

# 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

*Proper 25*

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ou yourselves know, brothers and sis-ters, that our coming to you

was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully

mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare

to you the gospel of God in spite of great op-po-si-tion. For our appeal does

not spring from de-keit or impure mo-tives or tricker-y, but, just as we have

been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, e-ven

so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts.

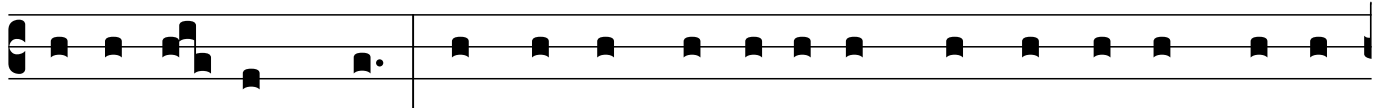
As you know and as God is our witness, we nev-er came with words of



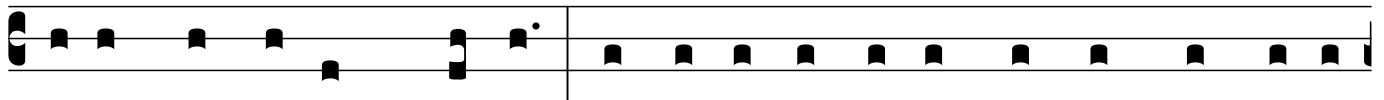
flattery or with a pre-text for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals,



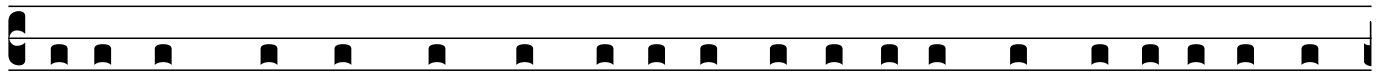
whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as



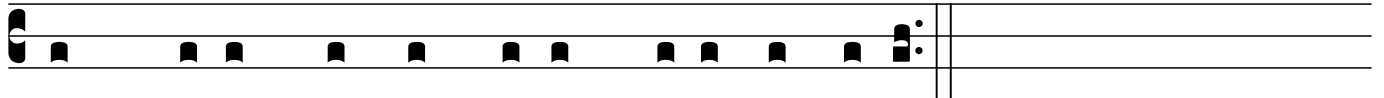
a-postles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly



car-ing for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are



de-termined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own



selves, because you have be-come ver-y dear to us.