

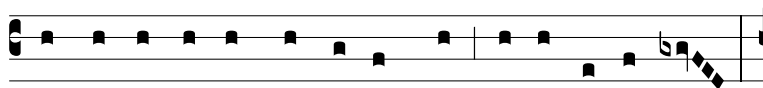
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THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

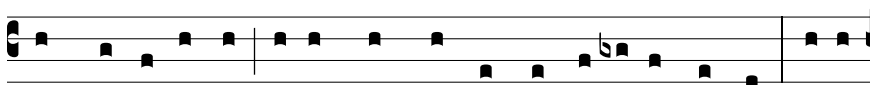
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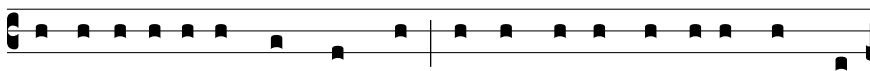
: The Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John.



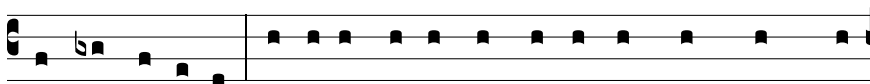
Je-sus went out with his dis-ciples across the Kidron valley to where



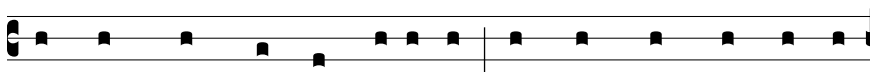
there was a garden, in-to which he and his dis-ciples entered. Judas



his betrayer al-so knew the place, because Je-sus had often met there



with his dis-ciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from



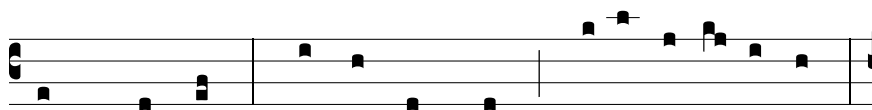
the chief priests and the Phari-sees and went there with lanterns,



torch-es, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going



to happen to him, went out and said to them, J: "Whom are



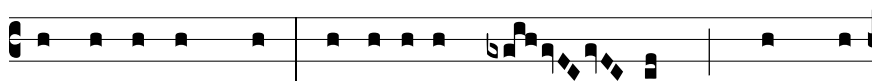
you looking for?" N: They answered him, Cr: "Jesus the Na-zorean."



N: He said to them, J: "I AM." N: Judas his betrayer was al-



so with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned a-way



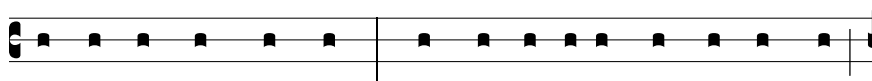
and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, J: "Whom are



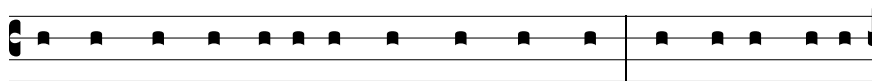
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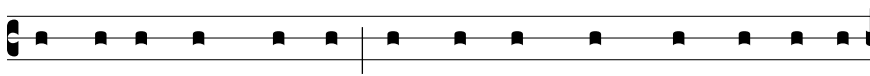
an- swered, J: "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking



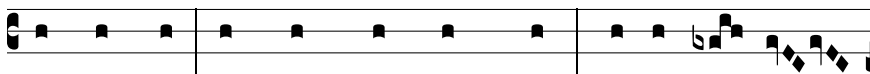
for me, let these men go." N: This was to fulfill what he had said,



"I have not lost an-y of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter,



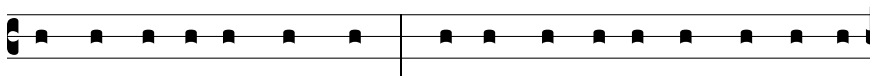
who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off



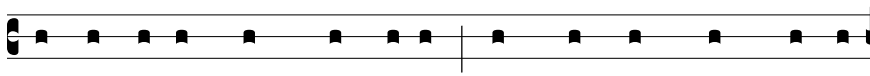
his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Je-sus said to



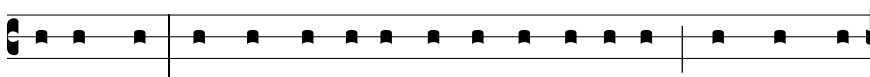
Peter, J: "Put your sword in-to its scabbard. Shall I not drink the



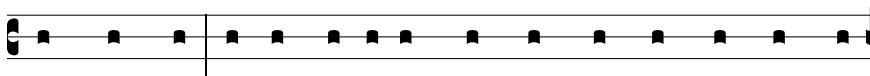
cup that the Father gave me?" N: So the band of soldiers, the tribune,



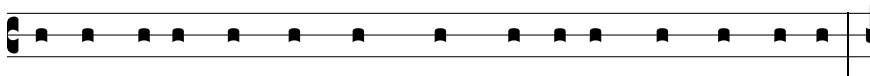
and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to



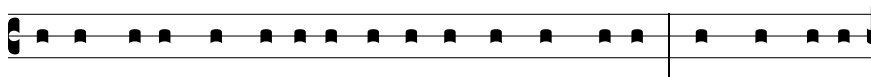
Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Cai-aphas, who was high



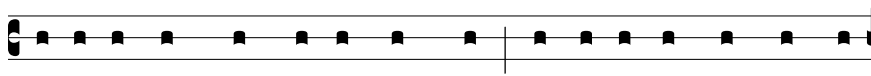
priest that year. It was Cai-aphas who had counseled the Jews that



it was better that one man should die rather than the people.



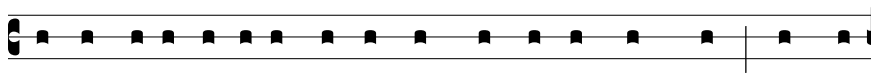
Simon Peter and another dis-ci-ple followed Jesus. Now the other



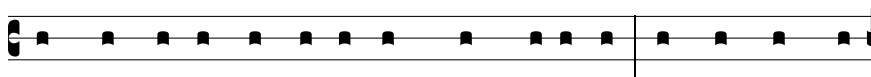
dis-ci-ple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard



of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside.



So the other dis-ciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out



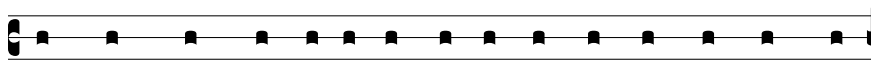
and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who



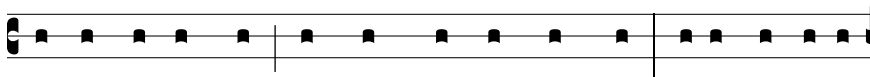
was the gatekeeper said to Peter, S: "You are not one of this man's



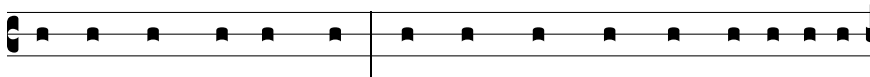
dis-ciples, are you?" N: He said, S: "I am not." N: Now the slaves and



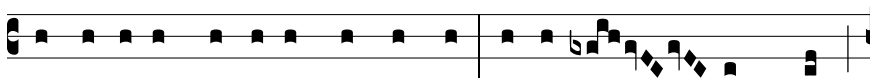
the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made,



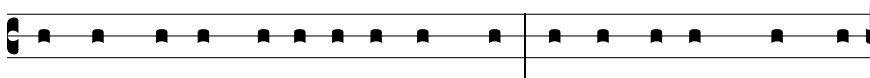
because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was al-so



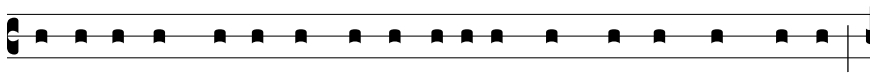
standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned Je-sus about



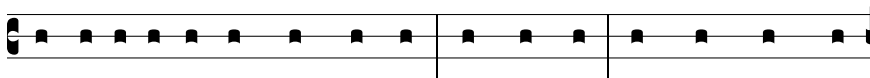
his dis-ciples and about his doctrine. Je-sus an- swered him,



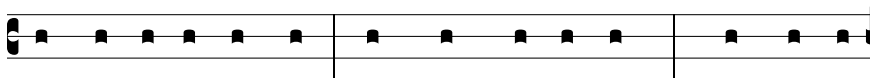
J: "I have spoken public-ly to the world. I have always taught in



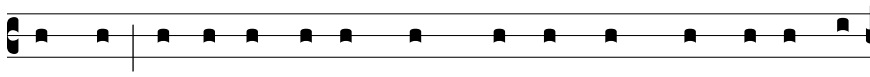
a syn-agogue or in the temple ar-e-a where all the Jews gather,



and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard



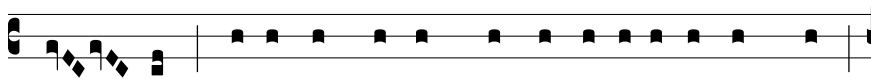
me what I said to them. They know what I said." N: When he had



said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Je-sus and



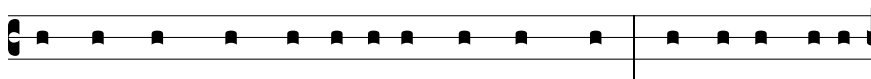
said, S: "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" N: Je-sus an-



swered him, J: "If I have spoken wrongly, tes-ti-fy to the wrong;



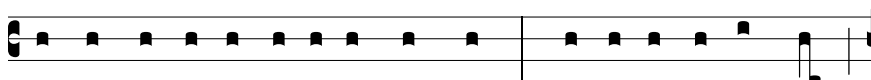
but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" N: Then An-



nas sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter



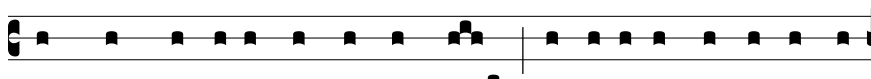
was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, Cr: "You



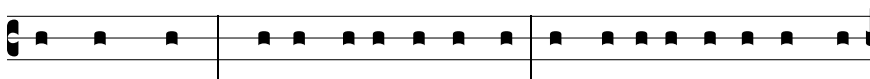
are not one of his dis-ciples, are you?" N: He denied it and said,



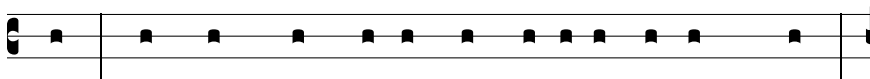
S: "I am not." N: One of the slaves of the high priest, a rel-a-tive of the



one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, S: "Didn't I see you in the gar-



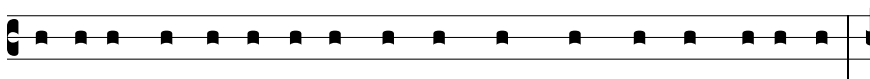
den with him?" N: Again Peter denied it. And immedi-ate-ly the cock



crowed. Then they brought Je-sus from Cai-aphas to the praetorium.



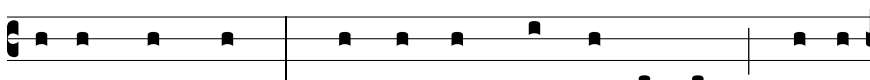
It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium,



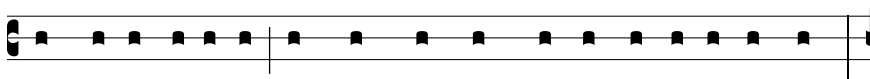
in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passo-ver.



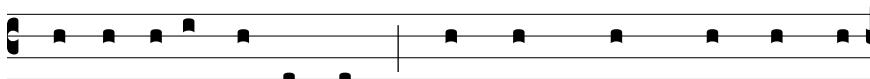
So Pilate came out to them and said, S: "What charge do you bring



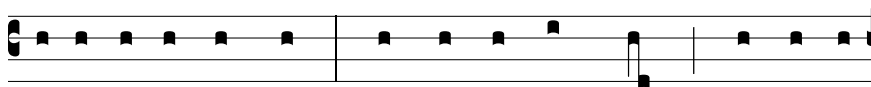
against this man?" N: They answered and said to him, Cr: "If he



were not a crimi-nal, we would not have handed him o-ver to you."



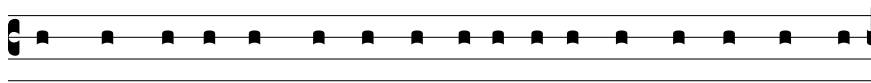
N: At this, Pilate said to them, S: "Take him yourselves, and judge him



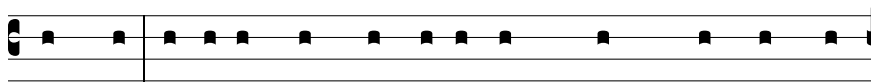
according to your law.” N: The Jews answered him, Cr: “We do not



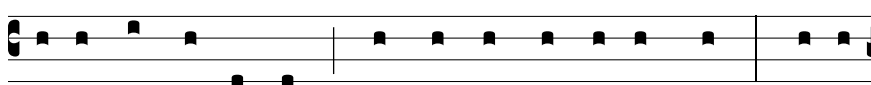
have the right to ex-ecute an-yone,” N: in order that the word of Je-



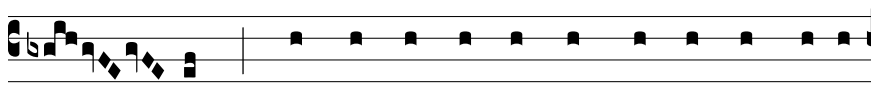
sus might be fulfilled that he said in-di-cating the kind of death he



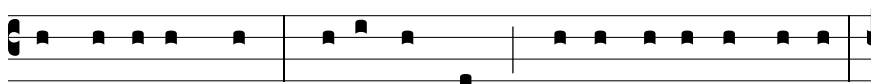
would die. So Pilate went back in-to the praetorium and summoned



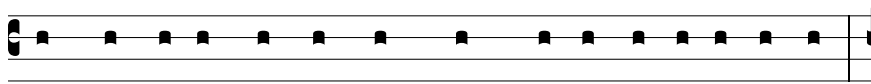
Je-sus and said to him, S: “Are you the King of the Jews?” N: Je-sus



an- swered, J: “Do you say this on your own or have others



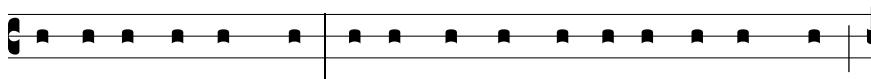
told you about me?” N: Pilate answered, S: “I am not a Jew, am I?



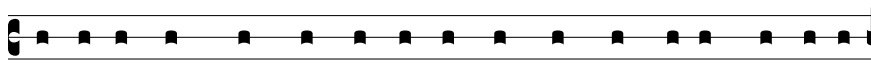
Your own nation and the chief priests handed you o-ver to me.



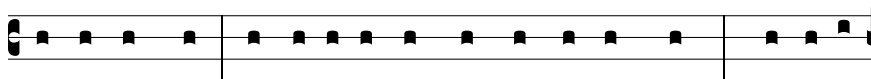
What have you done?" N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "My kingdom does



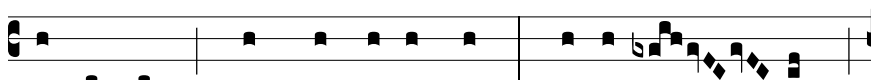
not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world,



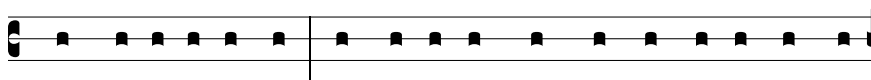
my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed o-



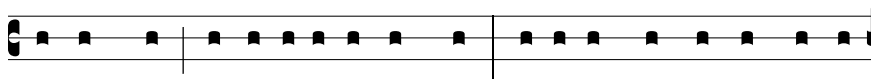
ver to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." N: So Pilate



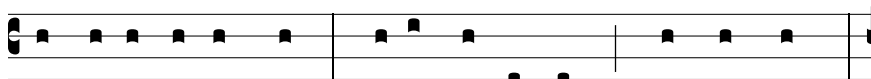
said to him, S: "Then you are a king?" N: Je-sus an- swered,



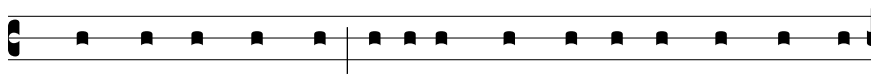
J: "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came in-



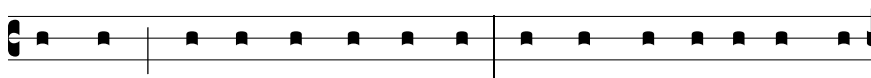
to the world, to tes-ti-fy to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the



truth listens to my voice." N: Pilate said to him, S: "What is truth?"



N: When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said



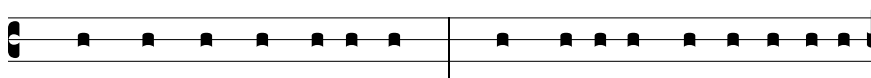
to them, S: "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that



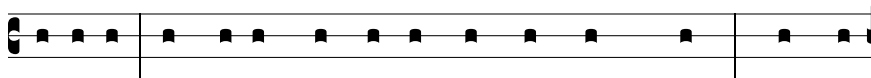
I release one prison-er to you at Passo-ver. Do you want me to



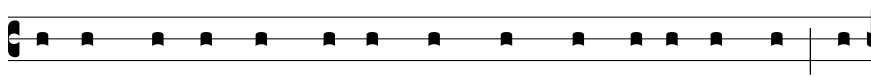
release to you the King of the Jews?" N: They cried out again,



Cr: "Not this one but Barabbas!" N: Now Barabbas was a rev-o-lu-



tionar-y. Then Pilate took Je-sus and had him scourged. And the



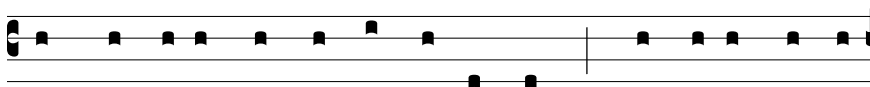
soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and



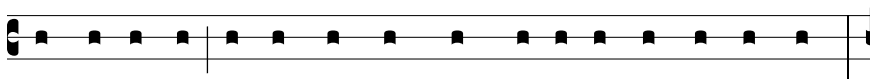
clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said,



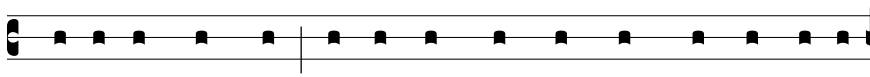
Cr: "Hail, King of the Jews!" N: And they struck him repeated-ly.



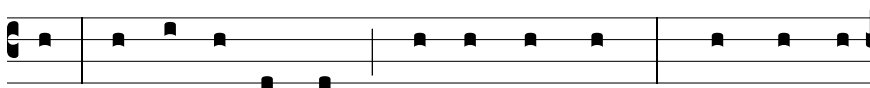
Once more Pilate went out and said to them, S: "Look, I am bringing



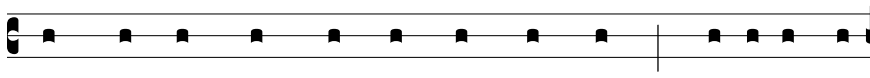
him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."



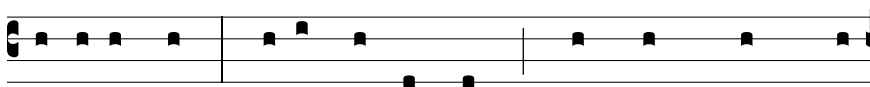
N: So Je-sus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple



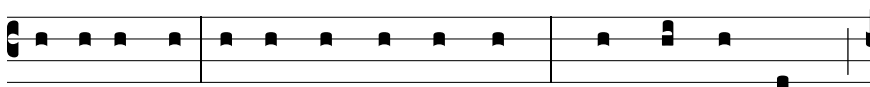
cloak. And he said to them, S: "Behold, the man!" N: When the chief



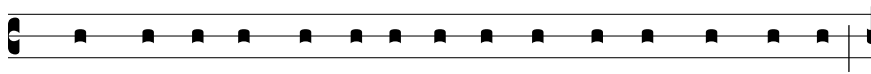
priests and the guards saw him they cried out, Cr: "Cruci-fy him,



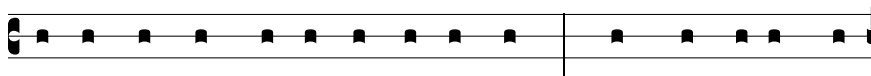
cru-ci-fy him!" N: Pilate said to them, S: "Take him yourselves and



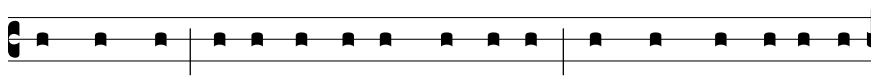
cru-ci-fy him. I find no guilt in him." N: The Jews answered,



Cr: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die,



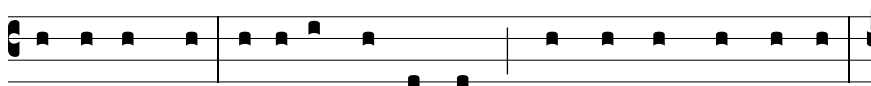
because he made himself the Son of God." N: Now when Pilate heard



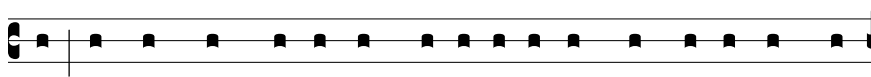
this statement, he became e-ven more afraid, and went back in-to the



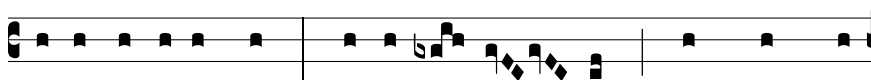
praetorium and said to Jesus, S: "Where are you from?" N: Je-sus did



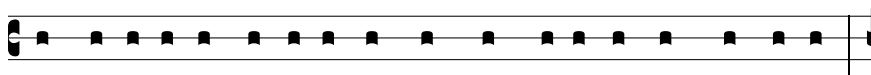
not answer him. So Pilate said to him, S: "Do you not speak to me?



Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have pow-



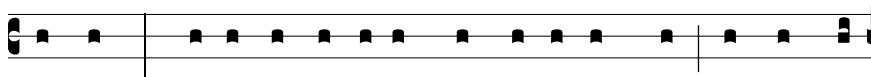
er to cru-ci-fy you?" N: Je-sus answered him, J: "You would have



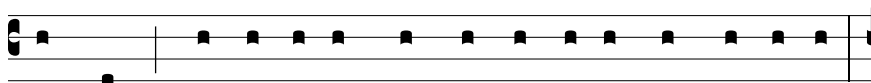
no power o-ver me if it had not been given to you from above.



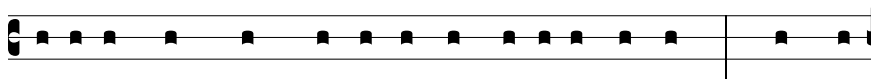
For this reason the one who handed me o-ver to you has the great-



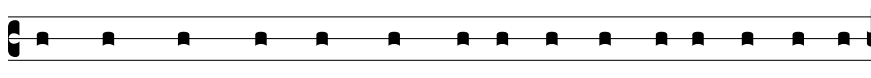
er sin.” N: Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews



cried out, Cr: “If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar.



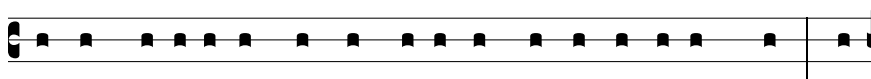
Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” N: When Pi-



late heard these words he brought Je-sus out and seated him on the



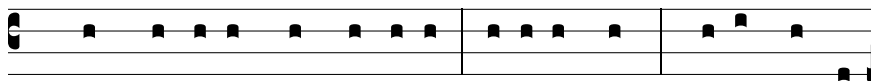
judge’s bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha.



