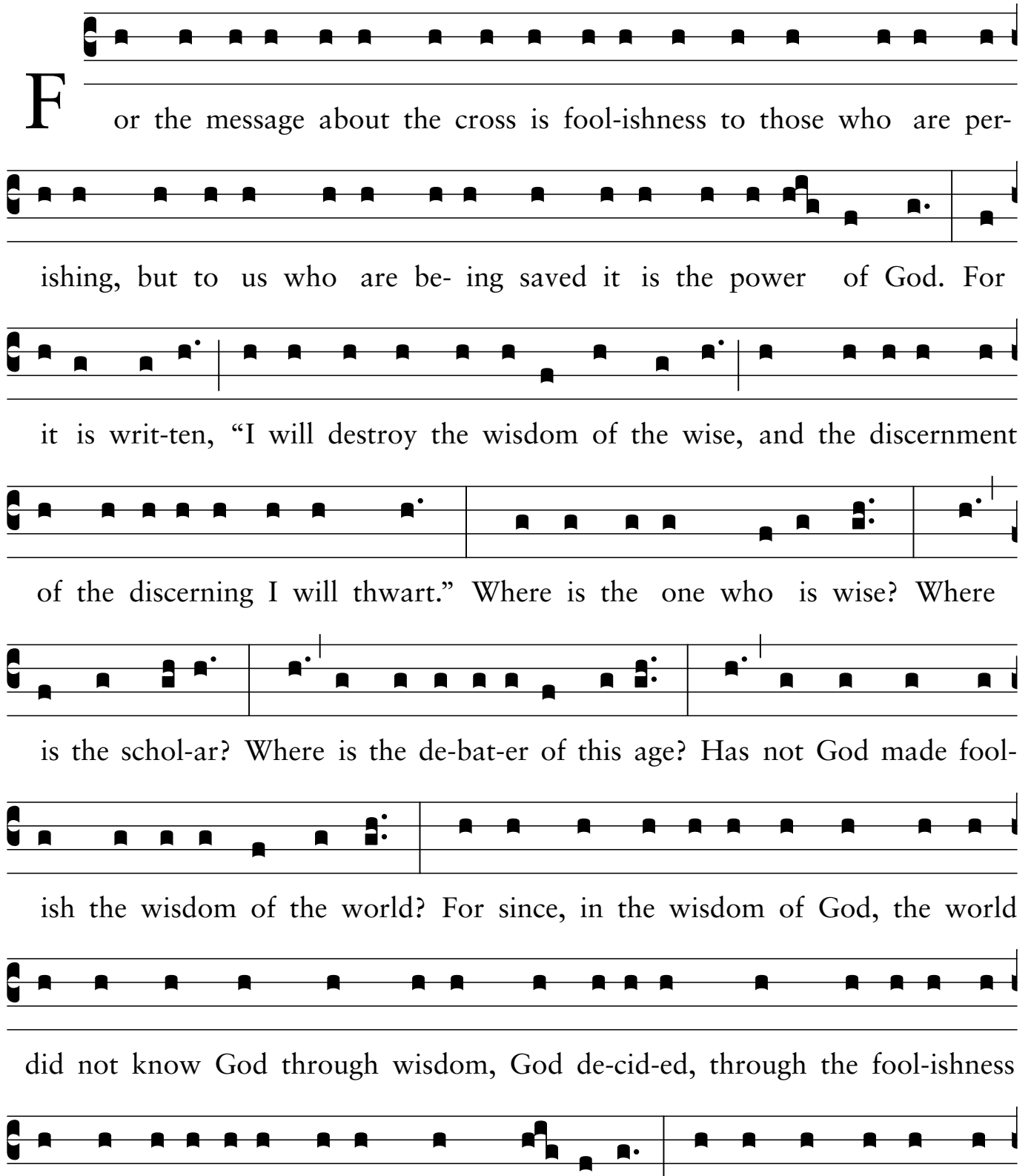
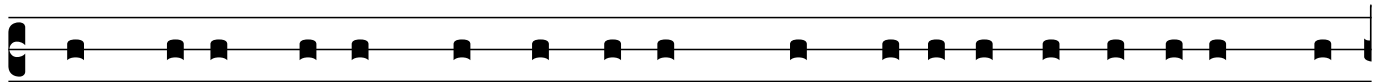


1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tuesday in Holy Week



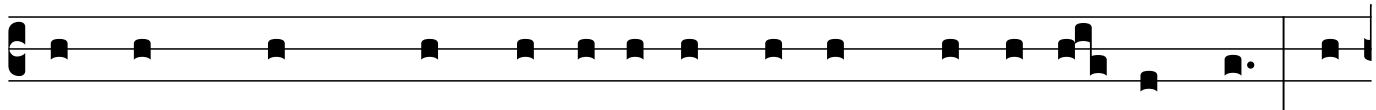
F or the message about the cross is fool-ishness to those who are per-
ishing, but to us who are be- ing saved it is the power of God. For
it is writ-ten, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment
of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where
is the schol-ar? Where is the de-bat-er of this age? Has not God made fool-
ish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world
did not know God through wisdom, God de-cid-ed, through the fool-ishness
of the proclamation, to save those who be-lieve. For Jews ask for signs and



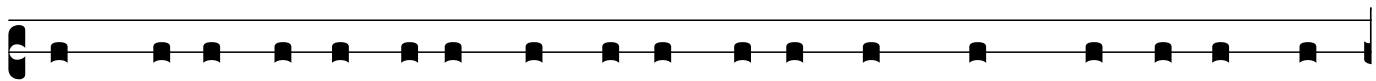
Greeks de-sire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ cru-ci-fied, a stumbl-ing block



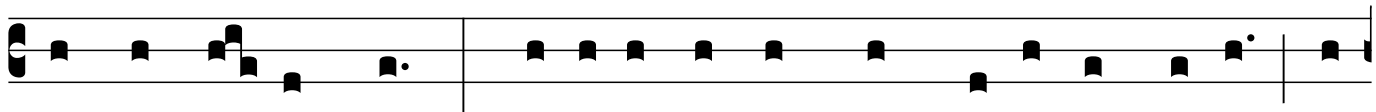
to Jews and fool-ishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both



Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For



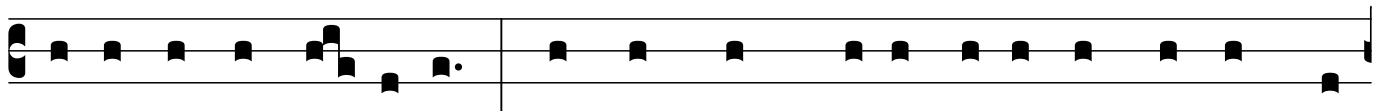
God's fool-ishness is wis-er than human wisdom, and God's weakness is strong-



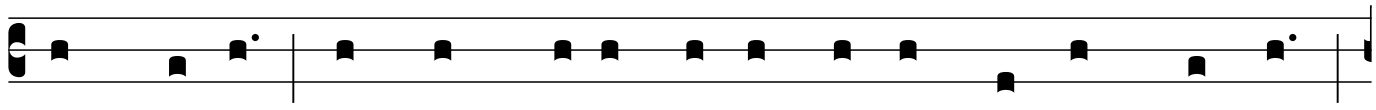
er than hu-man strength. Consid-er your own call, brothers and sis-ters: not



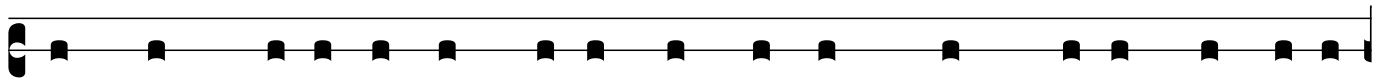
man-y of you were wise by human standards, not man-y were powerful, not



man-y were of no-ble birth. But God chose what is fool-ish in the world to



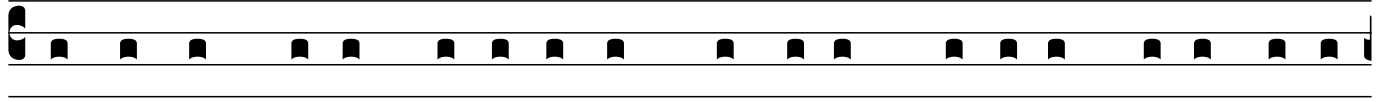
shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;



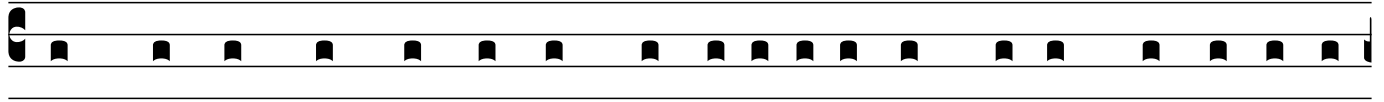
God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to a-



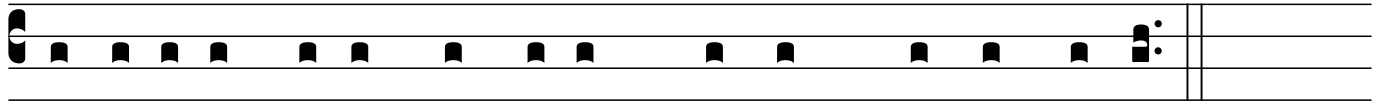
bol-ish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.



In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Je-sus, who be-came for us wisdom



from God, and righteousness and sancti-fi-cation and re-demption, in order



that, as it is writ-ten,“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”