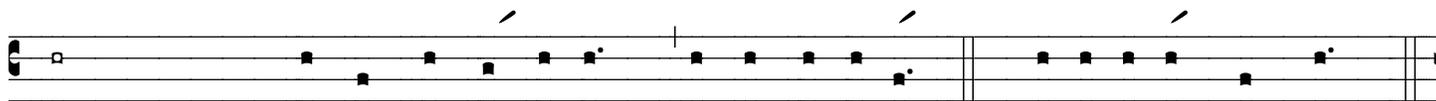


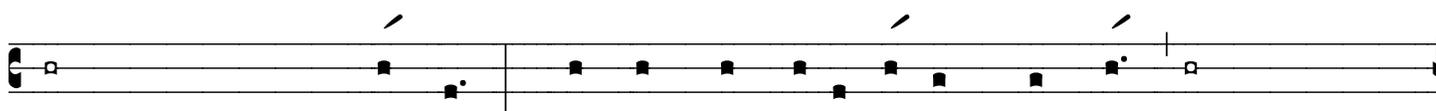
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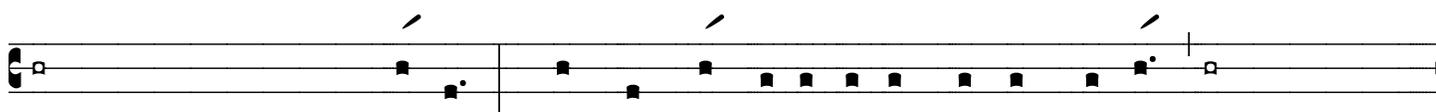
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to John. ✠ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



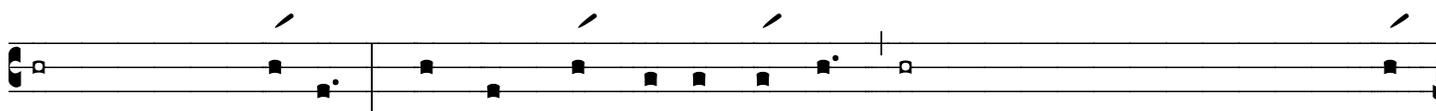
In the be-gin-ning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He



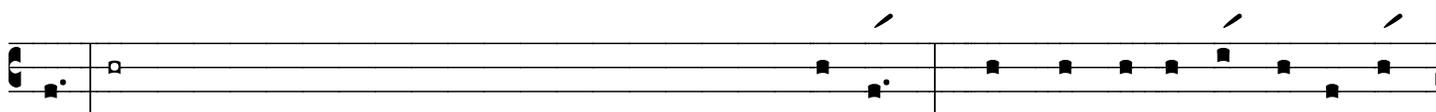
was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came in-to be-ing through him, and without him



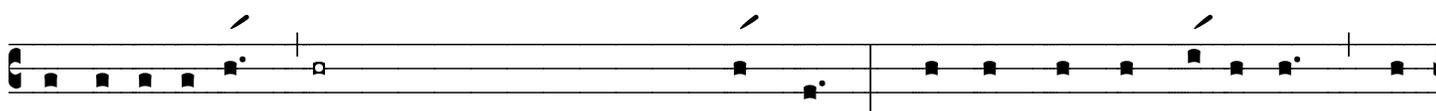
not one thing came into be-ing. What has come in-to be-ing ⁴ in him was life, and the life was



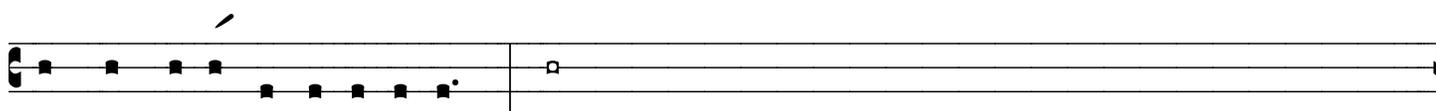
the light of all peo-ple. ⁵ The light shines in the dark-ness, and the darkness did not over-come



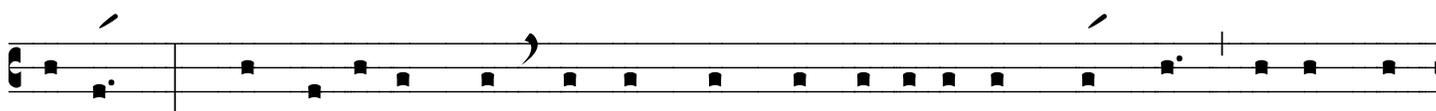
it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a wit-ness to test -



