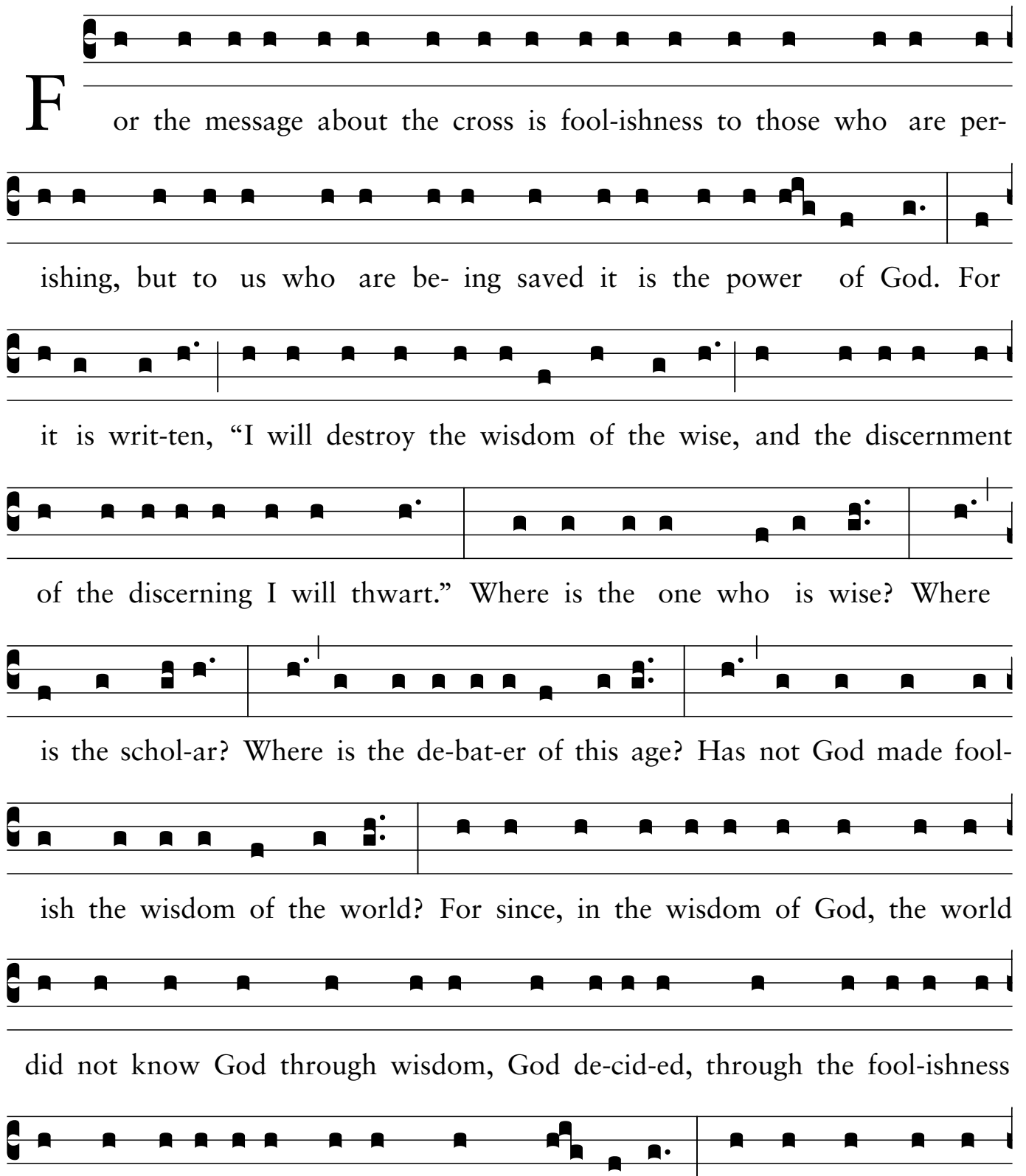
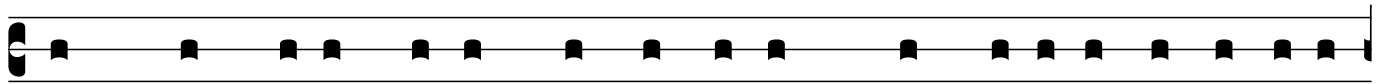


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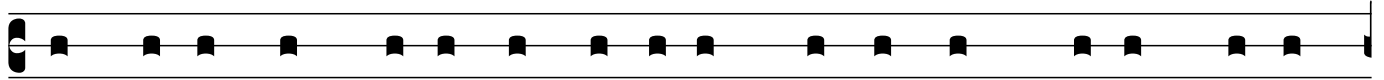
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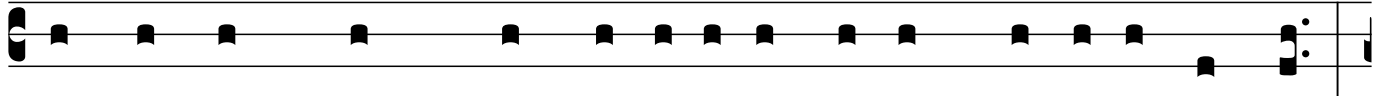
F or the message about the cross is fool-ishness to those who are per-
ishing, but to us who are be- ing saved it is the power of God. For
it is writ-ten, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment
of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where
is the schol-ar? Where is the de-bat-er of this age? Has not God made fool-
ish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world
did not know God through wisdom, God de-cid-ed, through the fool-ishness
of the proclamation, to save those who be-lieve. For Jews ask for signs



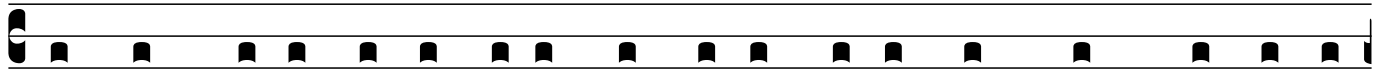
and Greeks de-sire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ cru-ci-fied, a stumbl-ing



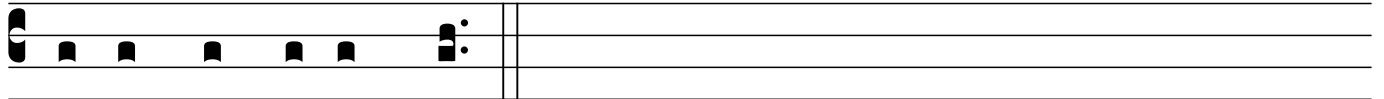
block to Jews and fool-ishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called,



both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.



For God's fool-ishness is wis-er than human wisdom, and God's weakness is



stronger than human strength.