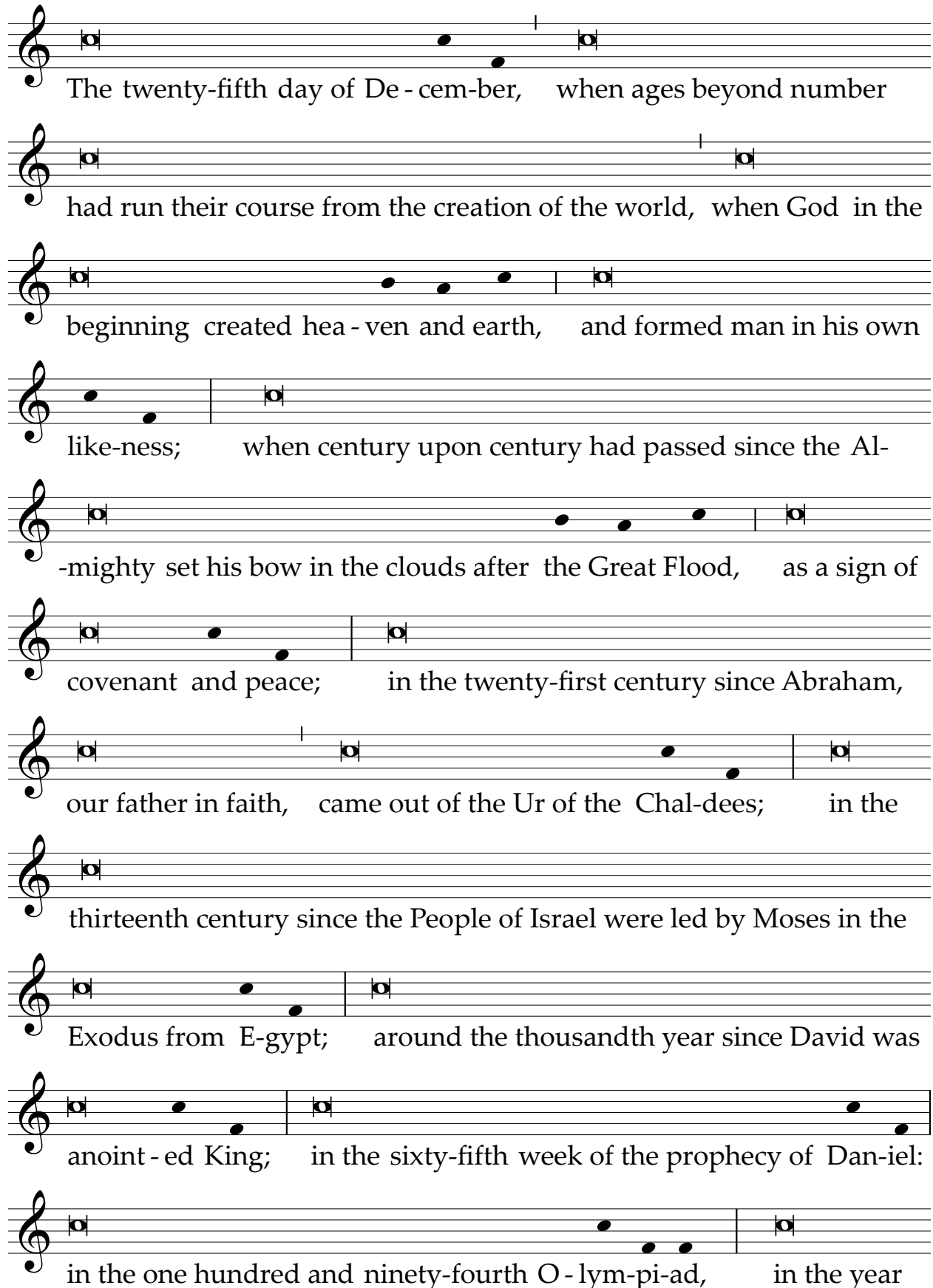
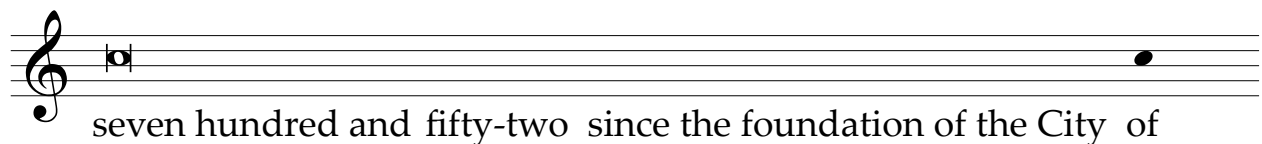


