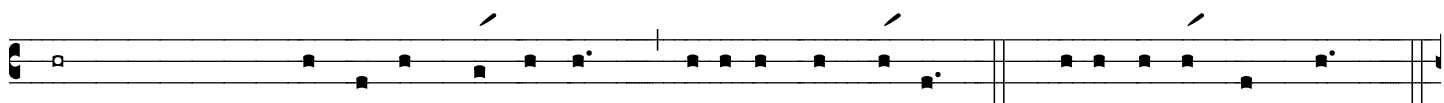
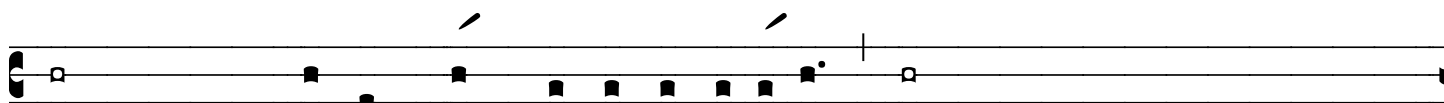


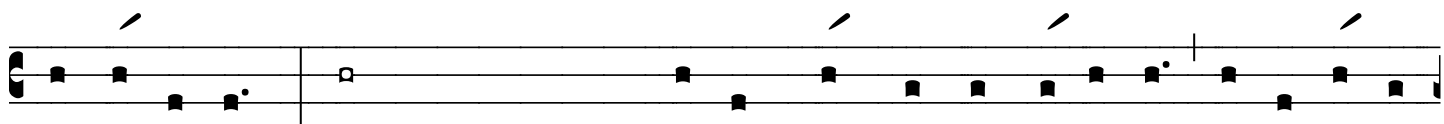
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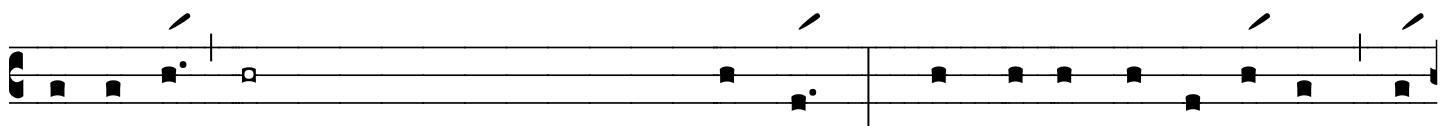
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



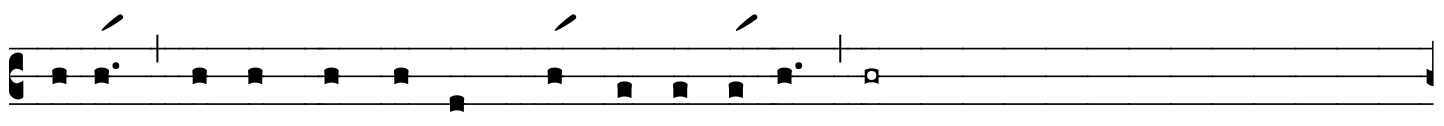
Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his dis-ci-ples, <sup>2</sup> “The scribes and the Pharisees sit



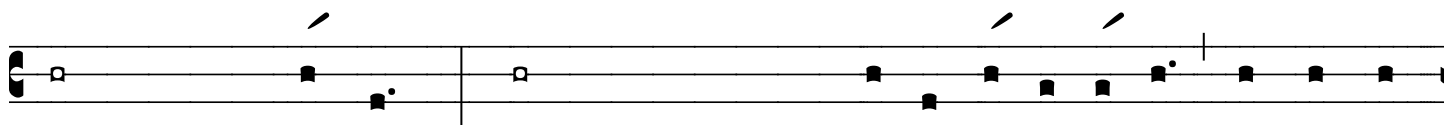
on Mo-ses’ seat; <sup>3</sup> therefore, do whatev-er they teach you and fol-low it; but do not do



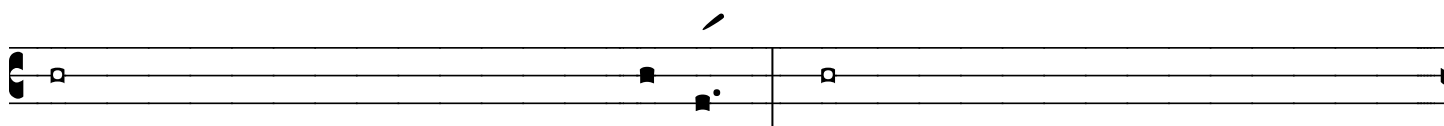
as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heav-y bur-dens, hard



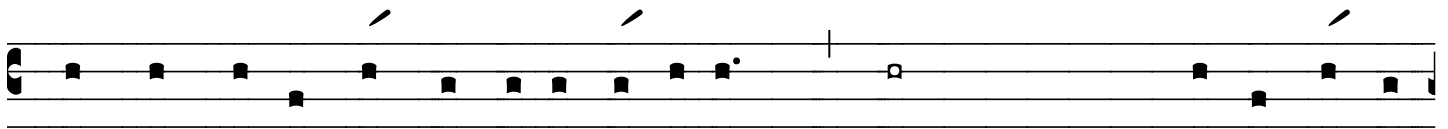
to bear, and lay them on the shoul-ders of oth-ers; but they themselves are unwilling to



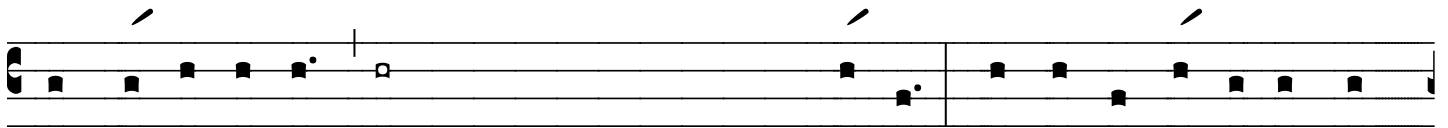
lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup> They do all their deeds to be seen by oth-ers; for they make



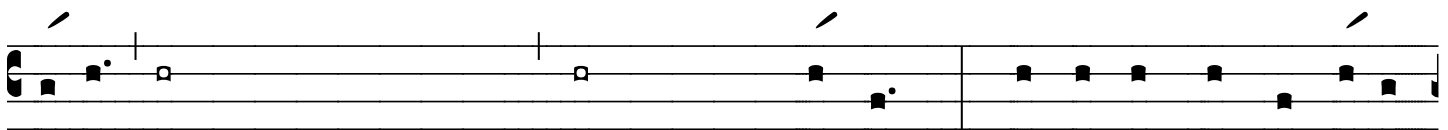
their phylacteries broad and their frin-ges long. <sup>6</sup> They love to have the place of honor at



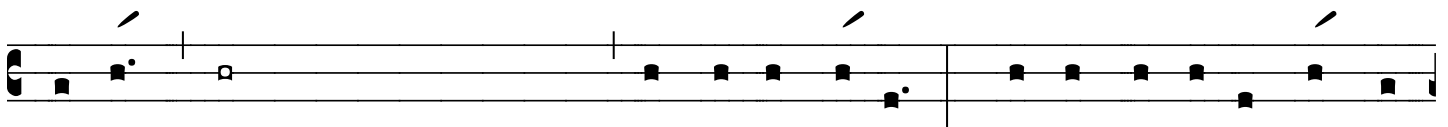
ban-quets and the best seats in the syn-a - gogues, 7 and to be greet-ed with re-spect in



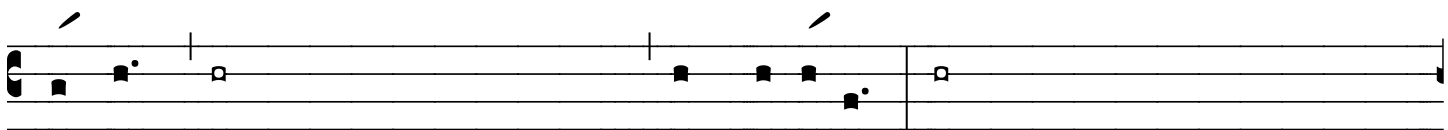
the mar-ket-pla-ces, and to have people call them rab-bi. 8 But you are not to be called



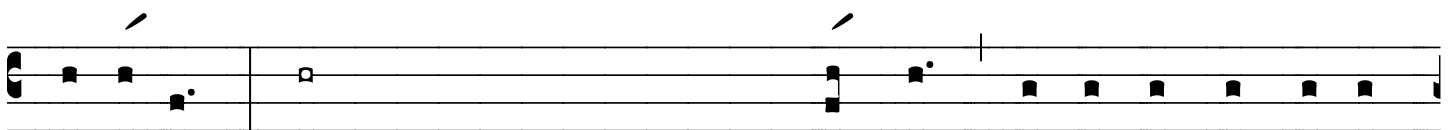
rab-bi, for you have one teacher, and you are all stu-dents. 9 And call no one your fa-ther



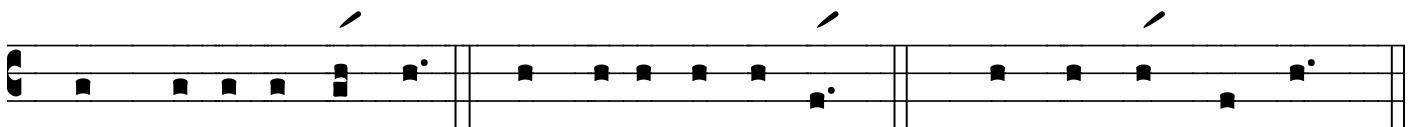
on earth, for you have one Father -- the one in heav-en. 10 Nor are you to be called in-



struc-tors, for you have one instructor, the Mes-si-ah. 11 The greatest among you will be



your ser-vant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be hum-bled, and all who hum-ble them-



selves will be ex - alt - ed. V. The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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