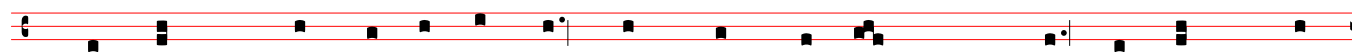


# Easter Vigil

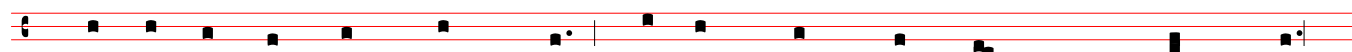
## Exsultet

Praeconium paschale (Easter Proclamation)

Gregorian chant



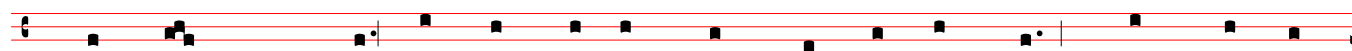
Re-joyce heav-en-ly pow-ers! Sing choirs of an - gels! Ex-ult, all



cre - a - tion a - round God's throne! Je - sus Christ, our King is ri - sen!



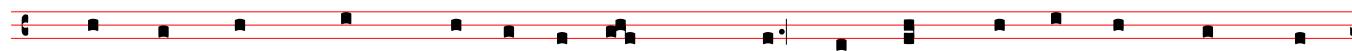
Sound the trum-pet of sal - va - tion! Re-joyce, O earth, in shin-



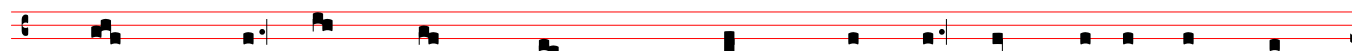
ing splen - dor, ra-diant in the bright-ness of your King! Christ has con-



quered! Glo - ry fills you! Dark - ness van-ish-es for-ev - er! Re-joyce,



O Moth - er Church! Ex-ult in glo - ry! The ris - en Sav-ior shines up-



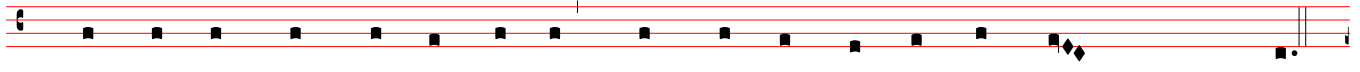
on you! Let this place re-sound with joy, ech - o-ing the might-



y song of all God's peo - ple! My dear - est friends, stand-ing with me



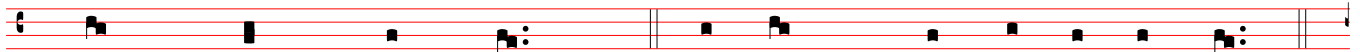
in this ho - ly light, join me in ask-ing God for mer - cy, that He may



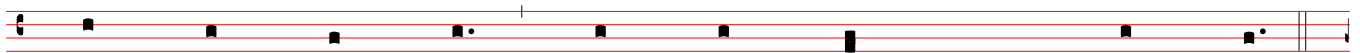
give his un-worth - y min - is - ter grace to sing his Eas - ter prais - es.



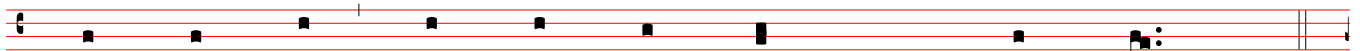
[The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.]



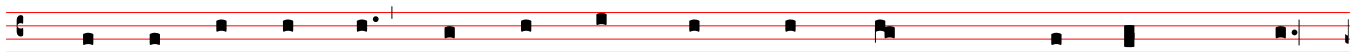
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.



It is tru - ly right that with full hearts and minds and voic - es



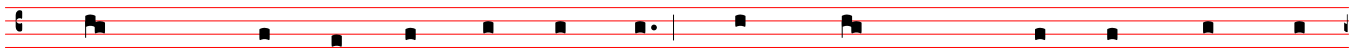
we should praise the un - seen God, the all pow - er - ful Fa - ther, and his on -



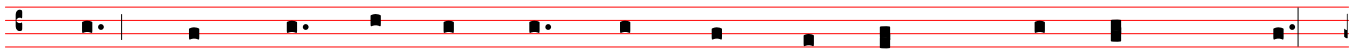
ly Son, our Lord Je - sus Christ. For Christ has ran-somed us with his



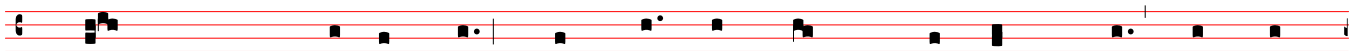
blood, and paid for us the price of A-dam's sin to our e-ter - nal Fa - ther!



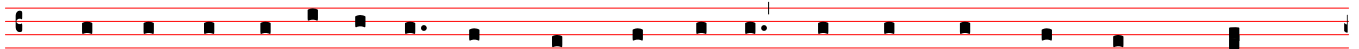
This is our Pass - o - ver feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is



slain, whose blood con - se - crates the homes of all be - liev - ers.



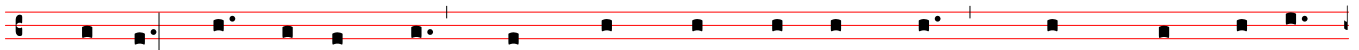
This is the night when first you saved our fa - thers: you freed



the peo-ple of Is-ra-el from their slav-er - y and led them dry-shod through



the sea. This is the night when the pil-lar of fire de-destroyed the dark-ness



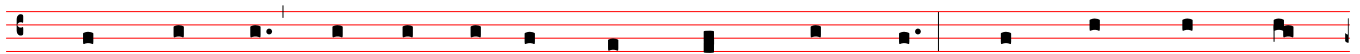
of sin. This is the night when Chris-tians eve-ry-where, washed clean of sin



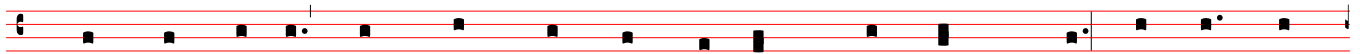
and freed from all de-file - ment, are re-stored to grace and grow to-geth-



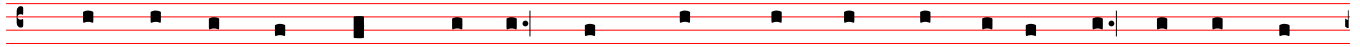
er in ho - li-ness. This is the night when Je-sus Christ broke the



chains of death and rose tri-um-phiant from the grave. What good would life



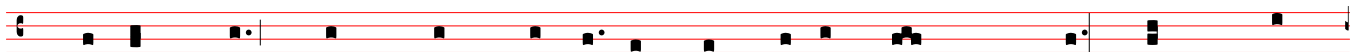
have been to us, had Christ not come as our Re-deem - er? Fa-ther, how



won-der-ful your care for us! How bound-less your mer-ci-ful love! To ran-som



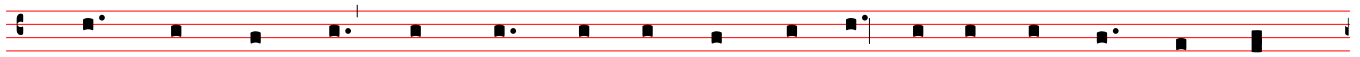
a slave you gave a-way your Son. O hap-py fault, O nec-es-sar-y sin



of Ad - am, which gained for us so great a Re-deem - er! Most bless-



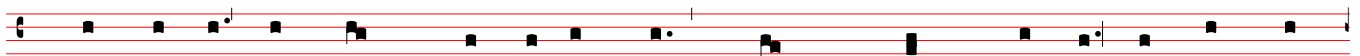
ed of all nights, cho-sen by God to see Christ ris-ing from the dead! Of this



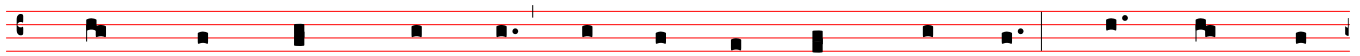
night scrip-ture says: 'The night will be clear as day: it will be-come my light,



my joy.' The pow-er of this ho - ly night dis-pels all e - vil, wash-es



guilt a-way, re-stores lost in-no-cence, brings mourn - ers joy; it casts out



ha - tred, brings us peace, and hum-bles earth - ly pride. Night tru - ly



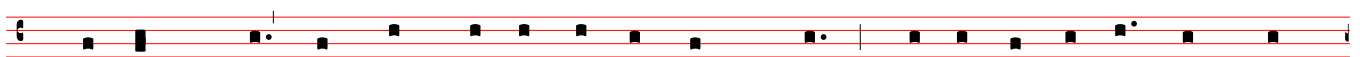
blessed when heav-en is wed-ded to earth and man is rec-on-ciled with God!



There-fore, heav-en-ly Fa-ther, in the joy of this night re-ceive our eve-ning



sac-ri-fice of praise, your Chur-ch's sol - emn of - fer-ing. Ac-cept this East-



er can - dle, a flame di-vid-ed but un - dimmed, a pil-lar of fire that glows



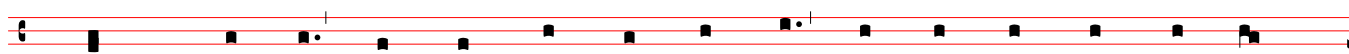
to the hon-or of God. Let it min-gle with the lights of heav - en and con-



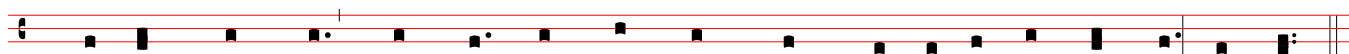
tin-ue brave-ly burn-ing to dis-pel the dark-ness of this night! May the Morn-



ing Star which nev - er sets find this flame still burn - ing: Christ, that



Morn - ing Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peace-ful light



on all man-kind, your Son who lives and reigns for ev-er and ev - er. A-men.