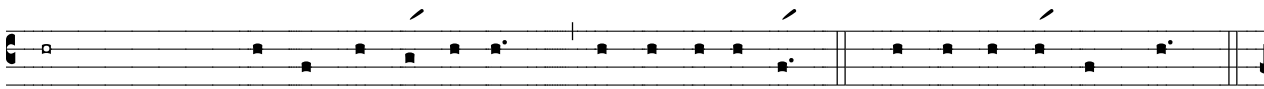


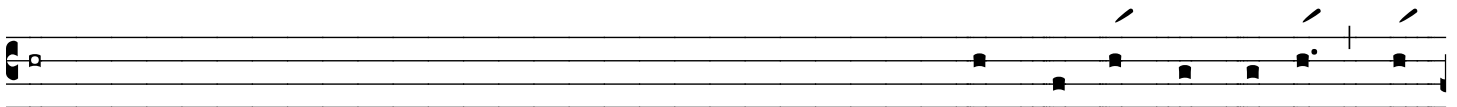
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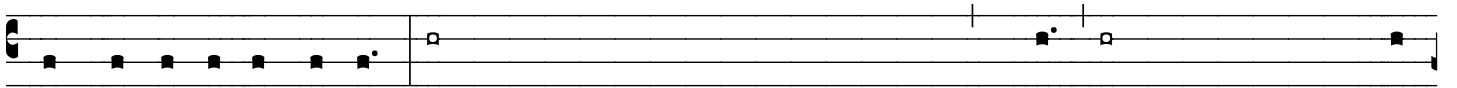
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to John. ✠ *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



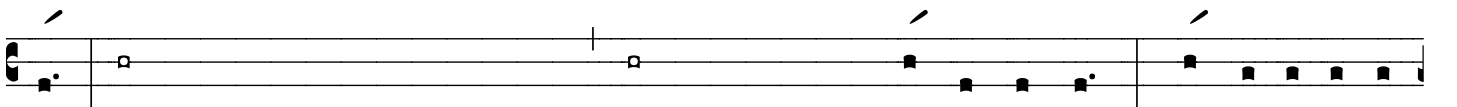
Now a certain man was ill, Laz-a-rus of Beth-a-ny, the village of Mary and her sister Mar-tha.



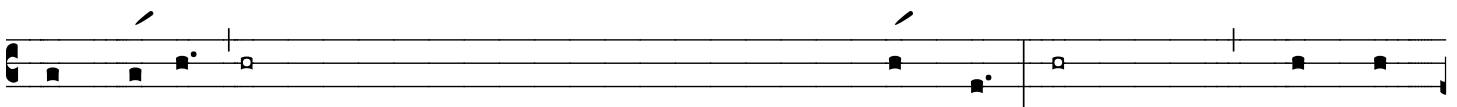
<sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her



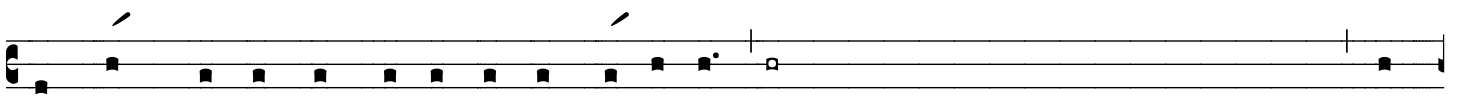
broth-er Laz-a-rus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is



ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rath-er it is for



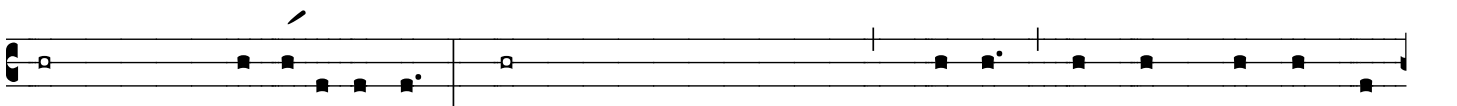
God’s glo-ry, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Je -



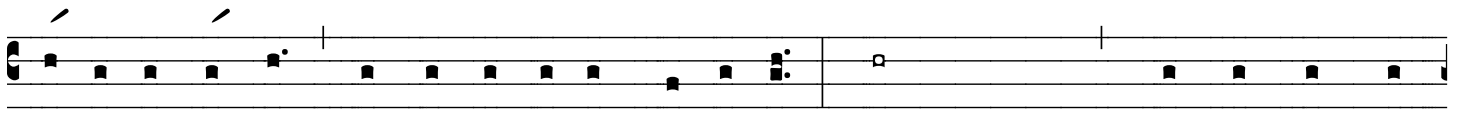
sus loved Mar-tha and her sis-ter and Laz-a-rus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he



stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ¶ <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples,



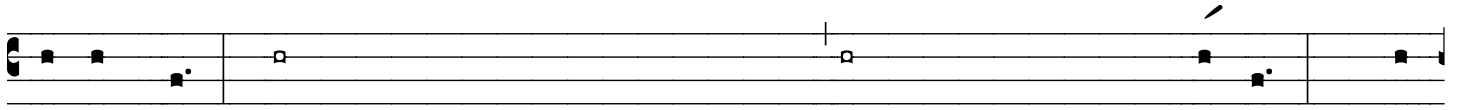
“Let us go to Ju-de-a a-gain.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rab-bi, the Jews were just now



try-ing to stone you, and are you go-ing there a-gain?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve



hours of day-light? Those who walk dur-ing the day do not stum-ble, because they see the light



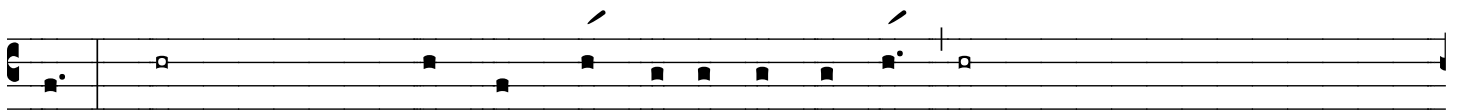
of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup> Af-



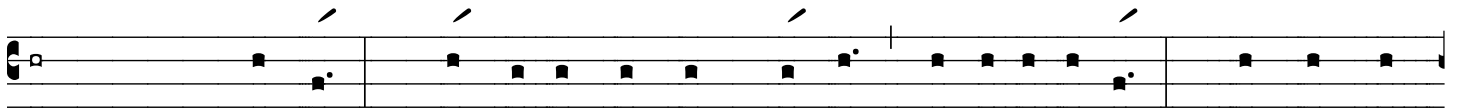
ter saying this, he told them, “Our friend Laz-a-rus has fal-len a-sleep, but I am going there to



a-wak-en him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fal-len a - sleep, he will be all



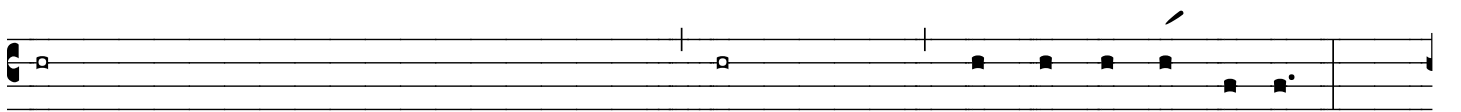
right.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speak-ing a-bout his death, but they thought that he was re-



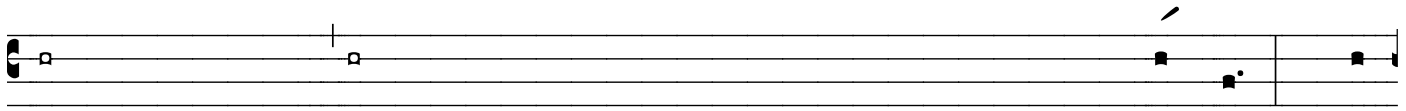
ferring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Je-sus told them plain-ly, “Laz-a-rus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake



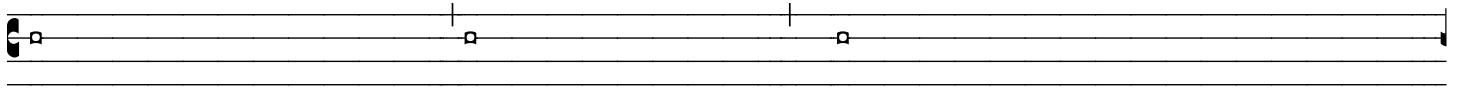
I am glad I was not there, so that you may be-lieve. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was



called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¶ <sup>17</sup>



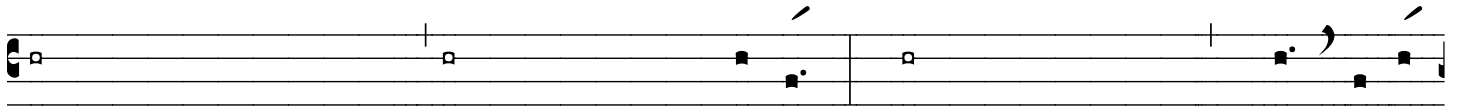
When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now



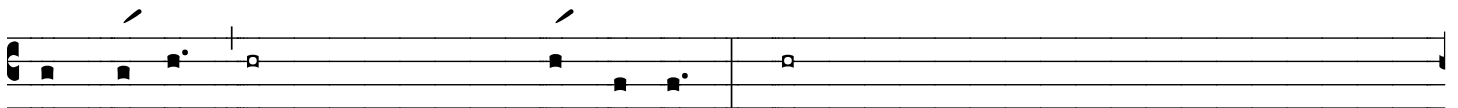
Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Mar-



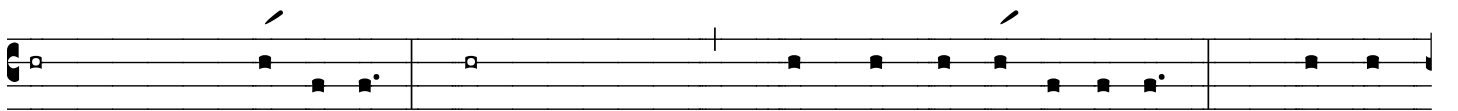
tha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was com-



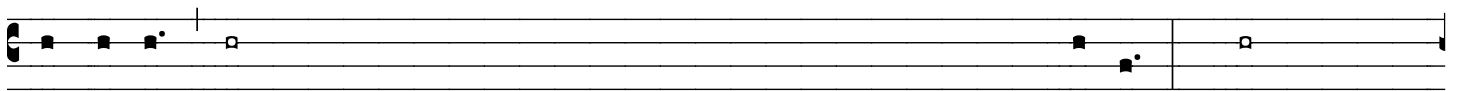
ing, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you



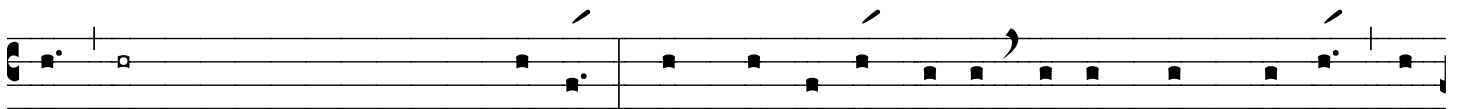
had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you



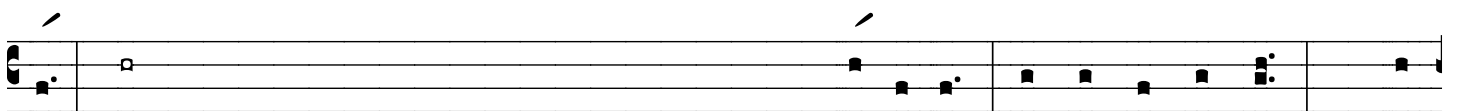
whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise a - gain.” <sup>24</sup> Mar-tha



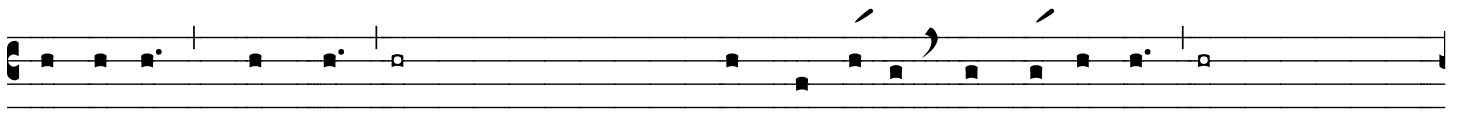
said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to



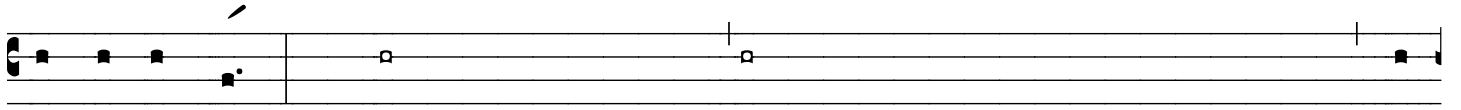
her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who be-lieve in me, e-ven though they die, will



live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will nev-er die. Do you be-lieve this?” <sup>27</sup> She



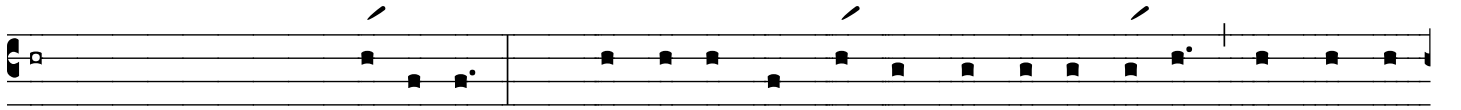
said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Mes-si-ah, the Son of God, the one coming



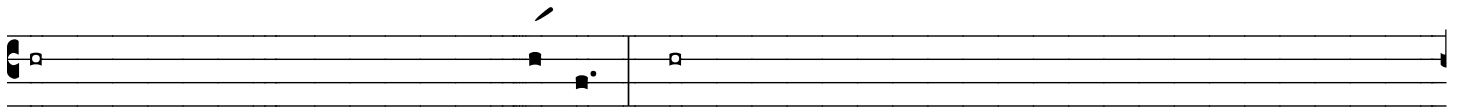
in - to the world.” ¶ 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and



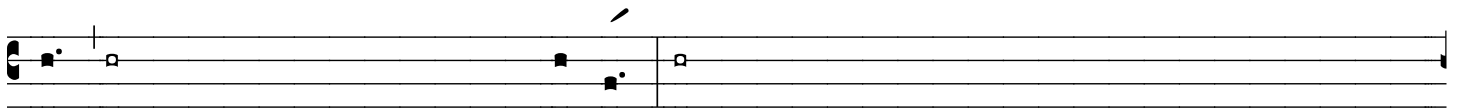
told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is cal-ling for you.” 29 And when she heard it, she



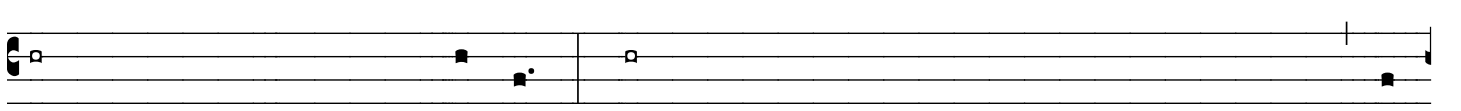
got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Je-sus had not yet come to the vil-lage, but was still



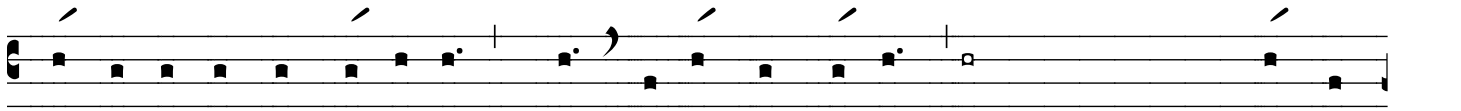
at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling



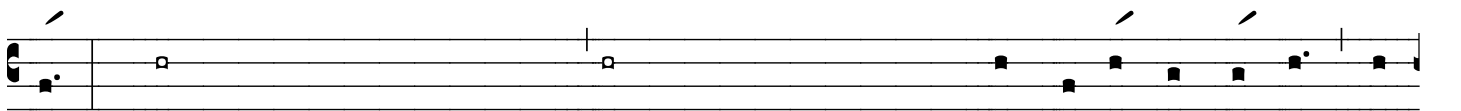
her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she



was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she



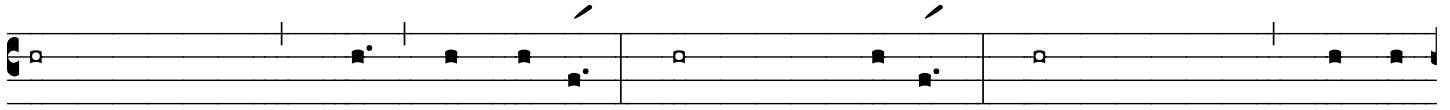
knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have



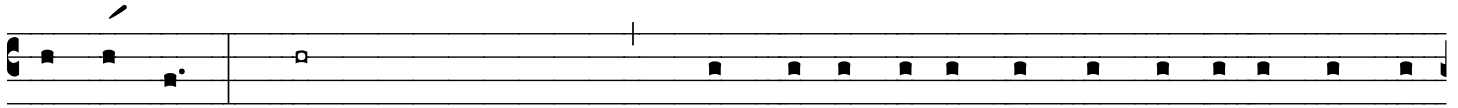
died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her al - so weep-ing, he



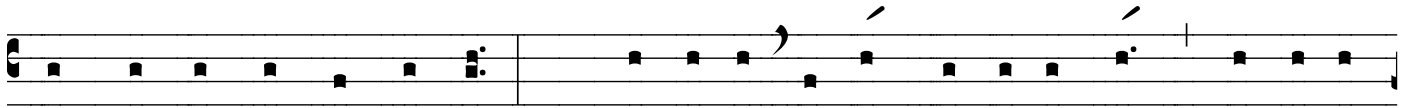
was greatly disturbed in spirit and deep-ly moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?”



They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, “See how



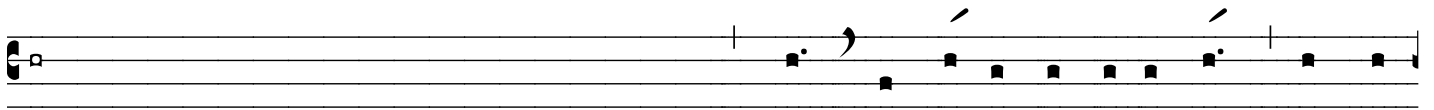
he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who o-pened the eyes of the blind man



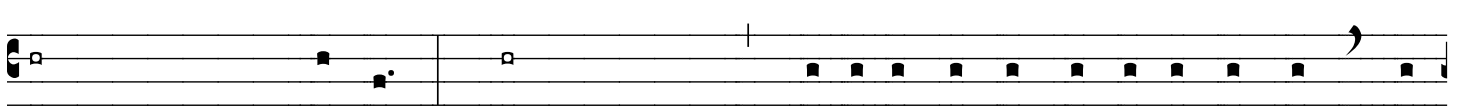
have kept this man from dy-ing?” ¶ 38 Then Je-sus, a-gain great-ly dis-turbed, came to the



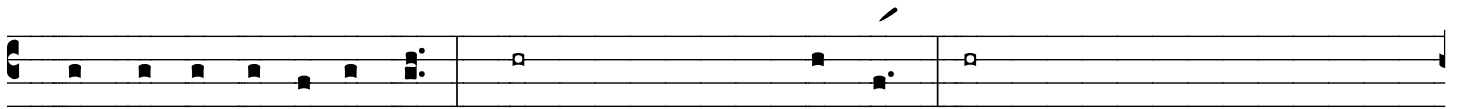
tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying a-gainst it. 39 Je-sus said, “Take a-way the stone.”



Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, al-read-y there is a stench be-cause



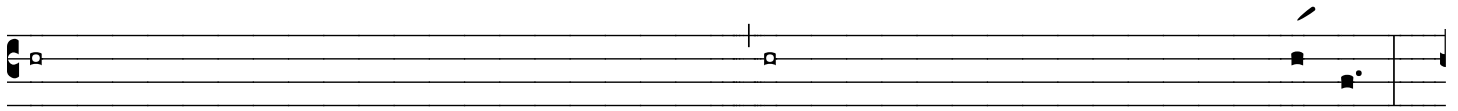
he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you be-lieved, you



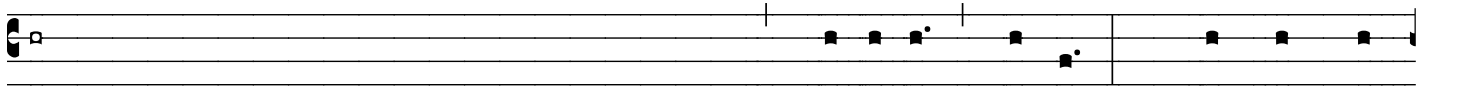
would see the glo-ry of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and



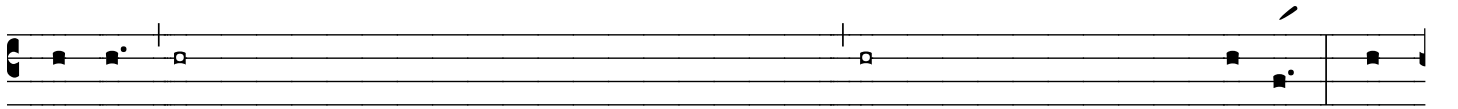
said, “Fa-ther, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you al-ways hear me, but I have



said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43



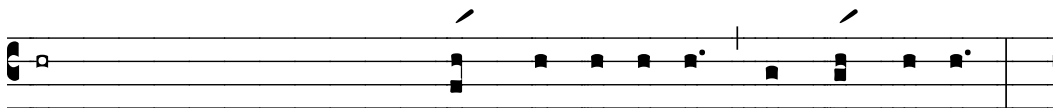
When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Laz-a-rus, come out!” 44 The dead man



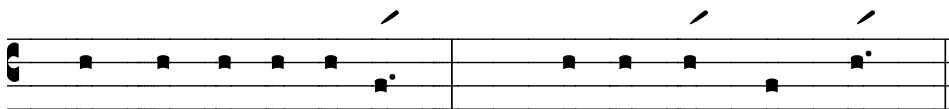
came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Je -



sus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ¶ 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had



come with Mary and had seen what Je-sus did, be-lieved in him.



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

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