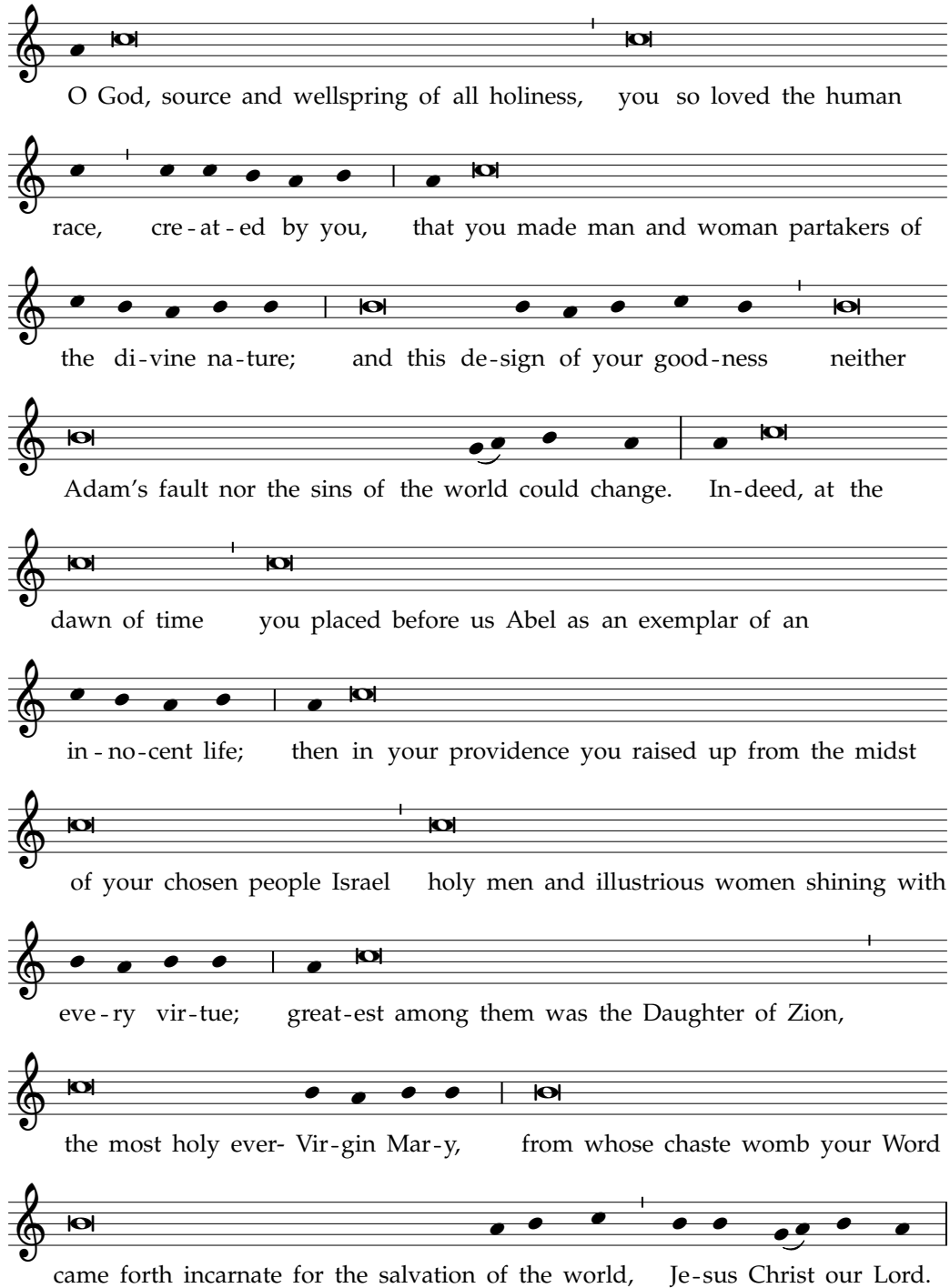
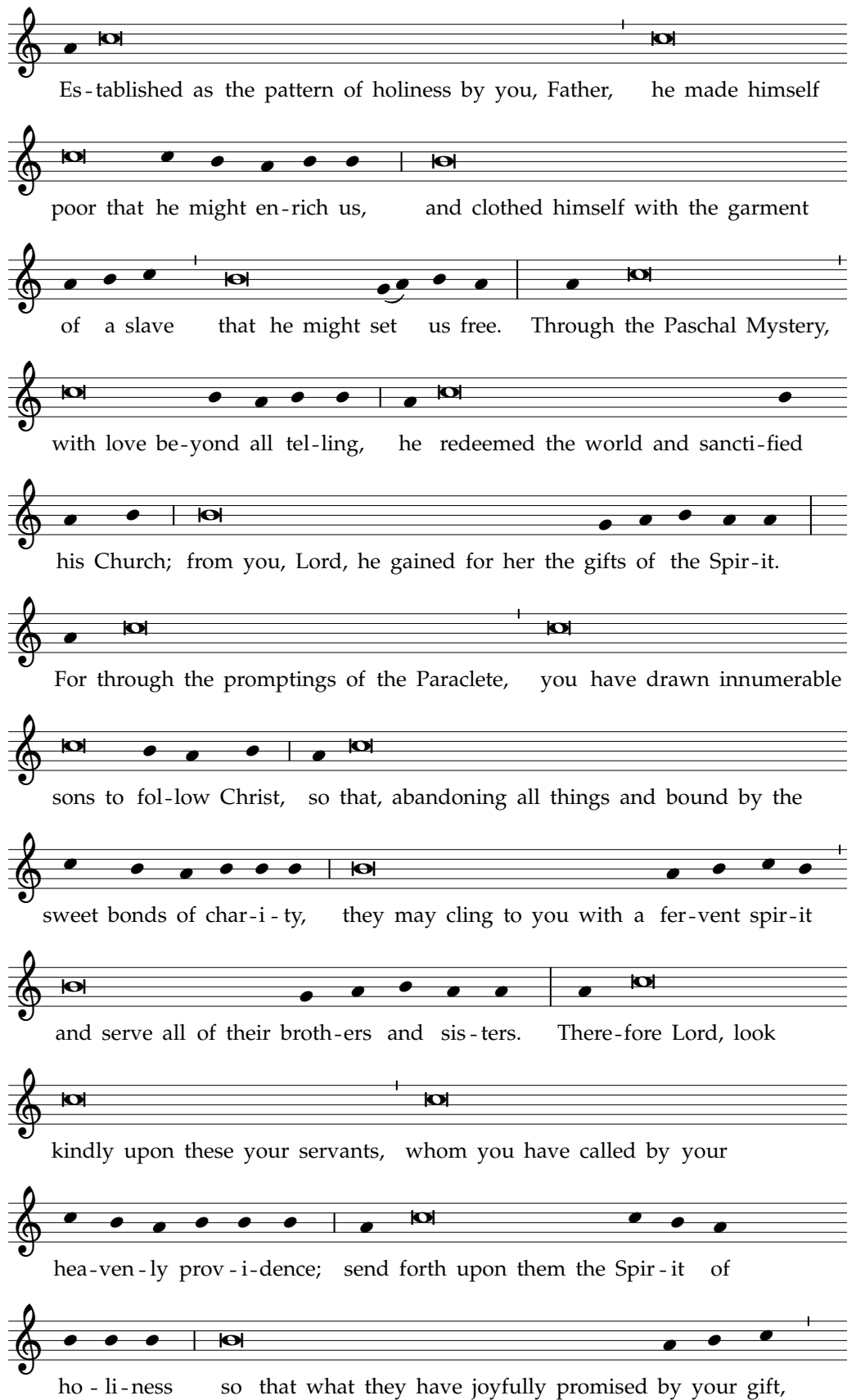


ORDER OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OF MEN
THE RITE OF PERPETUAL PROFESSION WITHIN MASS

Solemn Blessing or Consecration of the Professed, first option
(Chapter III, no. 82)



O God, source and wellspring of all holiness, you so loved the human
race, cre-at-ed by you, that you made man and woman partakers of
the di-vine na-ture; and this de-sign of your good-ness neither
Adam's fault nor the sins of the world could change. In-deed, at the
dawn of time you placed before us Abel as an exemplar of an
in-no-cent life; then in your providence you raised up from the midst
of your chosen people Israel holy men and illustrious women shining with
eve-ry vir-tue; great-est among them was the Daughter of Zion,
the most holy ever- Vir-gin Mar-y, from whose chaste womb your Word
came forth incarnate for the salvation of the world, Je-sus Christ our Lord.



Es-tablished as the pattern of holiness by you, Father, he made himself
 poor that he might en-rich us, and clothed himself with the garment
 of a slave that he might set us free. Through the Paschal Mystery,
 with love be-yond all tel-ling, he redeemed the world and sancti-fied
 his Church; from you, Lord, he gained for her the gifts of the Spir-it.
 For through the promptings of the Paraclete, you have drawn innumerable
 sons to fol-low Christ, so that, abandoning all things and bound by the
 sweet bonds of char-i-ty, they may cling to you with a fer-vent spir-it
 and serve all of their broth-ers and sis-ters. There-fore Lord, look
 kindly upon these your servants, whom you have called by your
 hea-ven-ly prov-i-dence; send forth upon them the Spir-it of
 ho-li-ness so that what they have joyfully promised by your gift,

they may faithfully ful-fill with your help. May they contemplate the

example of the divine Master with de-vo-tion and imi-tate him with

zeal. (May there be within them, Lord, pure and per-fect chas-ti - ty,

joyous pov-er - ty, and gen-er-ous o - be - di - ence. May they please you

by their humility, serve you with a doc-ile heart, and cling to you with

ar-dent char-i - ty. May they be patient in tribulation, stead-fast in

faith, joy-ful in hope, and zeal-ous in love.) May they build up the

Church by their way of life, advance the salvation of the world, and stand

as a shining beacon of the bless-ings of heav-en. Lord, holy Father,

be a rampart and guide for these your ser-vants; be their recompense

and re-ward when they come before the judgment seat of your Son.

May they re-joice when this of-fer-ing of their pro-fes-sion is ful-filled.

Con-firmed in your love, may they enjoy the fellowship of the Saints

and so render unending hon-or to you.

Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

May they re-joice when this of-fer-ing of their pro-fes-sion is ful-filled.

Con-firmed in your love, may they enjoy the fellowship of the Saints

and so render unending hon-or to you.

Through Christ our Lord. **R.** A-men.

This music may be reproduced free of charge in printed form, for non-commercial purposes, and in publications not for sale.