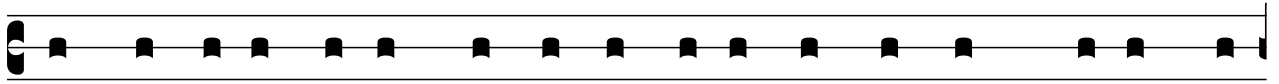
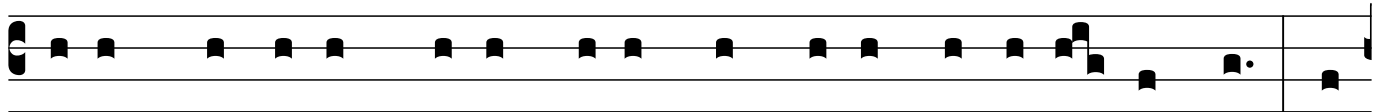


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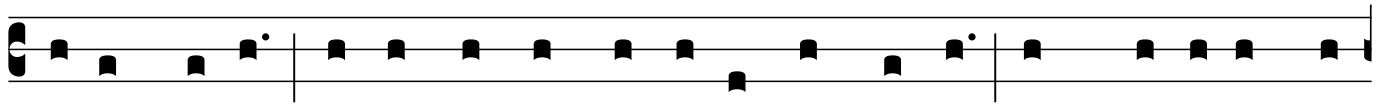
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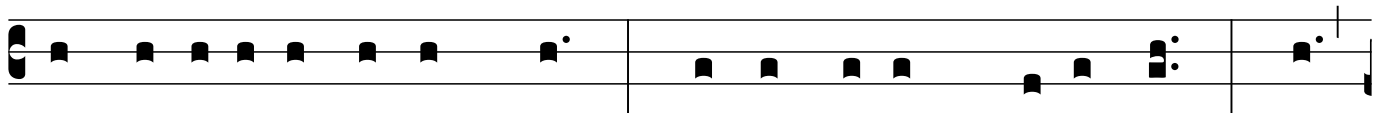
For the message about the cross is fool-ishness to those who are per-



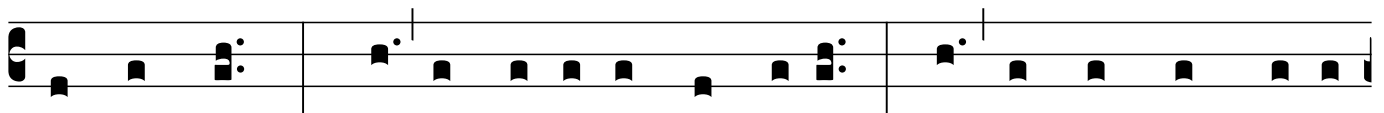
ishing, but to us who are be- ing saved it is the power of God. For



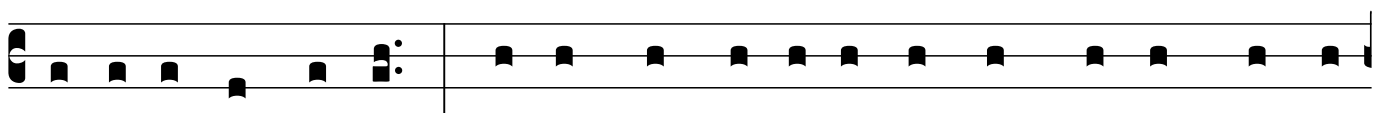
it is writ-ten, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment



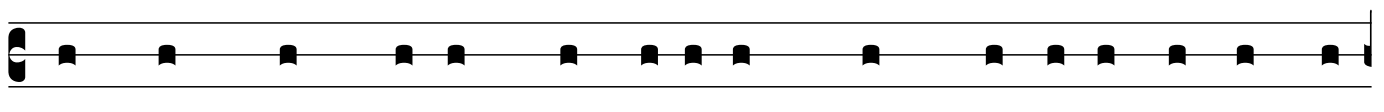
of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where



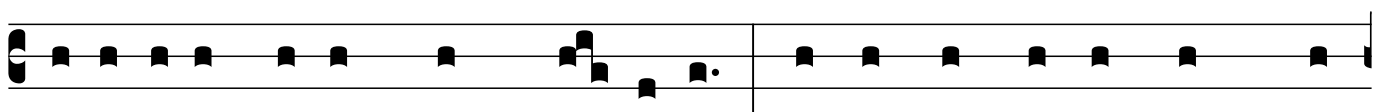
is the scholar? Where is the de-bater of this age? Has not God made fool-ish



