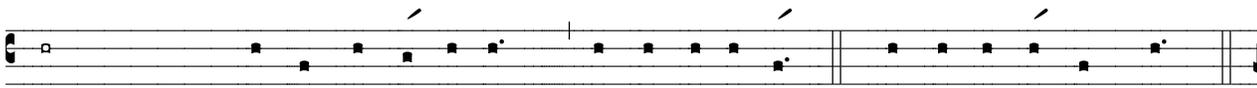
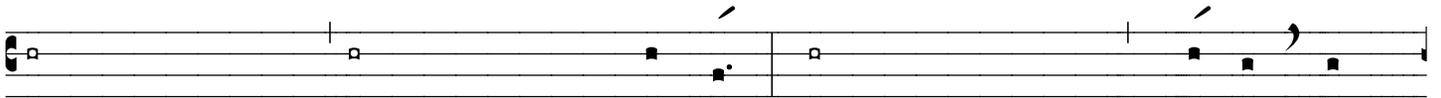


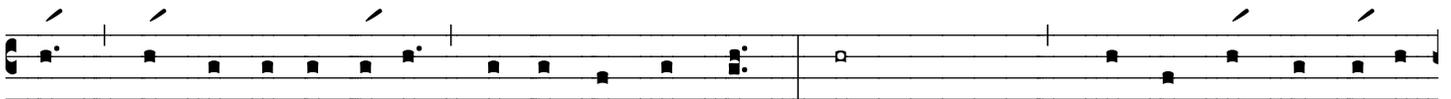
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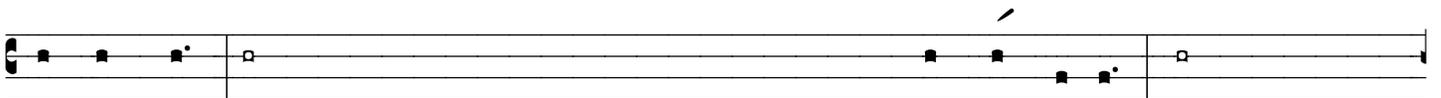
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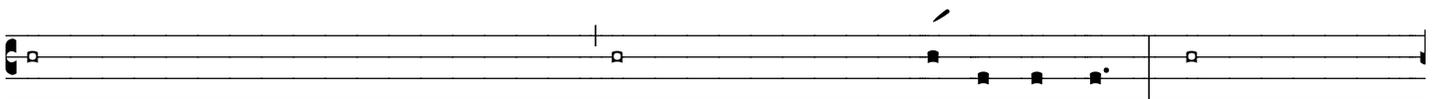
As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rab-bi, who



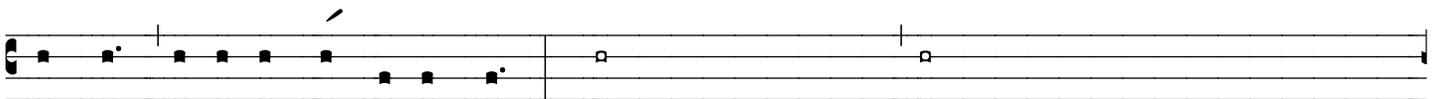
sinned, this man or his par-ents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Nei-ther this man nor his



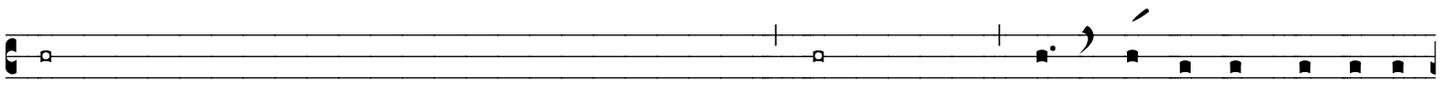
par-ents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be re-vealed in him. ⁴ We must work the



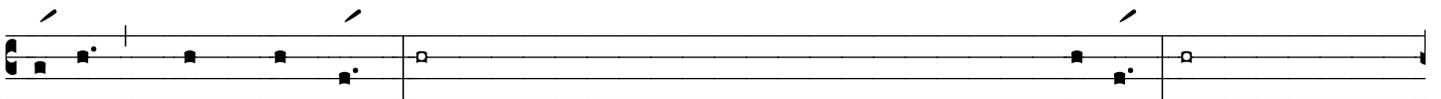
works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in



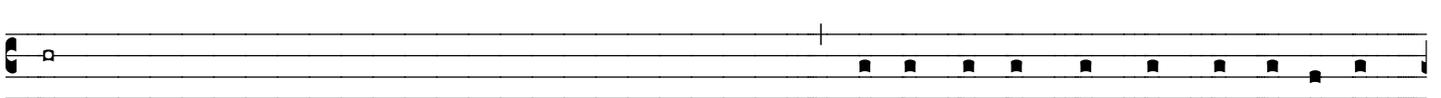
the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud



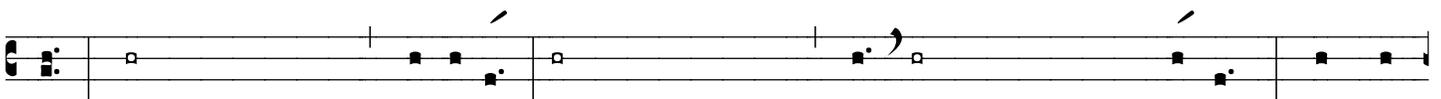
with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Sil-



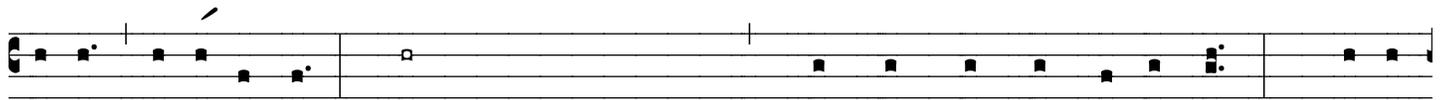
o-am” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and



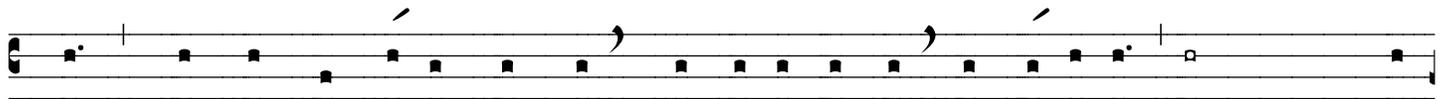
those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and



beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept



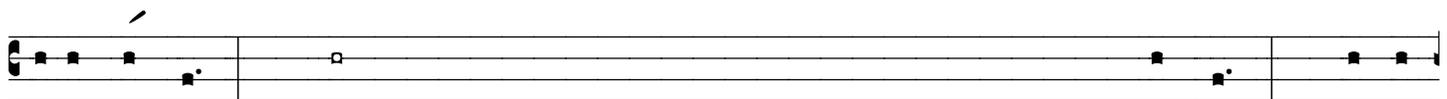
saying, "I am the man." **10** But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes o-pened?" **11** He an-



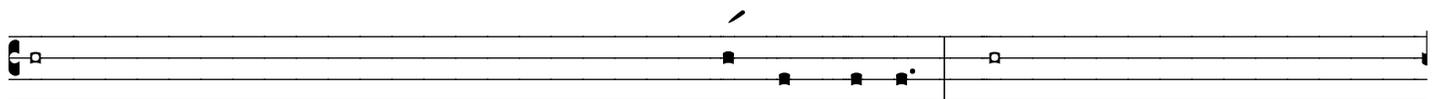
swered, "The man called Je-sus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and



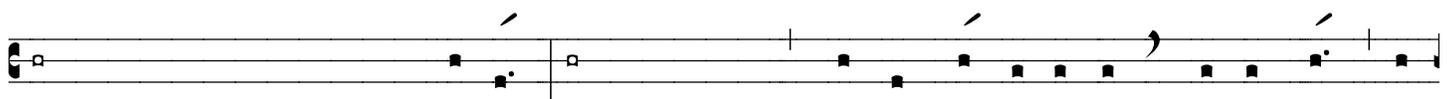
wash.' Then I went and washed and re-ceived my sight." **12** They said to him, "Where is he?" He said,



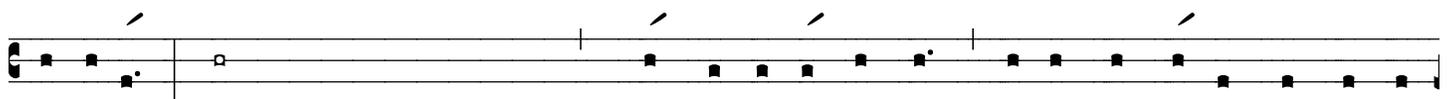
"I do not know." ¶ **13** They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. **14** Now it



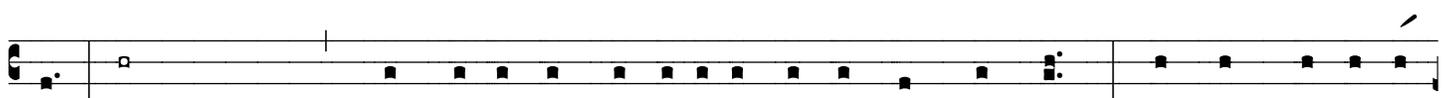
was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and o-pened his eyes. **15** Then the Pharisees also began to



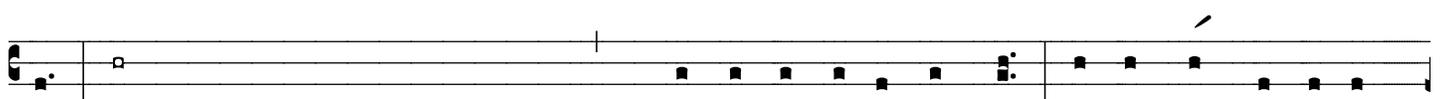
ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and



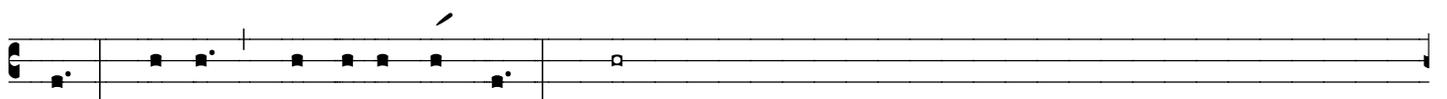
now I see." **16** Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not ob-serve the sab-



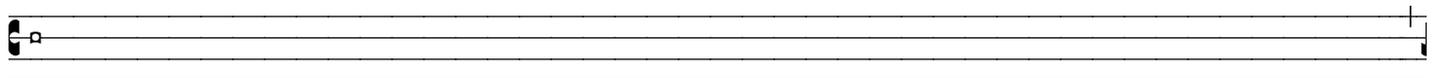
bath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sin-ner per-form such signs?" And they were di-vid-



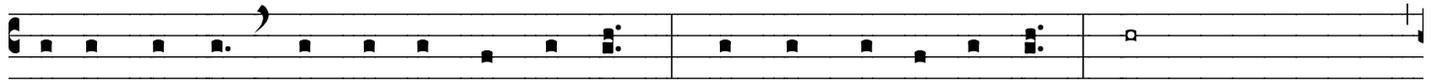
ed. **17** So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say a-bout him? It was your eyes he o-



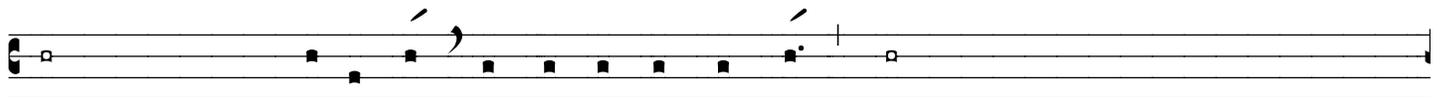
pened." He said, "He is a proph-et." ¶ **18** The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had re-



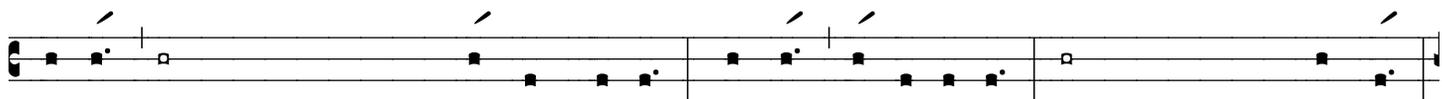
ceived his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight **19** and asked them,



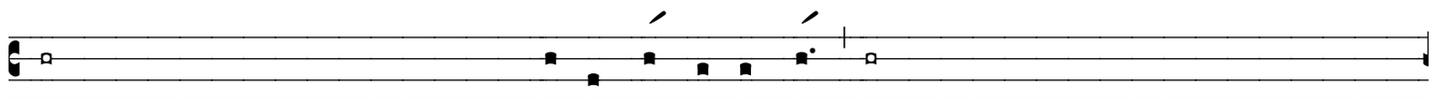
“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” **20** His parents answered,



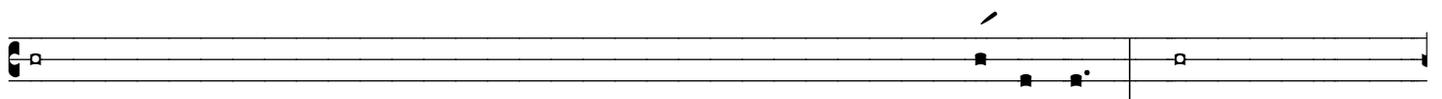
“We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; **21** but we do not know how it is that now



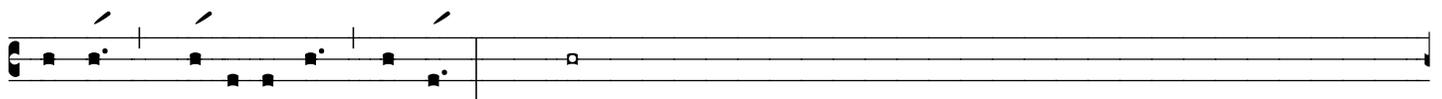
he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”



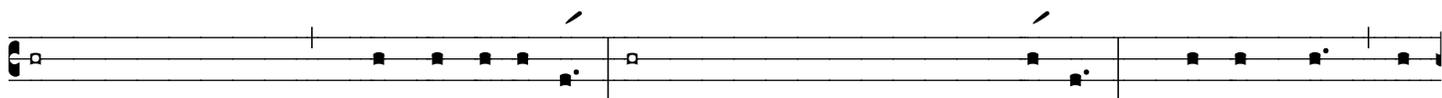
22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that any-



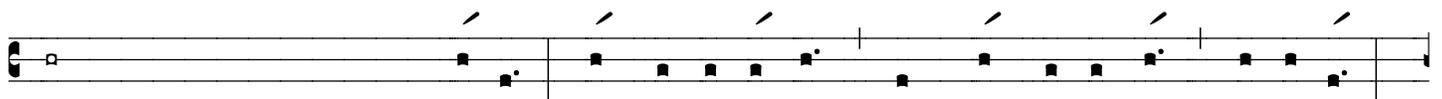
one who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. **23** Therefore his par-



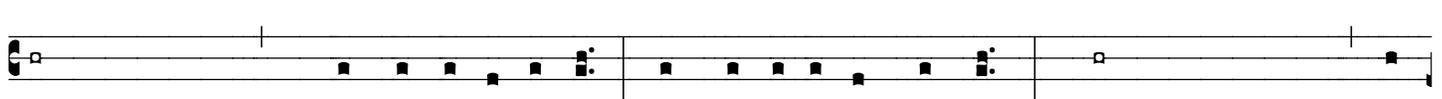
ents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ¶ **24** So for the second time they called the man who had been blind,



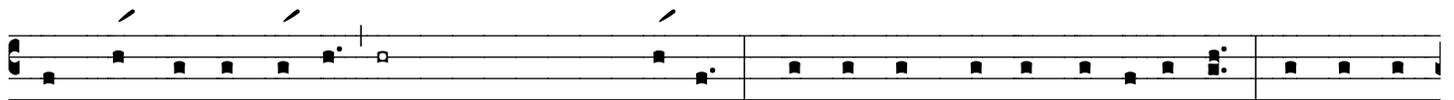
and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” **25** He answered, “I



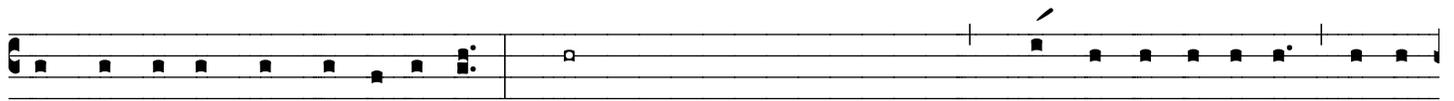
do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” **26**



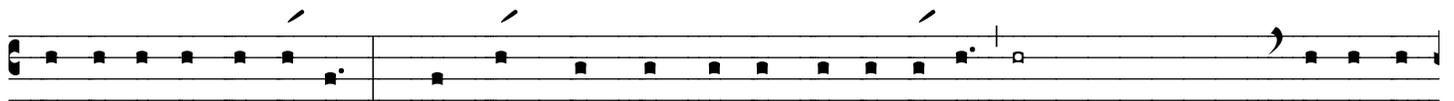
They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” **27** He answered them, “I



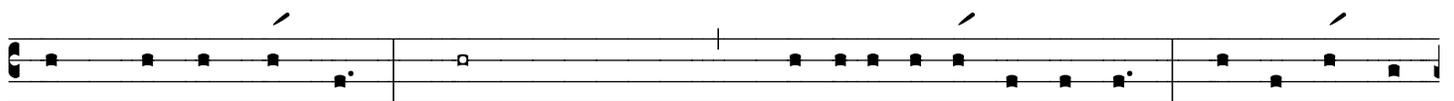
have told you al-read-y, and you would not lis-ten. Why do you want to hear it a-gain? Do you al-



so want to be-come his dis-ci-ple?” 28 Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his dis-ci-ple, but we



are dis-ci-ple of Mo-ses. 29 We know that God has spo-ken to Mo-ses, but as for this man, we do not



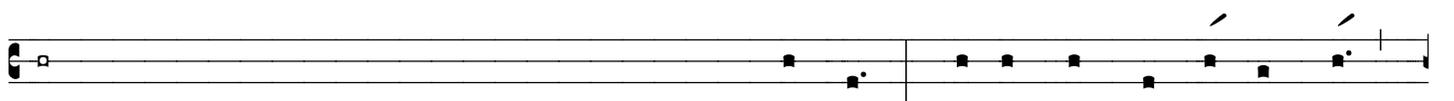
know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Here is an as-ton-ish-ing thing! You do not know



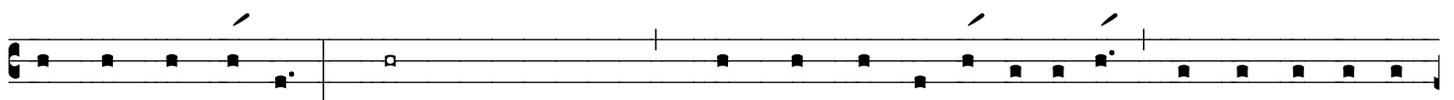
where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not lis-ten to sin-ners,



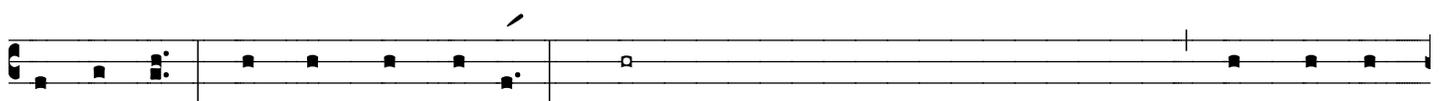
but he does listen to one who worships him and o-beys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it



been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God,



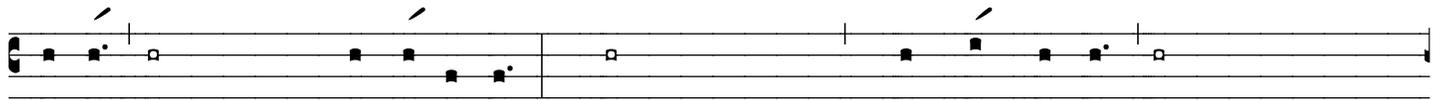
he could do noth-ing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born en-tire-ly in sins, and are you try-ing



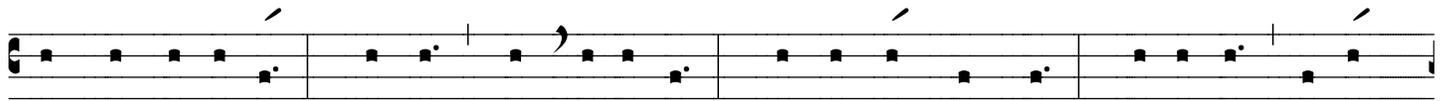
to teach us?” And they drove him out. ¶ 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he



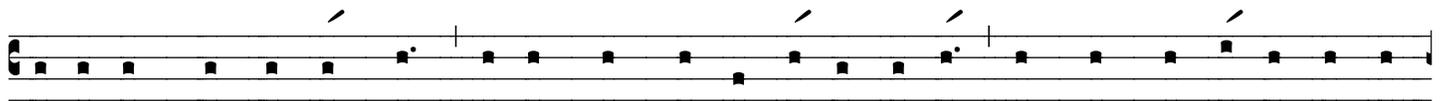
found him, he said, “Do you be-lieve in the Son of Man?” 36 He an-swered, “And who is he, sir?”



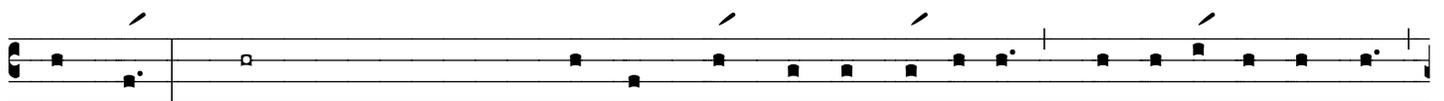
Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speak -



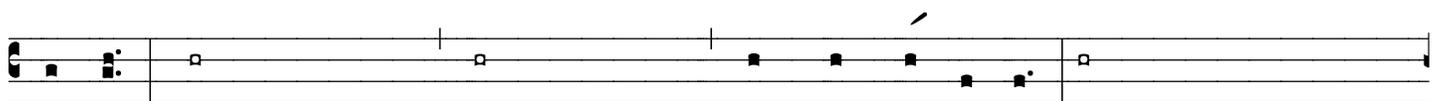
ing with you is he.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. 39 Je-sus said, “I came



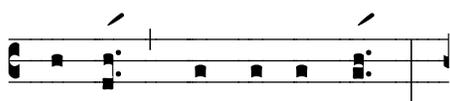
in-to this world for judg-ment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may be -



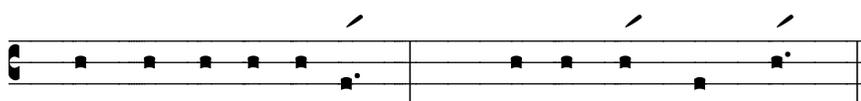
come blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Sure-ly we are not blind,



are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say,



‘We see,’ your sin re-mains.



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

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