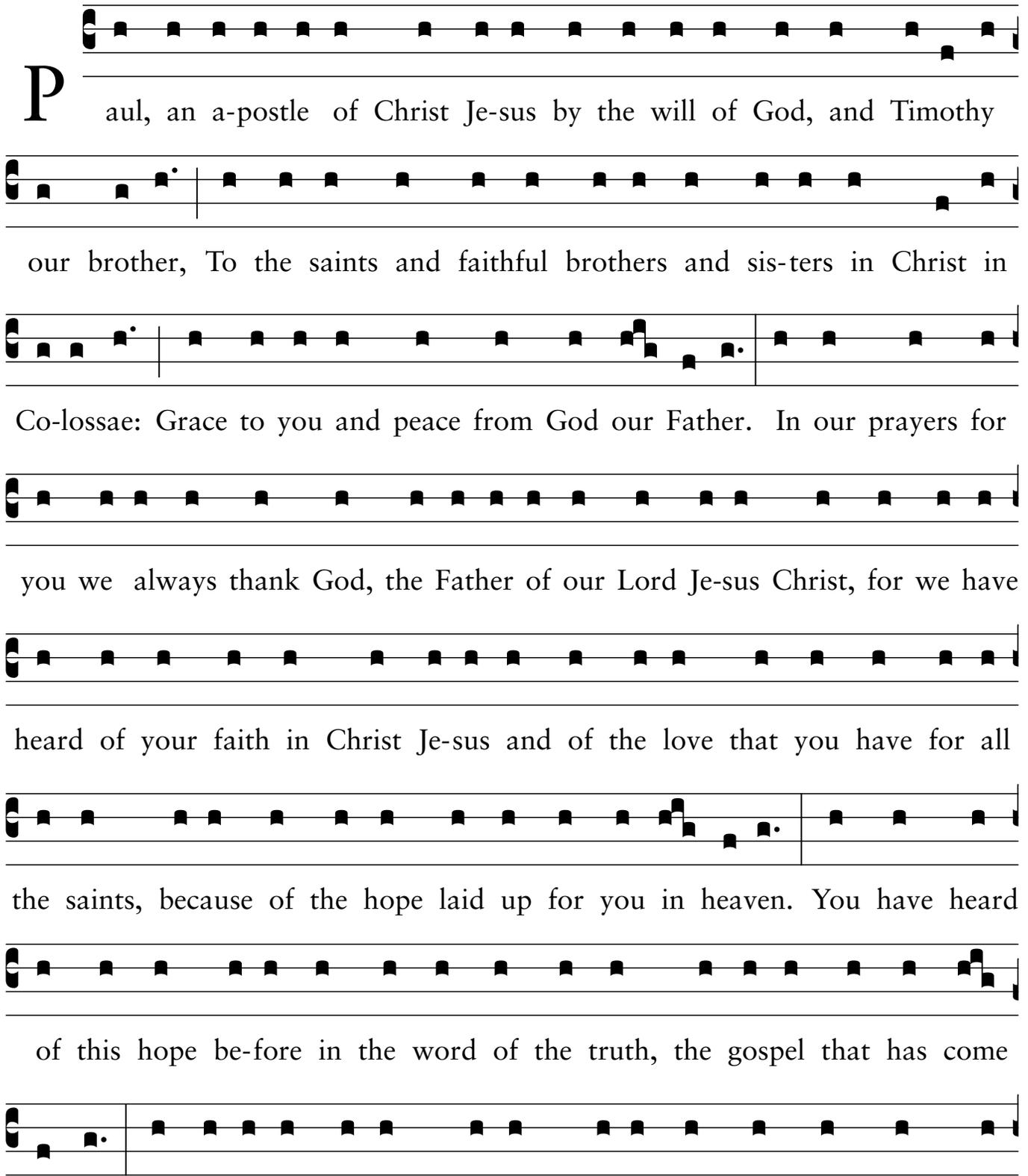


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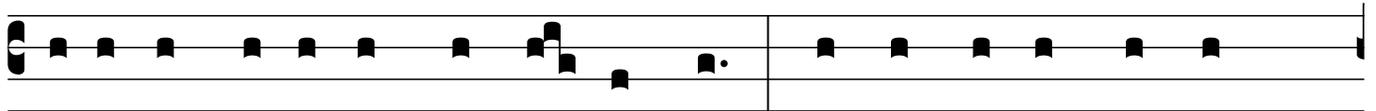
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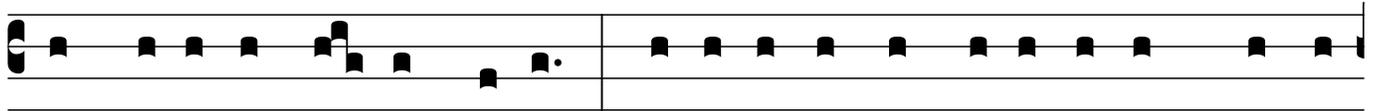
Paul, an a-postle of Christ Je-sus by the will of God, and Timothy
our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sis-ters in Christ in
Co-lossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for
you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Je-sus Christ, for we have
heard of your faith in Christ Je-sus and of the love that you have for all
the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard
of this hope be-fore in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come
to you. Just as it is bear-ing fruit and growing in the whole world, so



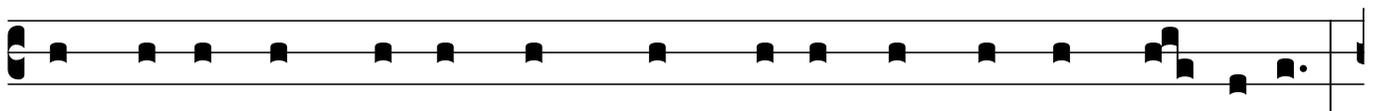
it has been bear-ing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and



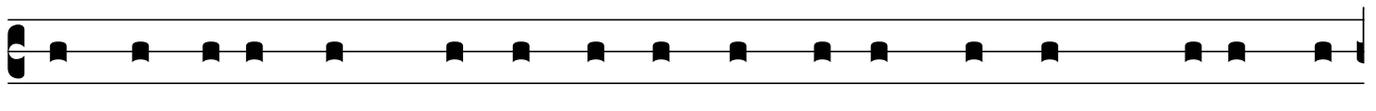
tru-ly compre-hended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras,



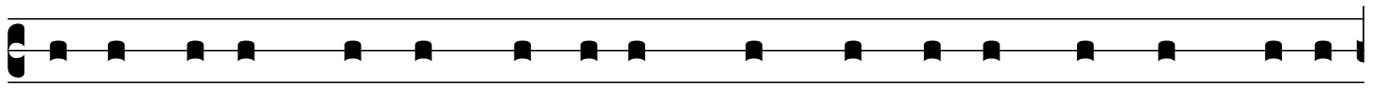
our be-lov-ed fel- low servant. He is a faithful min-is-ter of Christ on



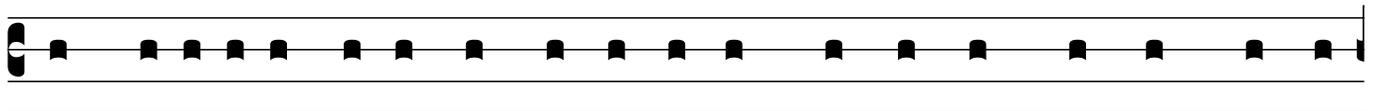
our be-half, and he has made known to us your love in the Spir- it.



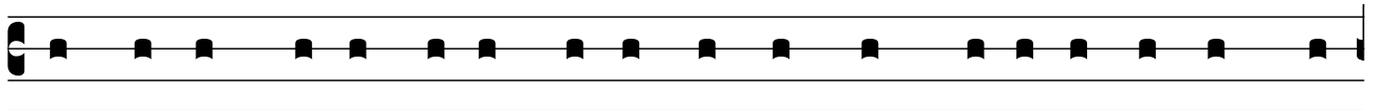
For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased pray-ing for



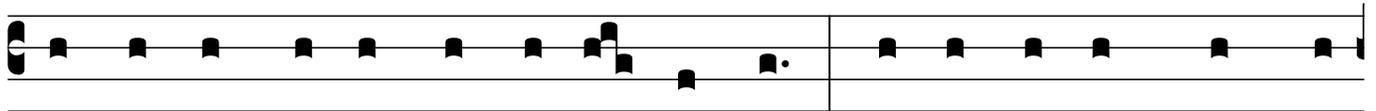
you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in



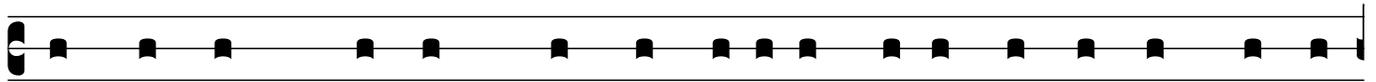
all spir-it-u- al wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy



of the Lord, ful-ly pleas-ing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work



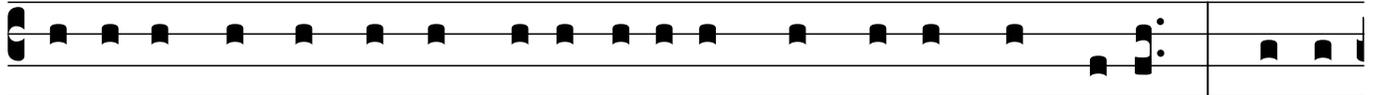
and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with



all the strength that comes from his glo-ri-ous power, so that you may have



all endur-ance and pa-tience, joyful-ly giv-ing thanks to the Father, who has



en-abled you to share in the inher-it-ance of the saints in the light. He has



rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom



of his be-lov-ed Son, in whom we have re-dem-ption, the forgiveness of sins.