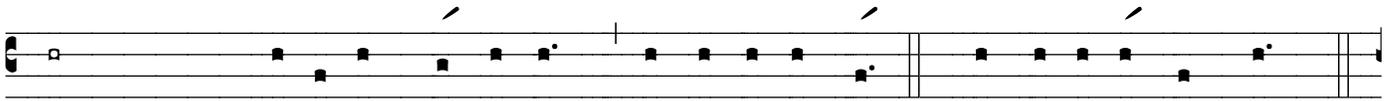


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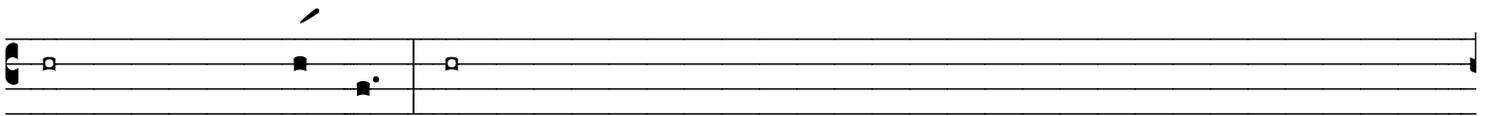
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Mark. ✠ *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



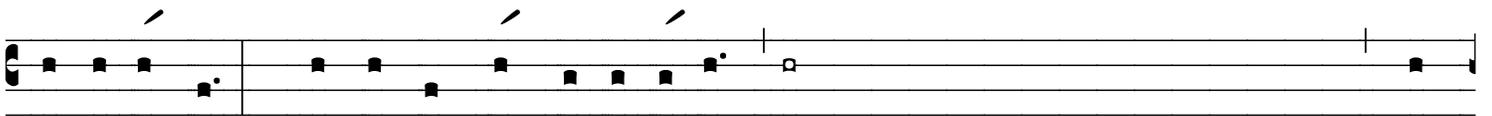
Je-sus said to his dis-ci-ples, “In those days, af-ter that suf-fer-ing, the sun will be darkened, and



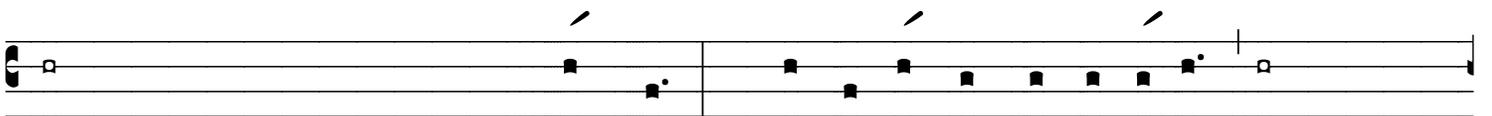
the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be fal-ling from heav-en, and the powers in the



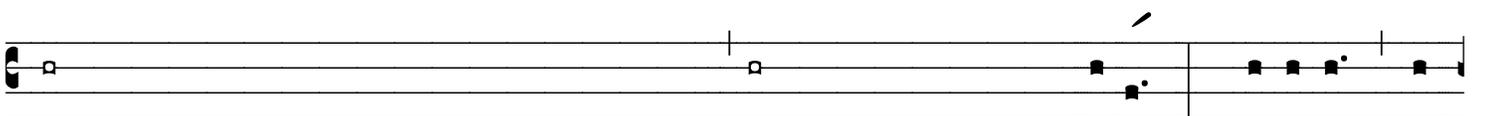
heavens will be shak-en. ²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great pow-



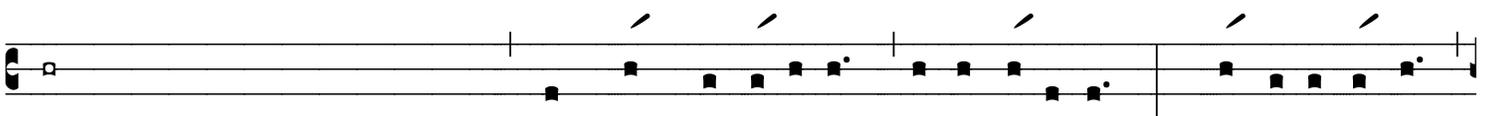
er and glo-ry. ²⁷ Then he will send out the an-gels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from



