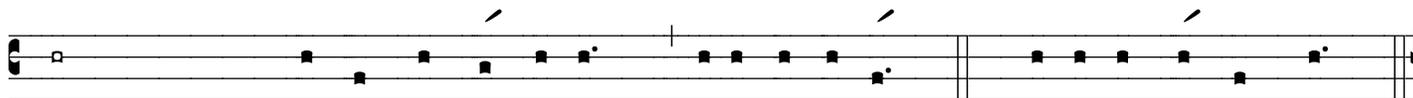
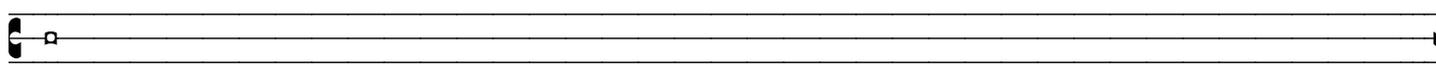


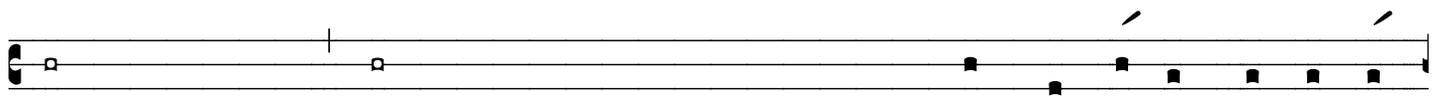
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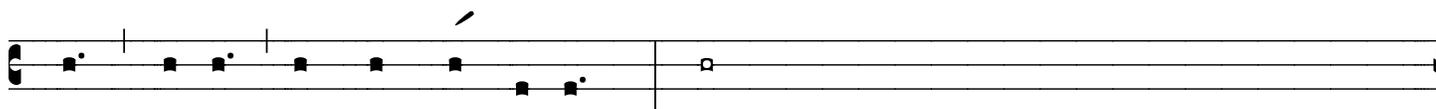
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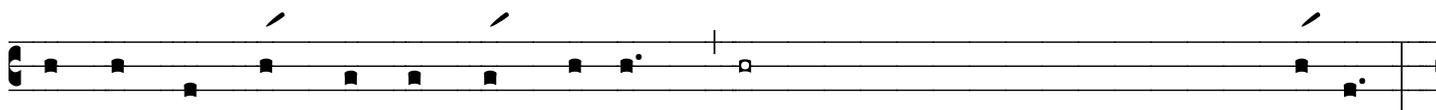
Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gath-



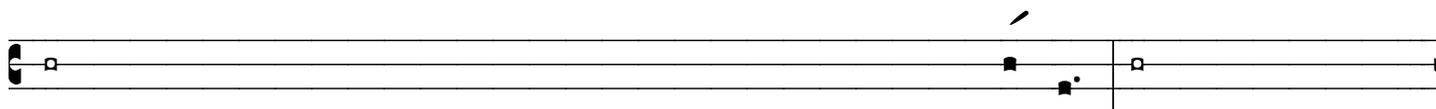
ered around Jesus, **2** they noticed that some of his dis-ci-ples were eat-ing with de-filed



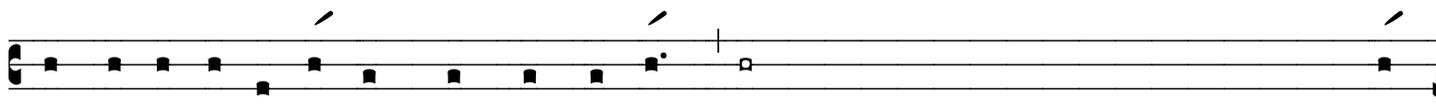
hands, that is, with-out wash-ing them. **3** (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat



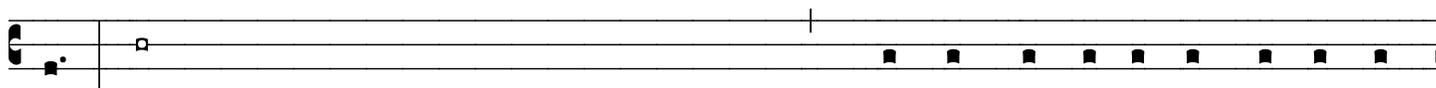
un-less they thor-ough-ly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the el-ders; **4**



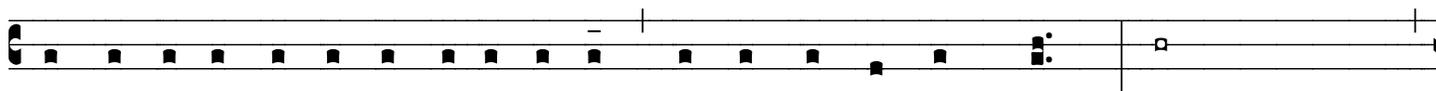
and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also



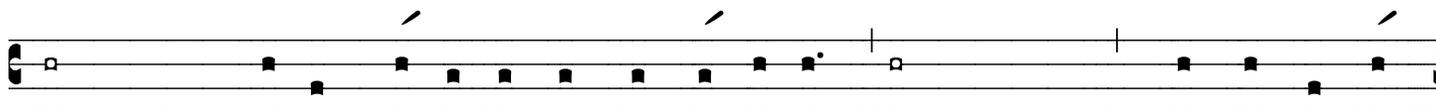
man-y oth-er tra-di-tions that they ob-serve, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze ket-



