

SERVICE OF LIGHT

INTRODUCTORY VERSE

The assisting minister, raising the lighted candle, or after the lighted candle has been placed in its stand, or as the candle is lighted, sings one of the following:

Minister: All:

A

Light and peace from Je-sus Christ our Lord. Thanks— be to God.

Minister:

B

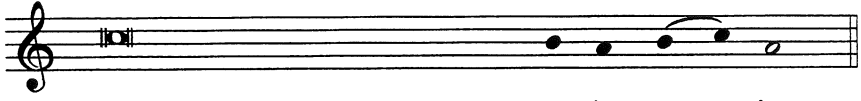
The light of Christ shines in the dark - ness.

All:

A light no dark - ness can ov - er - come.


Minister:

C



From the rising of the sun to its set - ting.


All:



May the name of the Lord be praised.


Minister:

D



Jesus Christ is the light — of the world.

All:



A light no darkness can ex - tin - guish.

EVENING HYMN

A hymn appropriate to Evening Prayer, the season, or the feast is sung.

When the service of light is celebrated, the *Phos Hilaron* or a similar hymn may be sung. During the hymn other candles may be lighted.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The assisting minister then sings the prayer of thanksgiving for light, the people responding. One of the following thanksgivings is used:

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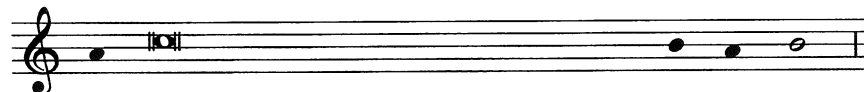
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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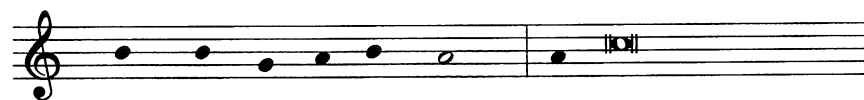


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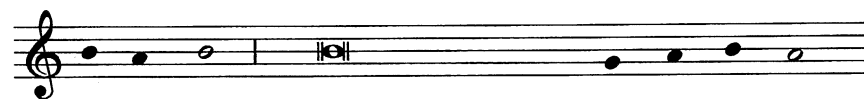
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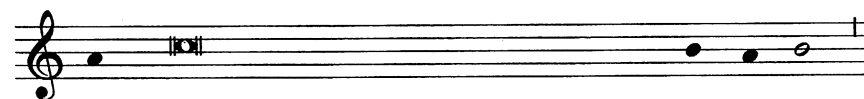
We give you thanks and praise, O God of end-less light,



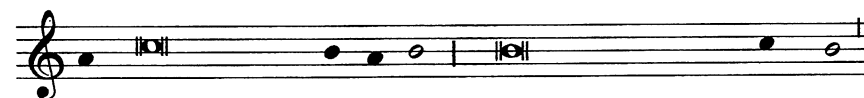
through our Lord Je-sus Christ. In him your light shines



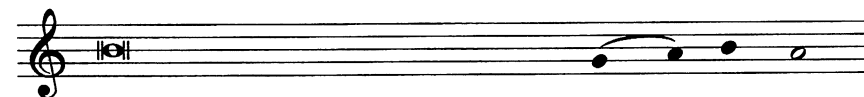
in our hearts and reveals the light that nev-er fades.



As daylight comes to an end and darkness be-gins to fall,



we thank you for the light of day, created for our work and plea-sure,



and bless you for the gift of this even-ing light.

All praise to you, O God, through Je-sus Christ, your Son:

through him all glory and hon - or is yours,

with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church

All
now and for ev - er. A - men._____

B ORDINARY TIME II

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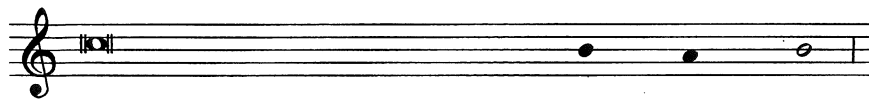
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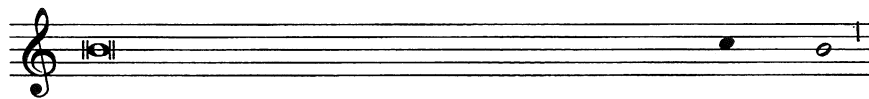
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We give you thanks and praise, O God without beginning

and with - out end. Through your Son, Je - sus Christ,



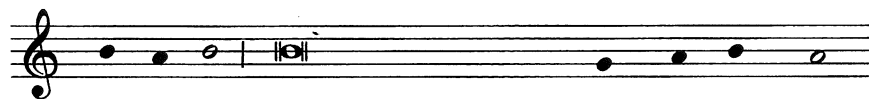
you have created and pre - served the world;



