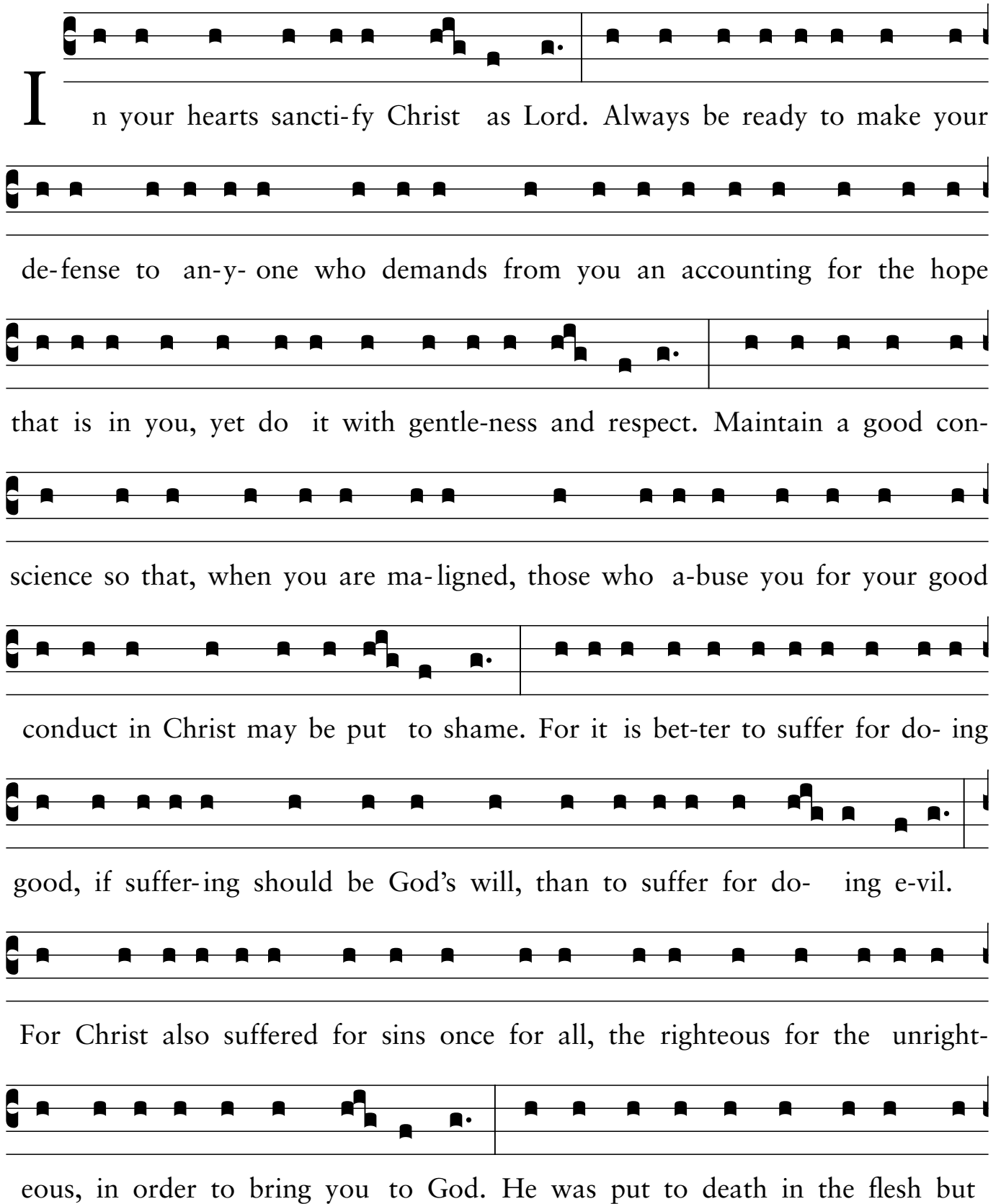


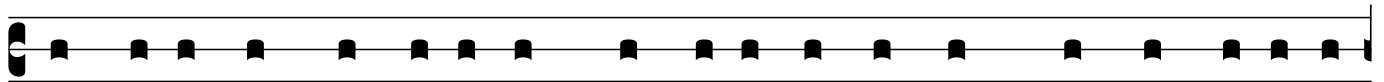
1 Peter 3:15b-22

Vigil for the Eve of the Baptism of our Lord 10

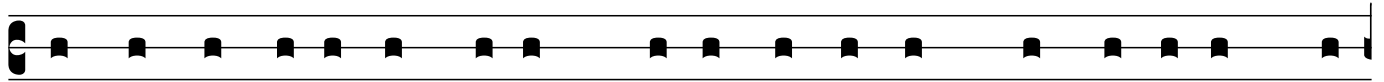


In your hearts sancti-fy Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your de-fense to an-y- one who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentle-ness and respect. Maintain a good con-science so that, when you are ma-ligned, those who a-buse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is bet-ter to suffer for do- ing good, if suffer-ing should be God's will, than to suffer for do- ing e-vil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but



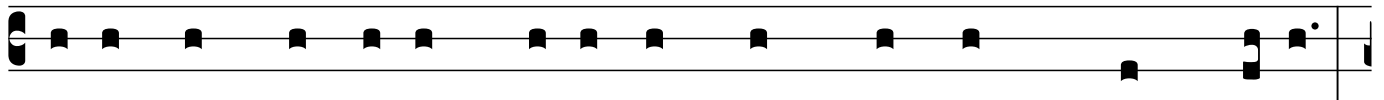
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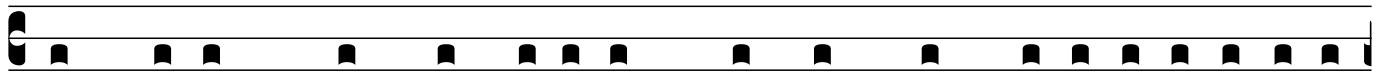
tion to the spir-its in pris-on, who in former times did not obey, when



God wait-ed pa-tiently in the days of No-ah, dur-ing the build-ing of



the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through wa-ter.



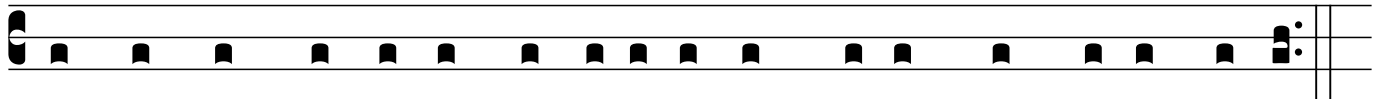
And baptism, which this pre-fig-ured, now saves you—not as a remov-al of



dirt from the bod-y but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through



the res-urrection of Je-sus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right



hand of God, with angels, author-i-ties, and powers made subject to him.