V. The Lord be with you. **R.** And with your spirit. **V. A reading from the holy**
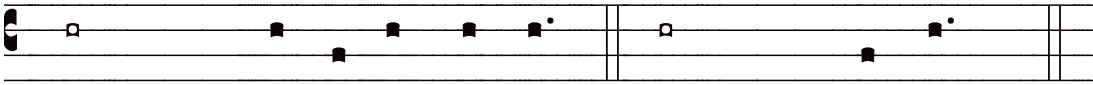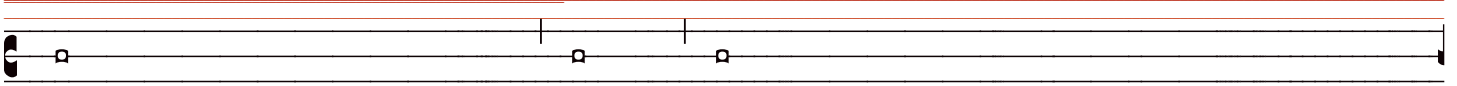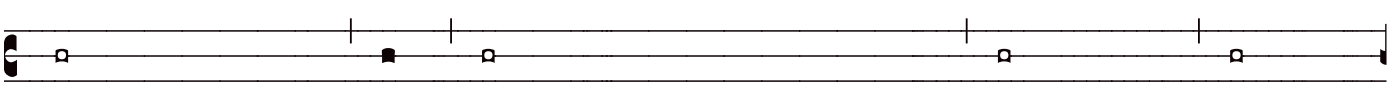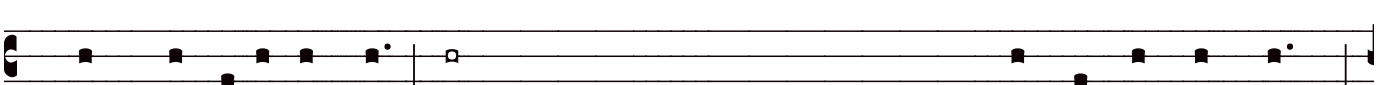
Gospel accord-ing to Matthew. R. Glory to you O Lord.
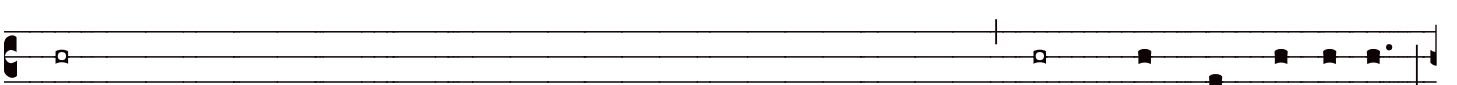
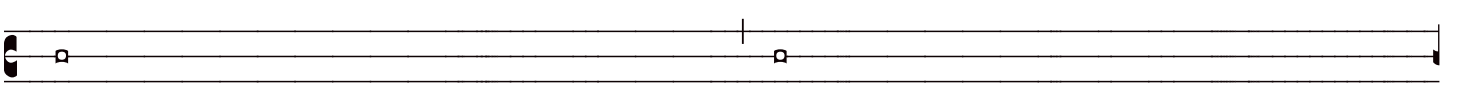**When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in**

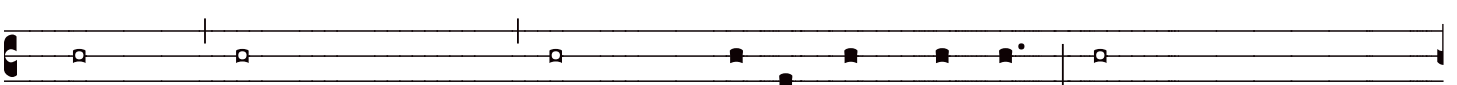**a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay**

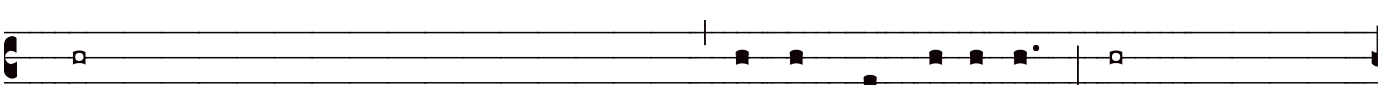**there un-til I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."**

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and depar-ted for Egypt.
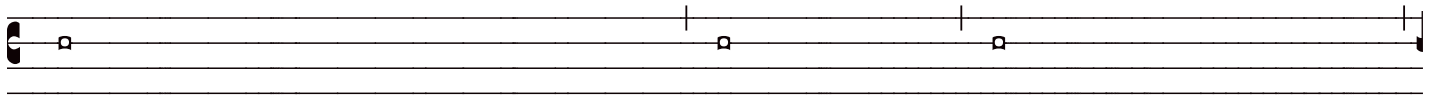
He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the
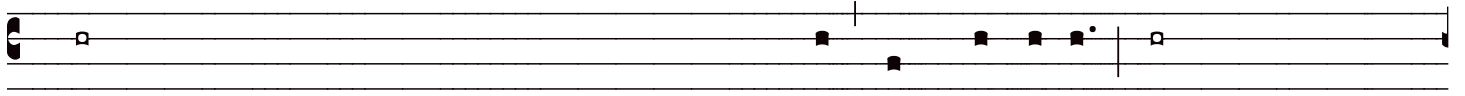
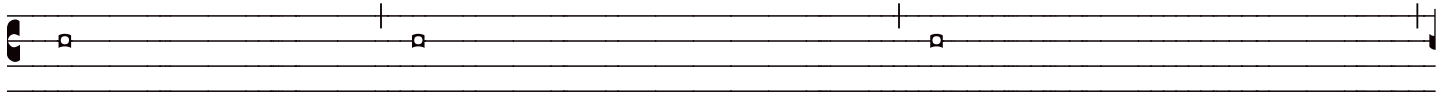**prophet   might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son.   When Herod realized**

that he had been deceived by the magi, he be-came furious.   He ordered the
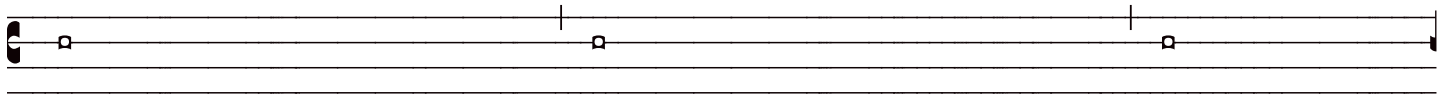
massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under,

in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled

what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: A voice was heard in Ramah,

sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would

not be consoled, since they were no more.   The Gos-pel of the Lord.