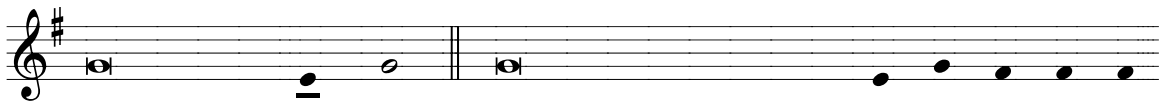


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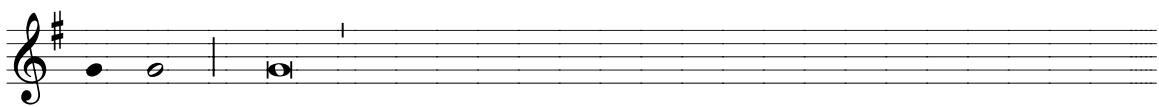
Gospel—Matthew 22: 1-14



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



℟̄ Glory to you, Lord Christ. Once more Jesus spoke to the peo- ple in par-



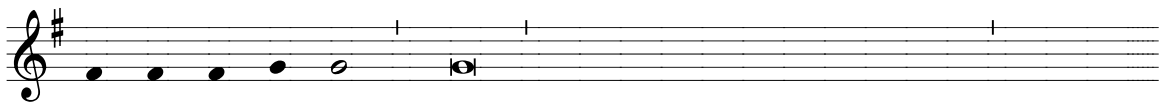
a- bles, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who



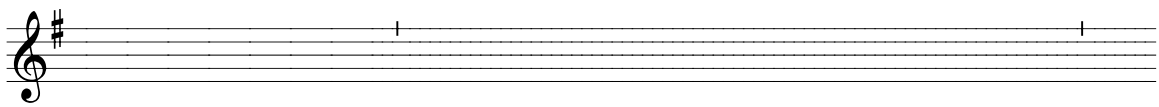
gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had



been invited to the wed-ding ban-quet, but they would not come. A-gain



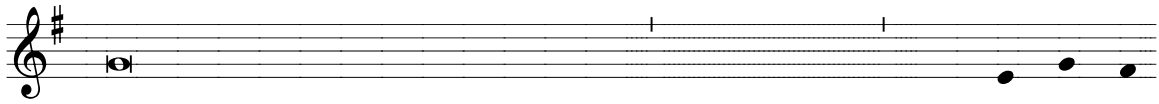
he sent oth- er slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I



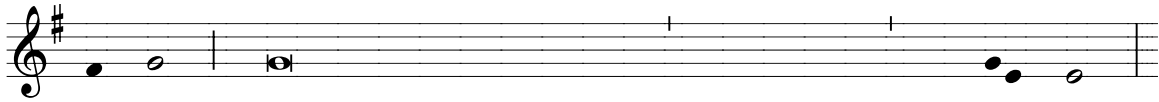
have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and



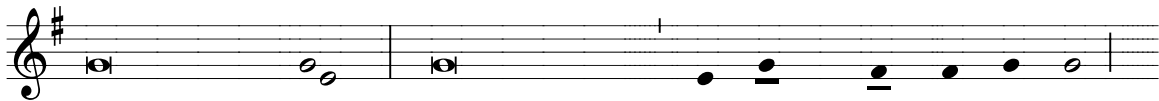
ev- 'ry- thing is rea- dy; come to the wedding ban- quet.’



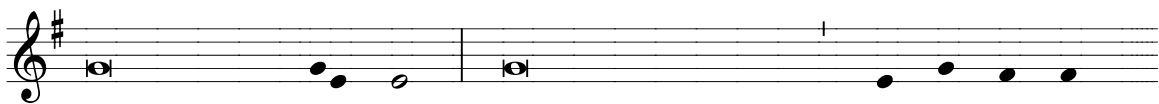
But they máde líght of it and went away, one to his farm, an-oth-er to his



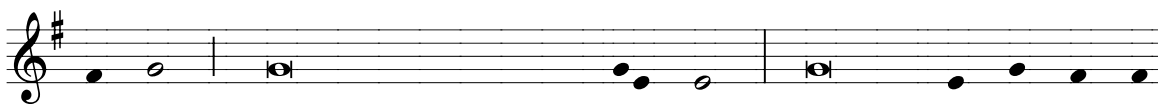
bus- 'ness, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.



