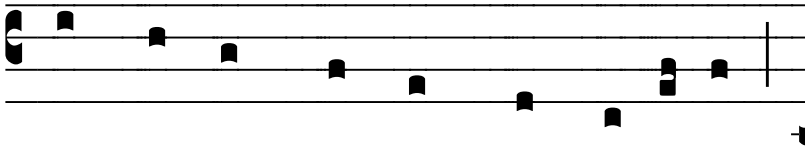


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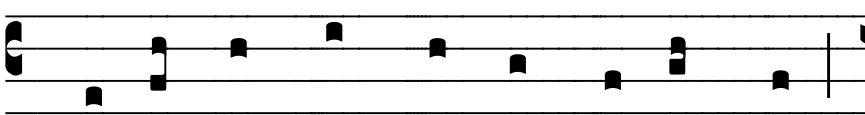
Re-joyce now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,



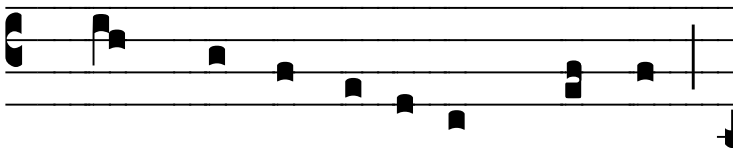
and let your trumpets shout salva-tion



for the victo-ry of our mighty King.



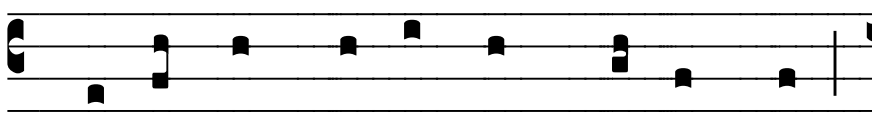
Re-joyce and sing now, all the round earth,



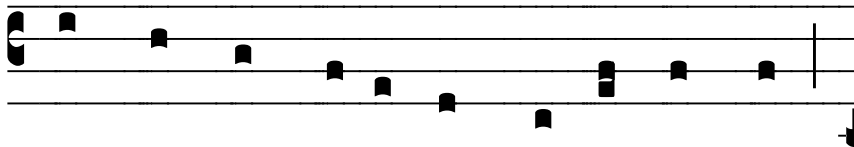
bright with a glo-ri-ous splendor,



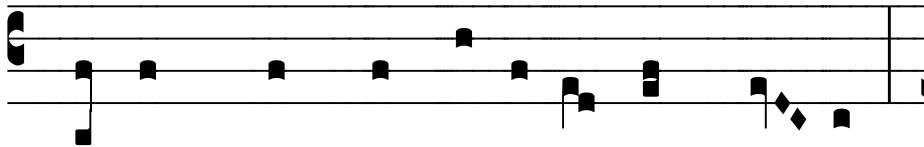
for darkness has been vanquished by our e-ternal King.



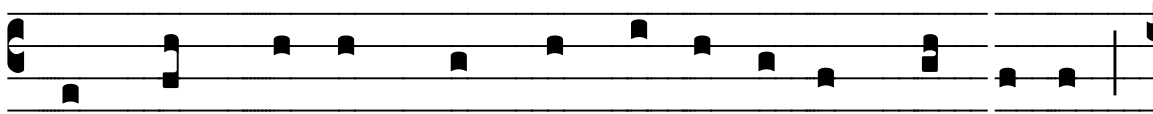
Re-joyce and be glad now, Mother Church,



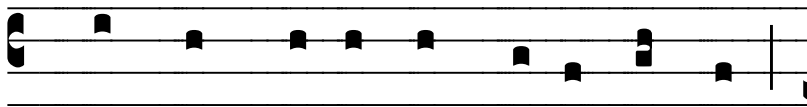
and let your ho-ly courts in ra-diant light,



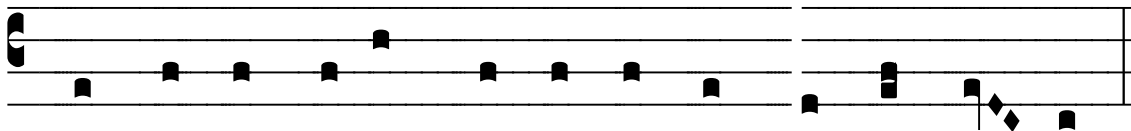
re-sound with the prai-ses of your peo-ple.



