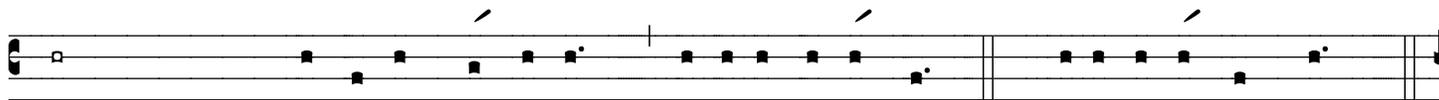
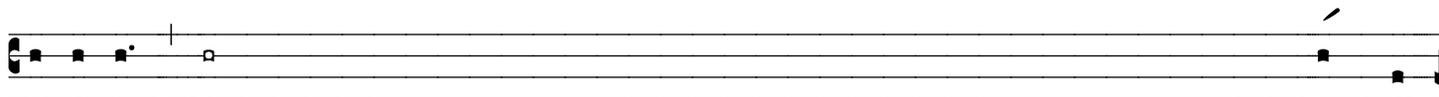


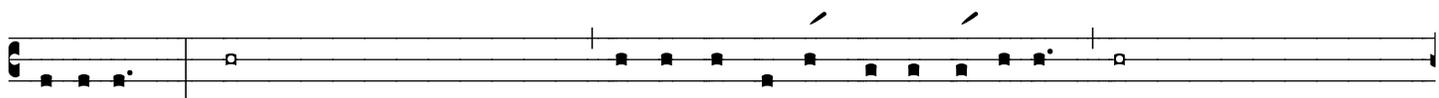
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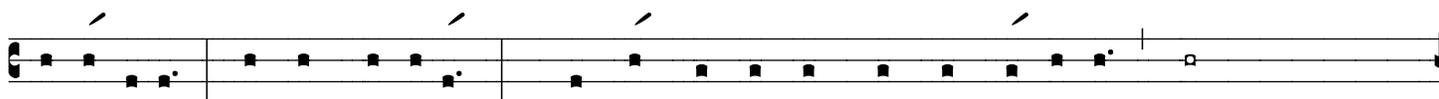
✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Mat-thew. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



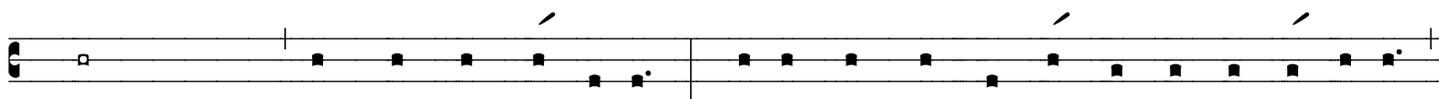
Je-sus said, “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his prop - er -



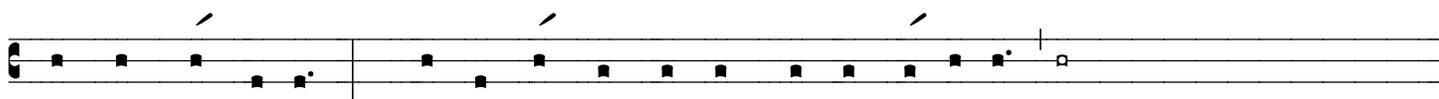
ty to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to an-oth-er two, to an-oth-er one, to each according to his



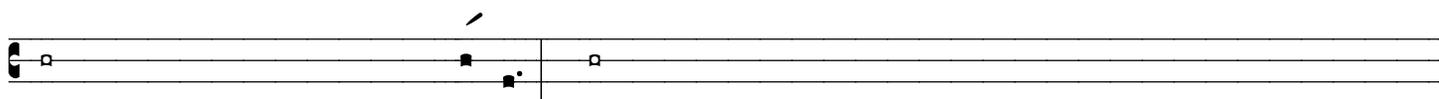
a-bil - i - ty. Then he went a-way. **16** The one who had re-ceived the five tal-ents went off at once and



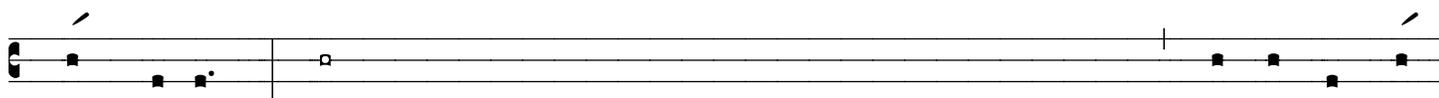
traded with them, and made five more tal-ents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two tal-ents



