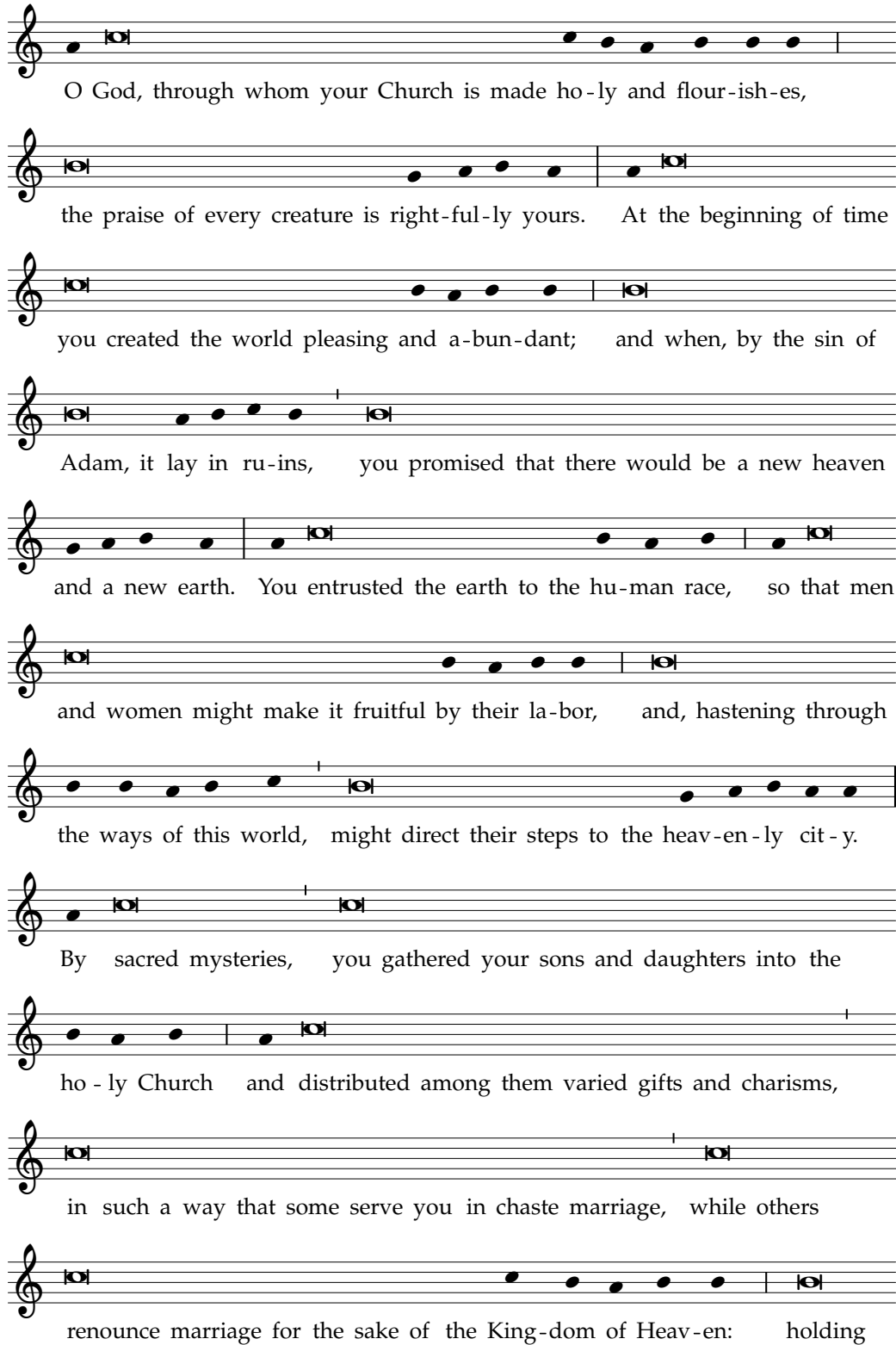
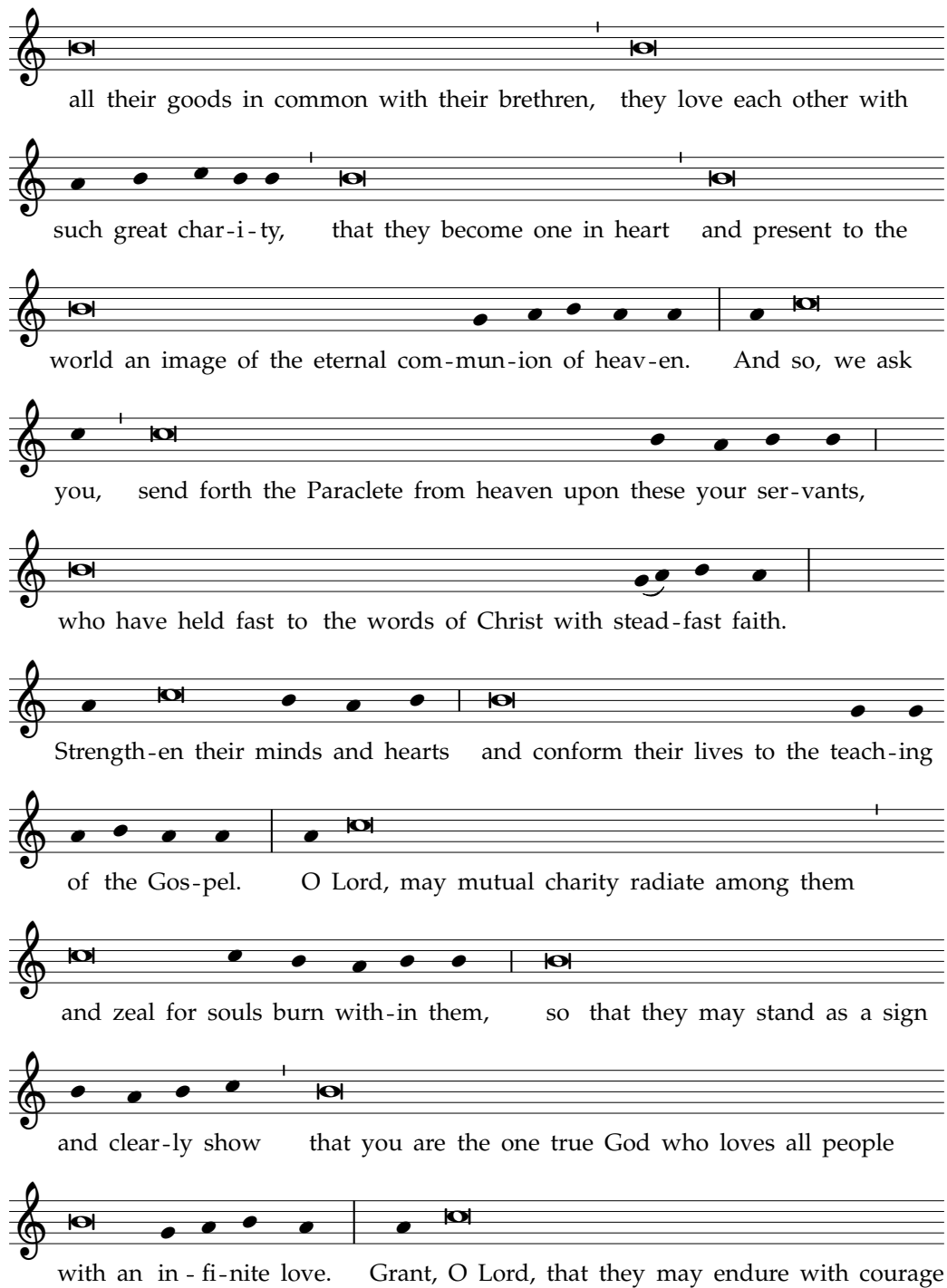


