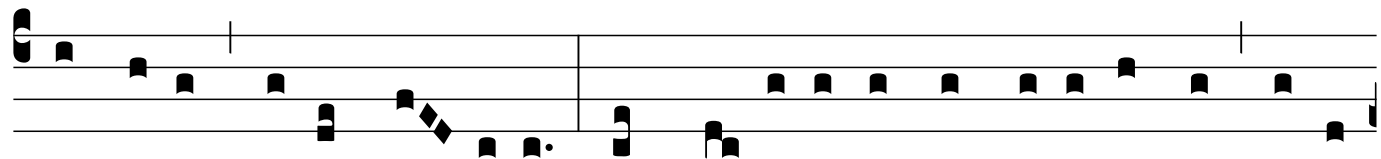


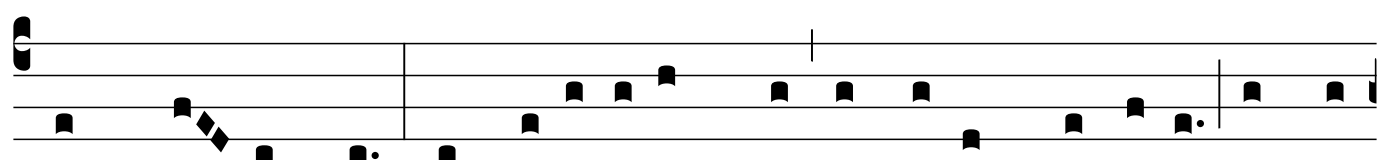
# Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

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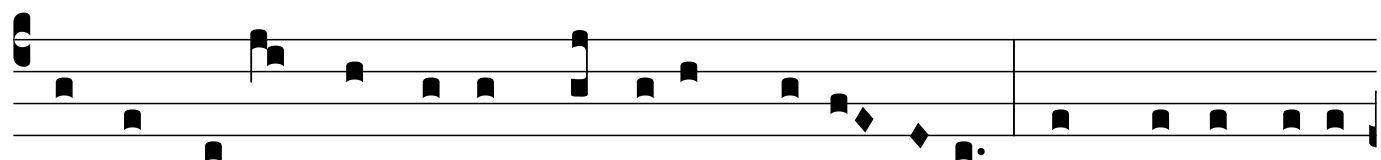
**T** he Twenty--fifth Day of De-cem-ber, when ag-es be-yond number had  
run their course from the cre-ation of the world, when God in the be-gin-  
ning cre-at-ed heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when  
centu-ry up-on centu-ry had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the  
clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of cov-e-nant and peace; From the mi-  
gration of Abra-ham, our father in faith, from Ur of the Chal-de-ans, twenty-  
one centuries; from the ex-o-dus of the people of Isra-el out of E-gypt, led



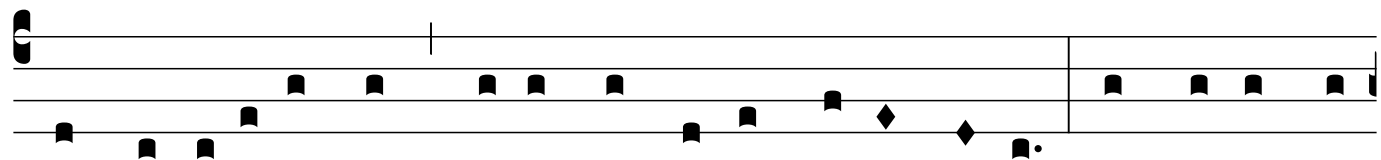
by Mo-ses, thirteen cen- turies; from the anointing of Da-vid as King, about



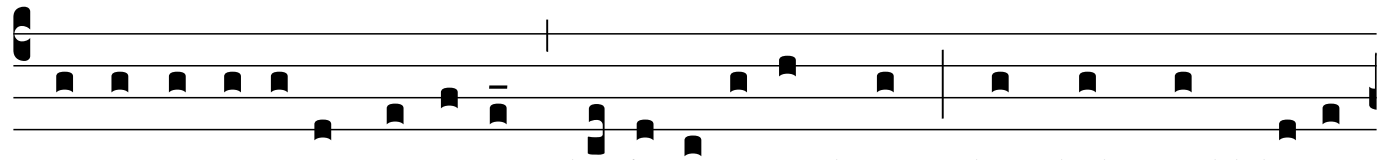
one thou- sand years; in the sixty-fifth week of Daniel's prophe-cy; in the



year of the one hundred and ninetyfourth O-lym-pi- ad; from the foundation



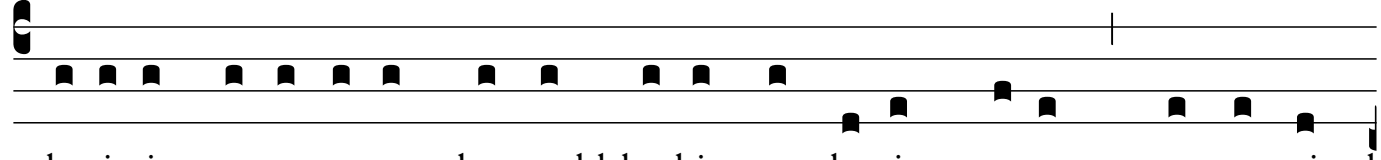
of the Cit-y of Rome, sev-en hundred and fif-ty two years, in the reign of



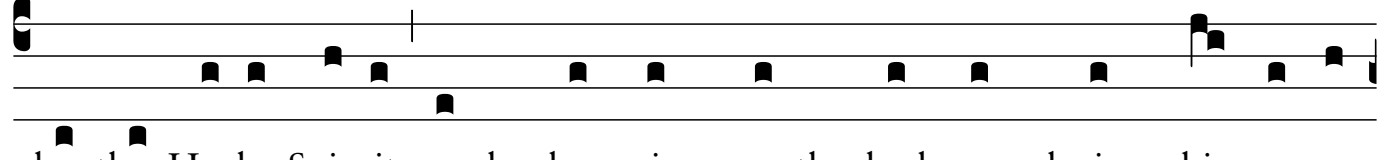
Cae-sar Octa-vi- an Augustus, the forty-sec-ond year; the whole world be- ing



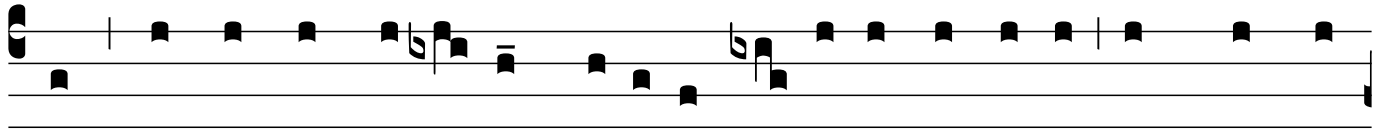
at peace, Je-sus Christ, e-ternal God and Son of the e-ternal Fa- ther,



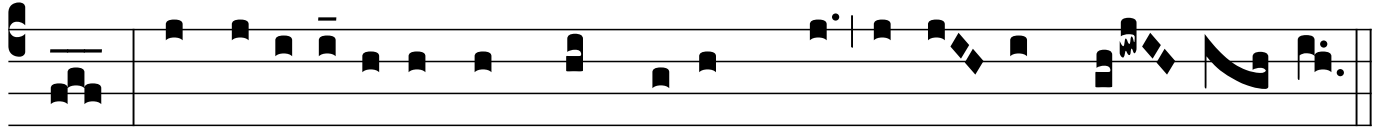
de-sir- ing to consecrate the world by his most lov- ing pres-ence, was conceived



by the Ho-ly Spir- it, and when nine months had passed since his concep-



tion, was born of the Vir-gin Mar-y in Bethle-hem of Ju-dah, and was made



man: The Na-tiv-i-ty of Our Lord Je-sus Christ accord- ing to the flesh.