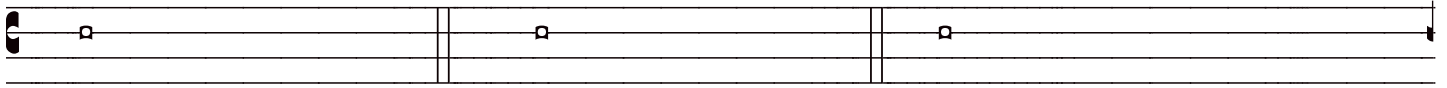
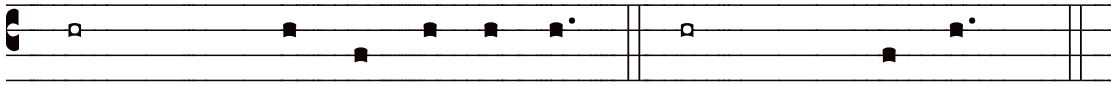


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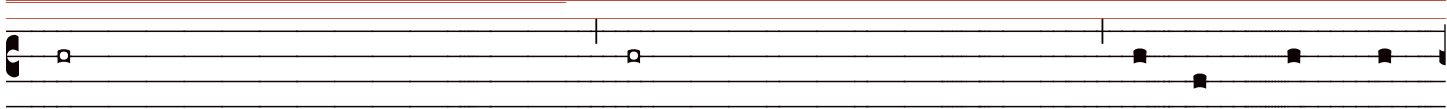
Gospel Reading - John 1:1-18



**V.** The Lord be with you. **R.** And with your spirit. **V.** A reading from beginning of



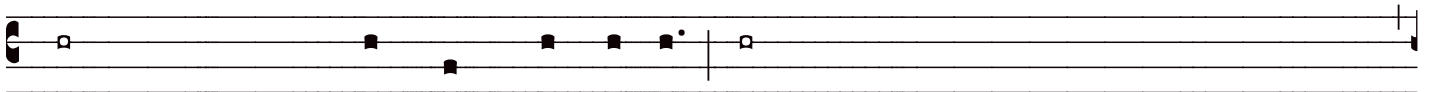
the holy Gospel ac-cord-ing to John. **R.** Glory to you O Lord.



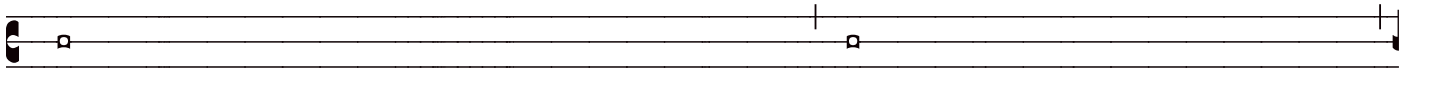
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was



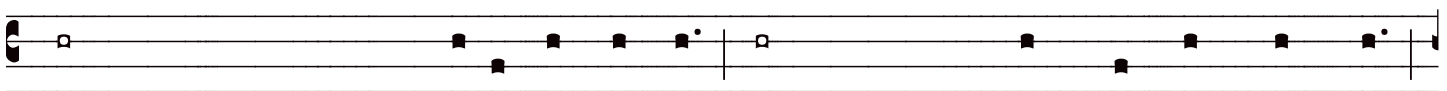
God. He was in the be-gin-ning with God. All things came to be through him,



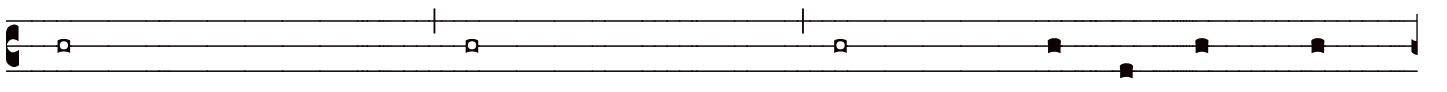
and without him no-thing came to be. What came to be through him was life,



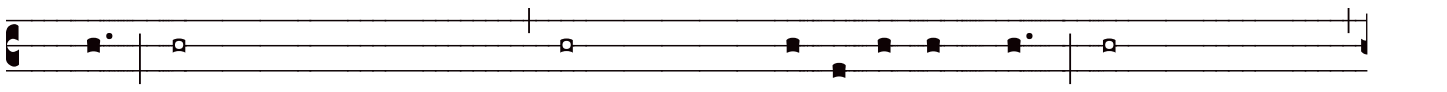
and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness,



and the darkness has not o-vercome it. A man named John was sent from God.



He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might be-lieve through



him. He was not the light, but came to testi-fy to the light. The true light,

which enlightens everyone, was coming in-to the world. He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came  
to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who  
did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe  
in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice  
nor by a man's deci-sion but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his  
dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only-  
begotten Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying,  
"This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me  
because he exis-ted before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in



came through Jesus Christ. No one has ev-er seen God. The only-begotten Son,

