

Romans 8:14-17,22-27

Pentecost (Early)

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or all who are led by the Spir- it of God are children of God.

For you did not re-ceive a spir- it of slav-er-y to fall back into fear, but

you re-ceived a spir- it of a-doption. When we cry,“- Abba! Father!” it is

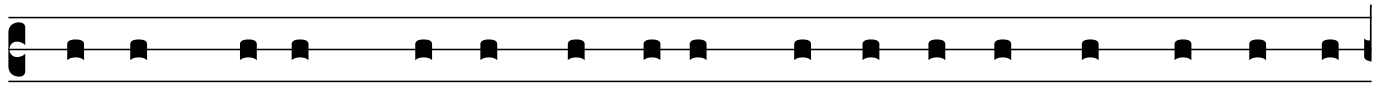
that ver-y Spir- it bear-ing witness with our spir- it that we are children of

God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if

we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glo-ri-fied with him.

We know that the whole cre- ation has been groaning to-gether as it suffers

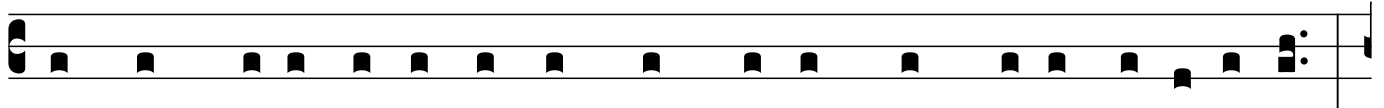
to-gether the pains of la-bor, and not only the cre- ation, but we ourselves,



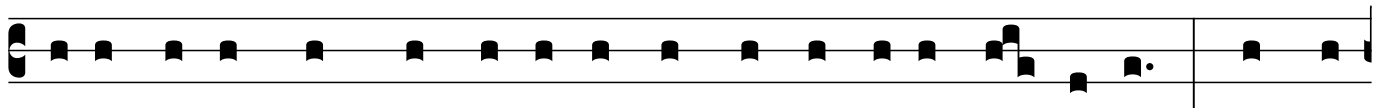
who have the first fruits of the Spir-it, groan inwardly while we wait for



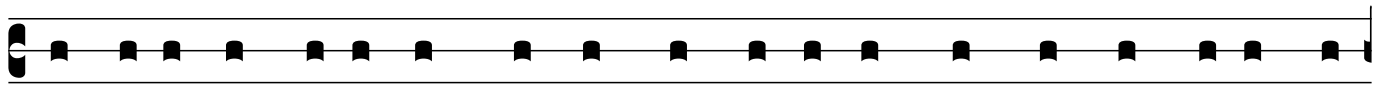
a-doption, the re-demption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.



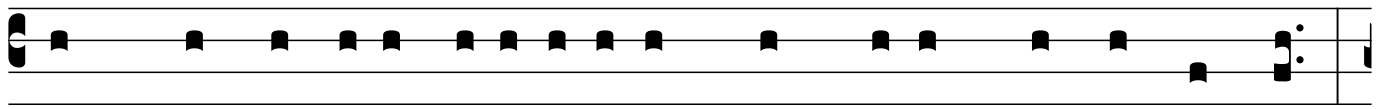
Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?



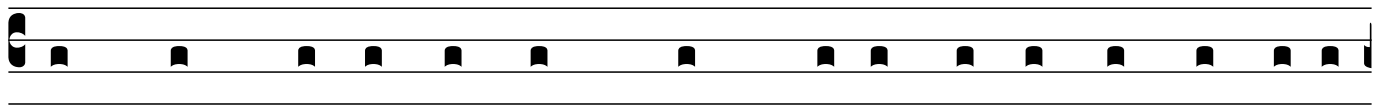
But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with pa-tience. Likewise



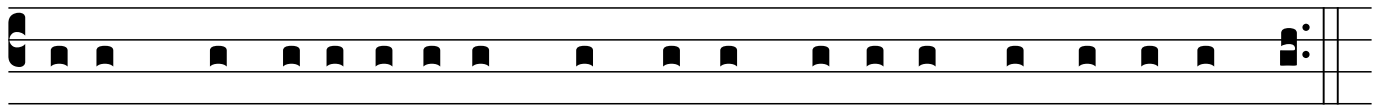
the Spir-it helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we



ought, but that ver-y Spir-it intercedes with groanings too deep for words.



And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spir-it,



because the Spir-it intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.