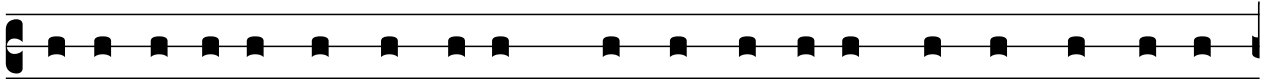
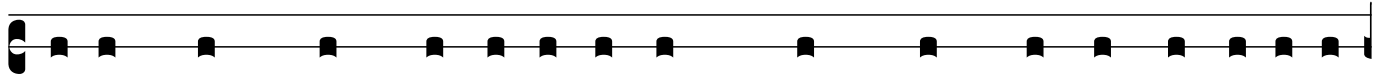


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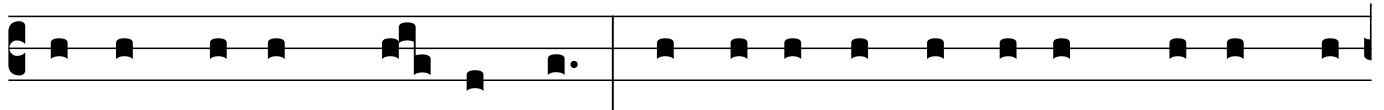
*Proper 17*



**E**ve-ry gen-erous act of giv-ing, with every perfect gift, is from a-bove,



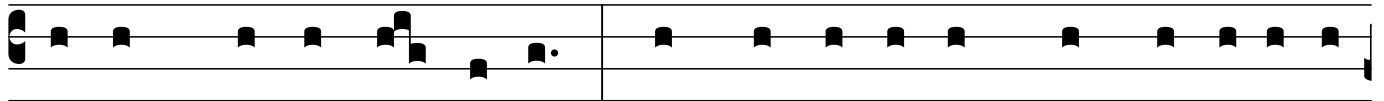
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no var-i- a-



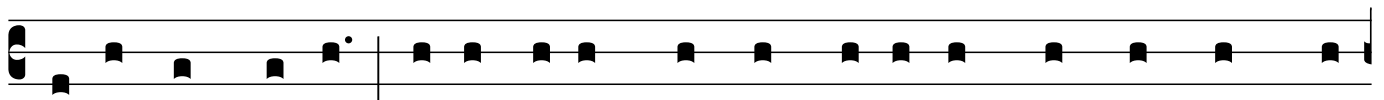
tion or shad-ow due to change. In ful-fillment of his own purpose he



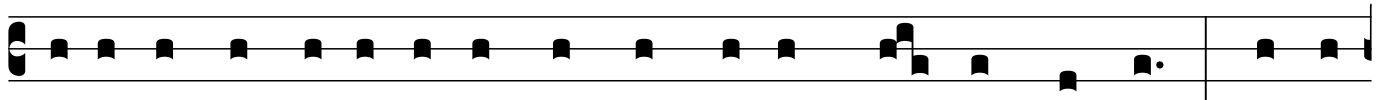
gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would be-come a kind



of first fruits of his crea-tures. You must understand this, my be-lov-ed



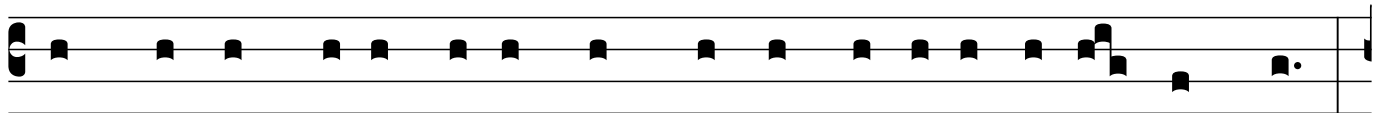
brothers and sis-ters: let every- one be quick to lis-ten, slow to speak, slow



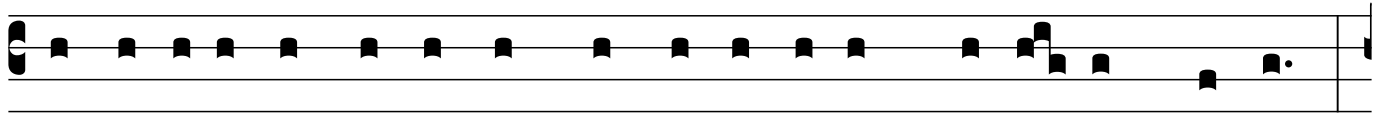
to anger, for human anger does not pro-duce God's righteousness. Therefore



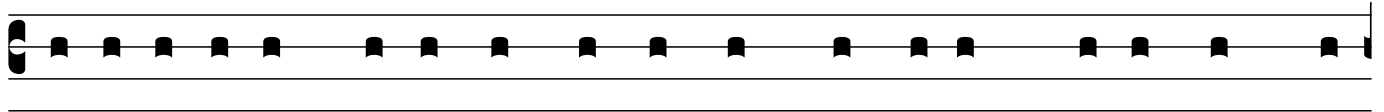
rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome



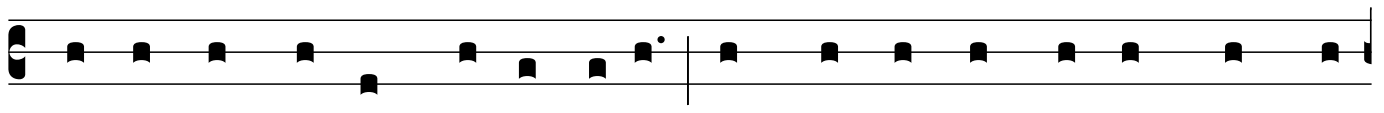
with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.



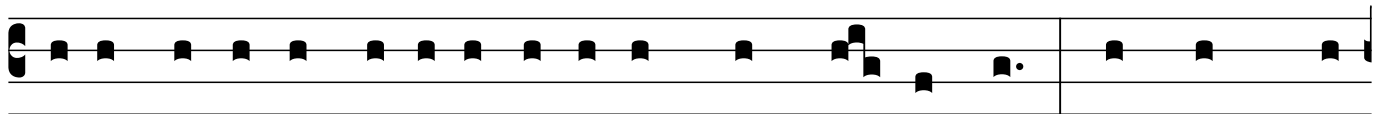
But be do-ers of the word and not merely hear-ers who de-ceive themselves.



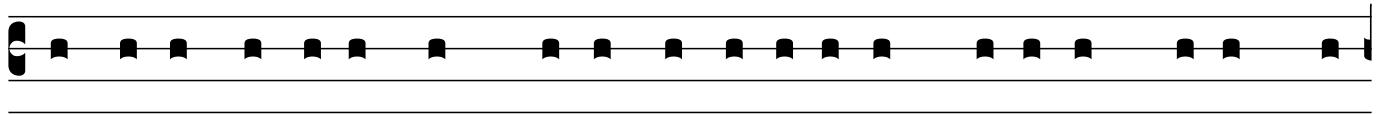
For if an-y are hear-ers of the word and not do-ers, they are like those



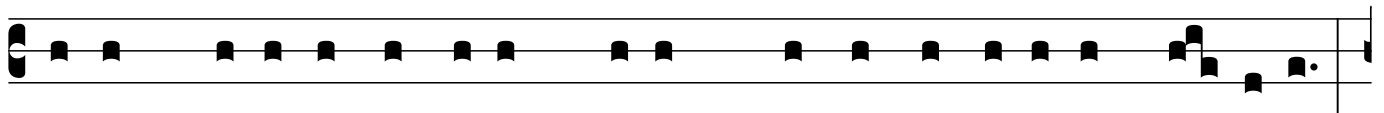
who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on



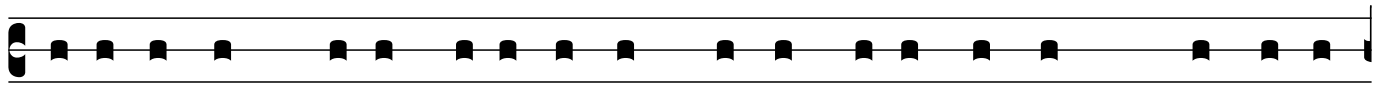
go- ing away, imme-di- ately forget what they were like. But those who



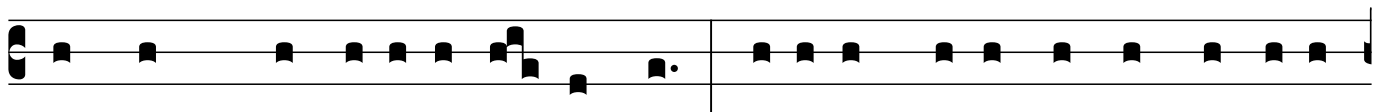
look into the perfect law, the law of lib-erty, and perse-vere, be- ing not



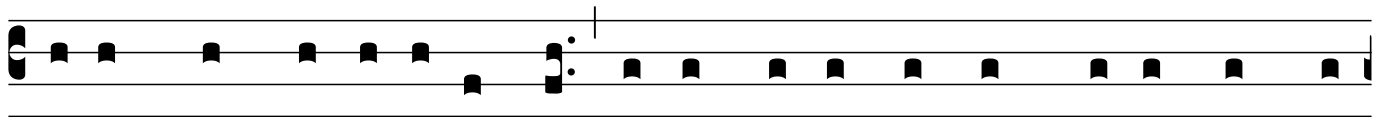
hear-ers who forget but do-ers who act—they will be blessed in their do- ing.



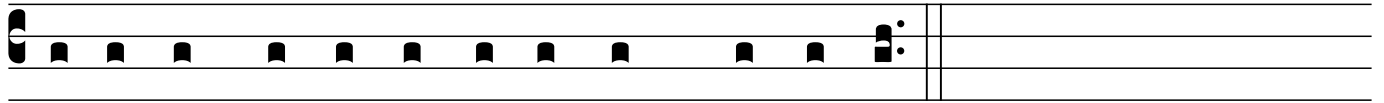
If an-y think they are re-ligious and do not bridle their tongues but de-ceive



their hearts, their re-ligion is worthless. Re-ligion that is pure and unde-filed



be-fore God the Father is this: to care for orphans and wid-ows in their



distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.