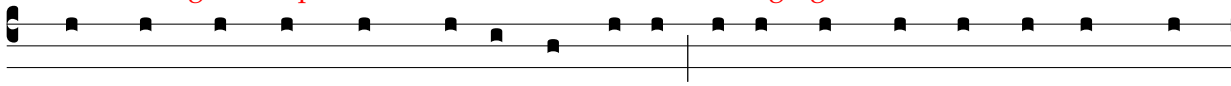


THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

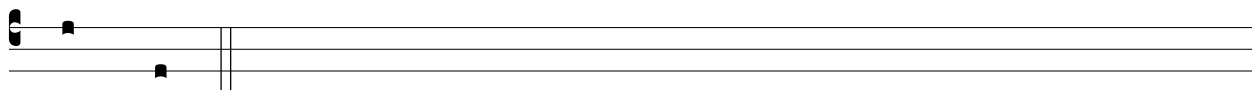
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The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

The Priest lights the paschal candle from the new fire, singing



May the light of Christ ris-ing in glo-ry dispel the darkness of our hearts



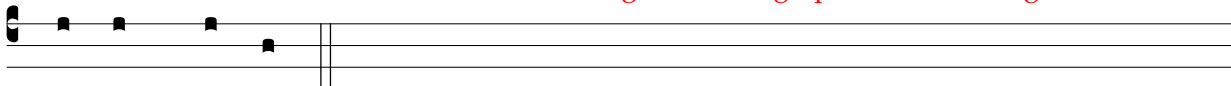
and minds.

As regards the preceding elements, Conferences of Bishops may also establish other forms more adapted to the culture of the different peoples.

Procession

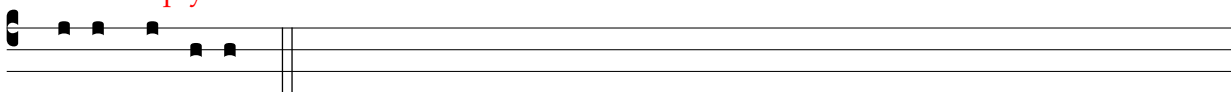
When the candle has been lit, one of the ministers takes burning coals from the fire and places them in the thurible, and the Priest puts incense into it in the usual way. The Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, another suitable minister, takes the paschal candle and a procession forms. The thurifier with the smoking thurible precedes the Deacon or other minister who carries the paschal candle. After them follows the Priest with the ministers and the people, all holding in their hands unlit candles.

At the door of the church the Deacon, standing and raising up the candle, sings:



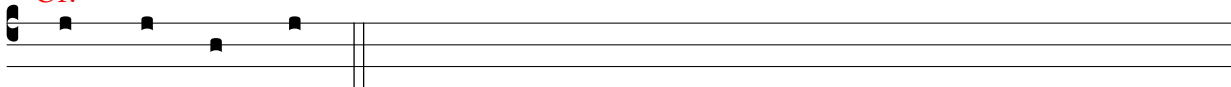
Lu-men Chris-ti.

And all reply:



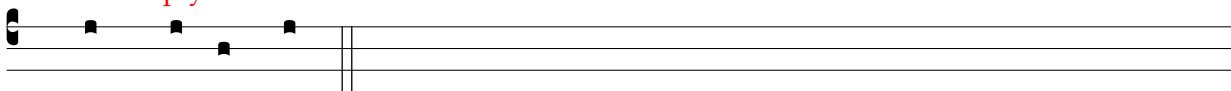
De-o grá-ti-as.

Or:



The Light of Christ.

And all reply:



Thanks be to God.