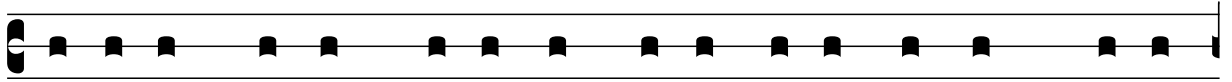


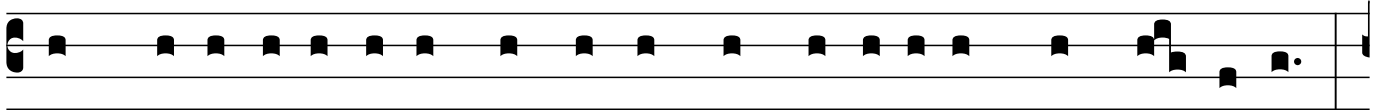
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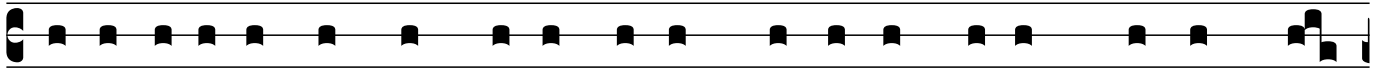


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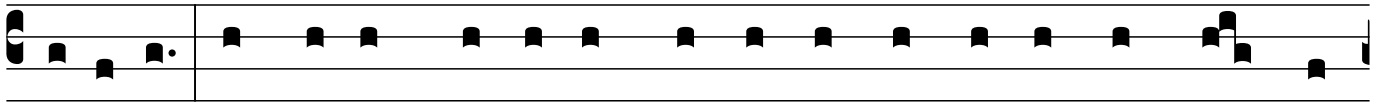
hen I came to you, brothers and sis-ters, I did not come proclaim-



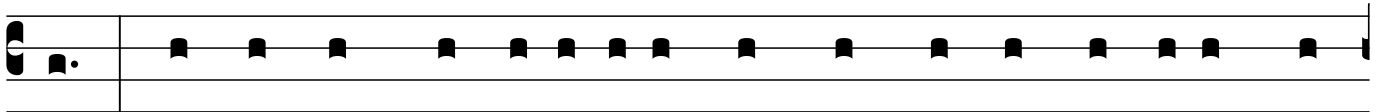
ing the tes-timo-ny of God to you with su-pe-ri- or speech or wisdom.



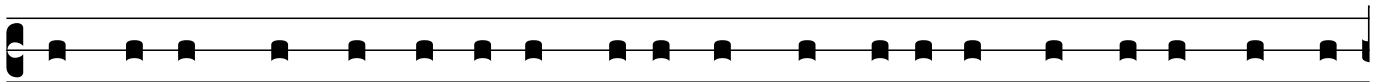
For I de-cid-ed to know nothing among you except Je-sus Christ and him



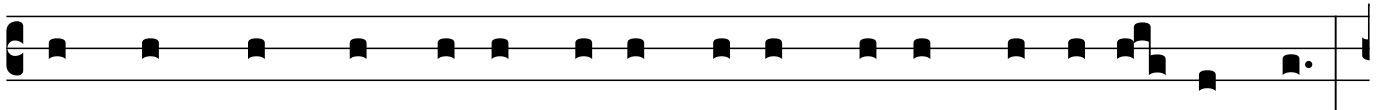
cru-ci-fied. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trem-



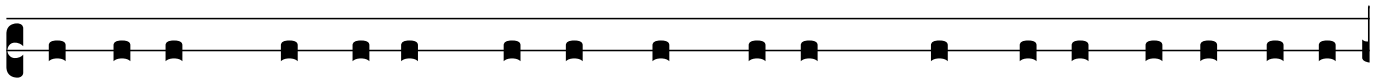
bling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persua-sive words



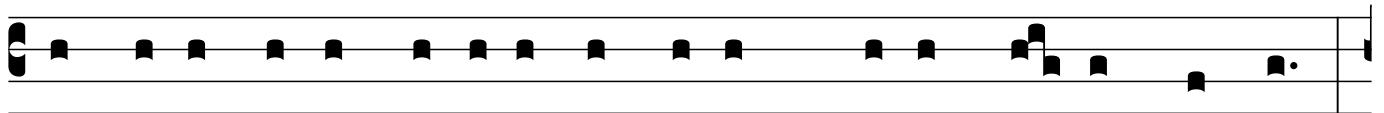
of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spir-it and of power, so that



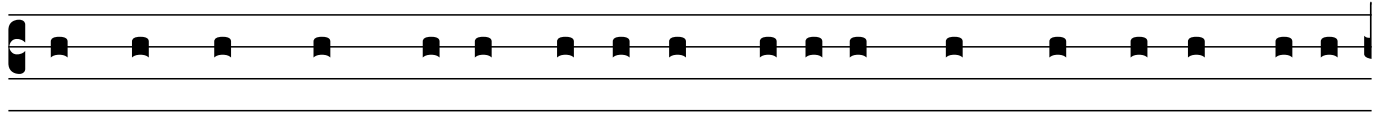
your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.



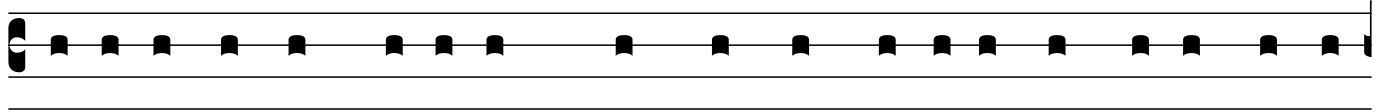
Yet among the ma-ture we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom



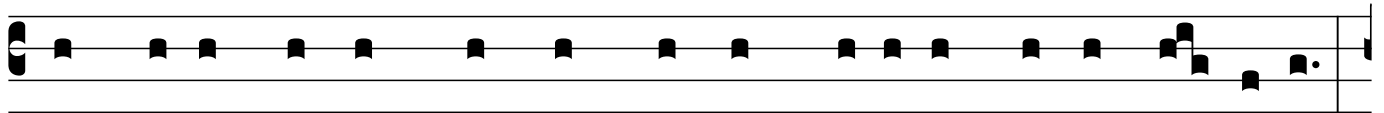
of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed.



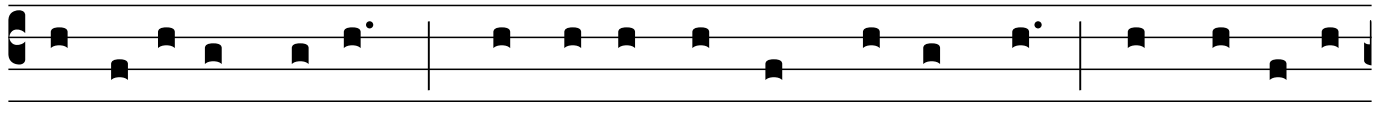
But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before



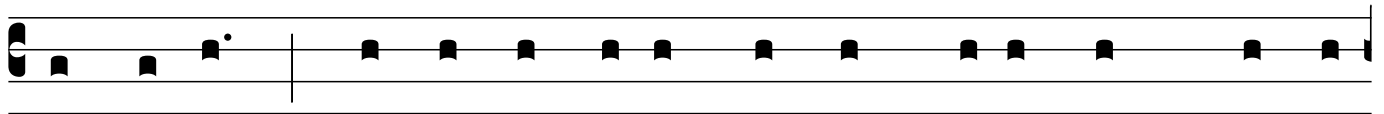
the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age under-



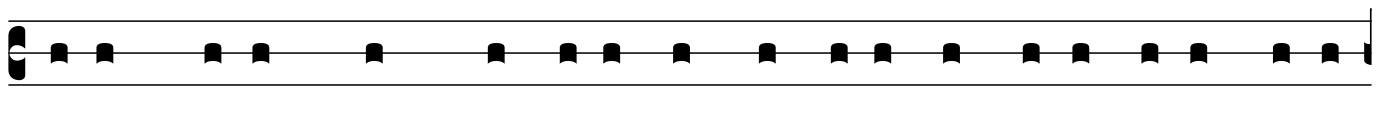
stood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.



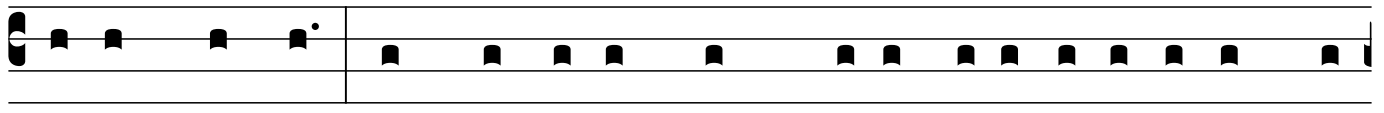
But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human



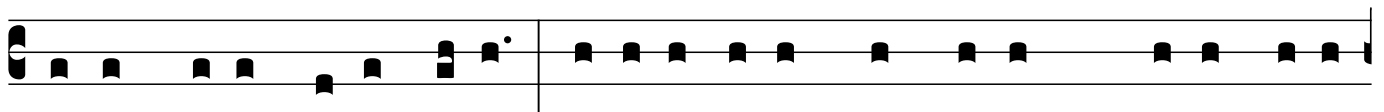
heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— God has



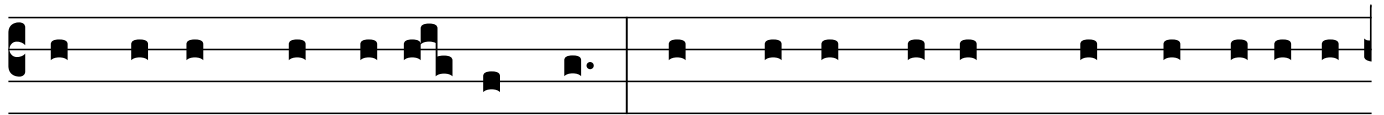
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even



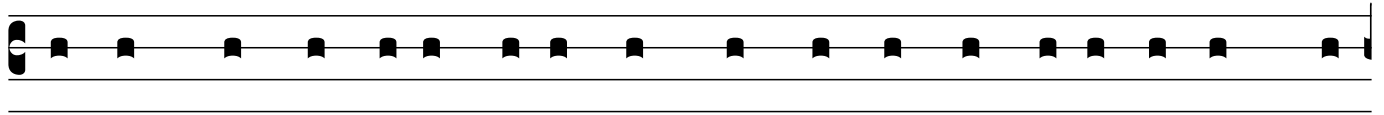
the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the



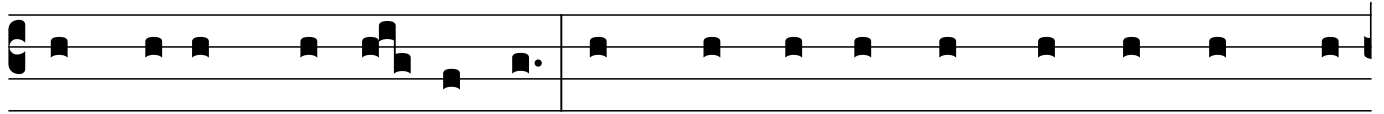
human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly



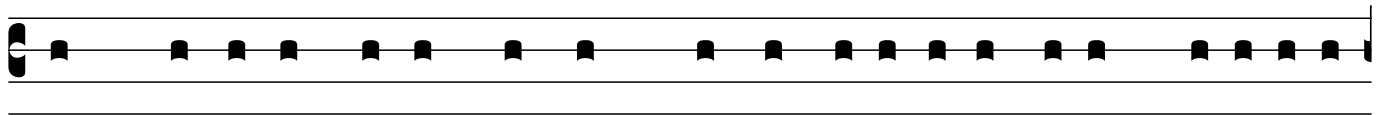
God's except the Spir-it of God. Now we have re-ceived not the spir-it of



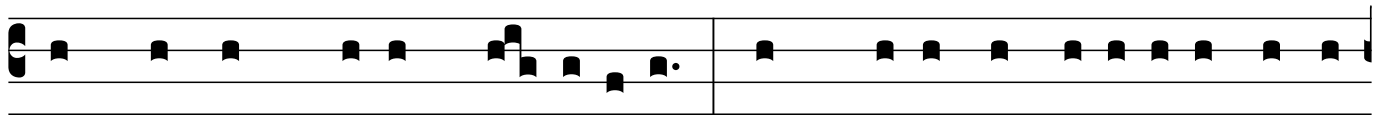
the world but the Spir-it that is from God, so that we may understand the



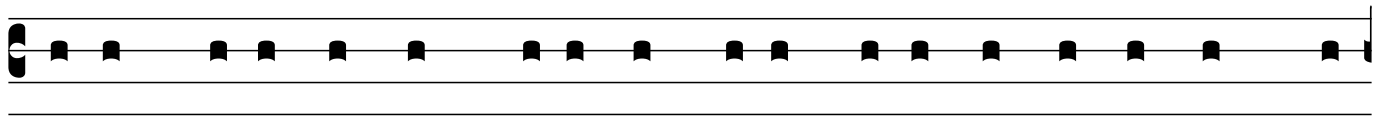
gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not



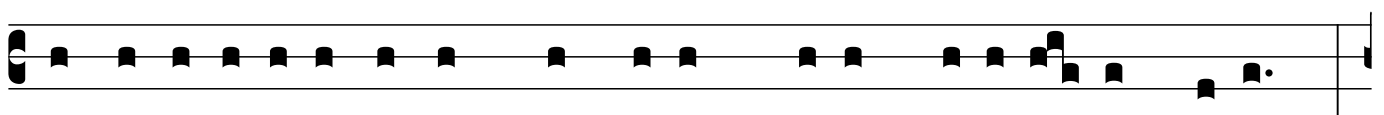
taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spir-it, interpret-ing spir-it-u- al



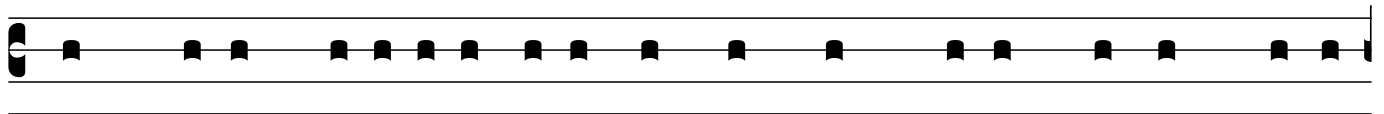
things to those who are spir- it-u- al. Those who are unspir- i-tu- al do not



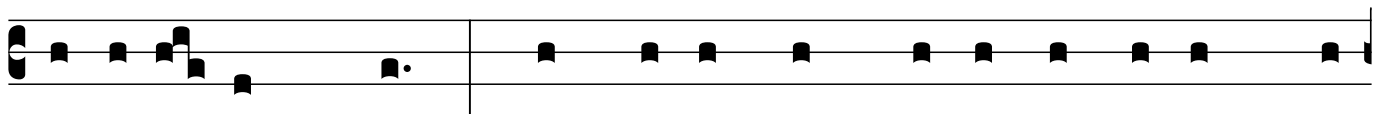
re-ceive the gifts of God's Spir-it, for they are fool-ishness to them, and they



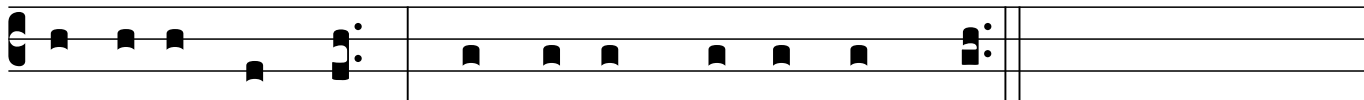
are un-able to understand them because they are spir- i-tu- ally discerned.



Those who are spir-it-u- al discern all things, and they are themselves subject



to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so



as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.