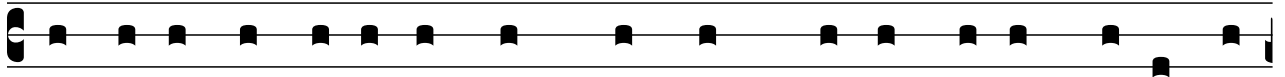
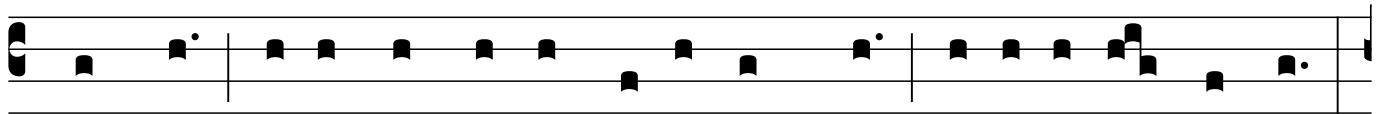


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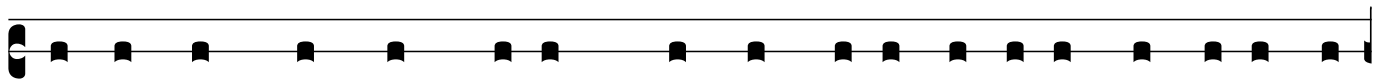
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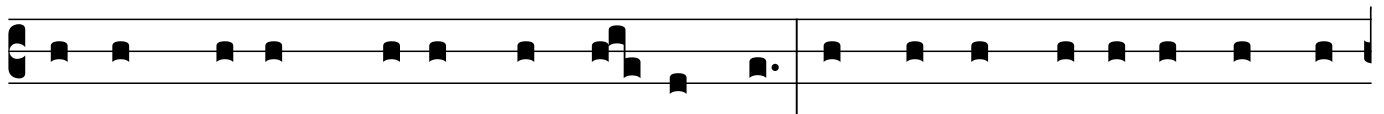
So we are ambassa-dors for Christ, since God is mak-ing his appeal



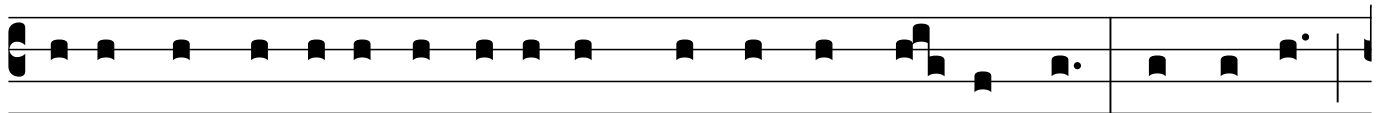
through us; we entreat you on be-half of Christ: be rec-onciled to God.



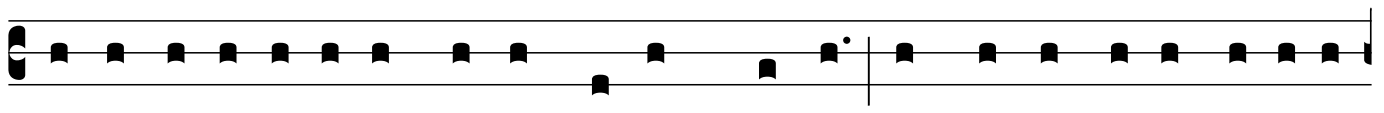
For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him



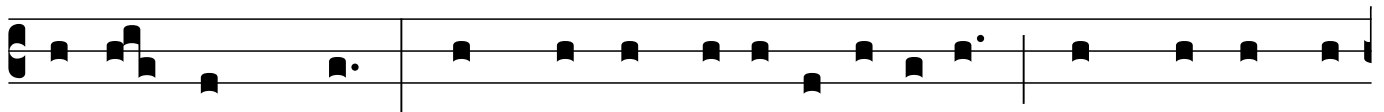
we might be-come the righteousness of God. As we work to-gether with him,



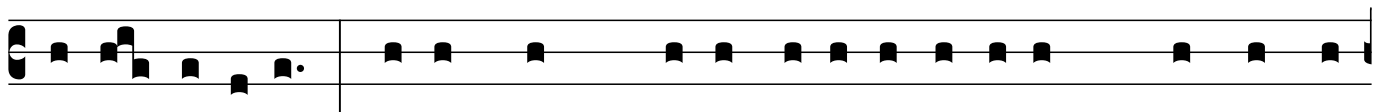
we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,



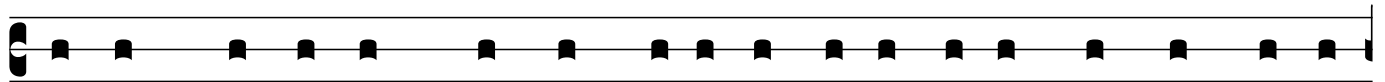
“At an acceptable time I have lis-tened to you, and on a day of salvation



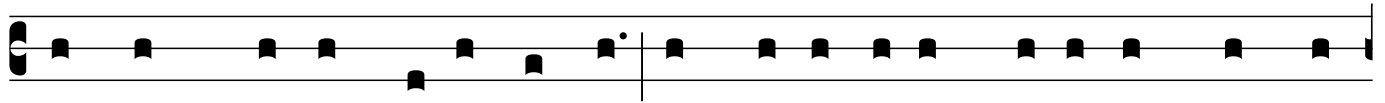
I have helped you.” Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the



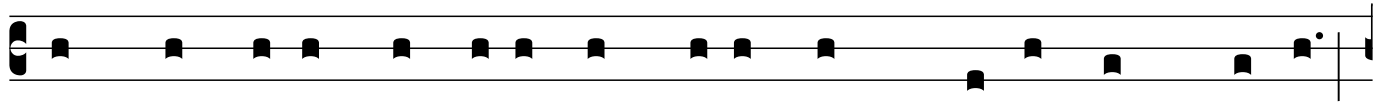
day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in an-y- one’s way, so that



no fault may be found with our min-istry, but as servants of God we have



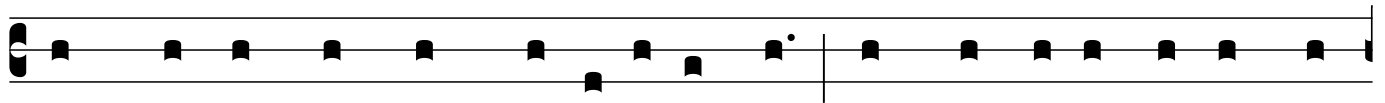
commended ourselves in every way: in great endur-ance, afflictions, hardships,



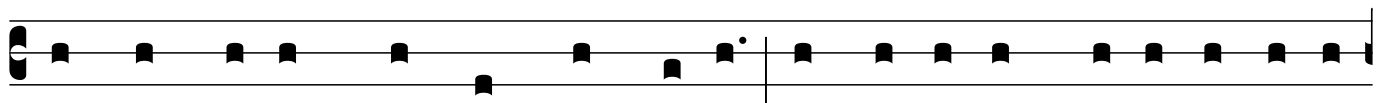
calamities, beat-ings, impris-onments, ri-ots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;



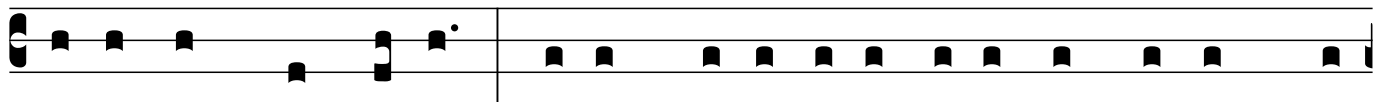
in pu-ri-ty, knowledge, pa-tience, kindness, ho-li-ness of spir-it, gen-u-ine



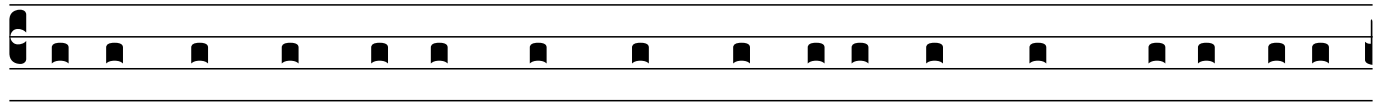
love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteous-



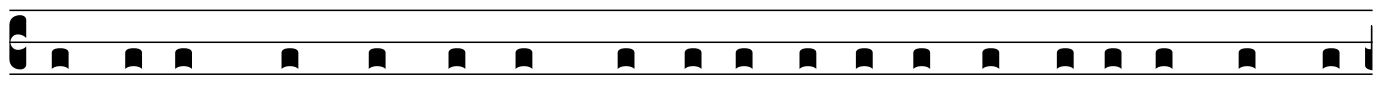
ness for the right hand and for the left; in hon-or and dishon-or, in ill



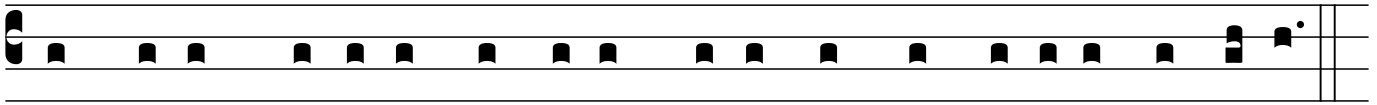
re-pute and good re-pute. We are treat-ed as impostors and yet are true,



as unknown and yet are well known, as dy-ing and look—we are a-live,



as pun-ished and yet not killed, as sorrowful yet always re-joic-ing, as poor



yet mak-ing man-y rich, as hav-ing nothing and yet possessing everything.