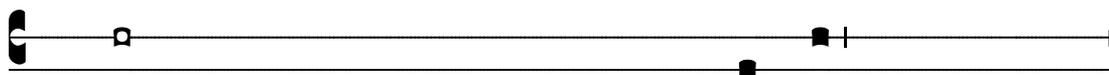
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



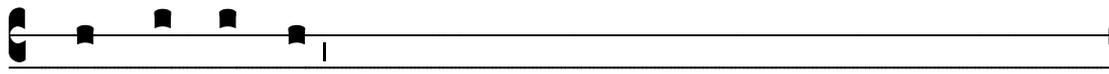
one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

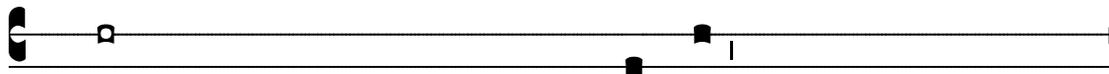
Prayer after Communion



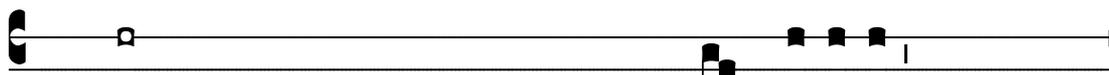
May the heavenly nourishment we have re-ceived,



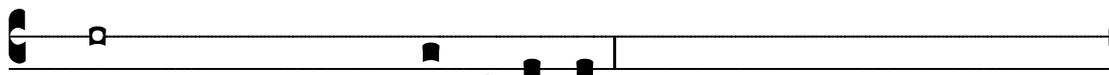
O Lord, we pray,



transform us into the likeness of your Son,



whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest



in his glorious Trans-fi-gur-a-tion.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

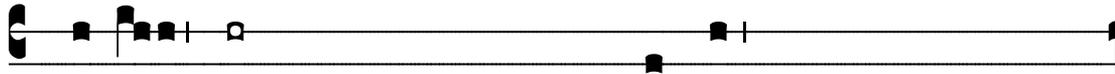
August 10

SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

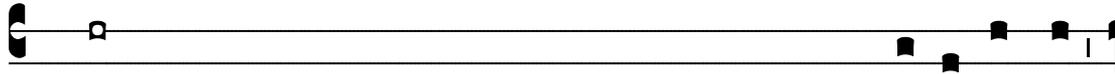
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

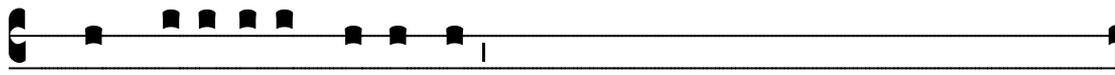
Collect



O God, giver of that ardor of love for you



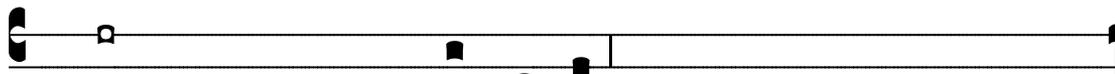
by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faith-ful in ser-vice



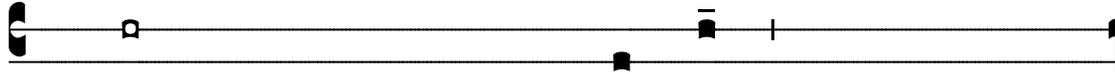
and glorious in martyrdom,



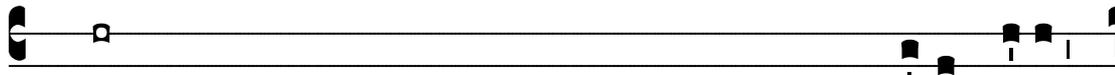
grant that we may love what he loved



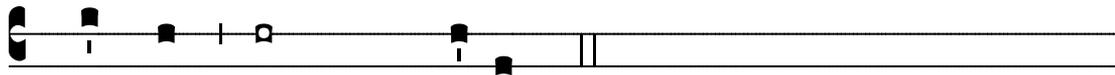
and put into practice what he taught.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

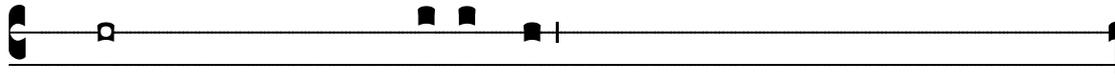


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

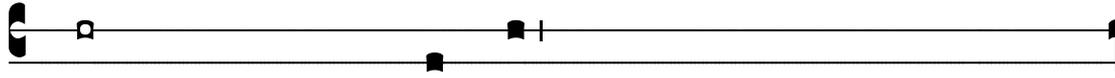


one God, for ever and ever.

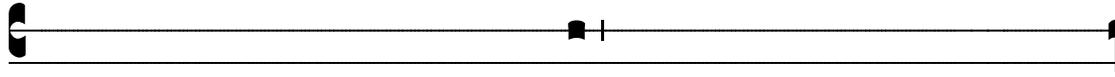
Prayer after Communion



Nourished by these sacred gifts,



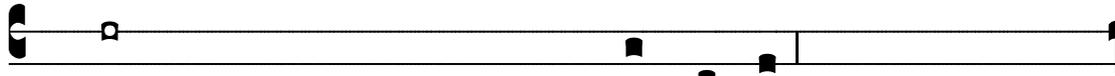
we humbly implore you, Lord,



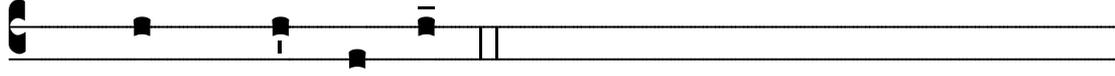
that the homage of dutiful service,



which we render on the feast of Saint Lawrence,



may bring us an increase of your sav-ing grace.



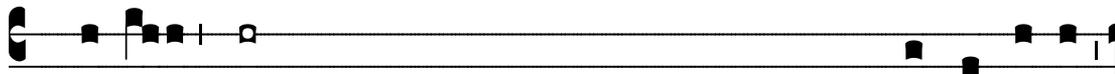
Through Christ our Lord.

August 15
THE ASSUMPTION
At the Vigil Mass

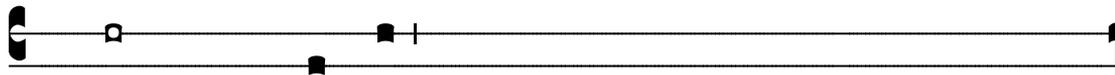
This Mass is used on the evening of August 14, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

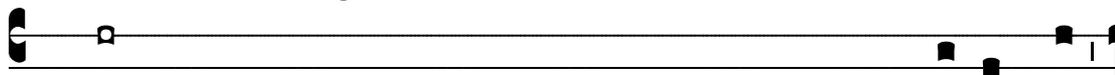
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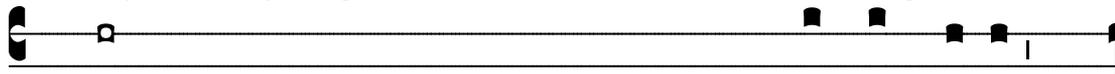
O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary,



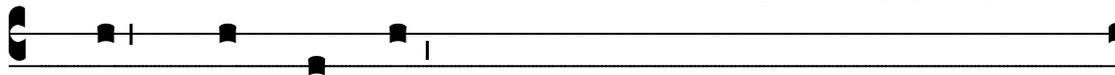
raised her to this grace,



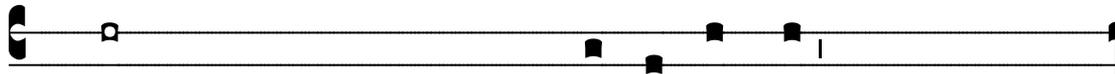
that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh



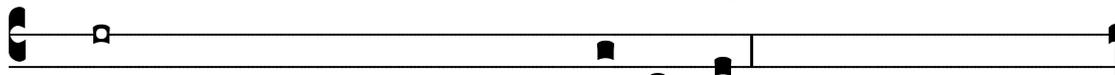
and that she was crowned this day with sur-pass-ing glo-ry,



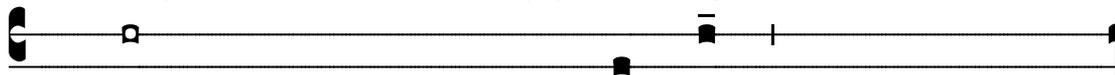
grant through her prayers,



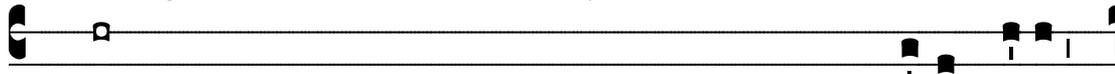
that, saved by the mystery of your re-demp-tion,



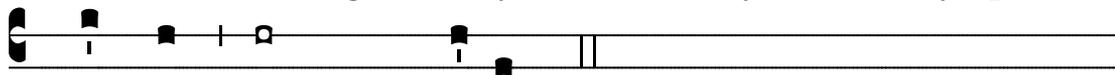
we may merit to be exalted by you on high.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

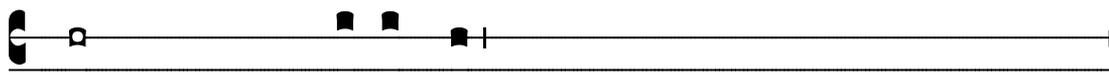
The Creed is said.

THE ASSUMPTION

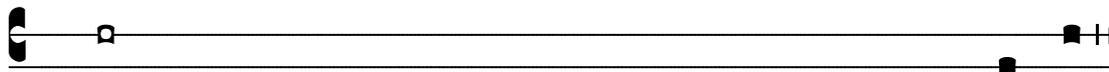
At the Mass during the Day

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

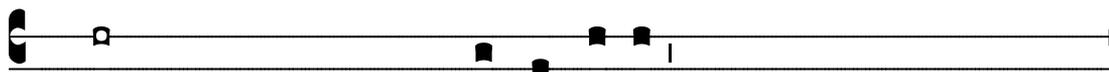
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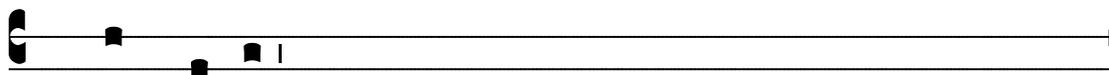
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



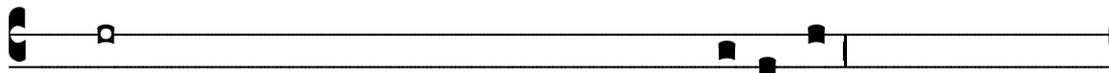
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,



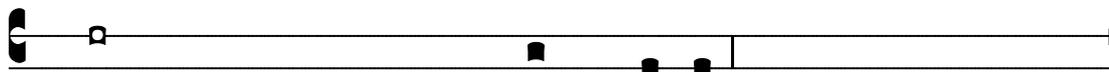
body and soul into heav-en-ly glo-ry,



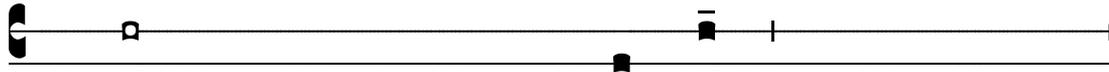
grant, we pray,



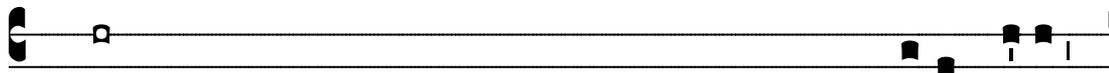
that, always attentive to the things that are a-bove,



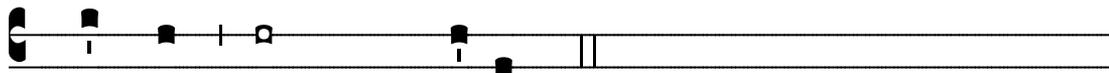
we may merit to be sharers of her glo-ry.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



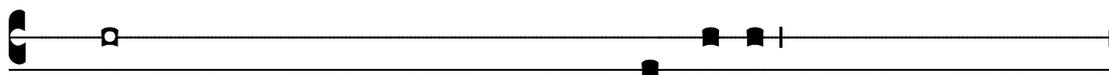
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



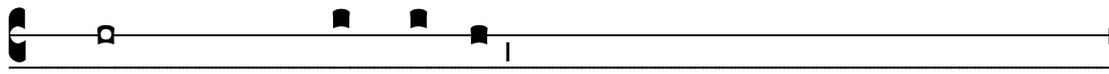
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

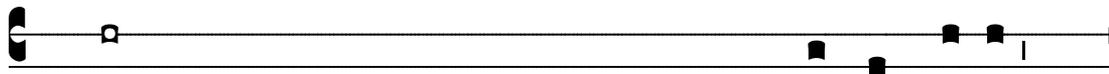
Prayer after Communion



Having received the Sacrament of sal-va-tion,



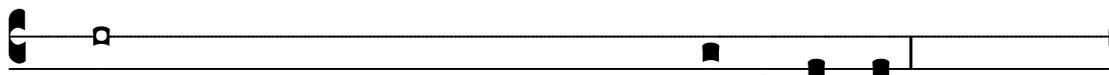
we ask you to grant, O Lord,



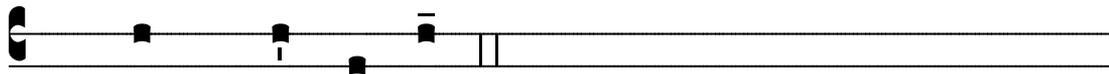
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Vir-gin Ma-ry,



whom you assumed in-to heav-en,



we may be brought to the glory of the re-sur-rec-tion.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.

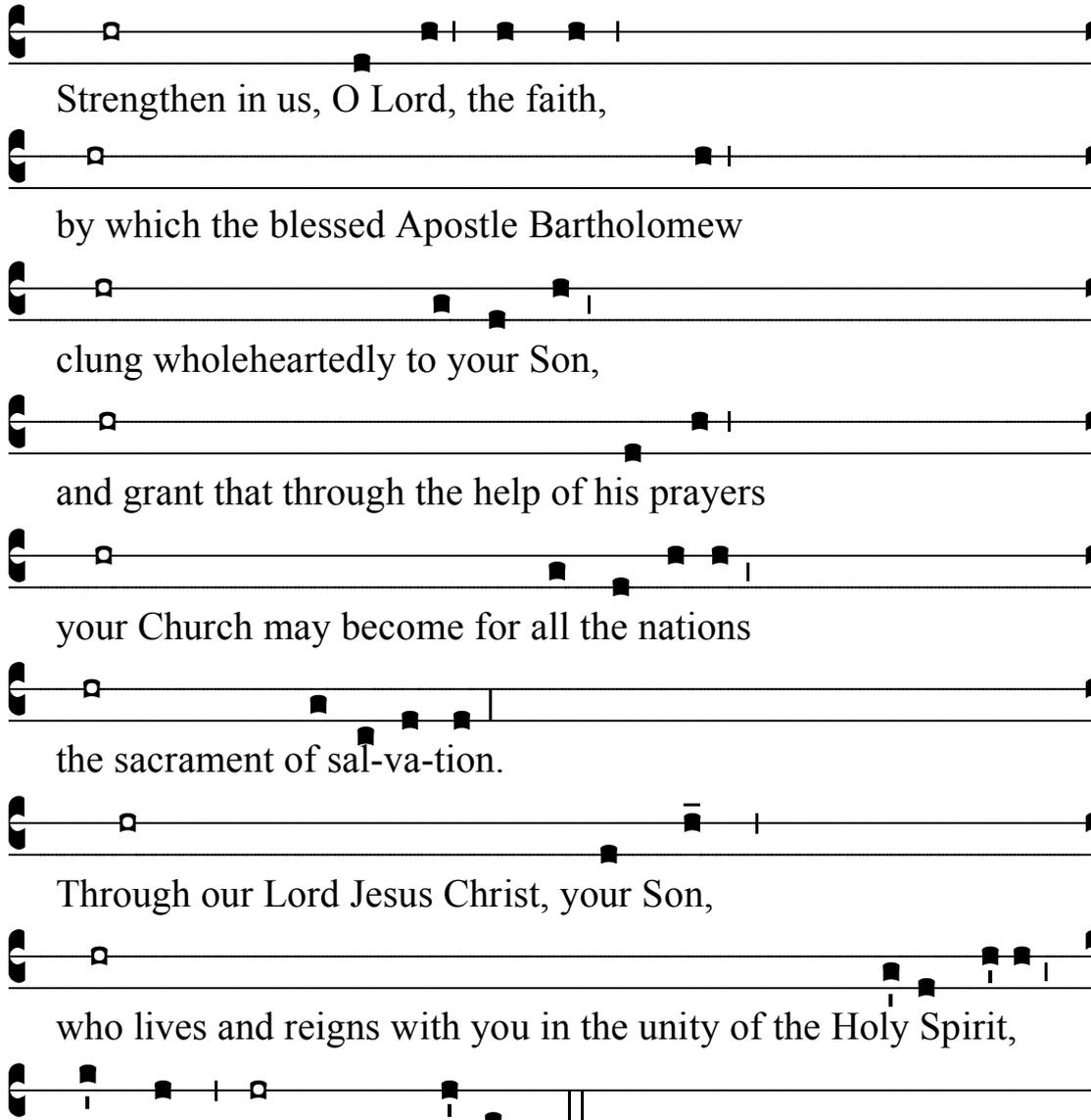
August 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Feast

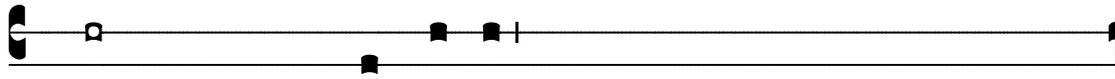
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

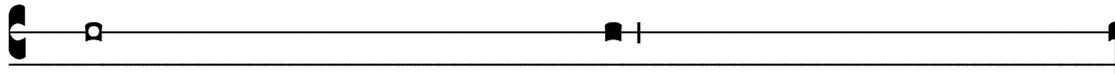


Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith,
by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew
clung wholeheartedly to your Son,
and grant that through the help of his prayers
your Church may become for all the nations
the sacrament of sal-va-tion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

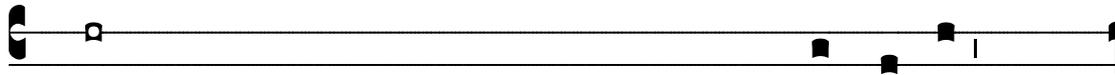
Prayer after Communion



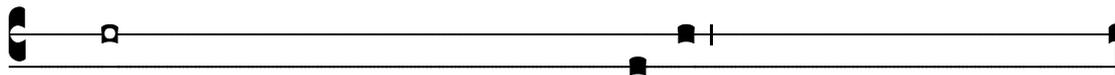
As we celebrate the feast day



of the blessed Apostle Bartholomew,



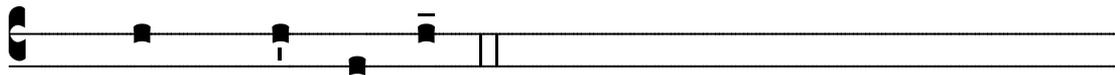
we have received the pledge of eternal salva-tion, O Lord,



and we pray that it may be of help to us,



both now and for the life to come.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

September 8

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

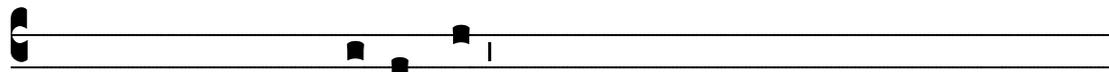
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

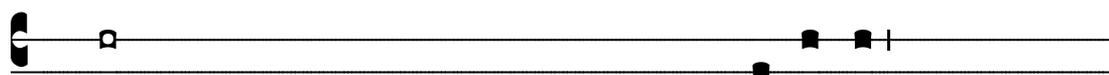
Collect



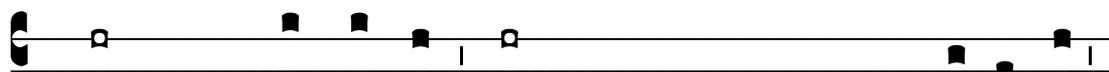
Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord,



the gift of heav-en-ly grace,



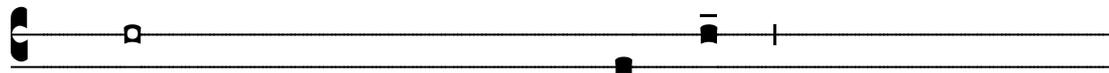
that the feast of the Nativity of the Bless-ed Vir-gin



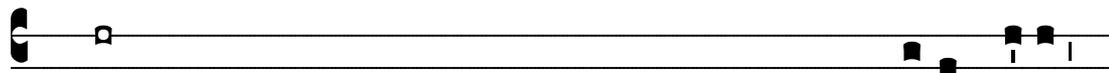
may bring deep-er peace to those for whom the birth of her Son



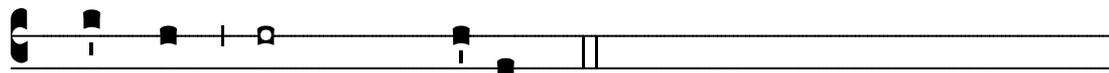
was the dawning of sal-va-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

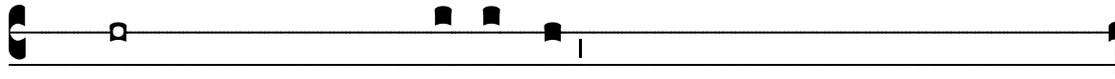


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

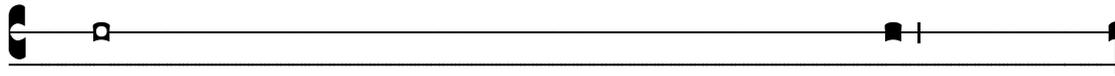


one God, for ever and ever.

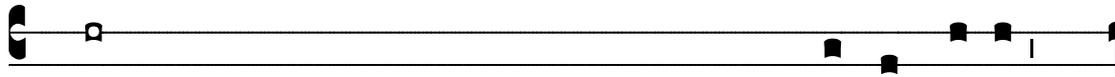
Prayer after Communion



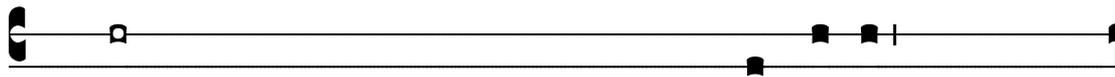
May your Church ex-ult, O Lord,



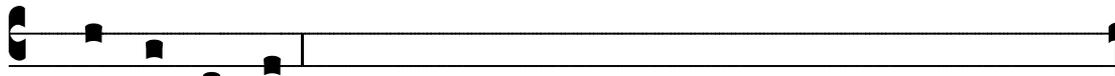
for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries,



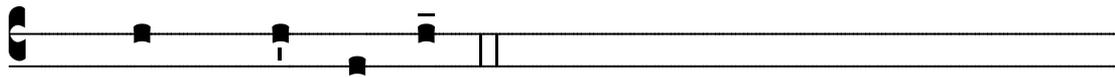
as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Vir-gin Ma-ry,



which was the hope and the daybreak of sal-va-tion



for all the world.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.

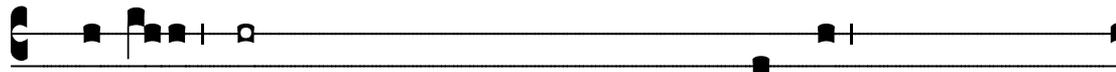
September 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

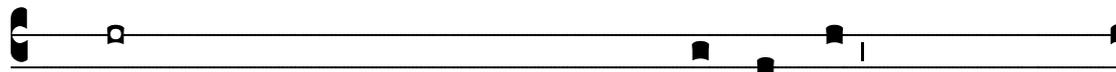
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

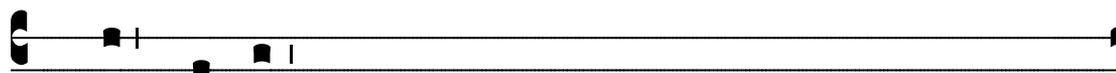
Collect



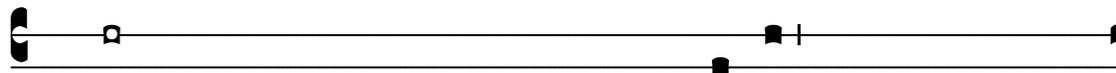
O God, who willed that your Only Begot-ten Son



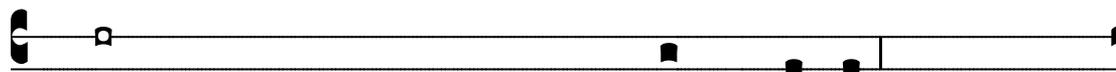
should undergo the Cross to save the hu-man race,



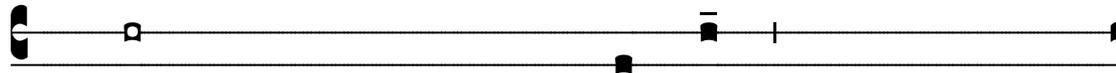
grant, we pray,



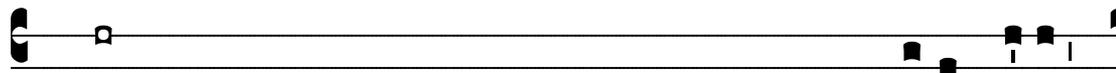
that we, who have known his mystery on earth,



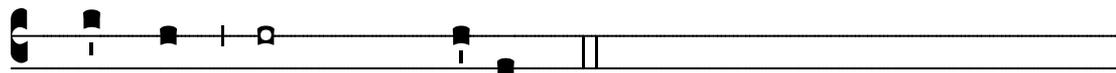
may merit the grace of his redemp-tion in heav-en.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



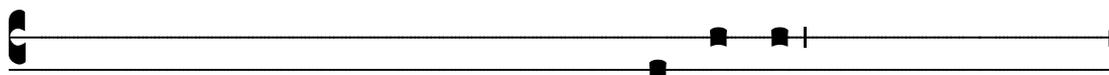
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



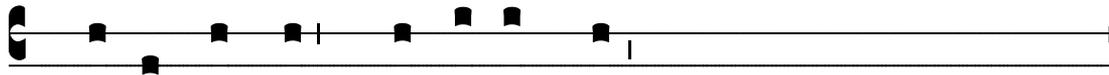
one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



Having been nourished by your ho-ly ban-quet,



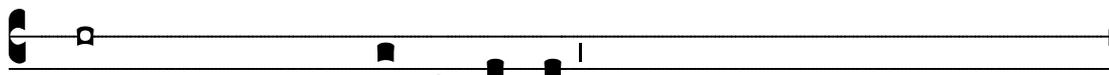
we be-seech you, Lord Je-sus Christ,



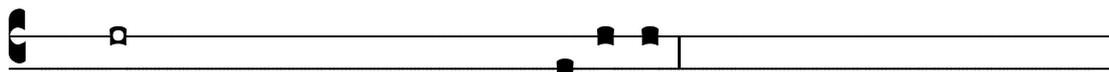
to bring those you have redeemed



by the wood of your life-giv-ing Cross



to the glory of the re-sur-rec-tion.



Who live and reign for ever and e-ver.

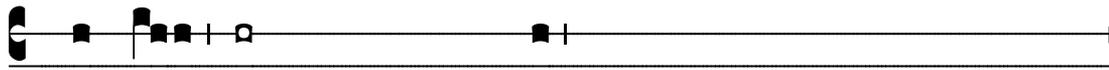
September 21

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

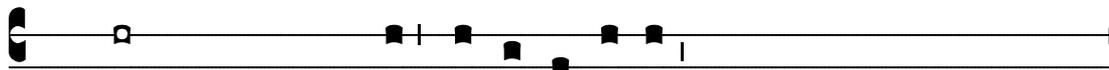
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



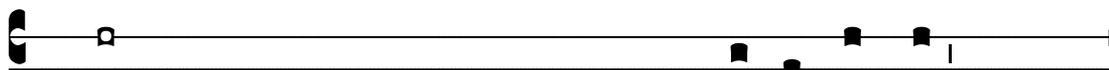
O God, who with untold mercy



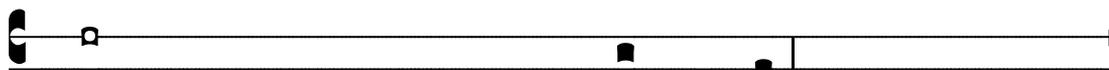
were pleased to choose as an A-po-stle



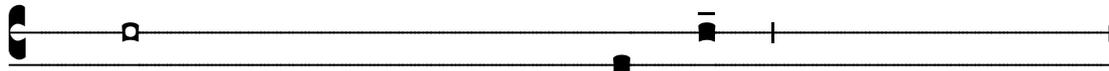
Saint Matthew, the tax collector,



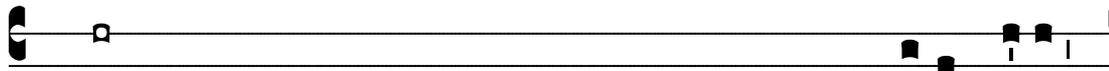
grant that, sustained by his example and in-ter-cess-ion,



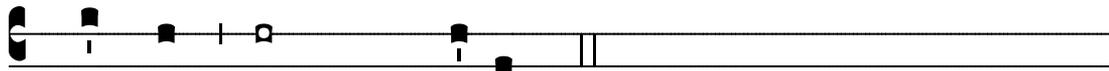
we may merit to hold firm in fol-low-ing you.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

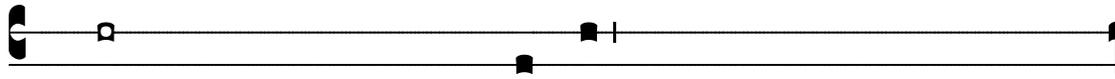


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

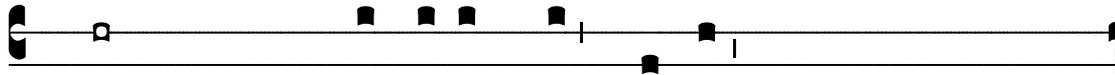
Prayer after Communion



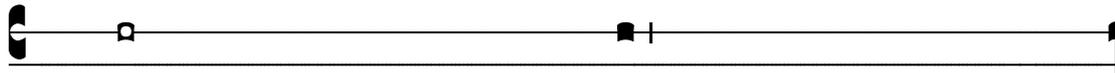
Sharing in that saving joy, O Lord,



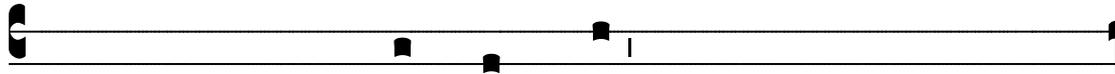
with which Saint Matthew welcomed



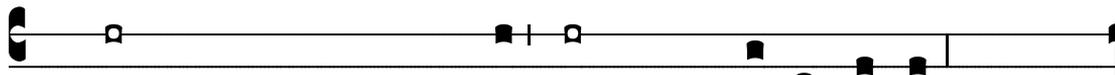
the Savior as a guest in his home, we pray:



grant that we may always be renewed



by the food we re-ceive from Christ,



who came to call not the just, but sinners to sal-va-tion.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

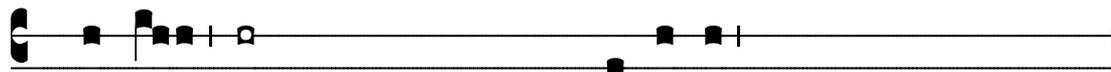
September 29

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

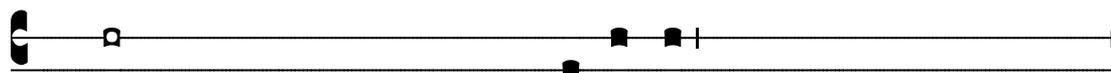
Collect



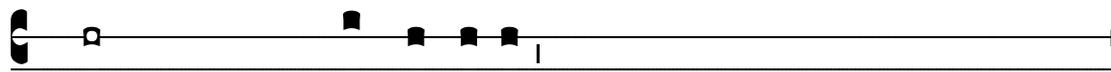
O God, who dispose in marvellous order



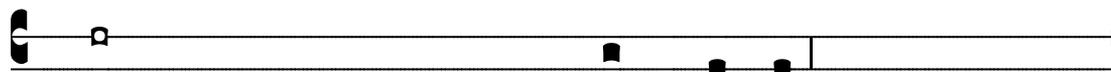
ministries both angelic and human, Graciously grant



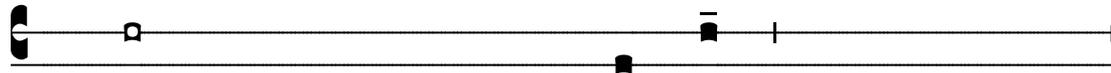
that our life on earth may be defended



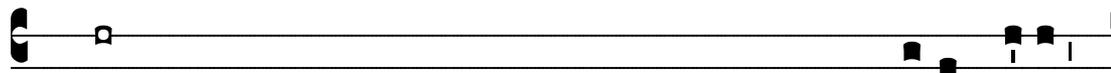
by those who watch over us



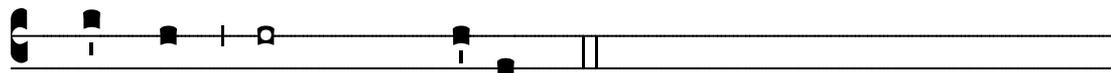
as they minister perpetually to you in heaven.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

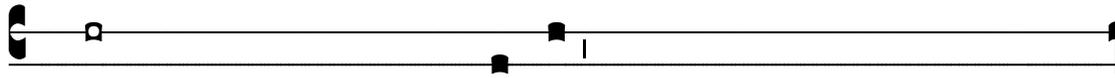


one God, for ever and ever.

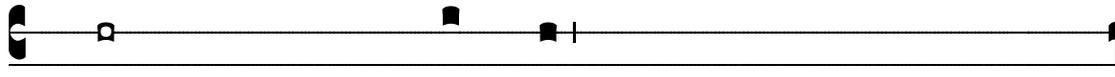
Prayer after Communion



Having been nourished with heav-en-ly Bread,



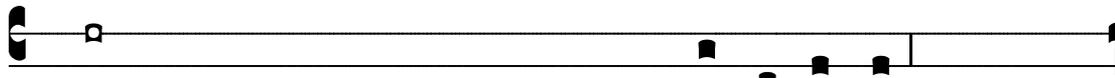
we beseech you humbly, O Lord,



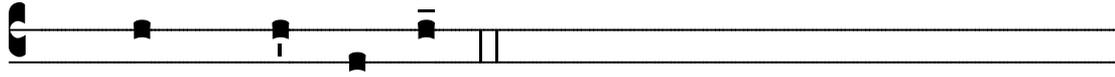
that, drawing from it new strength,



under the faithful protection of you're an-gels,



we may advance boldly along the way of sal-va-tion.



Through Christ our Lord.

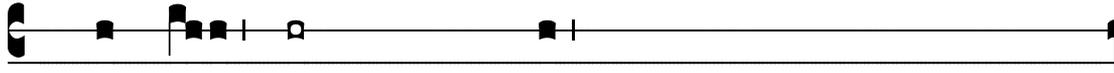
October 18

SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



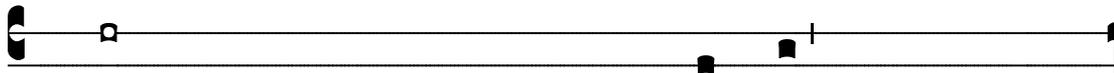
Lord God, who chose Saint Luke



to reveal by his preaching and writings



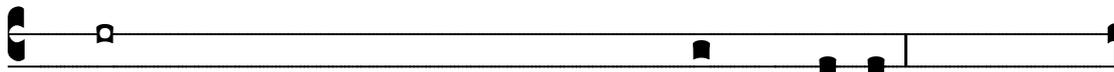
the mystery of your love for the poor,



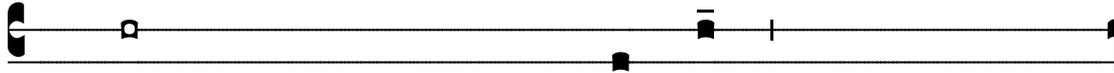
grant that those who already glory in your name



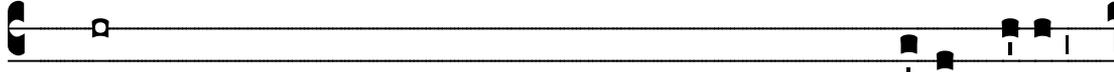
may persevere as one heart and one soul



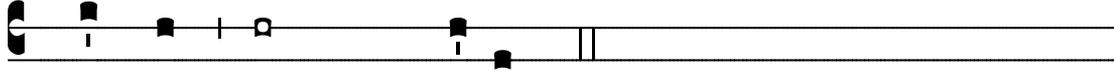
and that all nations may merit to see your sal-va-tion.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

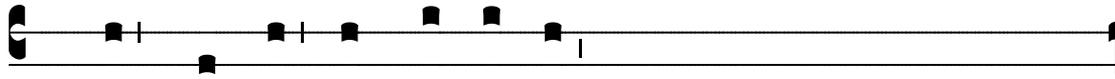


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

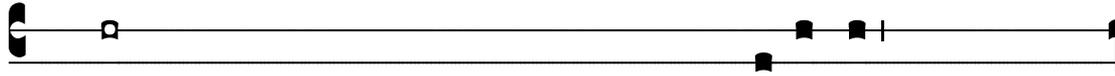


one God, for ever and ever.

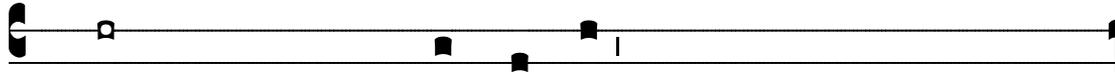
Prayer after Communion



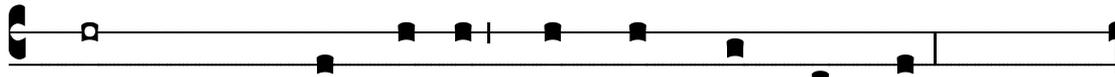
Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,



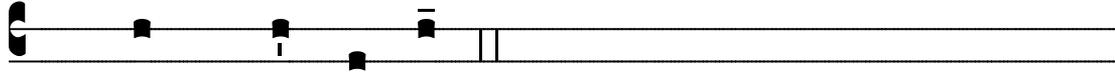
that what we have received from your ho-ly al-tar



may sanctify us and make us strong



in the faith of the Gos-pel which Saint Luke pro-claimed.



Through Christ our Lord.

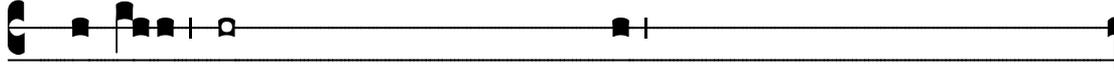
October 28

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

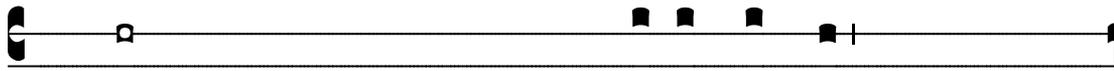
Collect



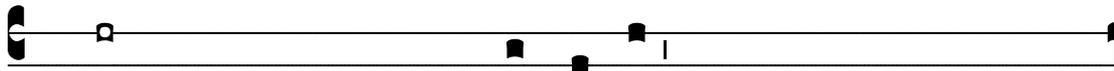
O God, who by the blessed Apostles



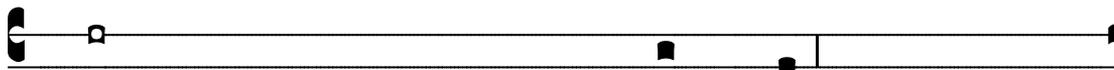
have brought us to ac-know-ledge your name, Gra-cious-ly grant,



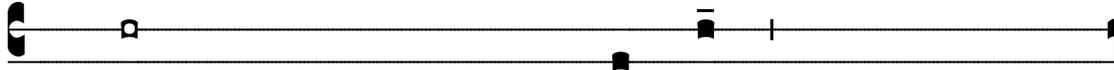
through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude,



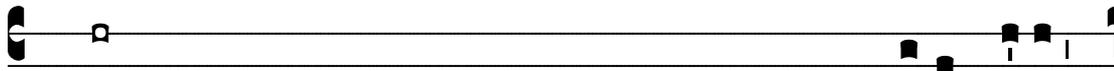
that the Church may con-stant-ly grow



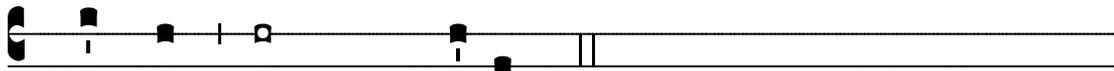
by increase of the peoples who be-lieve in you.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

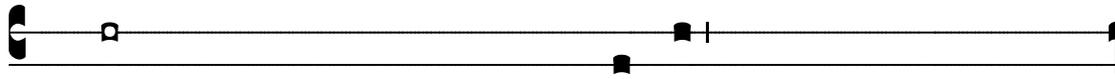


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

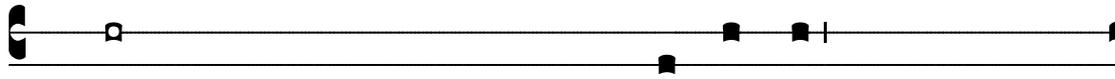
Prayer after Communion



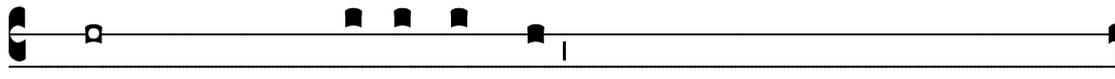
Having received this Sacrament, O Lord,



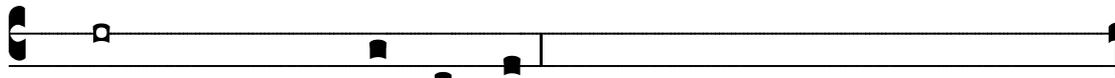
we humbly implore you in the Ho-ly Spir-it,



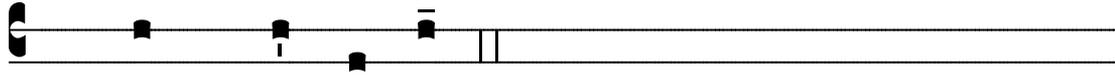
that what we do to honor the glory-ous pass-ion



of the Apostles Simon and Jude



may keep us ever in your love.



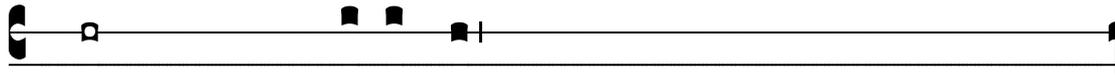
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

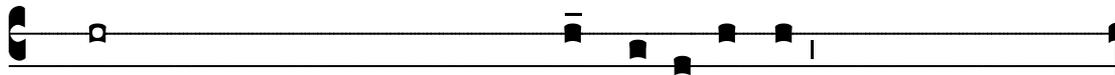
November 1
ALL SAINTS
Solemnity

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

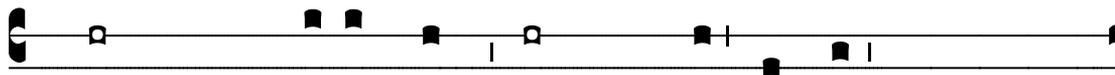
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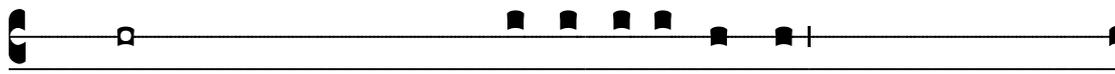
Almighty ever-liv-ing God,



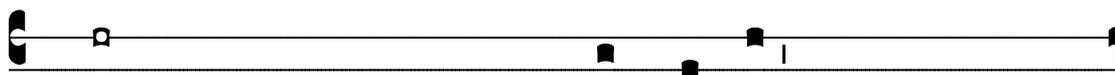
by whose gift we venerate in one ce-le-bra-tion



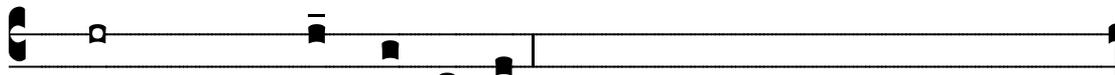
the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray,



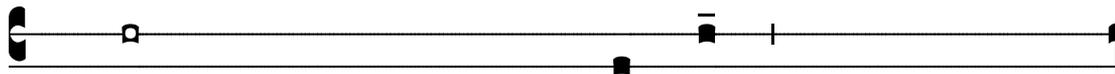
through the prayers of so ma-ny in-ter-cess-ors,



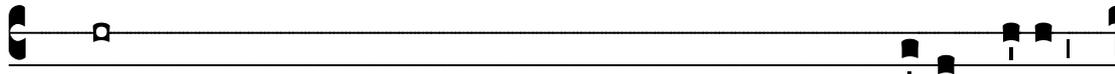
an abundance of the reconcilia-tion with you



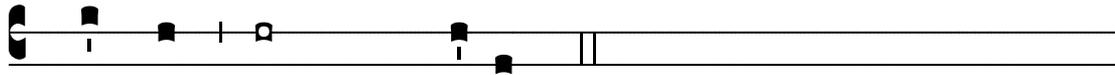
for which we ear-nest-ly long.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



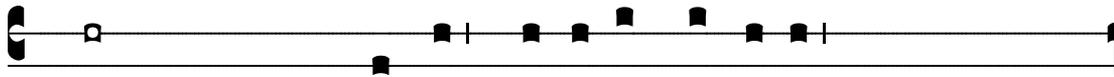
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



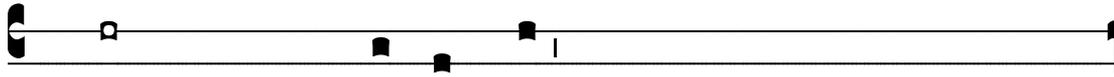
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

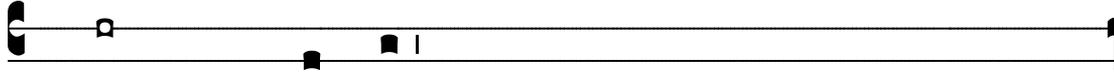
Prayer after Communion



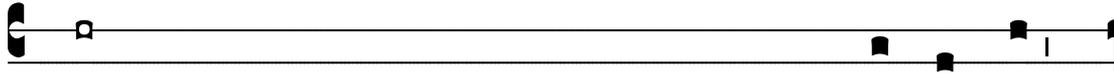
As we adore you, O God, who a-lone are ho-ly



and wonderful in all your Saints,



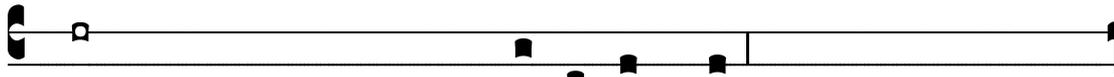
we implore your grace,



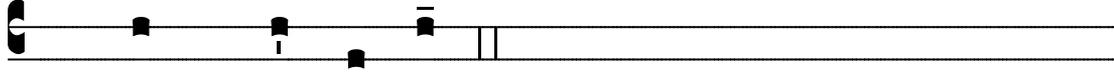
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,



we may pass from this pilgrim table



to the banquet of our heav-en-ly home-land.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

November 2

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)

The Masses that follow may be used at the discretion of the celebrant.

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

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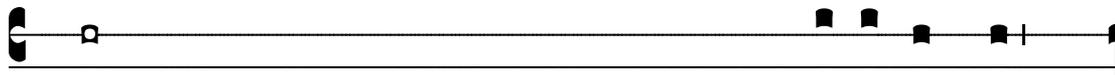
Collect



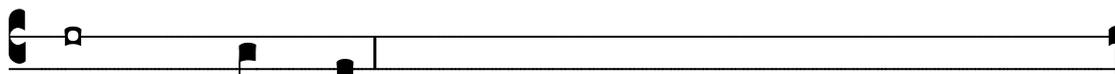
Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son,



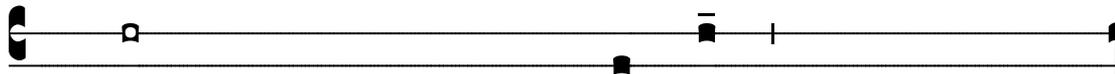
raised from the dead, is deepened,



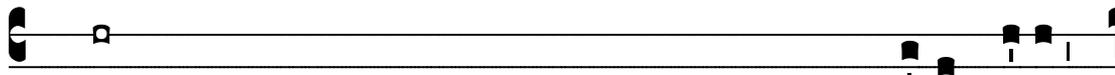
so may our hope of resurrection for your de-part-ed ser-vants



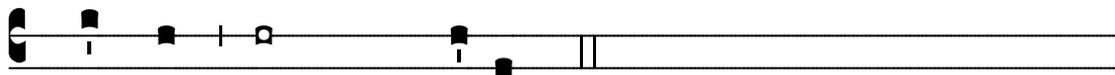
also find new strength.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

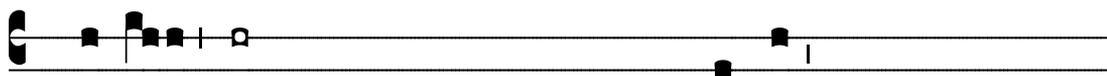


one God, for ever and ever.

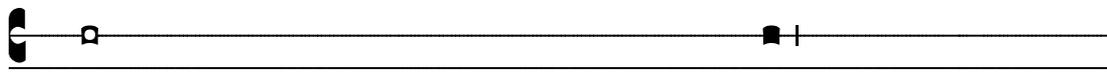
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)

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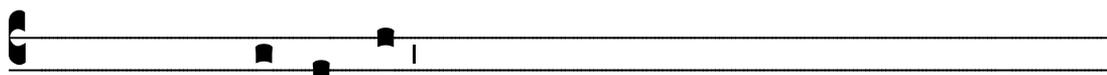
Collect



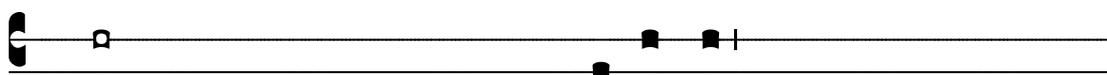
O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,



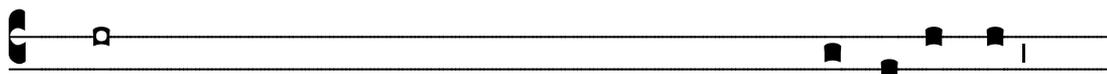
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son



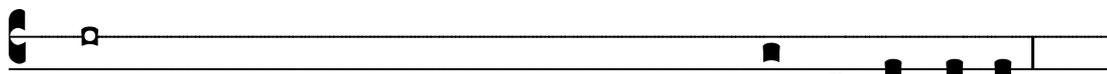
we have been re-deemed,



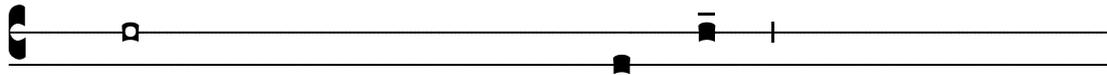
look mercifully on your depart-ed ser-vants,



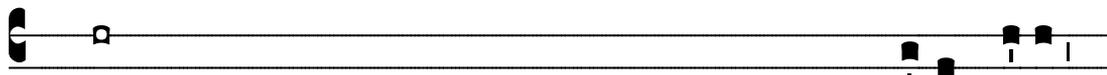
that, just as they professed the mystery of our re-sur-re-ction,



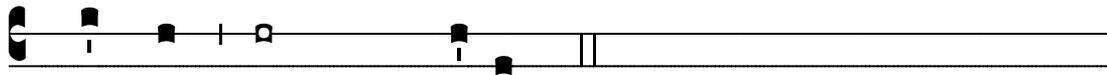
so they may merit to receive the joys of e-ter-nal hap-pi-ness.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

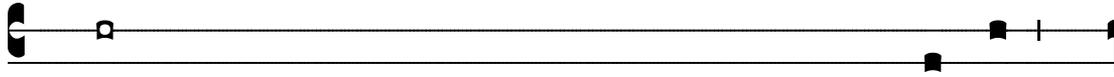


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



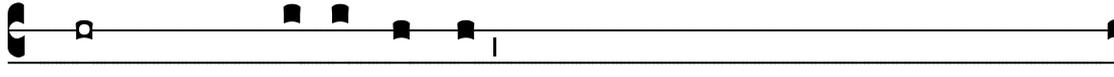
Having received the Sacrament of your Only Begot-ten Son,



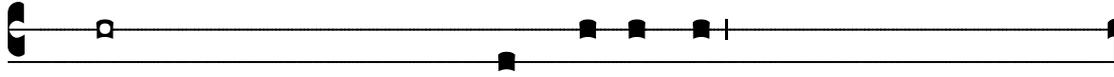
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glo-ry,



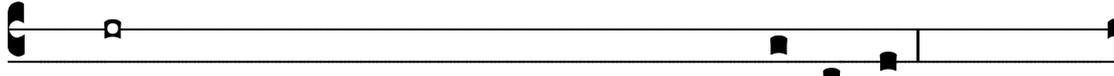
we humbly implore you, O Lord,



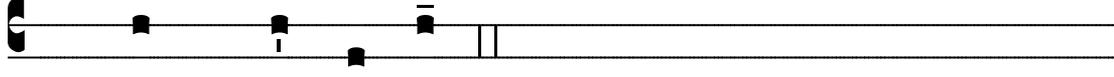
for your de-part-ed ser-vants,



that, cleansed by the pas-chal my-ster-ies,



they may glory in the gift of the resurrec-tion to come.



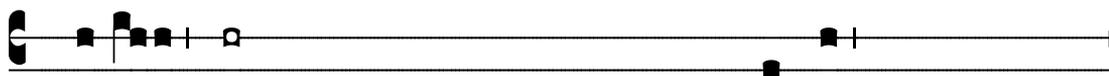
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.

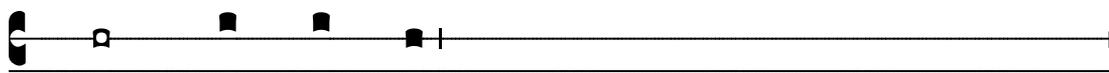
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)

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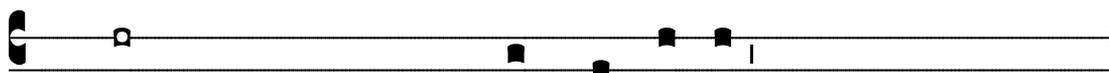
Collect



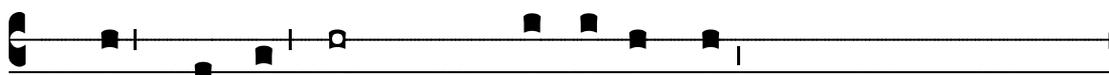
O God, who willed that your Only Begot-ten Son,



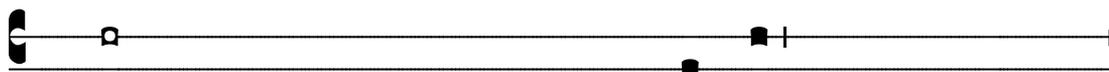
having con-quer-ed death,



should pass over into the realm of heav-en,



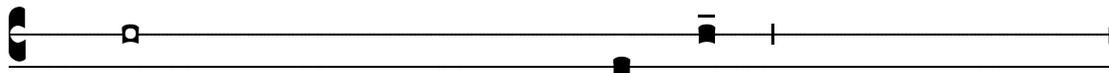
grant, we pray, to your de-part-ed ser-vants



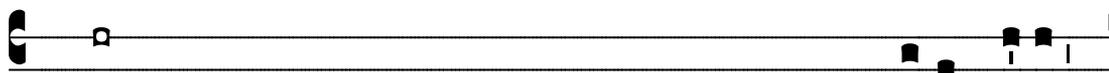
that, with the mortality of this life o-ver-come,



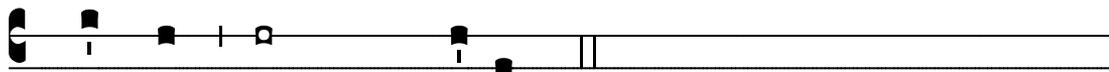
they may gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Re-deem-er.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

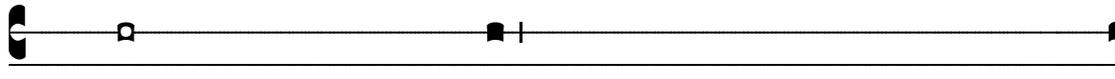


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

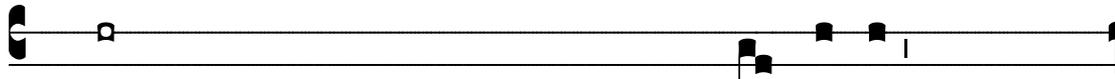
Prayer after Communion



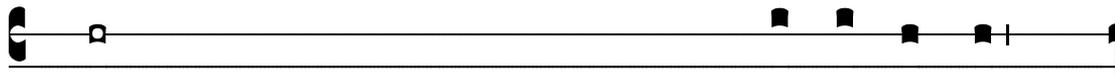
Through these sacrificial gifts



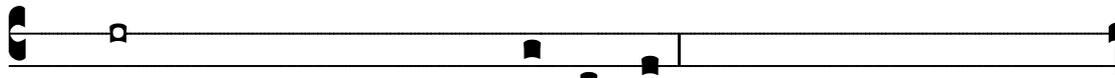
which we have received, O Lord,



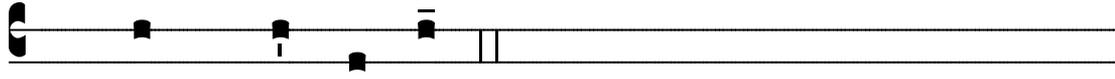
bestow on your departed servants your great mer-cy



and, to those you have endowed with the grace of Bap-tism,



grant also the fullness of e-ter-nal joy.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.

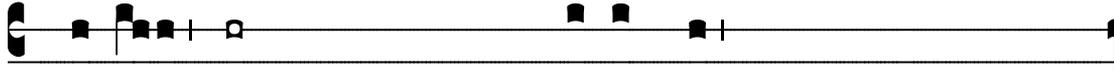
November 9

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

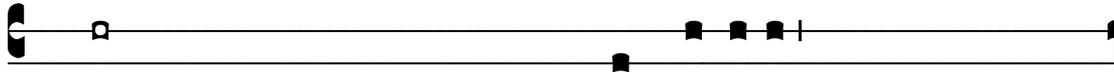
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

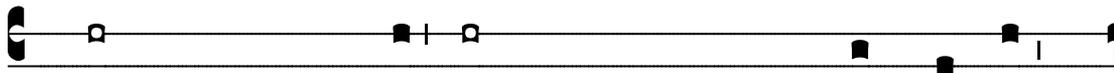
Collect



O God, who from living and chosen stones



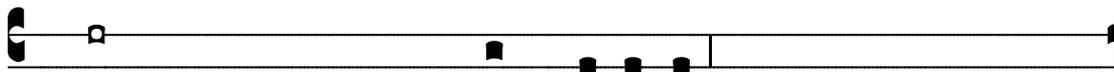
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,



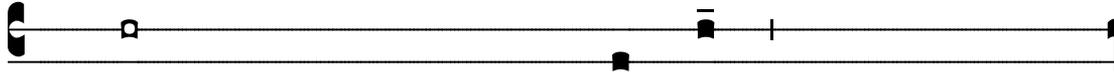
increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have be-stowed,



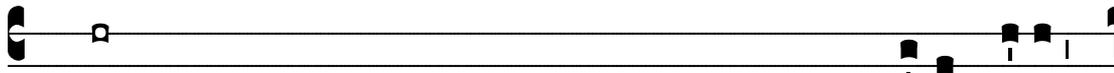
so that by new growth your faith-ful peo-ple



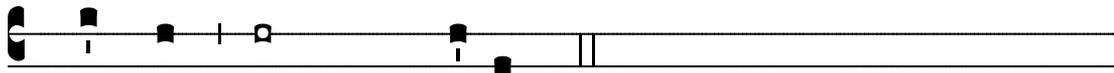
may build up the heaven-ly Je-ru-sa-lem.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

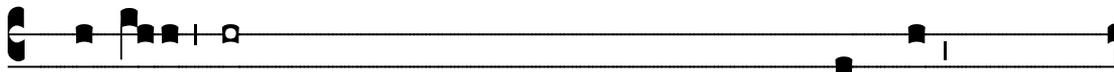


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

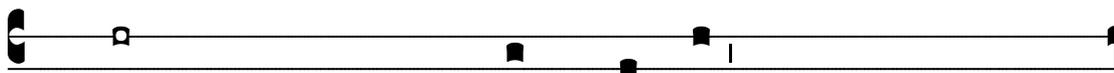


one God, for ever and ever.

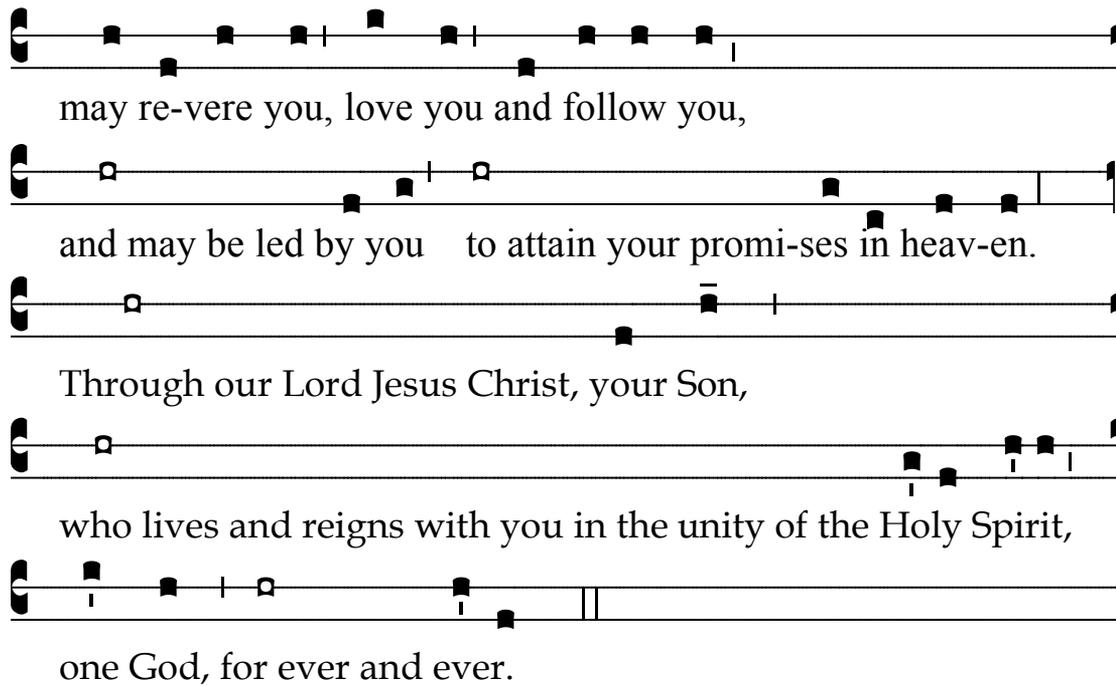
Or:



