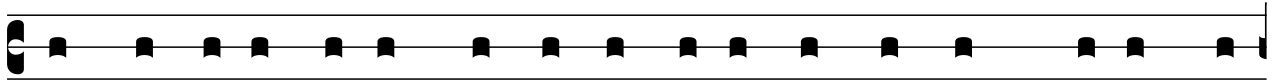
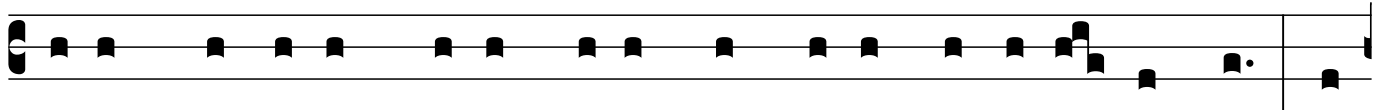


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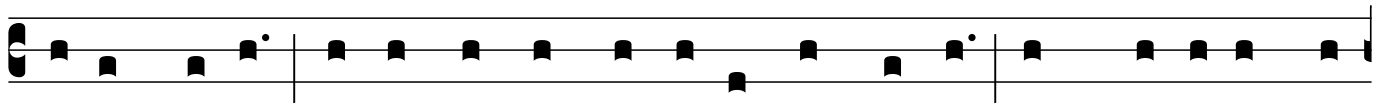
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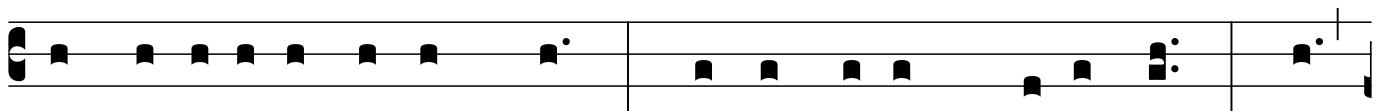
**F**or the message about the cross is fool-ishness to those who are per-



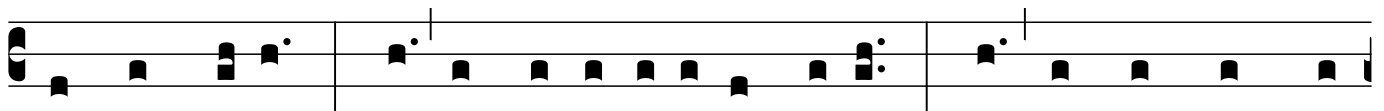
ishing, but to us who are be- ing saved it is the power of God. For



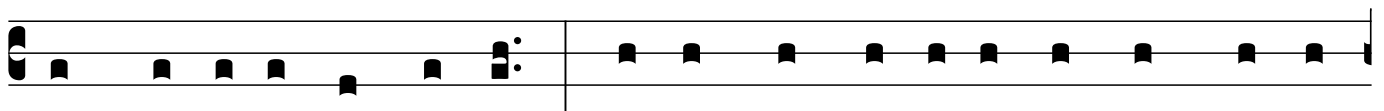
it is writ-ten, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment



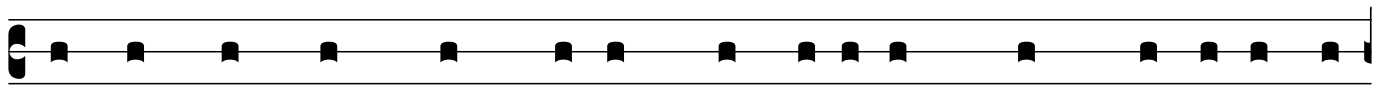
of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where



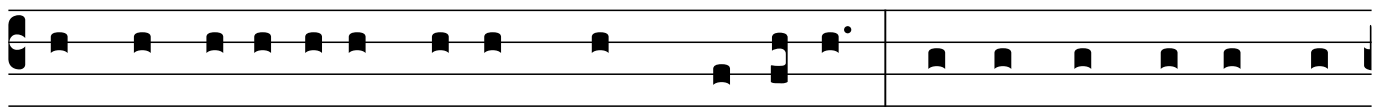
is the schol-ar? Where is the de-bat-er of this age? Has not God made fool-



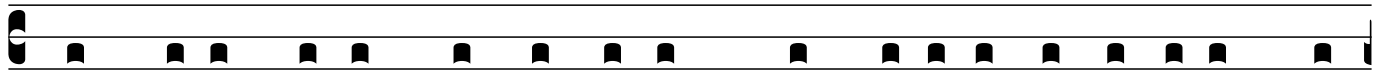
ish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world



did not know God through wisdom, God de-cid-ed, through the fool-ishness



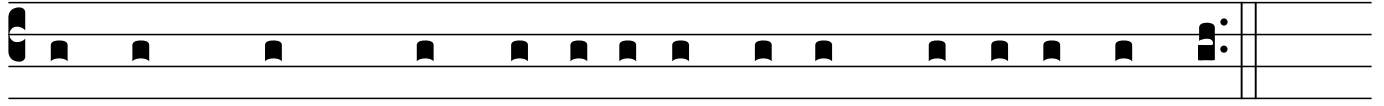
of the proclamation, to save those who be-lieve. For Jews ask for signs and



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.