Father of Christ and the giver of the Spir - it,



you rule ov - er all cre - ation. The day you have made for the



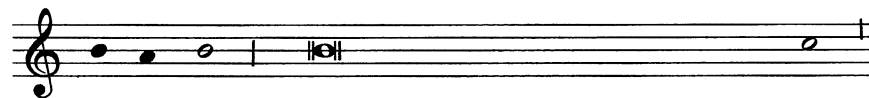
works of light and the night for our re - fresh - ment and strength.



O Lord of love and source of all good, receive our evening sa - cri -



fice of praise. You have guided us through this day to the begin



ning of night; grant us, in Christ, an evening filled with peace



and a night free from sin; and when at last we come to

our own end, bring us into the everlasting life of your kingdom,

where you live and reign with Jesus Christ, your Son,

in the unity of the Holy Spir - it, God for ev - er and

ev - er. A - men. —

C ORDINARY TIME III

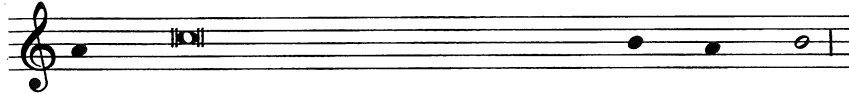
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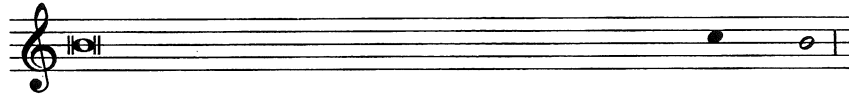
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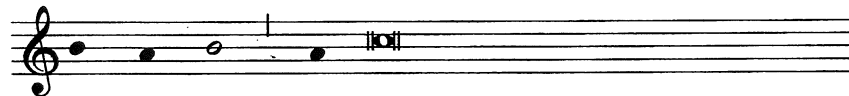
Bless - ed are you, Lord God of all cre - ation.



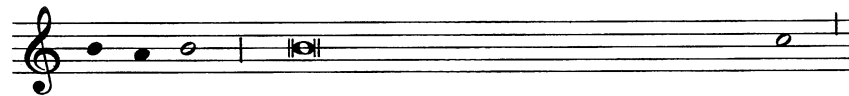
In the beginning you separated light from dark - ness



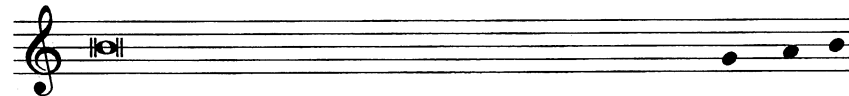
and placed all your works in our hands. You have given us the



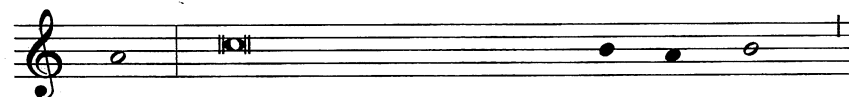
light of day that we might see your wonders in all we



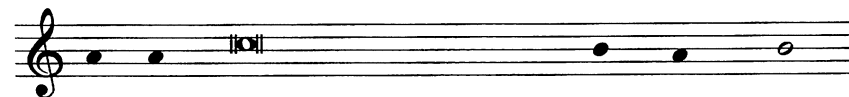
say and do; you give us the gentle darkness of the night



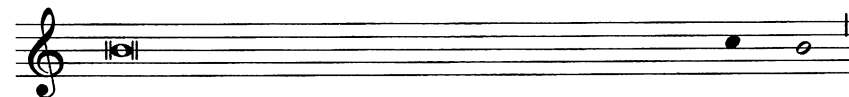
that we might rest from our burdens and be refreshed in bod - y and



spirit. Break through the darkness of our sins



with the splendor of your mer - cy and love.



Send your light to dispel our fears and anx - i - eties

and fill us with hope— and joy. Glor - y, praise, and honor are
yours, O God, through Je - sus Christ our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spir - it, now and for ev - er.
All
A - men.——

D ORDINARY TIME IV

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Bless-ed are you, God of heaven, and praised be the glor - y

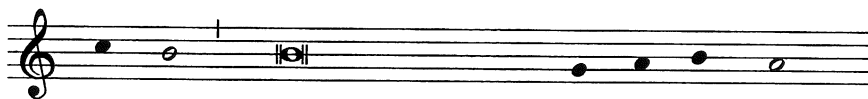
of your majesty. You made light shine forth over the whole world:



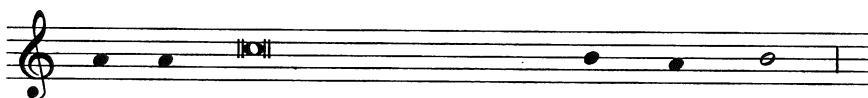
the sun to rule the day, the moon and stars, the night.



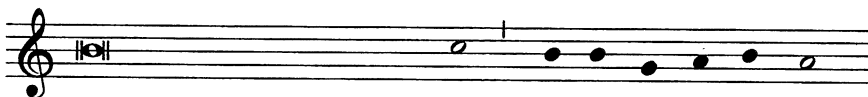
Let this candle give light in our midst and mingle with the lights of



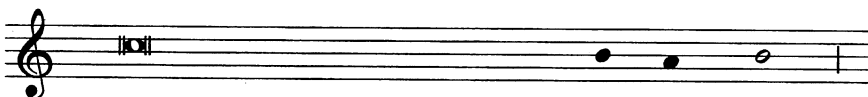
heav - en to dispel the dark - ness of the night.



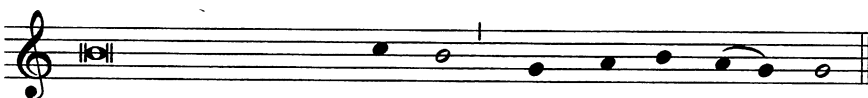
God of glory, fill our hearts with your light,



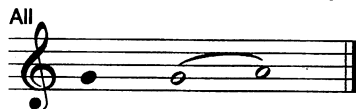
so that with all the an - gels and saints we may sing with one voice:



Blessed is your holy and glo - ri - ous name,



Father, Son, and Holy Spir - it, now and for ev - er.



A - men. _____

E ORDINARY TIME V

Assistant/Presider



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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Praised and exalted are you, O God! Through all eternity you live in unap -



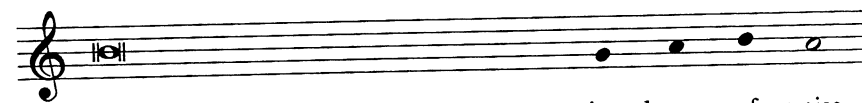
proach - a - ble light. In your wisdom you crea - ted the universe,



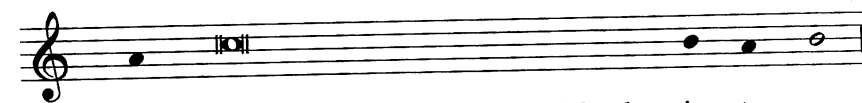
separating light from darkness, giving the sun charge of the day,



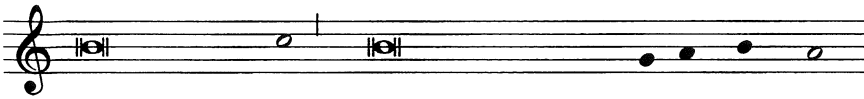
and the moon and stars, the night. As day comes to an end,



we come before you with our even - ing hymns of praise.



Through - out this evening and the night that is to come,



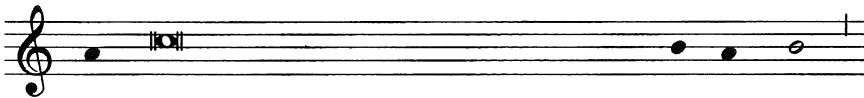
fill us with your peace and clothe us in the ar - mor of your light.



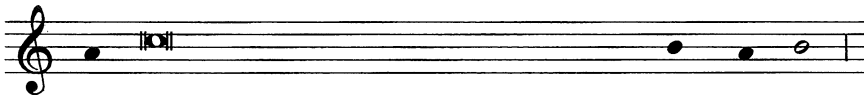
Give us sleep to soothe our weakness, and keep your name ev - er be -



fore us. Then, filled with peace and joy, we shall rise to praise your name.



For you are good and full of love for us, O God,



and we give you glory, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spirit,
All



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Assistant/President



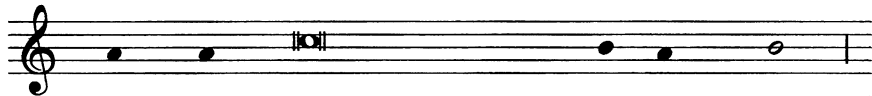
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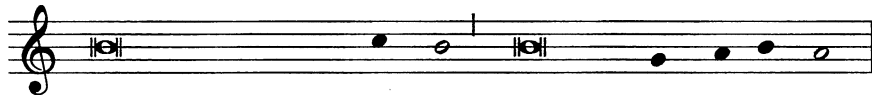


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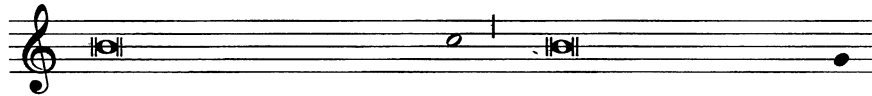
From the rising of the sun to its setting



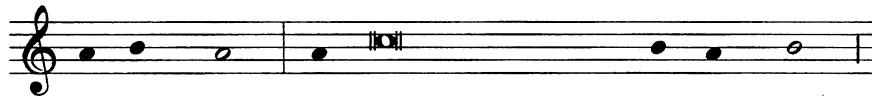
your name is praised and glo- rified, O God of splen- dor and light.



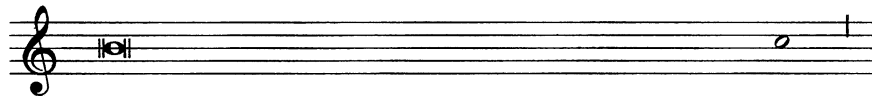
In the midst of the dark- ness of sin, you promised to send us a savior



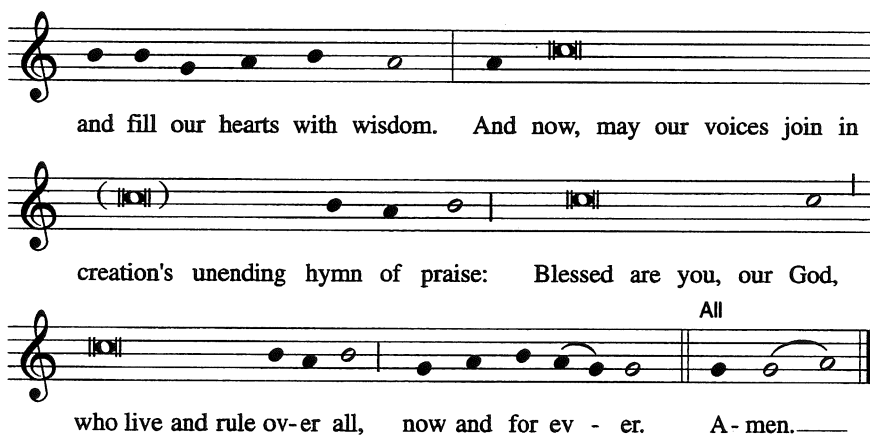
who would conquer sin and death and show forth the glor - y



of your kingdom. As we await the coming of Christ,



may this light rekindle our faith and hope



and fill our hearts with wisdom. And now, may our voices join in
creation's unending hymn of praise: Blessed are you, our God,
All
who live and rule ov-er all, now and for ev - er. A - men. —

G ADVENT II

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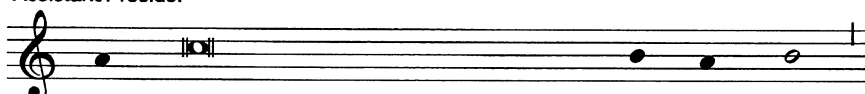
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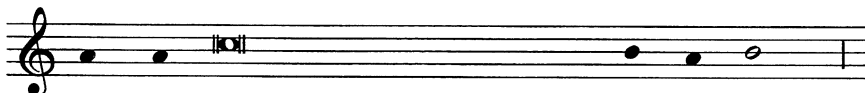


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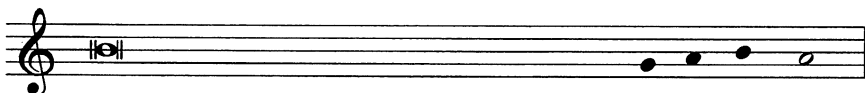
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Bless - ed are you, Creator of the day and night:

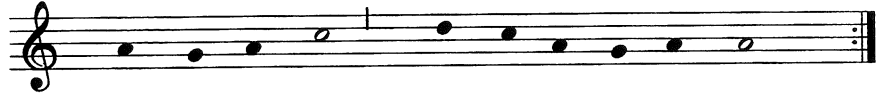


with the sun you give us light and warm the earth,



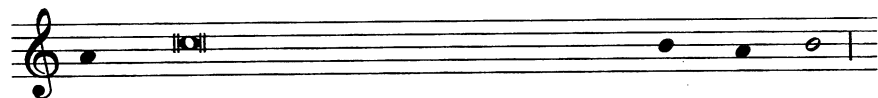
with the moon and stars you guide us ev-en in the dark.

Cantor/All

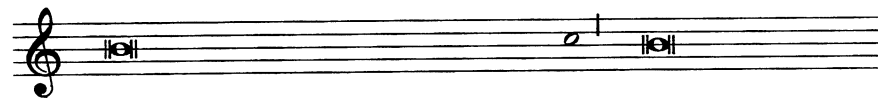


Bless - ed are you, God of all cre - a - tion!

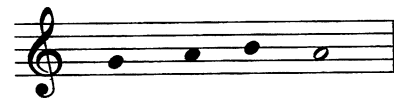
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Bless - ed are you, God of light and hope for all,



through Christ you scatter the darkness of sin and give us new hope



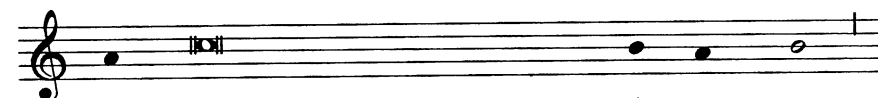
when we are lost.

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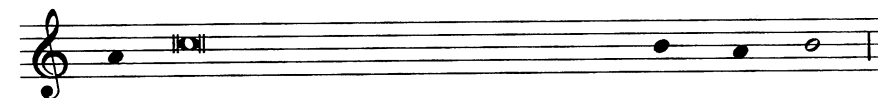


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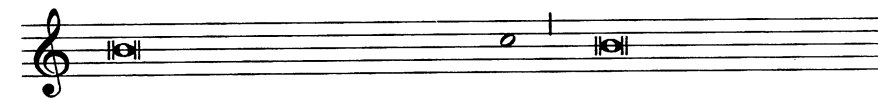
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Bless - ed are you, Lord God of all cre - ation.



Help us to wait for Christ with pa - tience and love,



show us the way that gives us peace, and guide and protect us



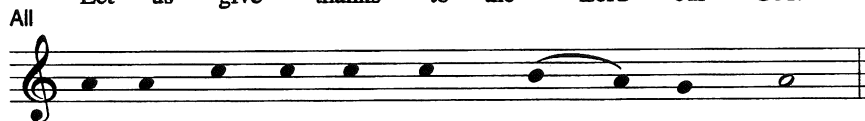
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H CHRISTMAS

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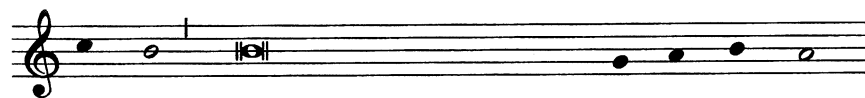


It is right to give our thanks—— and praise.

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We praise and thank you, God our Cre - ator, for you made this season



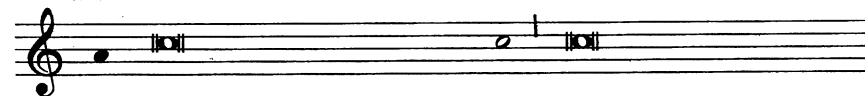
ra - dant with the splendor of Christ, the one true light.

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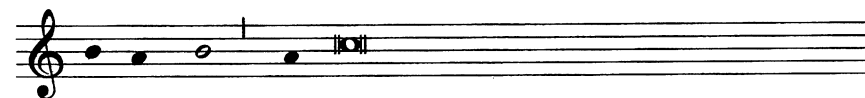


Glo - ry fills the earth and sky.

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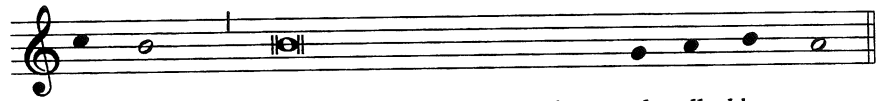
The glory of your only begotten Son has conquered the darkness



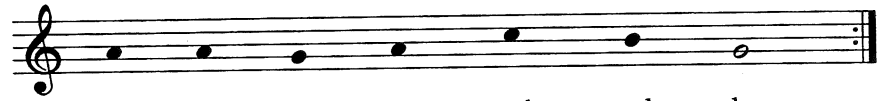
of this world: the Sun of Justice shines with healing rays on the



sick, the poor, and the op - pressed; the Dawn from on high now

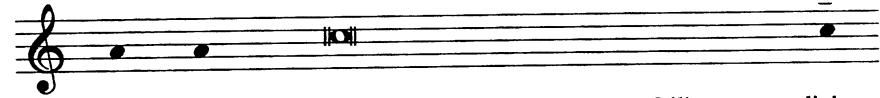


ris - es to refresh our hearts and to make all things new.
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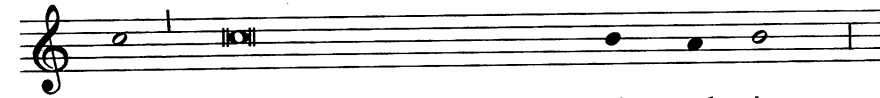
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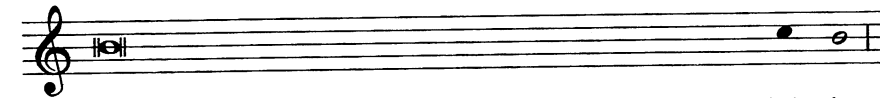
May the brightness of your unfailing light



guide all na-tions to peace, that to-gether peoples of every race and



tongue may join the chorus of an - gels and saints



in praising your glorious name, Father, Son and Holy Spir - it,

All



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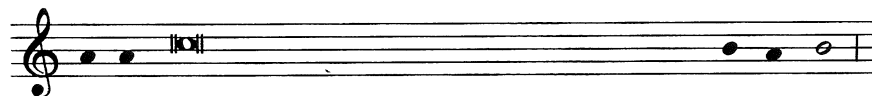
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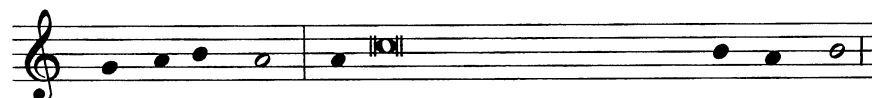
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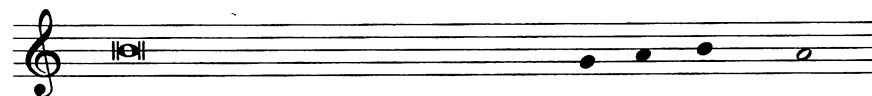
In the midst of darkness we give you thanks and glorify you, O God,



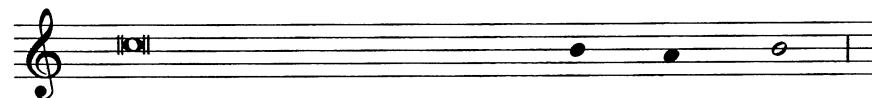
for the gift of light received at bap - tism and for the Spirit who



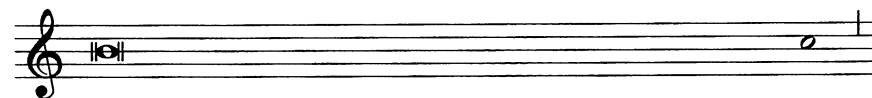
dwells in our hearts. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's Eas - ter victory,



restore us to splendor and bright - ness as your children.



