

# Matthew 19:16-26

*Setting Apart for a Religious Vocation*

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

*R* *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.* Then someone came to Je-sus and said, ‘Teacher,

what good deed must I do to have e-ternal life?’ And he said to him, ‘Why do

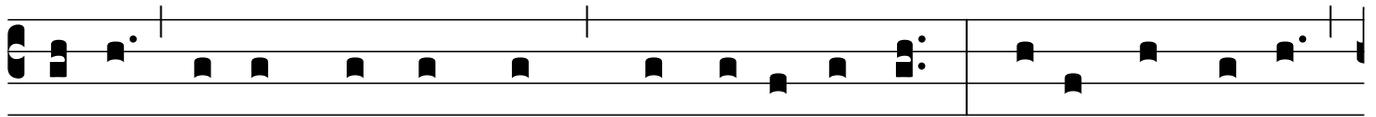
you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish

to enter into life, keep the commandments.’ He said to him, ‘Which ones?’

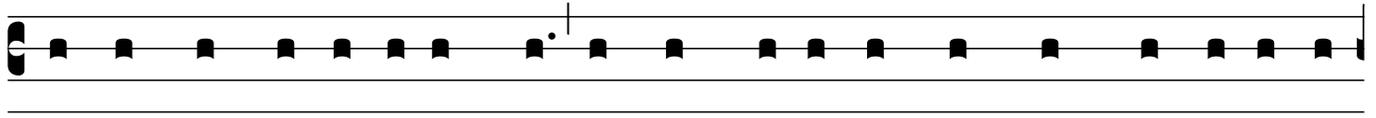
And Je-sus said, ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit a-dul-ter-y;

You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and

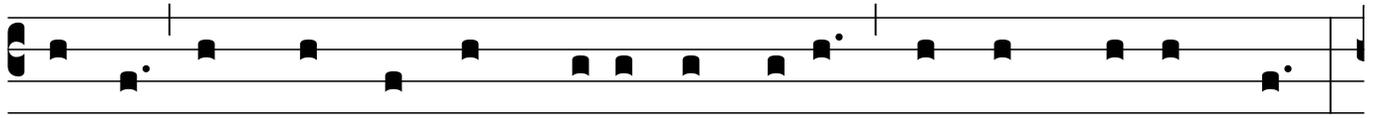
mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ The young man said



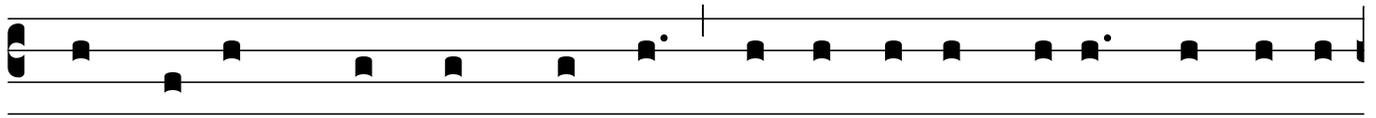
to him, 'I have kept all these; what do I still lack?' Je-sus said to him,



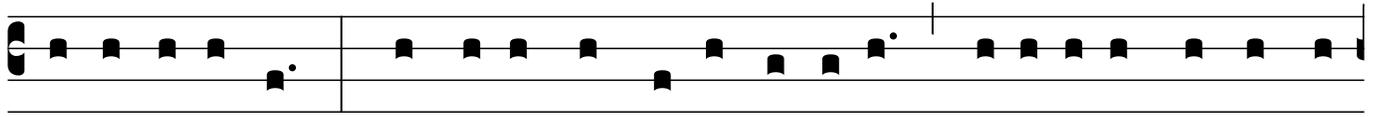
'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to



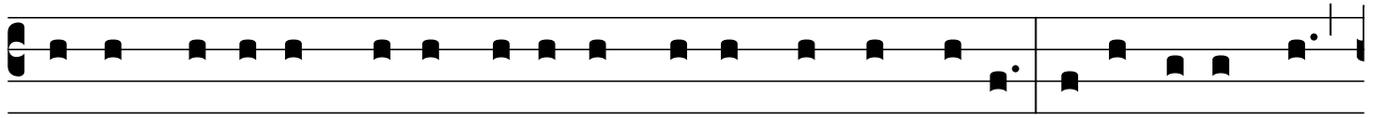
the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, fol-low me.'



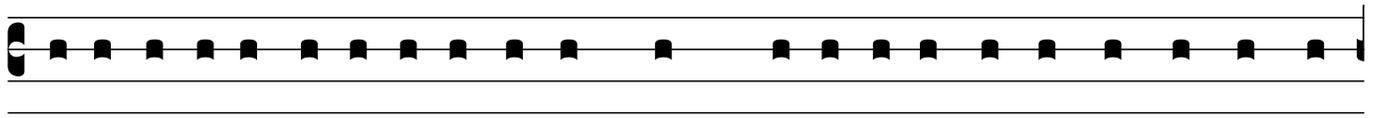
When the young man heard this word, he went away griev-ing, for he had



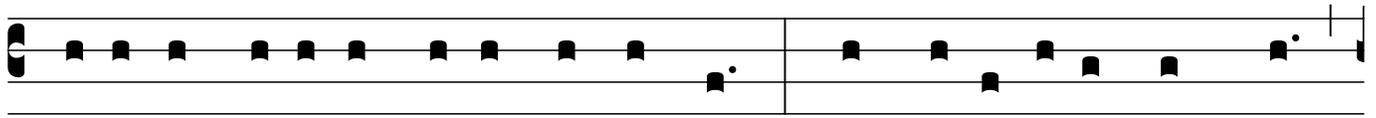
man-y possessions. Then Je-sus said to his dis-ciples, 'Tru-ly I tell you, it will



be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you,



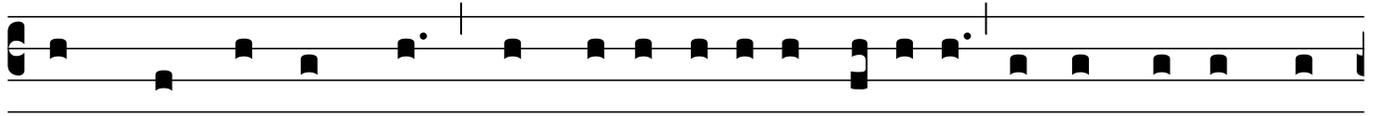
it is eas-i-er for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone



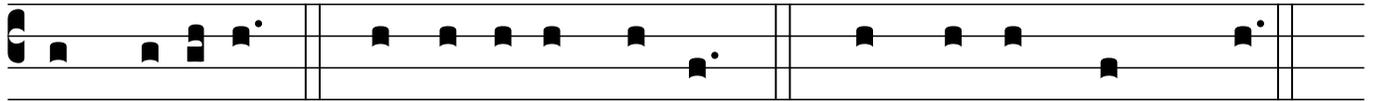
who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' When the dis-ciples heard this,



they were greatly astounded and said, 'Then who can be saved?' But Je-sus



looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things



are possible.' ¶ The Gospel of the Lord. R *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*