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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Lk 22:14-23:56



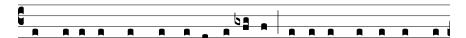
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When the ho-ur came, Je-sus took his place at ta-ble with the a-



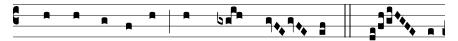
pos-tles. He said to them, J: "I have eager-ly desired to eat



this Passo-ver with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not



eat it again un-til there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."



N: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, J: "Take this



and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on



I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine un-til the kingdom of



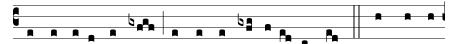
God comes." N: Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it,



and gave it to them, say-

ing, J: "This

is my body, which

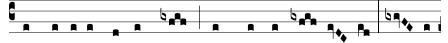


will be given for you; do this in memo-ry of me." N: And likewise

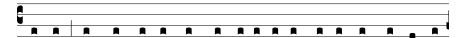


the cup af-ter they had eaten, say-

ing, J: "This cup is the



new cov-enant in my blood, which will be shed for you. And yet



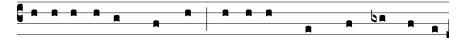
behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the



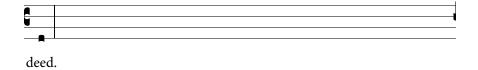
table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been de-termined;



but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." N: And they began



to debate among themselves who among them would do such a





Then an ar-gument broke out among them about which of them should



be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, J: "The kings



of the Gentiles lord it o-ver them and those in author-i-ty o-ver



them are addressed as 'Bene-factors'; but among you it shall not be



so. Ra- ther, let the greatest among you be as the youngest,



and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at



ta-ble or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table?



I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who



have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just



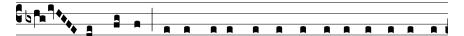
as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink



at my ta-ble in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging



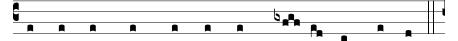
the twelve tribes of Is- ra-el.



Si- mon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you



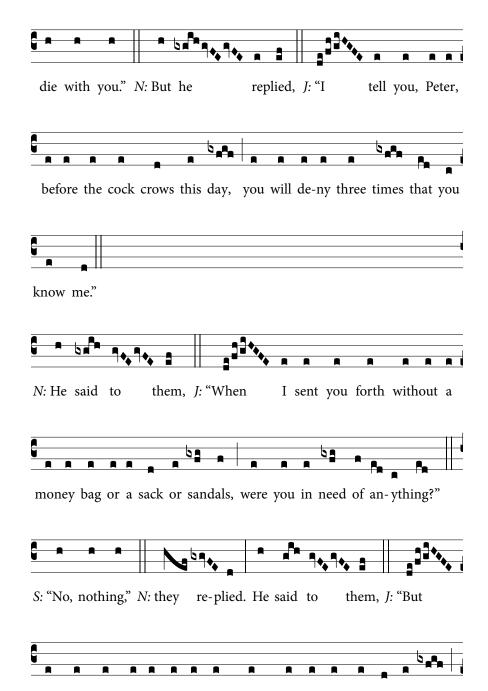
like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and



once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers."



N: He said to him, S: "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to



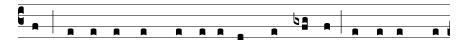
now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack,



and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and



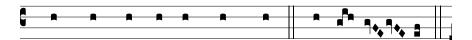
buy one. For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in



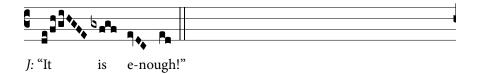
me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what

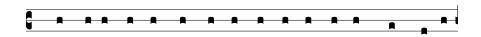


is written about me is coming to fulfillment." N: Then they said,

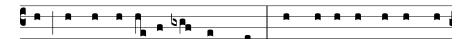


S: "Lord, look, there are two swords here." N: But he re- plied,

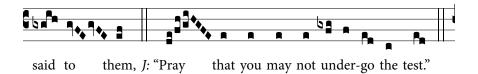




N: Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Ol-



ives, and the dis-ci-ples followed him. When he arrived at the place

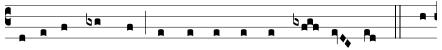




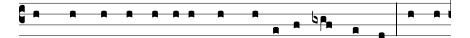
N: After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling,



he prayed, say- ing, J: "Fa- ther, if you are willing, take this



cup a-way from me; still, not my will but yours be done." N: And



to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was



in such ag-o-ny and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became



like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer



and returned to his dis-ciples, he found them sleeping from grief.



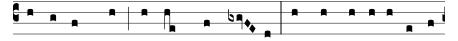
He said to them, J: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray



that you may not under-go the test."



N: While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was



one of the Twelve, a man named Ju- das. He went up to Je-sus to



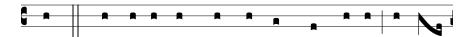
kiss him. Je-sus said to him, J: "Ju- das, are you betraying



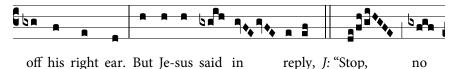
the Son of Man with a kiss?" N: His dis-ciples re-alized what was



about to happen, and they asked, S: "Lord, shall we strike with a

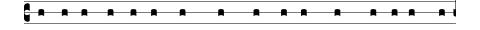


sword?" N: And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut





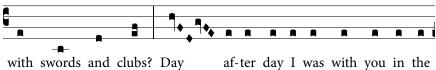
more of this!" N: Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

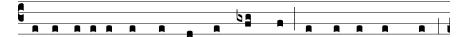


And Je-sus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who



had come for him, J: "Have you come out as against a robber,

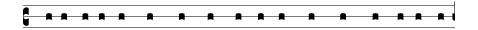




temple ar-e-a, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour,



the time for the power of darkness."



N: After arresting him they led him a-way and took him in-to the



house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit



a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter



sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she



looked intently at him and said, S: "This man too was with him."



N: But he denied it saying, S: "Woman, I do not know him." N: A



short while lat-er someone else saw him and said, S: "You too are



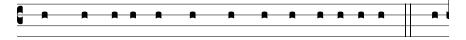
one of them"; N: but Peter answered, S: "My friend, I am not."



N: About an hour lat-er, still another insisted, S: "Assured-ly, this man



too was with him, for he al-so is a Gal-i-lean." N: But Peter said,



S: "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." N: Just



as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and



looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he



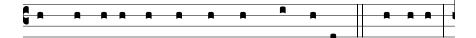
had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will de-ny me



three times." He went out and began to weep bit-ter-ly. The men



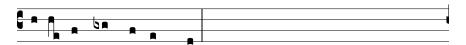
who held Je-sus in custo-dy were rid-i-culing and beat- ing him.



They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, S: "Prophe-sy!



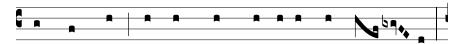
Who is it that struck you?" N: And they reviled him in saying man-



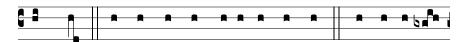
y oth-er things against him.



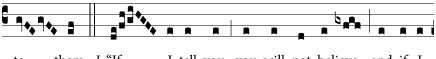
When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief



priests and scribes, and they brought him before their San- hed-rin.



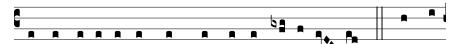
They said, S: "If you are the Messi-ah, tell us," N: but he replied



to them, J: "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I



question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man



will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." N: They all



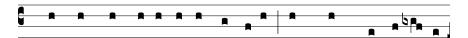
asked, S: "Are you then the Son of God?" N: He replied to them,



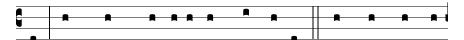
J: "You say that I am." N: Then they said, S: "What further need



have we for tes-ti-mony? We have heard it from his own mouth."



N: Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pi-



late. They brought charges against him, saying, S: "We found this man



misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar



and maintains that he is the Messi-ah, a king." N: Pilate asked him,



S: "Are you the king of the Jews?" N: He said to him in reply,



J: "You say so." N: Pilate then addressed the chief priests and



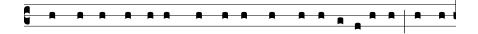
the crowds, S: "I find this man not guilty." N: But they were ad-amant



and said, S: "He is in-citing the people with his teaching throughout



all Ju-de-a, from Gal-i-lee where he began e-ven to here."



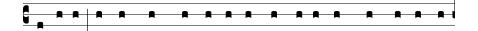
N: On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Gal-i-le-an; and up-



on learning that he was under Herod's ju-risdiction, he sent him to



Herod who was in Je-ru-salem at that time. Herod was ver-y glad to



see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had



heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign.



He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief



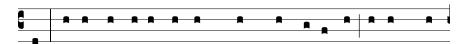
priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by ac-cusing him harshly. Her-



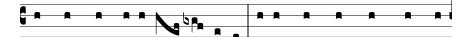
od and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him,



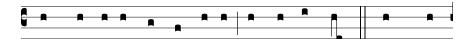
and af-ter clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pi-



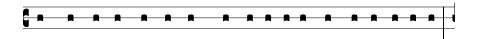
late. Herod and Pilate became friends that ver-y day, e-ven though



they had been en-emies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief



priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, S: "You brought



this man to me and accused him of in-citing the people to revolt.



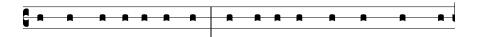
I have conducted my inves-ti-gation in your presence and have not



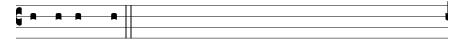
found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him,



nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no cap-i-tal crime



has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and



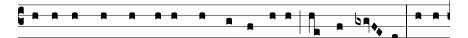
then release him."



N: But all together they shouted out, Cr: "Away with this man! Re-



lease Barabbas to us." N: Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a



re-bellion that had taken place in the cit-y and for mur-der. Again



Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they contin-



ued their shouting, Cr: "Cruci-fy him! Cru-ci- fy him!" N: Pi-



late addressed them a third time, S: "What e-vil has this man done?



I found him guilty of no cap-i-tal crime. Therefore I shall have him



flogged and then release him." N: With loud shouts, howev-er, they



persisted in calling for his cru-ci-fixion, and their voices prevailed.



The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted.



So he released the man who had been imprisoned for re-bellion and



murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Je-sus o-ver to them



to deal with as they wished.



As they led him a-way they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian,



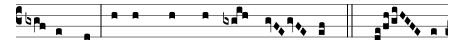
who was coming in from the country; and af-ter laying the cross on



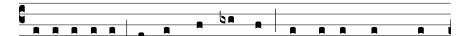
him, they made him carry it be- hind Jesus. A large crowd of peo-



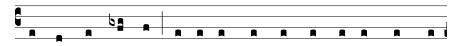
ple followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and la-



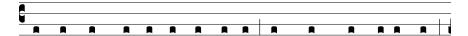
mented him. Je-sus turned to them and said, J: "Daugh- ters



of Je-ru-salem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves



and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when peo-



ple will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore



and the breasts that nev-er nursed.' At that time people will say



to the mountains, 'Fall up-on us!' and to the hills, 'Cov-er us!'



For if these things are done when the wood is green what will



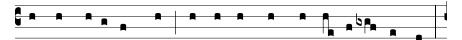
happen when it is dry?" S: Now two others, both criminals, were



led a-way with him to be ex-e-cuted.



When they came to the place called the Skull, they cru-cified him



and the crimi-nals there, one on his right, the oth-er on his left.



Then Je- sus said, J: "Fa- ther, forgive them, they know not



what they do." N: They divided his garments by casting lots. The peo-



ple stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him



and said, S: "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the cho-



sen one, the Messi-ah of God." N: E-ven the soldiers jeered at him.



As they approached to of-fer him wine they called out, S: "If you



are King of the Jews, save yourself." N: Above him there was an



inscription that read, "This is the king of the Jews."



Now one of the crimi-nals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,



S: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." N: The other, how-



ev-er, rebuking him, said in re-ply, S: "Have you no fear of God,



for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have



been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to



our crimes, but this man has done nothing crimi-nal." N: Then he



said, S: "Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom."



N: He replied to him, J: "A-men, I say to you, today you



will be with me in Par-adise."



N: It was now about noon and darkness came o-ver the whole land



un-til three in the af-ternoon because of an eclipse of the sun.



Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Je-sus cried



out in a loud voice, J: "Fa- ther, in-to your hands I commend



my spirit"; *N*: and when he had said this he breathed his last. *Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*



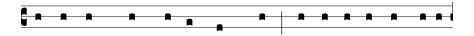
N: The centu-ri-on who witnessed what had happened glo-rified God



and said, S: "This man was in-nocent beyond doubt." N: When all the



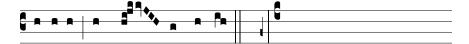
people who had gathered for this specta-cle saw what had happened,



they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances



stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from



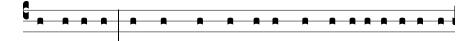
Gal-i-lee and saw these events.



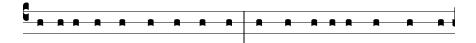
Now there was a vir-tuous and righteous man named Joseph who,



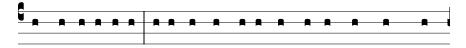
though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their



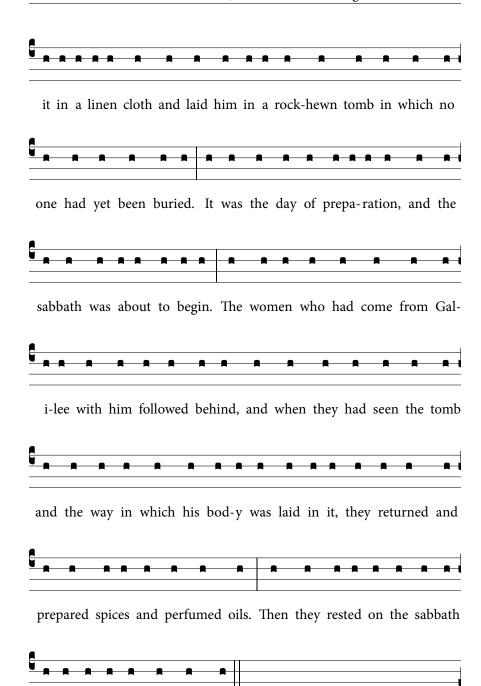
plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Ar-i-mathe-a and



was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for



the bod-y of Jesus. After he had taken the bod-y down, he wrapped



according to the commandment.



The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.