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 that we should always give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-ter-nal God. For you do not cease to spur us on to possess a more a-bun-dant life and, being rich in mercy, you constantly of-fer par-don and call on sin-ners to trust in your for-give-ness a-lone. Nev-er did you turn away from us, and, though time and again we have bro-ken your cov-e-nant, you have bound the human family to yourself through Jesus your Son, our Re-deem-er, with a new bond of love so tight that it can nev-er
be un-done. E-ven now you set before your people a time of grace and recon-ci-li-a-tion, and, as they turn back to you in spirit, you grant them hope in Christ Je-sus and a desire to be of ser-vice to all, while they entrust them-selves more ful-ly to the Ho-ly Spir-it. And so, filled with wonder, we extol the power of your love, and, proclai-ming our joy at the salvation that comes from you, we join in the heavenly hymn of count-less hosts, as without end we ac-claim: