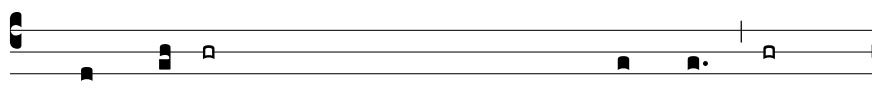


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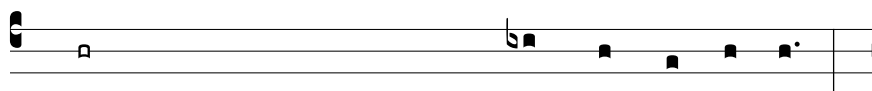
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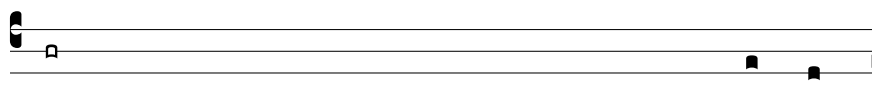
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Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



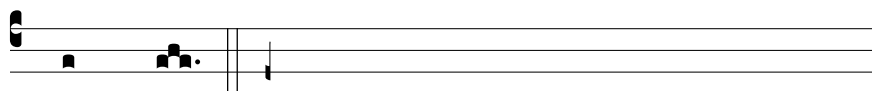
1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your *good-ness*; in the



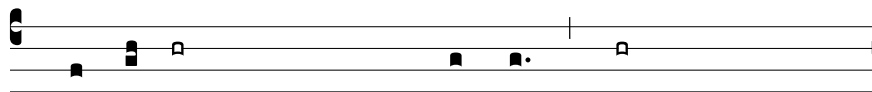
greatness of your compassion *wipe* out my offense.



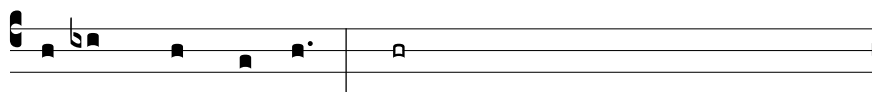
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of *my* sin



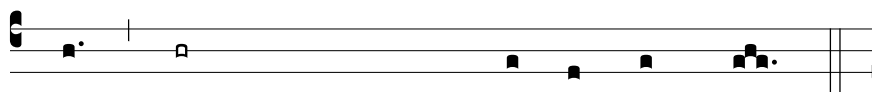
cleanse me. R̄.



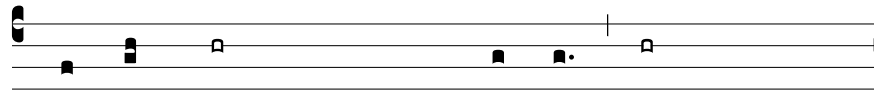
2. For I acknowledge my *of-fense*, and my sin is



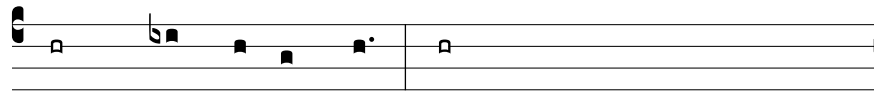
be-fore me always: "Against you only have I



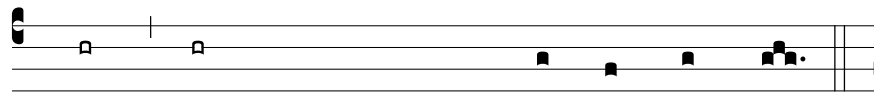
sinned, and done what is *e-vil* in your sight." R̄.



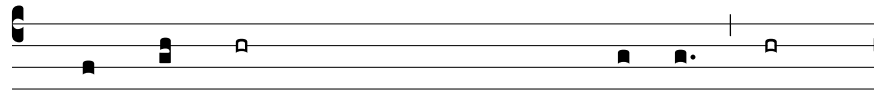
3. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast



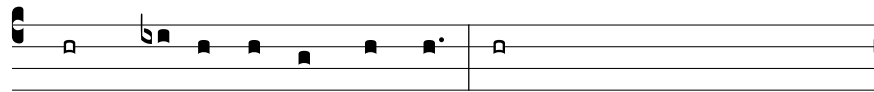
spirit *re-new* within me. Cast me not out from your



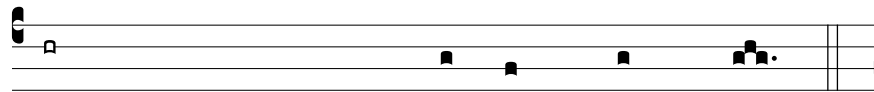
presence, and your Holy Spirit *take* not from me. R̄.



4. Give me back the joy of your *sal-va-tion*, and a



willing *spir-it* sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips,



and my mouth shall *pro-claim* your praise. R̄.

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