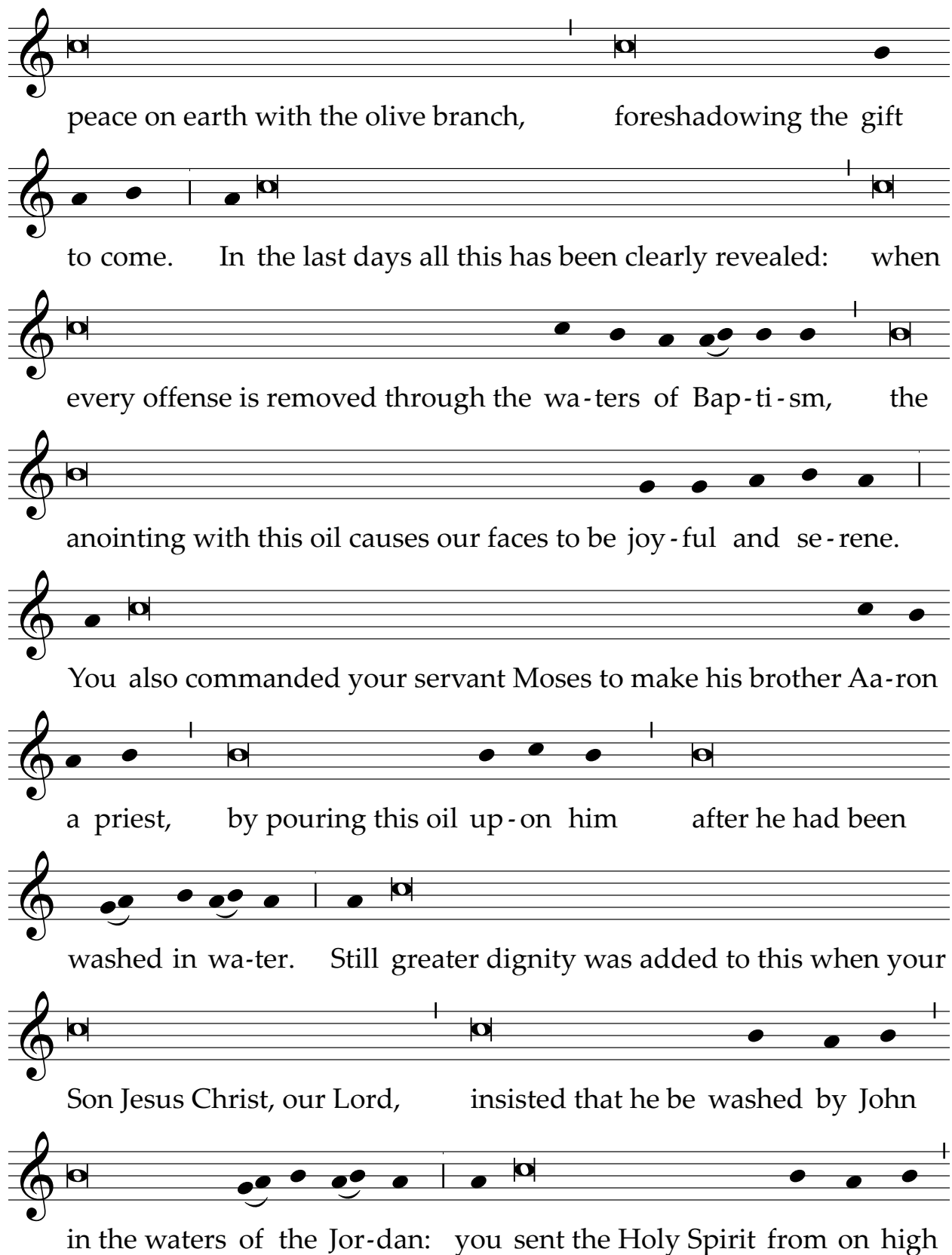


THE BLESSING OF THE OILS AND THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

Consecration of the Chrism, first option (no. 25-1)

O God, author of all growth and spiritual progress, receive in your
goodness the grate-ful hom-age that the Church joyfully offers to
you through our voice. For in the beginning you commanded the
earth to bring forth fruit-bear-ing trees, a - mong which olive trees
would arise as providers of this most rich oil, so that their fruit
might serve for sa-cred Chri-sm. In the spirit of prophecy,
David foresaw the sacraments of your grace and sang of the oil that
would glad-den our fa-ces. Af-ter the world's offenses were
washed away by the flood, a dove announced the restoration of

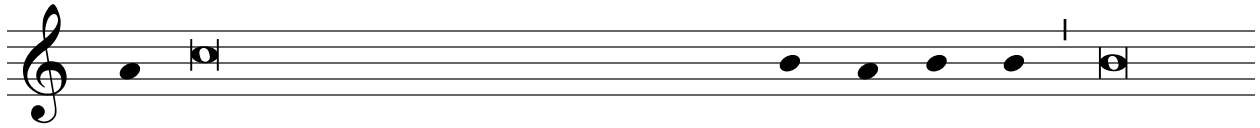


peace on earth with the olive branch, foreshadowing the gift
to come. In the last days all this has been clearly revealed: when
every offense is removed through the wa-ters of Bap-ti-sm, the
anointing with this oil causes our faces to be joy-ful and se-rene.
You also commanded your servant Moses to make his brother Aa-ron
a priest, by pouring this oil up-on him after he had been
washed in wa-ter. Still greater dignity was added to this when your
Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, insisted that he be washed by John
in the waters of the Jor-dan: you sent the Holy Spirit from on high

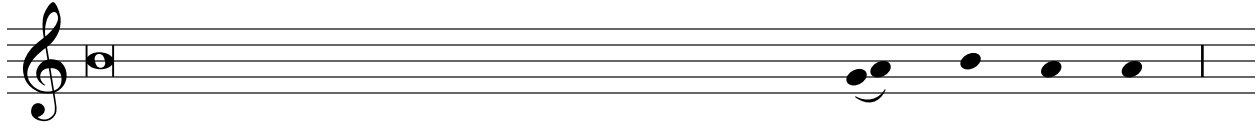
in the likeness of a dove; you declared by the witness of the
 voice that followed, that you were well pleased with him, your
 Only Be-got-ten Son; and you were seen to confirm clearly
 what the prophet David had fore-told in song, that Christ would
 be anointed with the oil of glad-ness a-bove his com-pan-ions.

All the concelebrants extend their right hand toward the Chrism until the end of the prayer, without saying anything.

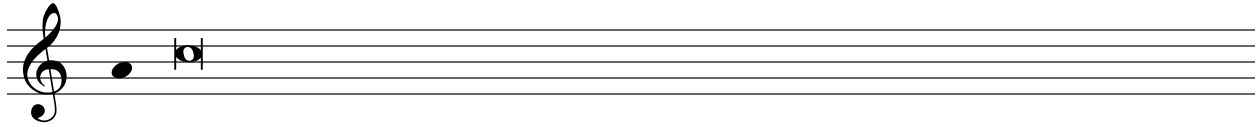
There-fore we beseech you, Lord: be pleased to sanctify with your ✠
 blessing this oil in its richness, and to pour into it the strength of the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, with the powerful working of your Christ.



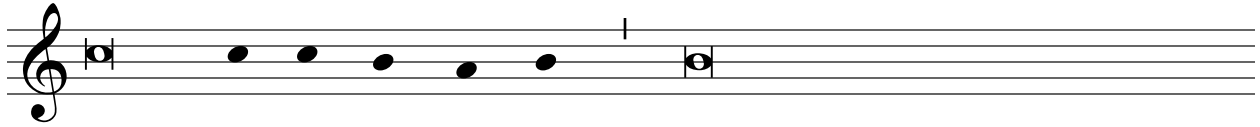
From his holy name it has received the name of Chri-sm, and with



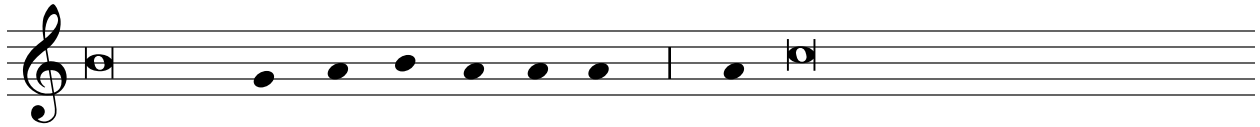
it you have anointed your priests, prophets, kings, and mar-tyrs.



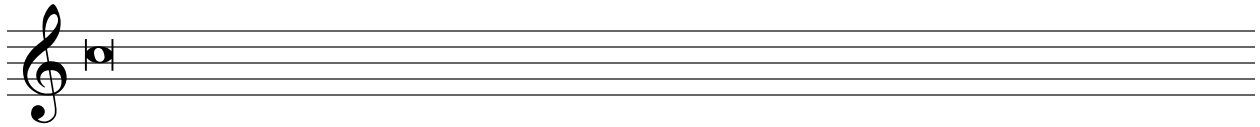
May you confirm the Chrism you have created as a sacred sign of



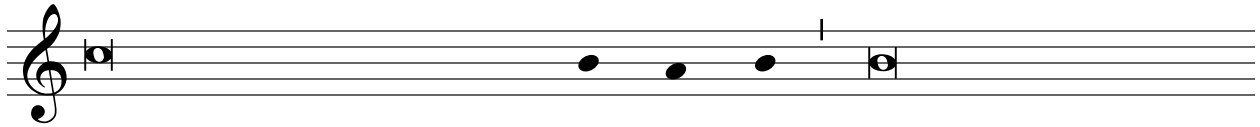
perfect sal - va - tion and life for those to be made new in the



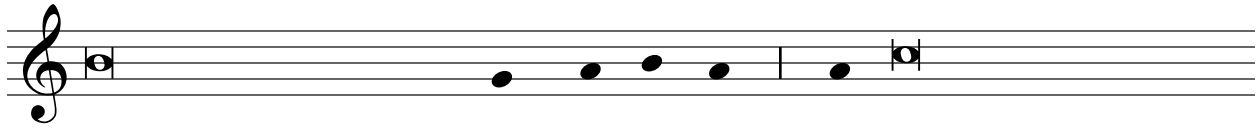
spiritual wa - ters of Bap - ti - sm. May those formed into a temple



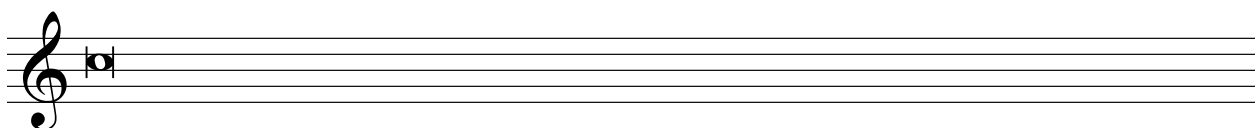
of your majesty by the holiness infused through this anointing and by



the cleansing of the stain of their first birth be made fragrant with



the innocence of a life pleas - ing to you. May those anointed with



royal, priestly, and prophetic dignity be clothed with the garment of

an in-cor-rup-ti-ble gift in keeping with the Sacrament you have
 es-tab-lished. May this oil be the Chrism of salvation for those born
 again of water and the Ho-ly Spi-rit, and may it make them
 partakers of e-ter-nal life and sharers of hea-ven-ly glo-ry.
 Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

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