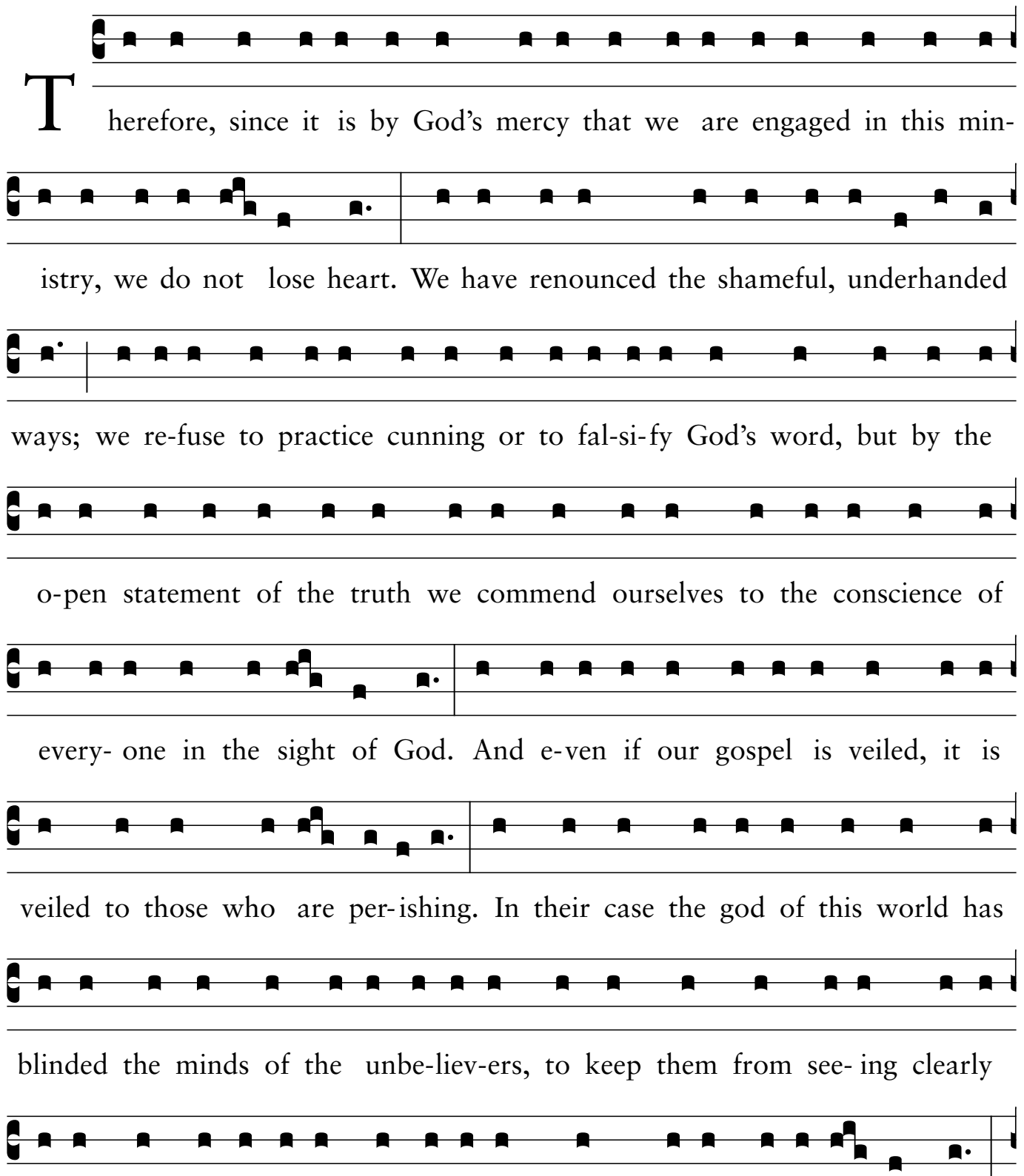
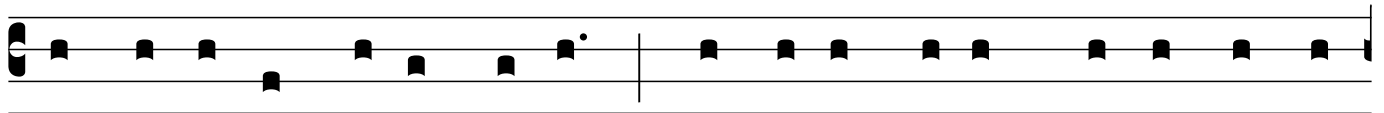


## 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

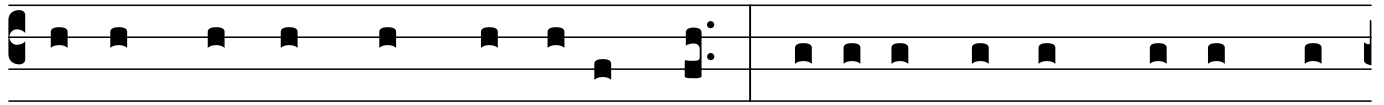
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**T** herefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of every one in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



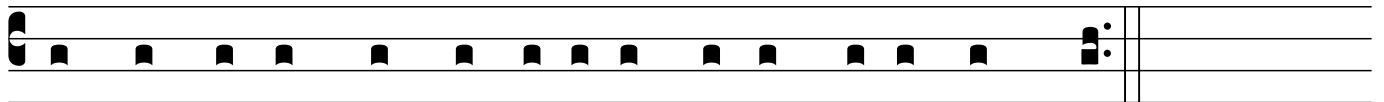
For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Je-sus Christ as Lord and



ourselves as your slaves for Je-sus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light



will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light



of the knowledge of the glo-ry of God in the face of Christ.