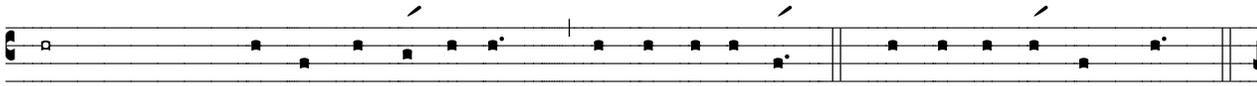
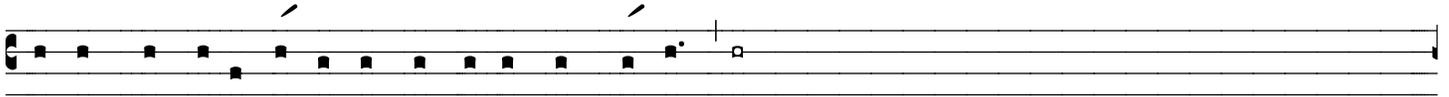


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(John 4:5-42 NRSV)



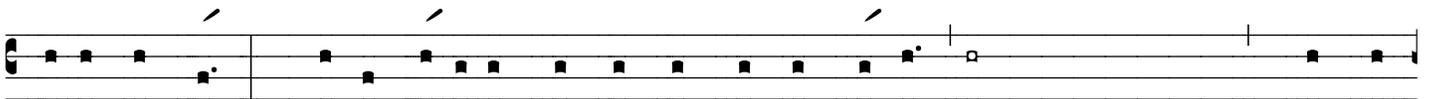
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to John. ✠ *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



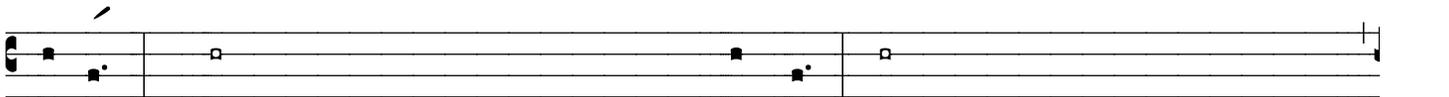
Je-sus came to a Sa-mar-i - tan cit-y called Sy-char, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his



son Jo-seph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Je-sus, tired out by his jour-ney, was sitting by the well. It



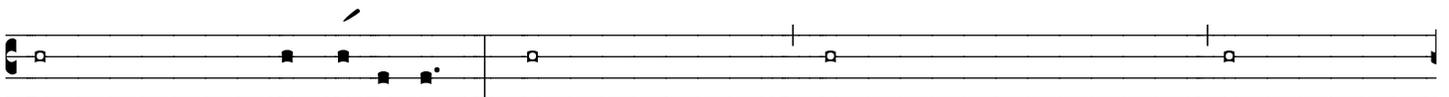
was a-bout noon. ¶ ⁷ A Sa-mar-i-tan wom-an came to draw wa-ter, and Jesus said to her, "Give me



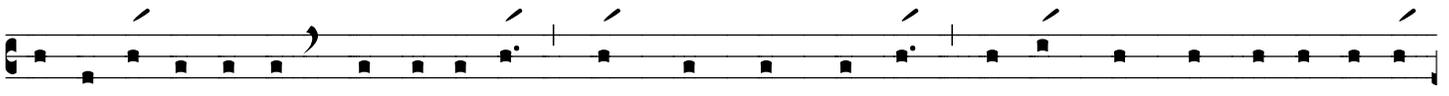
a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him,



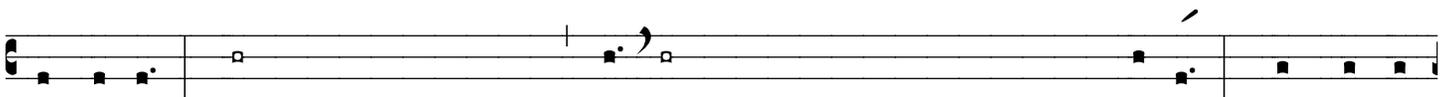
"How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a wom-an of Sa-mar-i - a?" (Jews do not share things



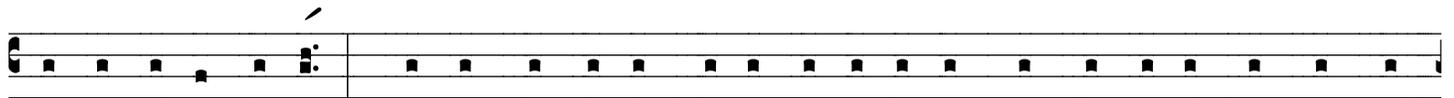
in common with Sa-mar-i - tans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is



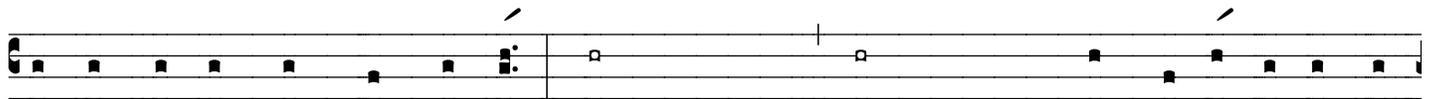
that is say-ing to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have giv-en you liv-



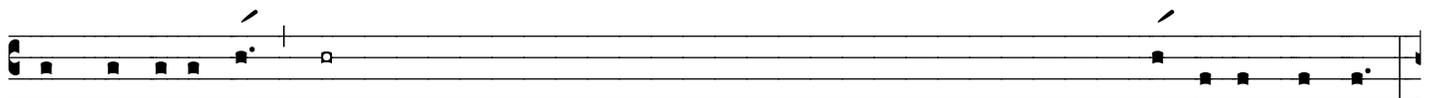
ing wa-ter." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you



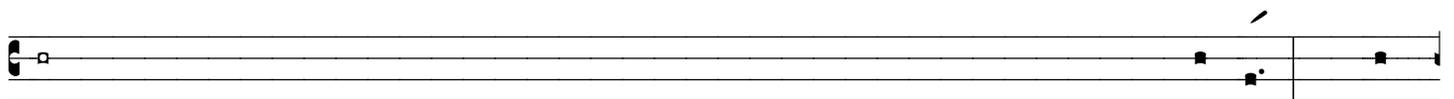
get that liv-ing wa-ter? **12** Are you great-er than our an-ces-tor Ja-cob, who gave us the well, and with



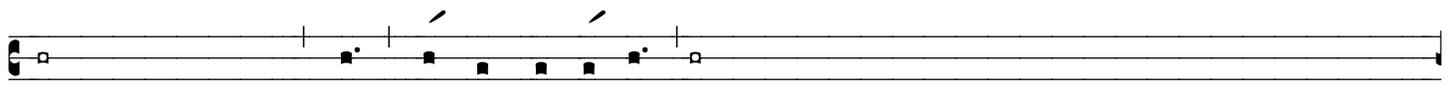
his sons and his flocks drank from it?" **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this wa-ter will



be thirst-y a-gain, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will nev-er be thirst-y.



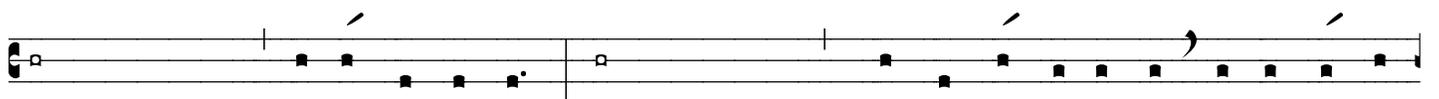
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eter-nal life." **15** The



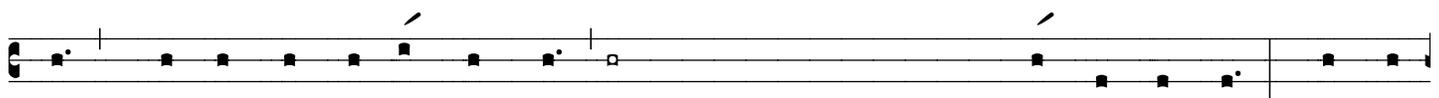
woman said to him, "Sir, give me this wa-ter, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming



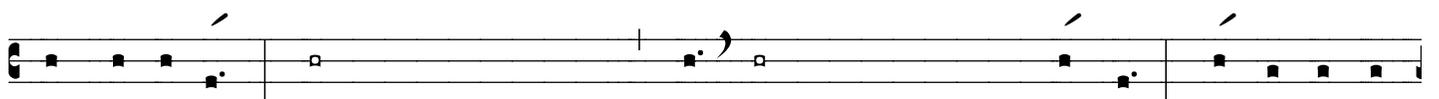
here to draw wa-ter." ¶ **16** Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." **17** The wom -



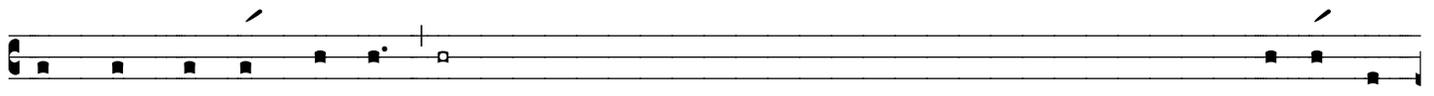
an answered him, "I have no hus-band." Jesus said to her, "You are right in say-ing, 'I have no hus -



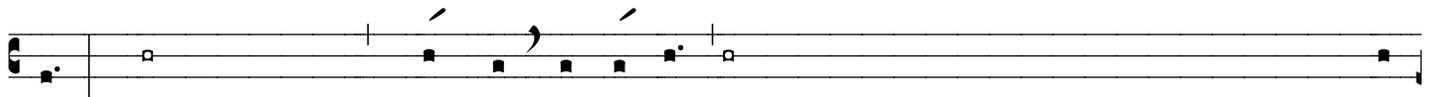
band'; **18** for you have had five hus-bands, and the one you have now is not your hus-band. What you



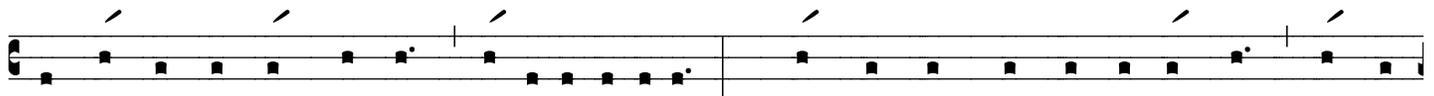
have said is true!" **19** The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a proph-et. **20** Our an-ces-tors



wor-shipped on this moun-tain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Je-ru - sa -



lem.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Wom-an, be-lieve me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Fa -



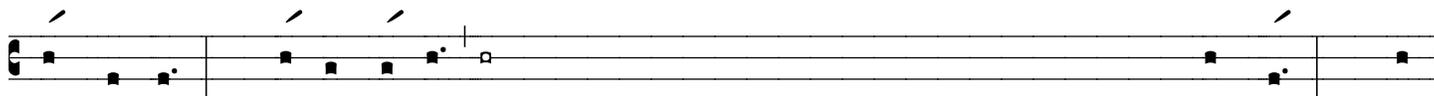
ther nei-ther on this moun-tain nor in Je-ru-sa-lem. 22 You wor-ship what you do not know; we wor -



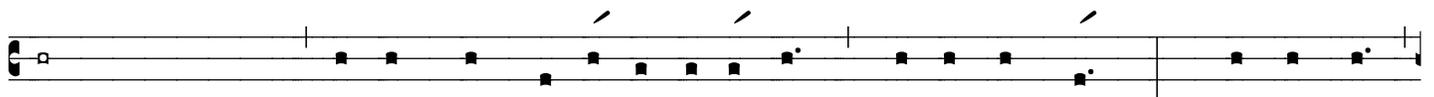
ship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is com-ing, and is now here, when



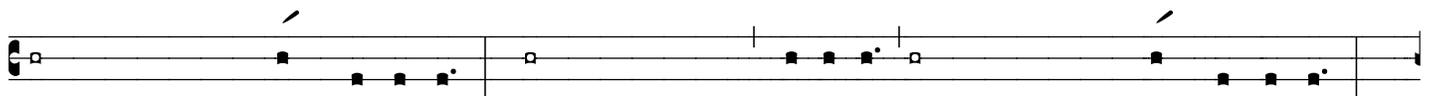
the true worshipers will worship the Fa-ther in spir-it and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to



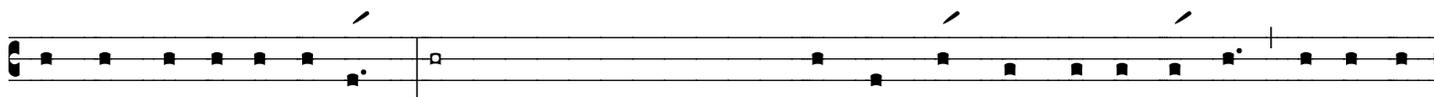
wor-ship him. 24 God is spir- it, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The



woman said to him, “I know that Mes-si - ah is com-ing” (who is called Christ). “When he comes,



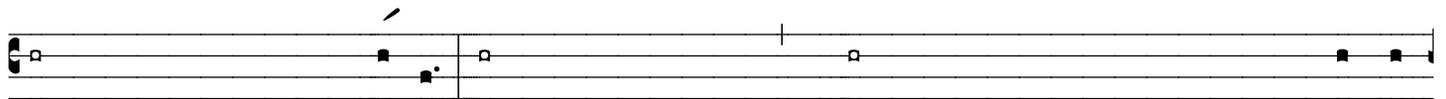
he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speak-ing to you.” ¶ 27



Just then his dis-ci-ples came. They were astonished that he was speak-ing with a wom-an, but no one



said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speak-ing with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water



jar and went back to the cit-y. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me ev-’ry-



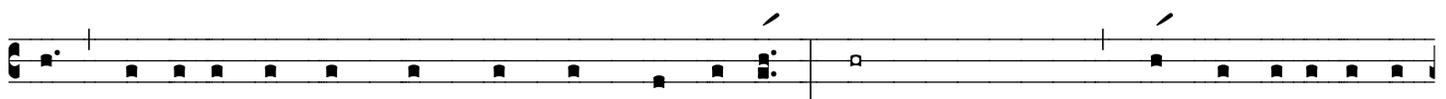
thing I have ev-er done! He can-not be the Mes-si-ah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their



way to him. ¶ ³¹ Mean-while the dis-ci-ples were urg-ing him, “Rab-bi, eat some-thing.” ³² But he



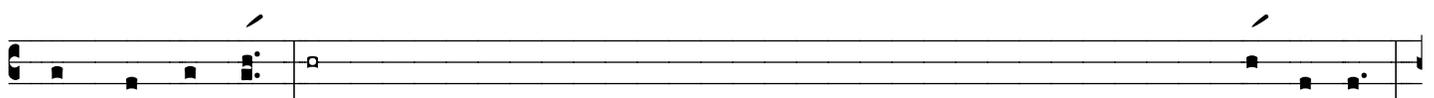
said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know a - bout.” ³³ So the disciples said to one anoth-



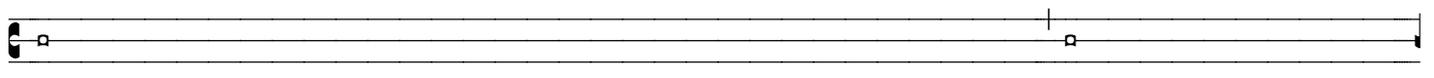
er, “Sure-ly no one has brought him some-thing to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the



will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then



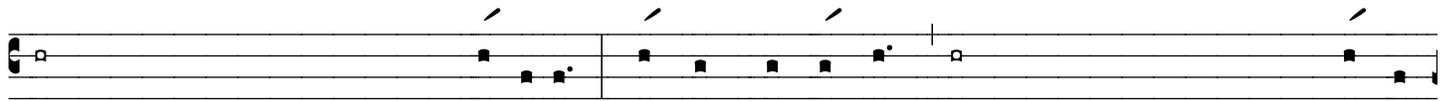
comes the har-vest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for har-vest-ing. ³⁶



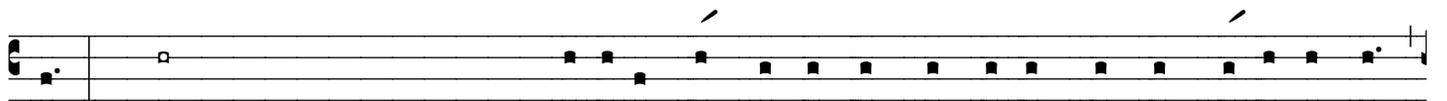
The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper



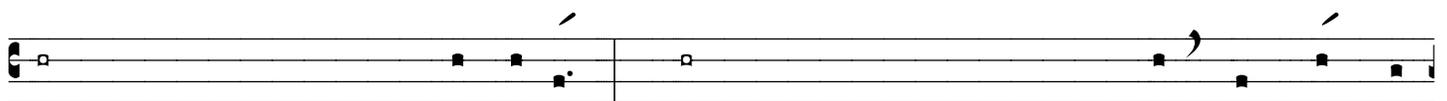
may re-joice to-geth-er. 37 For here the say-ing holds true, ‘One sows and an-oth-er reaps.’ 38 I sent you



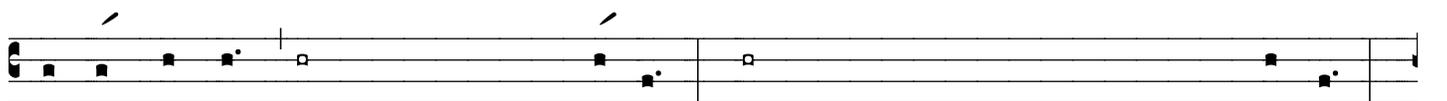
to reap that for which you did not la-bor. Oth-ers have la-bored, and you have entered into their la -



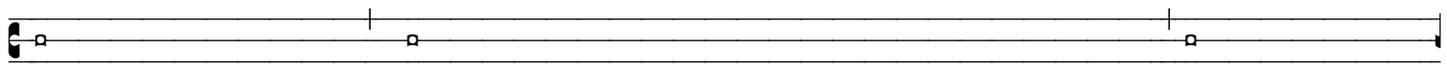
bor.” ¶ 39 Many Samaritans from that cit-y be-lieved in him be-cause of the wom-an’s tes-ti-mo - ny,



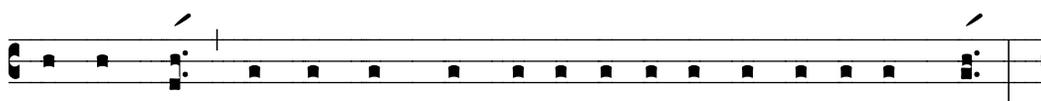
“He told me everything I have ev - er done.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him



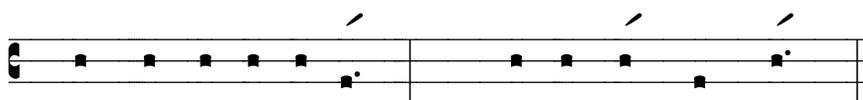
to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42



They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard



for our-selves, and we know that this is tru-ly the Sav-ior of the world.”



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

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