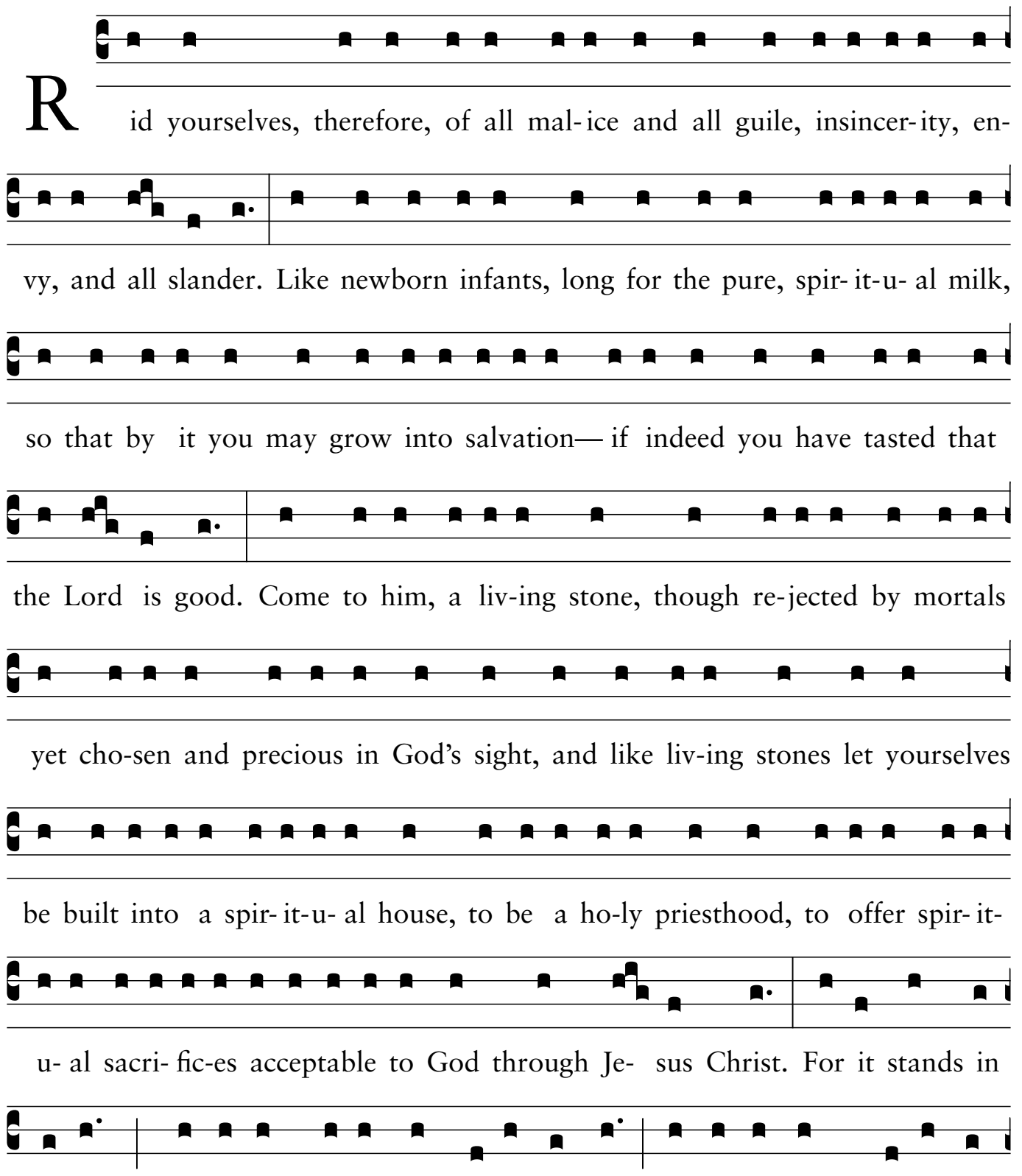
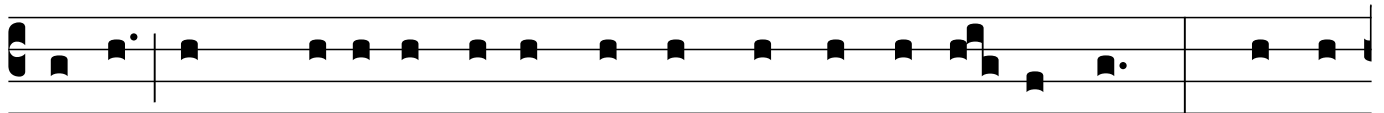


