

Matthew 9:2-8

A Public Service of Healing

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

R *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Some people were carry- ing a par-a-lysed man

ly- ing on a bed. When Je-sus saw their faith, he said to the par-a-lyt-ic,

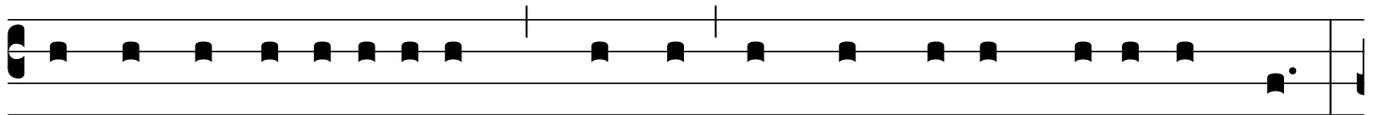
‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiv-en.’ Then some of the scribes said to

themselves, ‘This man is blaspheming.’ But Je-sus, perceiv-ing their thoughts,

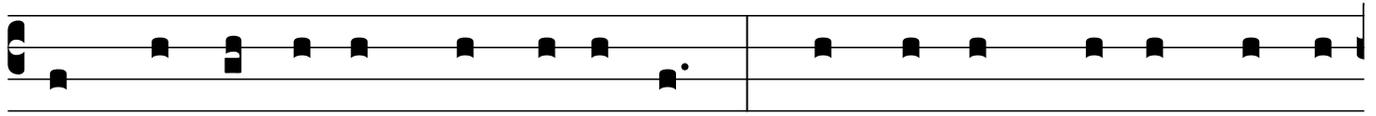
said, ‘Why do you think e-vil in your hearts? For which is eas-i- er, to say,

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

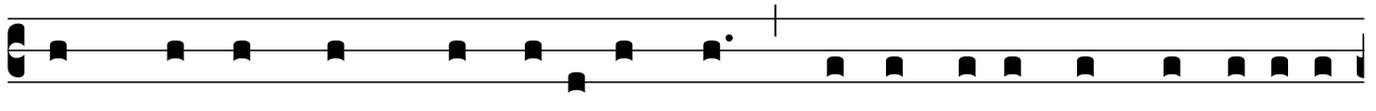
may know that the Son of Man has author-i-ty on earth to forgive sins’— he



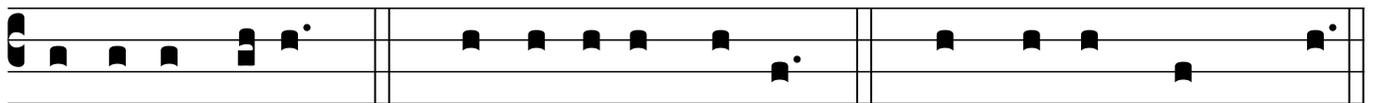
then said to the par-a-lyt-ic — ‘Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.’



And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were



filled with awe, and they glo-ri-fied God, who had giv-en such author-i-ty



to human be- ings. ∿ The Gospel of the Lord. ℞ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*