

Mark 2:1-12

A Public Service of Healing

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

R *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* When Je-sus re-turned to Ca-perna-um after

some days, it was re-ported that he was at home. So man-y gathered around

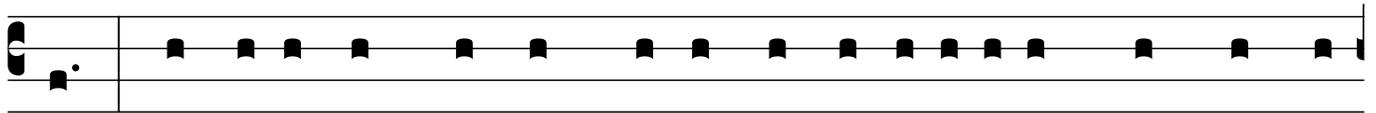
that there was no longer room for them, not e-ven in front of the door, and

he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him

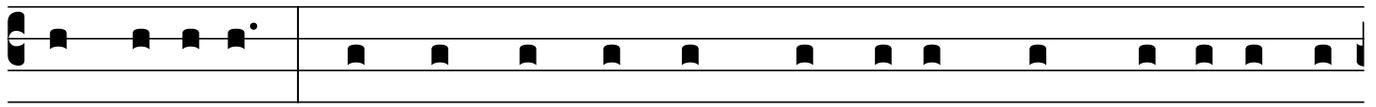
a par-a-lyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring

him to Je-sus because of the crowd, they removed the roof a-bove him, and

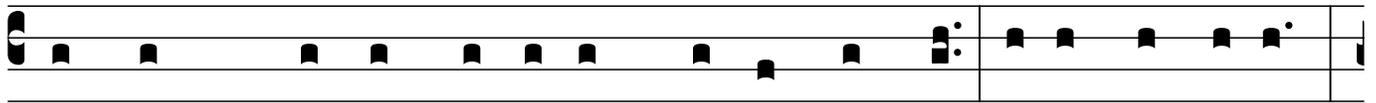
after hav-ing dug through it, they let down the mat on which the par-a-lyt-ic



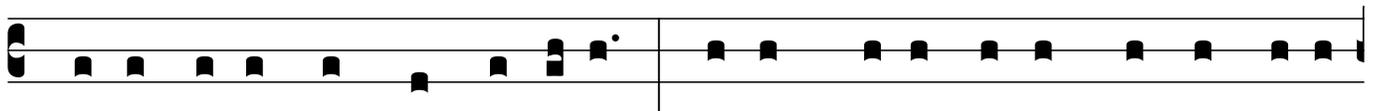
lay. When Je-sus saw their faith, he said to the par-a-lyt-ic, “Child, your sins



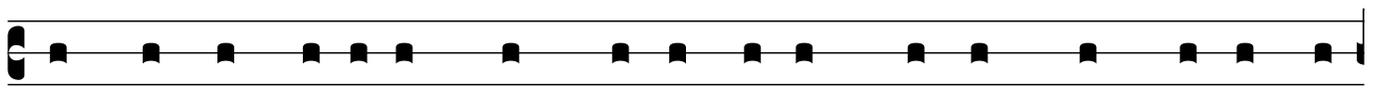
are forgiv-en.” Now some of the scribes were sit-ting there question-ing in



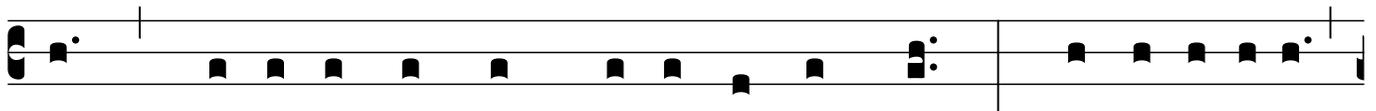
their hearts, “Why does this fel-low speak in this way? It is blasphemy!



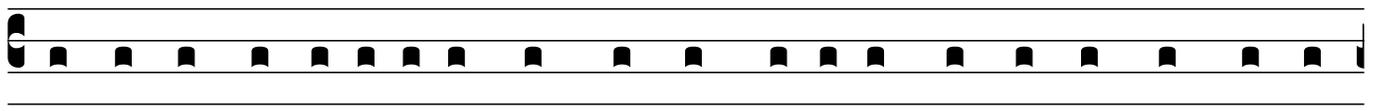
Who can forgive sins but God a-lone?” At once Je-sus perceived in his spir-it



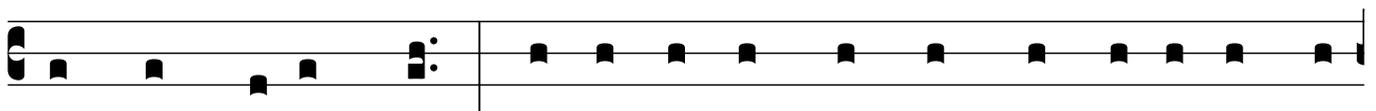
that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to



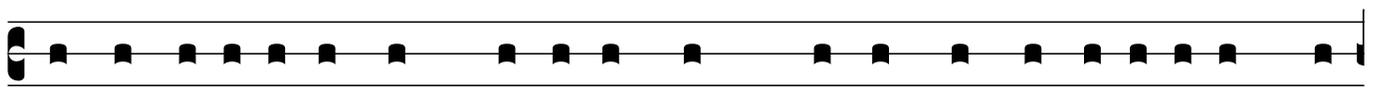
them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is eas-i- er:



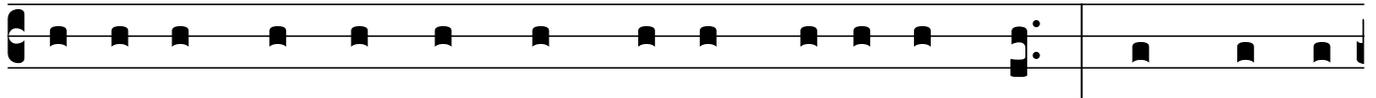
to say to the par-a-lyt-ic, ‘Your sins are forgiv-en,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and



take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man



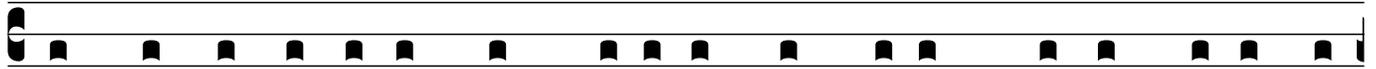
has author-i-ty on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the par-a-lyt-ic—“I



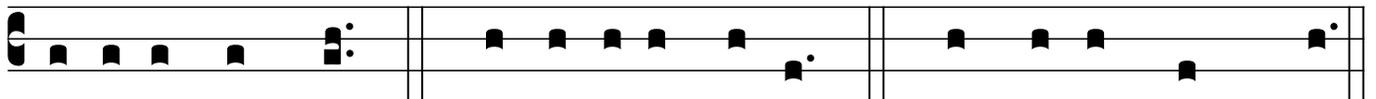
say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” And he stood



up and imme-di- ately took the mat and went out be-fore all of them, so



that they were all amazed and glo-ri-fied God, say-ing, “We have nev-er seen



an-ything like this!” *℣* The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*