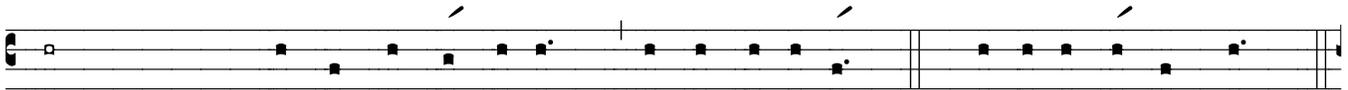
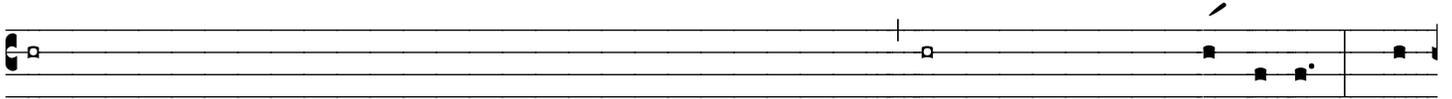


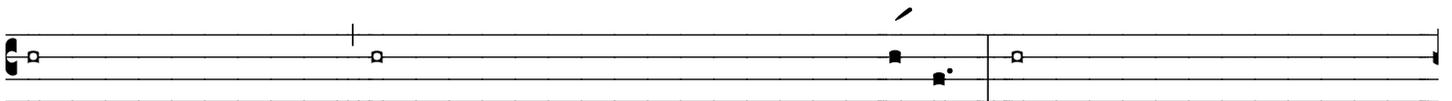
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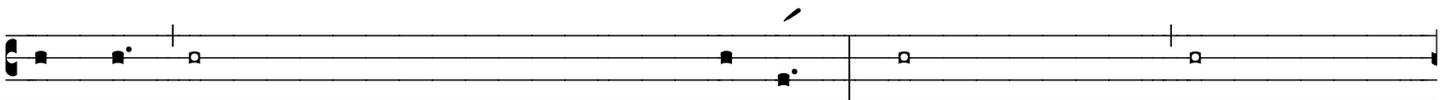
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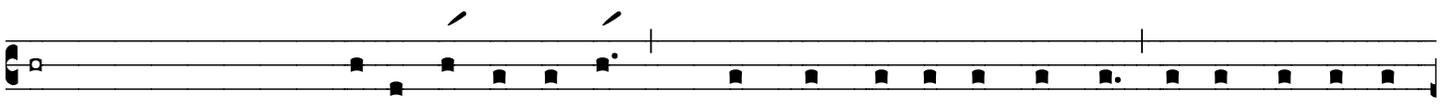
Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Gal - i - lee. <sup>27</sup> As



he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn



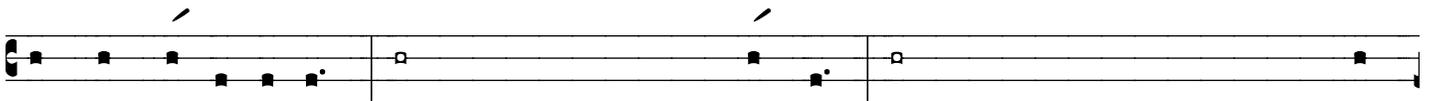
no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down be -



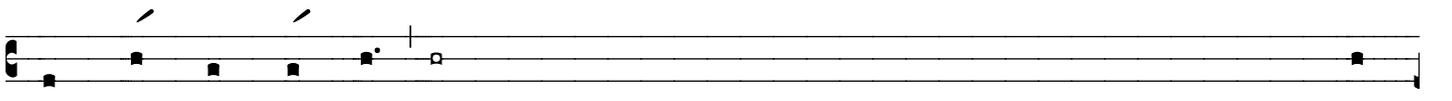
fore him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Je-sus, Son of the



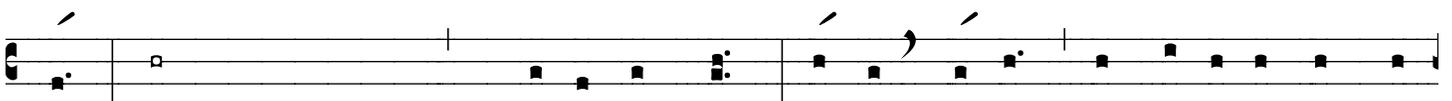
Most High God? I beg you, do not tor-ment me”— <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit



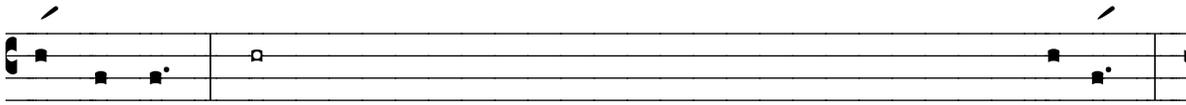
to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound



with chains and shack - les, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the



wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Le-gion”; for man-y de-mons had



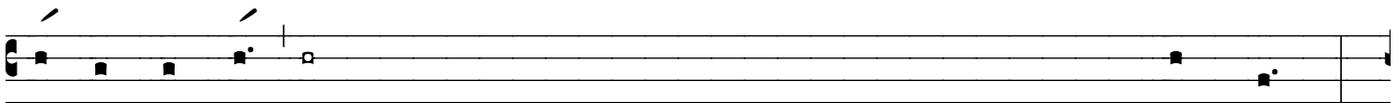
en-tered him. **31** They begged him not to order them to go back into the a - byss.



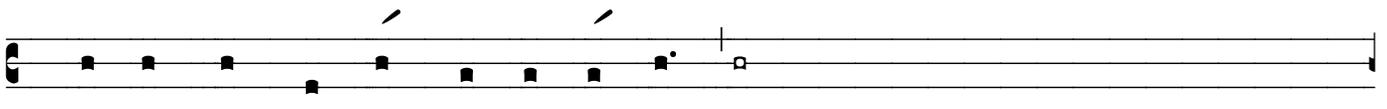
**32** Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feed-ing; and the demons begged Jesus to



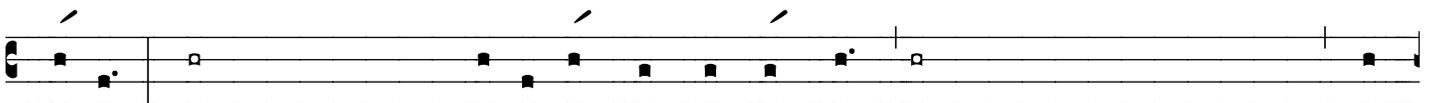
let them en-ter these. So he gave them per-mis-sion. **33** Then the demons came out of the man and



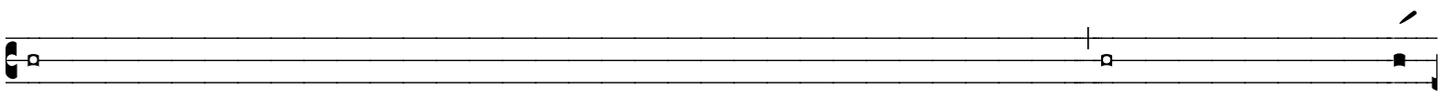
en-tered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.



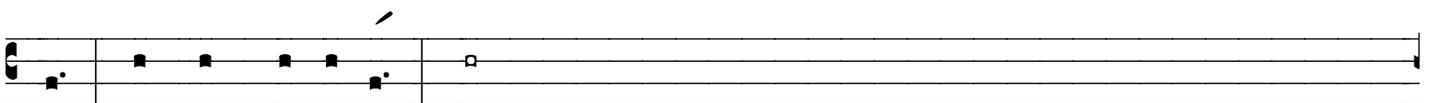
**34** When the swine-herds saw what had hap-pened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the



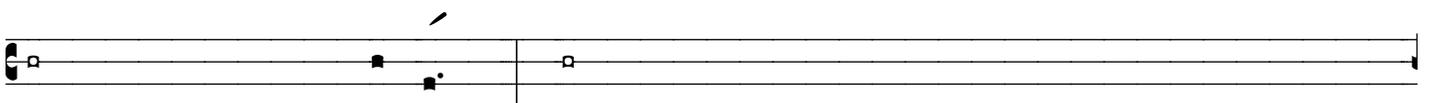
coun-try. **35** Then people came out to see what had hap-pened, and when they came to Jesus, they



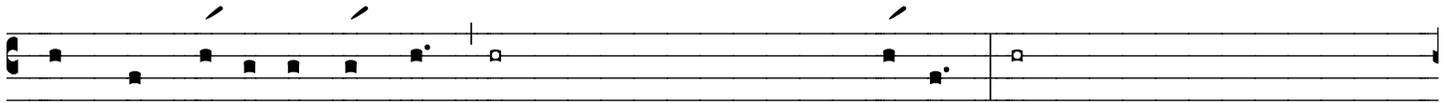
found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right



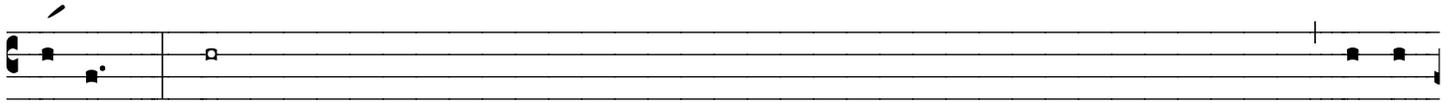
mind. And they were a-fraid. **36** Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been pos -



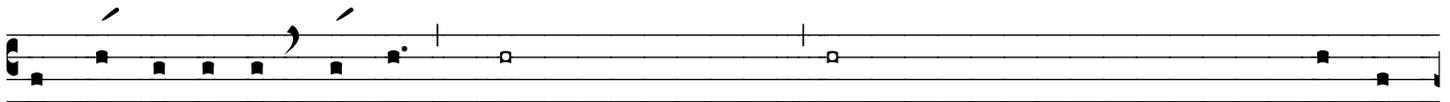
essed by demons had been healed. **37** Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gera -



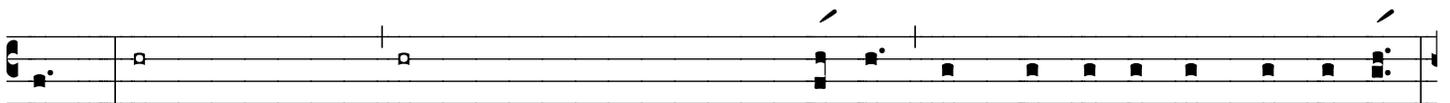
senes asked Je-sus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and



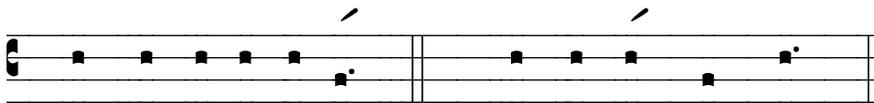
re-turned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Je -



sus sent him a-way, say - ing, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for



you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the cit - y how much Je-sus had done for him.



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

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