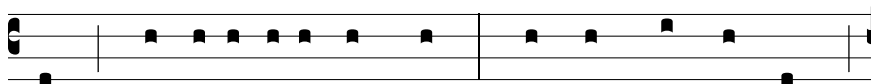
It was prepa-ration day for Passo-ver, and it was about noon. And



he said to the Jews, S: “Behold, your king!” N: They cried out,



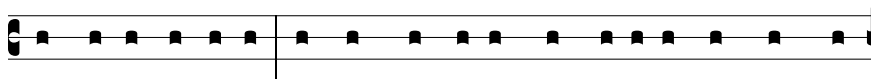
Cr: "Take him away, take him away! Cruci-fy him!" N: Pilate said to



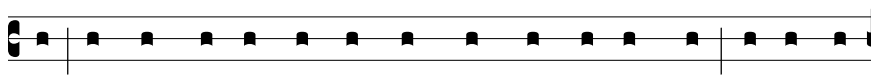
them, S: "Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?" N: The chief priests answered,



Cr: "We have no king but Caesar." N: Then he handed him o-ver to



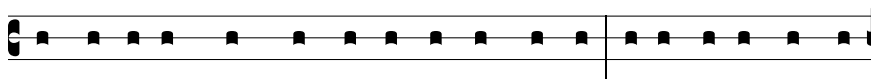
them to be cru-cified. So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross him-



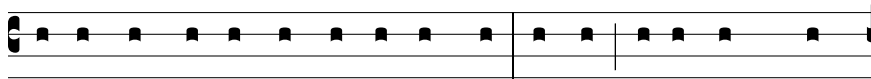
self, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew,



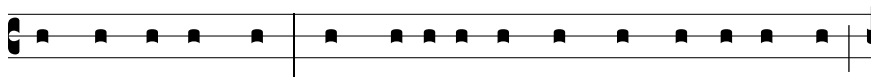
Golgotha. There they cru-cified him, and with him two others,



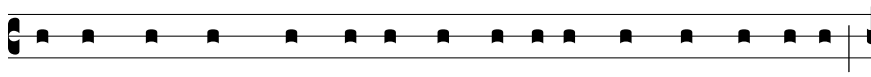
one on either side, with Je-sus in the middle. Pilate al-
so had an



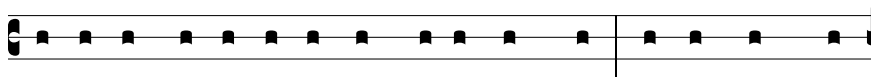
inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazorean,



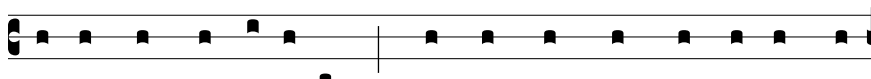
the King of the Jews.” Now many of the Jews read this inscription,



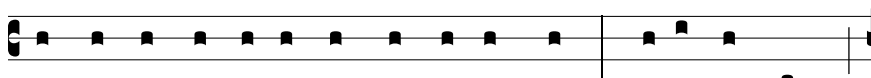
because the place where Je-sus was cru-cified was near the cit-y;



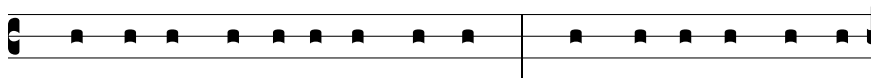
and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests



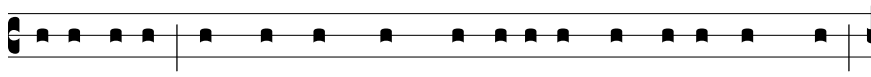
of the Jews said to Pilate, Cr: “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’



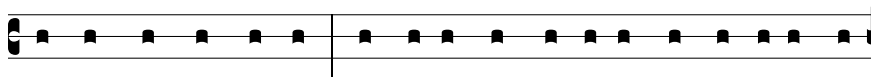
but that he said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’” N: Pilate answered,



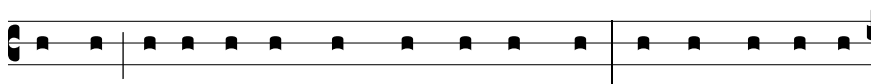
S: “What I have written, I have written.” N: When the soldiers had cru-



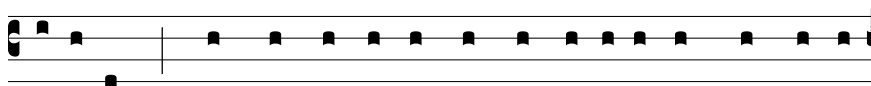
cified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them in-to four shares,



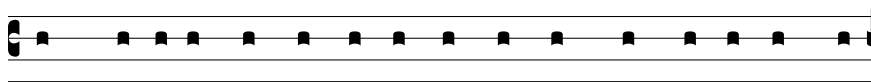
a share for each soldier. They al-so took his tunic, but the tunic was



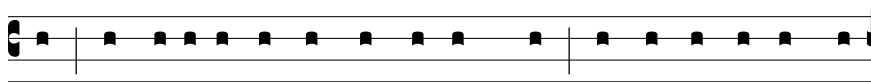
seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one



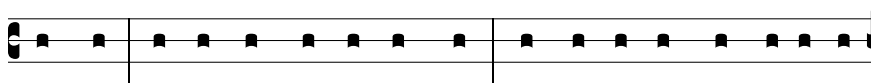
another, Cr: "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will



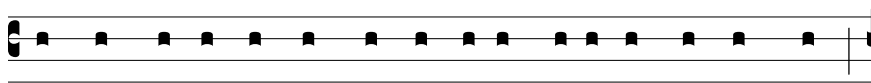
be," N: in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that



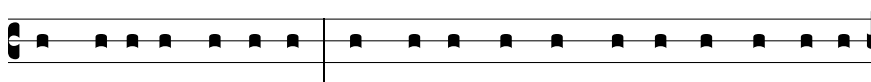
says: They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they



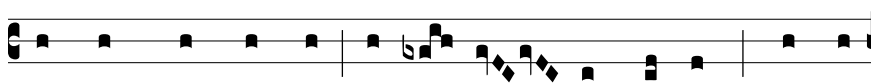
cast lots. This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Je-sus



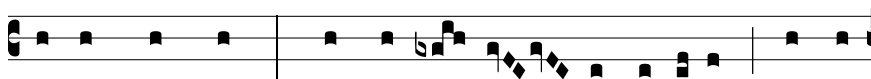
were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,



and Mary of Magda-la. When Je-sus saw his mother and the dis-ci-



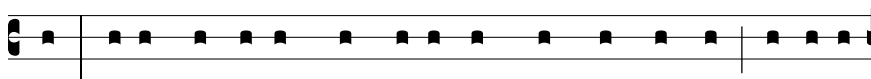
ple there whom he loved he said to his mother, J: "Woman,



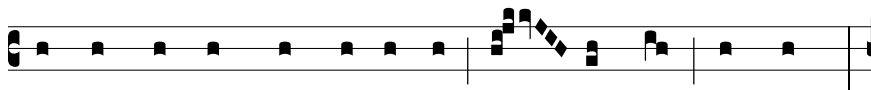
behold, your son.” N: Then he said to the dis-ciple, J: “Behold,



your mother.” N: And from that hour the dis-ci-ple took her in-to his



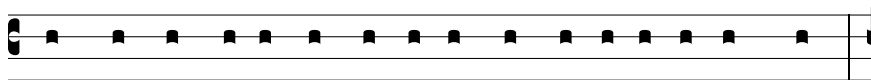
home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order



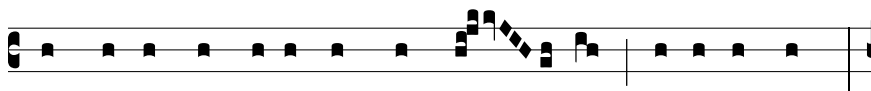
that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Je- sus said, J: “I thirst.”



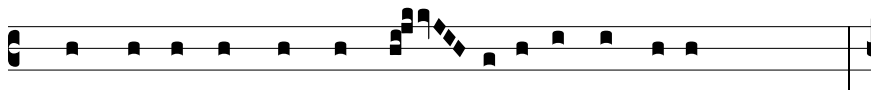
N: There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge



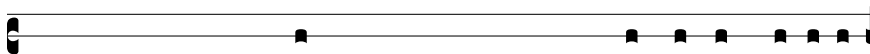
soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.



When Je-sus had taken the wine, he said, J: “It is finished.”



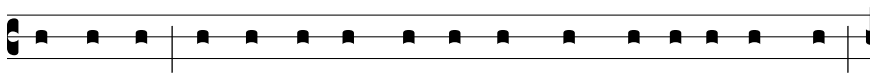
N: And bowing his head, he hand- ed o-ver the spirit.



