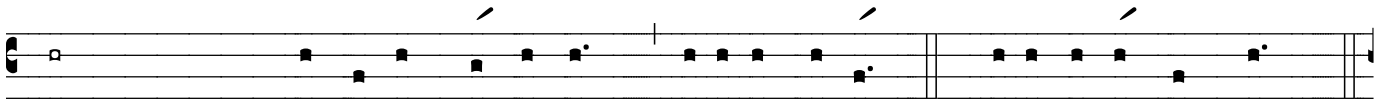
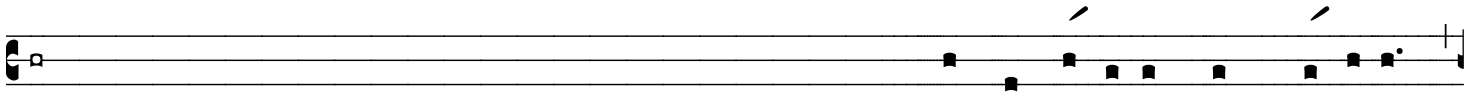


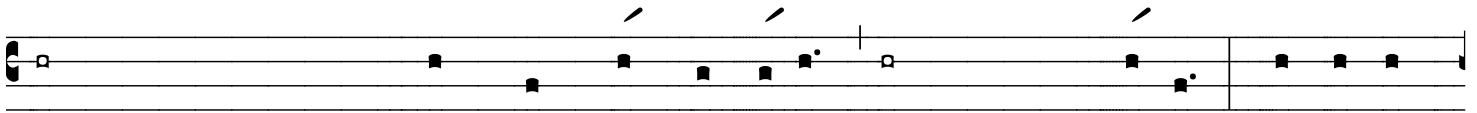
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Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)



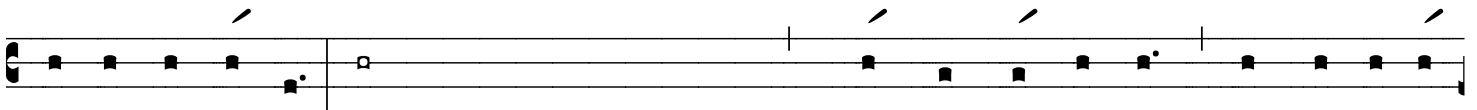
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Luke. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



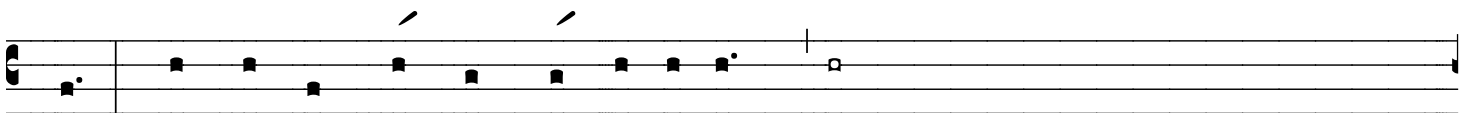
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Gal-i-lee called Naz-a-reth, ²⁷



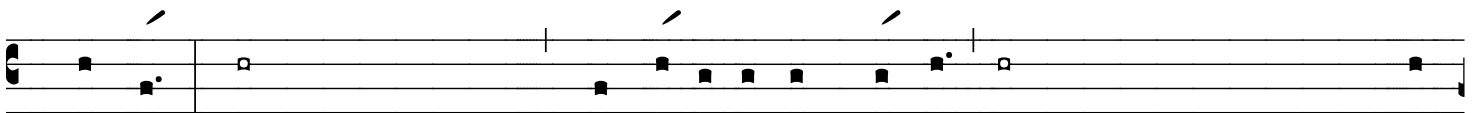
to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Jo-seph, of the house of Da-vid. The vir-gin's



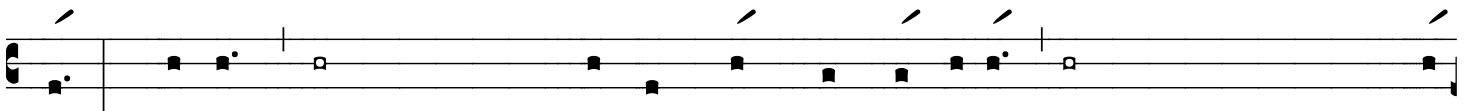
na-me was Mar-y. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greet-ings, fa-vored one! The Lord is with



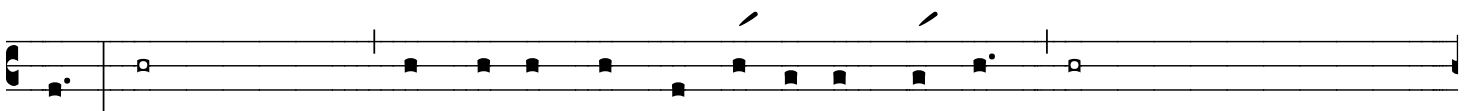
you." ²⁹ But she was much per-plexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this



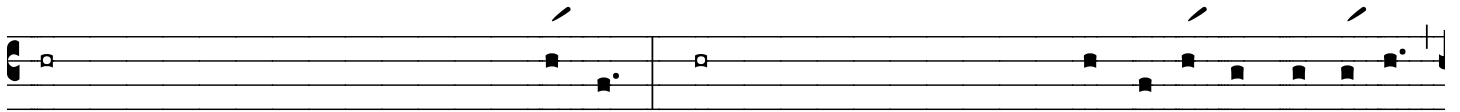
might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be a-fraid, Mar-y, for you have found favor with



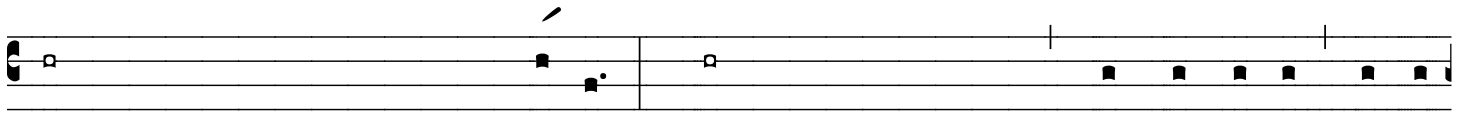
God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Je-



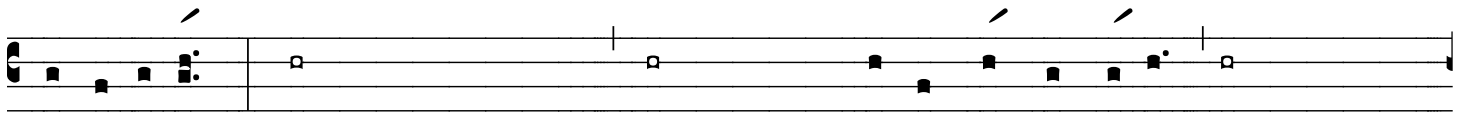
sus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give



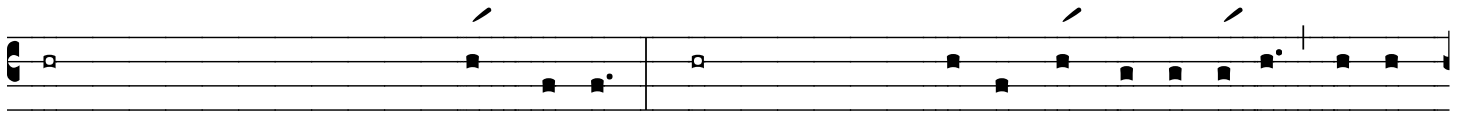
to him the throne of his ancestor Da-vid. ³³ He will reign over the house of Ja-cob for-ev-er,



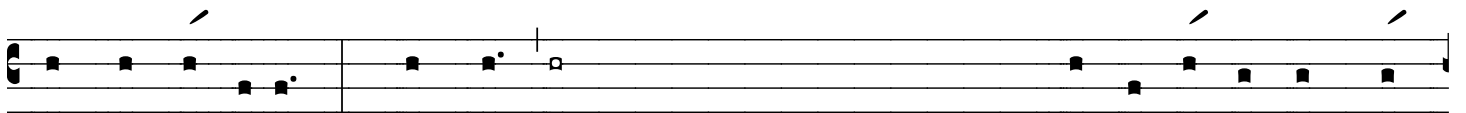
and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I



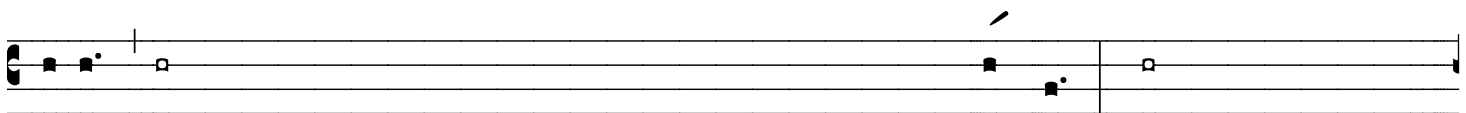
am a vir-gin?” ³⁵ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spir-it will come up-on you, and the power



of the Most High will over-shad-ow you; therefore the child to be born will be ho-ly; he will



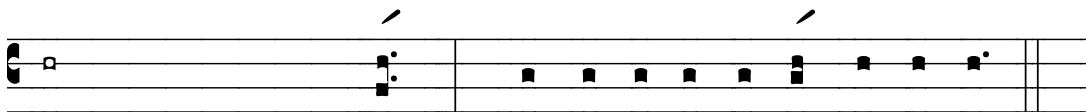
be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has al - so con-ceived



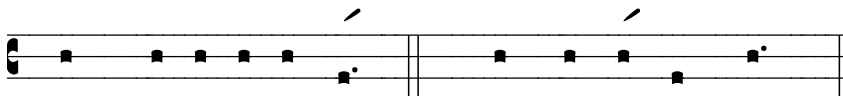
a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be bar-ren. ³⁷ For noth-ing will be



impossible with God.” ³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with



me according to your word.” Then the an-gel de-part-ed from her.



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