


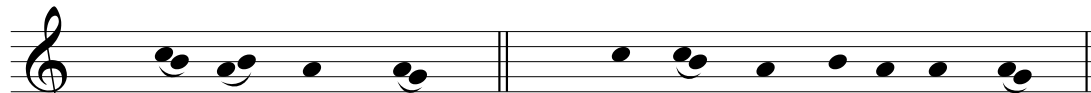
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# THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST


## The mission of the Precursor



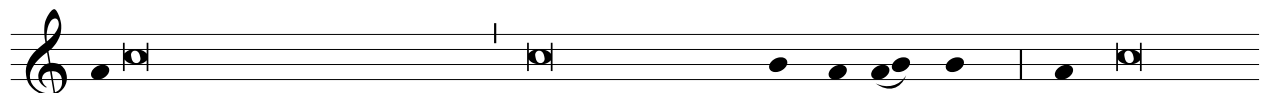
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.



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.



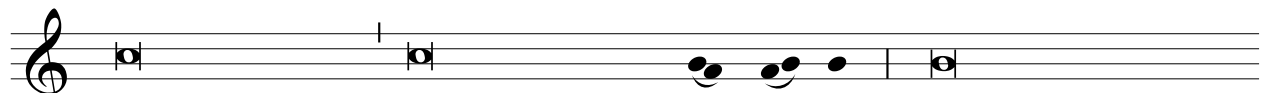
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and




everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-



-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. In his Precursor, Saint



John the Baptist, we praise your great glo-ry, for you consecrated




him for a sin-gu-lar hon-or among those born of wom-en. His



birth brought great re-joic-ing; even in the womb he leapt for joy



at the coming of hu-man sal-va-tion. He alone of all the proph-ets



pointed out the Lamb of re-demp-tion. And to make holy the flow-

-ing waters, he baptized the very au-thor of Bap-tism and was priv-  
-ileged to bear him supreme wit-ness by the shed-ding of his blood.  
And so, with the Pow-ers of heav-en, we worship you con-stant-ly  
on earth, and before your maj-es-ty without end we ac-claim:

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