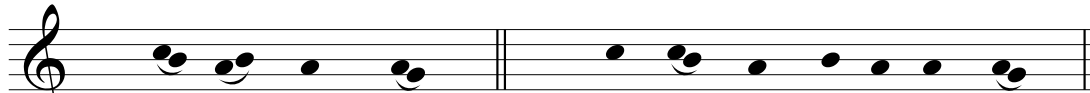


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The Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Priests



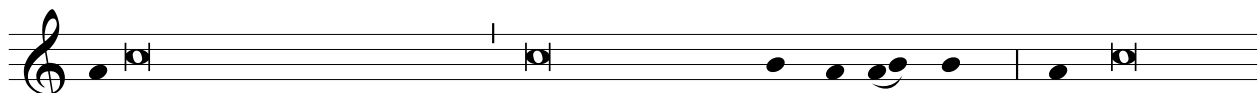
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.



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



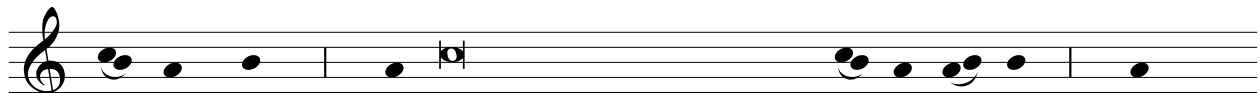
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.




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



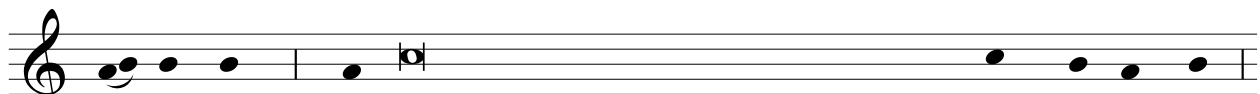
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-



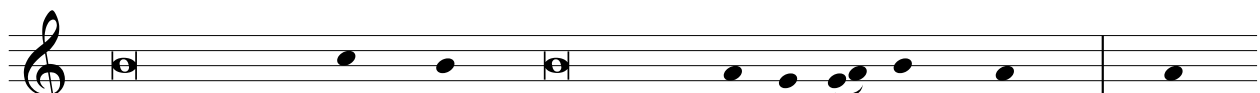
-ter-nal God. For by the anointing of the Ho-ly Spir-it you



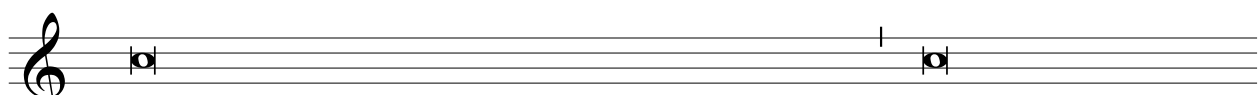
made your Only Begotten Son High Priest of the new and e - ter-nal



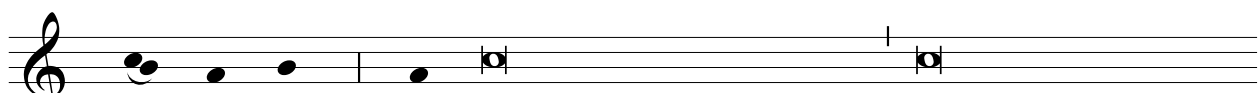
cov-e-nant, and by your wondrous design were pleased to de-cree



that his one Priest-hood should con - tin-ue in the Church. For



Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has



made his own, but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men

to become sharers in his sa-cred min-is-try through the lay-ing on
of hands. They are to renew in his name the sacrifice of hu-man
re-demp-tion, to set before your children the pas-chal ban-quet,
to lead your holy peo-ple in char-i-ty, to nourish them with the
word and strengthen them with the Sac-ra-ments. As they give
up their lives for you and for the salvation of their broth-ers and
sis-ters, they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ him-self
and offer you a con-stant wit-ness of faith and love. And so, Lord,
with all the An-gels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in
exul-ta-tion we ac-claim: