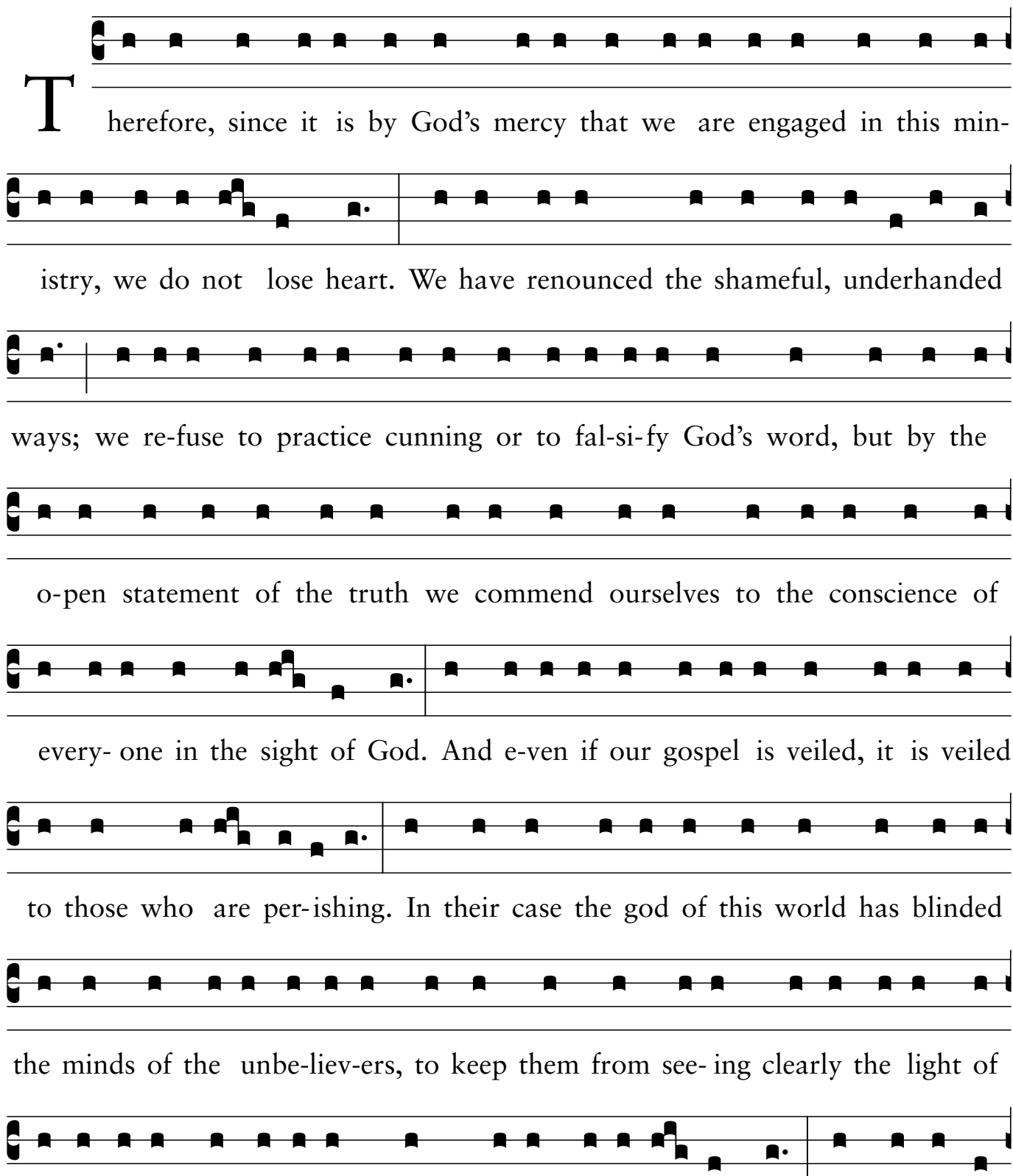
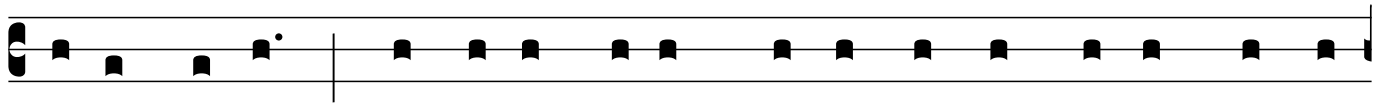


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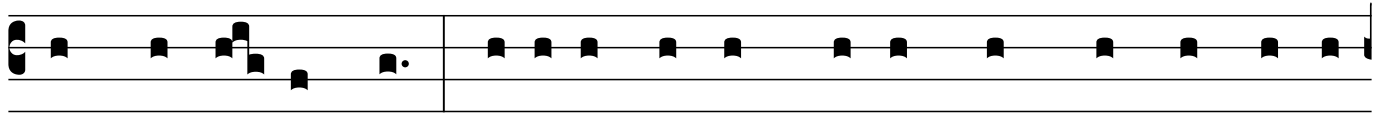
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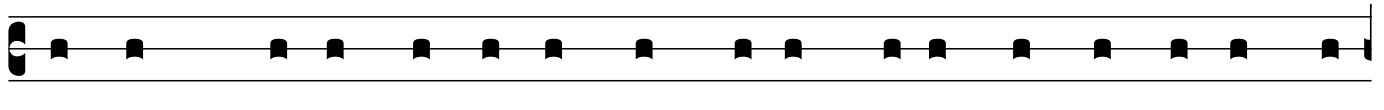
T herefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we re-fuse to practice cunning or to fal-si-fy God's word, but by the o-pen statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of every-one in the sight of God. And e-ven if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are per-ishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbe-liev-ers, to keep them from see-ing clearly the light of the gospel of the glo-ry of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not



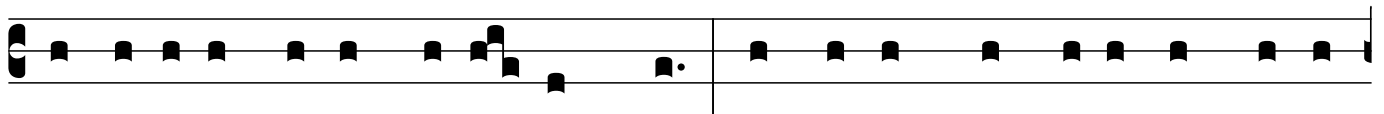
proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Je-sus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your



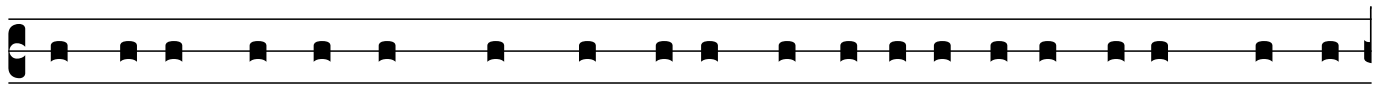
slaves for Je- sus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of



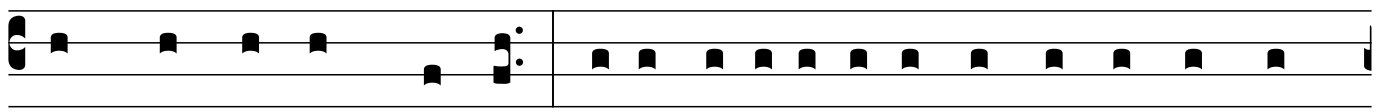
darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of



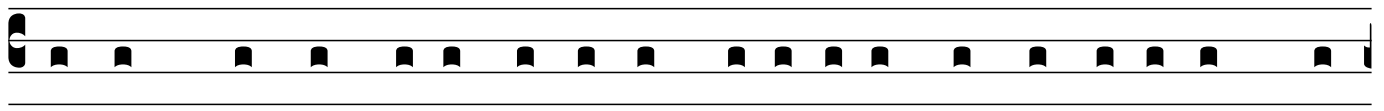
the glo-ry of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars,



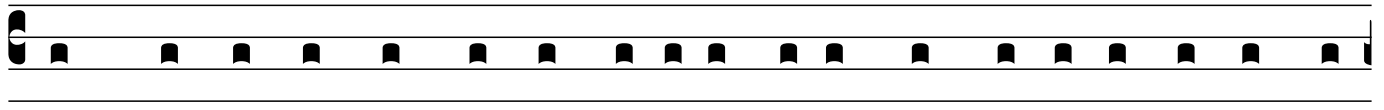
so that it may be made clear that this extraordi-nar-y power be-longs to God



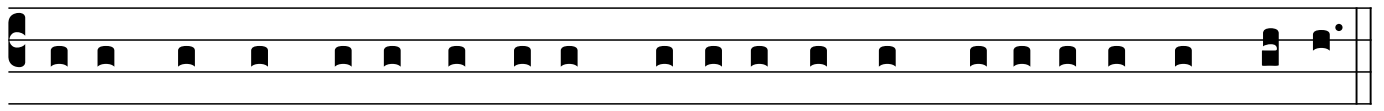
and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed,



perplexed but not driv-en to despair, perse-cut-ed but not forsak-en, struck



down but not destroyed, always carry- ing around in the bod-y the death of



Je-sus, so that the life of Je-sus may also be made vis-ible in our bodies.