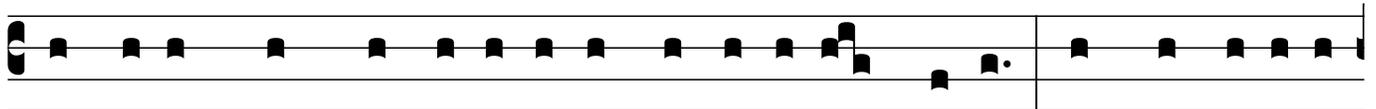


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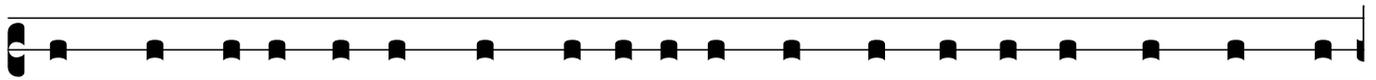
Honoring God in Creation 6



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



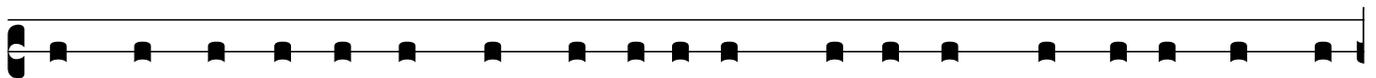
waits with eager longing for the reveal-ing of the children of God, for the



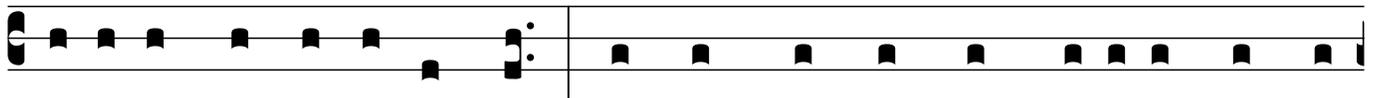
cre-ation was subjected to fu-til-i-ty, not of its own will, but by the will



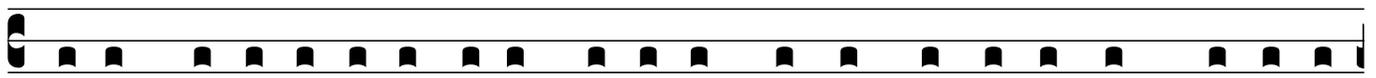
of the one who subjected it, in hope that the cre-ation it-self will be



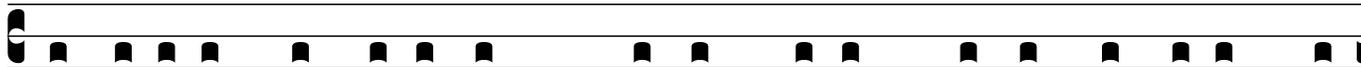
set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the



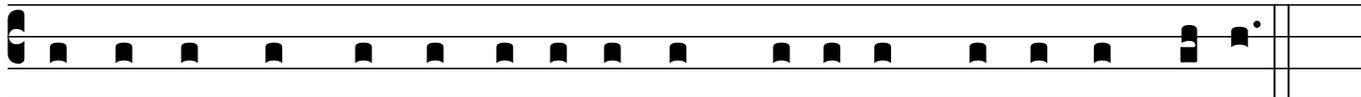
glo-ry of the children of God. We know that the whole cre-ation has been



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.