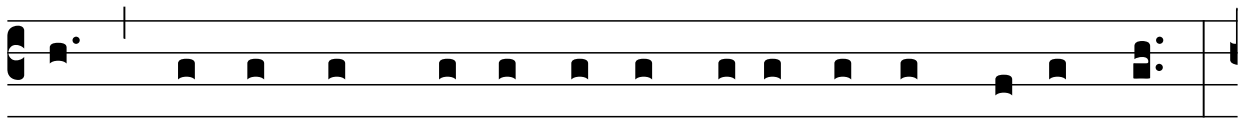
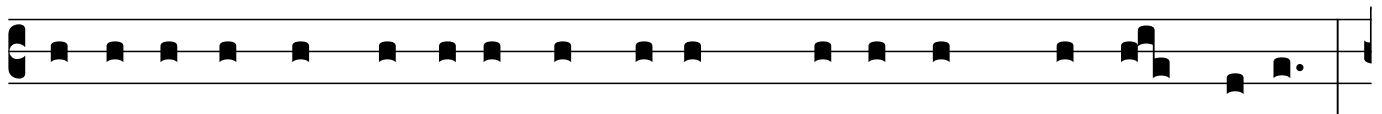


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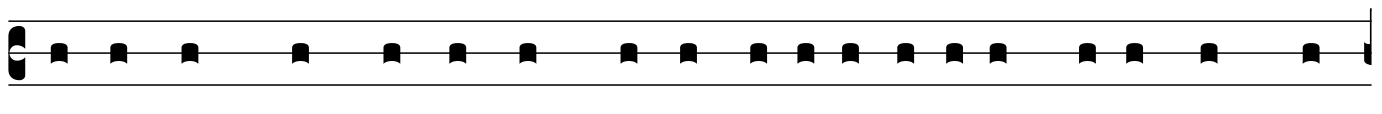
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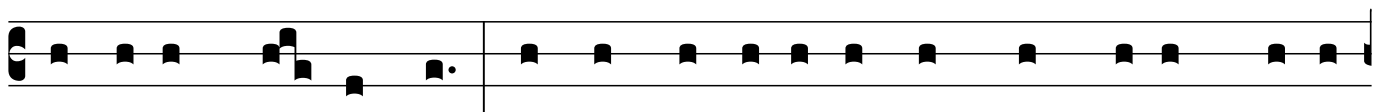
**N**ow who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?



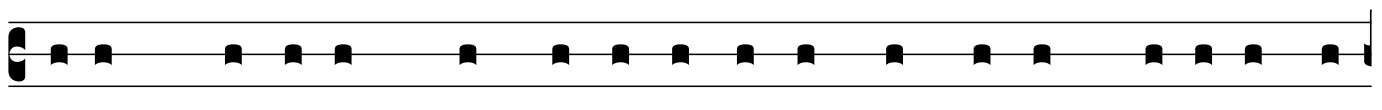
But e-ven if you do suffer for do- ing what is right, you are blessed.




Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intim-i-dat-ed, but in your hearts



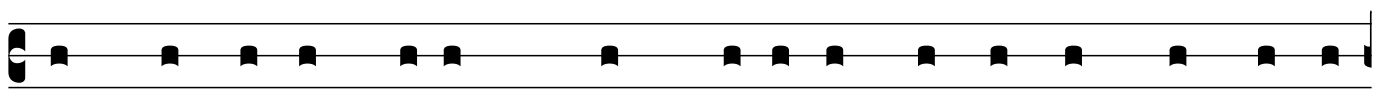
sancti-fy Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your de-fense to an-



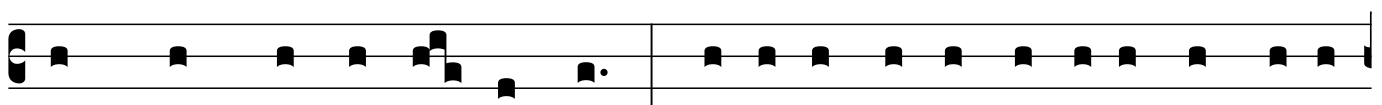
y- one who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you,



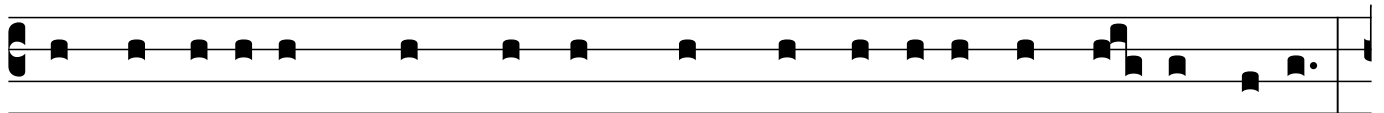
yet do it with gentle-ness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so



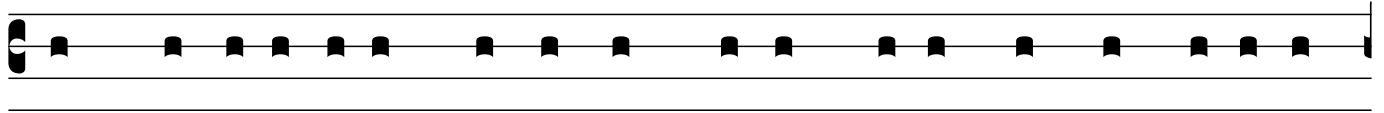
that, when you are ma-ligned, those who a-buse you for your good conduct



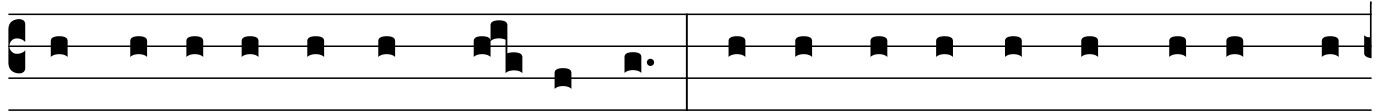
in Christ may be put to shame. For it is bet-ter to suffer for do- ing



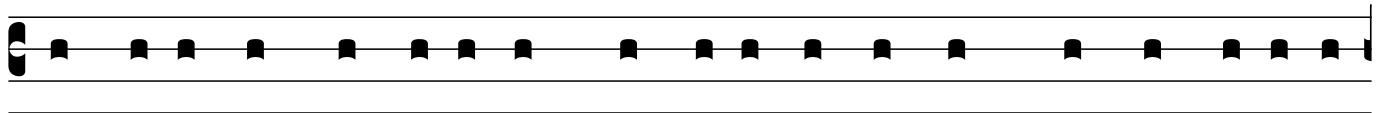
good, if suffer-ing should be God's will, than to suffer for do- ing e-vil.



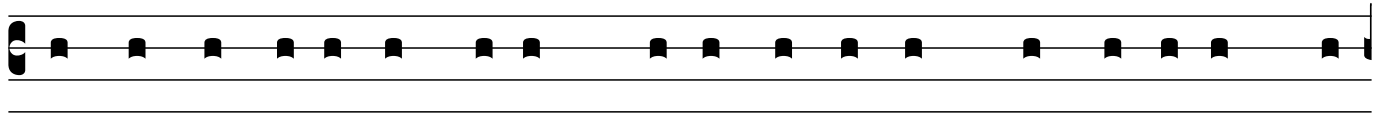
For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unright-



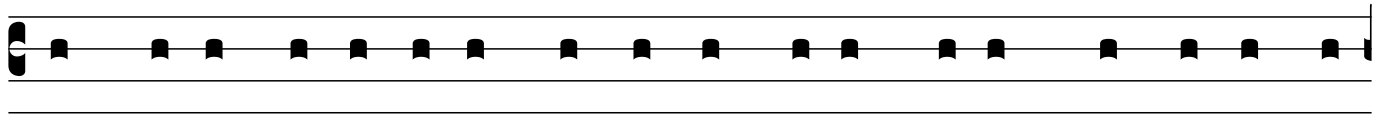
eous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but



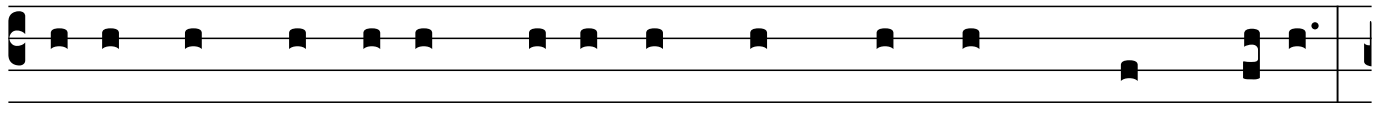
made a-live in the spir-it, in which also he went and made a proclama-



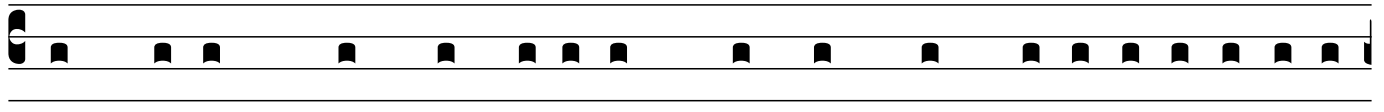
tion to the spir-its in pris-on, who in former times did not obey, when



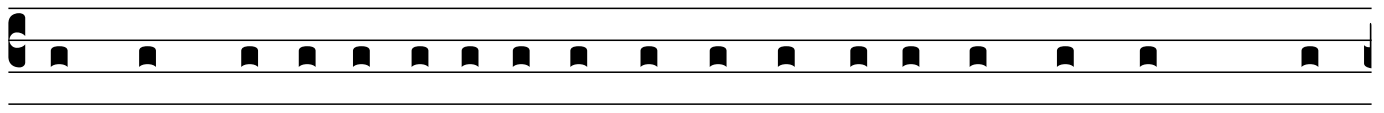
God wait-ed pa-tiently in the days of No- ah, dur-ing the build-ing of



the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through wa-ter.



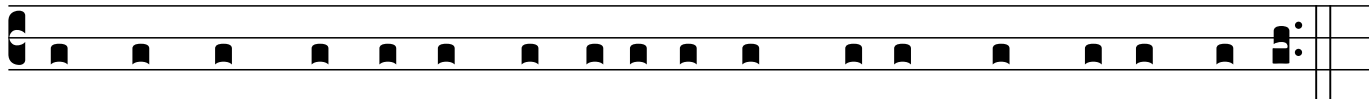
And baptism, which this pre-fig-ured, now saves you—not as a remov-al of



dirt from the bod-y but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through



the res-urrection of Je-sus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right



hand of God, with angels, author-i-ties, and powers made subject to him.