Litany of Saints
Procession to Font

After the homily, we enter the formal liturgy of baptism. The community renews itself in the process of incorporating new members. As the elect have journeyed through the Lenten initiation rites, we have had opportunity to renew our own commitment to Jesus Christ. We continue this process at the Easter Vigil.

The *Litany of Saints* is ritual song that accompanies the movement of presiding minister, sponsors, and elect to the site of the baptismal font. As more and more parishes build fonts that are in the *nave* or vestibule of the church, this litany becomes a wonderful way to accompany the procession. As we process, we call upon the angels and saints to walk with us and pray with us for those about to be baptized.

This setting takes its cue from the traditional chanted version by setting up a rhythm between the cantor's part and the assembly's response. In addition, the assembly is given a refrain that occurs throughout the litany. This makes it easy for the worshipers to learn their part and sing without carrying printed music.

It is important to keep the vocal and instrumental arrangement interesting so that the verses do not all sound the same. The accompaniment may use piano, guitar, organ and synthesizer in various combinations. The arrangement heard on the recording also includes various percussion instruments, which can also add interest and a change of texture.

A full score and parts for oboe and percussion (triangle, shaker, congas) are available in OCP ed. 70247.

(Guitar/Vocal)

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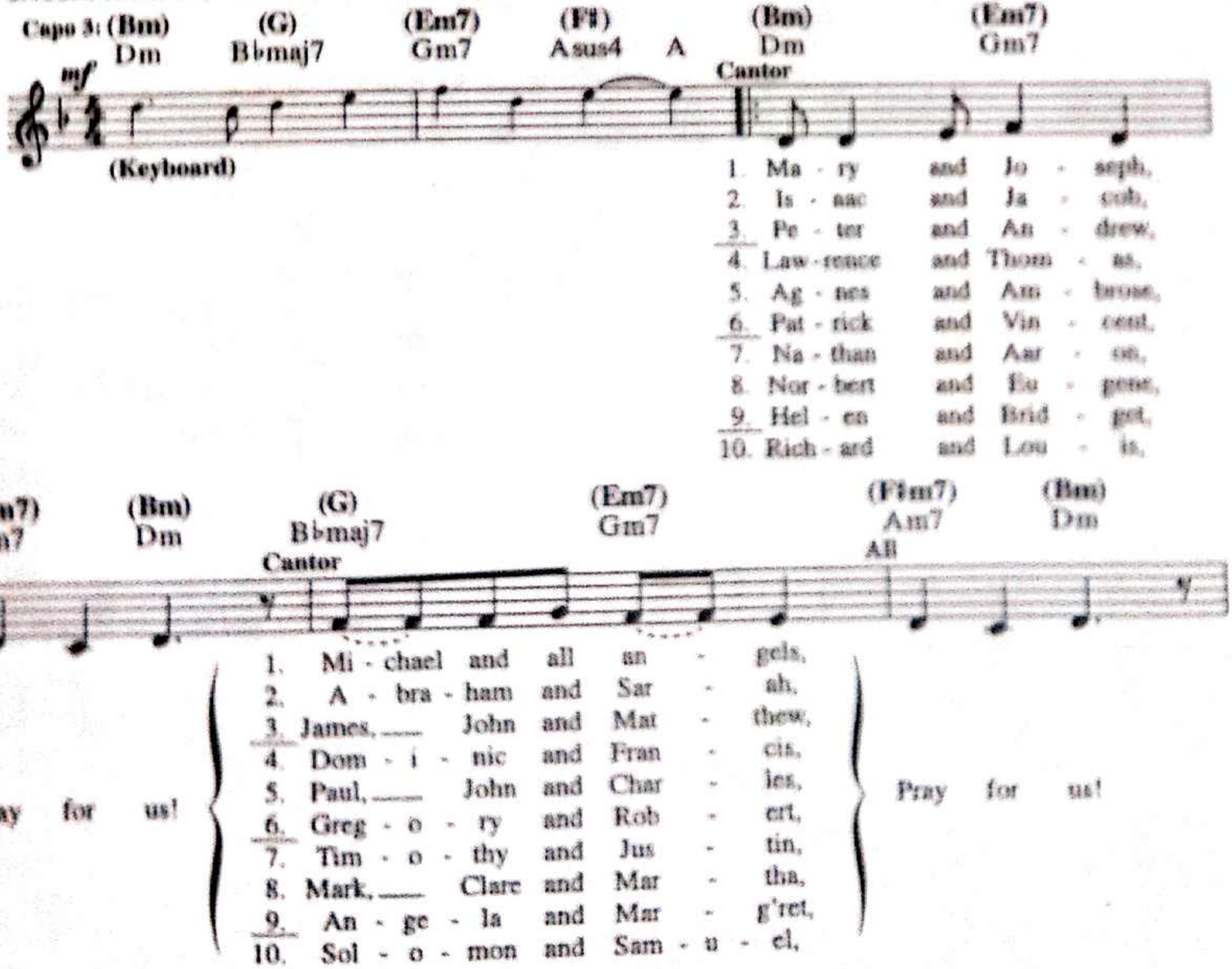
INTRO ***Andante*** ***(♩ = ca. 84)***



