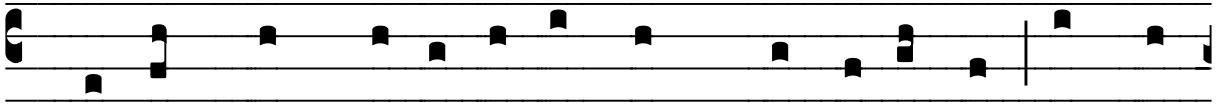


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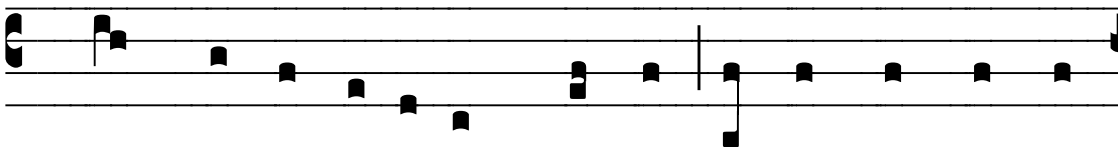
Re-joyce now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let



your trumpets shout salva-tion for the victo-ry of our



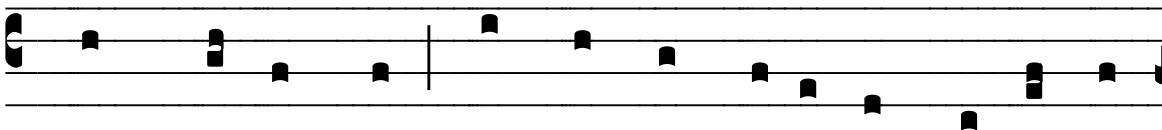
mighty King. Re-joyce and sing now, all the round earth,



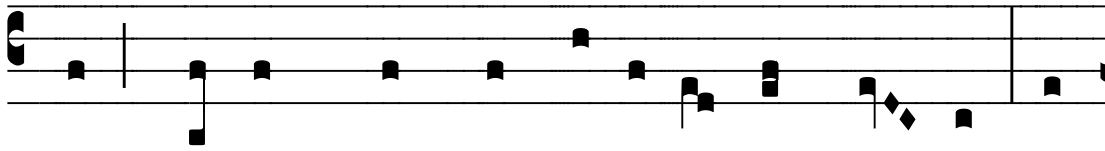
bright with a glo-ri-ous splendor, for darkness has been



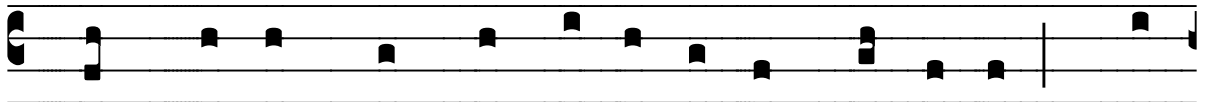
vanquished by our e-ternal King. Re-joyce and be glad



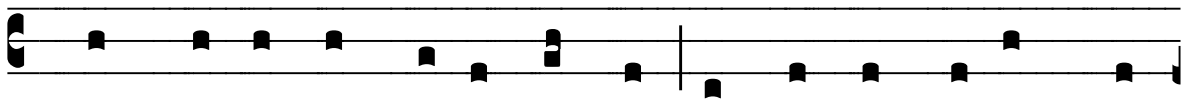
now, Mother Church, and let your ho-ly courts in ra-diant



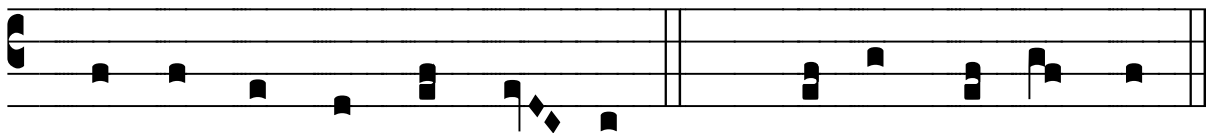
light, re-sound with the prai-ses of your peo-ple. All



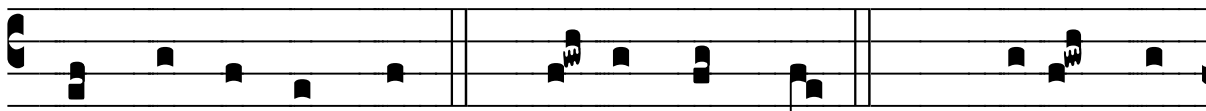
you who stand near this marvel-ous and ho-ly flame, pray



