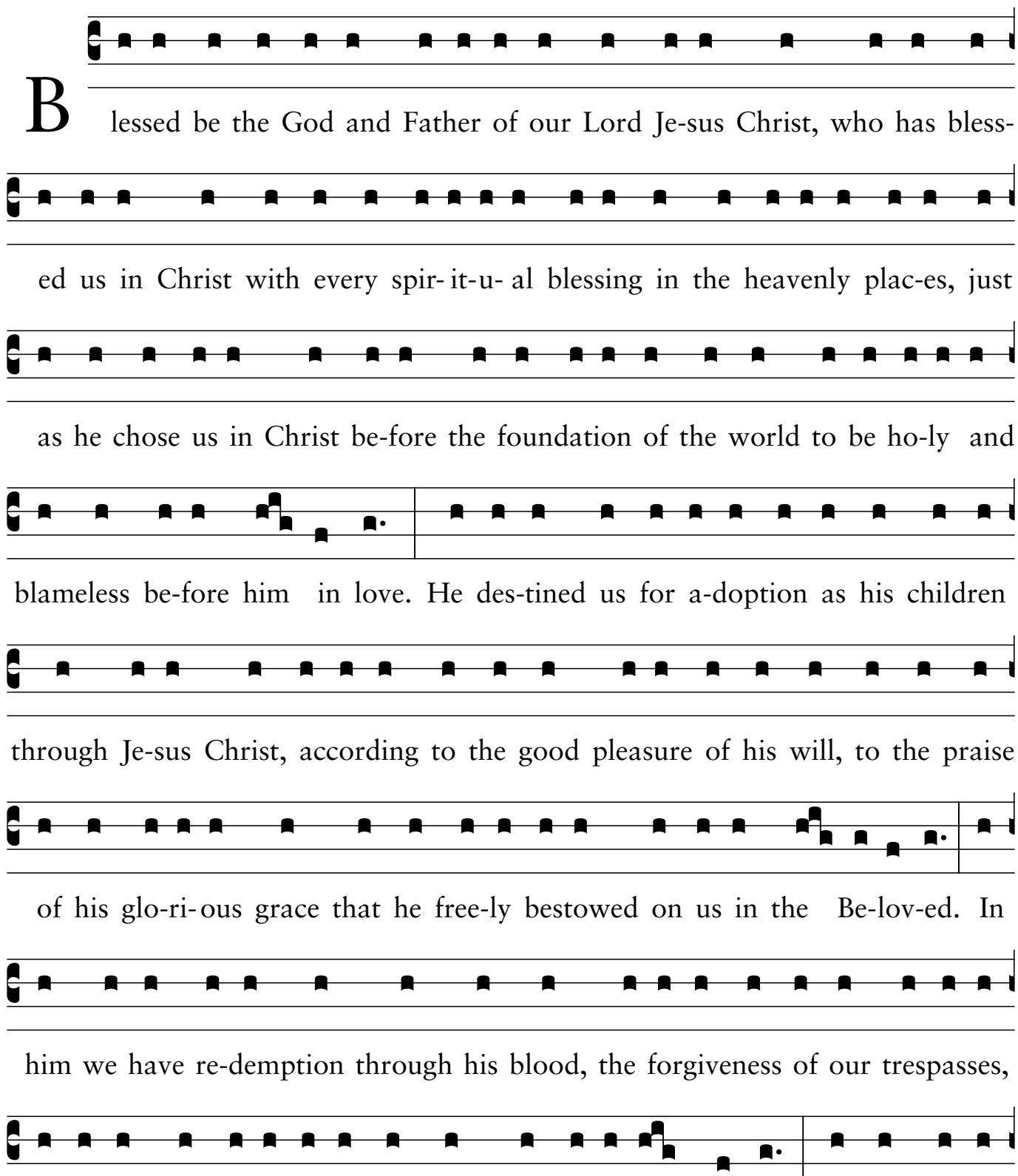
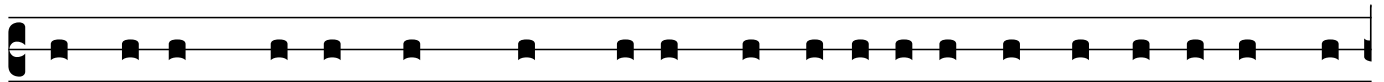