O God, who were pleased to call your Church the Bride,



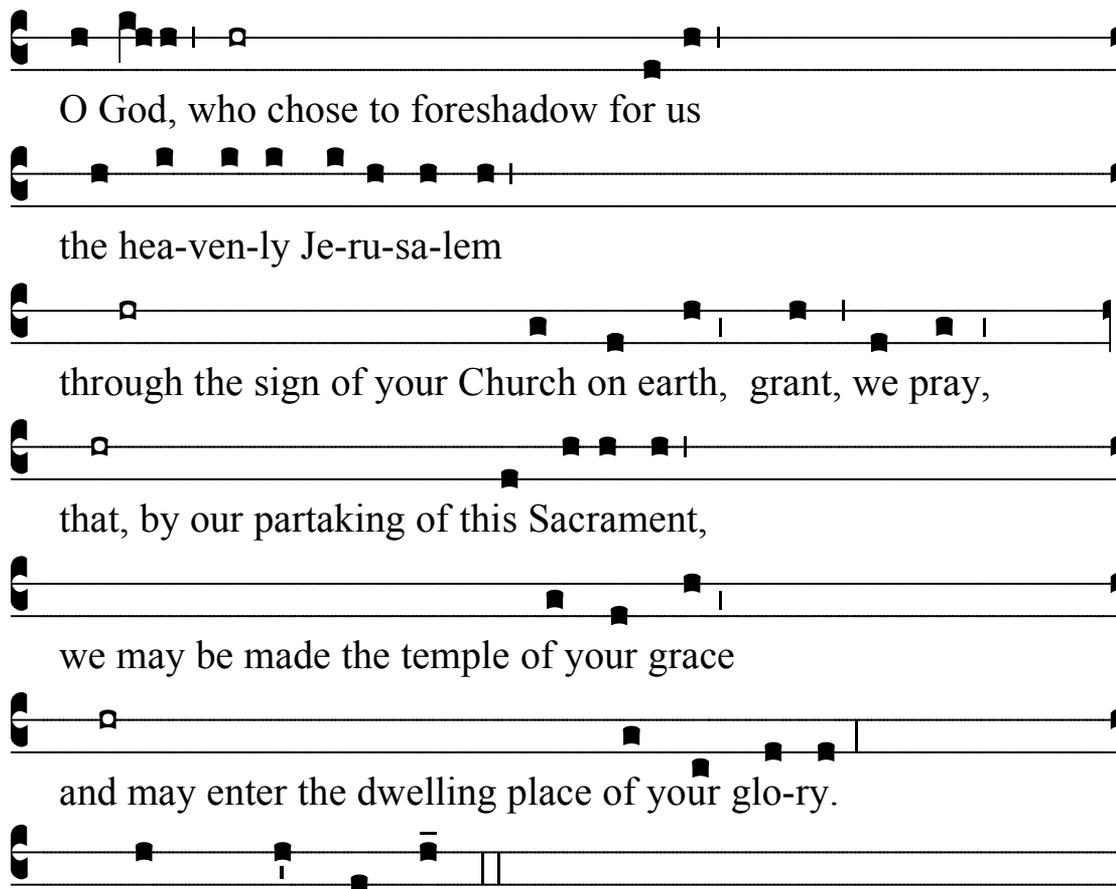
grant that the people that serves your name



may re-vere you, love you and follow you,
 and may be led by you to attain your promi-ses in heav-en.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

Prayer after Communion



O God, who chose to foreshadow for us
 the hea-ven-ly Je-ru-sa-lem
 through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray,
 that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,
 we may be made the temple of your grace
 and may enter the dwelling place of your glo-ry.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 282 may be used.

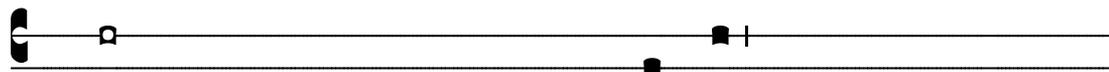
November 30

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



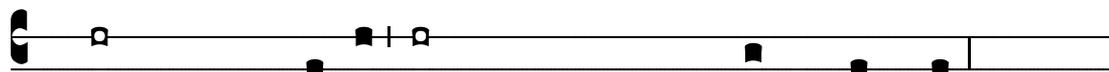
We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord,



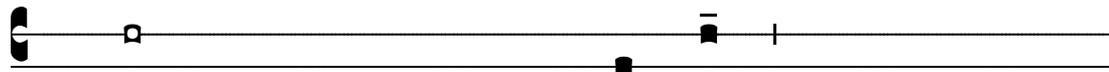
that, just as the blessed A-po-stle An-drew



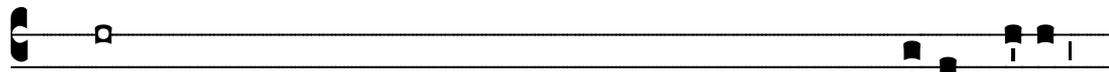
was for your Church a prea-cher and pas-tor,



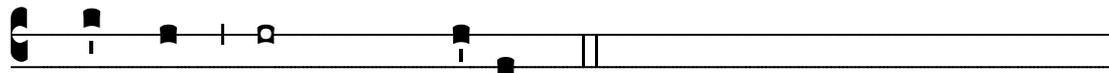
so he may be for us a constant intercess-or be-fore you.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

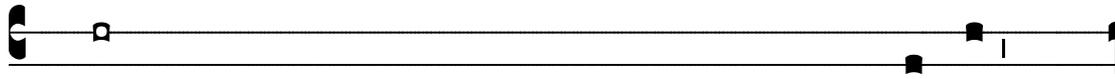


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

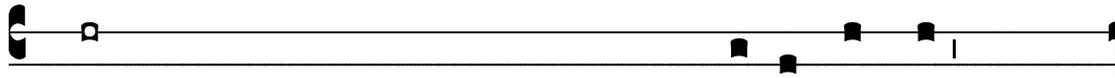


one God, for ever and ever.

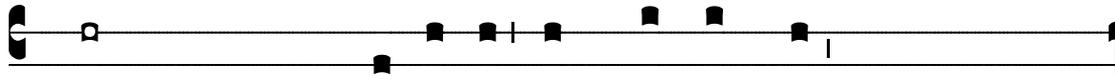
Prayer after Communion



May communion in your Sacrament strengthen us, O Lord,



so that by the example of the blessed A-po-stle An-drew



we, who carry in our bo-dy the Death of Christ,



may merit to live with him in glo-ry.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 281 may be used.

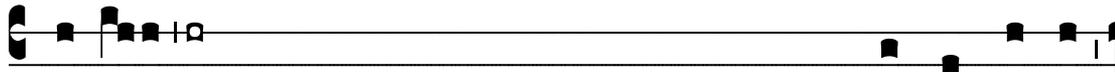
December 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM
PATRONAL FEAST OF THE UNITED STATES

Solemnity

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

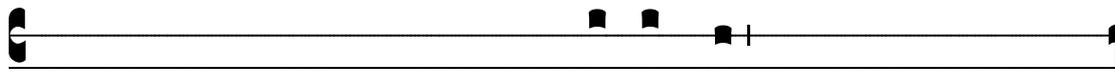
Collect



O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Bless-ed Vir-gin



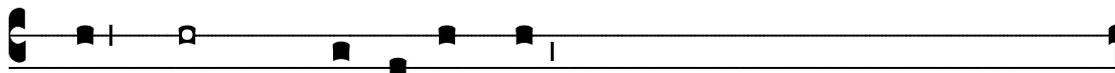
prepared a worthy dwell-ing for your Son, grant, we pray,



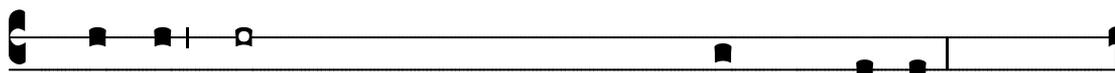
that, as you preserved her from e-very stain



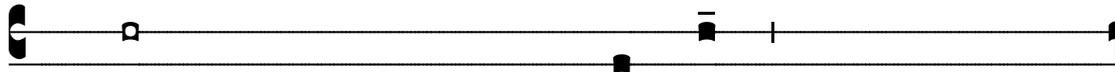
by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you fore-saw,



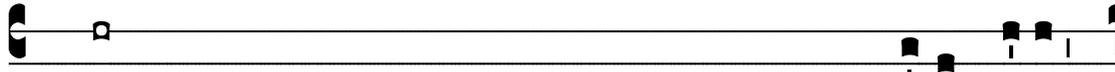
so, through her in-ter-cess-ion,



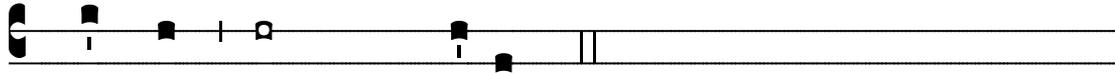
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



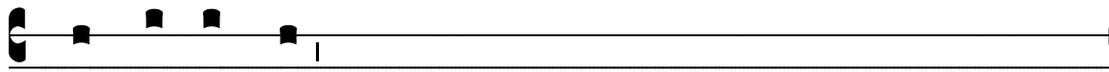
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.

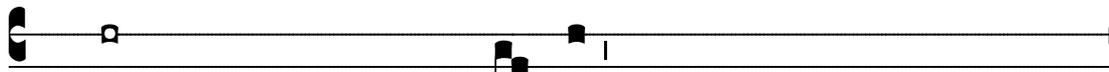
Prayer after Communion



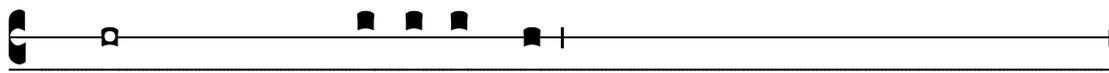
May the Sacrament we have re-ceived,



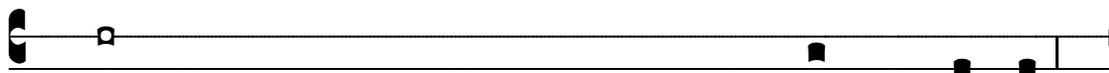
O Lord our God,



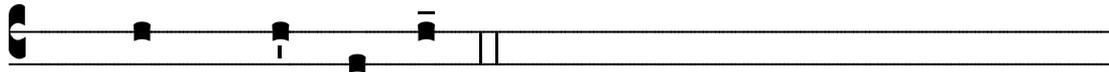
heal in us the wounds of that fault



from which in a sin-gu-lar way



you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immacu-late Con-cep-tion.



Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula on p. 280 may be used.

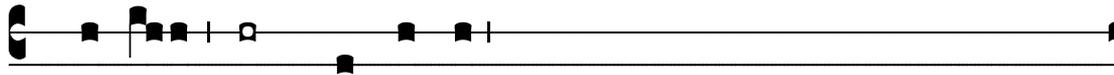
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

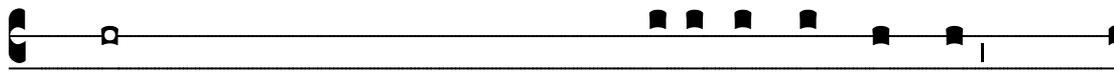
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

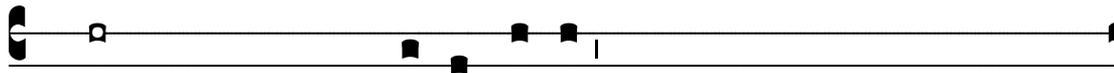
Collect



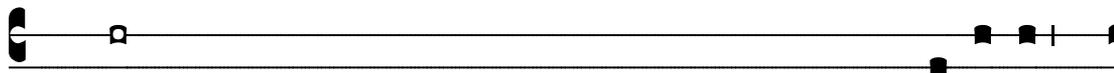
O God, Father of mercies,



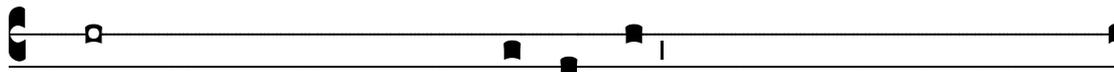
who placed your people under the sin-gu-lar pro-tec-tion



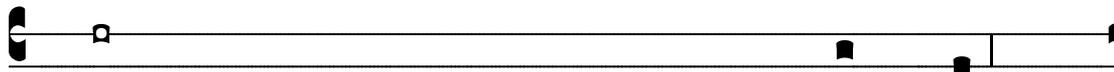
of your Son's most ho-ly Mo-ther,



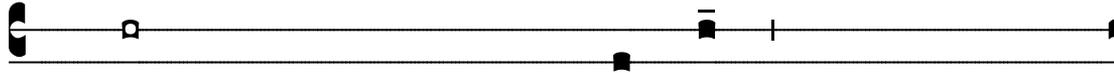
grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Gua-da-lu-pe,



