

# John 15:9-16

*Celebration of New Ministry I*

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The Ho-ly Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John.

*R* *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Je-sus said: As the Father has loved me, so I

have loved you; a-bide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will

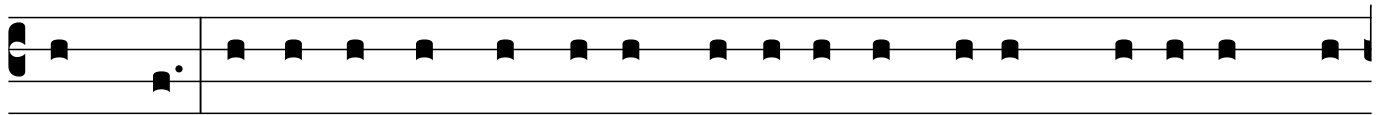
a-bide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and a-bide

in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,

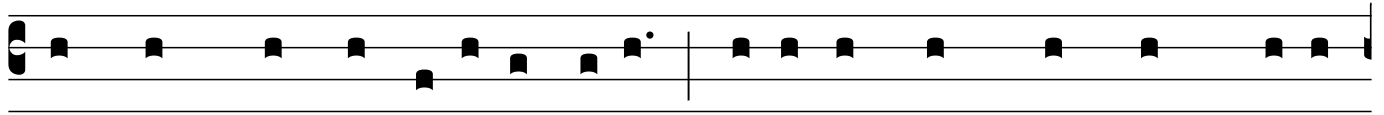
and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love

one an-other as I have loved you. No one has great-er love than this, to lay

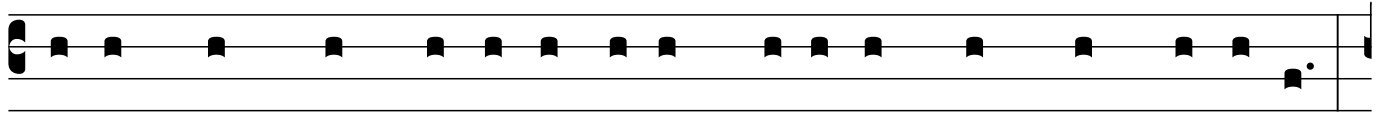
down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I com-



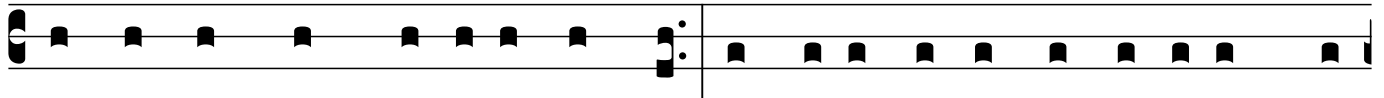
mand you. I do not call you servants an-y longer, because the servant does



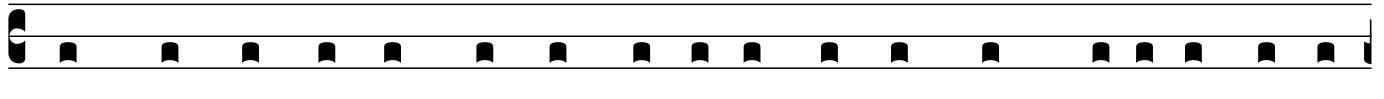
not know what the master is do- ing; but I have called you friends, because



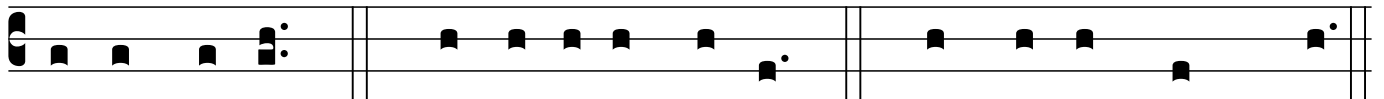
I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.



You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear



fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you what-ev-er you ask



him in my name. *℣* The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*