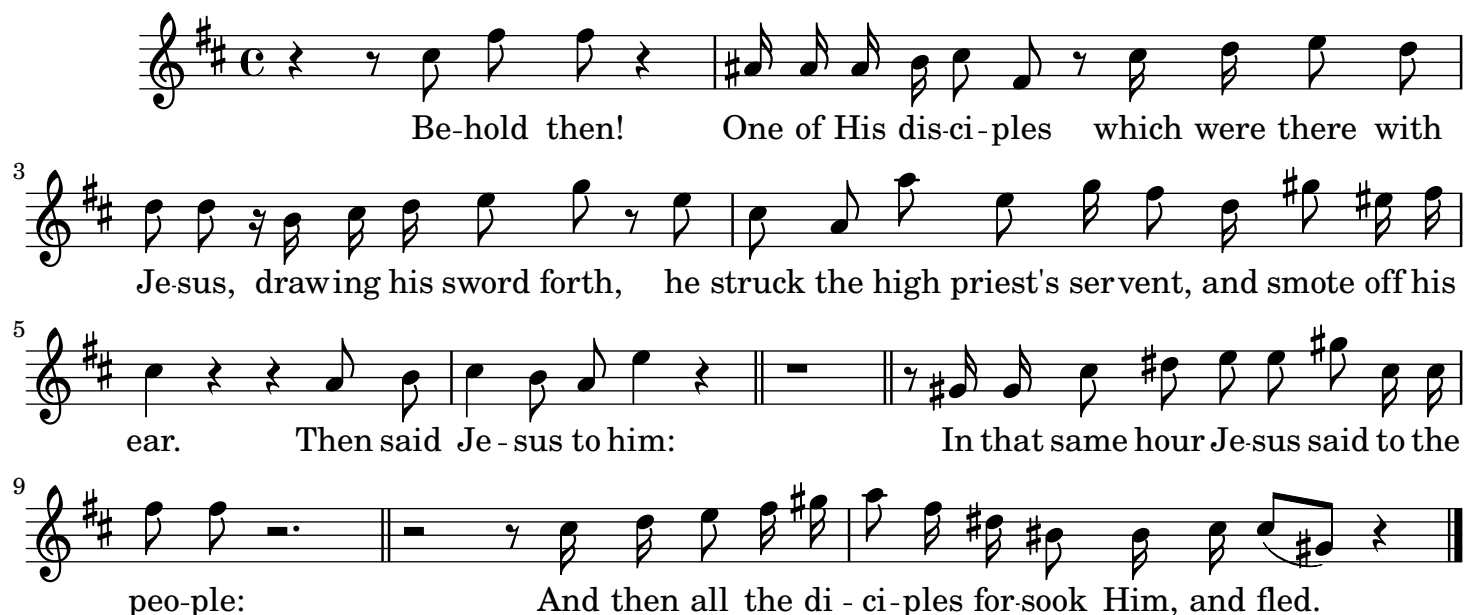


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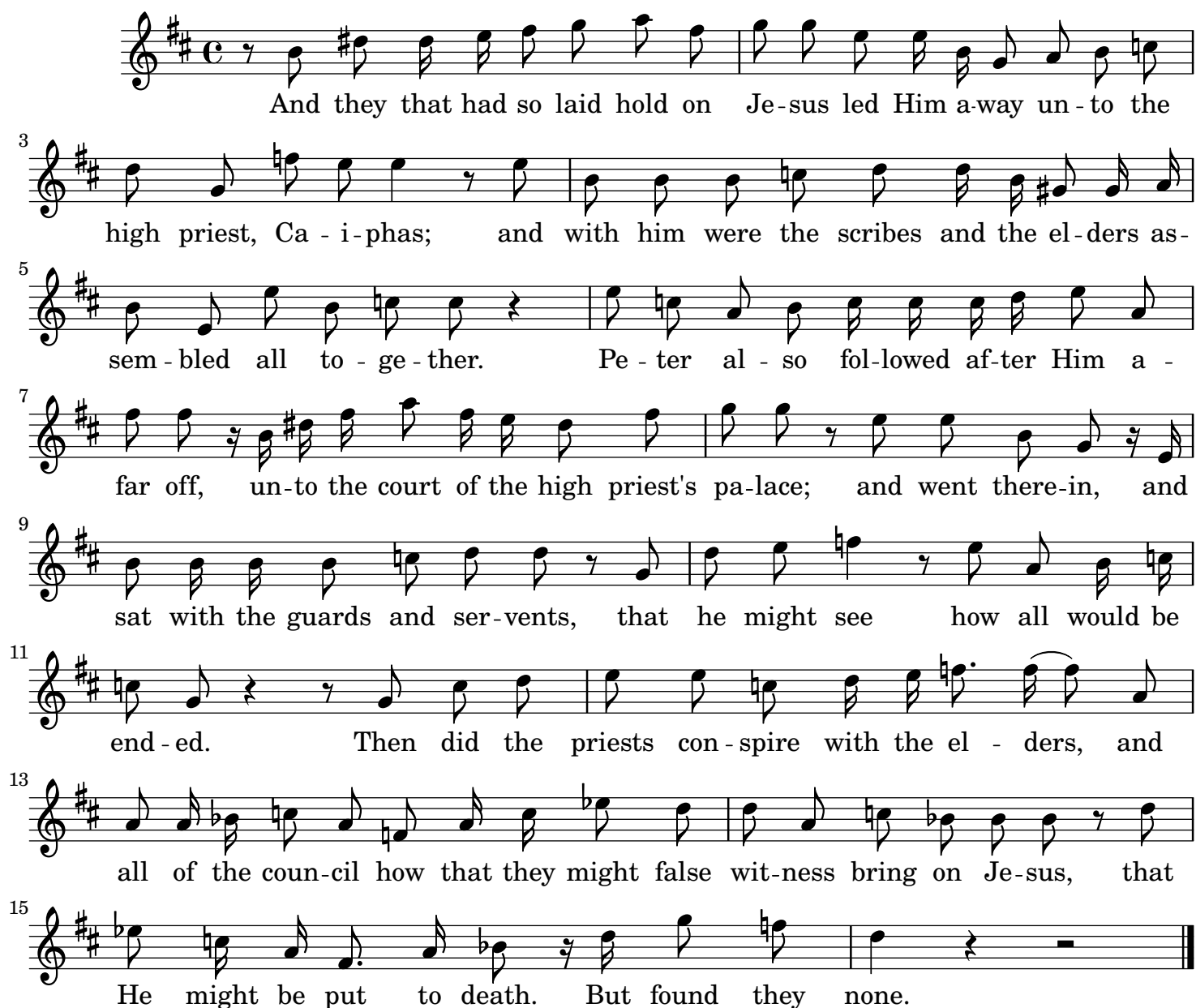
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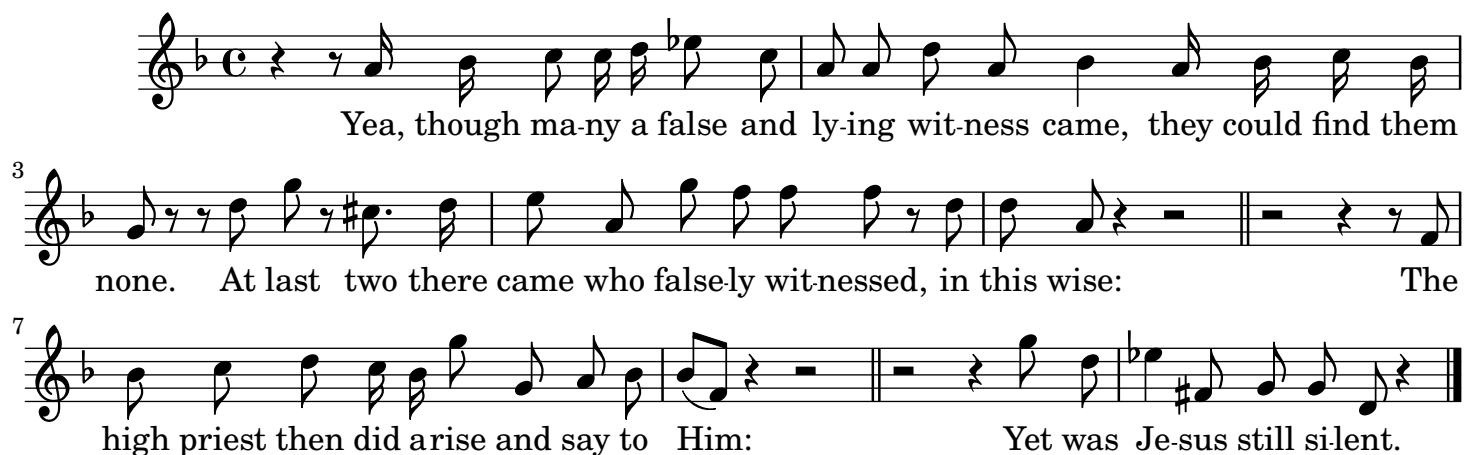


Be-hold then! One of His dis-ci-ples which were there with
 Je-sus, drawing his sword forth, he struck the high priest's servant, and smote off his
 ear. Then said Je-sus to him: In that same hour Je-sus said to the
 peo-ple: And then all the di-ci-ples for-sook Him, and fled.

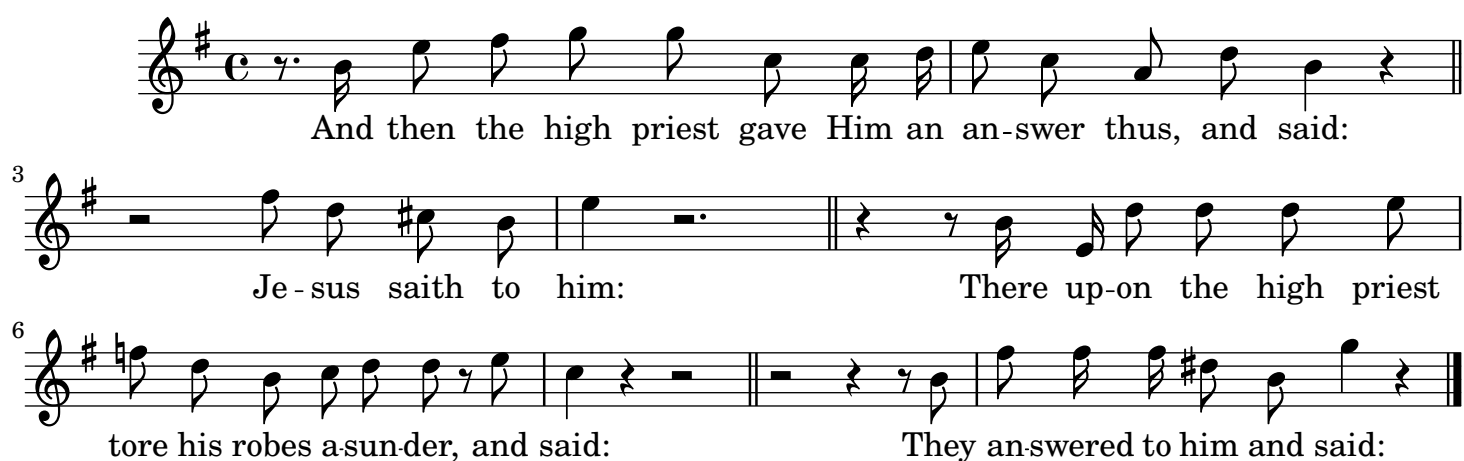
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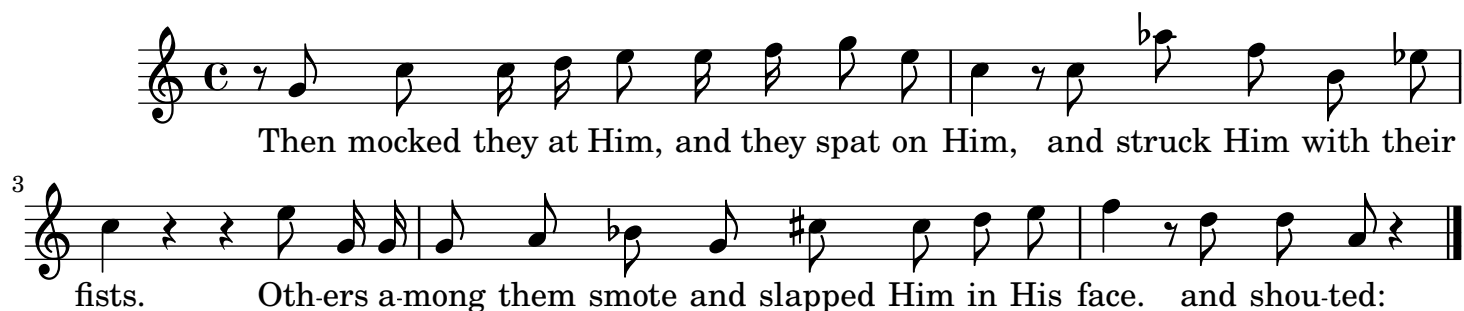
And they that had so laid hold on Je-sus led Him a-way un-to the
 high priest, Ca-i-phas; and with him were the scribes and the el-ders as-
 sem-bled all to-ge-ther. Pe-ter al-so fol-lowed af-ter Him a-
 far off, un-to the court of the high priest's pa-lace; and went there-in, and
 sat with the guards 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.



