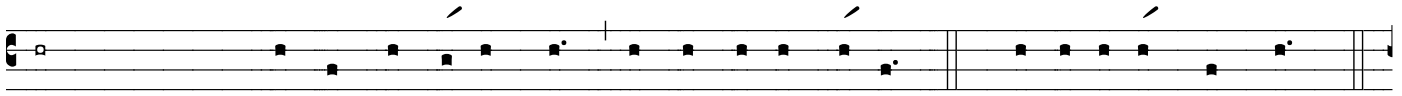
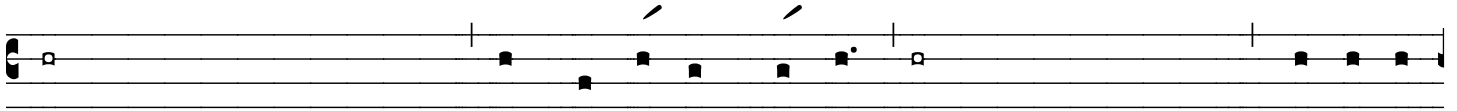


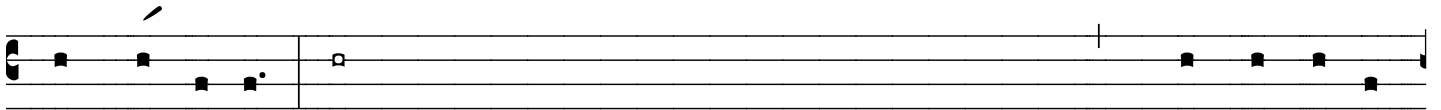
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(Matthew 5:1-12) (NRSV)



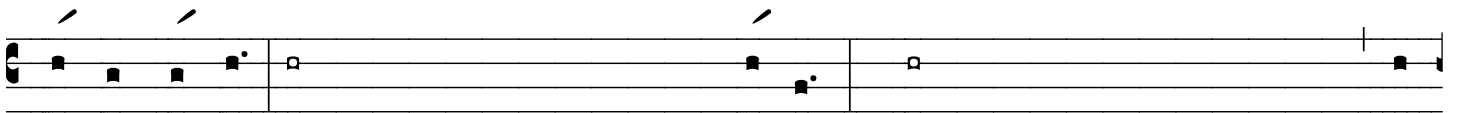
∇ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Matt-hew. Ɀ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



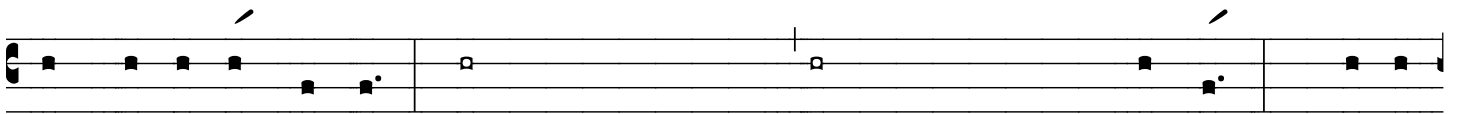
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the moun-tain; and after he sat down, his dis-ci-



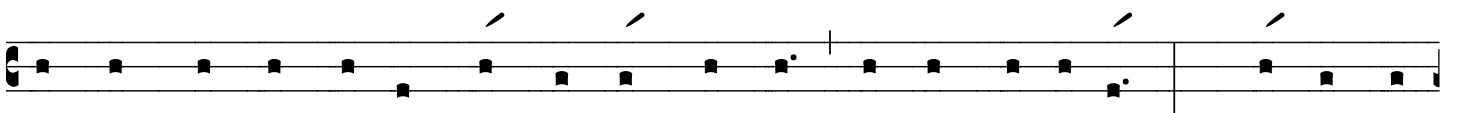
ples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ “Bles-sed are the



poor in spir-it, for theirs is the kingdom of hea-ven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for



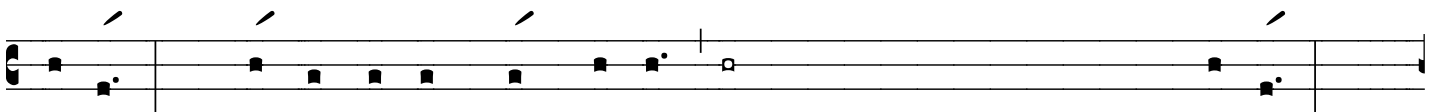
they will be com-fort-ed. ⁵ “Bles-sed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Bles-sed



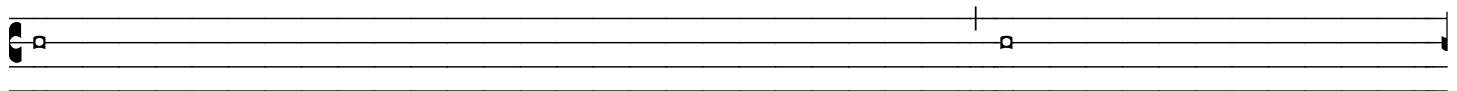
are those who hun-ger and thirst for right-eous-ness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Bles-sed are



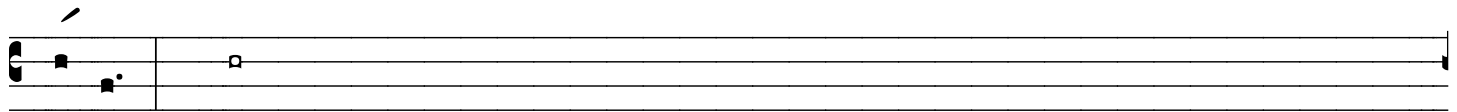
the mer-ci-ful, for they will receive mer-cy. ⁸ “Bles-sed are the pure in heart, for they will



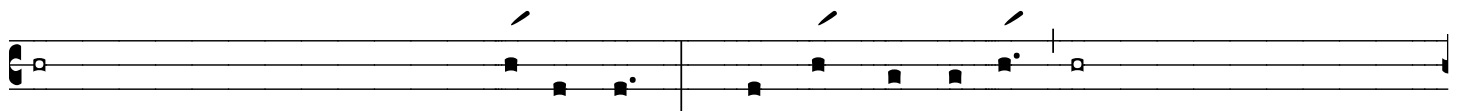
see God. ⁹ “Bles-sed are the peace-mak-ers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰



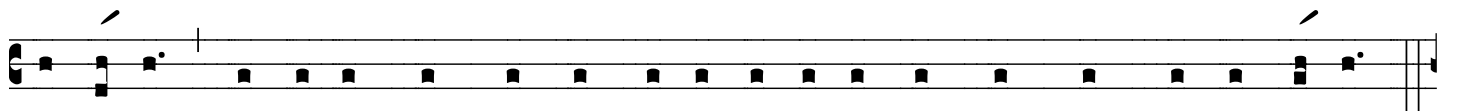
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of



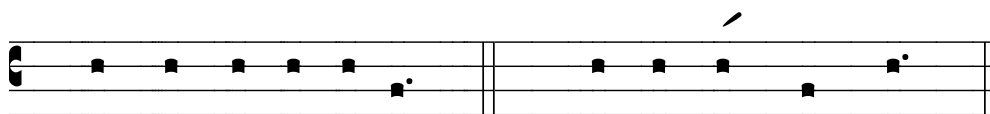
hea-ven. **11** “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds



of evil against you falsely on my ac-count. **12** Re-joice and be glad, for your reward is great



in hea-ven, for in the same way they per-se-cut-ed the pro-phets who were be-fore you.



✠ The Gos-pel of the Lord. ✠ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*