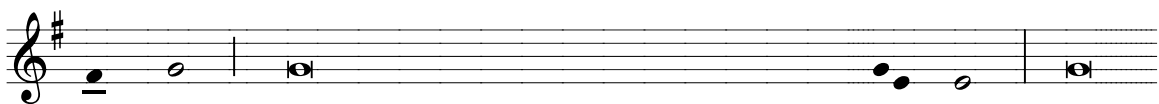
The king was en-raged. He sent his troops, de-stróyed thóse mur-der- ers,



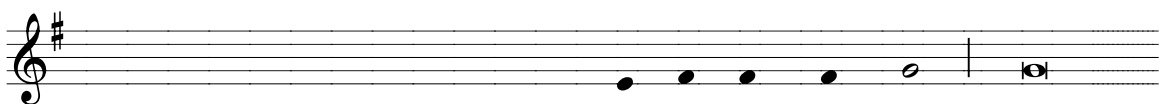
and burned their cit- y. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wed-ding is



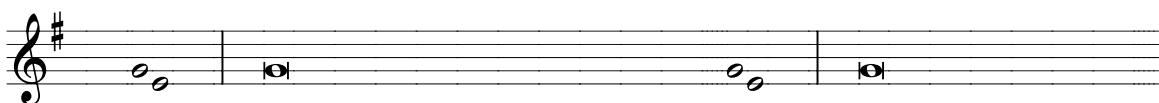
rea- dy, but those invited were nót wór- thy. Gó thére- fore in- to the



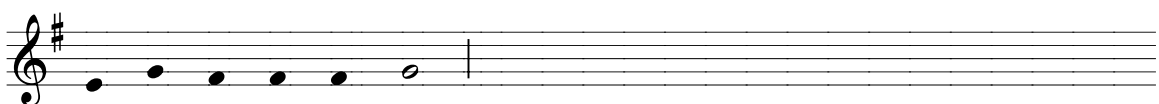
main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding ban- quet.' Thóse



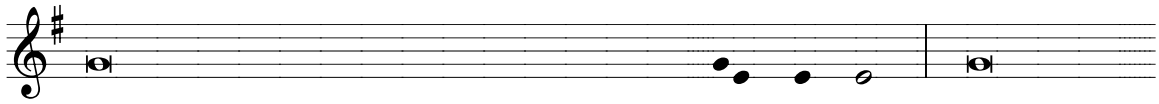
sláves went out into the streets and gat-ered all whom they found, both good



and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king



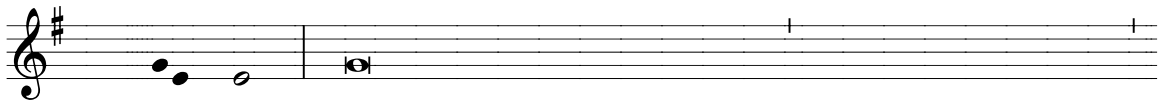
came in to see the guests,



he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to



him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he



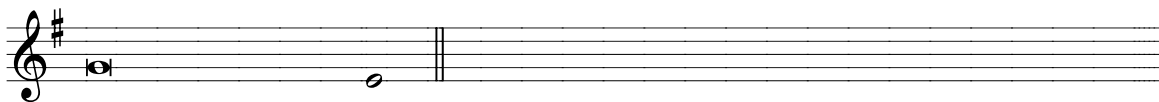
was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot,



and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and



gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."



The Gospel of the Lord.