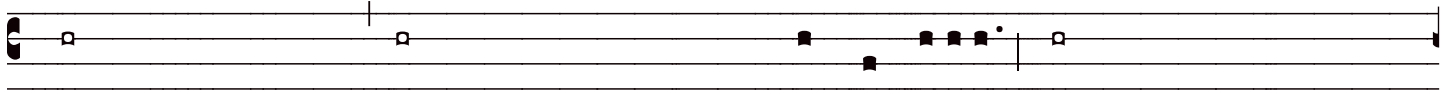
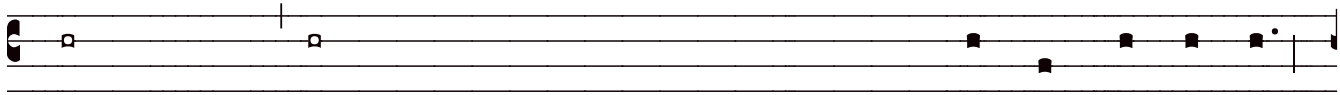


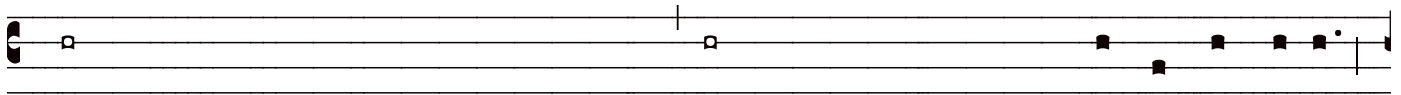
land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you



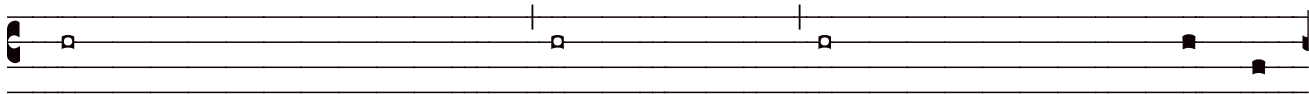
shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the



magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.



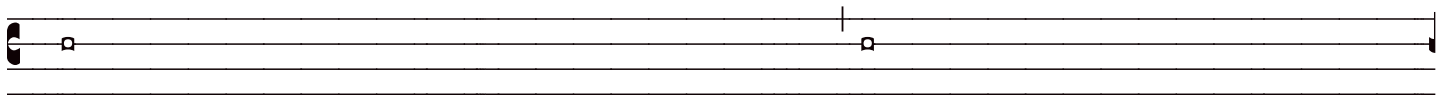
He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.



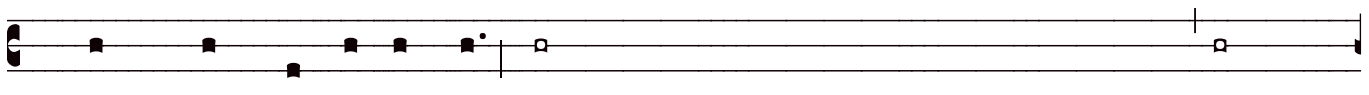
When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him



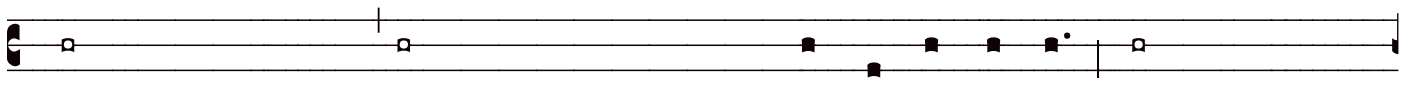
homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star



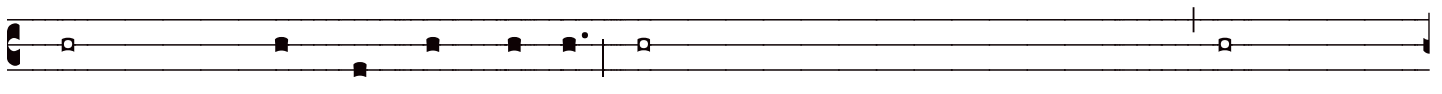
that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the



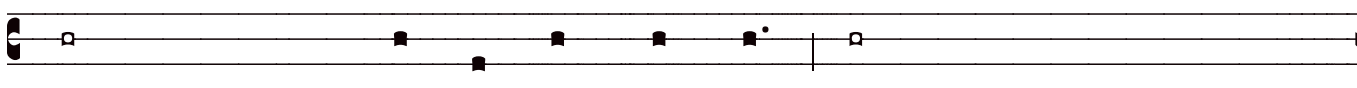
place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on



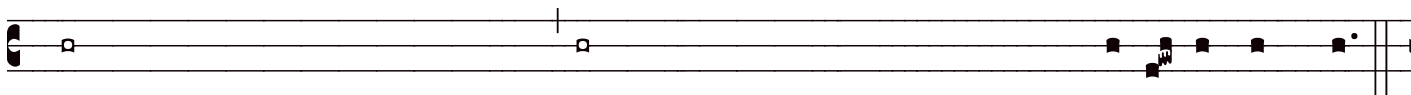
entering the house they saw the child with Ma-ry his mother. They prostrated



themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered



him gifts of gold, frank-in-cense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a



dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by a-nother way.



The Gos-pel of the Lord.