

Romans 15:4-13

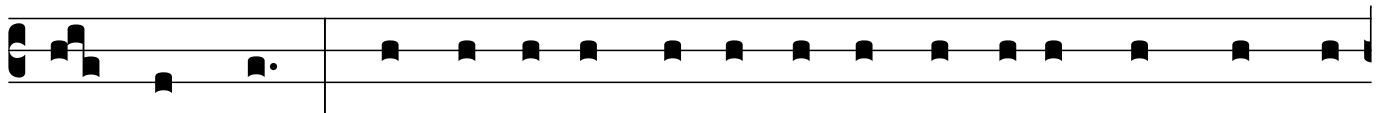
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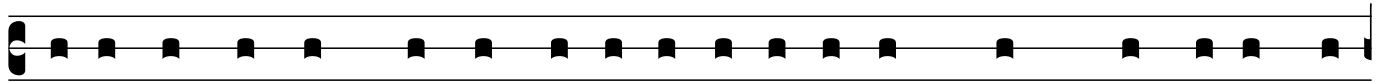
F or what-ev-er was writ-ten in former days was writ-ten for our instruc-



tion, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we



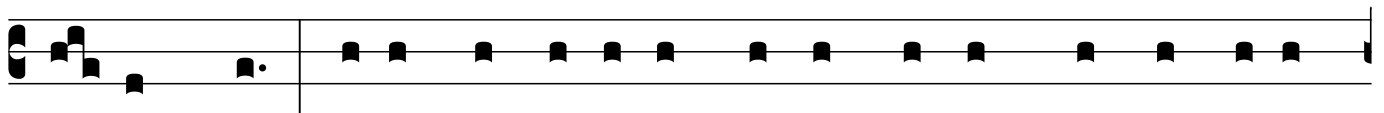
might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you



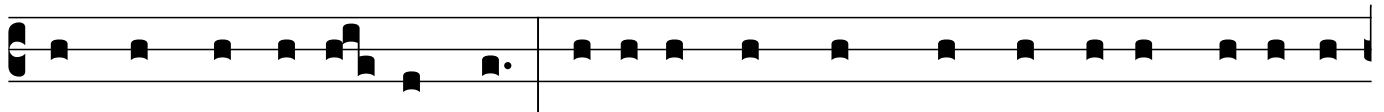
to live in harmony with one an-other, in accordance with Christ Je-sus, so



that to-gether you may with one voice glo-ri-fy the God and Father of our Lord



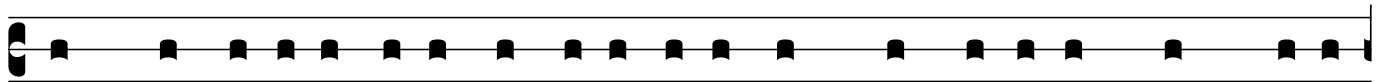
Je- sus Christ. Welcome one an-other, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed



you, for the glo-ry of God. For I tell you that Christ has be-come a servant



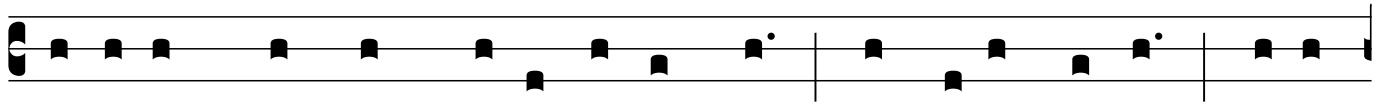
of the circumcised on be-half of the truth of God in order that he might con-



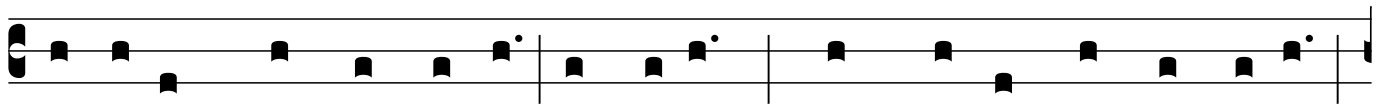
firm the promis-es giv-en to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glo-ri-



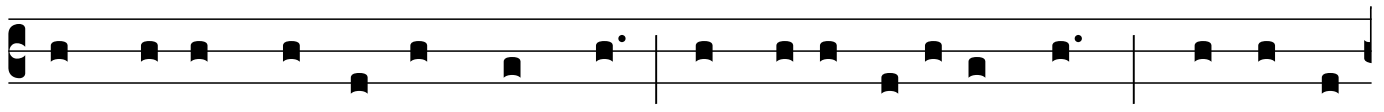
fy God for his mercy. As it is writ-ten, “Therefore I will confess you among



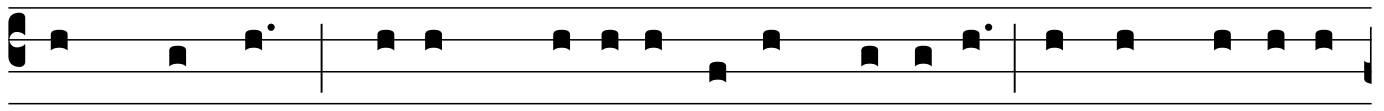
the gentiles and sing prais-es to your name”; and again he says, “Re-joice,



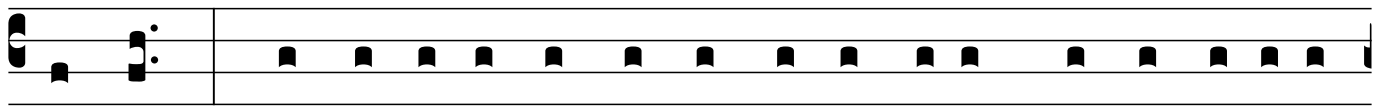
O gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,



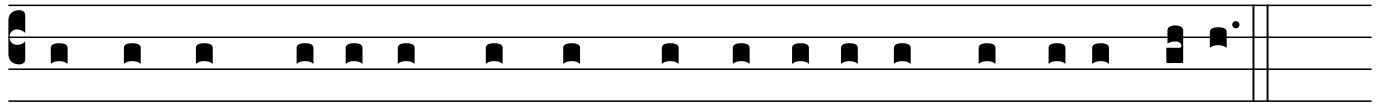
and let all the peoples praise him”; and again I-sa-iah says, “The root of



Jesse shall come, the one who ris-es to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles



shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in be-liev-ing,



so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Ho-ly Spir-it.