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Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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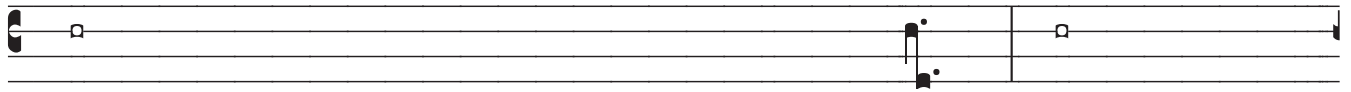
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Performance Note

After the double bar in the fourth last line of music, the reciting tone is a perfect fourth higher.

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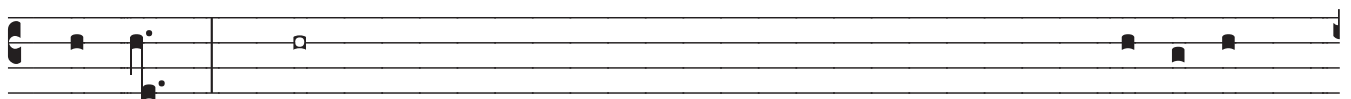
SOME millions of years having passed since the creation of the world,



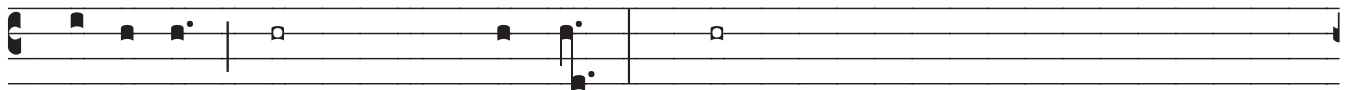
when, in the beginning, God created heaven and earth; Some thousands



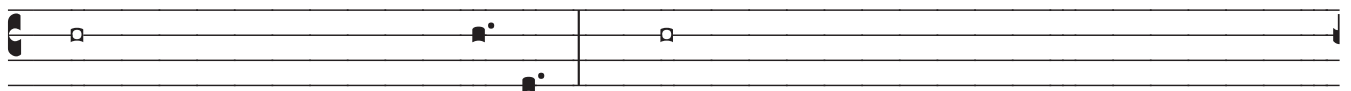
of years from the salvation of man when the family of Noah survived



the flood; About nineteen centuries after the promise was given to



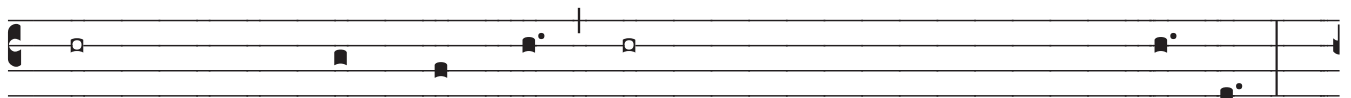
Abraham, the father of our faith; Many ages after Moses brought the



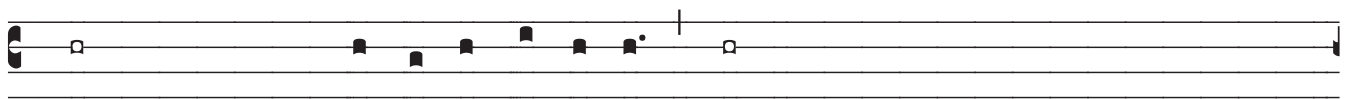
people from bondage in Egypt; A thousand years from the anointing



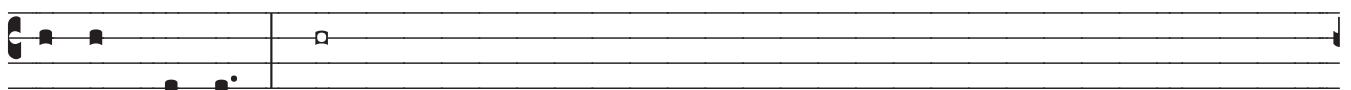
of David as King over the chosen people; In fulfillment of the times



and years and months and days discerned by the vision of the prophets;



In the course of secular history: In the one hundred and ninety-third



Olympiad; Seven and one half centuries from the founding of the

cit-y of Rome; In the twentieth year of the reign of the Emperor
Oc-ta-vi-an Augustus, while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace;
In the sixth and final age of human achievement; Wishing to consecrate
the whole world and all time by his blessed presence, Jesus Christ,
eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, conceived as man by the
overshadowing of the Ho-ly Spir-it, after nine months of growth in
the womb of his mother, Was born of the Virgin Mar-y and for our
salvation be-came man in Bethlehem of Ju-dah. Now in our own
times this marks the birth-day of Our Lord Je-sus Christ
after the manner of all flesh.



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