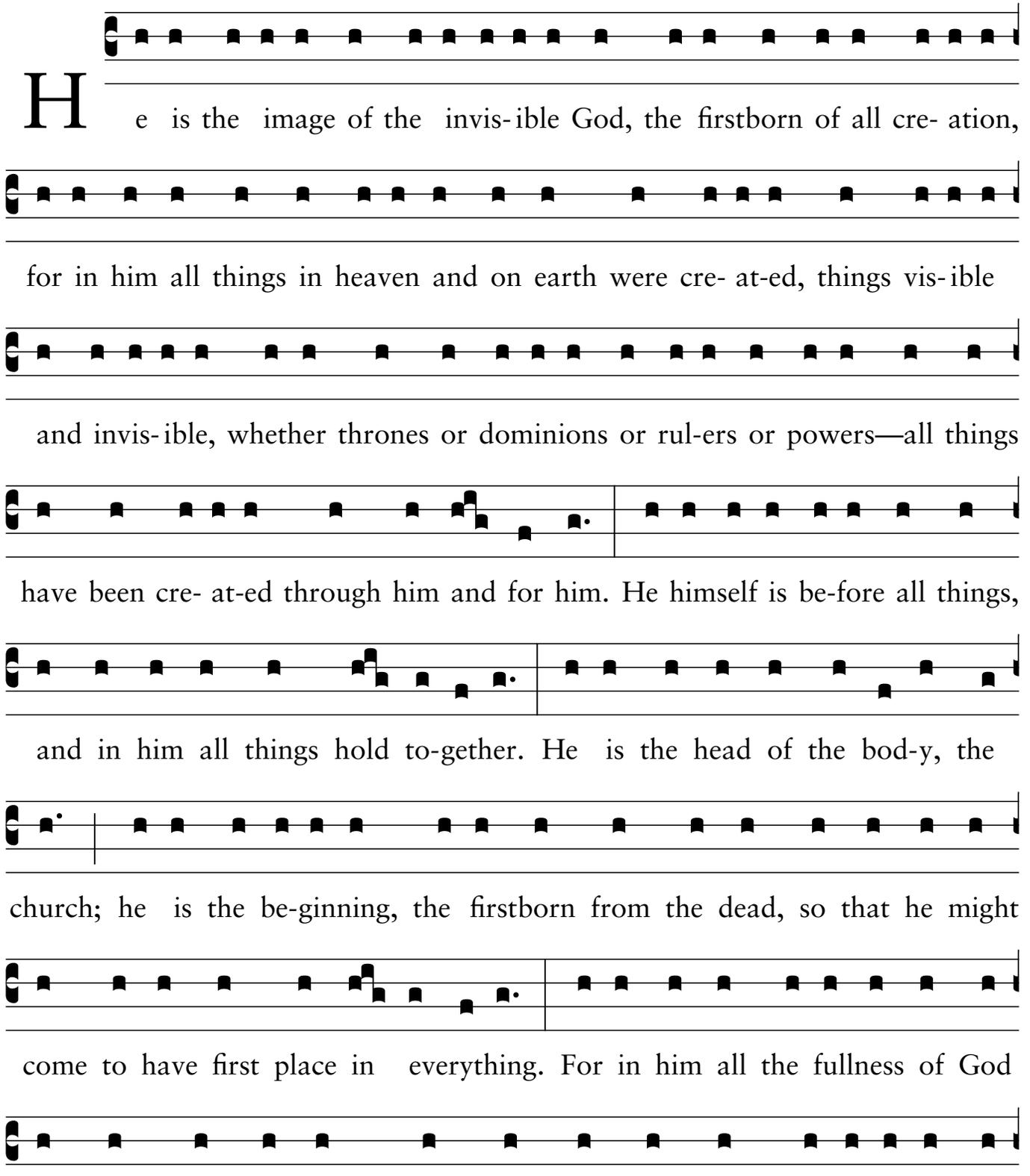


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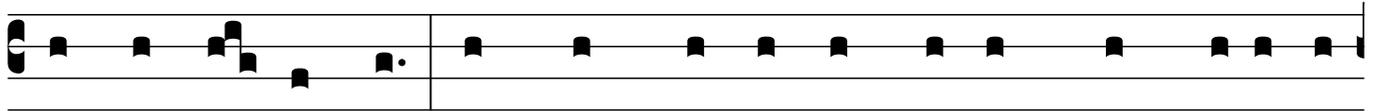
Proper 11



He is the image of the invis-ible God, the firstborn of all cre- ation,
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were cre- at-ed, things vis-ible
and invis-ible, whether thrones or dominions or rul-ers or powers—all things
have been cre- at-ed through him and for him. He himself is be-fore all things,
and in him all things hold to-gether. He is the head of the bod-y, the
church; he is the be-ginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might
come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to rec-oncile to



himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by mak-ing peace through



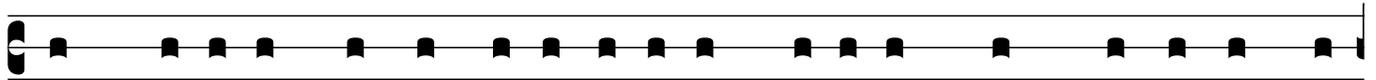
the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in



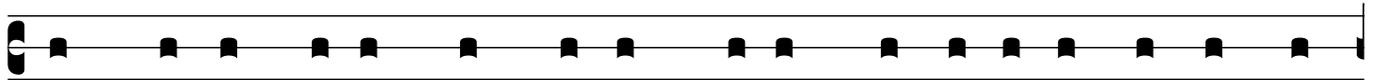
mind, do- ing e-vil deeds, he has now rec-onciled in his fleshly bod-y through



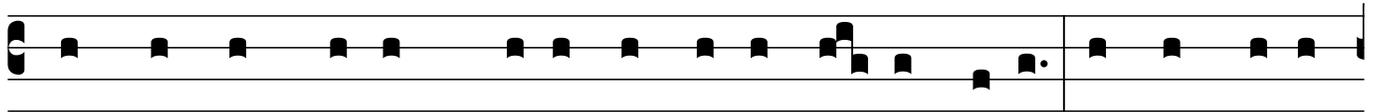
death, so as to pre-sent you ho-ly and blameless and irreproachable be-fore



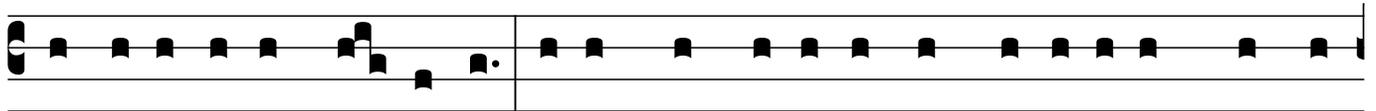
him, pro-vid-ed that you continue se-curely established and steadfast in the



faith, without shift-ing from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard,



which has been proclaimed to every crea-ture un-der heaven. I, Paul, be-came



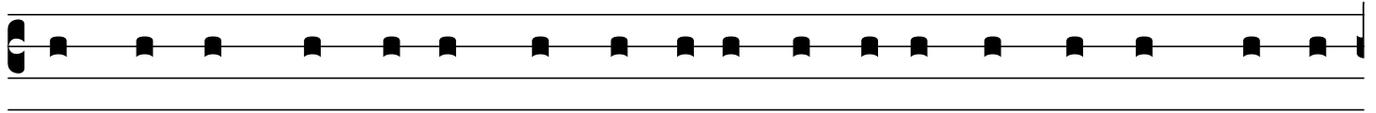
a min-is-ter of this gospel. I am now re-joic-ing in my suffer-ings for your



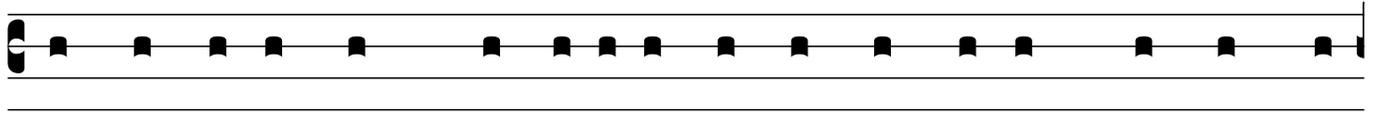
sake, and in my flesh I am complet-ing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions



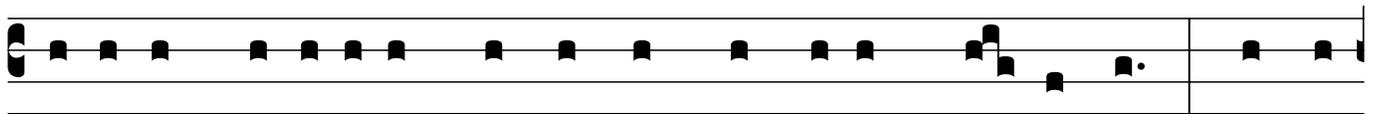
for the sake of his bod-y, that is, the church. I be-came its min-is-ter accord-



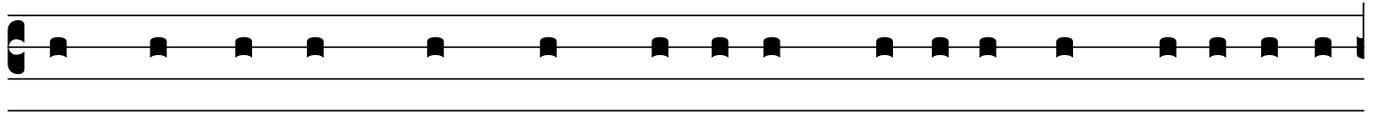
ing to God's commission that was giv-en to me for you, to make the word



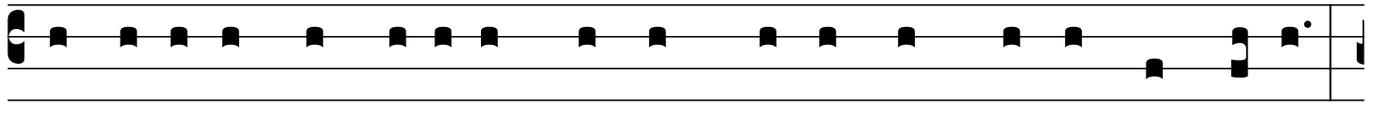
of God ful-ly known, the myster-y that has been hidden throughout the



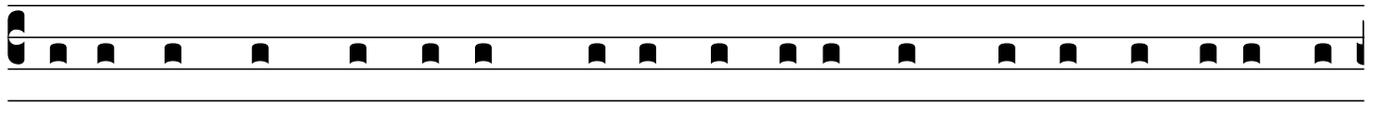
ag-es and gen-er-ations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them



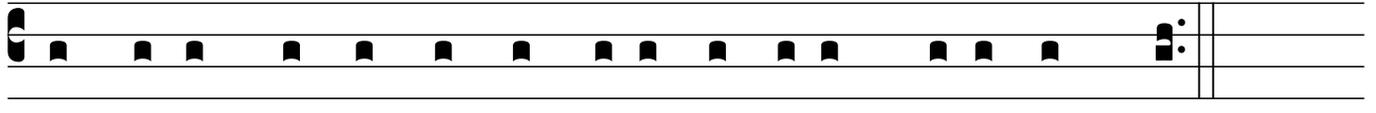
God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of



the glo-ry of this myster-y, which is Christ in you, the hope of glo-ry.



It is he whom we proclaim, warn-ing every-one and teach-ing every-one in



all wisdom, so that we may pre-sent every-one ma-ture in Christ.