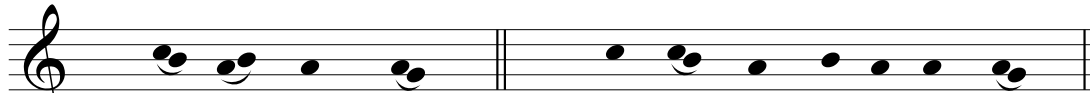


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Matrimony as a sign of divine love



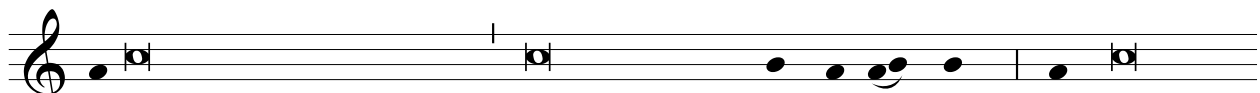
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.




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



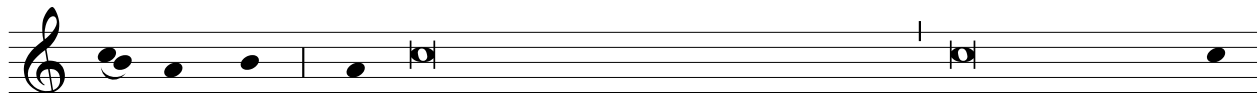
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.




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-



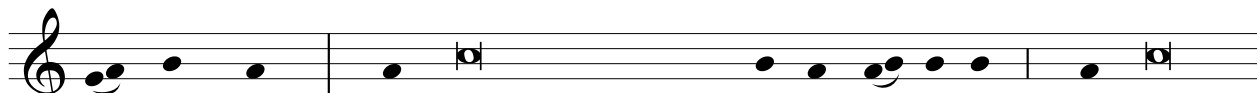
-ter-nal God. For you willed that the human race, created by the gift



of your good-ness, should be raised to such high dig-ni-ty that in




the union of hus-band and wife you might bestow a true im-age



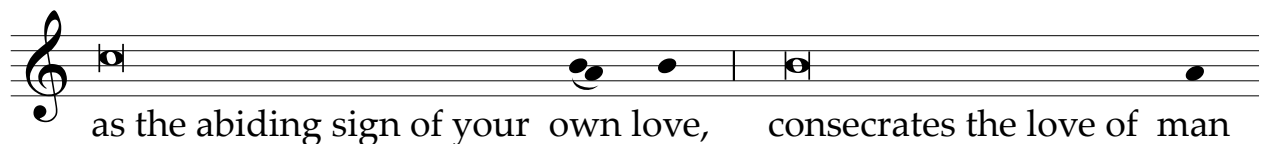
of your love. For those you created out of char-i-ty you call to



the law of charity with-out ceas-ing and grant them a share in your



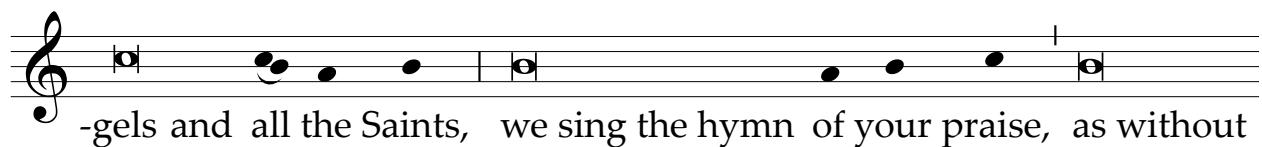
e - ter-nal char-i-ty. And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony,



as the abiding sign of your own love, consecrates the love of man



and wom-an, through Christ our Lord. Through him, with the An-



-gels and all the Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without



end we ac-claim: