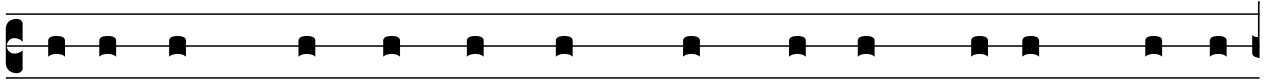
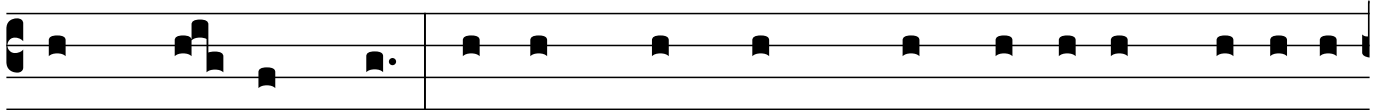


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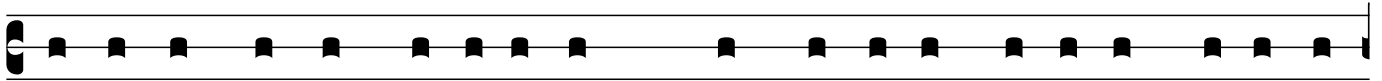
For the Departed



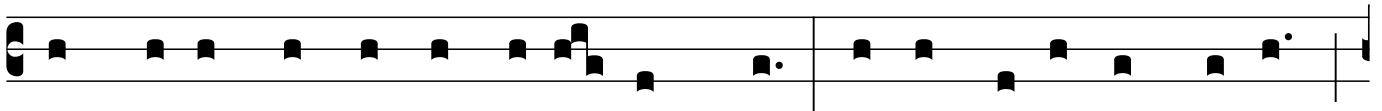
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of



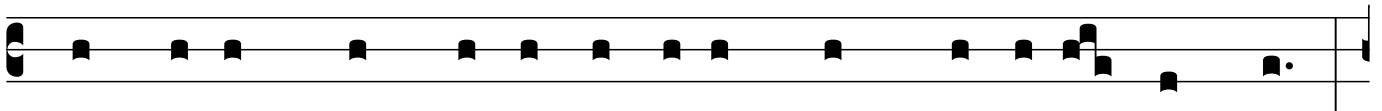
those who have died. For since death came through a human, the res-ur-



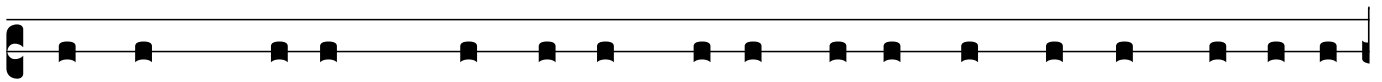
rection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Ad-



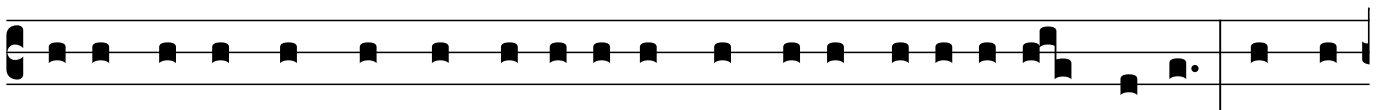
am, so all will be made a-live in Christ. But each in its own order:



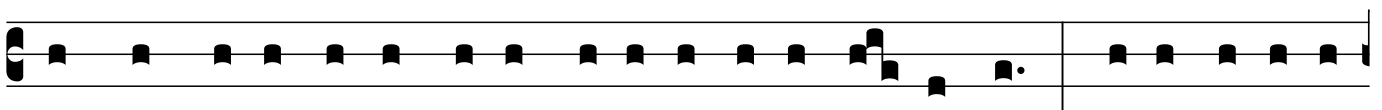
Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who be-long to Christ.



