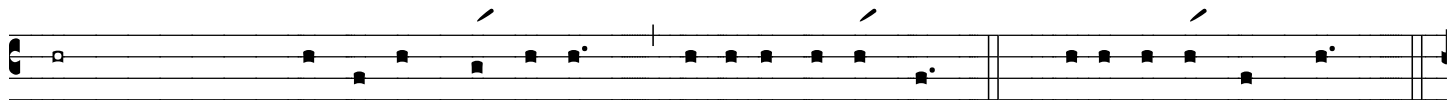
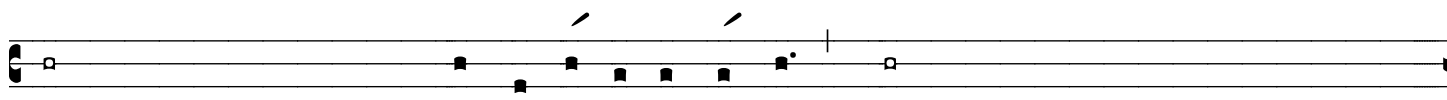


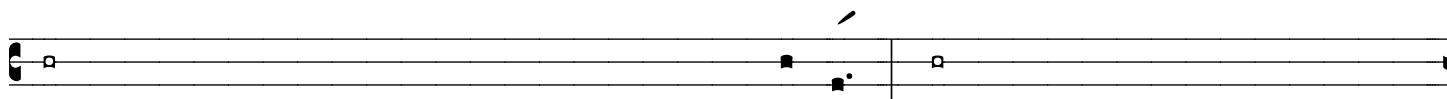
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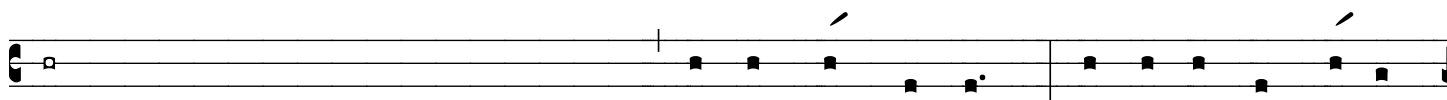
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



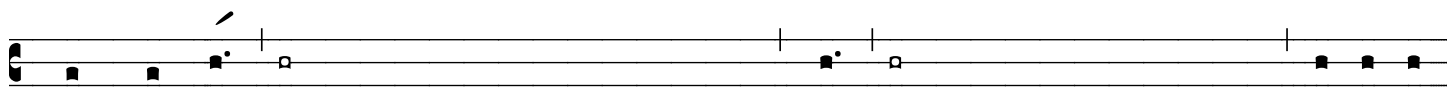
Once more Jesus spoke to them in par-a-bles, say-ing: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be com-



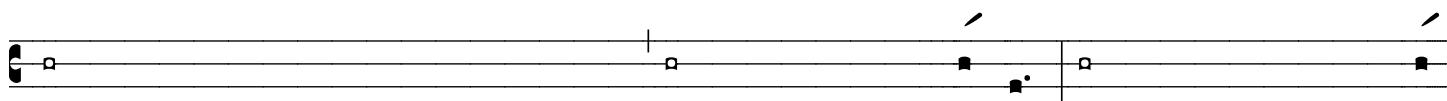
pared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who



had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ A-gain he sent oth-er



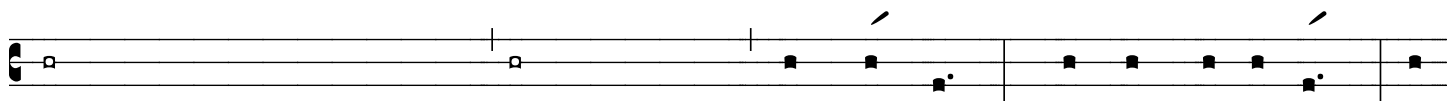
slaves, say-ing, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my ox-en



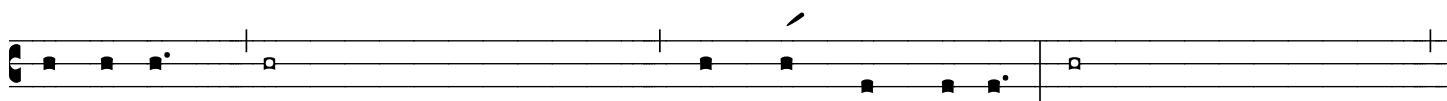
and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is read-y; come to the wedding ban-



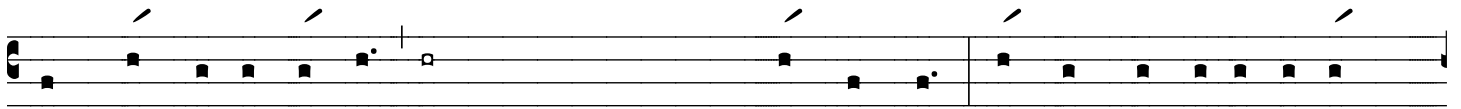
quet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went a - way, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶



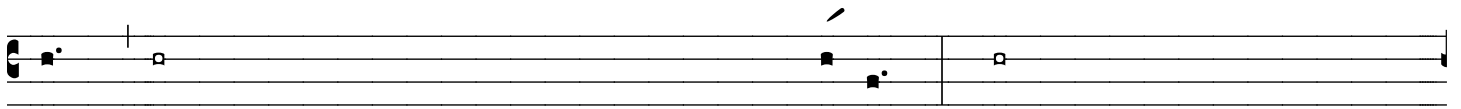
while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was en-raged. He



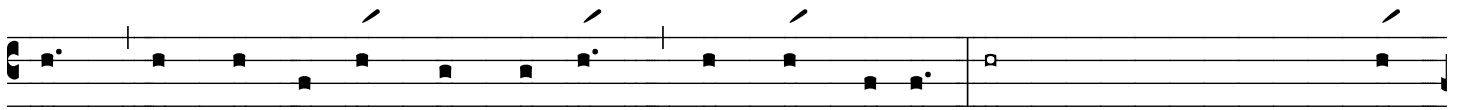
sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their cit-y. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves,



'The wed-ding is read-y, but those invited were not worth-y. 9 Go there-fore in-to the main



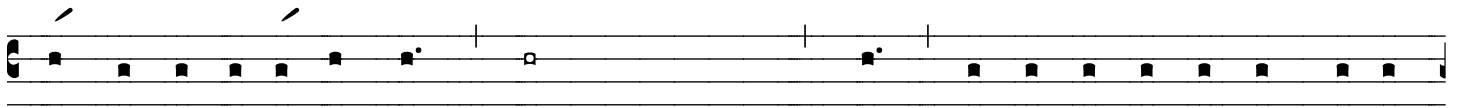
streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding ban-quet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the



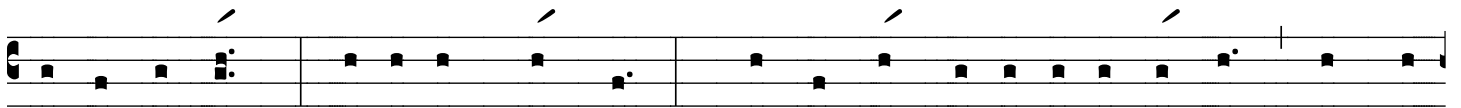
streets and gath-ered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled



with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was



not wear-ing a wed-ding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here with-out



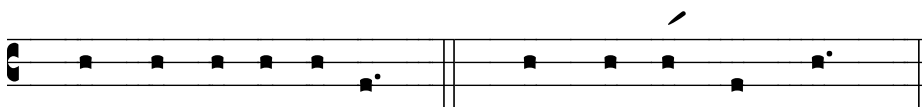
a wed-ding robe?' And he was speech-less. 13 Then the king said to the at-tend-ants, 'Bind him



hand and foot, and throw him in-to the out-er dark-ness, where there will be weeping and gnash-



ing of teeth.' 14 For ma-ny are called, but few are cho-sen."



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