

Mark 4:26-32

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

R *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Je-sus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if

someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night

and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

The earth pro-duc-es of it-self, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain

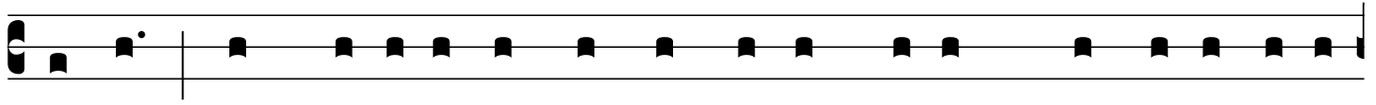
in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle,

because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare

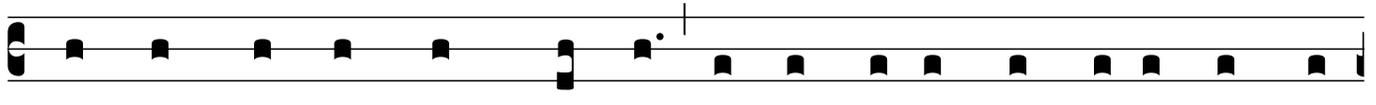
the kingdom of God, or what par-able will we use for it? It is like a mustard



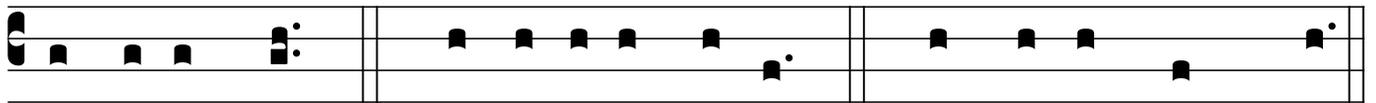
seed, which, when sown up-on the ground, is the small-est of all the seeds



on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and be-comes the great-est of all



shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make



nests in its shade.' ∿ The Gospel of the Lord. ∿ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*