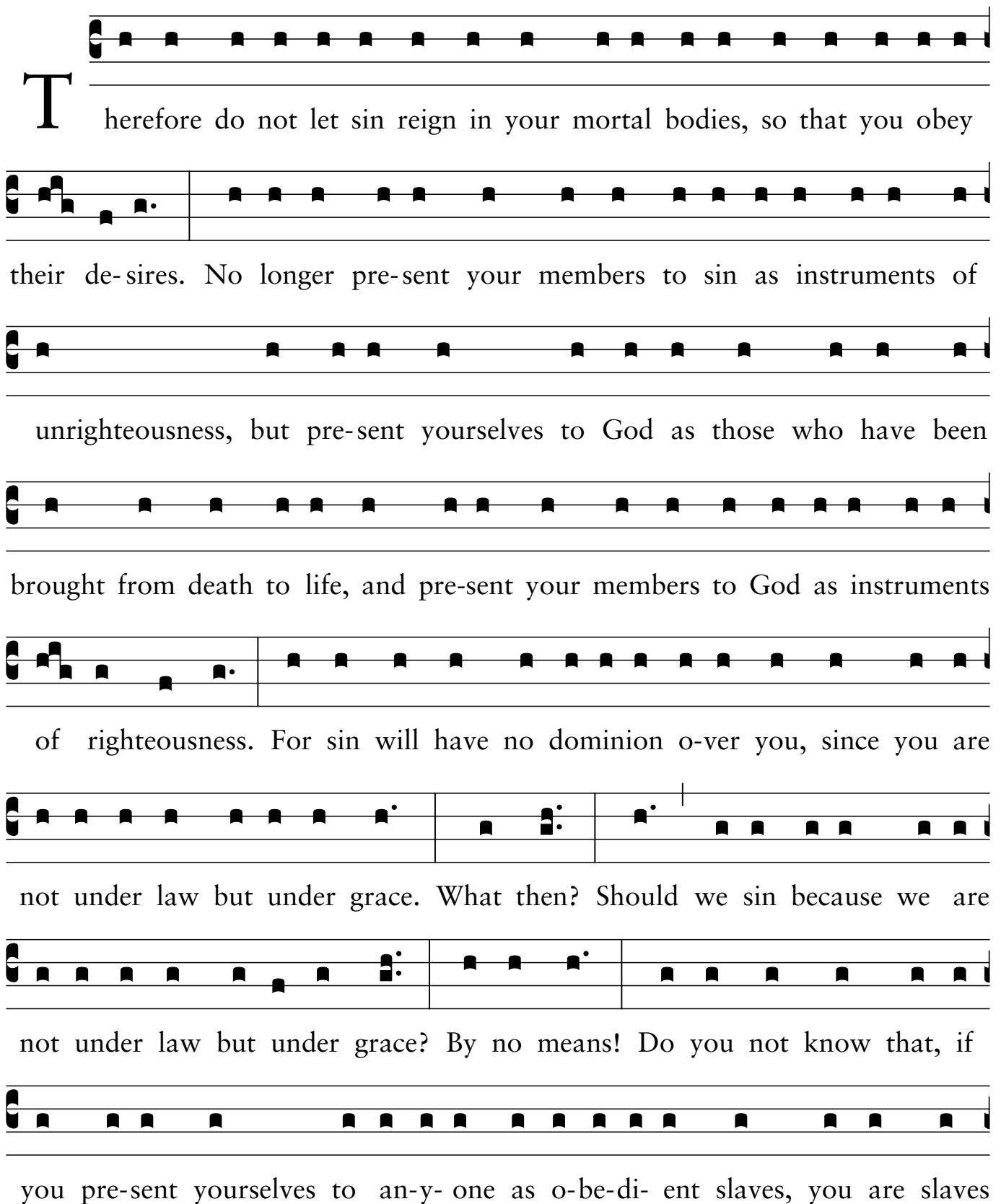


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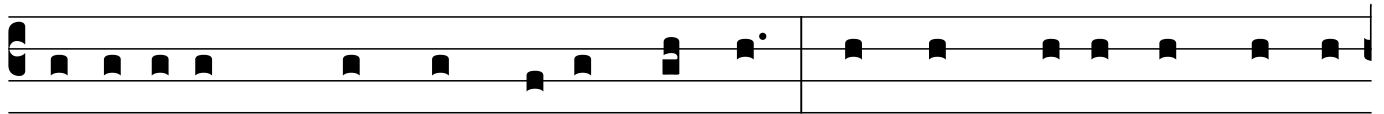
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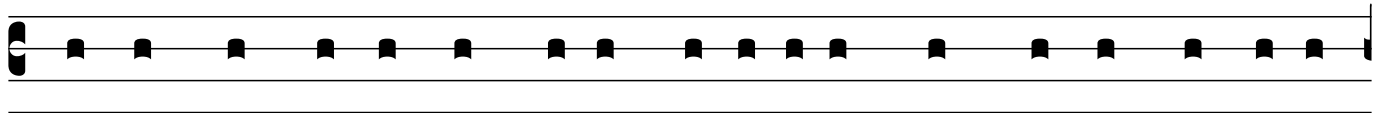
T herefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their de-sires. No longer pre-sent your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but pre-sent yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and pre-sent your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion o-ver you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you pre-sent yourselves to an-y- one as o-be-di- ent slaves, you are slaves



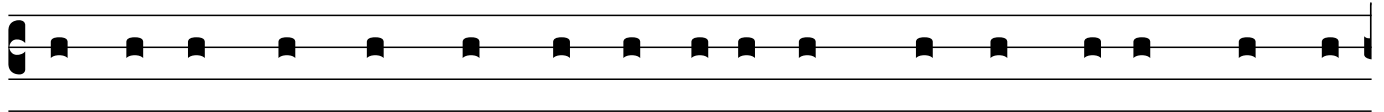
of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of



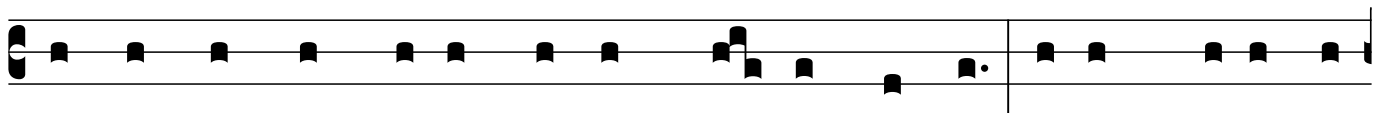
o-be-di- ence, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you



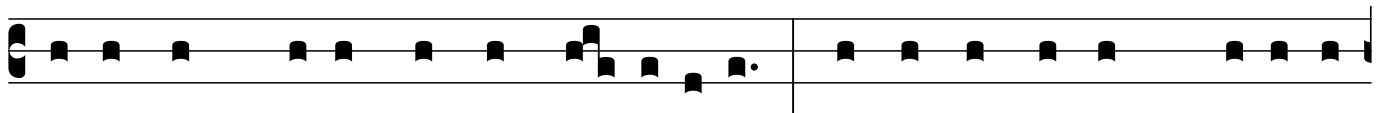
who were slaves of sin have be-come o-be-di- ent from the heart to the form



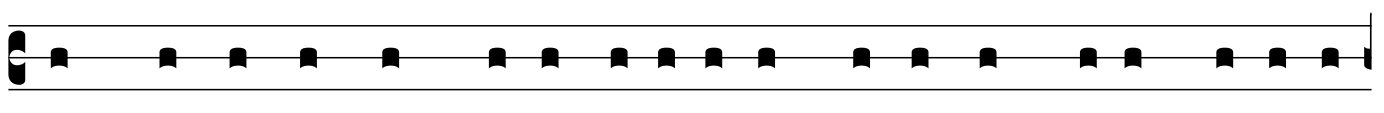
of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, hav-ing been set



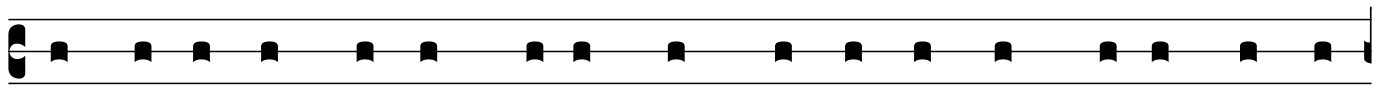
free from sin, have be-come enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in



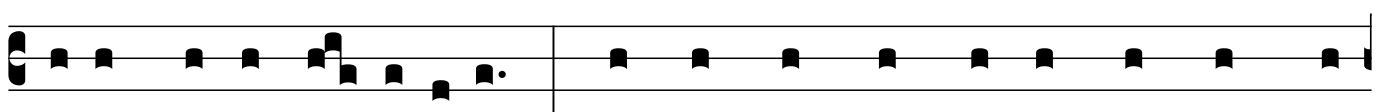
human terms because of your lim- i-tations. For just as you once pre-sented



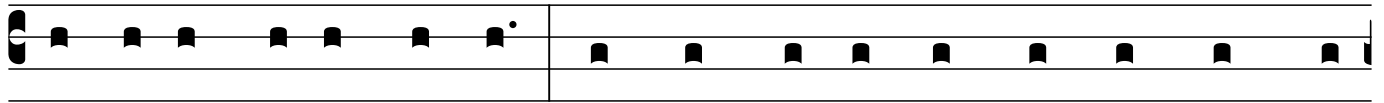
your members as slaves to impu-ri-ty and lawlessness, leading to e-ven



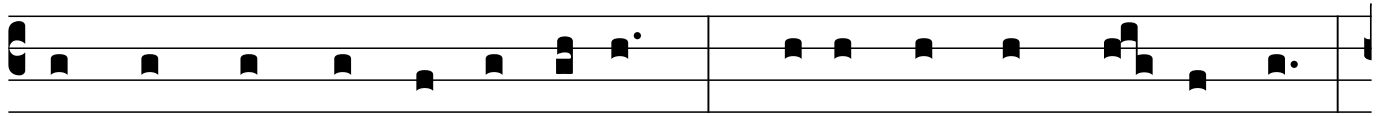
more lawlessness, so now pre-sent your members as slaves to righteousness,



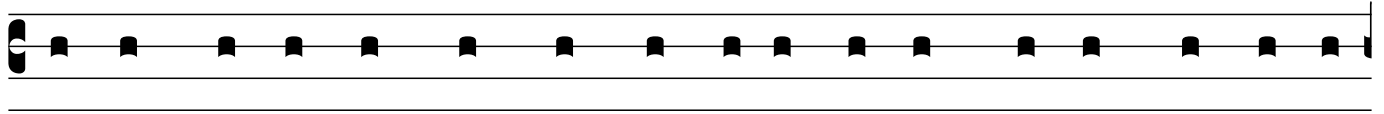
leading to sancti- fi-cation. When you were slaves of sin, you were free



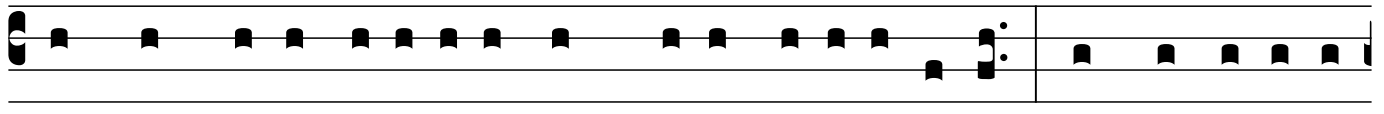
in re-gard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the



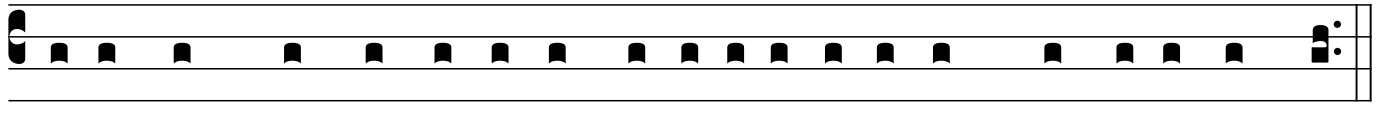
things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.



But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you



have leads to sancti- fi- cation, and the end is e-ternal life. For the wag-es of



sin is death, but the free gift of God is e-ternal life in Christ Je-sus our Lord.