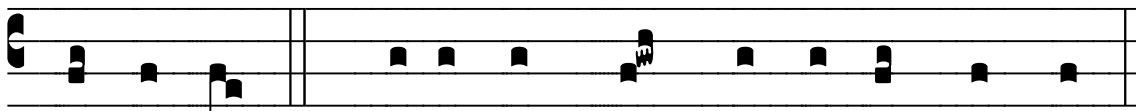
with me to God the Almighty, for the grace to sing the



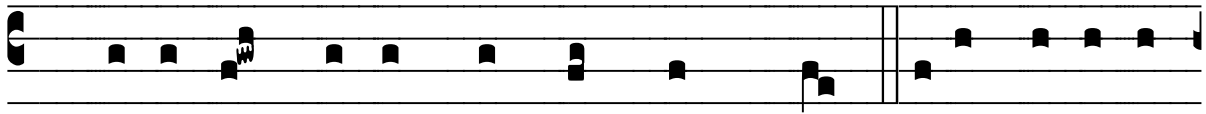
worthy praise of this great light. ✠ The Lord be with you.



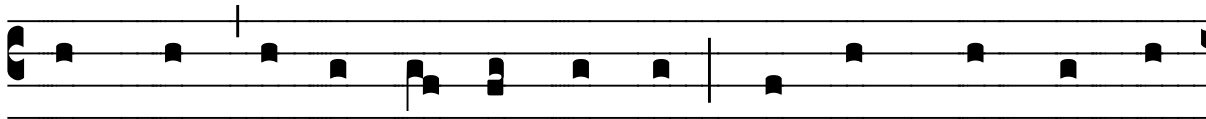
℞ And al-so with you. [✠ Lift up your hearts. ℞ We lift them



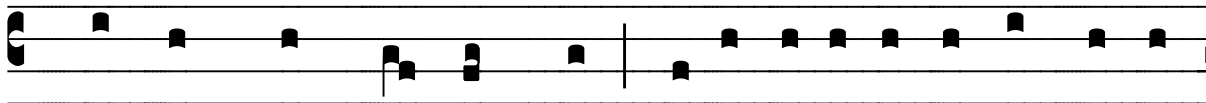
to the Lord.] ✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



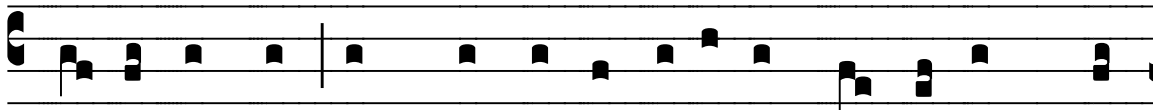
It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right



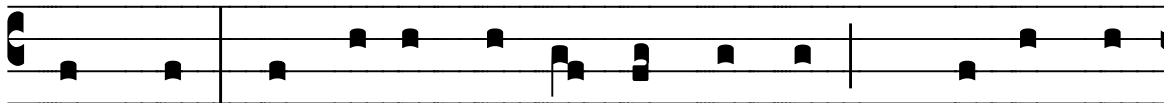
and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and



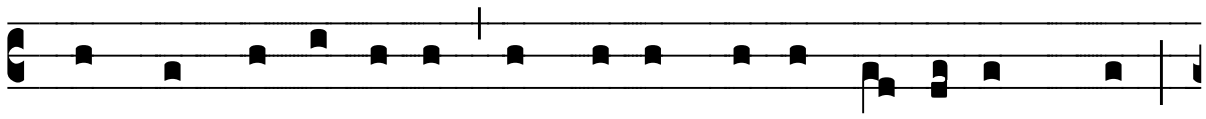
mind and voice to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and



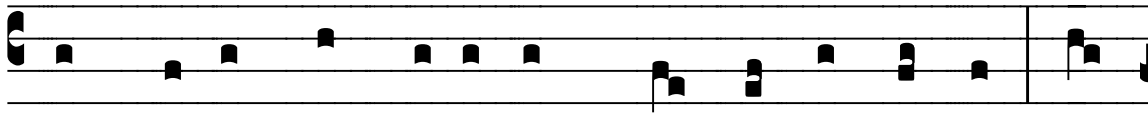
eternal God, and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ



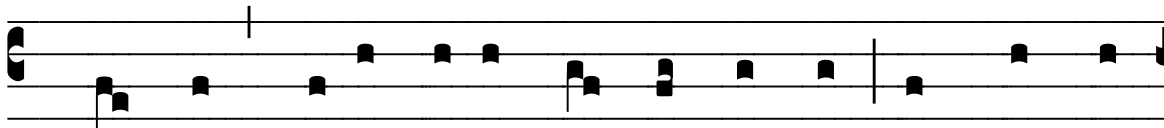
our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the