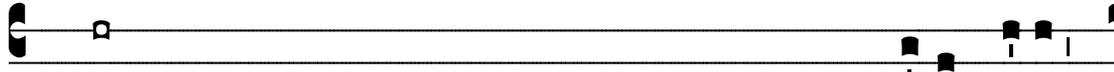
may seek with ever more live-ly faith



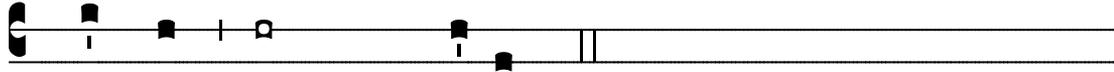
the progress of peoples in the ways of jus-tice and of peace.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

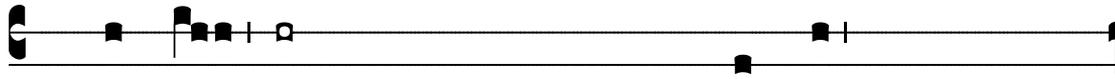


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion



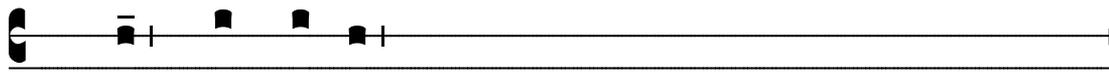
December 26

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Feast

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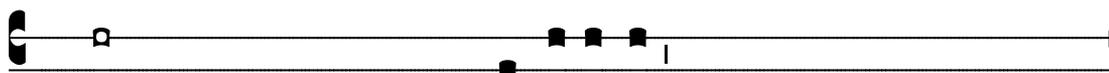
Collect



Grant, Lord, we pray,



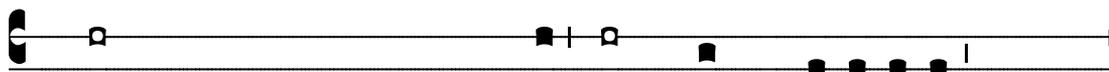
that we may imitate what we wor-ship,



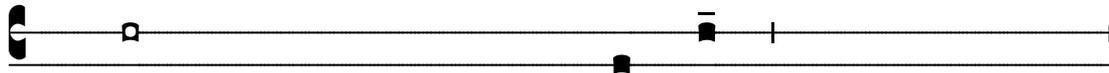
and so learn to love even our enemies,



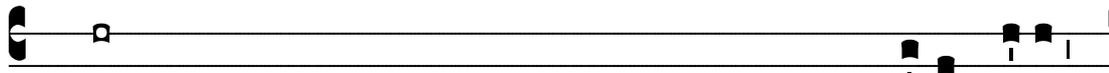
for we celebrate the heavenly birth-day



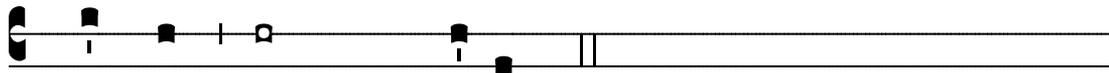
of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

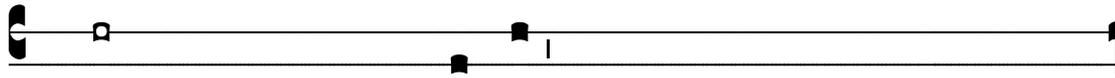


one God, for ever and ever.

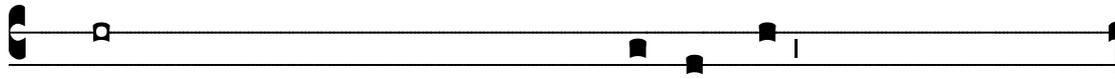
Prayer after Communion



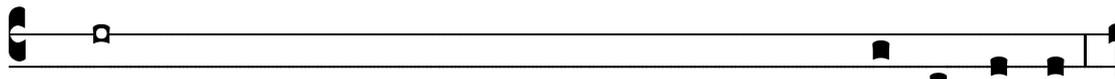
For the many mercies which sur-round us



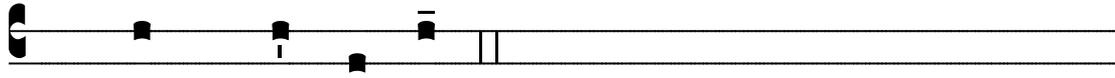
we give thanks to you, O Lord,



who save us through the Nativity of your Son



and gladden us with the celebration of the blessed Martyr Stephen.



Through Christ our Lord.

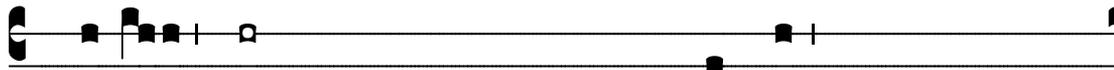
December 27

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

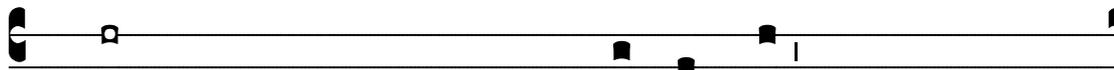
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

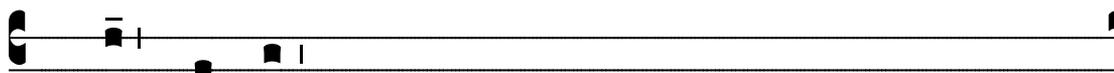
Collect



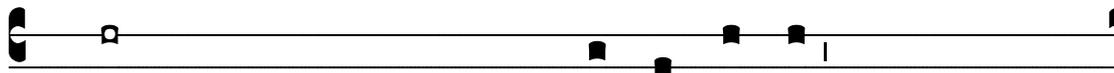
O God, who through the blessed Apos-tle John



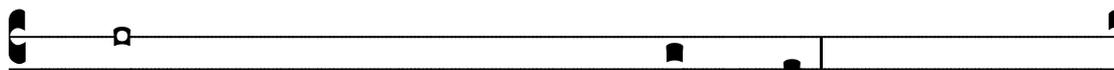
have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word,



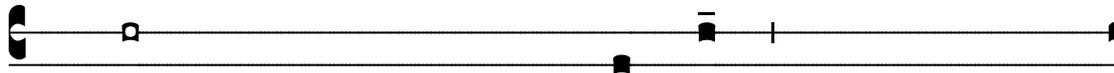
grant, we pray,



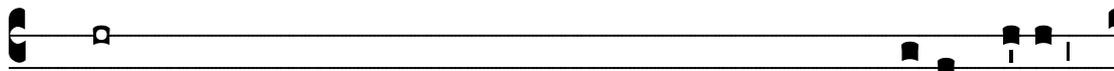
that we may grasp with proper un-der-stand-ing



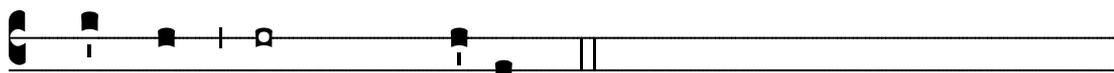
what he has so marvelously brought to our ears.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

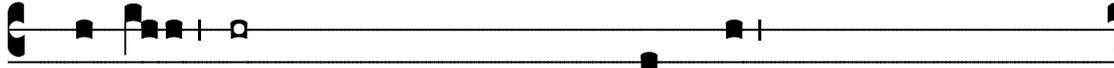
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THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

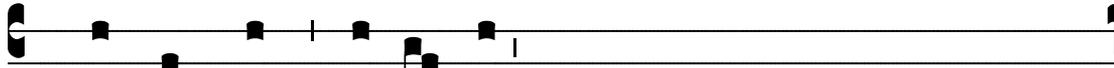
Feast

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect



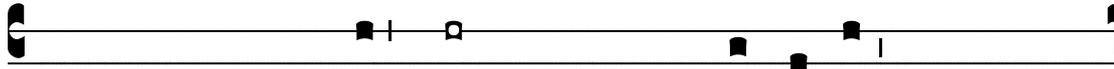
O God, whom the Holy Innocents con-fessed



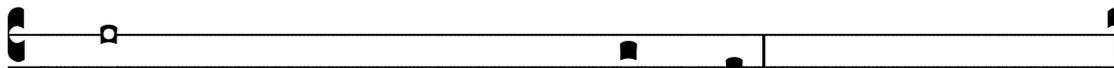
and pro-claimed on this day,



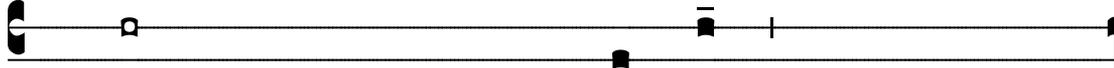
not by speak-ing but by dy-ing, grant, we pray,



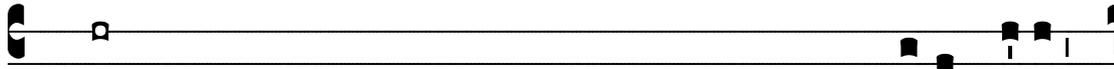
that the faith in you which we confess with our lips



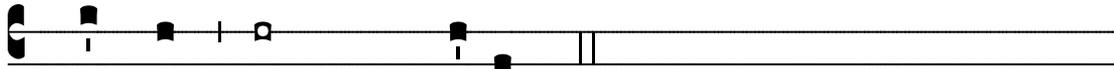
may also speak through our man-ner of life.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

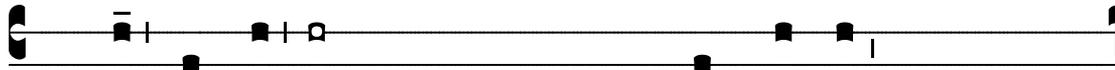


who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



one God, for ever and ever.

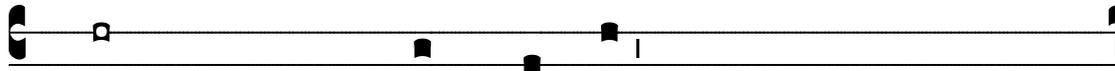
Prayer after Communion



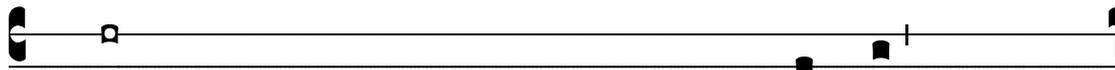
Grant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faith-ful



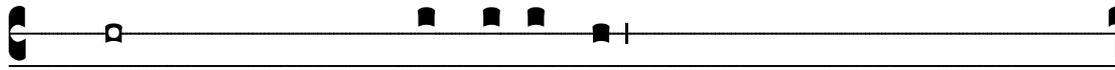
as they receive your ho-ly gifts



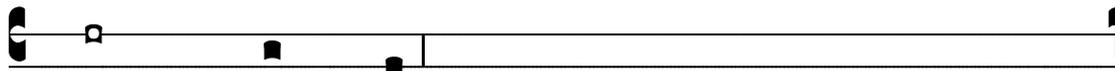
on the feast day of these, your Saints,



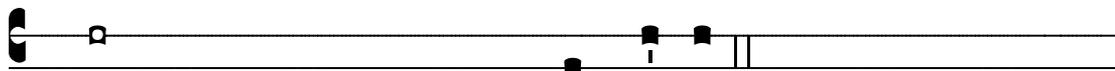
who, though still unable to profess your Son in speech,



were crowned with heav-en-ly grace



on account of his birth.



Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.

138. Then the Priest may return to the chair. If appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.

139. Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the Priest says:

Let us pray.

All pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

The Concluding Rites

140. If they are necessary, any brief announcements to the people follow here.

141. Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest blesses the people, saying:

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit.**

The people reply:

Amen.

142. On certain days or occasions, this formula of blessing is preceded, in accordance with the rubrics, by another more solemn formula of blessing or by a prayer over the people (cf. pp. 273.).

143. In a Pontifical Mass, the celebrant receives the miter and, extending his hands, says:

The Lord be with you.

All reply:

And with your spirit.

The celebrant says:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Now and for ever.

The celebrant says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Who made heaven and earth.

Then the celebrant receives the pastoral staff, if he uses it, and says:

May almighty God bless you,

making the Sign of the Cross over the people three times, he adds:

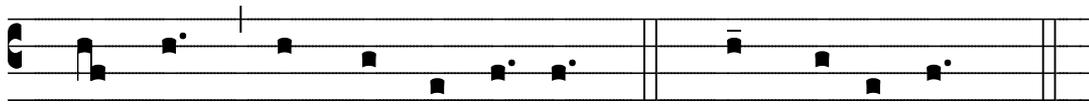
the Father, ☩ and the Son, ☩ and the Holy ☩ Spirit.

All:

Amen.

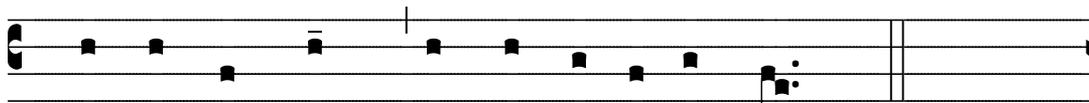
144. Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

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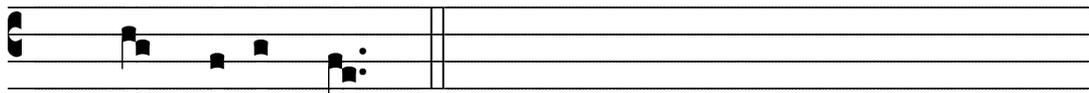


Go forth, the Mass is end-ed. Thanks be to God.

