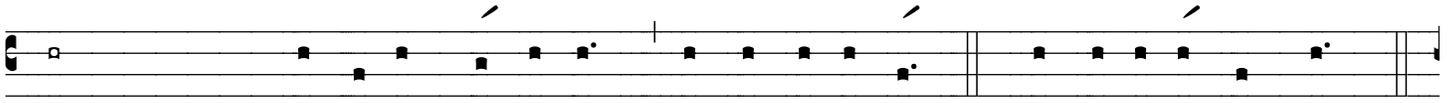
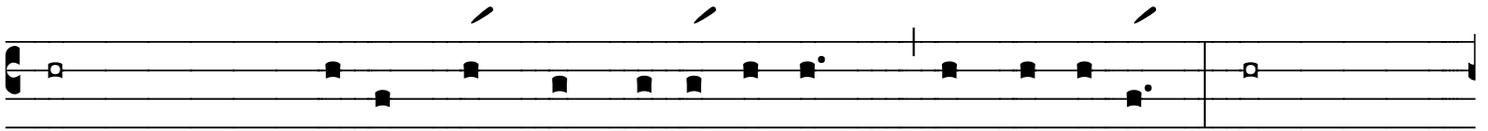


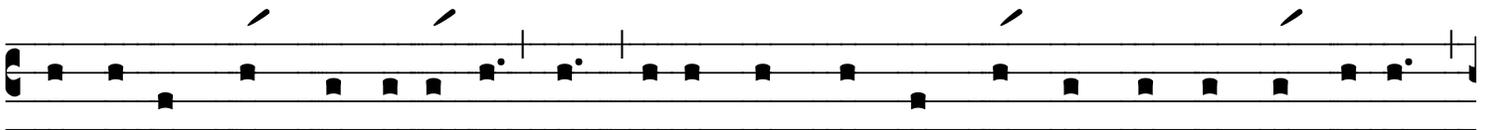
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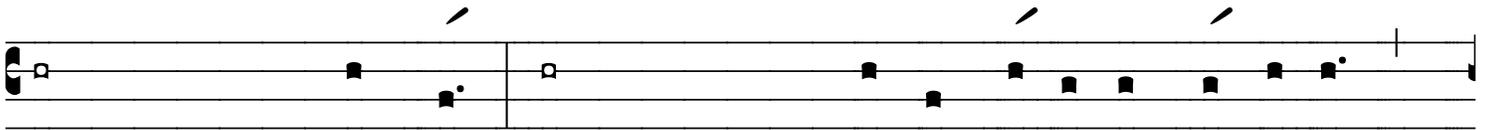
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Mark. ✠ *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



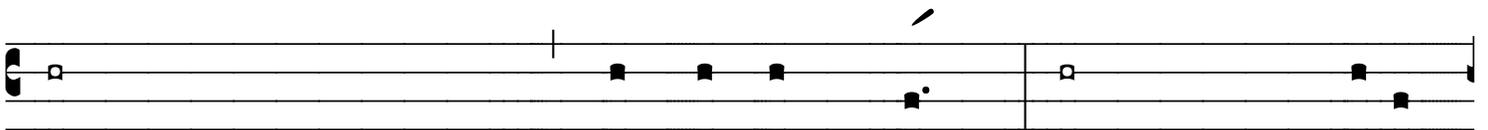
The beginning of the good news of Je-sus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is writ-



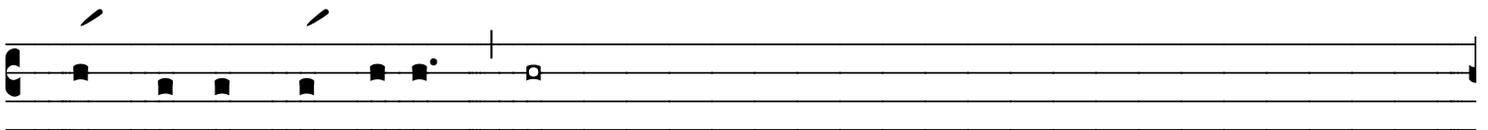
ten in the pro-phet I-sai-ah, “See, I am send-ing my mes-sen-ger a-head of you,



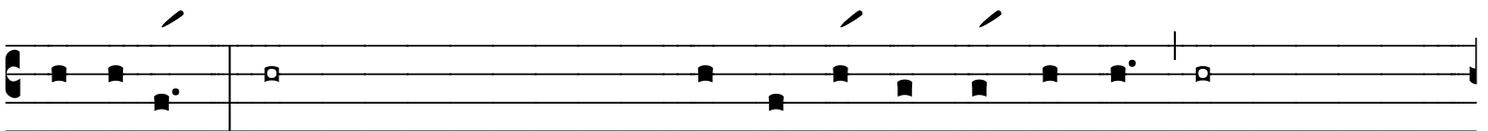
who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one cry-ing out in the wild-er-ness:



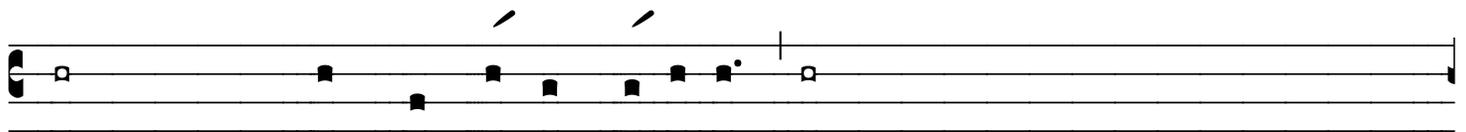
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ John the baptiz-er ap-



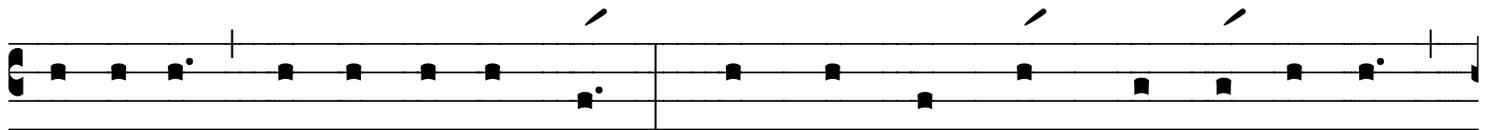
peared in the wild-er-ness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgive-



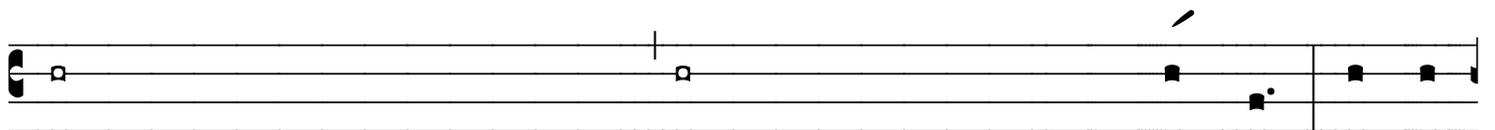
ness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Ju-de-an coun-try-side and all the peo-



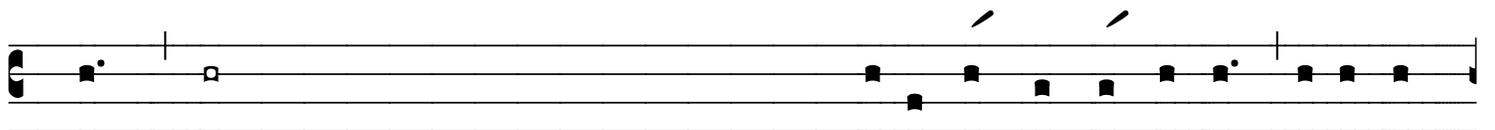
ple of Jerusa-lem were go-ing out to him, and were baptized by him in the riv-



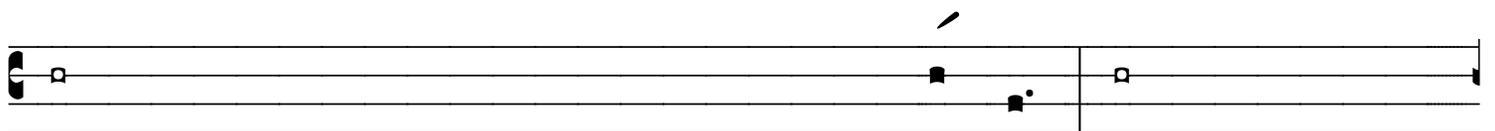
er Jor-dan, con-fes-sing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with cam-el's hair,



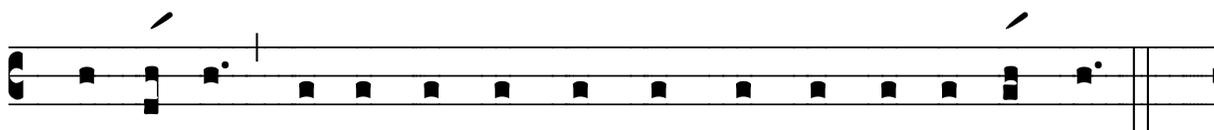
with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild hon-ey. ⁷ He pro-



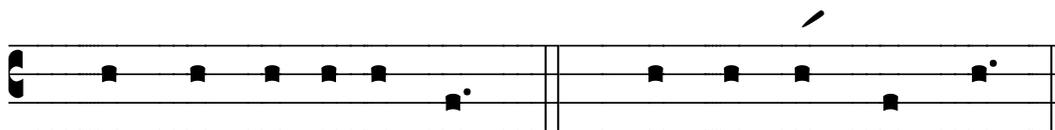
claimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is com-ing af-ter me; I am not



worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his san-dals. ⁸ I have baptized you



with wa-ter; but he will bap-tize you with the Ho-ly Spir-it.



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