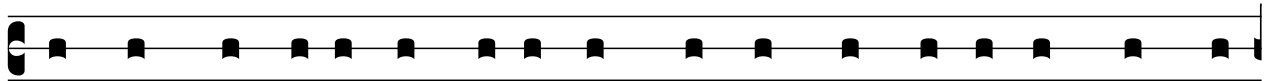
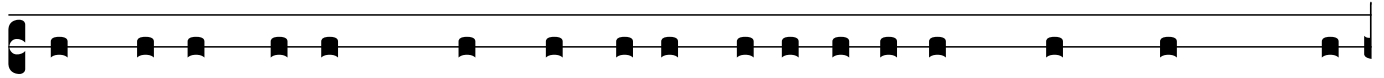


Romans 8:26-39

Proper 12



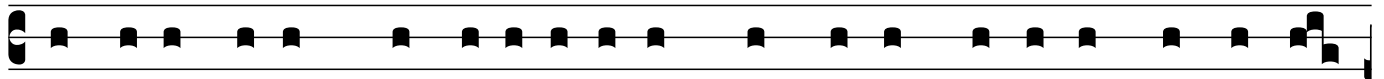
Likewise the Spir-it helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how



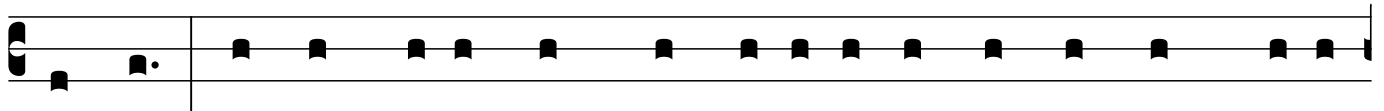
to pray as we ought, but that ver-y Spir-it intercedes with groanings too



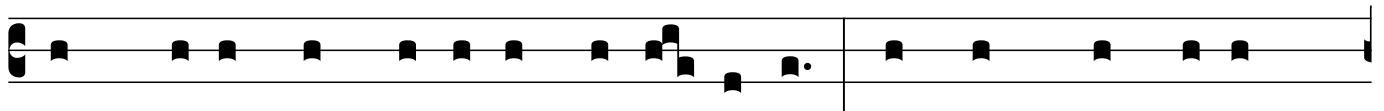
deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of



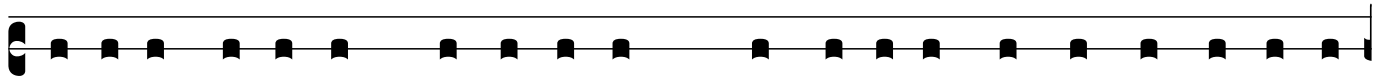
the Spir-it, because the Spir-it intercedes for the saints according to the will



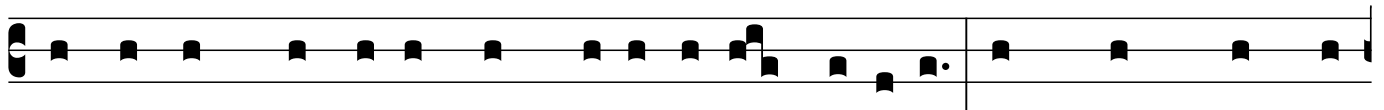
of God. We know that all things work to-gether for good for those who love



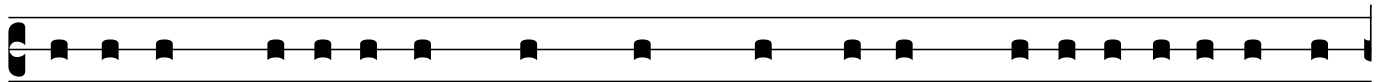
God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew



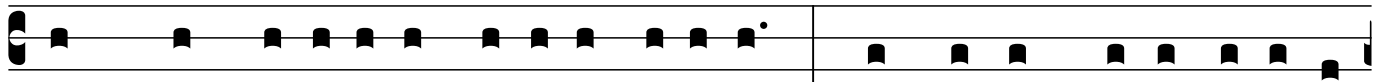
he also pre-des-tined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order



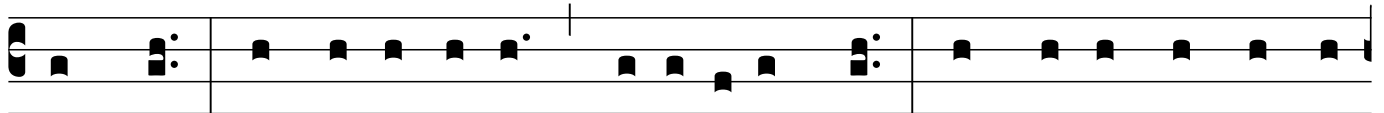
that he might be the firstborn within a large fami-ly. And those whom he



pre-des-tined he also called, and those whom he called he also justi-fied, and



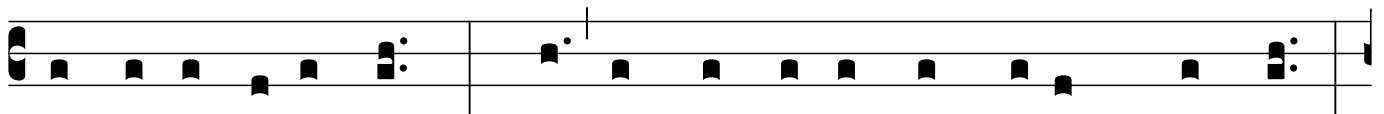
those whom he justi-fied he also glo-ri-fied. What then are we to say about



