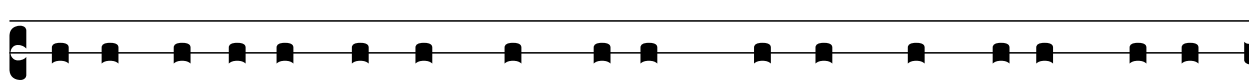


2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

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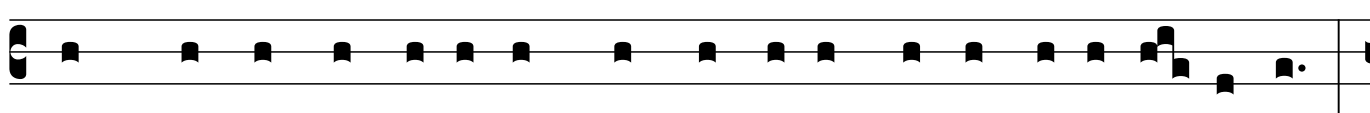
As to the coming of our Lord Je-sus Christ and our be- ing gathered



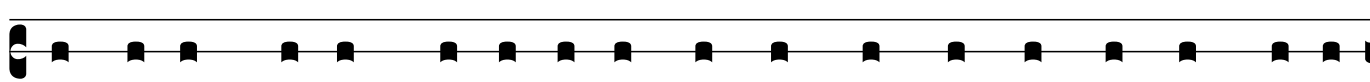
to-gether to him, we beg you, brothers and sis-ters, not to be quickly



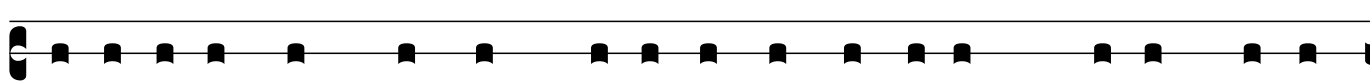
shak-en in mind or alarmed, either by spir-it or by word or by let-ter, as



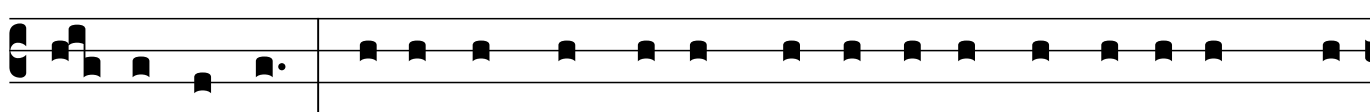
though from us, to the ef-fect that the day of the Lord is ahead- y here.



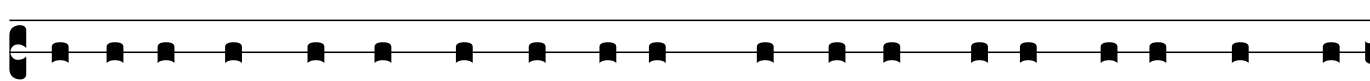
Let no one de-ceive you in an-y way, for that day will not come unless



the re-bellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one des-tined



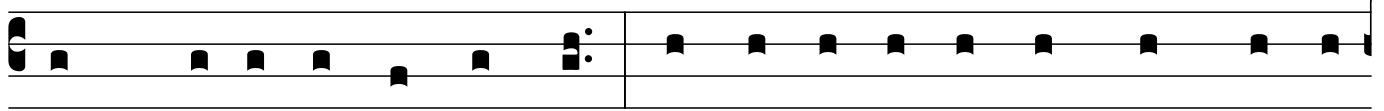
for destruction. He opposes and ex-alts himself a-bove every so-called god



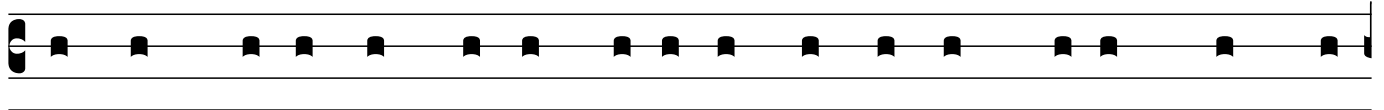
or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, de-



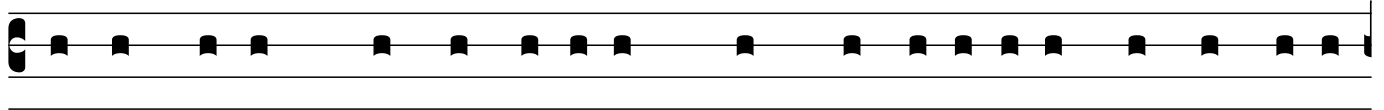
clar-ing himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these



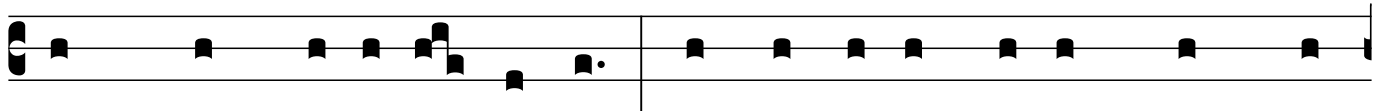
things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God



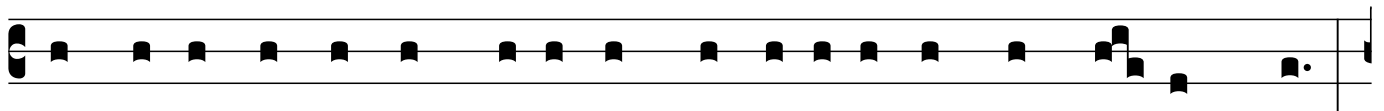
for you, brothers and sis-ters be-lov-ed by the Lord, because God chose



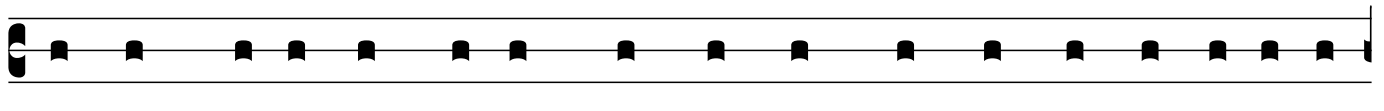
you as the first fruits for salvation through sancti-fi-cation by the Spir-it



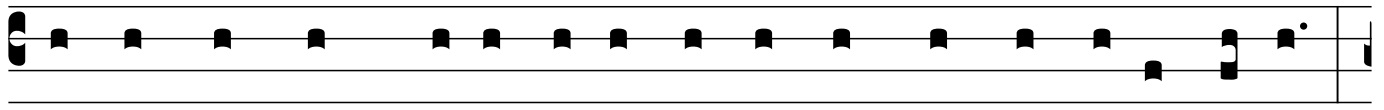
and through be-lief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through



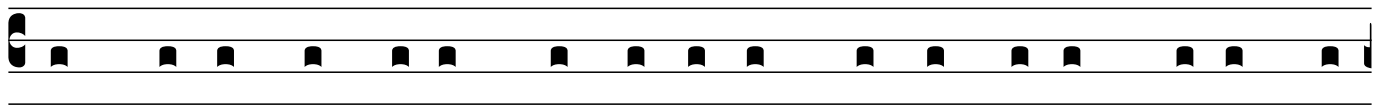
our gospel, so that you may obtain the glo-ry of our Lord Je- sus Christ.



So then, brothers and sis-ters, stand firm and hold fast to the tra-di-tions



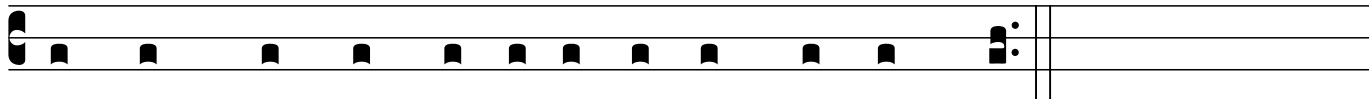
that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our let-ter.



Now may our Lord Je-sus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us



and through grace gave us e-ternal comfort and good hope, comfort your



hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.