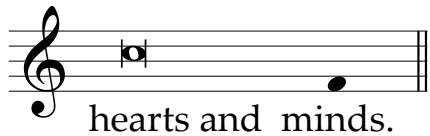
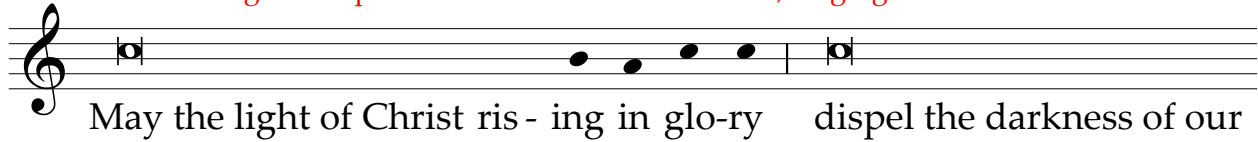


# THE PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

## LUCERNARIUM

### The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

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



With respect to the preceding elements, Conferences of Bishops may also establish other forms more suited to the culture of the peoples.

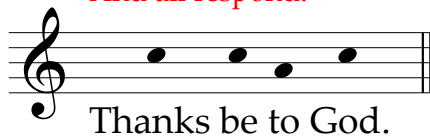
### Procession

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, receives the paschal candle from the minister and a procession is formed. The thurifer with the smoking thurible precedes the Deacon or other minister who carries the paschal candle. The Priest with the ministers and the people follow, all holding in their hands unlit candles.

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



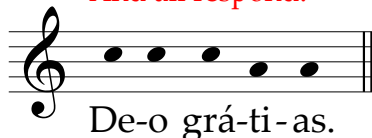
And all respond:



Or:



And all respond:



# THE PASCHAL PROCLAMATION

## Longer form of the Paschal Proclamation

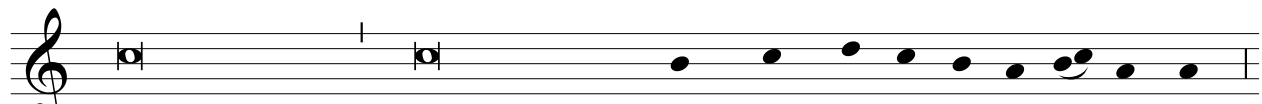
The Deacon, after incensing the book and the candle, proclaims the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) at the ambo or at a lectern, with all standing and holding lighted candles in their hands.

The Easter Proclamation may be made, in the absence of a Deacon, by the Priest himself or by another concelebrating Priest. If, however, because of necessity, a lay cantor sings the Proclamation, the words Therefore, dearest friends up to the end of the invitation are omitted, along with the greeting The Lord be with you.


The Proclamation may also be sung in the shorter form.



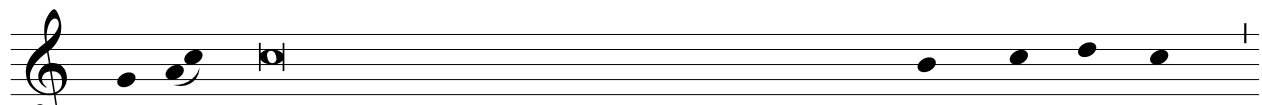
Ex-ult, let them ex-ult, the hosts of heav-en, ex-ult, let Angel  
minis - ters of God ex-ult, let the trum-pet of sal-va-tion sound  
a-loud our might-y King's tri-umph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as  
glo-ry floods her, a-blaze with light from her e - ter-nal King,  
let all cor-ners of the earth be glad, know-ing an end to gloom and  
dark-ness. Re-joyce, let Mother Church al-so re-joyce, arrayed with  
the lightning of his glo-ry, let this ho-ly build-ing shake with joy,  
filled with the might-y voic-es of the peo-ples. (There-fore,



dearest friends, standing in the awe-some glo-ry of this ho-ly light,



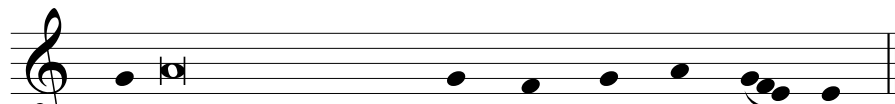
in-voke with me, I ask you, the mer-cy of God al-might-y,




that he, who has been pleased to number me, though un-wor-thy,



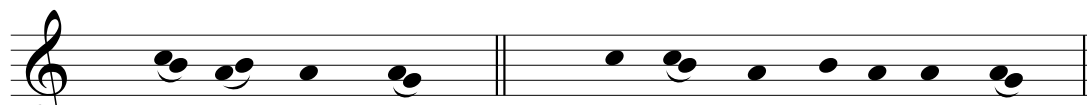
a - mong the Le-vites, may pour into me his light un-shad-owed,



that I may sing this can-dle's per-fect prais-es.)



(V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.)



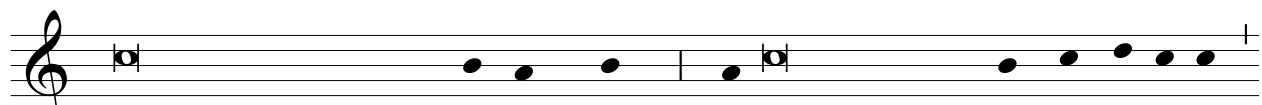
V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.



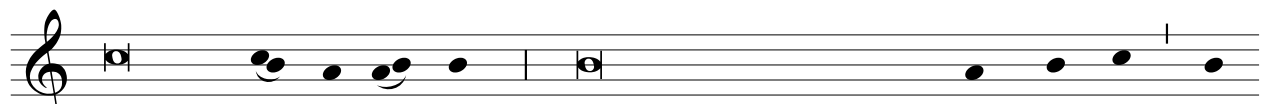
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and



with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God in-vis-i-ble,



the al - might-y Fa-ther, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his

On - ly Be - got - ten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the e -  
- ter - nal Fa - ther, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean  
the re - cord of our an - cient sin - ful - ness. These then are the feasts  
of Pass - o - ver, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the door - posts of be - liev - ers. This is the  
night, when once you led our fore - bears, Is - ra - el's chil - dren,  
from slaver - y in E - gypt and made them pass dry - shod through  
the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pil - lar of fire  
banished the dark - ness of sin. This is the night that even now,  
throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from world - ly  
vic - es and from the gloom of sin, lead - ing them to grace and

join-ing them to his ho-ly ones. This is the night, when  
Christ broke the prison - bars of death and rose vic-to-ri - ous  
from the un-der-world. Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been re-deemed. O wonder of your hum-ble care  
for us! O love, O char-i-ty be - yond all tell-ing, to ran - som  
a slave you gave a - way your Son! O tru-ly nec-es-sar-y sin of  
Ad-am, de - stroyed com-plete-ly by the Death of Christ! O  
hap-py fault that earned so great, so glo-ri - ous a Re-deem-er!  
O truly bless-ed night, wor-thy alone to know the time and  
hour when Christ rose from the un-der-world! This is the night  
of which it is writ-ten: The night shall be as bright as day,

dazzling is the night for me, and full of glad-ness. The sanctifying  
power of this night dis - pels wick-ed-ness, washes faults a-way,  
re-stores innocence to the fall-en, and joy to mourn-ers, drives  
out ha-tred, fos-ters con-cord, and brings down the might-y.  
On this, your night of grace, O ho-ly Fa-ther, accept this candle, a  
sol-emn of-fer-ing, the work of bees and of your serv-ants' hands,  
an evening sacri - fice of praise, this gift from your most ho-ly  
Church. But now we know the praises of this pil-lar, which glow-  
-ing fire ig - nites for God's hon-or, a fire into many flames  
di-vid-ed, yet nev-er dimmed by shar - ing of its light, for it is  
fed by melt-ing wax, drawn out by moth-er bees to build a torch

so pre-cious. O truly bless-ed night, when things of heaven  
 are wed to those of earth, and di - vine to the hu-man.  
 There-fore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the  
 honor of your name, may perse - vere un-dimmed, to overcome  
 the dark - ness of this night. Re-ceive it as a pleas-ing fra-grance,  
 and let it min-gle with the lights of heav-en. May this flame  
 be found still burn - ing by the Morn-ing Star: the one Morning  
 Star who nev-er sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from  
 death's do-main, has shed his peaceful light on hu-man-i - ty, and  
 lives and reigns for ev - er and ev-er. **R.** A - men.

Shorter form of the Paschal Proclamation

Ex-ult, let them ex-ult, the hosts of heav-en, ex-ult, let Angel  
minis - ters of God ex-ult, let the trum-pet of sal-va-tion sound  
a-loud our might-y King's tri-umph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as  
glo-ry floods her, a-blaze with light from her e - ter-nal King,  
let all cor-ners of the earth be glad, know-ing an end to gloom and  
dark-ness. Re-joyce, let Mother Church al-so re-joyce, arrayed with  
the lightning of his glo-ry, let this ho-ly build-ing shake with joy,  
filled with the might-y voic-es of the peo-ples.

(V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.)

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



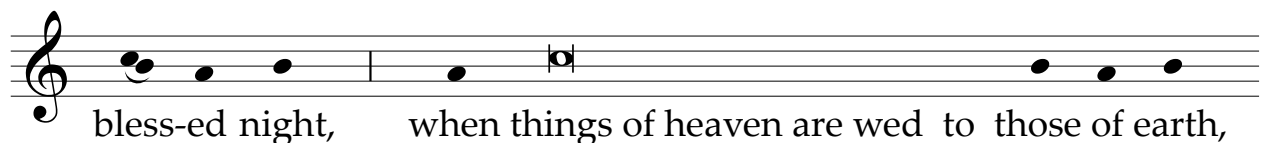


It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and  
with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God in-vis-i-ble,  
the al - might-y Fa-ther, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his  
On - ly Be-got-ten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the e-  
-ter-nal Fa-ther, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean  
the re-cord of our an-cient sin-ful-ness. These then are the feasts  
of Pass-o-ver, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the door - posts of be-liev-ers. This is the  
night, when once you led our fore-bears, Is-ra-el's chil-dren,  
from slaver - y in E-gypt and made them pass dry - shod through  
the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pil-lar of fire

banished the dark-ness of sin. This is the night that even now,  
throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from world-ly  
vic-es and from the gloom of sin, lead-ing them to grace and  
join-ing them to his ho-ly ones. This is the night, when  
Christ broke the prison - bars of death and rose vic-to-ri - ous  
from the un-der-world. O wonder of your hum-ble care for us!  
O love, O char-i-ty be - yond all tell-ing, to ran - som a slave  
you gave a - way your Son! O tru-ly nec-es-sar-y sin of Ad-am,  
de - stroyed com-plete-ly by the Death of Christ! O hap-py fault  
that earned so great, so glo-ri - ous a Re-deem-er! The sanctifying  
power of this night dis - pels wick-ed-ness, washes faults a-way,




re-stores innocence to the fall-en, and joy to mourn-ers. O truly



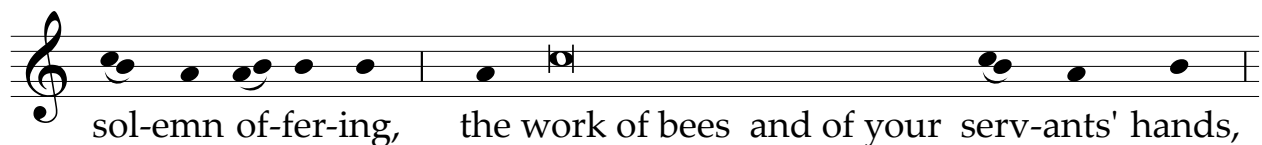
bless-ed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,



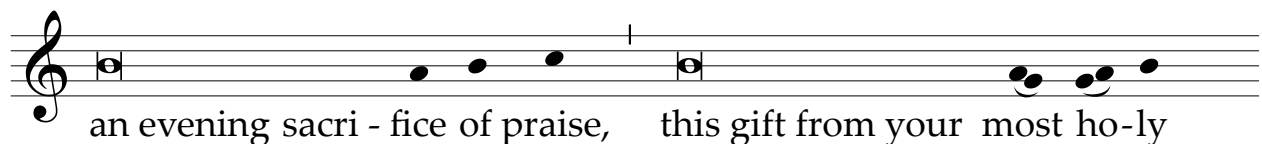
and di - vine to the hu-man.



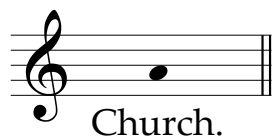
On this, your night of grace, O ho-ly Fa-ther, accept this candle, a



sol-emn of-fer-ing, the work of bees and of your serv-ants' hands,



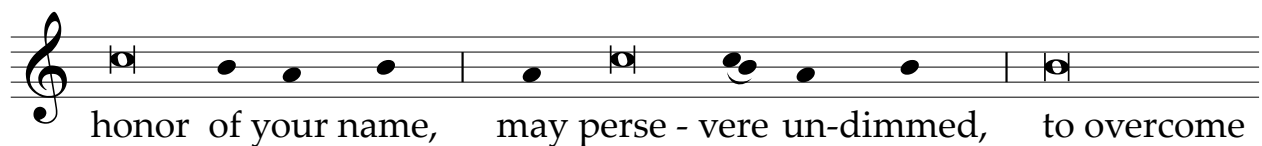
an evening sacri - fice of praise, this gift from your most ho-ly



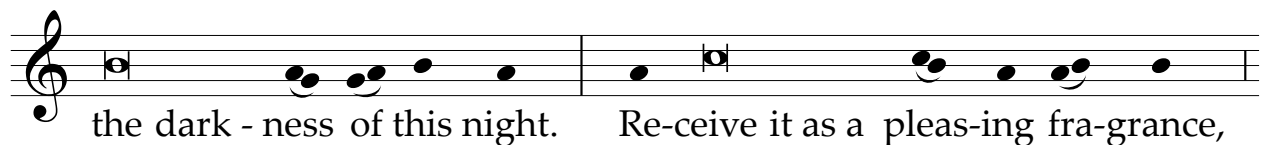
Church.



There-fore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the



honor of your name, may perse - vere un-dimmed, to overcome



the dark - ness of this night. Re-ceive it as a pleas-ing fra-grance,



and let it min-gle with the lights of heav-en. May this flame

be found still burn - ing by the Morn-ing Star: the one Morning  
 Star who nev-er sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from  
 death's do-main, has shed his peaceful light on hu-man-i - ty, and  
 lives and reigns for ev - er and ev-er. **R.** A - men.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the last reading from the Old Testament with its Responsorial Psalm and its prayer, the altar candles are lit, and the Priest intones the hymn *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, which is taken up by all, while the bells are rung, according to local custom.

Gló-ri - a in ex - cél - sis De - o.

After the Epistle has been read, all rise, and the Priest three times, raising his voice by a step each time, solemnly intones *Alleluia*, which all repeat. If necessary, the psalmist intones the *Alleluia*.

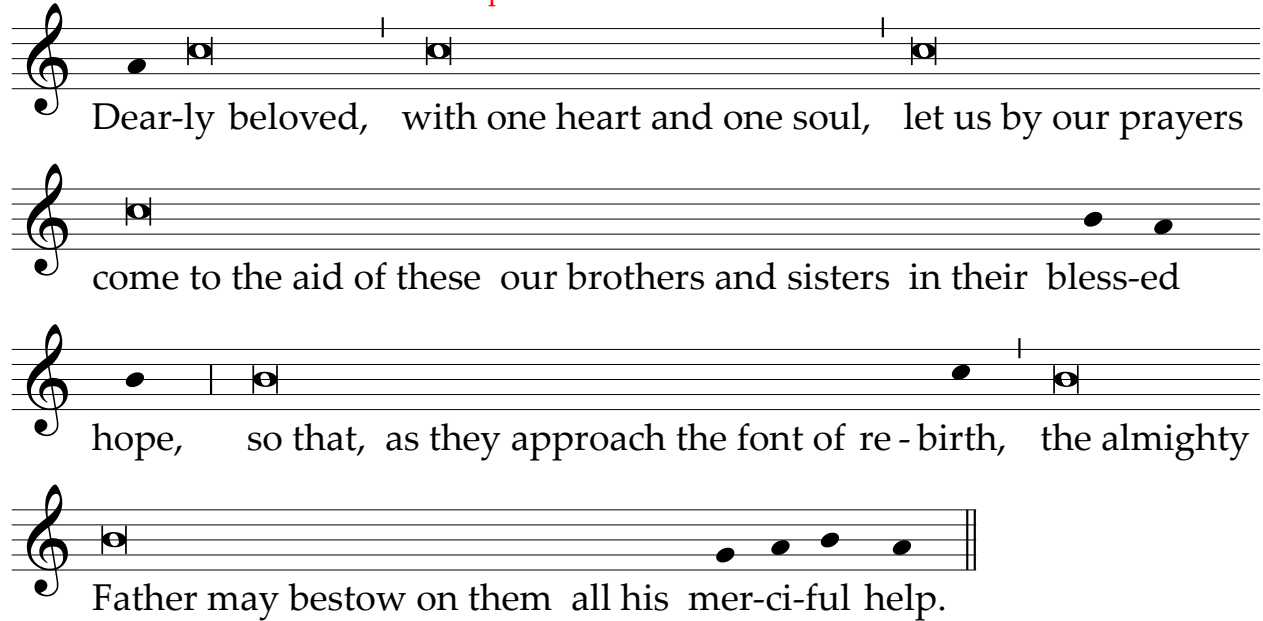
Al-le - lú - ia.

# BAPTISMAL LITURGY

## Litany

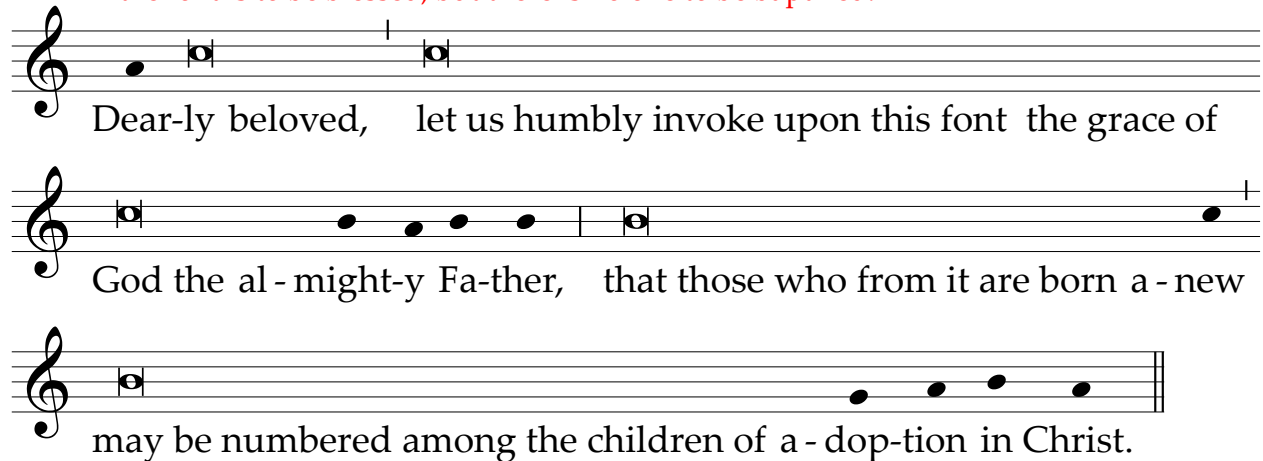
If, however, the baptismal Liturgy takes place in the sanctuary, the Priest immediately makes an introductory statement in these or similar words.

If there are candidates to be baptized:



Dear-ly beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers  
come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their bless-ed  
hope, so that, as they approach the font of re - birth, the almighty  
Father may bestow on them all his mer-ci-ful help.

If the font is to be blessed, but there is no one to be baptized:



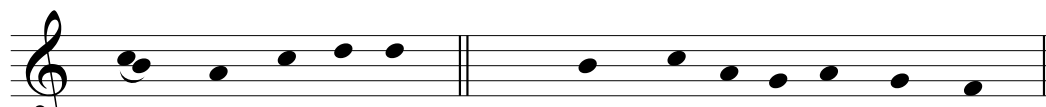
Dear-ly beloved, let us humbly invoke upon this font the grace of  
God the al - might-y Fa-ther, that those who from it are born a - new  
may be numbered among the children of a - dop-tion in Christ.

V. Lord, have mer-cy.      R. Lord, have mer-cy.


V. Christ, have mer-cy.      R. Christ, have mer-cy.

V. Lord, have mer-cy.      R. Lord, have mer-cy.

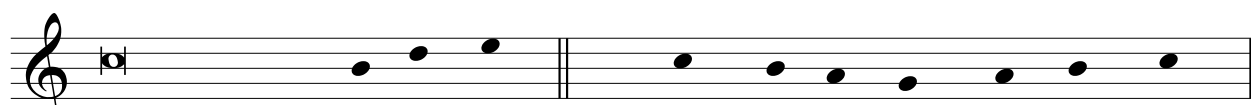
Holy Mary, Mother of God, [ ]      R. pray for us.  
 Saint Mich - ael,  
 Holy Angels of God, [ ]  
 Saint John the Bap - tist,  
 Saint Jo - seph,  
 Saint Peter and Saint Paul, [ ]  
 Saint An - drew,  
 Saint John, [ ]  
 Saint Mary Mag - da - lene,  
 Saint Ste - phen,  
 Saint Ignatius of An - ti - och,  
 Saint Law - rence,  
 Saint Perpetua and Saint Fe - li - ci - ty,  
 Saint Ag - nes,  
 Saint Gre - go - ry,  
 Saint Au - gus - tine,  
 Saint Atha - na - sius,  
 Saint Bas - il,  
 Saint Mar - tin,  
 Saint Ben - e - dict,  
 Saint Francis and Saint Dom - i - nic,  
 Saint Francis Xa - vi - er,  
 Saint John Vi - an - ney,  
 Saint Catherine of Si - e - na,  
 Saint Teresa of Je - sus,  
 All holy men  
 and women, Saints of God, [ ]



Lord, be mer-ci-ful, **R.** Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.




From all e - vil, **R.** Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.  
From eve - ry sin,  
From ever - last-ing death,  
By your In - car - na - tion,  
By your  
Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,  
By the out-  
-pouring  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it,



Be merciful to us sin-ners, **R.** Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

If there are candidates to be baptized:

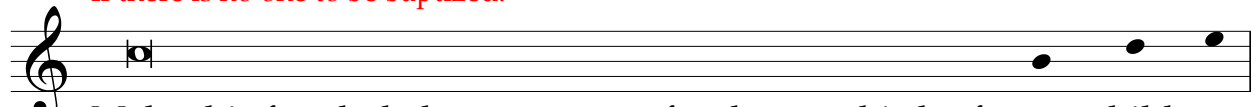


Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Bap-tism,




**R.** Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

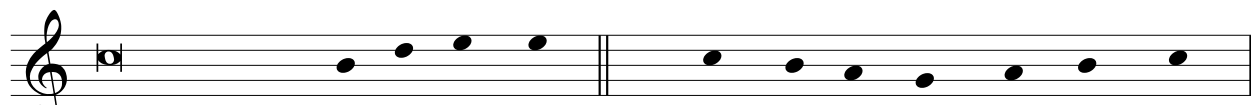
If there is no one to be baptized:



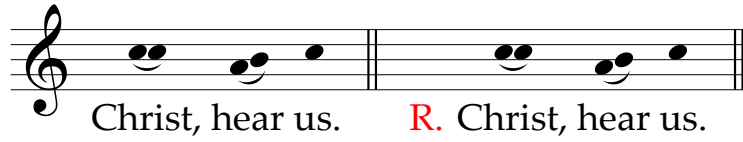
Make this font holy by your grace for the new birth of your child-ren,



**R.** Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

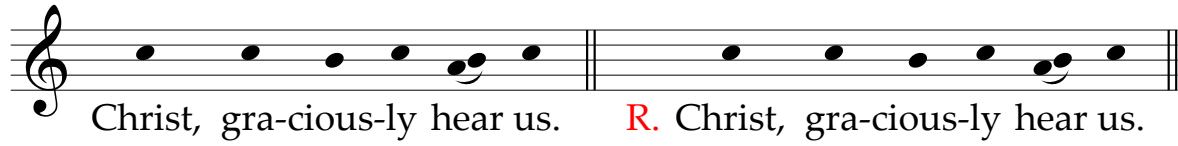


Jesus, Son of the liv-ing God, **R.** Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.



Christ, hear us. R. Christ, hear us.

The first line of music consists of two measures on a treble clef staff. The first measure contains a half note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a half note G4, a half note F4, and a quarter note E4. A double bar line separates the two measures.



Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us. R. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

The second line of music consists of two measures on a treble clef staff. The first measure contains a half note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The second measure contains a half note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. A double bar line separates the two measures.

The English translation and chants of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

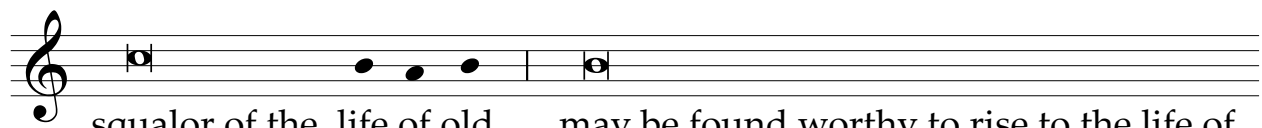


## Blessing of Baptismal Water

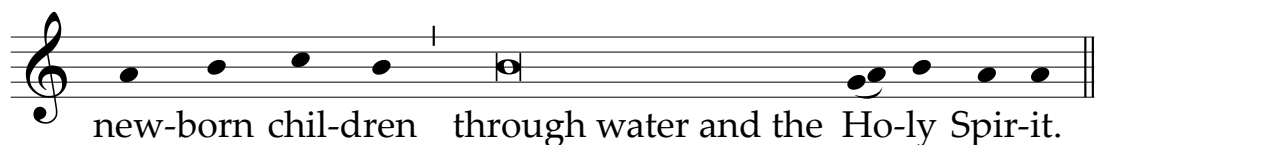
The Priest then blesses the baptismal water, singing this prayer with hands extended:

O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect  
through sacra - men - tal signs and who in many ways have pre-  
-pared water, your cre - a - tion, to show forth the grace of Bap - tism;  
O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation  
hovered o - ver the wa - ters, so that the very substance of wa - ter  
would even then take to itself the pow - er to sanc - ti - fy; O God, who  
by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed re - gen - er - a - tion,  
so that from the mystery of one and the same ele - ment of wa - ter  
would come an end to vice and a be - gin - ning of vir - tue; O  
God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry - shod  
through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slav -

-ery to Phar-ah, would prefigure the people of the bap-tized; O  
God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was a-  
nointed with the Ho-ly Spir-it, and, as he hung upon the Cross,  
gave forth water from his side a-long with blood, and after his Res-  
urrection, commanded his dis-ci-ples: "Go forth, teach all na-tions,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the  
Ho-ly Spir-it," look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church  
and graciously un-seal for her the foun-tain of Bap-tism. May  
this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Be-  
-got-ten Son, so that human nature, created in your im-age  
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the




squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of

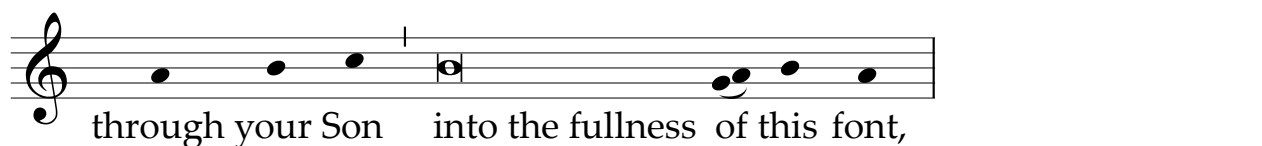


new-born children through water and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

And, if the occasion so suggests, lowering the paschal candle into the water once or three times, he continues:

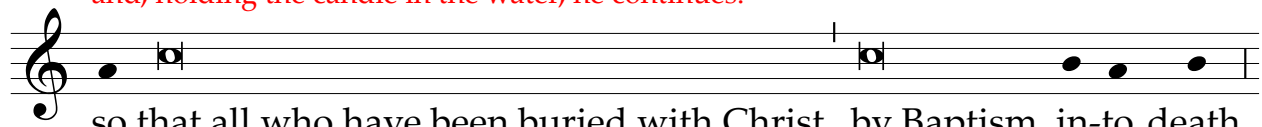


May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray, come down




through your Son into the fullness of this font,


and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:




so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism in-to death



may rise again to life with him. Who lives and reigns with you

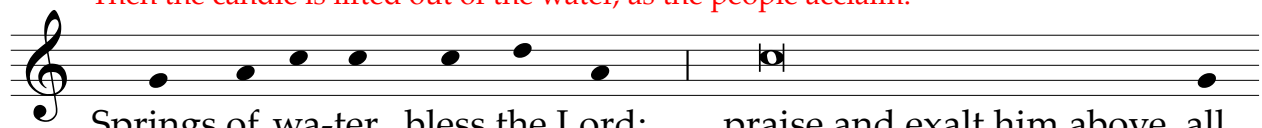


in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, one God, for ev-er and ev-er.




R. A-men.

Then the candle is lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:



Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all



for e-ver.

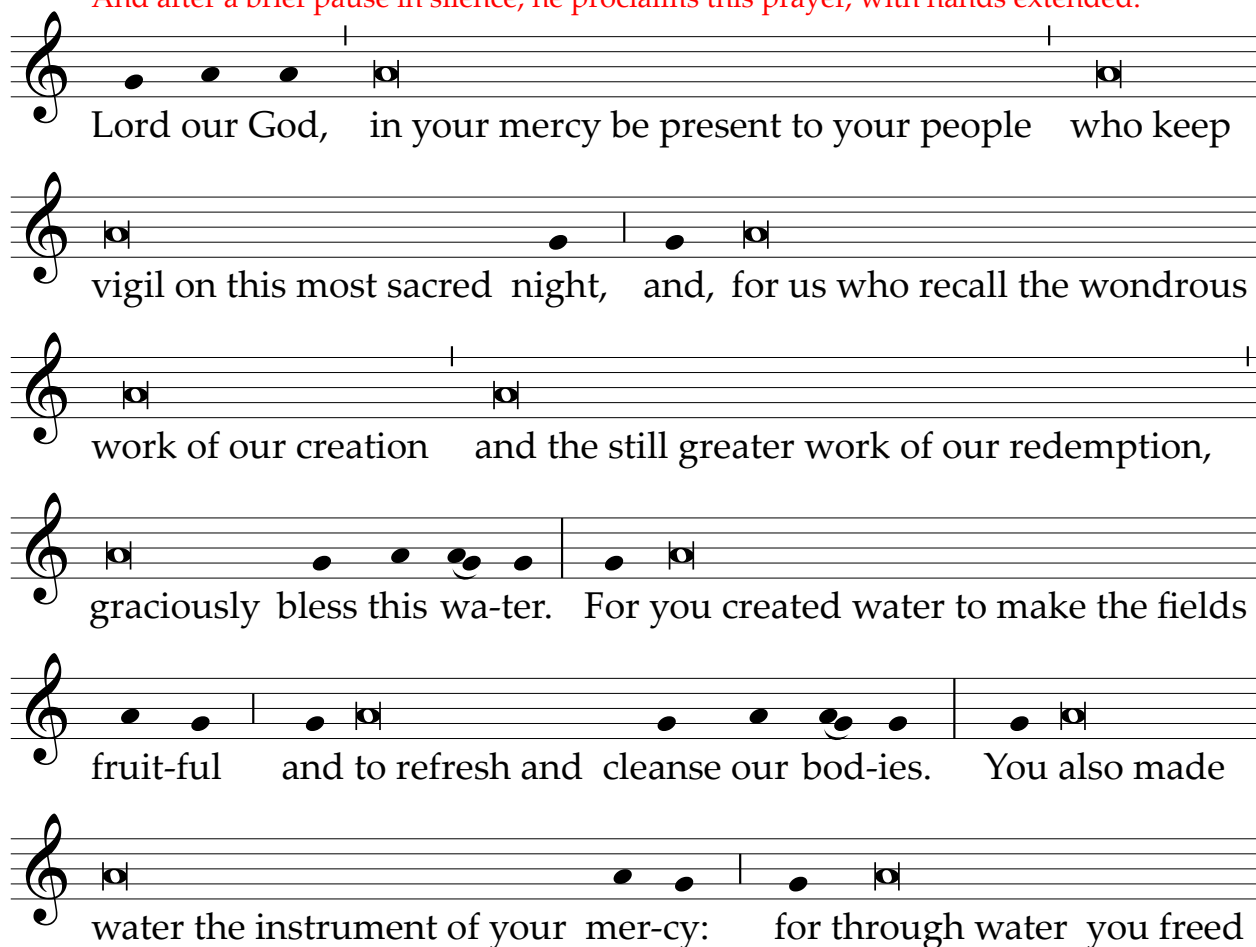
## The Blessing of Water

If no one present is to be baptized and the font is not to be blessed, the Priest introduces the faithful to the blessing of water, singing:

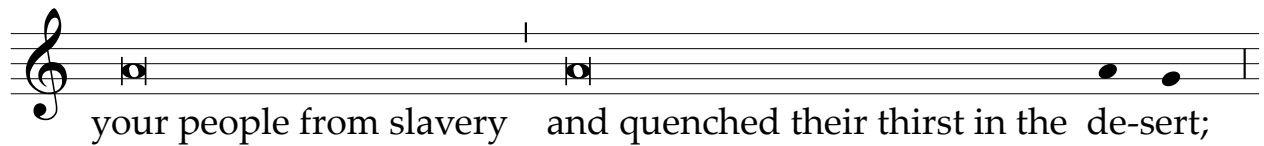


Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God  
to bless this water he has cre - at-ed, which will be sprinkled upon  
us as a memorial of our Bap-tism. May he graciously renew us,  
that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have re-ceived.

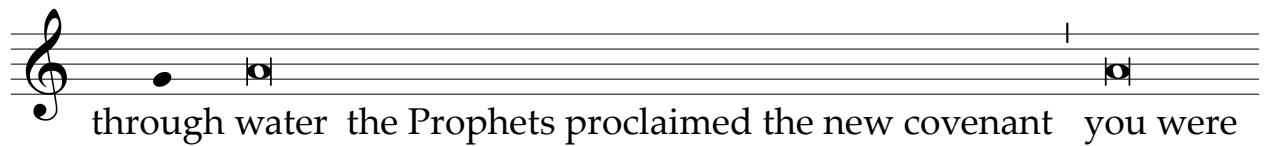
And after a brief pause in silence, he proclaims this prayer, with hands extended:



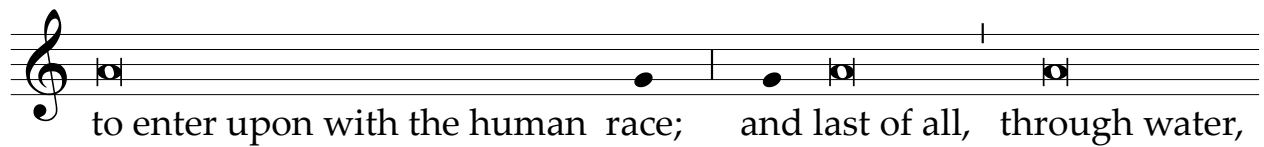
Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people who keep  
vigil on this most sacred night, and, for us who recall the wondrous  
work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption,  
graciously bless this wa-ter. For you created water to make the fields  
fruit-ful and to refresh and cleanse our bod-ies. You also made  
water the instrument of your mer-cy: for through water you freed



your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the de-sert;



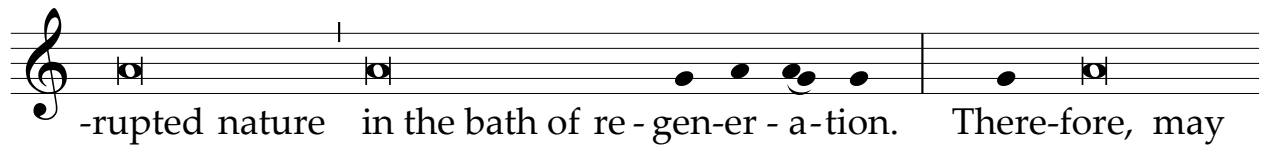
through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were



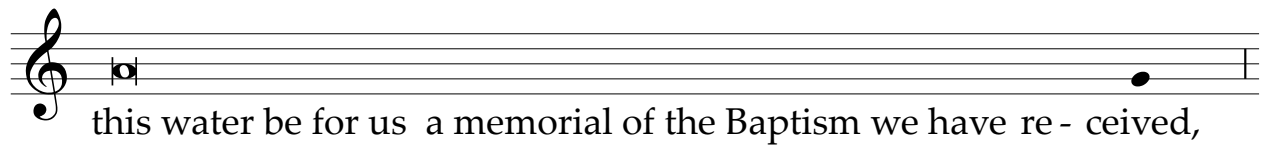
to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water,



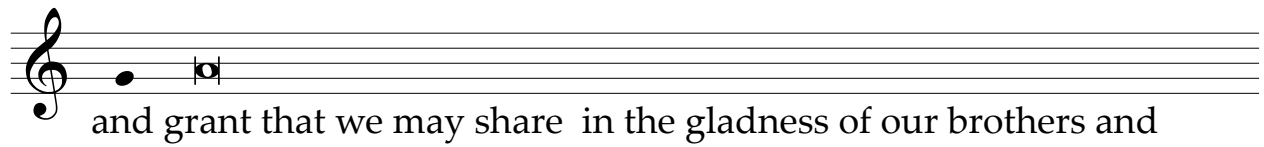
which Christ made holy in the Jor-dan, you have renewed our cor-



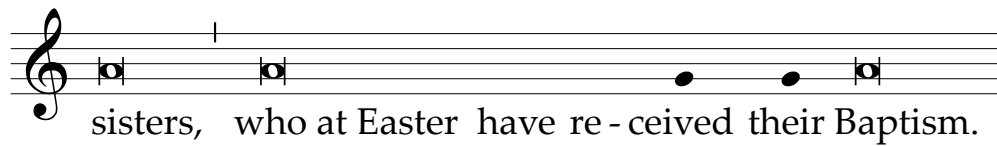
-rupted nature in the bath of re - gen - er - a - tion. There-fore, may



this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have re - ceived,



and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and



sisters, who at Easter have re - ceived their Baptism.




Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

# The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

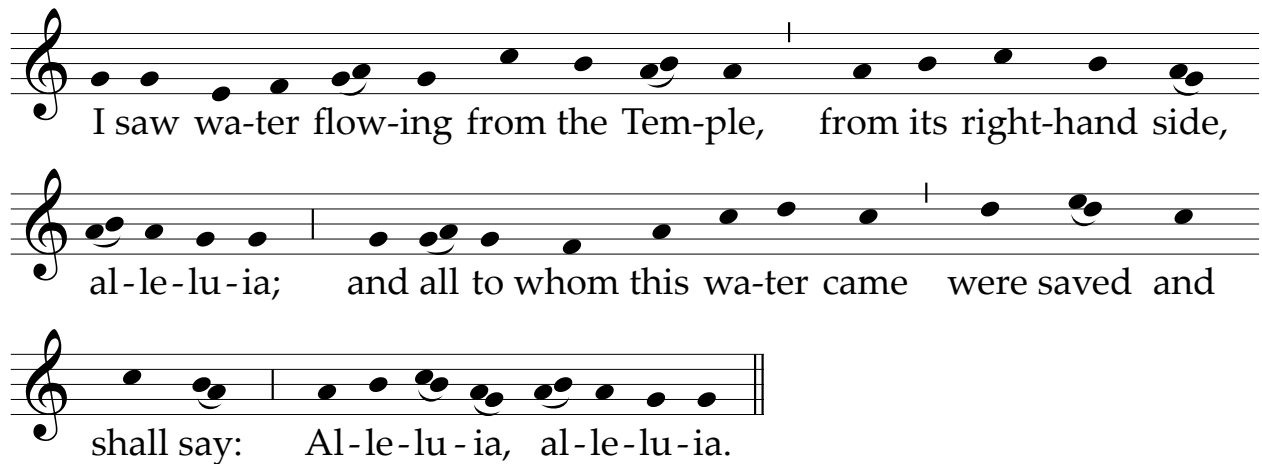
## Antiphon



Vi-di a-quam e-gre - di-én-tem de tem - plo, a lá-  
-te-re dex - tro, al - le - lú - ia; et o - mnes, ad quos  
per-vé-nit a - qua i - sta, sal - vi fac - ti sunt et  
di - cent: Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

Or:

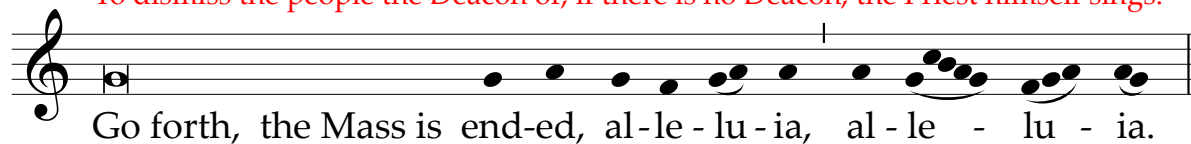
## Antiphon



I saw wa-ter flow-ing from the Tem-ple, from its right-hand side,  
al-le-lu-ia; and all to whom this wa-ter came were saved and  
shall say: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The English translation and chants of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings:



Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, F5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

All respond:



Thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, F5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

This is observed throughout the Octave of Easter.

The English translation and chants of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.