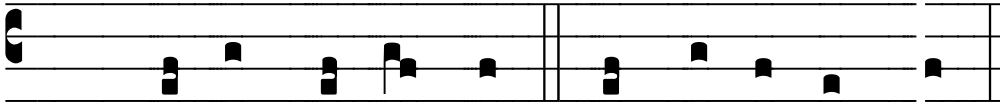
All you who stand near this marvel-ous and ho- ly flame,



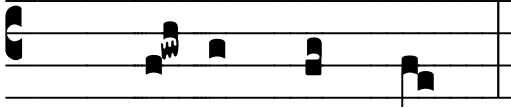
pray with me to God the Almighty,



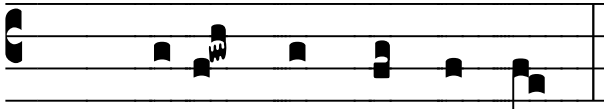
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.



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



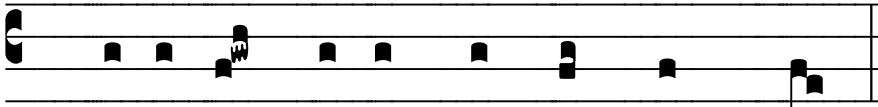
[✠ Lift up your hearts.



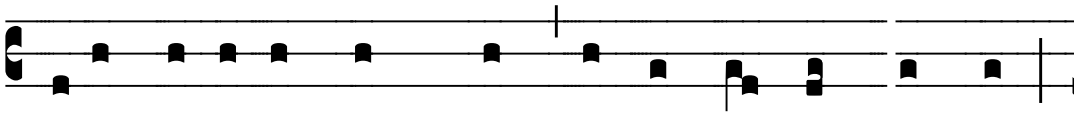
✠ We lift them to the Lord.]



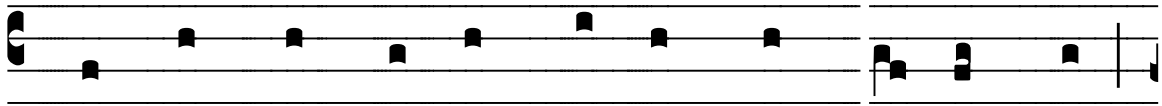
✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



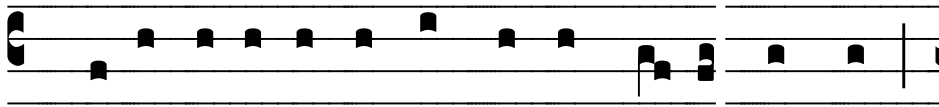
✠ It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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



with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you,



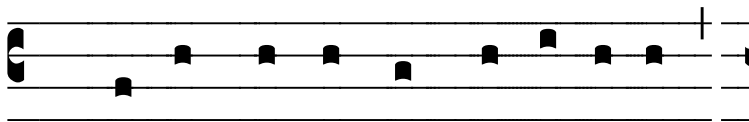
the invis-ible, almighty, and e-ternal God,



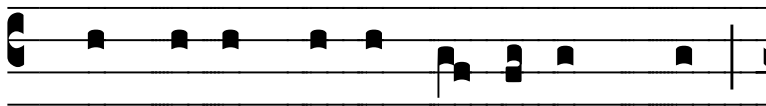
and your only-begotten Son Je-sus Christ our Lord;



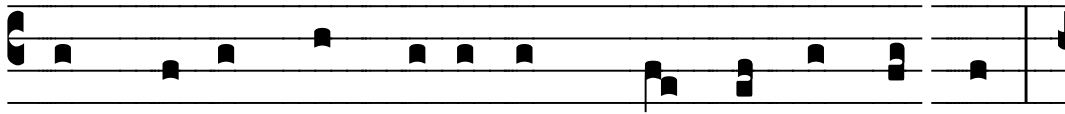
for he is the true Paschal Lamb,



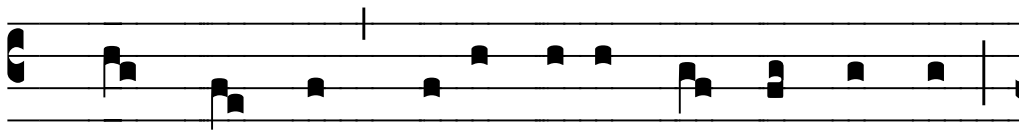
who at the feast of the Passover



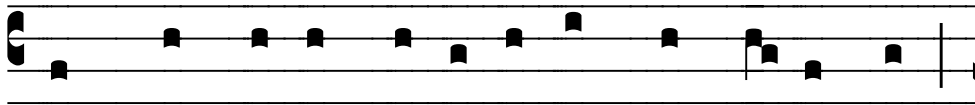
paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,



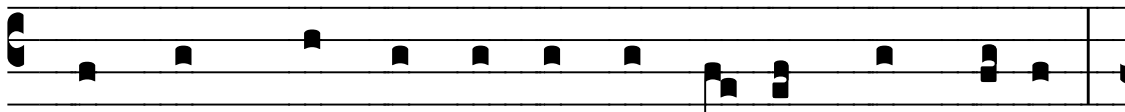
and by his blood de-liv-ered your faithful people.



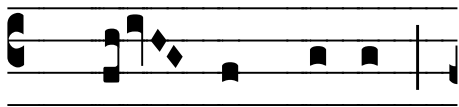
[Now there-fore, we sa-cri-fice our Paschal feast,



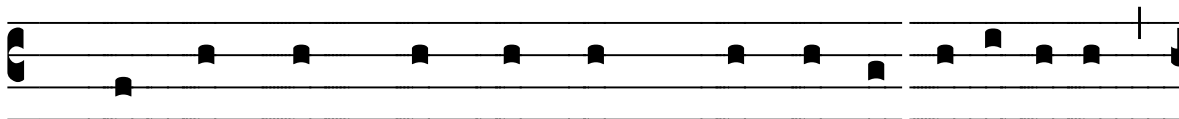
in which for us the ve-ry Lamb of God is slain,



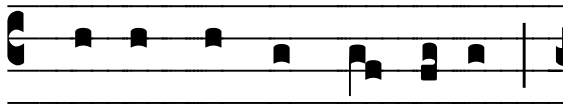
by whose blood his faithful peo-ple are made ho-ly.]



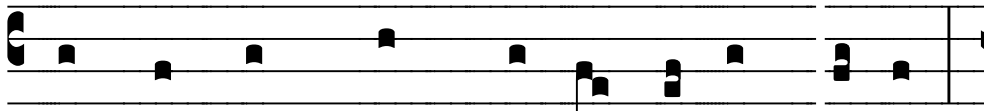
This is the night



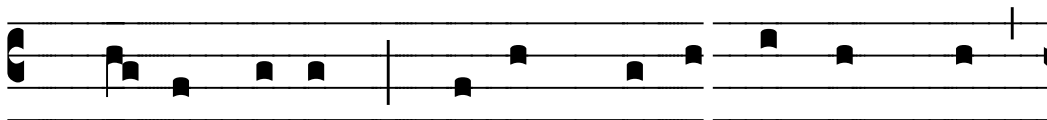
when you brought our forebears, the children of Isra-el,



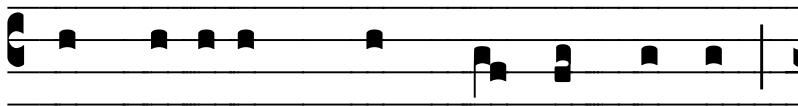
out of bondage in Egypt,



and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.



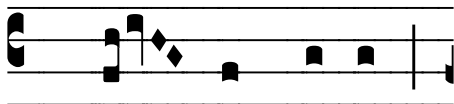
This is the night when all who be-lieve in Christ,



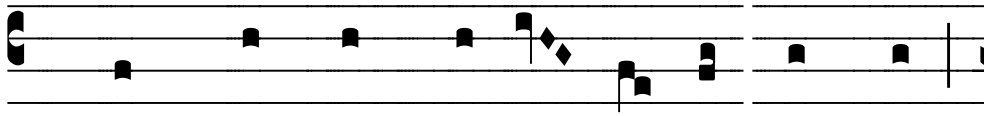
are de-livered from the gloom of sin,



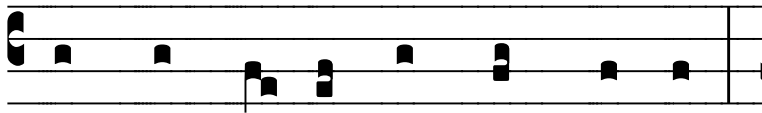
and are restored to grace and ho-li-ness of life.



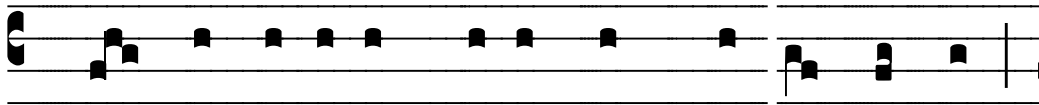
This is the night



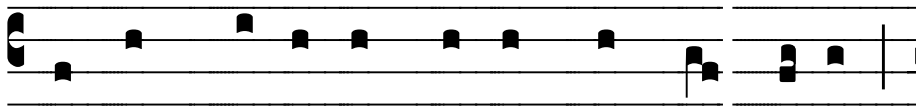
when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell,



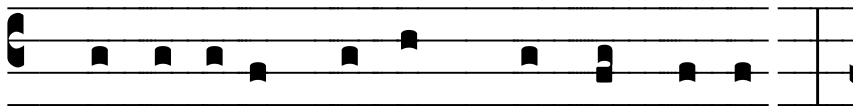
and rose vic-tor-ious from the grave.



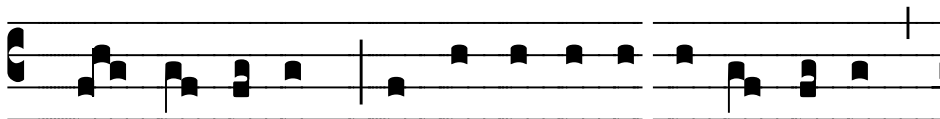
How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God,



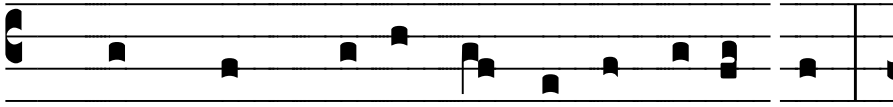
is your mercy and lov-ing kindness to us,



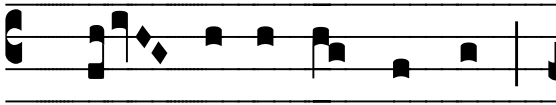
that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.



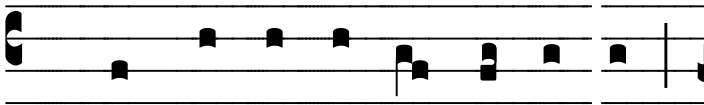
[O happy fault, O ne-cessa-ry sin of Adam,



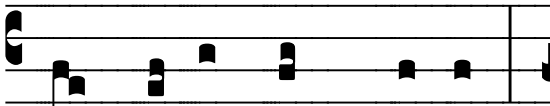
which gained for us so great a Redeemer.]



How ho-ly is this night



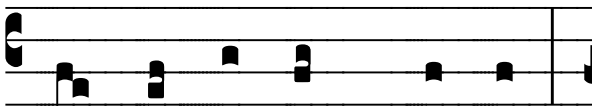
when wickedness is put to flight,



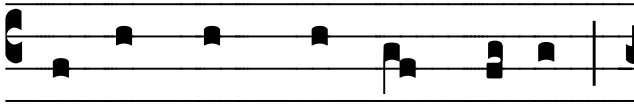
and sin is washed away.



It restores innocence to the fall-en,



and joy to those who mourn.



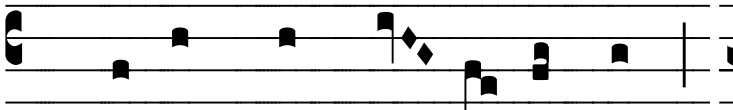
It casts out pride and hatred,



and brings peace and concord.



How blessed is this night,



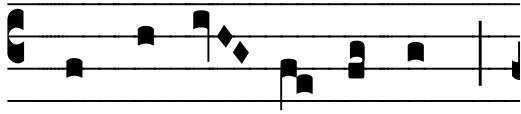
when earth and hea-ven are joined,



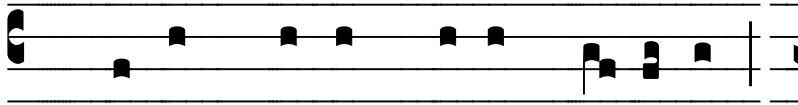
and we are reconciled with God.



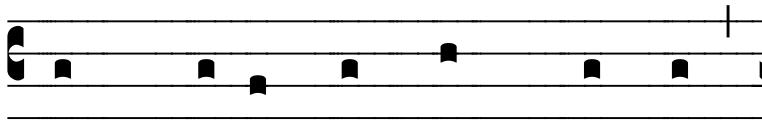
[Therefore, O ho-ly Father, accept the evening sacri-fice



find it ev- er burning,



who gives his light to all cre- a-tion,



and who lives and reigns with you



for ev- er and ev-er. ℞ 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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