

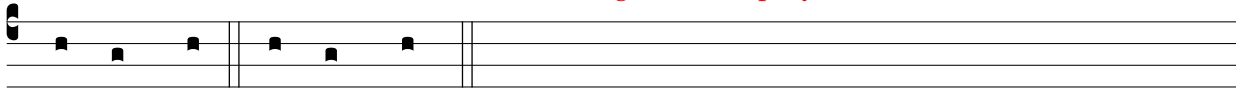
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The Solemn Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Solemn Intercessions, which take place in this way: the Deacon, if a Deacon is present, or if he is not, a lay minister, stands at the ambo, and sings or says the invitation in which the intention is expressed. Then all pray in silence for a while, and afterwards the Priest, standing at the chair or, if appropriate, at the altar, with hands extended, sings or says the prayer.

The faithful may remain either kneeling or standing throughout the entire period of the prayers.

Before the Priest's prayer, in accord with tradition, it is permissible to use the Deacon's invitations **Let us kneel – Let us stand**, with all kneeling for silent prayer.



Let us kneel. Let us stand.

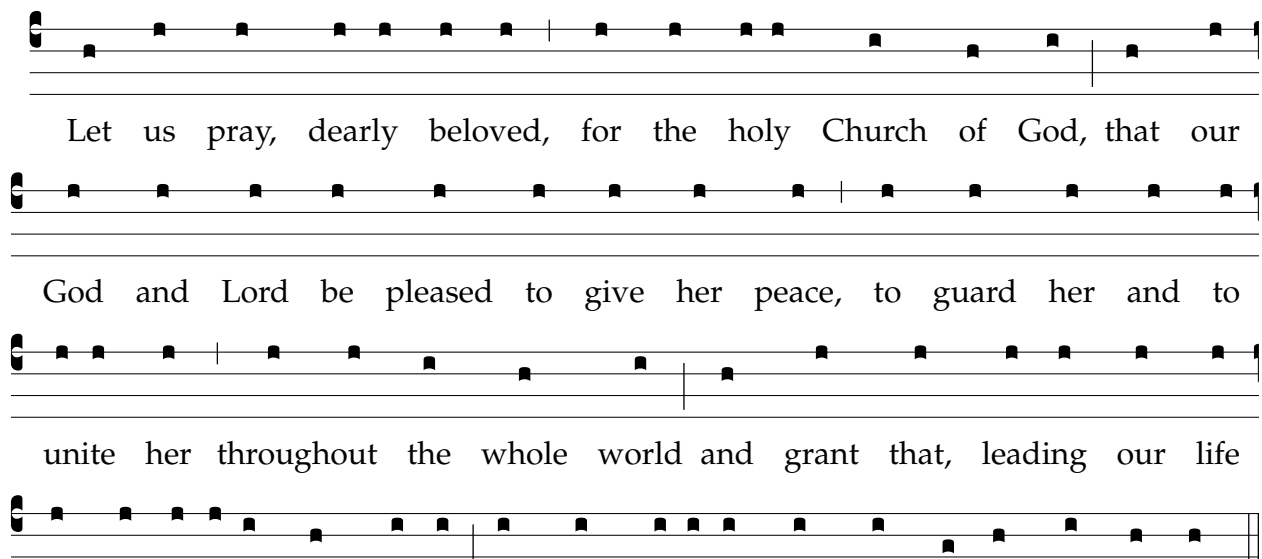
The Conferences of Bishops may provide other invitations to introduce the prayer of the Priest.

In a situation of grave public need, the Diocesan Bishop may permit or order the addition of a special intention.

I. For Holy Church

The prayer is sung in the simple tone or, if the invitations **Let us kneel – Let us stand** are used, in the solemn tone.

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



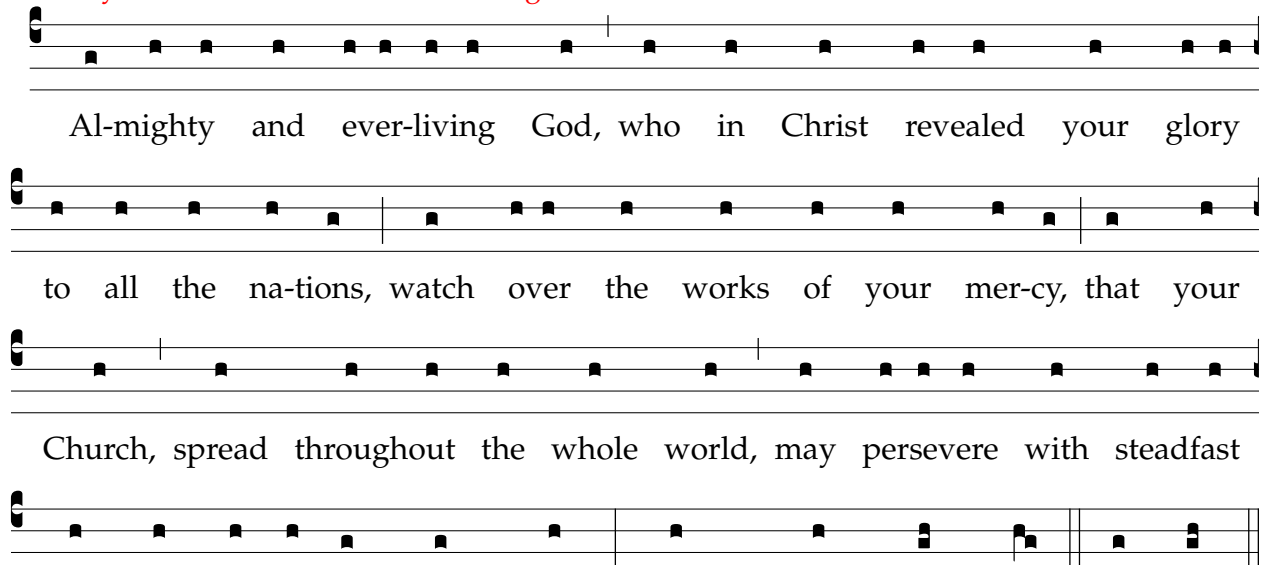
Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our

God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to

unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life

in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Almighty and ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory

to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your

Church, spread throughout the whole world, may persevere with steadfast

faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* A-men.