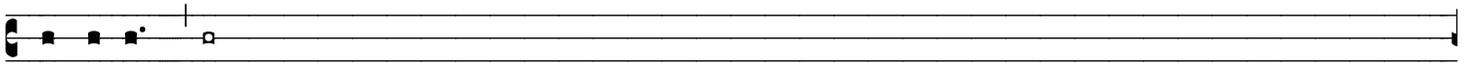


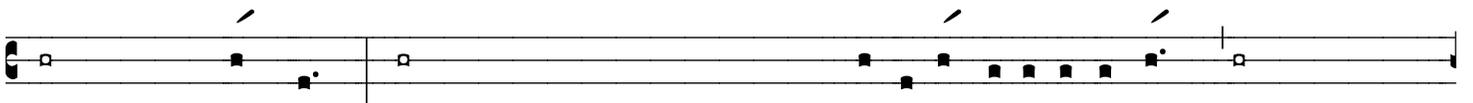
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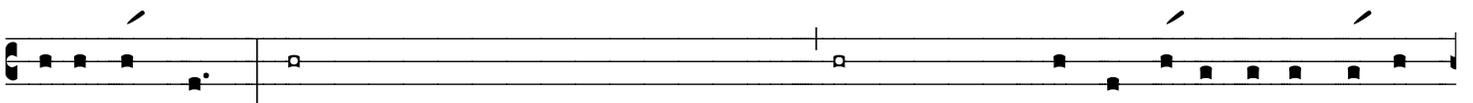
∇ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



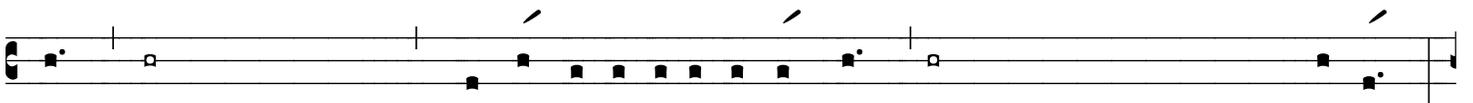
Je-sus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire la-



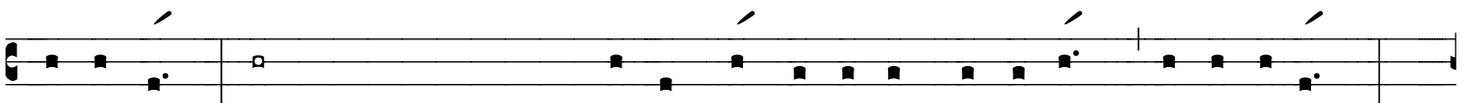
borers for his vine-yard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the us-u-al dai-ly wage, he sent them in-



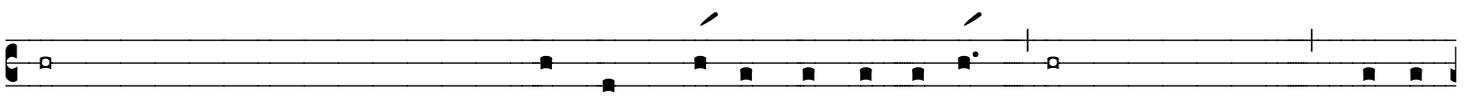
to his vine-yard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others stand-ing i- dle in the mar-ket-



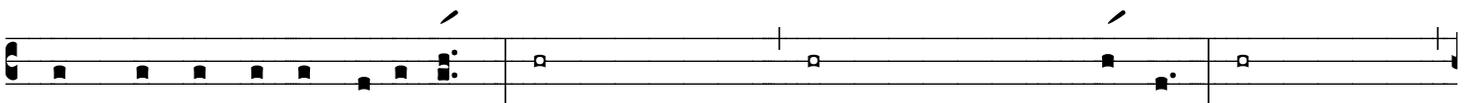
place; ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You al - so go in-to the vine-yard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’



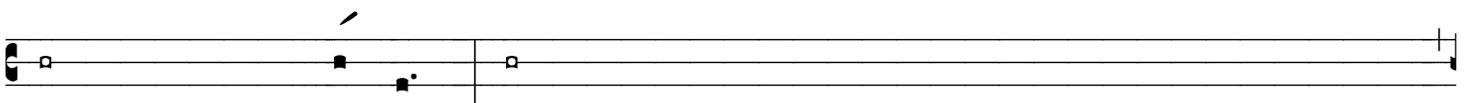
So they went. ⁵ When he went out a-gain a-bout noon and a-bout three o’-clock, he did the same. ⁶



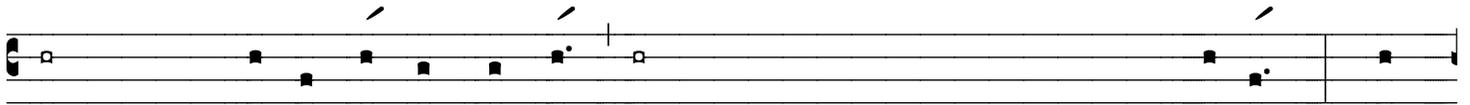
And about five o’-clock he went out and found oth-ers stand-ing a-round; and he said to them, ‘Why are



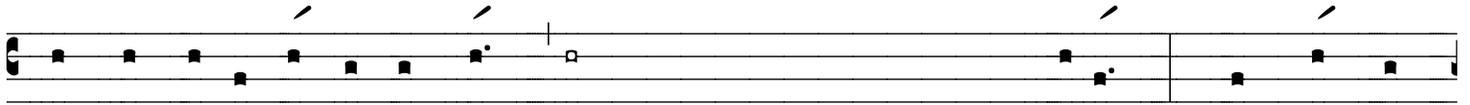
you stand-ing here i - dle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them,



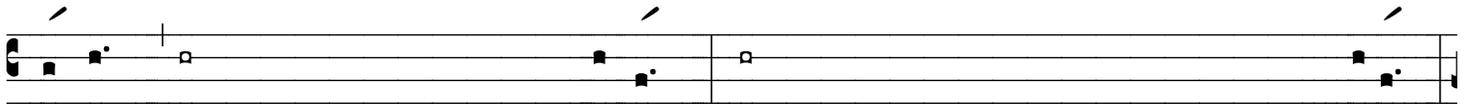
‘You also go into the vine-yard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,



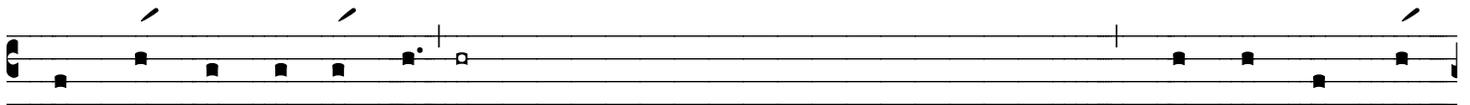
‘Call the labor-ers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9 When



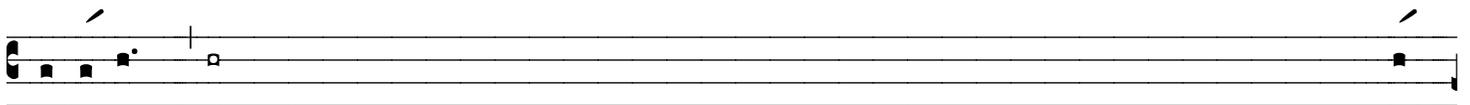
those hired a-bout five o’-clock came, each of them received the usual dai-ly wage. 10 Now when the



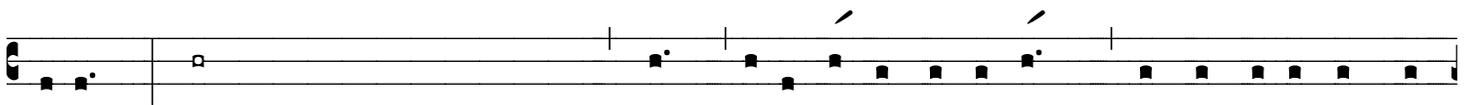
first came, they thought they would re-ceive more; but each of them also received the usual dai-ly wage.



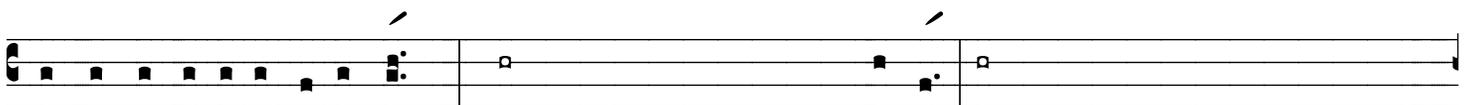
11 And when they re-ceived it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last worked on-



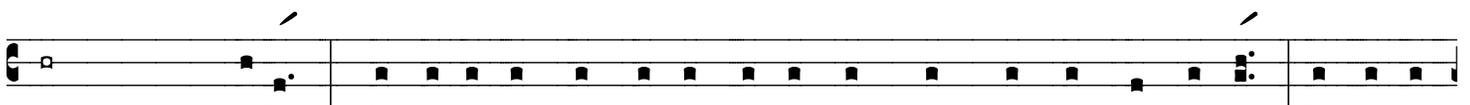
ly one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorch-



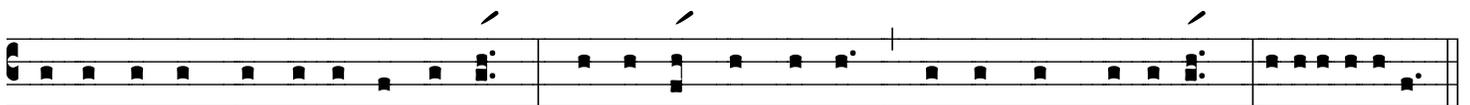
ing heat.’ 13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am do-ing you no wrong; did you not a-gree with



me for the us-u-al dai-ly wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the



same as I give to you. 15 Am I not al-losed to do what I choose with what be-longs to me? Or are you



en-vi-ous be-cause I am gen-er-ous?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” The Gospel of the Lord.