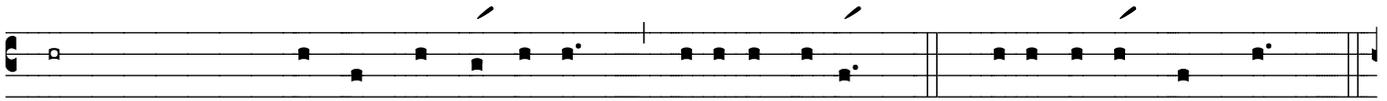
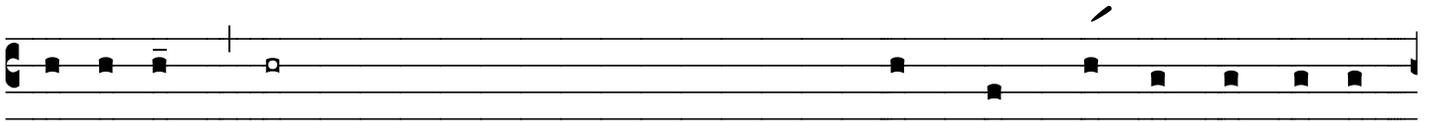


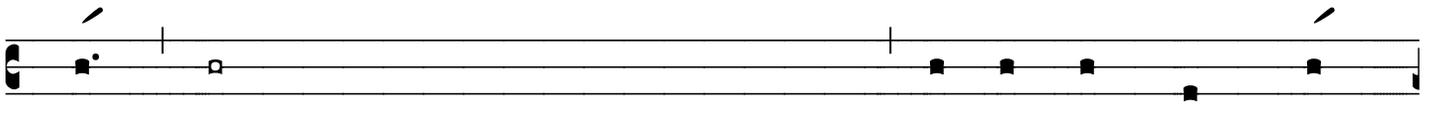
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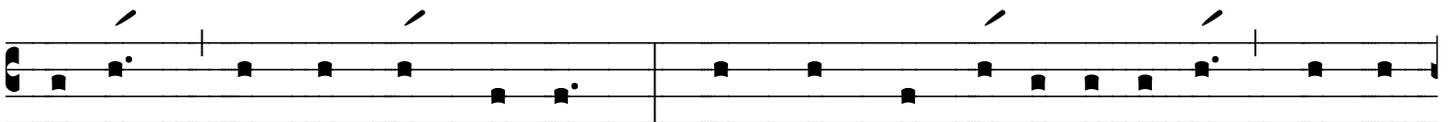
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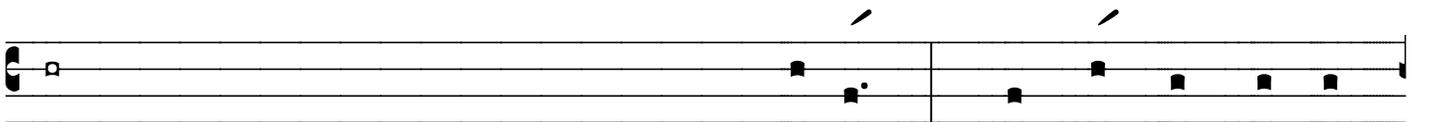
Je-sus said, “The kingdom of God is as if some-one would scat-ter seed on the



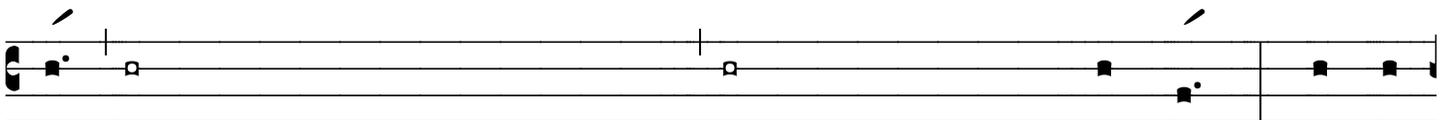
ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout



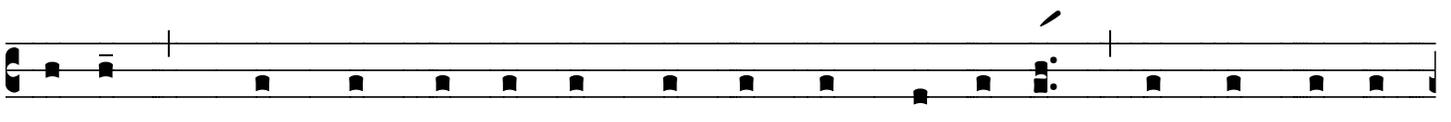
and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth pro-duc-es of it - self, first the



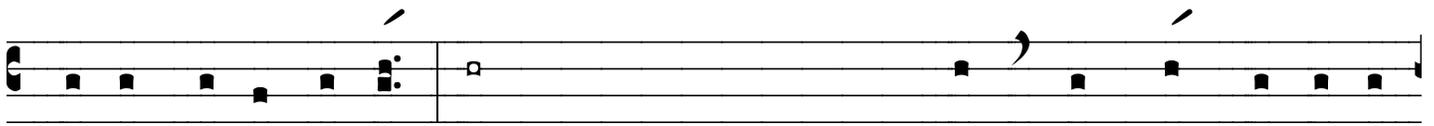
stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is



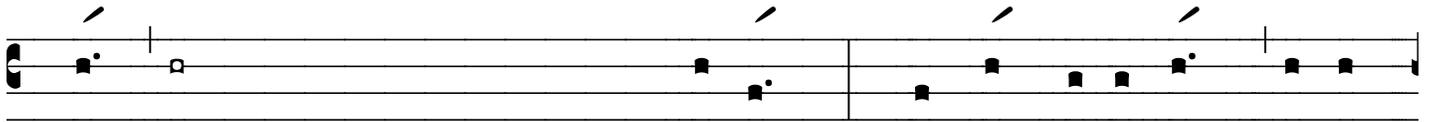
ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ He al-



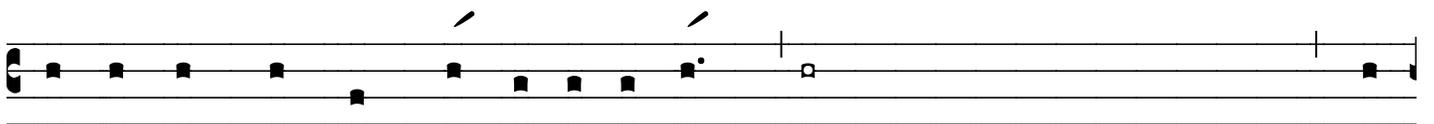
so said, “With what can we com-pare the king-dom of God, or what par-a-



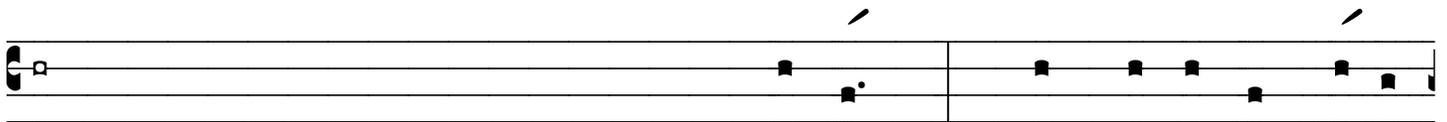
ble will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown up-on the



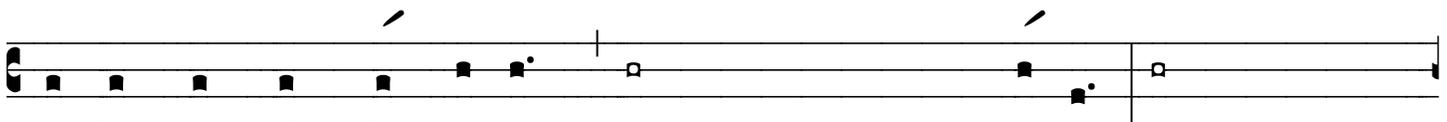
ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows



up and be-comes the great-est of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so



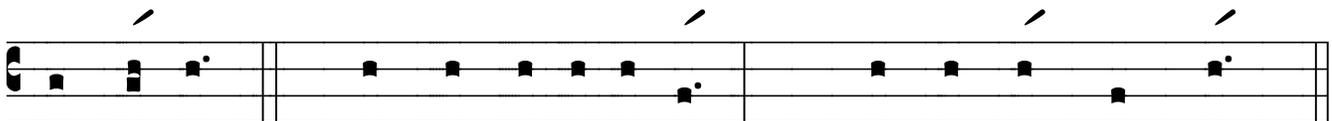
that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³ With man-y such par-a-



bles he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak



to them except in par-a-bles, but he ex-plained ev-'ry-thing in pri-ate to his



dis - ci - ples. ✠ The Gos-pel of the Lord. ✠ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*