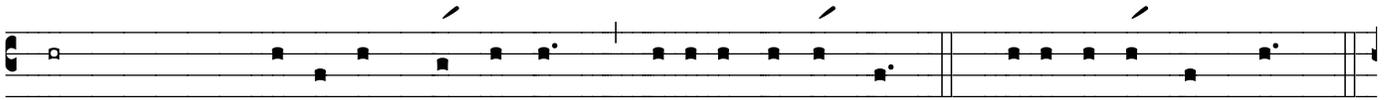


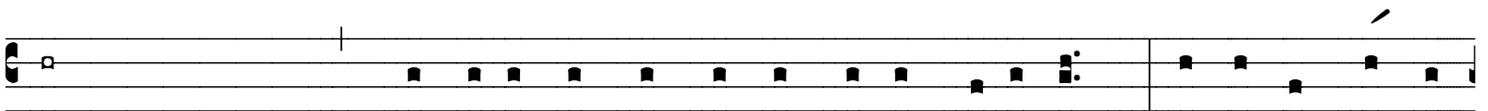
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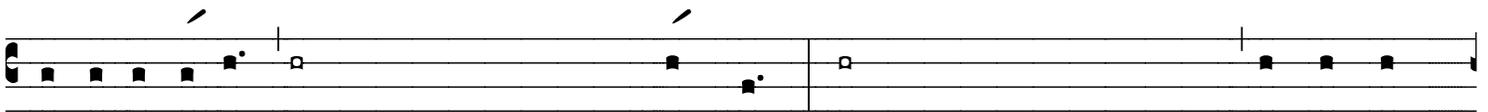
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



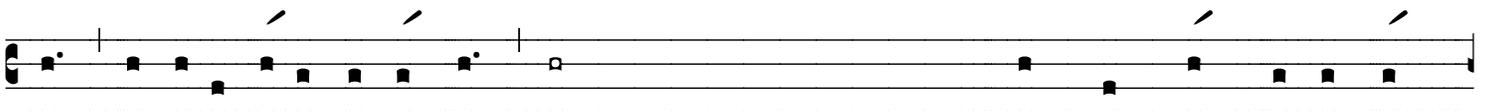
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Beth-le-hem of Ju-de-a, wise men from the East came



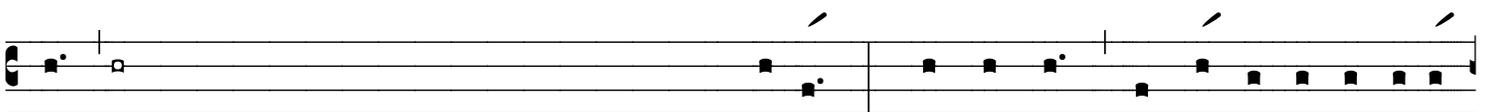
to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?” For we ob-served his



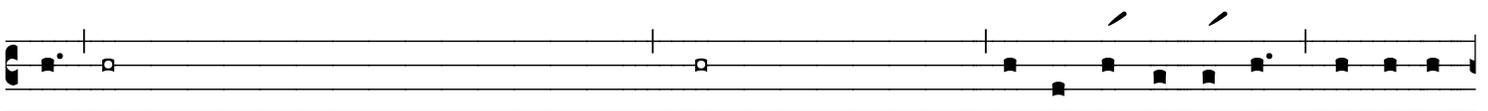
star at its ris-ing, and have come to pay him hom-age.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was fright -



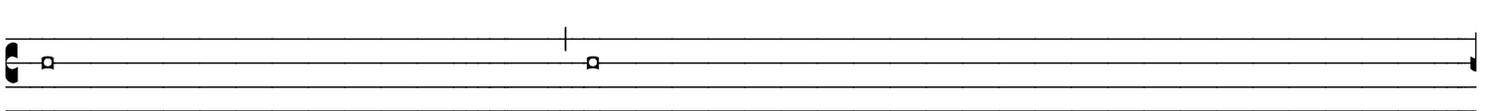
ened, and all Je-ru-sa-lem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the peo -



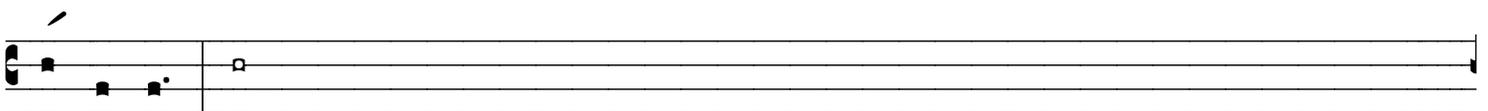
ple, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Beth-le-hem of Ju-de-



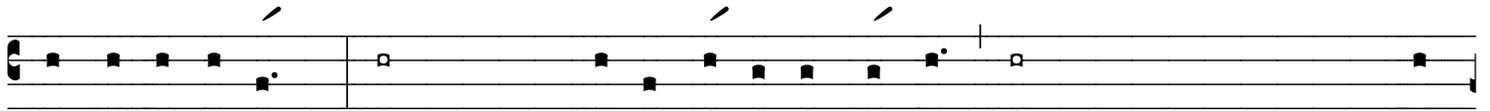
a; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Ju-dah, are by no



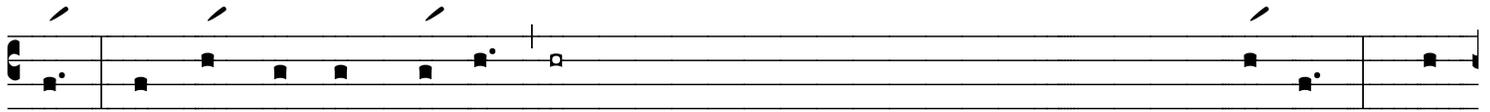
means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people



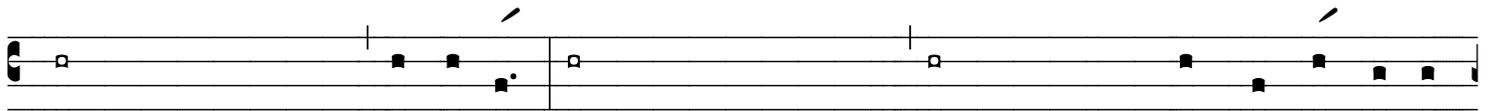
Is - ra - el.” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when



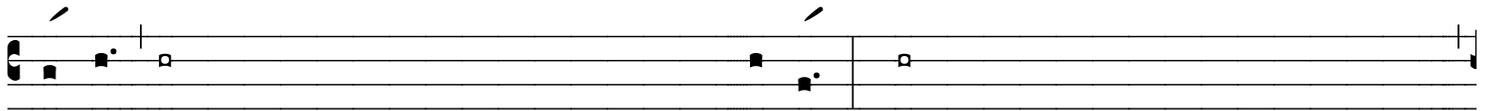
the star had ap-peared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Beth-le-hem, say-ing, “Go and search diligently for the



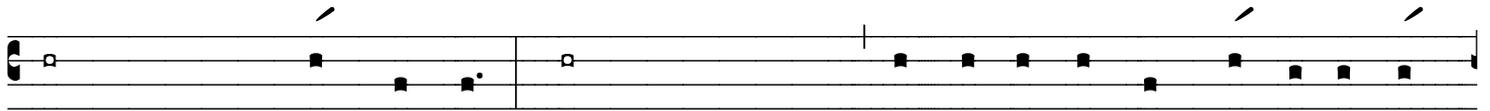
child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him hom-age.” <sup>9</sup> When



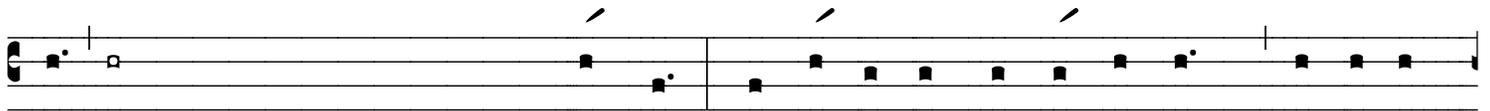
they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its



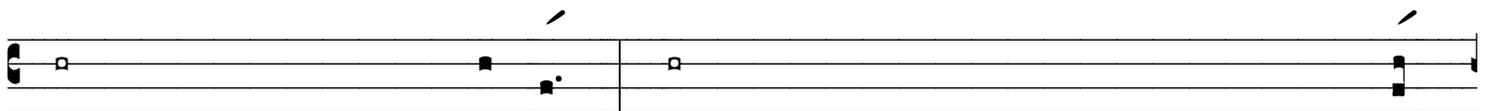
ris-ing, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,



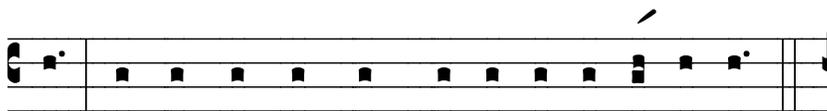
they were over-whelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Ma - ry his moth -



er; and they knelt down and paid him hom-age. Then, o- pen- ing their trea-sure chests, they of - fered



him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Her-



od, they left for their own coun-try by an-oth-er road.

