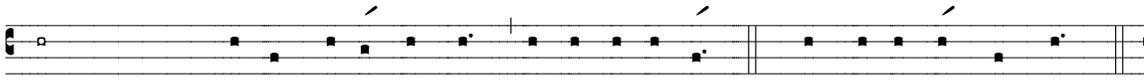
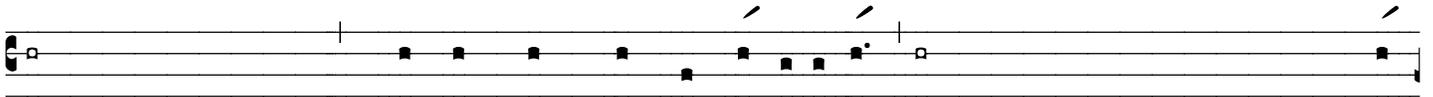


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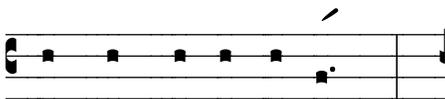
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Mark. ✠ *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



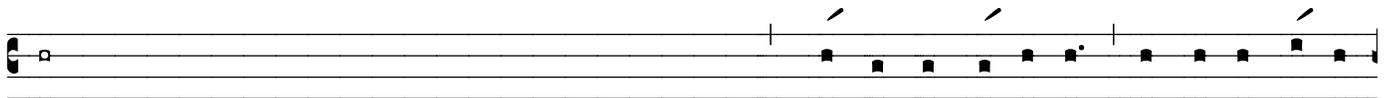
Then Jesus went home; ²⁰ and the crowd came to-gether a-gain, so that he and the Twelve could not



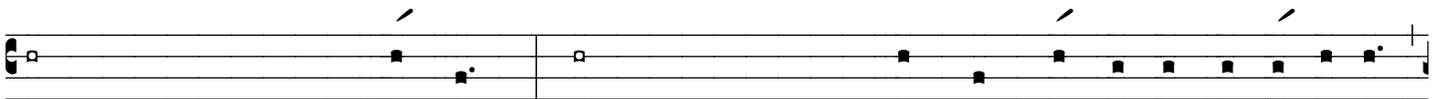
e-ven eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to re-strain him, for people were saying, “He



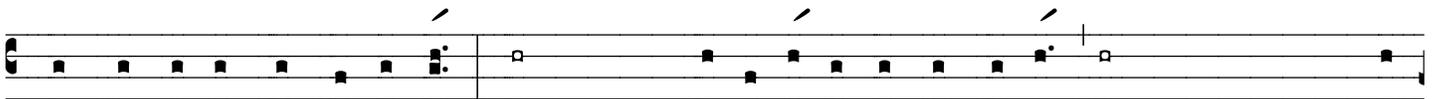
has gone out of his mind.”



²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Be - el - ze-bul, and by the rul-er



of the demons he casts out de-mons.” ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in par- a- bles,



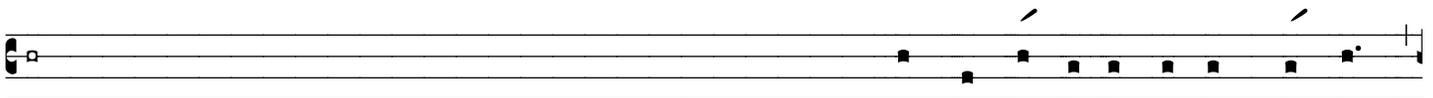
“How can Sa-tan cast out Sa-tan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is di-vid-ed a-against it-self, that king-dom can-not



stand. ²⁵ And if a house is di-vid-ed a-against it - self, that house will not be a-ble to stand. ²⁶ And if



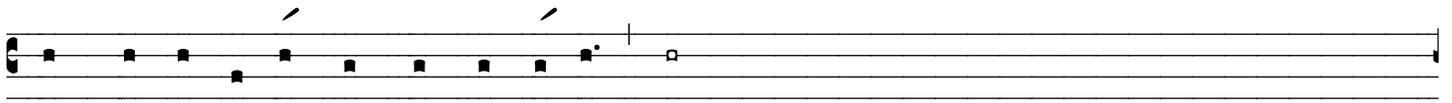
Satan has risen up a-against him-self and is di-vid-ed, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no



one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property with-out first ty-ing up the strong man;



then indeed the house can be plun-dered.²⁸ “Tru-ly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins



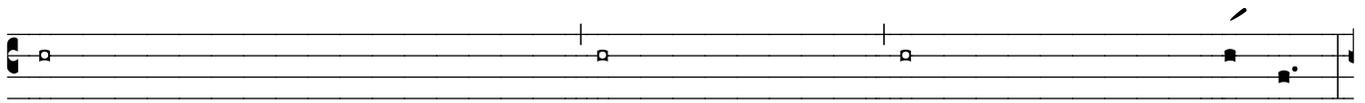
and what-ev - er blas-phe-mies they ut - ter;²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can



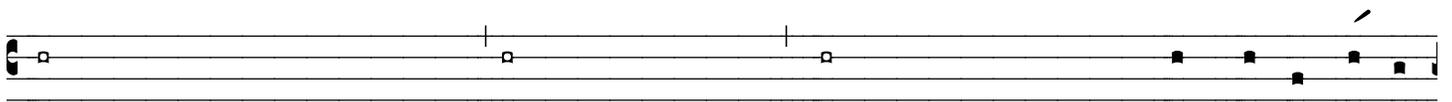
never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an e - ter-nal sin”—³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean



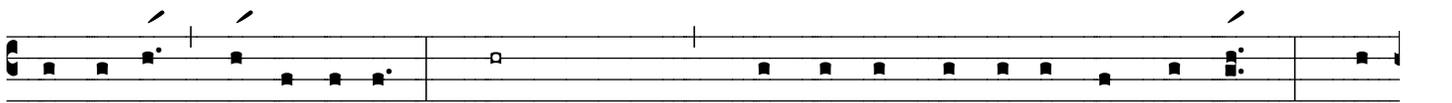
spir - it.”



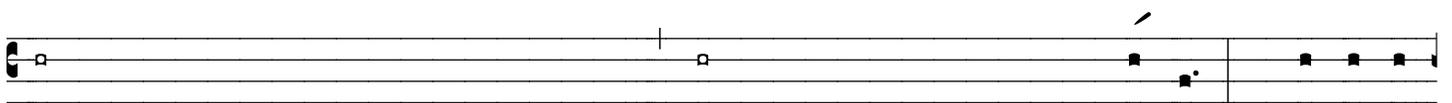
³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.



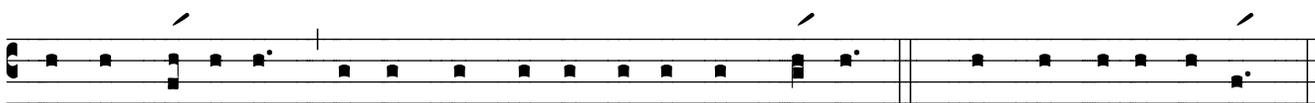
³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your broth-ers and sis-ters



are out-side, ask-ing for you.”³³ And he replied, “Who are my moth-er and my broth-ers?”³⁴ And



looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my broth-ers!”³⁵ Who-ev-er



does the will of God is my broth-er and sis-ter and moth-er.” ✠ The Gos-pel of the Lord.