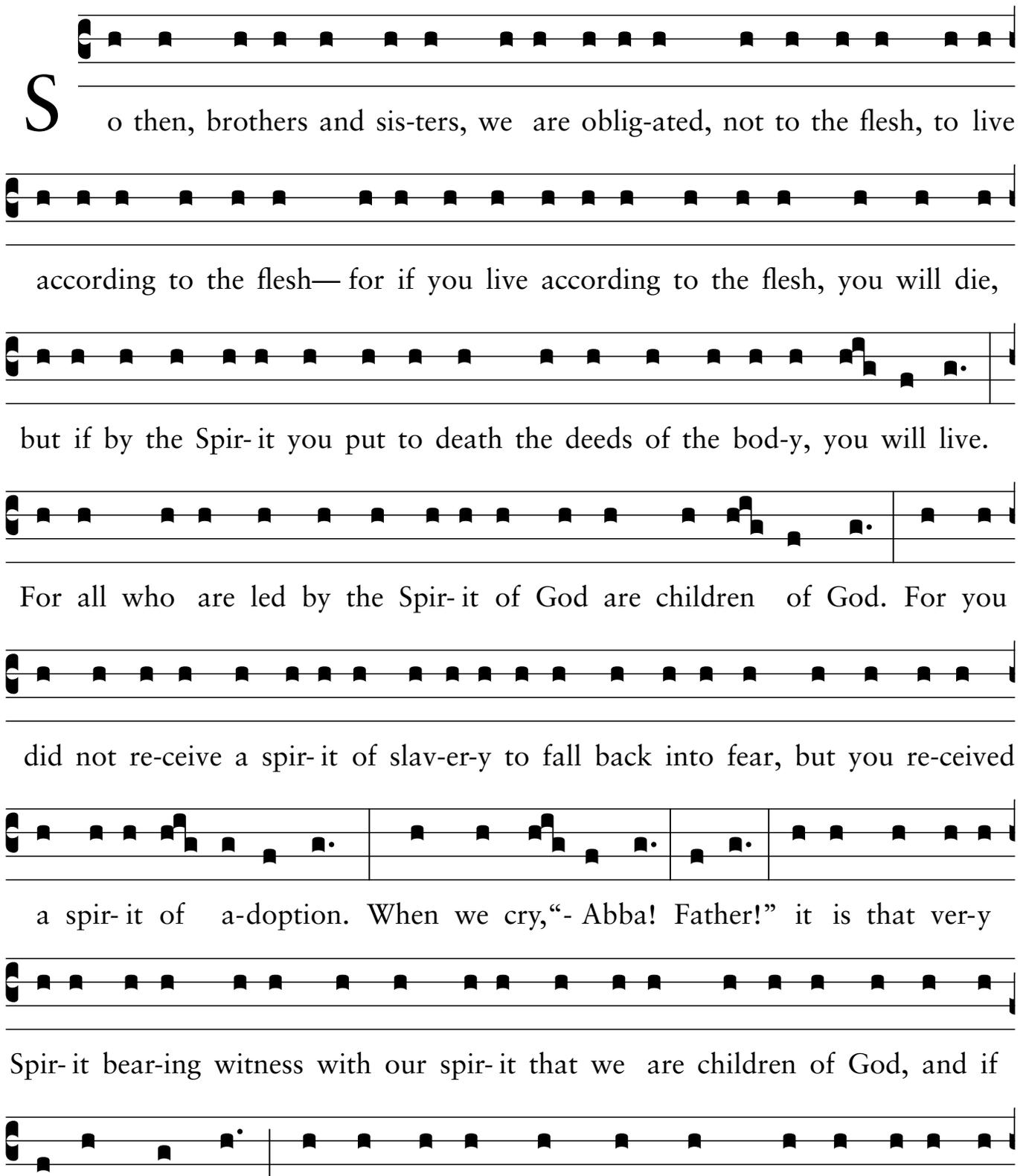


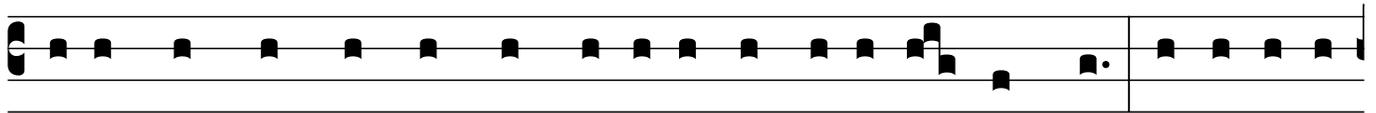
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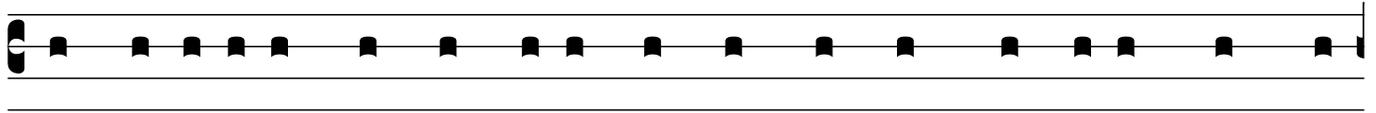


**S**o then, brothers and sis-ters, we are oblig-ated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spir-it you put to death the deeds of the bod-y, you will live.

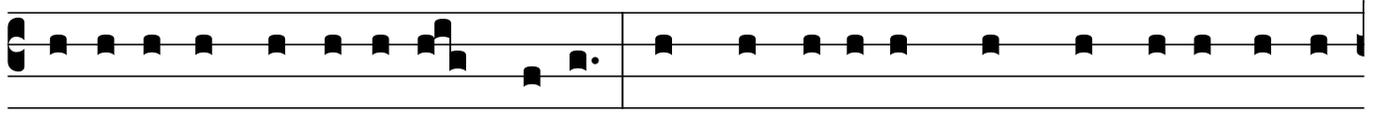
For all who are led by the Spir-it of God are children of God. For you did not re-ceive a spir-it of slav-er-y to fall back into fear, but you re-ceived a spir-it of a-doption. When we cry,“- Abba! Father!” it is that ver-y Spir-it bear-ing witness with our spir-it that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact



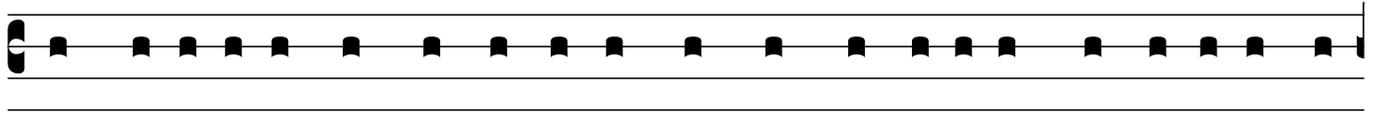
suffer with him so that we may also be glo-ri-fied with him. I consid-er



that the suffer-ings of this pre-sent time are not worth compar-ing with the



glo-ry about to be revealed to us. For the cre- ation waits with eager longing



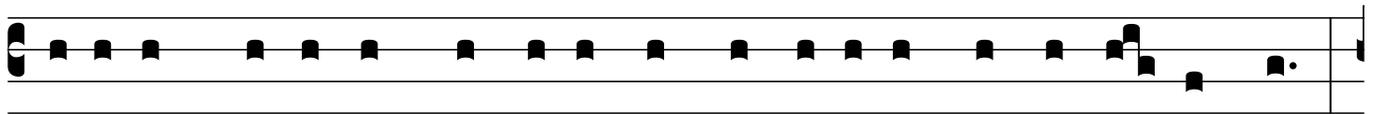
for the reveal-ing of the children of God, for the cre- ation was subjected to



fu-til-ity, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it,



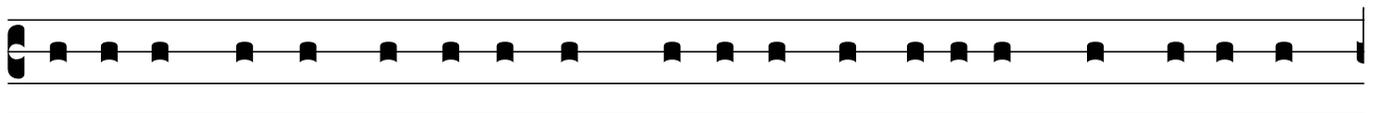
in hope that the cre- ation it-self will be set free from its enslavement to



decay and will obtain the freedom of the glo-ry of the children of God.



We know that the whole cre- ation has been groaning to-gether as it suffers



to-gether the pains of la-bor, and not only the cre- ation, but we ourselves,



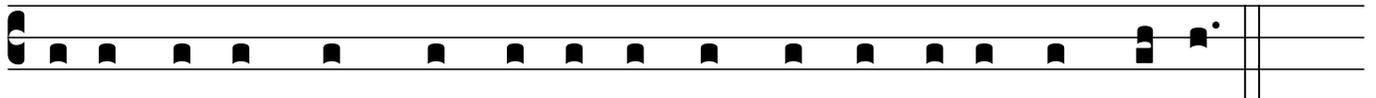
who have the first fruits of the Spir-it, groan inwardly while we wait for



a-doption, the re-demption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.



Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?



But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with pa-tience.