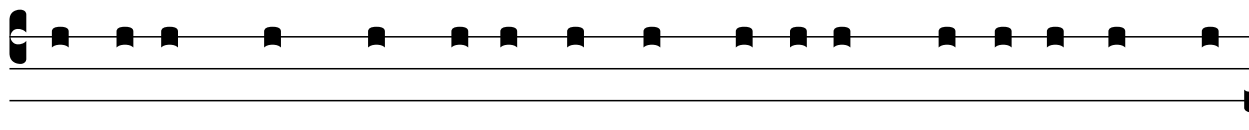
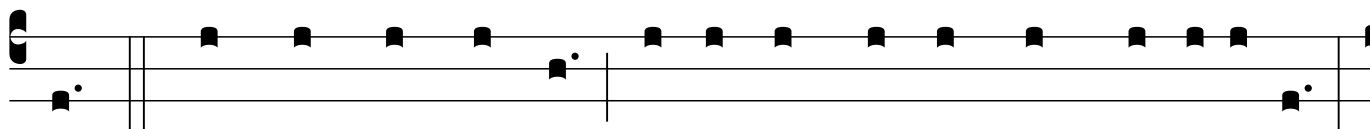


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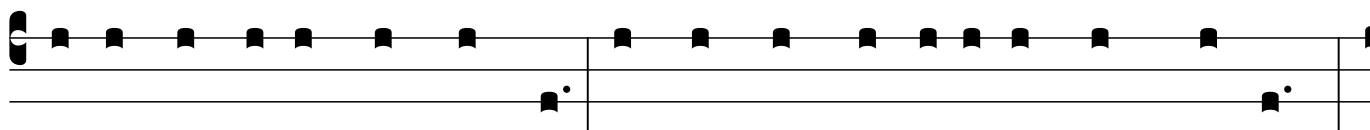


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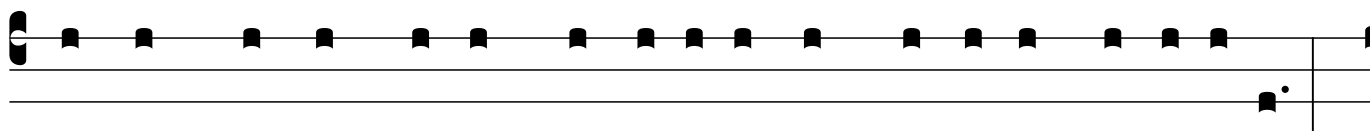
Reading from the Trea-tise of Saint Augustine the Bishop on the



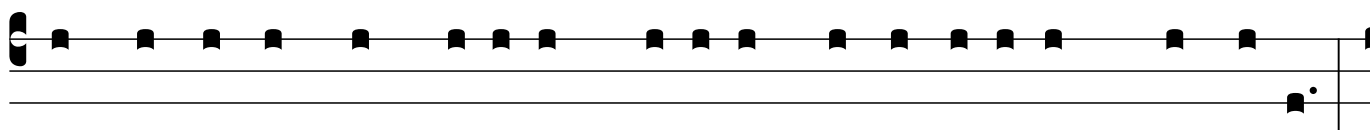
Psalms. Hear my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my pe-ti-tion.



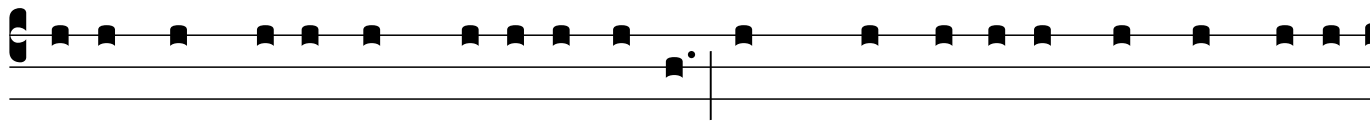
Lis-ten to me and answer me. I mourn in my tri- al and am troubled.”



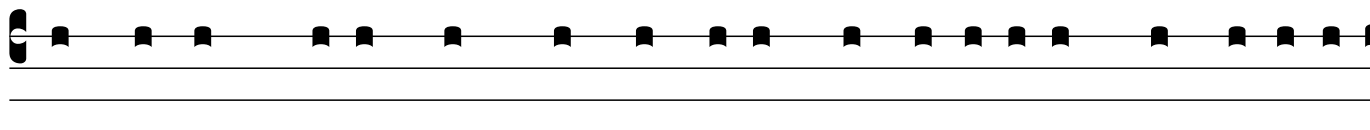
These are the words of one disqui- et-ed, in trouble and anxi- e-ty.



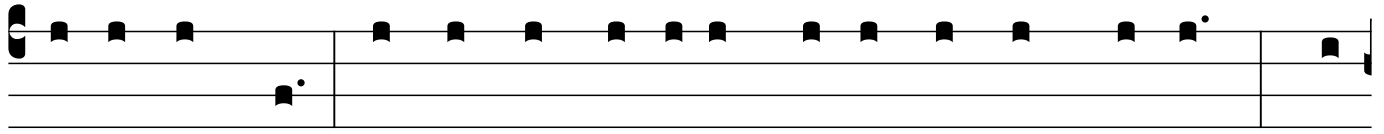
He prays under much suffer-ing, de-sir- ing to be de-liv-ered from e-vil.



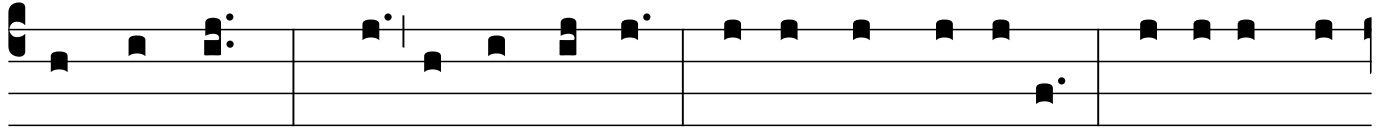
Let us now see under what e-vil he lies; and when he be-gins to speak, let us



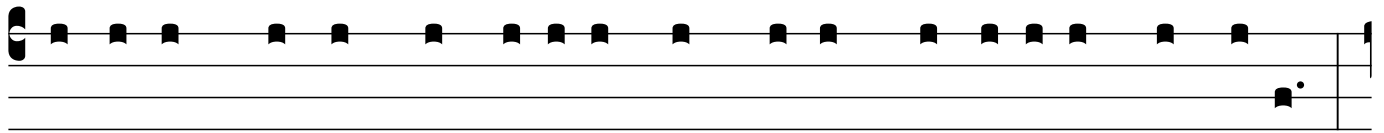
place ourselves be-side him, that, by shar-ing his trib-u-lation, we may also



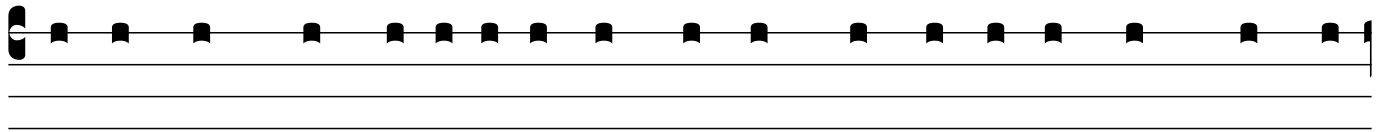
join in his prayer. "I mourn in my tri- al," he says, "and am troubled." When



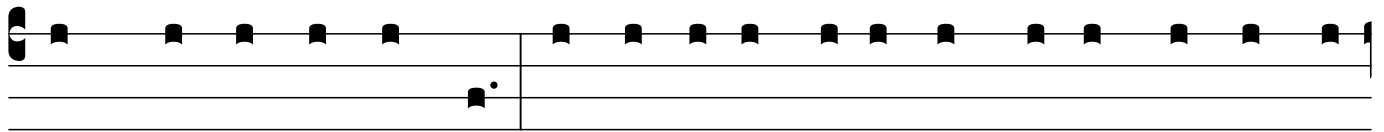
does he mourn? When is he troubled? He says, "In my tri- al." He has in mind



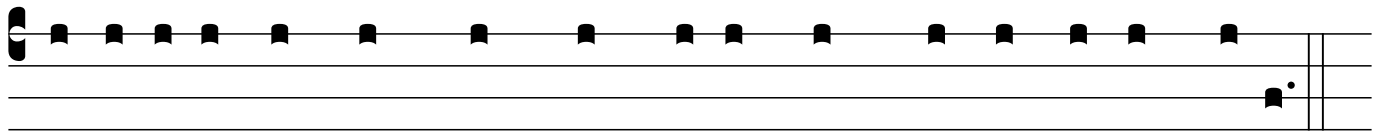
the wicked who cause him suffer- ing, and he calls this suffer- ing his "tri- al."



Do not think that the e- vil are in the world for no purpose, and that God



makes no good use of them. Every wicked person lives either that he may



be corrected, or that through him the righteous may be tried and tested.