

# PERPETUAL PROFESSION


Religious life as service of God through the imitation of Christ



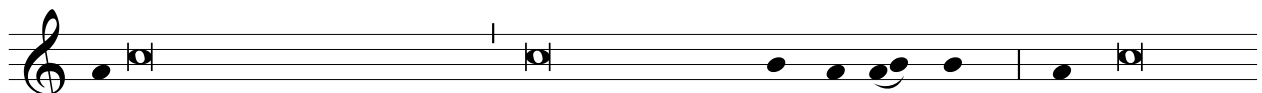
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.




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.



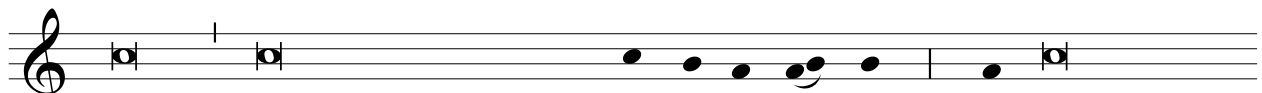
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and



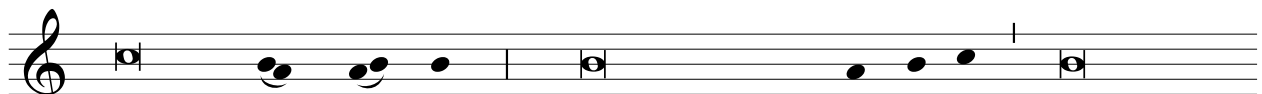
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-



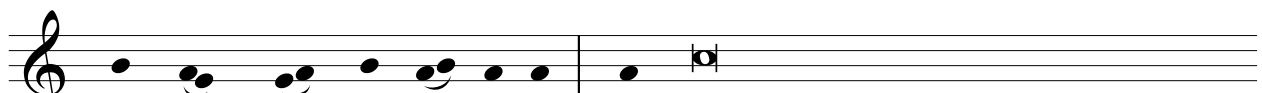
-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. He is the unblemished



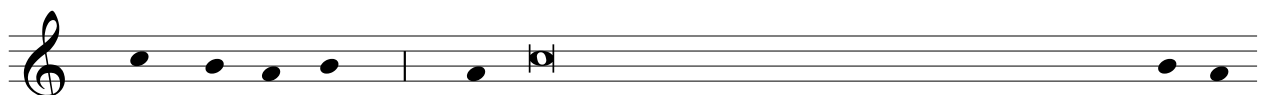
flower, who sprang from the root of the Vir-gin and declared the



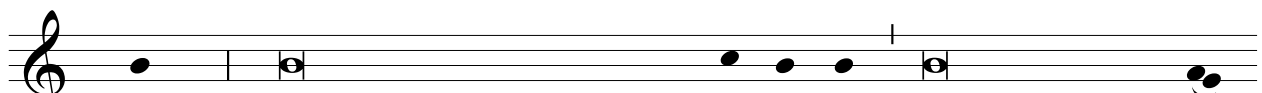
pure of heart bless-ed, teaching by his way of life the sur-



-pas-sing worth of chas-ti-ty. He chose always to hold fast to what is



pleas-ing to you and, becoming obedient for our sake even un-til



death, he willingly offered him-self to you as a perfect and a

fra-grant sac-ri-fice. He consecrated to a fuller service of your  
 maj-es-ty those who for love of you leave all earth-ly things and  
 prom-ised they would find treas-ure in heav-en. And so, with  
 the company of An-gels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your  
 praise, as without end we ac-claim:

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