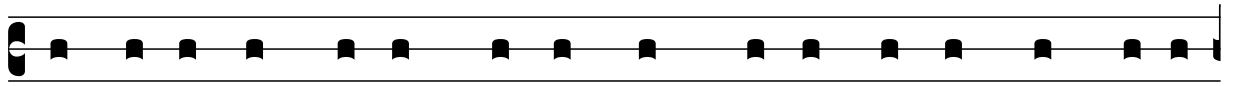
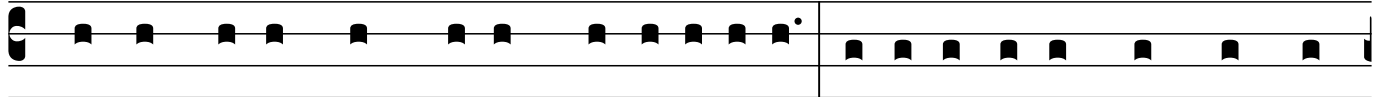


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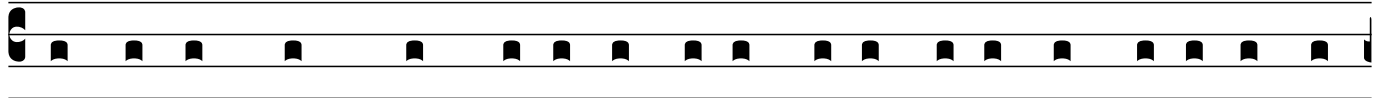
Proper 18



My brothers and sis-ters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Je-sus



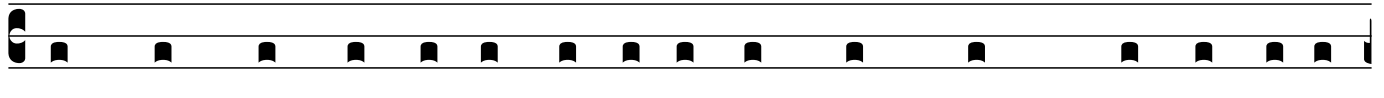
Christ of glo-ry while showing par-ti- al-i-ty. For if a person with gold rings



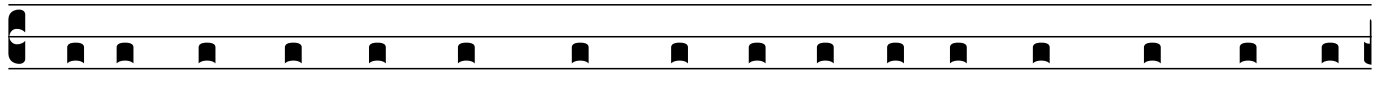
and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty



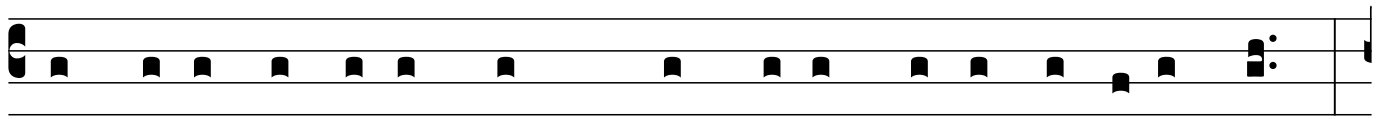
clothes also comes in, and if you take no-tice of the one wear-ing the fine



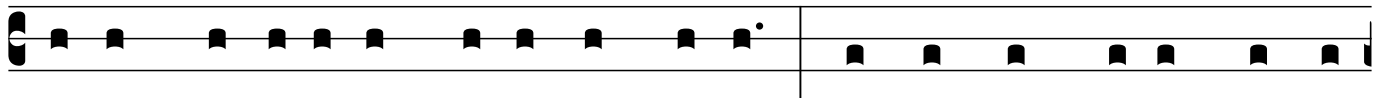
clothes and say,“Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one



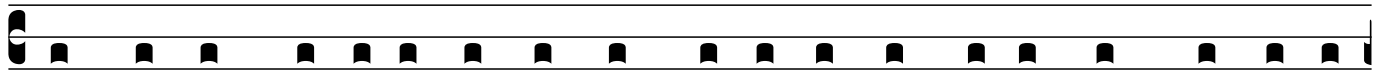
who is poor you say,“Stand there,” or,“Sit by my footstool,” have you not



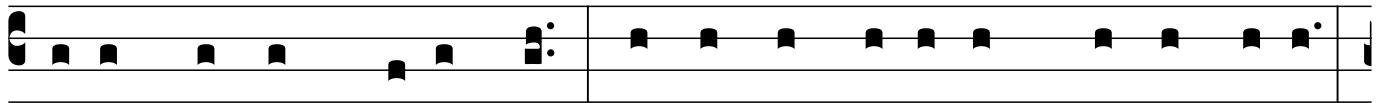
made dis-tinctions among yourselves and be-come judges with e-vil thoughts?



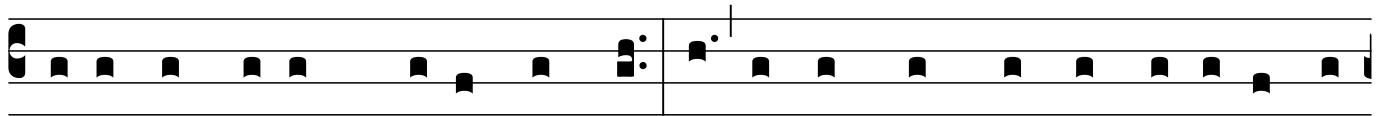
Lis-ten, my be-lov-ed brothers and sis-ters. Has not God cho-sen the poor



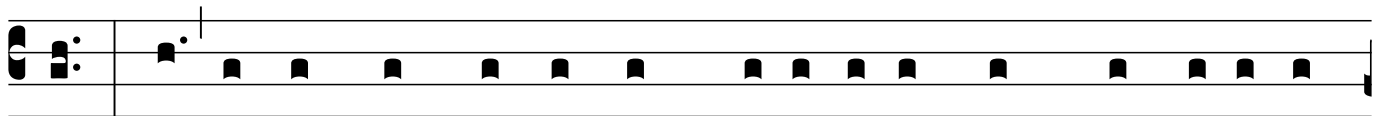
in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has



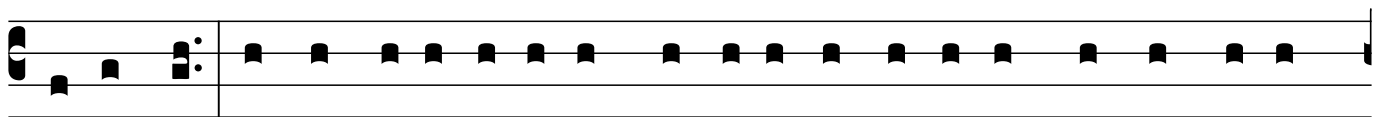
promised to those who love him? But you have dishon-ored the poor person.



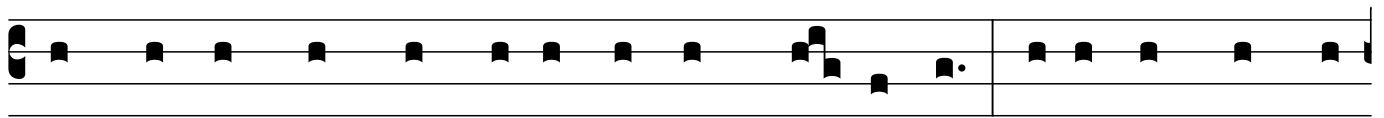
Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the



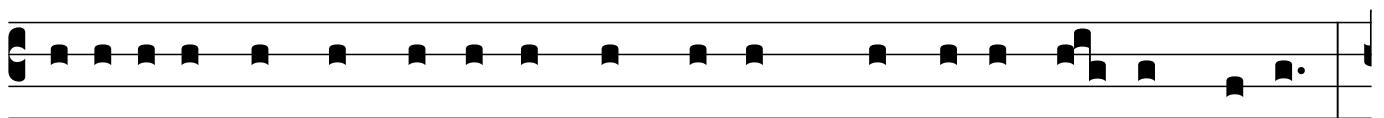
courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excel-lent name that was invoked



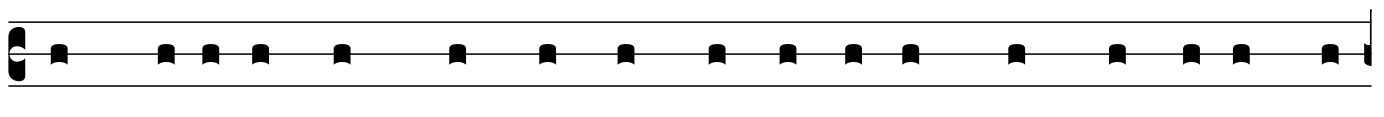
o-ver you? If you re- al-ly ful-fill the roy-al law according to the scripture, “-



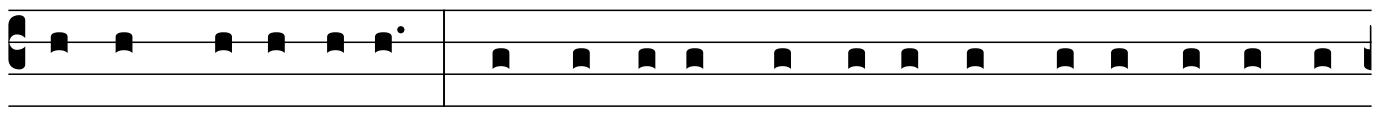
You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. But if you show par-



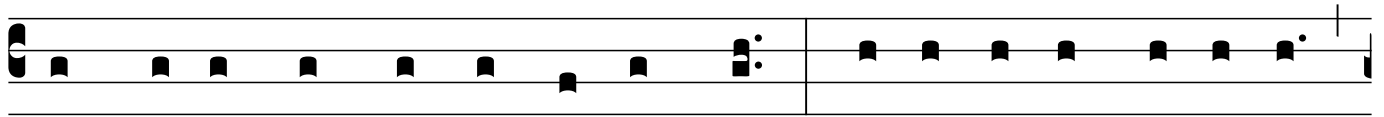
ti- al-i-ty, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.



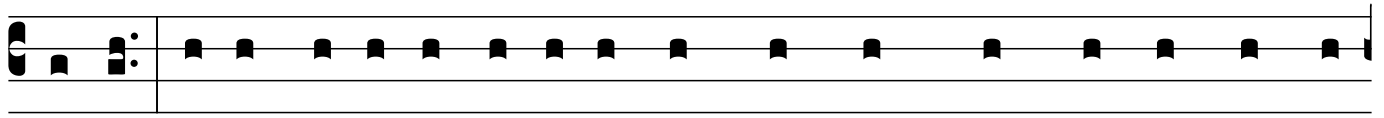
For who- ev-er keeps the whole law but fails in one point has be-come ac-



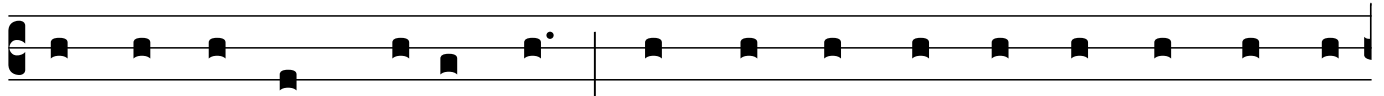
countable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sis-ters, if someone



claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save,



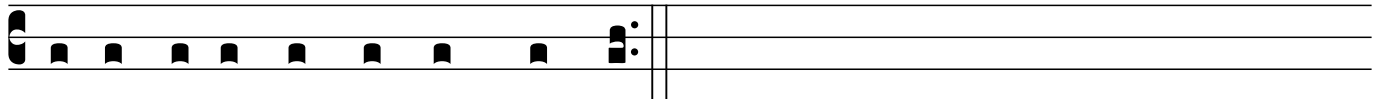
can it? If a brother or sis-ter is naked and lacks daily food and one of



you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you



do not supply their bod-i-ly needs, what is the good of that? So faith by



it-self, if it has no works, is dead.