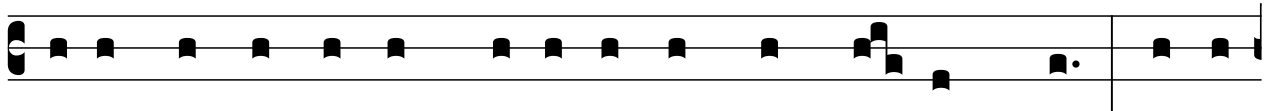
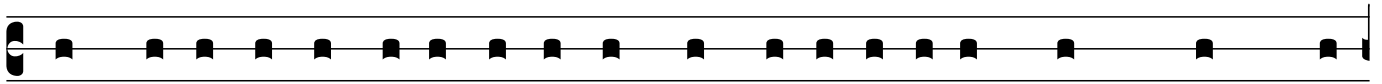


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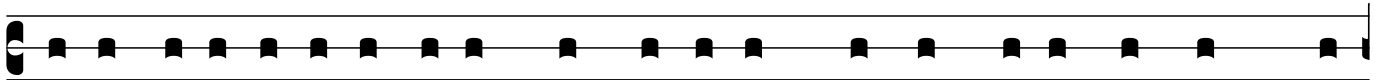
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Je- sus Christ! By his



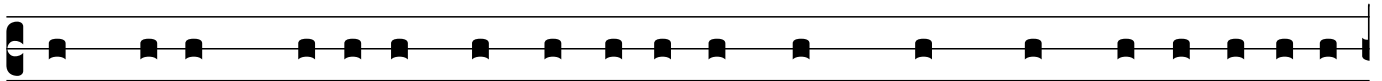
great mercy he has giv-en us a new birth into a liv-ing hope through the



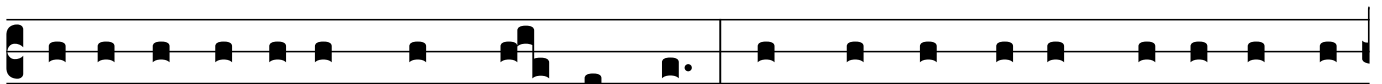
res-urrection of Je-sus Christ from the dead and into an inher-it-ance that



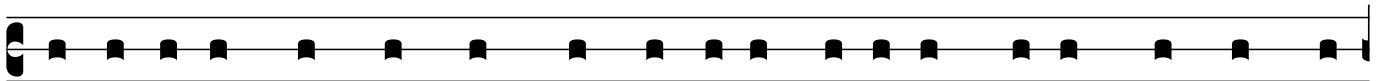
is imper-ishable, unde-filed, and unfad-ing, kept in heaven for you, who



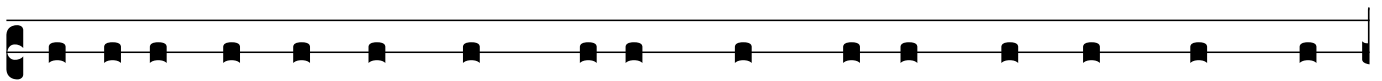
are be-ing pro-ected by the power of God through faith for a salvation



ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you re-joice, e-ven if now



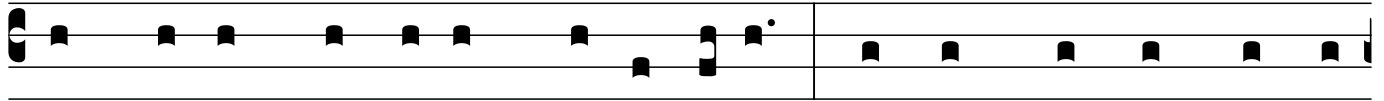
for a little while you have had to suffer var-i-ous tri- als, so that the



gen-u- ineness of your faith—be- ing more precious than gold that, though



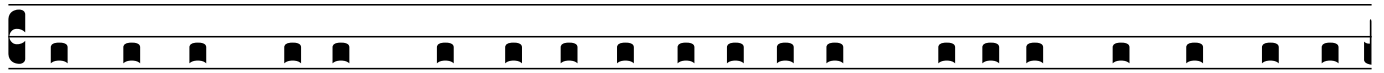
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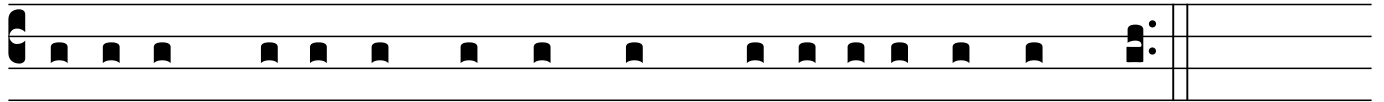
and hon-or when Je-sus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen



him, you love him, and e-ven though you do not see him now, you be-lieve



in him and re-joice with an indescrib-able and glo-ri-ous joy, for you are



re-ceiv-ing the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.