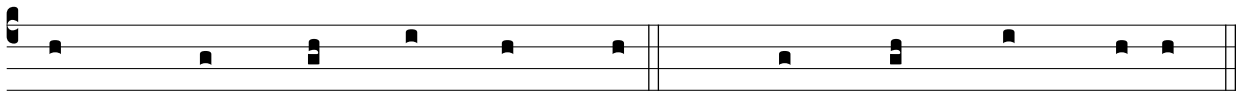
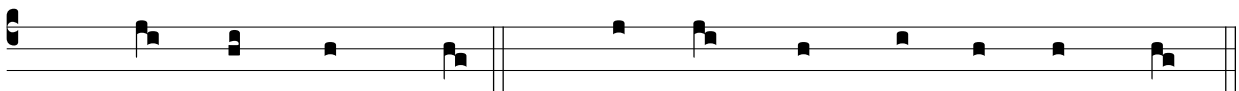


THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

Christ himself is the Altar



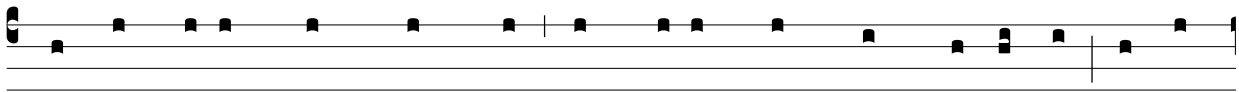
∇. The Lord be with you. Ṙ. And with your spir-it.



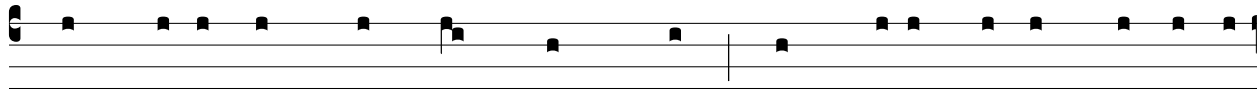
∇. Lift up your hearts. Ṙ. We lift them up to the Lord.



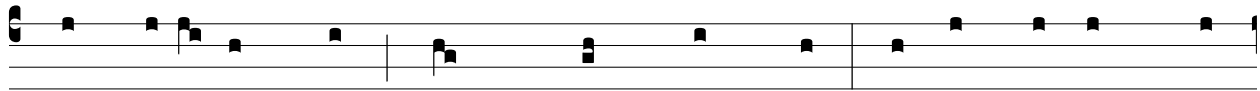
∇. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ṙ. It is right and just.



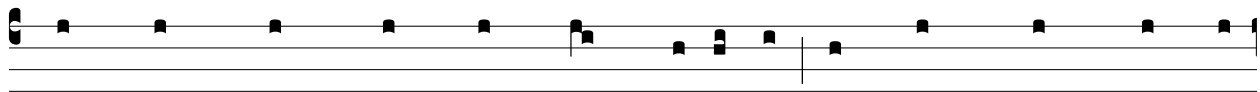
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways



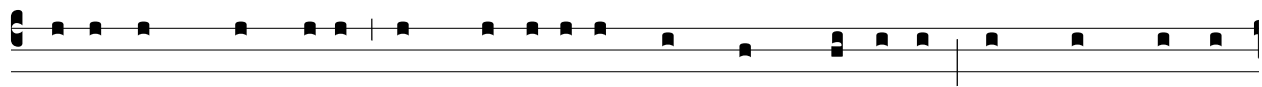
and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty



and e-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. Hav-ing become both



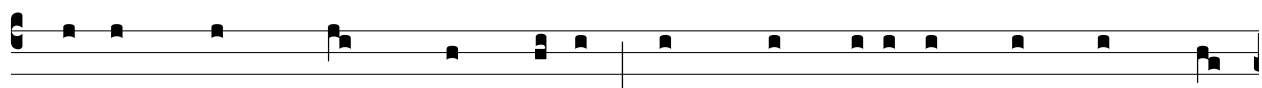
the true Priest and the true ob-la-tion, he has taught us to