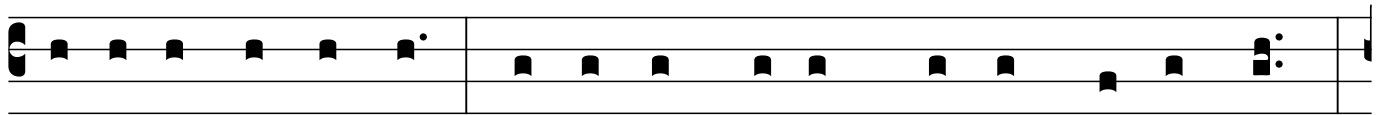
Then comes the end, when he hands o-ver the kingdom to God the Father,



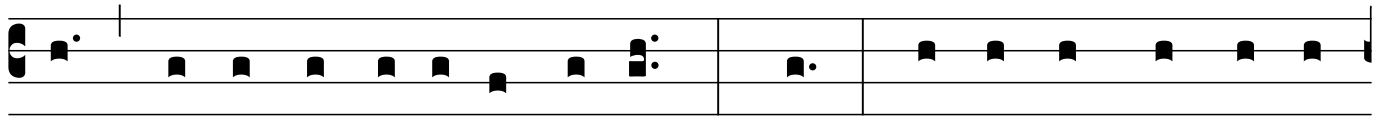
after he has destroyed every rul-er and every author-i-ty and power. For he



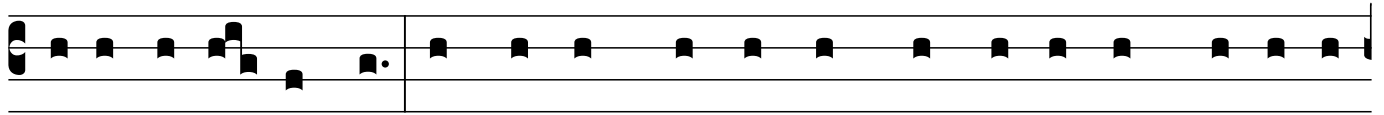
must reign until he has put all his en-emies under his feet. The last en-emy



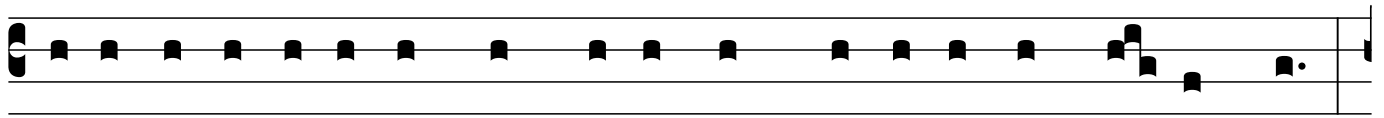
to be destroyed is death. But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised?



With what kind of bod-y do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come



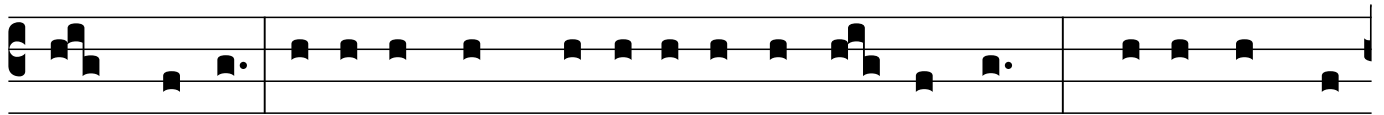
to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the bod-y



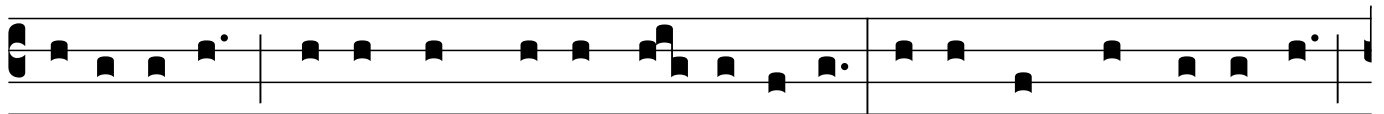
that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some oth-er grain.



