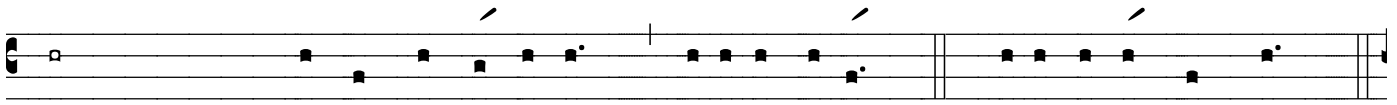
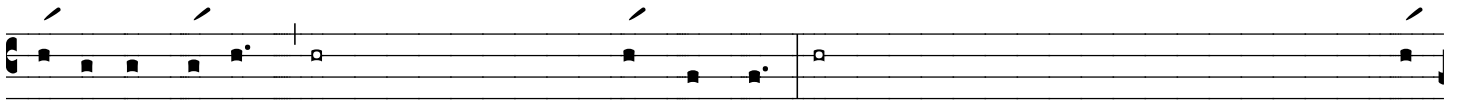


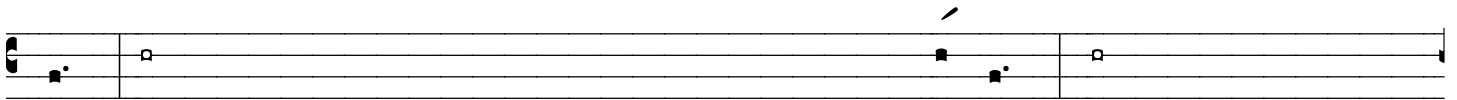
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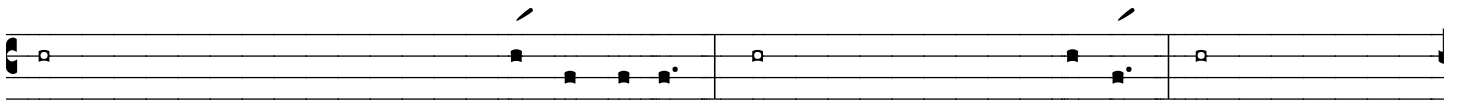
∇ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Luke. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



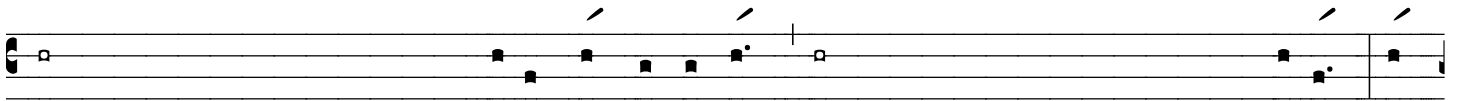
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grow-er. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no



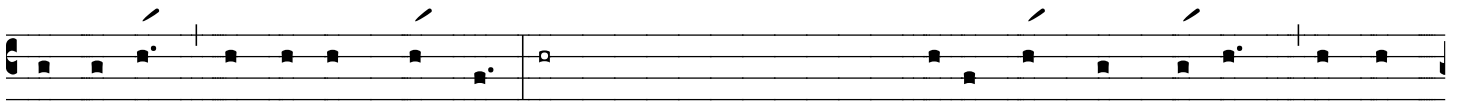
fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been



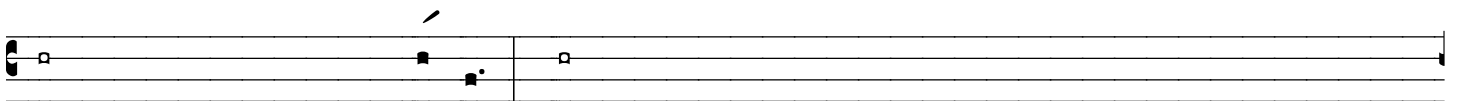
cleansed by the word that I have spo-ken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch



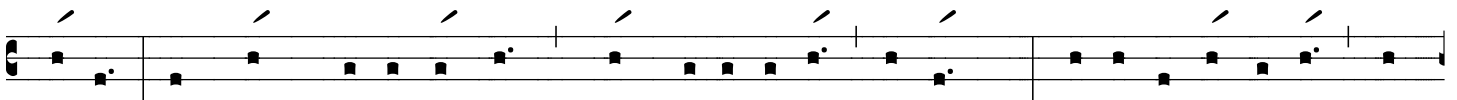
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it a-bides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I



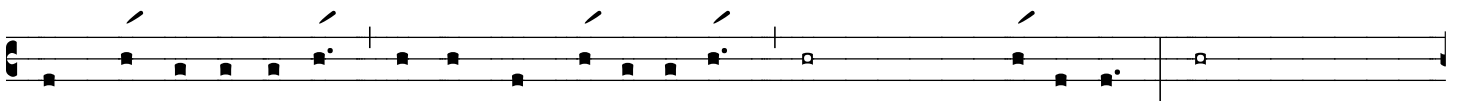
am the vine, you are the branch-es. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, be-cause



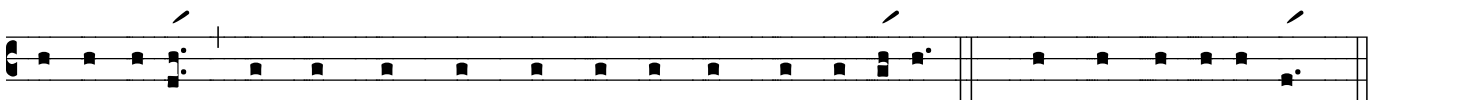
apart from me you can do noth-ing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and



with-ers; such branch-es are gath-ered, thrown in-to the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you a-bide in me, and



my words a-bide in you, ask for what-ev-er you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Fa-ther is glo-



ri-fied by this, that you bear much fruit and be-come my dis-ci-ples. ∇ The Gos-pel of the Lord.