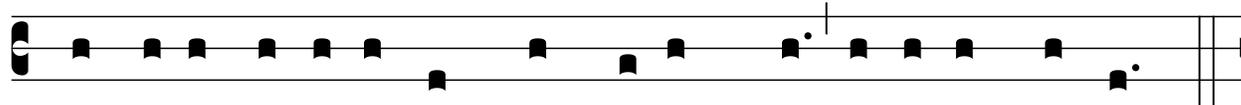


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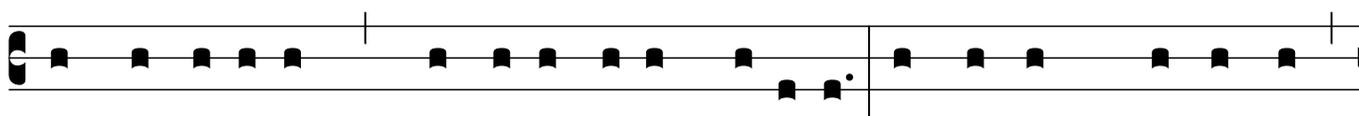
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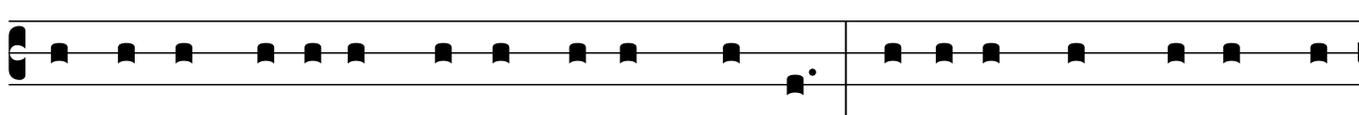
V The Ho-ly Gos-pel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Luke.



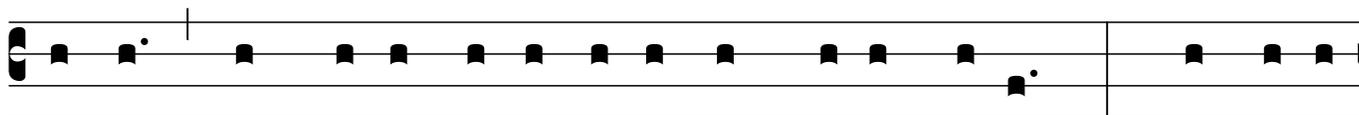
R *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Je-sus and his dis-ciples ar-rived at the coun-try



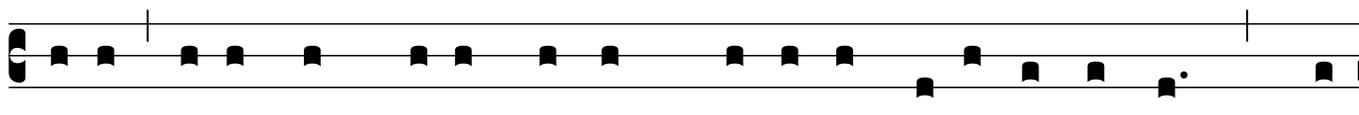
of the Ge-ra-senes, which is op-po-site Gal-i-lee. As he stepped out on land,



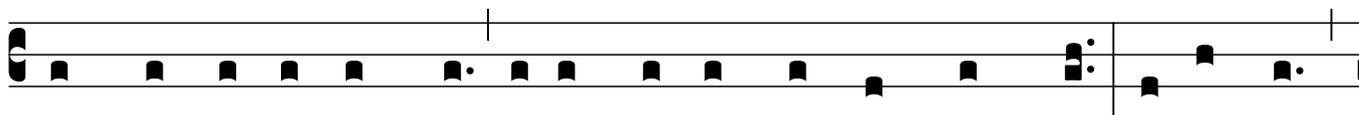
a man of the cit-y who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn



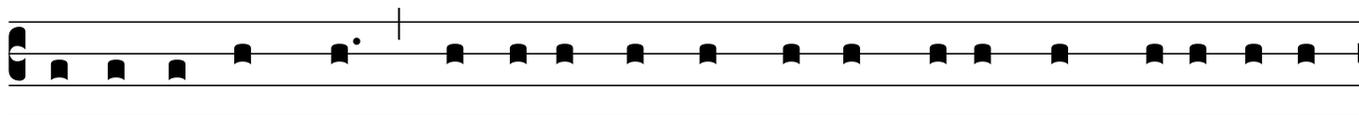
no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw



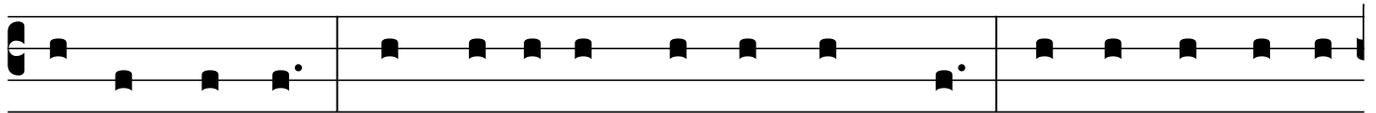
Je-sus, he fell down be-fore him and shout-ed at the top of his voice, ‘What



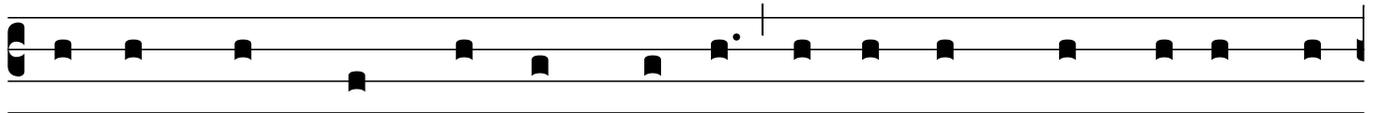
have you to do with me, Je-sus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you,



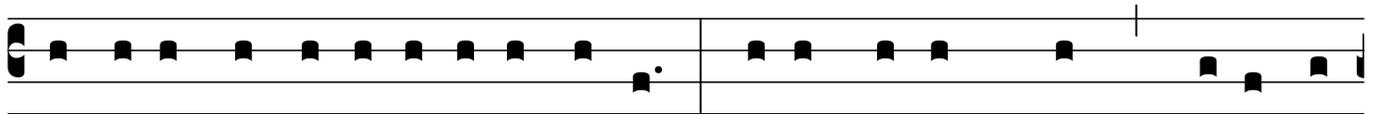
do not torment me’ — for Je-sus had com-manded the unclean spir-it to come



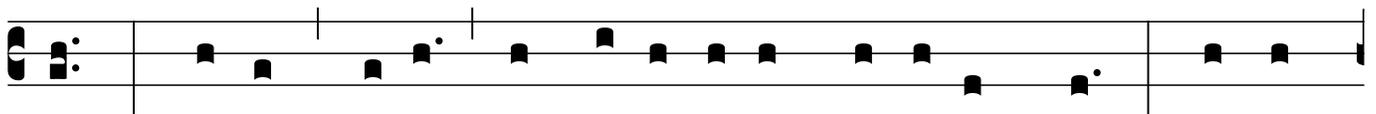
out of the man. [For man-y times it had seized him; he was kept under



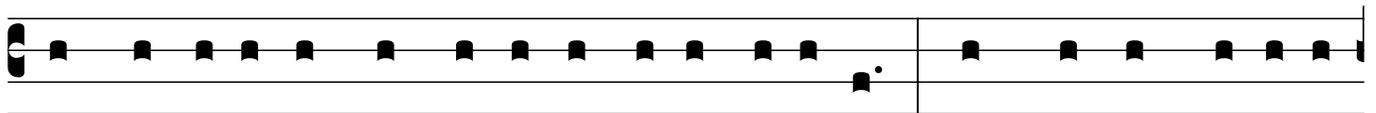
guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and



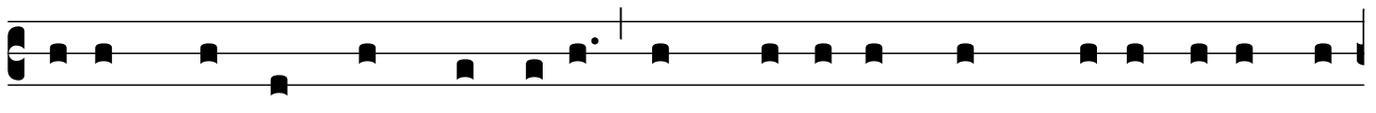
be driv-en by the demon into the wilds.] Je-sus then asked him, ‘What is your



