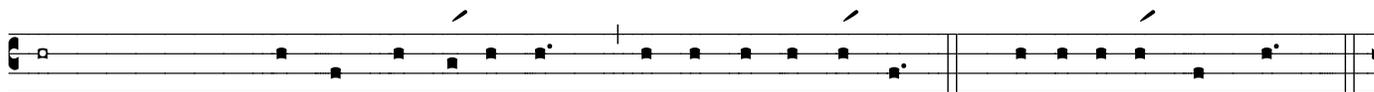
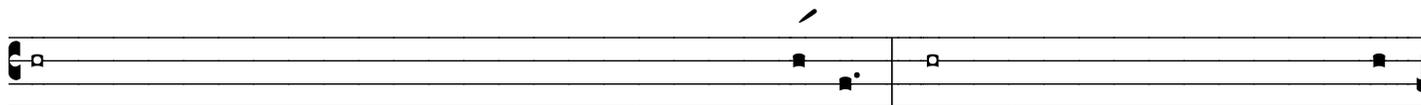


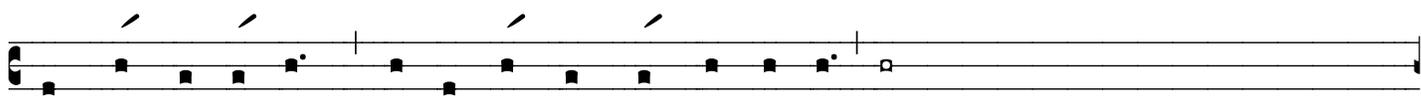
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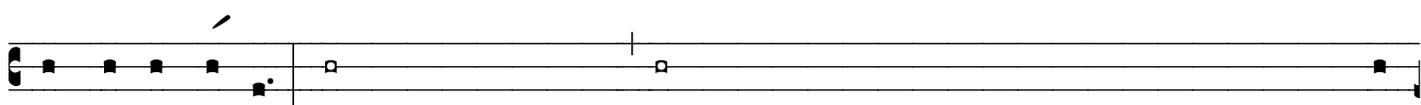
∇ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Matt-hew. *℞. Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



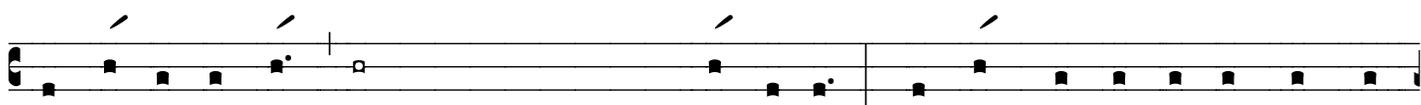
Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been



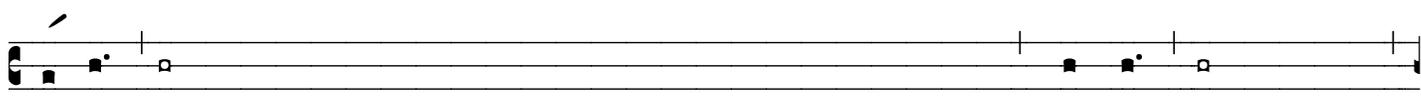
en-gaged to Jo - seph, but be-fore they lived to-geth-er, she was found to be with child from



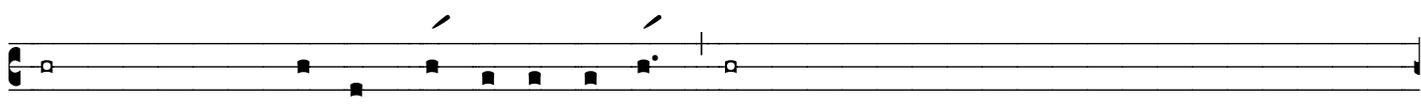
the Ho-ly Spir-it. *19* Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her



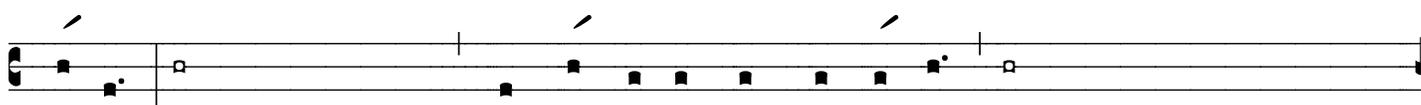
to pub-lic dis-grace, planned to dismiss her qui-et-ly. *20* But just when he had re-solved to



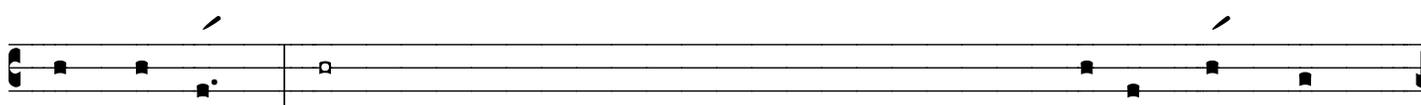
do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Jo-seph, son of David,



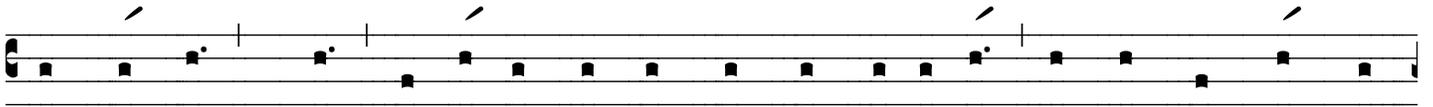
do not be afraid to take Mar-y as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy



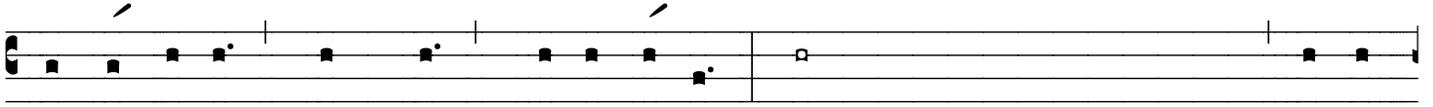
Spir-it. *21* She will bear a son, and you are to name him Je - sus, for he will save his people



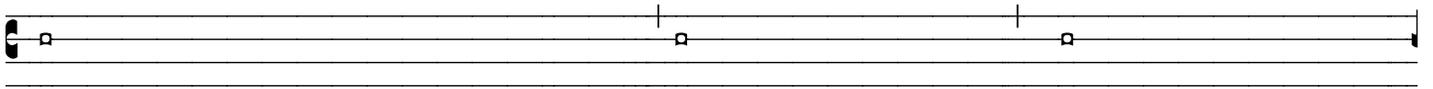
from their sins.” *22* All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through



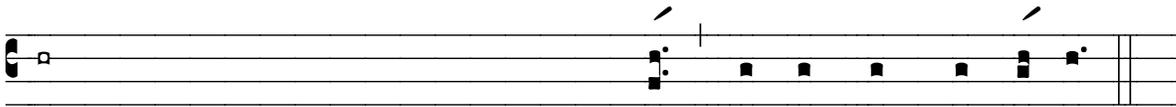
the proph-et: ²³ “Look, the vir-gin shall con-ceive and bear a son, and they shall name him



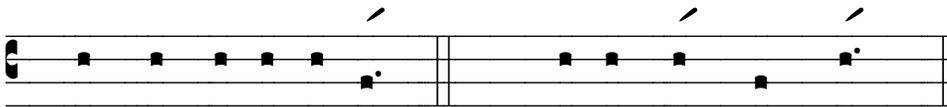
Em-man-u - el,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did



as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital



relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Je - sus.



∇ The Gos-pel of the Lord. ∩ Praise to you, Lord Christ.