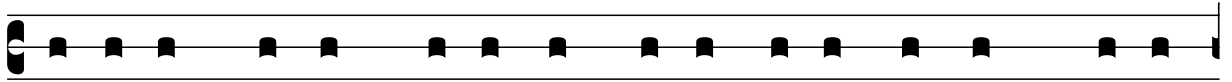


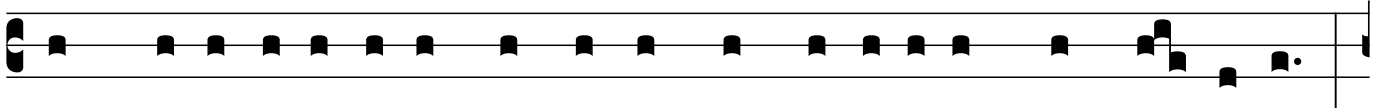
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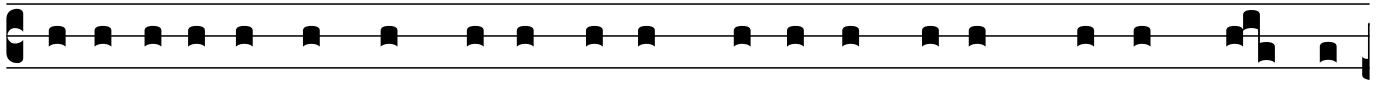


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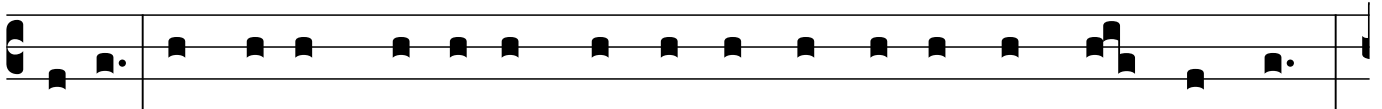
hen I came to you, brothers and sis-ters, I did not come proclaim-



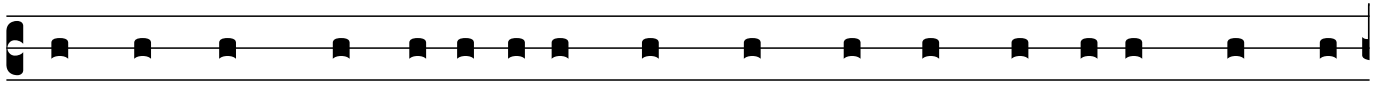
ing the tes-timo-ny of God to you with su-pe-ri- or speech or wisdom.



For I de-cid-ed to know nothing among you except Je-sus Christ and him cru-



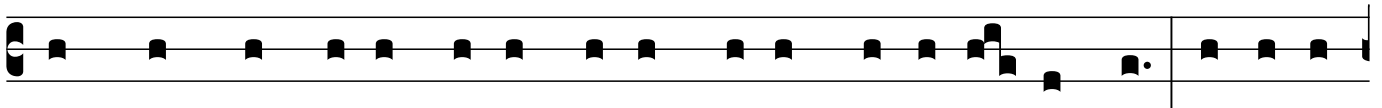
ci-fied. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.



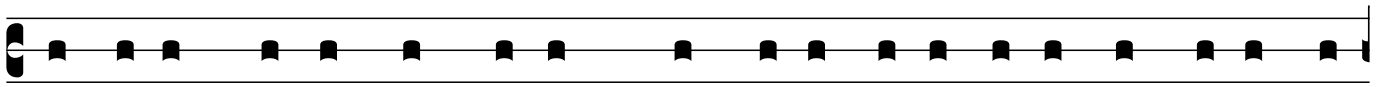
My speech and my proclamation were made not with persua-sive words of



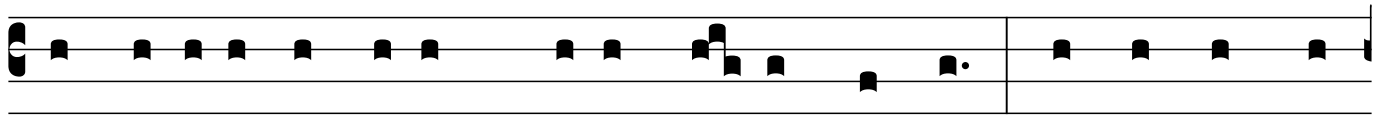
wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spir-it and of power, so that your



