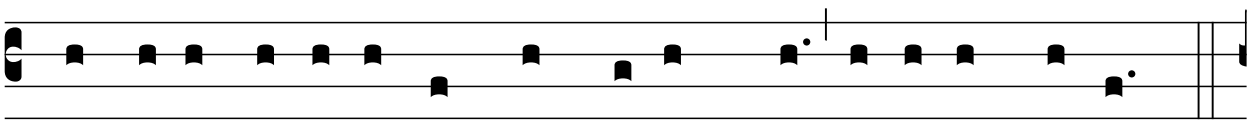
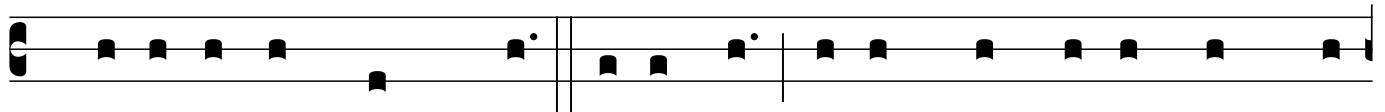


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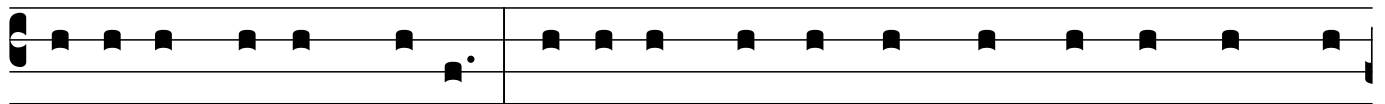
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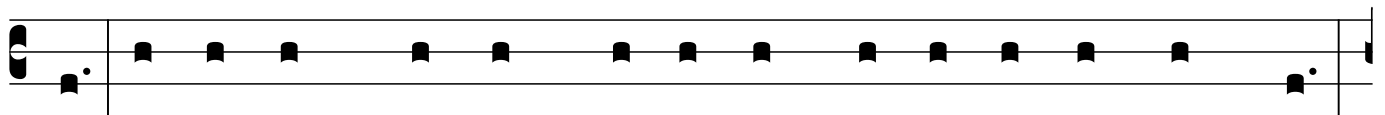
V The Ho-ly Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John.



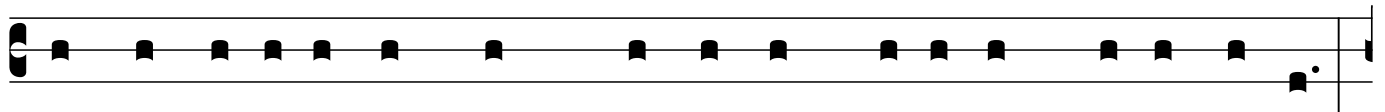
R *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Je-sus said: ‘I am the true vine, and my



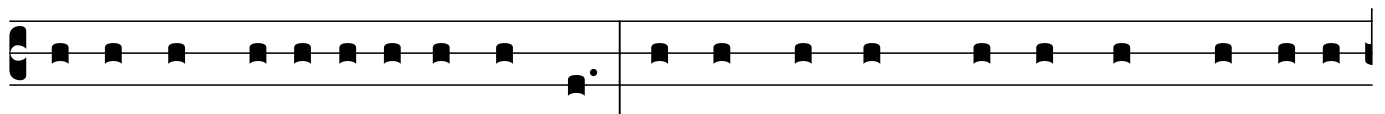
Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no



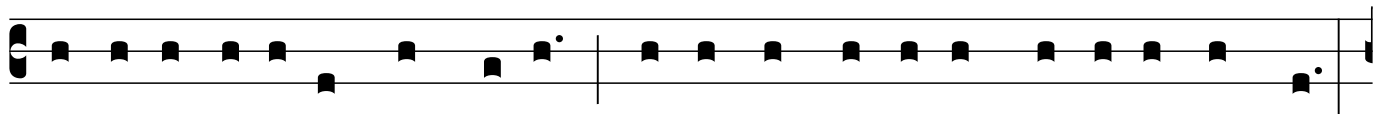
fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.



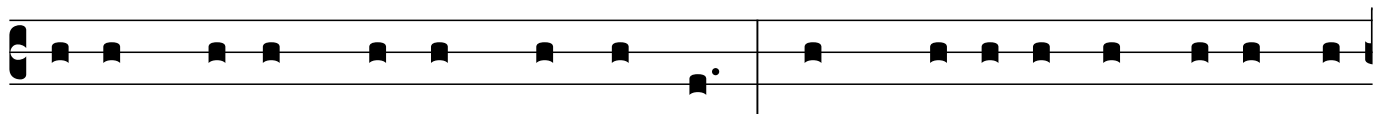
You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spo-ken to you.



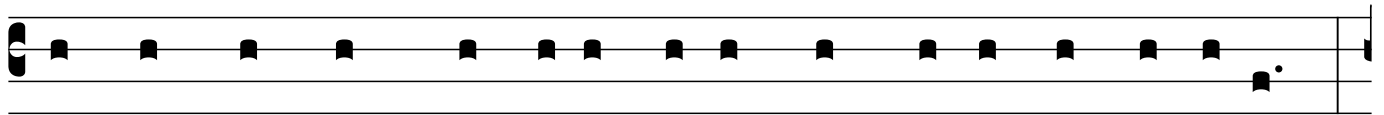
A-bide in me as I a-bide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by it-



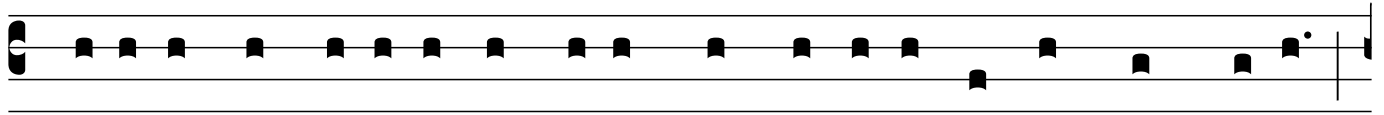
self unless it a-bides in the vine, neither can you unless you a-bide in me.



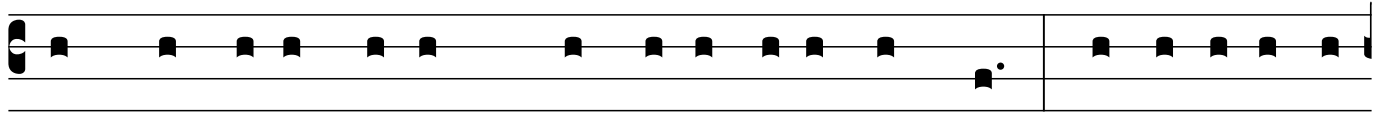
I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who a-bide in me and I



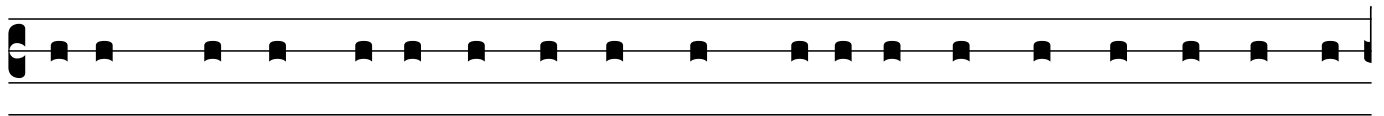
in them bear much fruit, because a-part from me you can do nothing.



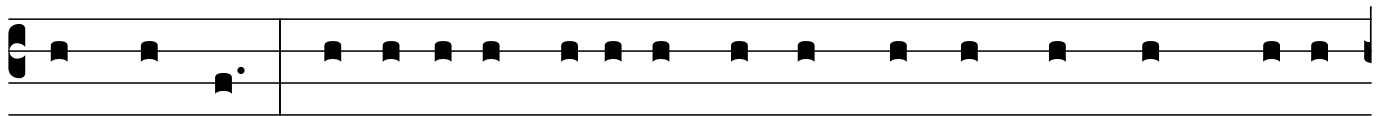
Who- ev-er does not a-bide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers;



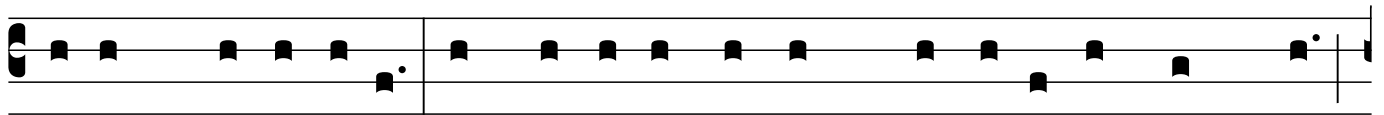
such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you a-bide in



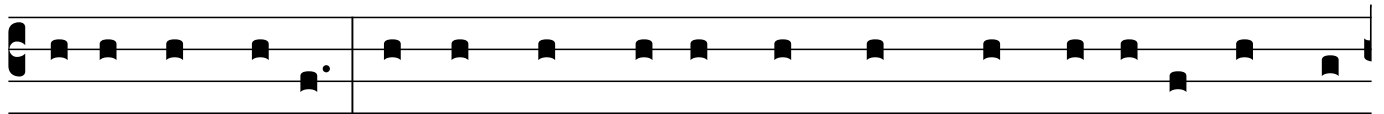
me, and my words a-bide in you, ask for what-ev-er you wish, and it will be



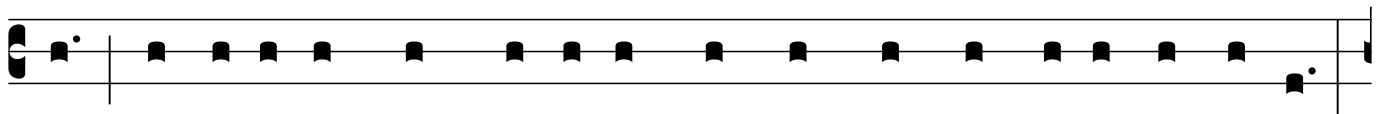
done for you. My Father is glo-ri-fied by this, that you bear much fruit and



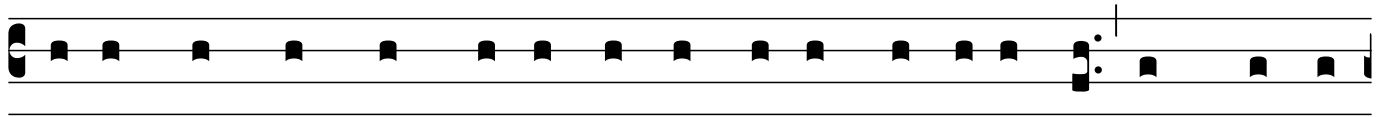
be-come my dis-ciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;



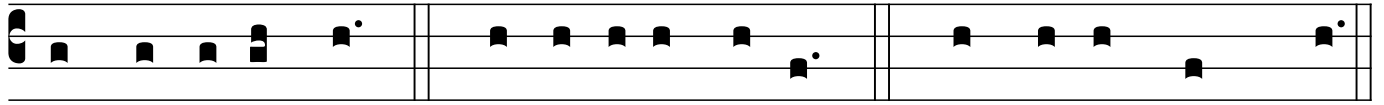
a-bide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will a-bide in my



love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and a-bide in his love.



I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your



joy may be complete. *V* The Gospel of the Lord. *R* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*