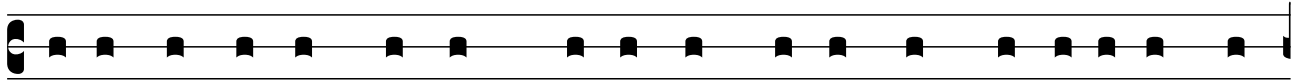
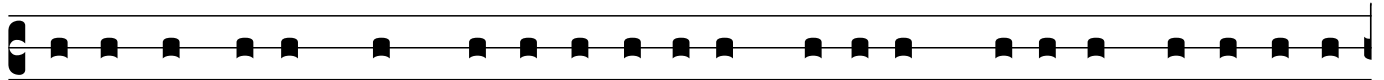


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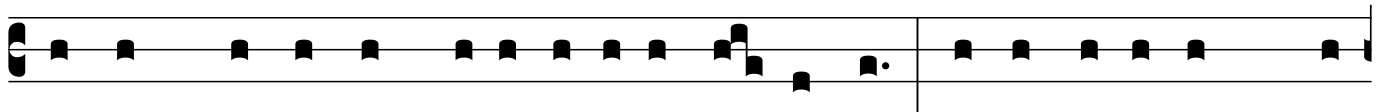
Celebration of New Ministry



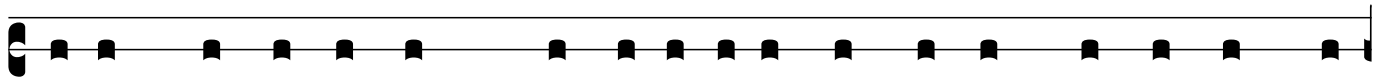
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's



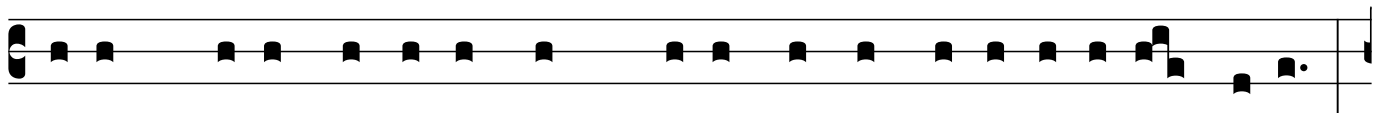
mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable



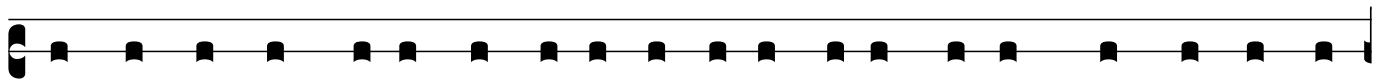
to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to



this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may



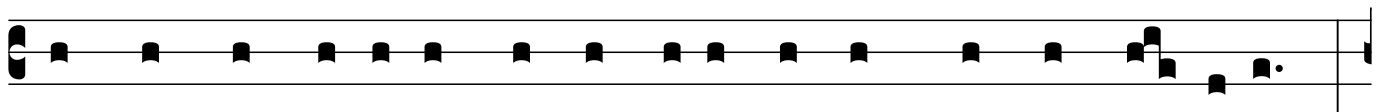
discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.



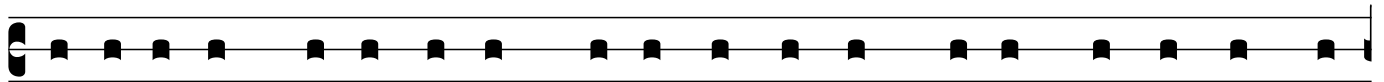
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think



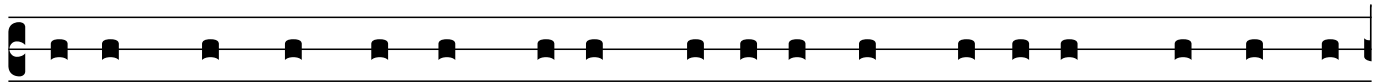
of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober



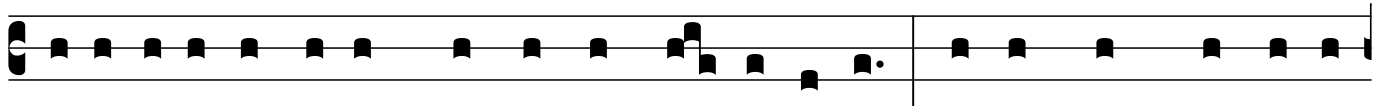
judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.



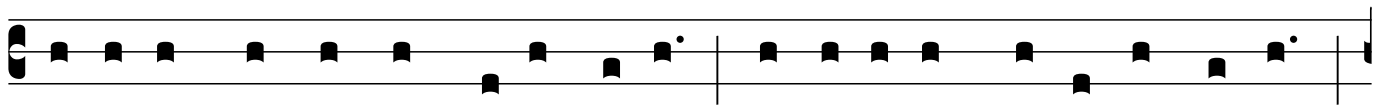
For as in one bod-y we have man-y members and not all the members have



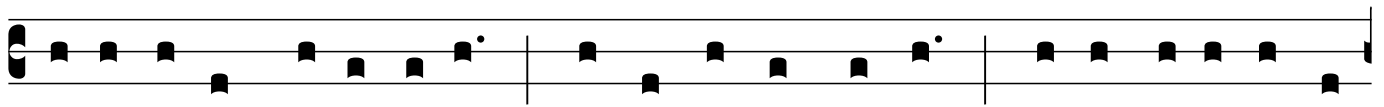
the same function, so we, who are man-y, are one bod-y in Christ, and in-



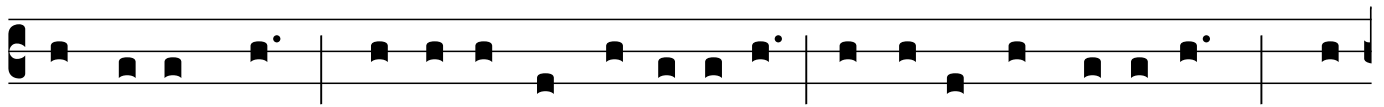
di-vid-u-al-ly we are members one of an-other. We have gifts that dif-fer



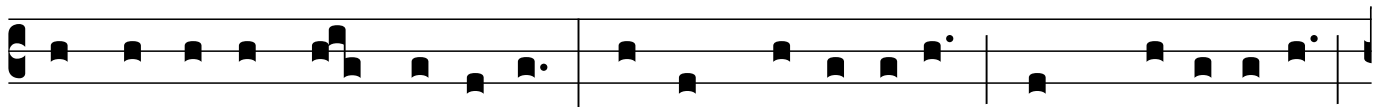
according to the grace giv-en to us: prophe-cy, in pro-portion to faith;



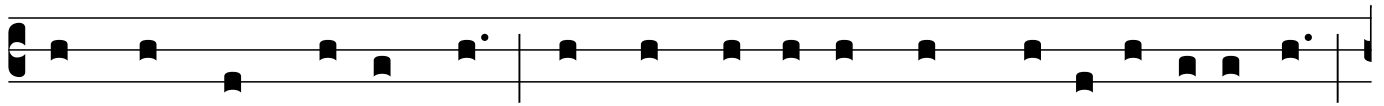
min-istry, in min-is-ter-ing; the teacher, in teaching; the encourag-er, in



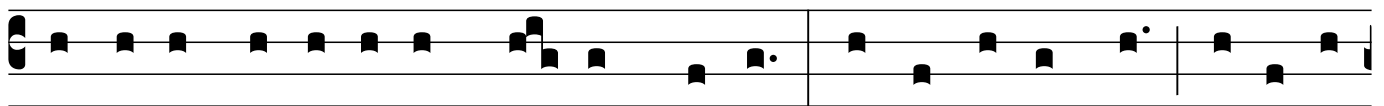
encouragement; the giv-er, in sincer-i-ty; the leader, in dil-i-gence; the



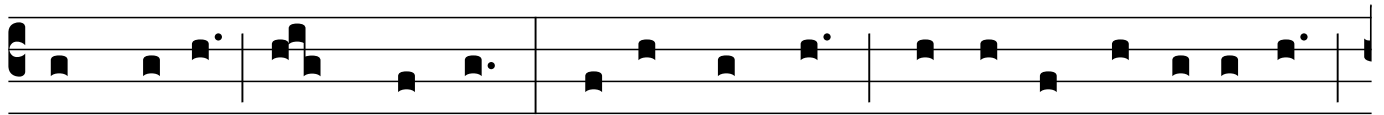
compassion-ate, in cheerfulness. Let love be gen-u-ine; hate what is e-vil;



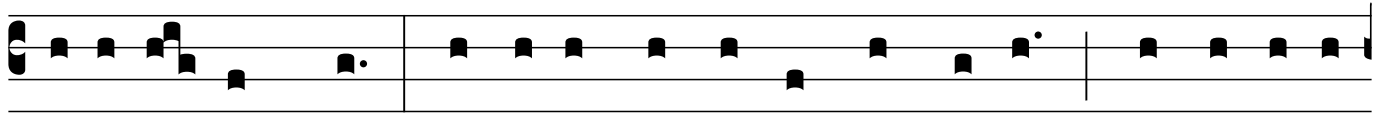
hold fast to what is good; love one an-other with mu-tu-al affection;



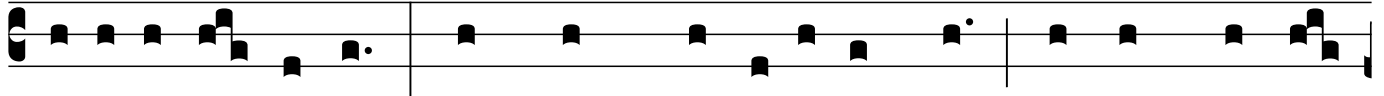
outdo one an-other in show-ing hon-or. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent



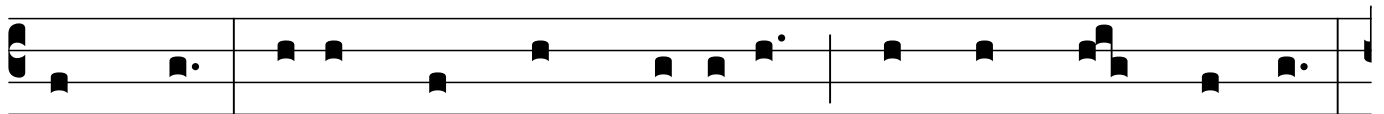
in spir-it; serve the Lord. Re-joice in hope; be pa-tient in affliction;



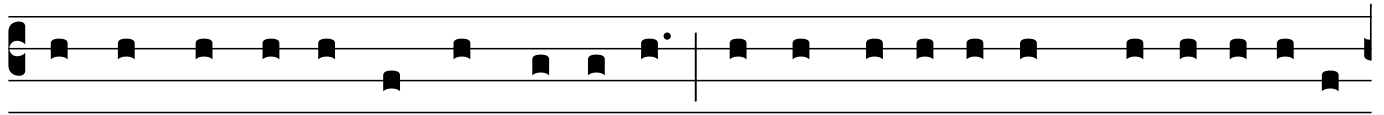
perse-vere in prayer. Contri-bute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospi-



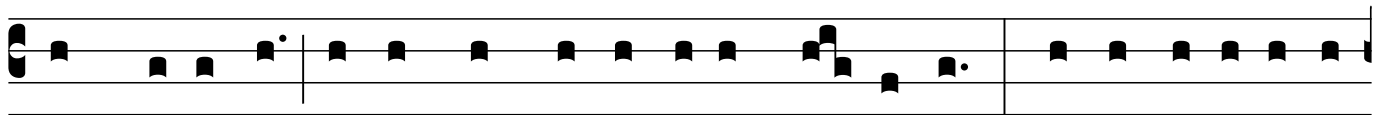
tal-i-ty to strangers. Bless those who perse-cute you; bless and do not



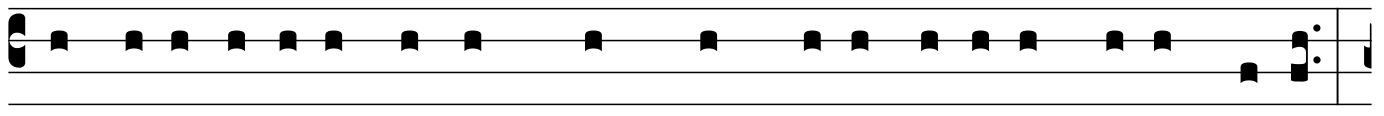
curse them. Re-joice with those who re-joice; weep with those who weep.



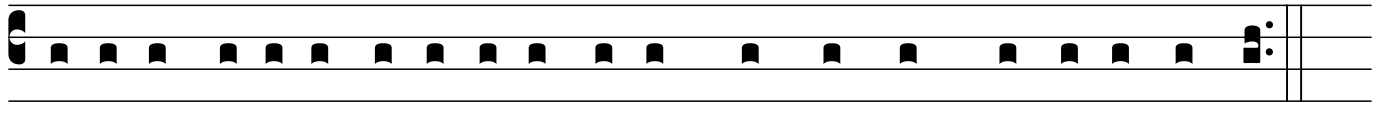
Live in harmo-ny with one an-other; do not be arro-gant, but asso-ci-ate



with the lowly; do not claim to be wis-er than you are. Do not repay an-y-



one e-vil for e-vil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.



If it is possible, so far as it de-pends on you, live peaceably with all.