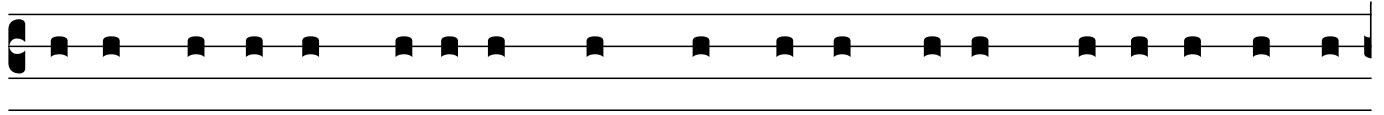
faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among



the ma-ture we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or



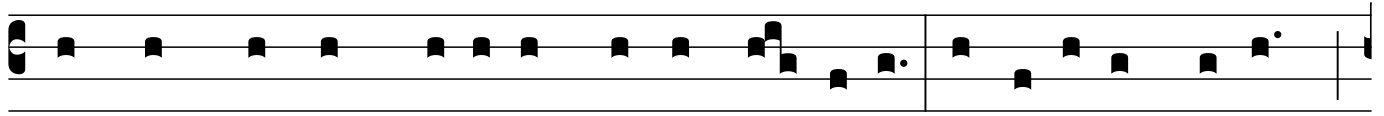
of the rul-ers of this age, who are be- ing destroyed. But we speak God’s



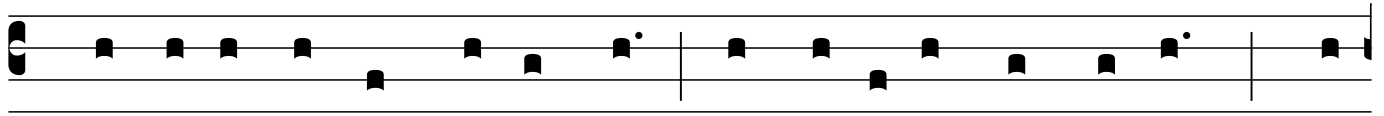
wisdom, a hidden myster-y, which God decreed be-fore the ag-es for our



glo-ry and which none of the rul-ers of this age understood, for if they had,



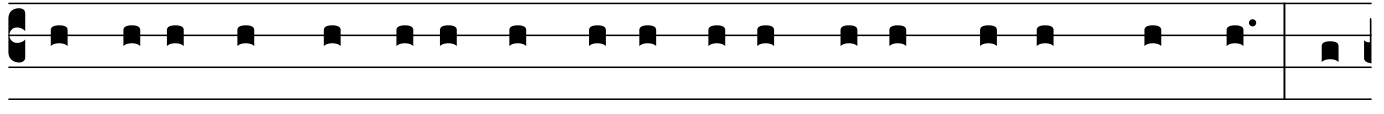
they would not have cru-ci-fied the Lord of glo-ry. But, as it is writ-ten,



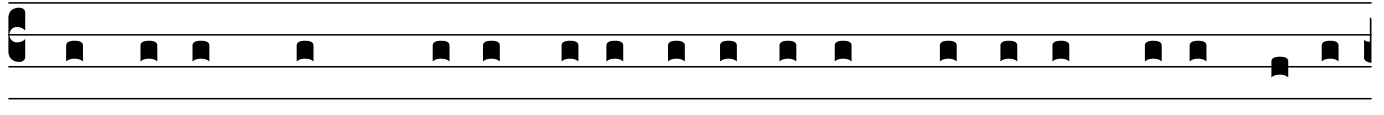
“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what



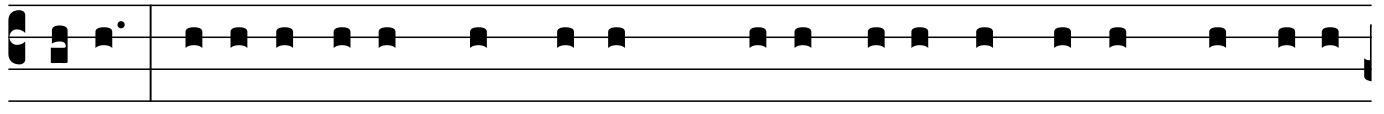
God has pre-pared for those who love him”— God has revealed to us through



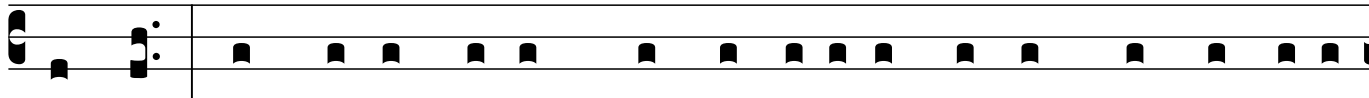
the Spir-it, for the Spir-it searches everything, e-ven the depths of God. For



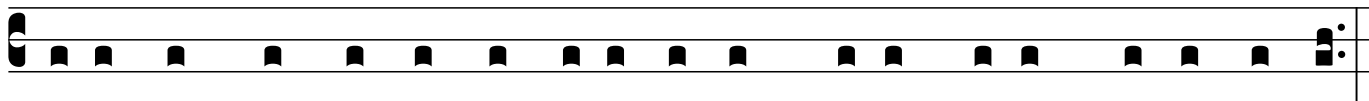
what human knows what is tru-ly human except the human spir-it that is



within? So also no one compre-hends what is tru-ly God’s except the Spir-it



of God. Now we have re-ceived not the spir-it of the world but the Spir-it



that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.