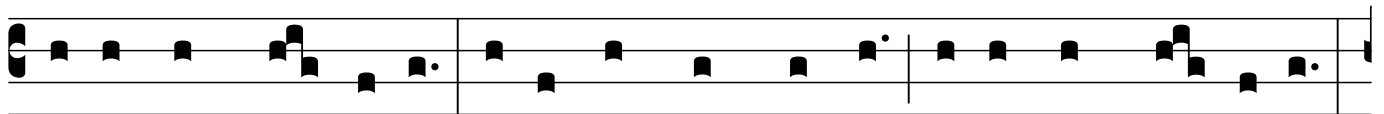
But God gives it a bod-y as he has cho-sen and to each kind of seed its



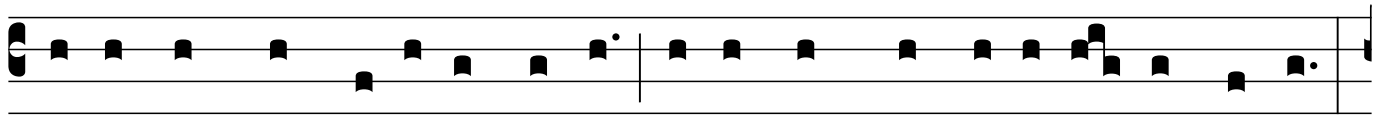
own bod-y. So it is with the res-urrection of the dead. What is sown is



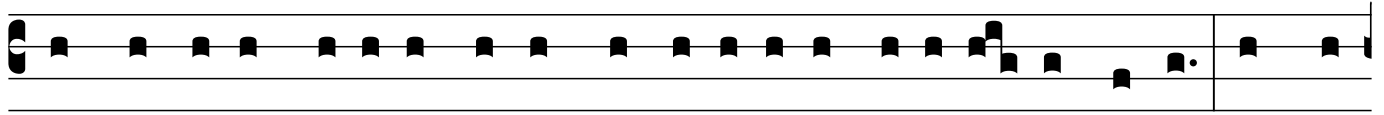
per-ishable; what is raised is imper-ishable. It is sown in dishon-or;



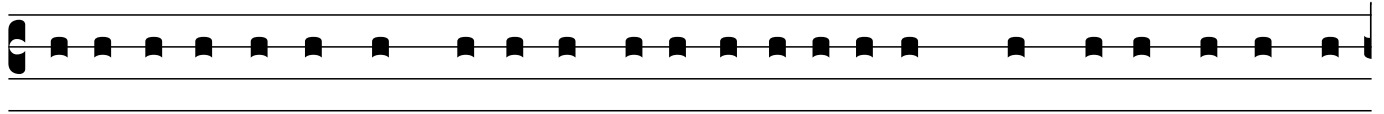
it is raised in glo-ry. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.



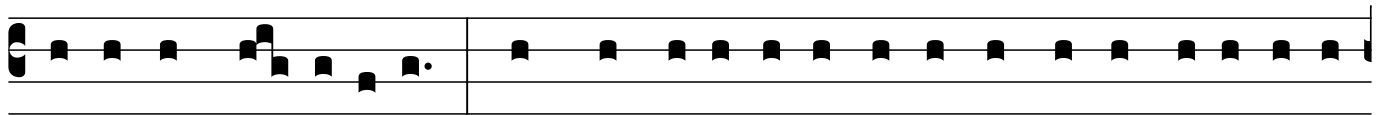
It is sown a phys-i-cal bod-y; it is raised a spir-it-u- al bod-y.



