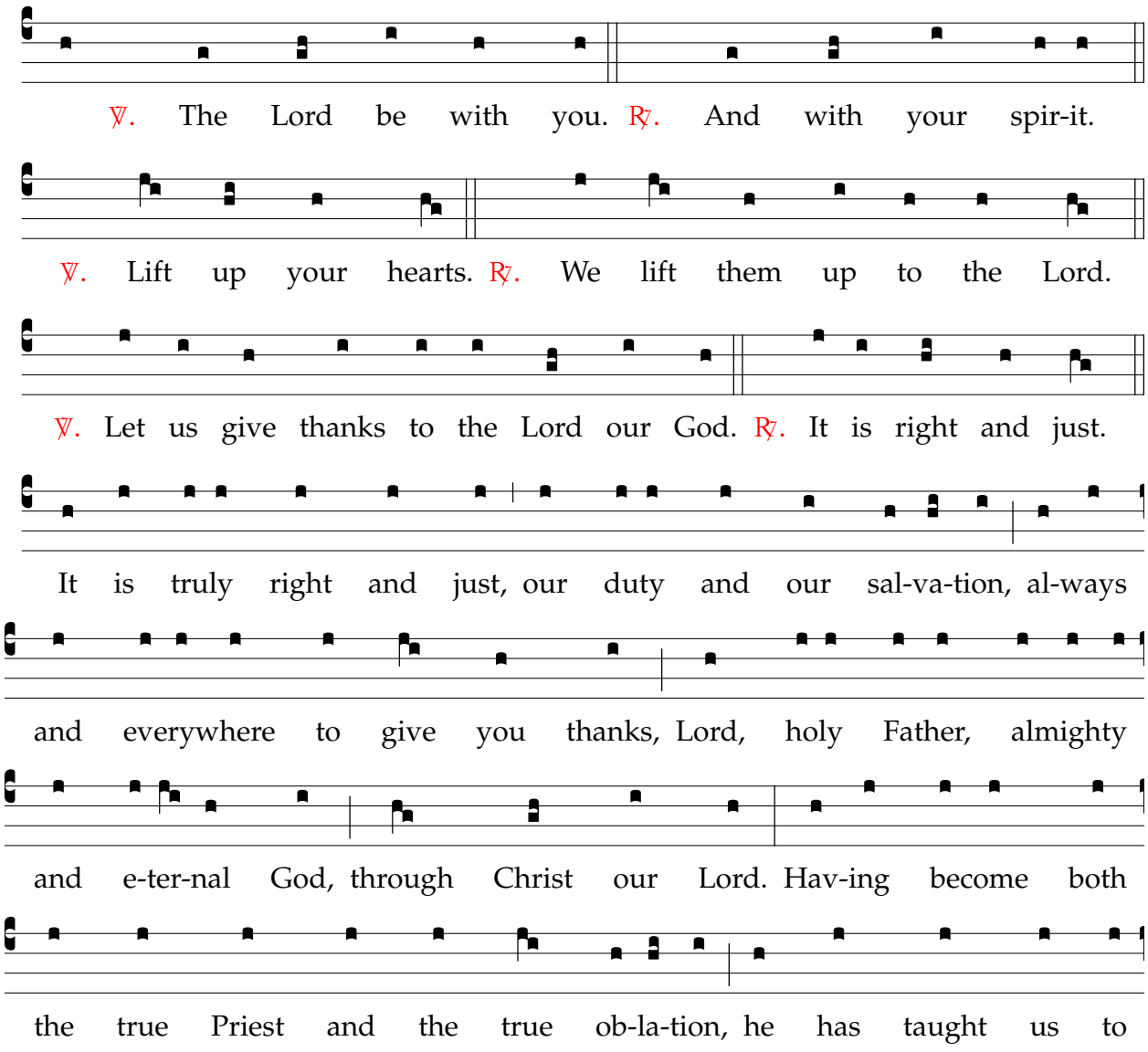
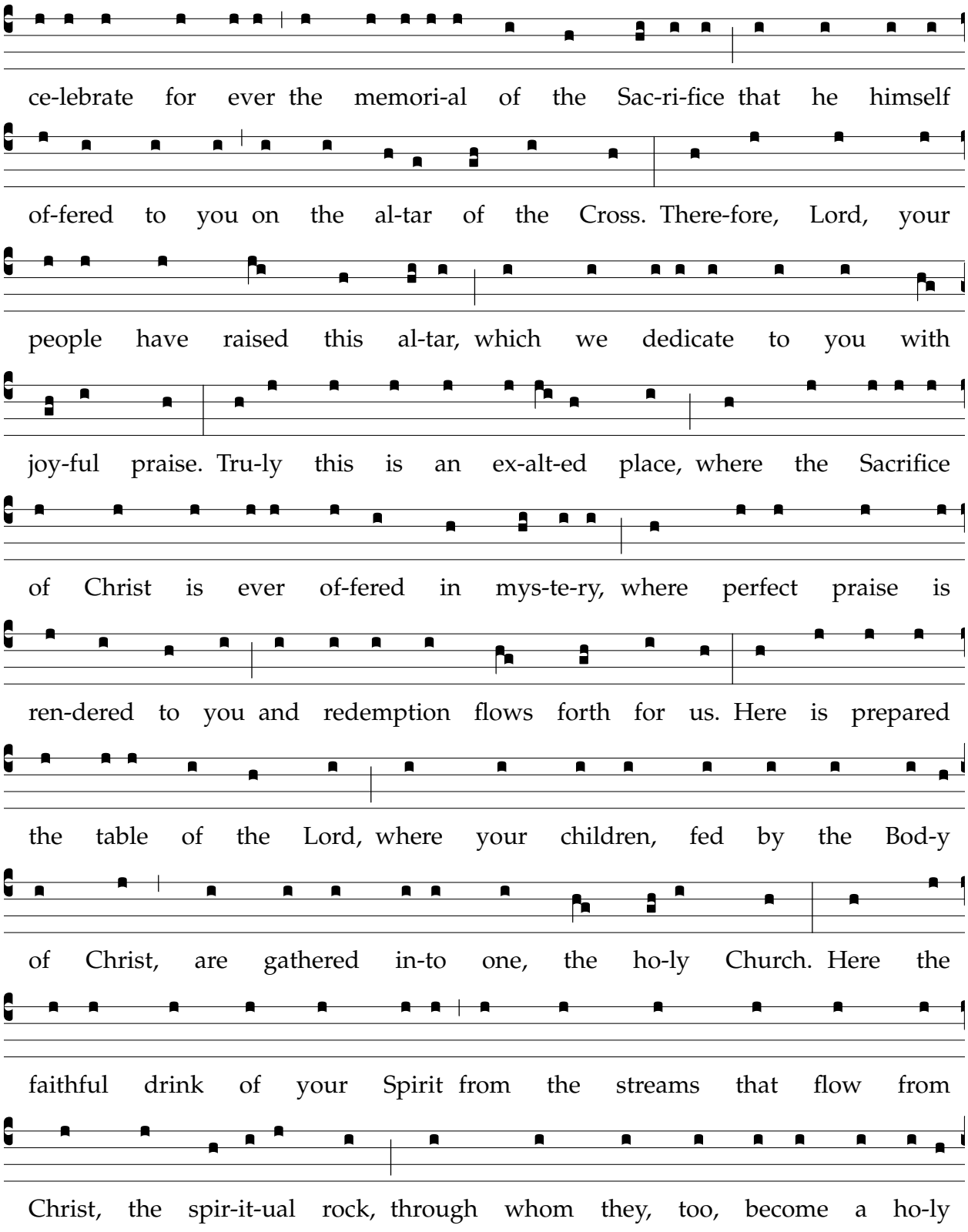
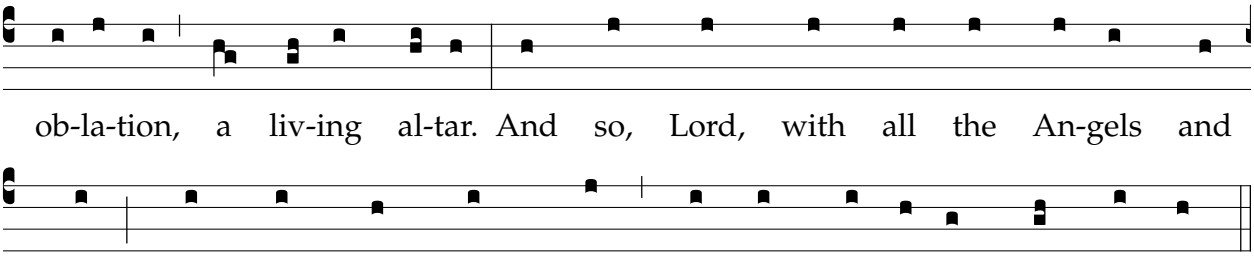
THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

Christ himself is the Altar




ce-lebrate for ever the memori-al of the Sac-ri-fice that he himself
of-fered to you on the al-tar of the Cross. There-fore, Lord, your
people have raised this al-tar, which we dedicate to you with
joy-ful praise. Tru-ly this is an ex-alt-ed place, where the Sacrifice
of Christ is ever of-fered in mys-te-ry, where perfect praise is
ren-dered to you and redemption flows forth for us. Here is prepared
the table of the Lord, where your children, fed by the Bod-y
of Christ, are gathered in-to one, the ho-ly Church. Here the
faithful drink of your Spirit from the streams that flow from
Christ, the spir-it-ual rock, through whom they, too, become a ho-ly


ob-la-tion, a liv-ing al-tar. And so, Lord, with all the An-gels and
Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exul-ta-tion we ac-claim: