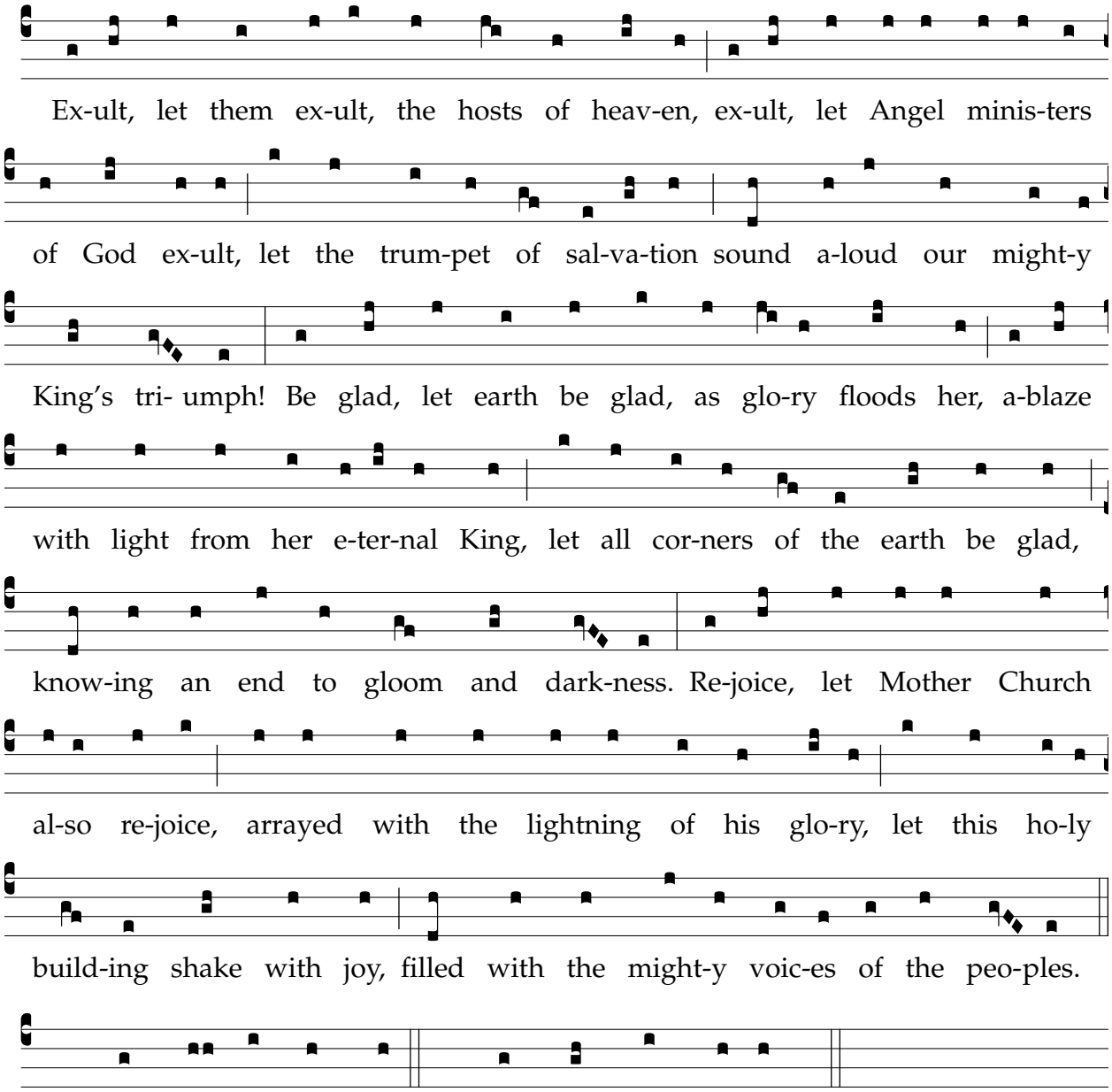
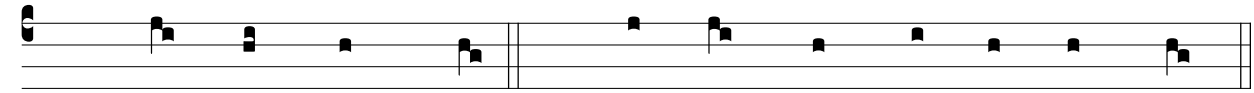
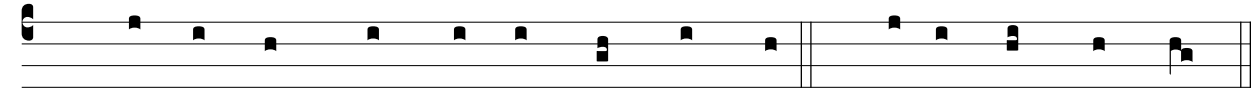
Shorter form of the Easter Proclamation



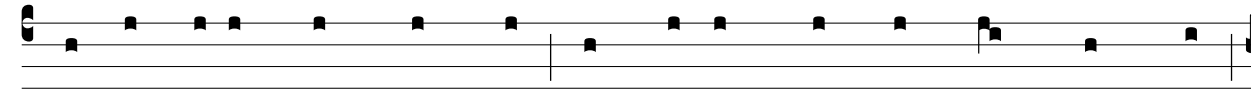
(℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And with your spir-it.-)



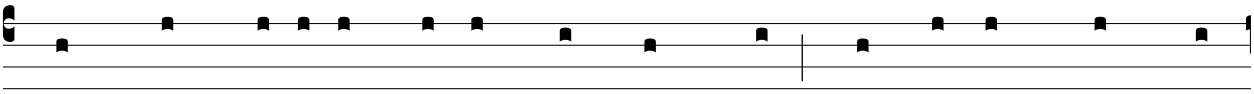
℣. Lift up your hearts. ℟. We lift them up to the Lord.



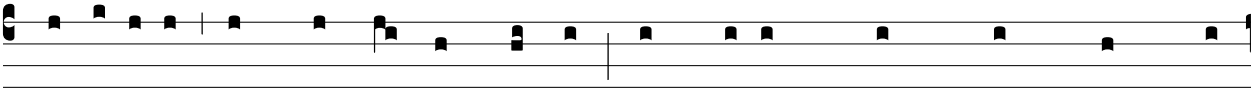
℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟. It is right and just.



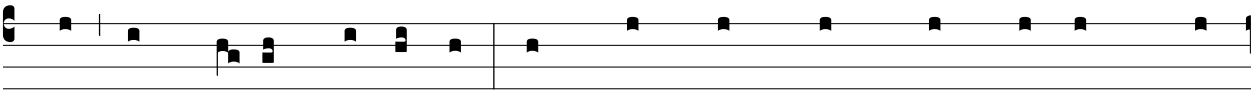
It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart



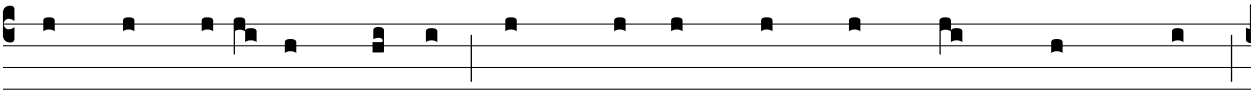
and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God



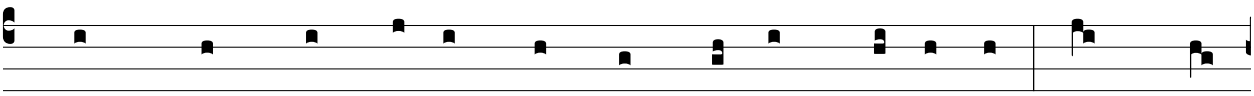
in-vis-i-ble, the al-might-y Fa-ther, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his



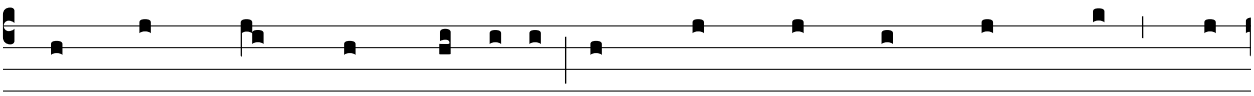
Son, his On-ly Be-got-ten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt



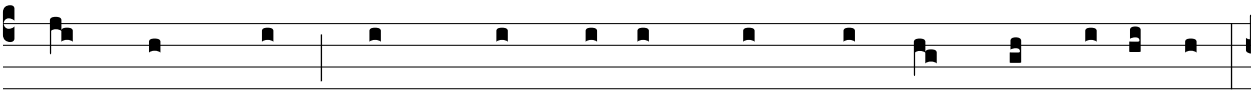
to the e-ter-nal Fa-ther, and, pouring out his own dear Blood,



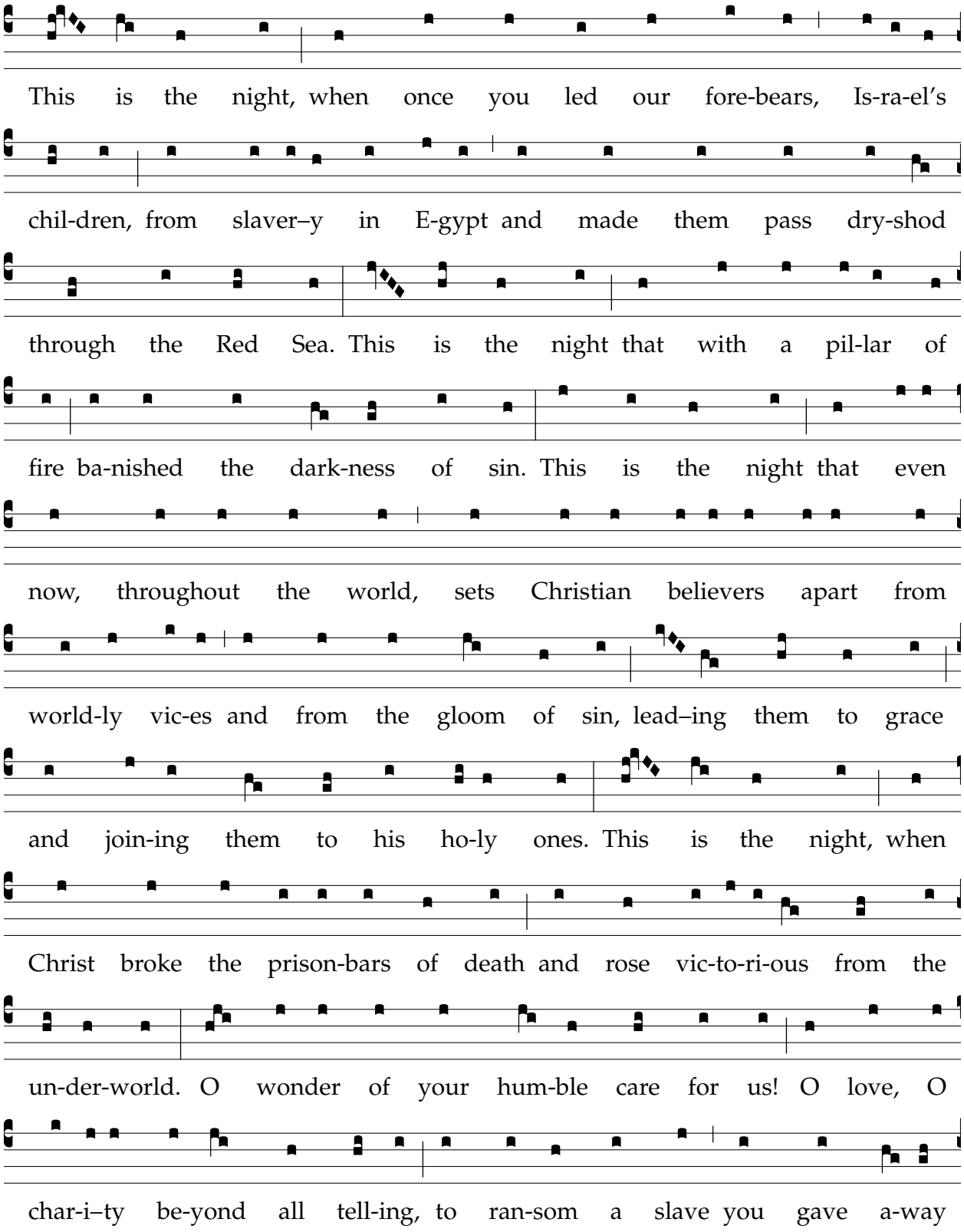
wiped clean the re-cord of our an-cient sin-ful-ness. These then

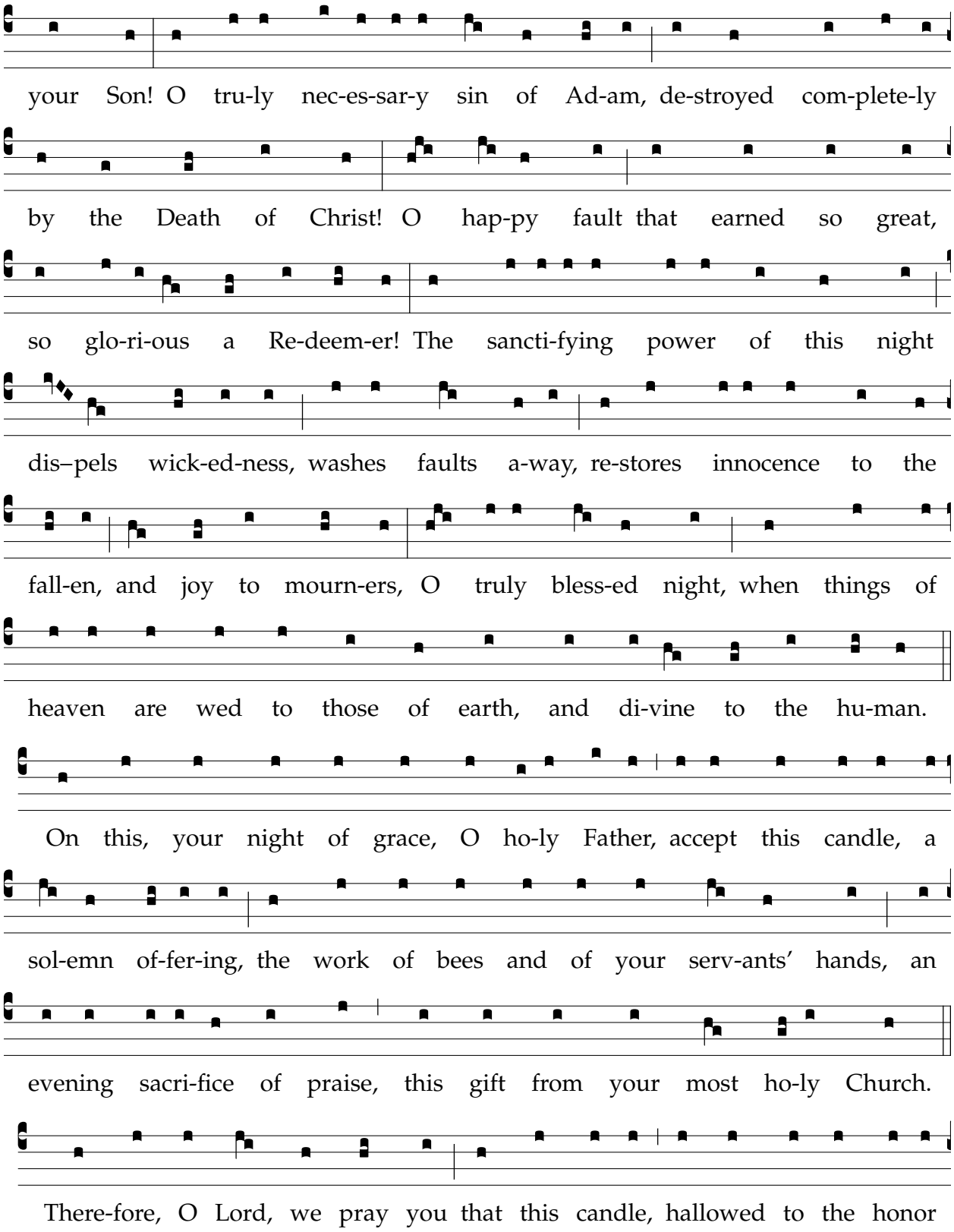


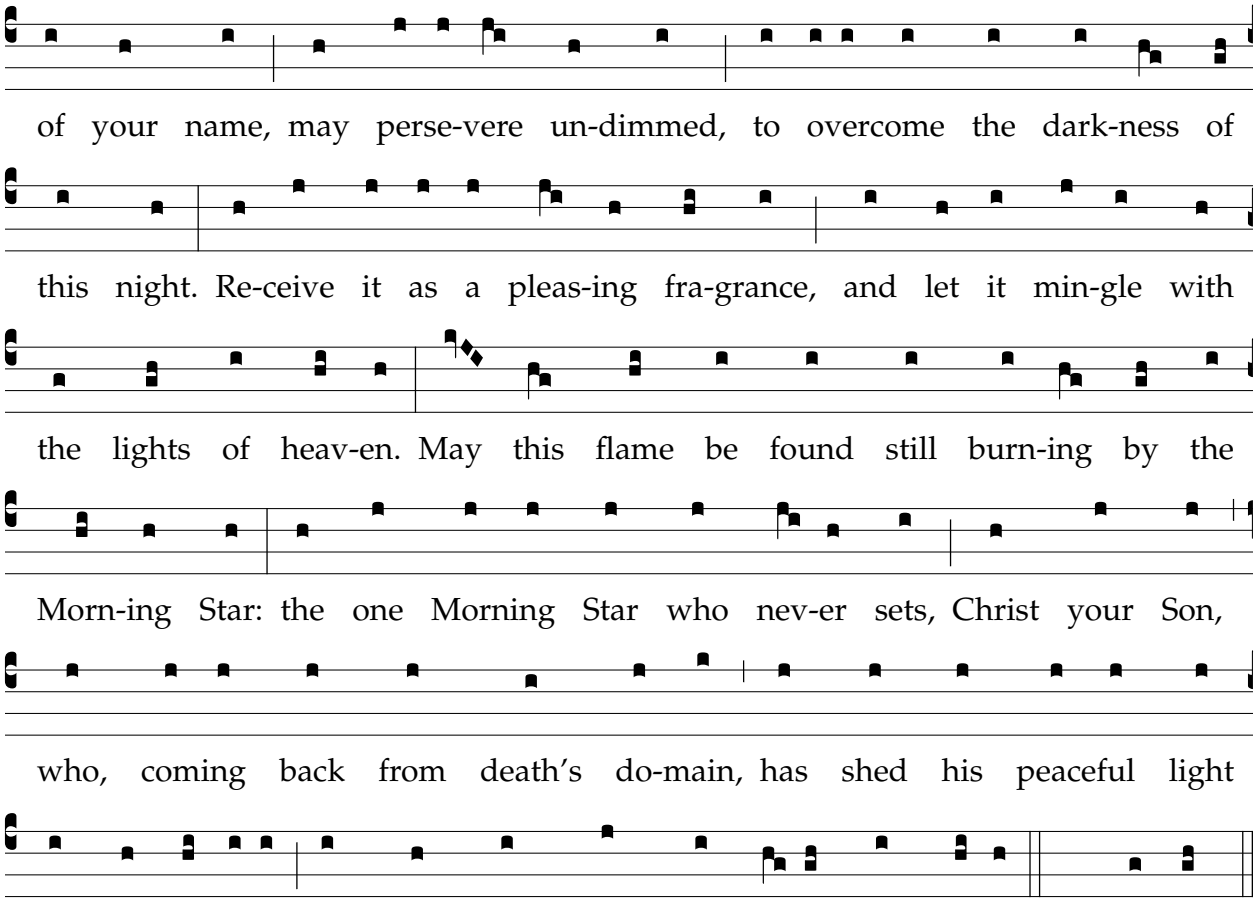
are the feasts of Pass-o-ver, in which is slain the Lamb, the



