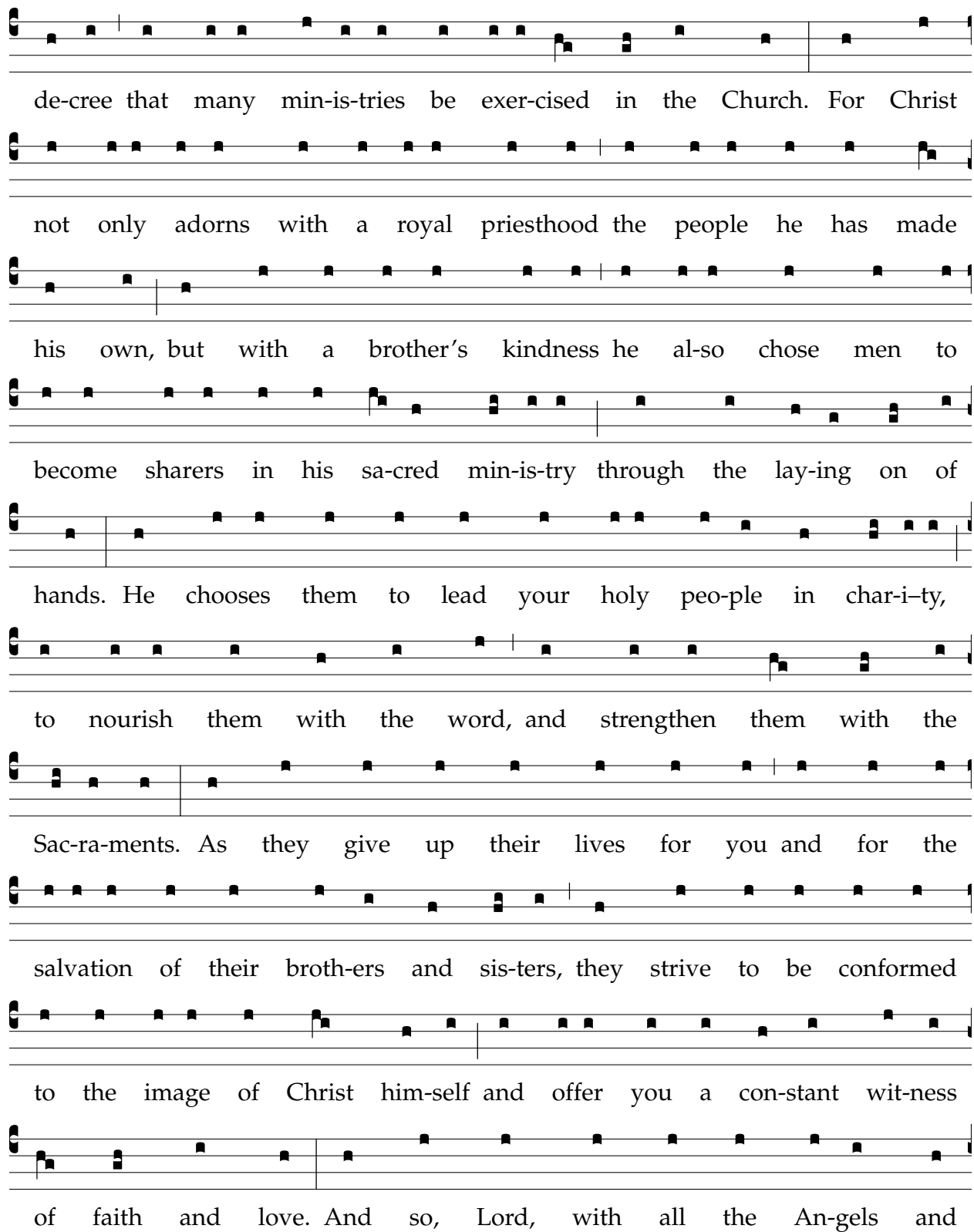






de-cree that many min-is-tries be exer-cised in the Church. For Christ

not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made

his own, but with a brother's kindness he al-so chose men to

become sharers in his sa-cred min-is-try through the lay-ing on of

hands. He chooses them to lead your holy peo-ple in char-i-ty,

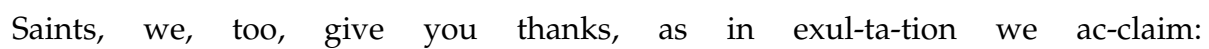
to nourish them with the word, and strengthen them with the

Sac-ra-ments. As they give up their lives for you and for the

salvation of their broth-ers and sis-ters, they strive to be conformed

to the image of Christ him-self and offer you a con-stant wit-ness

of faith and love. And so, Lord, with all the An-gels and



Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exul-ta-tion we ac-claim: