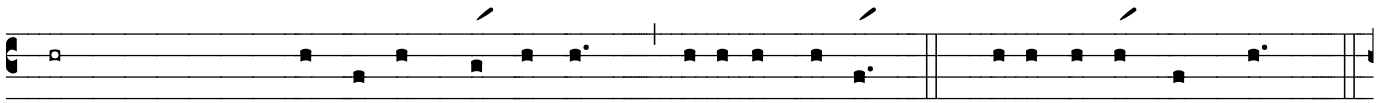
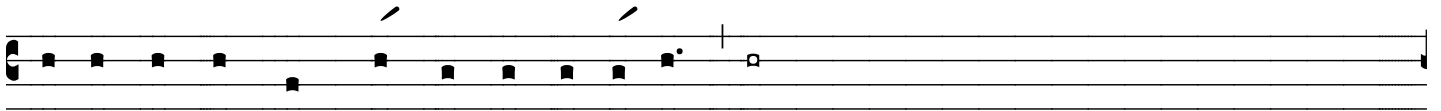


Epiphany 1 (Year C) (RCL)  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)



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



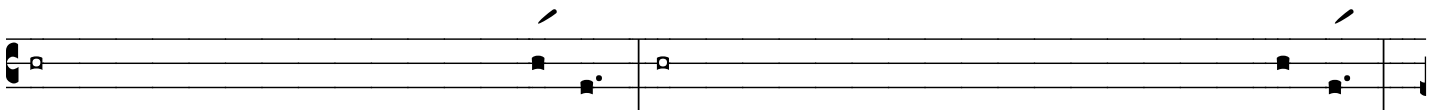
As the peo-ple were filled with ex-pec-ta - tion, and all were questioning in their hearts con -



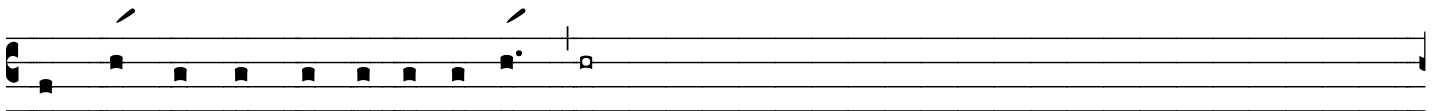
cern-ing John, wheth-er he might be the Mes-si - ah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying,



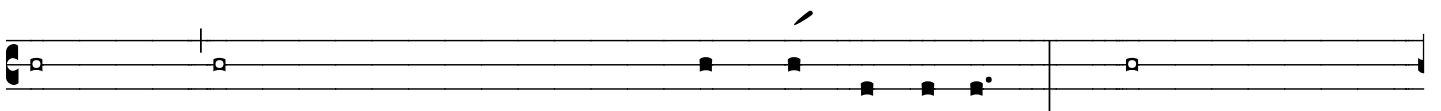
“I bap-tize you with wa- ter; but one who is more pow-er-ful than I is com-ing; I am not



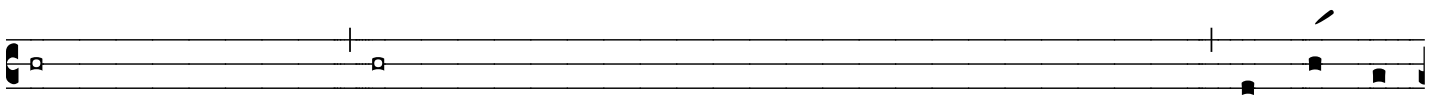
worthy to untie the thong of his san-dals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>



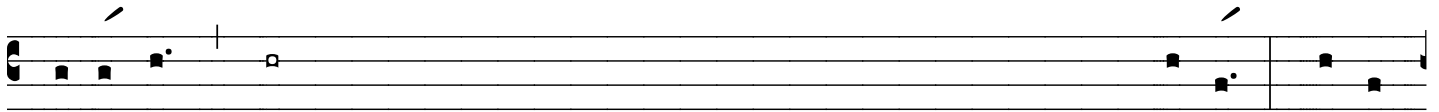
His win-now-ing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into



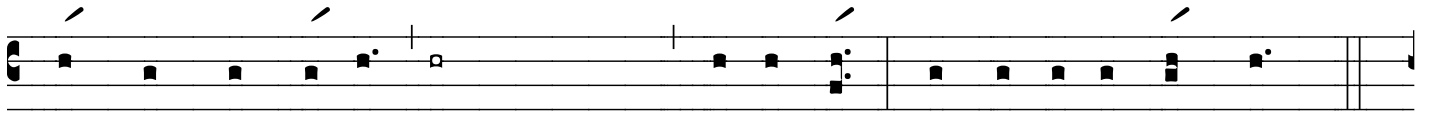
his granary; but the chaff he will burn with un-quench-ab - le fire.” .... <sup>21</sup> Now when all the



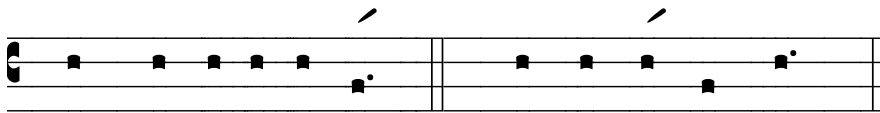
people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heav-en



was o-pened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a



voice came from heav-en, “You are my Son, the Be-loved; with you I am well pleased.”



℣ The Gos-pel of the Lord. ℟ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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