one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the door-posts of be-lie-vers.

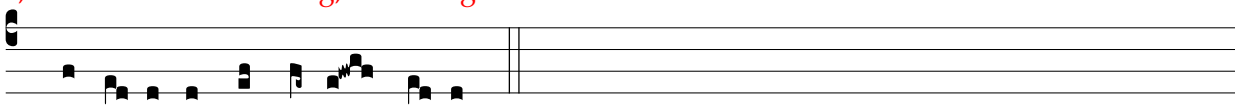
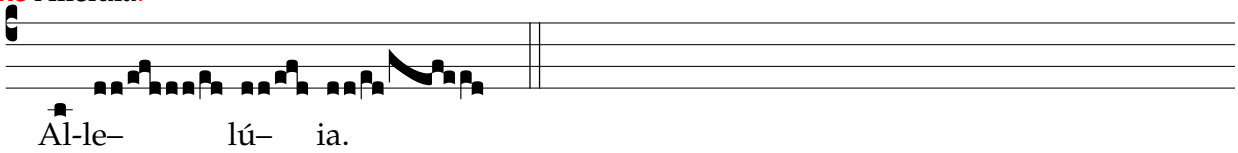

This is the night, when once you led our fore-bears, Is-ra-el's
chil-dren, from slaver–y in E-gypt and made them pass dry-shod
through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pil-lar of
fire ba-nished the dark-ness of sin. This is the night that even
now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from
world-ly vic-es and from the gloom of sin, lead–ing them to grace
and join-ing them to his ho-ly ones. This is the night, when
Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose vic-to-ri-ous from the
un-der-world. O wonder of your hum-ble care for us! O love, O
char-i–ty be-yond all tell-ing, to ran-som a slave you gave a-way


your Son! O tru-ly nec-es-sar-y sin of Ad-am, de-stroyed com-plete-ly
by the Death of Christ! O hap-py fault that earned so great,
so glo-ri-ous a Re-deem-er! The sancti-fying power of this night
dis–pels wick-ed-ness, washes faults a-way, re-stores innocence to the
fall-en, and joy to mourn-ers, O truly bless-ed night, when things of
heaven are wed to those of earth, and di-vine to the hu-man.
On this, your night of grace, O ho-ly Father, accept this candle, a
sol-emn of-fer-ing, the work of bees and of your serv-ants' hands, an
evening sacri-fice of praise, this gift from your most ho-ly Church.
There-fore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor



LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the last reading from the Old Testament with its Responsorial Psalm and its prayer, the altar candles are lit, and the Priest intones the hymn Gloria in excelsis Deo, which is taken up by all, while the bells are rung, according to local custom.



After the Epistle has been read, all rise, and the Priest three times, raising his voice by a step each time, solemnly intones Alleluia, which all repeat. If necessary, the psalmist intones the Alleluia.