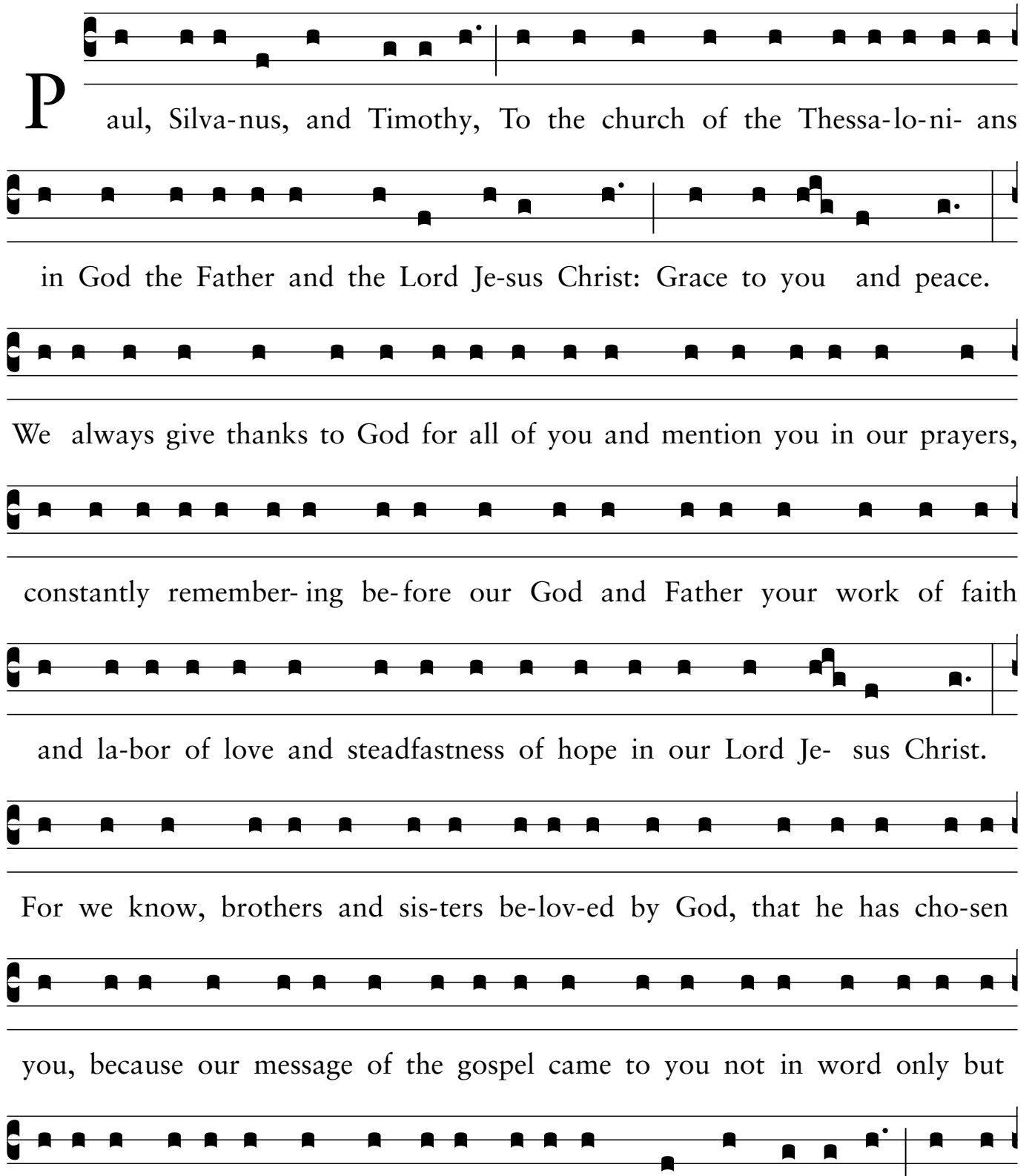
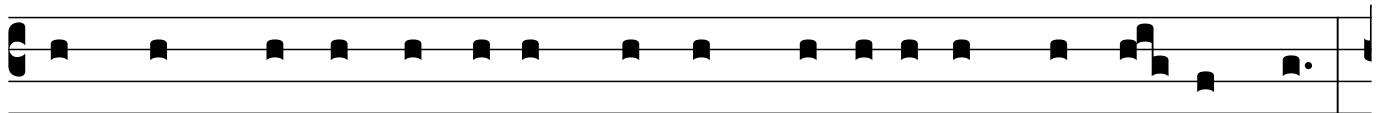


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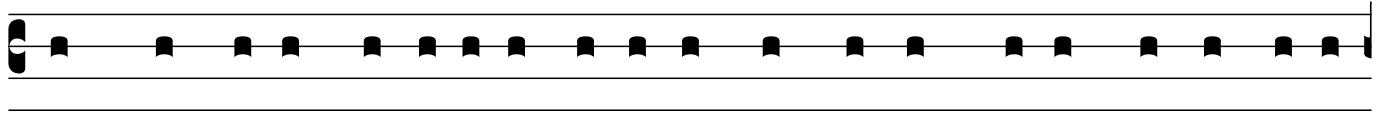
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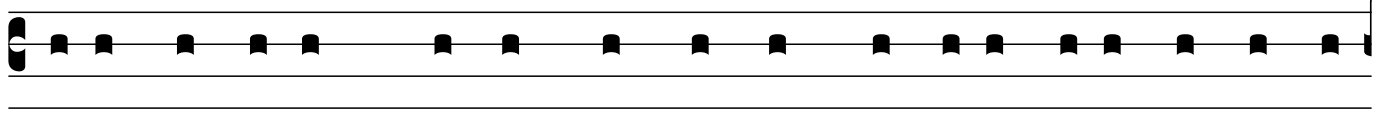
**P**aul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians  
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.  
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,  
constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith  
and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen  
you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but  
also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as



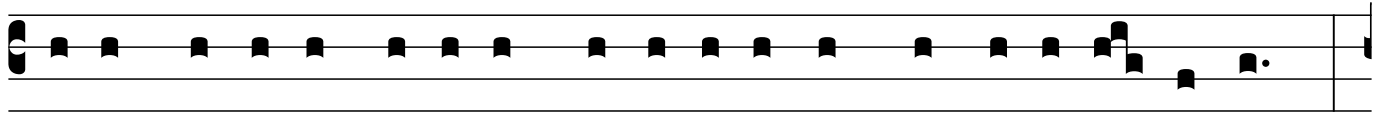
you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.



And you be-came im-i-ta-tors of us and of the Lord, for in spite of perse-



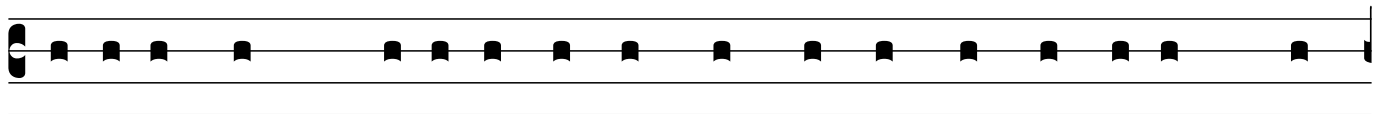
cution you re-ceived the word with joy from the Ho-ly Spir-it, so that you



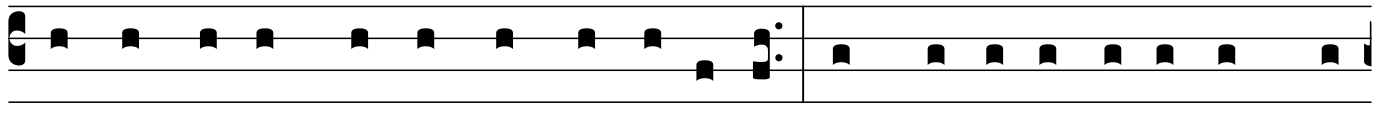
be-came an ex-ample to all the be-liev-ers in Macedonia and in Achaia.



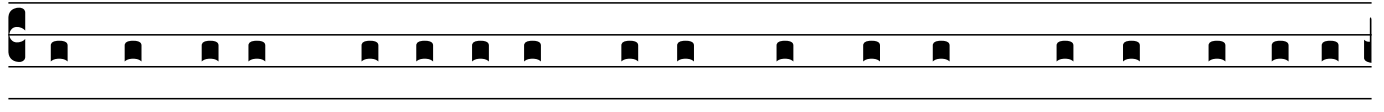
For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Mace-



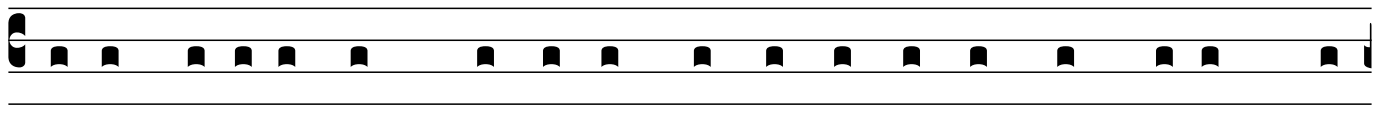
donia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has be-come known,



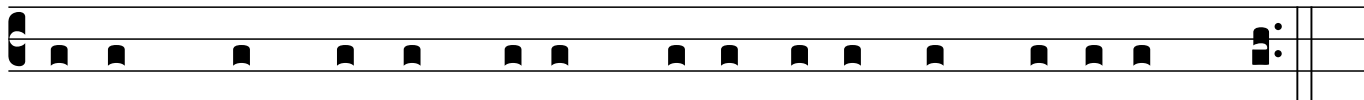
so that we have no need to speak about it. For they re-port about us what



kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from i-dols



to serve a liv-ing and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom



he raised from the dead—Je-sus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.