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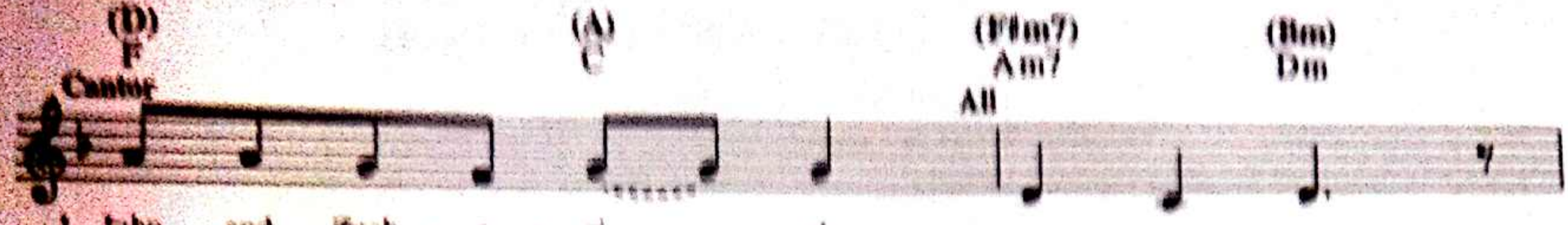
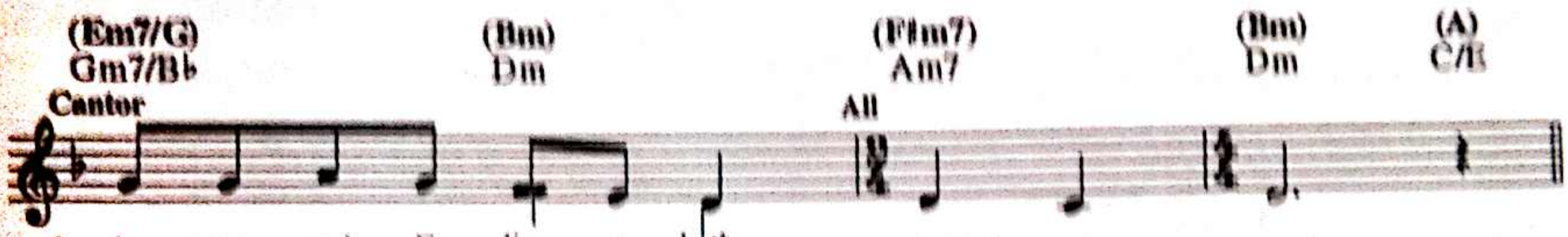


