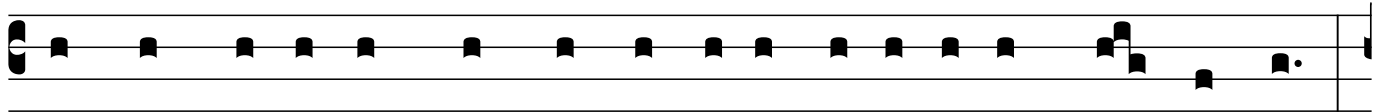


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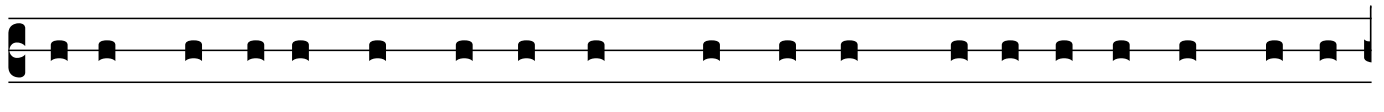
Nativity of St. John the Baptist



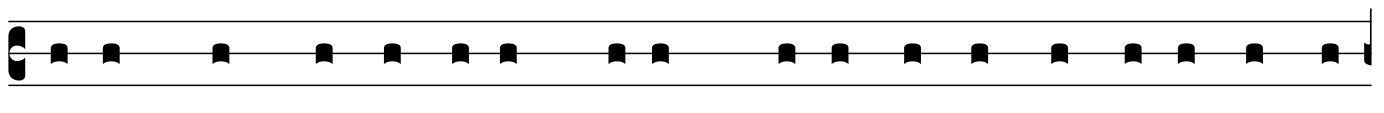
b ut they went on from Perga and came to Anti- och in Pi- sidia.



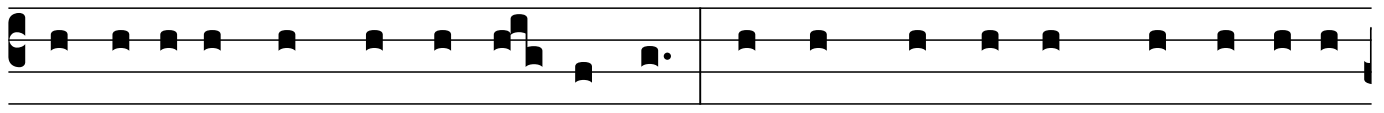
And on the Sabbath day they went into the syn-a- gogue and sat down.



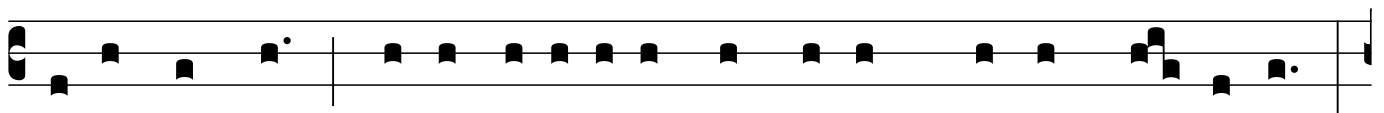
After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the of- fi- cials of the syn-



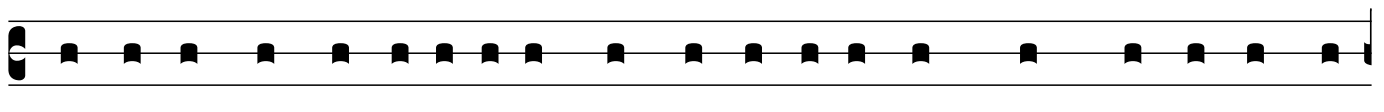
a- gogue sent them a message, say- ing, “Brothers, if you have an- y word of



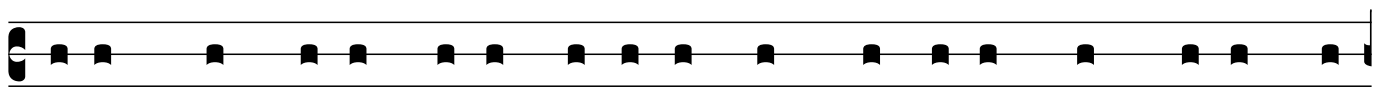
exhortation for the people, give it.” So Paul stood up and with a gesture



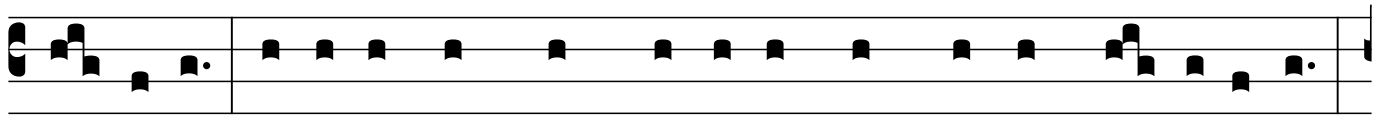
be- gan to speak: “Fel- low Isra- el- ites and others who fear God, lis- ten.



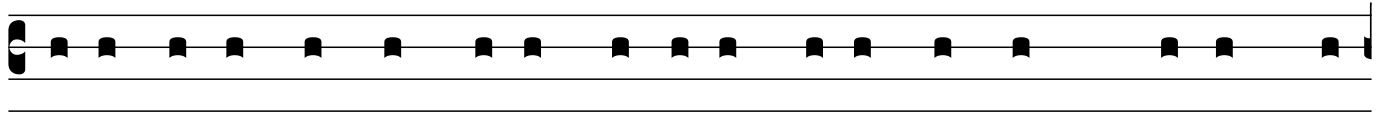
The God of this people Isra- el chose our ancestors and made the people great



dur- ing their stay in the land of E- gypt, and with uplifted arm he led them



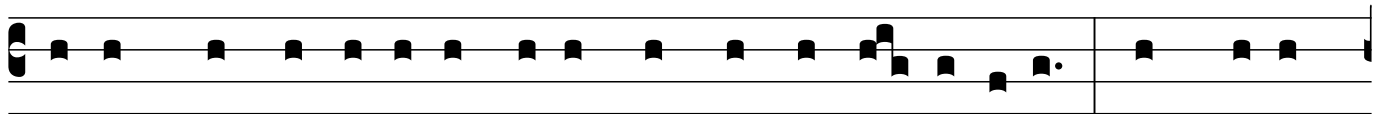
out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.



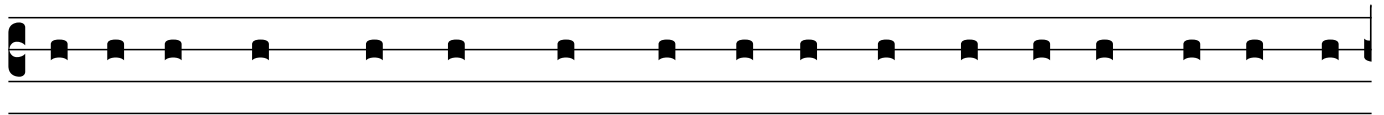
After he had destroyed seven peoples in the land of Canaan, he gave them



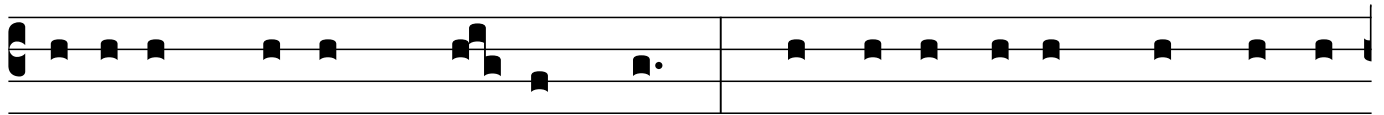
their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that



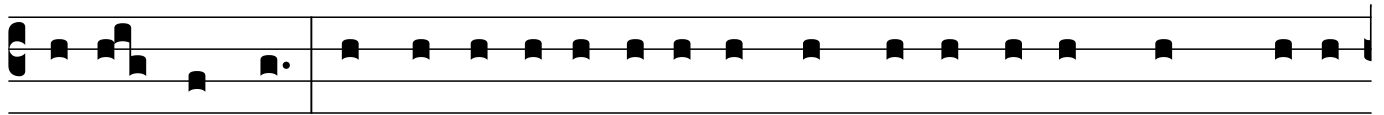
he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked



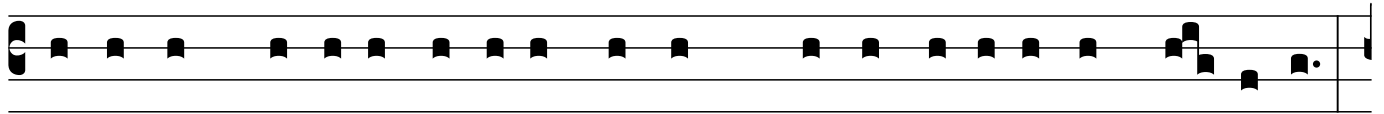
for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of



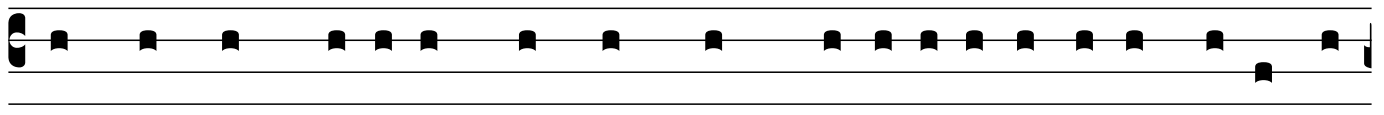
Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made



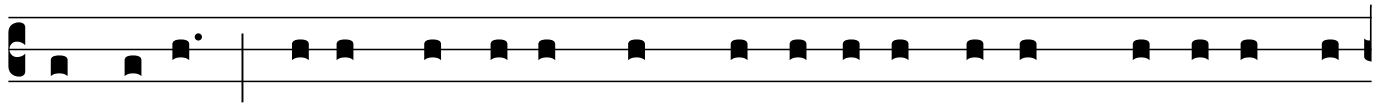
David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David,



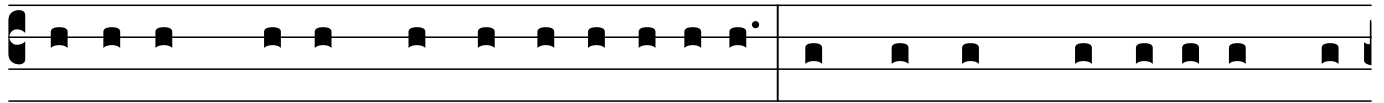
son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.'



Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as



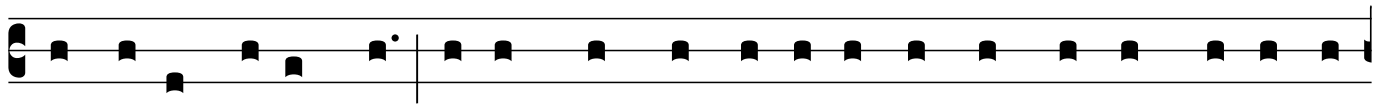
he promised; be-fore his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of



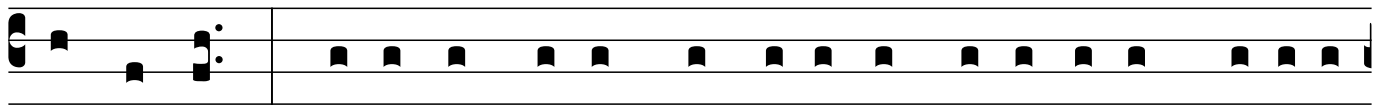
re-pen-tance to all the people of Isra-el. And as John was fin-ishing his



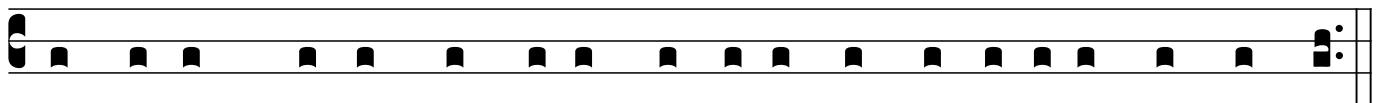
work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one



is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of the sandals



on his feet.' "Brothers and sis-ters, you descendants of Abra-ham's fami-ly



and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.