

Mark 5:1-20

A Public Service of Healing

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

℞ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* They came to the other side of the lake, to

the country of the Ge-ra-senes. And when Je-sus had stepped out of the boat,

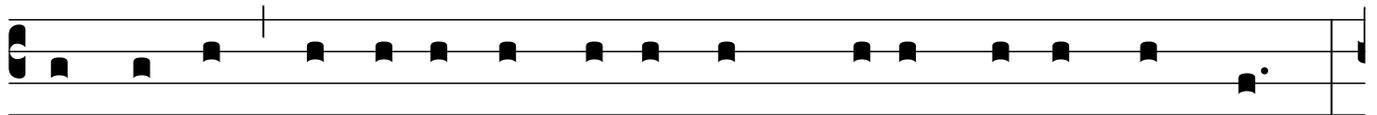
imme-di-ately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spir-it met him.

He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him an-y more, e-ven

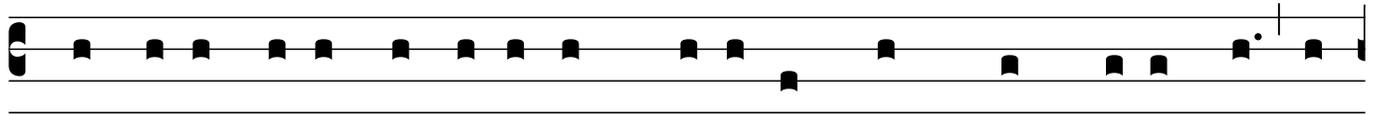
with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but

the chains he wrenched a-part, and the shackles he broke in piec-es; and no

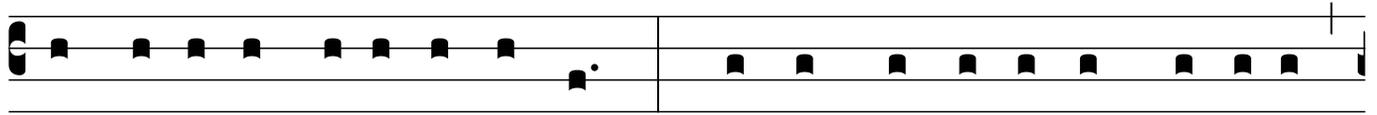
one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on



the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones.



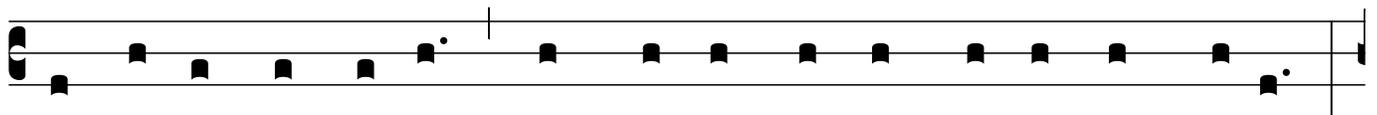
When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and



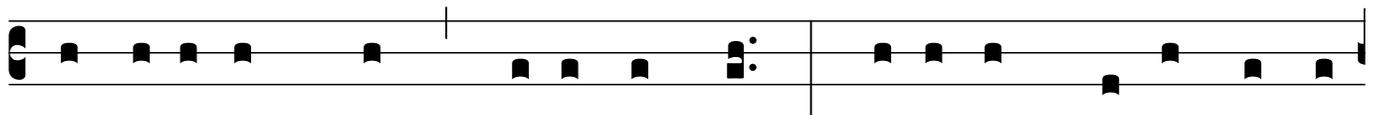
he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus,



Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.'



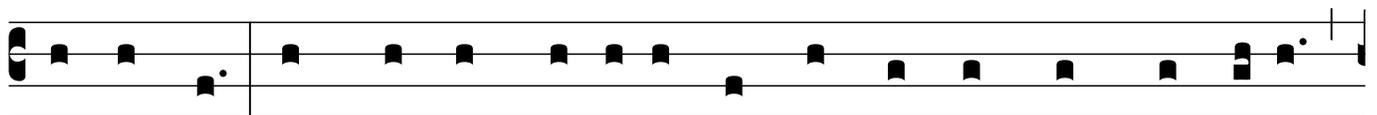
For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!'



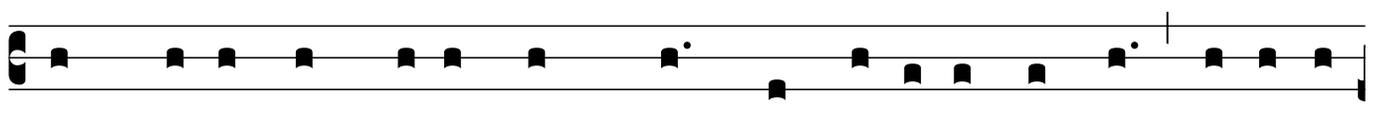
Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Le-



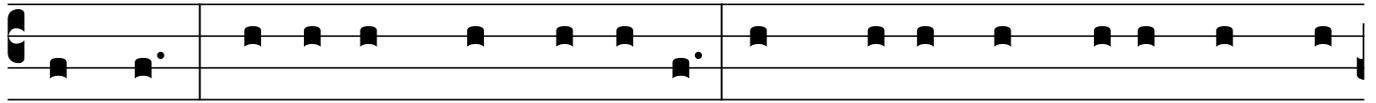
gion; for we are many.' He begged him earnestly not to send them out of



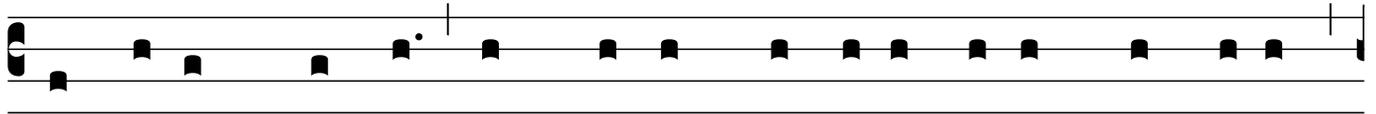
the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding;



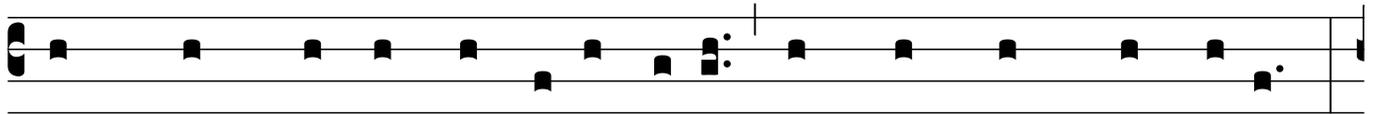
and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us en-



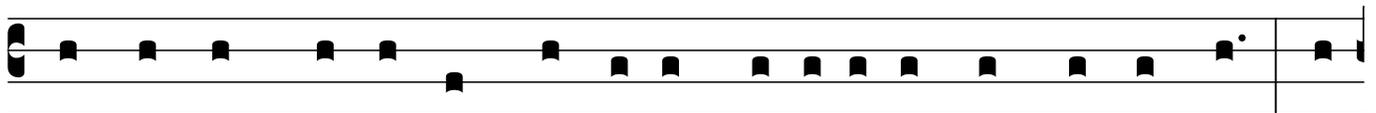
ter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spir-its came out



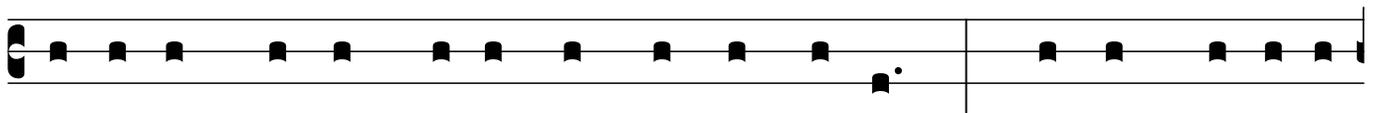
and entered the swine; and the herd, number-ing about two thousand,



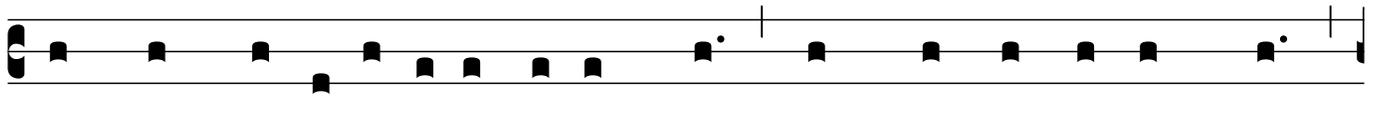
rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.



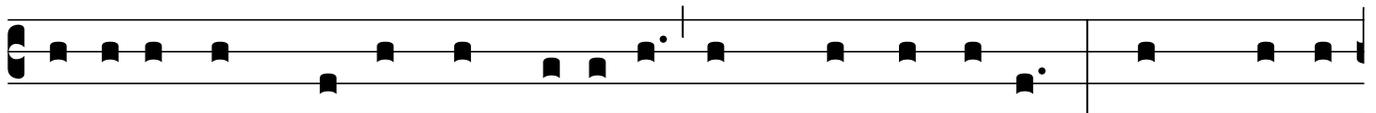
The swineherds ran off and told it in the cit-y and in the country. Then



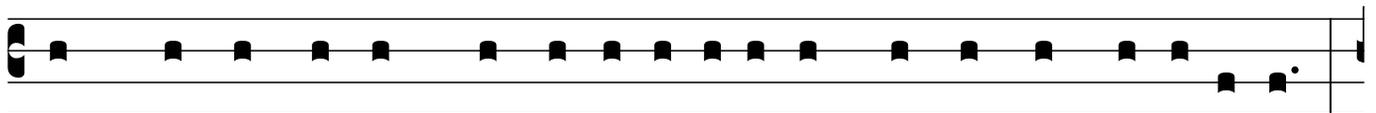
people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Je-sus



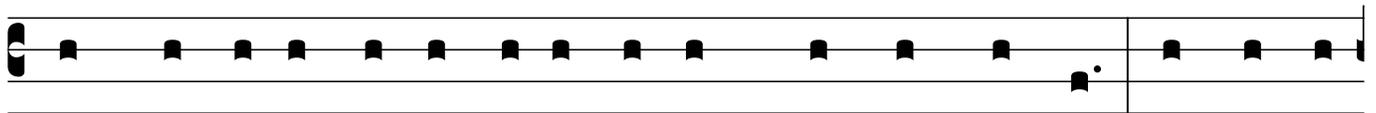
and saw the demo-ni- ac sit-ting there, clothed and in his right mind,



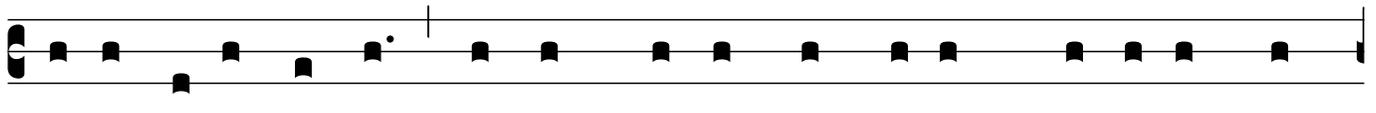
the ver-y man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had



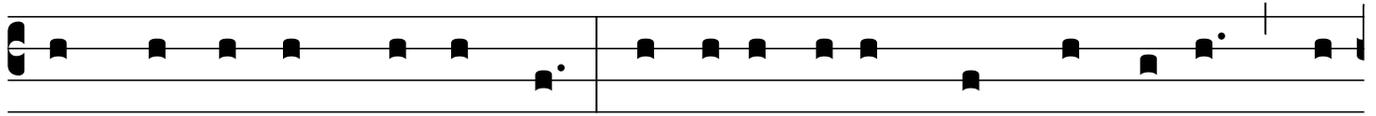
seen what had happened to the demo-ni- ac and to the swine re-ported it.



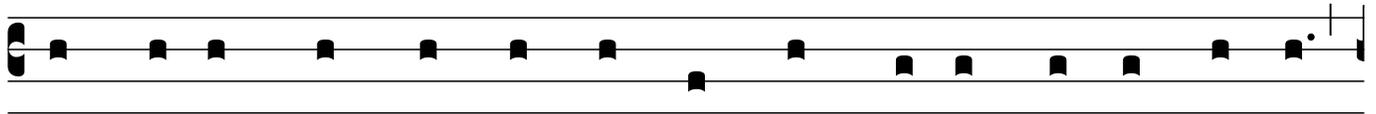
Then they be-gan to beg Je-sus to leave their neighbour-hood. As he was



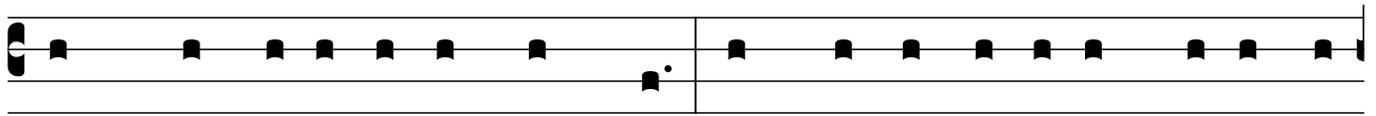
get-ting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged



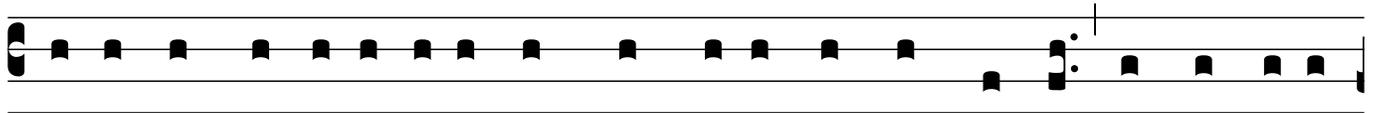
him that he might be with him. But Je-sus re-fused, and said to him, 'Go



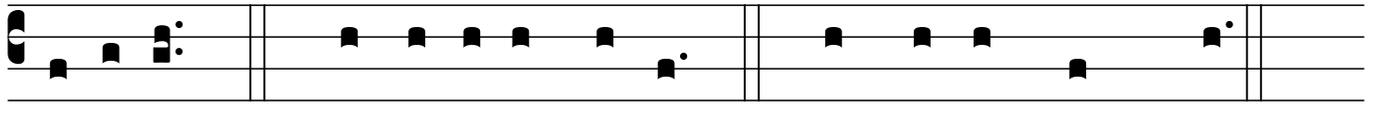
home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you,



and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and be-gan to



proclaim in the De-cap-o-lis how much Je-sus had done for him; and every- one



was amazed. √ The Gospel of the Lord. ℞ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*