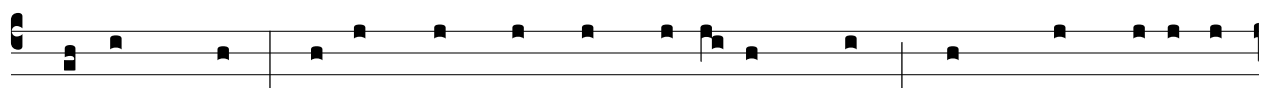
ce-lebrate for ever the memori-al of the Sac-ri-fice that he himself



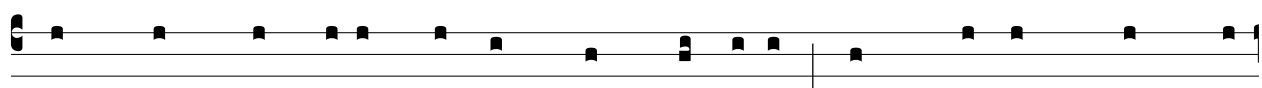
of-fered to you on the al-tar of the Cross. There-fore, Lord, your



people have raised this al-tar, which we dedicate to you with



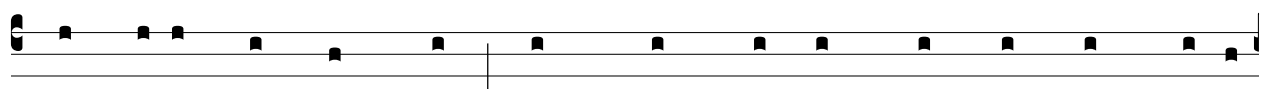
joy-ful praise. Tru-ly this is an ex-alt-ed place, where the Sacrifice



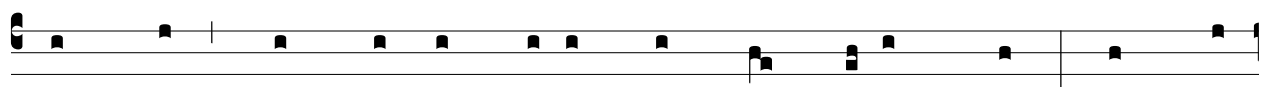
of Christ is ever of-fered in mys-te-ry, where perfect praise is



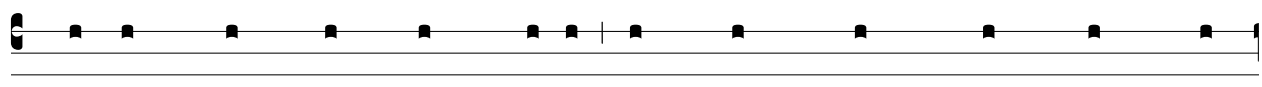
ren-dered to you and redemption flows forth for us. Here is prepared



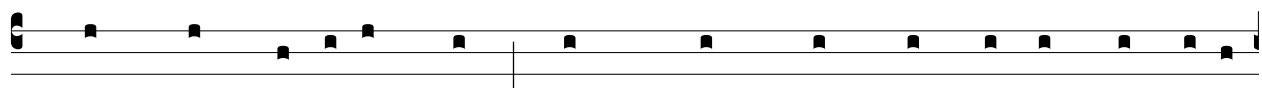
the table of the Lord, where your children, fed by the Bod-y



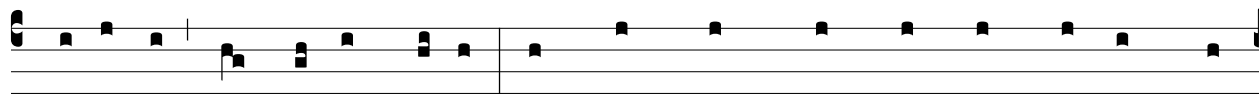
of Christ, are gathered in-to one, the ho-ly Church. Here the



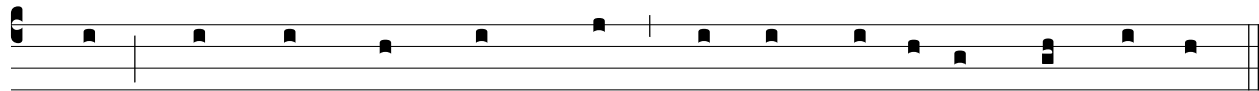
faithful drink of your Spirit from the streams that flow from



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: