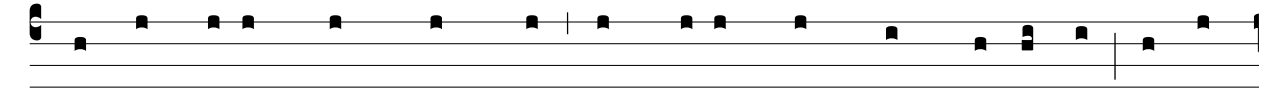
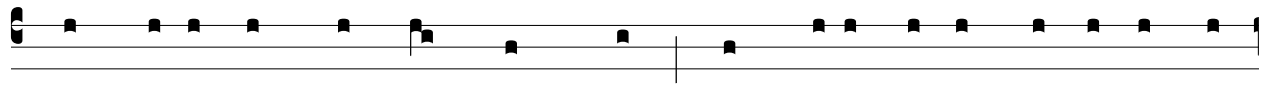


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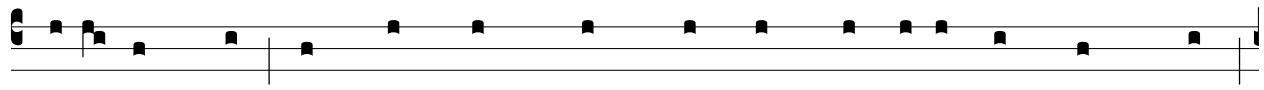
The glory of the Saints



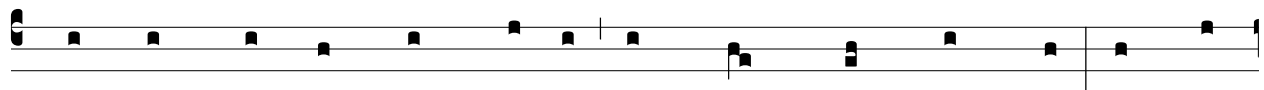
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways



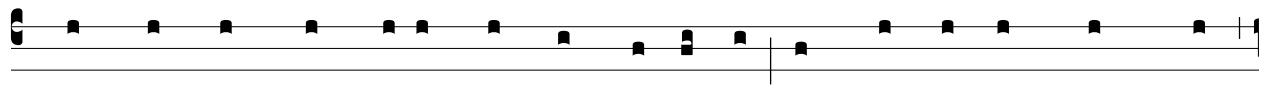
and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and



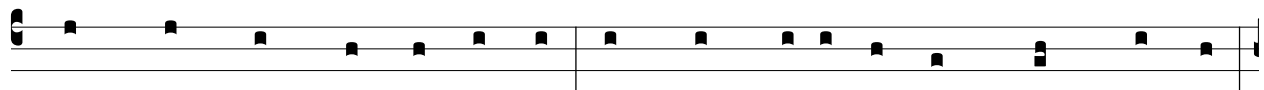
e-ter-nal God. For you are praised in the company of your Saints



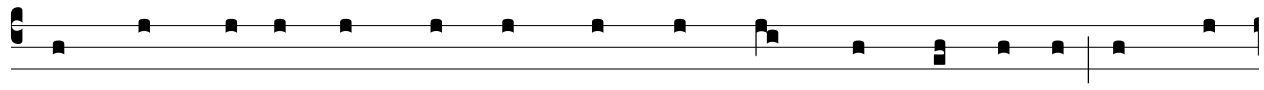
and, in crown-ing their mer-its, you crown your own gifts. By their



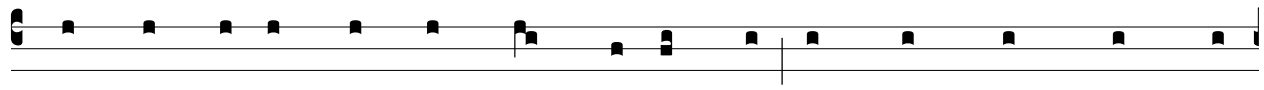
way of life you offer us an ex-am-ple, by communion with them



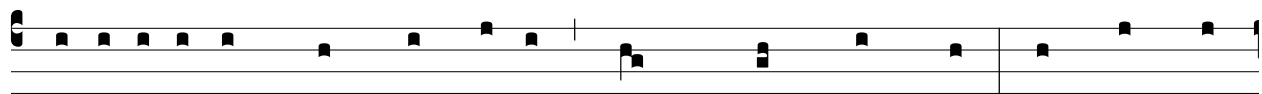
you gave us com-pan-ion-ship, by their inter-ces-sion, sure sup-port,



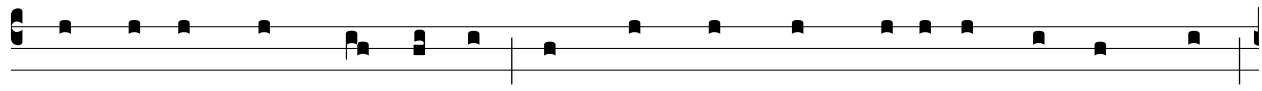
so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of wit-ness-es, we may



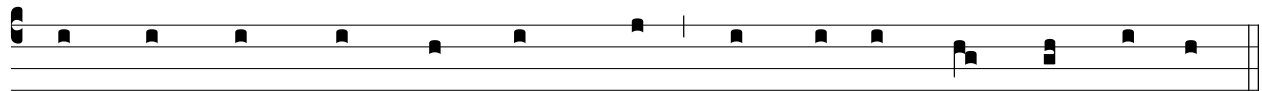
run as victors in the race be-fore us and win with them the



imper-i-shable crown of glo-ry, through Christ our Lord. And so, with



the Angels and Arch-an-gels, and with the great multitude of the Saints,



we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we ac-claim: