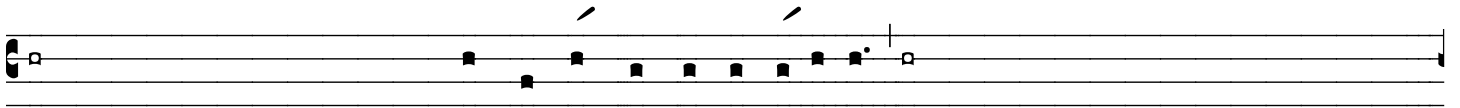
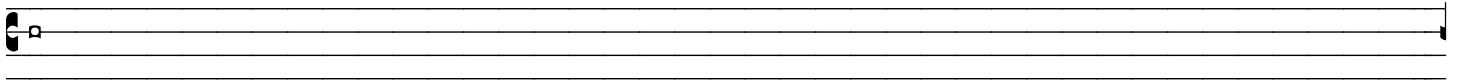


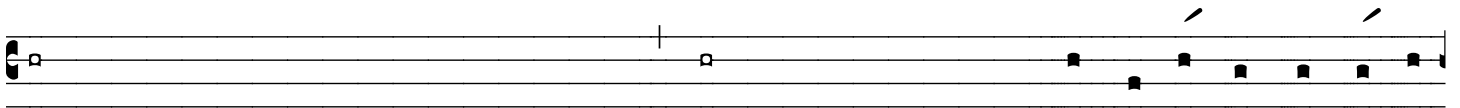
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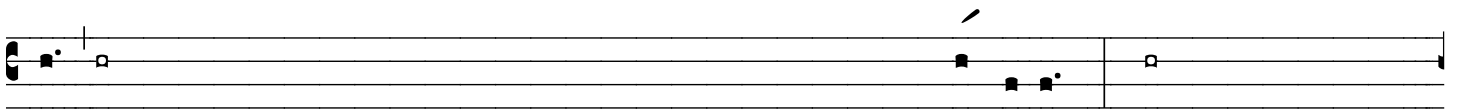
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Em-per-or Ti-ber-i- us, when Pontius Pilate was governor of



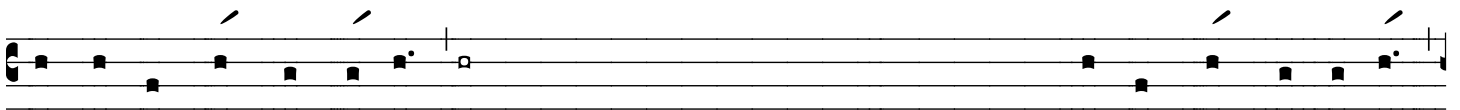
Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and



Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priest-hood of An-nas and Cai-a-



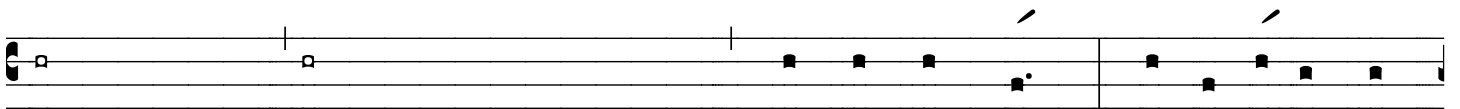
phas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wild-er-ness. ³ He went into all the



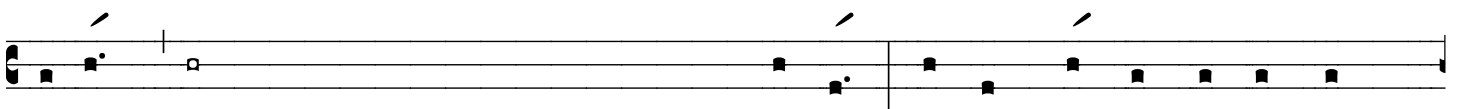
re-gion a-round the Jor-dan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the for-give-ness of sins,



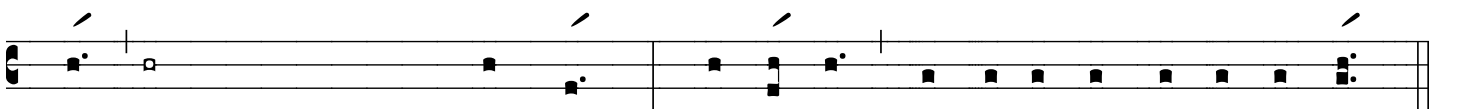
⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the pro-phet I-sai-ah, “The voice of one crying out



in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Ev-’ry val-ley shall



be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crook-ed shall be made



straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the sal - va-tion of God.’”