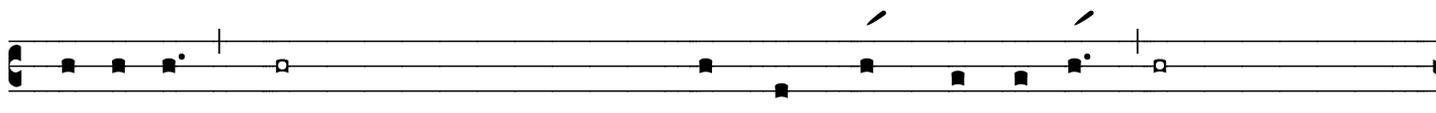


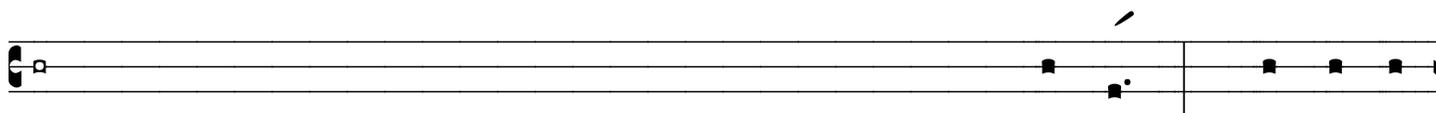
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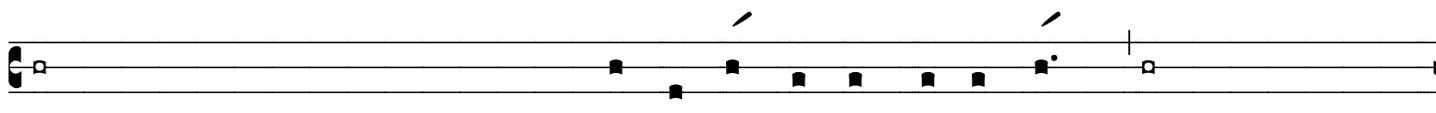
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Luke. ✠ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



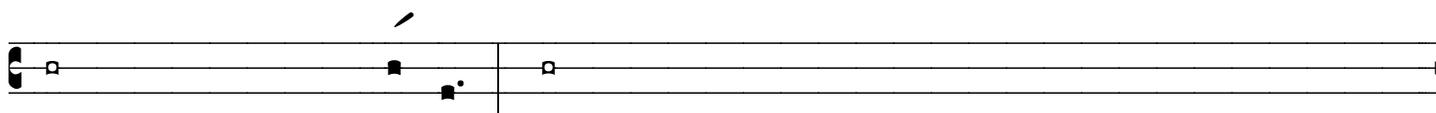
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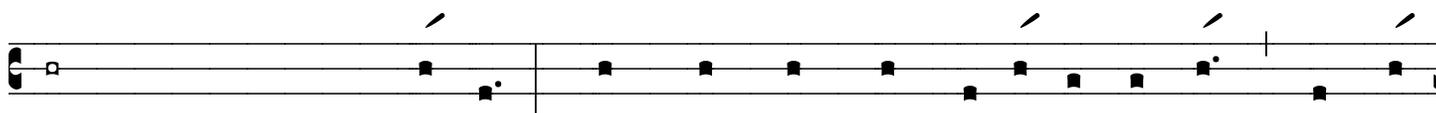
distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. **26** Peo-ple will



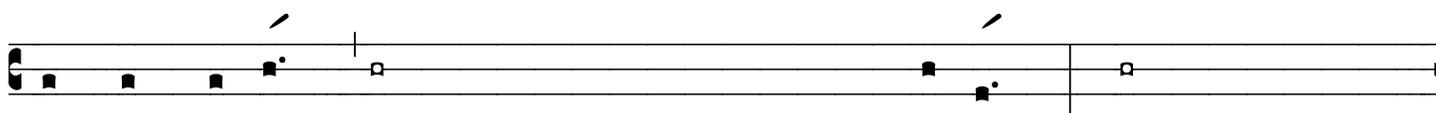
faint from fear and foreboding of what is com-ing up - on the world, for the powers of



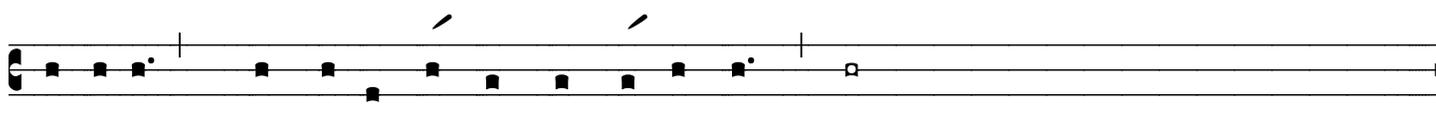
the heavens will be shak-en. **27** Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’



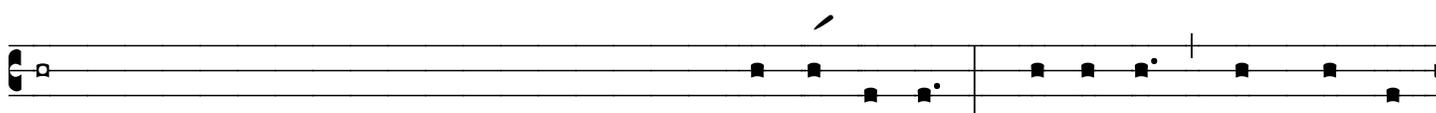
with power and great glo - ry. **28** Now when these things be-gin to take place, stand up



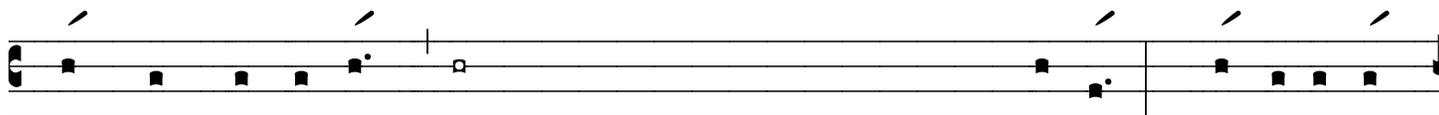
and raise your heads, because your redemption is draw-ing near.” **29** Then he told them a



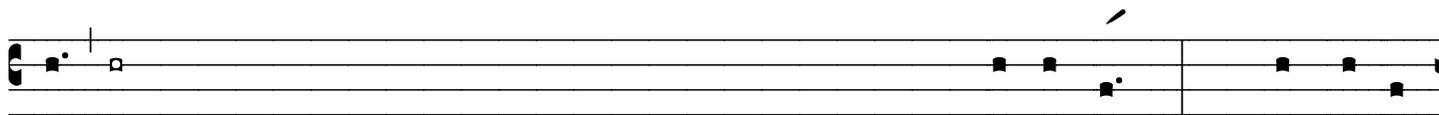
par-a -ble: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; **30** as soon as they sprout leaves you can



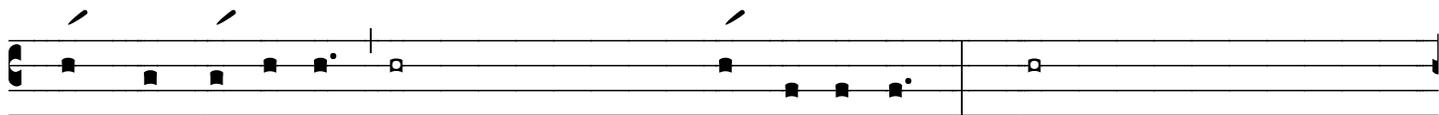
see for yourselves and know that summer is al-read-y near. **31** So al - so, when you see



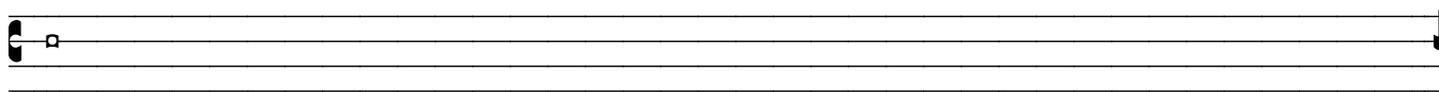
these things tak-ing place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Tru-ly I tell



you, this generation will not pass away until all things have ta-ken place. 33 Heav-en and



earth will pass a-way, but my words will not pass a - way. 34 “Be on guard so that your



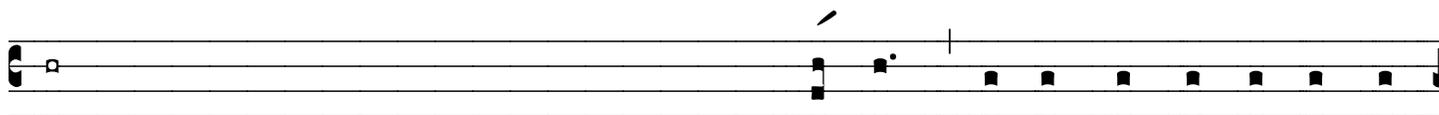
hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this



life, and that day catch you un-ex-pect-ed-ly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who



live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be a - lert at all times, praying that you may have



the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand be-fore the Son



of Man.” *℣*. The Gospel of the Lord. *℟*. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*