Then, with hearts and minds re - newed,



we shall praise and glorify you with all your saints,

All



for ev - er and ev - er. A - men. —

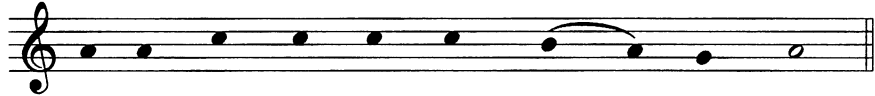
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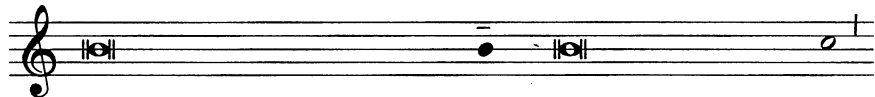


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Glory, praise, and thanksgiv - ing to you, God of mercy and com - passion,



for you give us the mystery of the cross in this holy sea - son of Lent



as our guiding light and source of new life. By our Lent - en penance



teach us to deny our - selves, take up the cross, and follow Christ

to that ever-lasting light in which you dwell with your Spirit

now and for ev - er. A - men.——

K EASTER I

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Assistant/Presider

We praise and glorify you, Lord God, for Christ, our life, is ris - en

and has conquered the darkness of sin—— and death.

He has broken the chains that bind us and freed us to live in his

king - dom of light. May Christ transform this world that

longs to see him enlightening the hearts of all who be-lieve,

and restore all creation to its right - ful place.

Glory, praise, thanksgiving, and blessing to you, O God,
All

victor over sin and death, now and for ev - er. A - men.____

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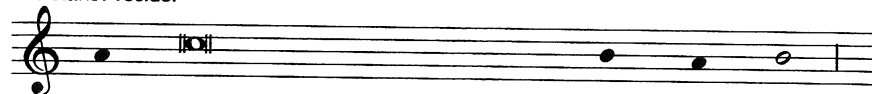
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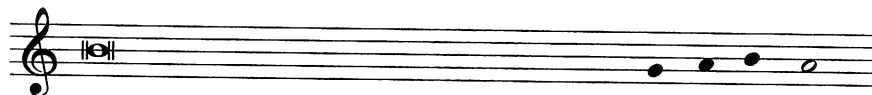
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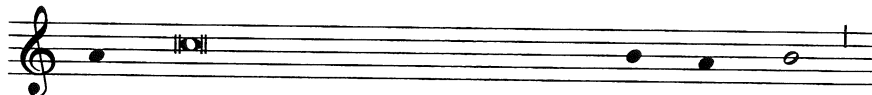
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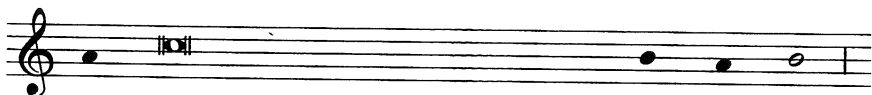
We give you thanks and praise, O God,



as we gather in the shining splendor of this ho - ly light.



We praise you now with greater joy than ever,

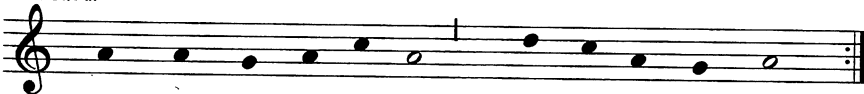


for Christ our light has broken the chains of death



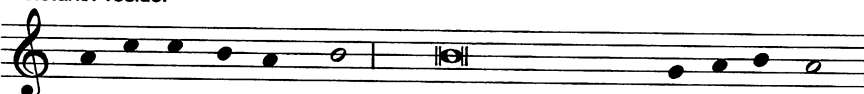
and scattered the dark - ness of sin.

