

# Luke 5:17-26

*A Public Service of Healing*

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

*R* *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* One day, while Je-sus was teaching, Phar-i-sees

and teachers of the law were sit-ting nearby [they had come from every vil-

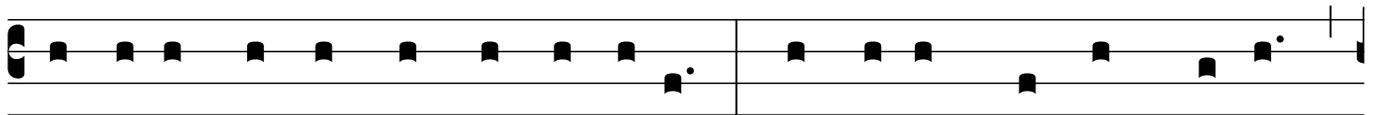
lage of Gal-i-lee and Ju-de- a and from Je-ru-sa-lem]; and the power of the

Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carry- ing a par-a-lysed

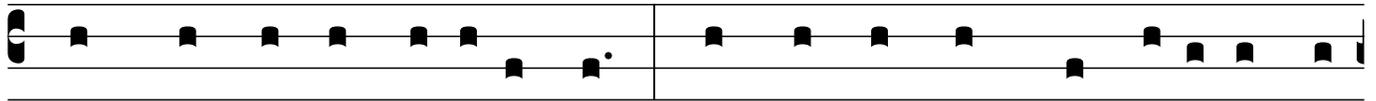
man on a bed. They were try- ing to bring him in and lay him be-fore Je-sus;

but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up

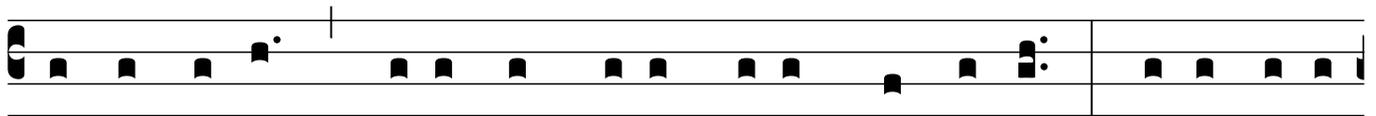
on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the



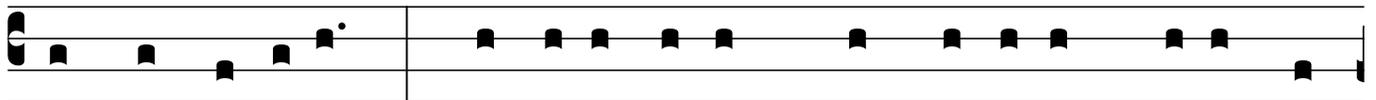
middle of the crowd in front of Je-sus. When he saw their faith, he said,



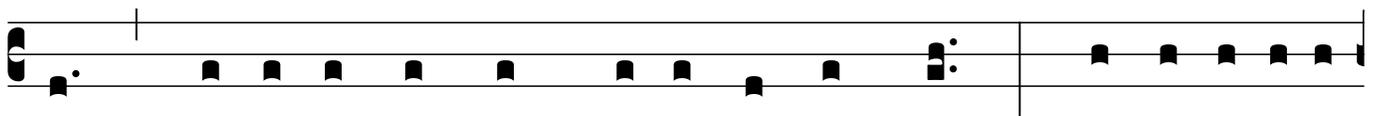
‘Friend, your sins are forgiv-en you.’ Then the scribes and the Phar-i-sees be-



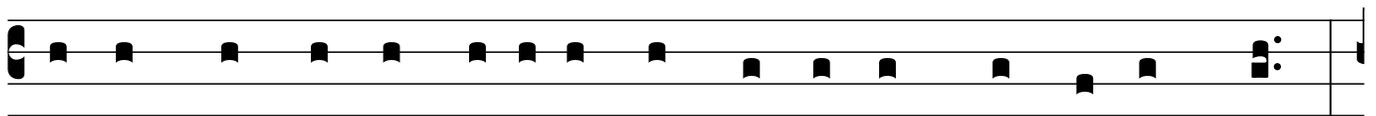
gan to question, ‘Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive



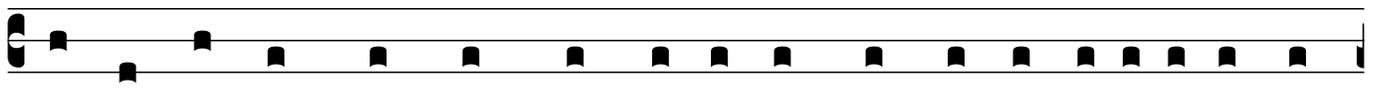
sins but God a-lone?’ When Je-sus perceived their question-ings, he answered



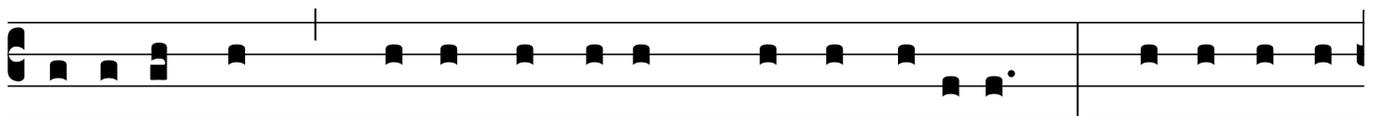
them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is eas-i-er,



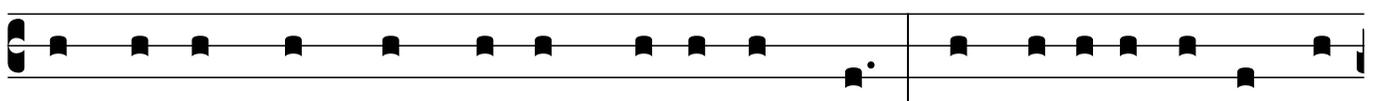
to say, “Your sins are forgiv-en you”, or to say, “Stand up and walk”?



But so that you may know that the Son of Man has author-i-ty on earth



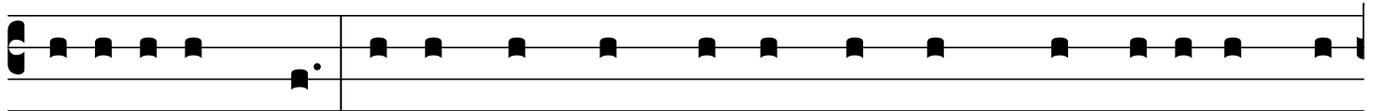
to forgive sins’ — he said to the one who was par-a-lysed — ‘I say to you,



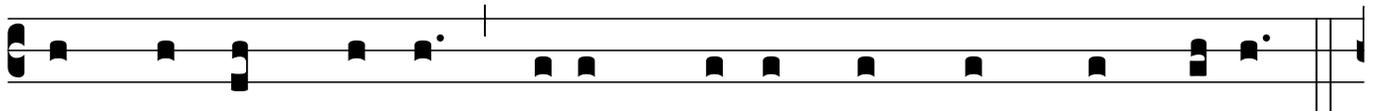
stand up and take your bed and go to your home.’ Imme-di-ately he stood



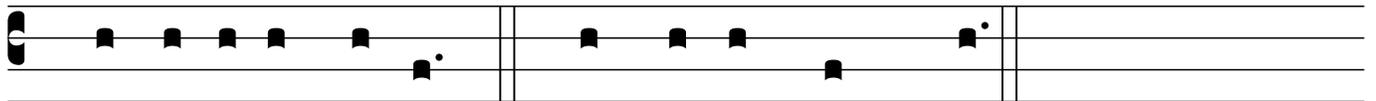
up be-fore them, took what he had been ly- ing on, and went to his home,



glo-ri- fy- ing God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glo-ri- fied God



and were filled with awe, say- ing, 'We have seen strange things today.'



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