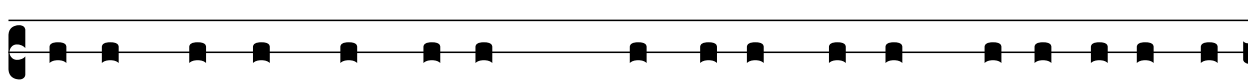
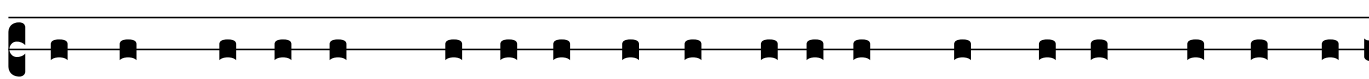


# Colossians 2:6-19

Proper 12



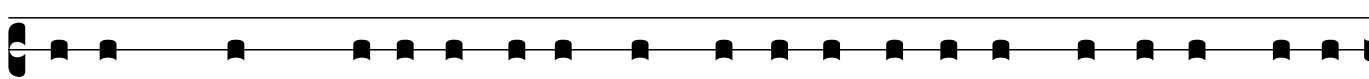
**A**s you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk



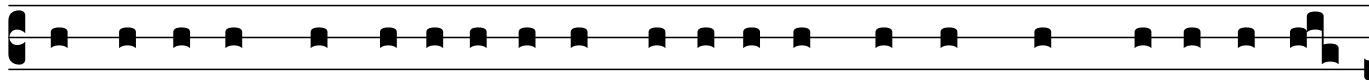
in him, root-ed and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you



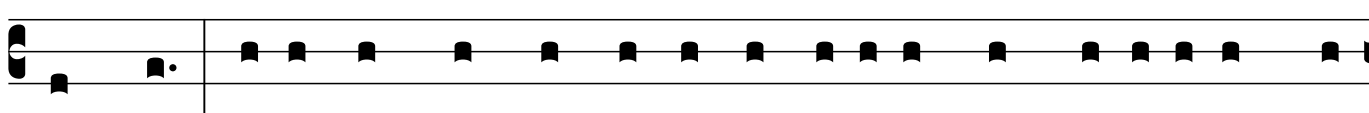
were taught, abounding in thanksgiv-ing. Watch out that no one takes you



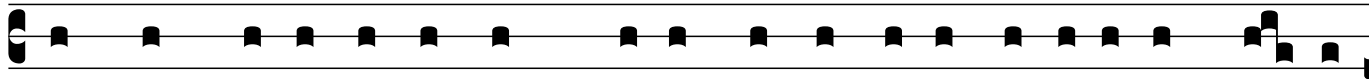
captive through phi-los-ophy and empty de-ceipt, according to human tra-di-



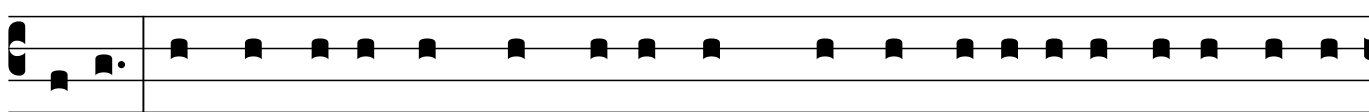
tion, according to the el-emental principles of the world, and not according



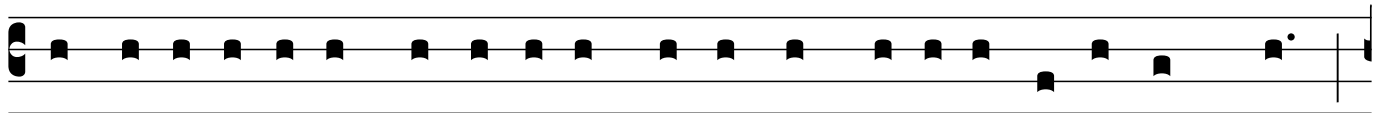
to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of de-i-ty dwells bod-i-ly, and you



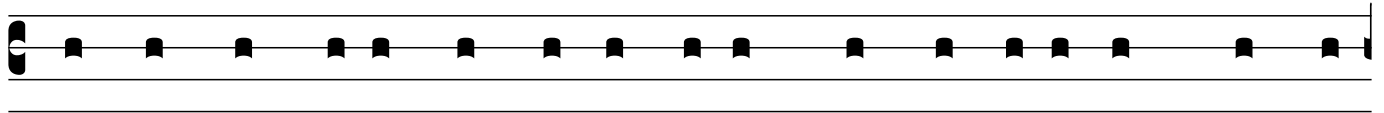
have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every rul-er and au-thor-



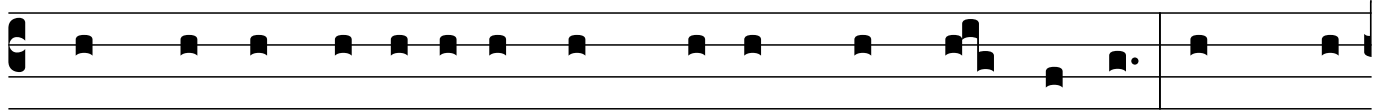
i-ty. In him also you were circumcised with a spir-it-u- al circumci-sion,



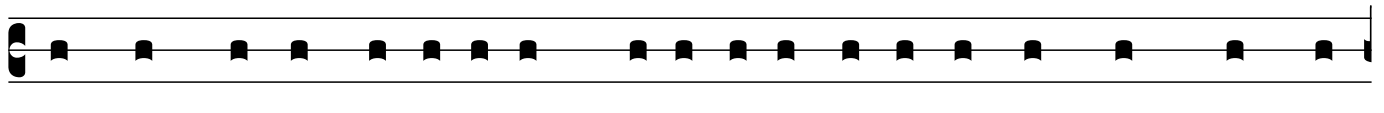
by the remov-al of the bod-y of the flesh in the circumci-sion of Christ;



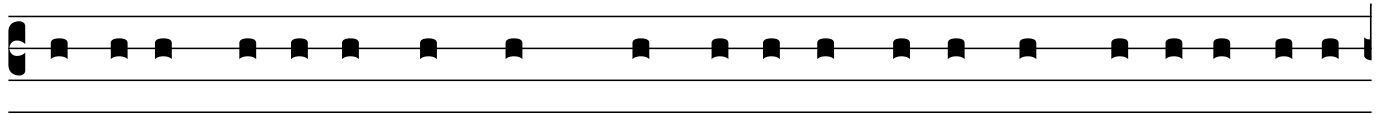
when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him



through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when



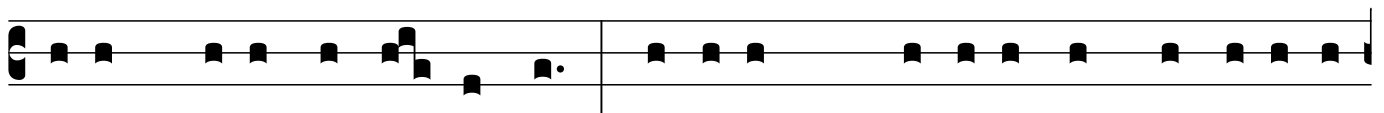
you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumci-sion of your flesh, God made



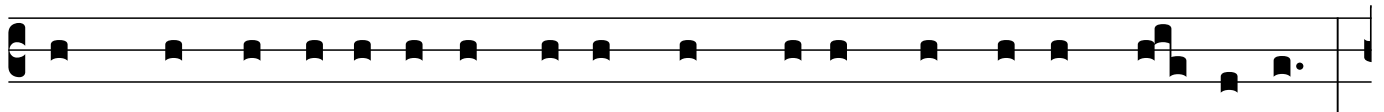
you a-live to-gether with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, e-ras-



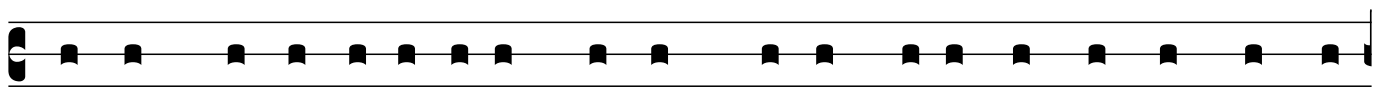
ing the re-cord that stood against us with its le- gal demands. He set this



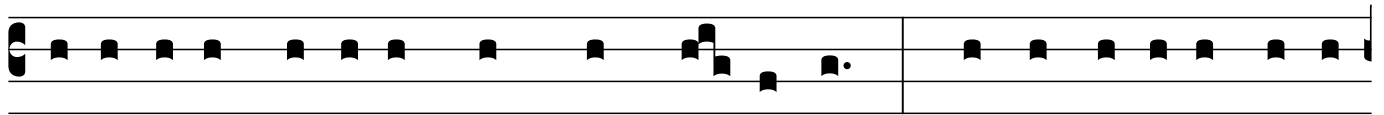
a-side, nail-ing it to the cross. He dis-armed the rul-ers and author-i-ties



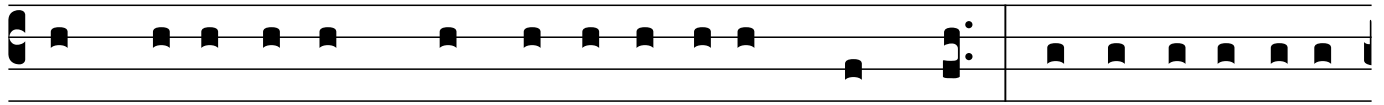
and made a public ex-ample of them, tri- umphing o-ver them in it.



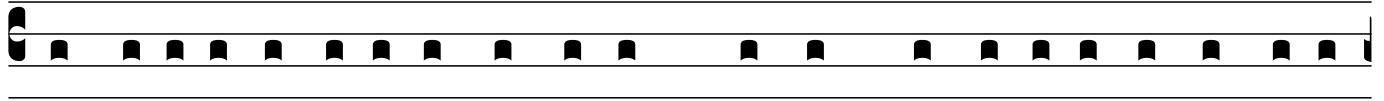
Therefore, do not let an-y- one condemn you in matters of food or drink or



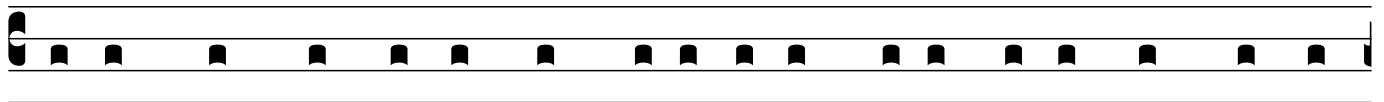
of observing fes-ti-vals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shad-ow



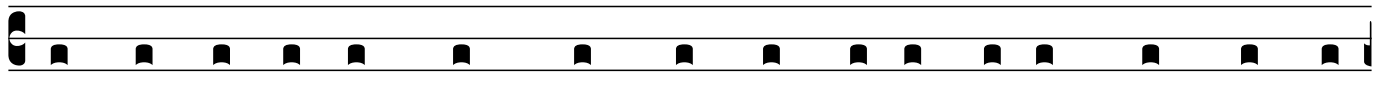
of what is to come, but the bod-y be-longs to Christ. Do not let an-y- one



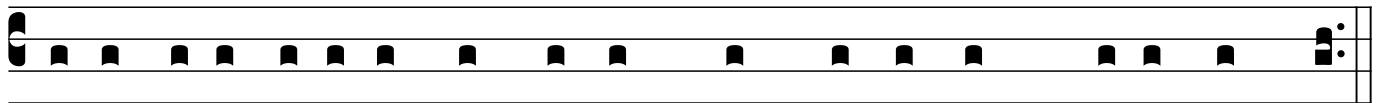
disqual-i-fy you, insist-ing on self-abasement and worship of angels, initia-tory



vi-sions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not hold-



ing fast to the head, from whom the whole bod-y, nour-ished and held to-



gether by its lig-aments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.