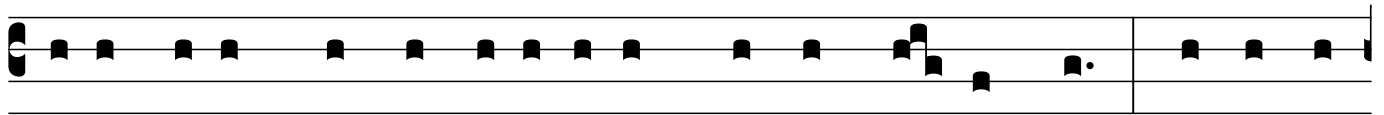


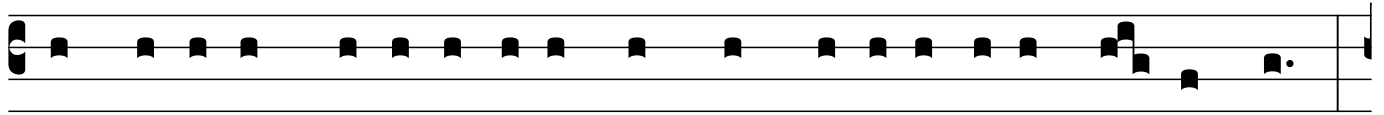
# Romans 13:1-10

*For the Nation*

**L**et every person be subject to the gov-erning author-i-ties, for there  
is no author-i-ty except from God, and those author-i-ties that ex-ist  
have been insti-tuted by God. Therefore who- ev-er re-sists author-i-ty re-  
sists what God has appointed, and those who re-sist will in-cur judgment.  
For rul-ers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have  
no fear of the author-i-ty? Then do what is good, and you will re-ceive its  
approv-al, for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong,  
you should be afraid, for the author-i-ty does not bear the sword in vain!



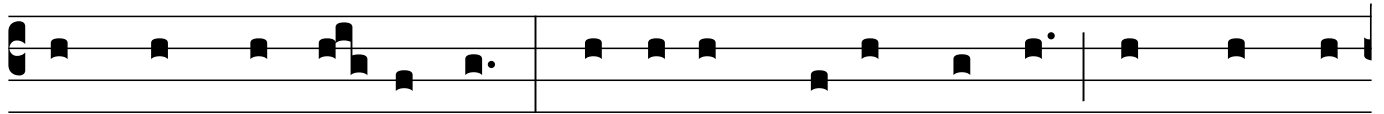
It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one



must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.



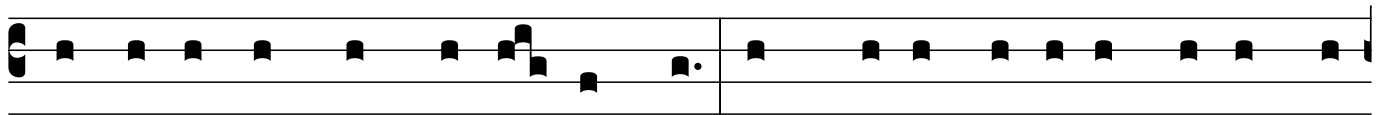
For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents,



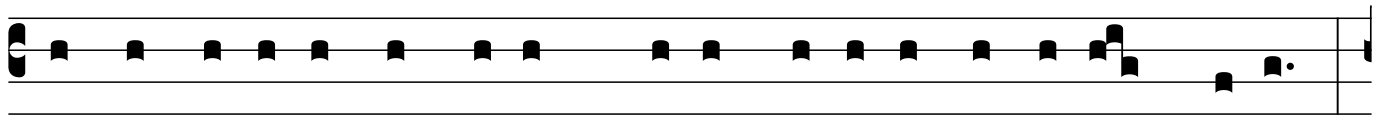
busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom



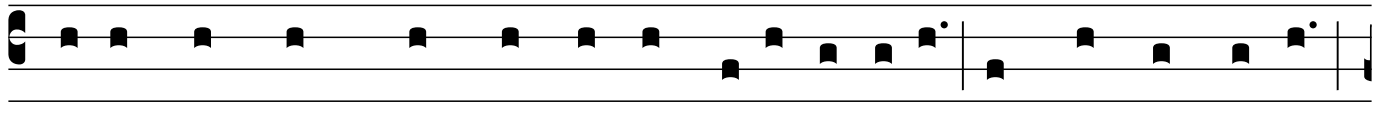
taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is



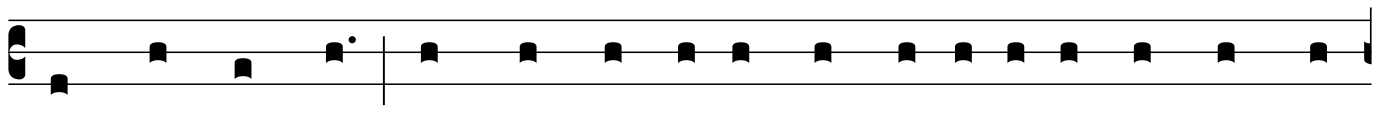
due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to



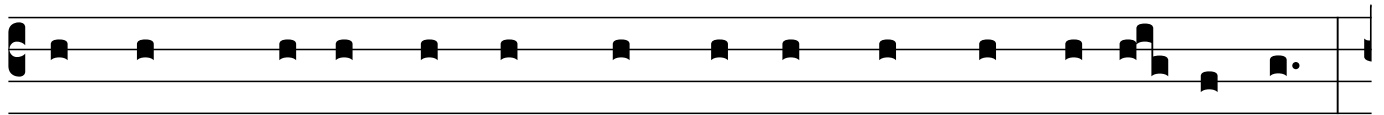
love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.



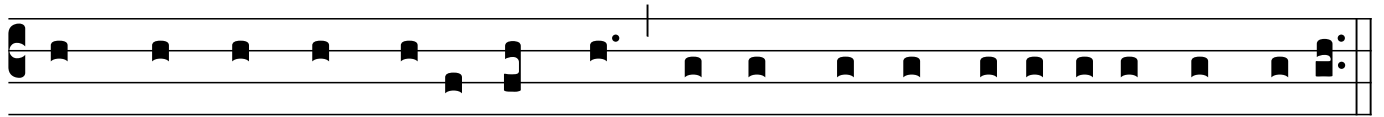
The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder;



you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment,



are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the ful-fil-ling of the law.