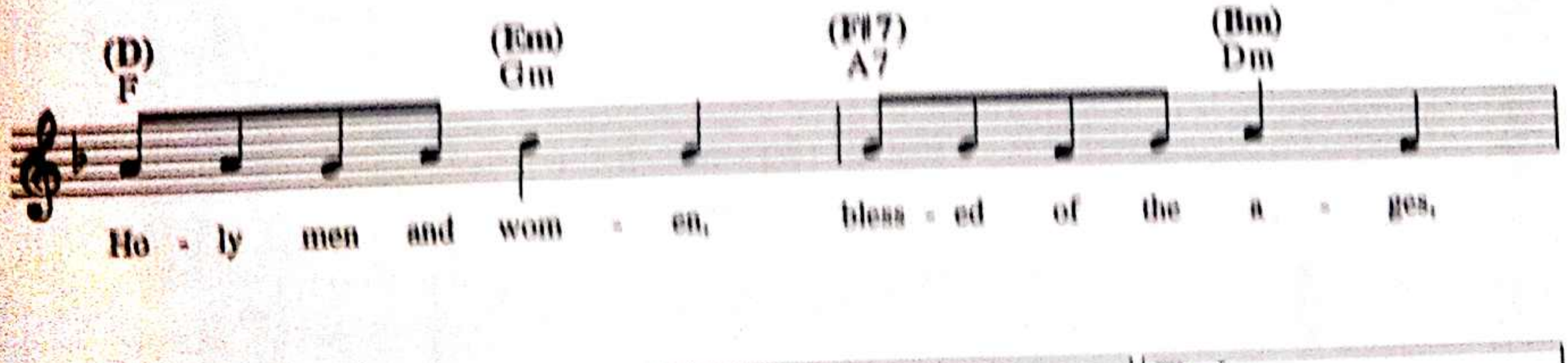
1. John and Zech a ri ah,
2. Mi ri am and Mo ses,
3. Phil lip and Bar tho lo mew,
4. Hel en and Ce ce lia,
5. Ju dith and Jo an na,
6. Cath rine and The re sa,
7. Mar tin and Re bec ca,
8. Ju li a and Ber na dette,
9. Nich o las and Ben ja min,
10. Den nis, George and Ju li an,

Pray for us!

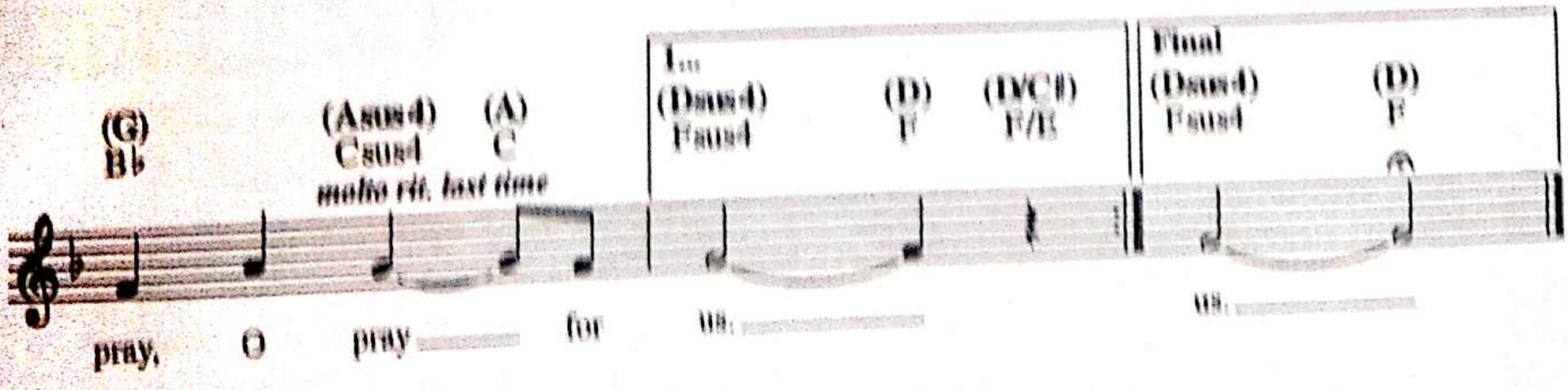


1. An na and E liz a beth,
2. Jon a than and Da vid,
3. Ste phen and Ma thi as,
4. An tho ny and Ben e dict,
5. Ber nard and Ig na tius,
6. Mon i ca and Ra chel,
7. Es ther, Ruth and Lu cy,
8. Jude and Jer e mi ah,
9. Le o and Au gus tine,
10. Wil liam and I sa iah,

Pray for us!



Ho ly men and wom en, bless ed of the a ges,



pray, O pray for us; us.

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