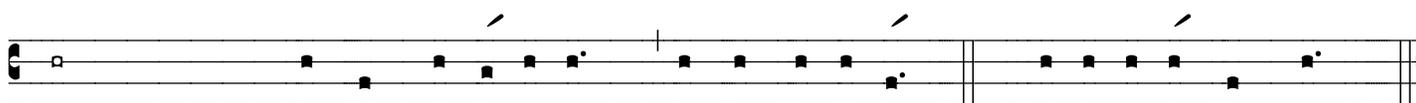
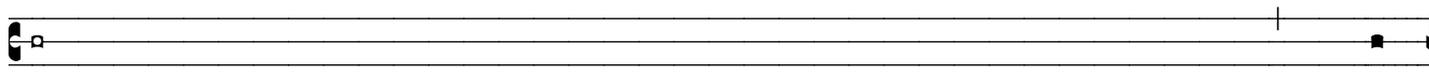


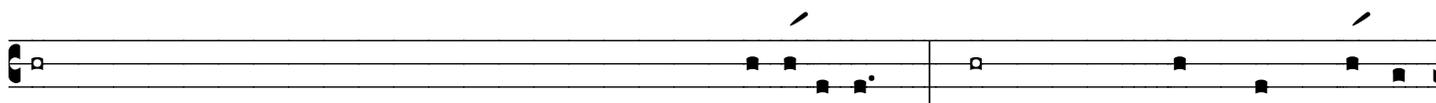
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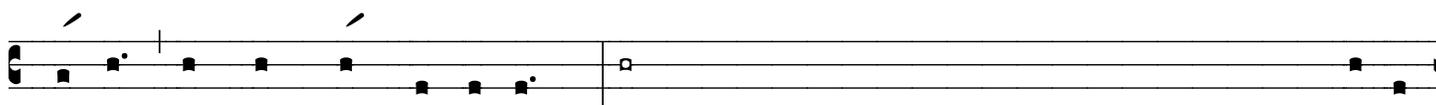
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Luke. ✠ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



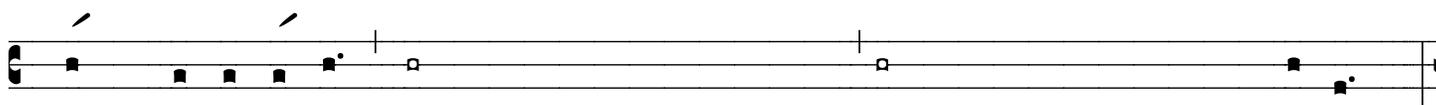
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where



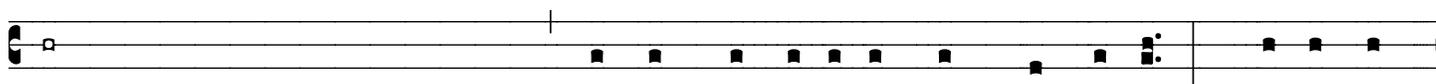
she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted E-liz-a- beth. ⁴¹ When Eliza-beth heard Mar-y's



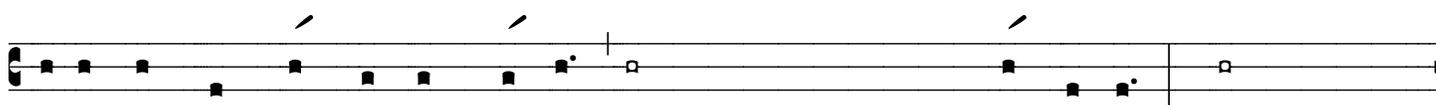
greet-ing, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and ex-



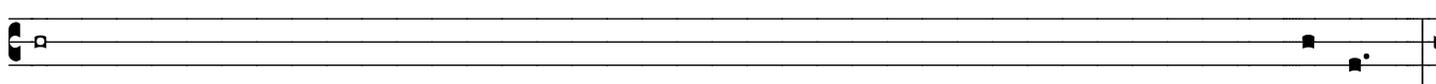
claimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.



⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the moth-er of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon



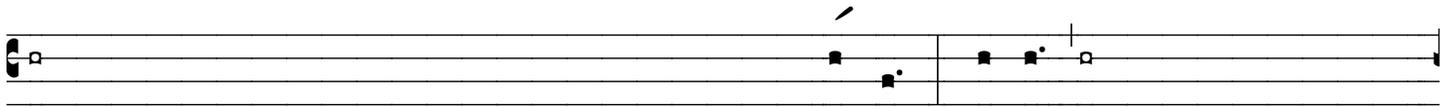
as I heard the sound of your greet-ing, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is



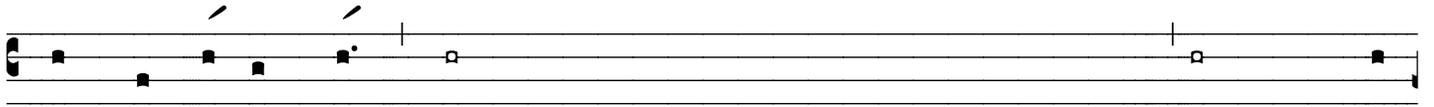
she who be-lieved that there would be a ful-fill-ment of what was spo-ken to her by the Lord."



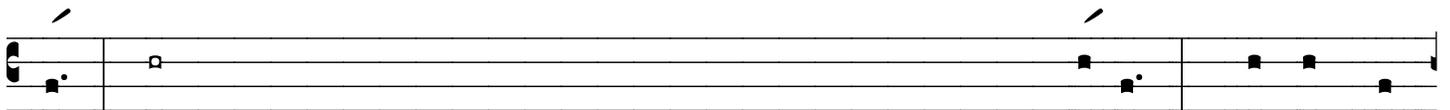
⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,



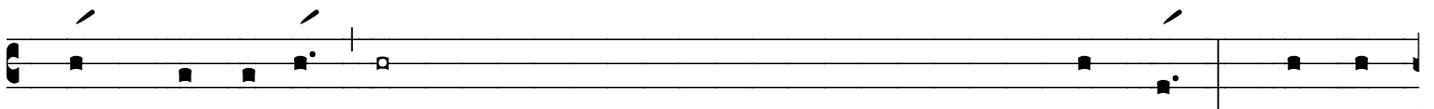
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his ser-vant. Sure-ly, from now on all genera-



tions will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his



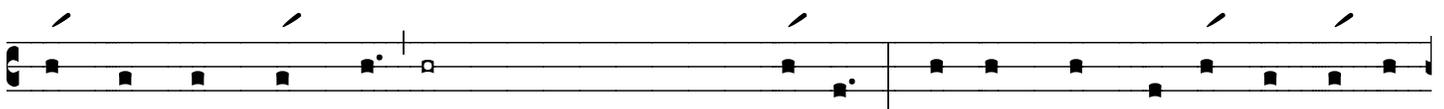
name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to gener-a - tion. 51 He has shown



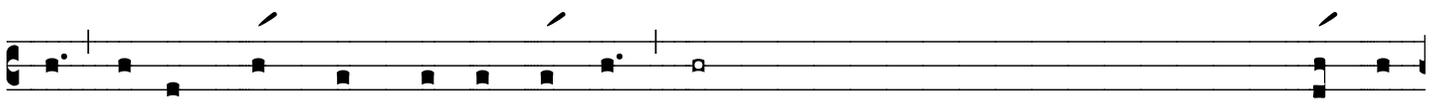
strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has



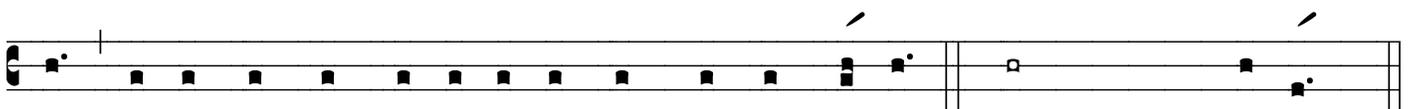
brought down the pow-er-ful from their thrones, and lifted up the low-ly; 53 he has filled the



hun-gry with good things, and sent the rich away emp-ty. 54 He has helped his ser-vant Is - ra -



el, in re - mem-brance of his mer - cy, 55 according to the promise he made to our an - ces -



tors, to Ab - ra - ham and to his de-scend-ants for - ev - er.” ✠ The Gospel of the Lord.