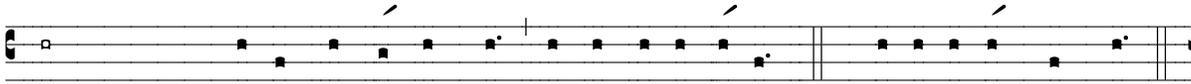


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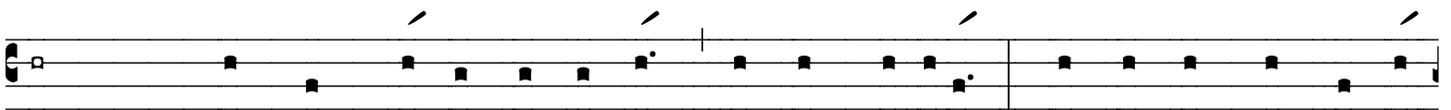


✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*

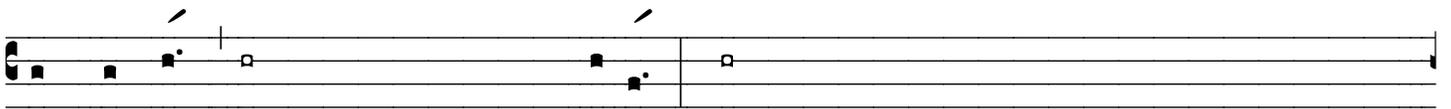
Jesus put before the crowd *or* [He put before them] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may



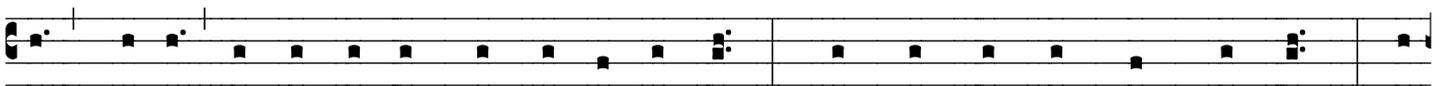
be com-pared to some-one who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while ev-ry-bod-y was a-sleep, an



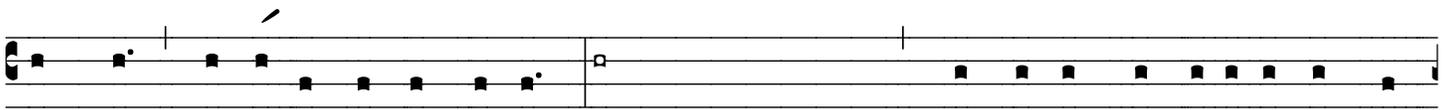
enemy came and sowed weeds a-mong the wheat, and then went a-way. ²⁶ So when the plants came up



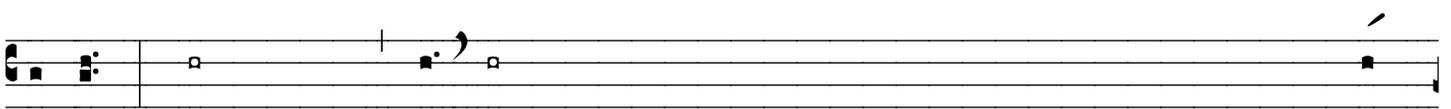
and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to



him, ‘Mas-ter, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He



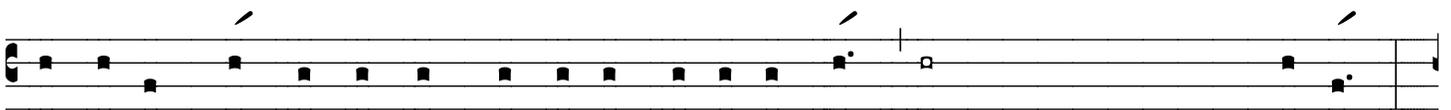
an-swered, ‘An en - e - my has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gath -



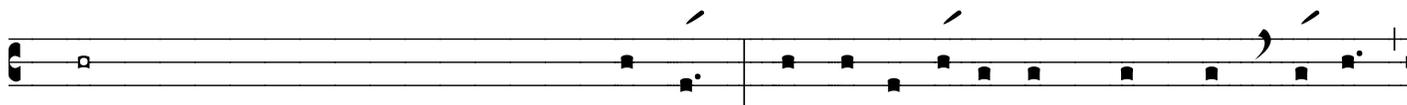
er them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with



them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow to-geth-er un-til the har-vest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,



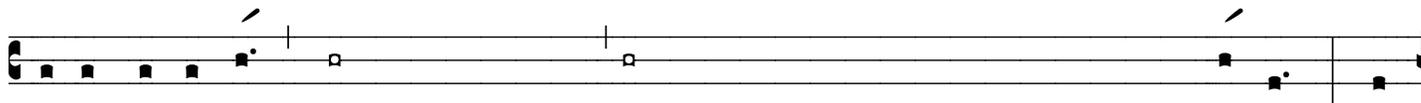
Col-lect the weeds first and bind them in bun-dles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”



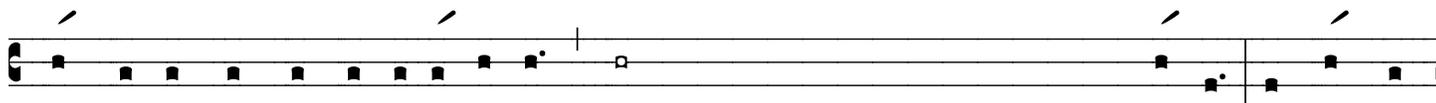
.... ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his dis-ci-ples ap-proached him, say-ing,



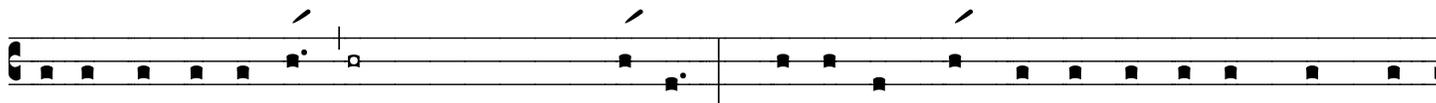
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He an-swered, “The one who sows the good seed



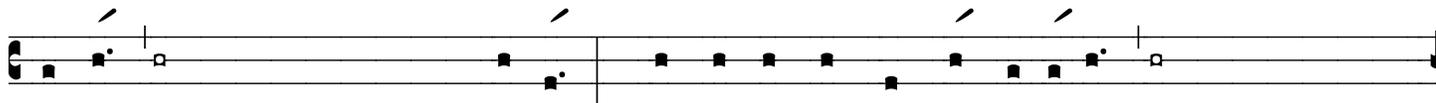
is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the king-dom; the



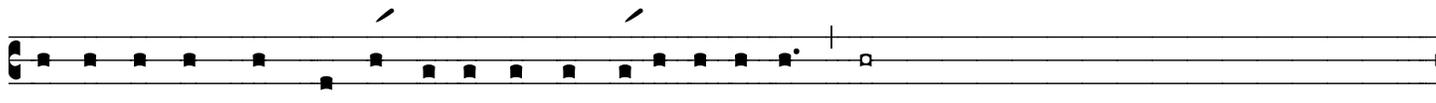
weeds are the chil-dren of the e - vil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the dev-il; the har-vest



is the end of the age, and the reapers are an-gels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are col-lect-ed and burned up



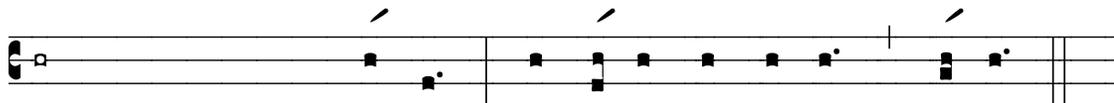
with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his an-gels, and they will collect



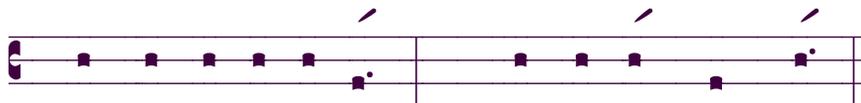
out of his king-dom all cau-ses of sin and all e-vil-do-ers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace



of fire, where there will be weeping and gnash-ing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun



in the kingdom of their Fa - ther. Let an - y - one with ears lis - ten!



V. The Gos-pel of the Lord. *R.* Praise to you, Lord Christ.