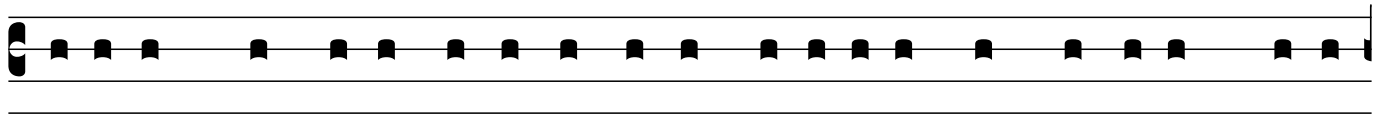
If there is a phys-i-cal bod-y, there is also a spir-it-u- al bod-y. For this



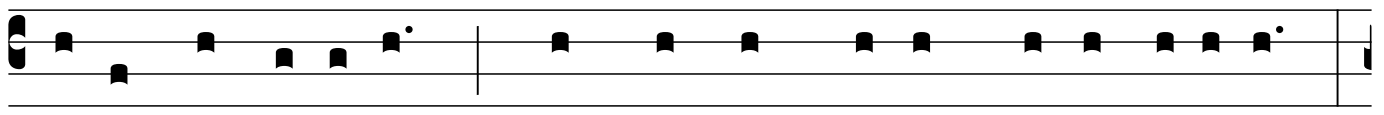
per-ishable bod-y must put on imper-isha-bil- i-ty, and this mortal bod-y must



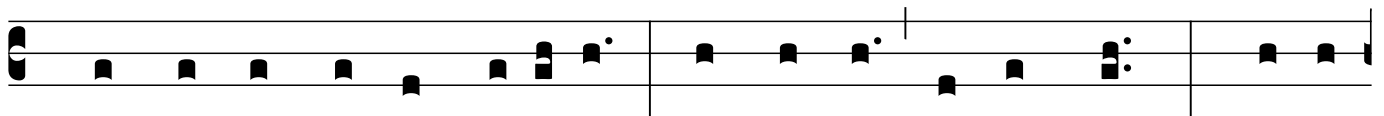
put on immor- tal-i-ty. When this per-ishable bod-y puts on imper-isha-bil-



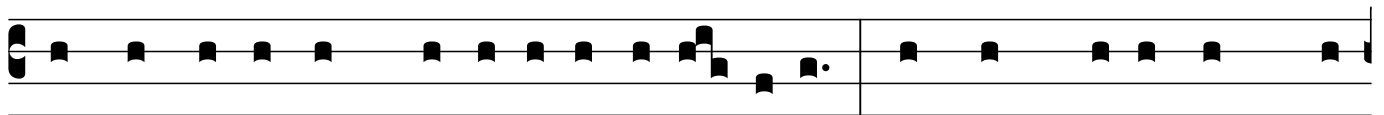
i-ty and this mortal bod-y puts on immortal-i-ty, then the say-ing that is



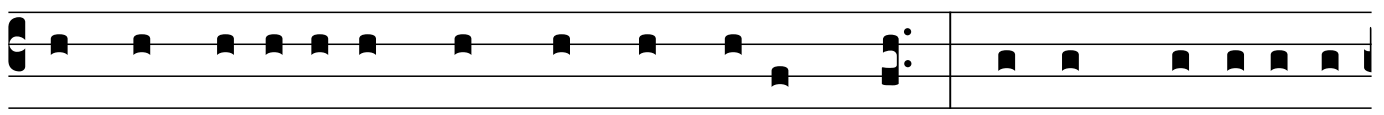
writ-ten will be ful-filled: “Death has been swal-losed up in victo-ry.”



“Where, O death, is your victo-ry? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting



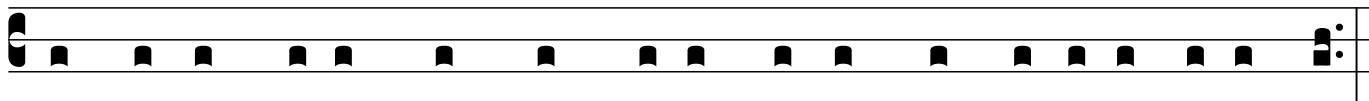
of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who



gives us the victo-ry through our Lord Je-sus Christ. Therefore, my be-lov-ed



brothers and sis-ters, be steadfast, immov-able, always excel-ling in the work



of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your la-bor is not in vain.