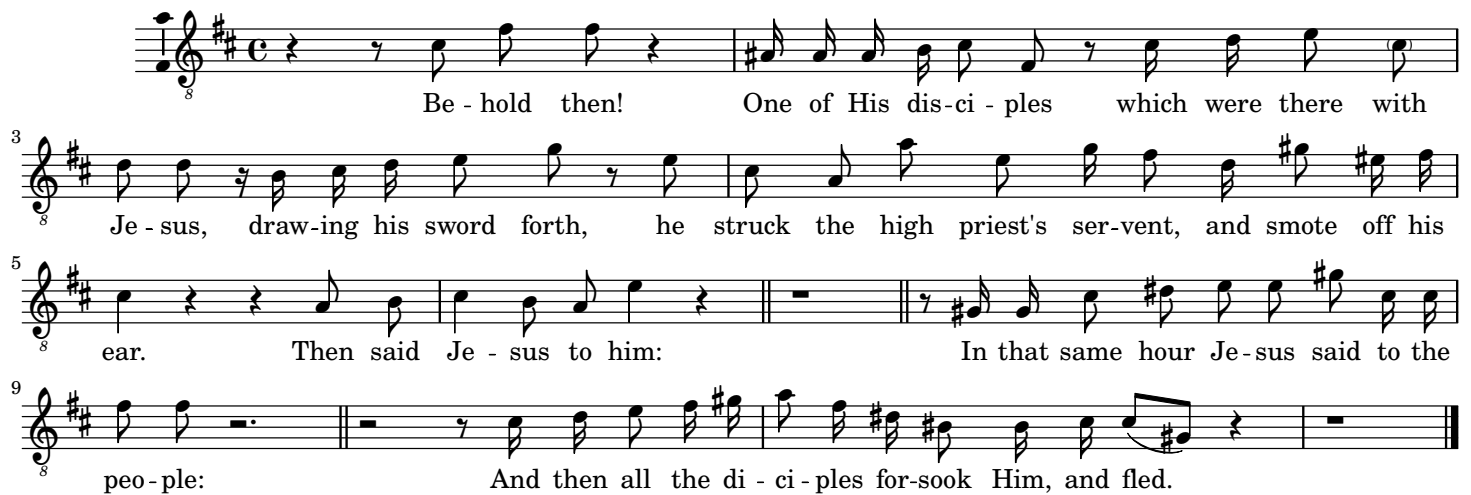


St Matthew Passion

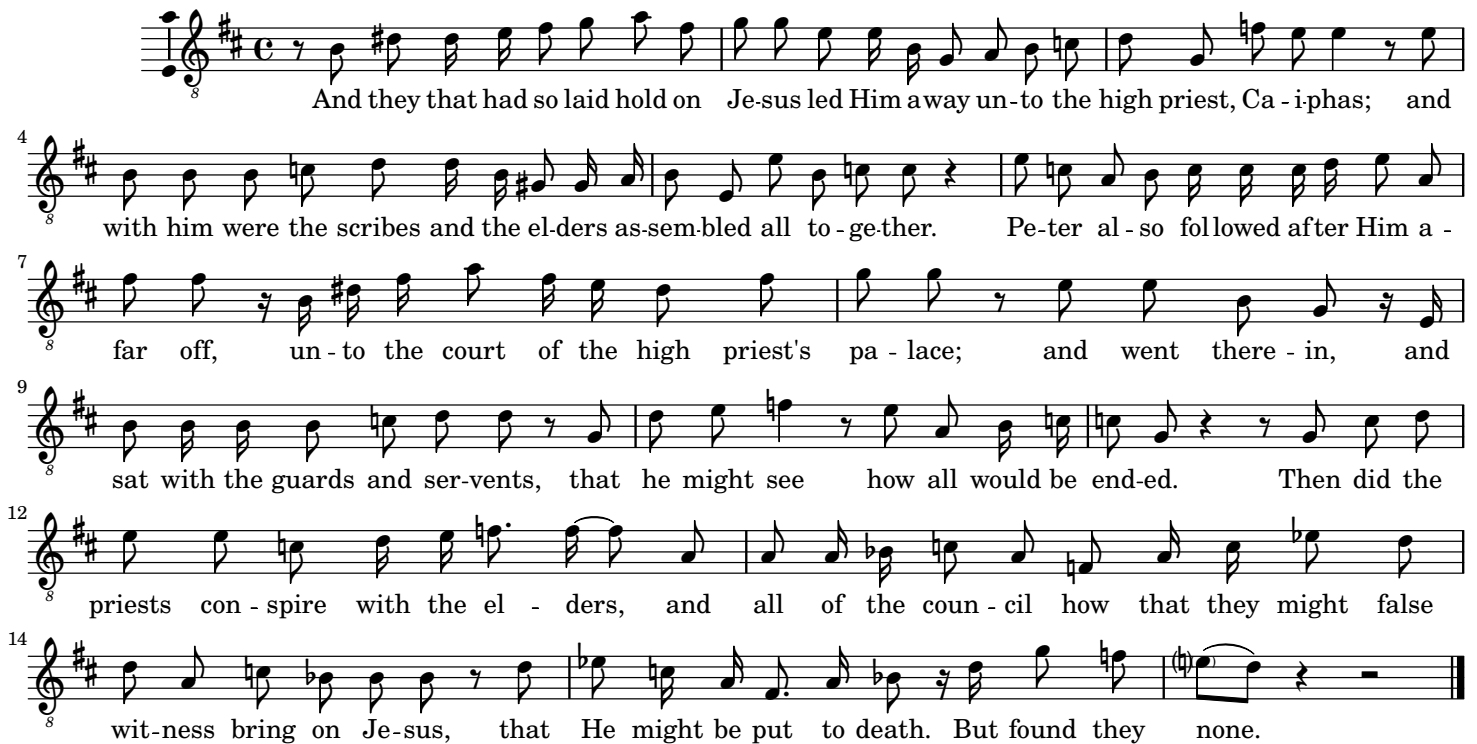
J.S. Bach

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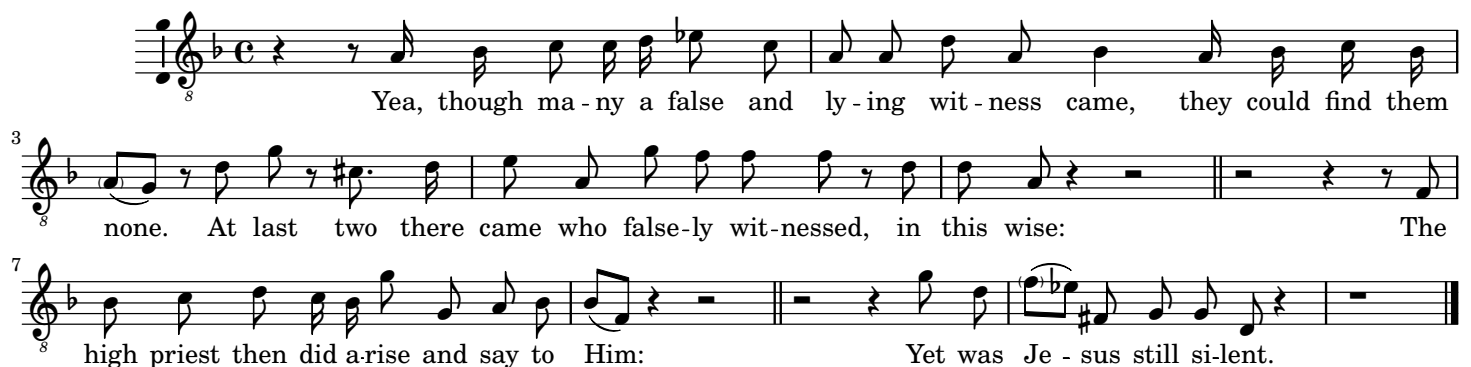
Be - hold then! One of His dis-ci - ples which were there with
Je - sus, draw-ing his sword forth, he struck the high priest's ser-vent, and smote off his
ear. Then said Je - sus to him: In that same hour Je-sus said to the
peo-ple: And then all the di - ci - ples for-sook Him, and fled.

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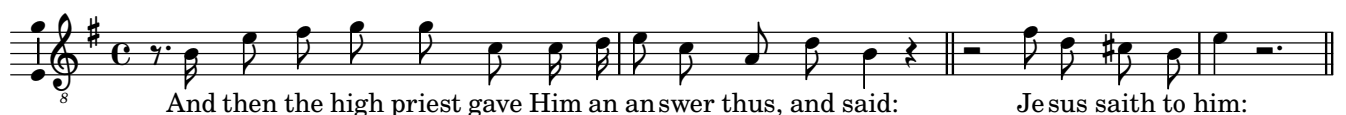
And they that had so laid hold on Je-sus led Him away un-to the high priest, Ca - iphas; and
with him were the scribes and the el-ders as-sem-bled all to-ge-ther. Pe-ter al-so followed after Him a -
far off, un-to the court of the high priest's pa - lace; and went there - in, and
sat with the guards and ser-vents, that he might see how all would be end-ed. Then did the
priests con - spire with the el - ders, and all of the coun - cil how that they might false
wit-ness bring on Je-sus, that He might be put to death. But found they none.

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Yea, though ma - ny a false and ly - ing wit - ness came, they could find them
none. At last two there came who false-ly wit-nessed, in this wise: The
high priest then did a-rise and say to Him: Yet was Je - sus still si-lent.

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And then the high priest gave Him an answer thus, and said: Jesus saith to him:

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There upon the high priest tore his robes asunder, and said: They answered to him and said:

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Then mocked they at Him, and they spat on Him, and struck Him with their
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8 fists. Oth-ers a-mong them smote and slapped Him in His face. and shou-ted:

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Peter sat outside in the palace court; and a damsel came unto him and said: But Peter de-
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8 nied it before them all, and said: And again at the palace door-way he was seen by an oth-er
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8 maid, who said to them that stood there with him: He denied it a second time; and swore an
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8 oath: And in a lit-tle while came others who had been standing beside him, and said to Peter:

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But still did he de-ny with curs-ing and with swear-ing: Im -
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8 me-diate crew the cock. Then Pe-ter brought to mind the words of Je-sus, which
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8 said un-to him: Ere yet the cock crow - eth, wilt thou have thrice de-nied Me. And
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8 he went out, and we - - - - - pt bit - ter-ly.

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Now when the morn-ing came, all the chief priests gath-ered with the
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8 el - ders of the peop - ple to plot ag-ainst Je - sus, that they might kill Him.
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8 And when they had bound Him, they led Him a-way, and de-liv-ered Him to the court of the

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8 gov - er - nor, Pon - tious Pi - late. When, there - fore, Ju - das the same who had be -
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8 trayed Him saw Je - sus condemned to death he repented of him - self, and brought once again the thir - ty
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8 sil - ver pie - ces to the high priests and the eld - ers, and said: They said:

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8 Then he cast the sil - ver pieces in the temple, and turned a - way, and went out; and he
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8 hanged him - self. And when the priests had gathered all of the sil - ver pieces, they said

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8 Je - sus therefore stood before the governor; and the gov - er - nor asked Him, and said:
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8 Je - sus an - swered un - to him: But when He was accused when the priests and eld - ers ac -
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8 cused Him He an - swered noth - ing. Then Pi - late said un - to Him: And He
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8 an - swered him to nev - er a word, not one in - so - much that the gov - er - nor mar - velled great - ly.

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8 Now up - on that feast the gov - er - nor was accustomed to release thereon one prisoner un - to
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8 them, whom - ev - er they want - ed. Now at that time, and a - mong the oth - er prisoners, was a
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8 most notor - ious man, whose name was Barabas. And when they were gathered to - gether, Pilate said unto them.
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8 For he knew full well that it was for en - vy that He had been de - livered. And while he
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8 sat on the judge - ment seat, then did his wife send him a mes - sage, say - ing:
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8 Still did the high priests argue, and the eld - ers, falsely to inflame the people, that thereby Barabas be re -

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8 leased, and that Je-sus be cru-cified. And the governor again returned to the people, and asked them:
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8 They shouted: Then Pilate said unto them: Again they shouted:

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The gov-ernor answered:

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But cry-ing out all the more, they shout-ed: When
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8 Pi-late, there-fore, had seen he pre-vail-ed noth-ing, but that rath-er a-rose a
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8 to-mult, he took wa-ter, and washed his hands be-fore them all and said: Then to-
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8 gether all the people an-swered, and said: And Pi-late then set Ba-rabbas free, but
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8 Je-sus he had scourged; and then he de-li-vered Him, that they might cru-ci-fy Him.

