

# Matthew 21:33-46

Proper 22A

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The Ho-ly Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Matthew.

*R* *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Je-sus said: ‘Lis-ten to an-other par-able.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it,

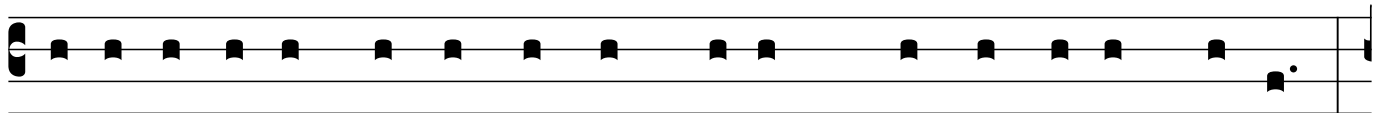
dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to ten-ants

and went to an-other country. When the harvest time had come, he sent

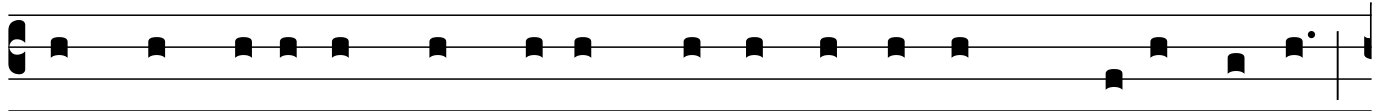
his slaves to the ten-ants to col-lect his pro-duce. But the ten-ants seized his

slaves and beat one, killed an-other, and stoned an-other. Again he sent oth-

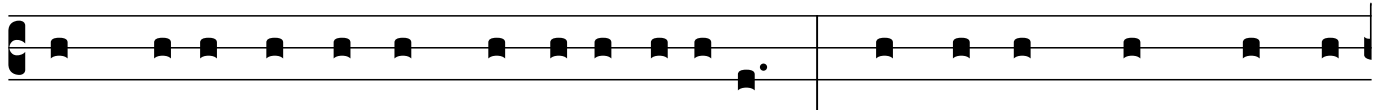
er slaves, more than the first; and they treat-ed them in the same way.



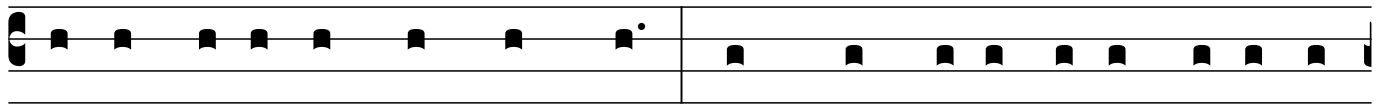
Fi-nal-ly he sent his son to them, say-ing, “They will respect my son.”



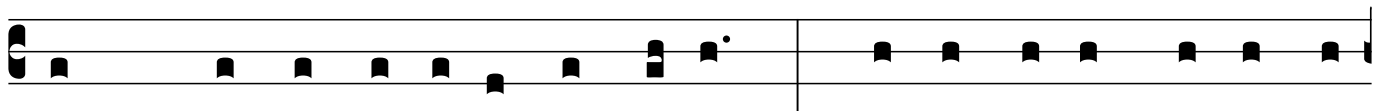
But when the ten-ants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir;



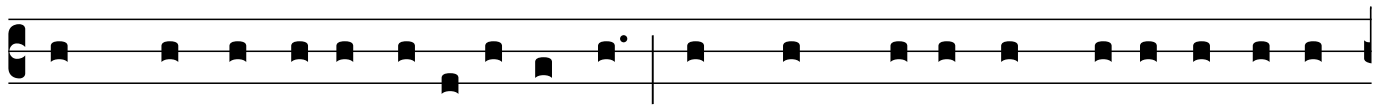
come, let us kill him and get his inher-it-ance.” So they seized him, threw him



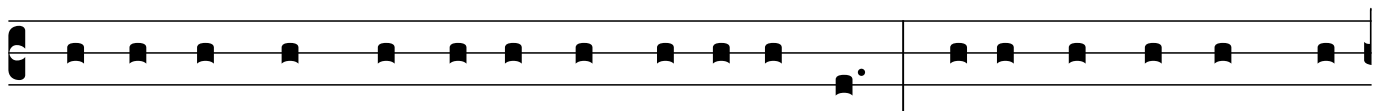
out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard



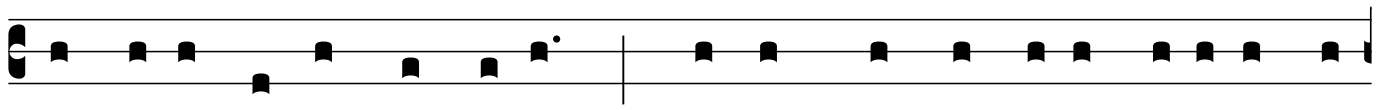
comes, what will he do to those ten-ants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put



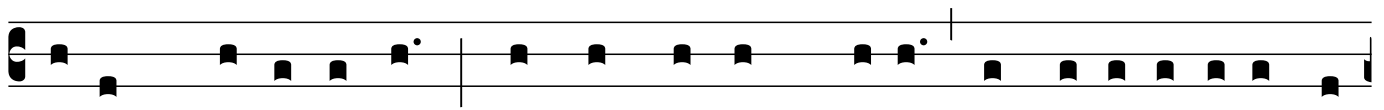
those wretches to a mis-er-able death, and lease the vineyard to other ten-ants



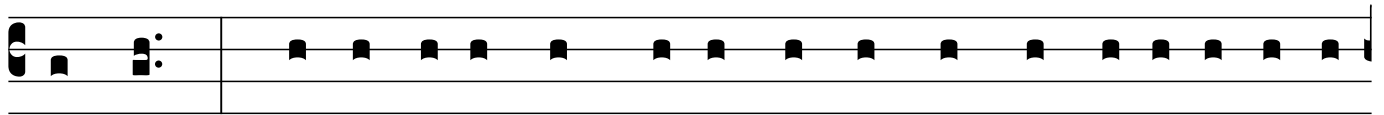
who will give him the pro-duce at the harvest time.’ Je-sus said to them, ‘Have



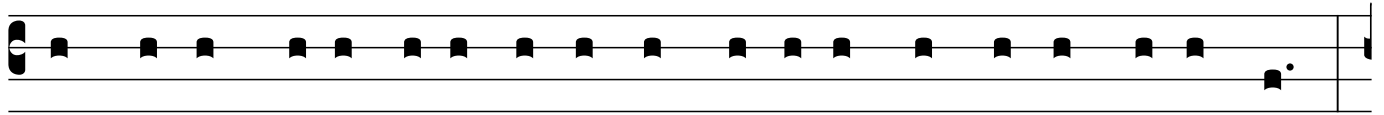
you nev-er read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders re-jected has



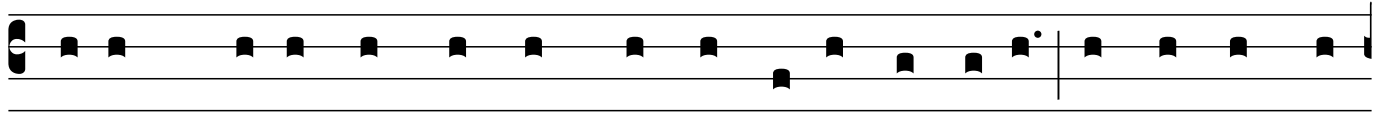
be-come the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s do-ing, and it is amaz-ing in



our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be tak-en away



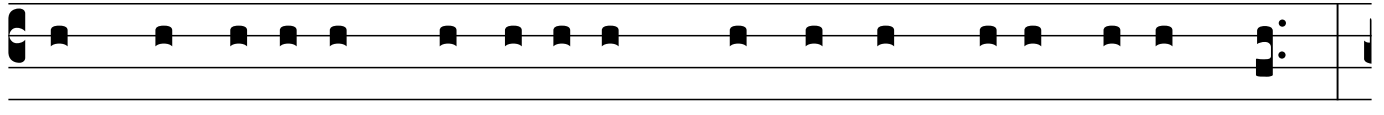
from you and giv-en to a people that pro-duc-es the fruits of the kingdom.



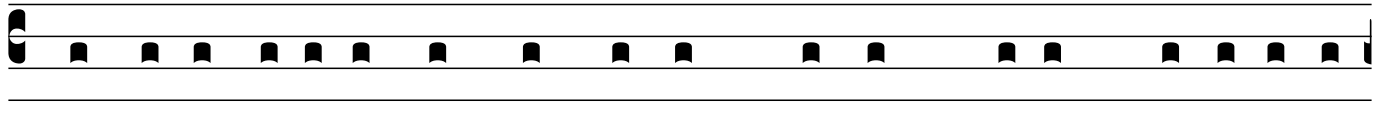
The one who falls on this stone will be bro-ken to piec-es; and it will crush



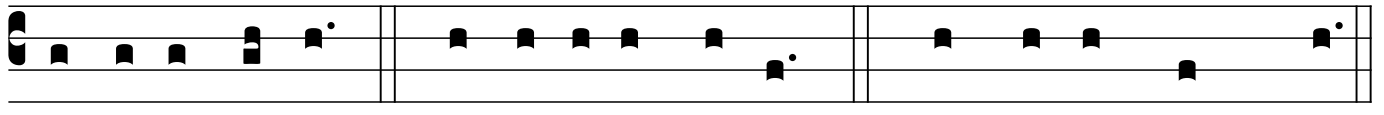
an-y- one on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Phar-i-sees



heard his par-ables, they re- al-ized that he was speaking about them.



They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they re-garded



him as a prophet. ¶ The Gospel of the Lord. R Praise to you, Lord Christ.