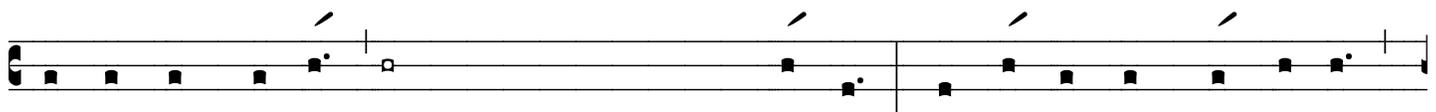
tles.) **5** So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your dis-ci-ples not live ac-



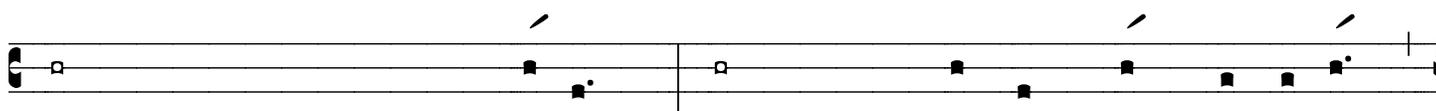
cord-ing to the tra-di-tion of the el-ders, but eat with de-filed hands?” **6** He said to them,



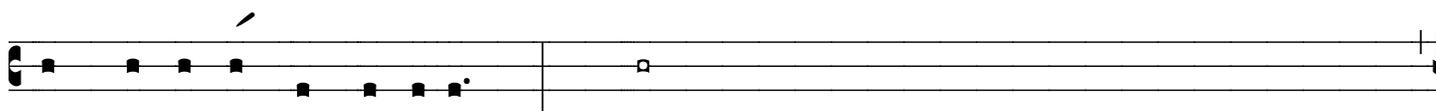
“Isaiah proph-e-sied right-ly a-bout you hyp-o-crites, as it is written, “This peo-ple hon-



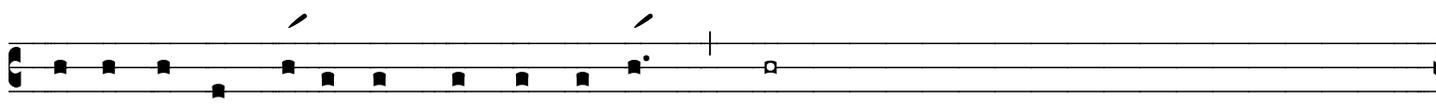
ors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they wor-ship me,



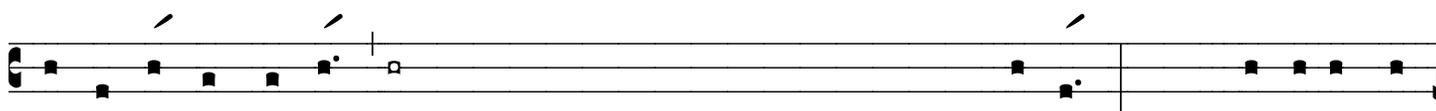
teaching human precepts as doc-trines.’ 8 You abandon the com-mand-ment of God



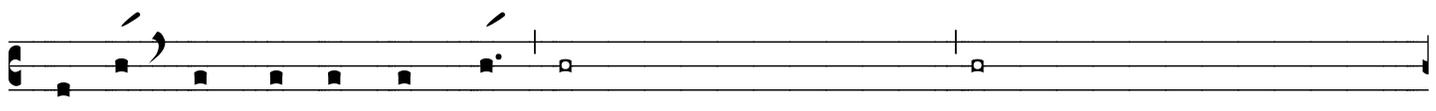
and hold to hu-man tra-di-tion.” .... 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them,



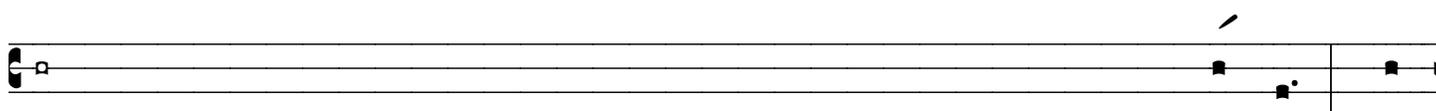
“Lis-ten to me, all of you, and un-der-stand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by



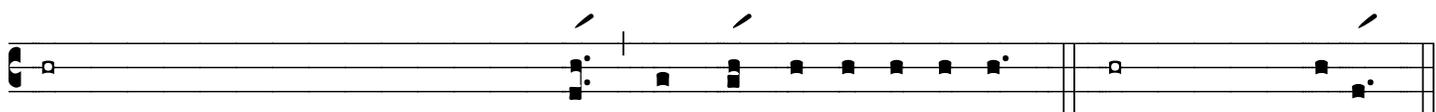
go-ing in can de-file, but the things that come out are what de-file.” .... 21 For it is from



with-in, from the hu-man heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22



adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, fol - ly. 23 All



these evil things come from with-in, and they de-file a per-son.” ∇ The Gospel of the Lord.