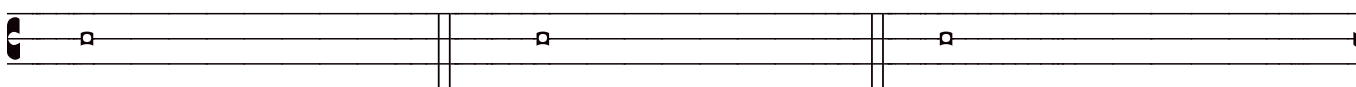
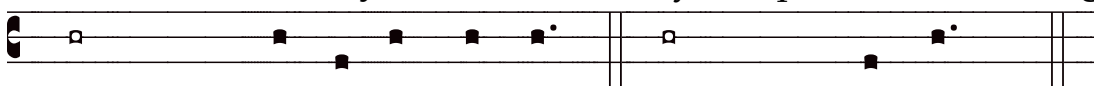


Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord: At the Vigil Mass - ABC - Simple

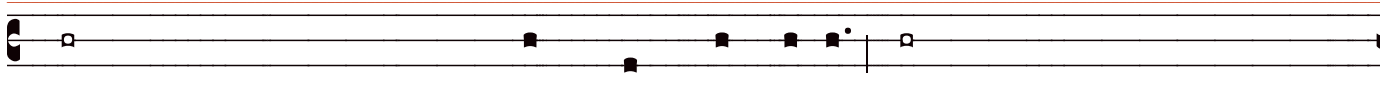
Gospel Reading - Matt 1:18-25



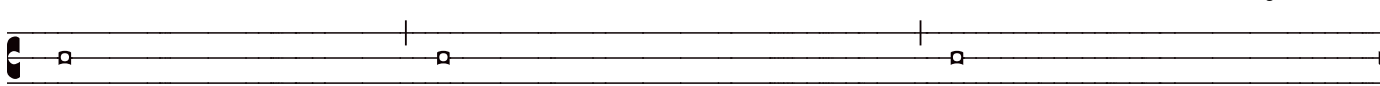
V. The Lord be with you. **R.** And with your spirit. **V.** A reading from the holy



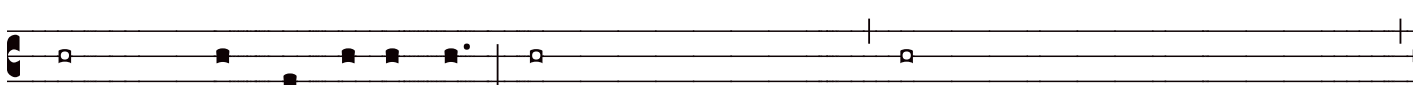
Gospel accord-ing to Matthew. **R.** Glory to you O Lord.



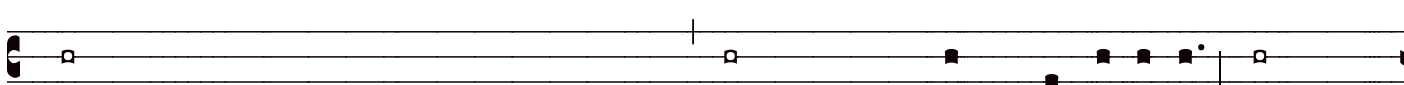
This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was



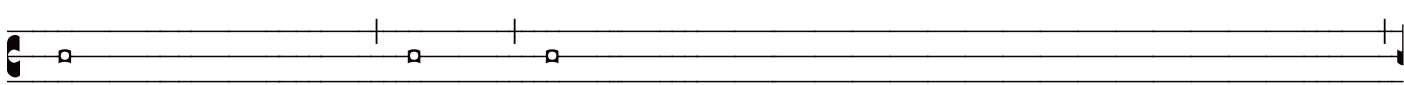
betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child



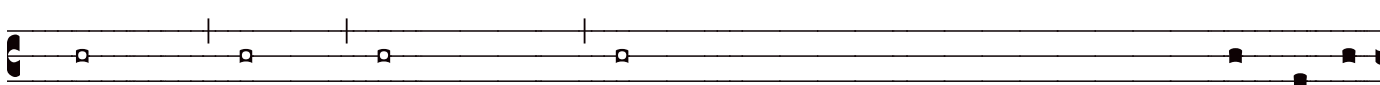
through the Ho-ly Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,



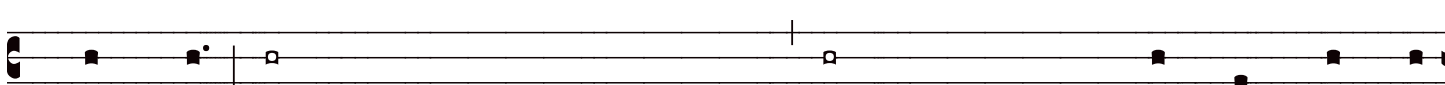
yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was



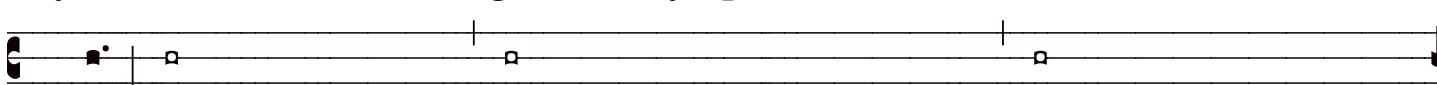
his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream



and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife in-to



your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been con-ceived in



her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his

