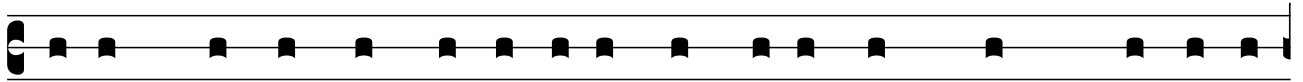


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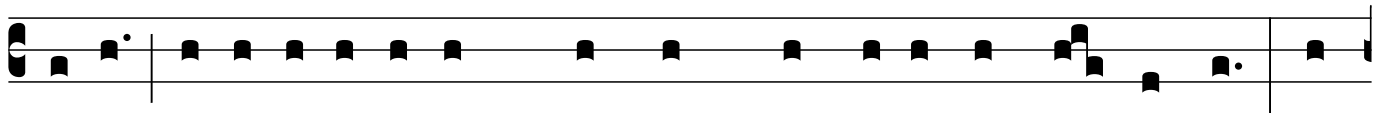
*Proper 23*



**I**ndeed, the word of God is liv-ing and active and sharper than an-y



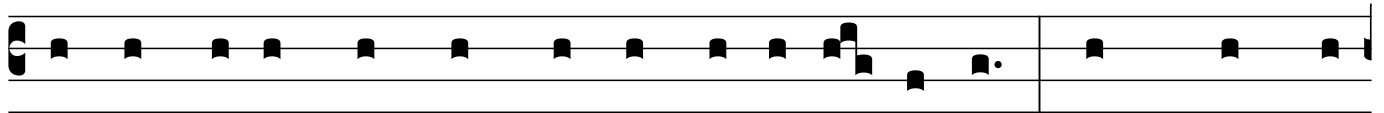
two- edged sword, piercing until it di-vides soul from spir-it, joints from



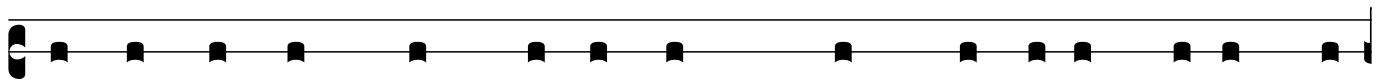
marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And



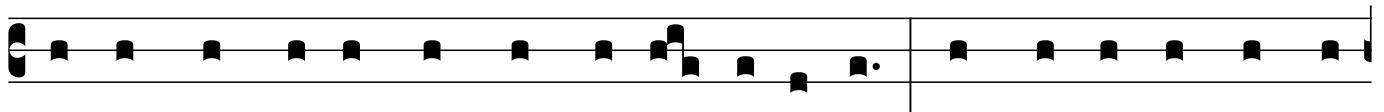
be-fore him no crea-ture is hidden, but all are na-ked and laid bare to the



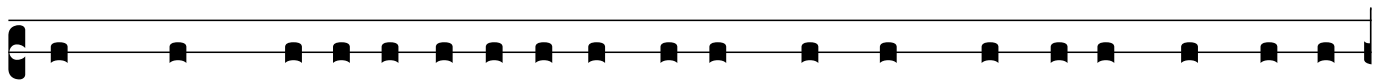
eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we



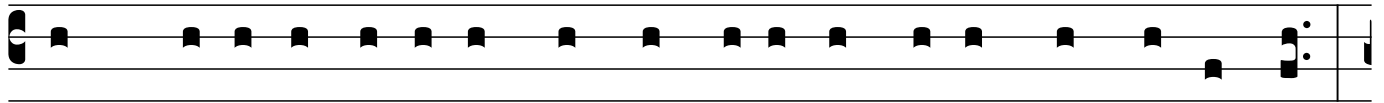
have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Je-sus, the



Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a



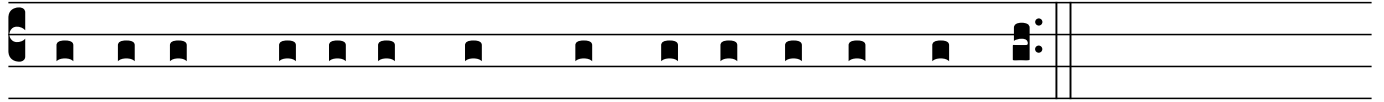
high priest who is un-able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have



one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.



Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we



may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.