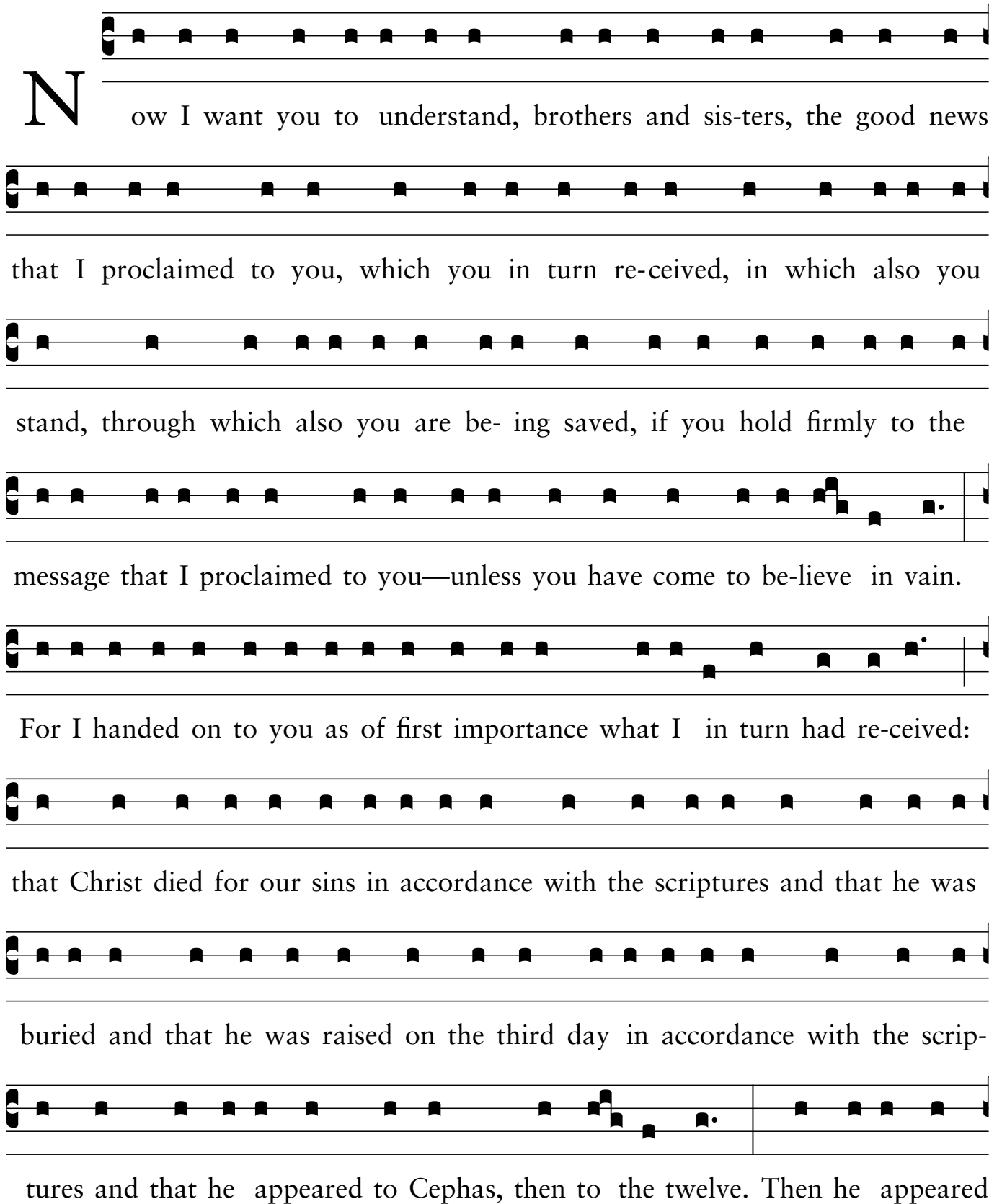
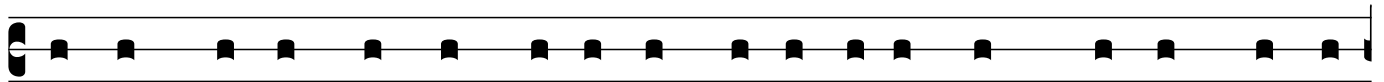


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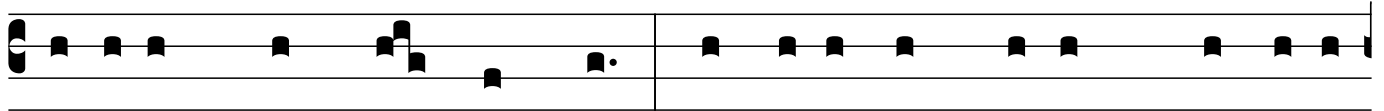
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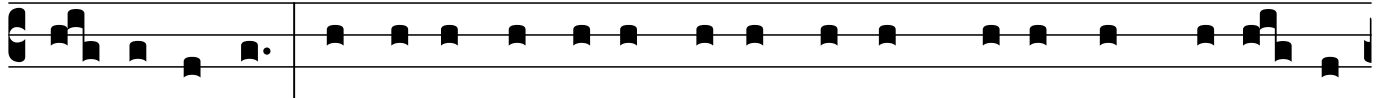
**N**ow I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared



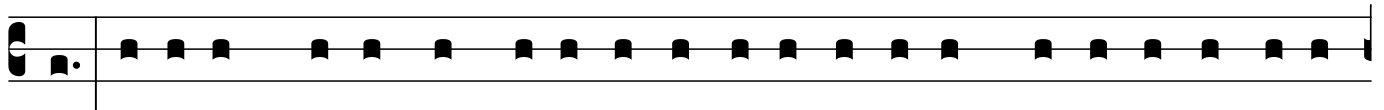
to more than five hundred brothers and sis-ters at one time, most of whom are



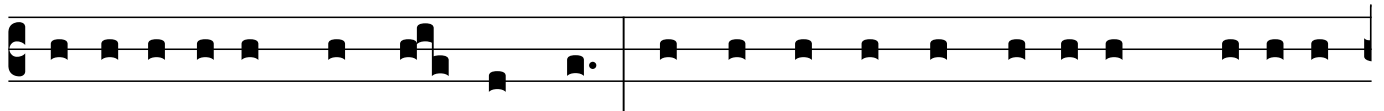
still a-live, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all



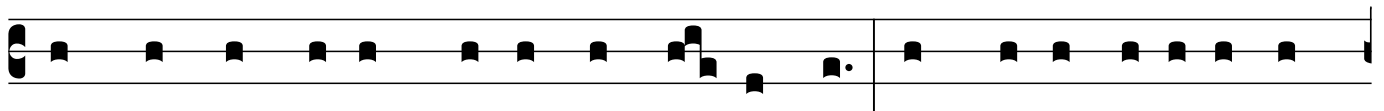
the a-postles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to



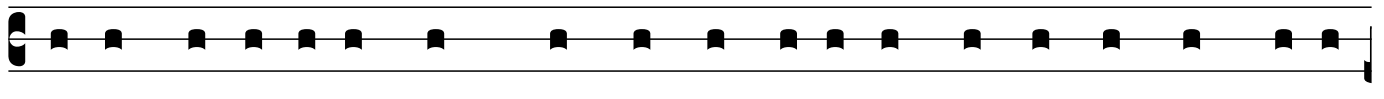
me. For I am the least of the a-postles, unfit to be called an a-postle, because



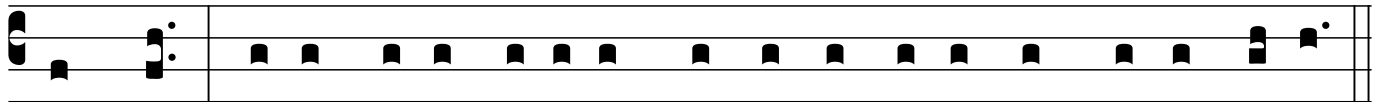
I perse-cut-ed the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am,



and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contra-ry, I worked



harder than an-y of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is



with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you be-lieved.