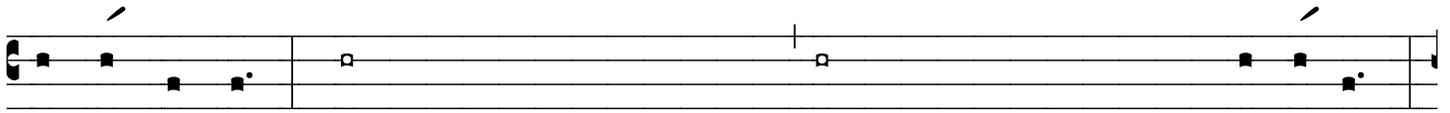
ti - fy to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He him-self was not the light, but



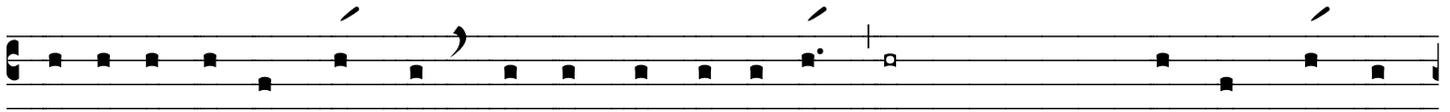
he came to tes-ti - fy to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into



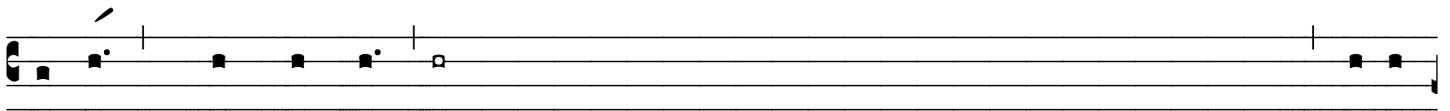
the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came in-to be-ing through him; yet the world



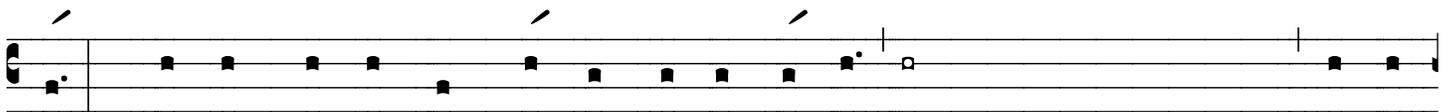
did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12**



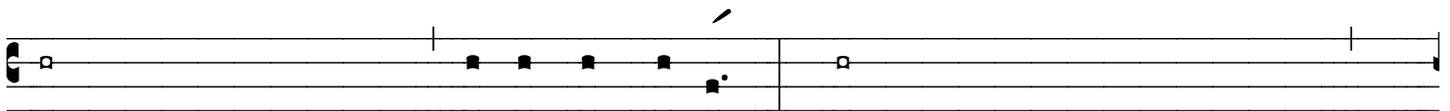
But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children



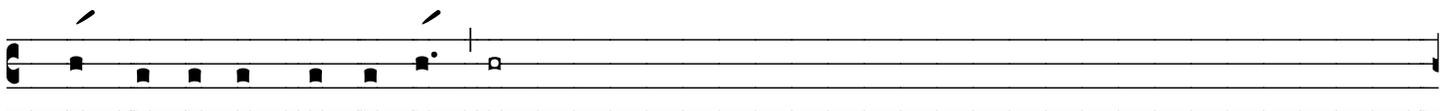
of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of



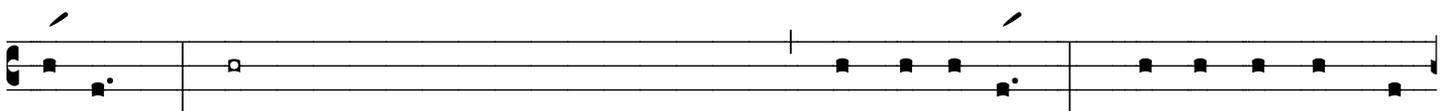
God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glo-



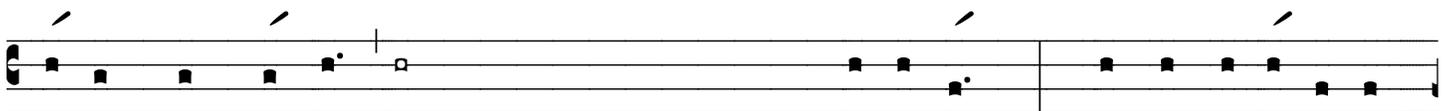
ry as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified to him and cried out,



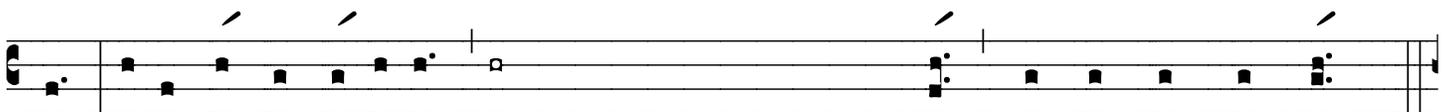
"This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was be-



fore me.'") **16** From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** The law indeed was



given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen



God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.