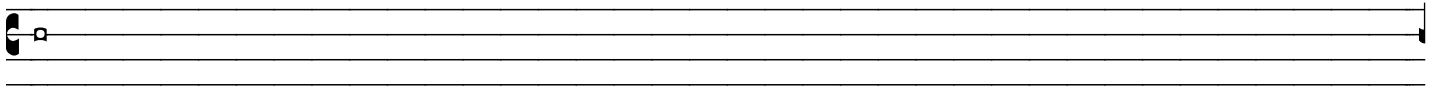


Lent 3 (Year C)
Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)



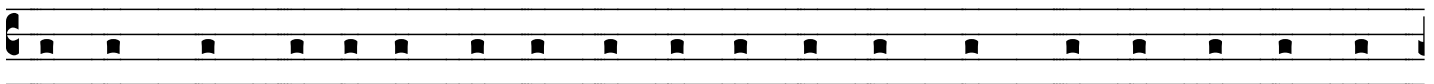
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to Luke. *✠ Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



[At that very time] there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose



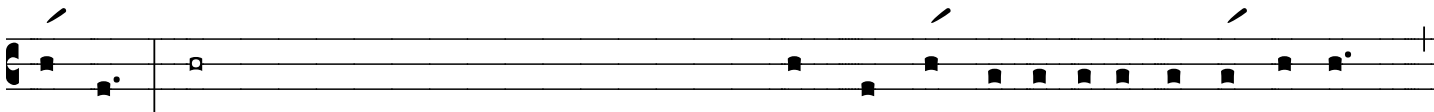
blood Pilate had mingled with their sac-ri- fic- es. ² He asked them, “Do you think that



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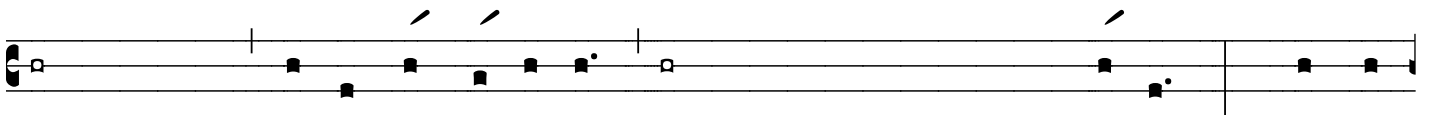
oth- er Gal - i - le - ans? ³ No, I tell you; but un-less you re - pent, you will all perish as



they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tow-er of Sil-o-am fell on them —



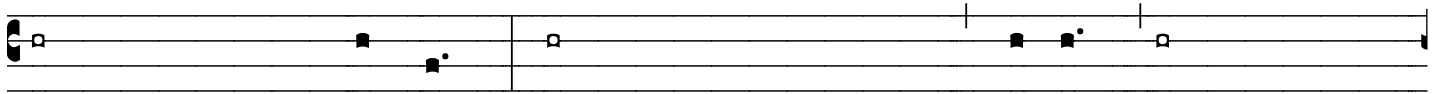
do you think that they were worse of-fend-ers than all the oth-ers liv-ing in Je-ru-sa-lem?



⁵ No, I tell you; but un-less you re-pent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶ Then he



told this parable: “A man had a fig tree plant-ed in his vine-yard; and he came looking



for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I



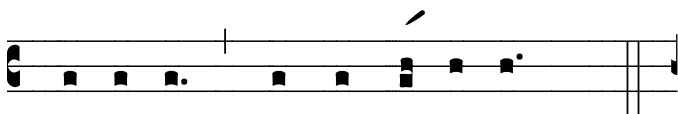
have come look-ing for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why



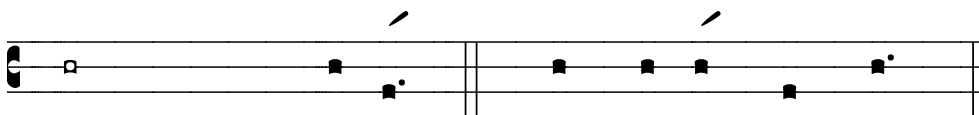
should it be wast -ing the soil?’ ⁸ He re - plied, ‘Sir, let it a-lone for one more year,



until I dig around it and put ma-nure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good;



but if not, you can cut it down.””



✠ The Gospel of the Lord. *R.* Praise to you, Lord Christ.