

1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11

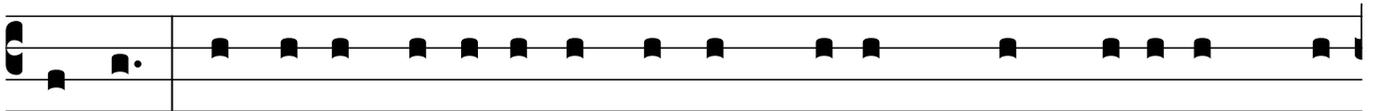
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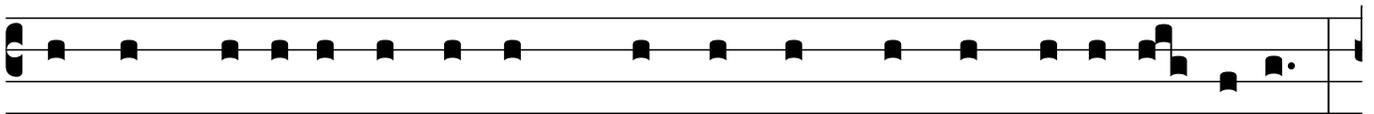
Be-lov-ed, do not be surprised at the fier-y ordeal that is tak-ing



place among you to test you, as though something strange were happen-ing



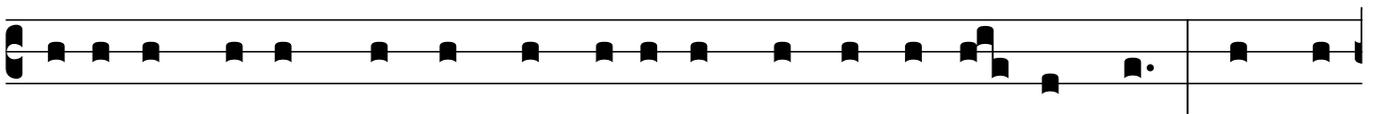
to you. But re-joyce inso-far as you are shar-ing Christ's suffer-ings, so



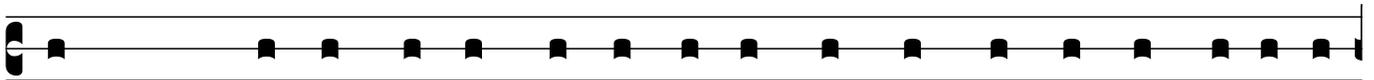
that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glo-ry is revealed.



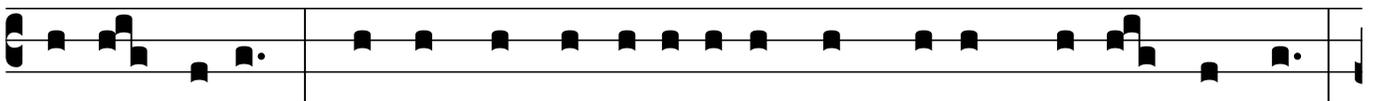
If you are re-viled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the



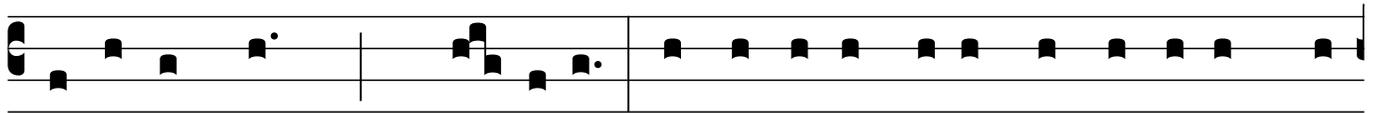
spir-it of glo-ry, which is the Spir-it of God, is rest-ing on you. Humble



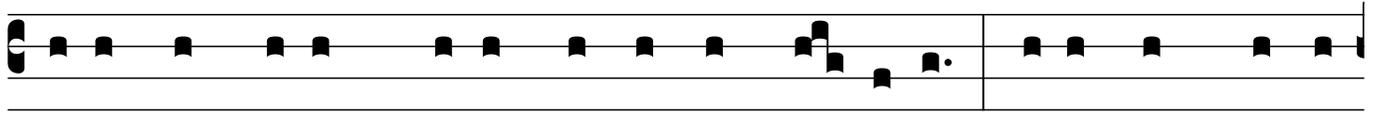
yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may ex-alt



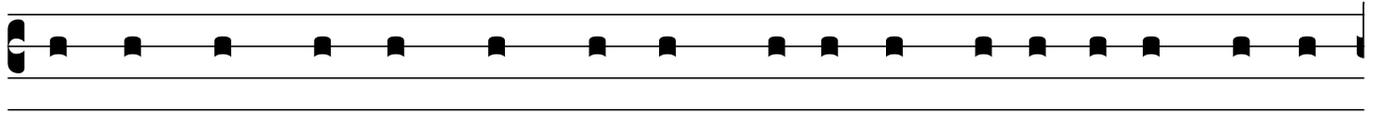
you in due time. Cast all your anxi-e-ty on him, because he cares for you.



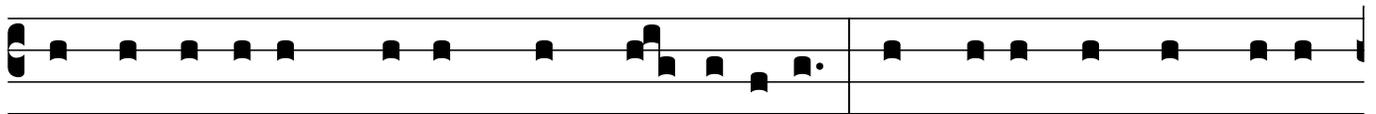
Dis-ci-pline yourselves; keep a-lert. Like a roar-ing li- on your adversary the



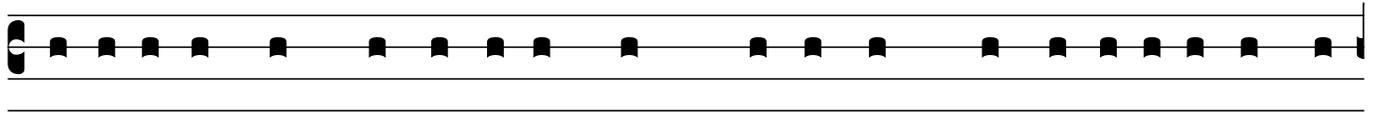
dev-il prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Re-sist him, steadfast



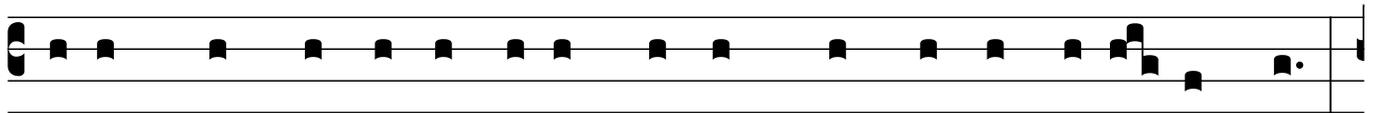
in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sis-ters in all the world



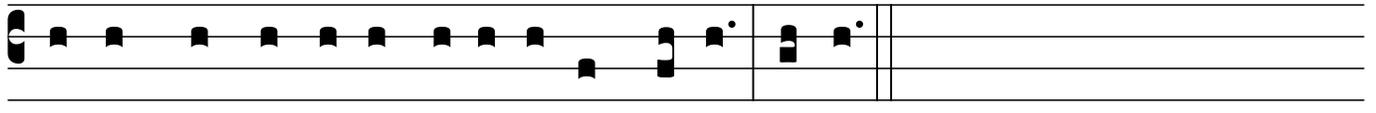
are under-go-ing the same kinds of suffer-ing. And after you have suffered



for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his e-ternal glo-



ry in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and estab-lish you.



To him be the power for-ev-er and ev-er. Amen.