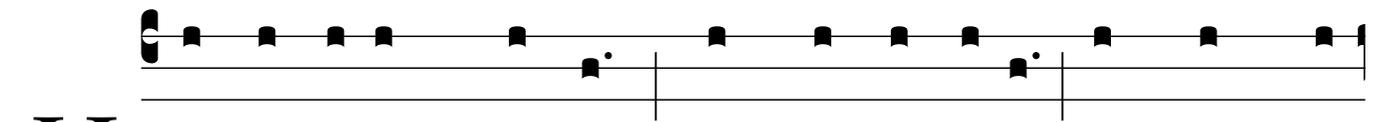
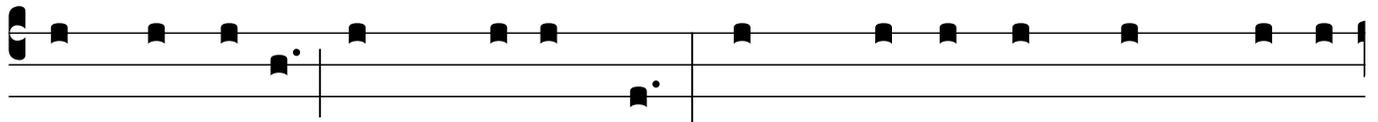


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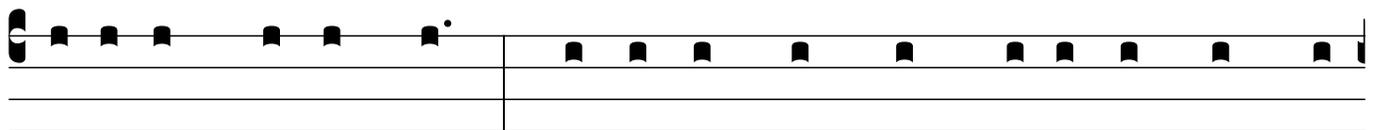
Vigil on the Eve of Baptism 3



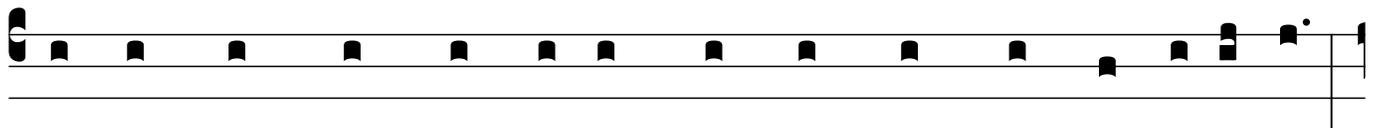
Hear, every- one who thirsts; come to the wa-ters; and you who



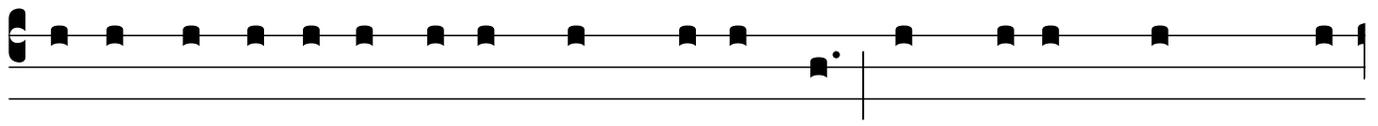
have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without



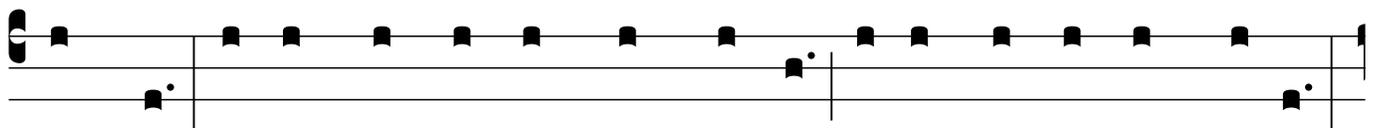
money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which



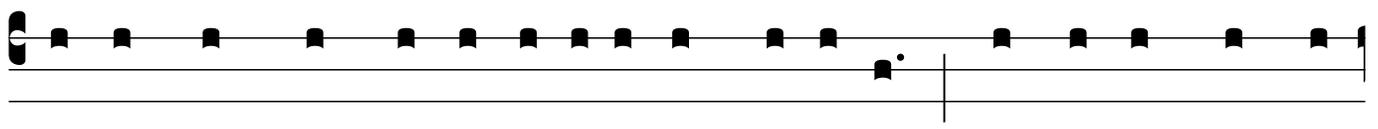
is not bread and your earnings for that which does not sat-is-fy?



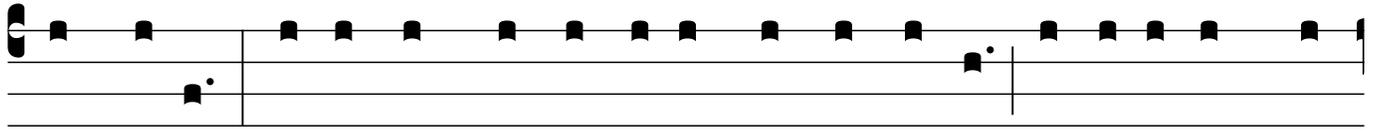
Lis-ten careful-ly to me, and eat what is good, and de-light yourselves in



rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; lis-ten, so that you may live.



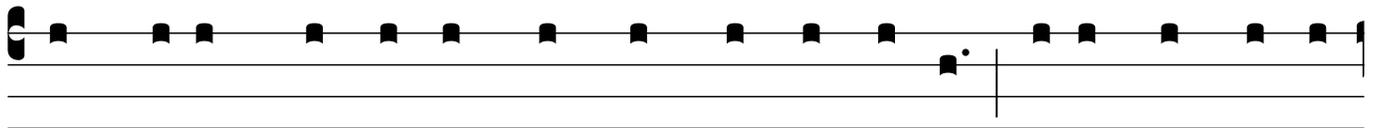
I will make with you an ev-erlast-ing cov-e-nant, my steadfast, sure love



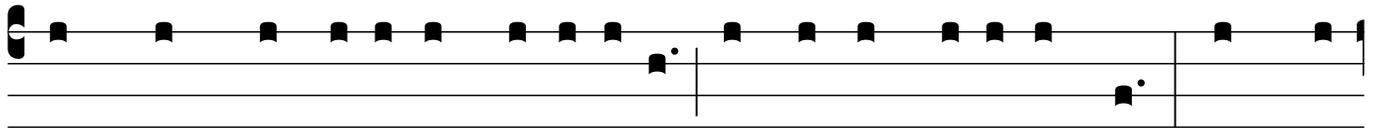
for Da-vid. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and com-



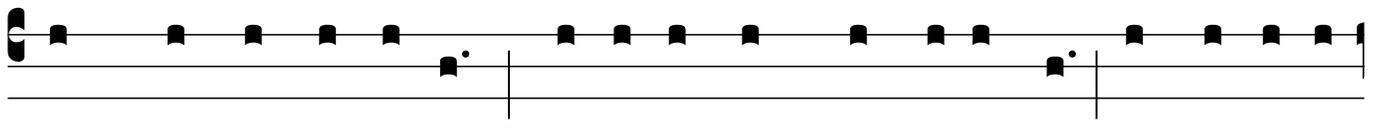
mander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know,



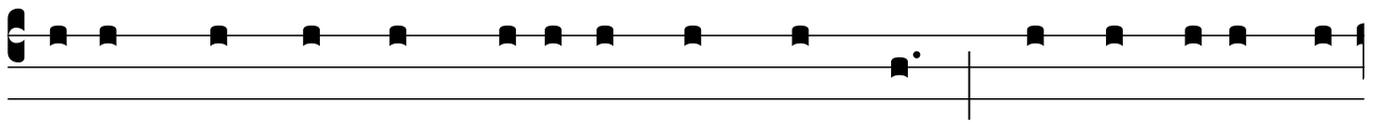
and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord



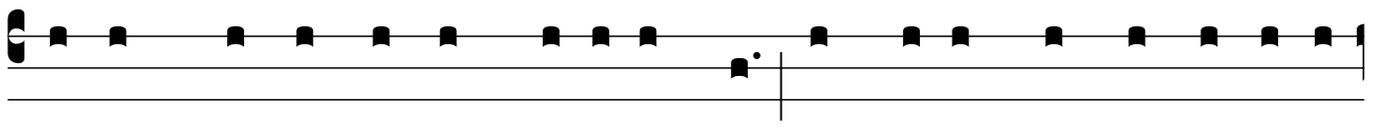
your God, the Ho-ly One of Isra-el, for he has glo-ri-fied you. Seek the



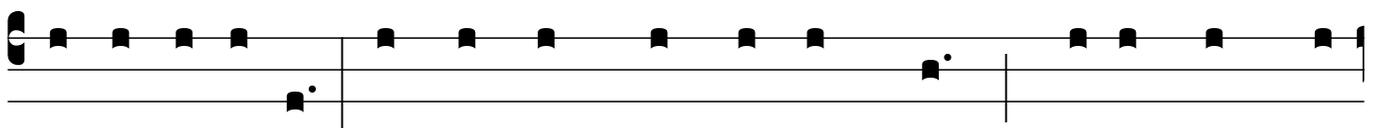
Lord while he may be found; call up-on him while he is near; let the wicked



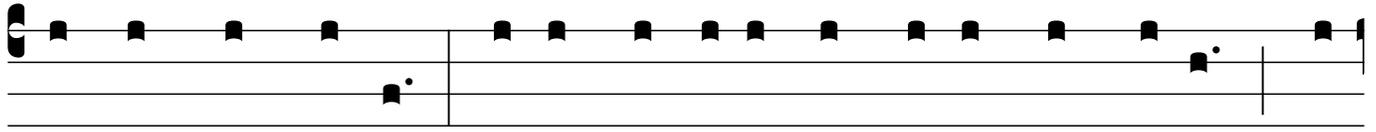
forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them re-turn to



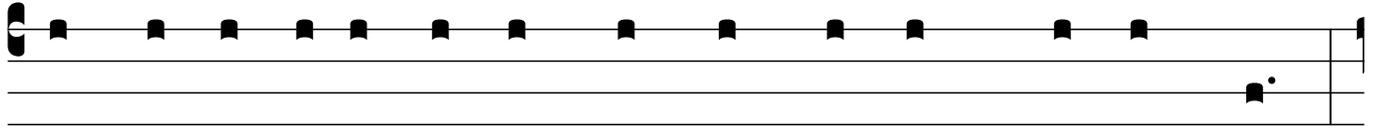
the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will a-



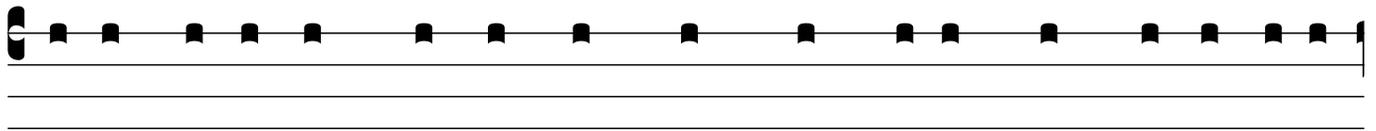
bundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways



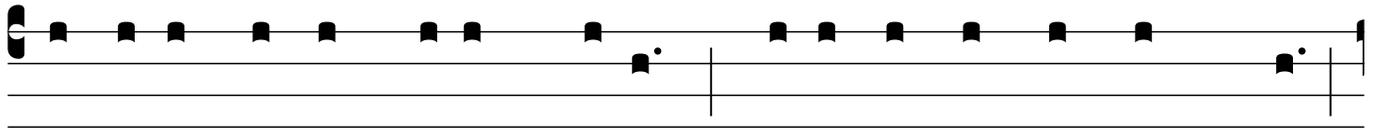
my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so



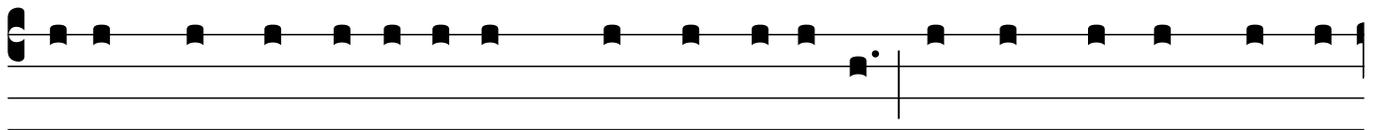
are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



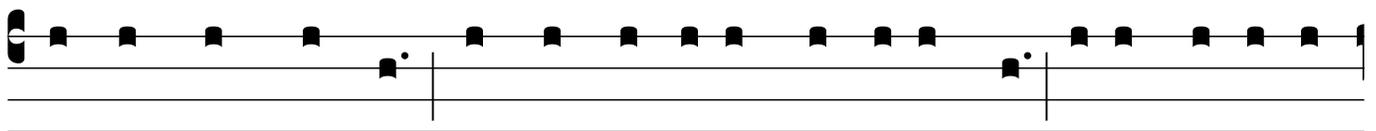
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not re-turn



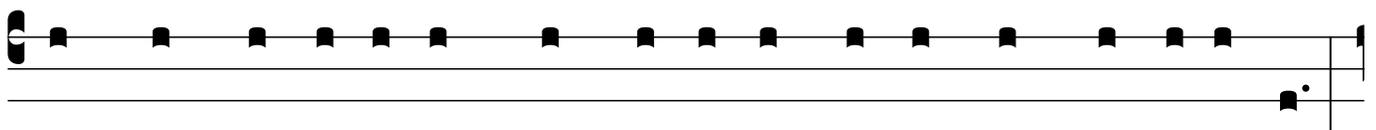
there until they have wa-tered the earth, mak-ing it bring forth and sprout,



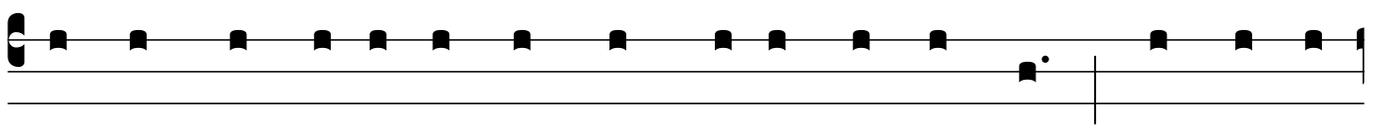
giv-ing seed to the sower and bread to the eat-er, so shall my word be that



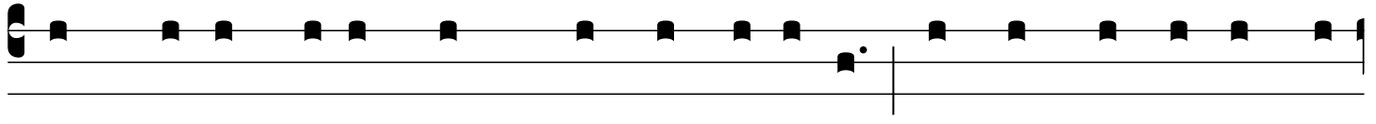
goes out from my mouth; it shall not re-turn to me empty, but it shall accom-



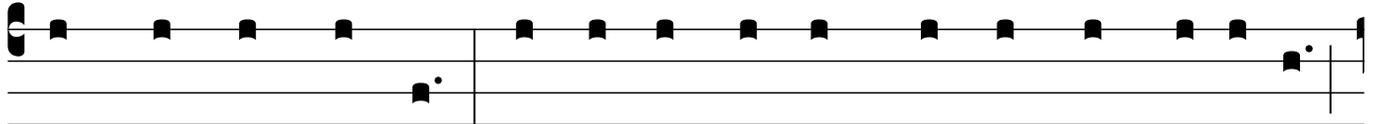
plish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



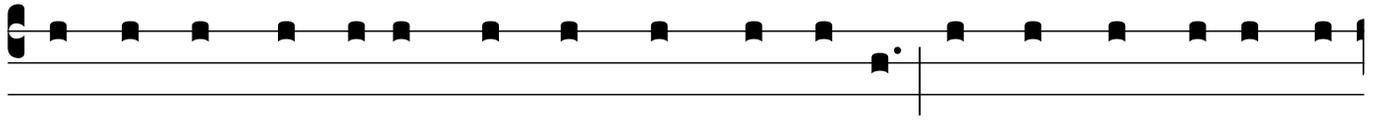
For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains



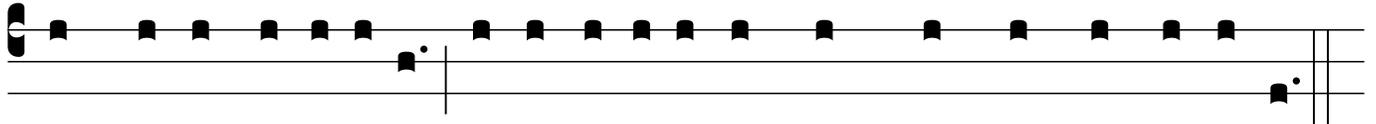
and the hills be-fore you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the



field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;



instead of the bri-er shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the



Lord for a memo-ri- al, for an ev-erlast-ing sign that shall not be cut off.