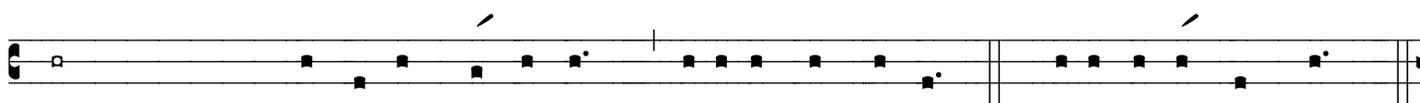
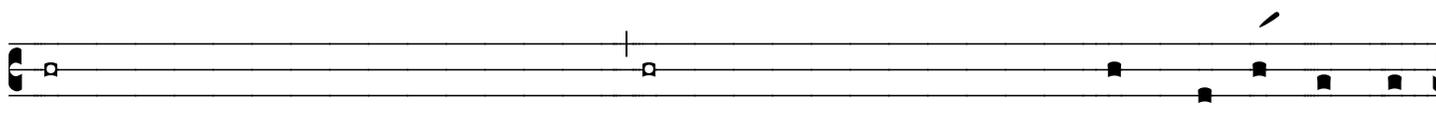


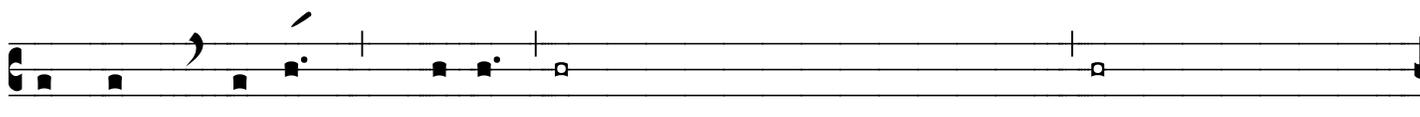
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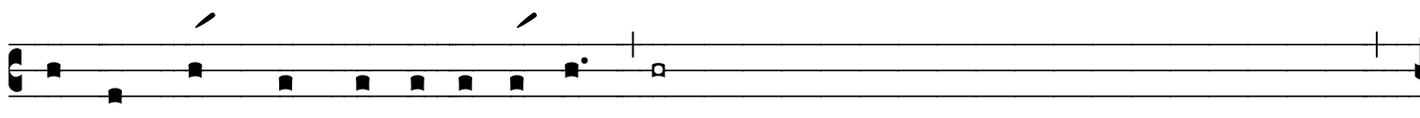
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Matt-hew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



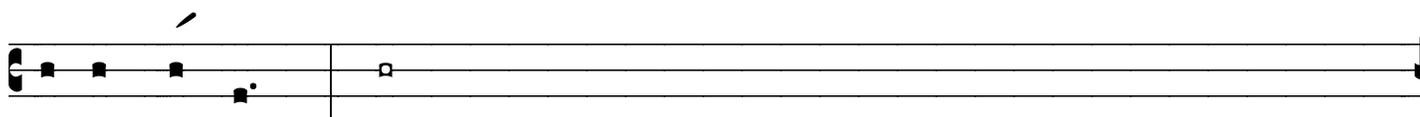
When the wise men had departed, an angel of the Lord ap-peared to Jo-seph in



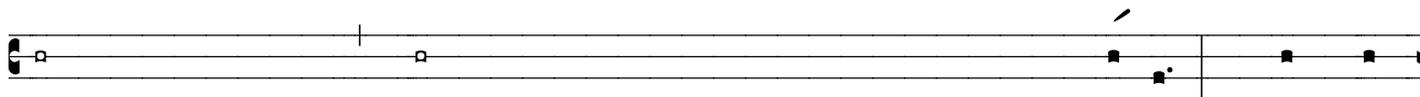
a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt,



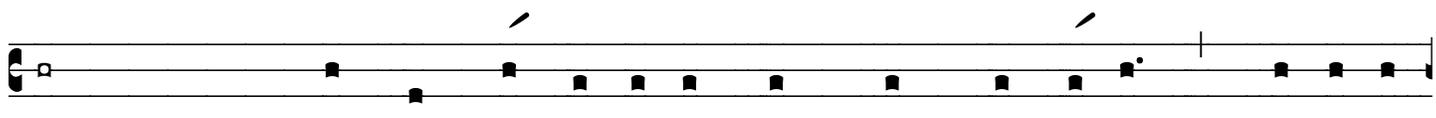
and re-main there un-til I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child,



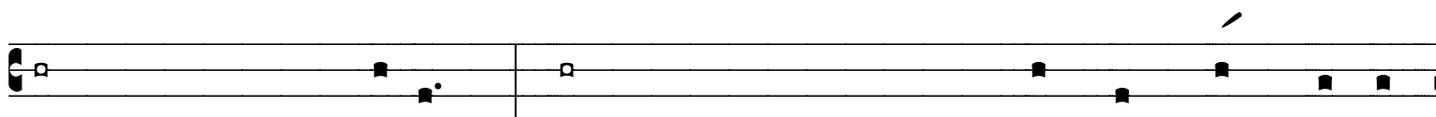
to de-stroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night,



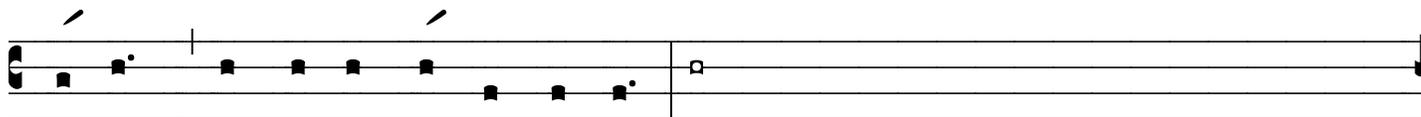
and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Her-od. This was



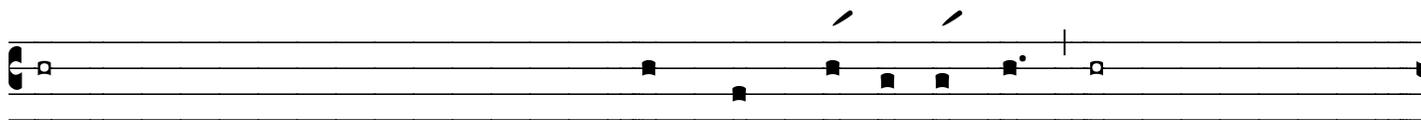
to ful-fill what had been spok-en by the Lord through the pro-phet, “Out of E -



gypt I have called my son.” ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the



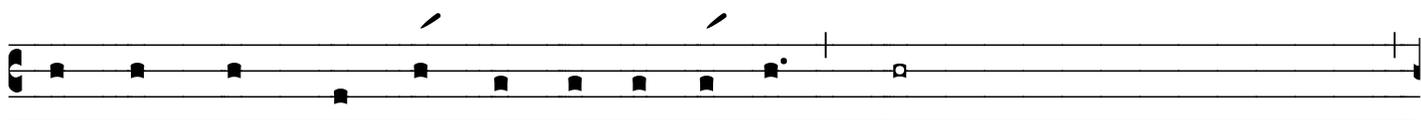
wise men, he was in - fu - ri - at - ed, and he sent and killed all the children in



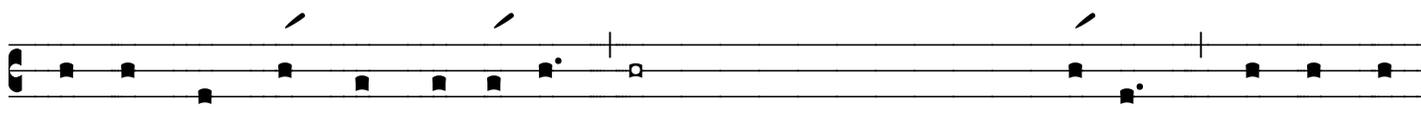
and around Bethlehem who were two years old or un - der, according to the



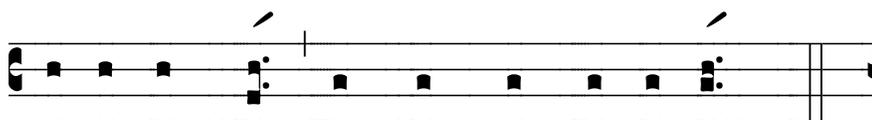
time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been



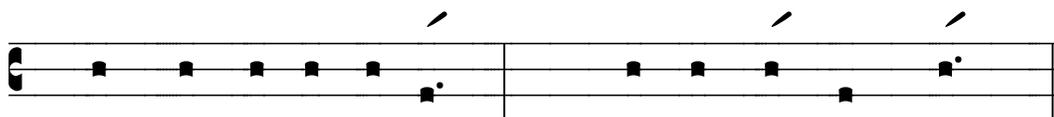
spok-en through the pro-phet Jer - e - mi - ah: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,



wail-ing and loud lam-en-ta-tion, Rachel weeping for her chil-dren; she re-fused



to be con-soled, be-cause they are no more.”



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