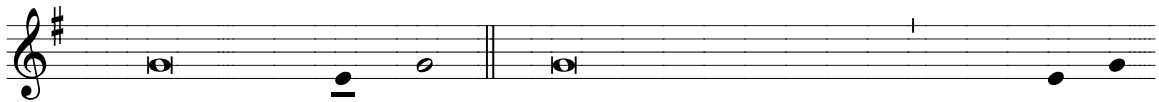


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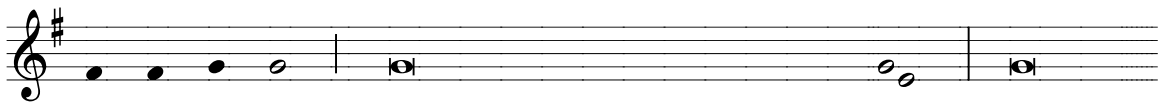
Gospel—Matthew 24: 37-44



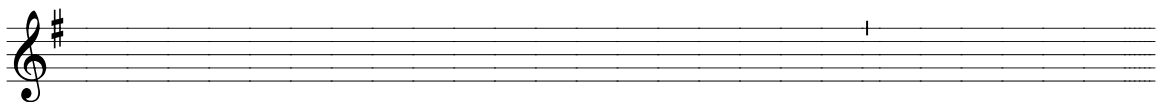
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je- sus Christ according to Mat- thew



℞. Glory to you, Lord Christ. Jesus said to the disciples, “For as the days



of No-ah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in



those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving



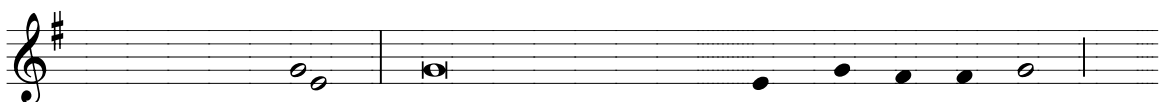
in marriage, until the day No-ah en-tered the ark and they knew nothing



until the flood came and swept them all a- way, so too will be the coming



of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken



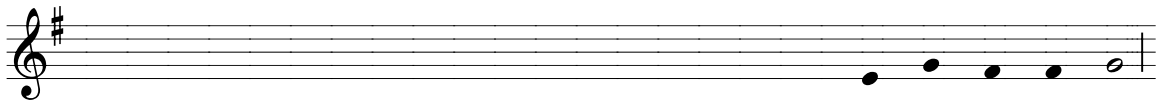
and one will be left. Two women will be grind-ing meal to-geth- er;



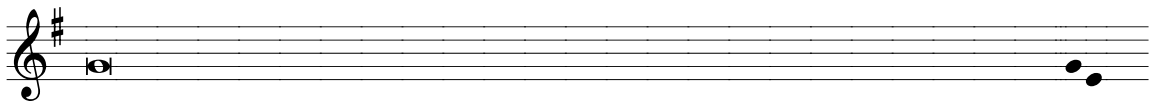
one will be taken and one will be left. Keep a- wáke, thére-fore, for you



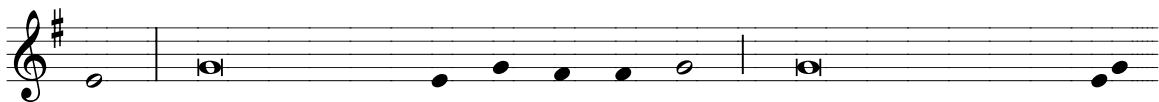
do not know on what day your Lord is com- ing. But understand this: if the



owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was com-ing,



he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken in-



to. Therefore, you al-so must be read- y, for the Son of Man is com-



ing at an un- ex- pect- ed hour. The Gospel of the Lord.