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ACCORDING TO MARK

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J: JESUS

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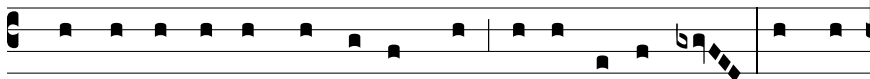
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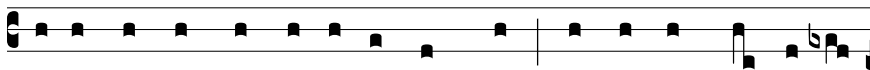
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N: The Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Mark. The Pass-



o-ver and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two



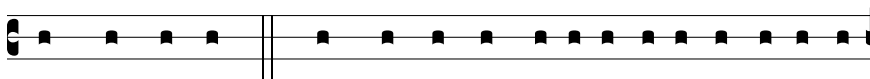
days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way



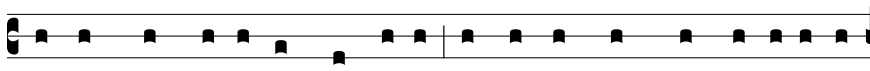
to arrest him by treacher-y and put him to death. They said,



S: "Not during the fes-ti-val, for fear that there may be a ri-ot a-



mong the people." N: When he was in Betha-ny reclining at ta-ble



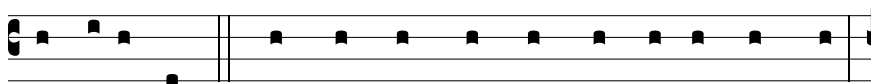
in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an al-a-bas-



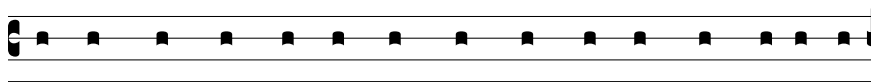
ter jar of perfumed oil, costly gen-u-ine spikenard. She broke the



al-a-baster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who



were indignant. S: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil?



It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and



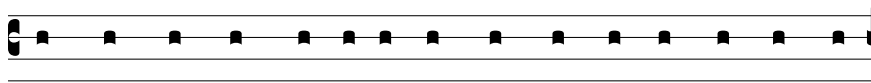
the money given to the poor." N: They were in-fu-ri-at-ed with her.



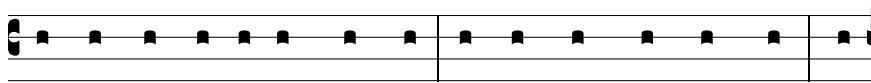
Je- sus said, J: "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for



her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always



have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them,



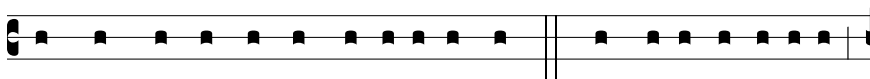
but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She



has an-tic-i-pated anointing my bod-y for bur-i-al. Amen, I say to



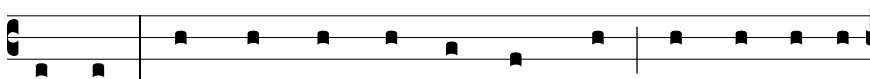
you, wherev-er the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she



has done will be told in memo-ry of her.” N: Then Judas Is-car-i-ot,



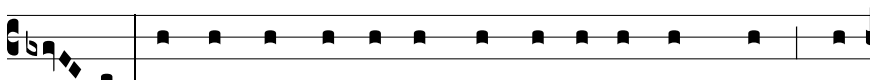
one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him o-ver



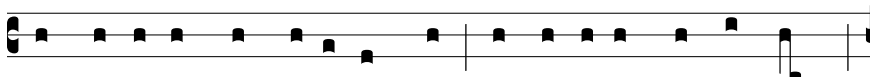
to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to



pay him mon-ey. Then he looked for an opportu-ni-ty to hand him



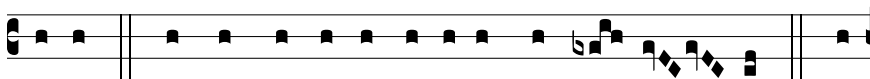
o- ver. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when



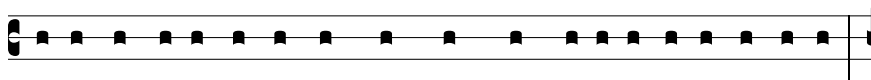
they sac-rificed the Passo-ver lamb, his dis-ciples said to him,



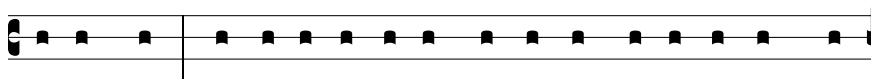
S: “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Pass-



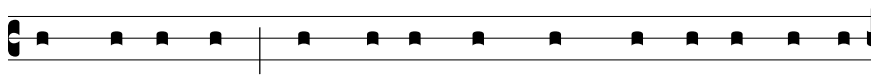
over?” N: He sent two of his dis-ciples and said to them, J: “Go



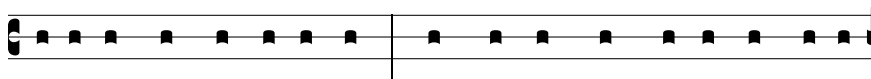
in-to the cit-y and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water.



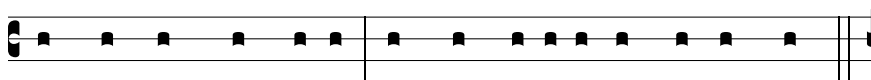
Follow him. Wherev-er he enters, say to the master of the house,



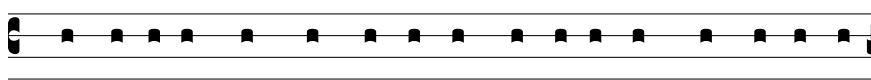
‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I may eat the



Passo-ver with my dis-ciples?” ’ Then he will show you a large upper



room furnished and ready. Make the prepa-rations for us there.”



N: The dis-ciples then went off, entered the cit-y, and found it just as



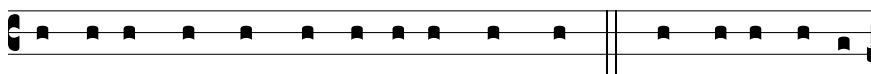
he had told them; and they prepared the Pass-o-ver. When it was



evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at ta-ble



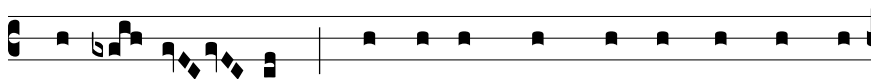
and were eating, Je- sus said, *J:* “Amen, I say to you, one of you



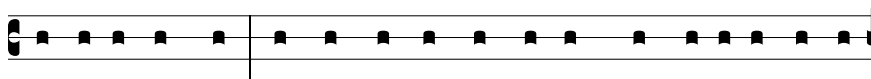
will betray me, one who is eating with me.” *N*: They began to be



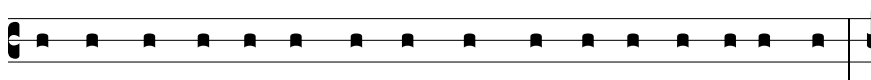
distressed and to say to him, one by one, *S*: “Surely it is not I?”



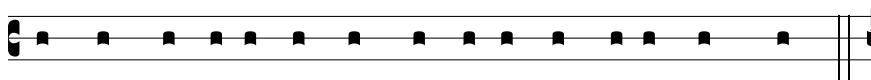
N: He said to them, *J*: “One of the Twelve, the one who dips with



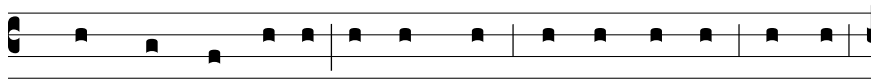
me in-to the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written



of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.



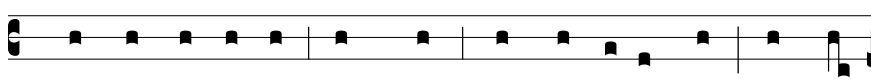
It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”



N: While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it,



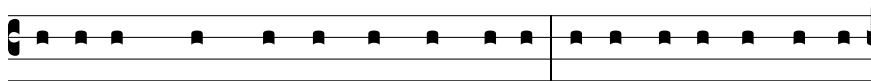
and gave it to them, and said, *J*: “Take it; this is my body.”



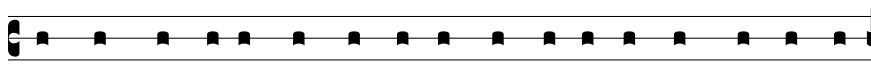
N: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they



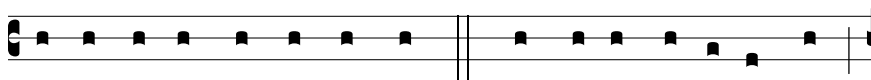
all drank from it. He said to them, J: "This is my blood of the



cov-enant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I



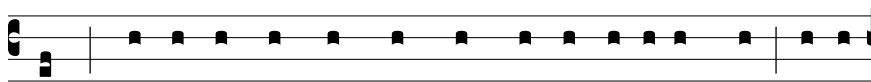
shall not drink again the fruit of the vine un-til the day when I drink



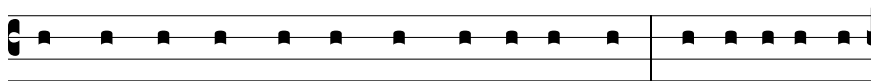
it new in the kingdom of God." N: Then, af-ter singing a hymn,



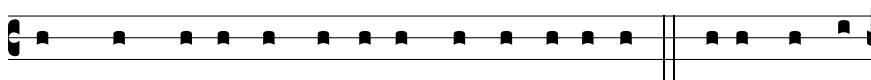
they went out to the Mount of Ol-ives. Then Je-sus said to



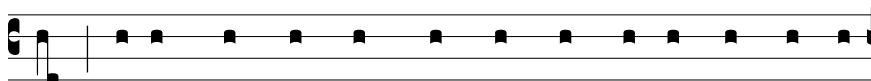
them, J: "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will



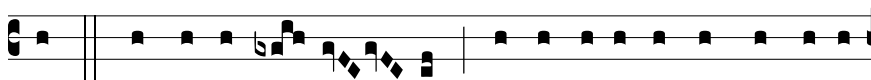
strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But af-ter I have



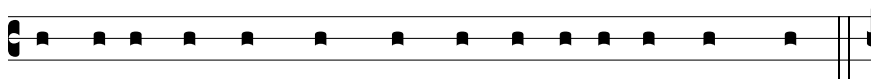
been raised up, I shall go before you to Gal-i-lee." N: Peter said to



him, S: "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not



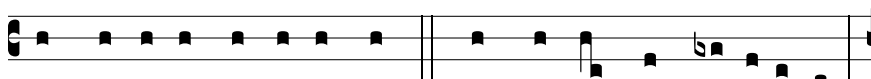
be.” *N*: Then Je-sus said to him, *J*: “Amen, I say to you, this ver-y



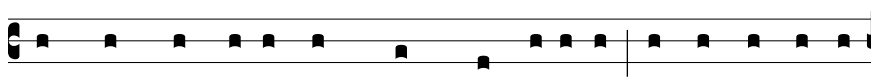
night before the cock crows twice you will de-ny me three times.”



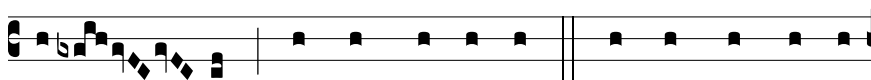
N: But he ve-hemently replied, *S*: “Even though I should have to die



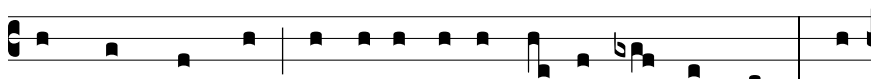
with you, I will not de-ny you.” *N*: And they all spoke sim-i-lar-ly.



Then they came to a place named Gethsema-ne, and he said to his



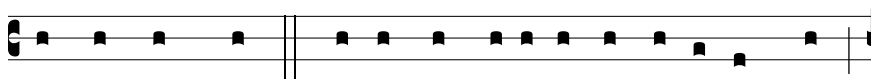
dis-ci- ples, *J*: “Sit here while I pray.” *N*: He took with him Pe-



ter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then



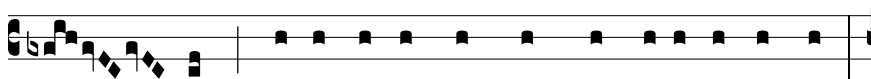
he said to them, *J*: “My soul is sorrowful e-ven to death. Remain



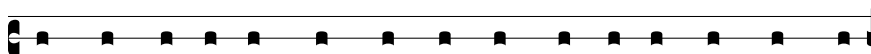
here and keep watch.” *N*: He advanced a lit-tle and fell to the ground



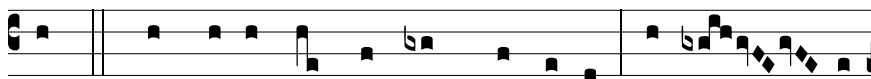
and prayed that if it were possi-ble the hour might pass by him;



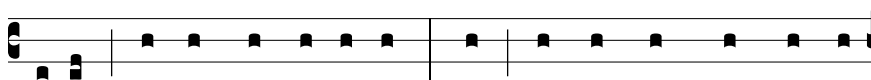
He said, *J*: “Abba, Father, all things are possi-ble to you.



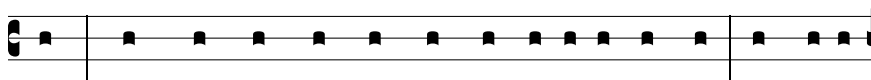
Take this cup a-way from me, but not what I will but what you



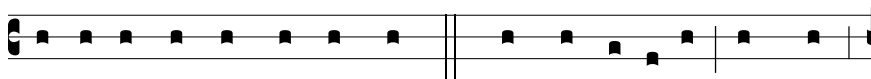
will.” *N*: When he returned he found them asleep. He said to



Peter, *J*: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one



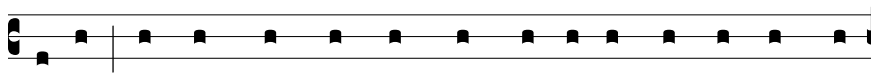
hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit



is willing but the flesh is weak.” *N*: Withdrawing again, he prayed,



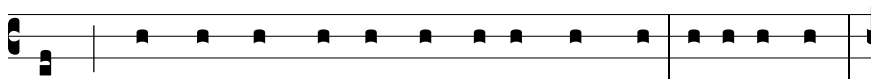
saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them



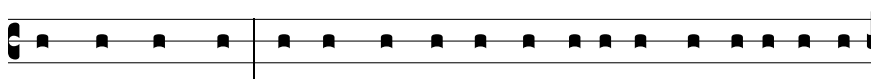
asleep, for they could not keep their eyes o-pen and did not know



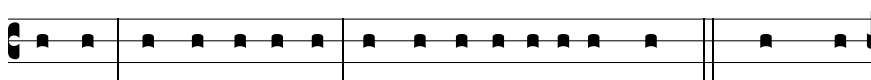
what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to



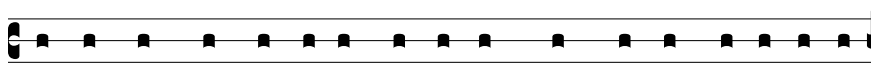
them, J: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough.



The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed o-ver to



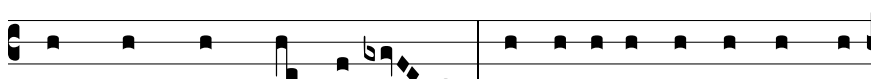
sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand." N: Then, while



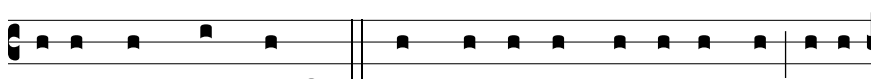
he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied



by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief



priests, the scribes, and the el- ders. His betrayer had arranged a



signal with them, saying, S: "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest



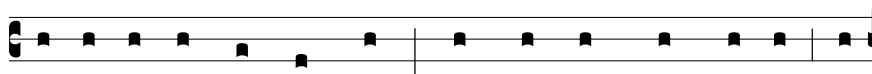
him and lead him a-way securely." N: He came and immedi-ate-ly



went o-ver to him and said, S: "Rabbi." N: And he kissed him.



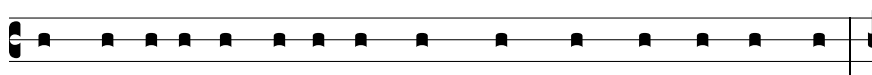
At this they laid hands on him and arrest- ed him. One of



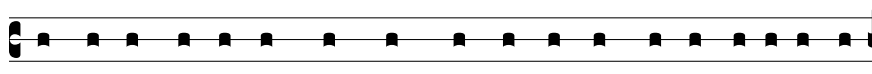
the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and



cut off his ear. Je-sus said to them in reply, J: "Have you



come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me?



Day af-ter day I was with you teaching in the temple ar-e-a, yet



you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."



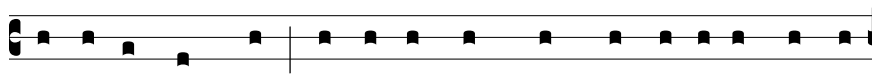
N: And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him



wearing nothing but a linen cloth a-bout his body. They seized him,



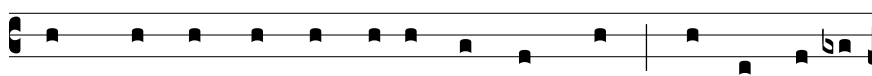
but he left the cloth behind and ran off na- ked. They led Je-sus a-



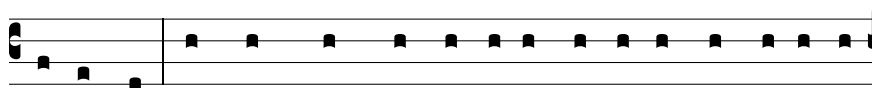
way to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the



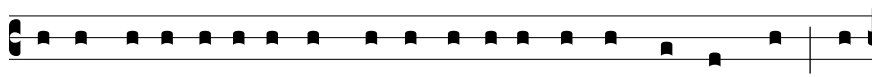
scribes came togeth- er. Peter followed him at a distance in-to the high



priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself



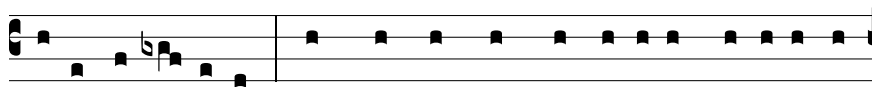
at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to



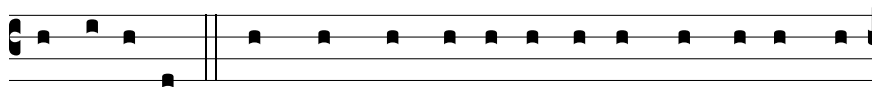
obtain tes-ti-mony against Je-sus in order to put him to death, but



they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their tes-ti-



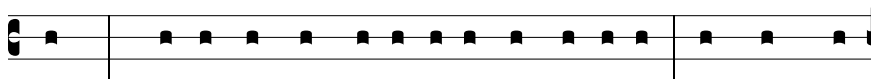
mony did not agree. Some took the stand and tes-tified falsely against



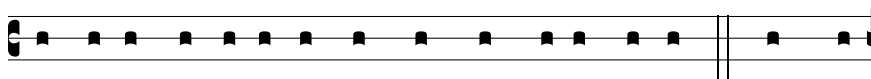
him, al-leging, S: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made



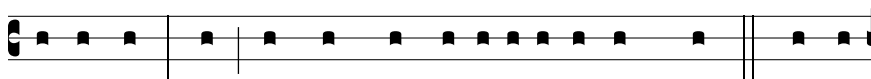
with hands and within three days I will build another not made with



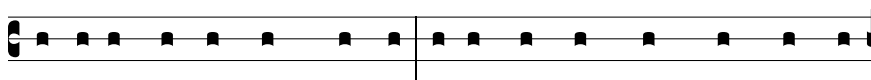
hands.' "N: E-ven so their tes-ti-mony did not agree. The high priest



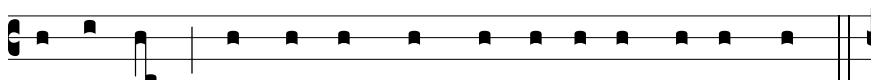
rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, S: "Have you



no answer? What are these men tes-ti-fying against you?" N: But he



was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and



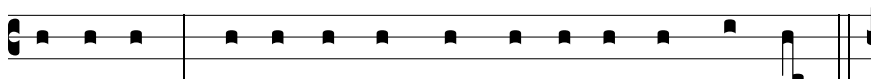
said to him, S: "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"



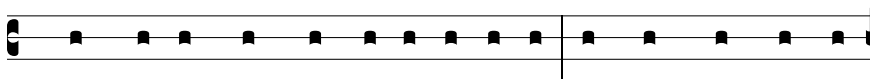
N: Then Je-sus an- swered, J: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of



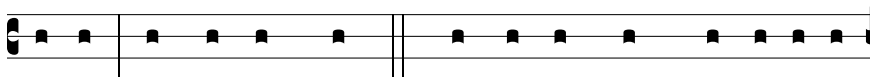
Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds



of heaven.' " N: At that the high priest tore his garments and said,



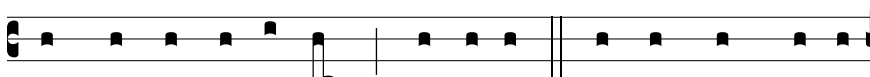
S: "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blas-



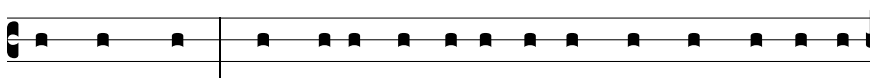
phemy. What do you think?" N: They all condemned him as deserv-



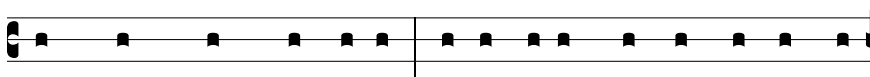
ing to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and



struck him and said to him, S: "Prophe-sy!" N: And the guards greeted



him with blows. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the



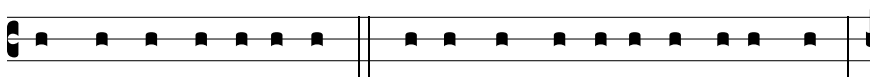
high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she



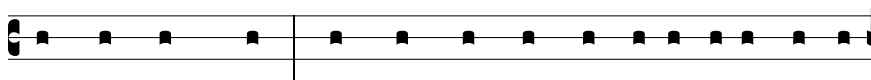
looked intently at him and said, S: "You too were with the Naz-arene,



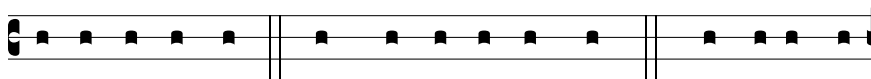
Jesus." N: But he denied it saying, S: "I neither know nor understand



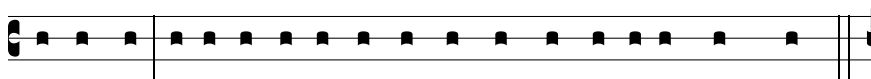
what you are talking about." N: So he went out in-to the outer court.



Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say



to the bystanders, S: "This man is one of them." N: Once again he



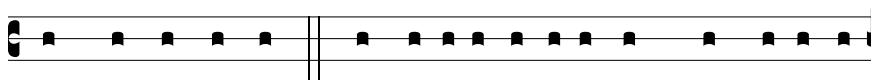
denied it. A lit-tle lat-er the bystanders said to Peter once more,



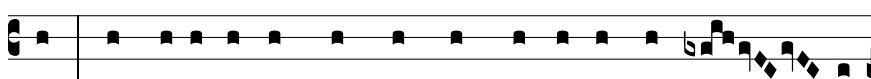
S: "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Gal-i-lean."



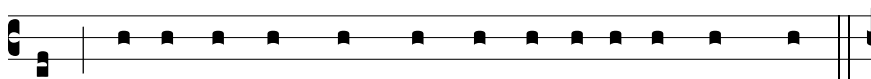
N: He began to curse and to swear, S: "I do not know this man about



whom you are talking." N: And immedi-ate-ly a cock crowed a second



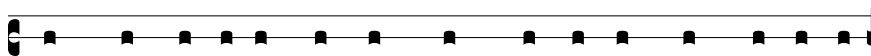
time. Then Peter remembered the word that Je-sus had said to



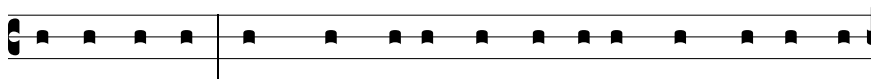
him, J: "Before the cock crows twice you will de-ny me three times."



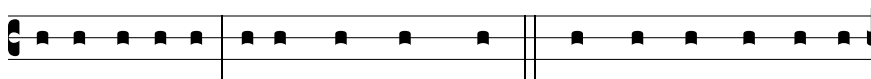
N: He broke down and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief



priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin,



held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him



o-ver to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, S: "Are you the king of the



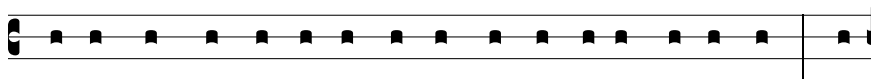
Jews?" N: He said to him in reply, J: "You say so." N: The chief



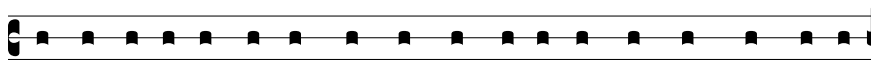
priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him,



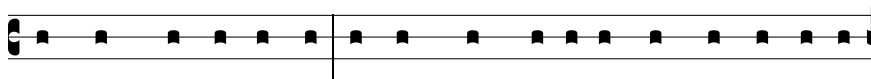
S: "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of."



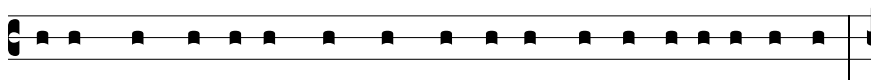
N: Je-sus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now



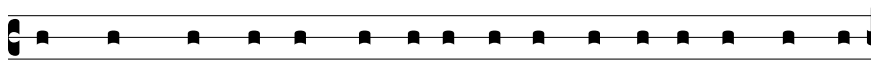
on the oc-casion of the feast he used to release to them one prison-



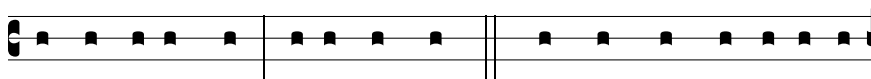
er whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison



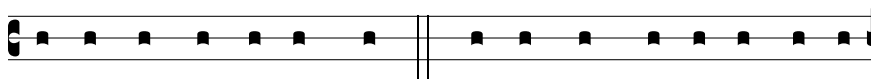
along with the rebels who had committed murder in a re-bellion.



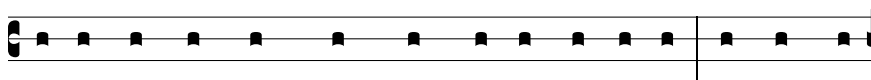
The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as



he was accustomed. Pilate answered, S: "Do you want me to release



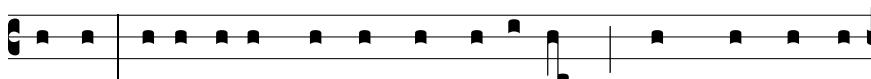
to you the king of the Jews?" N: For he knew that it was out of



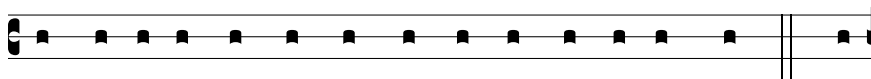
en-vy that the chief priests had handed him o-ver. But the chief



priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them



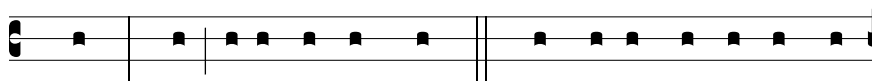
instead. Pilate again said to them in re-ply, S: "Then what do you



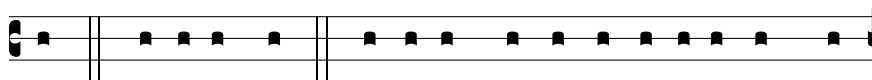
want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" N: They



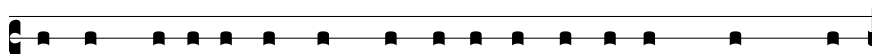
shouted again, Cr: "Cruci-fy him." N: Pilate said to them,S: "Why?SO



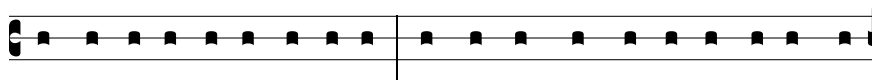
S: "Why?S What e-vil has he done?" N: They on-ly shouted the loud-



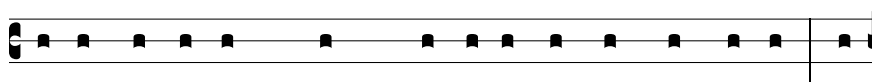
er, *Cr*: "Cruci-fy him." N: So Pilate, wishing to sat-is-fy the crowd,



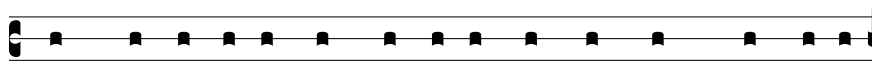
released Barabbas to them and, af-ter he had Je-sus scourged, hand-



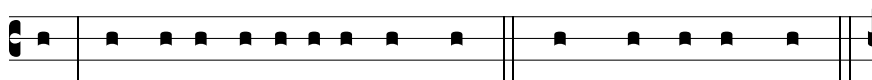
ed him o-ver to be cru-cified. The soldiers led him a-way inside the



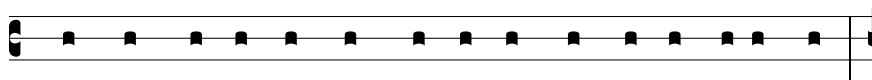
palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They



clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on



him. They began to sa-lu-te him with, S: "Hail, King of the Jews!"




