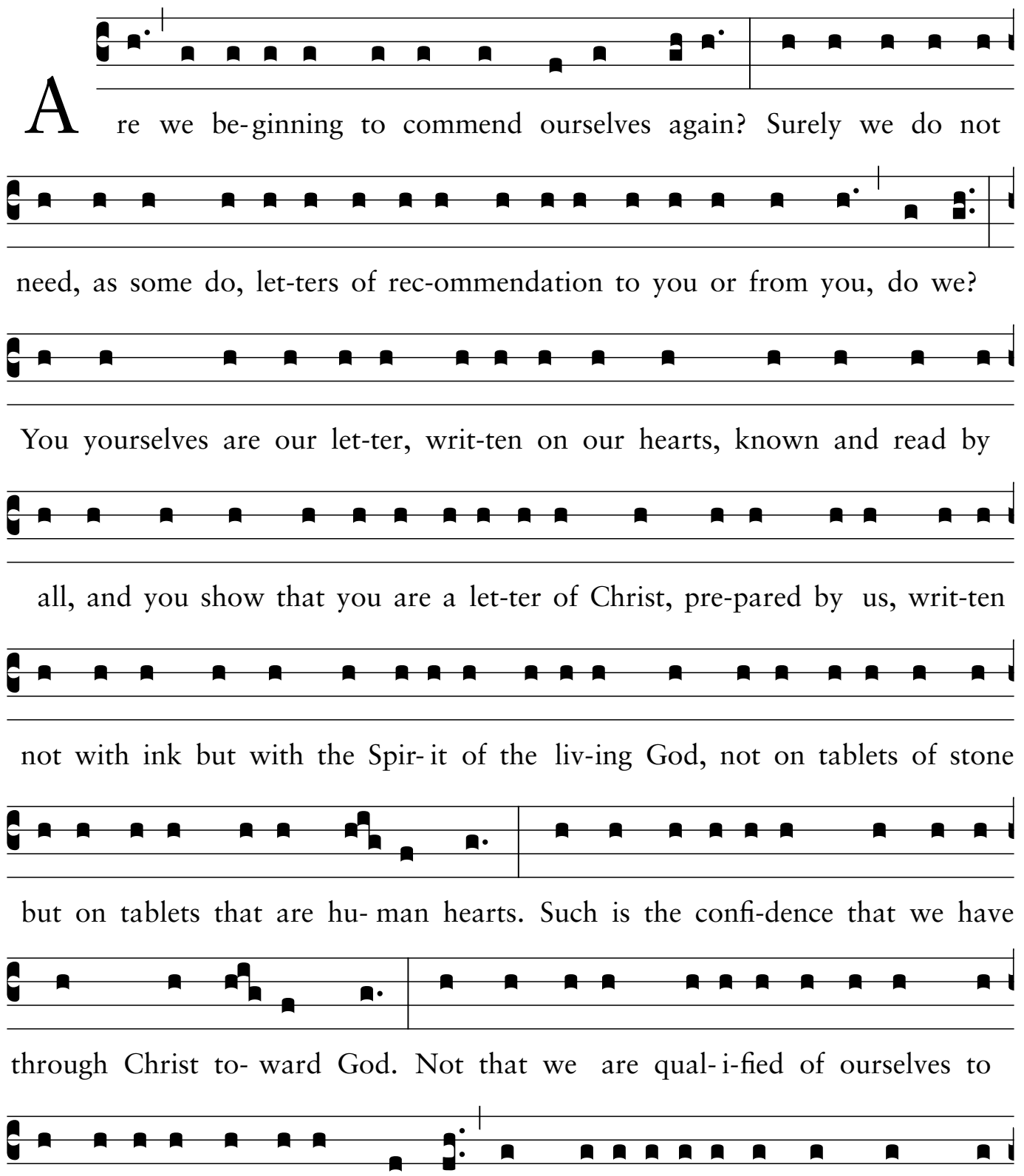


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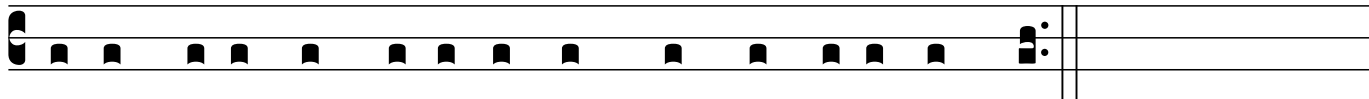
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Are we be-gin-ning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, let-ters of rec-ommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our let-ter, writ-ten on our hearts, known and read by all, and you show that you are a let-ter of Christ, pre-pared by us, writ-ten not with ink but with the Spir-it of the liv-ing God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hu-man hearts. Such is the confi-dence that we have through Christ to-ward God. Not that we are qual-i-fied of ourselves to claim an-ything as coming from us; our qual-i-fi-cation is from God, who



has made us qual-i-fied to be min-is-ters of a new cov-e-nant, not of let-ter



but of spir-it, for the let-ter kills, but the Spir-it gives life.