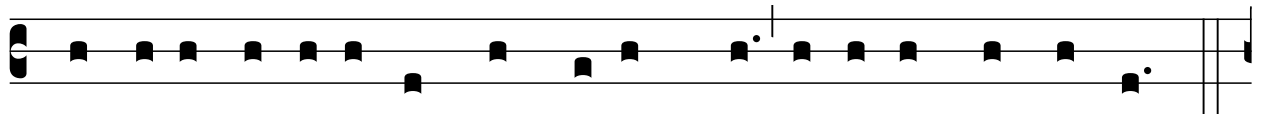
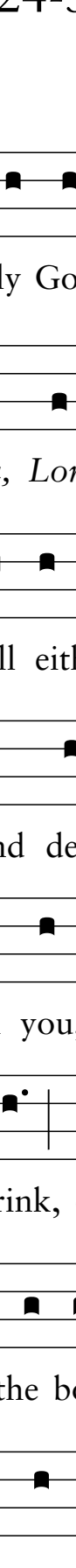


# Matthew 6:24-33


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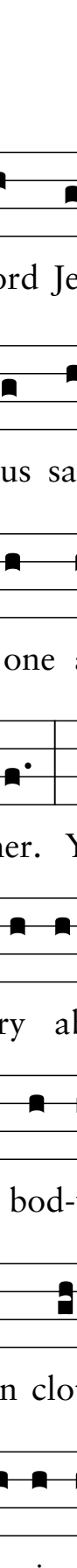
**V** The Ho-ly Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Matthew.



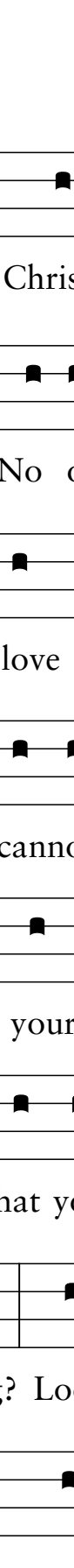
*R* *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Je-sus said: ‘No one can serve two masters;



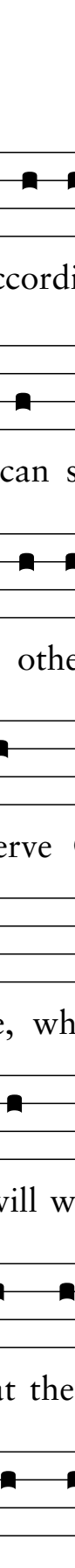
for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be de-vot-ed




to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.



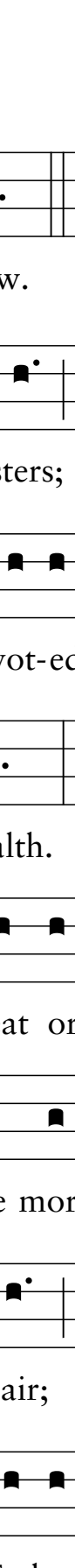
‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or



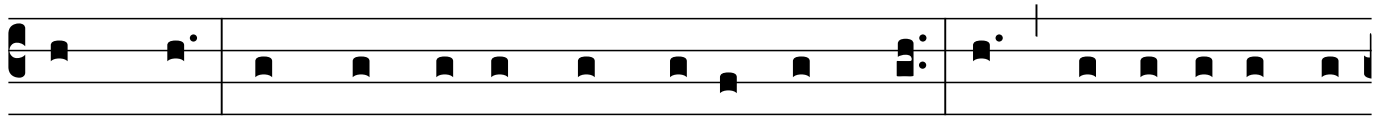
what you will drink, or about your bod-y, what you will wear. Is not life more



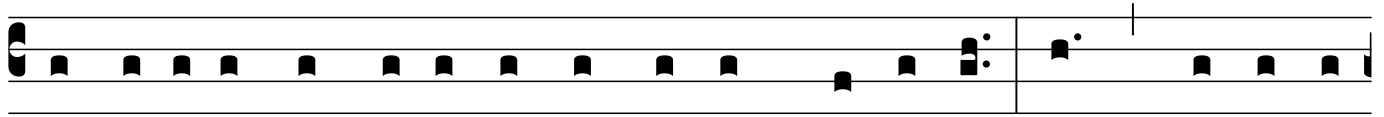
than food, and the bod-y more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air;



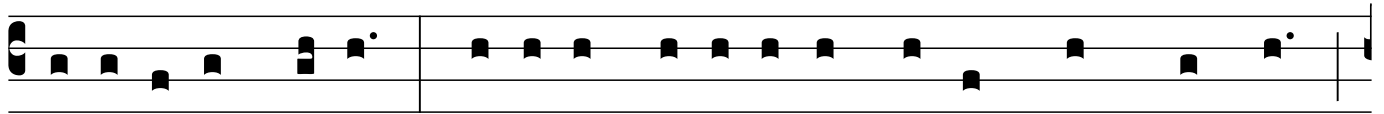
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father



feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can an-y of you



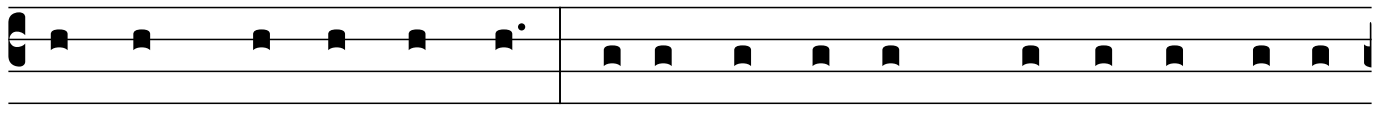
by worry- ing add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you



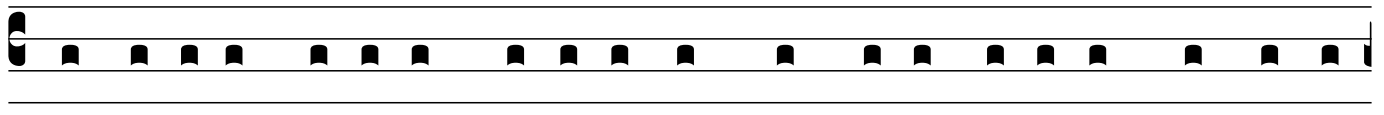
worry about clothing? Consid-er the lil-ies of the field, how they grow;



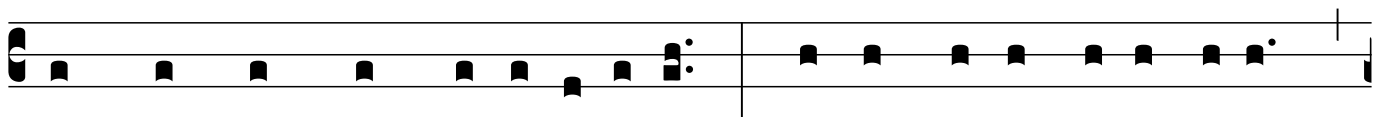
they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, e-ven Sol-omon in all his glo-ry was



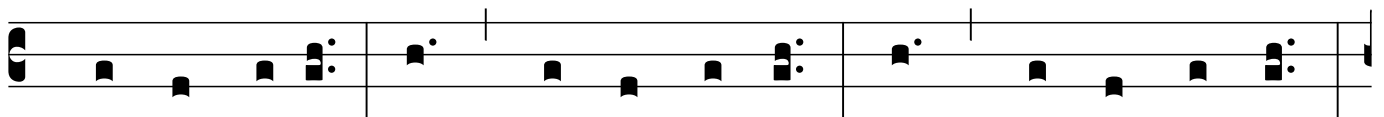
not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field,



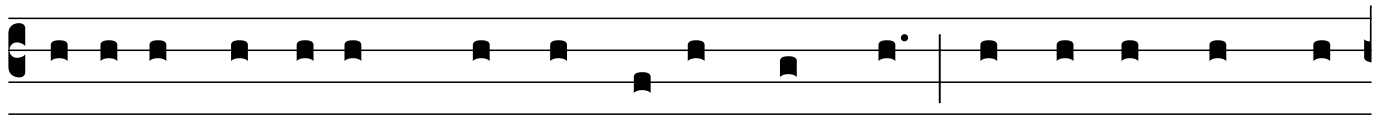
which is a-live today and tomorrow is thrown into the ov-en, will he not



much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, say- ing,



“What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”



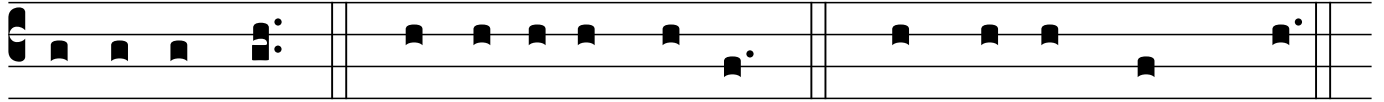
For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heav-



only Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the



kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be giv-en



to you as well. *℣* The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*