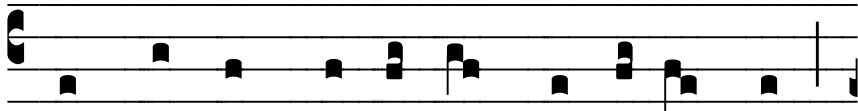


Re-joyce and be glad now, Mother Church,



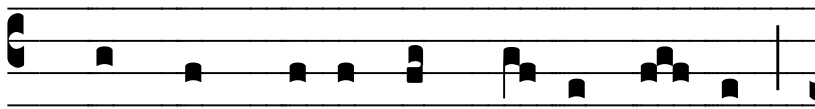
and let your ho- ly courts in radiant light,



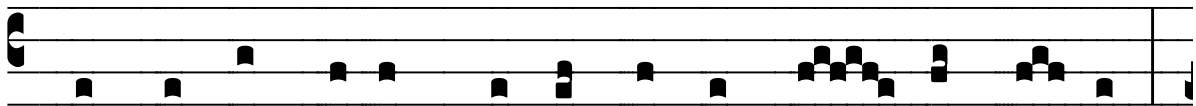
re-sound with the praises of your people.



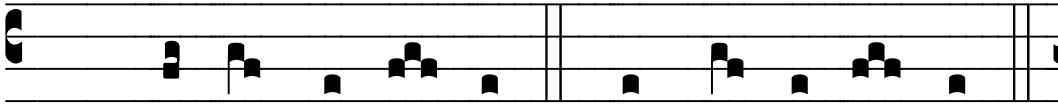
All you who stand near this marvel-ous and ho- ly flame,



pray with me to God the Almighty,



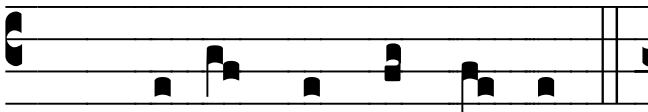
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.



✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And al- so with you.



[✠ Lift up your hearts.



✠ We lift them to the Lord.]



✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

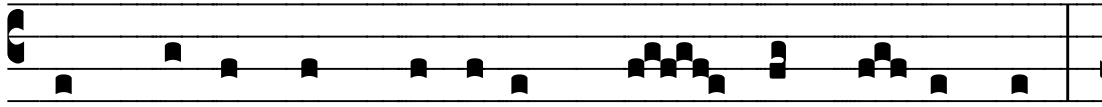


✠ It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is tru-ly right and good, always and everywhere,





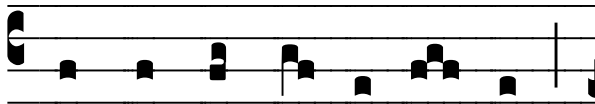
and by his blood de- livered your faithful people.



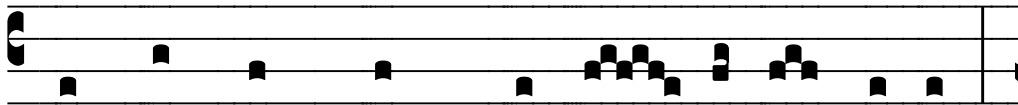
This is the night



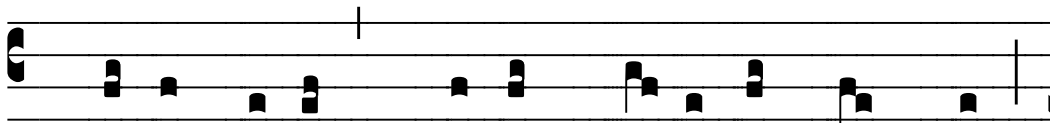
when you brought our forebears, the children of Is- ra- el,



