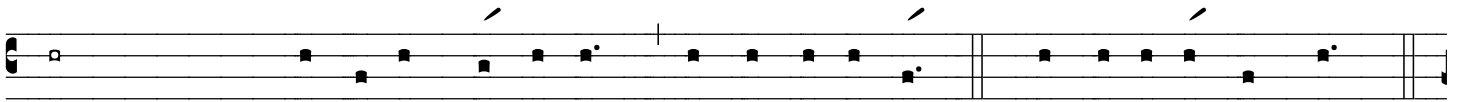
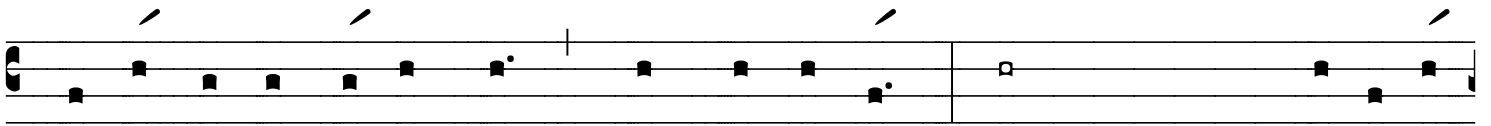


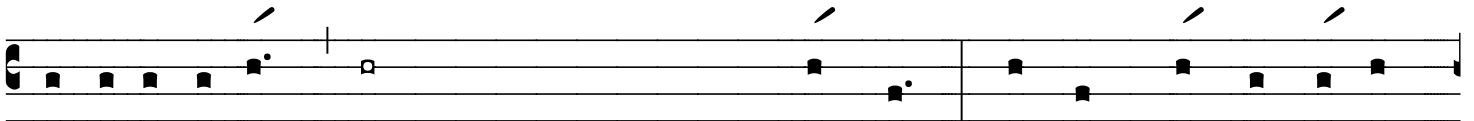
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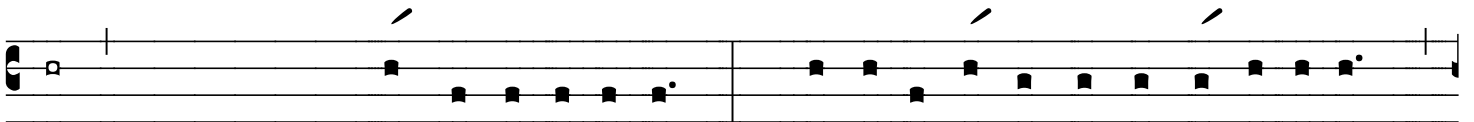
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to John. ✠ *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



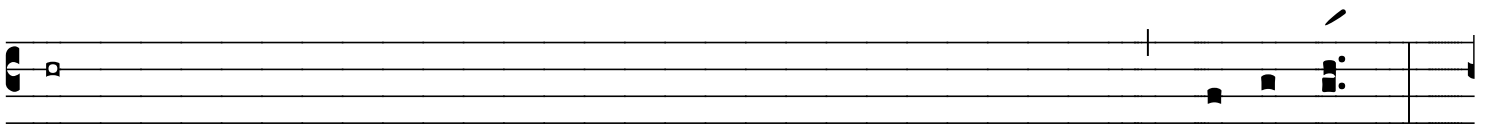
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a wit-ness to tes-



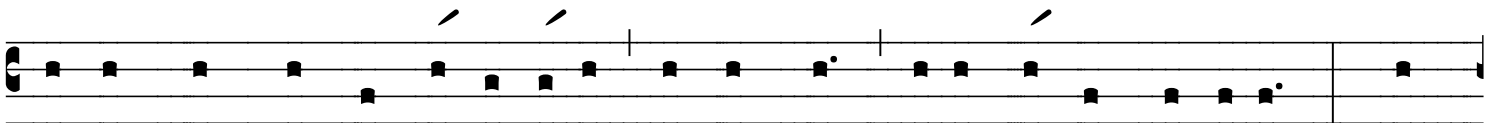
ti - fy to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He him - self was not the



light, but he came to tes - ti - fy to the light. ¹⁹ This is the tes-ti-mo-ny giv-en by John



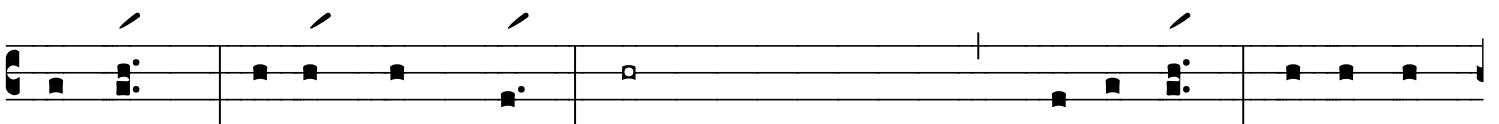
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰



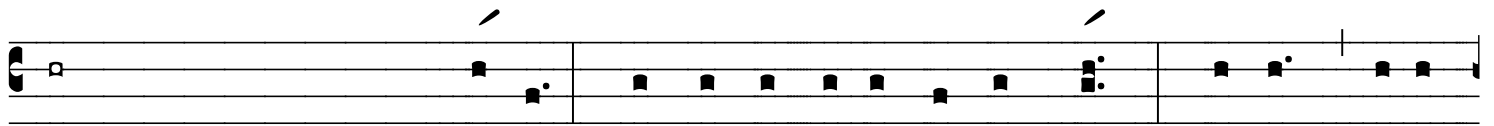
He con-fessed and did not de-ny it, but con-fessed, “I am not the Mes-si- ah.” ²¹ And



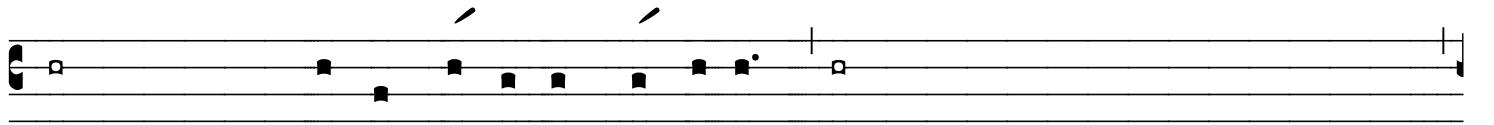
they asked him, “What then? Are you E-li- jah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the



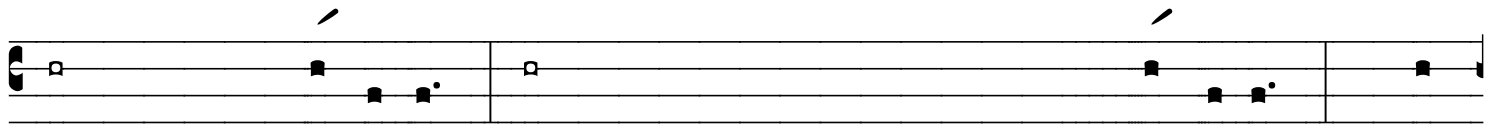
pro-phet?” He an-swered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have



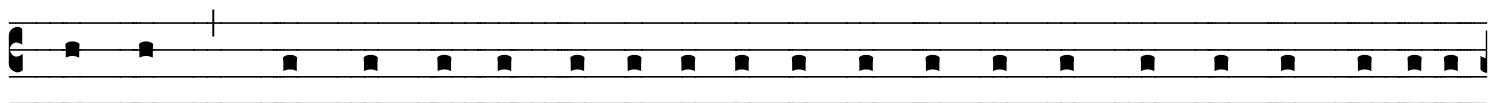
an answer for those who sent us. What do you say a-bout your-self?" ²³ He said, "I am



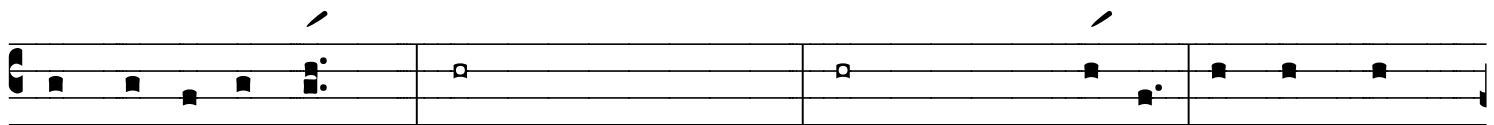
the voice of one cry-ing out in the wild-er-ness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"



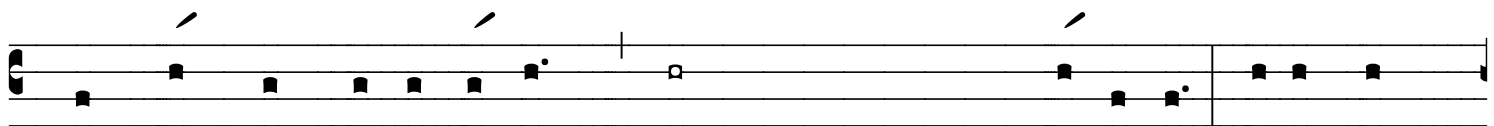
as the prophet I-sai-ah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Phar - i - sees. ²⁵ They



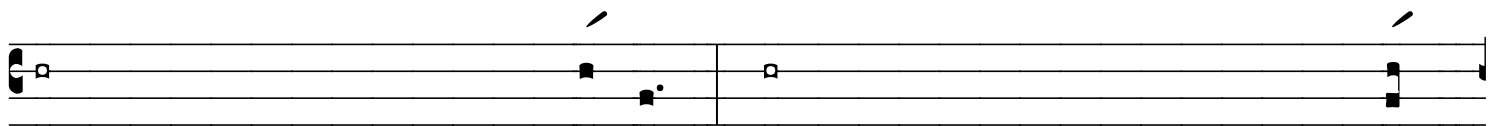
asked him, "Why then are you bap-tiz-ing if you are nei-ther the Mes - si - ah, nor E-li-



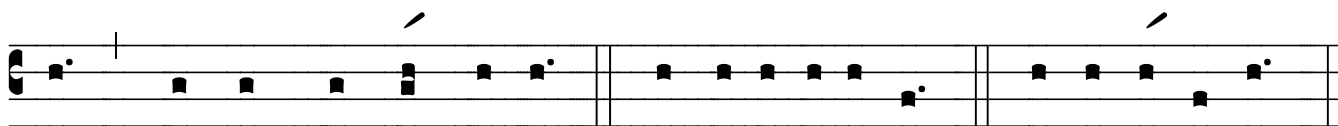
jah, nor the pro-phet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with wa-ter. A-mong you



stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming af-ter me; I am not



worthy to untie the thong of his san-dal." ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jor -



dan where John was bap-tiz-ing. *✠* The Gos-pel of the Lord. *✠* Praise to you, Lord Christ.