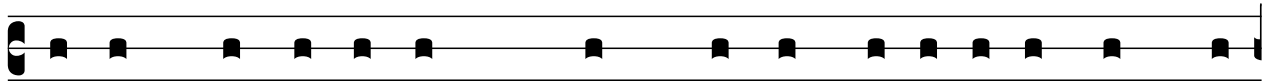
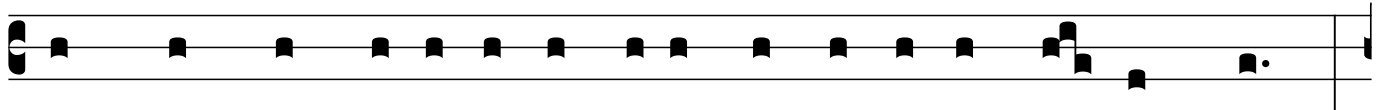


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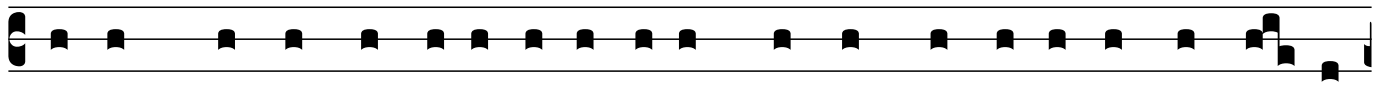
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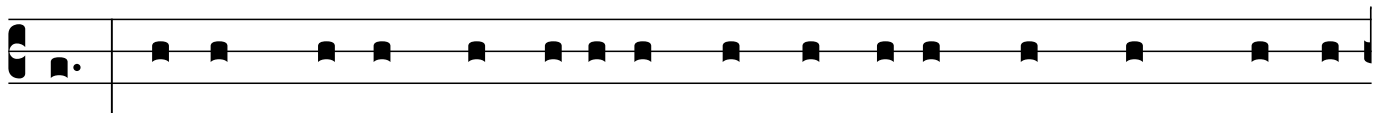
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry



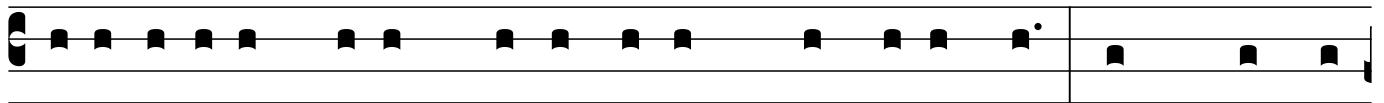
land, but when the E-gyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.



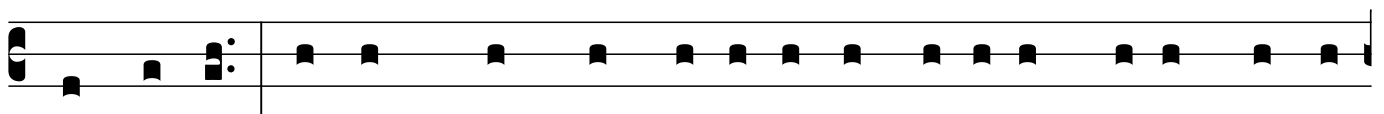
By faith the walls of Jer-icho fell after they had been encircled for sev- en



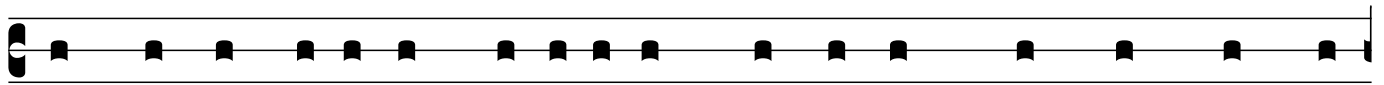
days. By faith Ra-hab the prosti-tute did not per-ish with those who were



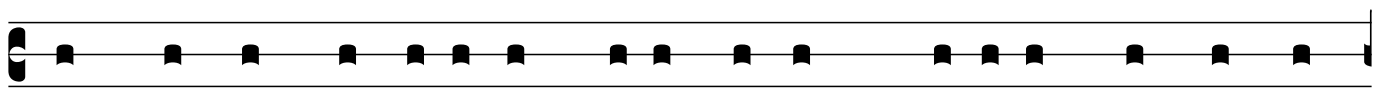
dis-o-be-di- ent, because she had re-ceived the spies in peace. And what more



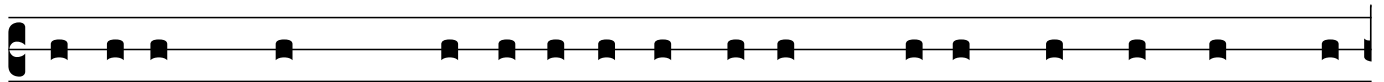
should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gid-e- on, Bar-ak, Samson,



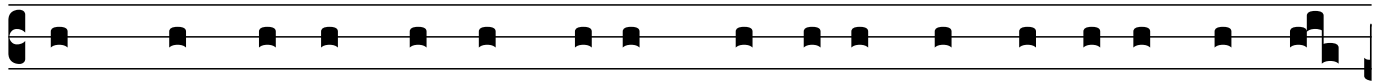
Jephthah, of Da-vid and Samu- el and the prophets, who through faith con-



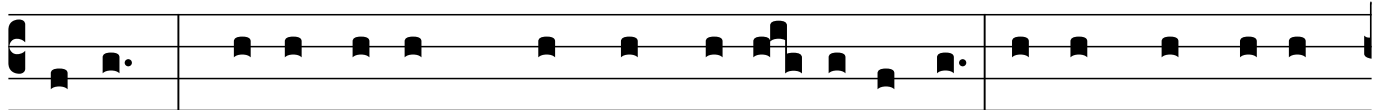
quered kingdoms, admin-is-tered justice, obtained promis-es, shut the mouths



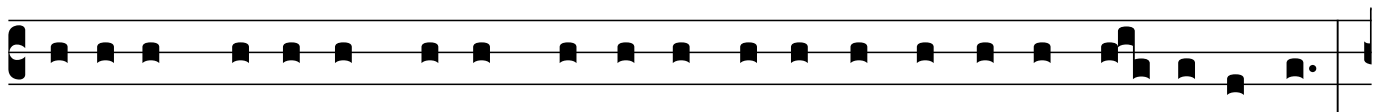
of li- ons, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were



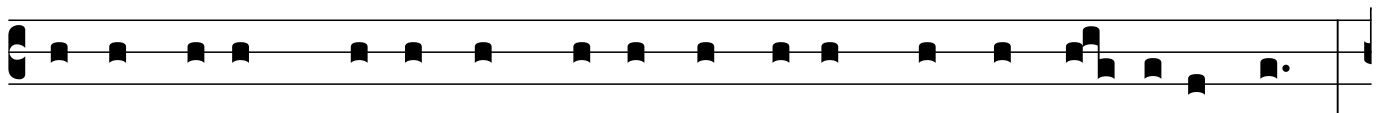
made strong out of weakness, be-came mighty in war, put for-eign armies



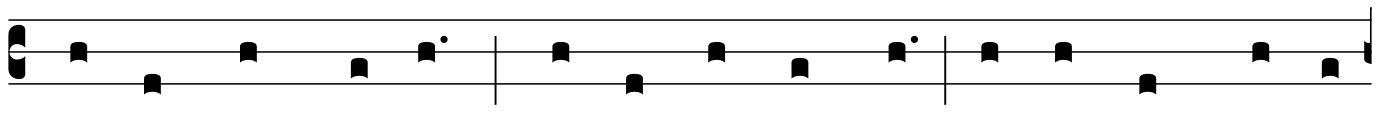
to flight. Women re-ceived their dead by res- urrection. Others were tortured,



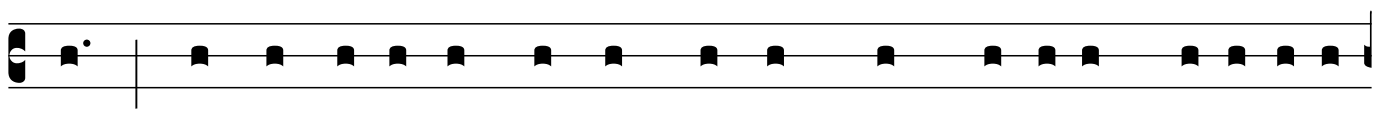
re-fus-ing to accept re-lease, in order to obtain a bet-ter res- urrection.



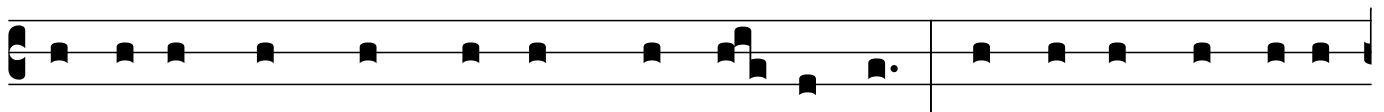
Others suffered mocking and flogging and e-ven chains and impris-onment.



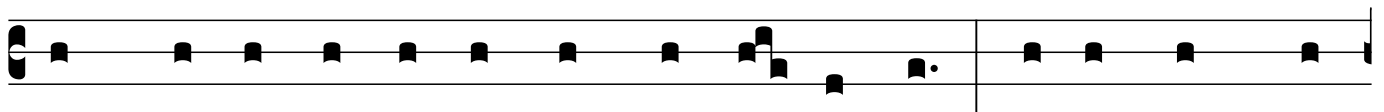
They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the



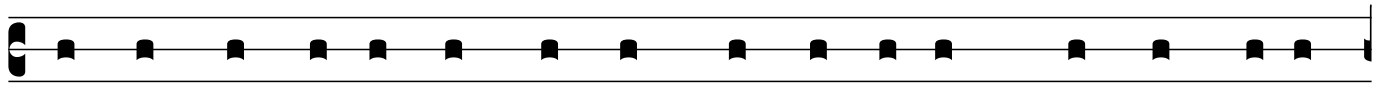
sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, des-ti-tute, perse-cut-ed,



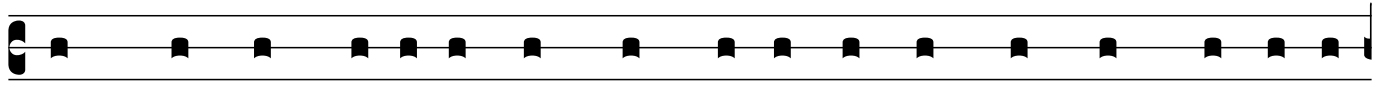
tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in de-serts



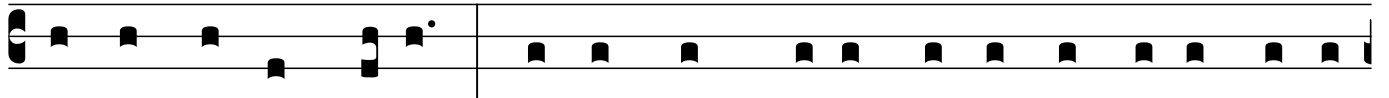
and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though



they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,



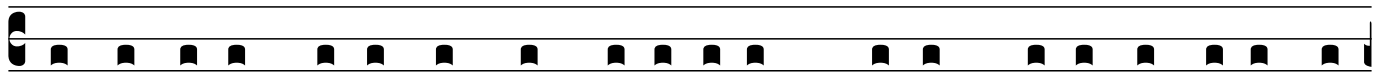
since God had provided something better so that they would not, a-part



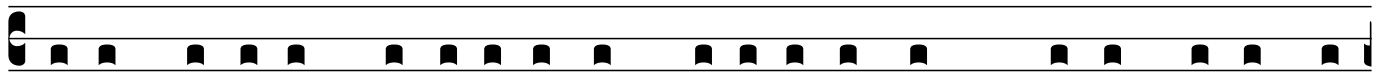
from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a



cloud of witnesses, let us also lay a-side every weight and the sin that clings



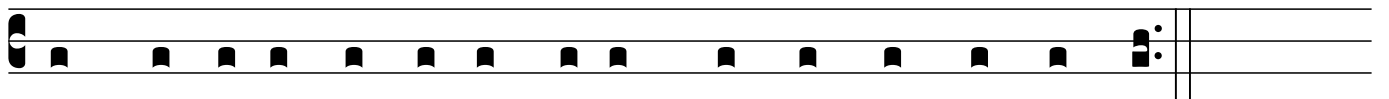
so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,



looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of



the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,



and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.