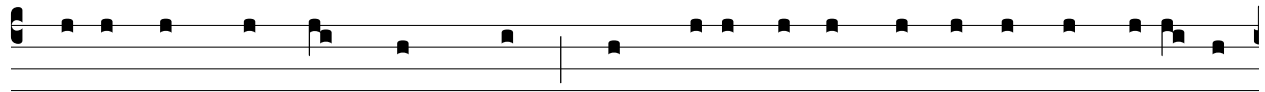


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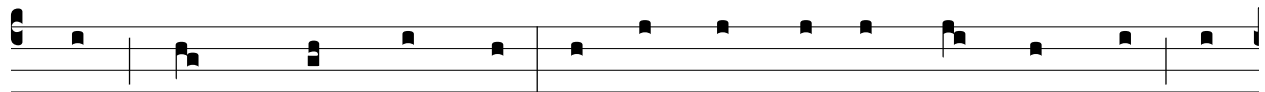
The spiritual meaning of Lent



It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and



everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-ter-nal



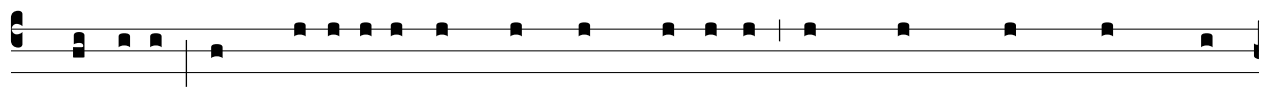
God, through Christ our Lord. For by your gracious gift each year your



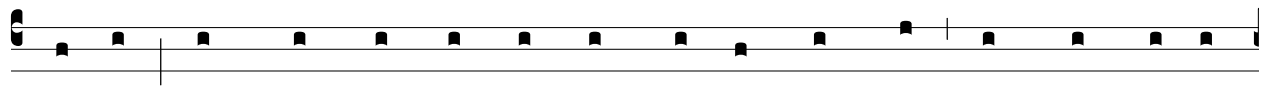
faithful await the sacred pas-chal feasts with the joy of minds made



pure, so that, more eagerly in-tent on prayer and on the works of



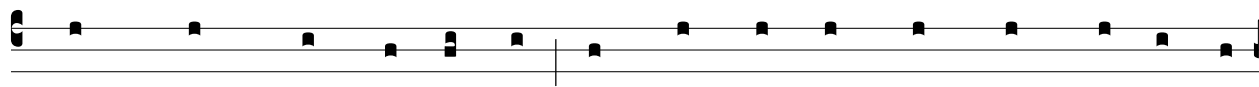
char-i-ty, and parti-cipating in the mysteries by which they have been



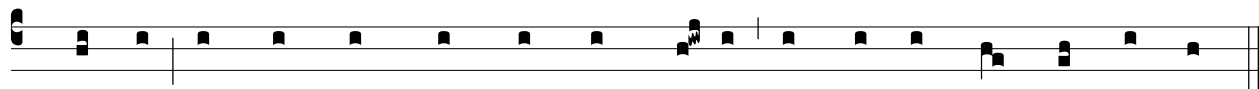
re-born, they may be led to the full-ness of grace that you bestow



on your sons and daugh-ters. And so, with Angels and Archangels,



with Thrones and Do-min-ions, and with all the hosts and Pow-ers of



heav-en, we sing the hymn of your glo-ry, as without end we ac-claim: