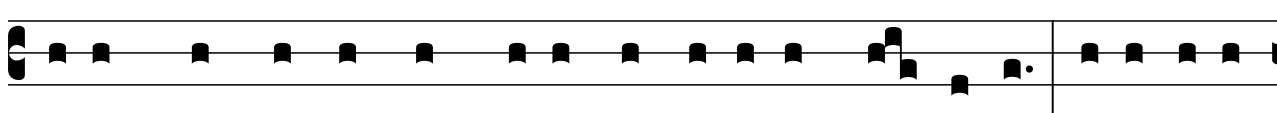
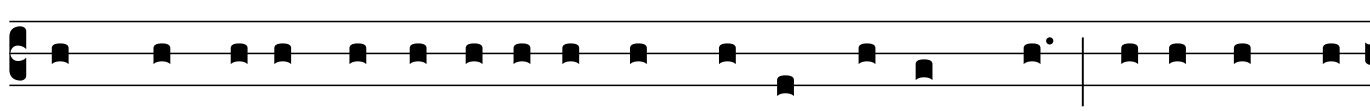


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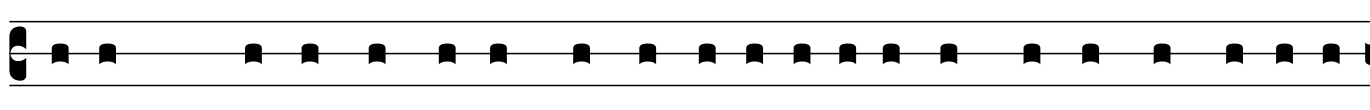
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e -ven though I, too, have reason for confi-dence in the flesh. If an-y- one



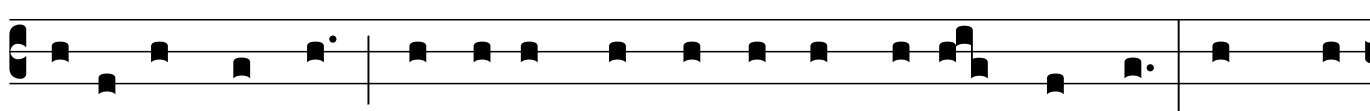
else has reason to be confi-dent in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on



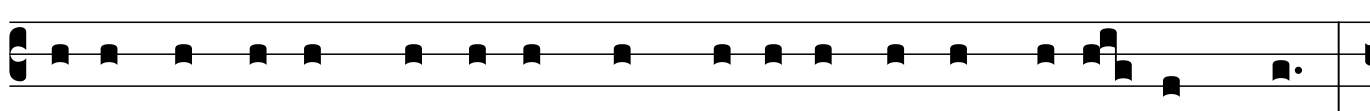
the eighth day, a member of the people of Isra- el, of the tribe of Benjamin,



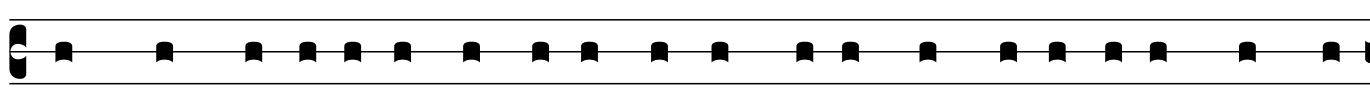
a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Phar-i-see; as to zeal, a perse-



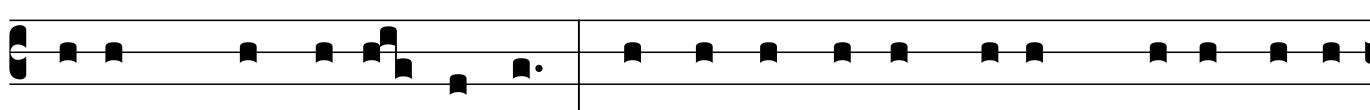
cu-tor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet what-



ev-er gains I had, these I have come to re-gard as loss because of Christ.



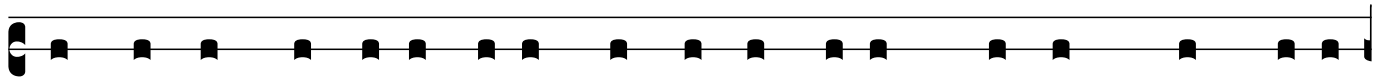
More than that, I re-gard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of



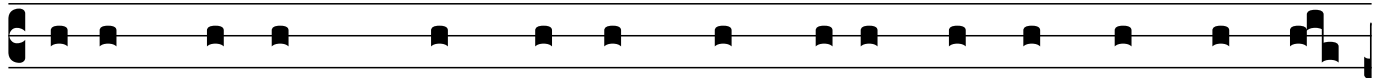
knowing Christ Je-sus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all



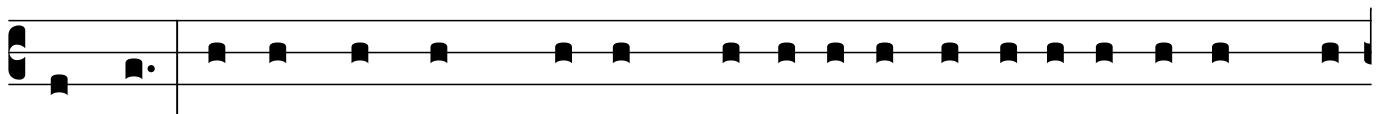
things, and I re-gard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be



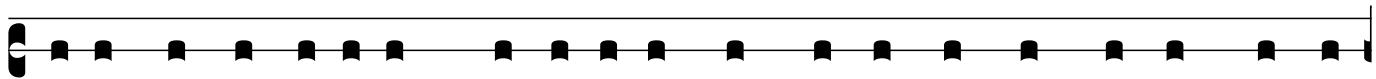
found in him, not hav-ing a righteous-ness of my own that comes from the law



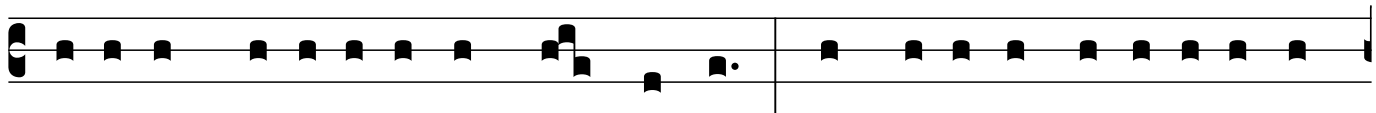
but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteous-ness from God based



on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his res-urrection and the



shar-ing of his suffer-ings by be-coming like him in his death, if somehow I



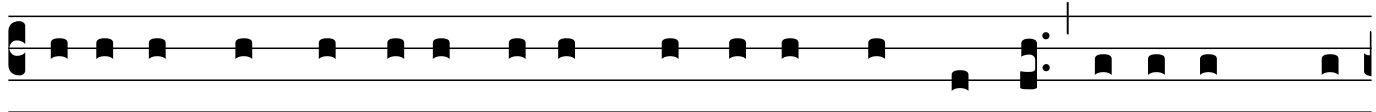
may attain the res-urrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained



this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for



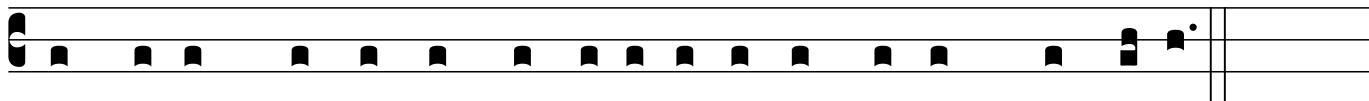
which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sis-ters, I do not consid-er



that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forget-ting what



lies be-hind and strain-ing forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the



goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Je-sus.