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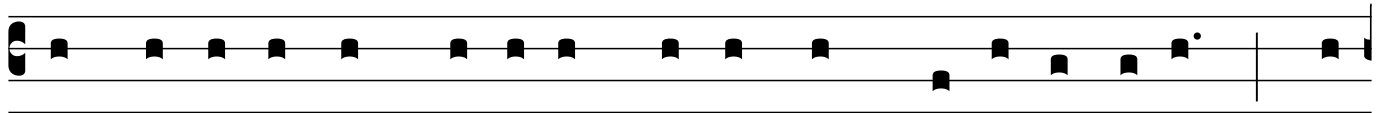
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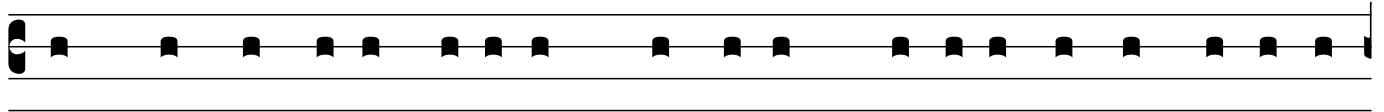
Rid yourselves, therefore, of all mal-ice and all guile, insincer-ity, en-
vy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spir-it-u- al milk,
so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that
the Lord is good. Come to him, a liv-ing stone, though re-jected by mortals
yet cho-sen and precious in God’s sight, and like liv-ing stones let yourselves
be built into a spir-it-u- al house, to be a ho-ly priesthood, to offer spir-it-
u- al sacri- fic-es acceptable to God through Je- sus Christ. For it stands in
scripture: “See, I am lay- ing in Zi- on a stone, a cornerstone cho-sen and



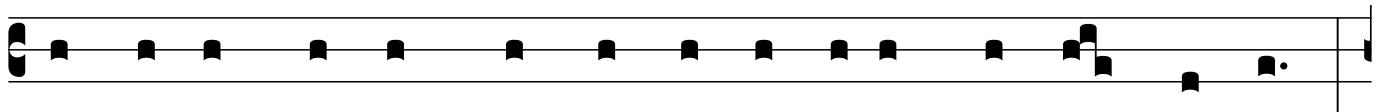
precious, and who- ev-er be-lieves in him will not be put to shame.” This hon-



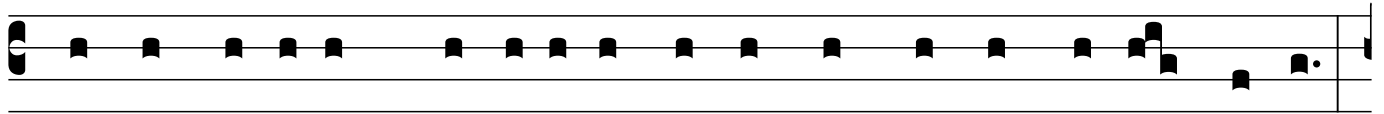
or, then, is for you who be-lieve, but for those who do not be-lieve, “The



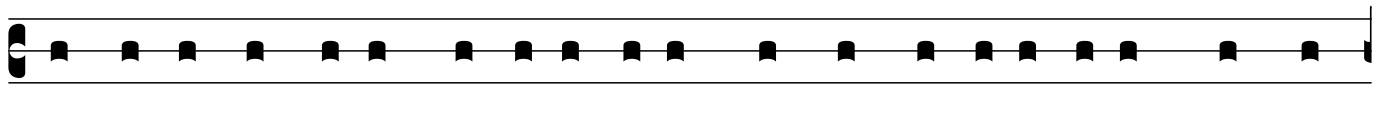
stone that the builders re-jected has be-come the ver-y head of the corner,”



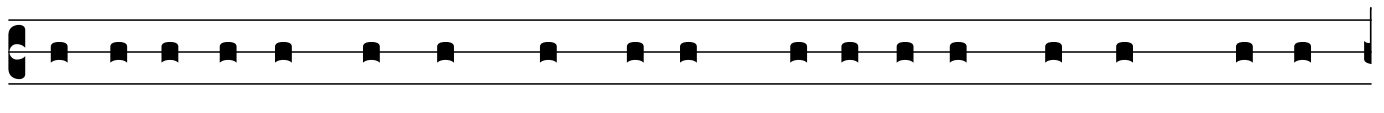
and“A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”



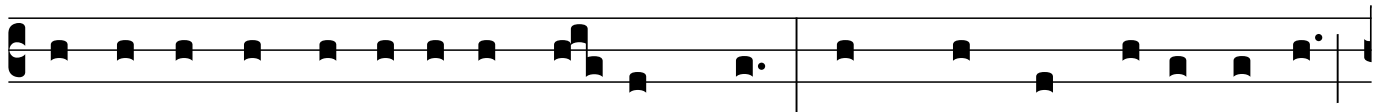
They stumble because they dis-obey the word, as they were des-tined to do.



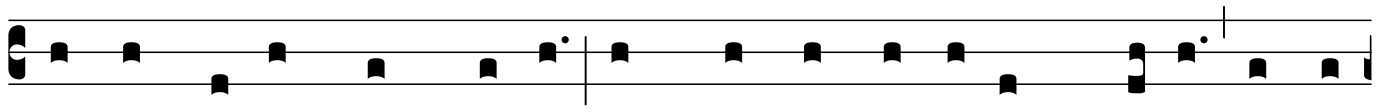
But you are a cho-sen people, a roy-al priesthood, a ho-ly nation, God’s own



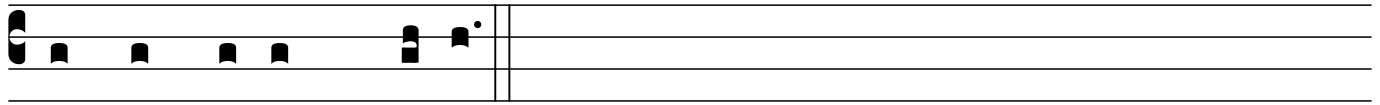
people, in order that you may proclaim the excel-lence of him who called



you out of darkness into his mar-velous light. Once you were not a people,



but now you are God’s people; once you had not re-ceived mercy, but now



you have re-ceived mercy.