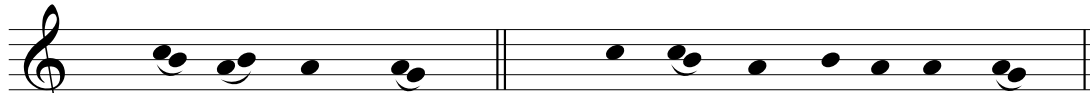


# THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY


## Mary, pattern and Mother of the Church



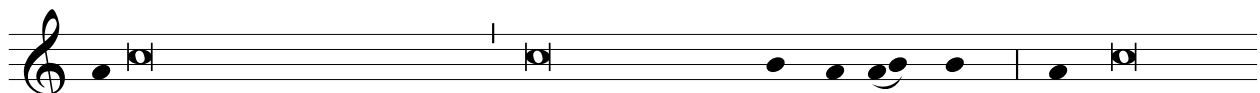
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.




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



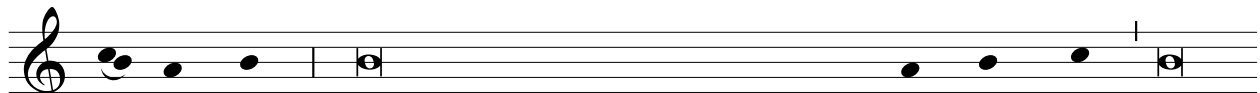
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



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-



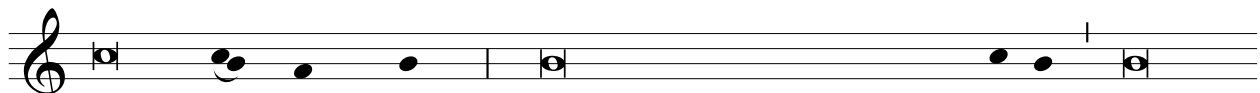
-ter-nal God, and to proclaim your greatness with due praise, as we



honor the Bless-ed Vir-gin Mar-y. Re-ceiving your Word in



her Im-mac-u-late Heart, she was found worthy to conceive him



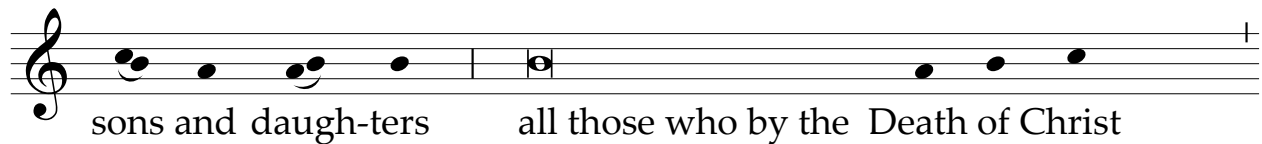
in her vir-gin's womb and, giving birth to the Cre-a-tor, she nur-



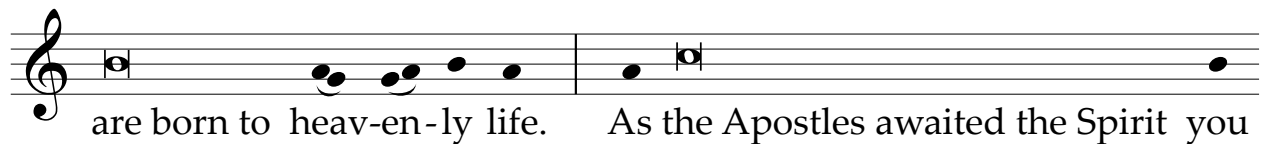
-tured the be-gin-nings of the Church. Stand-ing beside the Cross,



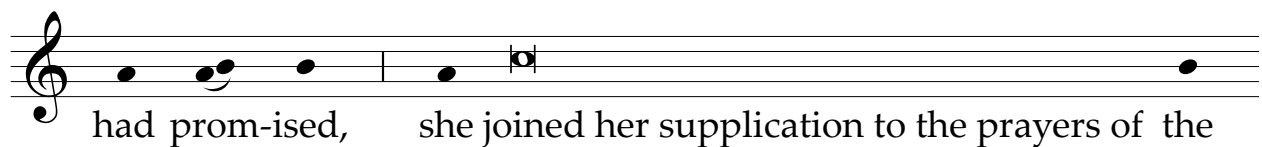
she received the testament of di-vine love and took to herself as



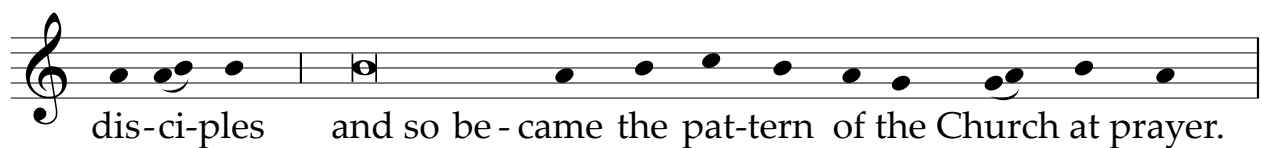
sons and daugh-ters all those who by the Death of Christ



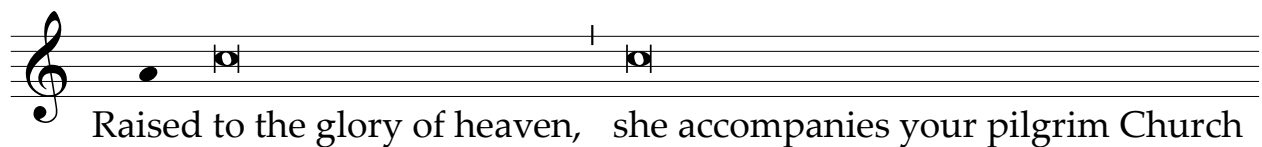
are born to heav-en-ly life. As the Apostles awaited the Spirit you




had prom-ised, she joined her supplication to the prayers of the



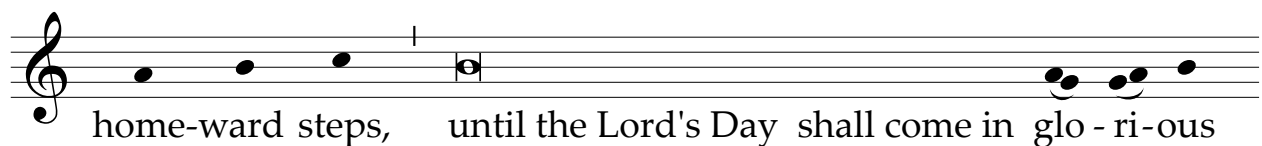
dis-ci-ples and so be-came the pat-tern of the Church at prayer.



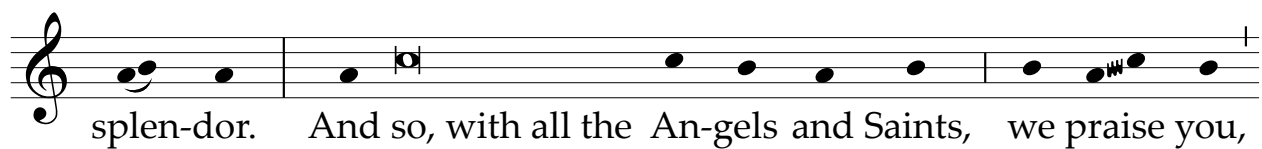
Raised to the glory of heaven, she accompanies your pilgrim Church



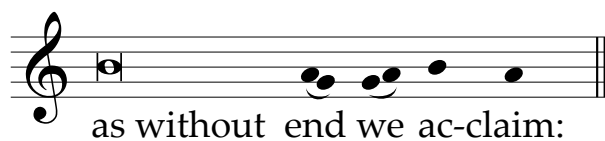
with a moth-er's love and watches in kindness over the Church's



home-ward steps, until the Lord's Day shall come in glo-ri-ous



splen-dor. And so, with all the An-gels and Saints, we praise you,



as without end we ac-claim: