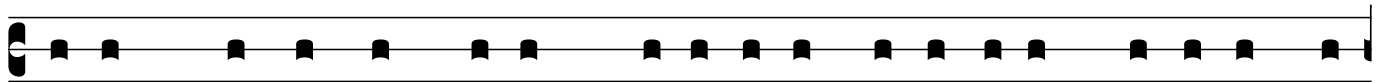


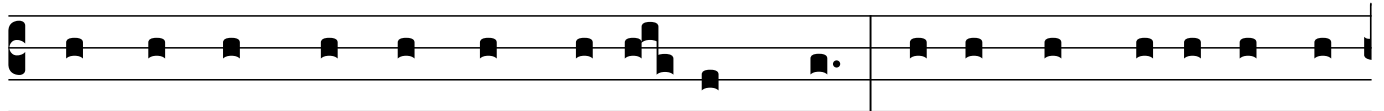
Romans 4:13-25

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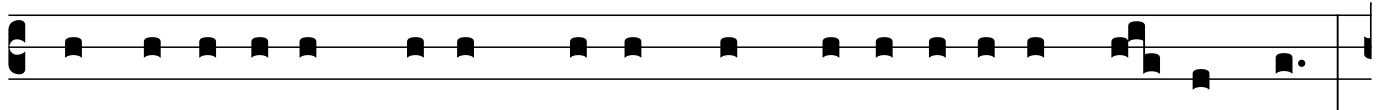
F or the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to
Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteous-
ness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,
faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where
there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise
depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be
guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but
also to those who share the faith of Abraham Hoping against hope, he



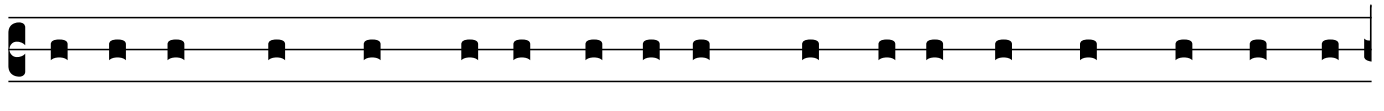
be-lieved that he would be-come“the father of man-y nations,” according to



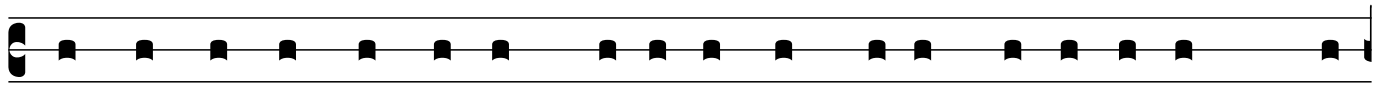
what was said,“So shall your descend-ants be.” He did not weaken in faith



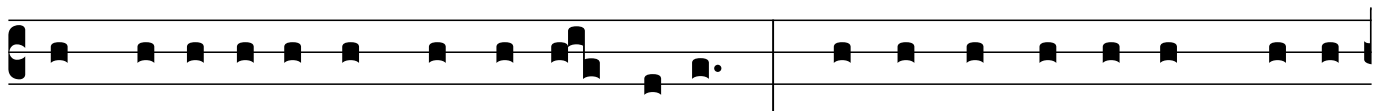
when he consid-ered his own bod-y, which was already as good as dead



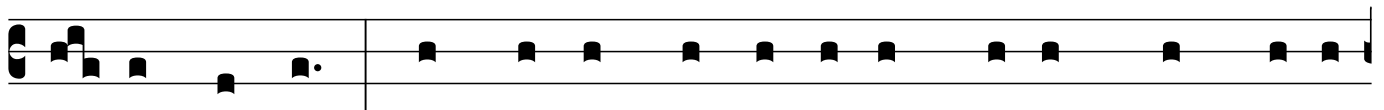
No distrust made him wa-ver concerning the promise of God, but he grew



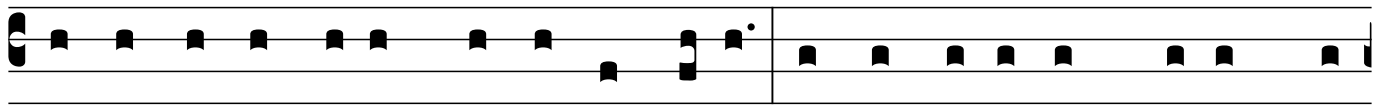
strong in his faith as he gave glo-ry to God, be- ing ful-ly convinced that



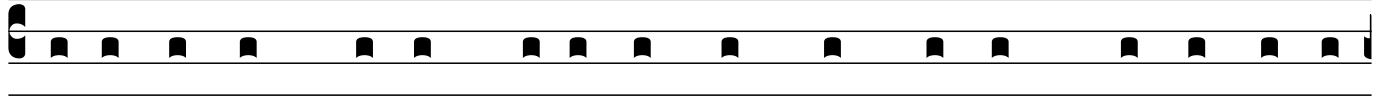
God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore“it was reckoned to him



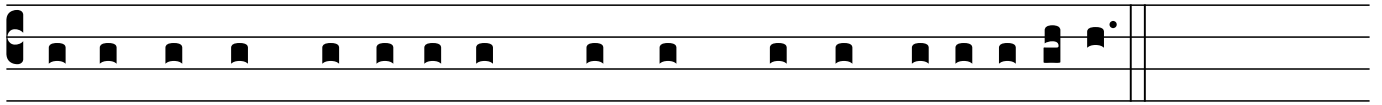
as righteous.” Now the words,“it was reckoned to him,” were writ-ten



not for his sake a-lone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who



be-lieve in him who raised Je-sus our Lord from the dead, who was handed



o-ver for our trespasses and was raised for our justi- fi-cation.