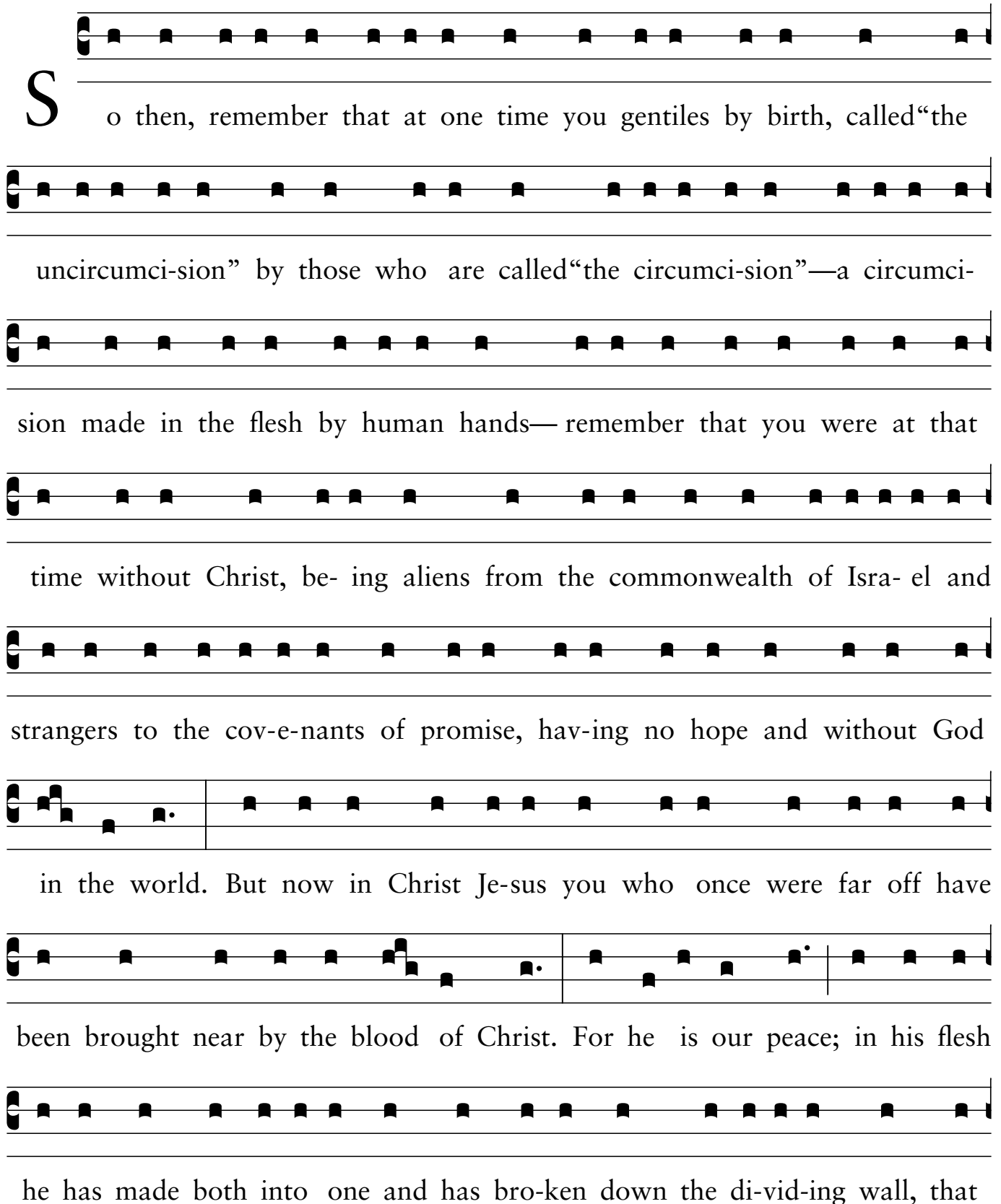
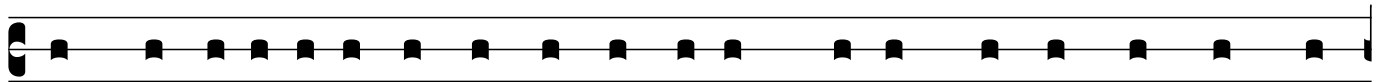


Ephesians 2:11-22

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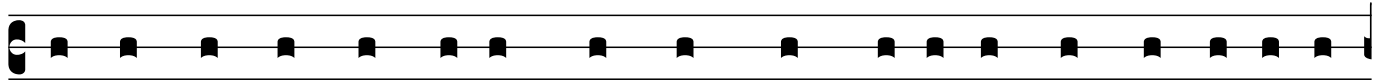
So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumci-sion” by those who are called “the circumci-sion”—a circumci-sion made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, be- ing aliens from the commonwealth of Isra- el and strangers to the cov-e-nants of promise, hav-ing no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Je-sus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has bro-ken down the di-vid-ing wall, that



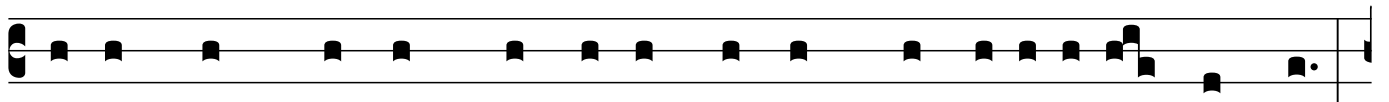
is, the hostil- i-ty between us, abolishing the law with its commandments



and ordi-nances, that he might cre- ate in himself one new human-i-ty in



place of the two, thus mak-ing peace, and might rec-oncile both to God in one



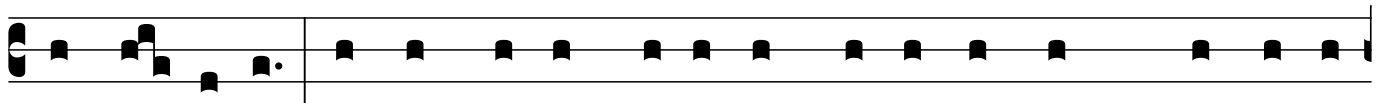
bod-y through the cross, thus put-ting to death that hostil- i-ty through it.



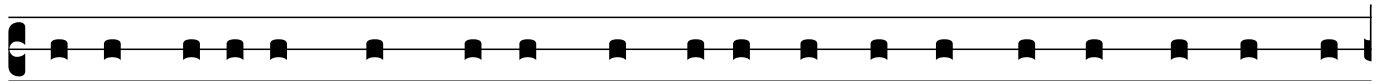
So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to



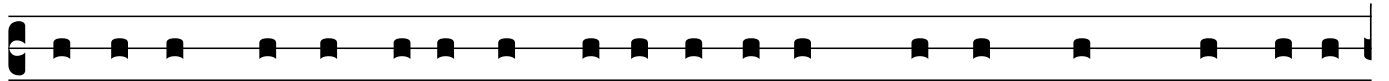
those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spir-it



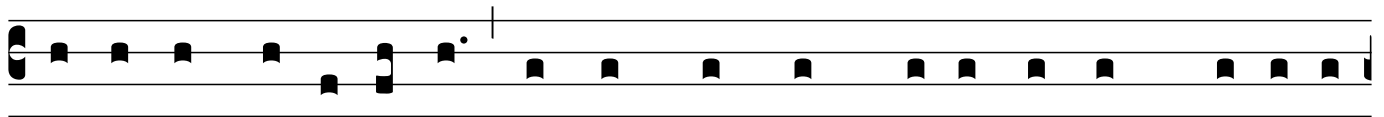
to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are



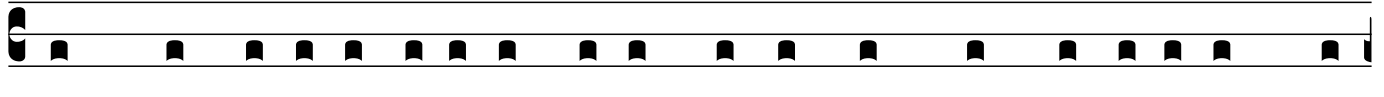
fel-low cit- i-zens with the saints and also members of the household of God,



built up-on the foundation of the a-postles and prophets, with Christ Je-sus



himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined to-gether



and grows into a ho-ly temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built



to-gether spir-it-u- al-ly into a dwell-ing place for God.