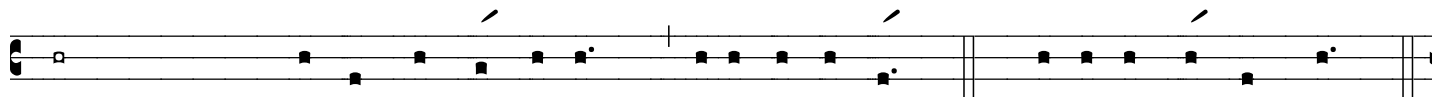


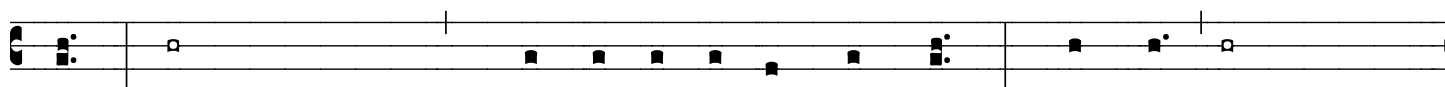
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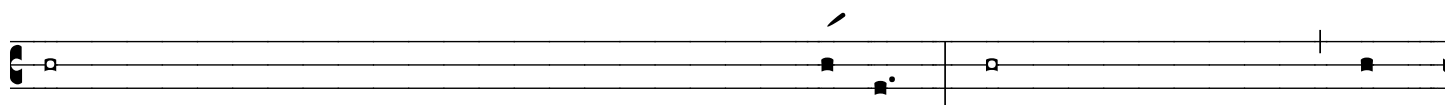
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to Mark. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



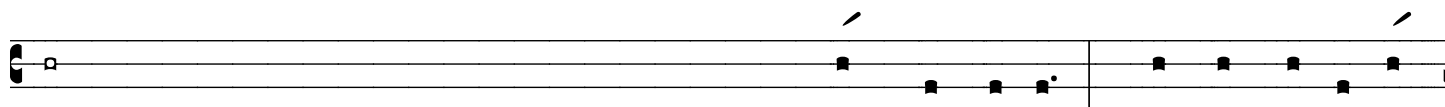
Some Pharisees came, and to test Je-sus they asked, “Is it law-ful for a man to di-voce his



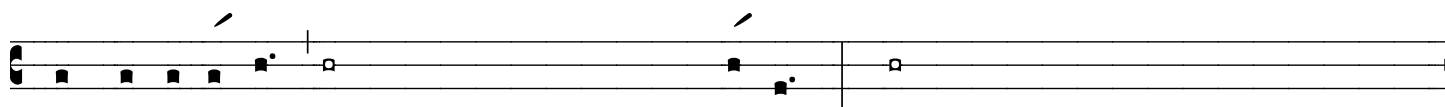
wife?” 3 He answered them, “What did Mo-ses com-mand you?” 4 They said, “Moses allowed



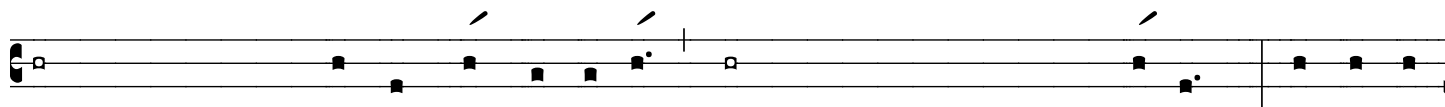
a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to di-voce her.” 5 But Jesus said to them, “Be -



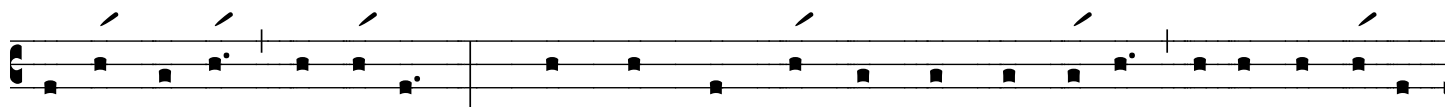
cause of your hardness of heart he wrote this com-mand-ment for you. 6 But from the be-gin-



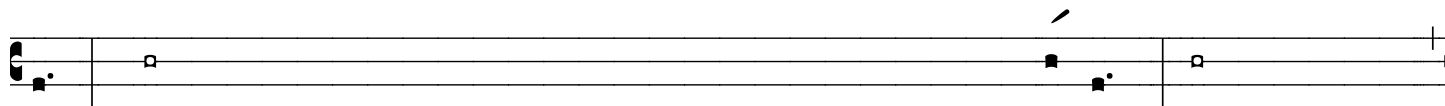
ning of cre-a-tion, ‘God made them male and fe-male.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man shall leave his



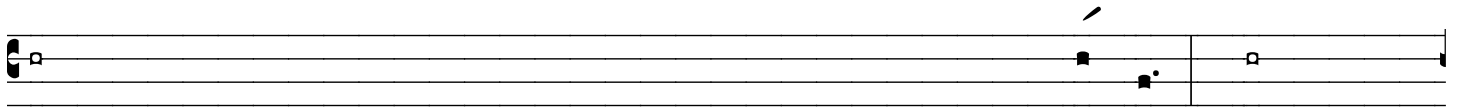
father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are



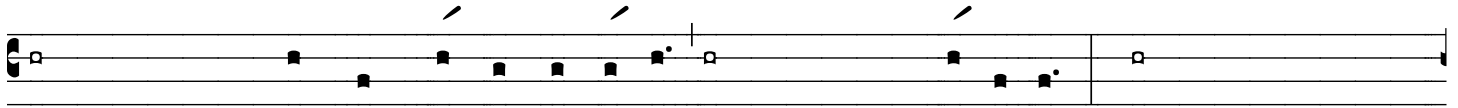
no lon-ger two, but one flesh. 9 There-fore what God has joined to-gether, let no one sep-a -



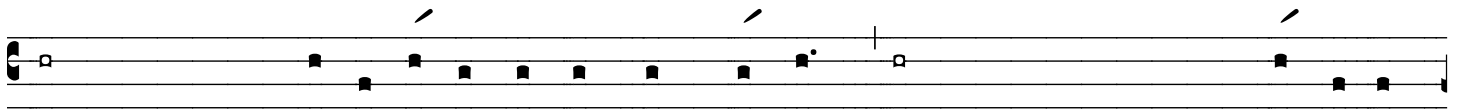
rate.” 10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this mat-ter. 11 He said to them,



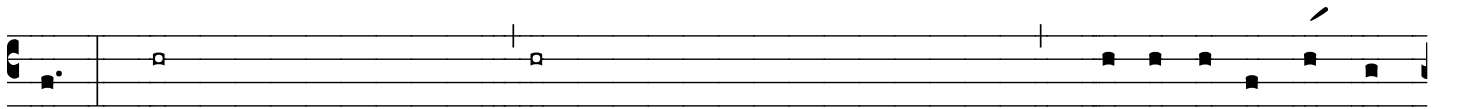
“Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery a-against her; 12 and if she di-



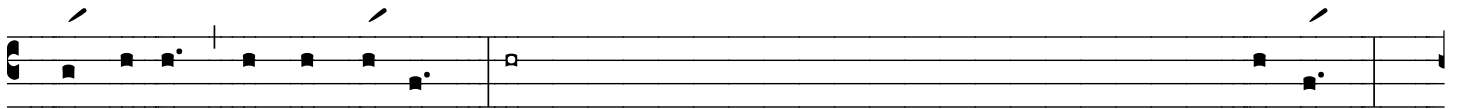
vorces her hus-band and mar-ries an-oth- er, she commits a-dul-ter-y.” 13 People were bringing



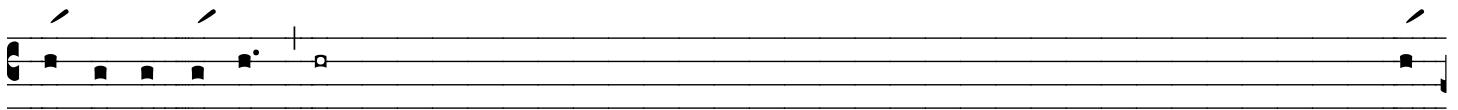
little children to him in or-der that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke stern-ly to



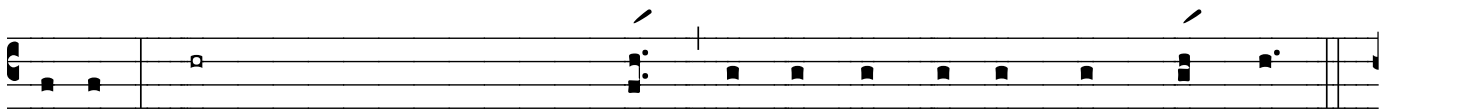
them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the lit-tle chil-dren



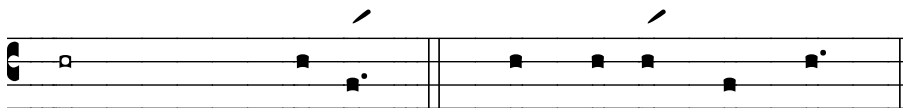
come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God be-longs. 15



Tru-ly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never en-



ter it.” 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



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