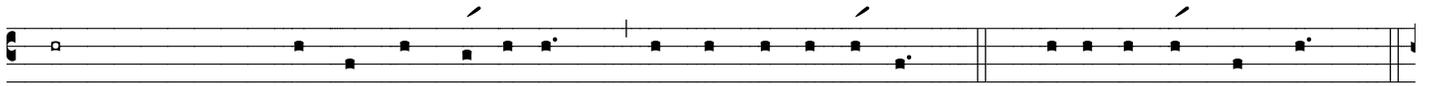
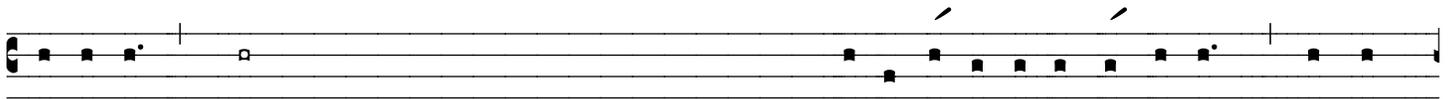


Ash Wednesday (Years ABC, RCL)

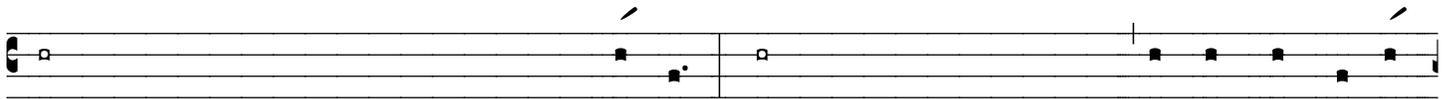
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)



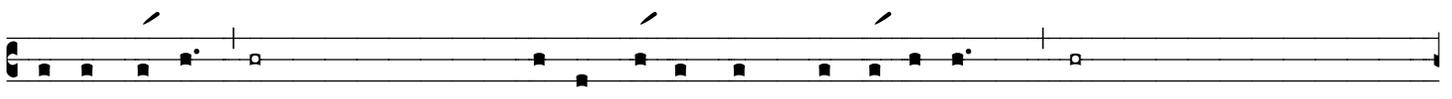
∩ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



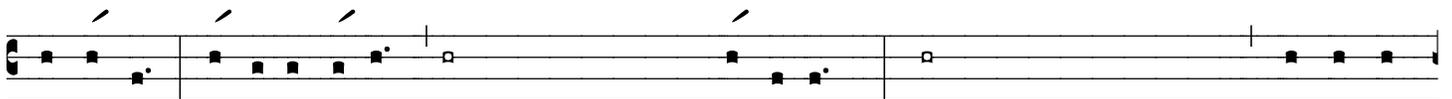
[Je-sus said,] “Beware of practicing your piety before oth-ers in or-der to be seen by them; for then



you have no reward from your Father in heav-en. ² “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trum-



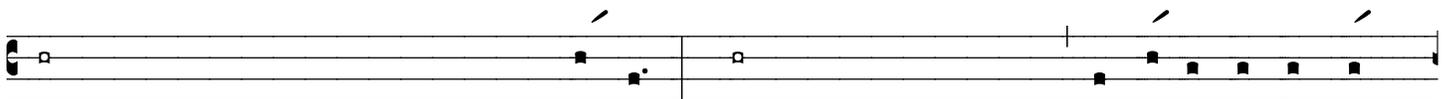
pet be-fore you, as the hypocrites do in the syn-a-gogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised



by oth-ers. Tru-ly I tell you, they have received their re-ward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let



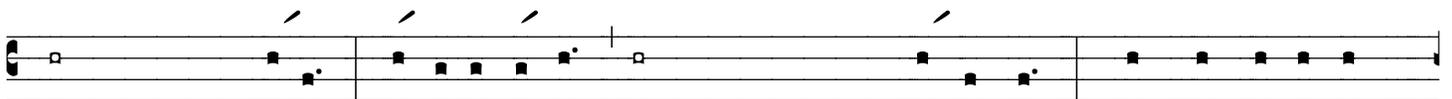
your left hand know what your right hand is do-ing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in se - cret; and



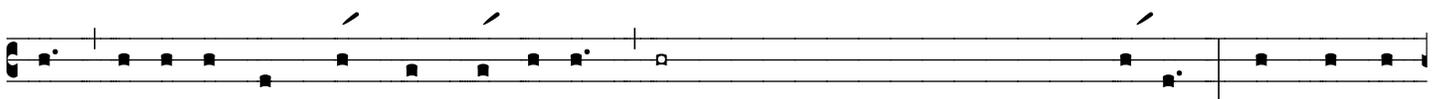
your Father who sees in secret will re-ward you. ⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hyp-