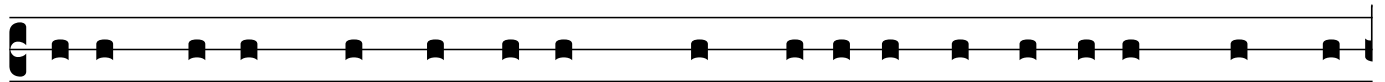
the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not



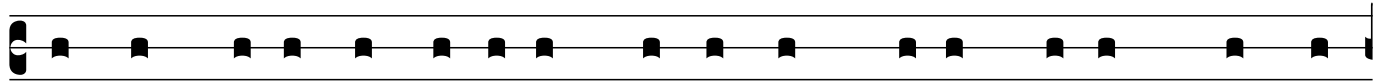
know God through wisdom, God de-cid-ed, through the fool-ishness of the



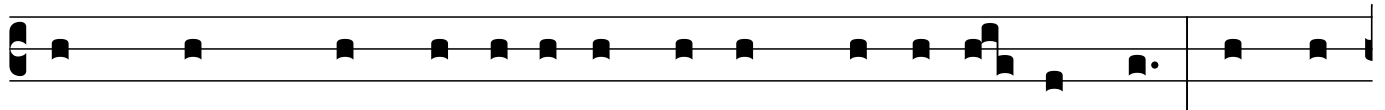
proclamation, to save those who be-lieve. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks



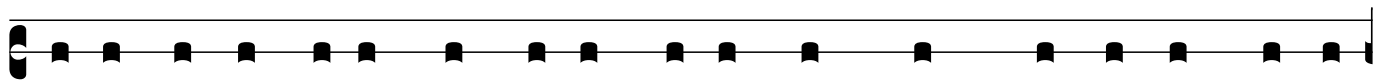
de-sire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ cru-ci-fied, a stumbl-ing block to



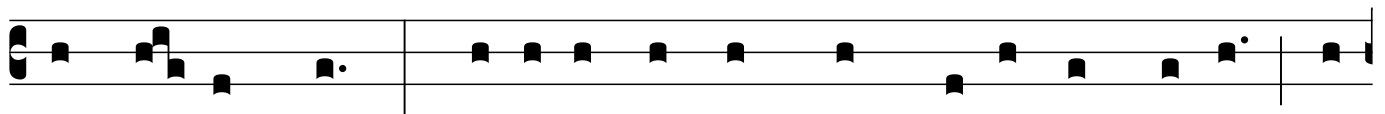
Jews and fool-ishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews



and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's



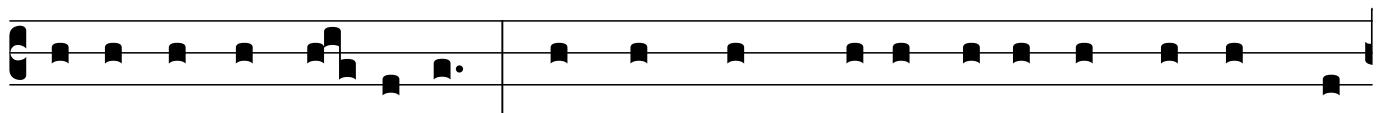
fool-ishness is wis-er than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger



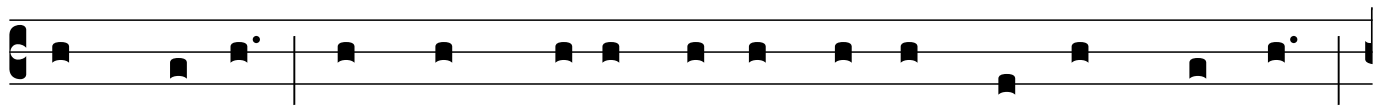
than hu-man strength. Consid-er your own call, brothers and sis-ters: not



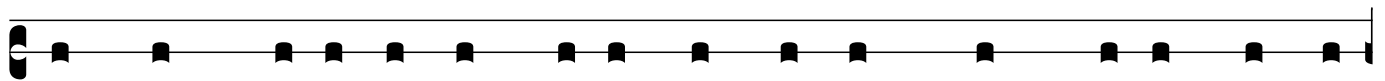
man-y of you were wise by human standards, not man-y were powerful, not



man-y were of no-ble birth. But God chose what is fool-ish in the world to



shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;



God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to



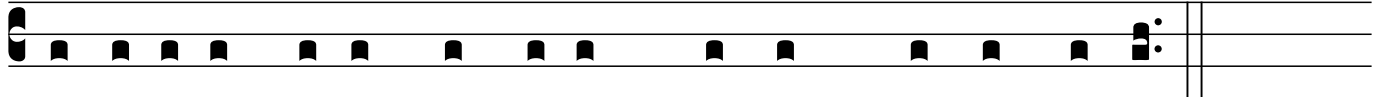
abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.



In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom



from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order



that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."