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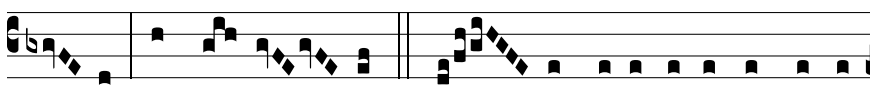
Lk 22:14—23:56



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



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



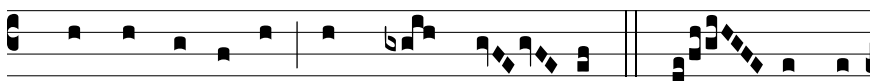
pos-tles. He said to them, *J:* "I have eager-ly desired to eat



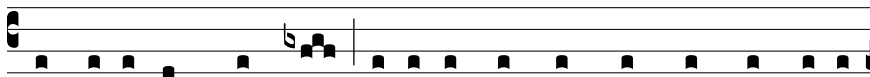
this Passo-ver with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not



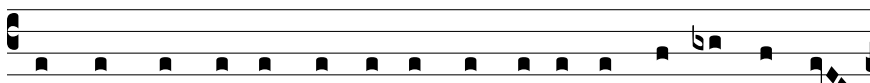
eat it again un-til there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."



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



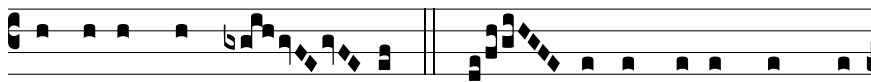
share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I



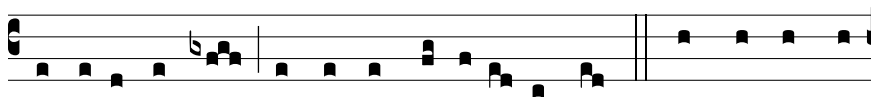
shall not drink of the fruit of the vine un-til the kingdom of God



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



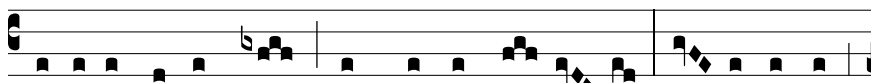
gave it to them, saying, J: "This is my body, which will



be given for you; do this in memory of me." N: And likewise the



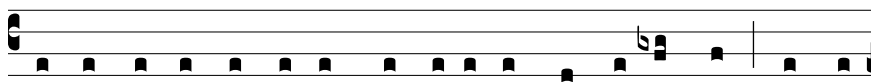
cup after they had eaten, saying, J: "This cup is the new



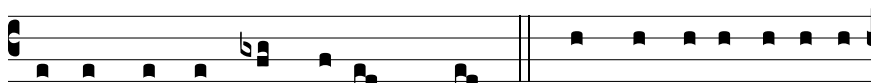
covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. And yet behold,



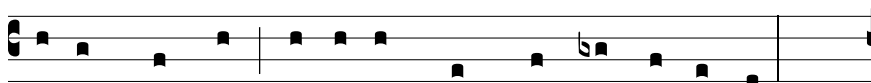
the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table;



for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; 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 deed.



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,



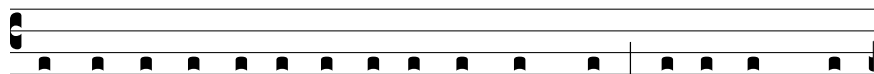
just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and



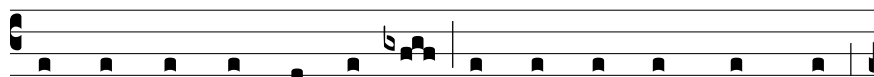
drink at my ta-ble in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judg-



ing the twelve tribes of Is- ra-el. Si- mon, Simon, behold Sa-



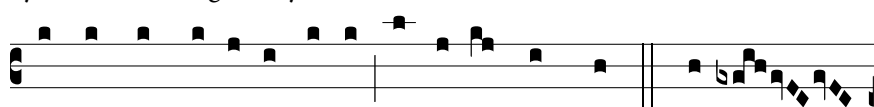
tan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed



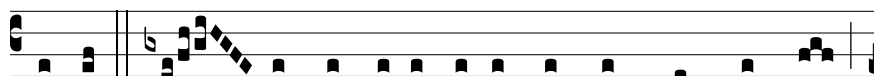
that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back,



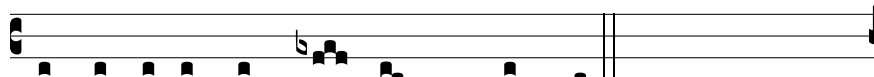
you must strengthen your brothers.” N: He said to him, S: “Lord, I



am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.” N: But he



replied, J: “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,



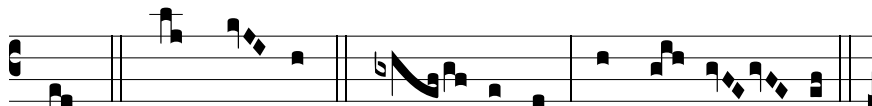
you will de-ny three times that you know me.”



N: He said to them, J: "When I sent you forth without a



money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of an-y-



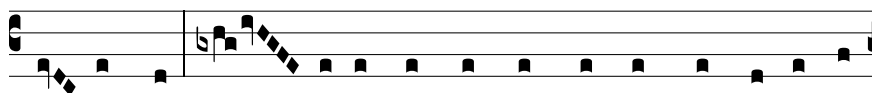
thing?" S: "No, noth-ing," N: they replied. He said to them,



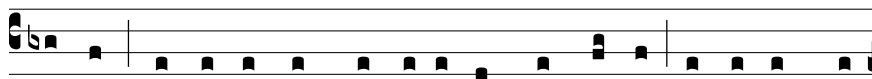
J: "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise



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



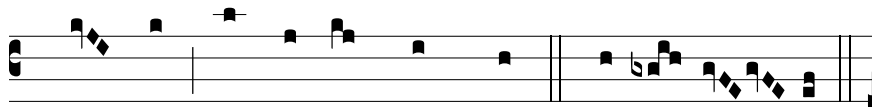
and buy one. For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled



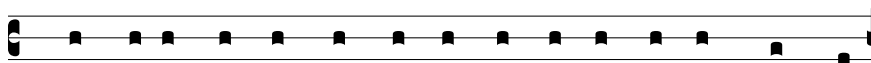
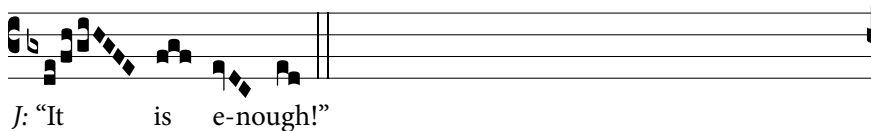
in me, namely, *He was counted among the wicked*; and indeed what



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



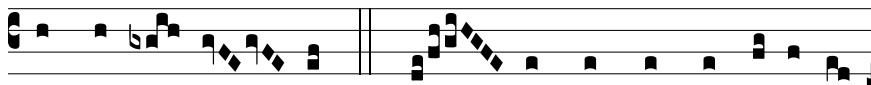
S: "Lord, look, there are two swords here." N: But he re-plied,



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



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



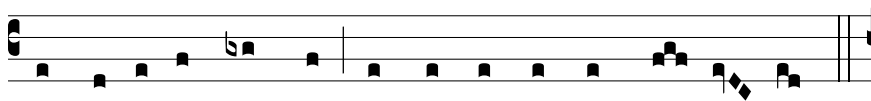
place he said to them, J: "Pray that you may not under-go



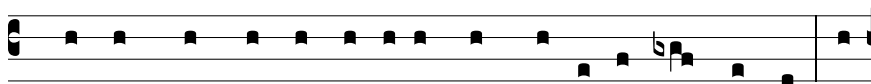
the test." N: After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and



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



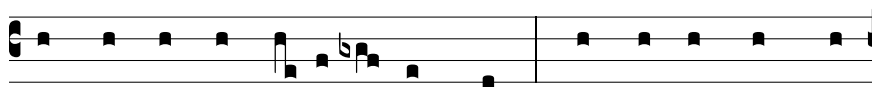
this cup a-way from me; still, not my will but yours be done."



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



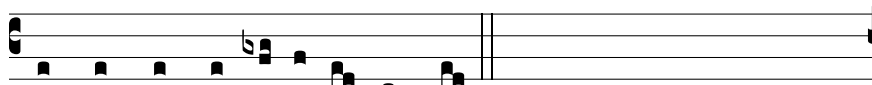
like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer



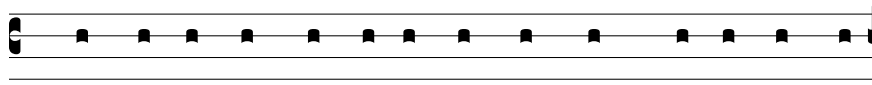
and returned to his dis-ciples, he found them sleeping from grief.



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



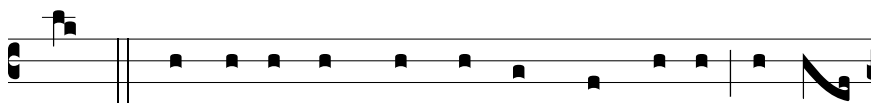
kiss him. Je-sus said to him, J: "Ju- das, are you betraying



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



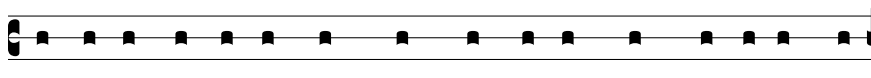
sword?" N: And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut



off his right ear. But Je-sus said in reply, J: "Stop, no



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



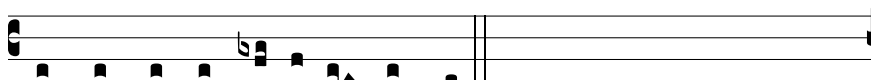
had come for him, J: "Have you come out as against a robber,"



with swords and clubs? Day af-ter day I was with you in the



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



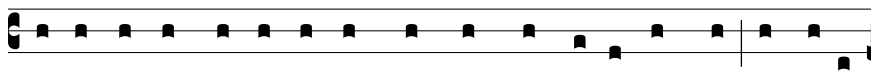
the time for the power of darkness."



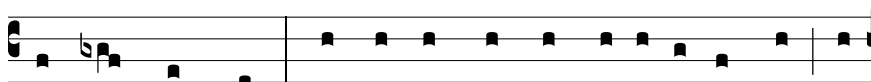
N: After arresting him they led him a-way and took him in-to the



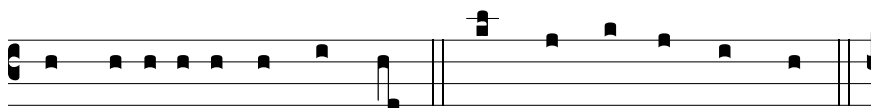
house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit



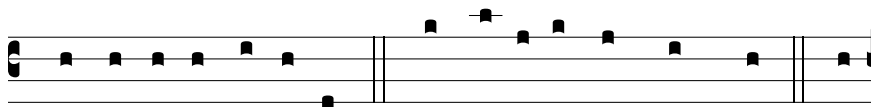
a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter



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



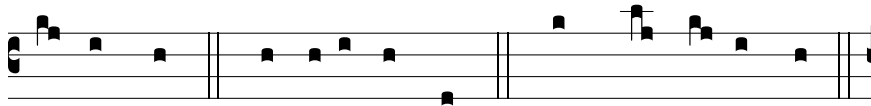
looked intently at him and said, S: "This man too was with him."



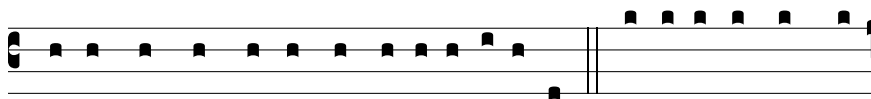
N: But he denied it saying, S: "Woman, I do not know him." N: A



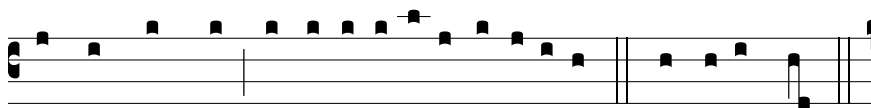
short while lat-er someone else saw him and said, S: "You too are



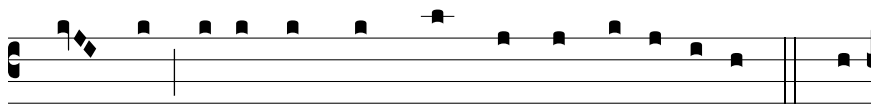
one of them"; N: but Peter answered, S: "My friend, I am not."



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



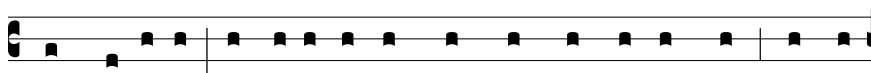
too was with him, for he al-so is a Gal-i-lean." N: But Peter said,



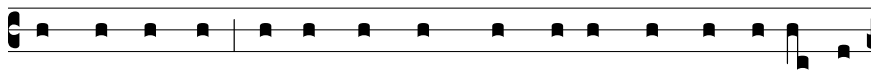
S: "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." N: Just



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



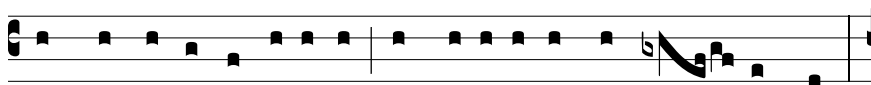
looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he



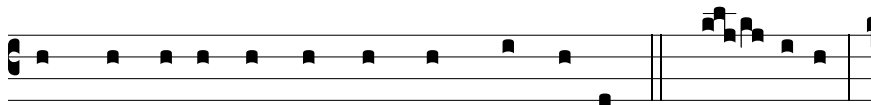
had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will de-ny me



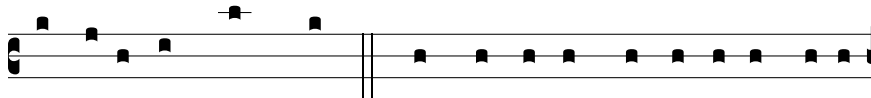
three times." He went out and began to weep bit-ter-ly. The men



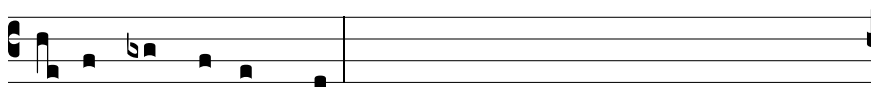
who held Je-sus in custo-dy were rid-i-culing and beat- ing him.



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



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



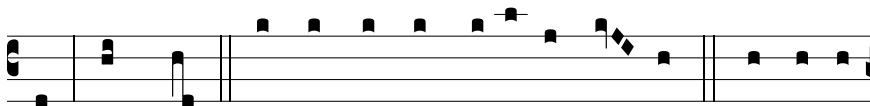
oth-er things against him.



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 re-



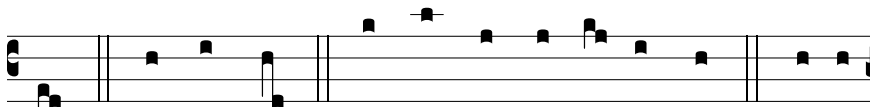
plied to them, J: "If I tell you, you will not believe,



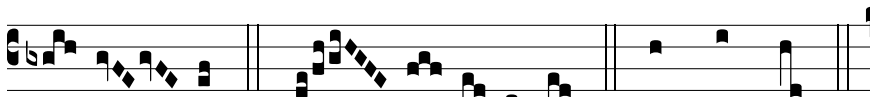
and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on



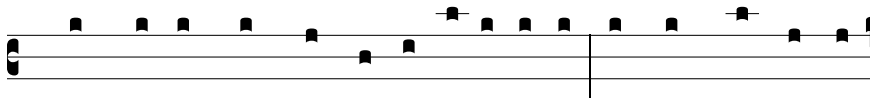
the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of



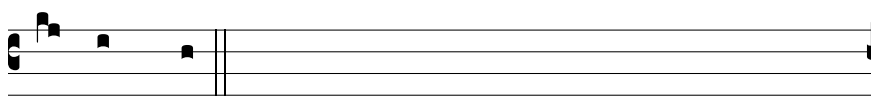
God." N: They all asked, S: "Are you then the Son of God?" N: He re-



plied to them, J: "You say that I am." N: Then they said,



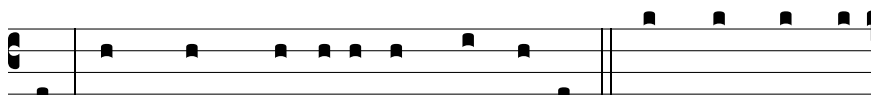
S: "What further need have we for tes-ti-mony? We have heard it from



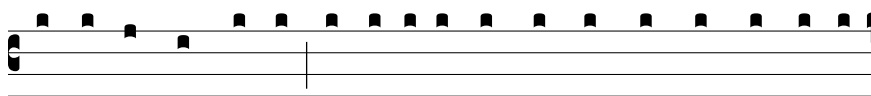
his own mouth.”



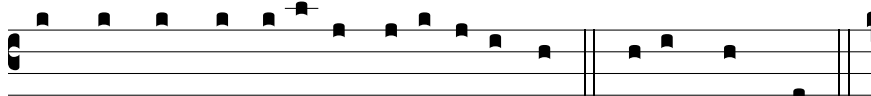
N: Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pi-



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



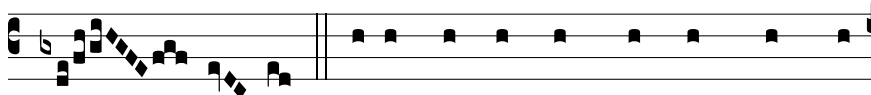
misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar



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



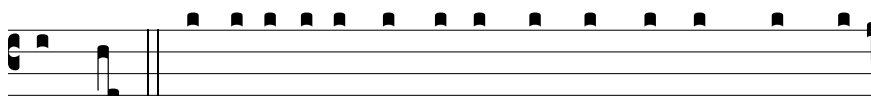
S: “Are you the king of the Jews?” *N:* He said to him in reply,



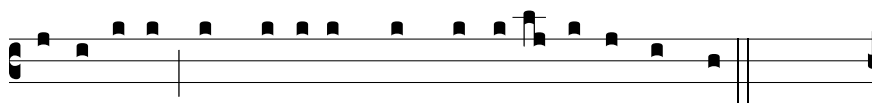
J: “You say so.” *N:* Pilate then addressed the chief priests and



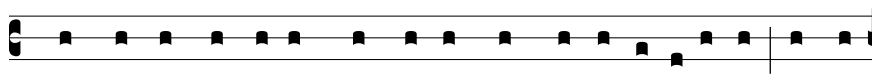
the crowds, *S:* “I find this man not guilty.” *N:* But they were ad-amant



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.”



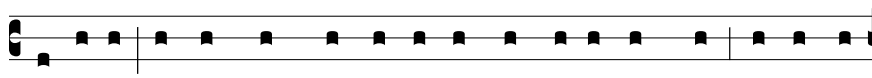
N: On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Gal-i-le-an; and up-



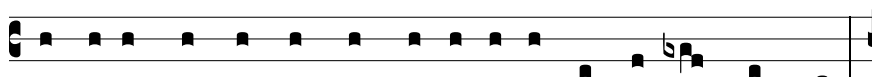
on learning that he was under Herod's ju-ris-dic-tion, he sent him to



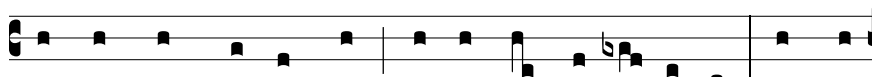
Herod who was in Je-ru-salem at that time. Herod was ver-y glad to



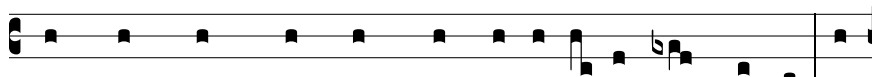
see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had



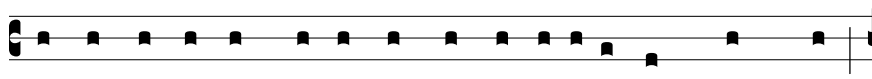
heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign.



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



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



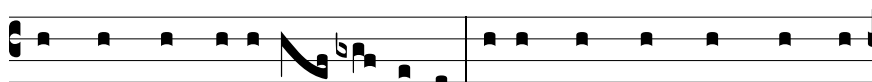
od and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him,



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



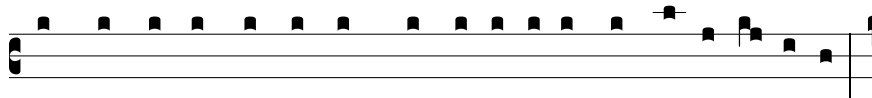
late. Herod and Pilate became friends that ver-y day, e-ven though



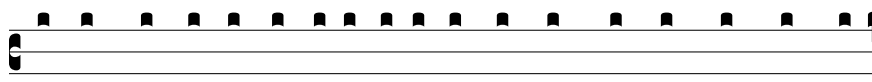
they had been en-emies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief



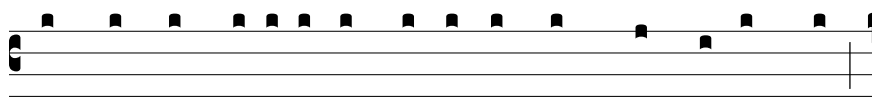
priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, S: "You brought



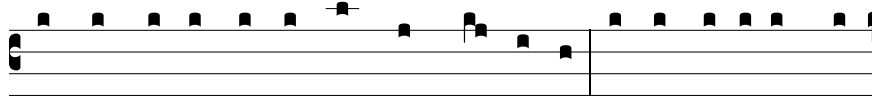
this man to me and accused him of in-citing the people to revolt.



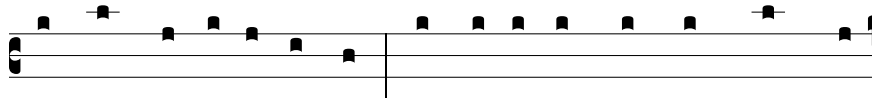
I have conducted my inves-ti-gation in your presence and have not



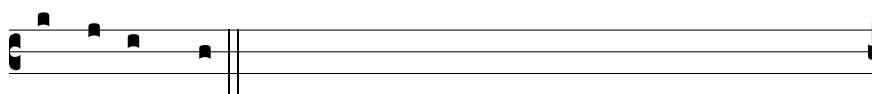
found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him,



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



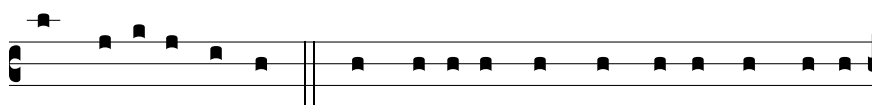
has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and



then release him.”



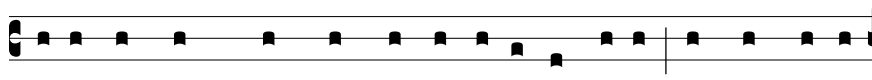
N: But all together they shouted out, *Cr:* “Away with this man! Re-



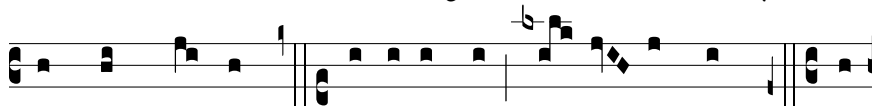
lease Barabbas to us.” *N:* Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a



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



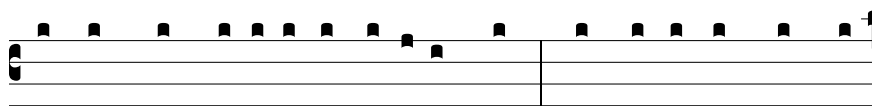
Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they contin-



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?



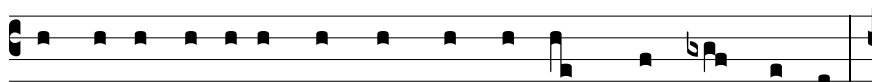
I found him guilty of no cap-i-tal crime. Therefore I shall have him



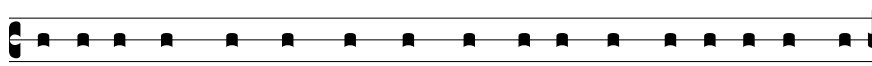
flogged and then release him.” *N:* With loud shouts, howev-er, they



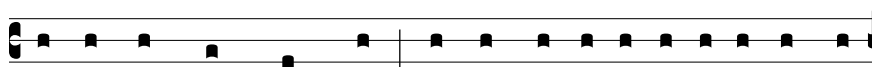
persisted in calling for his cru-ci-fixion, and their voices prevailed.



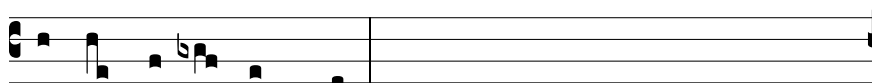
The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted.



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.



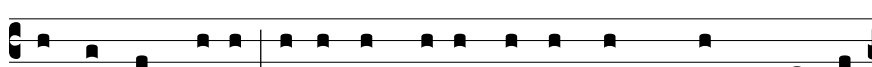
As they led him a-way they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian,



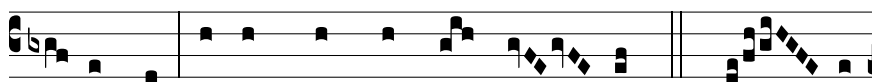
who was coming in from the country; and af-ter laying the cross on



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



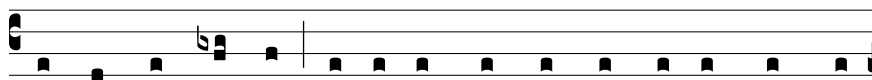
ple followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and la-



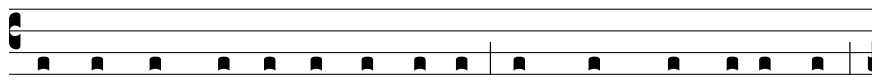
mented him. Je-sus turned to them and said, J: "Daugh- ters



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



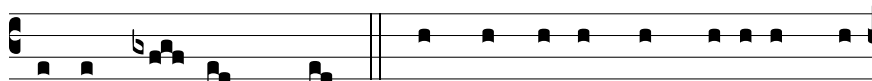
and the breasts that nev-er nursed.' At that time people will say



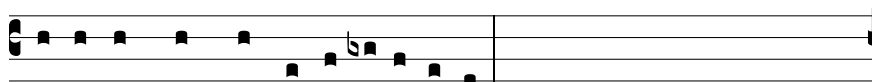
to the mountains, 'Fall up-on us!' and to the hills, 'Cov-er us!'"



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



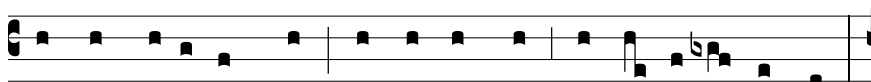
happen when it is dry?" N: Now two others, both criminals, were



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



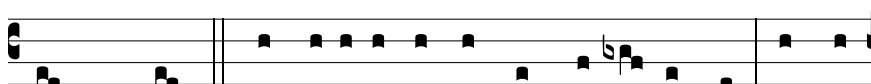
When they came to the place called the Skull, they cru-cified him



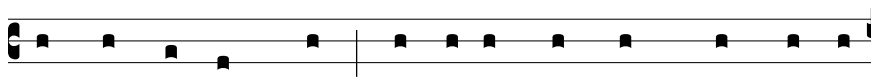
and the crimi-nals there, one on his right, the oth-er on his left.



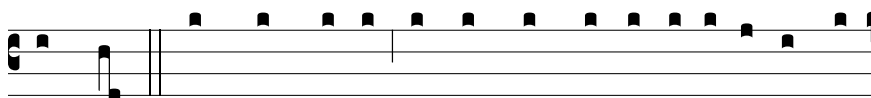
Then Je- sus said, J: "Fa- ther, forgive them, they know not



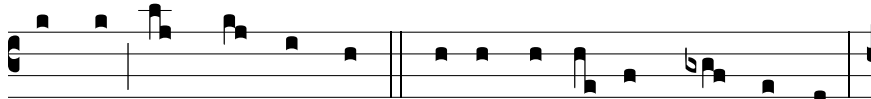
what they do." N: They divided his garments by casting lots. The peo-



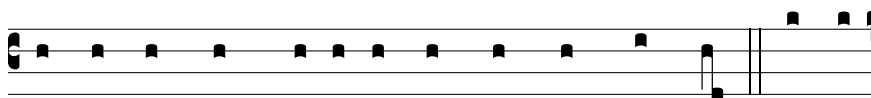
ple stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him



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



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



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



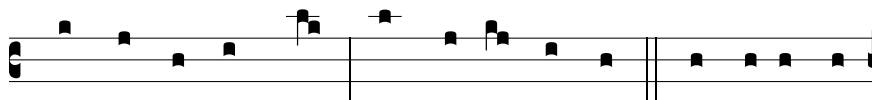
are King of the Jews, save yourself." N: Above him there was an



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



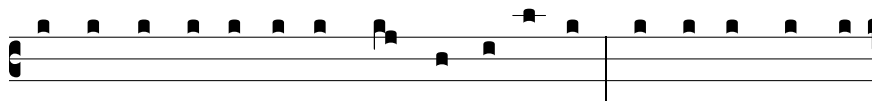
Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,



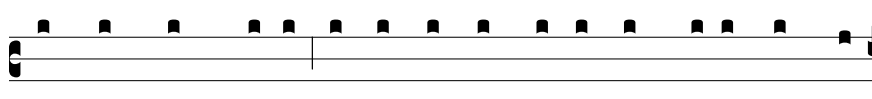
S: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." N: The other, how-



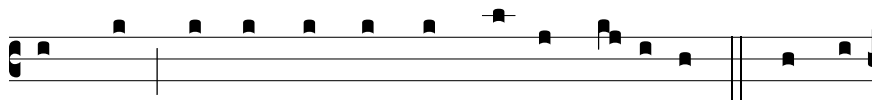
ev-er, rebuking him, said in re-ply, S: "Have you no fear of God,



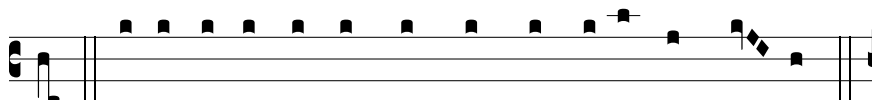
for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have



been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to



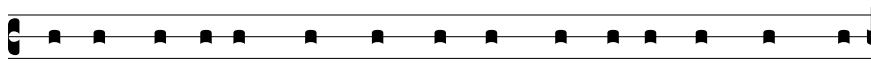
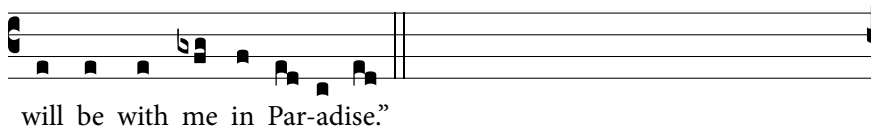
our crimes, but this man has done nothing crim-i-nal." N: Then he



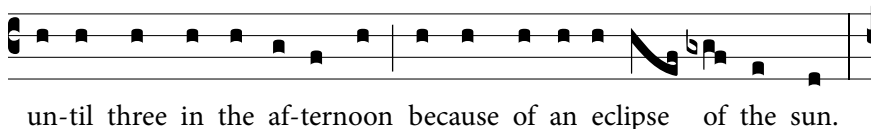
said, S: "Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom."



