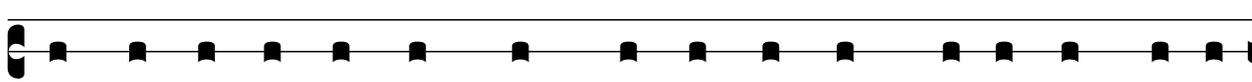


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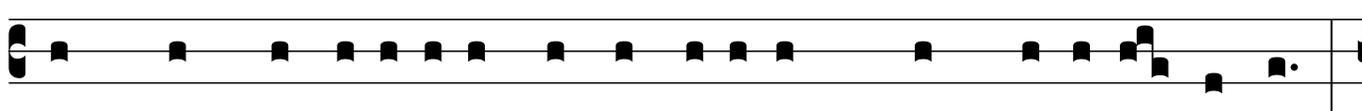
Ending of a Pastoral Relationship 4



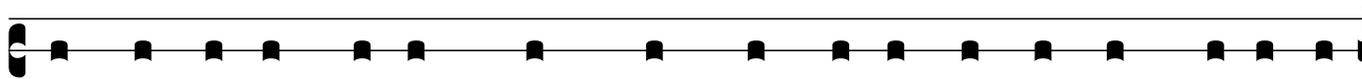
But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters



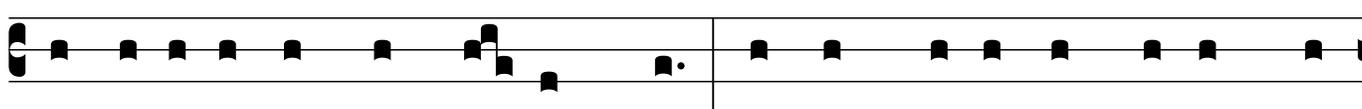
be-lov-ed by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salva-



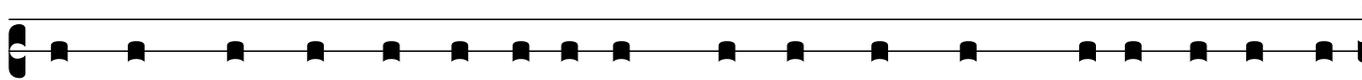
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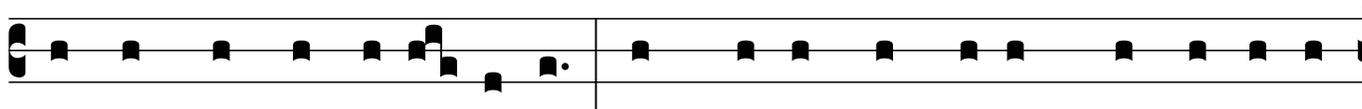
For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain



the glo-ry of our Lord Je- sus Christ. So then, brothers and sis-ters, stand



firm and hold fast to the tra-di-tions that you were taught by us, either by



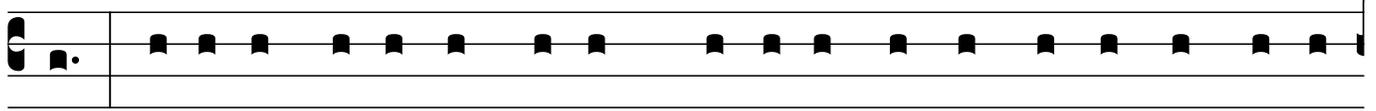
word of mouth or by our let-ter. Now may our Lord Je-sus Christ himself and



God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us e-ternal comfort and



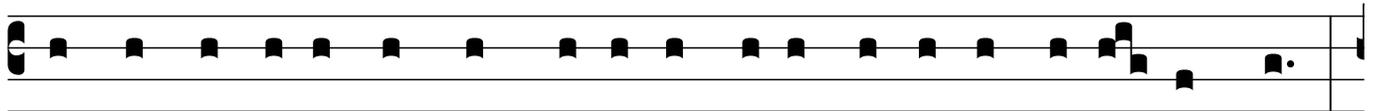
good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and



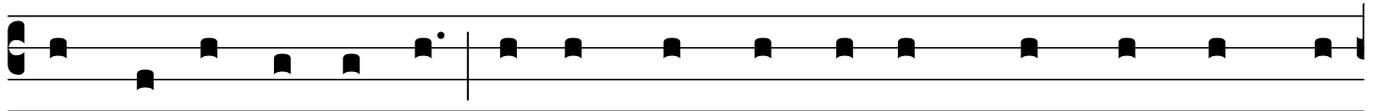
word. Fi-nal-ly, brothers and sis-ters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord



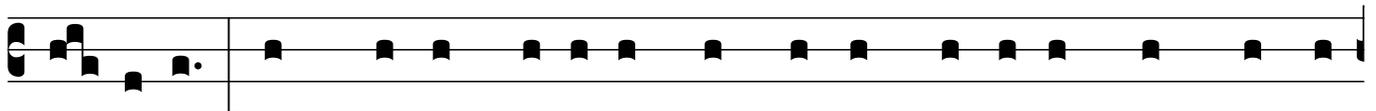
may spread rapidly and be glo-ri-fied everywhere, just as it is among you, and



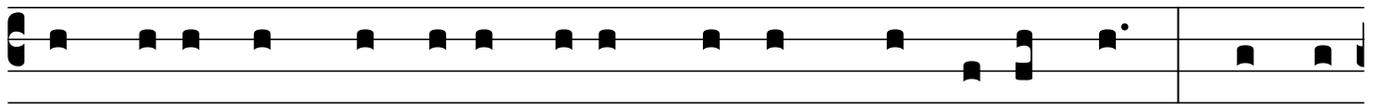
that we may be rescued from wicked and e-vil people, for not all have faith.



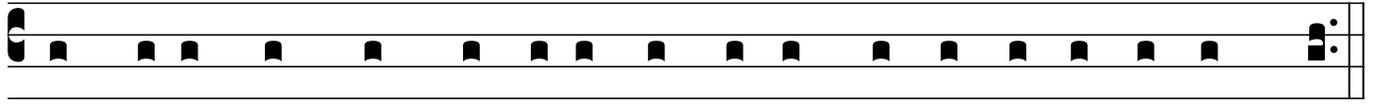
But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the



e- vil one. And we have confi-dence in the Lord concerning you, that you



are do- ing and will go on do- ing the things that we command. May the



Lord di-rect your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.