

The Reproaches Part II

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Y people, what have I done to you? Or how

have I grieved you? Answer me!

Because I led you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared

a Cross for your Savior.

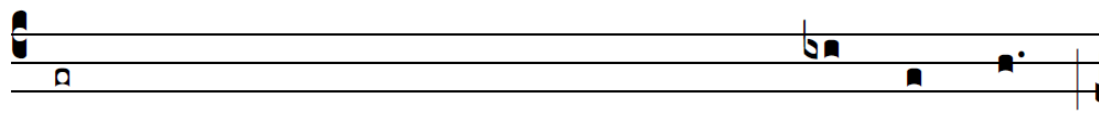
My people ...

Because I led you out through the desert for-ty years

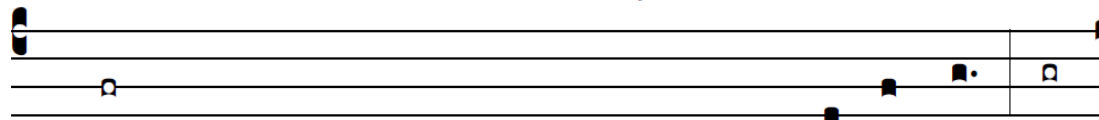
and fed you with manna and brought you into a land of plenty,

you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

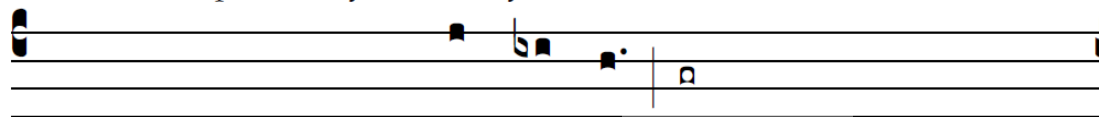
My people ...



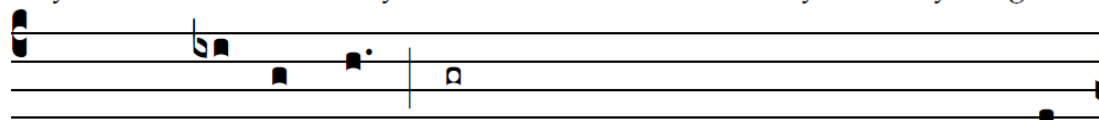
What more should I have done for you and have not done?



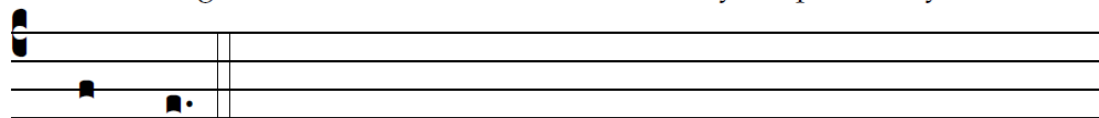
Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chos-en vine and



you have turned very bitter for me, for in my thirst you gave

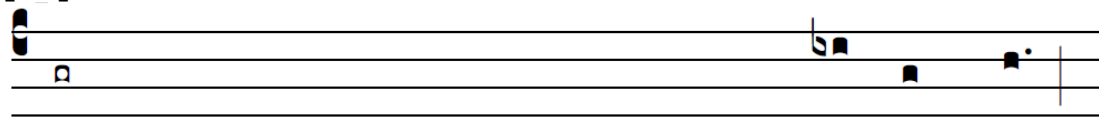


me vine-gar to drink and with a lance you pierced your Sav-

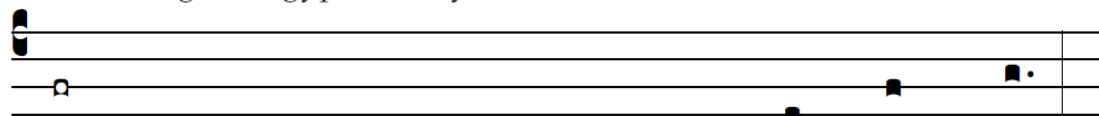


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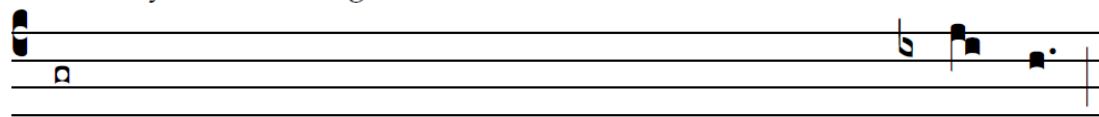
My people ...



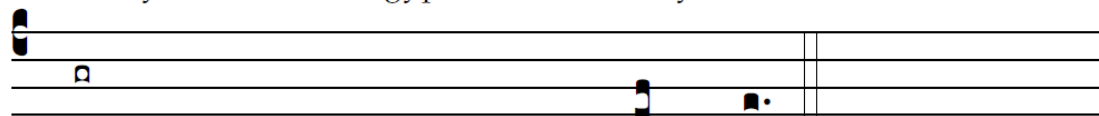
I scourged Egypt for your sake with its first-born sons,



and you scourged me and hand-ed me over.



I led you out from Egypt as Pharoah lay sunk in the Red Sea,



and you handed me over to the chief priests.

My people ...

My people . . .

I opened up the sea before you,
and you opened my side with a lance.
I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you led me into Pilate's palace.

My people . . .

I fed you with manna in the desert,
and on me you rained blows and lashes.
I gave you saving water from the rock to drink,
and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar.

My people . . .

I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites,
and you struck my head with a reed.
I put in your hand a royal scepter, and you put on my
head a crown of thorns.

My people . . .

I exalted you with great power,
and you hung me on the scaffold of the Cross.

My people . . .

In honor of Fr. Enemond Massé



