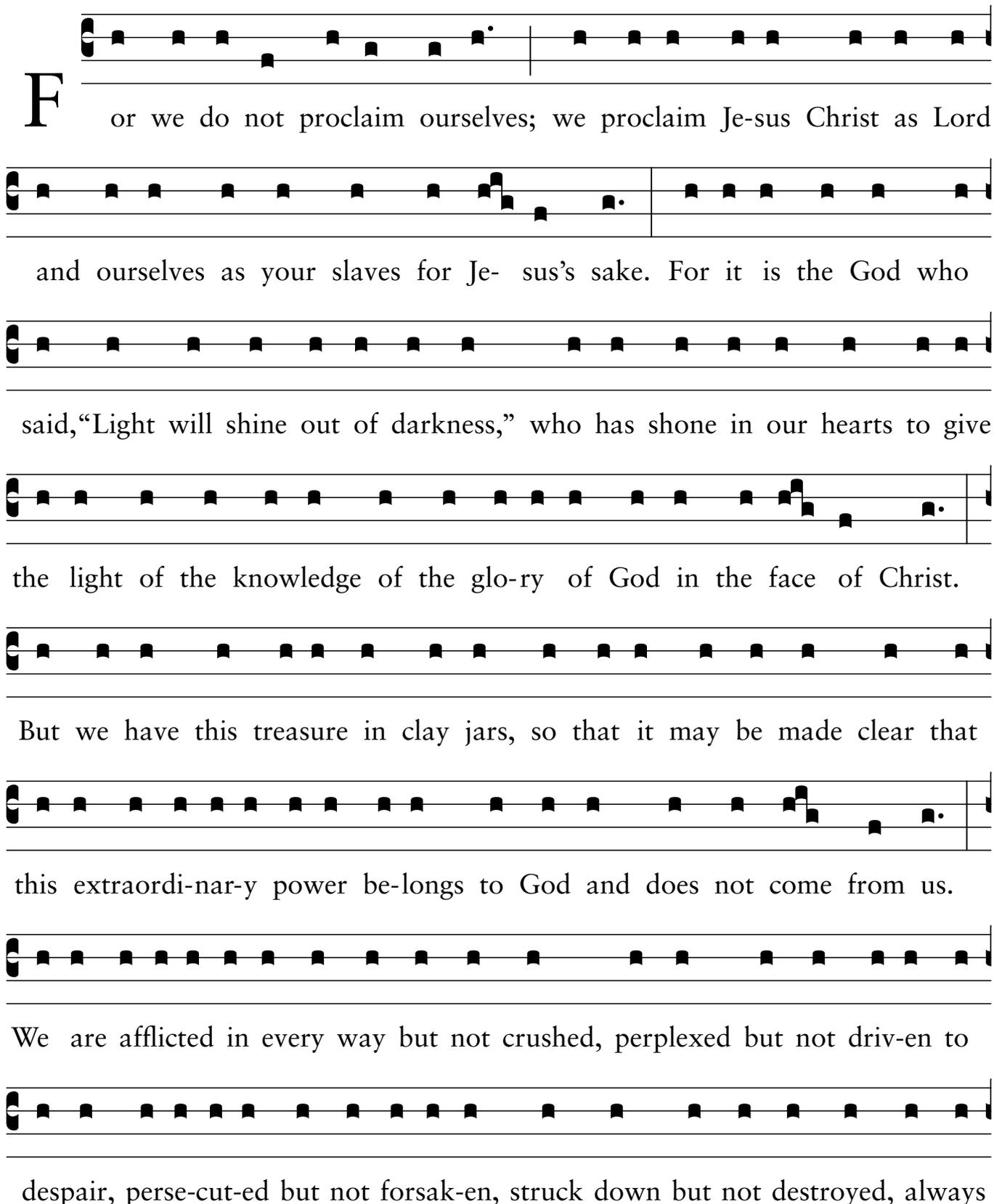


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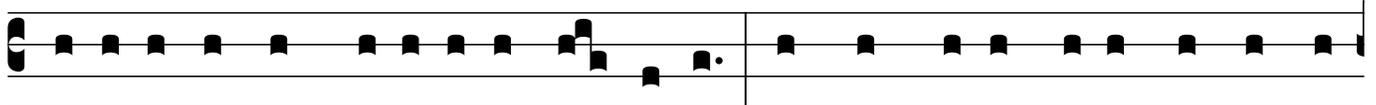
Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows 1



F or we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Je-sus Christ as Lord
and ourselves as your slaves for Je- sus's sake. For it is the God who
said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give
the light of the knowledge of the glo-ry of God in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that
this extraordi-nar-y power be-longs to God and does not come from us.
We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driv-en to
despair, perse-cut-ed but not forsak-en, struck down but not destroyed, always



carry- ing around in the bod-y the death of Je-sus, so that the life of Je-sus



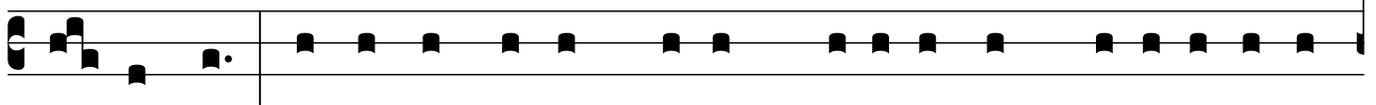
may also be made vis-ible in our bodies. For we who are liv-ing are always



be- ing handed o-ver to death for Je-sus’s sake, so that the life of Je-sus may



also be made vis-ible in our mor- tal flesh. So death is at work in us but



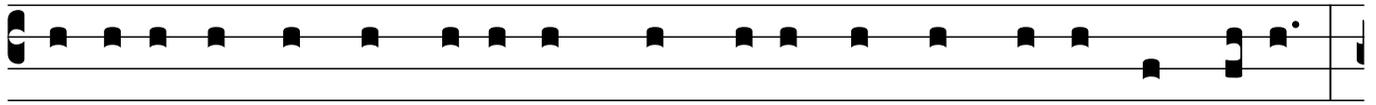
life in you. But just as we have the same spir-it of faith that is in accord-



ance with scripture—“I be-lieved, and so I spoke”—we also be-lieve, and



therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Je-sus



will also raise us with Je-sus and will pre-sent us with you in his pres-ence.



Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to



more and more people, may increase thanksgiv-ing, to the glo-ry of God.