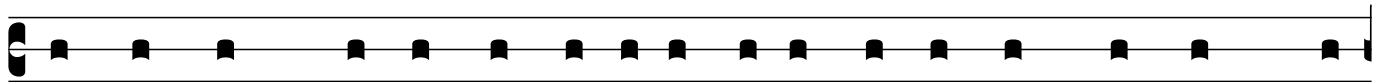


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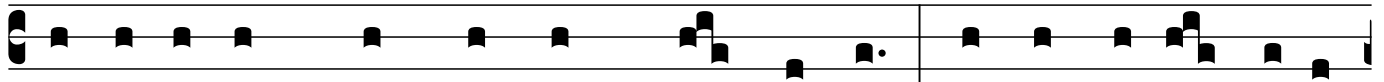
Thursday in Easter Week



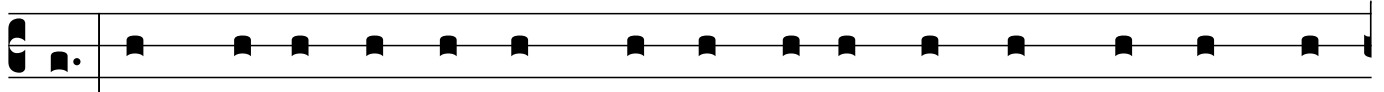
**W**hile he clung to Pe-ter and John, all the people ran to-gether to them in the porti-co called Sol-omon's Porti-co, utterly aston-ished. When Pe-ter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fel-low Isra-el-ites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or pi-e-ty we had made him walk? The God of Abra-ham and I-sa-ac and Ja-cob, the God of our ancestors, has glo-ri-fied his servant Je-sus, whom you handed o-ver and re-jected in the pres-ence of Pi-late, though he had de-cid-ed to re-lease him. But you re-jected the ho-ly and righteous



one and asked to have a murder-er giv-en to you, and you killed the



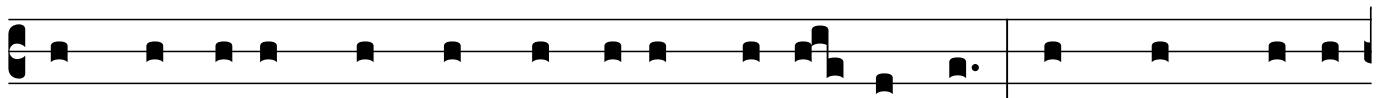
author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witness-



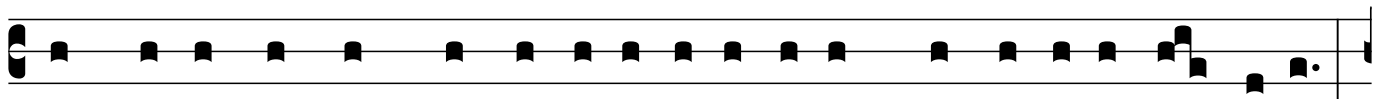
es. And by faith in his name, his name it-self has made this man strong,



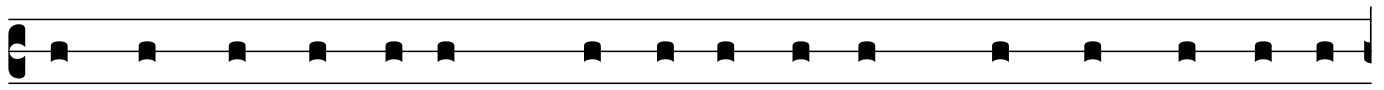
whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Je-sus has giv-en



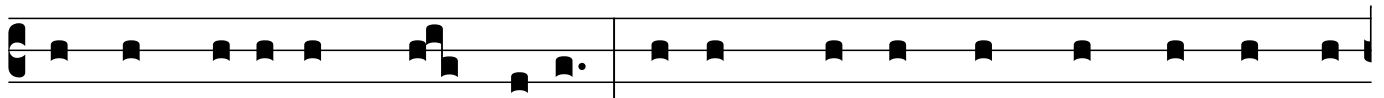
him this perfect health in the pres-ence of all of you. “And now, brothers



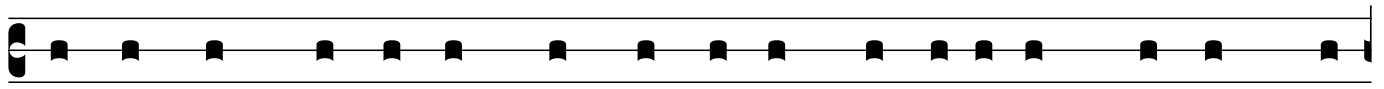
and sis-ters, I know that you acted in igno-rance, as did also your rul-ers.



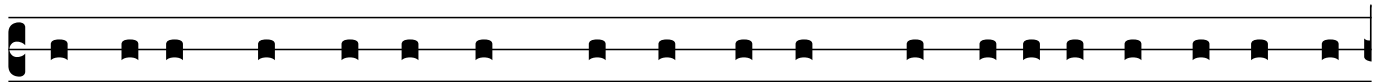
In this way God ful-filled what he had foretold through all the prophets,



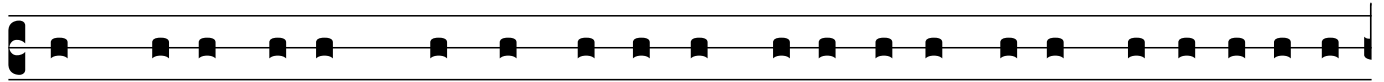
that his Messi- ah would suffer. Re-pent, therefore, and turn to God so



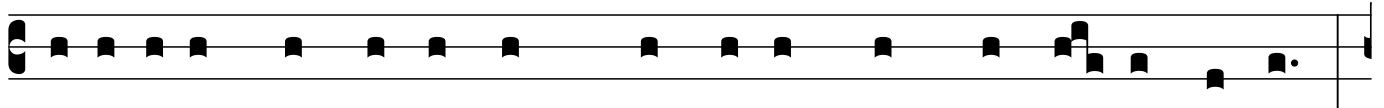
that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from



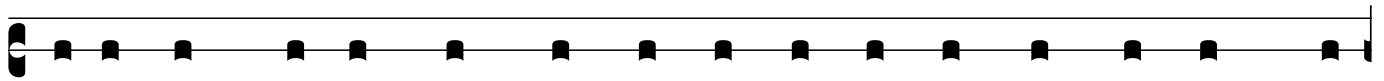
the pres-ence of the Lord and that he may send the Messi- ah appointed for



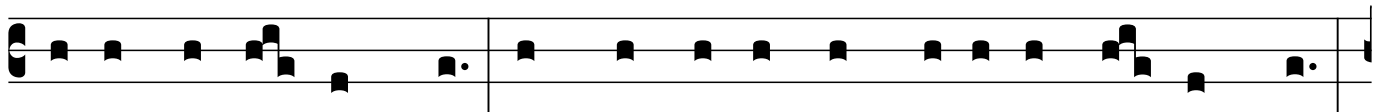
you, that is, Je-sus, who must remain in heaven until the time of u-ni-versal



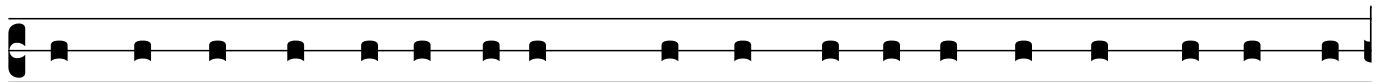
resto-ration that God announced long a-go through his ho- ly prophets.



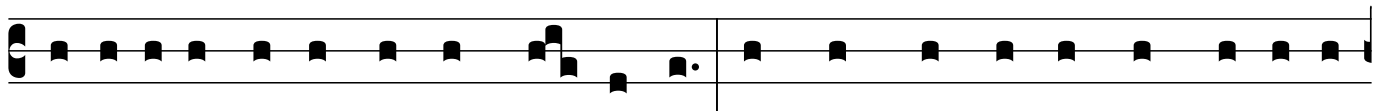
Mo-ses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own peo-



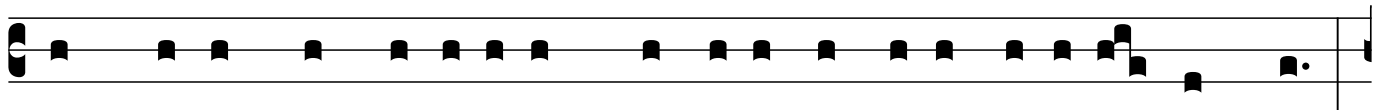
ple a prophet like me. You must lis-ten to what-ev-er he tells you.



And it will be that every- one who does not lis-ten to that prophet will



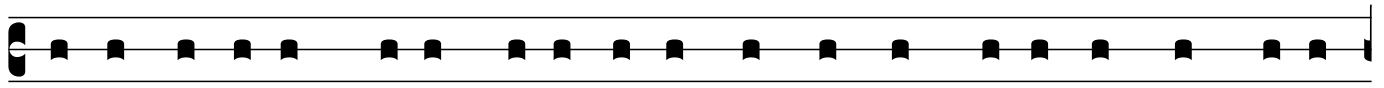
be utterly root-ed out of the people.' And all the prophets, as man-y as



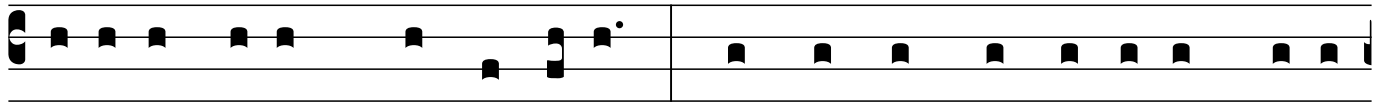
have spo-ken, from Samu- el and those after him, also pre-dicted these days.



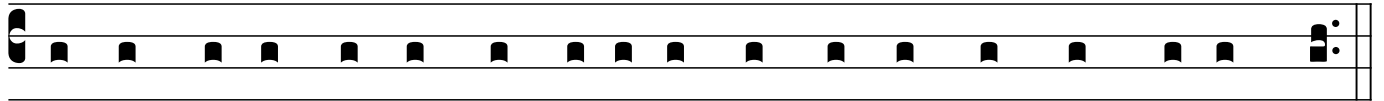
You are the descendants of the prophets and of the cov-e-nant that God gave



to your ancestors, say- ing to Abra-ham,‘And in your descendants all the fam-



i-lies of the earth shall be blessed.’ When God raised up his servant, he sent



him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”