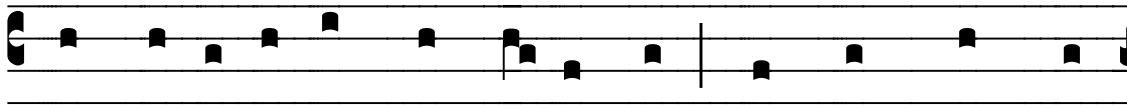
feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,



and by his blood de-liv-ered your faithful people. [Now



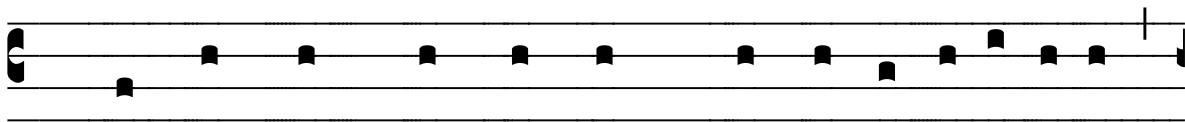
there-fore, we sa-cri-fice our Paschal feast, in which for



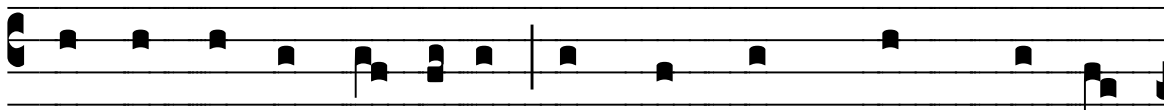
us the ve-ry Lamb of God is slain, by whose blood his



faithful people are made ho-ly.] This is the night



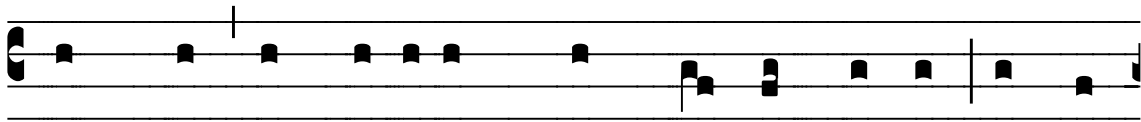
when you brought our forebears, the children of Isra- el,



out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red



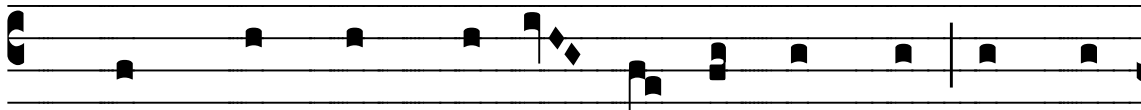
Sea on dry land. This is the night when all who be-lieve



in Christ, are de-livered from the gloom of sin, and are



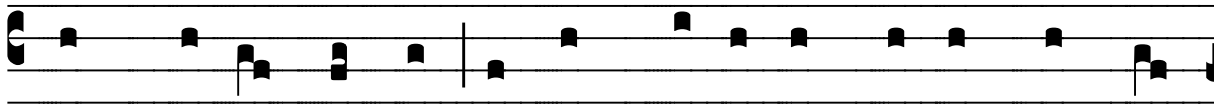
restored to grace and ho-li-ness of life. This is the night



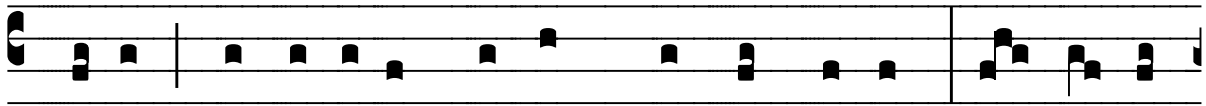
when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose



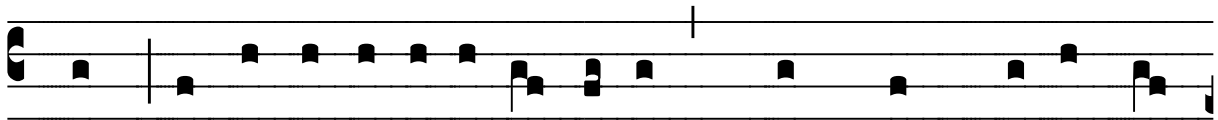
vic-tor-ious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond



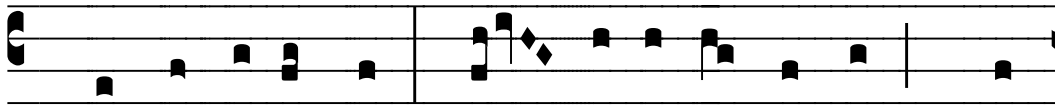
our knowing, O God, is your mercy and lov-ing kindness



to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. [O happy



fault, O ne-cessa-ry sin of Adam, which gained for us so



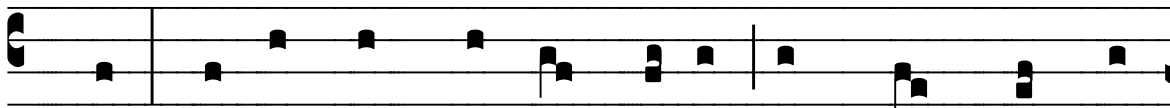
great a Redeemer.] How ho-ly is this night when



wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away.



