

The mystery of God's Temple

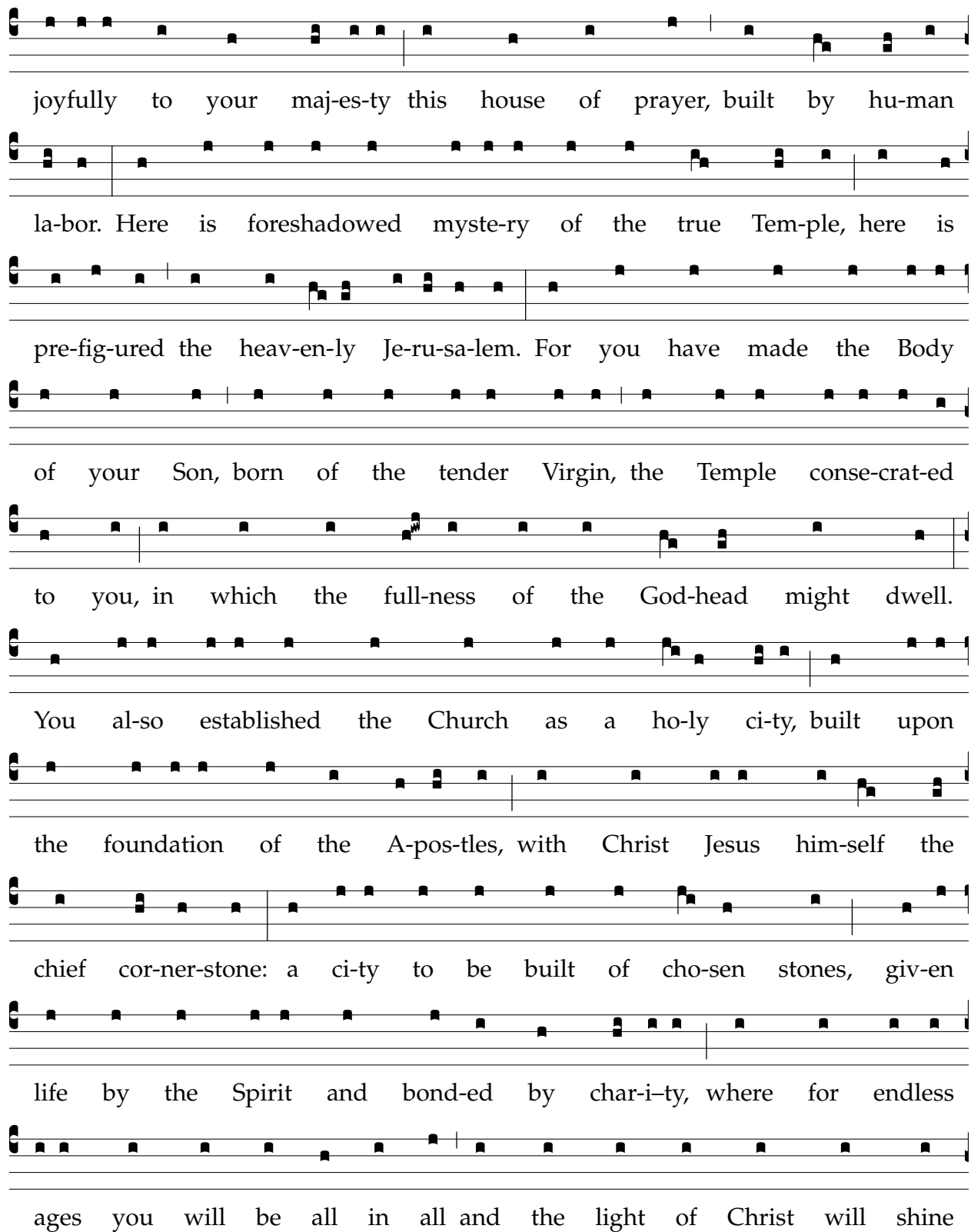
¶. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

have made the whole world a temple of your glo-ry, that your

name might everywhere be ex-tolled, yet you allow us to consecrate

to you apt places for the di-vine mys-ter-ies. And so, we dedicate



joyfully to your maj-es-ty this house of prayer, built by hu-man
la-bor. Here is foreshadowed myste-ry of the true Tem-ple, here is
pre-fig-ured the heav-en-ly Je-ru-sa-lem. For you have made the Body
of your Son, born of the tender Virgin, the Temple conse-crat-ed
to you, in which the full-ness of the God-head might dwell.
You al-so established the Church as a ho-ly ci-ty, built upon
the foundation of the A-pos-tles, with Christ Jesus him-self the
chief cor-ner-stone: a ci-ty to be built of cho-sen stones, giv-en
life by the Spirit and bond-ed by char-i-ty, where for endless
ages you will be all in all and the light of Christ will shine