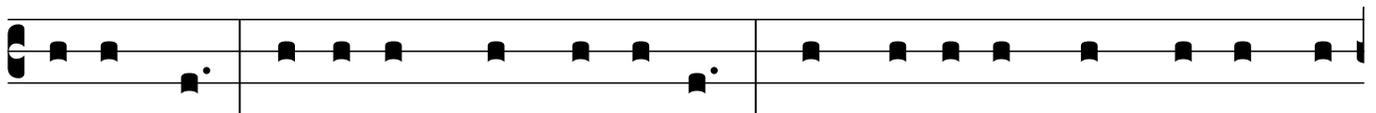
name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for man-y demons had entered him. They begged



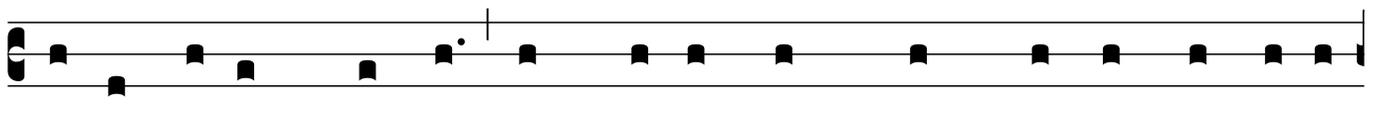
him not to order them to go back into the a-byss. Now there on the hillside



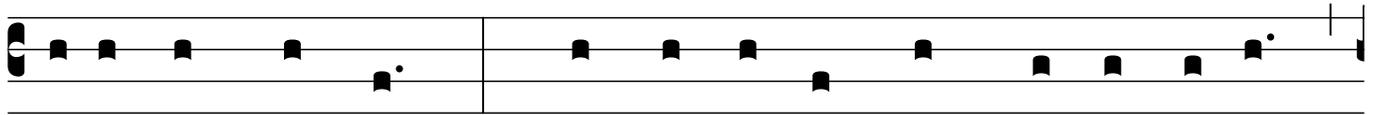
a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Je-sus to let them



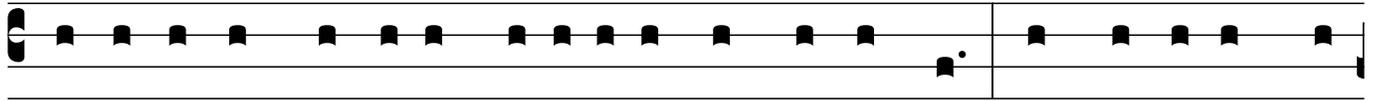
enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the



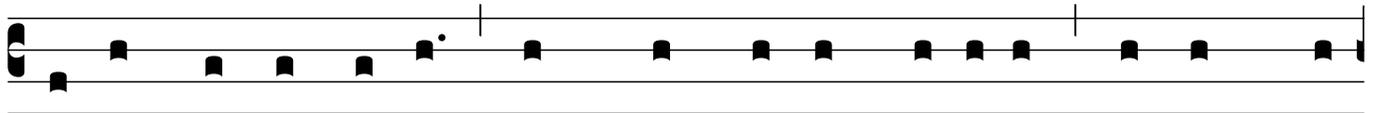
man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into



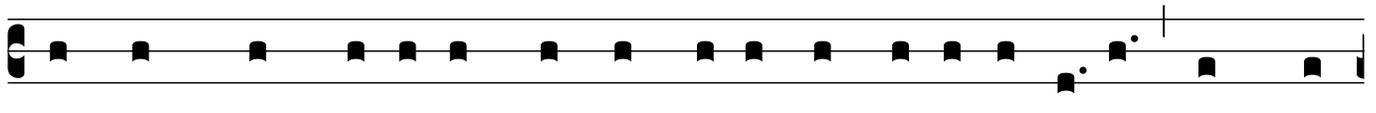
the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened,



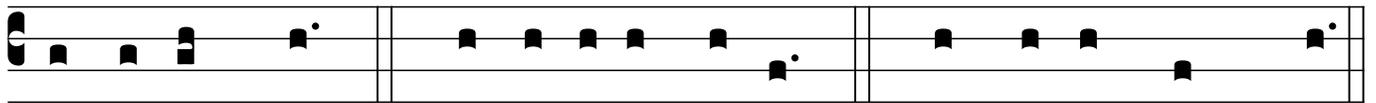
they ran off and told it in the cit-y and in the country. Then people came out



to see what had happened, and when they came to Je-sus, they found the



man from whom the demons had gone sit-ting at the feet of Je-sus, clothed and



in his right mind. *℣* The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*