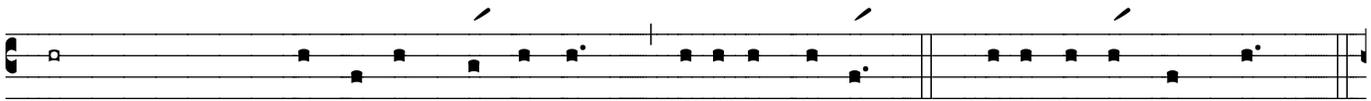
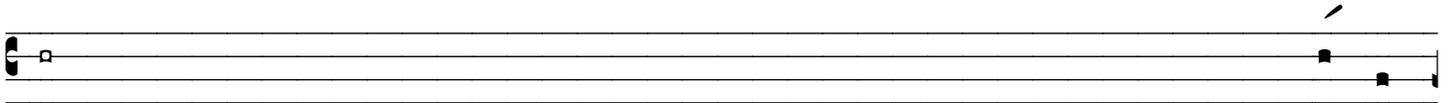


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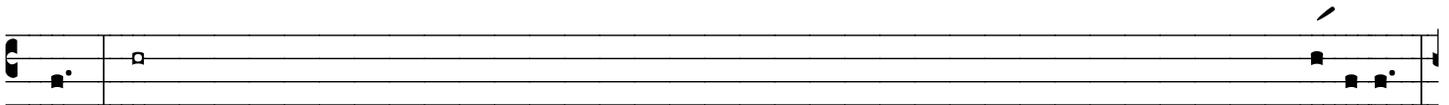
Luke 2:1-14 (NRSV)



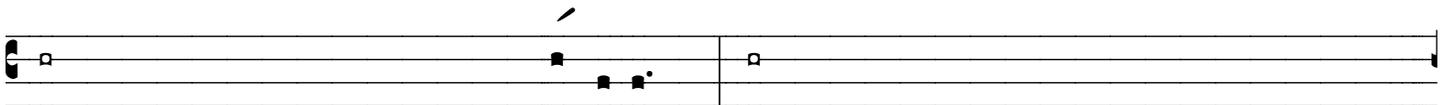
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Luke. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



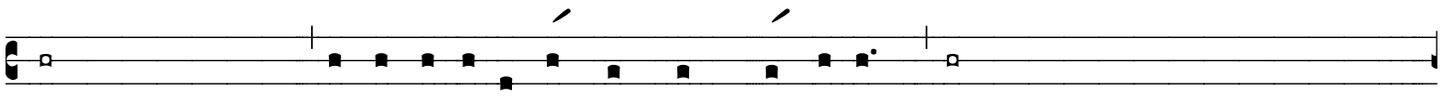
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be reg - is -



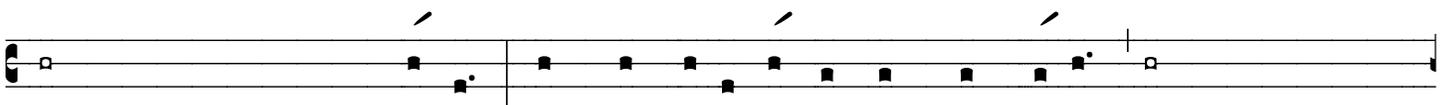
tered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syr-i-a. ³



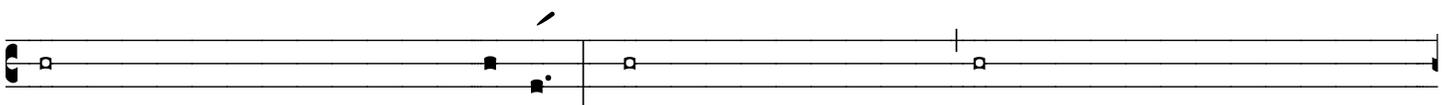
All went to their own towns to be reg-is-tered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth



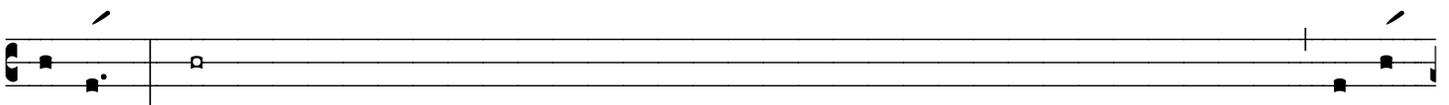
in Galilee to Judea, to the ci-ty of Da-vid called Beth-le-hem, because he was descended from



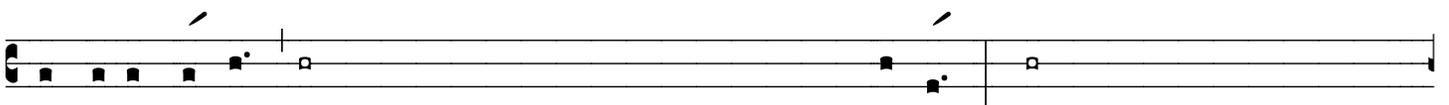
the house and family of Da-vid. ⁵ He went to be reg-is-tered with Ma-ry, to whom he was en-



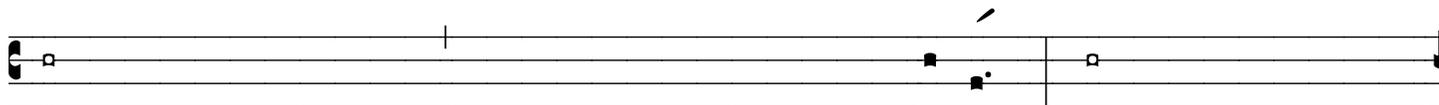
gaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver



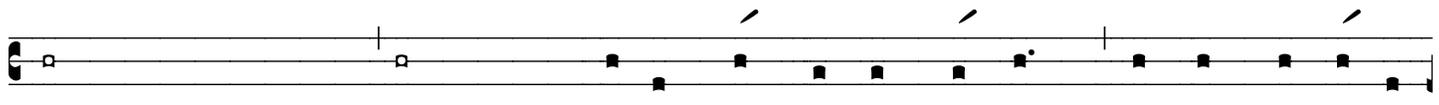
her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid



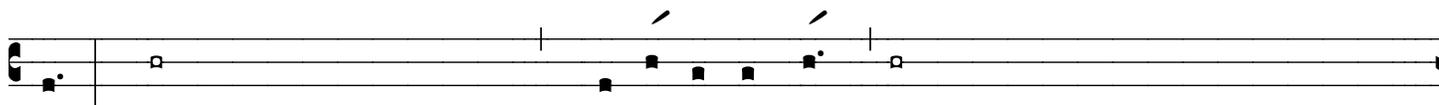
him in a man-ger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were



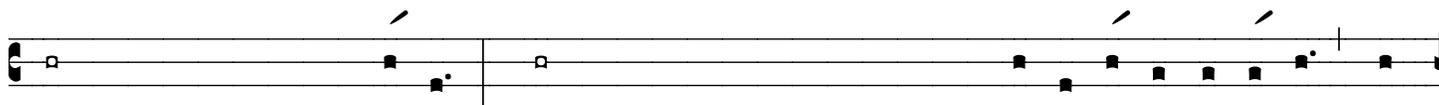
shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the



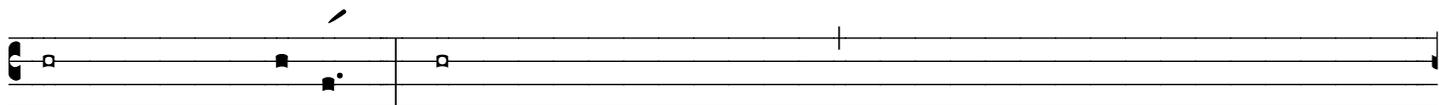
Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone a - round them, and they were terri-



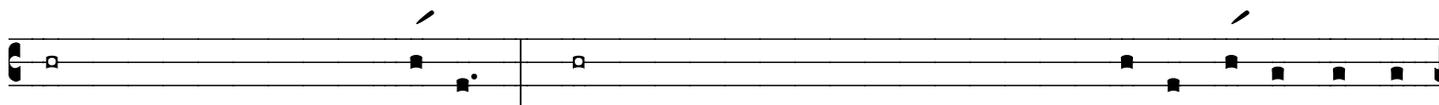
fied. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be a - fraid; for see--I am bringing you good news



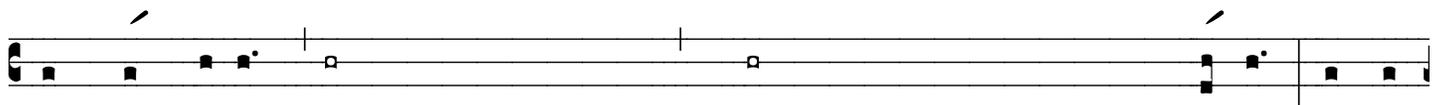
of great joy for all the peo-ple: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the ci-ty of Da-vid a Sav-ior, who



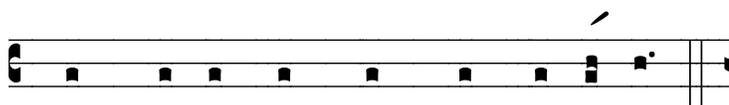
is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands



of cloth and lying in a man-ger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the an-gel a mul- ti- tude of



the heav'n-ly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heav-en, and on



earth peace a-mong those whom he fa-vors!”



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