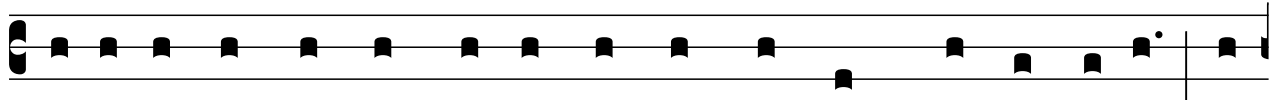
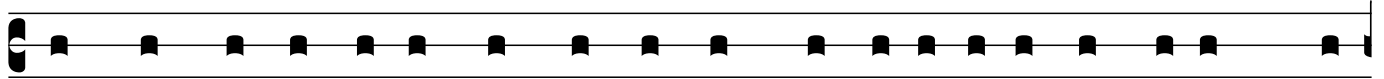


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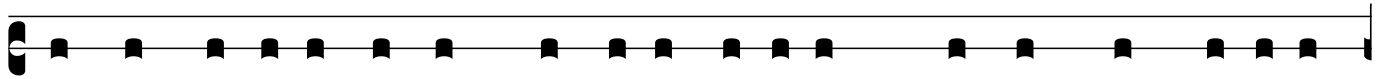
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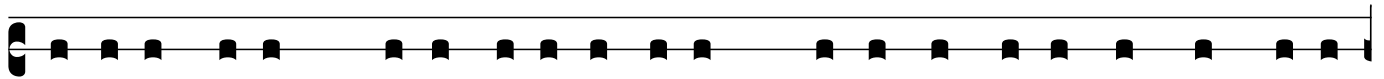
Fi-nal-ly, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put



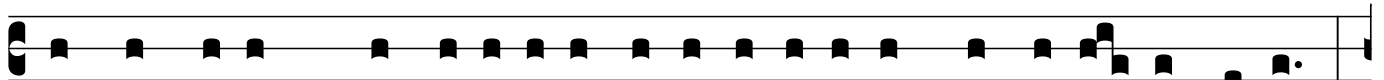
on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the



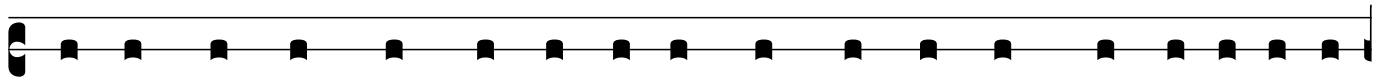
wiles of the dev-il, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against



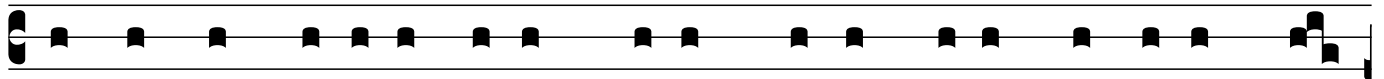
the rul-ers, against the author-i-ties, against the cosmic powers of this pre-sent



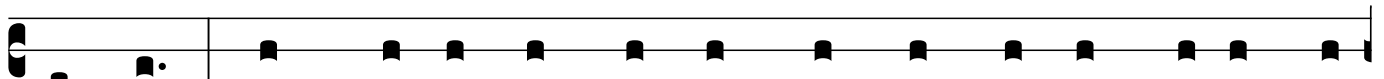
darkness, against the spir-it-u-al forces of e-vil in the heaven-ly plac-es.



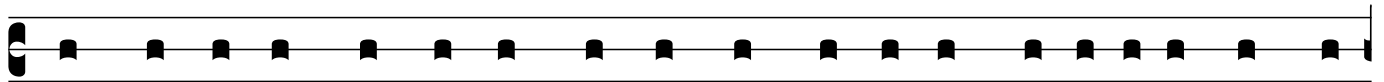
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to



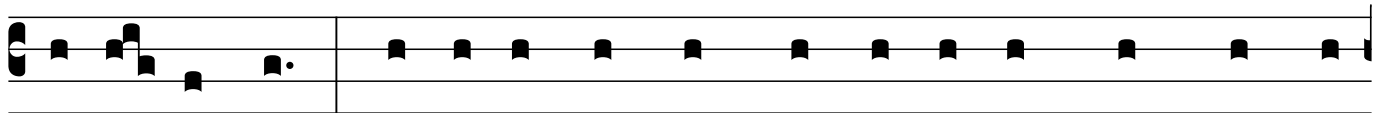
withstand on the e-vil day and, hav-ing pre-vailed against everything, to



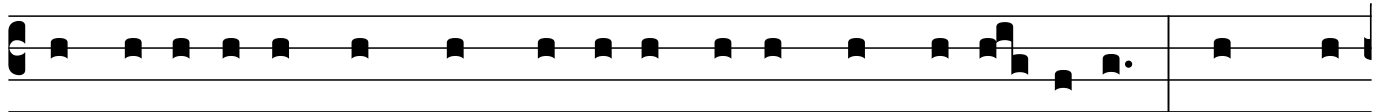
stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the



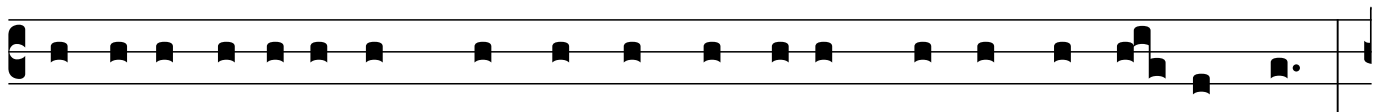
breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the



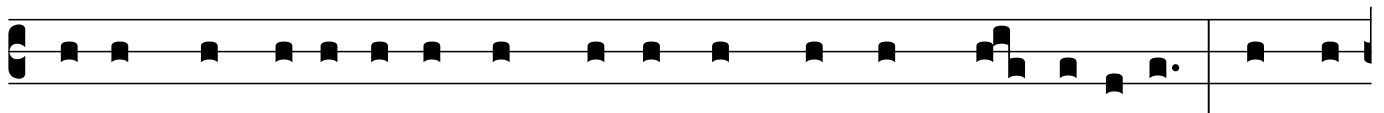
gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you



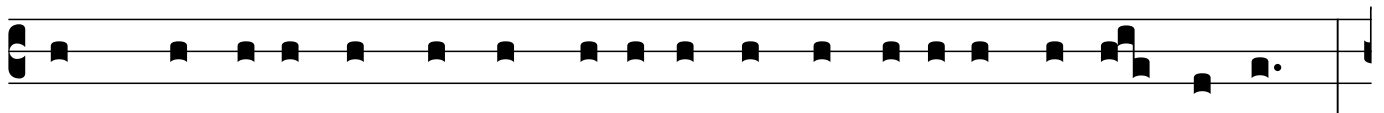
will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the



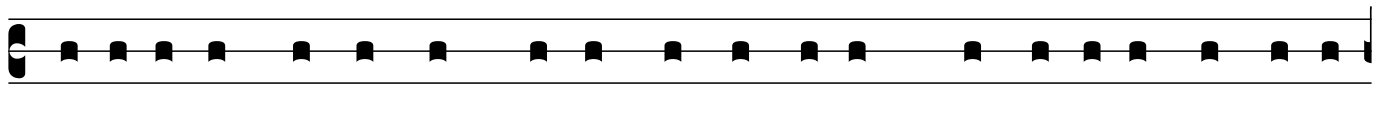
helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



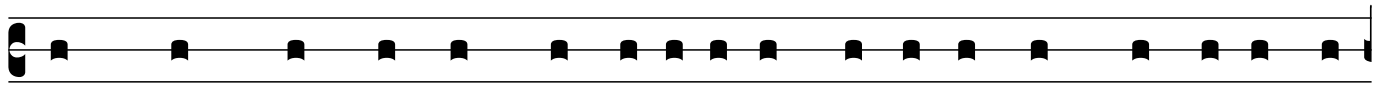
Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that



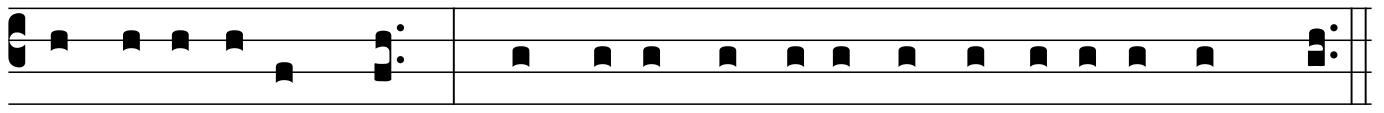
end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.



Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to



make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an



ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.