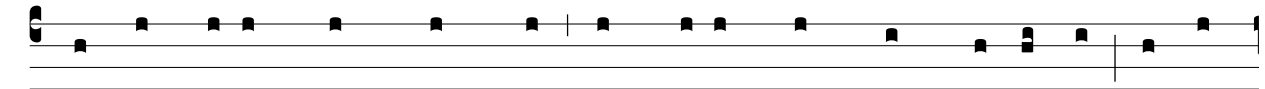
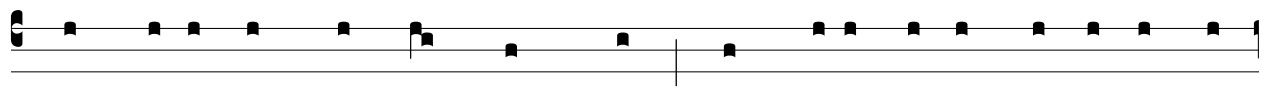


PREFACE I OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

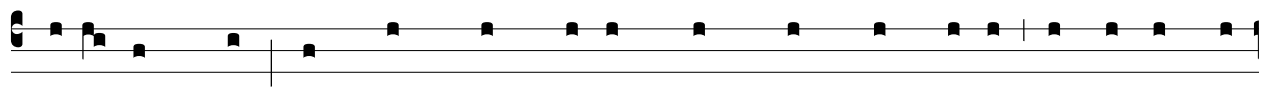
The mystery of the Ascension



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



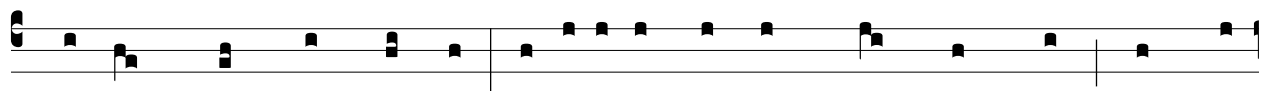
and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and



e-ter-nal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of



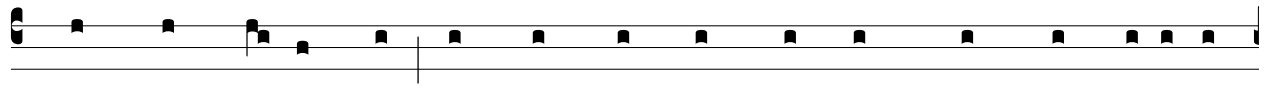
sin and death, ascended [today] to the high-est heav-ens, as the



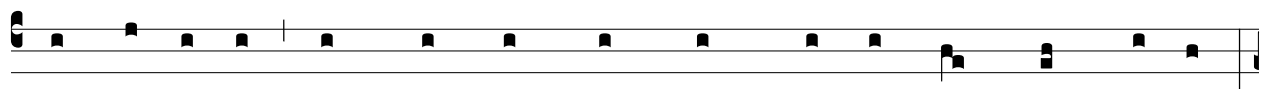
An-gels gazed in won-der. Me-di-a-tor between God and man, judge of



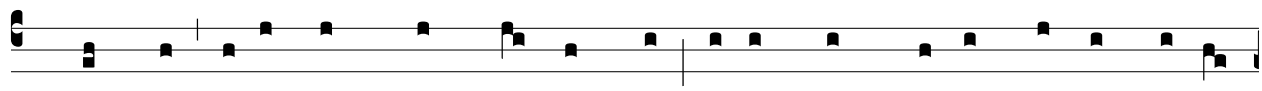
the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself



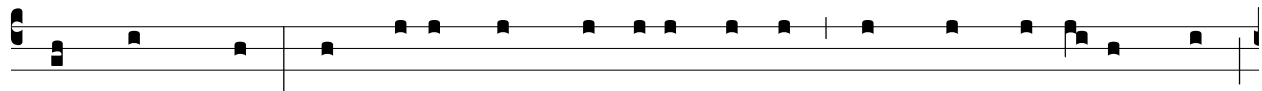
from our low-ly state but that we, his members, might be confident



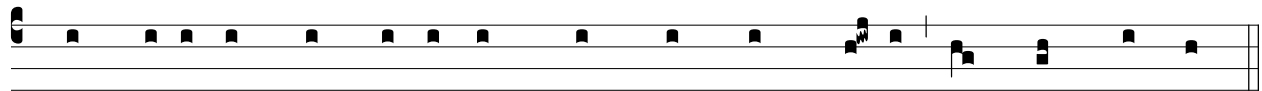
of fol-low-ing where he, our head and Founder, has gone be-fore.



There-fore, o-vercome with pas-chal joy, every land, eve-ry peo-ple ex-ults



in your praise and even the heavenly Powers with the an-gel-ic hosts,



sing together the unending hymn of your glo-ry, as they ac-claim: