

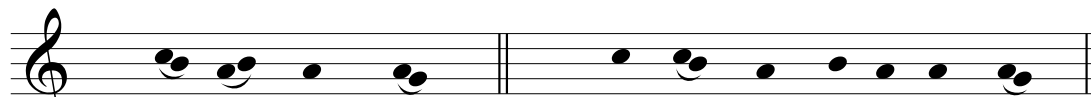
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# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## The mystery of Mary and the Church



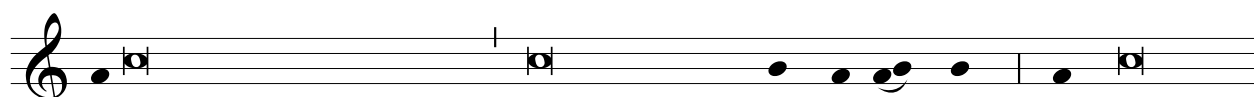
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.



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



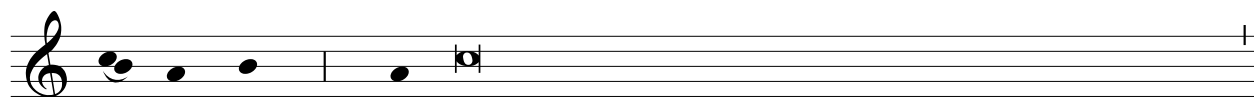
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



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



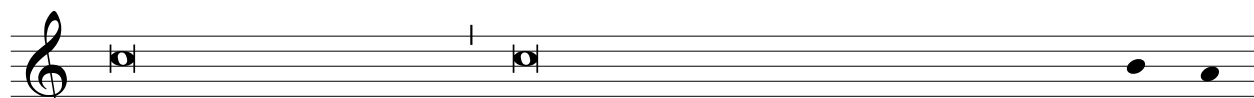
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-



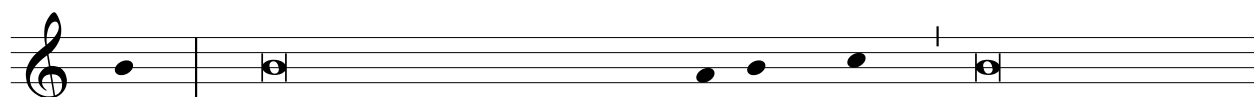
-ter-nal God. For you preserved the most Blessed Virgin Mary



from all stain of o-rig-i-nal sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich



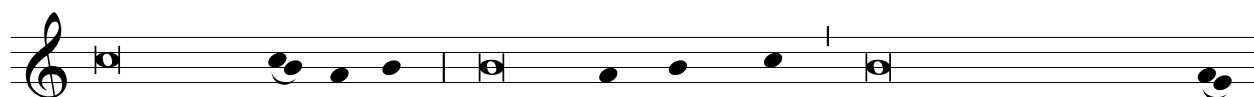
fullness of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your



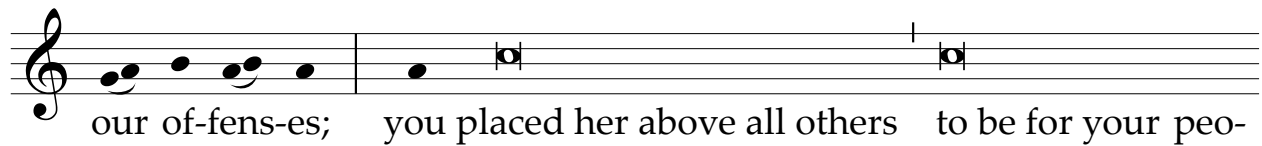
Son and signify the beginning of the Church, his beautiful



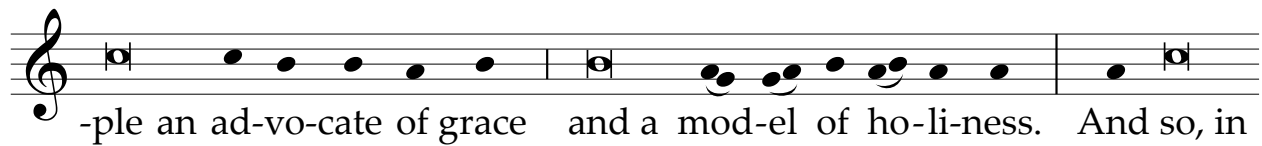
Bride with-out spot or wrin-kle. She, the most pure Virgin, was



to bring forth a Son, the in-no-cent Lamb who would wipe a-way



our of-fens-es; you placed her above all others to be for your peo-



-ple an ad-vo-cate of grace and a mod-el of ho-li-ness. And so, in



company with the choirs of An-gels, we praise you, and with joy



we pro-claim: