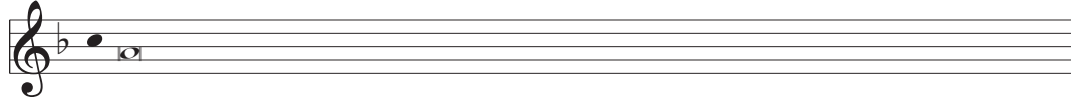
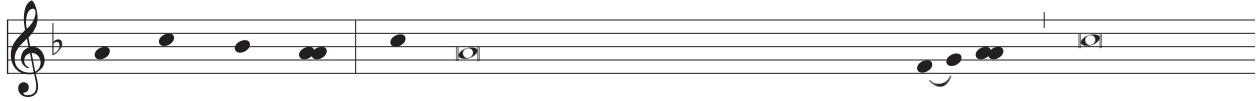


# The Baptism of Our Lord

St. Matthew 3:13-17



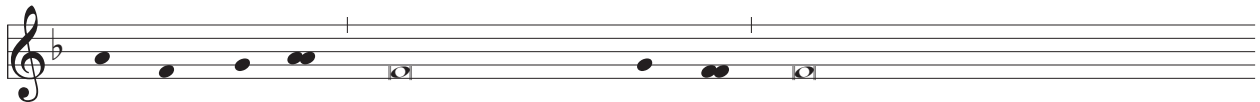
hen Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be



baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to



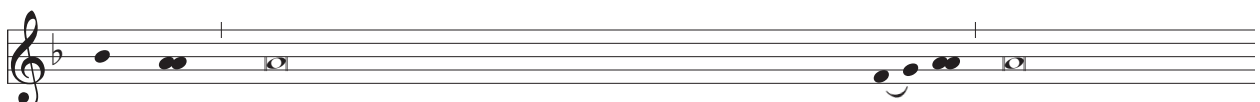
be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered



and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to



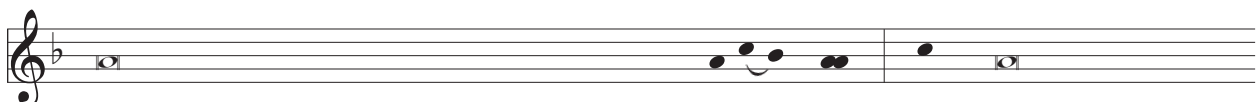
fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been



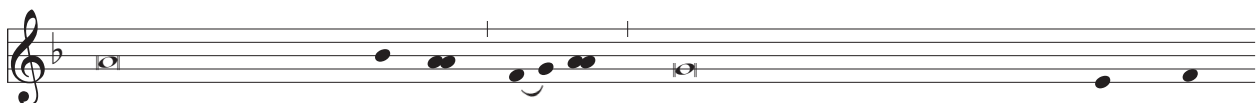
baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold,



the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God



descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a



voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom



I am well pleased."