

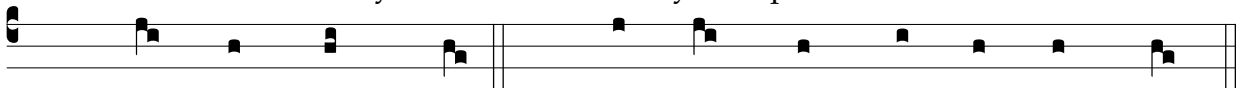
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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The mystery of Mary and the Church



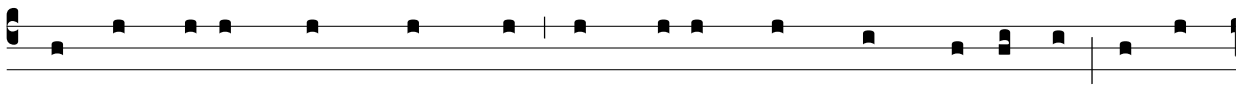
∇. The Lord be with you. Ṙ. And with your spir-it.



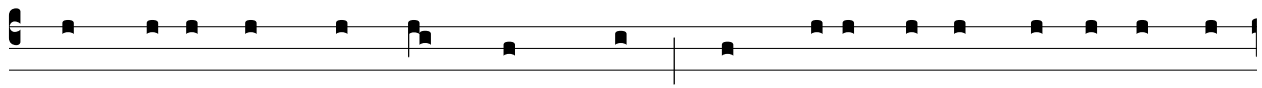
∇. Lift up your hearts. Ṙ. We lift them up to the Lord.



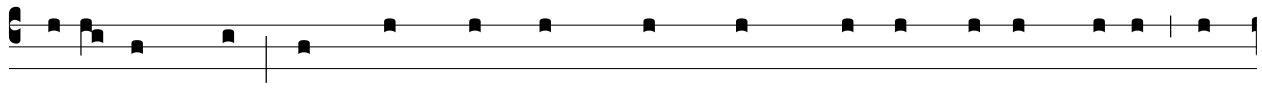
∇. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ṙ. It is right and just.



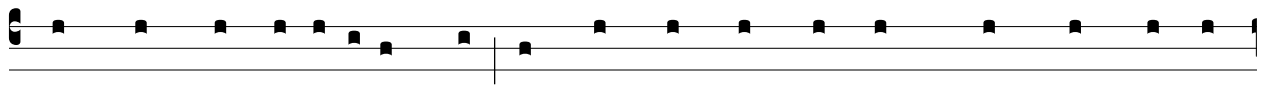
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways



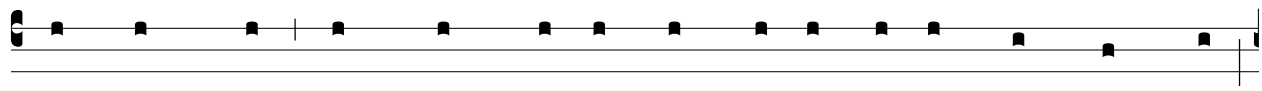
and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and



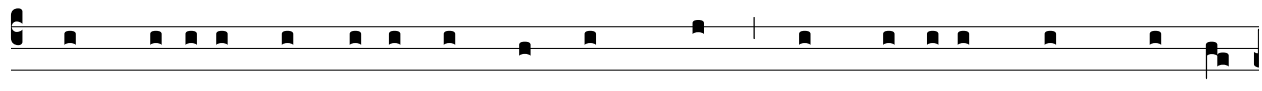
e-ter-nal God. For you preserved the Most Blessed Virgin Mary from



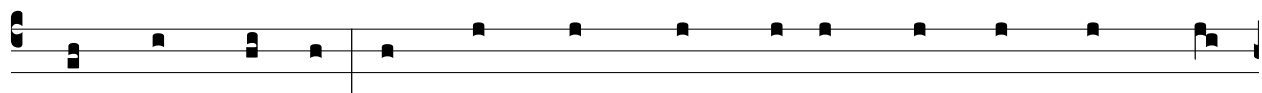
all stain of o-rig-i-nal sin, so that in her, enriched with the fullness



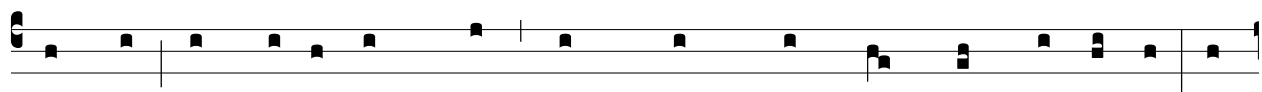
of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son



and signi-fy the beginning of the Church, his beautiful Bride with-out



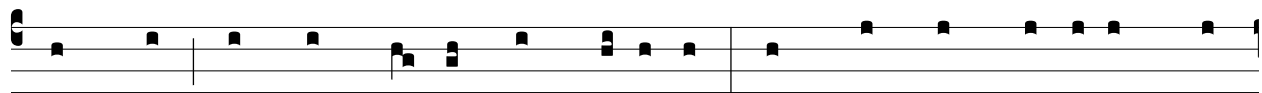
spot or wrin-kle. She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth



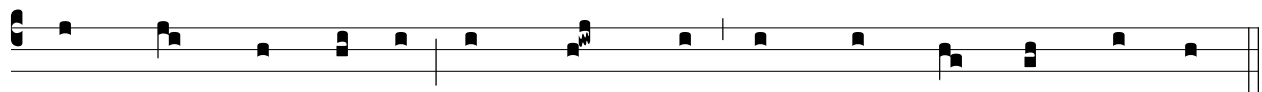
a Son, the in-no-cent Lamb who would blot out our of-fens-es; you



placed her above all others to be for your people an ad-vo-cate



of grace and a mod-el of hol-i-ness. And so, in company with



the choirs of An-gels, we praise you, and with joy we pro-claim: