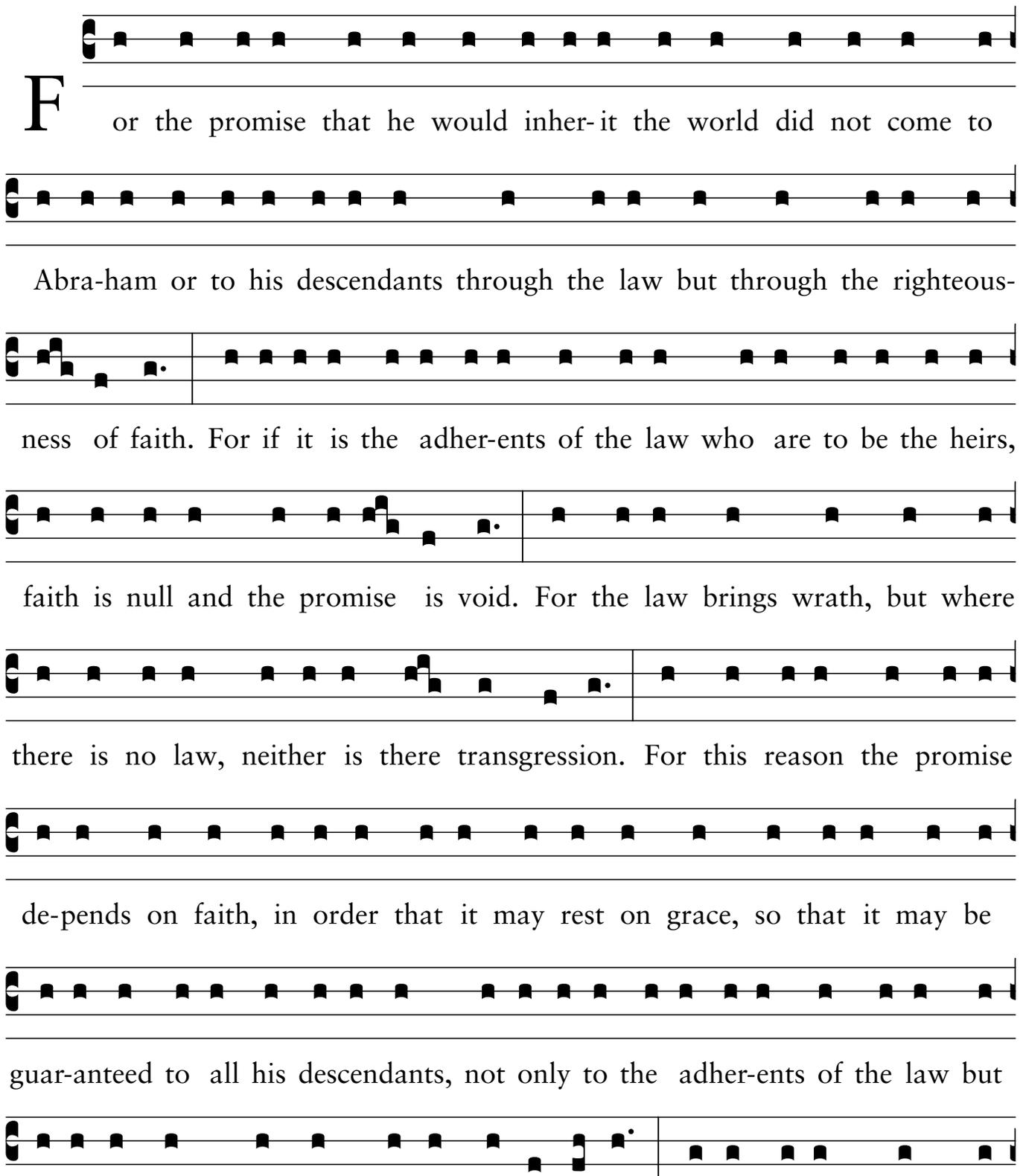
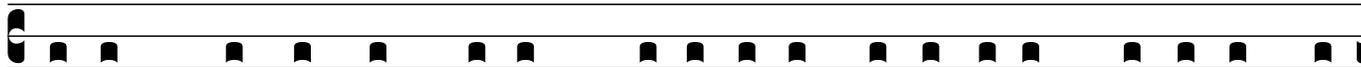


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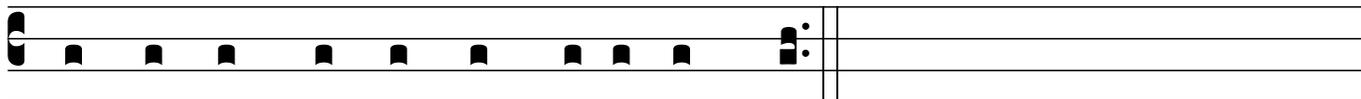
St. Joseph



F or the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to
Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,
faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where
there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise
depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be
guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but
also to those who share the faith of Abraham Hoping against hope, he



be-lieved that he would be-come“the father of man-y nations,” according to



what was said,“So shall your descendants be.”