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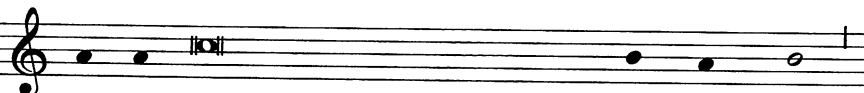


Christ our light is ris - en; glor - y fills the land.


Assistant/Presider



God of splen-dor and majesty, receive this evening sac-ri- fice of praise.



Let the joy of the resurrection renew the whole world



and bring about the dawning of a new age

when those who are estranged join hands in friend - ship

and nations seek the way of peace to - gether.

Cantor/All

Christ our light is ris - en; glor - y fill the land!

Assistant/Presider

Then on that day when Christ, our Morn - ing Star,

comes to claim us as children of the light

heaven and earth will join in one great cho - rus,

to offer you, God of sal - vation, all glory, honor, and praise,

All

now and for ev - er. A - men._____

SERVICE OF INCENSE

The presiding minister then places incense in the censer and incenses the altar, the candle, and the people. During the incensation Psalm 141, with its antiphon, or another suitable song is sung.

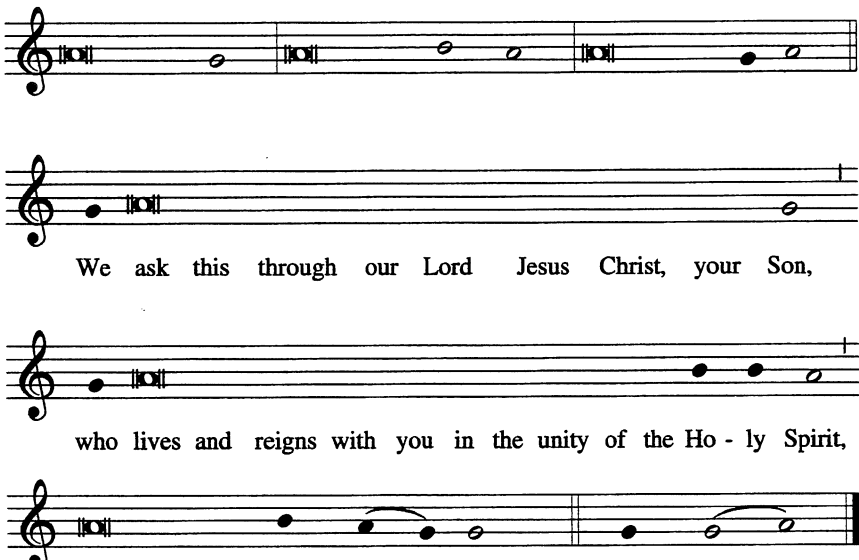
PRAYER

After the incensation the presiding minister sings or says:

Let us pray.

After a suitable pause for silent prayer, the presiding minister sings or says one of the following prayers. The prayer may be sung to one of the following tones:

A



We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,

God for ever and ev - er. A - men.——

B

The musical score for the Soprano part is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The second staff continues with a whole note C5, followed by a half note D5, and then a quarter note E5. The third staff continues with a whole note F5, followed by a half note G5, and then a quarter note A5. The fourth staff concludes with a whole note B5, followed by a half note C6, and then a quarter note D6. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,

God for ever and ev - er. A - men.

SUNDAYS AND THE EASTER SEASON

In this evening hour
we turn again to you, O Giver of life.
Let the lavish supper of Christ's body
be our sure strength
and our communion in his blood
be our protection,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The people respond:

Amen.

WEEKDAYS

Provident God,
keep us from evil throughout the coming night.
Accept the incense of our praise
and fill our upraised hands
with the riches of your goodness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The people respond:

Amen.

FRIDAYS AND THE SEASON OF LENT

God of light,
in this hour when Jesus raised his hands
in the sacrifice of obedience,
watch over us and guide our hearts,
that our prayer may be single-hearted
and our lives made holy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

The people respond:

Amen.

FEASTS

Lord our God,
listen to the prayer of all
who turn to you at night's beginning.
Be known to us in every thought;
be revealed to others in our speech;
be glorified in the sacrifice of our lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The people respond:

Amen.