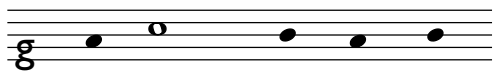
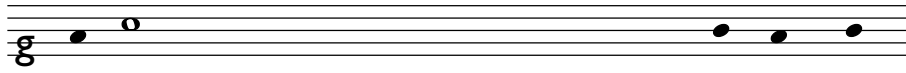


Short Prefaces (contemporary language)

From the First Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve



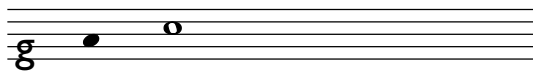
And now we give you thanks



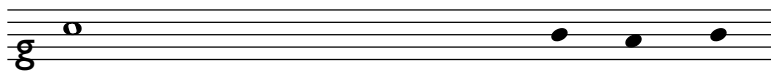
be-cause you sent him to redeem us from sin and death



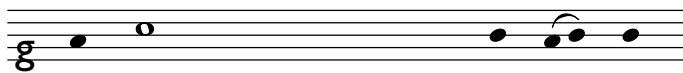
and to make us in-he-ri-tors of ev-er-last-ing life;



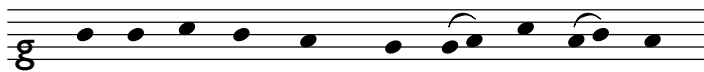
that when he shall come again



in power and great triumph to judge the world,

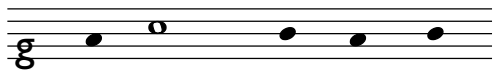


we may with joy behold his ap-pear-ing,

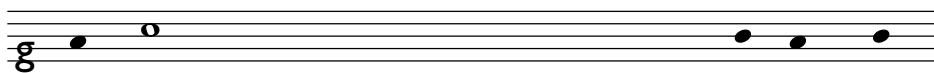


and in con-fi-dence may stand be-fore him.

John the Baptist



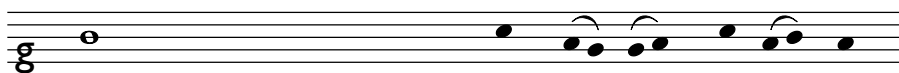
And now we give you thanks



be-cause you prepared the way of your Son Je-sus Christ

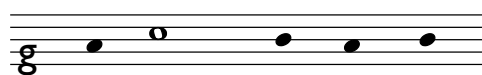


by the preaching of your servant John the Bap-tist,

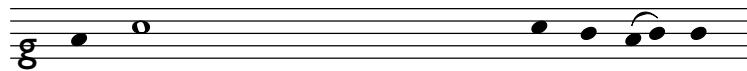


who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Sa-viour.

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany



And now we give you thanks



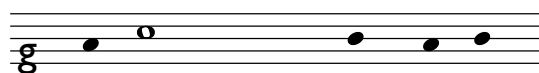
be-cause, by the power of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



he took our nat-ure up-on him



and was born of the Vir-gin Ma-ry his mo-ther,

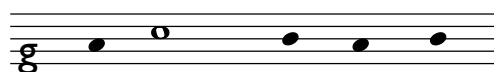


that being himself with-out sin,

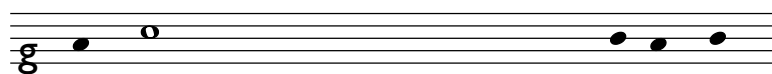


he might make us clean from all sin.

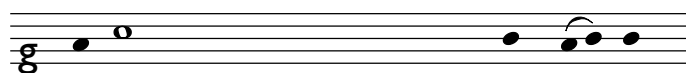
Incarnation



And now we give you thanks



be-cause in coming to dwell among us as man,

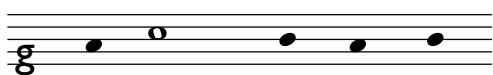


he revealed the radiance of your glo-ry,



and brought us out of dark-ness in-to your own marv' - lous light.

Holy Family



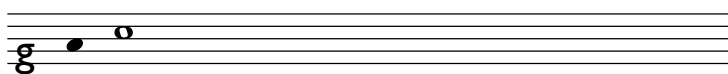
And now we give you thanks



be-cause in his earth-ly child-hood



you entrusted him to the care of a hu-man fa - mi - ly.



In Mary and Joseph you give us an example

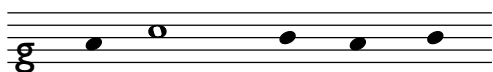


of love and de-vo-tion to him

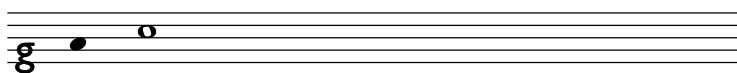


and al-so a pat-tern of fa-mi-ly life.

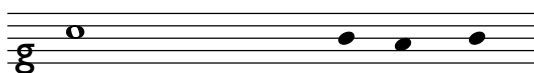
Blessed Virgin Mary



And now we give you thanks



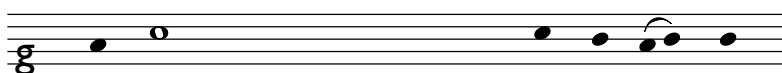
be-cause in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary



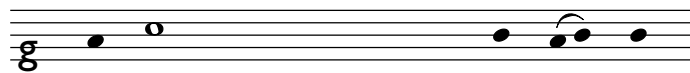
to be the mother of your Son



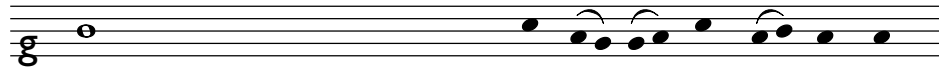
you have ex-alt-ed the hum-ble and meek.



Your angel hailed her as most high-ly fa-voured;

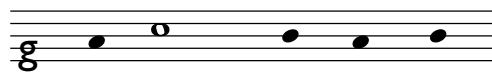


with all generations we call her bless-ed

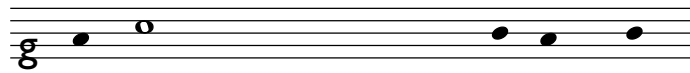


and with her we rejoice and mag-ni - fy your ho - ly name.

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation



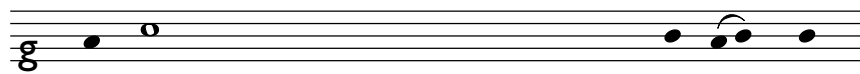
And now we give you thanks



be-cause, in the incarnation of the Word,



a new light has dawned up-on the world,



that all the nations may be brought out of dark-ness



to see the ra-diance of your glo - ry.

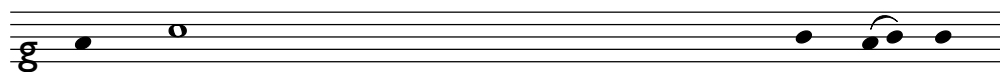
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



And now we give you thanks be-cause, by appearing in the tem-ple,



he comes near to us in judge-ment;

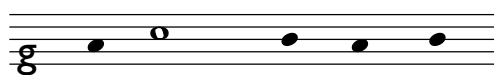


the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your peo-ple

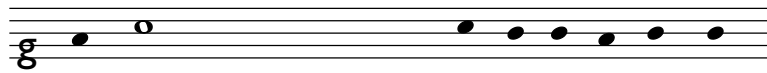


and brings to light the bright-ness of your splen-dour.

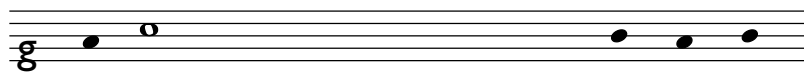
From Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent



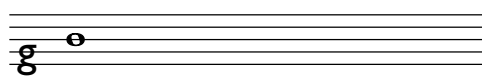
And now we give you thanks



be-cause you give us the spi-rit of dis-ci-pline,



that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,

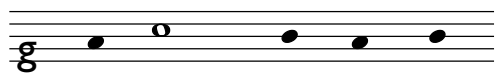


as we prepare to celebrate

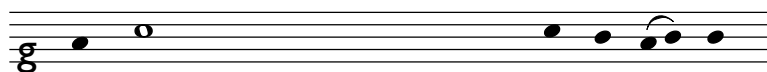


the paschal mys-te-ry with mind and heart re-newed.

The Annunciation of Our Lord



And now we give you thanks



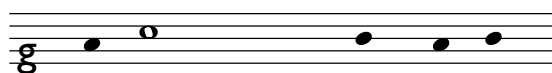
be-cause, by the power of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



he took our nat-ure up-on him



and was born of the Vir-gin Ma-ry his mo-ther,



that being himself with-out sin,



he might make us clean from all sin.

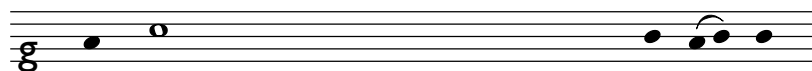
From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week



And now we give you thanks because, for our sal-va-tion,



he was obedient ev-en to death on the cross.

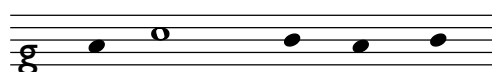


The tree of shame was made the tree of glo-ry;

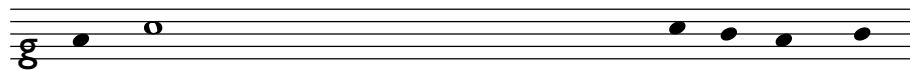


and where life was lost, there life has been re-stored.

The Holy Cross



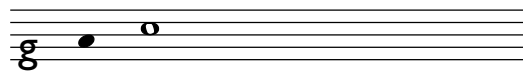
And now we give you thanks



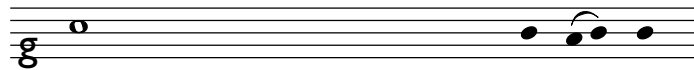
be-cause for our sins he was lifted high up-on the cross,



that he might draw the whole world to him-self;



and, by his suffering and death,

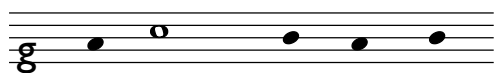


became the source of eternal sal-va-tion

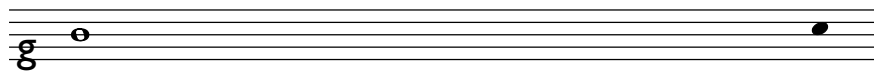


for all who put their trust in him.

Maundy Thursday



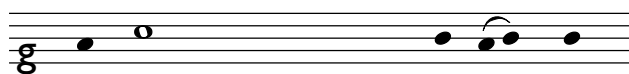
And now we give you thanks



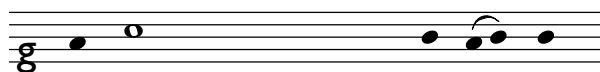
because, having loved his own who were in the world,



he loved them to the end;



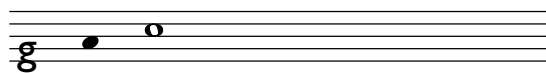
and on the night before he suf-fered,



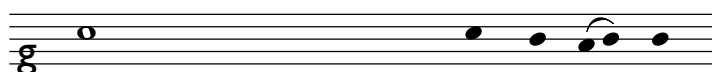
sit-ting at table with his dis-ci-ples,



he in-sti-tut-ed these ho-ly mys-ter-ies,



that we, redeemed by his death

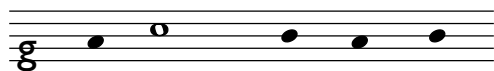


and restored to life by his re-sur-rec-tion,

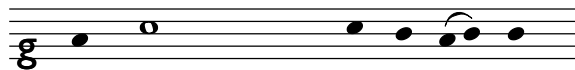


might be par-ta-kers of his di-vine na-ture.

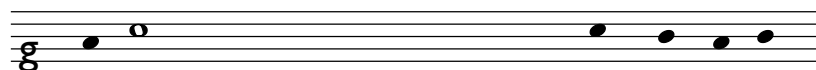
Blessing of the Oils



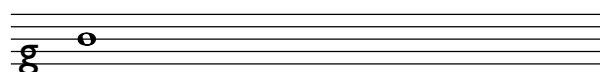
And now we give you thanks



be-cause by your Ho-ly Spi-rit



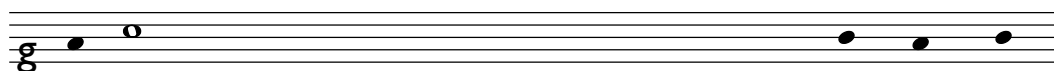
you anointed your only Son to be ser-vant of all



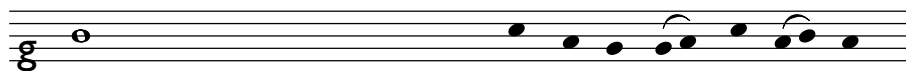
and ordained that he should enter



in-to his king-dom through suf-fer-ing.

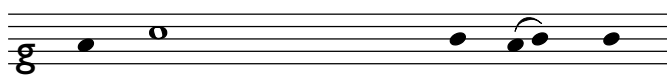


In your wisdom and love you call your Church to serve the world,



to share in Christ's suffering and to re-veal his glo-ry.

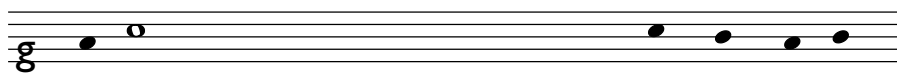
From Easter Day until the Eve of the Ascension



But chiefly are we bound to praise you



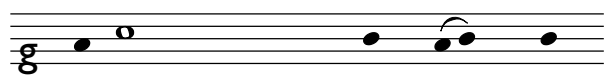
because you raised him glo-rious-ly from the dead.



For he is the true paschal lamb who was of-fered for us,



and has taken a-way the sin of the world.



By his death he has des-troyed death,

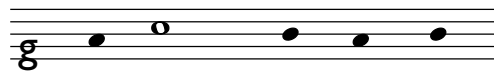


and by his ri-sing to life a-gain

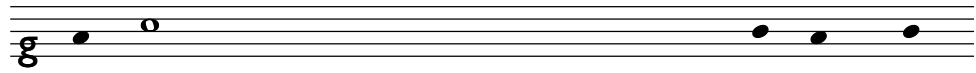


he has re-stored to us ev-er-last-ing life.

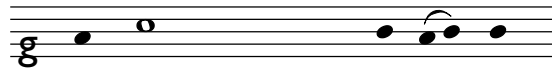
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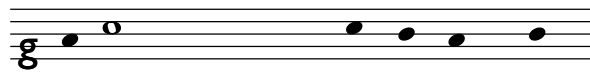
And now we give you thanks



be-cause in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,



the long reign of sin is end-ed,

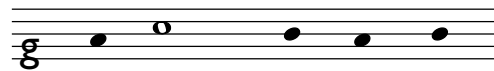


a broken world is be-ing re-newed

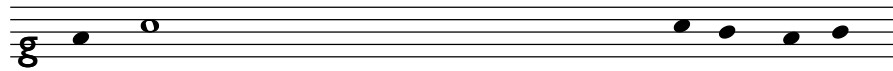


and hu-ma-ni-ty is once a-gain made whole.

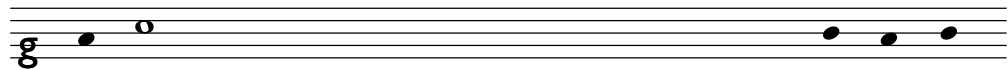
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And now we give you thanks



be-cause through him you have given us e-ter-nal life



and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death



into the glorious lib-er-ty of the chil-dren of God.

Ascension Day




And now we give you thanks



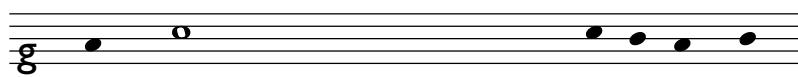
be-cause, after his most glorious re-sur-rec-tion,



he ap-peared to his dis-ci-ples,



and in their sight ascended in-to hea-ven to pre-pare a place for us;



that where he is, thither we might al-so as-cend,

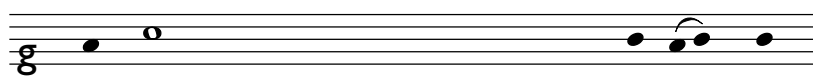


and reign with him in glo-ry.

From the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost



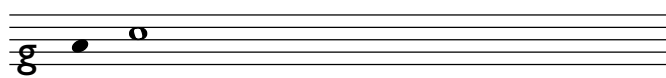
And now we give you thanks




that, after he had ascended far above all hea-vens,



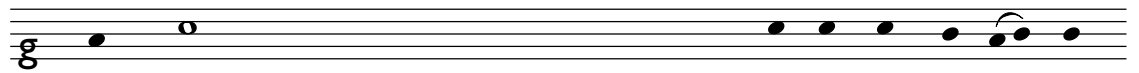
and was seated at the right hand of your ma-jes-ty,



he sent forth upon the universal Church



your holy and life-giv-ing Spi-rit;

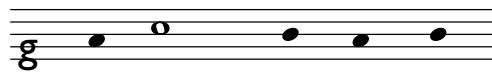


that through his glorious power the joy of the ev-er-last-ing gos-pel

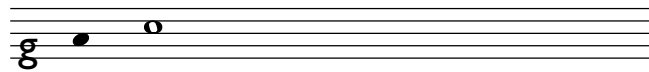


might go forth in-to all the world.

Trinity Sunday



And now we give you thanks



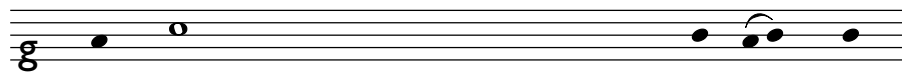
be-cause you have revealed the glory



of your eternal fel-low-ship of love



with your Son and with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

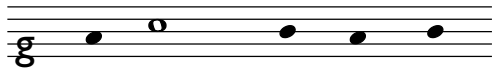


three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splen-dour,

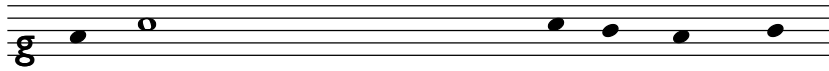


yet one God, ev-er to be wor-shipped and a-dored.

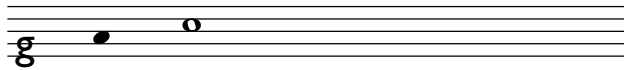
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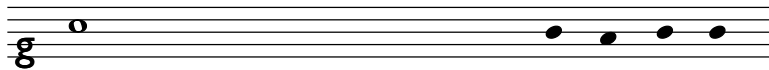
And now we give you thanks



be-cause the divine glory of the in-car-nate Word



shone forth upon the holy mountain

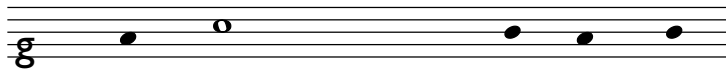


before the chosen witnesses of his ma-jes-ty;

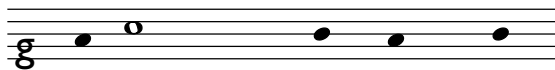


and your own voice from heaven pro-claimed your be-lov-ed Son.

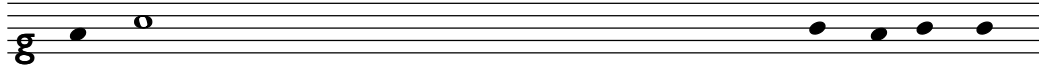
Michael and All Angels



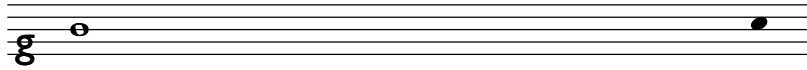
Through him the archangels sing your praise,



the angels fulfil your com-mands,



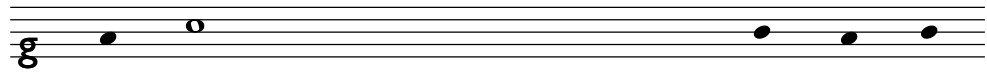
the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your ho-li-ness;



the whole company of heaven glorifies your name



and re-joi-ces to do your will.

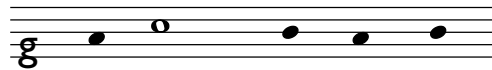


There-fore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs,

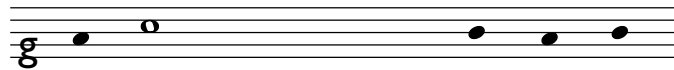


for ever prais-ing you and say-ing:

Dedication



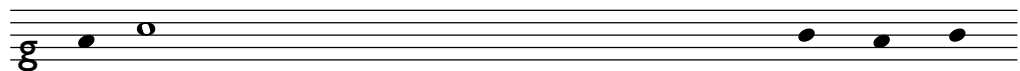
And now we give you thanks



for your blessing on this house of prayer,



where through your grace we of-fer you the sac-ri-fice of praise



and are built by your Spirit into a temple made with-out hands,

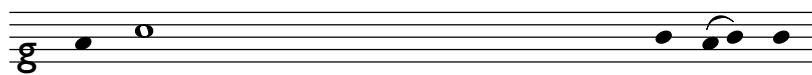


even the bo-dy of your Son Je-sus Christ.

All Saints' Day



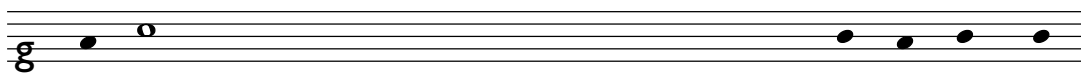
And now we give you thanks



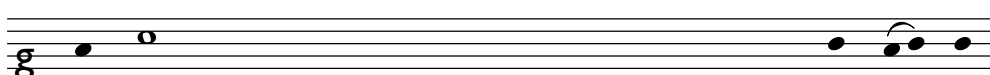
for the glorious pledge of the hope of our call-ing




which you have giv-en us in your saints;



that, following their example and strengthened by their fel-low-ship,




we may run with perseverance the race that is set be-fore us,

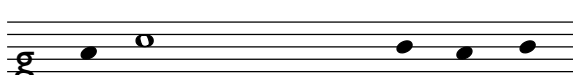


and with them receive the un-fad-ing crown of glo-ry.

*From the day after All Saints' Day
until the day before the First Sunday of Advent*



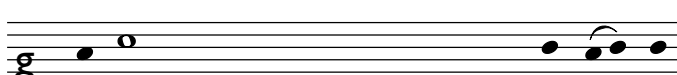
And now we give you thanks that he is the King of glo-ry,




who overcomes the sting of death



and opens the kingdom of hea-ven to all be-liev-ers.

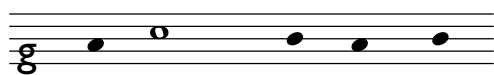


He is seated at your right hand in glo-ry



and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

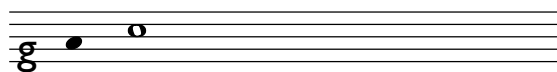
On Saints' Days



And now we give you thanks



that your glory is re-vealed in [N and] all the saints.



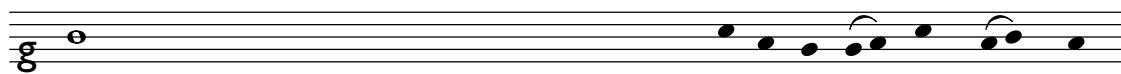
In their lives you have given us



an example of faith-ful-ness to Christ.

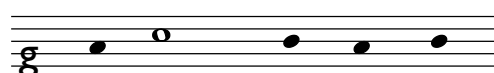


In their holiness we find en-cour-age-ment and hope.

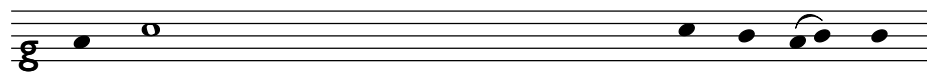


In our communion with them we share the u-ni-ty of your king-dom.

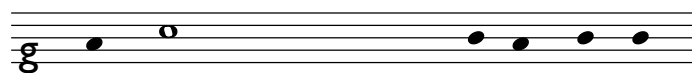
Apostles and Evangelists



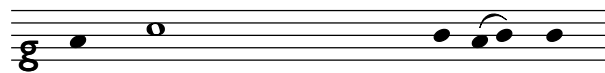
And now we give you thanks



be-cause your Son Jesus Christ after his re-sur-rec-tion



sent forth his apostles and e-van-gel-ists

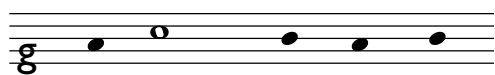


to preach the gospel to all na-tions

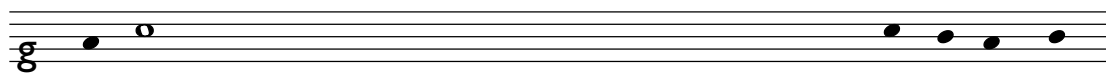


and to teach us the way of truth.

Martyrs



And now we give you thanks

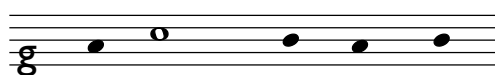


that in the witness of your martyrs who follow Christ ev-en to death



you reveal your power made per-fect in our hu-man weak-ness.

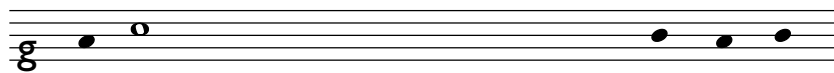
Ministry



And now we give you thanks



because within the roy-al priest-hood of your Church



you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God,

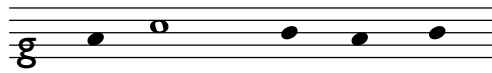


to care for your peo-ple

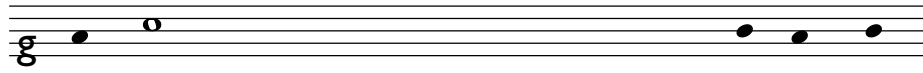


and to celebrate the sac-ra-ments of the new cov-en-ant.

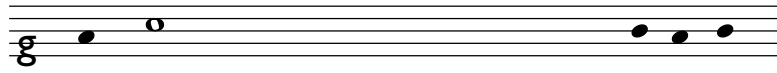
Unity



And now we give you thanks



be-cause of the unity that you have given us in your Son

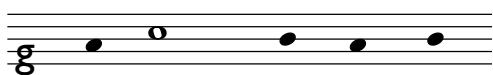


and that you are the God and Father of us all,

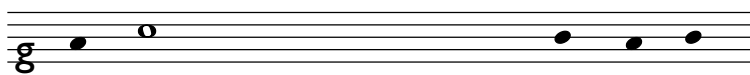


a-bove all and through all and in all.

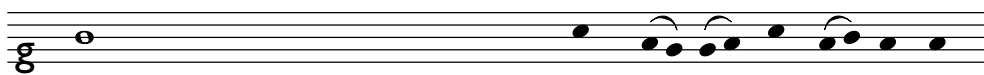
Sundays before Lent and after Trinity



And now we give you thanks



be-cause you are the source of light and life;

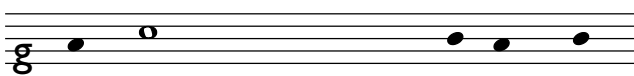


you made us in your image, and called us to new life in him.

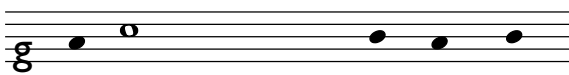
(or)



And now we give you thanks



be-cause on the first day of the week

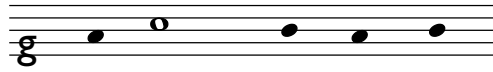


he overcame death and the grave

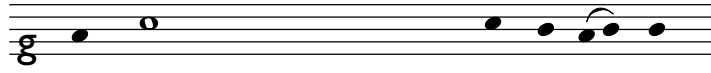


and opened to us the way of ev-er-last-ing life.

(or)



And now we give you thanks



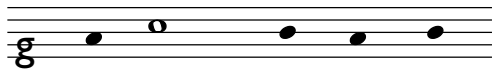
be-cause by water and the Ho-ly Spi-rit



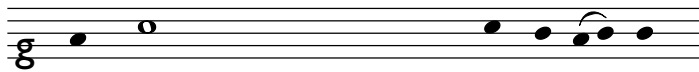
you have made us in him a new peo-ple to show forth your glo-ry.

Initiation

Baptism or Confirmation Services



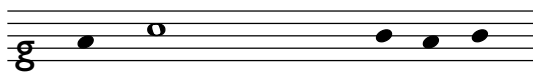
And now we give you thanks



be-cause by water and the Ho-ly Spi-rit



you have made us a holy peo-ple in Je-sus Christ our Lord,



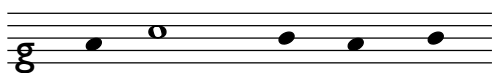
you raise us to new life in him



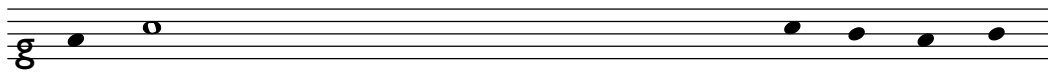
and renew in us the im-age of your glo-ry.

Wholeness and Healing

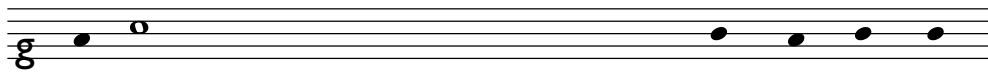
I For general use



And now we give you thanks



be-cause you call us out of darkness into your mar-vel-lous light,

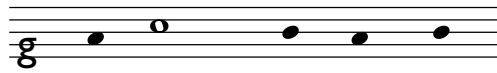


and by the power of your redeeming love you make us whole,

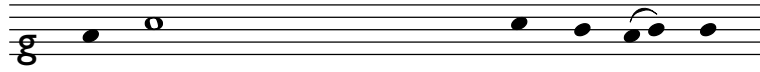


that we may be the first-fruits of your new cre-a-tion.

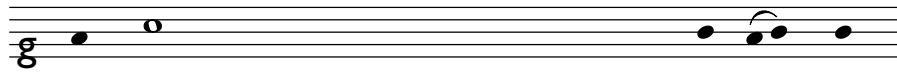
2 For general use



And now we give you thanks



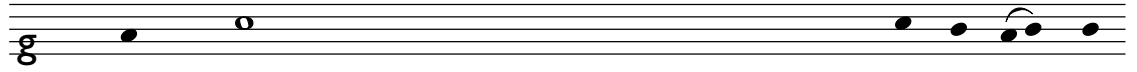
that, taking upon himself our hu-man na-ture,



he shared our joy and our tears, bore all our sick-ness,



and car-ried all our sor-rows.



Through death he brought us to the life of his glorious re-sur-rec-tion,

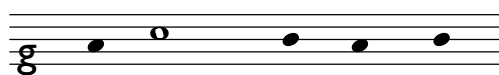


giv-ing for frailty e-ter-nal strength,

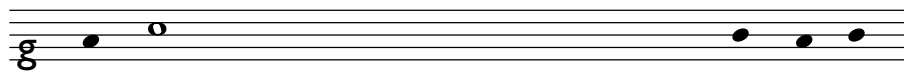


and restoring in us the im-age of your glo-ry.

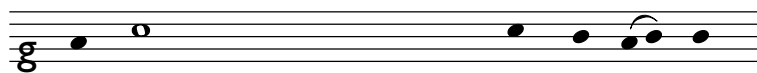
3 For general use



And now we give you thanks



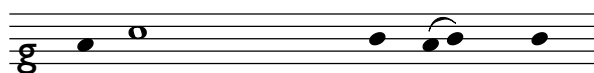
that you have shown the greatness of your love for us



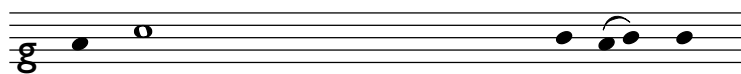
by sending him to share our hu-man na-ture



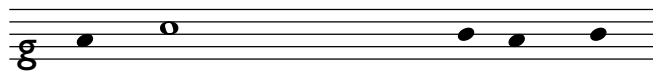
and ac-com-lish our for-give-ness.



He embraces us in our weak-ness,



he suffers with the sick and the re-ject-ed,

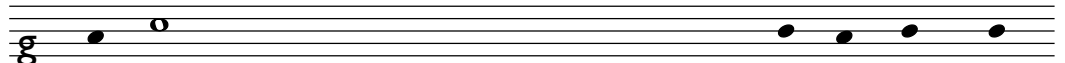


and, bringing your healing to the world,

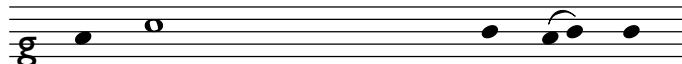


he res-cues us from ev-ery e - vil.


4 For general use



And now we give you thanks that through him the sick are healed:



the blind regain their sight, the deaf hear,



the lame walk, and the out-cast are brought home;



the poor re-ceive good news

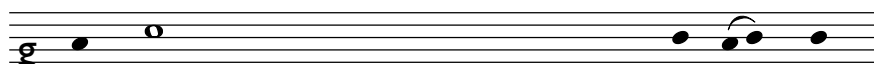


and the dead are raised to life.

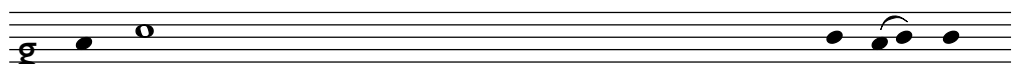
5 For use in particular sickness
(especially when the sick have been anointed)



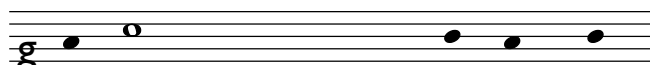
And now we give you thanks



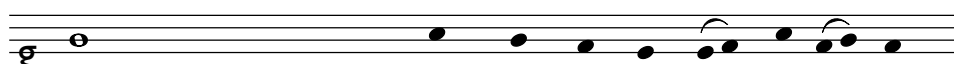
be-cause you provide medicine to heal our sick-ness,



and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the na-tions,

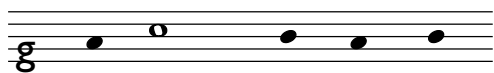


a-nointing us with your heal-ing power

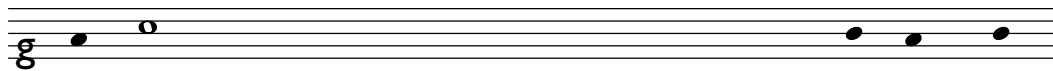


so that we may be the first-fruits of your new cre-a-tion.

Marriage



And now we give you thanks



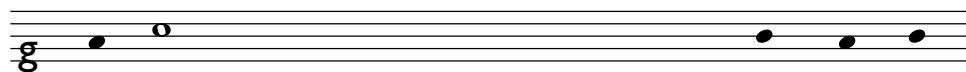
be-cause you have made the union between Christ and his Church



a pattern for the mar-riage be-tween hus-band and wife.

Funeral

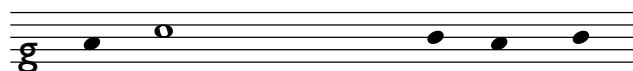
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And now we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.



In him who rose from the dead our hope of re-sur-rec-tion dawned.

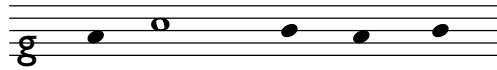


The sting of death has been re-moved

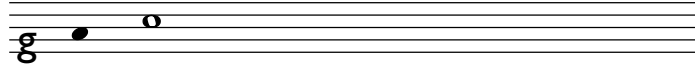


by the glorious pro-mise of his ri-sen life.

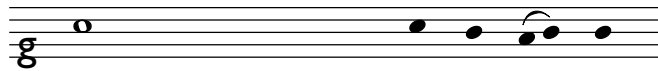
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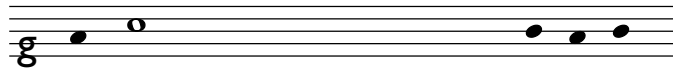
And now we give you thanks



be-cause through him you have given us



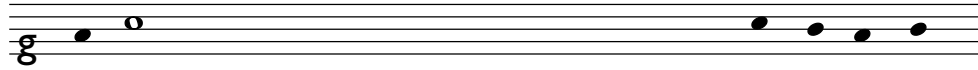
the hope of a glorious re-sur-rec-tion;



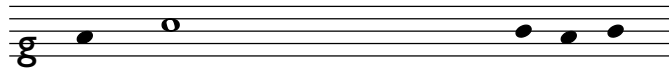
so that, although death comes to us all,



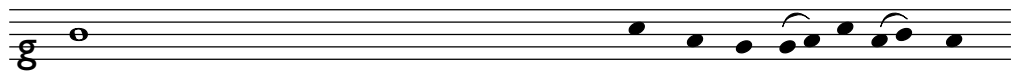
yet we re-joice in the pro-mise of e-ter-nal life;



for to your faithful people life is changed, not ta-ken a-way;



and when our mortal flesh is laid a-side



an everlasting dwelling place is made rea-dy for us in hea-ven.

