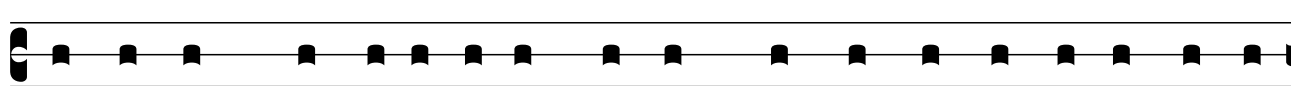
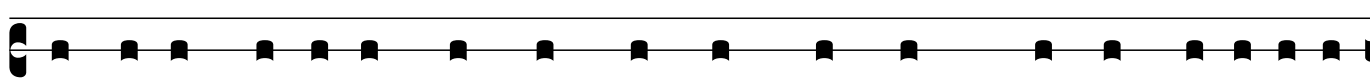


Ephesians 4:1-16

Proper 13



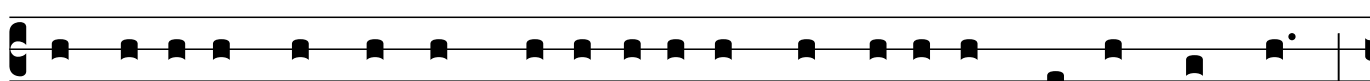
I, therefore, the pris-on-er in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner



worthy of the call-ing to which you have been called, with all humil- i-ty



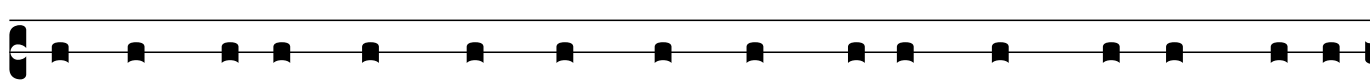
and gentle-ness, with pa-tience, bear-ing with one an- other in love, mak-ing



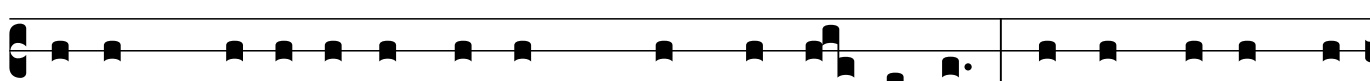
every effort to maintain the u-ni-ty of the Spir-it in the bond of peace:



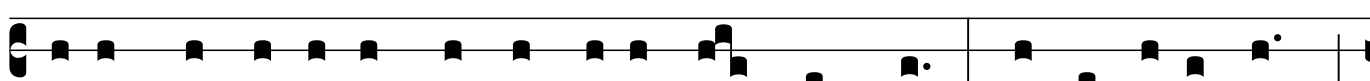
there is one bod-y and one Spir-it, just as you were called to the one hope



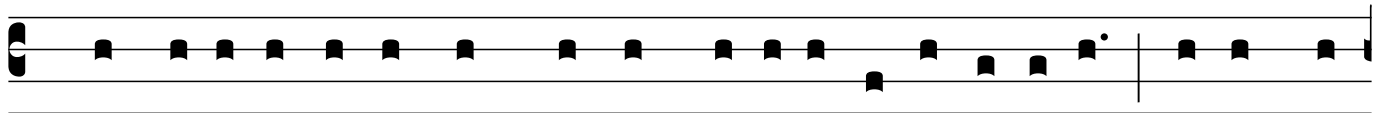
of your call-ing, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father



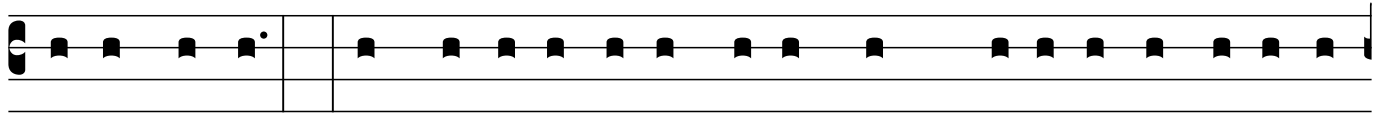
of all, who is a-bove all and through all and in all. But each of us was



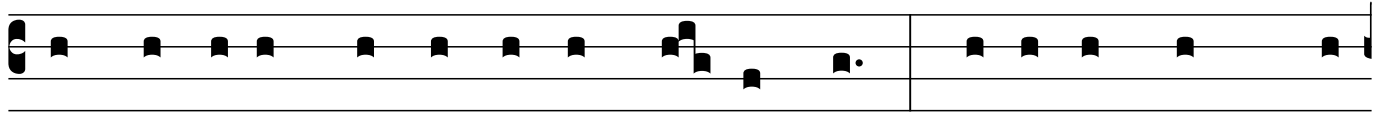
giv-en grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,