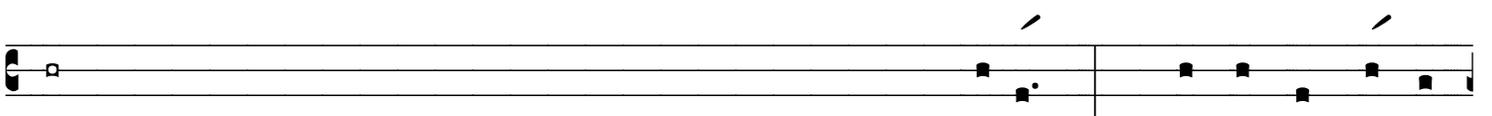
the ends of the earth to the ends of heav-en. ²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its les-son: as soon as its



branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So al-also, when



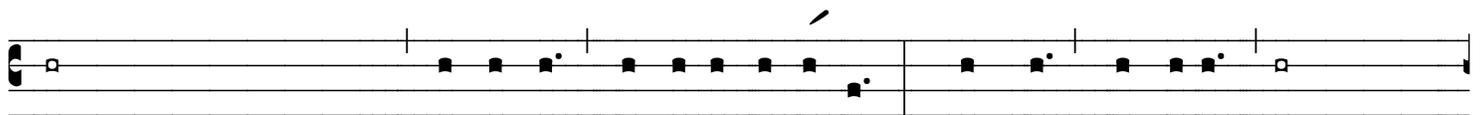
you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the ve-ry gates. ³⁰ Tru-ly I tell you,



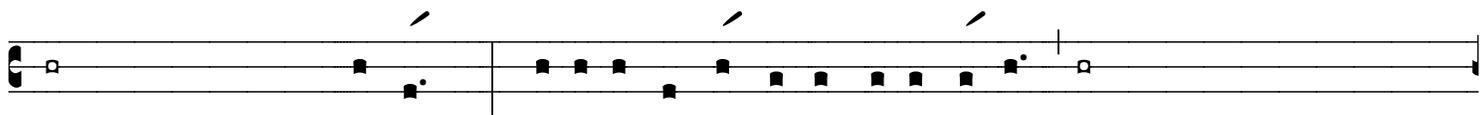
this generation will not pass away until all these things have tak-en place. ³¹ Heav-en and earth will



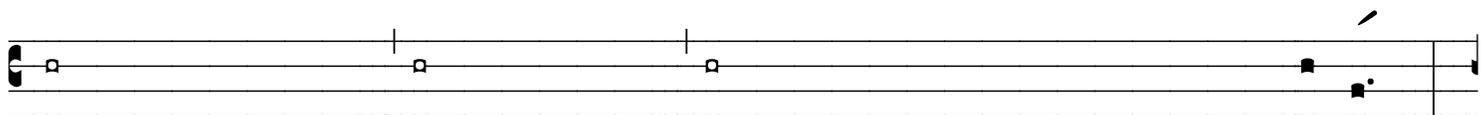
pass a- way, but my words will not pass a- way. ³² “But a-bout that day or hour no one knows, nei-



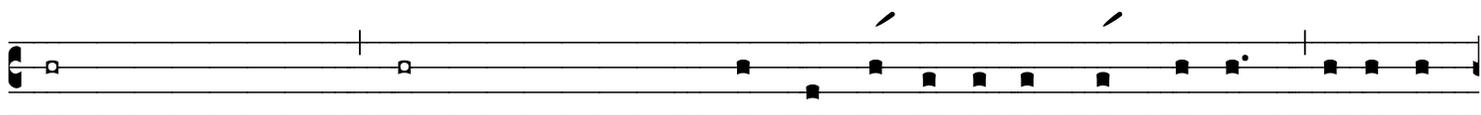
ther the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but on-ly the Fa-ther. ³³ Be-ware, keep a-ler-t; for you do not



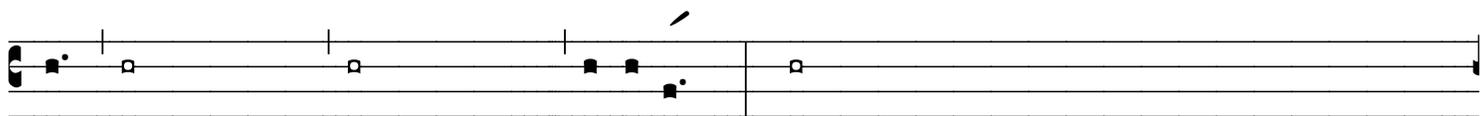
know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man go-ing on a jour-ney, when he leaves home and



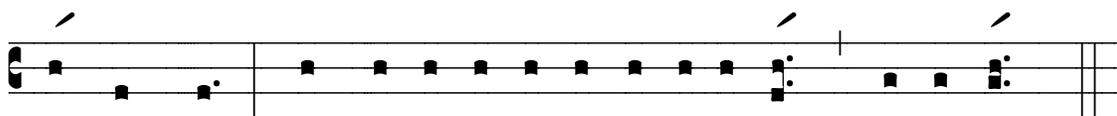
puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵



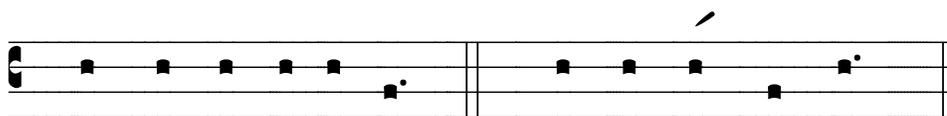
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the mas-ter of the house will come, in the ev-



’ning, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes



sud - den - ly. ²⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep a - wake.”



∇ The Gos-pel of the Lord. ✠ Praise to you, Lord Christ.