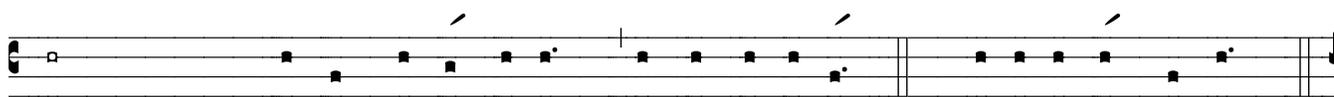
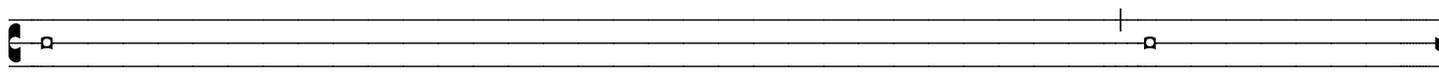


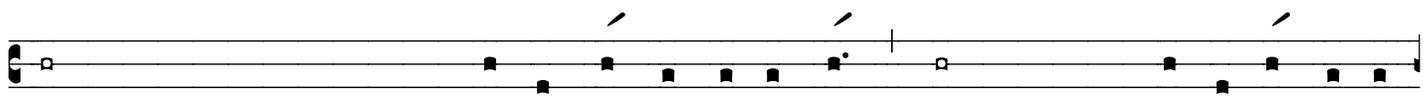
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Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)



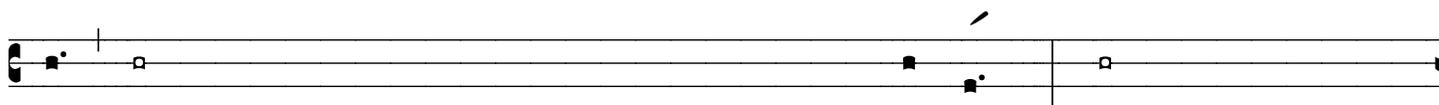
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Luke. ✠ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



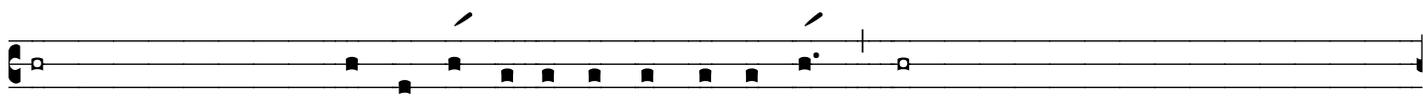
When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents / *they*



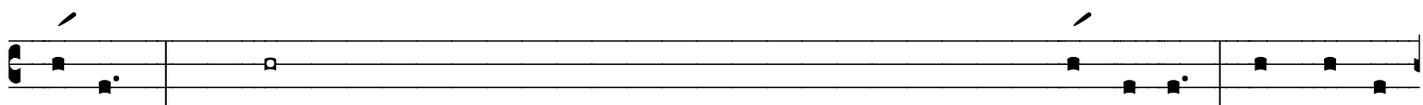
brought him up to Jerusalem to pre-sent him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the



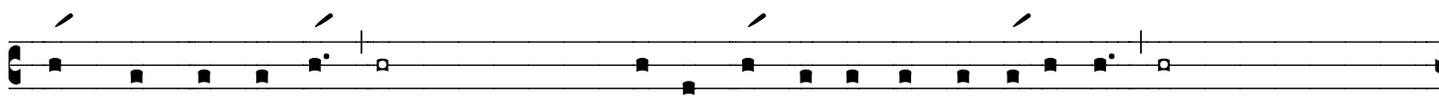
Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sac-



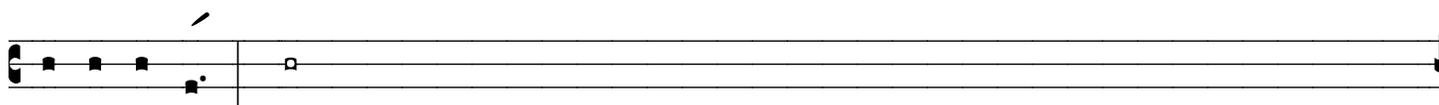
rifice according to what is stat-ed in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young



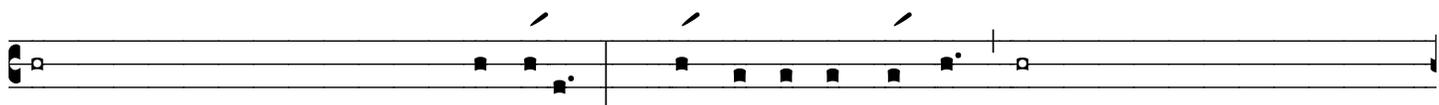
pi-geons." ²⁵ ¶ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Sim-e - on; this man was



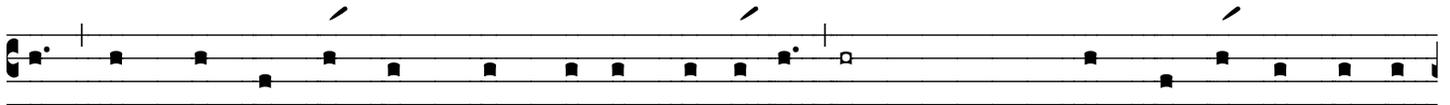
right-eous and de-vout, looking forward to the con-so- la-tion of Is- ra- el, and the Holy Spirit



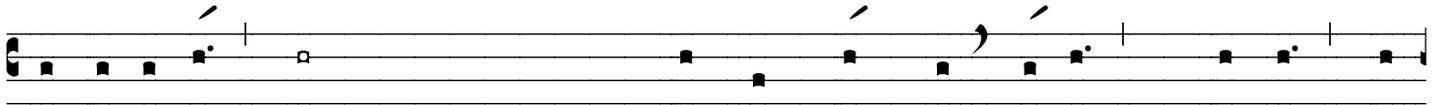
rest-ed on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death be-



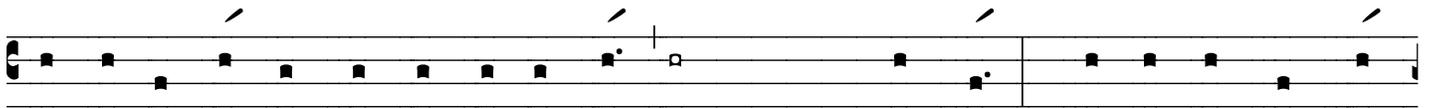
fore he had seen the Lord's Mes-si-ah. ²⁷ Guid-ed by the Spir-it, Simeon came into the tem -



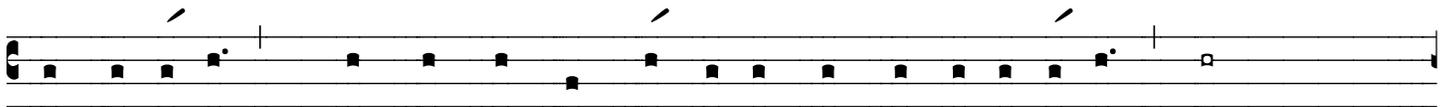
ple; and when the par-ents brought in the child Je-sus, to do for him what was cus-tom-ar - y



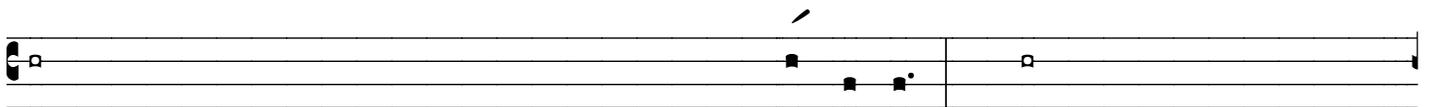
un-der the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, say-ing, ²⁹ “Mas - ter, now



you are dis-mis-sing your ser-vant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen



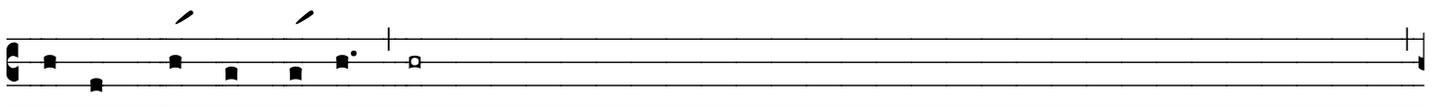
your sal-va-tion, ³¹ which you have pre-pared in the pres-ence of all peo-ples, ³² a light for reve -



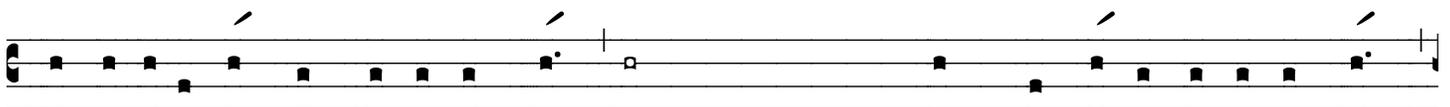
lation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Is - ra - el.” ³³ ¶ And the child’s father and



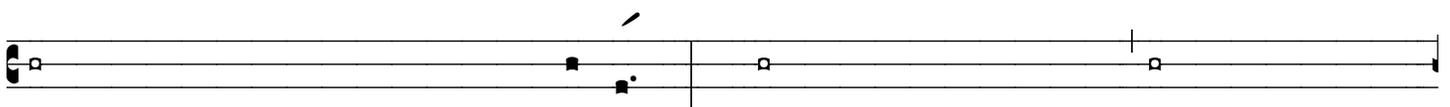
mother were amazed at what was being said a-bout him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said



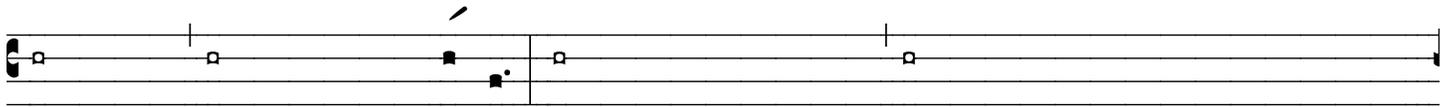
to his moth-er Mar-y, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,



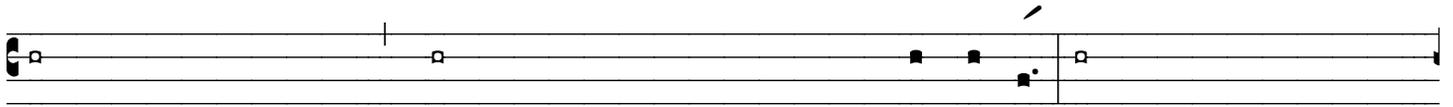
and to be a sign that will be op-posed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of man-y will be re-vealed—



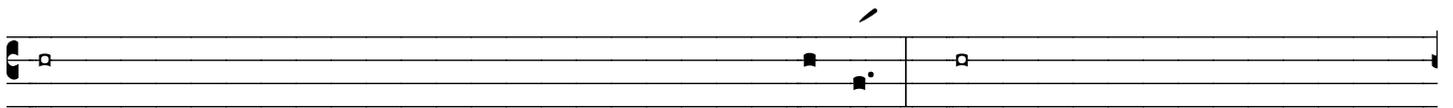
and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ ¶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter



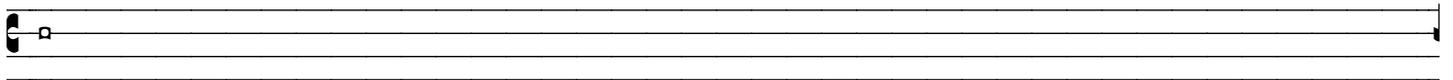
of Phaniel, of the tribe of Ash-er. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven



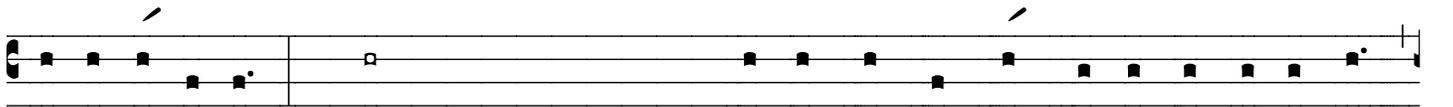
years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eight-y-four. She never left the temple



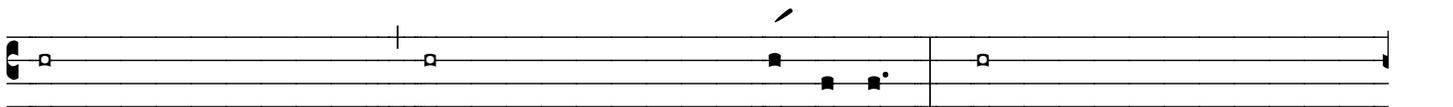
but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and



began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption



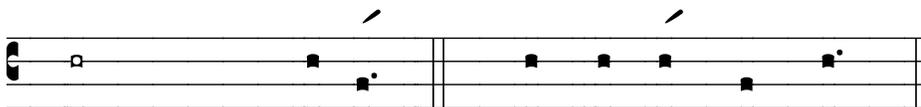
of Je- ru- sa- lem. ³⁹ ¶ When they had finished ev'-ry-thing re-quired by the law of the Lord,



they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Naz- a - reth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became



strong, filled with wis-dom; and the fa-vor of God was up - on him.



∇ The Gospel of the Lord. *Rx Praise to you, Lord Christ.*