II

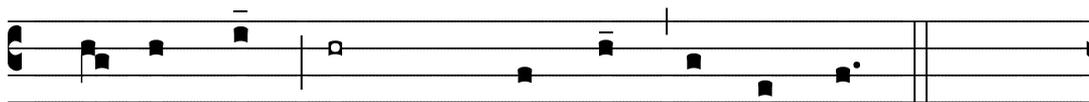


Go and an-nounce the Gos-pel of the Lord.

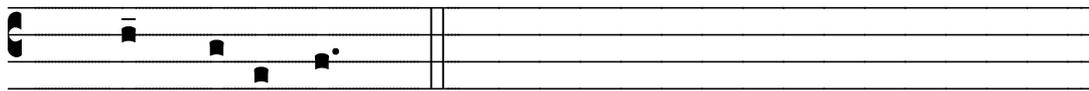


Thanks be to God.

III

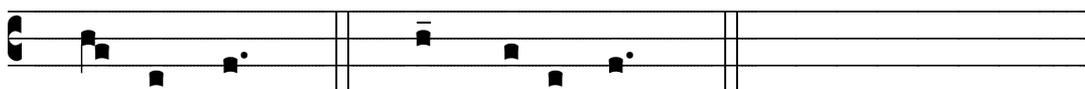


Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.



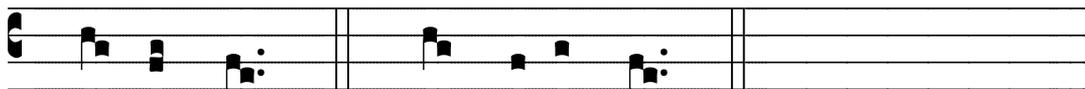
Thanks be to God.

IV



Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

V



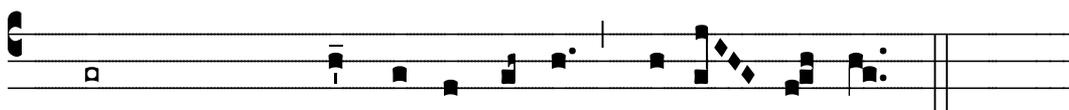
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

In the Octave of Easter and on Pentecost Sunday, one of the following two options for dismissal is used:

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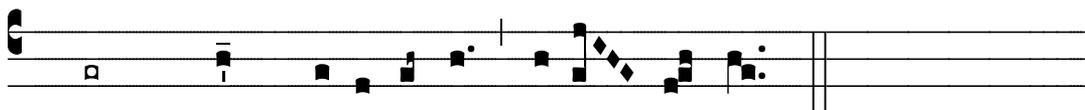


Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God al- le- lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia.

II



Go in peace, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al- le- lu- ia, al-le - lu - ia.

145. Then the Priest venerates the altar as usual with a kiss, as at the beginning. After making a profound bow with the ministers, he withdraws.

146. If any liturgical action follows immediately, the rites of dismissal are omitted.

**BLESSINGS AT THE END OF MASS
AND PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE**
SOLEMN BLESSINGS

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I. For Celebrations in the Different Liturgical Times

1. Advent

**May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.**

R. Amen.

**As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity.**

R. Amen.

**So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

2. The Nativity of the Lord

**May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the
world
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day),
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.**

R. Amen.

**May God, who willed that the great joy
of his Son's saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,
fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel.**

R. Amen.

**And may God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

3. The Beginning of the Year

**May God, the source and origin of all blessing,
grant you grace,
pour out his blessing in abundance,
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.**

R. Amen.

**May he give you integrity in the faith,
endurance in hope,
and perseverance in charity
with holy patience to the end.**

R. Amen.

**May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,
grant your prayers in this and in every place,
and lead you happily to eternal life.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

4. The Epiphany of the Lord

**May God, who has called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light,
pour out in kindness his blessing upon you
and make your hearts firm
in faith, hope and charity.**

R. Amen.

**And since in all confidence you follow Christ,
who today appeared in the world
as a light shining in darkness,
may God make you, too,
a light for your brothers and sisters.**

R. Amen.

**And so when your pilgrimage is ended,
may you come to him
whom the Magi sought as they followed the star
and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light,
who is Christ the Lord.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

5. The Passion of the Lord

**May God, the Father of mercies,
who has given you an example of love
in the Passion of his Only Begotten Son,
grant that, by serving God and your neighbor,
you may lay hold of the wondrous gift of his blessing.**

R. Amen.

**So that you may receive the reward of everlasting life from him,
through whose earthly Death
you believe that you escape eternal death.**

R. Amen.

**And by following the example of his self-abasement,
may you possess a share in his Resurrection.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

6. Easter Time

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

R. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

R. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

7. The Ascension of the Lord

May almighty God bless you, for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is.

R. Amen.

May he grant that, as Christ after his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, so when he comes as Judge he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.

R. Amen.

And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfillment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

8. The Holy Spirit

**May God, the Father of lights,
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,
grant you gladness by his blessing
and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.**

R. Amen.

**May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil
and pervade them with its purifying light.**

R. Amen.

**And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues
in the profession of one faith,
give you perseverance in that same faith
and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

9. Ordinary Time I

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

R. Amen.

**May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy.**

R. Amen.

**May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

10. Ordinary Time II

**May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

11. Ordinary Time III

**May almighty God bless you in his kindness
and pour out saving wisdom upon you.**

R. Amen.

**May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith
and make you persevere in holy deeds.**

R. Amen.

**May he turn your steps towards himself
and show you the path of charity and peace.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

12. Ordinary Time IV

**May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace
and grant you the gifts of his blessing.**

R. Amen.

**May he free you always from every distress
and confirm your hearts in his love.**

R. Amen.

**So that on this life's journey
you may be effective in good works,
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,
and may come happily to eternal life.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

13. Ordinary Time V

**May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you
and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.**

R. Amen.

**May God keep your hearts attentive to his words,
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.**

R. Amen.

**And so, may you always understand what is good and right,
and be found ever hastening along
in the path of God's commands,
made coheirs with the citizens of heaven.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

14. Ordinary Time VI

**May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,
make you always holy and pure in his sight,
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory,
and teach you with the words of truth;
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

II . For Celebrations of the Saints

15. The Blessed Virgin Mary

**May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary
willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race,
be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.**

R. Amen.

**May you know always and everywhere the protection of her,
through whom you have been found worthy to receive the
author of life.**

R. Amen.

**May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,
carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly
rewards.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

16. Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

**May almighty God bless you,
for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter's saving confession
and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church's
faith.**

R. Amen.

**And having instructed you
by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,
may God teach you constantly by his example
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.**

R. Amen.

**So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul,
and by the support of their intercession,
God may bring us happily to that homeland
that Peter attained on a cross
and Paul by the blade of a sword.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

17. The Apostles

**May God, who has granted you
to stand firm on apostolic foundations,
graciously bless you through the glorious merits
of the holy Apostles N. and N. (the holy Apostle N.).**

R. Amen.

**And may he who endowed you
with the teaching and example of the Apostles,
make you, under their protection,
witnesses to the truth before all.**

R. Amen.

**So that through the intercession of the Apostles,
you may inherit the eternal homeland,
for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

18. All Saints

**May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,
who has caused you to be strengthened
by means of their outstanding prayers,
bless you with unending blessings.**

R. Amen.

**Freed through their intercession from present ills
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,
may you be ever devoted
to serving God and your neighbor.**

R. Amen.

**So that, together with all,
you may possess the joys of the homeland,
where Holy Church rejoices
that her children are admitted in perpetual peace
to the company of the citizens of heaven.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

III . Other Blessings

19. For the Dedication of a Church

**May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church,
make you abound in heavenly blessings.**

R. Amen.

**And may he who has willed that all his scattered children
should be gathered together in his Son,
grant that you may become his temple
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.**

R. Amen.

**And so, when you are thoroughly cleansed,
may God dwell within you
and grant you to possess with all the Saints
the inheritance of eternal happiness.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, ☩ and the Son, ☩ and the Holy ☩ Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

20. In Celebrations for the Dead

**May the God of all consolation bless you,
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race,
and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
he has given believers the hope of rising again.**

R. Amen.

**To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.**

R. Amen.

**So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

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- 1. Be gracious to your people, O Lord,
and do not withhold consolation on earth
from those you call to strive for heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 2. Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Christian people
may understand the truths they profess
and love the heavenly liturgy
in which they participate.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 3. May your people receive your holy blessing,
O Lord, we pray,
and, by that gift,
spurn all that would harm them
and obtain what they desire.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 4. Turn your people to you with all their heart,
O Lord, we pray,
for you protect even those who go astray,
but when they serve you with undivided heart,
you sustain them with still greater care.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 5. Graciously enlighten your family, O Lord, we pray,
that by holding fast to what is pleasing to you,
they may be worthy to accomplish all that is good.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 6. Bestow pardon and peace, O Lord, we pray,
upon your faithful,
that they may be cleansed from every offense
and serve you with untroubled hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 7. May your heavenly favor, O Lord, we pray,
increase in number the people subject to you
and make them always obedient to your commands.
Through Christ our Lord.**

- 8. Be propitious to your people, O God,
that, freed from every evil,
they may serve you with all their heart
and ever stand firm under your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 9. May your family always rejoice together, O God,
over the mysteries of redemption they have celebrated,
and grant its members the perseverance
to attain the effects that flow from them.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 10. Lord God, from the abundance of your mercies
provide for your servants and ensure their safety,
so that, strengthened by your blessings,
they may at all times abound in thanksgiving
and bless you with unending exultation.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 11. Keep your family, we pray, O Lord,
in your constant care,
so that, under your protection,
they may be free from all troubles
and by good works show dedication to your name.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 12. Purify your faithful, both in body and in mind,
O Lord, we pray,
so that, feeling the compunction you inspire,
they may be able to avoid harmful pleasures
and ever feed upon your delights.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 13. May the effects of your sacred blessing, O Lord,
make themselves felt among your faithful,
to prepare with spiritual sustenance the minds of all,
that they may be strengthened by the power of your love
to carry out works of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 14. The hearts of your faithful submitted to your name,
entreat your help, O Lord,
and since without you they can do nothing that is just,
grant by your abundant mercy
that they may both know what is right
and receive all that they need for their good.
Through Christ our Lord.**

- 15. Hasten to the aid of your faithful people
who call upon you, O Lord, we pray,
and graciously give strength in their human weakness,
so that, being dedicated to you in complete sincerity,
they may find gladness in your remedies
both now and in the life to come.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 16. Look with favor on your family, O Lord,
and bestow your endless mercy on those who seek it:
and just as without your mercy,
they can do nothing truly worthy of you,
so through it,
may they merit to obey your saving commands.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 17. Bestow increase of heavenly grace
on your faithful, O Lord;
may they praise you with their lips,
with their souls, with their lives;
and since it is by your gift that we exist,
may our whole lives be yours.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 18. Direct your people, O Lord, we pray,
with heavenly instruction,
that by avoiding every evil
and pursuing all that is good,
they may earn not your anger
but your unending mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 19. Be near to those who call on you, O Lord,
and graciously grant your protection
to all who place their hope in your mercy,
that they may remain faithful in holiness of life
and, having enough for their needs in this world,
they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 20. Bestow the grace of your kindness
upon your supplicant people, O Lord,
that, formed by you, their creator,
and restored by you, their sustainer,
through your constant action they may be saved.
Through Christ our Lord.**

- 21. May your faithful people, O Lord, we pray,
always respond to the promptings of your love
and, moved by wholesome compunction,
may they do gladly what you command,
so as to receive the things you promise.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 22. May the weakness of your devoted people
stir your compassion, O Lord, we pray,
and let their faithful pleading win your mercy,
that what they do not presume upon by their merits
they may receive by your generous pardon.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 23. In defense of your children, O Lord, we pray,
stretch forth the right hand of your majesty,
so that, obeying your fatherly will,
they may have the unfailing protection
of your fatherly care.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 24. Look, O Lord, on the prayers of your family,
and grant them the assistance they humbly implore,
so that, strengthened by the help they need,
they may persevere in confessing your name.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 25. Keep your family safe, O Lord, we pray,
and grant them the abundance of your mercies,
that they may find growth
through the teachings and the gifts of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.**
- 26. May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O Lord,
to be upheld by your right hand,
and, progressing in the Christian life,
may they delight in good things
both now and in the time to come.
Through Christ our Lord.**

On Feasts of Saints

- 27. May the Christian people exult, O Lord,
at the glorification of the illustrious members of your Son's Body,
and may they gain a share in the eternal lot
of the Saints on whose feast day
they reaffirm their devotion to you,
rejoicing with them for ever in your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.**

**28. Turn the hearts of your people
always to you, O Lord, we pray,
and, as you give them the help of such great patrons as these,
grant also the unfailing help of your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.**

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