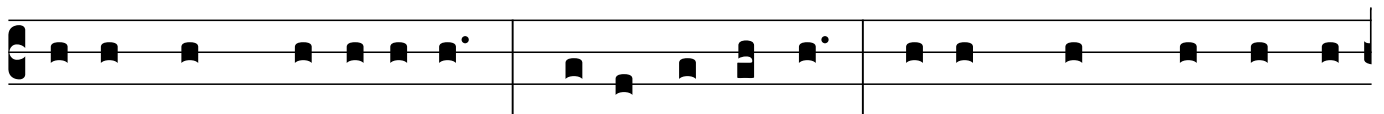
these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold



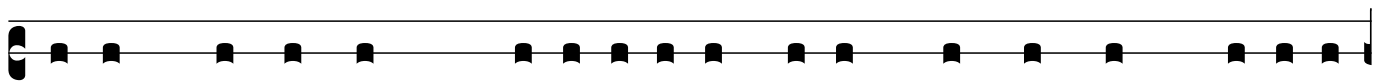
his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also



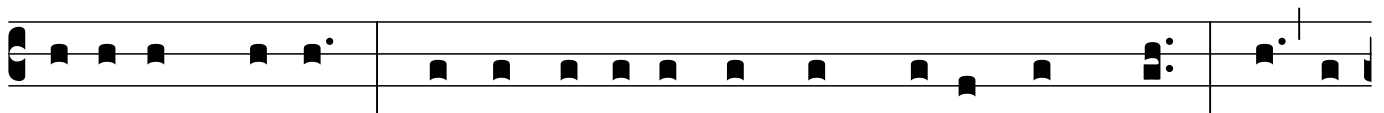
give us everything else? Who will bring an-y charge against God's elect?



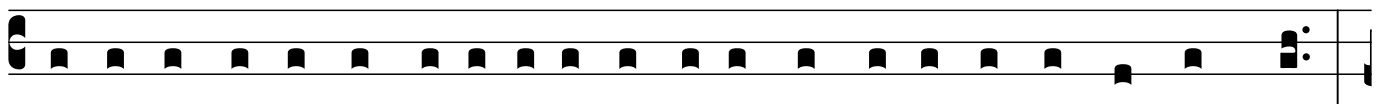
It is God who justi-fies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or



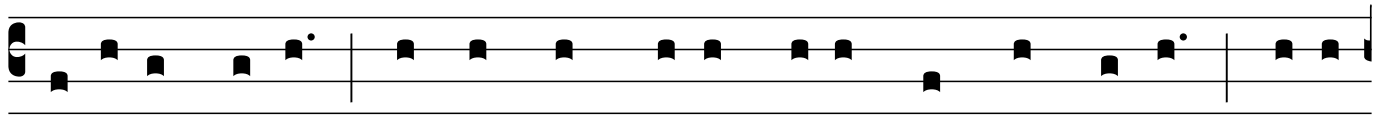
rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also



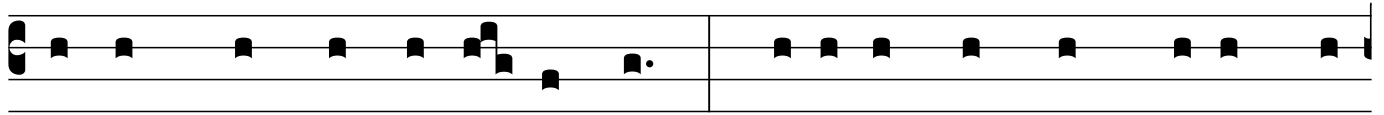
intercedes for us. Who will sep-a-rate us from the love of Christ? Will af-



fliction or distress or perse-cution or famine or na-kedness or peril or sword?



As it is writ-ten, “For your sake we are be- ing killed all day long; we are



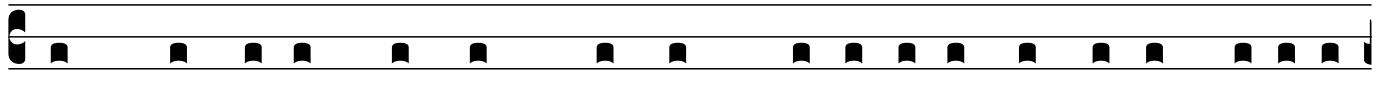
accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more



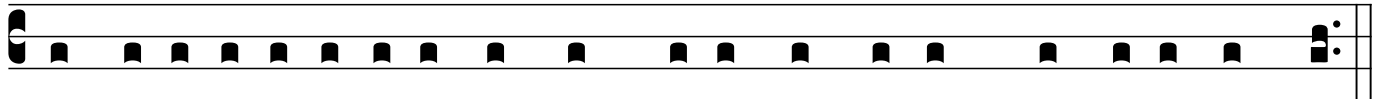
than victo-ri-ous through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither



death, nor life, nor angels, nor rul-ers, nor things pre-sent, nor things to



come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor an-ything else in all cre- ation



will be able to sep-a-rate us from the love of God in Christ Je-sus our Lord.