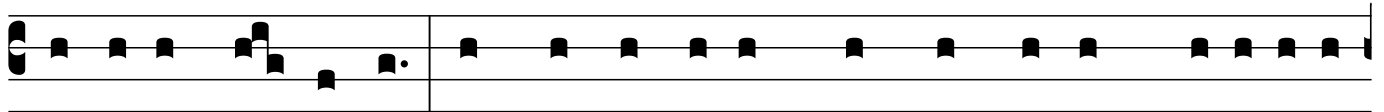


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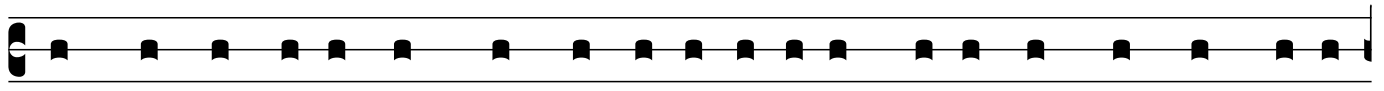
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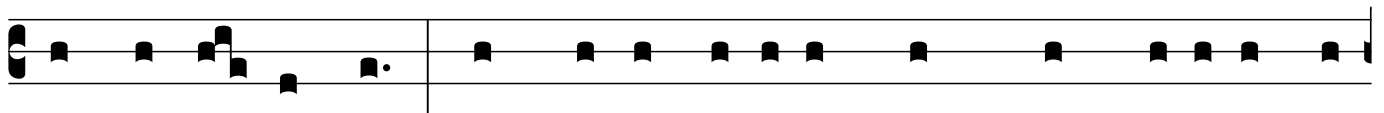
Rid yourselves, therefore, of all mal-ice and all guile, insincer-i-ty,



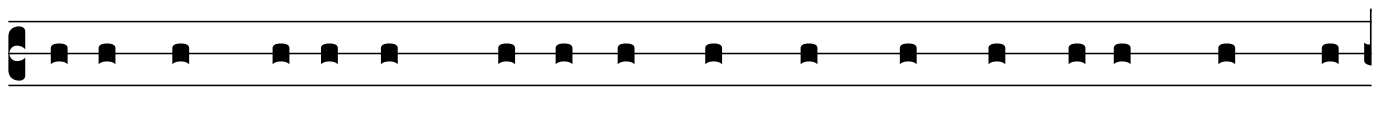
envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spir-it-u- al



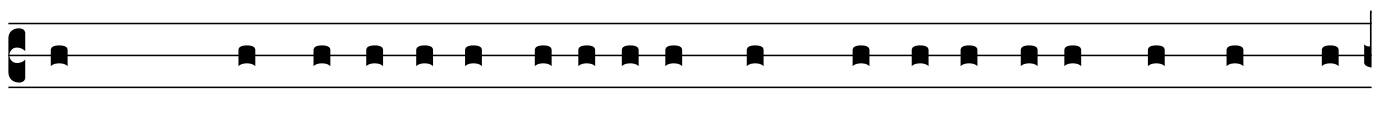
milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted



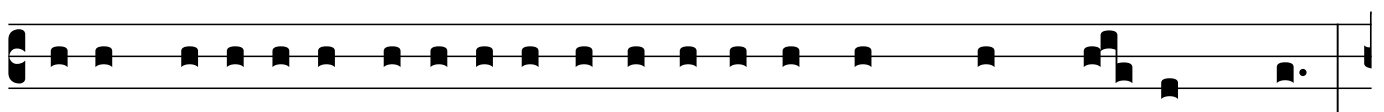
that the Lord is good. Come to him, a liv-ing stone, though re-jected by



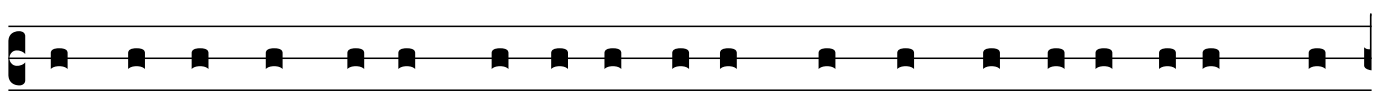
mortals yet cho-sen and precious in God's sight, and like liv-ing stones let



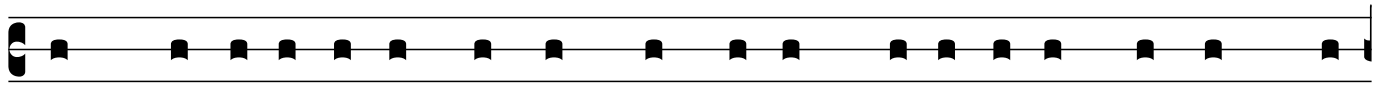
yourselves be built into a spir-it-u- al house, to be a ho-ly priesthood, to



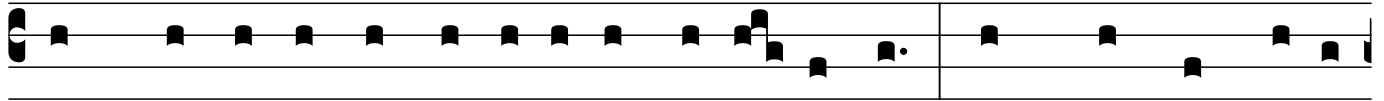
offer spir-it-u- al sacri- fic-es acceptable to God through Je- sus Christ.



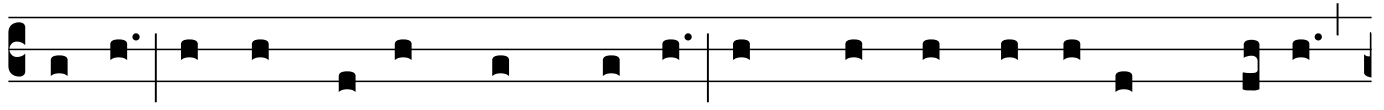
But you are a cho-sen people, a roy-al priesthood, a ho-ly nation, God's



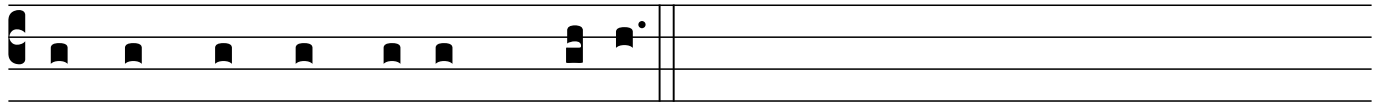
own people, in order that you may proclaim the excel-lence of him who



called you out of darkness into his marvel- ous light. Once you were not a



people, but now you are God's people; once you had not re-ceived mercy,



but now you have re-ceived mercy.