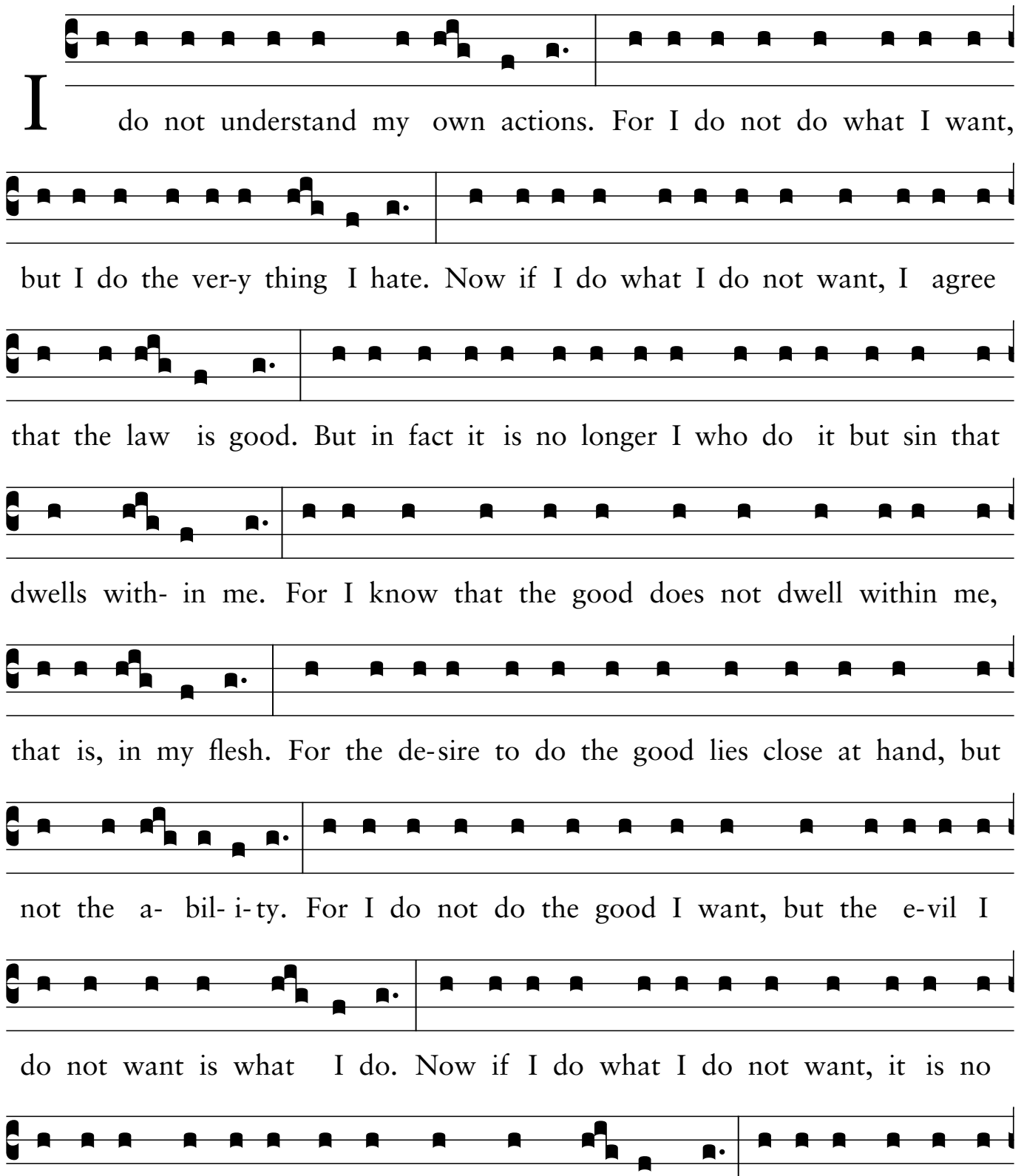
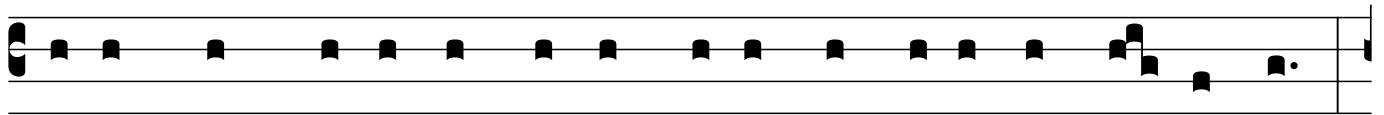


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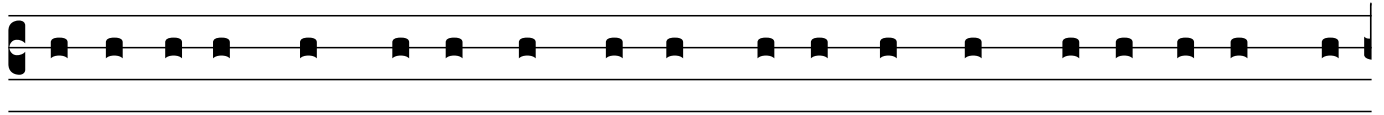
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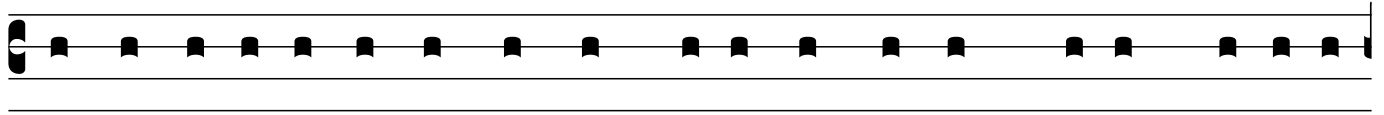
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the ver-y thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree
that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that
dwells with- in me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me,
that is, in my flesh. For the de-sire to do the good lies close at hand, but
not the a- bil- i-ty. For I do not do the good I want, but the e-vil I
do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no
longer I who do it but sin that dwells with- in me. So I find it to be



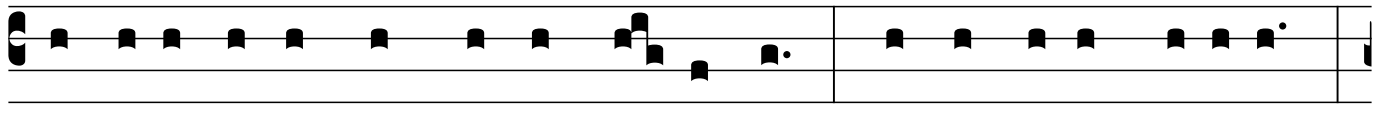
a law that, when I want to do what is good, e-vil lies close at hand.



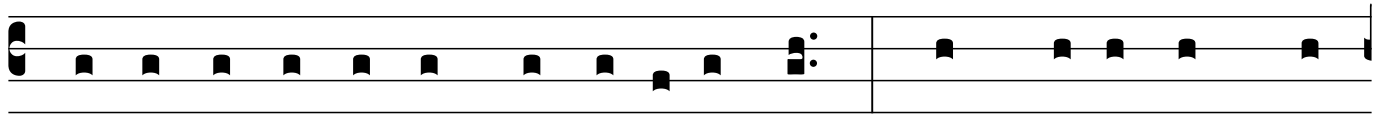
For I de-light in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my



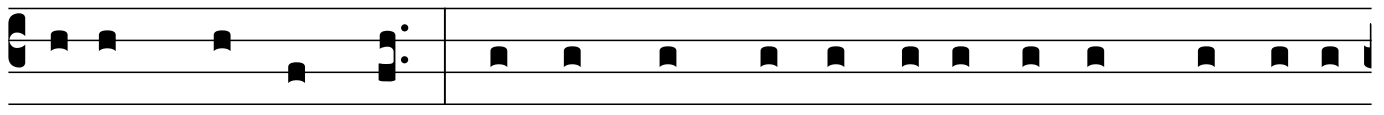
members an-other law at war with the law of my mind, mak-ing me captive



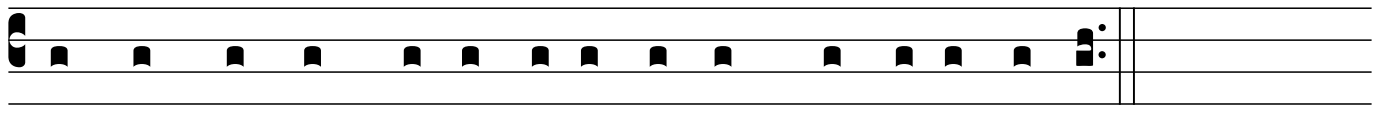
to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am!



Who will rescue me from this bod-y of death? Thanks be to God through



Je-sus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law



of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.