

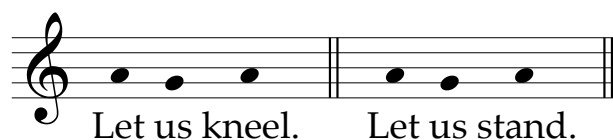
## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### 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.



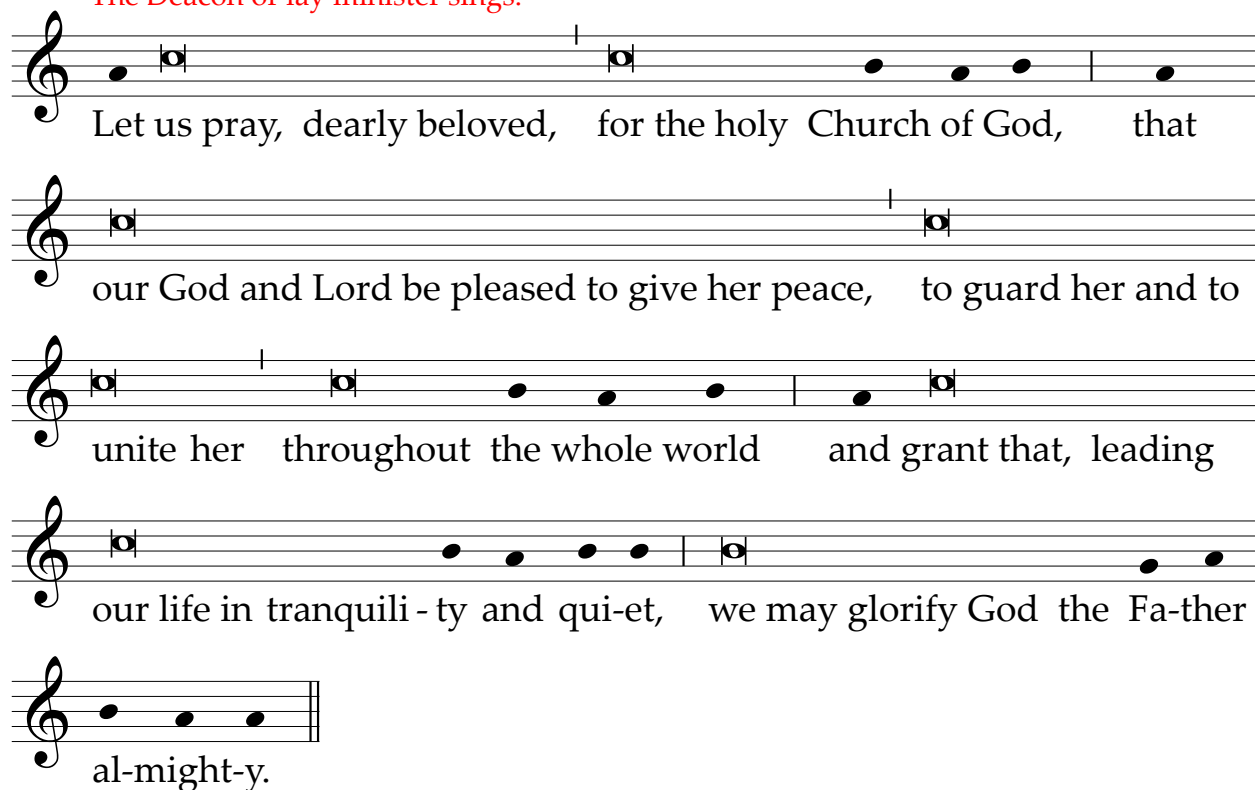
The Conferences of Bishops may provide other invitations to introduce the prayer of the Priest.

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

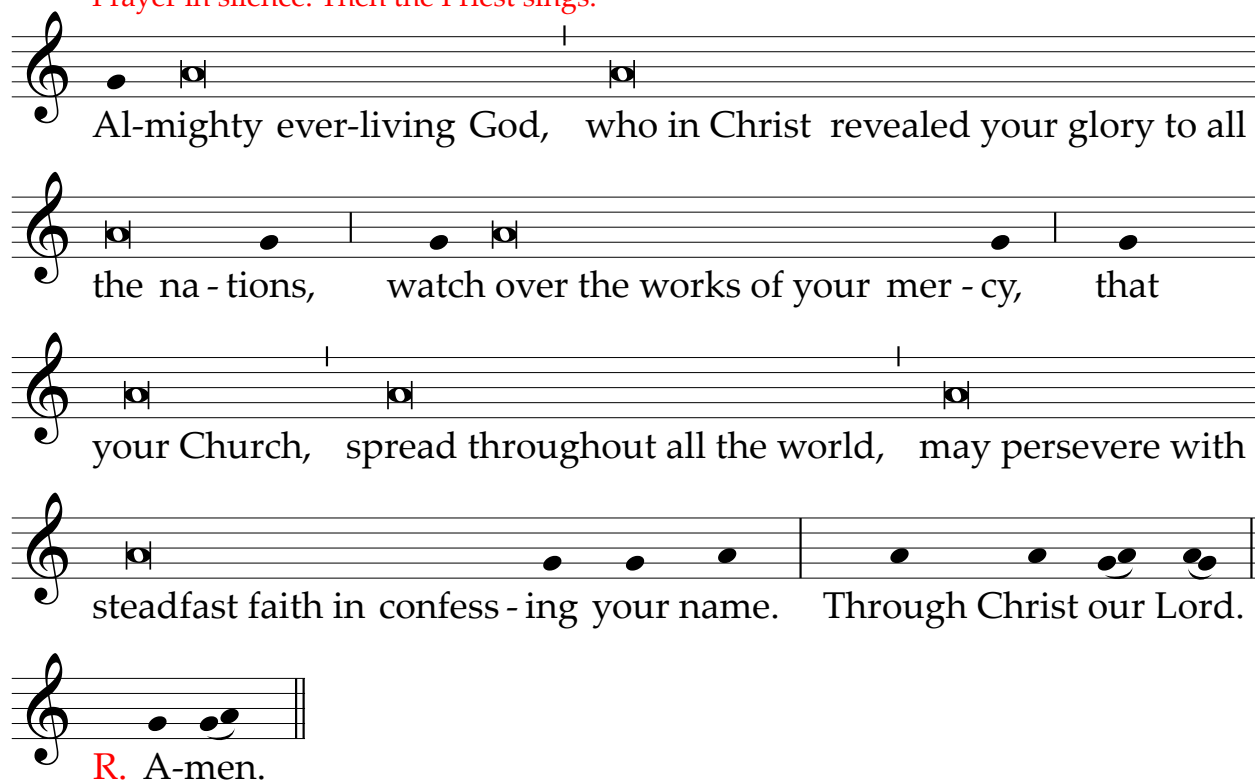
#### I. For Holy Church

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:



Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



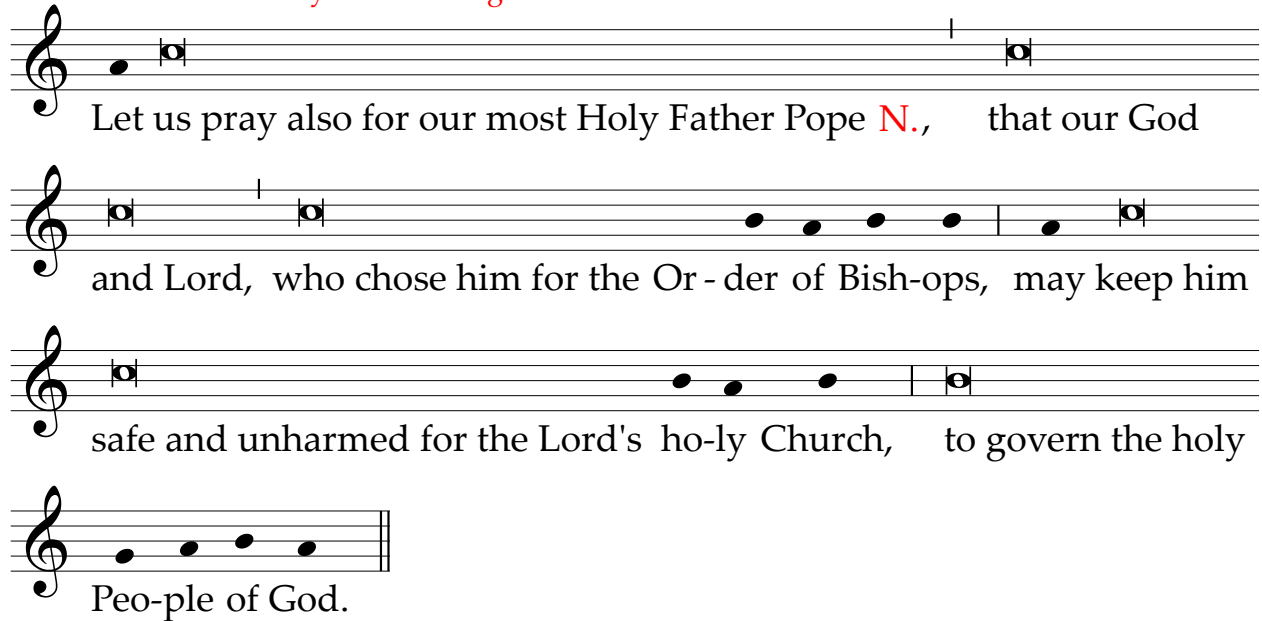
Al-mighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all  
the na - tions, watch over the works of your mer - cy, that  
your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with  
steadfast faith in confess - ing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

R. A-men.

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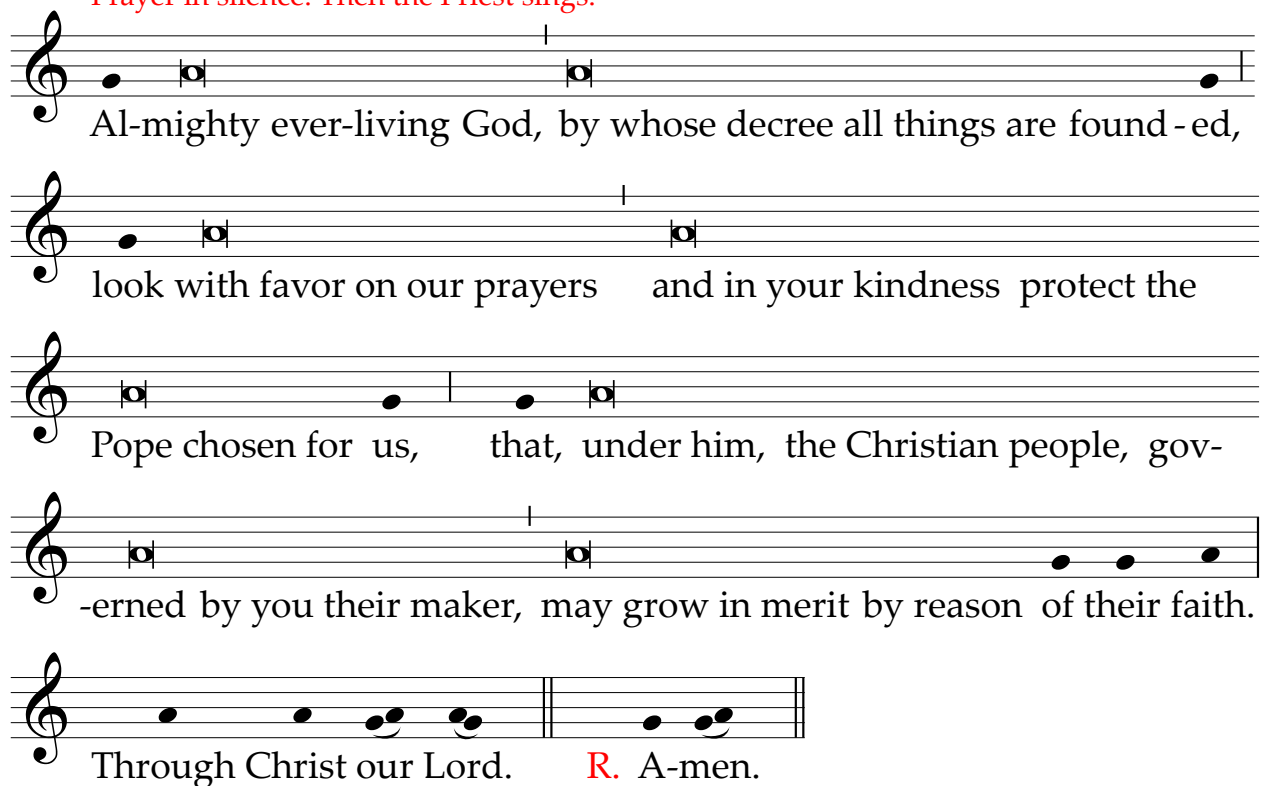
## II. For the Pope

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope N., that our God  
and Lord, who chose him for the Or - der of Bish-ops, may keep him  
safe and unharmed for the Lord's ho-ly Church, to govern the holy  
Peo-ple of God.

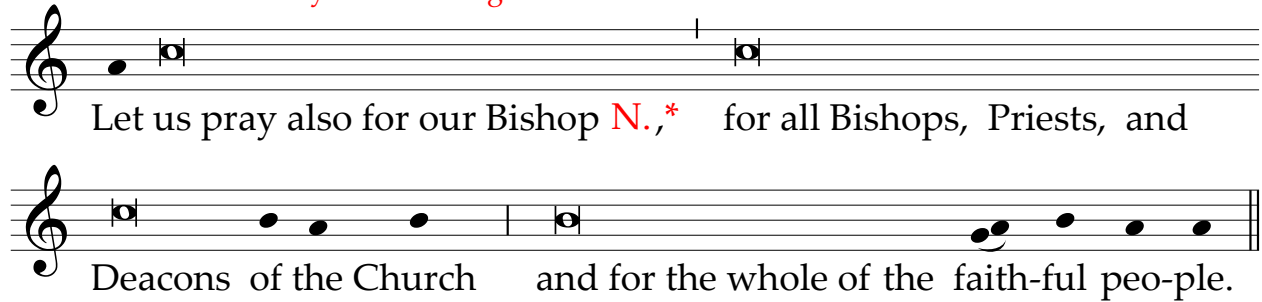
Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are found-ed,  
look with favor on our prayers and in your kindness protect the  
Pope chosen for us, that, under him, the Christian people, gov-  
-erned by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith.  
Through Christ our Lord. R. A-men.

### III. For all orders and degrees of the faithful

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for our Bishop **N.**,\* for all Bishops, Priests, and  
Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faith-ful peo-ple.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the  
Church is sanctified and gov-erned, hear our humble prayer for  
your min-is-ters, that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you  
faith-ful-ly. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

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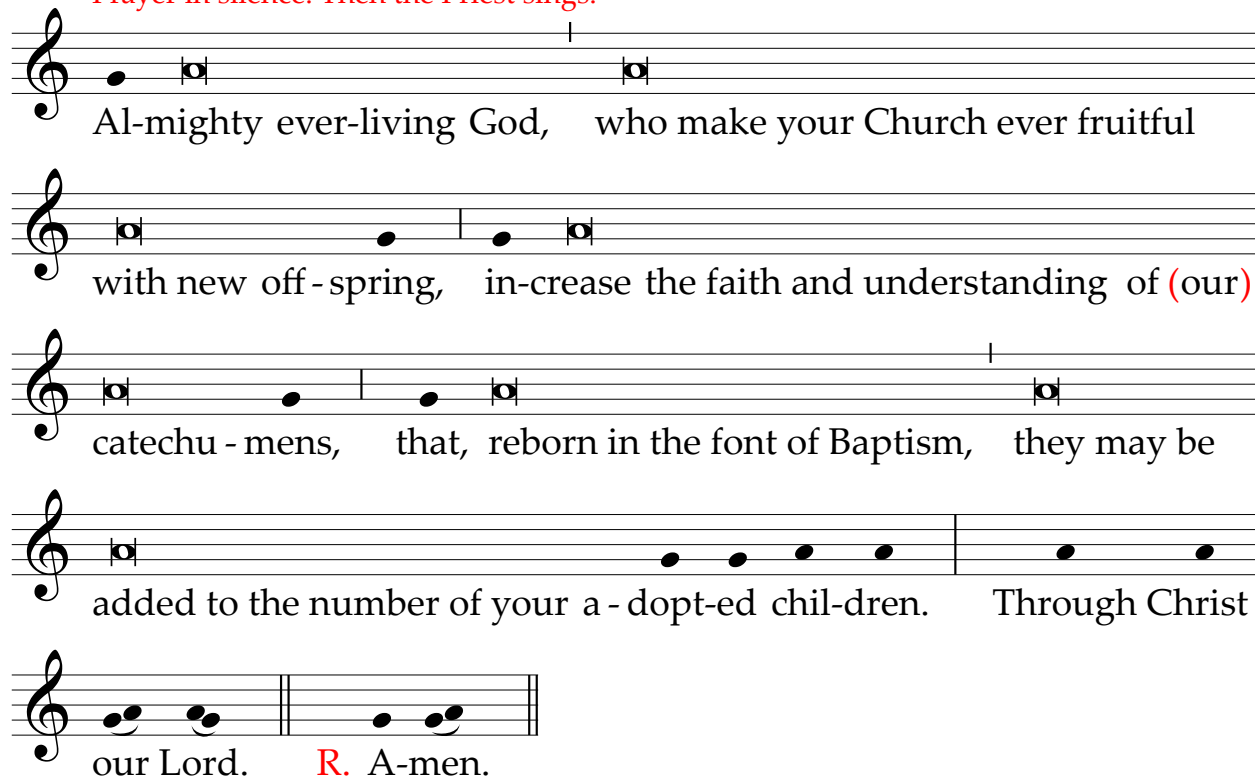
#### IV. For catechumens

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for (our) cat-e-chu-mens, that our God and Lord  
may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates  
of his mer-cy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins  
through the waters of re-birth, they, too, may be one with Christ  
Je-sus our Lord.

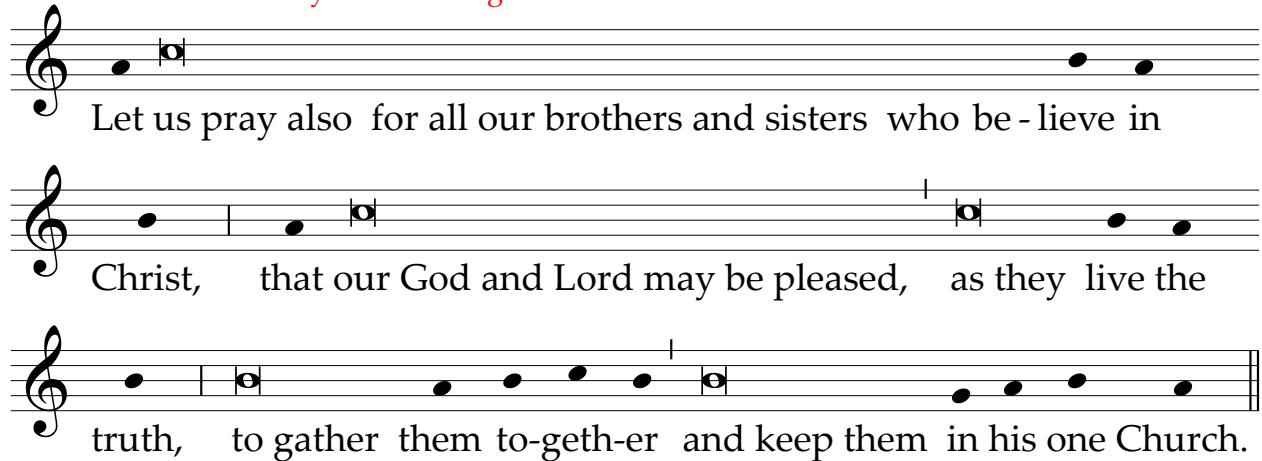
Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, who make your Church ever fruitful  
with new off-spring, in-crease the faith and understanding of (our)  
catechu - mens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be  
added to the number of your a - dopt-ed chil-dren. Through Christ  
our Lord. **R.** A-men.

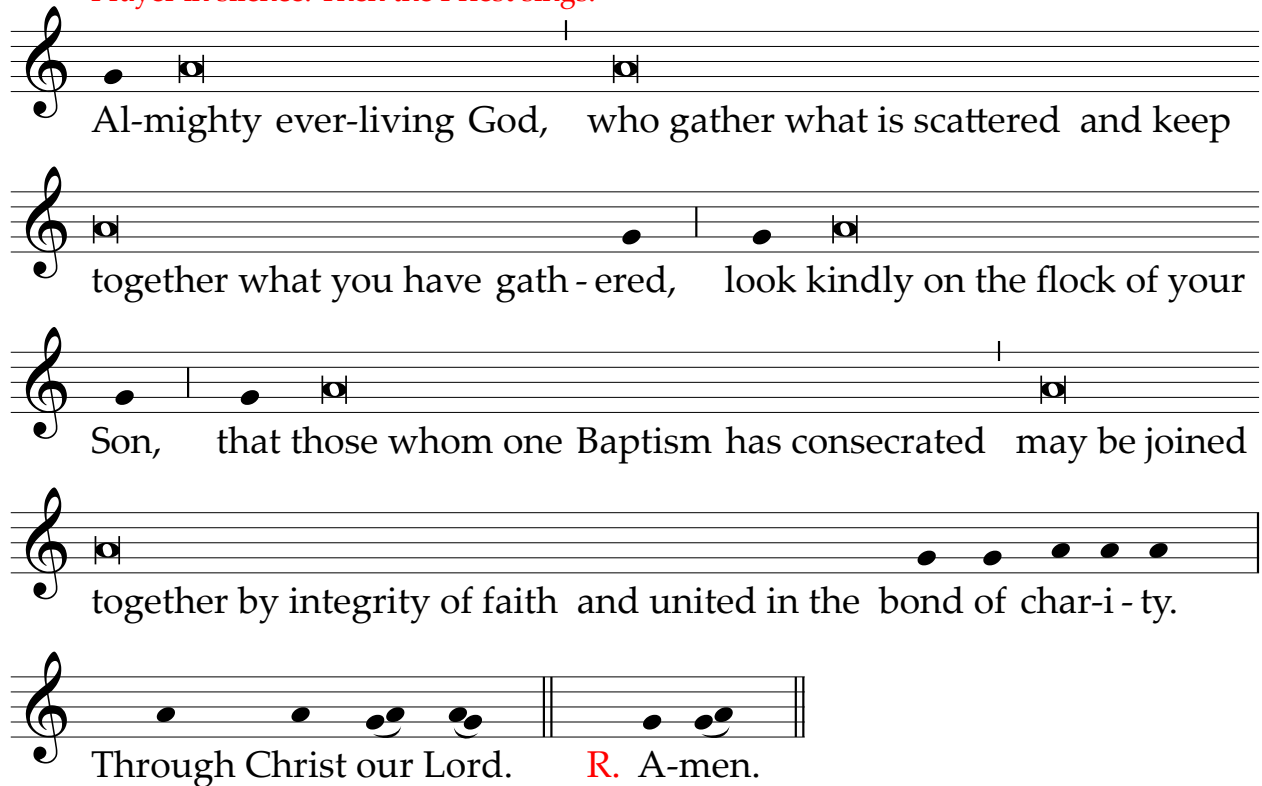
## V. For the unity of Christians

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who be - lieve in  
Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the  
truth, to gather them to-geth-er and keep them in his one Church.

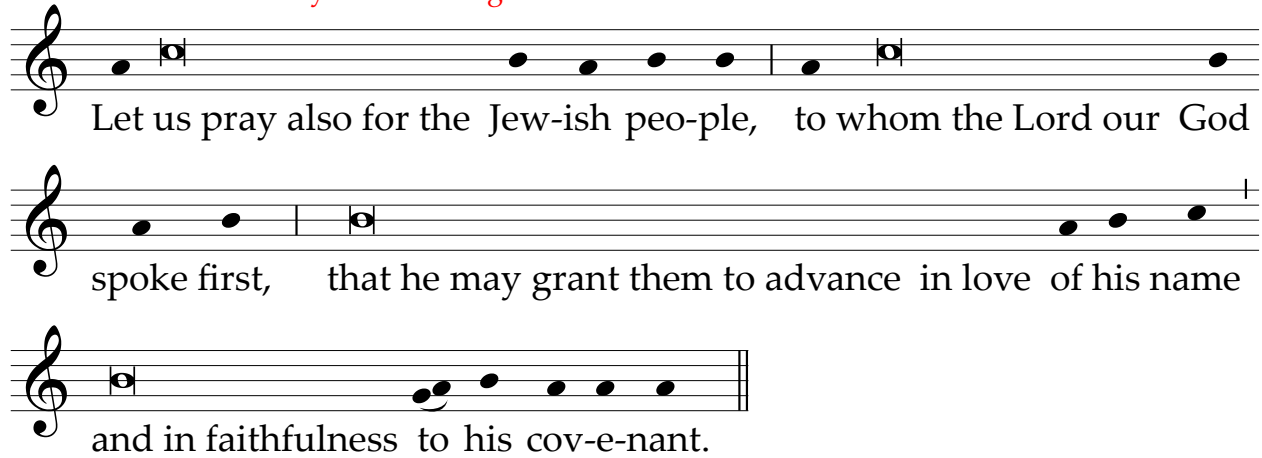
Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep  
together what you have gath - ered, look kindly on the flock of your  
Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined  
together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of char-i - ty.  
Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

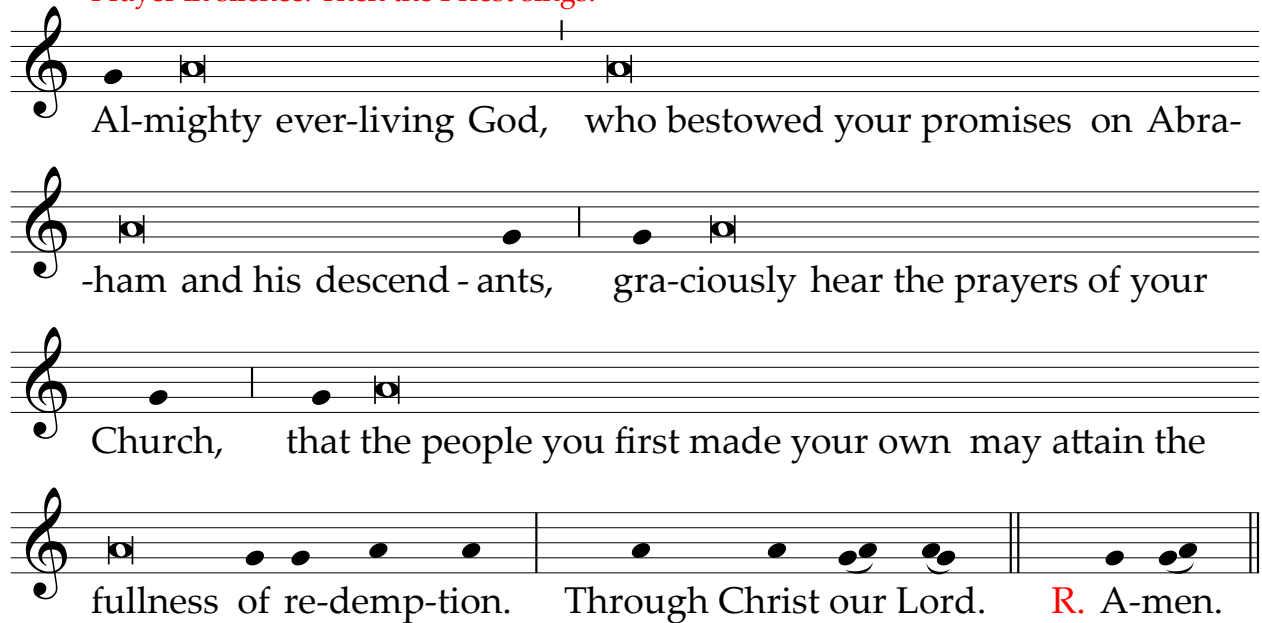
## VI. For the Jewish People

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for the Jew-ish peo-ple, to whom the Lord our God  
spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name  
and in faithfulness to his cov-e-nant.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:

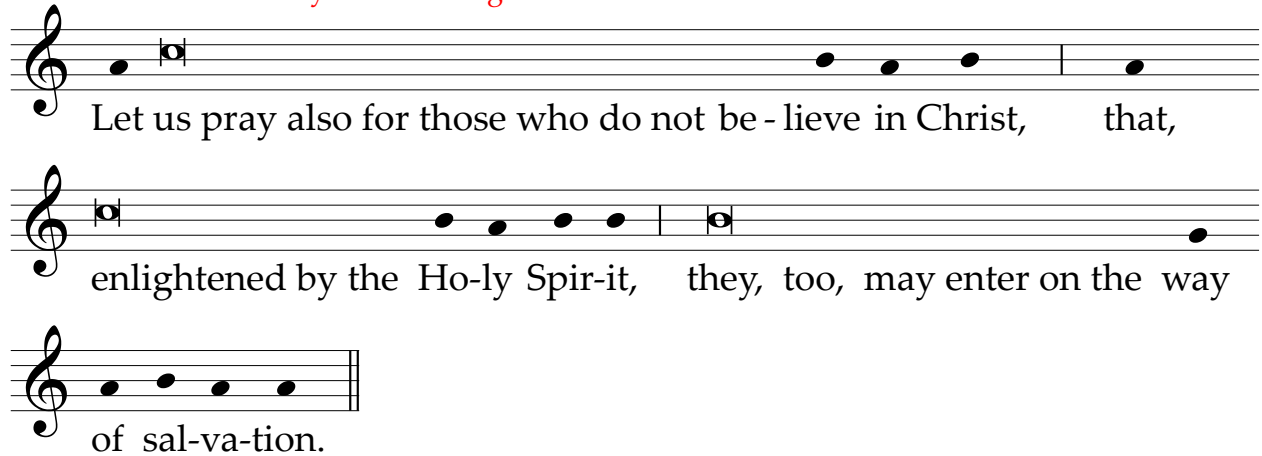


Al-mighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abra-  
-ham and his descend - ants, gra-ciously hear the prayers of your  
Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the  
fullness of re-demp-tion. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

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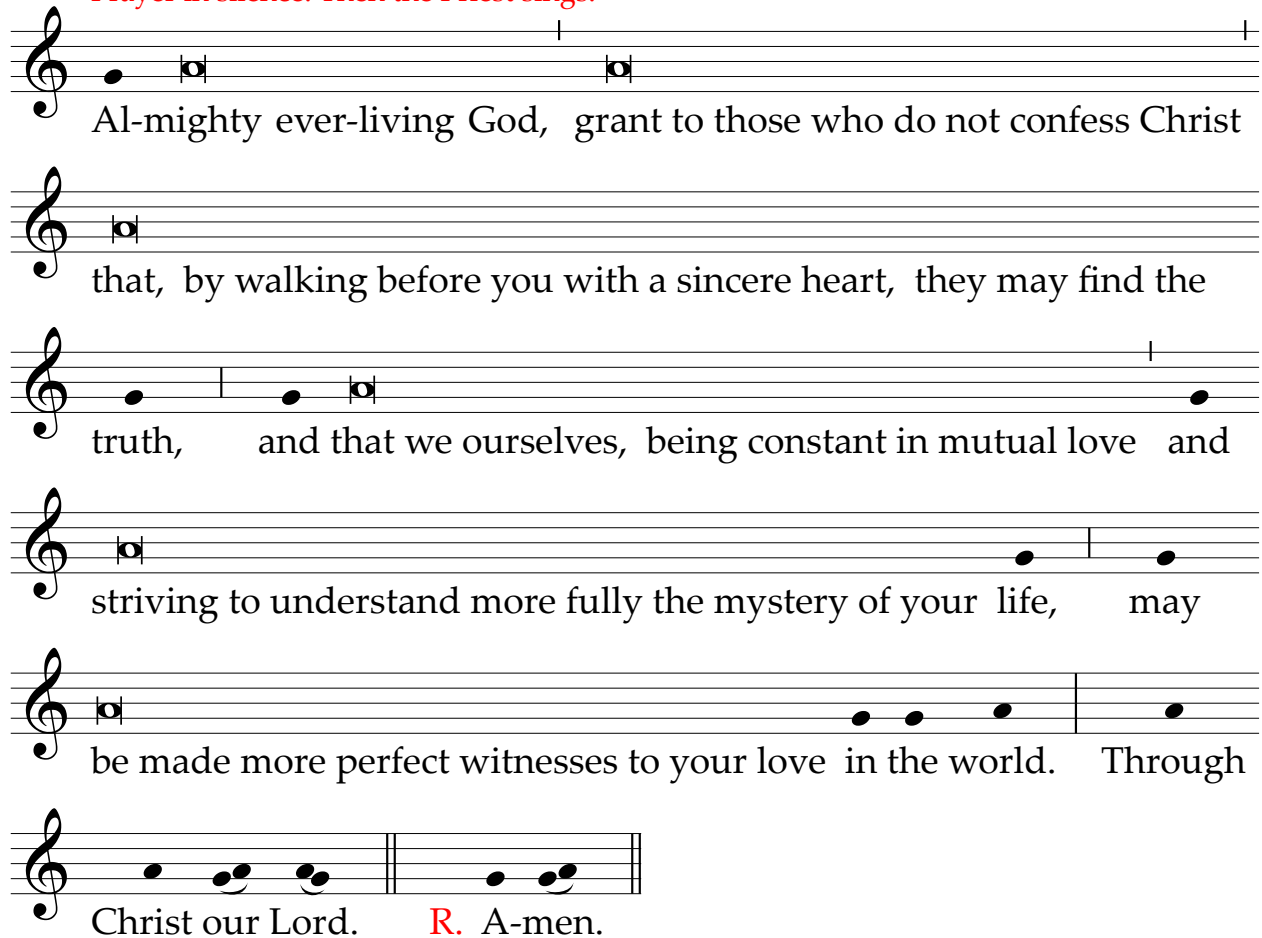
## VII. For those who do not believe in Christ

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for those who do not be - lieve in Christ, that,  
enlightened by the Ho-ly Spir-it, they, too, may enter on the way  
of sal-va-tion.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:

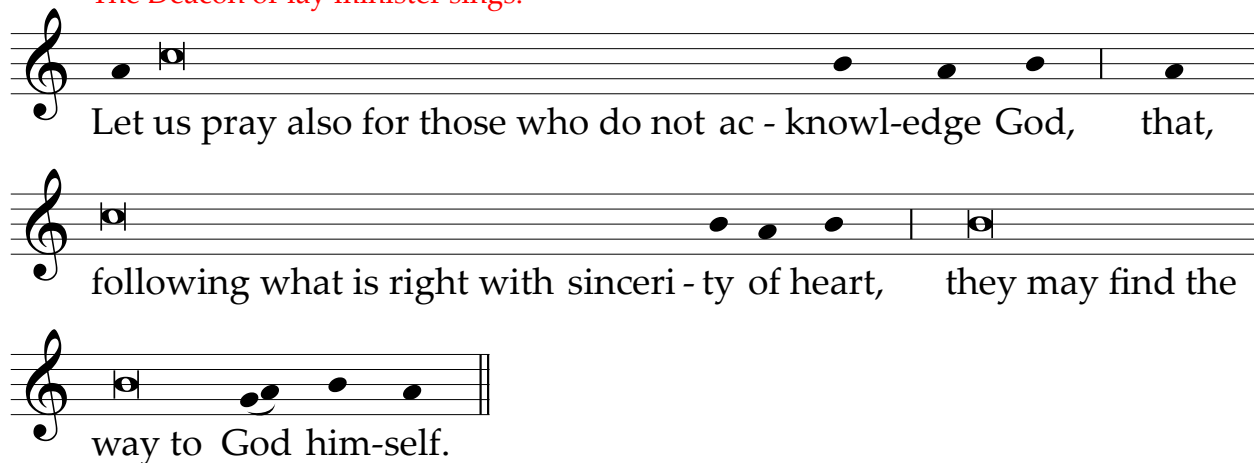


Al-mighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ  
that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the  
truth, and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and  
striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may  
be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world. Through  
Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.



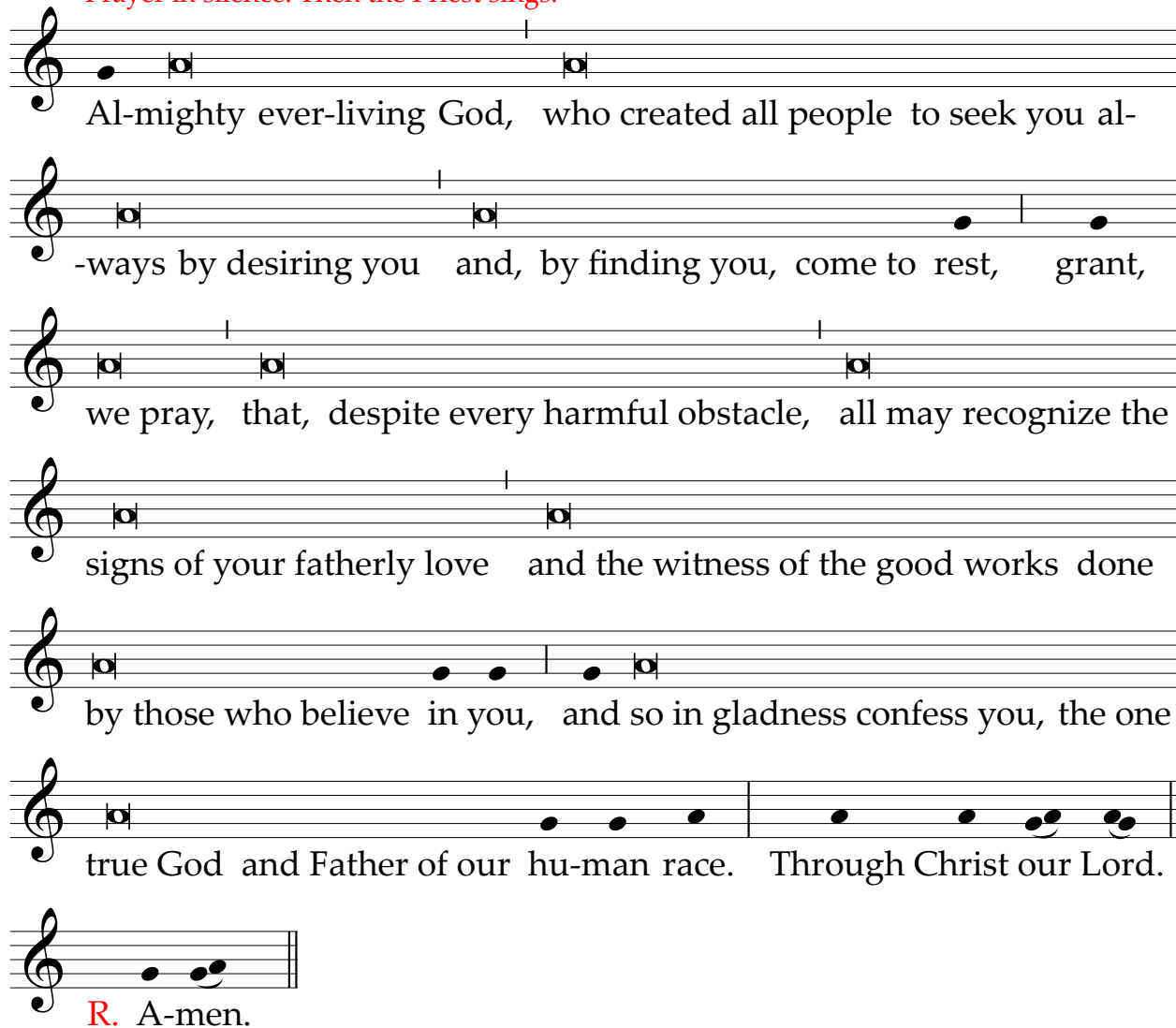
## VIII. For those who do not believe in God

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for those who do not ac - knowl-edge God, that,  
following what is right with sinceri - ty of heart, they may find the  
way to God him-self.

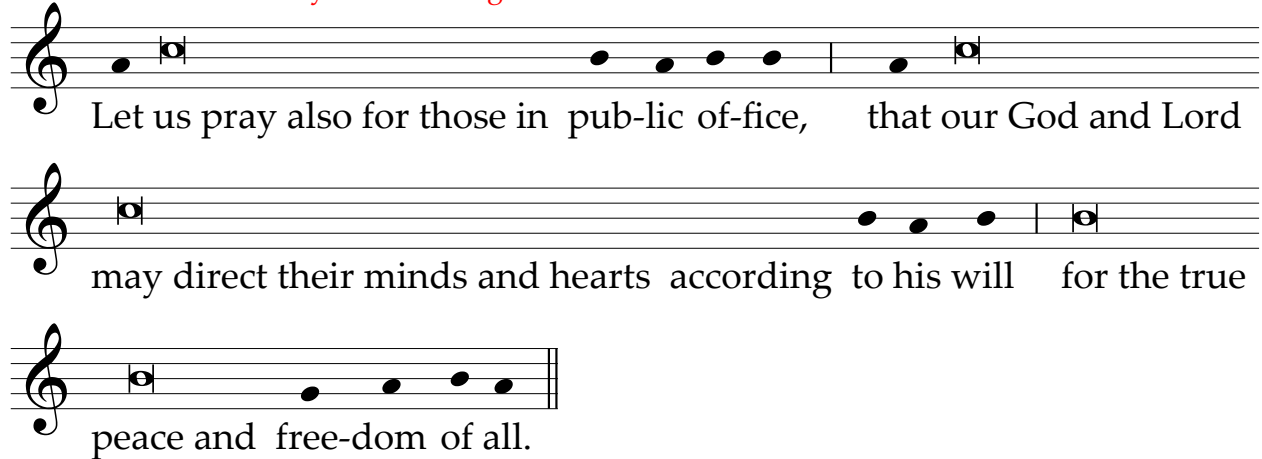
Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you al-  
-ways by desiring you and, by finding you, come to rest, grant,  
we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the  
signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done  
by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one  
true God and Father of our hu-man race. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. A-men.

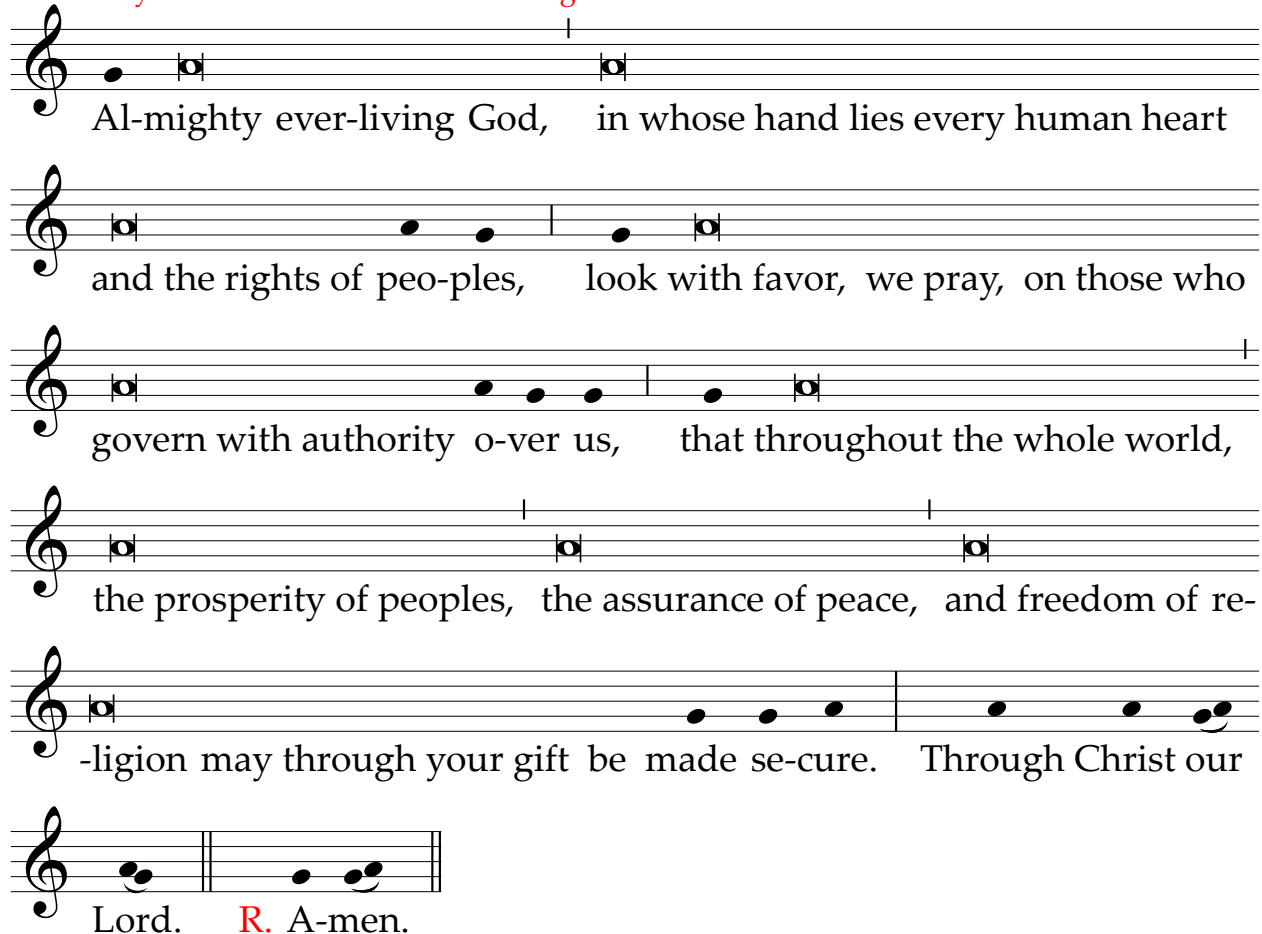
## IX. For those in public office

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for those in pub-lic of-fice, that our God and Lord  
may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true  
peace and free-dom of all.

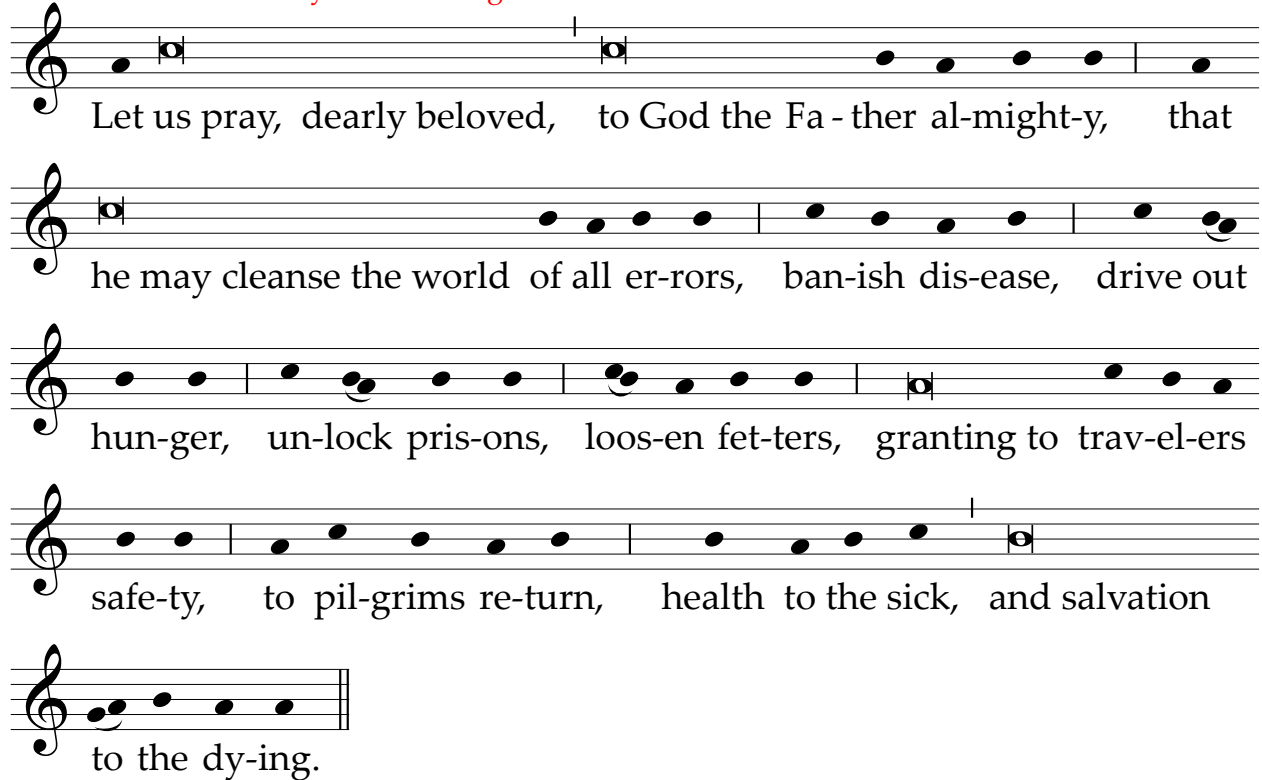
Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart  
and the rights of peo-ples, look with favor, we pray, on those who  
govern with authority o-ver us, that throughout the whole world,  
the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of re-  
-ligion may through your gift be made se-cure. Through Christ our  
Lord. **R.** A-men.

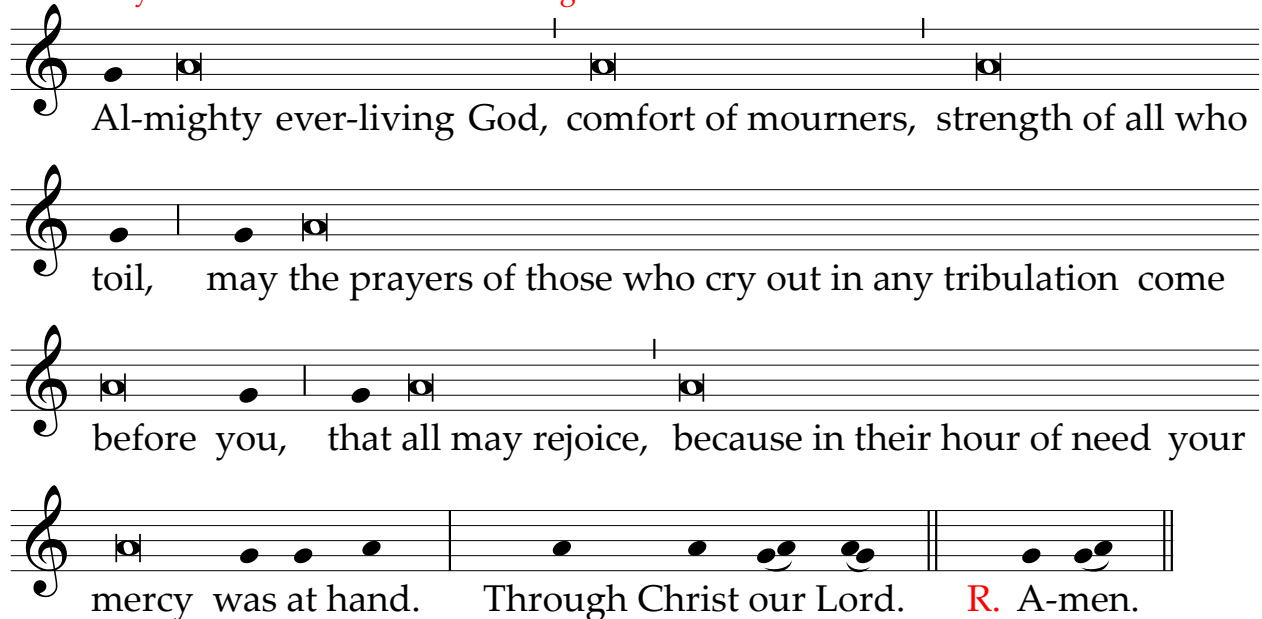
X. For those in tribulation

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Fa - ther al-might-y, that  
he may cleanse the world of all er-rors, ban-ish dis-ease, drive out  
hun-ger, un-lock pris-ons, loos-en fet-ters, granting to trav-el-ers  
safe-ty, to pil-grims re-turn, health to the sick, and salvation  
to the dy-ing.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Al-mighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who  
toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come  
before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your  
mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.