

PREFACE FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS  
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Christ, source of all ministry in the Church



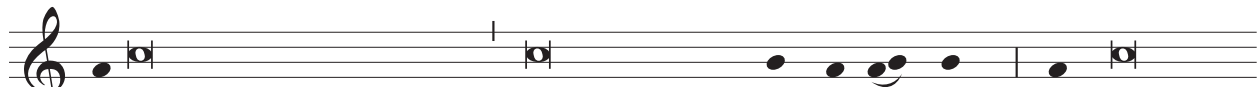
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.



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



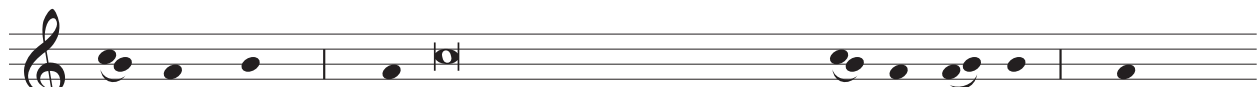
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



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



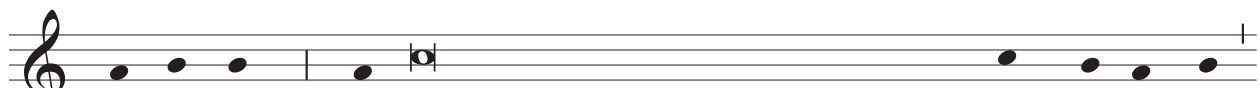
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-



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



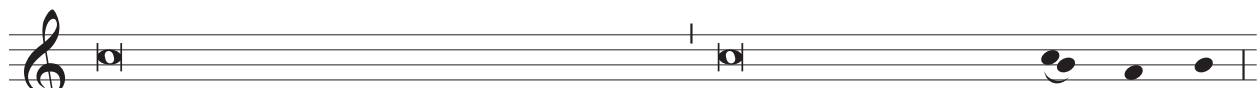
made your Only Begotten Son High Priest of the new and e - ter-nal




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



that many min-is-tries be exer-cised 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. He  
 chooses them to lead your holy peo-ple in char-i - ty, to nour-  
 ish 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:

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