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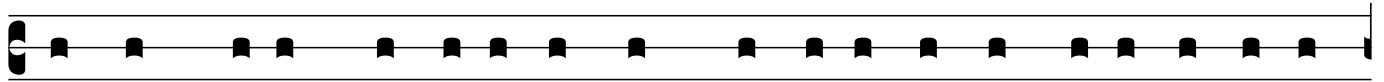
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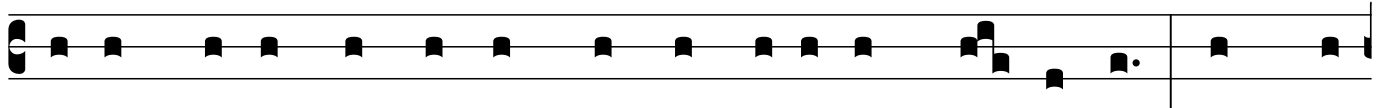
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Je-sus Christ, who has bless-
ed us in Christ with every spir-it-u- al blessing in the heavenly plac-es, just
as he chose us in Christ be-fore the foundation of the world to be ho-ly and
blameless be-fore him in love. He des-tined us for a-doption as his children
through Je-sus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise
of his glo-ri-ous grace that he free-ly bestowed on us in the Be-lov-ed. In
him we have re-demption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace that he lav-ish-ed on us. With all wisdom



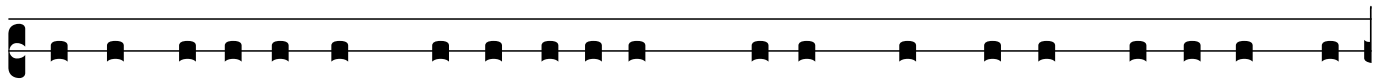
and insight he has made known to us the myster-y of his will, according to



his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,



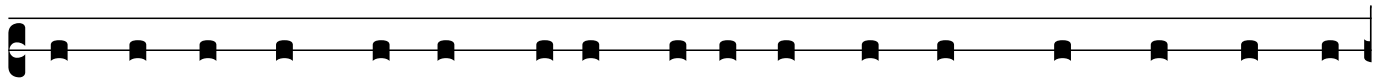
to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ



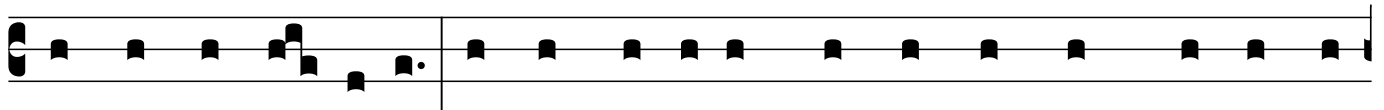
we have also obtained an inher-it-ance, hav-ing been des-tined according to



the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and



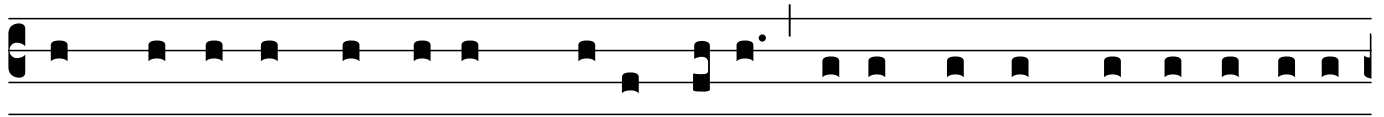
will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for



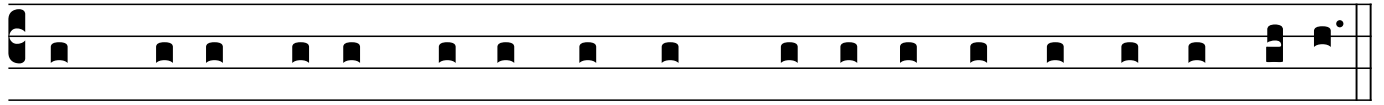
the praise of his glo-ry. In him you also, when you had heard the word of



truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had be-lieved in him, were marked



with the seal of the promised Ho-ly Spir-it; this is the pledge of our inher-it-



ance toward re-demption as God's own people, to the praise of his glo-ry.