

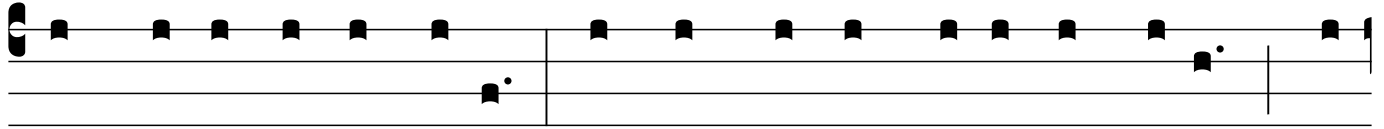
Isaiah 61:1-9

Vigil for the Eve of the Baptism of our Lord 8

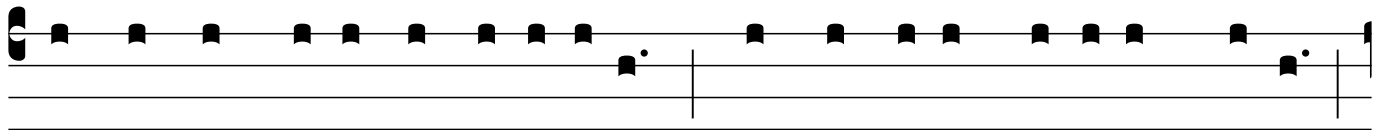
T he spir-it of the Lord God is up-on me because the Lord has a-
nointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind
up the bro-kenhearted, to proclaim lib-erty to the captives and re-lease
to the pris-on-ers, to proclaim the year of the Lord's fa-vor and the
day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to pro-vide for
those who mourn in Zi- on— to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a



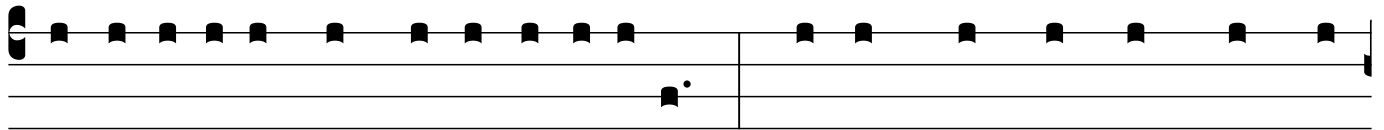
faint spir-it. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the



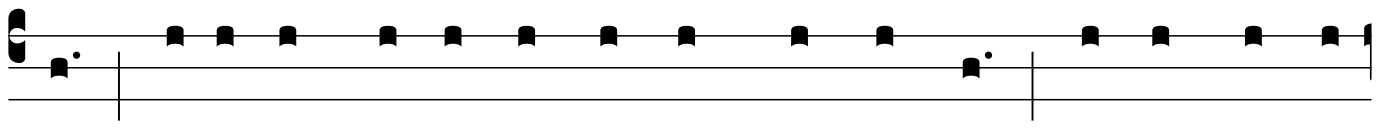
Lord, to display his glo-ry. They shall build up the ancient ru- ins; they



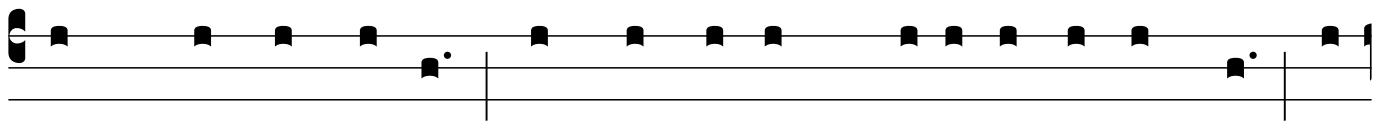
shall raise up the former dev-astations; they shall repair the ru- ined cit-ies,



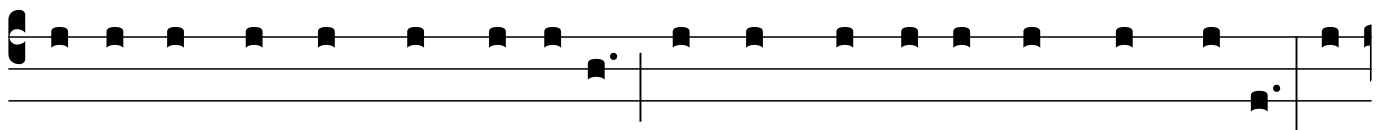
the dev-astations of man-y gen-er-ations. Strangers shall stand and feed your



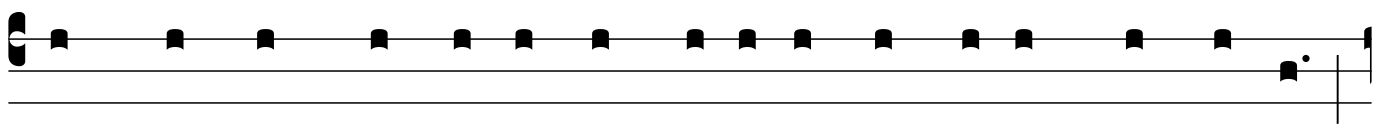
flocks; for-eigners shall till your land and dress your vines, but you shall be



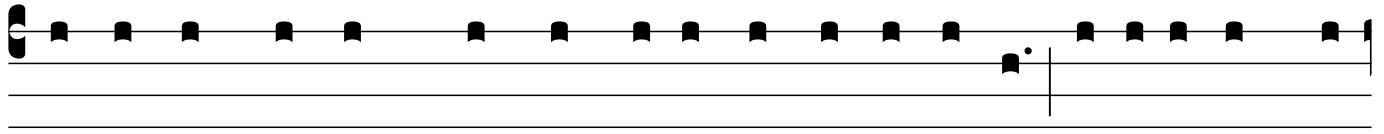
called priests of the Lord; you shall be named min-is-ters of our God; you



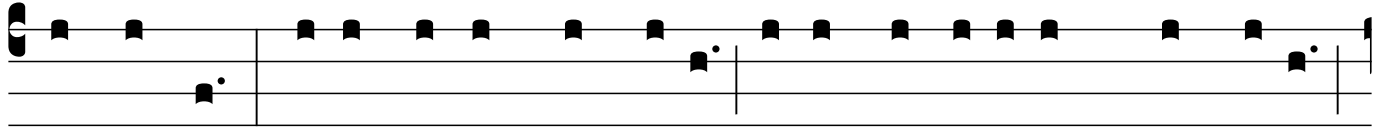
shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glo-ry. Be-



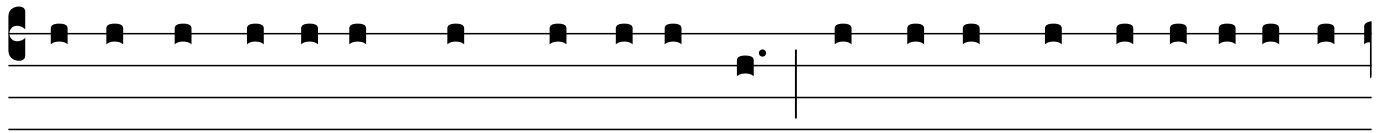
cause their shame was double and dishon-or was proclaimed as their lot,



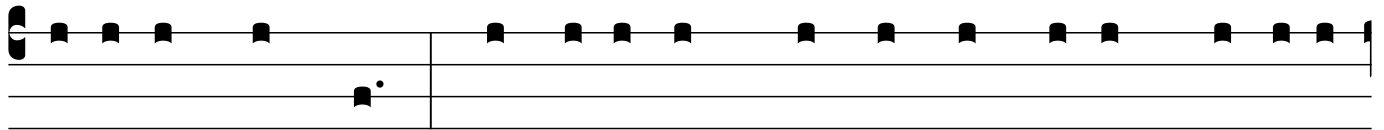
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; ev-erlast-ing joy



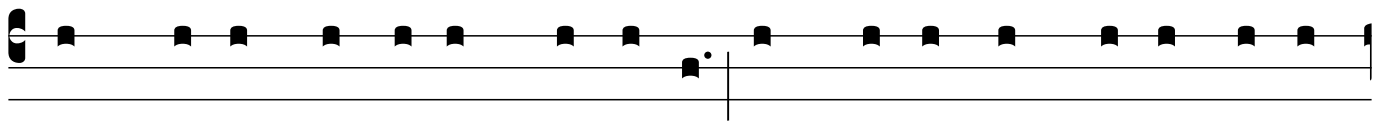
shall be theirs. For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robber-y and wrongdo- ing;



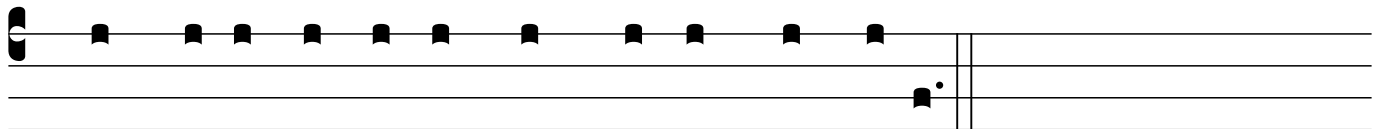
I will faithful-ly give them their rec-ompense, and I will make an ev-erlast-ing



cov-e-nant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations



and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge



that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.