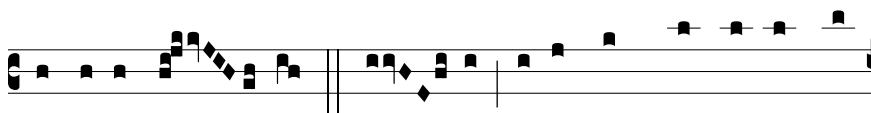
N: He replied to him, J: "A- men, I say to you, today you



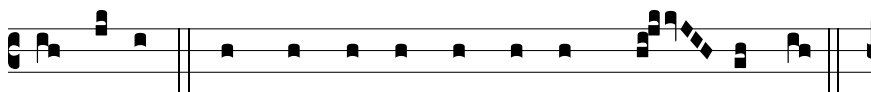
N: It was now about noon and darkness came o-ver the whole land



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

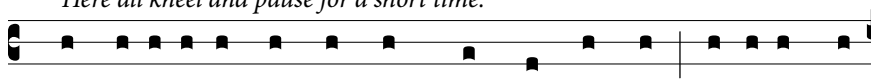


out in a loud voice, J: “Fa- ther, in-to your hands I commend



my spirit”; N: and when he had said this he breathed his last.

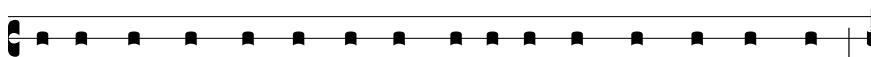
Here all kneel and pause for a short time.



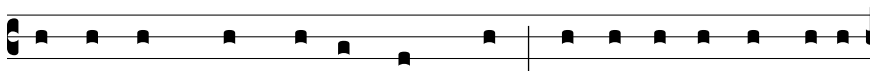
N: The centu-ri-on who witnessed what had happened glo-rified God



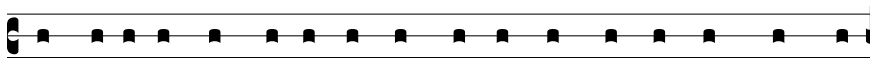
and said, S: “This man was in-nocent beyond doubt.” N: When all the



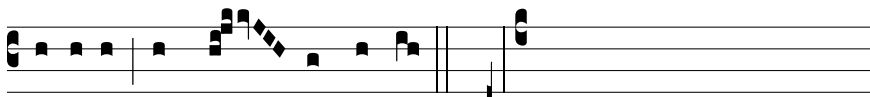
people who had gathered for this specta-cle saw what had happened,



they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances



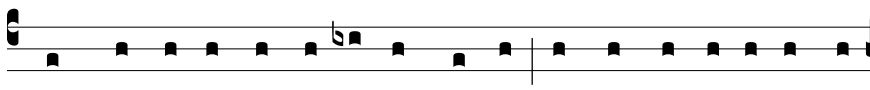
stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from



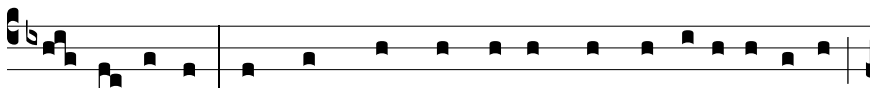
Gal-i-lee and saw these events.



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



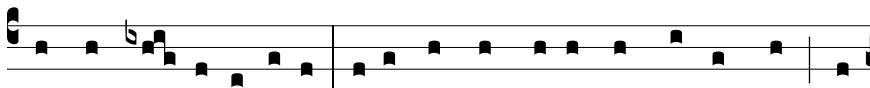
though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their



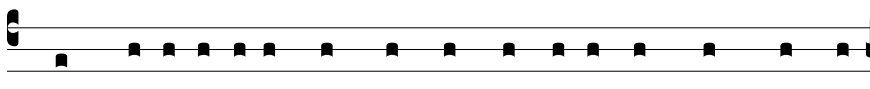
plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Ar-i-mathe-a



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



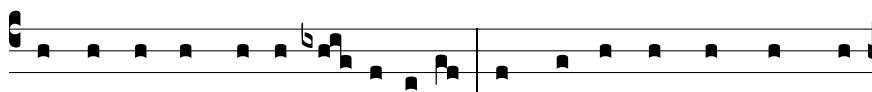
for the bod- y of Jesus. After he had taken the bod-y down, he



wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in



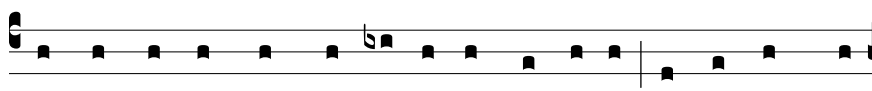
which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of prepa-ration,



and the sabbath was a-bout to begin. The women who had come from



Gal-i-lee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb



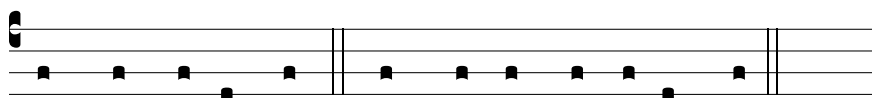
and the way in which his bod-y was laid in it, they returned and



prepared spic-es and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath



according to the command- ment.



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