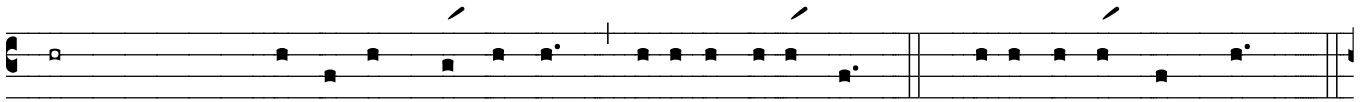
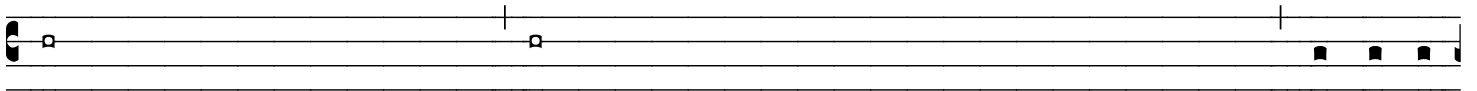


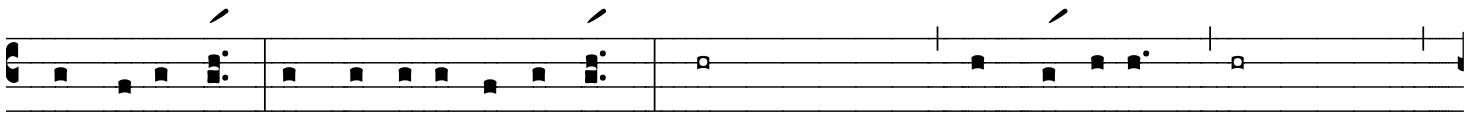
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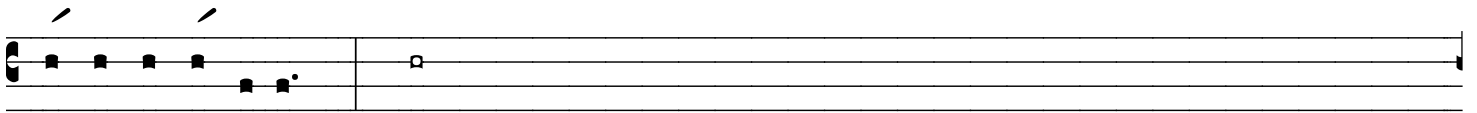
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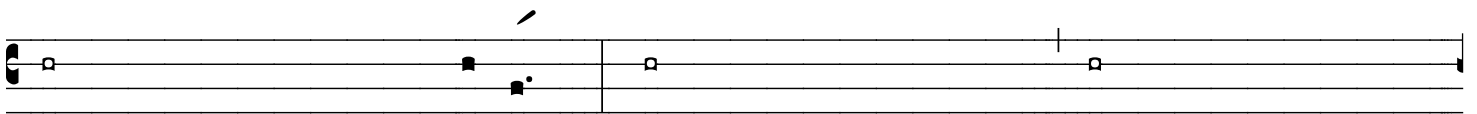
Then Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how of - ten



should I for-give? As man-y as sev-en times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not sev-en times, but, I tell you,



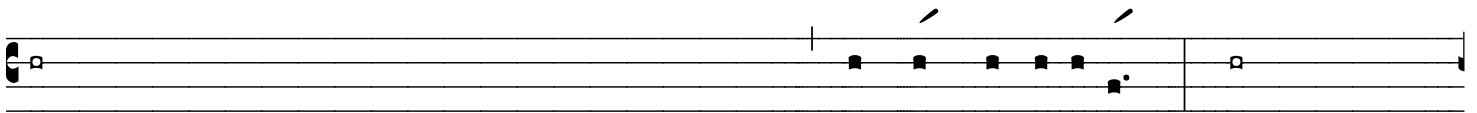
sev-en-ty-sev-en times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who



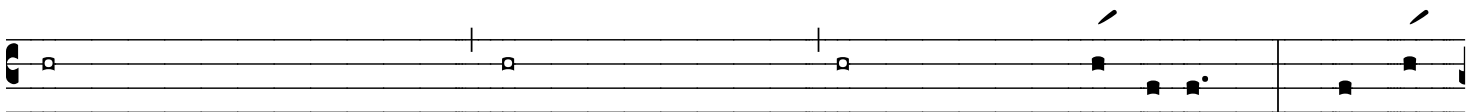
wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten



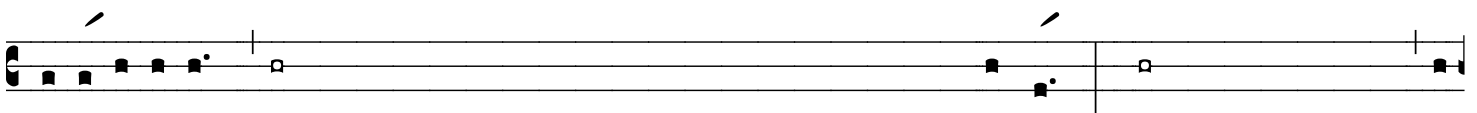
thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, to -



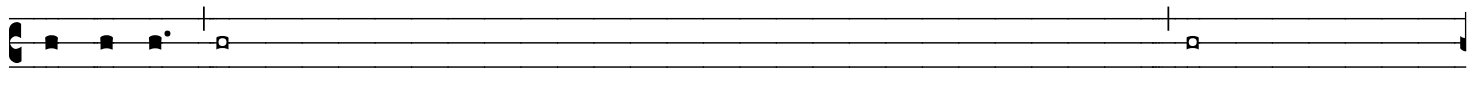
gether with his wife and children and all his possessions, and pay-ment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell



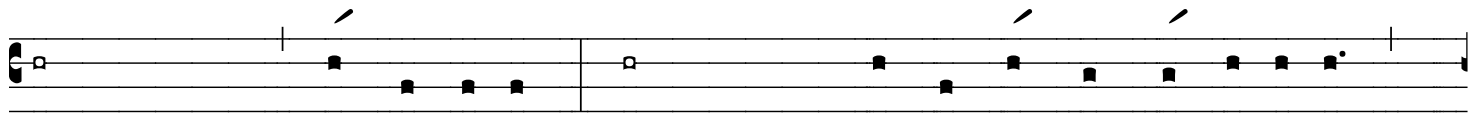
on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you ev-’ry-thing.’ ²⁷ And out



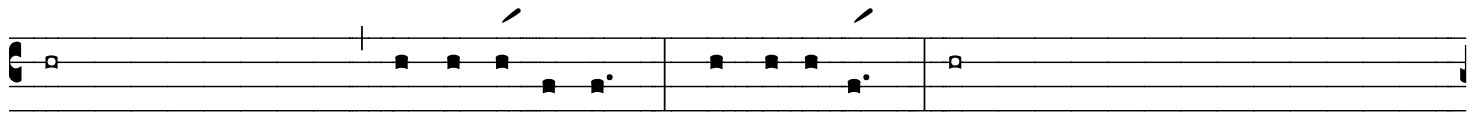
of pit-y for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as



he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by



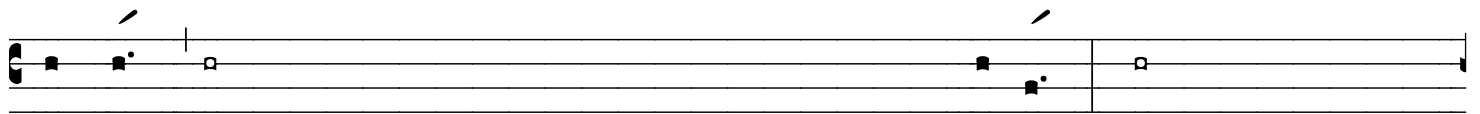
the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and plead-ed with him,



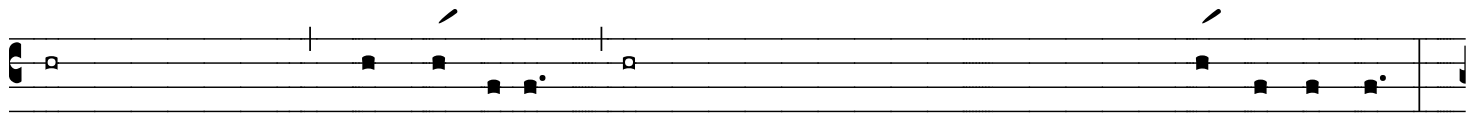
'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he re-fused; then he went and threw him into pri-



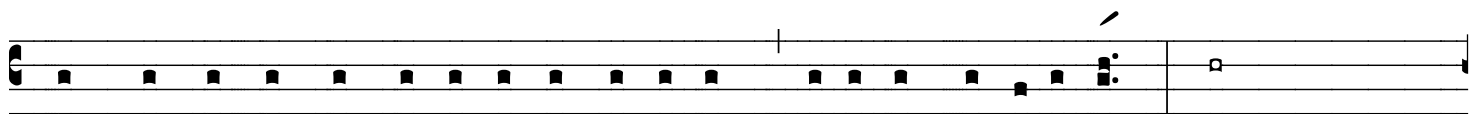
son until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fel-low slaves saw what had hap-pened, they were greatly



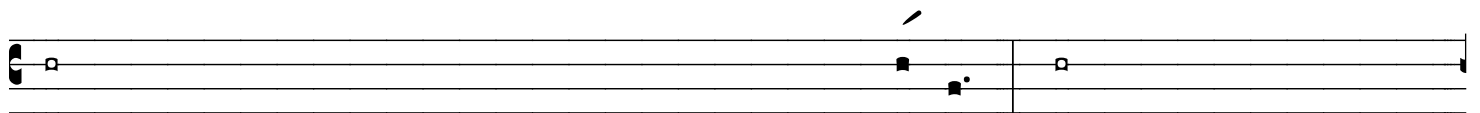
dis-tressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had tak-en place. ³² Then his lord summoned



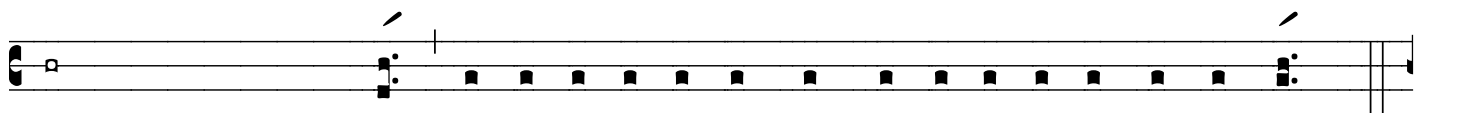
him and said to him, 'You wick-ed slave! I forgave you all that debt because you plead-ed with me. ³³



Should you not have had mer-cy on your fel-low slave, as I had mer-cy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his



lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his en-tire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will



also do to every one of you, if you do not for-give your broth-er or sis - ter from your heart."

