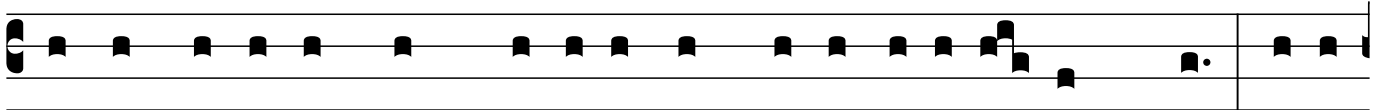


1 Corinthians 12:1-11

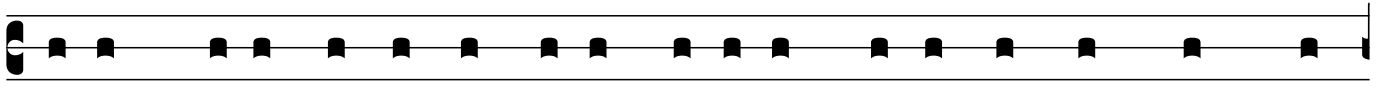
Epiphany 2



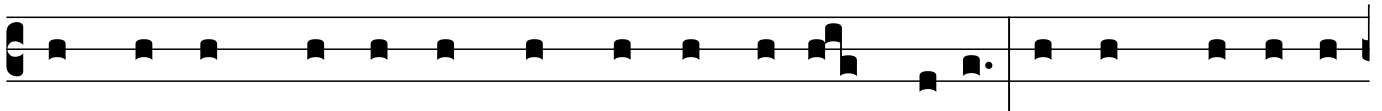
F or just as the bod-y is one and has man-y members, and all the mem-



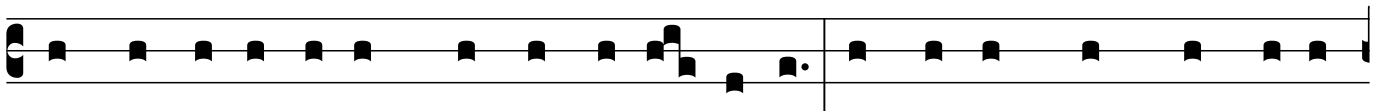
bers of the bod-y, though man-y, are one bod-y, so it is with Christ. For in



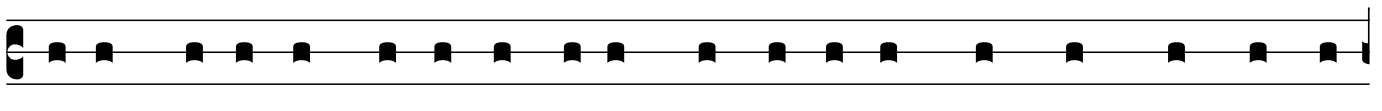
the one Spir-it we were all baptized into one bod-y—Jews or Greeks, slaves



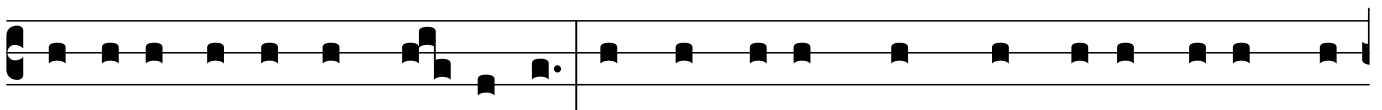
or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spir-it. Indeed, the bod-y



does not consist of one member but of man-y. If the foot would say, “Because



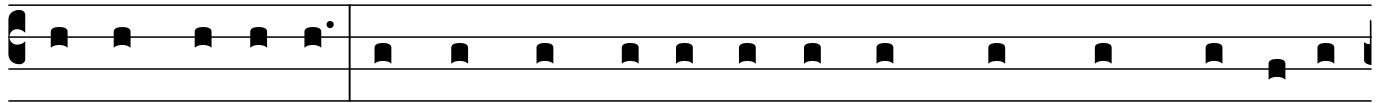
I am not a hand, I do not be-long to the bod-y,” that would not make it



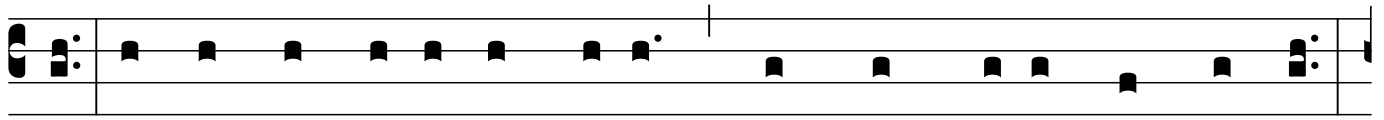
an-y less a part of the bod-y. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not



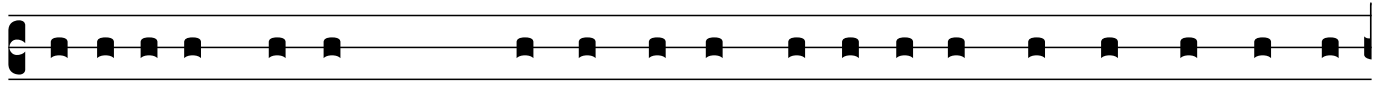
an eye, I do not be-long to the bod-y,” that would not make it an-y less a



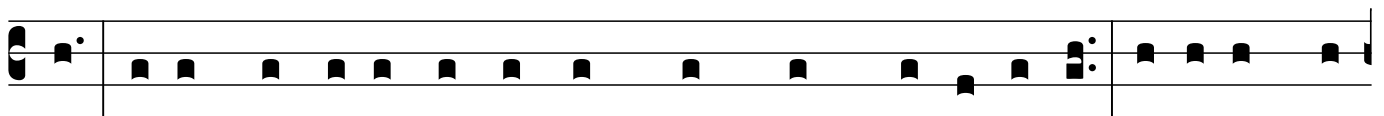
part of the bod-y. If the whole bod-y were an eye, where would the hear-ing



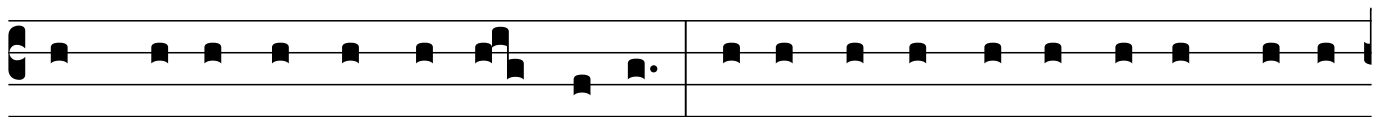
be? If the whole bod-y were hear-ing, where would the sense of smell be?



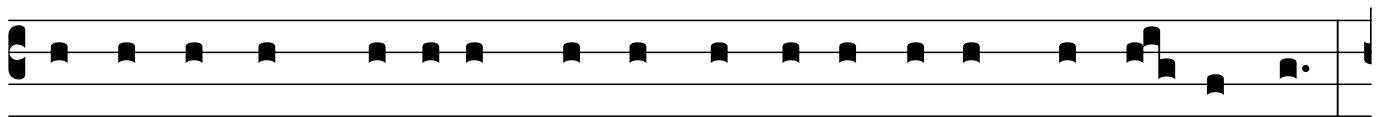
But as it is, God arranged the members in the bod-y, each one of them, as he



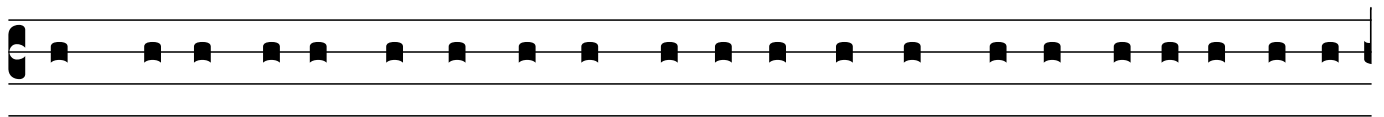
chose. If all were a single member, where would the bod-y be? As it is, there



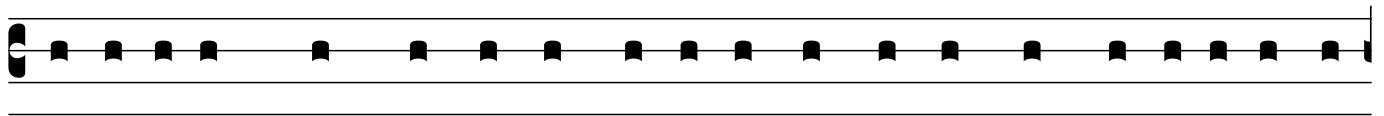
are man-y members yet one bod-y. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have



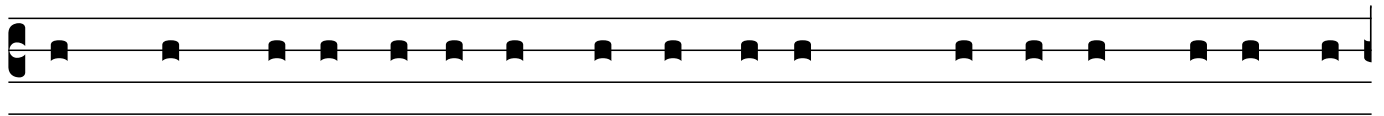
no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."



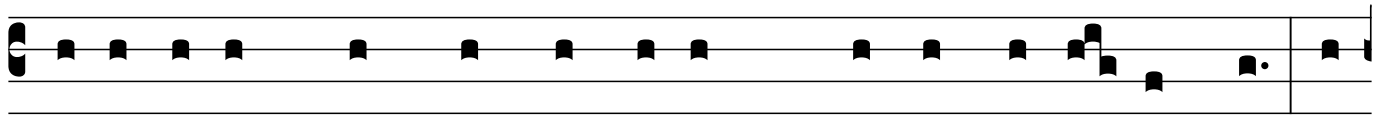
On the contra-ry, the members of the bod-y that seem to be weaker are indis-



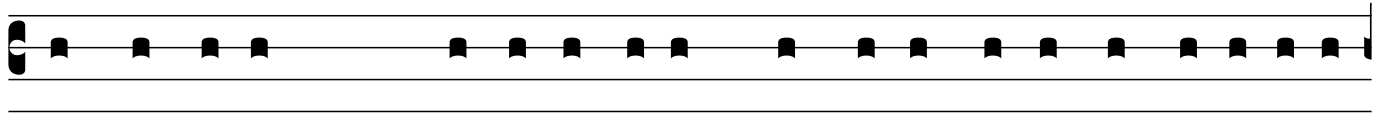
pensable, and those members of the bod-y that we think less hon-or-able we



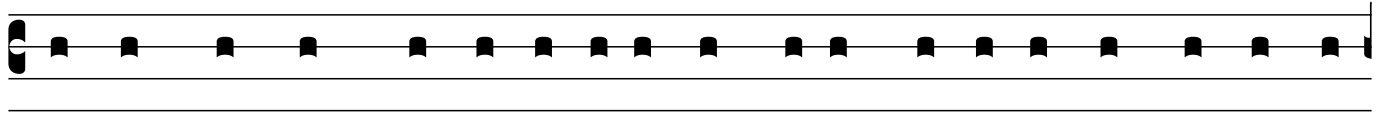
clothe with great-er hon-or, and our less respectable members are treat-ed with



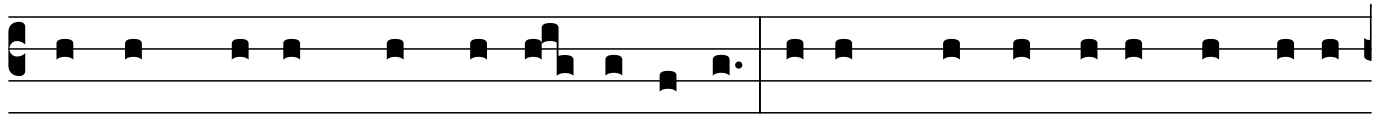
great-er respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But



God has so arranged the bod-y, giv-ing the great-er hon-or to the inferior



member, that there may be no dissension within the bod-y, but the members



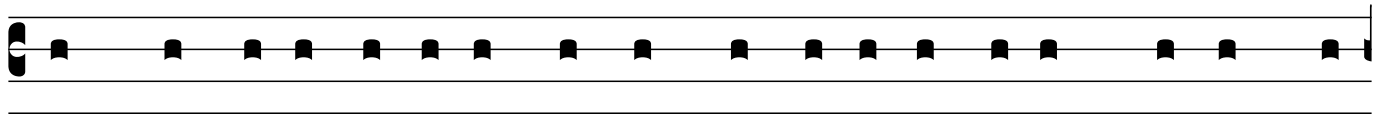
may have the same care for one an-other. If one member suffers, all suffer



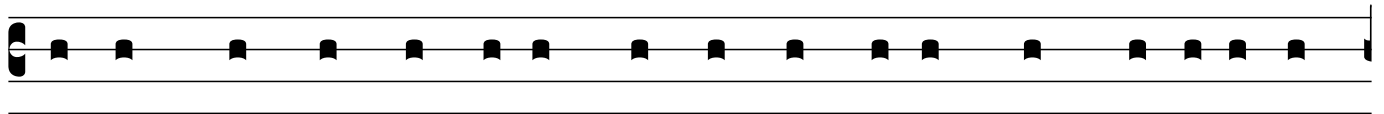
to-gether with it; if one member is hon-ored, all re-joice to-gether with it.



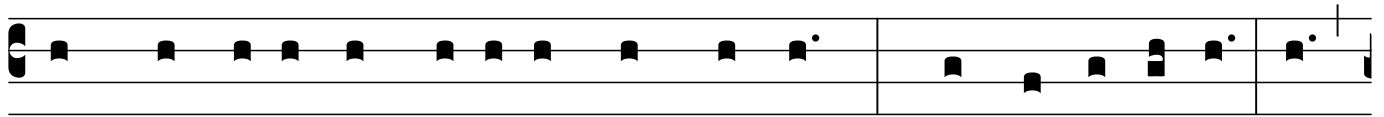
Now you are the bod-y of Christ and indi-vid-u-al-ly members of it.



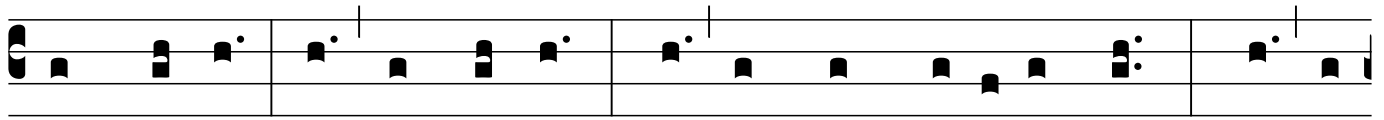
And God has appointed in the church first a-postles, sec-ond prophets, third



teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of heal-ing, forms of assis-tance,



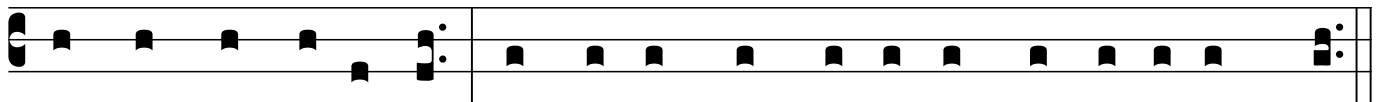
forms of leadership, var-i-ous kinds of tongues. Are all a-postles? Are



all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all



possess gifts of heal-ing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But



strive for the great-er gifts. And I will show you a still more excel-lent way.