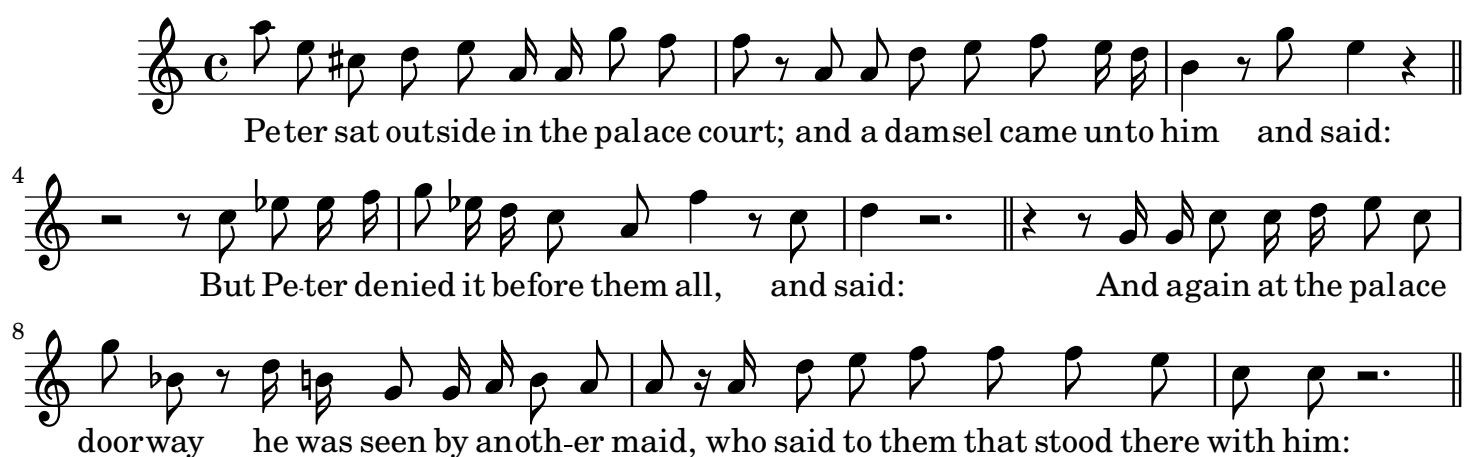
Yea, though many a false and lying witness came, they could find them none. At last two there came who falsely witnessed, in this wise: The high priest then did arise and say to Him: Yet was Jesus still silent.



And then the high priest gave Him an answer thus, and said: Jesus saith to him: There upon the high priest tore his robes asunder, and said: They answered to him and said:



Then mocked they at Him, and they spat on Him, and struck Him with their fists. Others among them smote and slapped Him in His face. and shouted:



Peter sat outside in the palace court; and a damsel came unto him and said: But Peter denied it before them all, and said: And again at the palace doorway he was seen by another maid, who said to them that stood there with him:

11 He denied it a second time; and store an oath: And in a little while came
 15 oth-ers who has been stand-ing be-side him, and said to Pe-ter:

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But still did he de-ny with cursing and with swearing: Im-
 4 mediate crew the cock. Then Pe-ter brought to mind the words of Jesus, which
 7 said unto him: Ere yet the cock crow-eth, wilt thou have thrice denied Me. And
 10 he went out, and we - - - pt bit-ter-ly.

