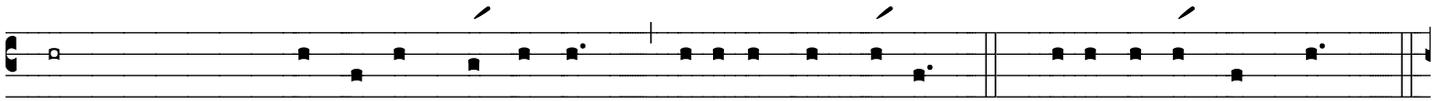
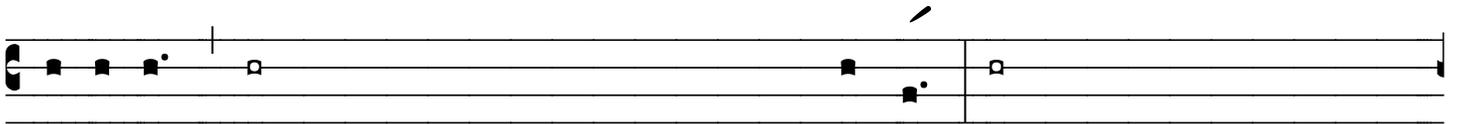


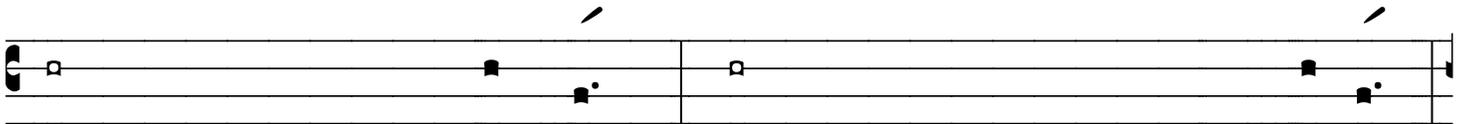
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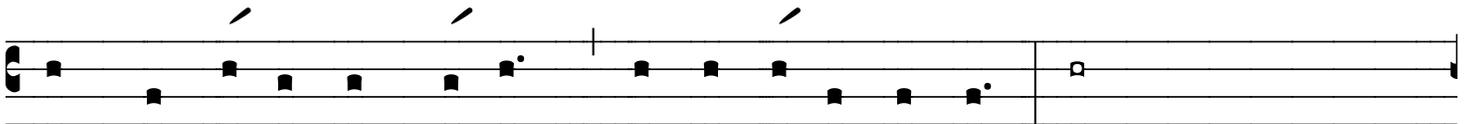
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



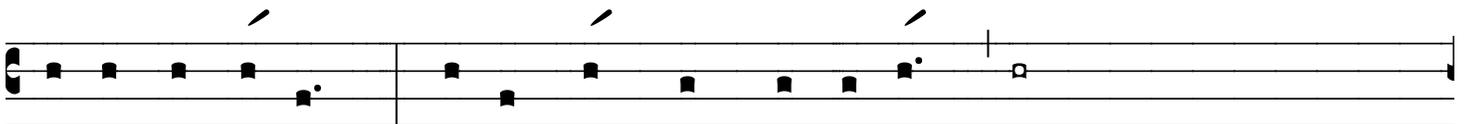
Je-sus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their



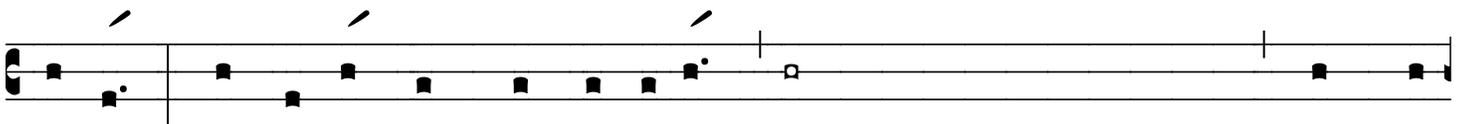
lamps and went to meet the bride-groom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.



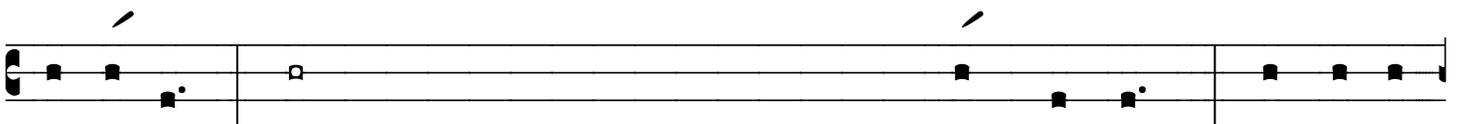
³ When the fool-ish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks



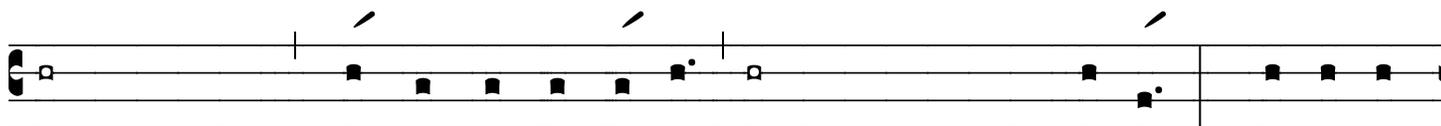
of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bride-groom was de - layed, all of them became drowsy



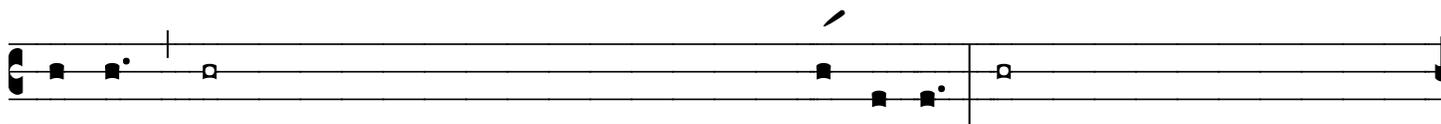
and slept. ⁶ But at mid-night there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out



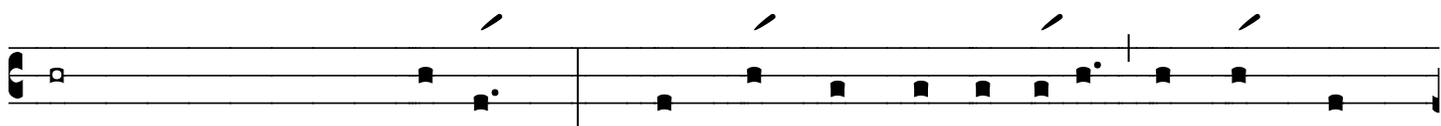
to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The fool-ish



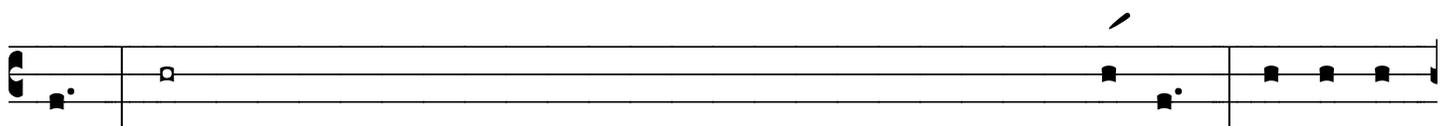
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are go-ing out.' ⁹ But the wise



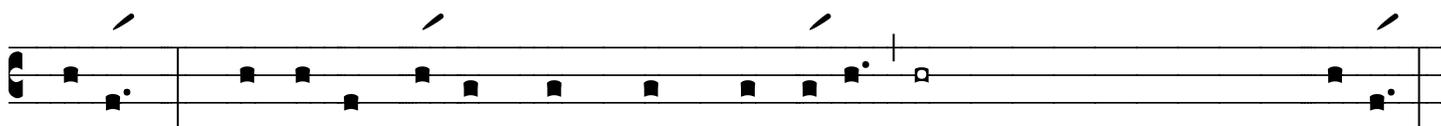
re-plied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the deal-



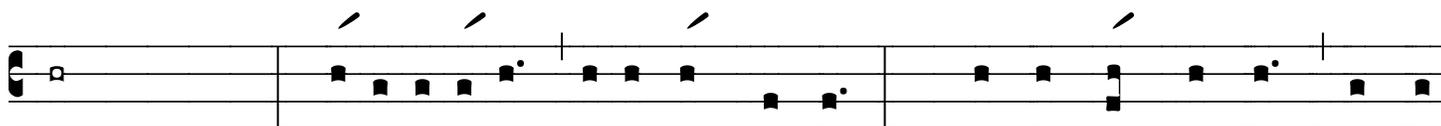
ers and buy some for your-selves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bride-groom



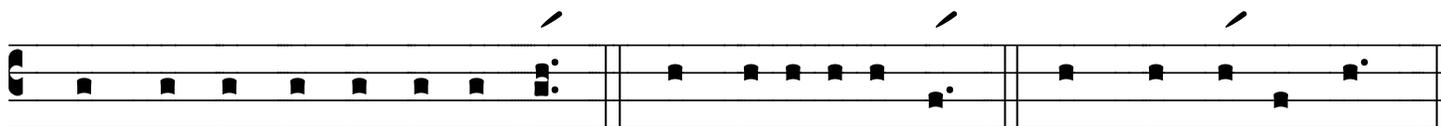
came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding ban-quet; and the door



was shut. ¹¹ Lat-er the oth-er brides-maids came al-so, say-ing, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²



But he replied, 'Tru-ly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep a-wake there-fore, for you



know nei-ther the day nor the hour. *V.* The Gospel of the Lord. *R.* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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