N: and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him.



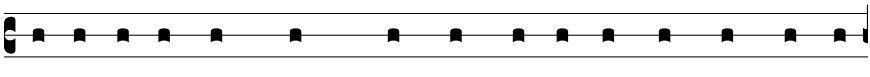
They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him,



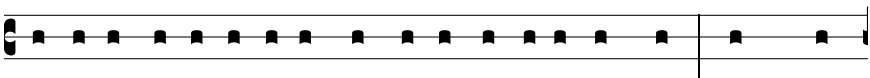
they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes,




and led him out to cru-ci-fy him. They pressed in-to service a pass-




er-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country,



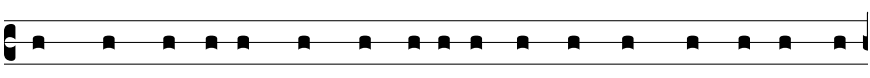
the father of Al-ex-ander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought



him to the place of Golgotha —which is translat-ed Place of the Skull-




—, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it.



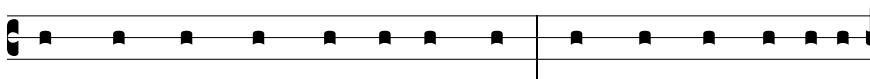
Then they cru-cified him and divided his garments by casting lots



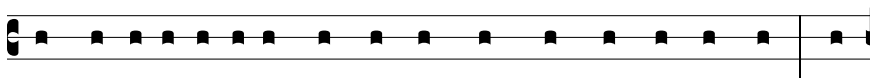
for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the



morning when they cru-cified him. The inscription of the charge a-



gainst him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they cru-cified



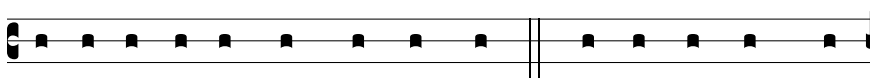
two rev-o-lutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those



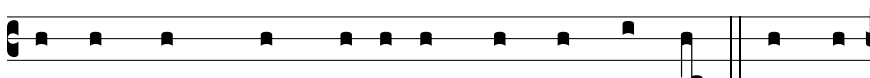
passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, S: "Aha!



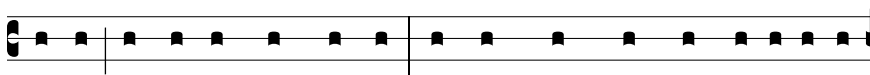
You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save



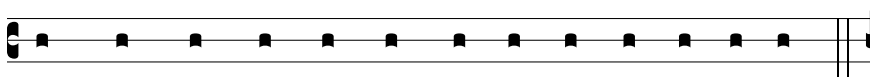
yourself by coming down from the cross." N: Likewise the chief priests,



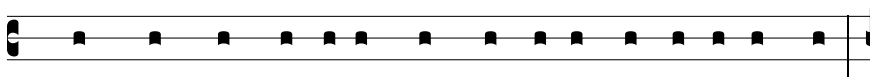
with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, S: "He saved



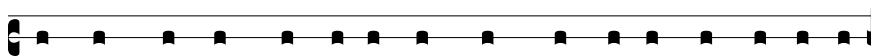
others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Is-ra-el,



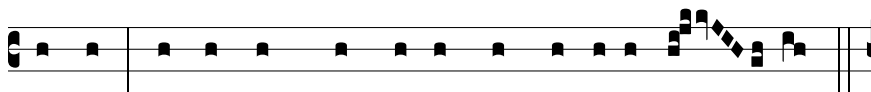
come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."



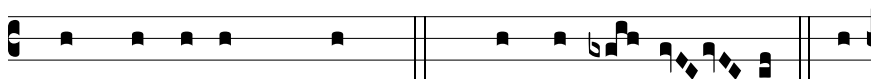
N: Those who were cru-cified with him al-so kept a-busing him.



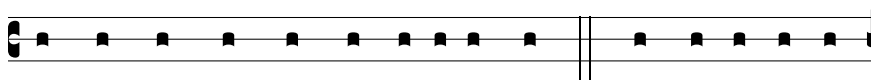
At noon darkness came o-ver the whole land un-til three in the af-



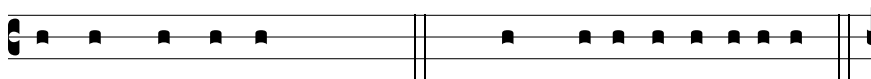
ternoon. And at three o'clock Je-sus cried out in a loud voice,



J: "Eloi, Eloi, le-ma sabachthani?" N: which is trans-lat-ed, J: "My



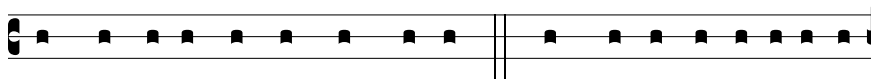
God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" N: Some of the bystand-



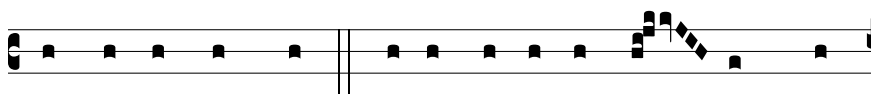
ers who heard it said, S: "Look, S0 S: "Look, S he is calling E-li-jah."



