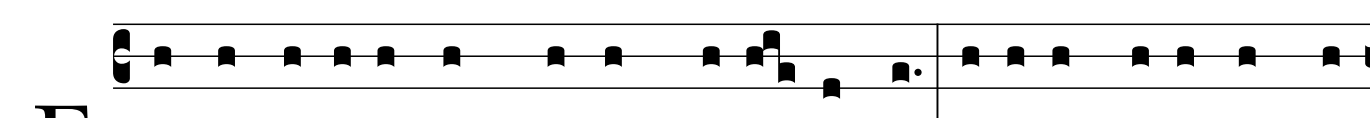
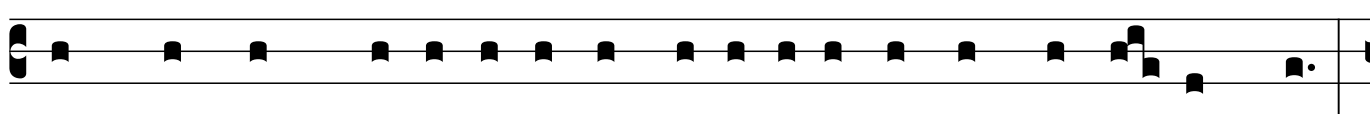


# Philippians 1:21-30

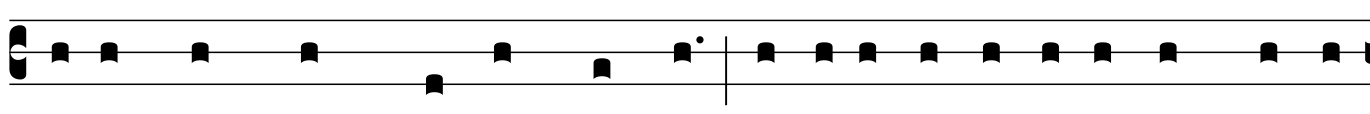
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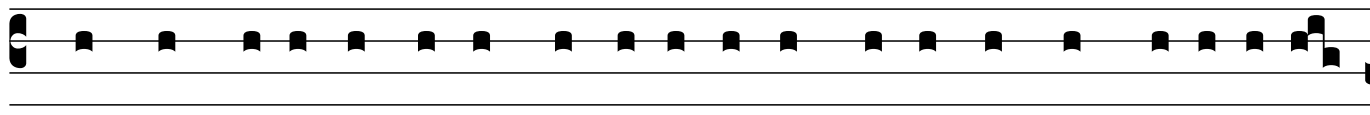
**F** or to me, liv-ing is Christ and dy- ing is gain. If I am to live in the



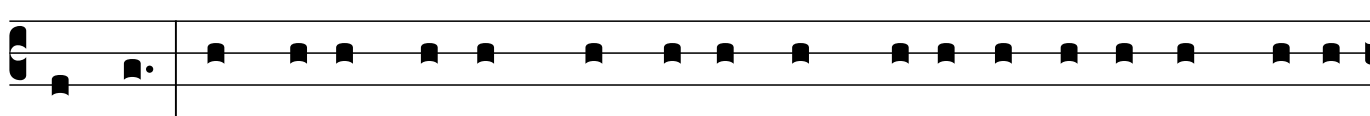
flesh, that means fruit-ful la-bor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose.



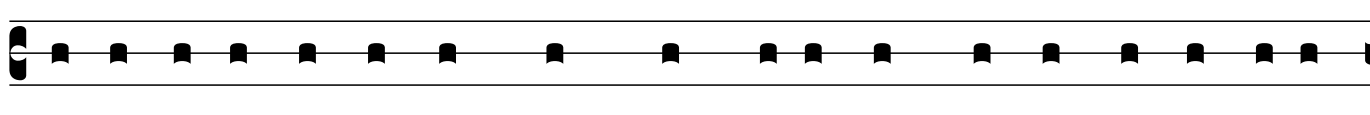
I am hard pressed between the two: my de-sire is to de-part and be with



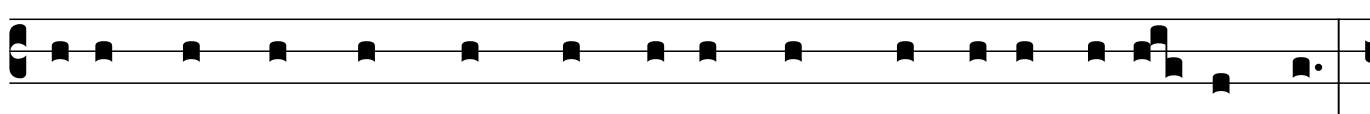
Christ, for that is far bet-ter, but to remain in the flesh is more nec-essar-y



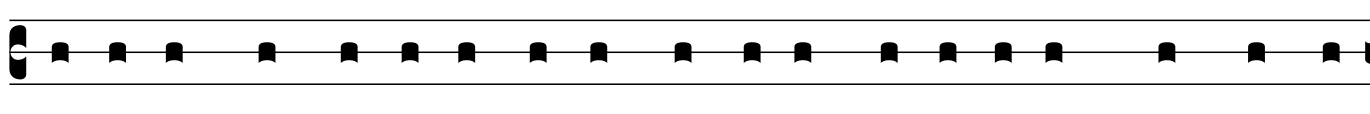
for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and contin-



ue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my pres-ence



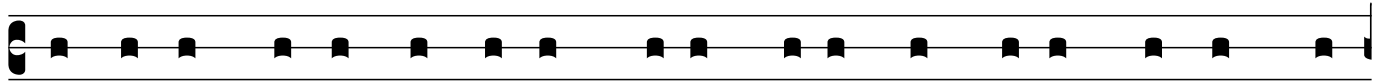
again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Je-sus because of me.



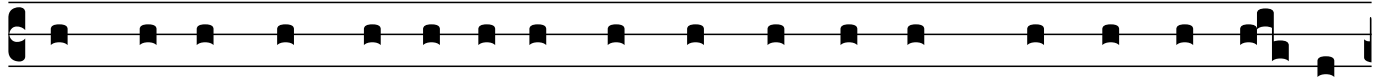
Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that,



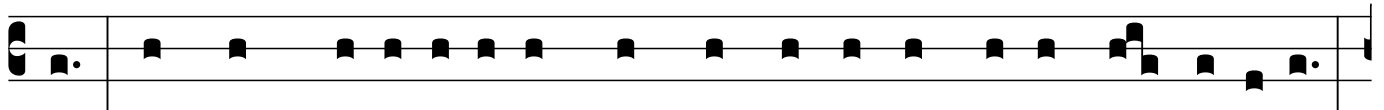
whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know



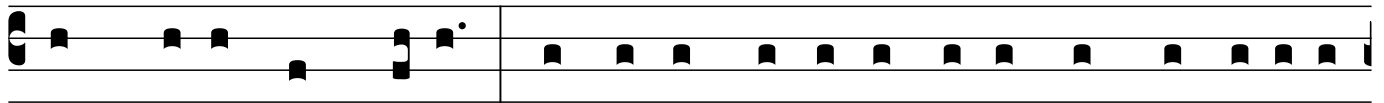
that you are standing firm in one spir-it, striv-ing side by side with one mind



for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those oppos- ing



you. For them, this is ev-i-dence of their destruction but of your salvation.



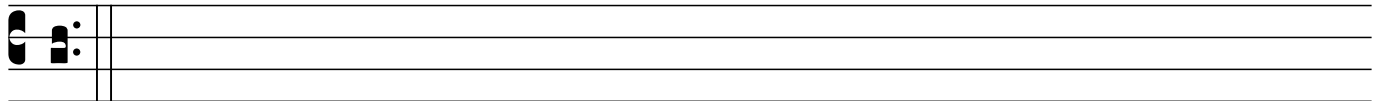
And this is God's do- ing. For he has graciously granted you the priv-i-lege



not only of be-liev-ing in Christ but of suffer-ing for him as well, since you



are hav-ing the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still



have.