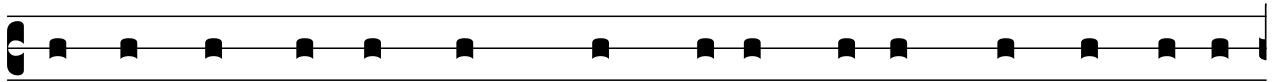
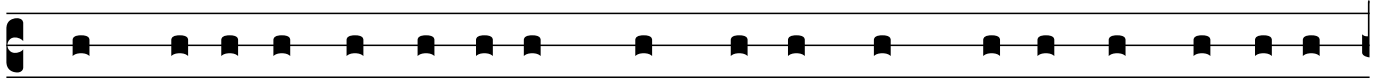


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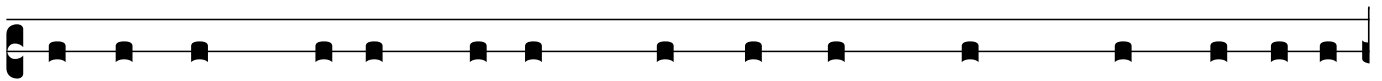
Setting Apart for a Religious Vocation 3



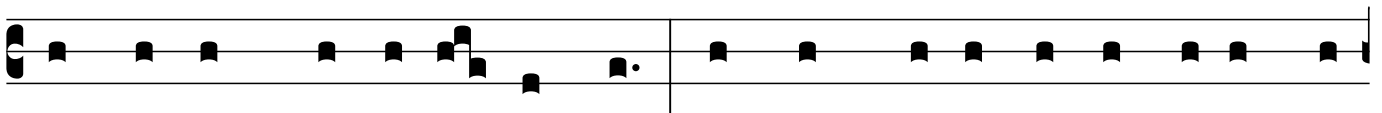
For Jews ask for signs and Greeks de-sire wisdom, but we proclaim



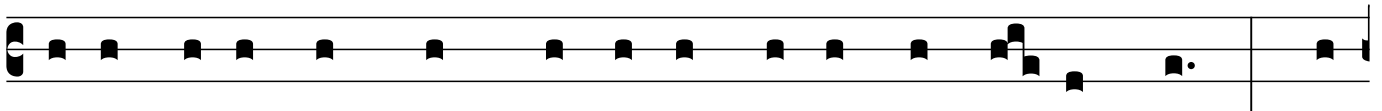
Christ cru-ci-fied, a stumbl-ing block to Jews and fool-ishness to gentiles,



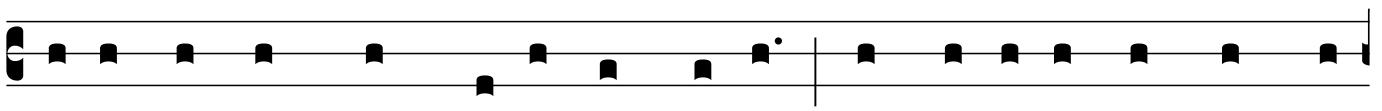
but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power



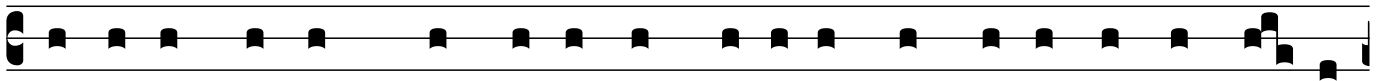
of God and the wisdom of God. For God's fool-ishness is wis-er than



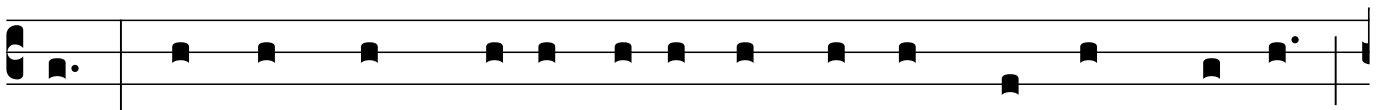
human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than hu-man strength. Con-



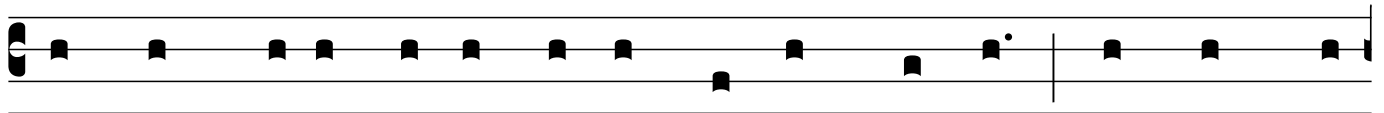
sid-er your own call, brothers and sis-ters: not man-y of you were wise



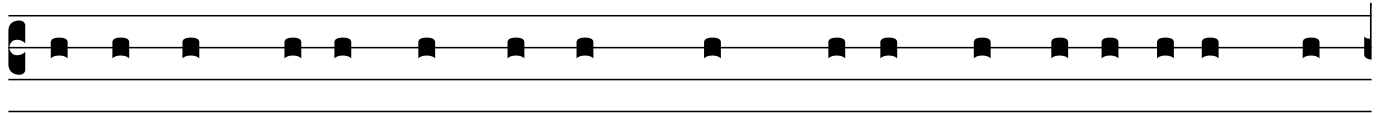
by human standards, not man-y were powerful, not man-y were of no-ble



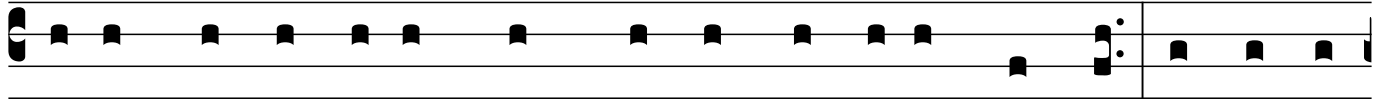
birth. But God chose what is fool-ish in the world to shame the wise;



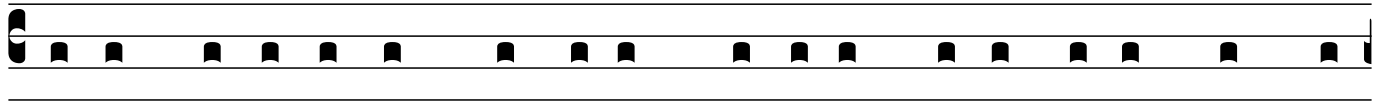
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what



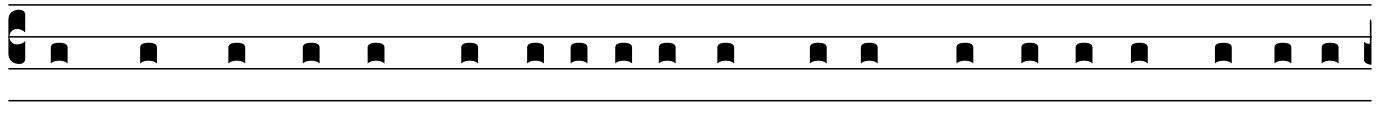
is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to a-bol-ish things



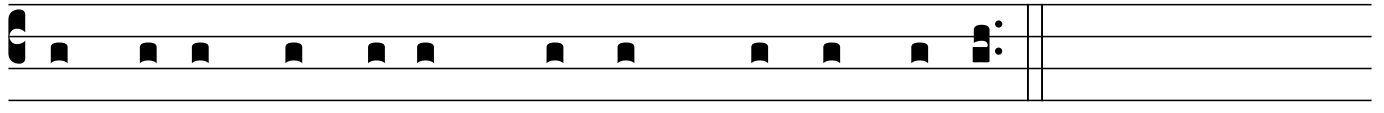
that are, so that no one might boast in the pres-ence of God. In contrast,



God is why you are in Christ Je-sus, who be-came for us wisdom from God,



and righteousness and sancti- fi-cation and re-dem-ption, in order that, as it



is writ-ten, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."