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Now when the morn-ing came, all the chief priests gathered with the
 3 el-ders of the peop-ple to plot ag-ainst Je-sus, that they might kill Him.
 5 And when they had bound Him, they led Him a -
 6 way, and de-liv-ered Him to the court of the gov-er-nor, Pon-tious Pi-late. When,
 8 there-fore, Ju-das the same who had be-trayed Him saw Je-sus con-demned to
 10 death he re-pen-ted of him-self, and brought once a-gain the thir-ty

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sil - ver pie - ces to the high priests and the elders, and said: They said:

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

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Je - sus there - fore stood be - fore the gov - er - nor; and the
gov - er - nor asked Him, and said: Je - sus an - swered un - to him:
But when He was accused when the priests and elders accused Him He answered
noth - ing. Then Pi - late said un - to Him: And He
answered him to never a word, not one in somuch that the gover nor marvelled greatly.

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Now up - on that feast the gov - er - nor was ac - cus - tomed to re -
lease there - on one pri - son - er un - to them, whom - ev - er they want - ed.
Now at that time, and a - mong the oth - er pri - son - ers, was a

7 most no-tor - ious man, whose name was Barabas. And when they were gathered to-

9 ge - ther, Pi-late said un-to them. For he knew full

11 well that it was for en - vy that He had been de - li-vered. And while he

13 sat on the judge-ment seat, then did his wife send him a mes-sage, say-ing:

15 Still did the high priests ar-gue, and the el-ders, false-ly to in-flame the

17 peo-ple, that there-by Ba-ra-bas be re-leased, and that Je-sus be cru-ci-fied.

19 And the governor again returned to the people, and asked them: They

22 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 shouted: When

4 Pi-late, there-fore, had seen he pre-vail-ed noth-ing, but that rath-er a-rose a

6 to-mult, he took wa-ter, and washed his hands be-fore them all and

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said: Then to - ge - ther all the peo - ple an - swered, and

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said: And Pi - late then set Ba - rab - bas free, but

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Je - sus he had scourged; and then he de - livered Him, that they might cru - ci - fy Him.

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The guards of the gov - ern - or came, and they took Je - sus to the com - mon

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hall, and ga - thered a - round him all the sol - dier band And then they did

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strip Him, and brought a scar let robe and put it on Him; and platted Him a crown of

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thorns, and put it upon His head, and a reed in His right Hand; and bowed the knee be -

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fore Him low, and mocked at him and said: And they spat up - on His

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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

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robe, and clothed Him a - gain in His own

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rai - ment, and led Him a - way that He be cru - ci - fied.

Now from the sixth hour there was dark-ness o-ver all the land, un-
 4 til the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried a-loud, and
 7 said: That is: My God, My God, Ah, why why has Thou for-
 11 sak-en Me? Some of them who stood and watched Him, when they had
 13 heard Him, turned and said: And straight-way one of them did run,
 15 and took a sponge; and fill-ing the sponge with vin-e-gar, he
 17 put it upon a reed, and gave Him to drink. The others spoke among them:
 20 And a-gain did Je-sus cry a-loud, and was gone.

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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
 5 earth-quake, and the rocks burst a - sunder, and the graves were opened again, and
 8 there rose ma-ny saints and the ho-ly ones that were sleep - ing; and came from

11 out the graves af-ter Je-sus' re-sur-rec-tion, and went in-to the Ho-ly

13 Ci-ty, and ap-peared to ma-ny. Now, when the cap-tain, and the

15 oth-ers with him who were watch-ing Je-sus, when they saw the earth-quake and

17 those things that were done, they trembled greatly, and said At ev-entide there

20 came a weal-thy man from A-ri ma the-a by name Jos-eph, who was

22 al-so one of Je-sus' dis-ci-ples. He went un-to Pi-late, and begged of

24 him the bo-dy of Jesus, wherefore Pi-late commanded that it be gi-ven to him.

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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

5 out of the so-lid rock. And when he had rolled a mighty stone to the door of the

7 tomb, he went a-way. There were al-so in that place Ma-ry Mag-da-le-na and the

10 oth-er Ma-ry, sitting o-ver against Je-sus' grave. Now on the morrow, which

13 followed the day of preparation, straightway there came the priests and the Pha-ri-sees to -

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geth-er un - to Pi-late, and said: And Pi-late said to

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them: So they went out, and they guard-ed the grave with

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watch - men, and they sealed up the stone.