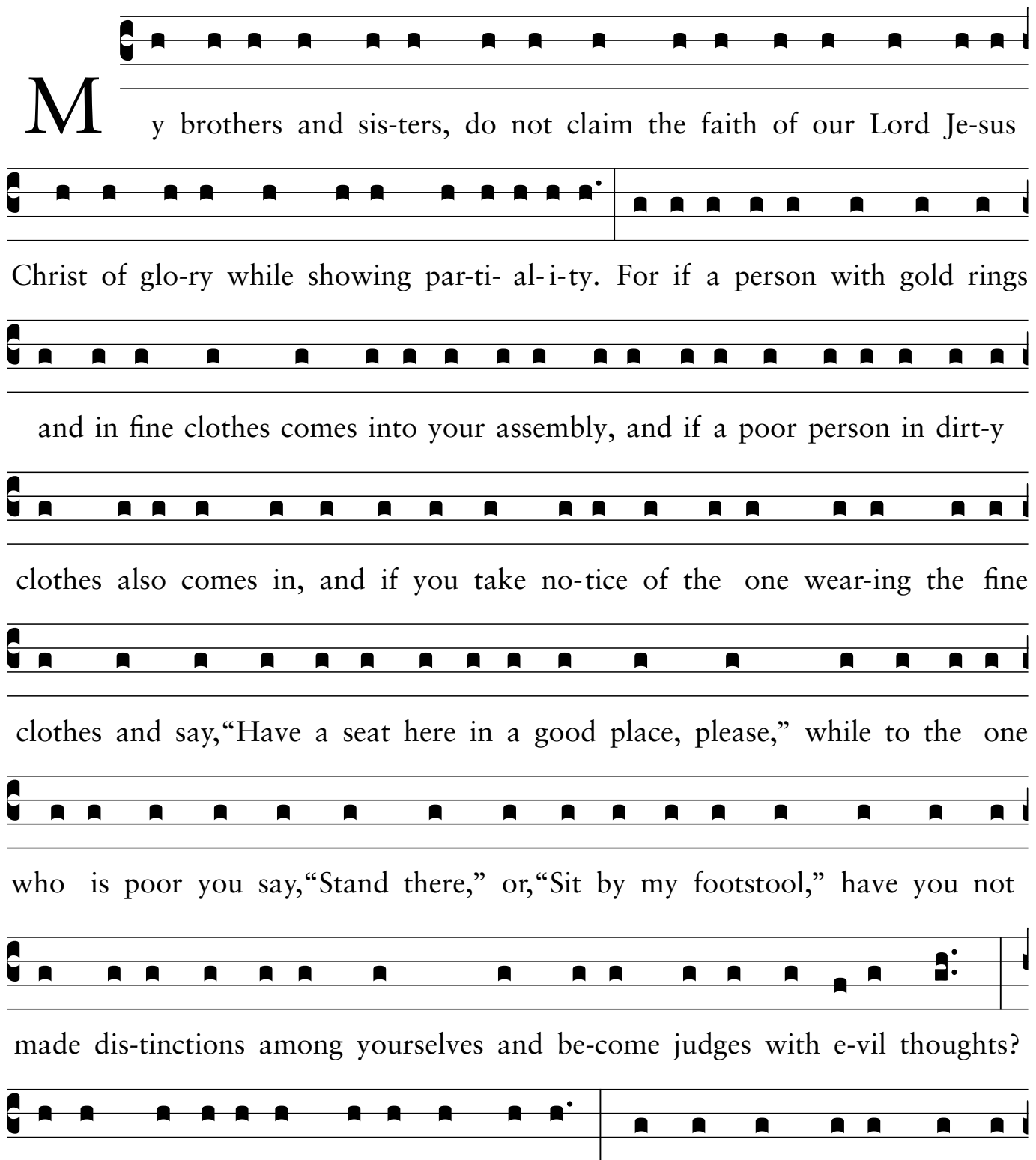
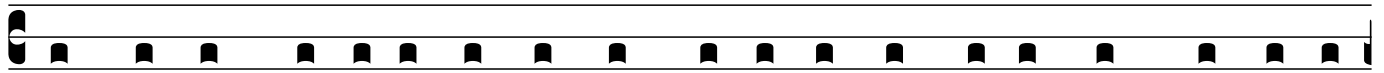


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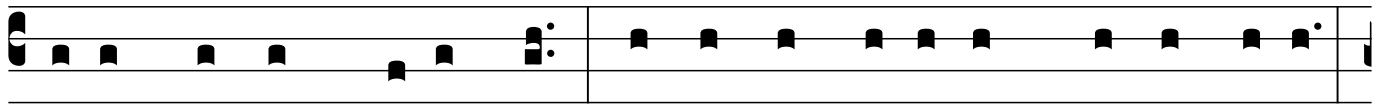
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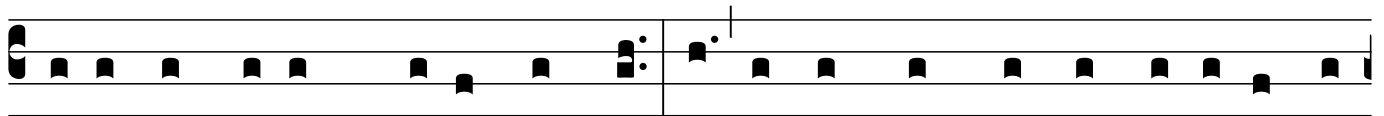
**M**y brothers and sis-ters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Je-sus  
Christ of glo-ry while showing par-ti- al-i-ty. For if a person with gold rings  
and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirt-y  
clothes also comes in, and if you take no-tice of the one wear-ing the fine  
clothes and say, “Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one  
who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,” have you not  
made dis-tinctions among yourselves and be-come judges with e-vil thoughts?  
Lis-ten, my be-lov-ed brothers and sis-ters. Has not God cho-sen the poor



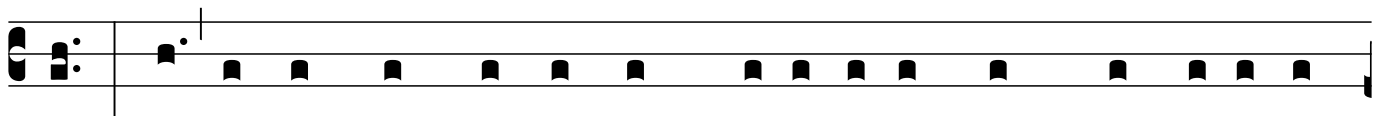
in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has



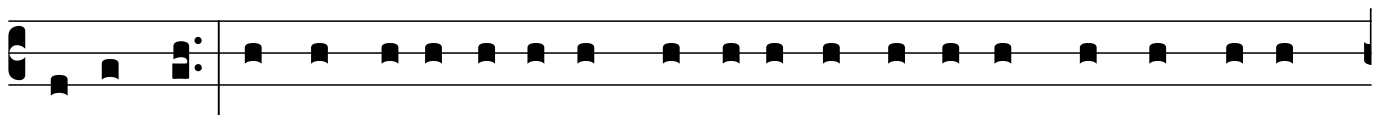
promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person.



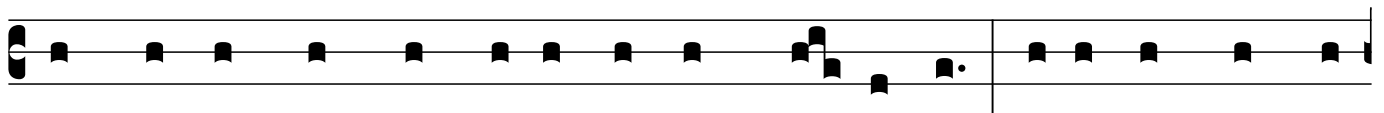
Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the



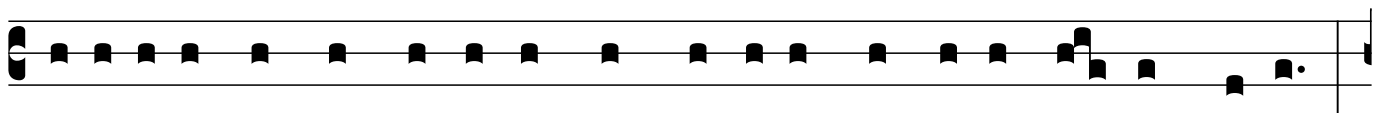
courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked



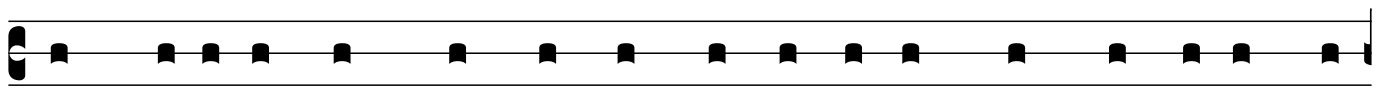
over you? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “-



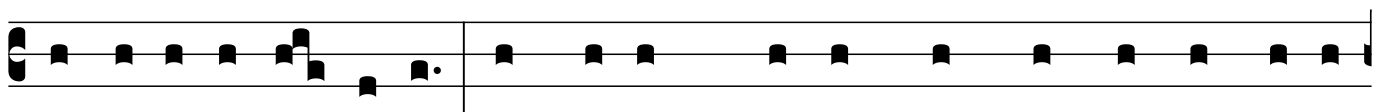
You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. But if you show par-



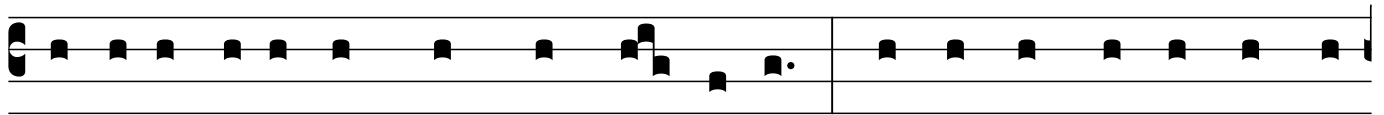
ti-al-i-ty, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.



For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become ac-



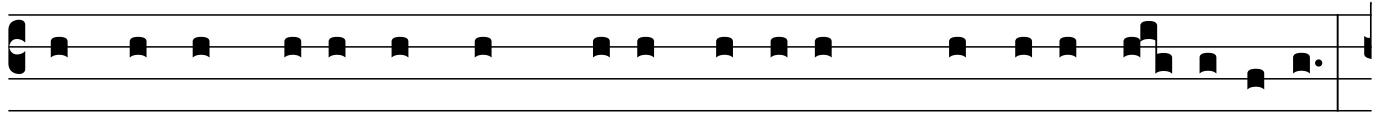
countable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit a-



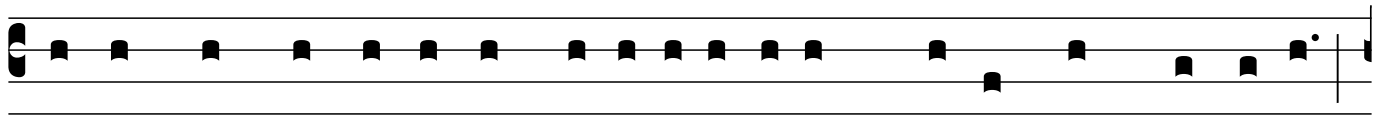
dul-ter-y,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit



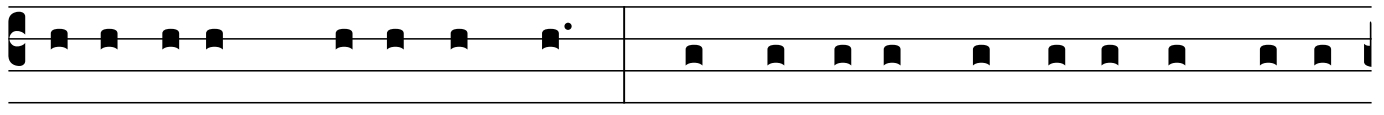
a-dul-ter-y but you murder, you have be-come a transgressor of the law.



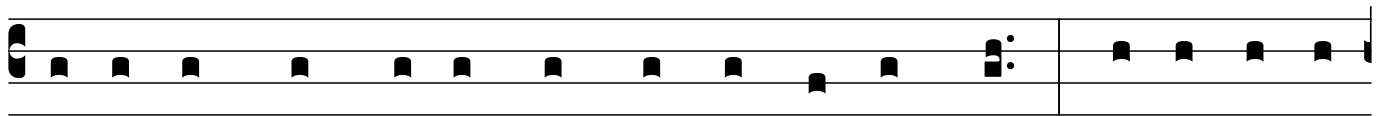
So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of lib-erty.



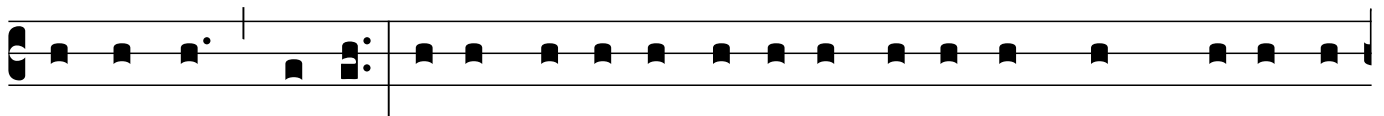
For judgment will be without mercy to an-y- one who has shown no mercy;



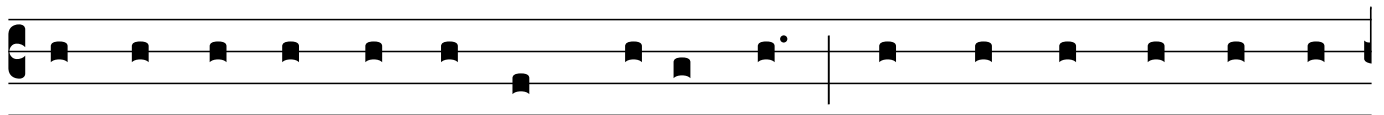
mercy tri- umphs o-ver judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sis-ters,



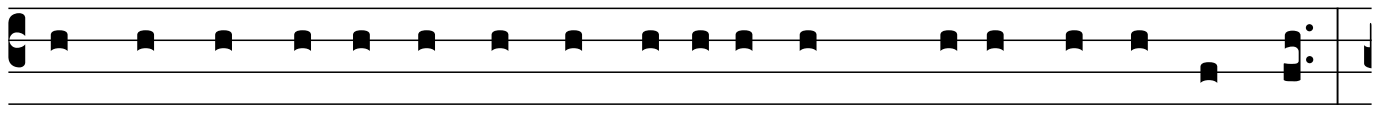
if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith



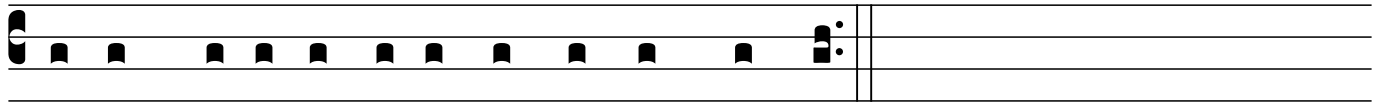
cannot save, can it? If a brother or sis-ter is na-ked and lacks dai-ly food



and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,”



and yet you do not supply their bod-i-ly needs, what is the good of that?



So faith by it-self, if it has no works, is dead.