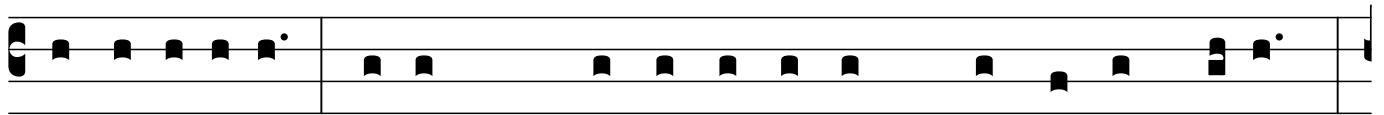


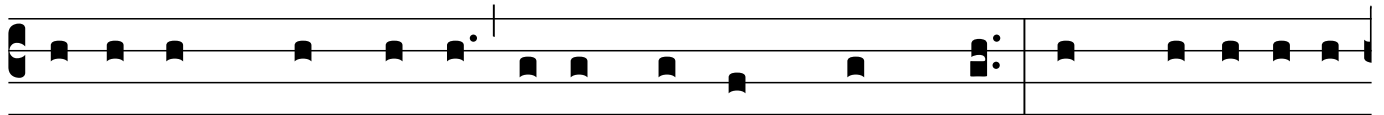
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Philip

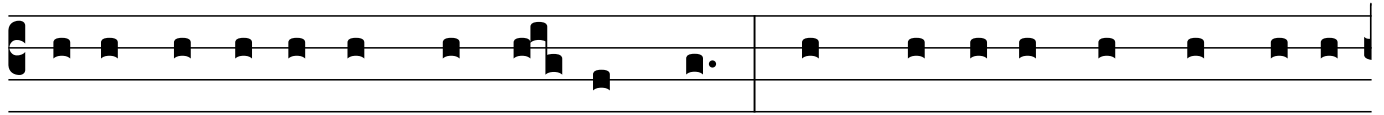
Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Je-ru-sa-lem to Ga-za.” This is a wilder-ness road. So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethi-o-pi-an eunuch, a court of-fi-cial of the Candace, the queen of the Ethi-o-pi-ans, in charge of her entire treasur-y. He had come to Je-ru-sa-lem to worship and was re-turning home; seat-ed in his char-i-ot, he was reading the prophet I-sa-iah. Then the Spir-it said to Phil-ip, “Go o-ver to this char-i-ot and join it.” So Phil-ip ran up to it and heard him reading the



prophet I-sa-iah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”



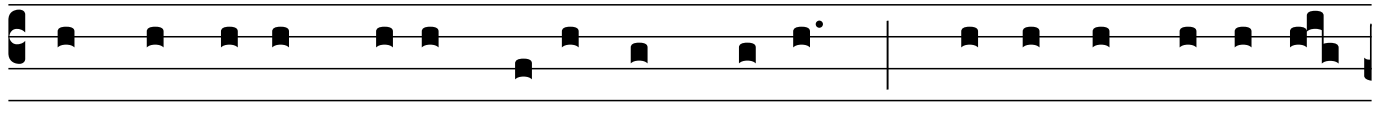
He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invit-ed



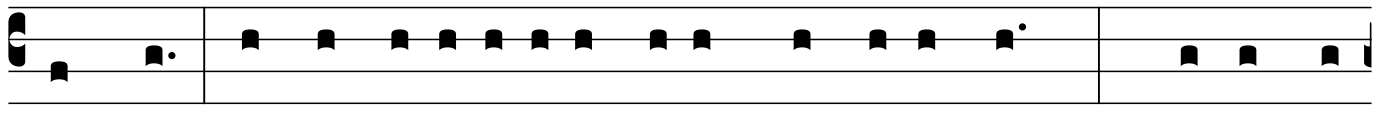
Phil-ip to get in and sit be- side him. Now the passage of the scripture



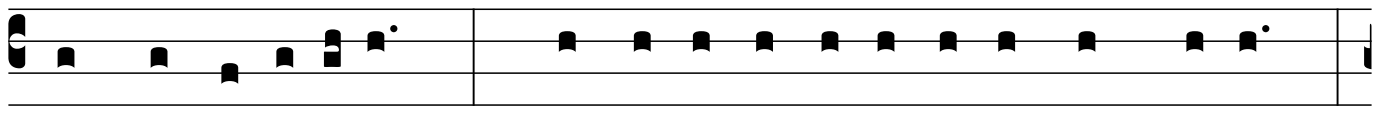
that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,



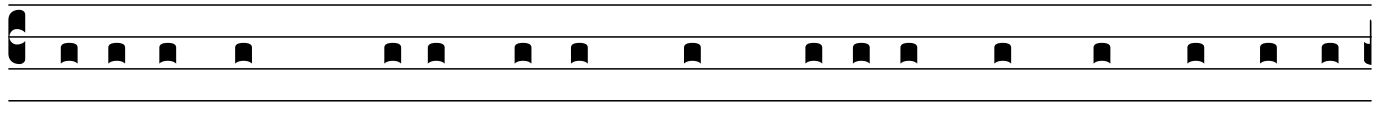
and like a lamb si-lent be-fore its shear-er, so he does not o-pen



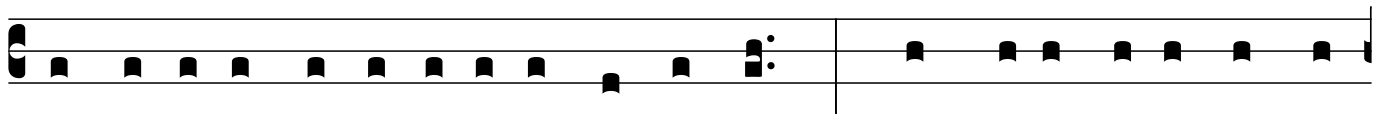
his mouth. In his humil-i- ation justice was denied him. Who can de-



scribe his gen-er-ation? For his life is tak-en away from the earth.”



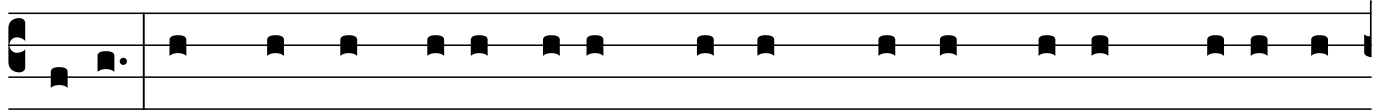
The eunuch asked Phil-ip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet



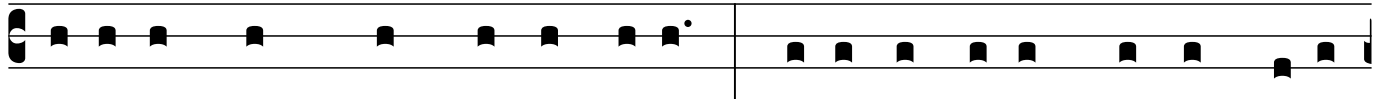
say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Phil-ip be-gan to speak,



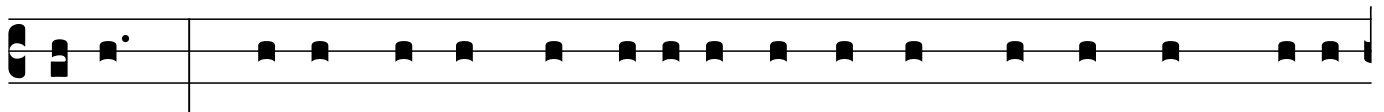
and start-ing with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news a- bout



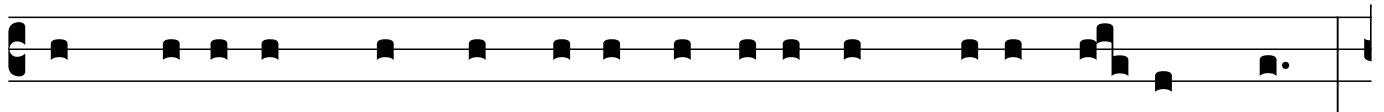
Je-sus. As they were go- ing a-long the road, they came to some wa-ter, and



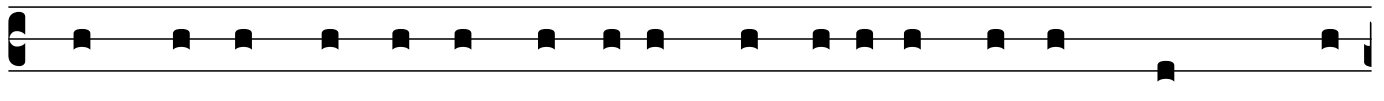
the eunuch said, “Look, here is wa-ter! What is to pre-vent me from be- ing



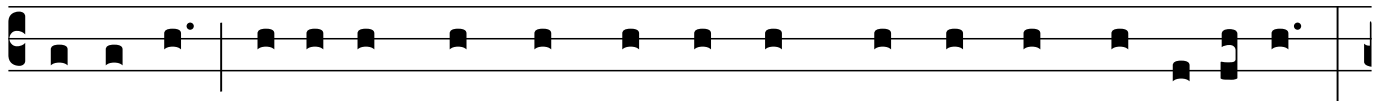
baptized?” He commanded the char-i- ot to stop, and both of them, Phil- ip



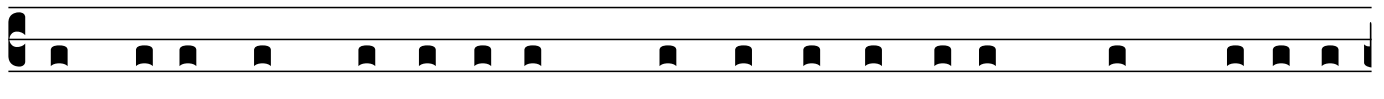
and the eunuch, went down into the wa-ter, and Phil- ip bap- tized him.



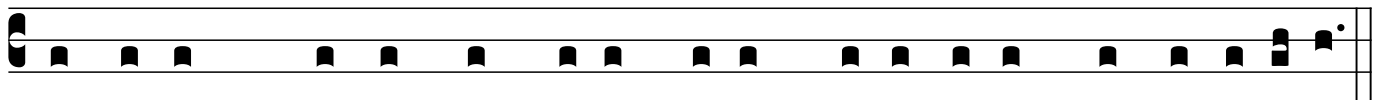
When they came up out of the wa-ter, the Spir- it of the Lord snatched Phil-



ip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way re-joic-ing.



But Phil- ip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region



he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caes-a-re- a.