N: One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed



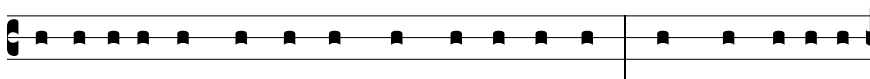
and gave it to him to drink saying, S: "Wait, let us see if E-li-jah



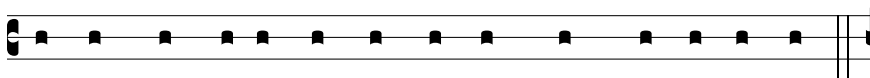
comes to take him down." N: Je-sus gave a loud cry and breathed



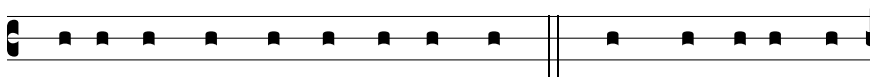
his last. ***Here all kneel and pause for a short time. N: The veil of the



sanctu-ar-y was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centu-ri-



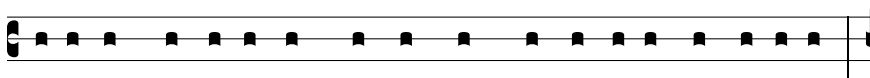
on who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,



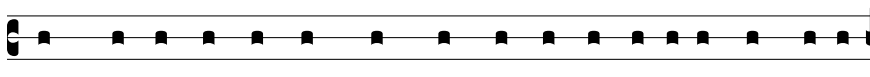
S: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" N: There were al-so wom-



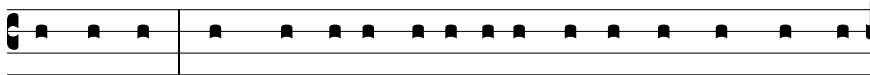
en looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene,



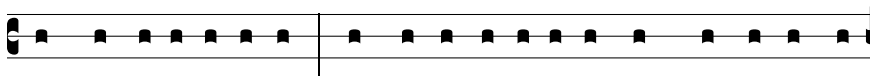
Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Sa-lome.



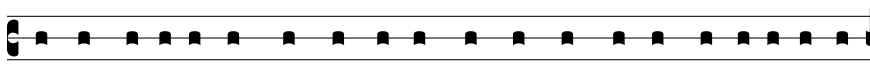
These women had followed him when he was in Gal-i-lee and minis-



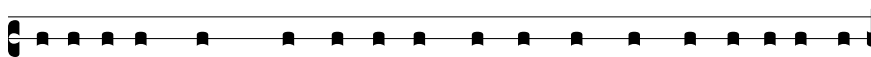
tered to him. There were al-so many other women who had come up



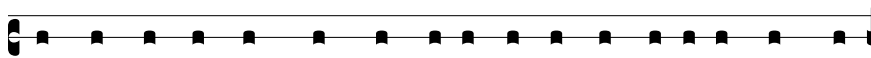
with him to Je-ru-salem. When it was already evening, since it was the



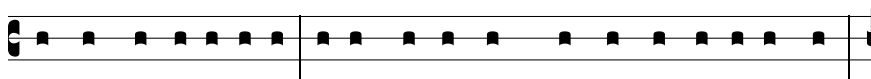
day of prepa-ration, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-



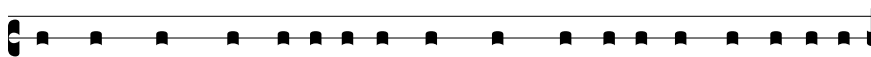
a, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting



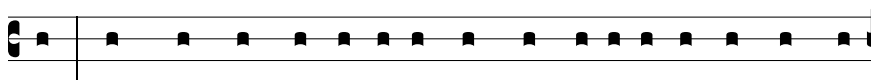
the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked



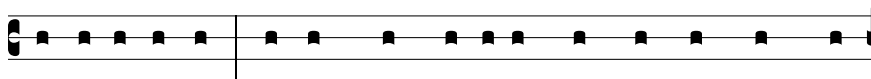
for the bod-y of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead.



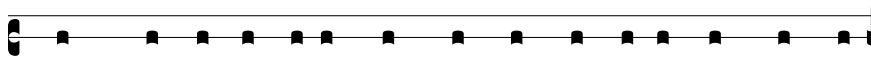
He summoned the centu-ri-on and asked him if Je-sus had already



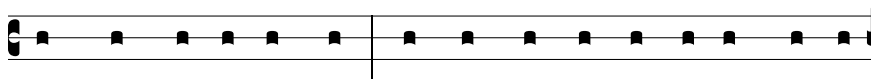
died. And when he learned of it from the centu-ri-on, he gave the



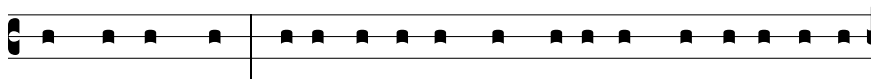
bod-y to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down,



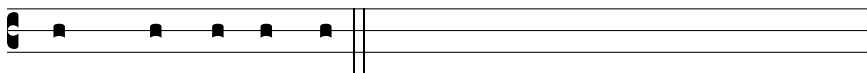
wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had



been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the en-



trance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jos-es



watched where he was laid.