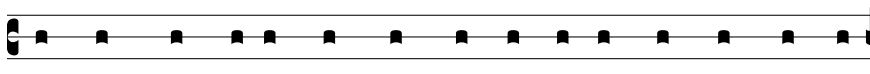
***Here all kneel and pause for a short time. Now since it was prepa-ra-



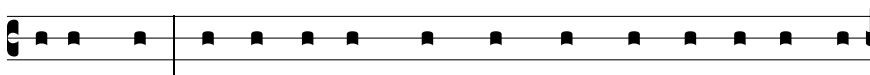
tion day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on



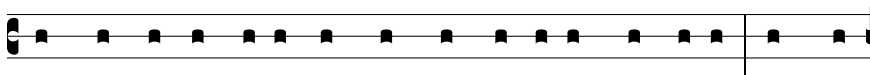
the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,



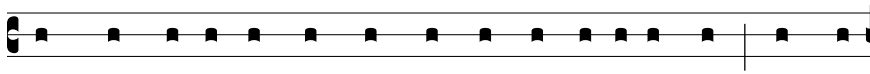
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be



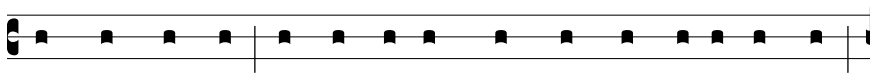
taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first



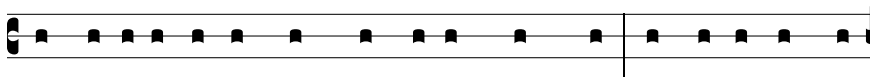
and then of the other one who was cru-cified with Jesus. But when



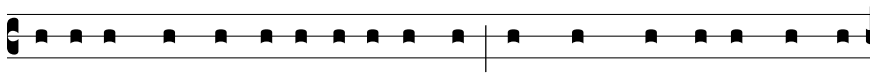
they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead, they did



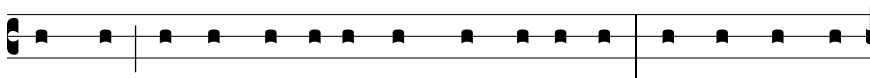
not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to his side,



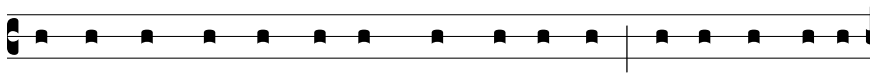
and immedi-ate-ly blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has



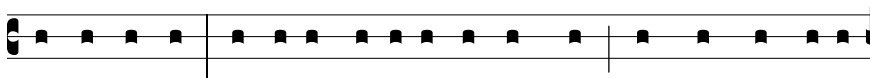
tes-tified, and his tes-ti-mony is true; he knows that he is speaking



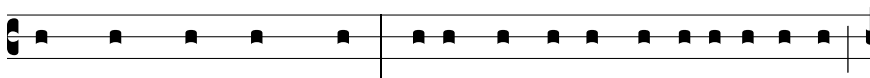
the truth, so that you al-so may come to believe. For this happened



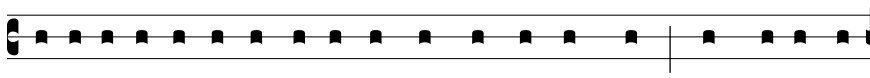
so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: Not a bone of it



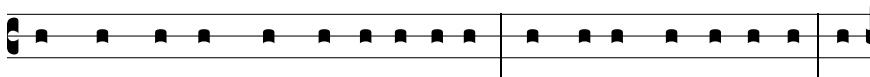
will be broken. And again another passage says: They will look upon



him whom they have pierced. After this, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a,



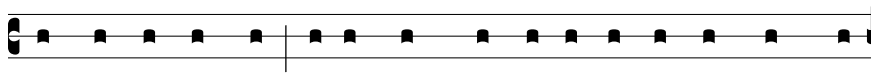
secretly a dis-ci-ple of Je-sus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if



he could remove the bod-y of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So



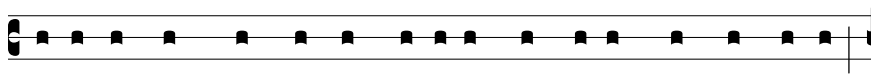
he came and took his body. Nic-o-demus, the one who had first



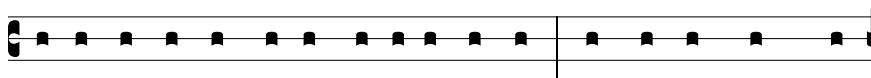
come to him at night, al-so came bringing a mixture of myrrh and



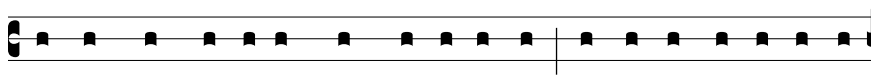
al-oes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the bod-y



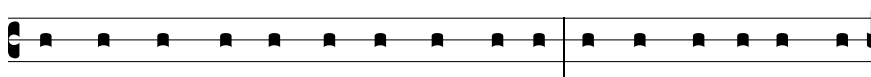
of Je-sus and bound it with bur-i-al cloths along with the spices,



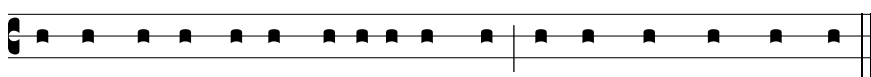
according to the Jewish bur-i-al custom. Now in the place where



he had been cru-cified there was a garden, and in the garden a new



tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Je-sus there



because of the Jewish prepa-ration day; for the tomb was close by.