

Mark 12:28-34

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

R *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* One of the scribes came near and heard them

disput-ing with one an-ther, and see-ing that he answered them well,

he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Je-sus answered, ‘-

The first is, ‘Hear, O Isra- el: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you

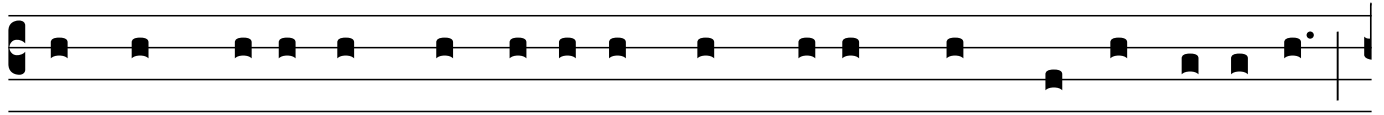
shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,

and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The sec-ond is this, ‘-

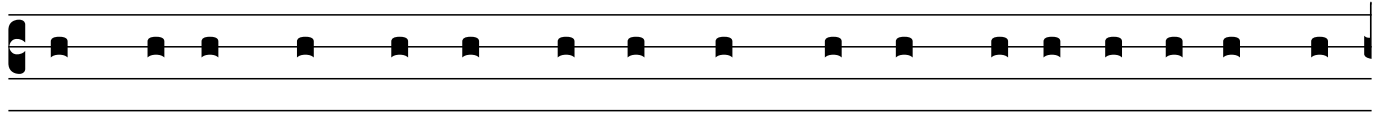
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment



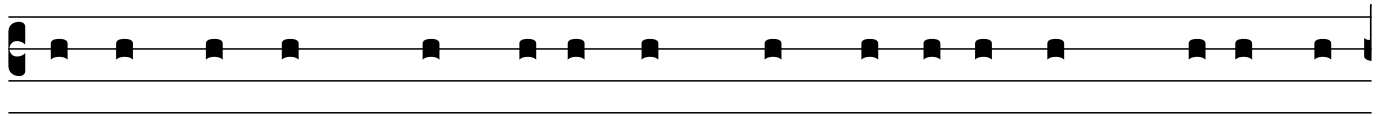
great-er than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher;



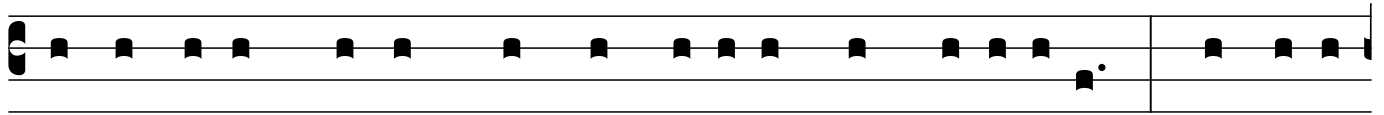
you have tru-ly said that “he is one, and be-sides him there is no other”;



and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and



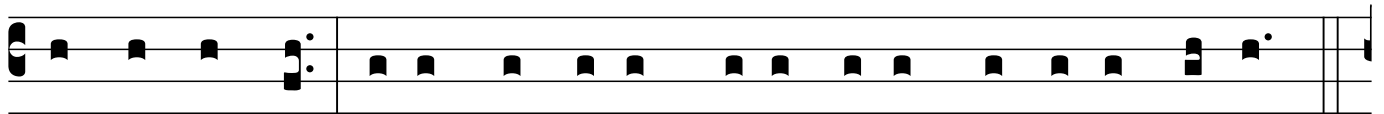
with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much



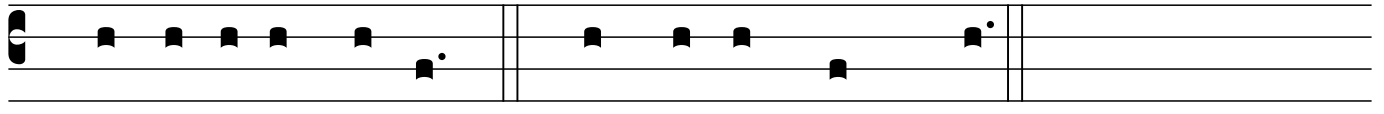
more important than all whole burnt-offer-ings and sacri-fic-es.’ When Je-sus



saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the



kingdom of God.’ After that no one da-red to ask him an-y question.



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