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Solemn Blessing or Consecration of the Professed, second option
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O God, through whom your Church is made ho-ly and flour-ish-es,
the praise of every creature is right-ful-ly yours. At the beginning of time
you created the world pleasing and a-bun-dant; and when, by the sin of
Adam, it lay in ru-ins, you promised that there would be a new heaven
and a new earth. You entrusted the earth to the hu-man race, so that men
and women might make it fruitful by their la-bor, and, hastening through
the ways of this world, might direct their steps to the heav-en-ly cit-y.
By sacred mysteries, you gathered your sons and daughters into the
ho-ly Church and distributed among them varied gifts and charisms,
in such a way that some serve you in chaste marriage, while others
renounce marriage for the sake of the King-dom of Heav-en: holding



all their goods in common with their brethren, they love each other with

such great char-i-ty, that they become one in heart and present to the

world an image of the eternal com-mun-ion of heav-en. And so, we ask

you, send forth the Paraclete from heaven upon these your ser-vants,

who have held fast to the words of Christ with stead-fast faith.

Strength-en their minds and hearts and conform their lives to the teach-ing

of the Gos-pel. O Lord, may mutual charity radiate among them

and zeal for souls burn with-in them, so that they may stand as a sign

and clear-ly show that you are the one true God who loves all people

with an in - fi-nite love. Grant, O Lord, that they may endure with courage



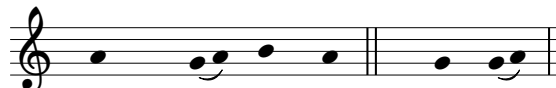
the struggles of this life, so that they may receive even now



the hundredfold you have prom-ised and finally be made worthy to attain



an eternal palm of vic-to-ry.



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

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