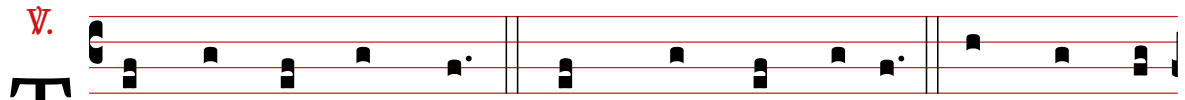
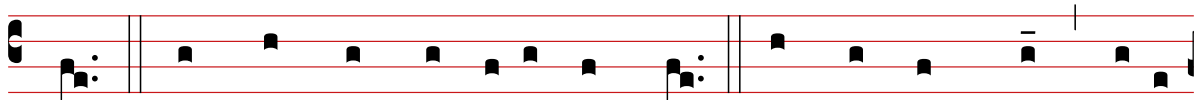


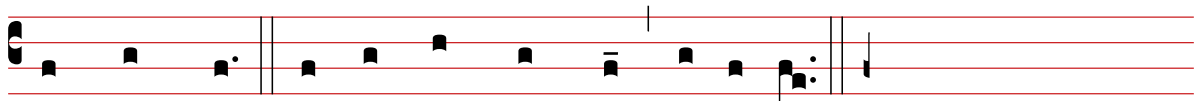
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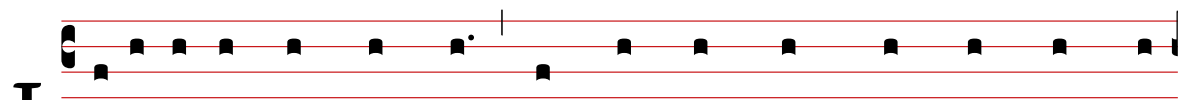


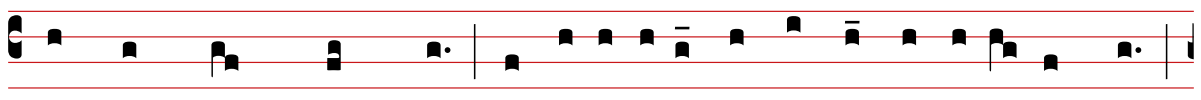
R EJOICE now, heaven-ly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your
trumpets shout salvation for the victo-ry of our mighty King. Rejoice
and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendour,
for darkness hath been vanquished by our e-ternal King. Rejoice and
be glad now, Mother Church, and let thine holy courts, in radiant
light resound with the praises of thy peo-ple.

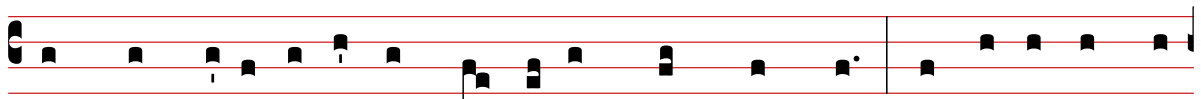

T He Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Lift up your

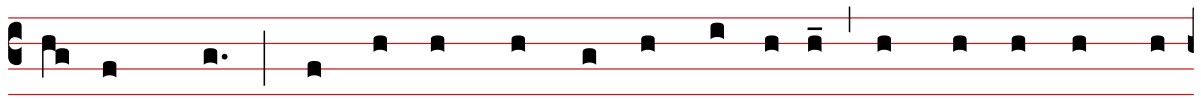

hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto

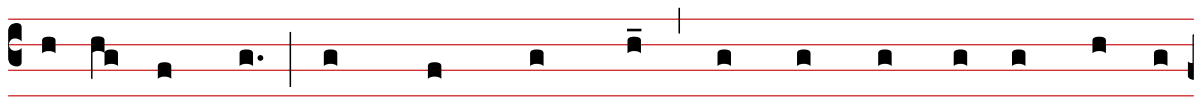

our Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.



I T is ve-ry meet and right that with our whole heart and mind and


voice we should praise thee, the invis-ible, almighty and e-ternal God,


and thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is the true


Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt


of Adam's sin, with whose dear Blood the doorposts of the faithful


are consecrated.

T

His is the night wherein thou leddest forth our fathers, the

children of Is-rael, out of Egypt through the Red Sea, and madest them

to pass o-ver with unmoistened foot. This is indeed the night that

with the fi-ery pillar hath purged away the shadows of our condem-

nation. This is the night wherein all that believe in Christ upon the

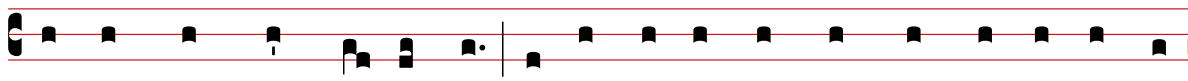
face of all the earth are delivered from this naughty world and out of

the shadow of death, led un-to grace, and restored unto ho-liness.

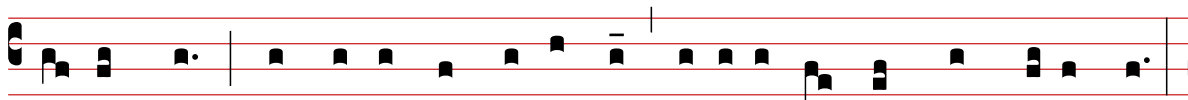
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His is the night wherein the bonds of death were broken, and

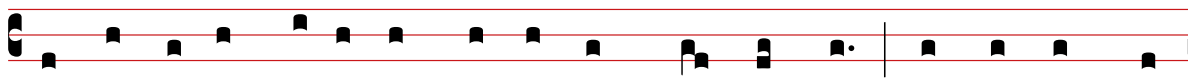
Christ, harrowing hell, rose a-gain in triumph. How wonderful and



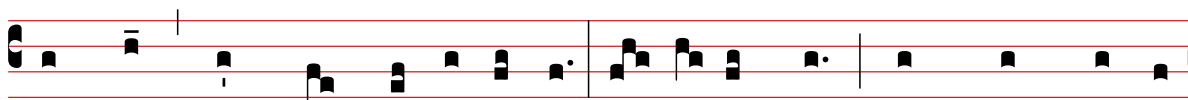
beyond our knowing, O God, is thy lovingkindness and condescension



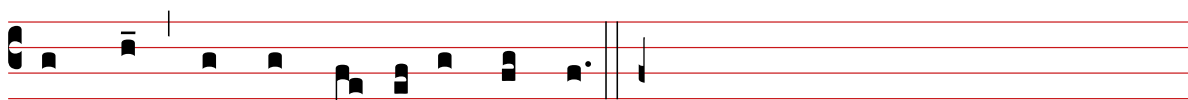
to us-ward, who to redeem a servant deliveredst up thine only Son!



O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression, that by the death

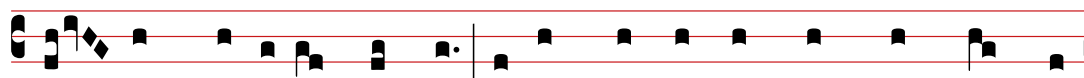


of Christ sin might be defeated! O happy fault, that gained for us



so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

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Night ver-i-ly blessed, alone worthy to know the time and



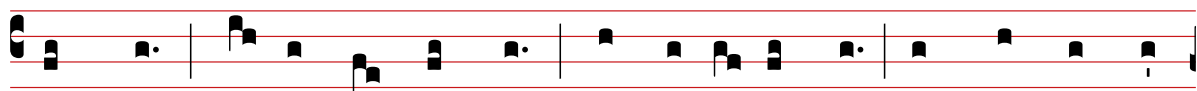
hour when our Saviour Christ rose a-gain from death to life! This is



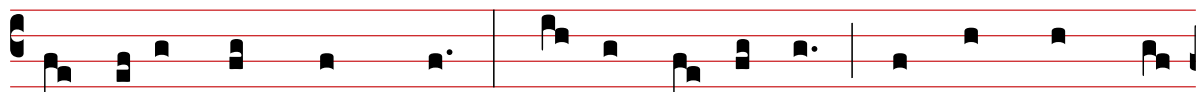
the night of which it is written: Behold, the night is as clear as the



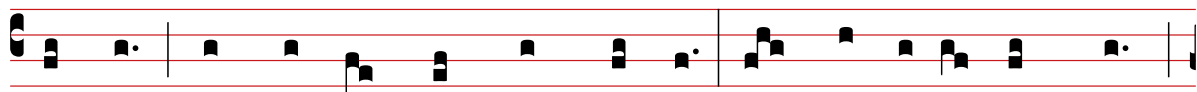
day; glorious is the night for me, and full of gladness. How holy is



this night! casting out darkness, washing a-way sin, and bringing glad-



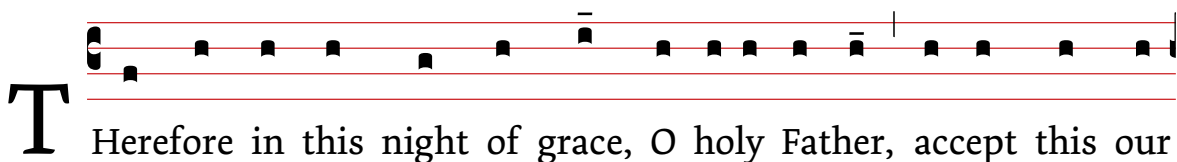
ness unto them that mourn; Casting out hatred, bringing peace and



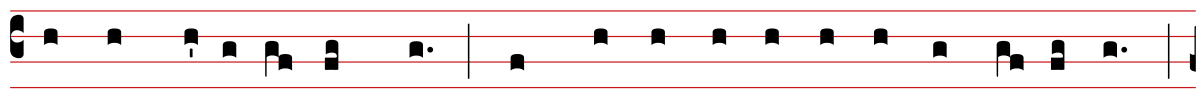
concord, and bowing down the mighty. How blessed is this night,



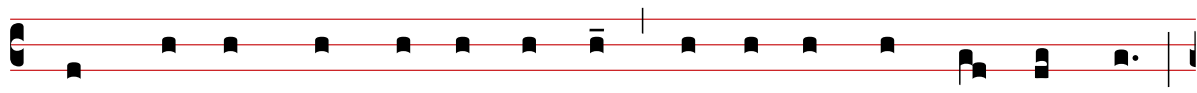
when earth and heaven are joined, and man is reconciled to God!



Herefore in this night of grace, O holy Father, accept this our



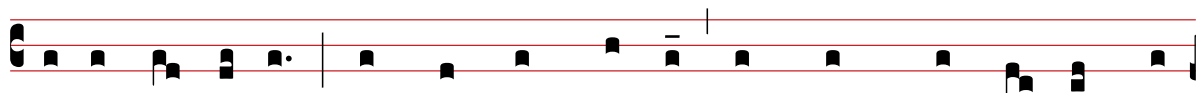
evening sacrifice of praise, this lighted candle of solemn ob-lation,



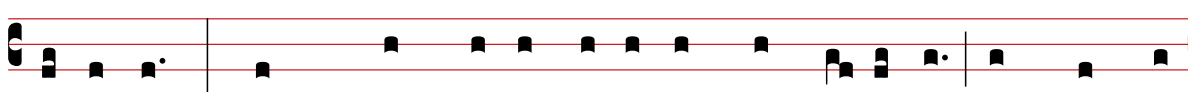
formed by the hands of thy servants and of the bees thy creatures,



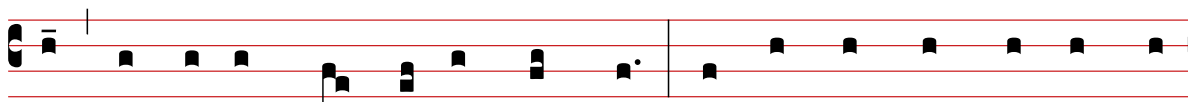
presented unto thee by thy holy Church. And now we know the prais-



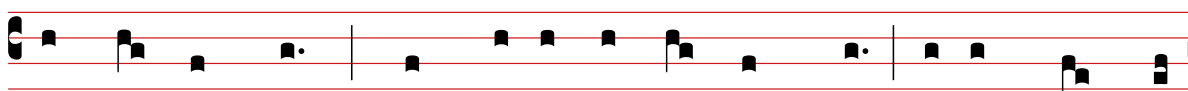
es of this pillar, which in God's honour the bright flame of fire doth



set alight; Which though it be never so much divided, yet changeth



not, nor loseth aught of its splendour. For the wax that melteth doth



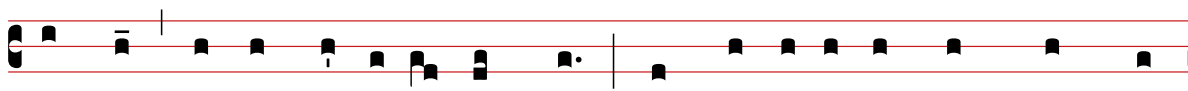
but feed the flame, formed in-to this precious lamp, being drawn out



by mother bee.



E pray thee therefore, O Lord, that this candle which we have



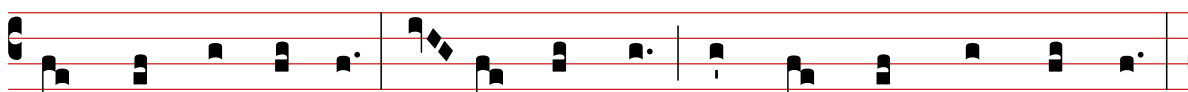
hallowed to the honor of thy name may continue to shine forth with-



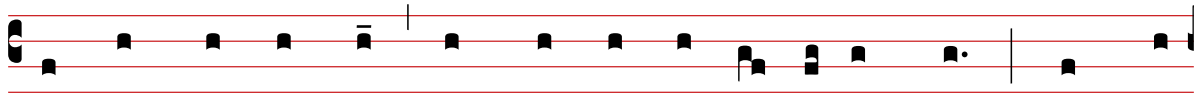
out ceasing, and may vanquish all the shades of darkness; And that



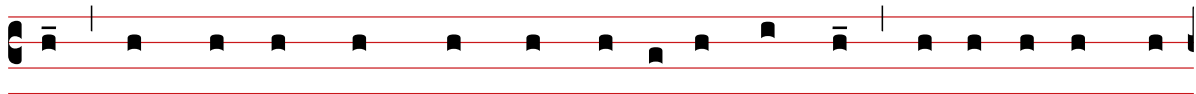
being accepted before thee as a sweet savour, it may be mingled with



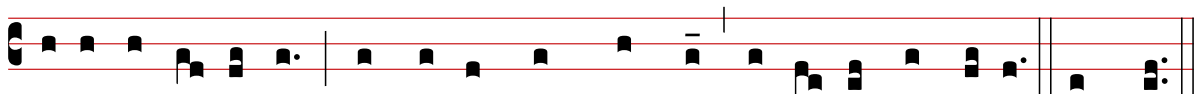
the lights of heaven. May the Day Star find this flame still burning;



The one Morning Star, that knoweth not his going down, Christ thy



Son, who coming forth from the places of darkness gladly giveth light



unto all cre-ation, and liveth and reigneth for ev-er and ever. **R.** Amen.



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