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The guards of the gov-er-nor came, and they took Je-sus to the com-mon
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8 hall, and ga-thered a-round him all the sol-dier band And then they did
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8 strip Him, and brought a scarlet robe and put it on Him; and platted Him a crown of thorns, and put it upon His
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8 head, and a reed in His right Hand; and bowed the knee be-fore Him low, and mocked at him and
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8 said: And they spat up-on His face and took the reed, and smote Him up-on His head.

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And af-ter they had mocked Him thus, they took off from Him the scar-let

3 robe, and clothed Him again in His own raiment, and led Him a - way that He be cru - cified. ♩ = 30

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8 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness o-ver all the land, un-til the ninth hour.

5 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried aloud, and said: That is: My God, My

11 God, Ah, why why has Thou for-saken Me? Some of them who stood and watched Him, when they had

14 heard Him, turned and said: And straight-way one of them did run, and took a sponge; and

17 fill-ing the sponge with vin-e-gar, he put it up-on a reed, and gave Him to drink. The

20 oth-ers spoke a-mong them: And a-gain did Je-sus cry a-loud, and was gone.

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8 And then be - hold! The veil of the tem - ple was rend - ed in twain

3 all from the top un-to the ground. And there came a great earth-quake, and the rocks burst a -

6 sun-der, and the graves were o-pened a-gain, and there rose ma - ny saints and the

9 ho-ly ones that were slee - ping; and came from out the graves af-ter Je-sus' re-sur -

12 rec-tion, and went in-to the Ho - ly Ci - ty, and appeared to ma - ny. Now, when the cap-tain, and the

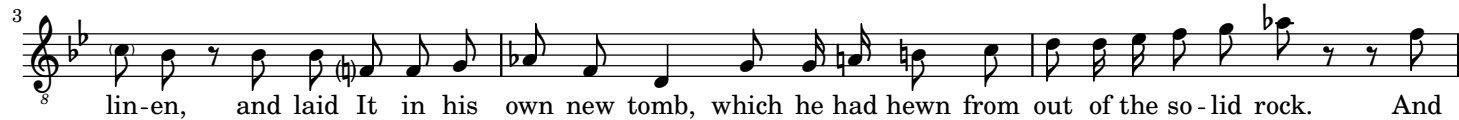
15 oth-ers with him who were watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they

18 trem-bled great-ly, and said At ev-en-tide there came a weal-thy man from A - ri ma

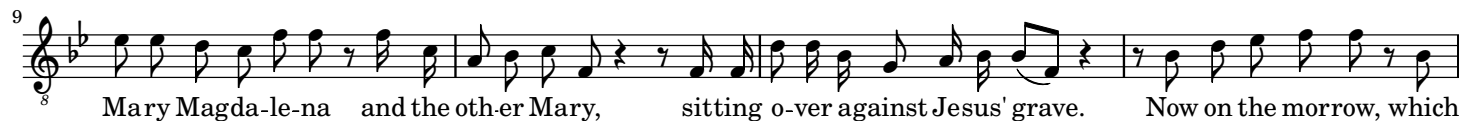
21 the - a by name Jos-eph, who was al-so one of Je-sus' dis-ci-ples. He went unto Pi-late, and begged of

24  him the bo - dy of Je - sus, where - fore Pi - late com - man - ded that it be gi - ven to him.

 Then Jo - seph took the Bo - dy, and wrapped it in a cloth of pu - rest

3  lin - en, and laid It in his own new tomb, which he had hewn from out of the so - lid rock. And

6  when he had rolled a mighty stone to the door of the tomb, he went a - way. There were al - so in that place

9  Mary Magda - le - na and the oth - er Mary, sitting o - ver against Jesus' grave. Now on the morrow, which

13  fol - lowed the day of pre - pa - ra - tion, straight - way there came the priests and the Pha - ri - sees to -

15  gether un - to Pi - late, and said: And Pi - late said to them: So they went

20  out, and they guard - ed the grave with watch - men, and they sealed up the stone.