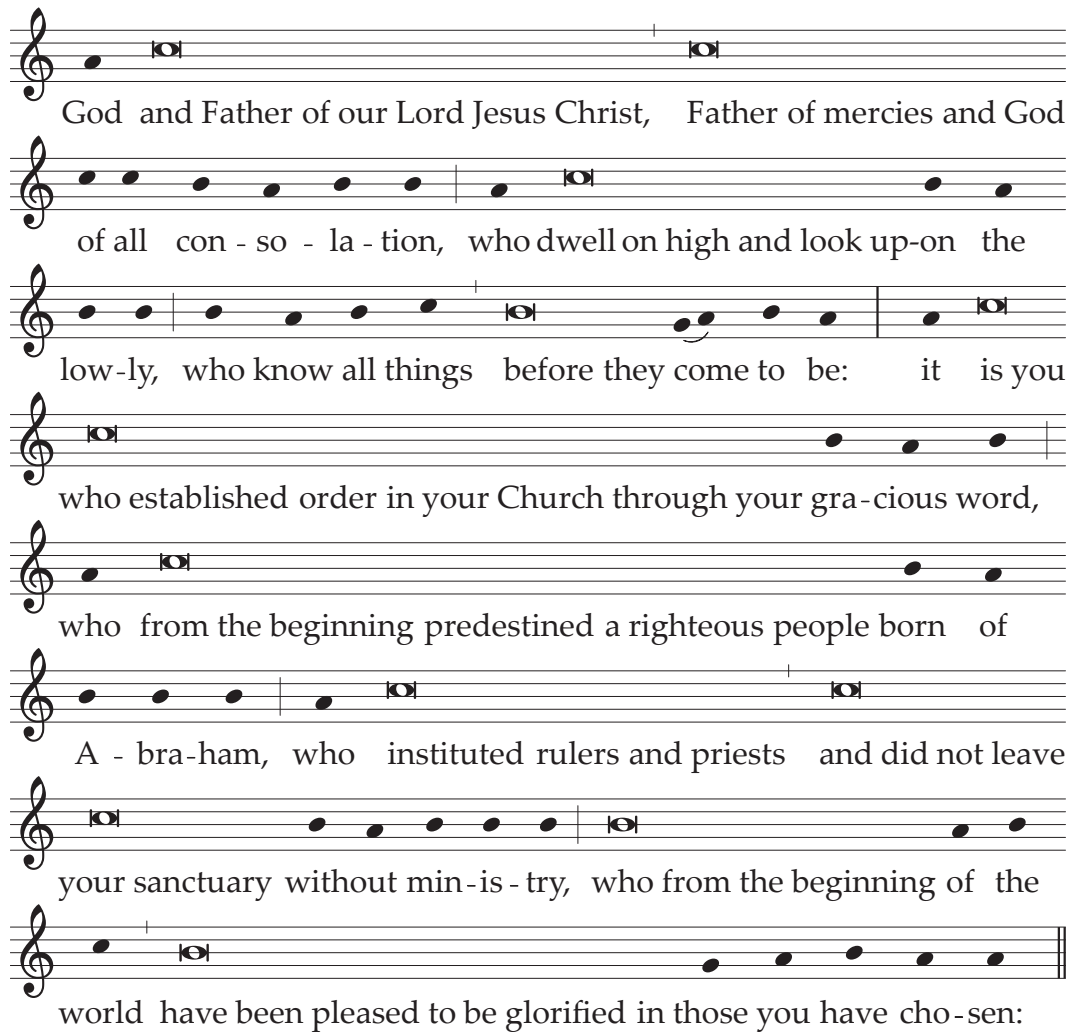


THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

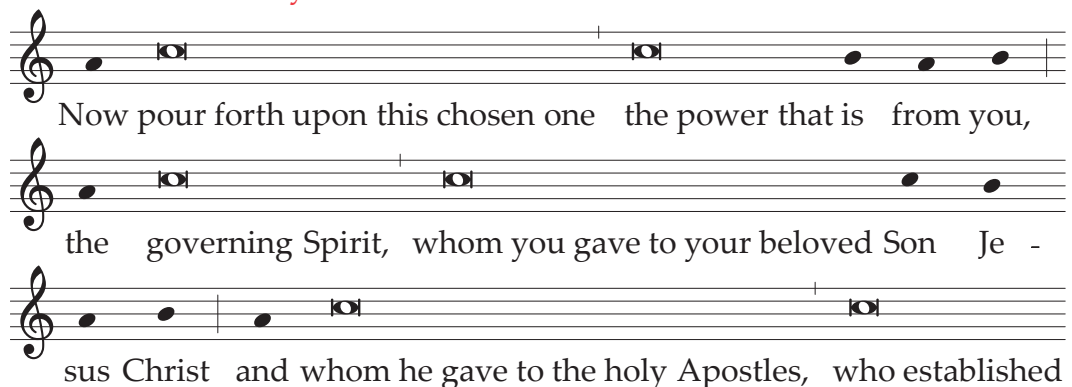
Prayer of Ordination of a Bishop

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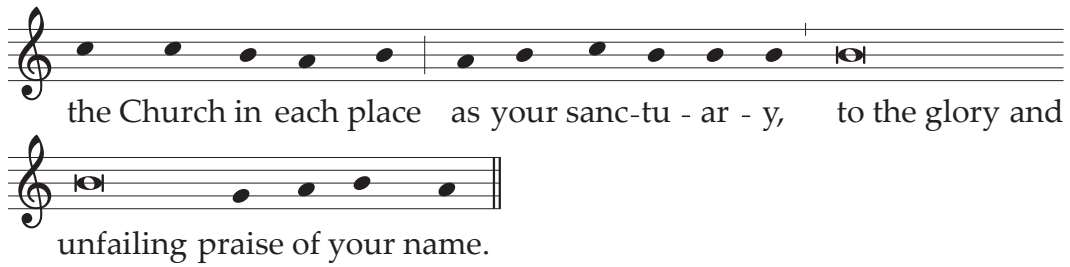


God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God
of all con - so - la - tion, who dwell on high and look up-on the
low-ly, who know all things before they come to be: it is you
who established order in your Church through your gra-cious word,
who from the beginning predestined a righteous people born of
A - bra-ham, who instituted rulers and priests and did not leave
your sanctuary without min-is - try, who from the beginning of the
world have been pleased to be glorified in those you have cho-sen:

All the ordaining Bishops join in the following part of the Prayer, with hands joined, but in a low voice, so that the principal ordaining Bishop's voice is heard clearly:

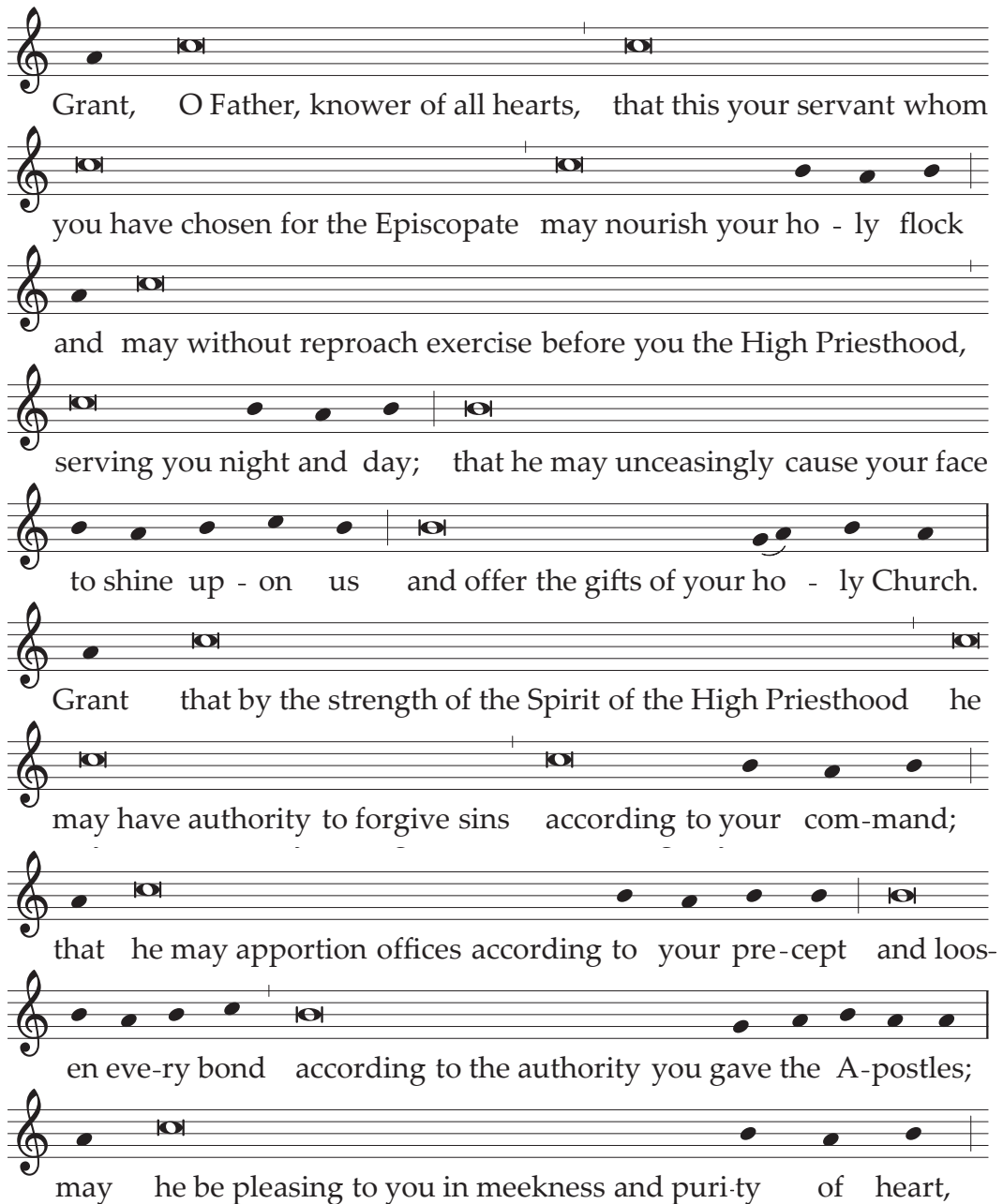


Now pour forth upon this chosen one the power that is from you,
the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son Je -
sus Christ and whom he gave to the holy Apostles, who established



the Church in each place as your sanc-tu - ar - y, to the glory and
unfailing praise of your name.

The principal ordaining Bishop continues alone:



Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts, that this your servant whom
you have chosen for the Episcopate may nourish your ho - ly flock
and may without reproach exercise before you the High Priesthood,
serving you night and day; that he may unceasingly cause your face
to shine up - on us and offer the gifts of your ho - ly Church.
Grant that by the strength of the Spirit of the High Priesthood he
may have authority to forgive sins according to your com-mand;
that he may apportion offices according to your pre-cept and loos-
en eve-ry bond according to the authority you gave the A-postles;
may he be pleasing to you in meekness and puri-ty of heart,

of - fering a sweet fragrance to you through your Son Je - sus Christ,
 through whom glory and power and honor are yours, with the Holy
 Spirit in the ho - ly Church both now and for ev - er and ev - er.

All:
 A - men.

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