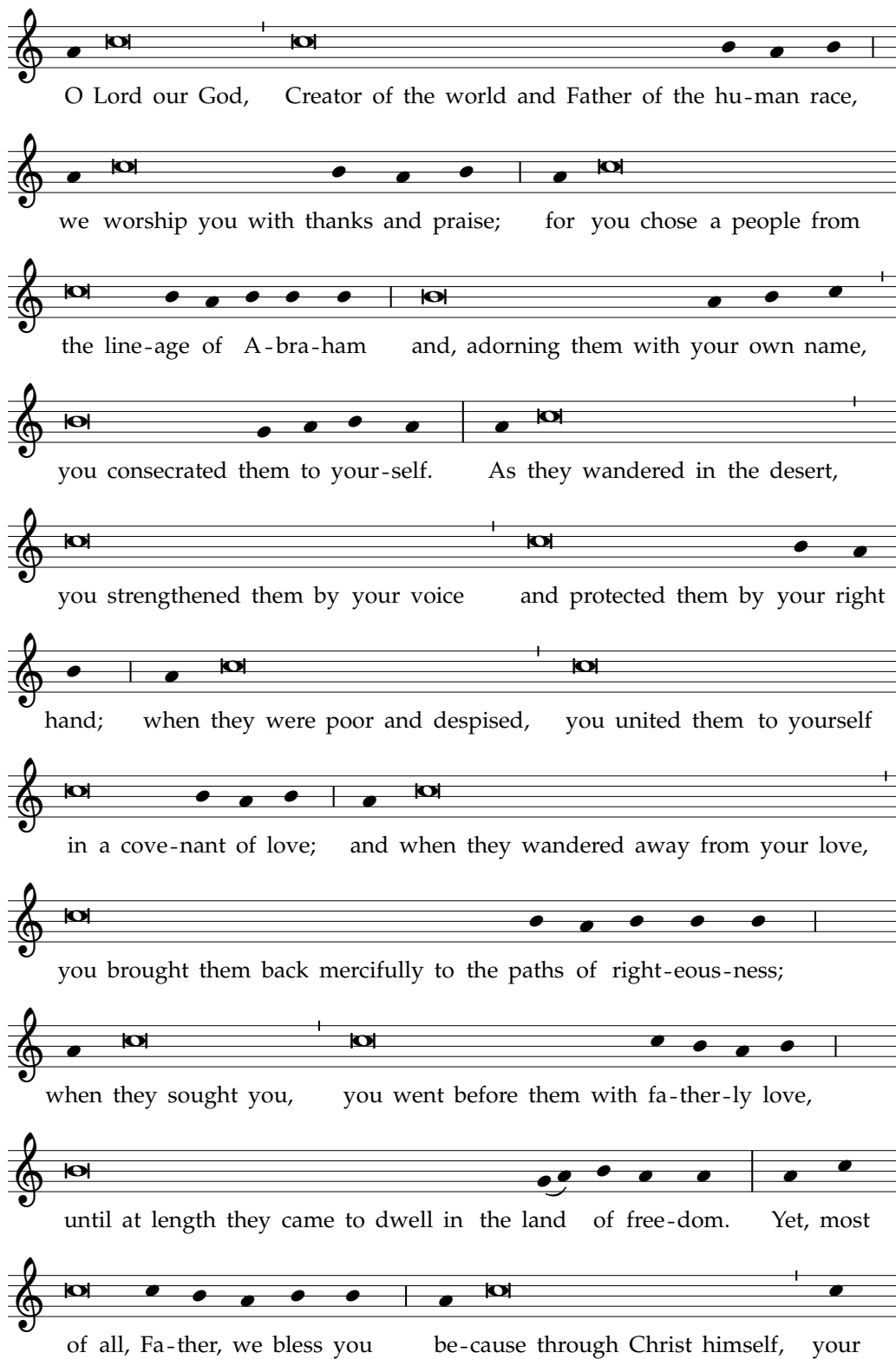


ORDER OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OF WOMEN
THE RITE OF PERPETUAL PROFESSION WITHIN MASS

Solemn Blessing or Consecration of the Professed, second option

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O Lord our God, Creator of the world and Father of the hu-man race,
we worship you with thanks and praise; for you chose a people from
the line-age of A-bra-ham and, adorning them with your own name,
you consecrated them to your-self. As they wandered in the desert,
you strengthened them by your voice and protected them by your right
hand; when they were poor and despised, you united them to yourself
in a cove-nant of love; and when they wandered away from your love,
you brought them back mercifully to the paths of right-eous-ness;
when they sought you, you went before them with fa-ther-ly love,
until at length they came to dwell in the land of free-dom. Yet, most
of all, Fa-ther, we bless you be-cause through Christ himself, your



Son and our Broth-er, you willed that we should come to knowledge
of the truth. Born of the most Blessed Virgin, by his Death he
re-deemed your peo-ple and by his Res-ur-rec-tion he commended to
them the glory that is to come. Then, after he took his seat at your
right hand, he sent the Holy Paraclete, who would call count-less
dis - ci-ples, so that by following the evangelical counsels, they might
devote their entire lives to the glory of your name, and the salvation of
the hu - man race. To - day, however, it is fitting that your house
should resound with a new song for these our sisters who have heed-ed
your voice and offered themselves to your di-vine ser-vice. Send forth,
O Lord, the gift of your Holy Spirit upon these your ser-vants who have

left everything for your sake. Fath-er, may the face of your Christ

shine forth in splen-dor with-in them, so that all who see them may

know that he himself is pre-sent in your Church. Grant, we pray,

that, guarding their freedom of heart, they may undertake the care of their

broth-ers and sis-ters; that, coming to the aid of the afflicted, they may

comfort and restore the suf-fer-ing Christ; and that, observing hu-man

af-fairs, they may understand that these are governed by di-vine

prov-i-dence. By the gift of their life to you, may they hasten the

coming of the King-dom, until they merit to join your Saints

in the heav-en-ly home-land.

Through Christ our Lord. R. A-men.