The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

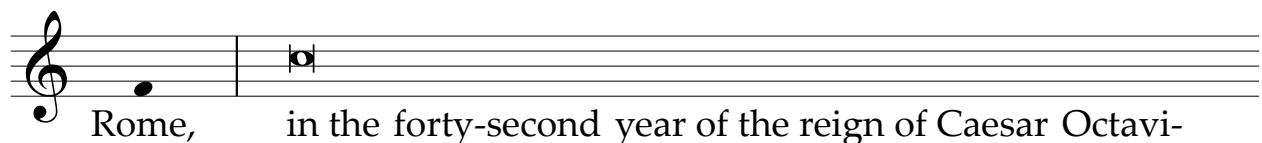
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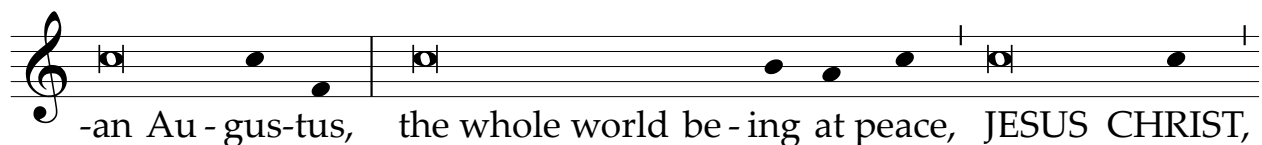
The twenty-fifth day of De - cem - ber, when ages beyond number
had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the
beginning created hea - ven and earth, and formed man in his own
like - ness; when century upon century had passed since the Al -
-mighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of
covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham,
our father in faith, came out of the Ur of the Chal-dees; in the
thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the
Exodus from E-gypt; around the thousandth year since David was
anoint - ed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Dan-iel:
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth O - lym - pi - ad, in the year



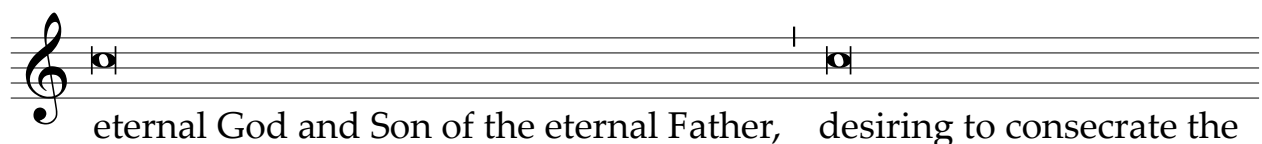
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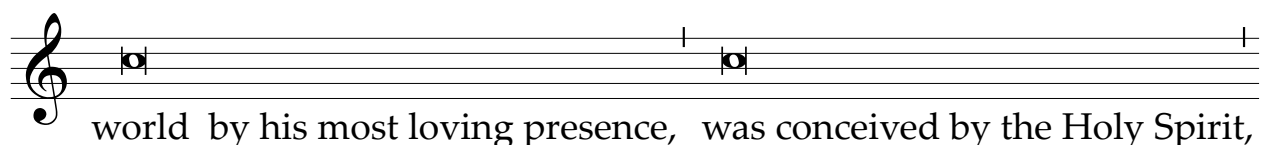
Rome, in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavi-



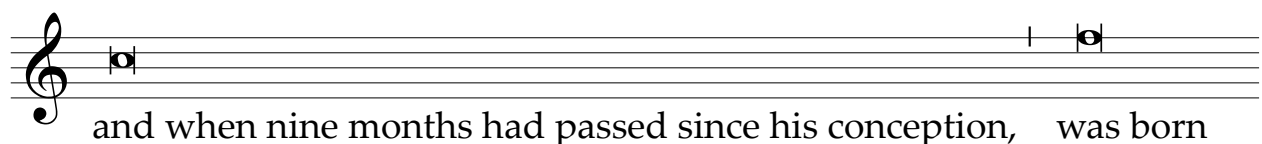
-an Au - gus - tus, the whole world be - ing at peace, JESUS CHRIST,



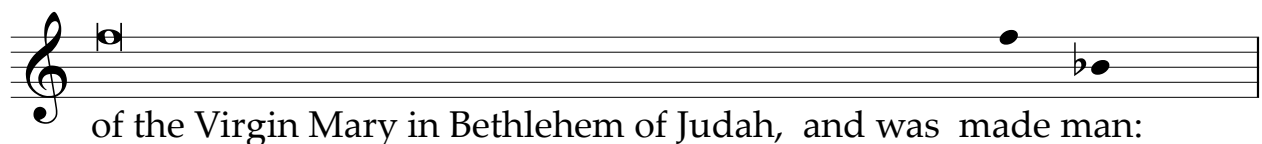
eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the



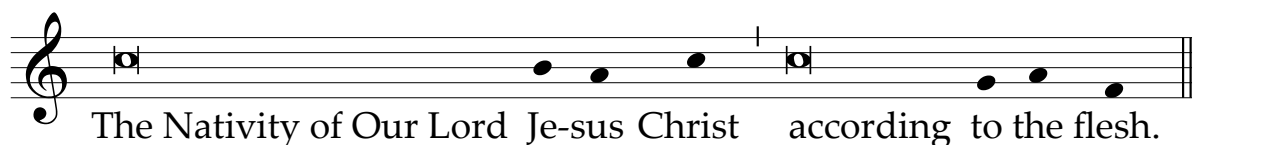
world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit,



and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born



of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man:



The Nativity of Our Lord Je - sus Christ according to the flesh.