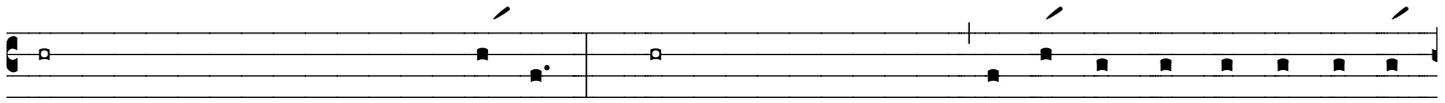
o-crites; for they love to stand and pray in the syn-a-gogues and at the street cor-ners, so that they



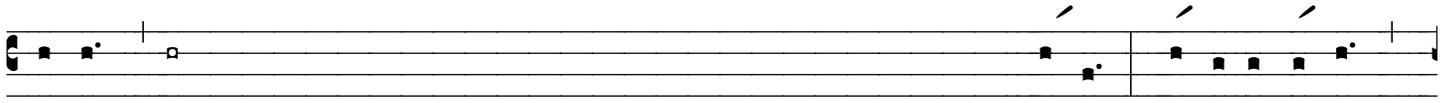
may be seen by oth-ers. Tru-ly I tell you, they have received their re-ward. ⁶ But when-ev-er you



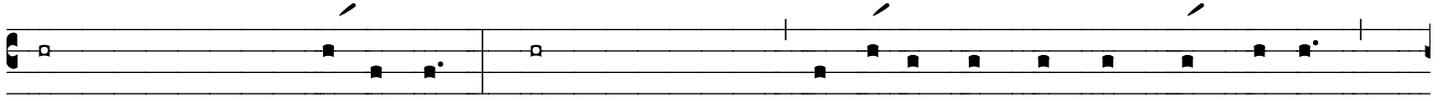
pray, go in-to your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in se- cret; and your Fa-



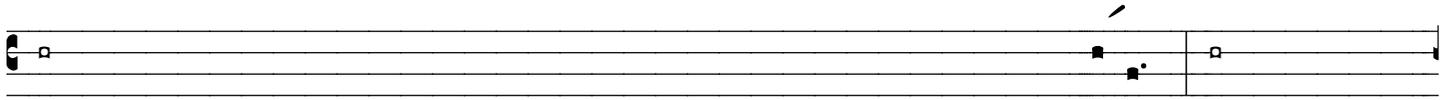
ther who sees in secret will re-ward you. 16 “And whenever you fast, do not look dis-mal, like the hyp-



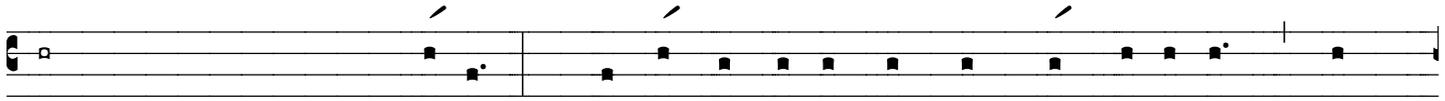
o-crites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fast-ing. Tru-ly I tell you,



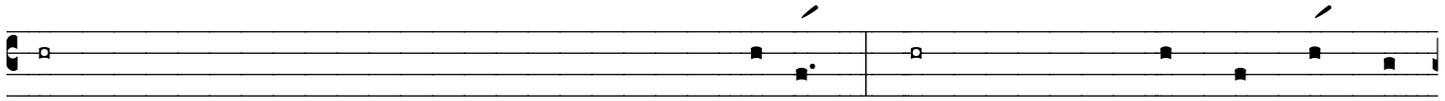
they have received their re-ward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18



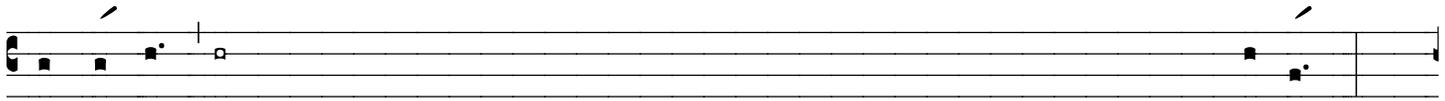
so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in se-cret; and your Father



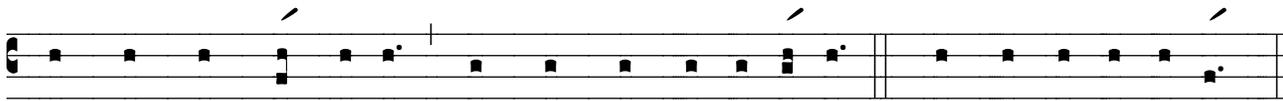
who sees in secret will re-ward you. 19 “Do not store up for your-selves treas-ures on earth, where



moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for your-selves treas-ures



in heav-en, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21



For where your treas-ure is, there your heart will be al - so. ❧ The Gos-pel of the Lord.