It restores innocence to the fall-en, and joy to those who



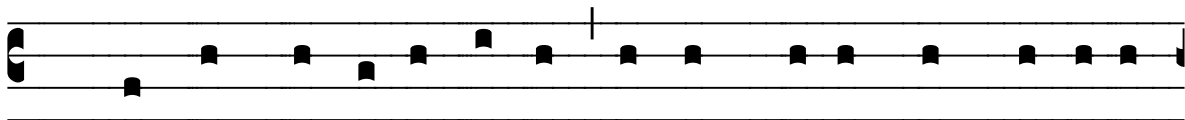
mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and



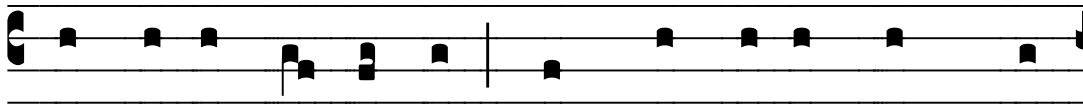
concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and



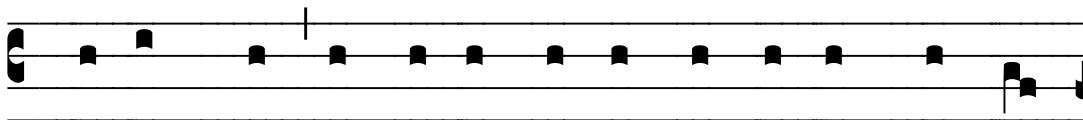
hea-ven are joined, and we are reconciled with God.



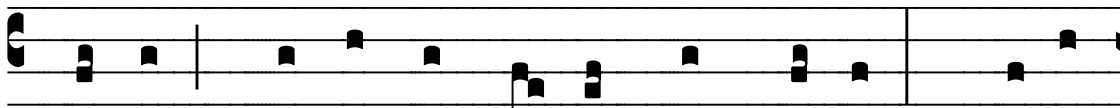
[Therefore, O ho-ly Father, accept the evening sacri-fice



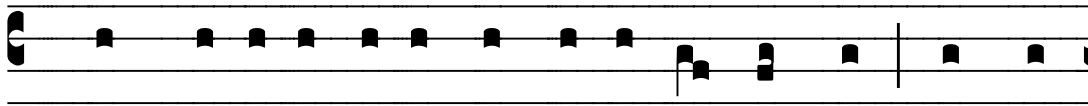
of this lighted candle, which your ho-ly Church makes



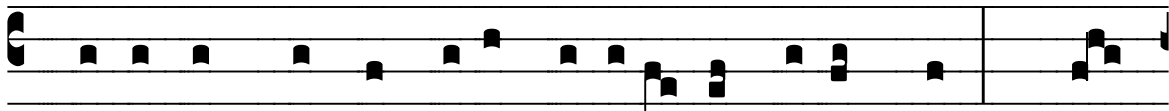
be-fore you, and offers to you by the hands of your



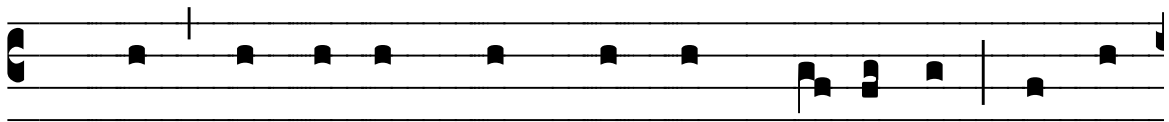
servants, the work of the bees your creatures.] May it



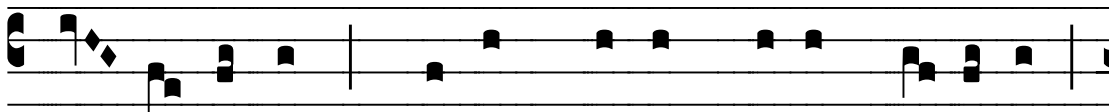
shine continually to drive away all darkness, [as we



celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption.] May



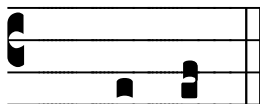
Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it



ever burning, who gives his light to all creation,



and who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.



Rx. Amen.

This version is based on the Exsultet in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Additions from traditional texts are enclosed within brackets. Several phrases come from the “Nashotah Version” (1977) edited by Louis Weil and Lewis Singh. I have also changed the chant in a few places to correspond with the traditional Roman melody.

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