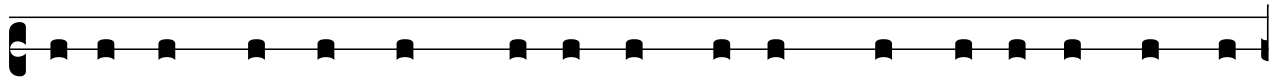
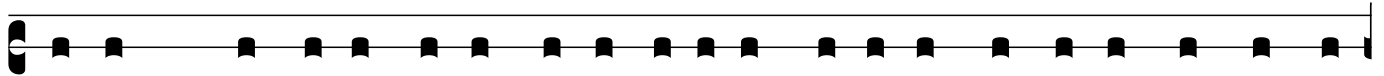


Galatians 1:11-24

Conversion of St. Paul



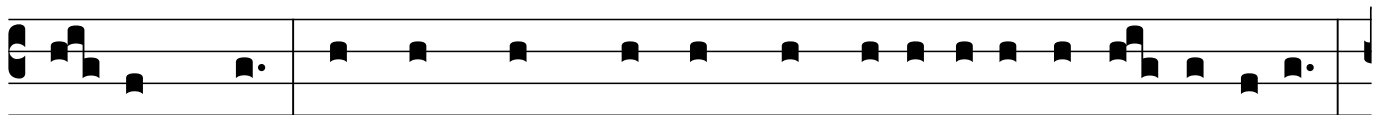
For I want you to know, brothers and sis-ters, that the gospel that was



proclaimed by me is not of human or-i-gin, for I did not re-ceive it from a



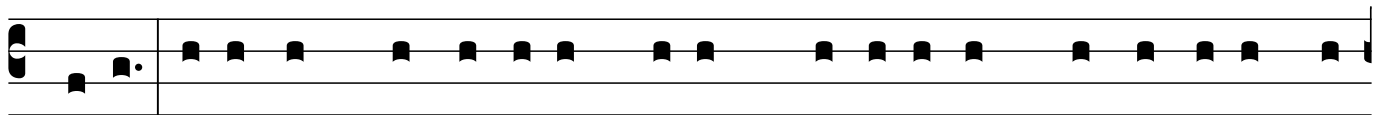
human source, nor was I taught it, but I re-ceived it through a rev-e-lation of



Je- sus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earli- er life in Ju-da- ism.



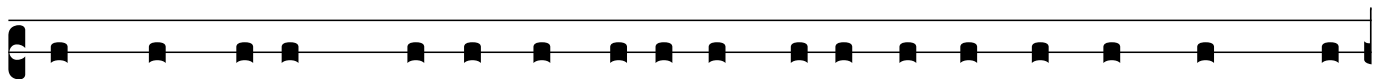
I was vi- o-lently perse-cut-ing the church of God and was try- ing to de-



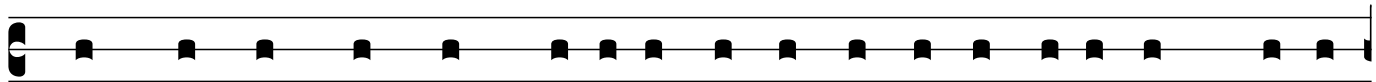
stroy it. I advanced in Ju-da- ism be-yond man-y among my people of the



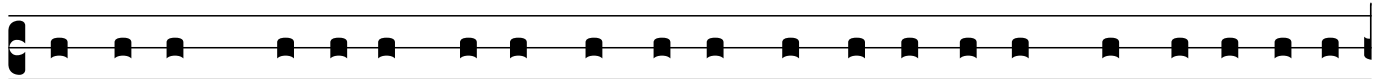
same age, for I was far more zealous for the tra-di-tions of my ancestors.



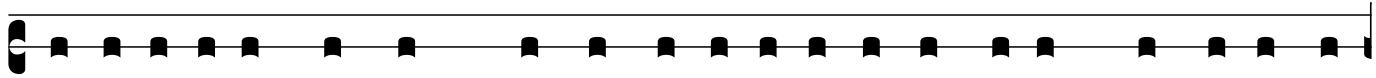
But when the one who had set me a-part be-fore I was born and called me



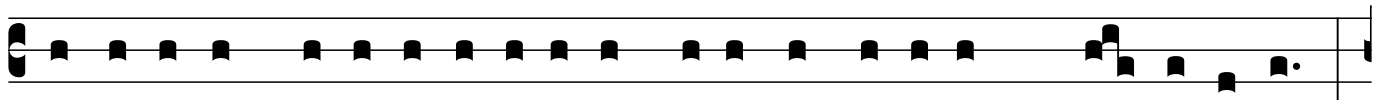
through his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim



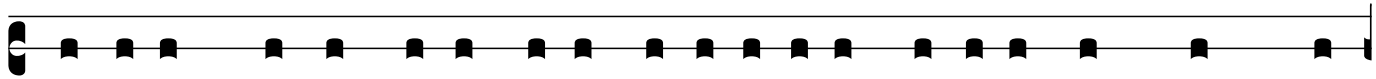
him among the gentiles, I did not confer with an-y human, nor did I go up



to Je-ru-sa-lem to those who were already a-postles be-fore me, but I went



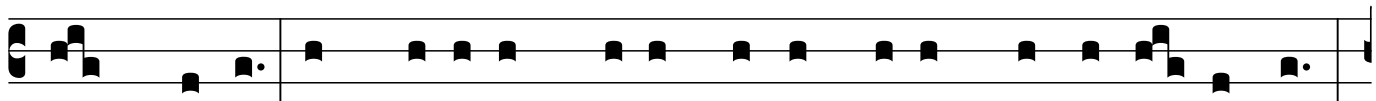
away at once into A-ra-bi- a, and afterward I re-turned to Damascus.



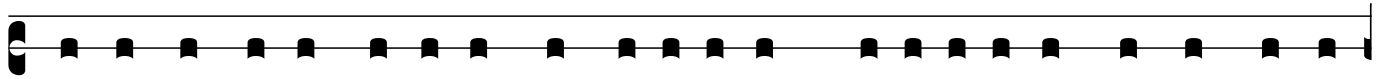
Then after three years I did go up to Je-ru-sa-lem to vis-it Cephas and stayed



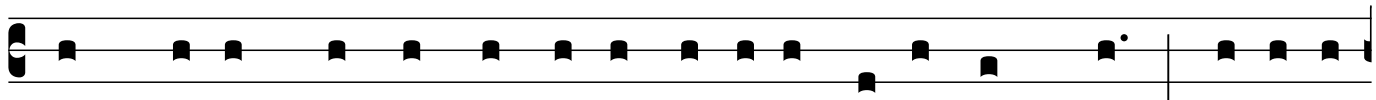
with him fifteen days, but I did not see an-y other a-postle except James the



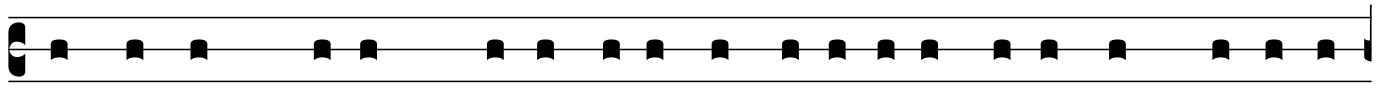
Lord's brother. In what I am writ-ing to you, be-fore God, I do not lie!



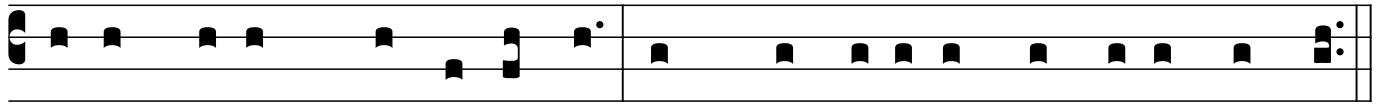
Then I went into the regions of Syr-i- a and Ci- li- ci- a, and I was still un-



known by sight to the churches of Ju-de- a that are in Christ; they only



heard it said, "The one who formerly was perse-cut-ing us is now proclaiming



the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glo-ri-fied God because of me.