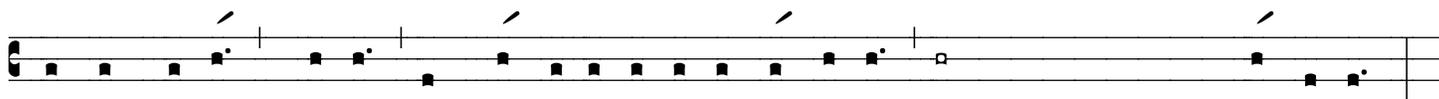
made two more tal-ents. **18** But the one who had re-ceived the one tal-ent went off and dug a hole in the



ground and hid his master’s mon-ey. **19** After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled ac-



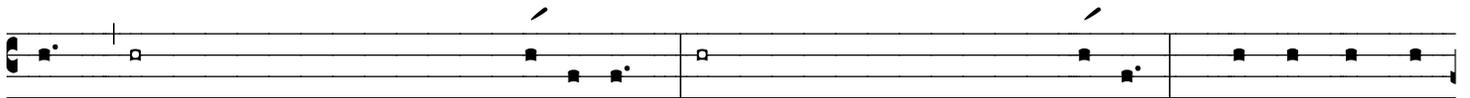
counts with them. **20** Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bring-ing five more



tal-ents, say-ing, ‘Mas-ter, you hand-ed o-ver to me five tal-ents; see, I have made five more tal-ents.’ **21**



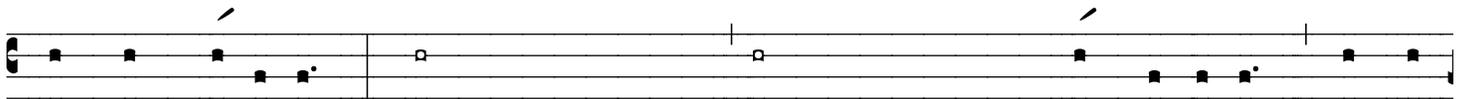
His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trust-wor-thy slave; you have been trust-wor-thy in a few



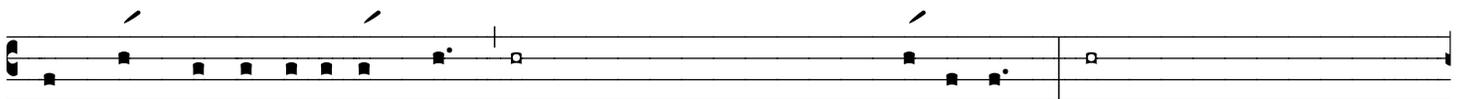
things, I will put you in charge of man-y things; enter into the joy of your mas-ter.’ ²² And the one with



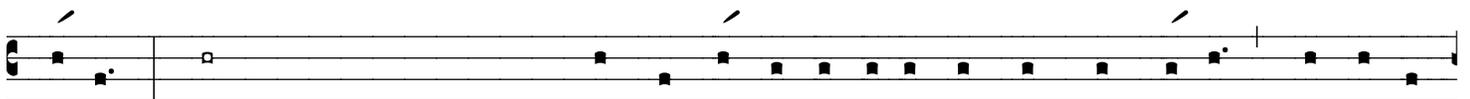
the two tal-ents al-so came for-ward, say-ing, ‘Master, you hand-ed o-ver to me two tal-ents; see, I have



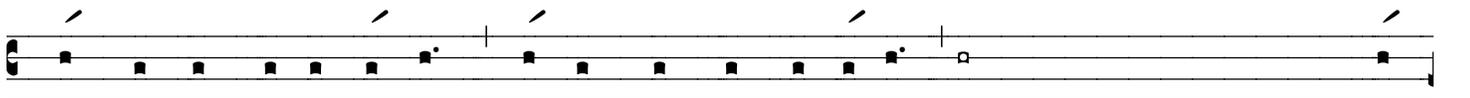
made two more tal-ents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trust-wor-thy slave; you have



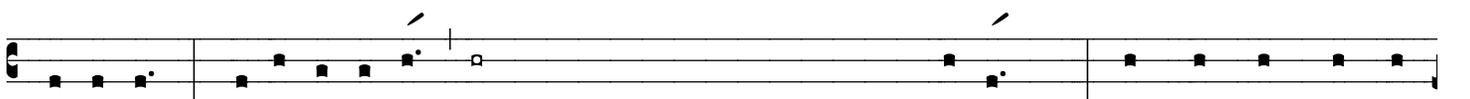
been trust-wor-thy in a few things, I will put you in charge of man-y things; enter into the joy of your



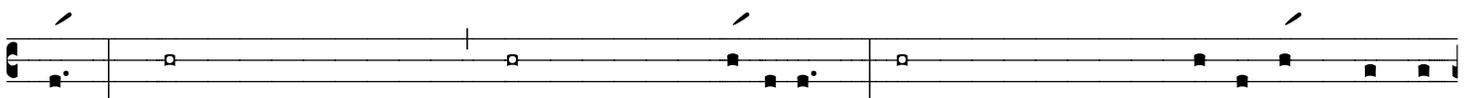
mas-ter.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had re-ceived the one tal-ent al-so came for-ward, say-ing, ‘Mas-ter, I



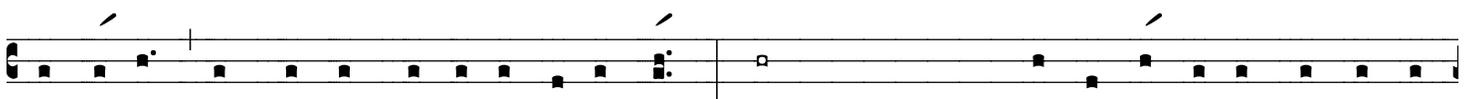
knew that you were a harsh man, reap-ing where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not



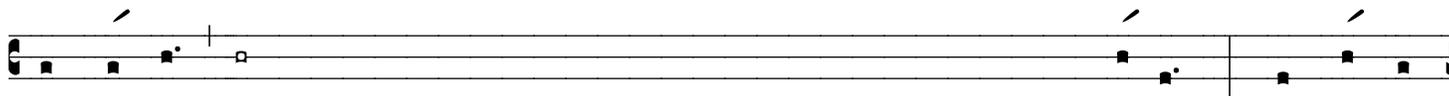
scat-ter seed; ²⁵ so I was a-fraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is



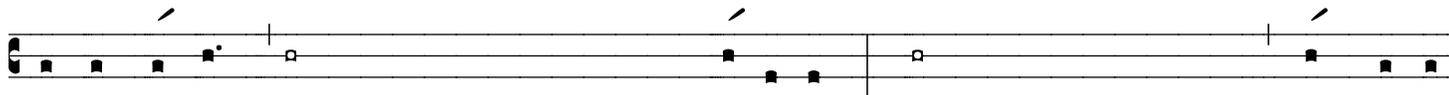
yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and la-zy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I



did not sow, and gath-er where I did not scat-ter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have in-vest-ed my mon-ey with



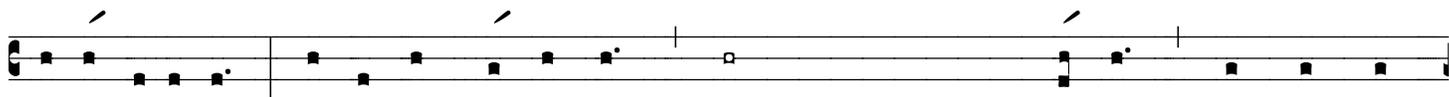
the bank-ers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with in-terest. 28 So take the



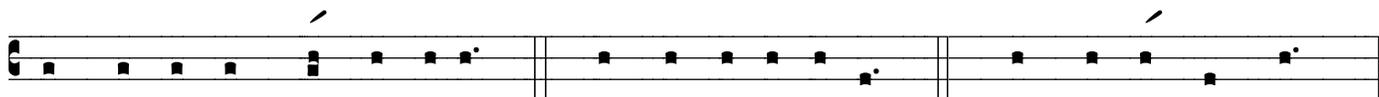
tal-ent from him, and give it to the one with the ten tal-ents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be



giv-en, and they will have an a-bun-dance; but from those who have noth-ing, even what they have will



be tak-en a-way. 30 As for this worth-less slave, throw him into the outer dark-ness, where there will



be weep-ing and gnash-ing of teeth.' *℣*. The Gos-pel of the Lord. *℟*. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*