out of bondage in E- gypt,

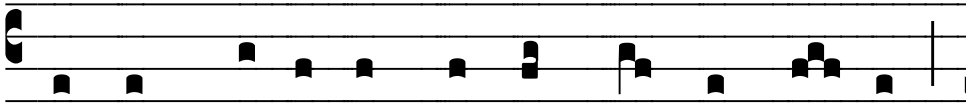


and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

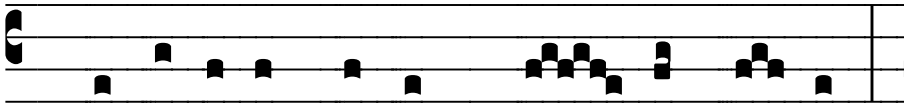


This is the night when all who be- lieve in Christ,

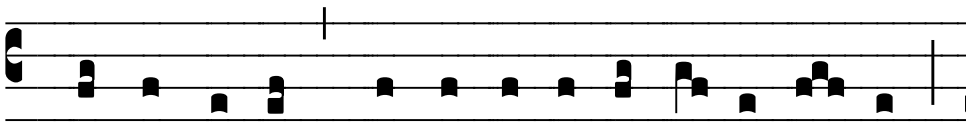




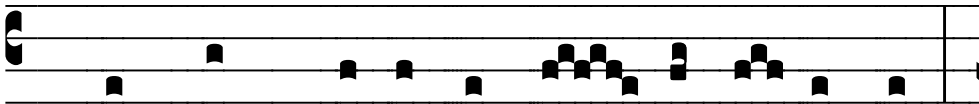
is your mercy and lov- ing kindness to us,



that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.



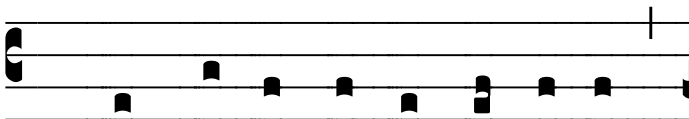
[O happy fault, O ne-cessa-ry sin of A- dam,



which gained for us so great a Re- deemer.]



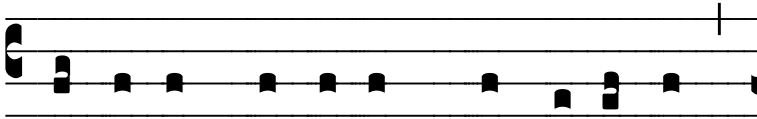
How ho- ly is this night



when wickedness is put to flight,



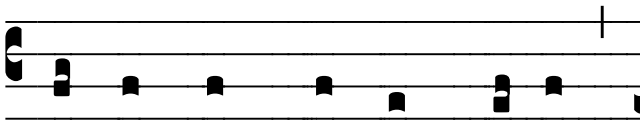
and sin is washed a- way.



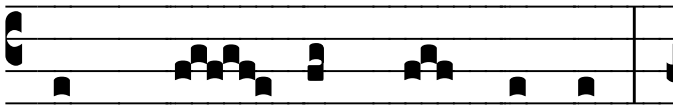
It restores innocence to the fall-en,



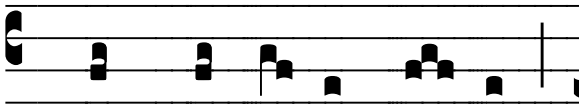
and joy to those who mourn.



It casts out pride and hatred,

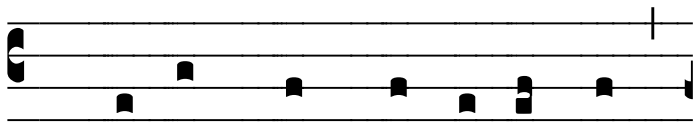


and brings peace and concord.

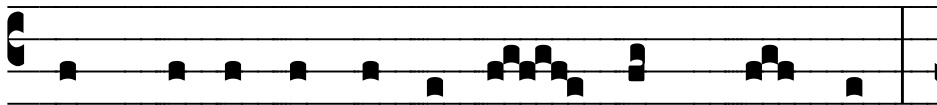


How blessed is this night,





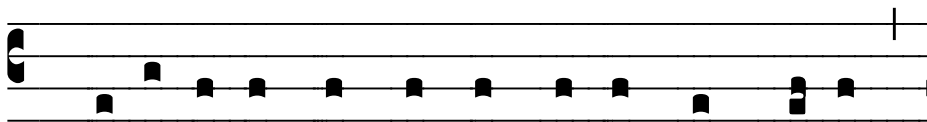
when earth and heaven are joined,



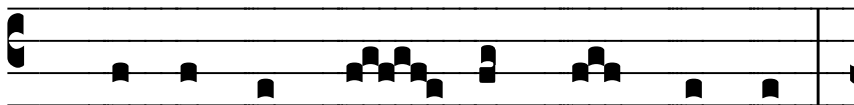
and humankind is re-con- ciled with God.



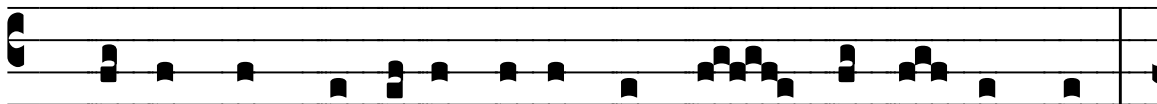
Ho-ly Father, accept our evening sa-cri- fice,



the offer-ing of this candle in your honor,



[the work of the bees your crea-tures.]



May it shine continually to drive a- way all darkness.

