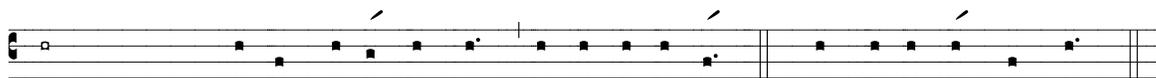
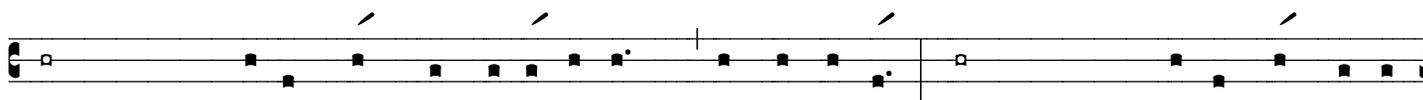


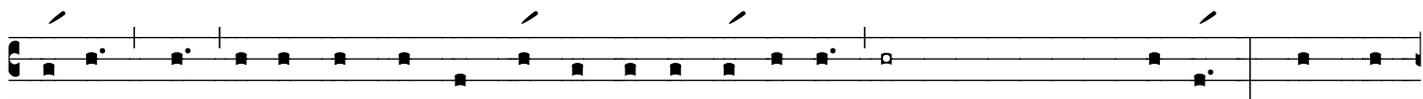
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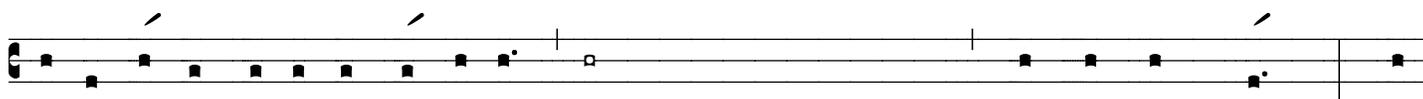
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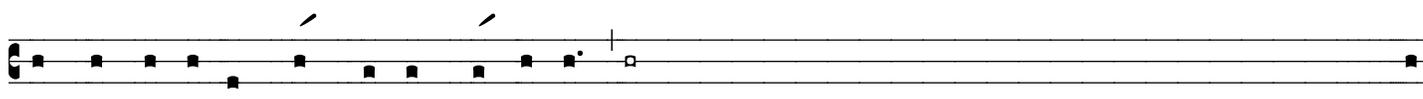
The beginning of the good news of Je-sus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in the pro-phet I -



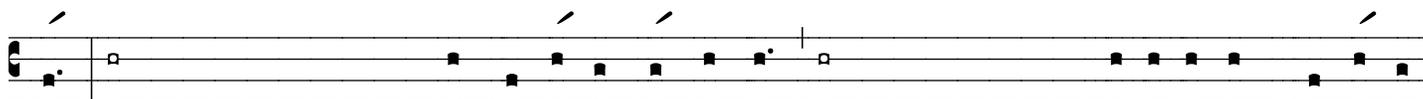
sai- ah, “See, I am send-ing my mes-sen-ger a-head of you, who will prepare your way; **3** the voice



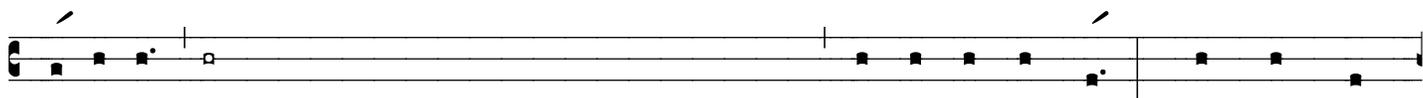
of one cry-ing out in the wild-er- ness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” **4** John



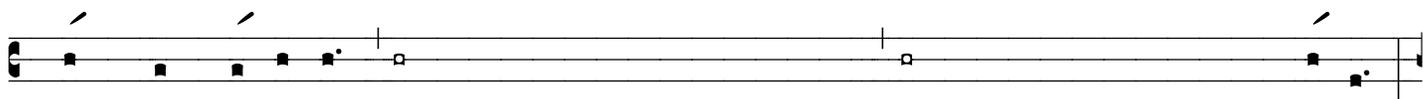
the bap-tiz-er ap-peared in the wild-er-ness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of



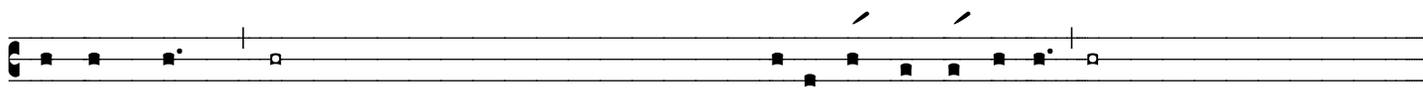
sins. **5** And people from the whole Ju-de-an coun-try-side and all the people of Je-ru-sa-lem were go-ing



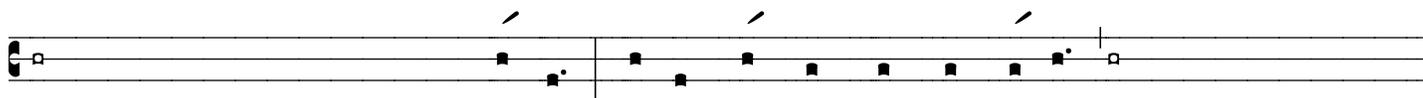
out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, con-fes-sing their sins. **6** Now John was



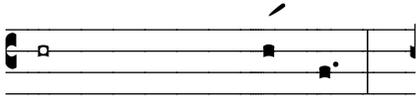
clothed with cam-el’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild hon-ey. **7**



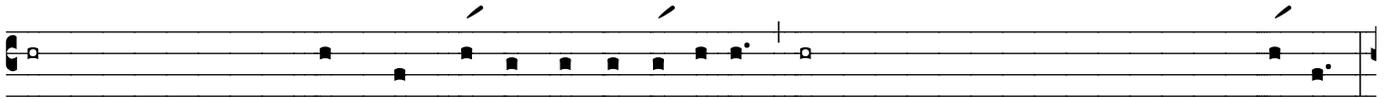
He pro-claimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is com-ing af-ter me; I am not worthy to stoop



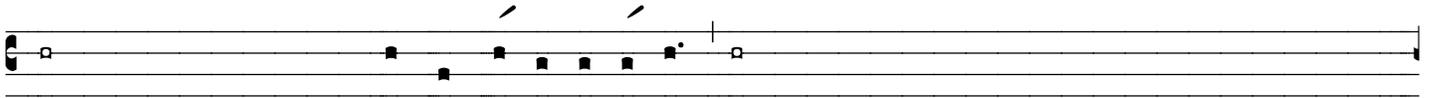
down and untie the thong of his san-dals. **8** I have bap-tized you with wa-ter; but he will baptize you



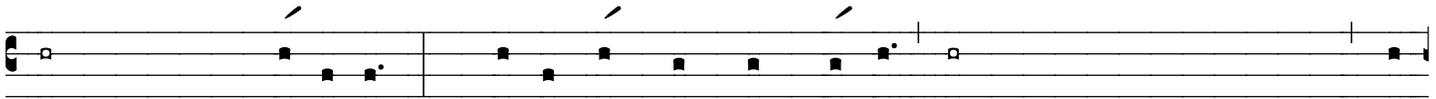
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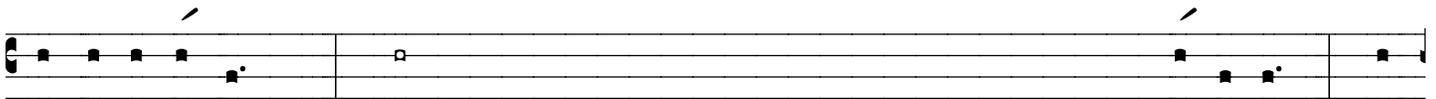
9 In those days Jesus came from Na-za-reth of Ga-li-lee and was baptized by John in the Jor-dan.



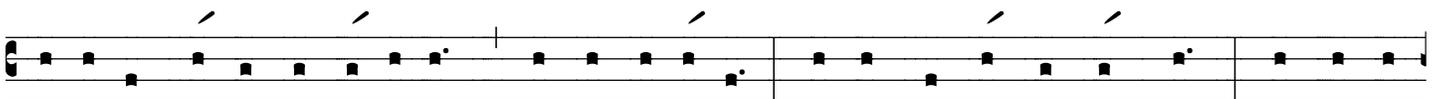
10 And just as he was com-ing up out of the wa-ter, he saw the heav-ens torn apart and the Spirit de -



scending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heav-en, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with



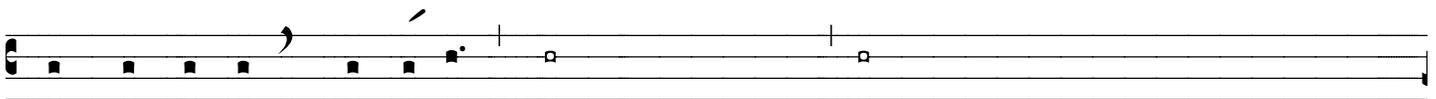
you I am well pleased." 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wild-er-ness. 13 He



was in the wild-er-ness for-ty days, temp-ted by Sa-tan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the an -



gels wait-ed on him. 14 Now af-ter John was ar-rest-ed, Jesus came to Galilee, pro-claim-ing the



good news of God, 15 and say-ing, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come



near; re-pent, and be-lieve in the good news." *V* The Gos-pel of the Lord. *R* Praise to you, Lord Christ.