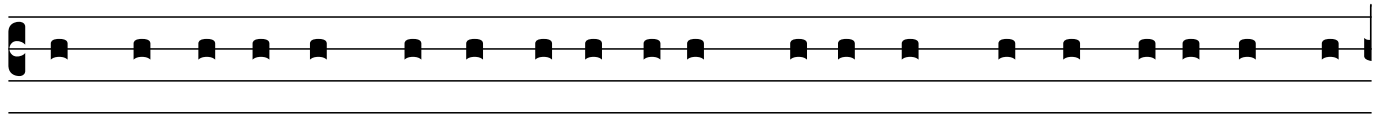
“When he ascended on high, he made captivity it-self a captive; he gave gifts



to his people.” He who descended is the same one who ascended far a-bove



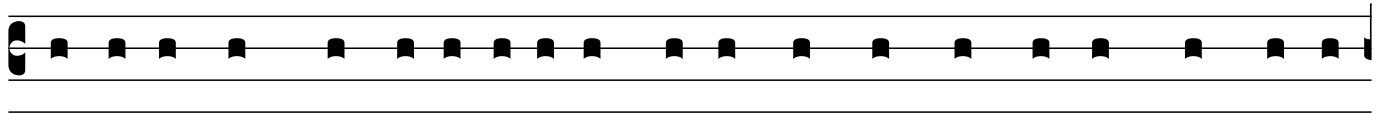
all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. He himself granted that



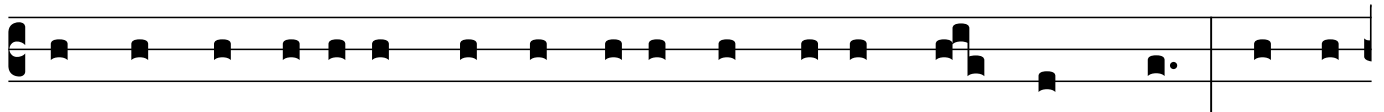
some are a-postles, prophets, e-vange-lists, pastors and teachers to equip the



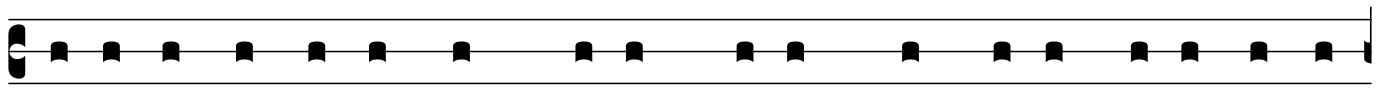
saints for the work of min-istry, for build-ing up the bod-y of Christ, until



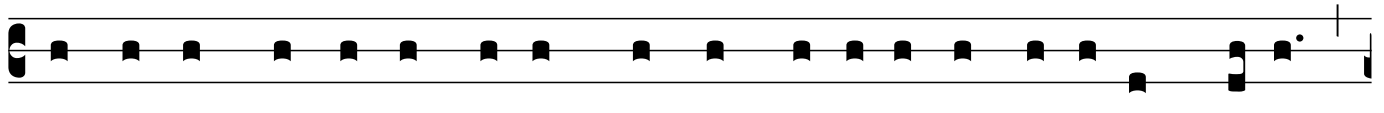
all of us come to the u-ni-ty of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son



of God, to ma-tu-rity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must



no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind



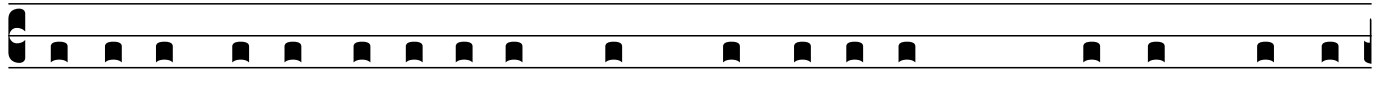
of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craft-i-ness in de-ceitful scheming;



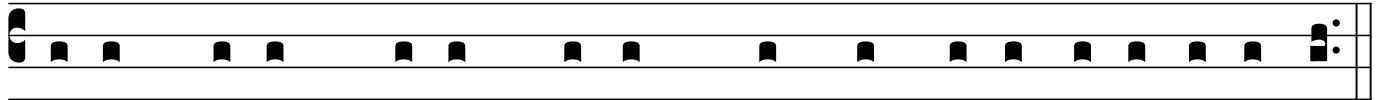
but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him



who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole bod-y, joined and knit



to-gether by every lig-ament with which it is equipped, as each part is



working prop-erly, promotes the body's growth in build-ing it-self up in love.